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BEATS BY THE BAY

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Southern California ska band Starpool gets the crowd jumping during the 27th annual Twilight Dance Series on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday night. This Thursday check out Tutu Sweeney & The Brothers Band during a tribute concert for the environment.

Pair of Brownley bills become law

Legislator carries heavy load

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO Reading through Assemblywoman Julia Brownley's (D-Santa Monica) legislative to-do list is an undertaking.

The 22 bills and resolutions that comprise just her 2011 load focus heavily on education reform, an area Brownley was very familiar with in her time on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, but also run through a broad spectrum of goals like a statewide ban on single use plastic bags and a program to put illuminated digital ads on the sides of Big Blue Buses.

"Most of my bills come from issues I've been working on. Other times, I carry bills because I become aware of particular problems," Brownley said. "I'm carrying a pretty heavy load. I have a lot of things I want to accomplish."

Three of those items, at least, can get checked off.

This week, Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law two pieces of Brownley's agenda dealing with government accountability and making sure the medical community is more responsive to patient complaints.

The first, Assembly Bill 782, gives the California Public Employee Retirement System (CalPERS) the ability to charge government agencies and contract employers for long wait times when CalPERS conducts audits to make sure that public funds are being spent correctly.

"In some cases, agencies are not as responsive as they should be," Brownley said, delicately. "When that occurs, this allows CalPERS to recover administrative costs from the employer for an audit that exceeds a certain time to complete."

The bill gives extra incentives to those agencies to get audits done quickly and efficiently, or literally pay the price.

The second follows along the same lines.

Assembly Bill 1127 streamlines the process by which the Medical Board of Investigations looks into complaints made by patients against doctors.

"In most cases, doctors are very coopera-

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Malibu cut out of state Senate district

Most Santa Monica interests remain intact; Bloom content with plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO The Citizens Redistricting Commission released final versions of state and federal congressional districts Friday, laying waste to the careful planning done by the legislature 10 years ago that resulted in only one congressional district flipping parties in the last decade.

The new maps redefine the 177 state Senate, Assembly, congressional and Board of Equalization districts that divide California voters, a process done every decade, although traditionally by legislators who gerrymander seats to maintain power in their districts.

This is the first time, however, that a 14-member commission of unelected citizens has undertaken the task, a process created during the 2008 election when California voters passed Proposition 11, and empowered in 2010 with Proposition 20.

The results have been quite different, said Allan Hoffenblum, publisher of the California Target Book, a subscription-based political analysis service.

"As far as the Republicans go, Democrats would have done anything they could to wipe out the Republican Party," Hoffenblum said. Instead, Republicans actually have a chance to pick up a few seats.

While many analysts agree that the new maps are likely to create more competitive elections by putting some long-time politicians in the same district and leaving others without an incumbent coming into the general elections of 2012 and 2014, the new districts also hurt some communities' chances of maintaining political equilibrium.

The most dramatic differences for Santa Monica politics come in the new lines drawn around the state Senate seat, currently held by Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills).

The new district completely separates Santa Monica from both the Santa Monica Mountains, with which it shares a watershed and various environmental initiatives, as well as Malibu, where 18 percent of students

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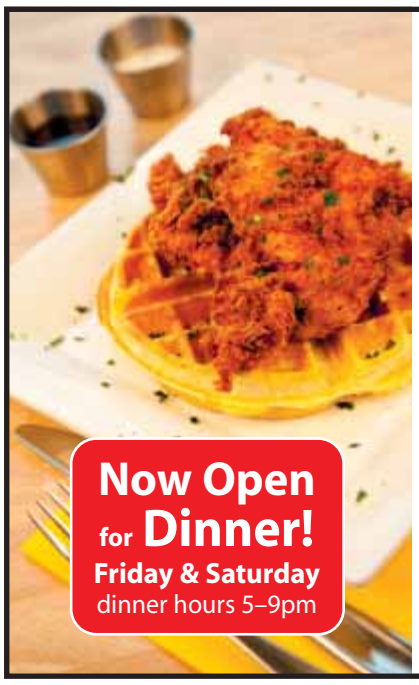


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Saturday, July 30, 2011

The city is our playground
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St.,
10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
City Hall wants to design a universally accessible playground for kids with disabilities. Community members are invited to discuss the fate of this playground at the first blank slate meeting in the east wing of the Civic Auditorium. For more information about the project, visit www.facebook.com/smbuap.

Samohi car wash
Samohi North Parking Lot,
10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
Samohi cheerleaders are washing cars to raise money to cover the costs of events and competitions on their way to the national championship this year. Come support the squad!

Oh, snap!
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 1 p.m. — 4 p.m.
This teen workshop illustrates the basics of photography to interested parties. Attendees will take a photo excursion through the city to practice their skills. Space is limited, so to sign up, call (310) 458-8683.

Fitness and health for better living
Third Street Promenade,
11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual Santa Monica Chamber Health & Fitness Festival to advise community members about healthy lifestyle choices. For a schedule of classes and performances, visit www.smchamber.com. For more information, call (310) 393-9825.

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Fashion
Santa Monica Municipal Airport
3021 Airport Ave.,
11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
The L.A. Unique Design Show features fashion displays and sales by 200 local designers and artists. For more information, visit www.uniquela.com, or call (310) 390-9071.

Hail to the waves
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
12:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
The aquarium's Ocean Appreciation Celebration is an annual tribute to the ocean, focusing on the role the sea plays in our lives. This year's event focuses on the four habitats of the Santa Monica Bay: the sandy bottom, the kelp forest, the rocky shore and the open ocean. Games, art and crafts, music and more will help children and adults learn about these individual environments and the creatures that dwell within them. Cost: $3 admission, 12 or younger free.
For more information, visit www.healthebay.org or call (310) 393-6149.

