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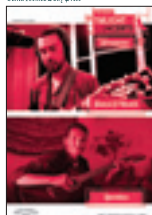
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COOL DUDE

A young boy travels down an inflatable slide during the National Night Out event at the Civic Center parking lot on Tuesday. The event, hosted by the Santa Monica Police Department, is intended to promote community involvement in crime prevention.

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Gehry acknowledges concerns, wins ARB's support for hotel

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVE Famed architect Frank Gehry said Monday he realizes there are issues with his luxury hotel proposal for the corner of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard that aren't "trivial" and need to be considered seriously.

"I've lived in this town for a long time and want to do something special," Gehry said during a meeting of the Architectural

Review Board.

He called his design "porous and open."

Gehry and his staff gave a preliminary review of the proposed hotel at 101 Santa Monica Blvd. to the board members, all of whom voiced support for the project. The 22-story luxury hotel, referred to as the "Ocean Avenue Project," includes 125 hotel rooms and 22 condominiums as well as two stories of ground-floor restaurants and retail.

Developers have also planned a 36,000-

square-foot art museum immediately north of the site that will incorporate two landmarked structures and a new museum building, also designed by Gehry. A three-floor, 460-space subterranean parking garage will fit underneath.

Gehry said the proposal tries to make a "sculptural relationship with the other buildings surrounding it." He said the retail floor is not ready for prime time just yet.

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Officials trying to make room for seniors at lunch table

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Come Sept. 1, Santa Monica's seniors will get priority seating at the lunch table and those living outside the city by the sea will have to start paying for their meals under a change to a City Hall-subsidized program.

Officials with WISE & Healthy Aging, which administers the free or reduced-price lunch program, said the change is in response to a number of Santa Monica seniors who can't access lunch due to the unavailability of seating. Instead, seats have been taken up by out-of-area seniors.

To give locals priority, WISE will no longer accept Los Angeles County funding and is terminating its contract with a community-based organization hired by the county to run the lunch program. WISE will instead rely solely on City Hall funding to provide meals to Santa Monica seniors. In fiscal year 2010-11, City Hall granted WISE \$227,870 for the meals program.

Seniors who are out-of-area are in the process of receiving notices about the change. They will still be able to eat lunches at Santa Monica sites, but they will not be given priority seating and will have to pay \$4.50 for the meal. They can also choose to go to a county-funded site closer to where they live.

"There's only a finite number of seats available," Grace Cheng Braun, CEO and president of WISE & Healthy Aging, said. "Our Board of Directors felt very strongly, from a geography standpoint, seniors who live in Santa Monica should have access to lunch and they should not have to drive out of town or take a bus out of town in order to have lunch. Those who are out of town are bypassing sites and that's their choice."

At the end of this month, WISE will terminate its contract with Oldtimers Foundation, which provides services to Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, to provide meals for Santa Monica. Instead, the nonprofit will continue to use funding from

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What's Up Westside

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Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013

To your health

Westside Family Health Center
1711 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

A health fair with free health screen-
ings, nutrition information, games
and prizes will be held in an early
celebration of National Health
Center Week, which lasts
from Aug. 11-17.

Get chopping

Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Get creative with food. Use your
culinary creativity to make a sponta-
neous dish. Secret ingredient to be
revealed at event. Grades 5 and up.
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Getting specific on Downtown

City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be
discussing the Downtown Specific
Plan, which will guide development
in the area for decades. For more
information, visit smgov.net.

Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013

How to paint with acrylics

Paint Lab
2912 Main St., 4 p.m.
The Paint Lab is holding a workshop
to introduce attendees to one of the
most common forms of paint. The
cost of the class is \$48 plus the
cost of the canvas. Attendees are
asked to call (310) 450-9200 to
reserve a spot and bring a picture of
what they want to paint.

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Summer picnic

Annenberg Community
Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Bring your own dinner for a commu-
nity picnic at the Beach House.
Sports equipment and games will be
available for use. There will also be
a cookie baking contest. Those who
wish to participate are invited to
reserve a spot for the contest at the
Beach House website — [beach-
house.smgov.net](http://beach-house.smgov.net). The winner will
receive a certificate for one class at
the Gourmandise School of Sweets
and Savories.

