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THE WATCH OUT FOR THE WETSUIT ISSUE

SMC student sexually assaulted by man in wetsuit

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SUNSET PARK Santa Monica police Friday night were looking for a man who was clad in a full wetsuit when he sexually assaulted a Santa Monica College student as she walked to her car, which was parked in a quiet neighborhood just blocks from the college.

The woman, who was exercising at the college's track Wednesday night, was walking around 10 p.m. Wednesday in the 1300 block of Pearl Street in the Sunset Park neighborhood when a man ran up from behind her, the Santa Monica Police Department said.

The attacker struck the woman, knocked her to the ground and held her there while he "digitally penetrated" her, according to police. He fled eastbound on Pearl Street.

The man appeared to be wearing a one-piece black wetsuit that covered him from his neck to ankles. He is described as white, 25 to 30 years old, and about 5 feet 10 inches tall. He weighs about 150 pounds and has blue or green eyes with short, curly blond hair, police said.

Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at (310) 458-8950 or (310) 458-8460. Anonymous tips can be left at (800) 782-7463. If the information leads to an arrest, the tipster is eligible to receive a reward up to $1,000.

SMC police Sgt. Jere Romano said the SMPD was handling the investigation

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Pink, fuzzy bikes aim to make the world smile

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In the Bugs Bunny cartoon featuring Gossamer, the red furry monster with no facial features but two menacing eyes, our hare hero has a signature phrase.

"Have you ever had the feeling you were being watched? Like the eyes of strange things are upon you?" Bugs says. "Look, out there in the audience..."

Gossamer, looking out into the heretofore unseen audience, screams, "PEOPLE!" and flees the scene.

Dmitry Shapiro, a web technician from Venice by way of Russia, finds that when he goes out in full fur, people can't take their eyes off of him, either.

Shapiro and a group of like-minded people, including girlfriend O'tilia Garcia and friend John Halcyon Styn, cruise the streets and bike paths of Venice and Santa Monica on bright pink fuzzy bicycles.

Fittingly, they call themselves the Fuzzy Bike Cooperative (www.fuzzybike.com).

The one and only purpose of these eye-catching forms of alternative transportation — to bring joy.

It works.

Cheers, gasps and startled exclamations follow the riders as they pass by. Cars stop and honk, occasionally spilling their passengers out into public streets for impromptu photo ops.

"We caused a traffic jam right here," Shapiro said Thursday, pointing at a nonde-

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SAMO MAMBO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People flocked to the world-famous Santa Monica Pier Thursday night for the first installment of the 27th annual Twilight Dance Series, which featured salsa music from Oscar Hernandez' L.A. Allstars.

L.A. Marathon's return to Santa Monica a work in progress

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

DOWNTOWN Frank McCourt's legal problems regarding the Los Angeles Dodgers and the aftermath of a messy divorce have cast a shadow over the future of another of his sporting assets — the L.A. Marathon.

Marathon officials are confident that McCourt's other legal entanglements won't affect the race's future and return to Santa Monica, but even city officials are curious as to how the whole situation will pan out.

The two sides have yet to sit down and discuss the particulars of the marathon's return to the city by the sea for a third straight year. That meeting is expected to take place in the next few weeks, but it seems all parties anticipate that a deal is at hand.

The only sticking points for Santa Monica Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek are the ownership status of the marathon and the logistics of the finish line and post-race festival.

"We welcome the return of the marathon ... but we want to make sure we're working with a solvent entity," Polachek said. "We also want to make sure the city is made whole by any expenses incurred."

The marathon made good on its payment to City Hall for the first two years the race

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 9, 2011

Swim scholarship benefit
Hamilton Galleries
1431 Ocean Ave., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Hamilton Galleries is partnering with Rob LeMond and the Santa Monica Police Activities League to raise money for low-income children to attend summer surf camp in Malibu. Come out for a good cause and enjoy food, art and jazz. Twenty percent of the evening's proceeds will benefit the swim scholarship. Cost: $30. Children are admitted for free.
For more information,
call (310) 451-9983.

View worth painting
Palisades Park
9:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Attendees will join the Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains as they prepare to paint the picturesque view overlooking Will Rogers State Beach. Painters should look for the person with a red flag.
For more information,
call (310) 383-1374.

Puppet building
Clover Park
1600 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Assist Santa Monica Rep in building props for their upcoming production of "The Tempest." Turn recyclable materials into wings, tails, headdresses and butterflies! A parent or guardian must accompany youth who want to participate. To RSVP, e-mail jen@santamonicarep.org.

UCLA pianist performs classics
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Lana Chae, candidate for Doctor of Music at UCLA's Herb Alpert School of Music, will be performing pieces by Prokofiev, Beethoven, Liszt and Steve Reich in the Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. A question and answer period will follow her performance.
For more information,
call (310) 458-8600.

Sunday, July 10, 2011

Art, life and back pain book signing
TAG Gallery Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Artist, screenwriter and author Pamela Douglas will hold a book-signing showcasing her "Water of Life" painting series, and her new nonfiction book, "Back to Life: A Journey of Transformation Through Back Surgery." Cost: free.
For more information,
call (310) 829-9556.

Script doctor
Vidiots
302 Pico Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
It's time to get to work on that screenplay you've been meaning to write. In "Outlining Your Feature Screenplay: A Crash Course in Screenplay Story Structure," instructor Patty Meyer will teach you to begin planning and starting your script. First part in a four-part series, meeting every Sunday through July. $120 registration for complete series. For more information, call (310) 392-8508 or visit www.vidiotsannex.com.

Folk favorite at McCabe's
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
McCabe's favorite Anais Mitchell returns with a couple of bandmates with a set that spans her entire indie folk catalogue. San Francisco singer/songwriter Bhi Bhiman provides the opening act. Cost: $16.
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call (310) 828-4497 or visit www.mccabes.com.

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SURF'S UP!

Tim Willey *photo courtesy*

Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom (center) joined members of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau for the grand opening Friday of the new O'Neill flagship surf apparel store on Broadway.

Introducing Samohi's new principal

Fretz a master of curriculum, former employer says



FRETZ

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI Laurel Fretz, a veteran teacher and administrator in various California school districts, will be taking over the reins as principal of Santa Monica High School for the coming school year.

She replaced outgoing principal Hugo Pedroza, who is leaving to become the assistant superintendent of human resources in Lompoc. Her first day was July 1.

Fretz was chosen out of an initial pool of 80 candidates, said Debra Moore Washington, assistant superintendent of human resources for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

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Kin says ex-crime boss should not have Okla. trial

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON The family of a Tulsa businessman allegedly killed on the orders of James "Whitey" Bulger believes the former Boston crime boss should not be tried in Oklahoma because local authorities botched an earlier related case, according to a published report.

Roger Wheeler, an executive at World Jai Alai, was shot in Tulsa in 1981 after he suspected Bulger was skimming money from his Florida gambling business.

The Boston Globe reported Friday that Wheeler's son, Lawrence, recently wrote Boston U.S. Attorney Carmen

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CYBERSPACE

SMFD joins Twitter and Facebook

Although it is not recommended you contact them through Facebook if your house is ablaze, the Santa Monica Fire Department has joined the social media world. Now, you can "like" the SMFD on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

"We recognize that a lot of people use social media to get information, and we want to have that option for people," said Suzanne Post, fire safety coordinator.

The SMFD's Facebook page already includes information on community events that the fire department is active in, as well as information about fire safety and regulations. Links to videos and articles that the SMFD hopes Santa Monica citizens will find helpful are also posted on the page.