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Ex-Dodgers CEO wants spousal support maintained

BY GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt has more than $70 million at his disposal and he's using some of his money to fund an "ongoing jihad" with Major League Baseball, his ex-wife's attorneys said in court documents filed in a costly divorce case.

Former team CEO Jamie McCourt filed a motion late Thursday in opposition of a request by Frank McCourt to reduce more than $600,000 a month in spousal support that she receives from him. Attorney Dennis Wasser argued Jamie McCourt shouldn't have to give up any money so that her ex-husband can "fund his futile and wasteful personal vendetta against both MLB and Jamie."

"Jamie should not be forced to give up the support to which she is entitled just so Frank can carry out his 'rule or ruin' strategy," Wasser wrote.

Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon last May ordered Frank McCourt to pay $225,000 a month in spousal support and more than $400,000 a month to cover the mortgages of six homes and a condominium.

Frank McCourt has argued the payments should be more in line with the $5 million he receives annually and his ex-wife should sell some of the houses to support herself.

A hearing is set for Aug. 10.

The Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in June, blaming a cash-flow crisis on MLB's refusal to approve a multibillion-dollar TV deal that Frank McCourt was counting on to keep the franchise afloat.

MLB assumed control of the club's day-to-day operations in mid-April.

Gordon ruled in December that a post-nuptial marital agreement that gave Frank McCourt sole ownership of the Dodgers was invalid. That cleared the way for Jamie McCourt to seek half the team under California's community property law.

The McCourts had reached a settlement that was contingent on MLB's approval of the TV deal with Fox worth up to $3 billion. However, baseball Commissioner Bud Selig rejected the deal, saying it wasn't in the best interests of baseball and the money would be used for McCourt's "personal needs."

A one-day "characterization" trial slated for next week has been canceled because the settlement is now null and void. The trial

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OUCH!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Gustavo Franco has his blood drawn during the 30th annual KLOS Red Cross Blood Drive at the Santa Monica Red Cross headquarters on 11th Street on Friday afternoon.

Celebrating 30 years of the Santa Monica Farmer's Market

BY MONA DAY
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Organized and managed by the city of Santa Monica, the four Farmer's Markets provide fresh agricultural products direct from small farms to urban customers, promoting healthy eating and sustainable agriculture.

Since their founding, they have provided a livelihood for three generations of farmers, giving them an opportunity to stay on their land.

Serving 900,000 customers each year, they have become a beloved city fixture, helping develop a sense of community among the regulars who come from near and far.

The markets are particularly popular with Los Angeles-area chefs and caterers who rely on its fresh produce as inspiration for their seasonal menus. They meet and catch up with other chefs, exchanging news, tips and ideas. Repeatedly, they cite hanging out at the market as their major and sometimes only form of socialization in their busy schedules.

Established in 1981, the Farmer's Market turns 30 this year and is celebrating this landmark anniversary with a series of food-focused events.

The kick-off event is a huge birthday bash featuring a pig roast, beer and bluegrass this Sunday, July 31, at 2 p.m. at Craft Restaurant, 10100 Constellation Blvd., Los Angeles. Chef de cuisine John Keenan and pastry chef Shannon Swindle will roast whole pigs along with sides and desserts and serve them family style with local beers and wines to wash it all down.

There will be live bluegrass, as well as an auction led by Peter Fetterman of Peter Fetterman Gallery in Bergamot Station. All proceeds go to the Santa Monica Farmer's Market and its partner, FamilyFarmed.org, the nonprofit committed to expanding the production, marketing and distribution of locally grown and responsibly produced food.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. there is a talk, "Robert Kenner Speaks Out, Food on Pico," where the writer/director of the documentary "Food, Inc." will talk about the current state of American agricul-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pricey proposition

Editor:

Does anyone in City Hall know how to do basic arithmetic – $2.4 million for 250 bikes ("Santa Monicans weigh in on bike share," July 23-24, page 3)?

That works out to $9,600 per bicycle. What the city needs is more safe bike routes. The people who ride bikes generally have their own and you can get a decent bike for $200. What kind of bike do you get for $9,600?

Once again, spending is out of control. Other cities have sponsors (not taxpayers) who pay for the entire bike share program. If we want to follow the example of a city like Paris, then don't ask the taxpayers to foot the bill. Have a corporation pick up the tab in exchange for putting their name on it.

Finally, if Santa Monica College wants a bike share program, then let them pay for it. I'm tired of SMC robbing local residents.

Frank Greenberg
Santa Monica

It's all in the name

Editor:

Certainly, the official name that is given to the 6-acre park being built in our Santa Monica Civic Center is very important. That is why I'm suggesting it be called what many people are already calling it when referring to the exciting new park that will be coming soon: Santa Monica Civic Center Park.

Some are suggesting names such as Santa Monica Peoples Park or Santa Monica Central Park. With due respect to those wonderful parks, Santa Monica is an innovator, not an imitator.

And, with the internationally-renowned James Corner Field Operations group designing it, the park itself will be what is inspirational and exciting, so the name of the park need only be one that is honorable, dignified and location-based.

Years ago, I'm sure there were some that felt the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium would be a poor name for our new concert and performance venue, but that name has honorably stood the test of time. This is our Santa Monica Civic Center! And the definition of "civic" has a positive community meaning. One definition says, "Of or relating to the duties or activities of people in relation to their town, city, or local area."

With the name Santa Monica Civic Center Park (or Santa Monica Civic Park), people from all over the country and around the world will know Santa Monica is proud to have a world class, environmentally friendly, and beautiful park smack dab in the heart of our Santa Monica Civic Center.