Rent Control discussion

City Council Chamber
1685 Main St., 6 p.m.
The Rent Control Board is having its
regular meeting this week. The
board and Rent Control Agency are
in charge of managing residential
rents, preserving rental housing and
limiting the grounds for eviction,
among other duties. For more infor-
mation visit [smgov.net/depart-
ments/RentControl](http://smgov.net/depart-
ments/RentControl).

Development agreement meeting

Ken Edwards Center
1527 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
City officials are holding a develop-
ment agreement meeting for the
proposed housing project located at
1560 Lincoln Blvd. where there is
currently a Denny's. The proposal
includes five stories and a total of
103,000 square feet. There are 100
total units. For more information,
contact Denise Smith at (310) 458-
8341 or visit the Department of
Planning and Community
Development at smgov.net/departments/pcd.



Jury begins deliberations in 'Whitey' Bulger trial

DENISE LAVOIE

AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON Jurors began their deliberations Tuesday in the trial of James "Whitey" Bulger, the reputed crime boss who is accused of

participating in 19 murders during a two-decade reign over Boston's underworld.

The jury deliberated for nearly six hours before being dismissed for the day. Deliberations will resume Wednesday morning.

Bulger is charged with orchestrating or

committing the killings during the 1970s and '80s while he allegedly led the notorious Winter Hill Gang, a crew of mostly Irish-American gangsters.

Bulger was one of the nation's most wanted fugitives after he fled Boston in 1994

ahead of an indictment. During his 16 years on the run, his secret relationship with the FBI as an informant was revealed, embarrassing the FBI and exposing corruption

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Lawyer: Deadly boardwalk crash 'horrible accident'

MICHAEL R. BLOOD

SARAH PARVINI

LOS ANGELES A lawyer for a Colorado man charged Tuesday with murder and assault for allegedly driving his car through a weekend throng on the Venice Beach boardwalk said it was an accident that has left his client devastated.

"I don't believe he intentionally tried to hit anybody," said public defender Philip Dube, who is representing Nathan Louis Campbell, 38.

"He's profoundly sad, he is profoundly depressed, that he has potentially ended somebody's life," Dube said outside the courthouse, after Campbell entered a not guilty plea. "I think this was a horrible accident."

A felony complaint outlined 34 counts against Campbell, saying he acted willfully. However, it provided no explanation for why he allegedly maneuvered around a vehicle barrier early Saturday evening and plowed into tourists and vendors on the popular walkway along the Pacific.

Italian newlywed Alice Gruppioni, 32, who was on her honeymoon, was killed, and 16 other people were injured.

Campbell was charged with one count of murder, 16 counts of assault with a deadly weapon, and 17 counts of hit-and-run.

If convicted, he could face life in prison. Bail was set at \$1.48 million.

Campbell appeared briefly in court, handcuffed in blue prison garb, with his graying hair disheveled. He sat with his hands folded in his lap and only said "I do" and "yes sir" while responding to questions.

Dube told reporters there was no indication that drugs or alcohol were involved, and

he said he was unaware of any history of mental illness with his client.

"He is very fragile. He is very frail right now," Dube said.

Police said Campbell has been in California only a short time, and it's not clear what brought him to Venice Beach on the summer weekend. Only a sketchy picture of him has emerged. He had no fixed address and no state driver's license, and police have found no evidence he was working in the state.

Campbell has ties to Colorado, where he lived as recently as last year. He was evicted from his apartment in Denver for not paying \$655 in rent in March 2012, records show.

He was sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty to shoplifting at a Denver supermarket in February 2009. Five months later, he was accused of trespassing at an outdoor mall in Denver and sentenced to 10 days in jail, but instead served time in a sheriff's work program, said Melissa Drazen-Smith, assistant director of prosecutions at the Denver city attorney's office.

All of his infractions occurred in businesses along a downtown walking mall, an area that is also a magnet for homeless people.

She said Campbell is listed in one record as being a temporary laborer.

Investigators believe Campbell, who was arrested after walking into a police station several hours after Saturday's rampage, was driving his own car, Los Angeles police Cmdr. Andrew Smith said.

"I think we can safely say, when he turned himself in ... he implicated himself in the

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Ian Murray waves a peace flag during the Hiroshima Remembrance and Candlelight Peace Vigil on Tuesday evening. The vigil was held next to the 'Chain Reaction' sculpture.