The SMFD is using Twitter to post Santa Monica weather updates, as well as information about traffic and fire safety.

The SMFD hopes to continue updating these pages, expanding the information listed to include frequently asked questions about the department.

Many Santa Monica city pages have gotten a recent overhaul intended to make them more user friendly, and more than a few have embraced social media.

The SMFD joins other branches of the Santa Monica government that have started using social media to connect with citizens. The Santa Monica Police Department has a Facebook page, and City Hall has a Twitter account. The Santa Monica Public Library has both.

The SMFD hopes that its use of social media will raise awareness of its involvement in the community, as well as inform people about safety issues. It also hope this will encourage more people to connect to the fire department.

"Our website is changing and growing depending on the feedback we get," Post said. "Someone may not go on the website, but they may be on Facebook."

If you'd like to check out the SMFD's social media sphere, you can find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/santamonicafd, and follow them on Twitter @santamonicafd.

COLIN NEWTON

DOWNTOWN

City Hall increasing bike parking

In an effort to make the city more bike-friendly, Santa Monica has increased the number of public bike racks near local businesses.

Residents can request the businesses at which they would like to see a bike rack at www.smgov.net/go by clicking the "submit a request" button at the bottom of the page.

City Hall began this bike rack installation project last month, and since its inception over 100 bike racks have been placed on Main Street and Montana Avenue. Fifty racks have been installed on Ocean Park Boulevard, while nearly 50 more were scattered across the rest of the city.

"(The) city of Santa Monica has a commitment to no net auto trips by 2030. Getting more people on bikes is a big part of that," said Deputy Director of Special Projects Lucy Dyke in a statement on Thursday.

Dyke said City Hall aims to increase the percentage of bike commuters to 14 to 35 percent, whereas it is now at 3 percent.

The waiting period for seeing a requested bike rack installed at a location should be no longer than a year, Dyke said.

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Bollocks

Editor:

To quote Jimmy Durante, "Watta revoltin' development this is!"

It is loony tunes to celebrate these two strangers ("Get the royal treatment," Community Briefs, July 8, page 3). One of whom is an innocent, one of whom is descended from a family, which has ravaged and lived in parasitic fashion, in two nations. First Saxony of Germany and subsequently, Great Britain. This is a family which counted a boatload of Hitler supporters in its midst. A group of well-heeled snobs, who soaked the impoverished British population for $32 million to watch these two get hitched.

I have ancestors who killed his ancestors, to be rid of stuff and nonsense like this. To those who defend this rubbish, I say, get therapy. You don't know them, you mean nothing to them, and in fact, as I recall they lost both wars against the ideals and people that told them to "shove off" in the first place.

"But she is so beautiful," I hear. So what?

The price of their existence and moreover, the cost of his family's existence, has, through history, put more serfs and common folk in the grave, than all the soldiers killed in WW II.

Nothing personal, but I find their "celebration" by Americans to be grotesque. Is there nobility in Queen Elizabeth's demeanor and style? Absolutely. She is magnificent. But she is not a queen to me; she is a woman in a position of undeserved wealth and power, that harkens back to before the Barons forced the Royals to sit down at Runnymede some 800 years ago. If the Brits had had it with this nonsense, way back then, why do Americans fall all over themselves to fete this meaningless couple? Do we have some subliminal need to bow or curtsy?

They seem like nice folks, but so are my Uncle Harry and Aunt Millie. It does not cost $4,000 to eat with them and In fact, they would be embarrassed about the very idea of a guest even offering to help with the dishes.

This couple and television networks, are merely taking the American public for a ride, or at least the "veddy, veddy," most foolish among us.

They will, no doubt, find time to sit with Piers Morgan (although their first choice was probably Oprah).

Anyhoo, Willy and Kate, have a nice "vacation" ... oh and by the way, do wave to the Declaration of Independence on your way home.

Ellen Drury
Santa Monica

You're not helping

Editor:

As we all anticipate the chaos and congestion this city will experience during the 405 Freeway closure the weekend of the 16th, did I really just read in your Community Briefs that Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is offering "free rides" to San Fernando Valley residents that can actually make it to the park? Are they kidding? After City Hall is urging everyone to try to minimize driving that weekend of the 405 closure, Pacific Park is actually encouraging people to get on the roads and head this way? Has the park's marketing director, Jeff Klocke, not seen the news the past two months?

Is he really doing anyone any favor? From a local perspective, he just seems to be adding even more chaos to the "Carmageddon" weekend!

Claudia Prevost
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Stay cool in the pool, but be safe too

Q: My family and I just moved here from another state. We moved into a house with a swimming pool. My kids are 10 and 12 years old with very little experience in swimming. Are there any city-sponsored swimming classes available to new residents?

A: The Santa Monica Swim Center is a great place to learn how to swim or learn advanced techniques to enhance your swimming experience. The Swim Center is located at 2225 16th St. in Santa Monica. You can visit www01.smgov.net/aquatics/index.htm to find out more information on the Swim Center. You can also call them at (310) 458-8700. They have a variety of classes for all swim levels.

Swimming pools can be a real treat for families, especially when the weather is warm. Pools are great areas for entertaining with friends and family or just hanging out and keeping cool. Please be aware there are some hazards that come along with swimming pools, especially when children are involved. Unfortunately, a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Not only is drowning the nation's number one killer of children under the age of 5, it's the second leading cause of death from unintentional injuries for ages 1 to 14. Drowning can also be silent. The majority of these accidents occur in residential swimming pools and spas where no one hears a thing. Barrier fencing is the only effective means to protect a child.

Here are some very useful tips to help you keep you and your family safe in your new home: Learn the ABCs of pool safety

A = adult supervision:

•Maintain constant eye-to-eye supervision with children in and around the swimming pool.

•Assign an adult to supervise children around the pool, especially at parties.

•Floaties or other inflatable flotation devices are not life jackets and should never be substituted for adult supervision.

B = barriers:

•Have an isolation fence that separates your pool from the house, play yard, and front yard.

•Make sure all gates in isolation and yard fence are self-closing and self-latching.

•Keep all doors and windows leading to the pool area locked or install alarm devices.

•Eliminate spaces where a child could get into the pool, such as squeezing through a hole in the fence.

•Maintain a clear view (no trees, bushes or other obstacles) from the house to the pool.

•Move chairs and tables away from pool fences, so a child cannot unlatch or climb over the fence.

C = Classes:

•Learn and know how to perform CPR. (Contact the Santa Monica Chapter of the Red Cross for class schedules and fees at (310) 394-3773.)

•Enroll your child in swimming lessons.

If you're ever faced with an emergency at a swimming pool, do the following:

1. Yell for help and get the person out of the pool.
2. Call 9-1-1 immediately and follow instructions.
3. Begin CPR if you're trained.
4. Follow telephone instructions from the 911 operator until help arrives.

You can find more pool safety tips by visiting www.abcpoolsafety.org

NOT ONLY IS DROWNING THE NATION'S NUMBER ONE KILLER OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 5, IT'S THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FROM UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES FOR AGES 1 TO 14.

Q: We didn't use all of our fireworks on the Fourth of July this year. I don't want to store the unused fireworks in my garage and try to save them for next year. Is there a place where I can dispose of these fireworks? Or is it OK for me to just throw them away?

