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THE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES THIS WEEKEND ISSUE

Study: air pollutants drop when SMO closed

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Ultrafine particulates and black carbon levels in the neighborhood surrounding the Santa Monica Airport dropped significantly during a four-day period in 2010 when all airport activities were suspended for repaving, according to a new study by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

The study was conducted over the course of approximately three weeks surrounding the airport's full closure between Sept. 19 and Sept. 24, 2010 for repaving of the runway, which was mandated by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Scientists from the South Coast Air Quality Management District took the opportunity to conduct experiments to see what the difference in combustion-related pollution was when no planes were taking off from the airport.

Three monitoring stations were placed at different distances and downwind of SMO's runway 21, which sees the majority of the takeoffs and landings.

Another two stations were put in the living room and back yard of Virginia Ernst, a longtime resident of the neighborhood whose home is 300 feet from the east end of the airport.

"They had the equipment going for several weeks," Ernst said. "There was a cart about 3 feet by 2 feet, and it had equipment on top of that."

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BLANK CANVASS: **Residents living near the proposed Expo Light Rail maintenance yard on Stewart Street are envisioning mixed-use development or maybe community gardens to fill a buffer zone between them and the trains that will be rumbling through the city in 2015.**

Pico residents weigh in on Expo buffer zone

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY YARDS Residents living near the proposed Exposition Light Rail Line maintenance yard on Thursday had a rare opportunity to weigh in on what they want to see built in a roughly 2-acre buffer zone meant to shield them from noise made by trains.

Representatives from the Metro Transit Authority, Exposition Construction Authority and City Hall gathered at the City Yards to hear from Pico Neighborhood residents, some of whom feel the yard should be located elsewhere given that the area is already home to the two waste transfer stations and the 10 Freeway.

The controversial maintenance yard will be located north of Exposition Boulevard and east of Stewart Street. It incorporates the former Verizon building, and is bounded on the west by a parking lot and com-

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Storm deaths hit 318; Obama sees damage up close

BY GREG BLUESTEIN & MELISSA R. NELSON
Associated Press Writers

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. Survivors of the deadliest tornado outbreak since the Great Depression struggled to begin rebuilding their lives in the wind-wrecked landscape Friday, enduring blackouts and waiting in long lines for gas as their remaining possessions lay hidden in the rubble. President Barack Obama came to devastated Alabama to console victims whose emergency services are so badly strained that at least one town was begging for body bags.

As Obama stepped off a plane at the airport in hard-hit Tuscaloosa, rescuers and survivors combed the remains of neighborhoods pulverized by Wednesday's outbreak that killed at least 318 across seven states. In one of its first official assessments of the tornadoes' strength, the National Weather Service gave the worst possible rating to one that raked Mississippi and said it was the strongest to hit the state since 1966.

With the confirmation of more deaths by state officials, Wednesday's outbreak surpassed a deadly series of tornadoes in 1974 to become the deadliest day for twisters since 332 people died in March 1932. The storm eight decades ago was also in Alabama.

The president's arrival drew a muted response from Tuscaloosa resident Derek Harris, who was pushing a grocery buggy down a street where virtually every home

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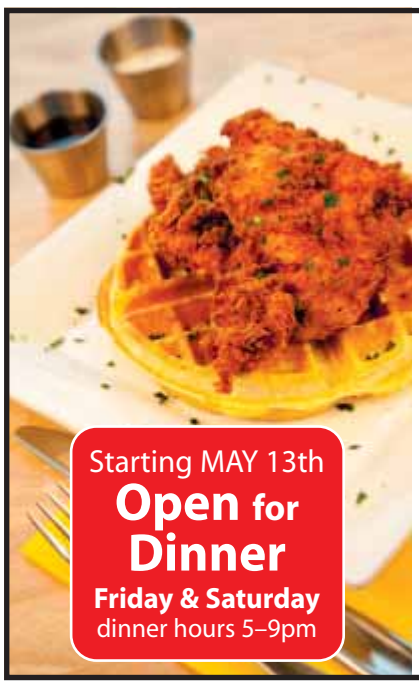