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Artis Williams — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't be stupid with your smartphone

Q: DURING THE LAST YEAR, I CANCELED my home phone service in order to save money and now I use my cell phone as my primary telephone. Over the past few weeks, I have been receiving phone calls from phone numbers I don't recognize and e-mails claiming there are people I know that are stranded in other countries that need my assistance. Yesterday, I received a strange text on my phone telling me I won a gift certificate but I don't remember entering any contests. Should I reply to these messages and calls?

A: It seems like every day we are hearing about new phishing scams that try to get us to reply to some false contest or ad. In the beginning it was e-mail messages that asked us to reply to the message with some of our personal information so someone could take advantage of us and empty our bank accounts or ruin our credit.

Lately we have been seeing different types of phishing schemes — those that target our smartphones. Whether it's a phone call from someone (family or friend) claiming to be in jail, a text stating you have won a contest and need to reply with personal information in order to claim the prize or an offer for an instant loan. Recently, I too received a text message telling me I have a secret admirer who is trying to get in touch with me and I can find out who they are by replying to the text. And, oh yeah, the text will only cost me $2.99!

Let's face it, the more we use modern technology like smartphones and tablets in our everyday lives, we will come across more and more phishing (or smishing when SMS messages are involved) scams. The easiest action is to ignore the e-mail or text messages and delete them. Sure these types of text messages and e-mails are annoying, but if you reply to these messages you could be setting yourself up for a headache and/or large phone bill later down the road.

Here are just a few tips to keep in mind when you receive suspicious e-mails and text messages:

• Be aware that headers can be forged easily, so the posing sender may not be the real sender.

• Avoid providing or filling out forms via text wireless devices because the data is not secure.

• Realize that Internet scammers can create realistic forgeries of websites, so avoid clicking on links in an unsolicited text message. Go directly to the company's website and fill out information there.

• Ensure that a website is secure by checking to see whether there is an "s" after the "http" in the address and a lock icon at the bottom of the screen. Both are indicators that the site is secure.

Citizens can check the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Homeland Security websites for additional tips on phishing and other cyber security information.

If you receive a phone call from a number you don't recognize, let it go to voicemail. If the message in the voicemail sounds fishy, delete it. But if you want to call the person back, do a little research before calling them back. Go online and check to see if there is information on phone scams, and see if the message you received is similar to messages that have been reported as phone scams.

Earlier this year, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued a warning to citizens about a phone scam that was being used by jail inmates. The inmates would call a citizen claiming to be an officer and would tell them a family member had been in an accident or arrested. The citizen would then be instructed to call a number for further information. The number they would call would have a prefix of *72 before the actual phone number. By dialing *72 before the phone number, you would be forwarding all future calls to the phone number listed after the *72 prefix. This would allow the inmate to receive calls (including collect calls) to the inmate's phone but the charges would be billed to the citizen's phone! If you want more information on this scam, go to the California Public Utilities Commission's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov.

LET'S FACE IT, THE MORE WE USE MODERN TECHNOLOGY LIKE SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS IN OUR EVERYDAY LIVES, WE WILL COME ACROSS MORE AND MORE PHISHING (OR SMISHING WHEN SMS MESSAGES ARE INVOLVED) SCAMS.

While we are talking about cell phones and tablets, let's talk a little more about security. Cell phone and tablet hacking seem to be on the rise these days. In addition to watching out for phishing and phone scams, we need to be careful about how we are using our devices. What I mean is most of our devices utilize a 3G, 4G (which is on the rise) or wi-fi signals to conduct business during our day-to-day activities. Oftentimes we utilize public wi-fi (offered by restaurants, hotels, shopping malls, City Hall, etc.) signals to transfer data when a 3G/4G signal is unavailable or not fast enough for the job.

Next time you use a public wi-fi signal, ask yourself:

• What kind of security does the host of this signal provide to their users?

• How many other people are using this same signal when I'm using it?

• Who is monitoring the usage of the signal?

• Who is watching what I am doing on the Internet while I am using the wi-fi signal?

• What am I transmitting on this public wi-fi signal that can be seen by others? My advice is, unless you can verify the security of the wi-fi signal, don't use it, especially if you are going to transmit personal or sensitive data from your device.

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The Q Line

What's in a name?

City officials are looking for names for a pair of parks planned for the Civic Center.

This past week, Q-line asked:
So, this week's Q-Line question asked: What should the pair of parks be named?

Here are your responses:

"ONE COULD BE OCEAN PARK. THE OTHER? Just dig down deeper into the history of Santa Monica and try and come up with some name that actually fits. A council member, you know, that's great, but I think it should be more within line of the community and history of Santa Monica."

"HOW ABOUT MICKEY AND MINNIE? OR Goofy and Daffy? Actually, Lenin and Stalin might be more appropriate here."

"I CAME UP WITH A GREAT IDEA. SINCE Santa Monica's converting all our old-school parks, such as Lincoln Park, which is now Reed Park, and Joslyn Park, which was a donated estate by Mr. Joslyn who occupied that land, is now a dog park, I'm sure he would be turning in his grave. So why don't we just name all the parks after City Council members who've contributed such a good cause and worthy cause to our great city of Soviet Monica. Because it's all about control. The city officials are asking the public for help, but we can't help you because you guys have already decided. So I suggest to name one of the parks Bloom Park, because Richard Bloom is such an advocate for Santa Monica, and the other one should be Shriver Park, because Bobby Kennedy is just such a big-time vet advocate, and he's doing so much for the veterans of America across this great country and here in West Los Angeles for the land grab at the VA. So my suggestion is just to name the parks, and every park from now on, after City Council members, because they are just in control of everything."