A: Do not throw unused fireworks in the trash. All unused fireworks need to be disposed of properly. By dumping the fireworks in the trash, you could potentially expose yourself, your family, and your community to serious danger. There are many websites on the Internet that advise people to submerge unused fireworks in a bucket of water. This is also very dangerous as some fireworks have hazardous reactions when mixed into water. The safe and proper way to dispose of unused fireworks is to contact your local fire department. They will give you specific information on what to do and how to do it. Some agencies will have stations where you can drop off unused and unwanted fireworks.

If you live in Santa Monica, you can contact the Santa Monica Fire Department's dispatch center for non-emergency service at (310) 458-8660. You can also visit the Santa Monica Fire Department's website for general inquires. The website is www.santamonicafire.org Remember, do not throw unused fireworks in the trash!

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The Q Line

Healing begins

The SMMUSD Board of Education last week promised changes in curriculum and training in the wake of an alleged racially-motivated incident at Santa Monica High School.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What steps do you think are in order?

Here are your responses:

"ANOTHER LAUGHABLE EXAMPLE OF THE SMMUSD school board incompetence. The lackluster Samohi principal, Mr. Pedroza, and the superintendent, Mr. Cuneo, will be the fall guys. Mr. Pedroza has his walking papers to the city of Lompoc and the superintendent's three-year retirement enrichment program both to educational oblivion. Like so many others they punch their tickets and move on. How many of you remember being young? Youth is full of repressed energy, especially a wrestling team. Have any of you seen "Smackdown" on TV? Coach Black did the right thing when he told the students to lay off this horse stuff. Sadly, now with professional haters like the NAACP, Urban League and Pico Youth & Family Center you have a mountain out of a mole hill. Scum sucking lawyers advocating financial justice will pressure the weak school board to institute sensitivity, cultural and financial disparity and potty training to our students. This episode is just youthful energy. A former administrator told me this is a teachable student moment. I think adults have more to learn."

"I SAW ON THE TELEVISION WHAT IS happening with the school board and I was absolutely horrified. You know the Indians were here first and of course the Mexicans. We need to treat people with respect. So, I think it's in order to find out about what's going on and get to it."

"WHAT STEPS ARE IN ORDER? FIRE THOSE that directed students to delete photos from their cell phones, then identify them so the police can arrest them. The school principal and superintendent should resign, pack their bags, and slink out of town like the scumballs they are."

"TO BE HONEST, I THINK NO STEPS ARE in order. And I think SMMUSD has always had a tolerance for such acts to take place. I know. I was a little kid there when I was persecuted for my learning disability, and the supervisor on duty simply looked the other way."

HERE ARE SOME RESPONSES LEFT OVER from the prior week's Q-line question regarding flavored milk in schools:

"FLAVORED MILK HAS BEEN AROUND FOR decades. I grew up on it, my kids grew up on it and we're all fine and healthy. All food consumed should be done in moderation, including 'healthy food.' If the sole purpose of eating was to simply sustain our bodies with fuel, then we wouldn't need tastebuds and there would be no need for the culinary arts or flavored milk."

"I BELIEVE IT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS that parents are asking to ban flavored milk from the school menu. For some students it is the only form of calcium, vitamin D, E and protein that they receive daily. I have even been hearing rumors that there is caffeine in the chocolate milk. I work in the Food and Nutrition Services Department and I can assure you that there is no caffeine added or otherwise in chocolate milk. Recently, the school food service departments have been getting a bad rap. The School Food Service director of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Orlando Griego, and the Nutrition Specialist Dona Richwine work very hard to make sure that the menus contain nutritionally sound and healthy options for all students, chocolate milk being one of those items. The American Academy of Pediatrics states that if flavored milk is the only way your child will drink milk, be assured that research demonstrates that consuming either flavored or plain milk does not adversely affect body mass index measurements in children. Further, flavored milks can help your child meet her recommended daily dairy servings. The AAP 2006 report on optimizing bone health recommends consuming low-fat or fat-free flavored milks, cheeses, and yogurts containing modest amounts of added sugars to meet calcium recommendations in children. It would be a huge disservice to our youth (for health reasons) if we eliminate flavored milk from schools. Especially for those children whose parents do not monitor their child's eating habits to make sure that they receive calcium, vitamin D and E and protein in their daily diet. In this day and age when our children are becoming obese due to inactivity, we should be focusing on getting our children up and out to play."

"THEY HAD CHOCOLATE MILK WHEN I was a kid. It was lousy. It always tasted better when you mixed it yourself, with Nestle's powder. The Hershey's syrup may have been good on ice cream, but lousy for milk. Ovaltine was even worse. If kids want chocolate milk, all they have to do is what I did, take some of the Nestle's powder from home."

"WHEN WE WERE KIDS WAY BACK IN B.C. (before computers), we ate potato chips, candy and chocolate milk by the quart and never got fat. We used to actually go outside and play ball, ride bikes and swim in the ocean. Now babies are already lost in cyberland playing video games, texting and watching limitless videos. Many schools have done in mandatory P.E., and we blame them getting fat from chocolate milk! Parents and teachers need to take the kids phones away and shut off their video games and TV and tell them to go outside in the sunshine and run around. Take your kids to the playground and shoot baskets and throw the old football around with them and don't rely on cyber toy baby-sitters to occupy your kids' time and then wonder why they're fat."

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So begins another season of too many zucchini

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

Jambalaya is a rich tomato-based dish from Louisiana that is jammed with meat and bold flavorings. And it is not generally considered a healthy dish.

To health it up a bit, we switched out some of the heavier meats for leaner options. We also used a small amount of flavorful andouille sausage; a little bit adds lots of flavor without adding tons of calories and fat. Using brown rice, of course, is another way to add a nutritious touch.

And to make the most of summer's bounty — as well as to add a green vegetable — we used the jambalaya as a stuffing for roasted zucchini. The mixture would be equally delicious stuffed into a hollowed out tomato or bell pepper. Serve the dish with a green salad and a piece of crusty French bread to round out the meal.

Jambalaya-stuffed zucchini

Start to finish: 45 minutes (25 minutes active)
Servings: 4
2 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise

1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small red onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
1/2 cup diced celery
1/4 cup tomato paste
1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
1 teaspoon hot sauce
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup chopped andouille sausage
1/2 cup chopped cooked shrimp
1/2 cup shredded cooked chicken breast
1 cup cooked brown rice
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Using a melon baller or a small spoon, scoop or scrape out and discard the seeds from the zucchini halves, creating long narrow canoes. Sprinkle with the salt, garlic powder and pepper, then place hollow sides up on a baking sheet.

In a large skillet over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and garlic and saute until soft and translucent, about 4 to 5 minutes. Add the green pepper and celery and saute for another 4 to 5 minutes, or until soft. Add the tomato paste, Cajun seasoning, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce, then continue to cook until the mixture becomes aromatic and begins to darken in color, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Stir in the sausage, shrimp, chicken and rice. Adjust the seasoning with additional salt and pepper and the lemon juice. Scoop the mixture into the zucchini boats.

Roast the stuffed zucchini for 20 minutes or until the zucchini is tender and cooked through.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 210 calories; 70 calories from fat (31 percent of total calories); 7 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g

Food companies take veggie cue from sneaky trend

BY JESSICA MINTZ
For The Associated Press

It looks like Kraft Macaroni & Cheese, and Kraft says it tastes just like the original. But a new ingredient is lurking inside this version of the American family dinner staple — cauliflower.

Don't tell the kids!

Kraft Foods Inc. is the latest large food manufacturer to try hiding additional veggies in packaged foods, an effort to ride a renewed interest in healthy eating to fatter profits. It's a slowly growing trend, and it's one that is dividing food industry experts.