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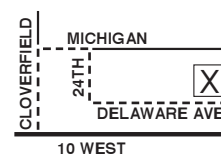
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Seeking answers

Editor:

Mr. Epstein,
I have no way of knowing who actually drafted that "letter" on the back cover of Friday's SMDP. Whether it was you or your public relations firm, it really doesn't matter. You're basically recycling the same real estate development B.S. we've all heard before.

Addressing a note to "Dear Friends and Neighbors" immediately sounds like the very essence of sucking up. I don't speak for others but I'm certainly not your friend and, thankfully, I'm not an immediate neighbor. So I won't have to deal with the possible chaos of your monstrous condo/hotel project and all the noise it may create.

As soon as I saw the Miramar Hotel logo at the top of the ad, I was waiting to see how many times the Moreton Bay fig tree would be mentioned. You managed to work that in twice in a brief ad; somewhat of a relief considering how many times it was mentioned in that ridiculous brochure distributed awhile back.

Once again, you claim that "The Miramar Hotel has served as the western gateway to Downtown Santa Monica" What a ludicrous and pathetic claim. There are numerous "gateways" into Santa Monica. Please spare us any more of that nonsense.

The only "continuing dialogue" you're having with the community is with the four pro-development circus clowns on the City Council. They're either going to be recalled or replaced in the next election.

As far as the so-called "benefits of the Miramar Plan," my comments are these:

- Tripling on-site parking with an underground garage. Wow, really? So what you're actually saying is you'll be tripling (at the very least) the number of car trips to the property. How many spaces out of that total will be reserved for those condo residents who, in all likelihood, will have at least one vehicle and possibly two. How many total employees and how many parking spaces do they get? And how many rooms will the hotel have and how many of those "tripled" parking spaces will be set aside for them?

- Creating new, well-paid union jobs in Santa Monica. That brings up the question of how many similar jobs are there now, how many more will there be and what is the salary range of those union jobs?

- Generating over \$5.1 million a year in new revenue for city programs and services. Where do these figures come from? You or an independent assessment of the situation? And how much revenue does the hotel generate now?

- Building new affordable housing. I hear this claim a lot from the developers who are "raping" this city with oversized projects more suitable to other areas. How many units fall into this nebulous category of "affordable housing" and what exactly will the rents be?

- Preserving the historic Palisades Building. Given the other p.r. nonsense, I shudder to think what your idea of "preservation" actually is.

- Creating new open space and gardens that visually tie to Palisades Park. Geez, really? A whole visual tie-in? That would sound impressive if it actually meant something.

- Protecting the historic Moreton Bay fig tree for future generations. I'm glad the tree is being saved. How generous of you and Mr. Dell.

And please spare us the use of the term "traffic neutral." There is no such thing unless you can magically prevent the use of a single car or truck being used by residents, guests or employees of your proposed project.

As for your claim of "restoring the Miramar as one of the premier luxury destinations in Southern California," wait while I find an air sickness bag. That's another absurd and outrageous claim that has zero to do with anything.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht

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Tax savings for medium-sized companies

LAST TIME I WROTE ABOUT BILL, A successful businessman making between \$300,000 and \$500,000, but who was still struggling to make ends meet. He was able to reduce his tax bite by forming a family "C" corporation.

On the other end of the scale are the big multi-national companies like Exxon and Apple, that put away billions of dollars in untaxed profits. They do that by setting up companies in low or no-tax countries, and allowing the profits of those companies to remain there. If they repatriate those profits they must pay U.S. tax on them. Some legislators are now suggesting a tax holiday for those funds on a one-time basis, to get the trillion dollars or so sitting out there untaxed back into the United States where at least the profits on those funds will eventually be taxed.

But others are looking for a legal way to tax profits in another country. That's not so easy. Between these two prominent tax-saving opportunities is one that many of the large public companies also use, but is also suitable for smaller companies or even individuals that earn a million dollars or so, at least substantially more than they need for living purposes. This is called a "captive insurance company."

At one time your legislators decided to put into law an incentive for companies to insure against risks that normal insurance companies will not insure. For example, it would be difficult or impossible to find an insurance company that would insure against the risk of losing your major client. And many malpractice companies have limits of around \$3 million, while the risk of a larger judgment against a brain surgeon or large law firm might be much greater.