"I'LL TELL YOU WHO I DON'T WANT OUR parks named after, and that is any of our mayors. They are appointed, not elected by us. Council members appoint them, and we have shown that we would not have elected any of the past mayors had we had the opportunity."

"ONE OF THE BEST PARTS ABOUT LIVING in Santa Monica is the sea breeze, hence Seabreeze Park!"

"I HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS EVER since I went to a meeting about these parks where they handed out a list of suggested names. I had a hard time figuring out which park was which, the one directly in front of City Hall or across the street. When talking with neighbors about these parks, about which I am very enthusiastic, I always refer to them as 'the park across from City Hall.' City Hall sent me an e-mail listing the top choices so far, and the very top choice, Civic Ocean Park, is terrible. The second choice, Arcadia Park (13 votes), does sound like it should be in the City of Arcadia. Next, Palisades Garden Walk (13 votes), is what they have been calling it and I am finally getting somewhat used to it. Next is Santa Monica Garden Walk (13 votes), which is not bad but too long. I can't see myself saying, 'Let's meet at the Santa Monica Garden Walk.' I would just continue to call the whole thing 'the park in front of City Hall.' Why do we have to have two park names?"

"CALL ONE DUMB IDEA AND THE OTHER A Waste of Money. Why do we need a park? We have a world-class beach across the street. The only reason other cities have parks is that it is impossible for the them to have a beach. People come from around the world to go to Santa Monica Beach. Once again the city is trying to waste as much money as possible. I guess when you have an annual budget of half-a-billion dollars you need to find ways to spend it."

"IT WOULD BE FITTING AND DESERVED IF one of the parks were named after the late honorable Mayor Ken Genser. Ken was perhaps the most respected occupant and one of the longest serving council members on the dais in the last generation. No rogues please, past or present. In my opinion [former City Manager] Lamont Ewell, [Assistant City Manager] Elaine Polachek and others will live in infamy when this 'true' chapter of Santa Monica history is written."

"THE EASIEST NAMES FOR TOURISTS and locals alike to remember for these two parks would be Homeless Haven No. 1, and Homeless Haven No. 2. Get used to it!"

"IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO NAME THE NEW park Civic Park or Civic Center Park."

"IT'S SIMPLE: SANTA MONICA CIVIC Center Park. And what is now called Town Square should respectfully be renamed Ken Genser Square."

"CALL THE NEW PARKS BUM HAVEN Park and Bum's Rest Park. Since the local drunken bums will take over them pretty fast, and the city will do nothing about it like what usually happens to the other parks in Bum City, U.S.A."

"IN KEEPING WITH THE CITY OF SANTA Monica's long standing practice, the new parks should be named Homeless Haven."

"SANTA MONICA COMMONS OR CIVIC Center Park."

"I LIKE THE OVERLOOK. OR WHAT ABOUT Ocean Avenue Park? Perhaps The Green. It has whimsy."

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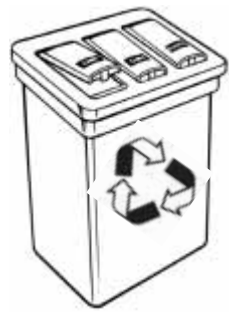
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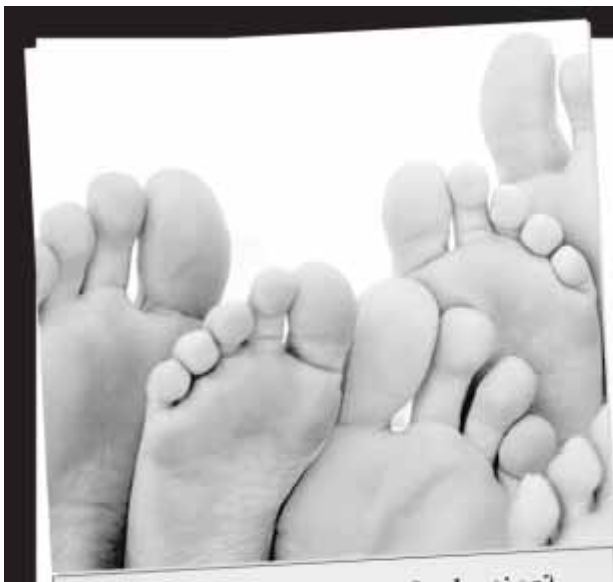
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Tour de Feast

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DONUT CREW: **Sean Tao, center, owner of D.K.'s donuts, with his dedicated employees.**

D.K.'s does donuts right

IT WAS NOT TOO LONG AGO THAT MY 1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee bit the dust. As everything under the hood seemed to go up in smoke, so was the notion that I was going to be able to function sans motor vehicle in Los Angeles. To the contrary, getting rid of a 3,000 pound hunk of metal, glass, rubber, and plastic was the most liberating thing I have ever done.

Commuting via bicycle and public transportation in Los Angeles is a daunting to downright terrifying notion for most people. I would be lying if I said biking this city does not have its pitfalls, or that there are no crazy, smelly people on the bus, but with some street sense and knowledge of the Metro and Big Blue Bus routes, it is a very doable endeavor. Sometimes forcing yourself out of your comfort zone is the only way to try something that regularly would be out of the question. Converting from a recreational biker to one of necessity gives you an entirely new perspective on the city, its streets, neighborhoods, people, and food.

I am more inclined to check out a restaurant on a bike than in a car. Parking is not an issue, it does not take much to work up an appetite, and, last time I checked, the 405 Freeway does not have any eateries on the shoulder. Biking and eating in Los Angeles is nothing less than an adventure. I am not trying to spearhead L.A.'s anti-car culture, or lead some sort of green movement. I just want to have my pastrami sandwich, and eat it too.