In June, Wal-Mart and Target stores started stocking Kraft Macaroni & Cheese Dinner Veggie Pasta across the country, alongside boxes of the traditional recipe and other alternative versions, including organic and whole grain. Every neon-orange cup serving of the new recipe packs a half-serving of cauliflower.

Kraft joins brands such as ConAgra Foods Inc.'s Chef Boyardee, which includes enough tomato in some of its canned pasta to claim half a cup of vegetables per serving, and Unilever's Ragu pasta sauces, which says it has two servings of veggies for every half cup of sauce.

In the Kraft product, the company freeze-dries cauliflower and pulverizes it into a powder, then uses that powder to replace some of the flour in the pasta.

"We know moms are always looking to please their kids and wanting to not make meals a big ordeal, insofar as being able to get them to eat their food," said Alberto Huerta, who oversees the Kraft Macaroni & Cheese brand at Kraft. "Mom is looking for ways to sneak veggies into her kids' diet."

In Canada, the cauliflower-based pasta has been available since last March. It immediately became one of the faster-selling versions of the dish, Huerta said. It also drew new Kraft Dinner consumers, boosting overall revenue growth for the entire product line.

Kraft's move is a variation on a theme espoused by several recent — and highly successful — cookbooks. Missy Chase Lapine is author of the "Sneaky Chef" series of cookbooks, in which she promotes a system of color-coded, pureed fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables that can be mixed into foods such as macaroni and cheese (yams or cauliflower), spaghetti (carrots and sweet potato) and brownies (baby spinach and blueberries).

"The ideal, of course, is you steam up some local, organic, freshly picked cauliflower, and your child eats it outright with a little mist of olive oil, happily," Lapine said.

But like Kraft, Lapine takes a practical approach. "Food is only healthy if you can get someone to eat it," she said.

Harry Balzer, who tracks Americans' eating patterns for The NPD Group, a market research firm, says parents are making genuine attempts to get healthier foods into their kids. Fruits now make up 6 percent of kids' diets, the largest share since he started

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The Re-View

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Sushi Don(e) right

ALTHOUGH I WAS RAISED BY JAPANESE people for a few years when I was a young boy, that doesn't qualify me as a sushi expert in my family because our daughter-in-law was born and raised in Tokyo, and our second son (not the one married to her) has lived in Japan for about 12 years now. So, my Japanese restaurant recommendations are based, at least in part, on expert consultations from these family members.

I was therefore extremely pleased that our daughter-in-law and our older son, "the doctor," confirmed my high regard for the sushi at Sushi Don in the Pacific Palisades.

As regular readers may recall, we've become disillusioned by the famous Sasabune sushi temple because of the prices. Sushi Don is owned by the same people, but this restaurant offers a limited menu and charges much lower prices. But, amazingly enough, the quality of the dishes is just as high. And the service is much more friendly.

Well, almost friendly. I sometimes find a cultural difference between Japan and the U.S. on customer service. So when I explained that I did not eat raw salmon, and would they please change the salmon on the "combo" to a piece of yellowtail instead, the clear answer was, as printed on the menu, "No substitutions."

But even with one piece less, either of the combo plates is a terrific deal. On one visit I had the B combo with a bowl of miso soup (I could have chosen a salad instead, and the salads are very flavorful), one roll (cut or hand roll, and five pieces of sushi — all for $12.

Rolls a la carte are about $5, except for the fancy ones, which I don't recommend, at about $10. Sushi a la carte costs about $2 to $2.50 a piece, but you can get five pieces for $8.50 — about half the going rate in most Japanese sushi restaurants on the Westside.

Personally, I found the "hamachi" — yellowtail — to be perfect in texture and flavor, and the house-made soy sauce was just right. But my "experts" would not eat yellowtail because, they explained, it is now all farm raised instead of fresh caught. I remain skeptical of such urban legends.

There is an adequate selection of the most common Japanese sushi house dishes, including an unusually good blue crab roll.

This restaurant's surprises include not just the prices, but the quality. All of us thought that the quality was as good as the best sushi houses in West Los Angeles — and certainly some of these places offer some mighty fine competition.

We didn't try the green tea ice cream for dessert, but it looked good.

We now go to the restaurant often. And we see a lot of local people stopping for takeout. I think this restaurant, even without a beer and wine license (because the rest rooms are not in the restaurant itself but located upstairs in the center) is here to stay.

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TASTY: **Kana serving a signature plate of sushi at Pacific Palisade's Sushi Don.**

VEGGIES

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tracking kids' consumption 30 years ago. Meantime, cookies, cake, pre-sweetened cereal, candy and carbonated soft drinks are at their lowest level, in terms of their share of kids' diets.

But vegetables, which peaked as a percentage of kids' diets in 1984, remain a sticking point. They're a hassle for parents to buy and keep fresh, they're not generally seen as snack foods the way fruits are, and they're rarely served alone as a main dish. That means if someone is cooking at home, vegetables are added work. And when they are available, many kids simply aren't biting, the analyst said.

And while parents may have good intentions to buy healthier options, a higher vegetable content doesn't top the list of criteria.

"I don't think there's a food company in American that doesn't have on its radar the health and wellness of Americans, as a market," Balzer said. "They think it's a driving force in our behavior. I know it's not. I know the driving force of our behavior is taste buds."

For Phil Lempert, another food industry analyst, half a serving of cauliflower in the new Kraft Macaroni & Cheese is better than nothing if Americans are willing to serve it.

"I don't care about the top 1 percent that can buy whatever they want, eat strictly organic, buy artisan cheese where they know the cheese maker," Lempert said. "I want to make sure people who go in every week in the supermarket, are spending 22 minutes and 100 bucks a week for a family of four get the best health, taste and value that they can."

That approach draws skepticism from Marion Nestle, a professor at New York University's department of nutrition, food studies and public health. Nutrients are lost when vegetables are freeze-dried, Nestle says, and people are also losing the benefit of greater volume of less calorie-dense food in a meal.

"Oh, what will they think of next," Nestle said. "What a silly idea."



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PRINCIPAL
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Fretz comes most recently from a position as the director of curriculum and instruction at the Centinela Valley Union High School District, where she served for two years.

She's held a variety of administrative positions, and also taught high school science classes.

Her experience and background in those areas set her apart from the crowd, Washington said.

"She's particularly good at knowing what teaching strategies to look for in a classroom," Washington said. "She can make sure good teaching is happening for the students in that room."

Her level of expertise made a real impression, said Debbie Mulvaney, president of the Parent Teacher Student Association at Samohi, who was part of the selection committee.

"I felt she was respectful of individuality as well as a good leader," Mulvaney said. "She seemed to be able to bring people together toward a common goal."

Skills like that will be critical in a diverse environment like Samohi, which teems with 3,100 students and an extra layer of administration to lead the five houses into which the student population is divided.

"There are a lot of people who have been there a very long time," Mulvaney said. "They're used to doing things the way they've been doing them."

Fretz plans to accomplish that by keeping her focus, as well as that of teachers, administrators and staff, squarely on the students.

"What I want to push fairly early on here is that it doesn't matter if you're a house principal, custodian, teacher, secretary or landscaper. We may have 30 different job descriptions, but we're here for one reason, to increase student learning," Fretz said. "Whether we do that through teaching, or making sure the environment is clean and warm when we're ready to go in the morning, it plays an important part in student success at Samohi."

Increasing student learning on the teaching end means a three-pronged strategy, Fretz said — engagement, focused learning targets and assessments.