So the law allows an operating business to establish its own insurance company. Let's, for example, take the All States Shipping Company, or "All" for short. All is very successful and earns about \$3 million net each year after paying a handsome salary to its owner, Sam, who is also the president and chairman of the board. All has been paying about \$1 million in tax, and investing the balance each year. To reduce this tax bite, on the advice of its attorney, All has set up a captive insurance company in Delaware. It could have set it up in a number of states, or even in an offshore jurisdiction like Puerto Rico or the Bahamas. However, Delaware has friendly captive legislation, an efficient Department of Insurance and low fees. The cost of setting up the captive was about \$50,000, which was tax deductible.

In that same year, All paid \$1.2 million as a premium to its captive insurance company. The stock, and therefore the ownership of the captive company, is held by Sam's family trust. Due to the payment of the \$1.2 million premium, All's state and federal taxes

were reduced by about \$400,000.

Under the Internal Revenue Code provision governing captive insurance companies, none of the \$1.2 million is taxable to the captive. This process can continue each year. Sam plans to continue it for 10 years, by which time All will have saved \$4 million in taxes. With any luck, the captive will not have to pay much in claims because the risks it insures are unlikely to occur. Also, All is not required to make claims. So at the end of 10 years there should be about \$12 million on hand, plus the after-tax profits it earns from its cash on hand. At an average of \$6 million per year invested, earning perhaps 5 percent, that would be an additional \$300,000 in after-tax dollars per year, or another \$3.6 million, for a total estimated cash on hand (or investments) of \$15.6 million dollars. During the 10-year period there will have been annual maintenance costs of, say, \$600,000, so about \$15 million should be left. Without the captive, All could have invested about \$800,000 per year and ended up with \$8 million plus about \$2 million in after-tax profits, for a total of \$10 million in after-tax dollars.

At the end of the 10-year period, Sam can liquidate the captive and pay a capital gain tax on the cash and assets distributed to his trust. The tax will be at the advantageous capital gain rate, which is currently under review but can be estimated to be about 20 percent (federal only) in years to come, or about \$3 million, leaving about \$12 million instead of \$8 million without the captive.

The bottom line is that there was a 10-year period where substantial taxes were deferred and used to build up assets in a wholly owned corporation. The taxes, when paid, were at a rate roughly one-half of what would have otherwise been paid. All was able to take advantage of a very favorable tax provision in the current law. And, as we all know, a penny saved is at least a penny earned.

In addition to income taxes, there are other potential benefits. For example, instead of having Sam's family trust own the captive, Sam could have the captive owned by his children's trust. That means that, in effect, each year's \$1.2 million premium was a disguised gift from Sam to his children. As a result, the entire \$15 million would be outside of his taxable estate, saving \$6 million in estate tax. Also, the \$15 million in the captive would be protected from creditors of Sam, All, and his children, a wonderful benefit in our litigious society.

All in all, a tremendous combination of potential benefits.

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You don't want it, but it's a bargain

SUPPOSE YOU ARE OFFERED A BARGAIN on a pair of well-made shoes. You can have the new footwear at half price. The catch? They don't fit and the discount is partially paid for through your tax dollars.

This is the kind of deal the public is being offered on some alternative energy vehicles. It is estimated that the Chevy Volt costs General Motors as much as \$89,000 to manufacture, while it sells for \$39,995. But the actual cost to the consumer is further reduced after a \$7,500 federal income tax credit, and for California residents, another rebate of \$2,500 from the state.

The Volt was introduced in 2010, with much ballyhoo, as the first plug-in U.S. hybrid. But Chevy has sold barely 20,000 vehicles. The public remains skeptical about this and other plug-in vehicles that take hours to charge, have short range and are served by few public charging stations. These cars don't look nearly so good when their still high price — even after subsidies — is considered and they are compared with the newer, more fuel efficient and reliable gasoline powered vehicles. The fact is that there is only a minuscule market for these plug-ins even when sold at below their cost to manufacture.

Some like to point to the all-electric Tesla as a success story, but a fully equipped model can cost north of \$100,000 and even after heavy taxpayer subsidies, it is well beyond the budget of most of the motoring public.