With that in mind, I've created Tour de Feast, a column focused on food that I eat while riding around town. I hope you enjoy it and will be inspired to hop on your bike the next time you're thinking of dining out.

GO NUTS FOR DONUTS

The donut is certainly one of life's sweet treats. This well rounded, deep fried confection is definitely in the hearts, minds and stomach's of Santa Monicans as well. Simply do a web search for donuts and you will find hundreds of listings peppered across the SoCal landscape.

However, the mega franchises have little to no representation in the L.A. donut scene. Dunkin' Donuts has zero locations in the Los Angeles area, and Krispy Kreme has a meager three shops. Which literally and figuratively says, "you can take your corporate donut back to New York City!" In L.A. the ma-and-pop donut stand is alive and well. In Santa Monica no place embodies the independent donut shop like D.K.'s

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YUMMY TREAT: **D.K.'s bacon maple log is a specialty that not many donut shops offer.**

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DONUTS
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D.K.'s, which stands for Dave and Karen's, was ironically the name of a big donut chain which fizzled out around the same time Cong Tao purchased the shop on 16th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard some 30-plus years ago. Today D.K.'s is still at the same location, but just a couple years back Mr. Tao hung up the old donut roller, retired in his home country of Thailand, and handed the reins to his son, Sean. Being younger than the shop itself, yet still being around it most of his life, Sean Tao gives his own take on small business, service, and, of course, donuts.

"L.A. is a hip place, clubs open and close, shops open and close, we want to broaden our horizons. If there is something that our customers want we're going to put it on the menu," he told me last week.

While recognizing what customers want — which are the apple fritters, French crullers, eclairs, buttermilk bars, and glazed donuts — Sean understands the importance of keeping things fresh in the donut shop, too. What better way to broaden your horizons than with a bacon maple log? You will find the bacon maple log, or simply the BML, on the top shelf along with D.K.'s other avant-garde creations.

One week there will be churros and the next week it may be crumb cake, or bread pudding, or something else. D.K.'s is like that box of chocolates. The one where you never know what you're gonna get. That is the fun of walking into D.K.s. You may see something new and exciting but you can still always fall back on that familiar old fashion.

"Our customers come back. They know what old fashion donuts are like. These are handmade. They're not made by a machine," Sean said.

"D.K.'s is a staple of Santa Monica. We're pro-Santa Monica, we're pro-small business. We don't like the corporate model. We keep it real. If you don't see it on our shelves, we'll probably make it for you."

D.K.'s certainly is a staple of Santa Monica. Perhaps it is not as famous as the Santa Monica Pier, but it has found its niche amongst the hospitals, car dealerships, offices, and residents in the surrounding area. It is always good to support your local businesses so why not do it with a bear claw, coffee, and a big grin on your face at D.K.'s?

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike. To reach him visit his Twitter at twitter.com/greaseweek or his website at Greaseweek.com.



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NICE SPREAD: **D.K.'s Donuts offers a wide variety of flavorful French crullers.**

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Huge pot bust in national forest

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U.S. Attorney Melinda Haag said Friday the two-week operation to purge the Mendocino National Forest of illicit pot gardens has uprooted 460,000 pot plants and led to more than 100 arrests.

The 900,000-acre forest — larger than Rhode Island — spans six counties in a region of mountains and forests known as the Emerald Triangle for its high concentration of pot farms.

Authorities say agents raided more than 50 gardens teeming with irrigation pipes and chemicals that damage forestland and waterways.

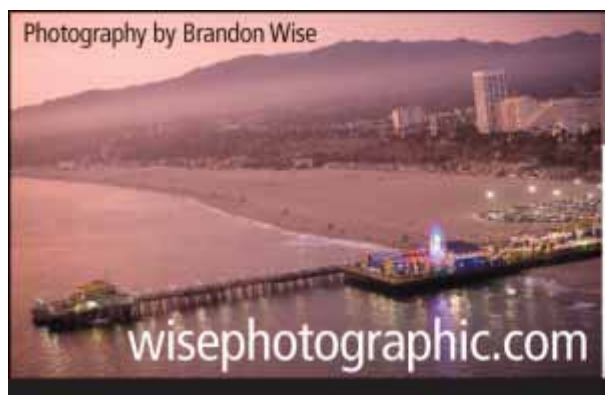
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DISTRICT
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in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District attend classes.

The Board of Education voted to submit a letter to the redistricting commission in an attempt to prevent just such an outcome, citing the need to maintain a "united voice and an ongoing strong relationship that allows the district to continue to improve student achievement and educational experiences."

The letter further stated that splitting the district between two state Senate districts could hurt the district's ability to keep a good working relationship with both city governments, and create confusion for voters.

Mayor Richard Bloom and former mayor Nathaniel Trives journeyed to Sacramento in mid-July to argue against the division of Santa Monica, Malibu and the Santa Monica Mountains, as well as a plan to divide Santa Monica itself between two districts.

While they succeeded in many of those aims, Bloom was disappointed by the separation of Santa Monica from its northwest neighbors.

It wasn't all bad news, however.

"From the perspective of Santa Monica, generally speaking, and in terms of the issues that the City Council has been concerned about, we were able to in all likelihood retain a district that is favorable to Congressman (Henry) Waxman. We're pleased about that," Bloom said.

Indeed, the congressional district did not change much from a draft released last week to the proposed final drafts put out Friday, but they are a huge departure from the district that exists today.

Rather than a wide, squat district that encompassed West Hollywood to the east, past Malibu to the northwest, Calabasas to the north and Santa Monica to the south, Waxman now shares space with fellow incumbent Adam Schiff in a district that runs west to Leo Carrillo State Beach, grabs Beverly Hills and runs in a thin strip down the coastline all the way to Palos Verdes.

West Hollywood is completely cut out.