Engaging students in their learning can mean switching up curriculum to include open-ended questions that stretch their thinking, or cause them to connect with the material in different ways.

"They are interested in the world, interested in what's changing out there and they have something to contribute to that," Fretz said of high school students. "They're ready to solve big problems, and very capable of solving complex issues and discussing them."

Focused learning targets keep both students and teachers on track, by making sure that students are embracing all of the materials they need to be successful after they've left the classroom.

That has to be data-driven, Fretz said.

If data shows that students aren't mastering certain areas or concepts, the administration will work with teachers to ensure that professional development focuses on those subjects to ensure kids are getting the education they need.

Critical to that is the third prong, assessment.

"We should not have to wait until August to find out how we did last year," Fretz said.

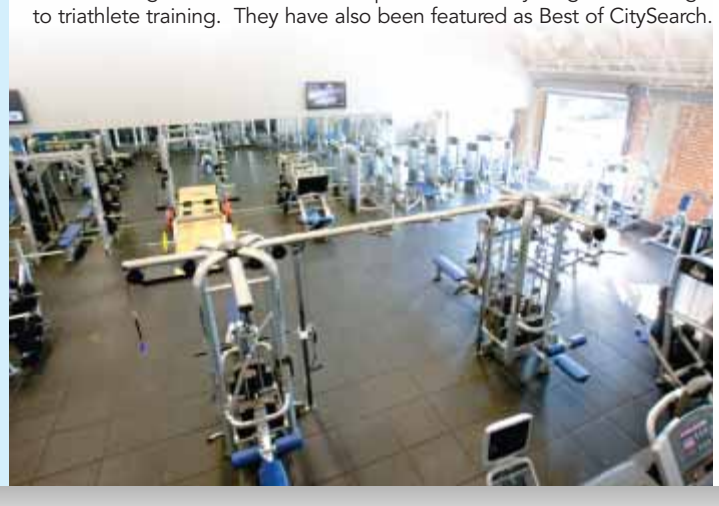
Fretz got her first introduction to the district at Thursday's Board of Education meeting, and has spent the first part of this week exploring the town and school she means to call home.

She's excited to begin work in the district, which she believes has a number of strengths, like great programs, bright students and involved parents.

Although challenges await, particularly in terms of the achievement gap, a topic on which the district as a whole received low marks in a national study, Fretz believes that the community is prepared to meet them.

"When issues and problems come up, we have to take them very seriously and work to solve them. We have to remember we have a wonderful high school here," Fretz said. "People in the community love this school, and there's not a person I have talked to that's said otherwise."

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BIKES
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script section of Venice Boulevard heading west from Abbott Kinney Boulevard toward the Pacific Ocean.

A single look at the bikes supplies the reason why.

Each is wrapped from handlebars to fender in hot-pink furry fabric. They are not otherwise adorned. They don't need to be.

The bikes take approximately an hour to wrap, carefully and on a diagonal, Shapiro said, although more like three for the uninitiated.

There was one attempt at another color — an electric turquoise creation of the same material — but it wasn't quite the same, Garcia said.

Pink is, after all, totally benign, possibly the most non-threatening color that exists.

"It's the one color that law enforcement doesn't wear," she pointed out.

Certainly, images of California Highway Patrol officers pulling someone over on the side of the road decked out in hot pink uniforms doesn't carry the same weight as the severe tan actually worn.

On a more philosophic note, "We're all pink on the inside," Shapiro said.

Of the six-bike fleet — Shapiro actually prefers the term "gaggle" — there are no two that look exactly the same, despite the muppet-like fur.

Each bicycle was rescued from auction, online sites or anywhere the group could get them for cheap. One was bought at police auction, having been seized in a gang raid.

The group successfully repurposed them for a happier life spreading good karma through the beach towns, and re-christened them with playful names like Rascal, Dustdream and the Monkey.

Inspiration for the gaggle came from Burning Man, an eight-day art festival and temporary village created in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada every year.

While furry bikes still aren't common there, Shapiro said, the concentration is certainly higher than in one's day-to-day life.

Styn, also referred to as "pink-haired John," introduced Shapiro to the concept at one of the massive festivals.

Since, the group has been bringing the bikes to Venice and the surrounding areas, to the delight of denizens of the boardwalk.

"It takes a brave man to ride a pink bike," called out one panhandler in a light southern drawl.

Actually, it doesn't, Shapiro said.

The bikes give as much to the rider as they do to the observer.

Consider. You're having a terrible day. On the way to work, another car sideswipes your vehicle, causing enough damage to be expensive, and putting a damper on the rest of your morning. There's an illness in the family, and your dog looked at you funny when you got home.

Get on the bike. Ride around. Watch people's faces change almost like a montage out of a 1980s teen film, and hear calls of "Nice bike," surprised laughter, and the click of surreptitious shutters as people snap photos on the sly.

It's as if all the happiness of the world is focused squarely on you.

"Even if you're having a bad day, it changes your view of the world," Shapiro said.

He's found it useful, even for things like planning meetings. Fellow employees in the company he works for jump on the bikes to clear their minds when the crush of the office becomes stifling.

Perhaps the success of the bikes works better in the beach community, which Garcia described as similar to the Burning Man vibe. It's hard to know.

What's clear is that the bikes resonate with people, who get a quick shock that jolts them out of the banality of their problems and concerns to appreciate the fleeting beauty of the moment they're in.



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HAPPY COUPLE: **Dmitry Shapiro (right) and his girlfriend O'tilia Garcia pose with their fuzzy pink bikes on Thursday.**

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BULGER
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Ortiz to say the family believes Oklahoma authorities violated protocol when former FBI Agent Paul Rico died in their custody in 2004. Rico was awaiting trial on charges he helped plot Roger Wheeler's killing by Bulger's gang. Bulger was an FBI informant.

Tulsa County District Attorney Tim Harris told The Associated Press Friday he understands the family's frustration that Rico didn't come to trial, but he's not aware of any policy violation when Rico died of natural causes.

"It's my feeling that no family should have to endure the tragic circumstances the Wheeler family has endured," Harris said.

Bulger fled Boston after his FBI handler, John Connolly, allegedly tipped him he was about to be indicted. Bulger was captured last month in Santa Monica, Calif., after 16 years on the run. He pleaded not guilty Wednesday to federal charges accusing him of participating in 19 murders.

Bulger faces a Florida murder charge in the 1982 killing of John Callahan, a World Jai Alai associate Wheeler suspected of helping Bulger steal from the business. Connolly was convicted of second-degree murder in 2008 for allegedly giving Bulger information that led to Callahan's slaying.

Harris said he's been in touch with Ortiz and Florida prosecutors, and "We'll be prepared to go forward with the evidence at the appropriate time."

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RETURN? **Runners in the Los Angeles Marathon this year approach the finish line on Ocean Avenue.**

MARATHON

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ended in Santa Monica, but with McCourt's legal issues come questions. Last year's bill was $315,677, city officials reported.

Nick Curl, the L.A. Marathon's race director and chief operating officer, said that the ownership status is secure and that the race will go on. While he's been instructed not to discuss much about McCourt's situation, he did say that the operations of the marathon are not affected by the drama swirling around the Dodgers and McCourt's divorce.

"We're in great shape," Curl said. "I think we have a very strong, competent team and we're damn excited about 2012."

The marathon is said to be doing fine, but the same can't be said of McCourt's largest asset.

The embattled owner is in the midst of a dogfight with Major League Baseball over the ownership of the Dodgers.