Currently the Legislature is mulling over additional tax incentives of nearly a \$1,000, to further stimulate the purchase of electric vehicles, which raises a question for taxpayers. As alternative fuel vehicle companies continue to flounder, how far should government go in committing tax dollars to subsidize technology that is not market ready? Those in government, who seem to be blind to the wishes of their constituents, as well as economic principals, will argue that they are merely legislating progress and that subsidizing behavior with taxpayers' hard-

earned money is appropriate.

However, it should be remembered that the gasoline powered automobile superseded the horse without being subsidized because it proved its advantages over time. As time goes on and the new transportation technologies are improved, refined, and shown to provide good value, consumers will embrace them and this market acceptance will not require the intervention of government bureaucrats.

AS ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE COMPANIES CONTINUE TO FLOUNDER, HOW FAR SHOULD GOVERNMENT GO IN COMMITTING TAX DOLLARS TO SUBSIDIZE TECHNOLOGY THAT IS NOT MARKET READY?

Those in government should stop engaging in magical thinking and believing in the fallacy that they can legislate outcomes in both technology and the marketplace. If this were possible, then politicians could pass a bill to require manufacturers to produce gravity defying boots to improve our daily commute. At least these, at half price, might be a genuine bargain.

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TRIAL FROM PAGE 3

within the bureau.

Bulger, now 83, was finally captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011, where he had been living in a rent-controlled apartment near the beach with his longtime girlfriend.

In a 32-count racketeering indictment, Bulger is accused of being a hands-on boss who killed anyone he saw as a potential rival or danger to the gang. He is accused of shooting or strangling some of the victims himself. In other cases, he allegedly ordered the slayings, or participated in some other way.

He is also accused of making millions by extorting drug dealers, bookmakers and legitimate businessmen by threatening to hurt or kill them or their families.

Bulger's lawyers strongly denied that Bulger was ever an informant and told jurors

the government's three main witnesses — all once-loyal Bulger cohorts — were pathological liars who blamed Bulger for crimes they committed so they could get reduced sentences.

In her instructions to jurors, the judge said they should consider whether certain witnesses received benefits from the government and whether they could have a motive to make up stories.

"You may believe all of the testimony of a witness or some of it or none of it," Casper said.

The jury heard testimony from 72 witnesses during the eight-week trial.

Bulger faces a maximum sentence of life plus 30 years, the same sentence his former partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, is now serving.

In addition to racketeering charges, Bulger is charged with extortion, conspiracy, and multiple money-laundering and weapons counts.

VENICE FROM PAGE 3

Venice incident," Smith has said.

Earlier Tuesday, the Los Angeles City Council called for new street barriers to block unwanted vehicles from getting onto the boardwalk. A motion, approved unanimously, urged police and city officials to immediately erect temporary barriers at the most dangerous intersections along the boardwalk, which draws tens of thousands of visitors on weekends.

The council also asked for a two-week study that will assess where to install permanent posts or other barriers to keep cars away from pedestrians.

When Gruppioni was hit, her husband, Christian Casadei, was at her side. He suffered minor injuries.

In a statement Monday, Casadei called his

wife "an immense gift: a gift that no one can ever understand. She gave happiness and joy to anyone who had the luck to know her."

One person was critically injured and two others were taken to hospitals in serious condition. The 13 others all received less severe injuries.

Police said Campbell initially parked outside a hotel and surveyed the boardwalk, where hundreds of people were sitting at cafes, walking along the seashore or shopping for jewelry, art or other items at vending stands.

Surveillance video showed a driver getting into the Dodge, steering around a vehicle barrier and careening through the crowd.

Witnesses said the car was traveling at least 35 mph. It later turned up on a side street less than 2 miles away.

A makeshift boardwalk memorial for Gruppioni included a note in Italian expressing condolences and a painting that reads, "Venice loves you, Alice."

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IN THE WORKS: This Frank Gehry-designed hotel is planned for Ocean Avenue.

HOTEL FROM PAGE 1

M. David Paul Associates and the Worthe Real Estate Group have been planning the development for the past six years.

Development is a significant concern for many residents and city officials, who are in the process of setting guidelines for development in Downtown and near Bergamot Station. There are those who feel buildings should be restricted in height and scale to maintain Santa Monica's character and preserve ocean views and sea breezes. Balancing that with the need to remain a vibrant city is the challenge for city planners.