On the state Assembly side of things, the district will expand west to encompass West Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Previously, it stretched further north, up into Oxnard.

Bloom, who announced that he would be running for the seat, said that he is fully comfortable with the new district.

"In fact, there are some areas that we've lost in the assembly district, notably Calabasas and Agoura (Hills), but we retained Malibu, Pacific Palisades and added Beverly Hills and West Hollywood. For me, these are all communities I'm very familiar with," Bloom said.

The inclusion of West Hollywood opens the competitive floodgates, however, by adding WeHo Mayor Jeffrey Prang into the 41st District melee.

It might be a good testing ground for yet another California measure, which allows the top two vote getters to compete in elections, rather than the top vote getter from each party.

The district swings heavily Democratic, and could give Republican voters a chance to vote for a pro-business Democrat that has a chance of winning rather than wasting a vote on a Republican, Hoffenblum said.

Although the maps are being hailed as "final," there's still a two-week window that closes Aug. 15 for members of the public to comment.

Redistricting Commissioner Maria Blanco, of Los Angeles, said that the public has not been shy so far in expressing their opinions of the process.

"We've received over 20,000 written comments. People have spoken to us through the press," Blanco said in a press conference. "We have received a lot of public comment."

Those who want to weigh in on the new maps can do so at www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov.

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BILLS
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tive," Brownley said. "Every once in a while, there's a physician or two that's not. This helps streamline that investigation process in helping to protect the patient."

The genesis of the bill came in almost nine years ago, when the Department of Consumer Affairs was asked to monitor and evaluate the Medical Board's procedures. The resulting report showed an issue of enforcement and a feeling that there was a long wait time to turn around complaints.

"AB 1127 was in response to that, in some sense," Brownley said.

The legislature also approved a joint resolution requesting that Congress put money behind school-based health centers.

Putting doctors in places where low-income students, or those not covered by health insurance, can get access to medical care is critical to keeping kids healthy, Brownley said.

"Having a school-based system where children and families come every single day is an appropriate portal for those services," she said.

In 1998, Brownley helped set the stage for a partnership between Santa Monica High School and the Venice Family Clinic, located on Pico Boulevard, to provide one such clinic on the high school campus.

The clinic operates on Mondays and Thursdays, for approximately three hours in the morning.

The legislature voted to support Congress in putting money, found in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, more commonly referred to as "Obamacare," or the No Child Left Behind Act, toward supporting the health centers.

"I certainly believe there is tremendous need out there, and it's an appropriate place to fund school-based health centers," Brownley said.

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MARKET
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ture. The $85 ticket includes a cocktail reception.

And for those who want to learn how the markets have evolved over the last 30 years, there will be a discussion with farmers, customers and friends on Aug. 11 at the Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The discussion starts at 7 p.m.

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DODGERS
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was to determine if title to the Dodgers is in Frank McCourt's name or if the team should be considered community property and sold.

Jamie McCourt believes the Dodgers to be worth at least $900 million, a figure she said could be much higher if not for the $600 million of debt carried by her former husband, according to court documents.

She's also critical of the money spent by Frank McCourt on litigation. Wasser notes Frank McCourt recently hired a New York law firm that has billed him $2.4 million in legal fees.

The bill "is just one of many exorbitant expenses necessary to fund Frank's ongoing jihad with MLB," Wasser said.

Jamie McCourt said she has paid nearly $10 million in attorneys' fees and her average monthly expenses total more than $720,000.

Frank McCourt said in court documents that he's spent about $600,000 over the past year on his own expenses and lodging, compared to $7.7 million he's paid Jamie McCourt in spousal support.

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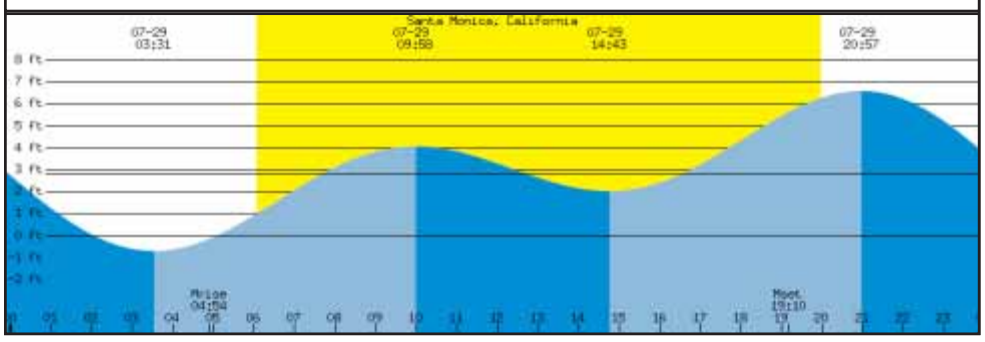
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

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- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 88
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 88

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	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
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	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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TENNIS

U.S. player Robert Kendrick banned for stimulant use

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON Former top-100 player Robert Kendrick of the United States was suspended for a year by the International Tennis Federation on Friday after testing positive for a banned stimulant at the French Open.

After failing the May 22 test, Kendrick said the stimulant got into his system because of a capsule he took to combat jet lag. He denied trying to enhance his performance. Kendrick lost in the first round at Roland Garros.

The ITF accepted his account, but said a player is responsible for any banned substance in his body. His suspension runs until May 21, 2012.

The 31-year-old Kendrick was born in California and lives in Florida. He reached a career-best ranking of 69th in 2009 and is currently 105th.

Methylhexaneamine has been at the center of numerous doping cases in recent months.

The World Anti-Doping Agency recently loosened the classification of the substance to the "specified stimulant" list, covering drugs that are more susceptible to inadvertent use and can carry reduced penalties.