On Thursday, a Delaware judge denied a request by the team's ownership to order MLB to turn over a slew of documents in the team's ongoing bankruptcy case.

The Dodgers sought a wide range of records they believed would bolster their argument that Commissioner Bud Selig and MLB have treated the team unfairly and should not be allowed to serve as its bankruptcy lender.

The information sought by the Dodgers included records regarding MLB's investigation of the team and owner, its decision to reject a broadcast rights deal between the Dodgers and Fox Sports, communications between Selig and the monitor he appointed to oversee the Dodgers, and missives between the league and McCourt's ex-wife, Jamie, who is seeking half of his ownership assets.

Calls to a McCourt spokesman were not returned.

Despite speculation that the marathon may be owned by both McCourts, Polachek and city officials have been assured that Frank McCourt is the sole owner and that the race isn't subject to community property laws. Yet. Polachek said that she would like to clear the air when the two sides meet in the coming weeks.

"If there is any question about ownership being able to afford the costs, we're not going down that road," she said. "We'll certainly be asking them about the ownership status."

Aside from the ownership talk, Polachek said that changes will have to be made to the marathon's route if it returns to Santa Monica.

The vacant lot near the corner of Colorado and Ocean avenues used to host the post-marathon party in 2011 won't be available when the race takes place on March 18, 2012. It is the future site of Palisades Garden Walk and will be a construction zone when the runners cross the finish line.

The end of the race may be impacted as a result. This year it took place at Ocean and California avenues. Polachek said that there are a few available options, but those choices will be further reduced during that weekend. Cirque du Soleil will occupy the parking lot just north of the Santa Monica Pier, where the 2010 festival was held, ruling the site out. She added that the Civic Center parking lot may be a suitable substitute, but city officials aren't locked into that idea, either.

"Not everything is nailed down," she said. "We still have work to do. It has to make sense for Santa Monica."

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Associated Press contributed to this report.

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ASSAULT
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because the crime took place off campus. He reminded students during the summer session to be diligent and remain aware of their surroundings at all times.

"Don't walk alone at night," he said. "Always walk with a friend and if you believe you are being followed, go to a well-lit area like a convenience store or a gas station and always keep your cell phone in your hand when you are walking."

Romano said students can also call a college-run escort service if they need a ride off campus. He said students should program the SMC police dispatch number — (310) 434-4300 — into their cell phones, along with the Santa Monica Police Department's dispatch line so they can reach someone local immediately instead of being re-routed through 911.

"Don't be afraid to scream out," he added. "I know it can be a dramatic, shocking situation, but you have to make noise to get people's attention."

Romano said he lives in the neighborhood where the attack took pace.

"It's really a quiet area," he said. "If we would have heard someone screaming, we would have come running."

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3 suspected Somali pirates charged with murder

BY BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. Three suspected Somali pirates were charged with murder Friday in the slayings of four Americans aboard a hijacked yacht off the coast of Africa in February.

Ahmed Muse Salad, Abukar Osman Beyle and Shani Nurani Shiekh Abrar could face the death penalty if they are convicted.

They are among 14 men who were charged with piracy, kidnapping and weapons violations in the hijacking of the yacht Quest. Eleven of those men have already pleaded guilty to piracy for their roles in the case, although prosecutors have said none of those men shot at the Americans. As part of a plea deal, the pirates agreed to cooperate with authorities in this case and possibly others in exchange for the possibility of having their mandatory life sentences reduced.

The murder charges were among several new charges handed down by a grand jury that carry the possibility of the death penalty. They include hostage taking resulting in death, violence against maritime navigation resulting in death and kidnapping resulting in death.

"The charges announced in today's superseding indictment send a strong message to those who seek to harm Americans on the high seas: you will be subject to American justice," FBI Assistant Director in Charge Janice Fedarcyk said in a statement. "Modern-day pirates remain a very real danger; the FBI joins our international law enforcement partners in our mutual goal of maintaining the rule of law on the high seas."

The owners of the Quest, Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey, Calif., along with friends Bob Riggle and Phyllis Macay of Seattle, were shot to death several days after being taken hostage several hundred miles south of Oman.

They were the first U.S. citizens killed in a wave of pirate attacks that have plagued the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean in recent years, despite an international flotilla of warships that patrol the area. Others charged in the case have said they boarded the yacht while it sat still in the water and the Americans were sleeping.

Four U.S. warships began shadowing the Quest after it was hijacked. Court records say Abrar, 29, fired a shot above Scott Adam's head and told him to tell the Navy that if they came any closer that the Americans would be killed. Soon after, a rocket propelled grenade was fired at the USS Sterett, where two convicted pirates were on board conducting the negotiations.

The Navy had told the pirates that they could keep the yacht in exchange for the hostages, but they refused to take the deal because they didn't believe they would get enough money. Ransoms are typically made for millions of dollars.

A 15th man also faces piracy charges for serving as the pirates' land-based negotiator and is considered the highest-ranking pirate the U.S. has ever captured.

In all, 19 men boarded the American boat. Four of them died on board.

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States weigh 'Caylee's Law' in verdict aftermath

BY BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Lawmakers outraged over Casey Anthony's acquittal have responded by proposing so-called Caylee's laws that would allow prosecutors to bring felony charges against parents who do not quickly report missing children.

The new measures were triggered, at least in part, by an online petition that had more than 700,000 signatures Friday. Some questioned whether a new law would do any good because the circumstances of the Anthony case were so rare, but lawmakers in at least a dozen or so states have already floated proposals reacting to the verdict.

"Casey Anthony broke new ground in brazenness," said Florida state Rep. Scott Plakon, who is sponsoring the proposal in his state. "It's very sad that we even need a law like this, but Casey Anthony just proved that we do as unfortunate as that is."

In June 2008, Anthony's 2-year-old daughter Caylee was last seen at the Orlando home she shared with her mom and her maternal grandparents. For the next month, Casey Anthony, then 22, left her parents' house and spent most of her time with friends, shopping and partying, telling her family and others that Caylee was with an imaginary nanny.

Anthony's mother called detectives when Anthony could not produce her child. Anthony told investigators she hadn't called them because the nanny had kidnapped the child and she had been conducting her own search, two of the numerous lies she told investigators.

Anthony was acquitted of murder in Caylee's death, but convicted of four misdemeanor counts of lying to investigators. She was sentenced to the maximum of four years, but after serving nearly three years in jail awaiting trial couple with good behavior credits, she is set to go free next Sunday.

Florida's proposal would make it a felony for a parent or other caregiver to not report a child under the age of 12 missing after 48 hours. It also makes it a felony to not report a child's death or "location of a child's corpse" to police within two hours of the death.

Had Florida's measure been in place and Anthony been convicted, she could have faced another 15 years behind bars.

Other states are considering similar measures and the online petition at Change.org, started by an Oklahoma woman, calls for a federal law.

"It's certainly something that we want to look into, because right now … we're not seeing anything that would fit the circumstances to the degree that we want to," said Joseph Cassilly, a prosecutor in Harford County, Md., which is one of the state's considering a Caylee's law. But others think it's unnecessary.

"It only applies to people like her and fortunately those are not common everyday occurrences," said Willie Meggs, who served as a state attorney in Florida for more than three decades. "I don't think it changes anything."

When Caylee was reported missing, sheriff's launched a massive search, but her remains weren't discovered until six months later. The bones were in such bad shape, prosecutors said they had difficulty collecting forensic evidence from them, making it harder to present their case to the jury.



SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

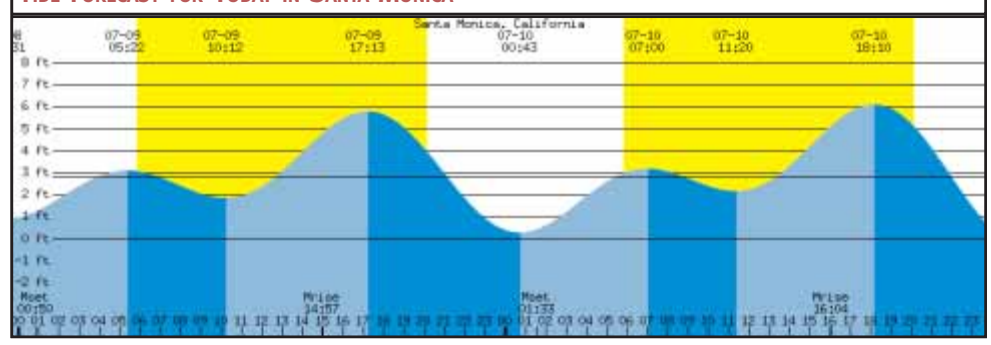
Swell Forecast

We should see the second Cook Island swell, putting most all south facing breaks into chest high surf.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see an increase in SW swell, putting most south facing breaks into head high (max) sets.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica





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On **TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2011, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the Stormwater Parcel Reports, describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management Fee and Clean Beaches Special Tax for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Stormwater Management Fees are a funding source for watershed management activities, including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. Each Fee is billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on one's 2011-12 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Reports. A copy of the Reports has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and is available for review. Further information may be obtained by calling the Watershed Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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 -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	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+	ns
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.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	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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Sunday, July 10

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The Seventh Seal (PG) 1hr 32min
Through a Glass Darkly (NR) 1hr 29min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Green Lantern (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:15pm

Zookeeper (PG) 1hr 44min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
7:30pm, 10:30pm

Ward (R) 1hr 28min
5:15pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
11:15am, 4:00pm, 9:30pm

Ironclad (R) 2hrs 00min
11:00am, 2:30pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
1:45pm, 7:05pm

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

Cars 2 in Disney Digital 3D (G) 1hr 53min
1:45pm, 7:15pm

Zookeeper (PG) 1hr 44min
10:00am, 11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
10:45am, 2:25pm, 6:00pm, 9:35pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Larry Crowne (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
1:15pm, 4:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

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

Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
12:15pm, 3:50pm, 7:30pm, 11:00pm

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Turtle: The Incredible Journey (G) 1hr 20min
11:00am

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

One Lucky Elephant (NR) 1hr 21min
11:00am

Third Star (NR) 1hr 25min
11:00am

Trip (NR) 1hr 47min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Children of Paradise (Live) Paris Opera Ballet (NR)
10:30am

AMC Criterion 6
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Monte Carlo (PG) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
10:00am, 12:35pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:40pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
10:05am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 7:10pm, 8:05pm, 10:35pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
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Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
11:45am, 3:25pm, 7:00pm, 10:35pm

Better Life (PG-13) 1hr 37min
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Hang out with friends tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You know what others don't, but you cannot convince them of the rightness of your ways. Knowing what is desired and seeing a more amenable path could be difficult. Curb quirky behavior, if possible. Today, be a team player. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others frequently defer to you. Today, go along with established plans. You will notice that a good time is had by all. Your ability to change decisions and direction remains key. An insight or a radical change could shake you up. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's efforts to make a point. Still, involving others in a discussion won't change the situation. The best thing you can do is change gears and go in a new direction. Tonight: Easy works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Allow more creativity to flourish than in the past. You know much more than you choose to share. Let others discover what you already know. Listen to suggestions. Unexpected developments could change your plans. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to the opportunities you have, especially on a personal level. You could be surprised by a glimpse of another way of thinking and living. If you feel the need to digest this process and slow down, do just that. Tonight: Happy heading home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but if someone goes up in a cloud of smoke, don't be surprised. Note that there are many ways of looking at and analyzing a situation. This person actually feels challenged by you. Go out for a late lunch and patch up the squabble. Tonight: Enjoying your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Realize that what you want to do might be very different from current plans. Even if you don't toss your plans in the air, it appears as if someone else does. Your flexibility is tested to the max. Honor your feelings more often. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving. You might be ready to clear out a project or make an important health decision. Don't let others interfere with a long-term goal right now. Take advantage of energy mixed with willpower. Tonight: Easy works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. Your perspective about a child or new amorous interest could change radically. An unexpected twist surprises you. Take your time responding. Tonight: Step back and observe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Trust that you will gravitate to where you want to be. Realize what is going on with a family member. This person's actions could be so unanticipated that you need to stop, think and bounce your appraisal off a trusted friend. Tonight: Easy works.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ As a sign, you adjust well to surprises, but the one that heads down your path could give you a jolt. Your ability to maintain a strong presence sets a pattern for others. Only reflect on issues with a personal friend. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use special care with funds and a risk. The odds might not be in your favor. Only you can judge. Touch base with a friend or loved one at a distance. Make plans to visit in the near future. This person always gives you a different perspective. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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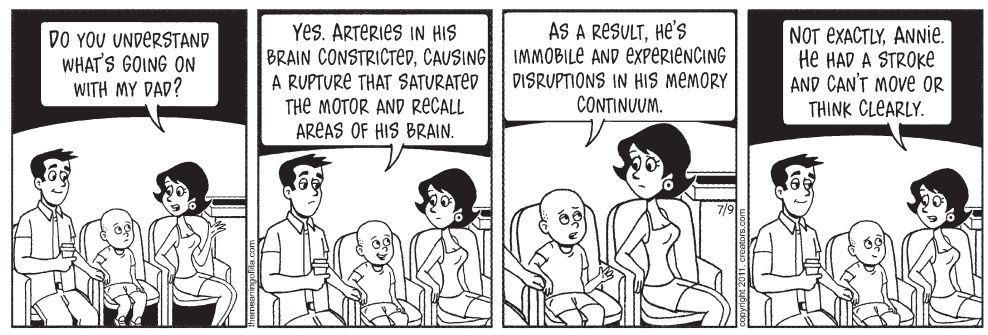
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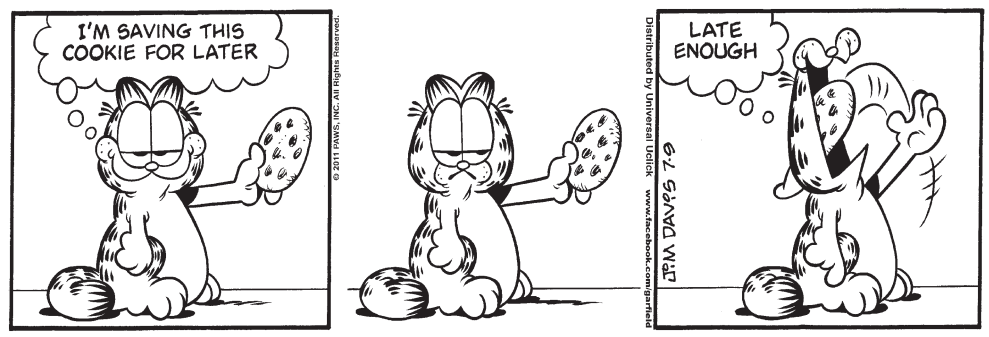
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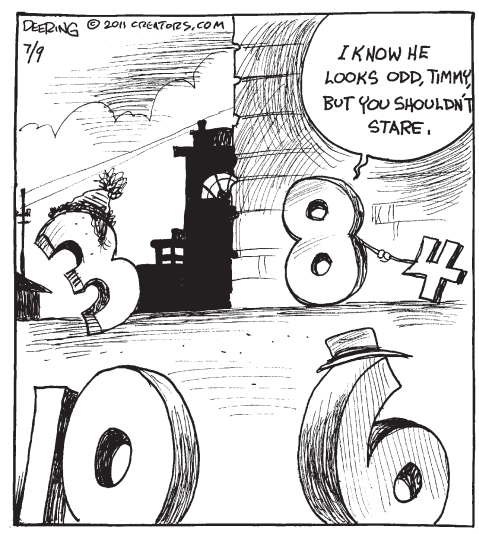
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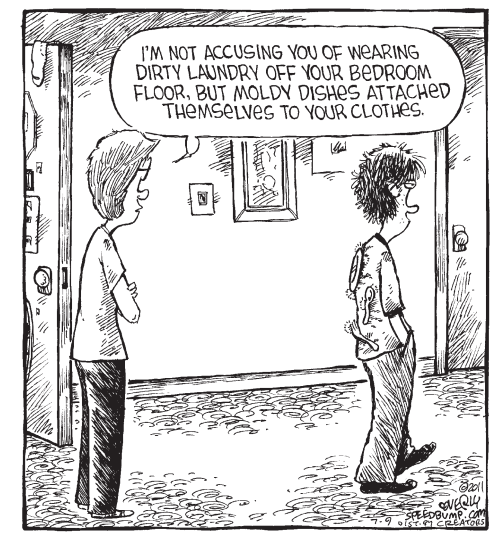
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fills up
6 Big apartments
11 Animator Tex
12 "Paper Moon" star
13 Frenzied
14 "Twilight" heroine
15 Jeans measure
17 Writer Deighton
18 Put away
19 Cartography
22 Central
23 Set straight
24 Use a press
25 Missing
27 Old boat
30 Commends
31 Compass pt.
32 Writer Tan
33 Foes
35 Magnet ends
38 "Be quiet!"
39 Scent
40 Conjure up
41 Waffle topper
42 Saw, in a way