Many of the buildings in Downtown fall within the two- to five-story range. That prompted designers to set the hotel's main tower, which hits 244 feet, back from the street edge and create a two-story building at the base to prevent the ever-dreaded canyon feel and avoid problems with shadows.

Architects chose to go with a white material to play off of other prominent Santa Monica buildings, and attempted to marry an art deco feel with Gehry's distinctive style. The finished product looks like the tall building is rippling in a stiff ocean breeze, like a sail.

Tensho Takemori, partner at Gehry Partners LLP, presented the board members with renderings of what the proposed hotel would look like. He also introduced the concept of an open-air atrium in relation to the museum campus to the board members.

Bob Bronstein, project manager with Worthe Real Estate Group, said Tuesday what the atrium would look like is still under development.

"The only thing we shared last night, in terms of change to the museum campus, was

the introduction of an open-air atrium, which provided some communication to the lower floor where the exhibition space would be accessed," Bronstein said. He added the design for the hotel proposal was "evolving."

Board member Kevin Michael Daly, who endorsed the proposal, said he questioned the 135-foot height standard that's being considered for the Downtown Specific Plan, which will dictate how land is used for decades. He said he thought it was a poorly considered height. He gave examples of cities like Vancouver, Canada that use height and carefully design buildings to enrich not only the structures themselves, but the areas around them.

"By any sort of conventional standards, this isn't a tall building," Daly said.

Board member Margaret Griffin said she wanted to go on the record to allow the building to go above the 135-foot height standard. She said it was a precedent setting project in the city.

"I think if this project was limited to 135 feet, you would lose the kind of lightness and openness at the base that you currently get, which is one of its greatest assets," Griffin said. "A height limit would really do a disservice to the attributes we are being shown here tonight."

Board Chair Lynn Robb said the fear of height doesn't always correspond to the knowledge of the gains that can be made when intelligently utilizing height. She said if someone else with less imagination was utilizing the site, the proposed structure would just look massive.

"I want to see more Gehry-ness," Robb said.

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Surf Forecasts

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WEDNESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high
Minor SW swell leftovers

THURSDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high
Minor SW swell; new SSW swell starts to creep in late

FRIDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-3 ft ankle to waist high
New SSW swell fills in

SATURDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft thigh to waist high
Modest SSW swell tops out late; Plus sets for tops pots; stay tuned

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Number of wet days -- 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Camille Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.			Will Rogers State Beach at Palgu Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
(I) Prosceller State Beach, between Lachosa and Los Aliso creeks.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Excelsior Canyon at (I) Metador State Beach.	B	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque).	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancos Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rancho Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Escamille Creek, just east of Escamille State Beach.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Salvatore Canyon at San Becker County Beach.	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Winwood Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Sunrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Sunrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	ns	Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint zone).	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Paseo Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	ns	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).	A	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	ns	ns	Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	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			

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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LUNCH

FROM PAGE 1

City Hall's Community Grants Program to serve Santa Monica seniors lunches.

In this fiscal year, 426 seniors registered for the lunch program, of which 237 were Santa Monica residents. Of the 237 Santa Monicans, only half are able to actually get in to eat a lunch, according to statistics from WISE & Healthy Aging. The total number of meals served was 33,233, of which 19,085 were served to Santa Monica residents, stats showed. That's about 57 percent, Cheng Braun said.

Out-of-area seniors come from as far as the San Fernando Valley, Hollywood, Beverly Hills and Inglewood to eat at Santa Monica sites, Cheng Braun said.

She said out-of-area seniors are choosing to bypass between one to three county-funded sites to eat in Santa Monica because it's by the beach and close to all the attractions that draw tourists every year. She said the meals at Santa Monica sites also taste better.

The current policy allows any senior 60 years of age and older who is a Los Angeles County resident and registered in the Elderly Nutrition Program to eat lunch at a county-funded site. Seniors are given lunch at various locations including the Ken Edwards Center and at Reed and Virginia Avenue parks. The Elderly Nutrition Program also includes home-delivered meals for seniors of limited financial means.

For more than two decades, the city of Santa Monica administered the county's Elderly Nutrition Program before WISE & Healthy Aging took it over five years ago, Cheng Braun said.