Two South Africa rugby players recently tested positive for the stimulant. Last year, a dozen Indian athletes — including wrestlers, weightlifters and swimmers — tested positive for methylhexaneamine just before the Commonwealth Games and were banned.

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7:30pm

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5:30pm

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Zookeeper (PG) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
10:00am, 12:50pm, 3:45pm, 6:35pm, 9:35pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:10am, 1:05pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

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11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

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Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 26min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 7:30pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:05am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Smurfs (PG) 1hr 26min
10:45am, 1:20pm, 4:50pm, 10:10pm

Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs
10:55am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 5min
11:10am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:50pm

Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:35pm, 7:40pm, 10:45pm

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Trip (NR) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 9:40pm

Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
11:10am, 4:30pm

Page One: Inside the New York Times (R) 1hr 28min
11:00am

Project Nim (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:00am

Life in a Day (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

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Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 5min
11:20am, 12:45pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
3:55pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
10:45am, 11:45am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
10:30am, 2:25pm, 5:05pm, 7:35pm, 10:45pm

Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
12:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

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Defer, defer, defer, tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your immense creativity speaks to a different audience -- your loved ones and playmates. What a refreshing change from your work and dreary responsibilities. As you don your "let's be a kid" clothes, others affirm their joy at seeing you in this mood. Tonight: Let the fun continue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You know what you want to do, but will you be able to do it? A realization might give you reason to pause before you act. Think positively. Invite friends over for a fun picnic and/or barbecue. Tonight: The best times happen at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Hang with friends. You might be stunned by what becomes possible as the direct result of a conversation. A new beginning in a key area appears. You have reason to relax, knowing that a situation will be eliminated. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use your instincts well. You know what is happening behind the scenes. Understand how to apply your knowledge. Focus on the possibilities, which are many. You can or cannot spend a lot of money getting there. The level of money involved, believe it or not, is within your control. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ A new beginning becomes more than possible. You have reason to believe just that. Growth continues. You might want to stop to make sure you want to head in this direction. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Tap into that hidden reservoir where you enjoy being alone or off doing something not often shared with people. Extremes mark your thoughts. Are you going to carry them into action? Tonight: Weighing the pros and cons.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ What is wrong with spontaneity? Whether you are off finding friends, deciding to move in a new direction or buying a new car, you enjoy yourself. Let go; you don't need to push so hard. Tonight: Let your spirit soar.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others look to you and are ready to follow your lead. You still might want to drop in on a parent or older relative who might not be as upbeat as you. Note that a different quality appears in your relationship. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Go for that brass ring in the sky. You know what you want. Go off and create much more fun through living out certain events and realities. You are all smiles, living life to the max being adventurous, if only mentally! Tonight: Follow the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A partner decides the time has come to change directions and goals. The unexpected at home could rock your foundation. You might decide to do something in another way or style because of input. You might like the end results. Tonight: Go with a fun suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you are at the mercy of others. You really aren't, but you are on a fun and bumpy path to make plans and get together with others. Be less rigid, and stress levels will dissolve. Tonight: Defer, defer, defer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Examine the alternatives, and come to a quick conclusion. You don't want to spend today overthinking. Go off and enjoy yourself. On the other hand, take advantage of a financial opportunity, but don't go overboard. Tonight: Just relax with the moment.

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

Happy birthday

A New Moon on your birthday points to different options. Understand what is going on in your life and opt for a new beginning where you would like one. This year, you can turn your life around in one specific area or in several areas. It is your choice. You have far more control than you are aware. If you are single, you draw admirers like honey draws bears. Know that and act like it. If you are attached, you seem to get your way even more than in the past. Remember, it takes two to tango, and it takes two to have a relationship. A fellow LEO can be quite challenging.



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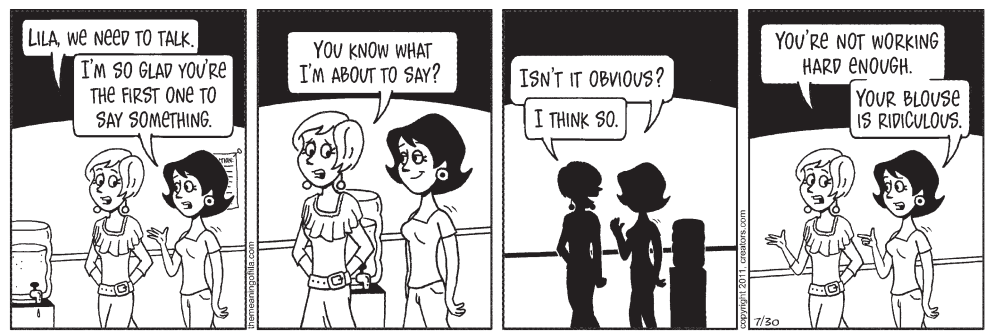
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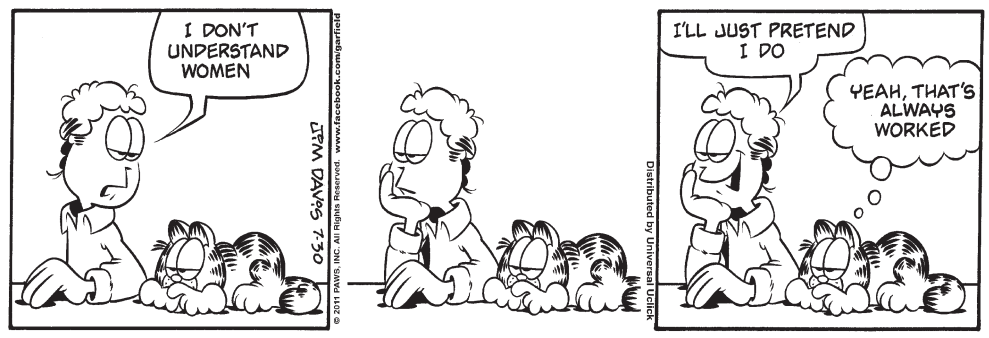
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Convincing
7 Concord
11 Completely obscure
12 Promise
13 Good name
14 Candidate of 2000
15 Neighborhoods
16 Rumaki wrapper
17 Ultimate
18 Walk-up dweller
19 Soprano instrument
21 Calendar box
22 Chickpeas
25 Stimpy's pal
26 Out of the wind
27 Ultimate goal
29 Recite the rosary
33 Strand unit
34 Radiated
35 River of Italy
36 Sri Lanka, formerly
37 Scratching post users
38 Collar
39 Painter Paul
40 Large amount