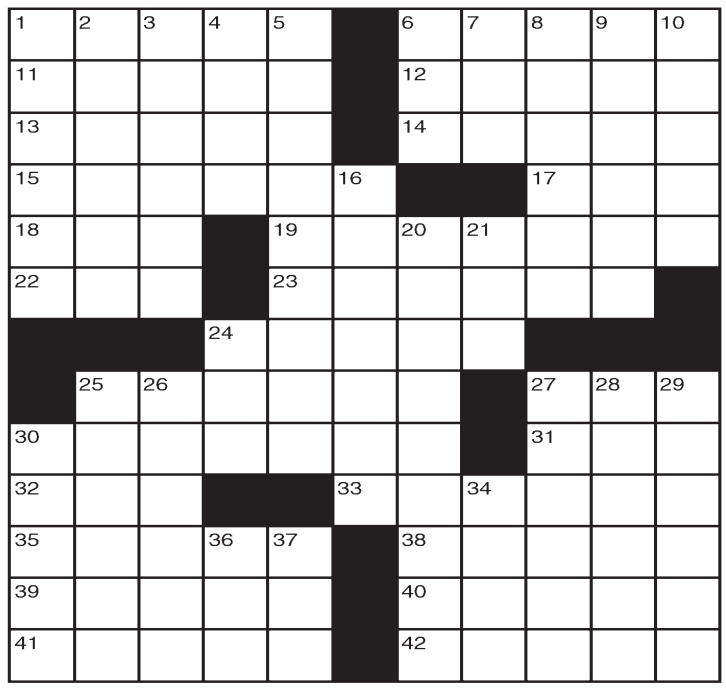
DOWN

1 Green eggs and ham pusher
2 1972 Jack Lemmon film
3 Showed fear
4 Huron neighbor
5 Shade trees
6 High hit
7 Low number
8 Lined up, militarily
9 Gift
10 Informal talk
16 NASA probe
20 Diminutive
21 Sulky state
24 Omega preceder
25 Weapons store
26 Waco school
27 Brewing need
28 Different
29 Outdid
30 Irene of the screen
34 "— Las Vegas"
36 Running bird
37 Easy mark

D	O	F	F	S	■	P	E	S	T	S
A	D	I	E	U	■	O	N	E	A	L
B	E	L	L	E	■	D	R	A	C	O
■	■	L	I	D	S	■	A	L	O	T
A	L	E	X	■	U	R	G	E	■	■
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Stanley Thornton Jr., 30, and his "nurse"-roommate, Sandra Dias, featured on a May edition of the TV show "Taboo" (National Geographic Channel), are both drawing federal Supplemental Security Income as disabled persons, even though Thornton builds his own "adult baby" furniture (cribs and high chairs large enough to accommodate his 350-pound body) and operates a website where people living as adult babies can communicate. U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn asked the Social Security Administration to investigate whether Thornton is abusing the system (and Dias, too, since if she can "nurse" Thornton, she can "nurse" for a living). Thornton subsequently told The Washington Times that if his SSI checks were discontinued, he would kill himself.

■ Lawrence Bottone, 52, of Stamford, Conn., served four years in prison in the late-1990s for his fondness for attracting and convincing teenage boys and young men to strip down to underwear and allow him to torture (and photograph) them -- chaining them to his garage wall, whipping them and inserting stakes under their fingernails. In May 2011, police in Westchester County, N.Y., arrested Bottone for what appears to signal a return to his specialty but with an updated, 21st-century rationale: Now, according to police, he "recruits" young men to work at a fictitious "intelligence agency" -- which requires Bottone to "train" them to withstand torture.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1986 The New Zealand Parliament passes the Homosexual Law Reform Act legalising homosexuality in New Zealand.

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1991 South Africa is readmitted into the Olympic movement after 30 years of exclusion.

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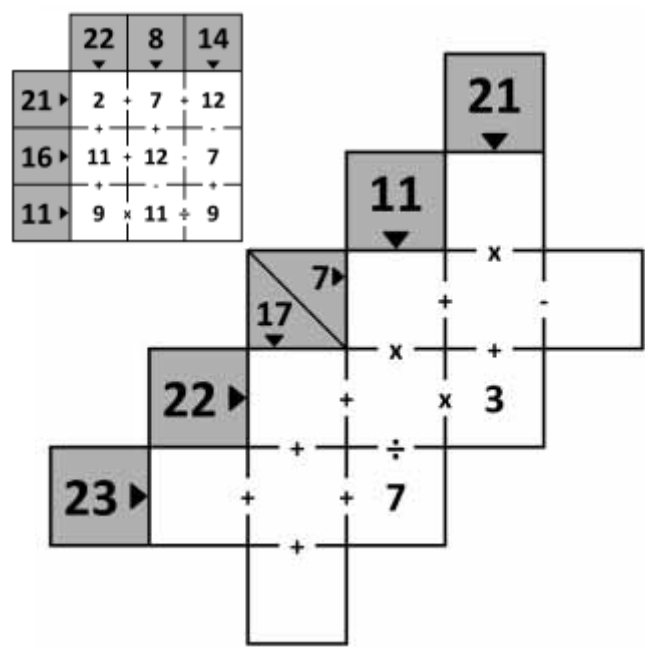
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