That changed 14 months ago when another organization, Oldtimers Foundation, won the contract and then hired WISE & Healthy Aging to provide lunches for the Santa Monica area, Cheng Braun said.

Margaret Willis, human services administrator with City Hall, said her office was approached by WISE and heard complaints from the community about the lunch program. She said making sure local needs are met with local dollars was a priority at City Hall.

"We felt like it was really tragic that folks could not access this free meal program in



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YUM: Kathy Osburn prepares meals for seniors at the Ken Edwards Center in May.

their own community," Willis said.

She said change was going to be hard for the seniors who come from out of town, and some seniors may choose not to pay the fee and go to another county site that's closer to their homes. But she said there could be other seniors, who have been coming to the sites for years, and have friends there and can pay the fee.

"We are confident those folks will not go hungry," Willis said.

Nancy Volpert, director of public policy at Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, said she hasn't seen an overall reduction in demand in senior meals through any of the congregate meal sites she works with. Jewish Family Service, a charitable organization that helps the hungry and vulnerable, continues to experience a need in the community for seniors and older adults who are hungry.

She said the last time she spoke to the senior nutrition director, the organization was still experiencing high demand in West Hollywood and other locations. Those other senior center locations include North Hollywood, Los Angeles and Venice.

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HEAD HOME TONIGHT, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could feel challenged by a boss or parent you respect a lot, but who can become very controlling. It seems to be this person's way or the highway. Meanwhile, your emotions might flow into your personal life. You will be doing a juggling act of sorts. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Your perspective could change radically after a discussion forces your hand. You might wonder how you are going to be able to cover all the ground you need to cover. Listen to news from a friend. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Use extreme caution with your finances. You could be juggling more than you normally would like. Your ability to get past problems is well known. You have an extraordinary amount of resilience, but why push it? A partner clearly wants what he or she wants. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ You might be in a positive, buoyant mood, but a friend could be in the mood to play power games. Use caution with your word choice. The only way to win a power play is not to play; don't give this person any type of reaction. Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might want to express your dismay at everything that is happening. You will want to take your time and sort out how much you are projecting into the situation, as well as how much is directed at you. Tonight: Do what you can, and don't put any unnecessary pressure on yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might want to consider taking a different approach or finding a new way of dealing with a rebellious -- and sometimes vindictive -- loved one. You certainly do not seem to be getting the results you desire. Tonight: Hang with people who have positive vibes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to try a new approach and avoid having to deal with a very grumpy associate. You could find that you are overwhelmed by everything you have to do. Tonight: Head home first.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You understand people who are controlling better than they understand themselves -- possibly because you have the same trait. If you detach, you could find this situation amusing. Tonight: Chat the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ You could feel as if you are right about a money venture and everyone else is wrong. Truth be told, you are your best and biggest supporter, so follow your instincts. If you care about your relationships, try to see the validity in what others share. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could be pushing people away left and right with your authoritarian attitude. Try to minimize this behavior, even if you are the boss. If you do, others will demonstrate more resilience. Think before you speak. Tonight: Accept a dear friend's or loved one's offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ You might want to try something else or do something differently. You might witness, or perhaps even participate, in the clash of wills around you. Sometimes it is difficult for you to pull away from such intensity. It would serve you well to do so now. Tonight: With a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your plans could go up in smoke because one person wants things one way and someone else wants it his or her way. You might need to use your unusual resourcefulness in order to find a resolution. Everyone will be happier as a result. Tonight: Work till the wee hours.

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

This year you could be unusually optimistic and forward-looking. Sometimes you want to radically change your life in some key way. Other times, you might want to keep the status quo, as you know how to make various parts of your life run in sync together. If single, you are able to meet many people. It is likely that you could meet and be attracted to someone who might be emotionally unavailable. Resist jumping in before you really know this person. If attached, the two of you will benefit from taking some romantic weekends alone. LEO is always friendly. Look past that behavior when dealing with one.