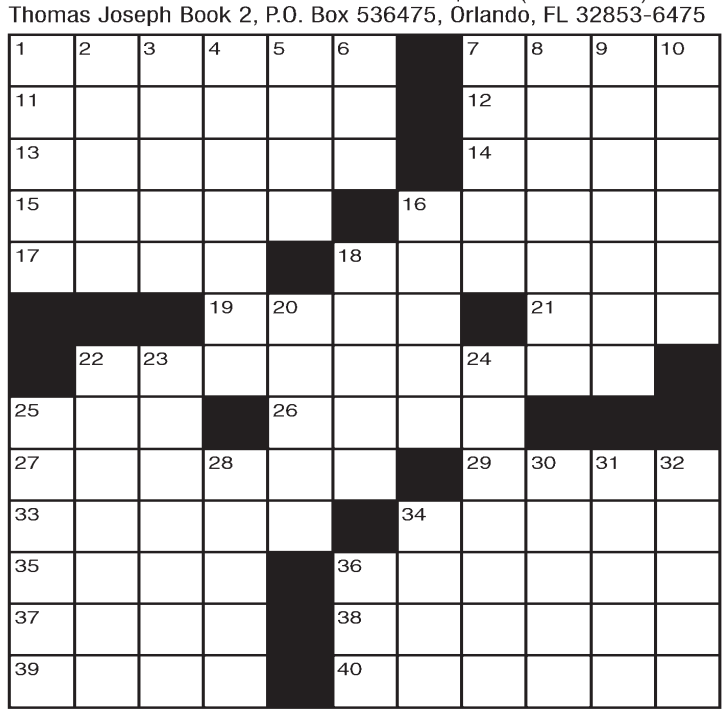
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1 Deep pink
2 Met show
3 Stares in shock
4 Earth circler
5 "Doggone!"
6 Casual top
7 Heathen
8 Green hue
9 Long cigars
10 ATM bill
16 Designer Geoffrey
18 "... and — a good night"
20 Hoops
22 Army bigwig
23 Moderately slow
24 Light breezes
25 Prepare for a return trip
28 Happened
30 Parts
31 Winning margin, perhaps
32 1983 Streisand movie
34 Blood fluids
36 Pinnacle

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Great Pacific Garbage Patch has become an increasingly larger and more permanent part of the ocean -- plastic and other floatables, along with concentrations of chemical sludge, estimated to measure from 0.4 percent to 8 percent of the entire Pacific and responsible for disruptions of the food chain affecting various species of aquatic life. Now, thanks to the March tsunami near Japan, the estimated 25 million tons of debris from cars, homes, appliances, shipping containers, chemicals, etc., from coastal Fukushima that washed back out to sea will soon be caught in the same Pacific swirls, in what a French environmental group forecast would be a pair of ocean-navigating journeys that will last at least 10 years, gradually breaking off and joining (thus substantially enlarging) the two distinct legs of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

■ Bruce Damon, attempting to work a plea bargain in February (1992) to charges that he knocked off a bank in Whitman, Mass., argued to the judge that the 8- to 15-year term suggested by the prosecutor was way too long. Damon cited an article from the Brockton Enterprise newspaper showing that the bank had enjoyed record earnings in the months after the robbery and expected to continue doing well. Said Damon, "I didn't hurt this bank at all." (When the judge asked Damon if he would rob banks again if he were free, Damon replied, "I'd like to plead the Fifth Amendment on that.")

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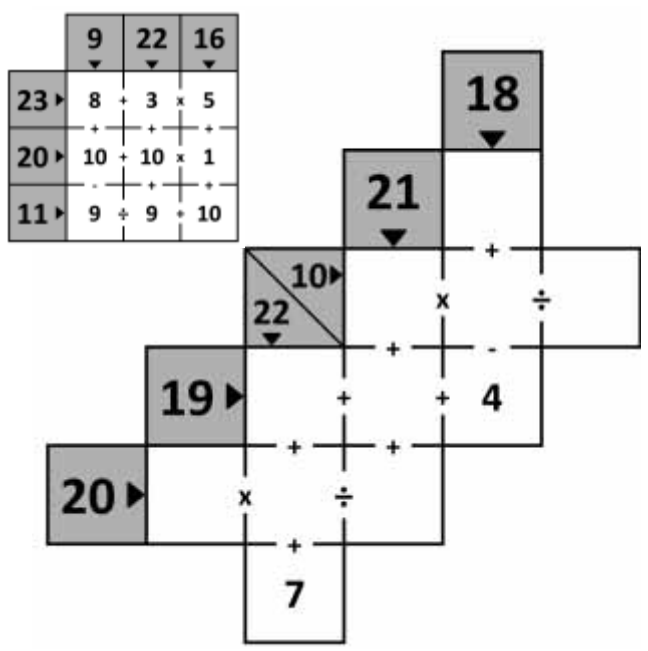
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