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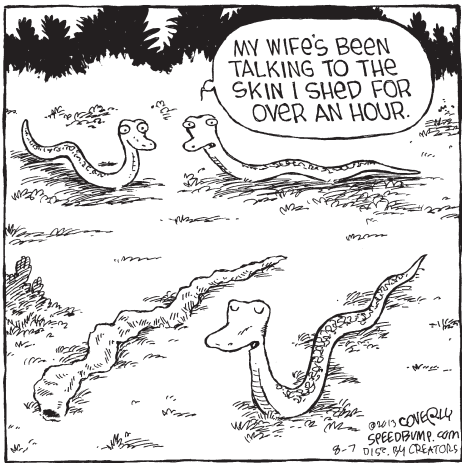
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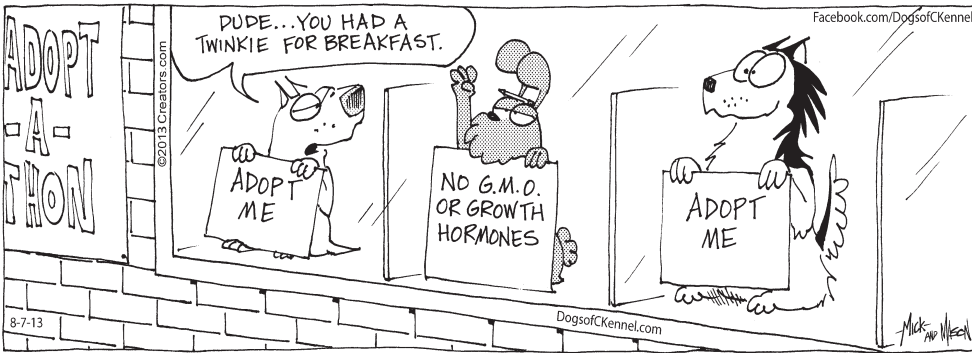
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Sudoku

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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3		9					1	
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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

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

- 1 Rum-soaked cake
- 5 Wood strip
- 9 Scrub, as a mission
- 11 Indistinct
- 12 In a way, informally
- 13 Plain silly
- 14 Holm of "The Hobbit"
- 15 Brought into existence
- 17 Sounded like old floor-boards
- 19 Towel embroidery
- 20 Nitwits
- 21 "Oh, wow!"
- 22 Nervous
- 24 Energy
- 26 Big name in TV talk
- 29 Pouchlike part
- 30 Folded
- 32 Like some corn
- 34 Debate side
- 35 1836 battle site
- 36 Labor group
- 38 One of Lear's daughters
- 39 XXX material

DOWN

- 40 Plan part
- 41 Sunset setting
- 1 No-frills
- 2 On the train
- 3 World's third-largest island
- 4 Museum subject
- 5 Turner of Hollywood
- 6 Hercule's creator
- 7 Radio show come-on
- 8 Obeys
- 10 Add
- 11 Competed
- 16 Do museum work
- 18 Cain's father
- 21 Pianist Hess
- 23 Accelerated
- 24 Knave
- 25 Glacial period
- 27 Have ambitions

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Yesterday's answer

- 16 Do museum work
- 18 Cain's father
- 21 Pianist Hess
- 23 Accelerated
- 24 Knave
- 25 Glacial period
- 27 Have ambitions
- 28 Wading birds
- 29 Battle mementos
- 30 "You know you want to!"
- 31 Words of prohibition
- 33 "Do I need to draw you —?"
- 37 Immediately

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Draw Date: 8/6
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2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:48.29

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Shenzhen, China, one of the country's richest cities, services are being openly advertised by "wet nurses" to supply adults with breast milk, either directly from the source or after pumping (and purchased by either the infirm or just rich people overconcerned with nourishment). These milk "suppliers" can earn at least four times the average personal income, with healthy, attractive women earning even more, of course, according to a July Agence France-Presse dispatch. Comments on China's social media ranged from "It's just a business" to "People become perverts when they are too rich and tire of other forms of entertainment." ■ Megachurch bishop Ira V. Hilliard told his Sugarland, Texas, congregation (New Light Christian Center) in June that one of his two private aircraft -- a helicopter valued at about \$1 million -- needs new blades, but rather than pay it himself, he asked parishioners to each find it in their hearts to send him \$52 "favor seeds" for the blades. (His ministry also owns a \$2 million Hawker jet and a \$3 million hangar.) To sweeten the deal, he virtually promised that a donor's gift would be met by a "breakthrough favor" from God in the form of a car repair or their very own "dream" car either 52 days or 52 weeks later (according to a church letter described by the Christian Post).

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