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Downtown tango dancing
Third Street Promenade
12 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Tango Smith, under the auspices of the Los Angeles Argentine Consulate, and in association with Bayside District, presents the second annual "Tango on the Street," a street fair bringing tango social dancers and performers from all over Los Angeles. Get free tango lessons, listen to live music and enjoy food and artisan vendors.
Free — www.SantaMonicaTangoFestival.com

Going incognito
Santa Monica Museum of Art
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
INCOGNITO encourages hundreds of first time art collectors and seasoned art patrons to trust their instincts, and buy original artworks by established and emerging contemporary artists, all for the same low price of $300 (plus tax). The artist's identity is revealed after purchase. Ticket prices start at $100 (tax deductible). For more information go to http://smmoa.org.

Remember?
SGI-USA
606 Wilshire Blvd., 4 p.m.
Soka Gakkai International-USA's Culture of Peace Resource Center in Santa Monica will host a lecture with Dr. Douglas Becker, assistant professor of international relations at USC. Becker will discuss how historical memory is created by societies and the implications this has for the construction of a culture of war or peace. All lectures are free and open to the public. Free parking is available. Audience members will be entered into a raffle for a $50 gift certificate for Culture of Peace books and gift items.

Sunday, May 1

Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
Virginia Avenue Park
12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Do you like carnival rides, games, and food? Do you want to try riding a mechanical bull? Want to spend your Sunday at a fun filled, family event? Bring your family to Santa Monica's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta. For the latest entertainment and event updates, visit the park's website at www.vapark.smgov.net or call (310) 458-8688. Parking is limited so please walk, bike or take the Big Blue Bus event shuttle from Santa Monica College just blocks away!

Garden tour
Department of Motor Vehicles
2235 Colorado Ave.
1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The Santa Monica Conservancy will host its second "Landscapes of Santa Monica" tour. This year's tour, sponsored, in part, by Merrihew's Sunset Gardens, includes 11 unique residential gardens, celebrating Santa Monica's diverse neighborhoods. Highlights include sustainable native plants and drought-tolerant exotics; outdoor rooms, pathways, and creative adornments; a 90-year-old landmarked Eucalyptus tree; gardens by well-known Santa Monica landscape designers; and a California native plant sale sponsored by the Theodore Payne Foundation. Tickets are $35 for the public; $25 for Santa Monica Conservancy members. Tickets can be ordered online at www.smconservancy.org. More information available by leaving a message at (310) 496-3146.

Street food
The Broad Stage
11 a.m.
KCRW is hosting Global Street Food: An indoor/outdoor celebration of global street food featuring six of So Cal's best food trucks. You'll discover how street food evolved into the food truck craze now sweeping the country, and how global street food inspires local cuisine. Tickets: $40. KCRW's "Good Food" host Evan Kleiman guides the discussion with Top Chef Jet Tila, OC Weekly's Gustavo Arellano, and food writers from Malaysia and Mexico.

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Several new flea treatments join pet care market

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Veterinarian Kim Nicholas lost several patients because fleas sucked the blood out of them.

He was skeptical 10 years ago when the first topical treatments came out, but for his patients' sake, he decided to give them a try.

A 10-pound cat was brought in covered with thousands of fleas and already suffering from anemia. Nicholas put a dose of the new product on the cat, laid it on a white towel and put it in a kennel.

"End of the day, the white towel was black with dead flea bodies. I couldn't find a live flea anywhere. That really made a convert out of me, a real believer. It shows that used properly, these drugs are very effective and fast," said Nicholas, past president of the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association and owner of the Cedar River Animal Hospital in Renton, Wash.

Once they got rid of the fleas, they were able to treat the cat's infections and inflammation, he said.

When used properly, nothing kills fleas the way today's topical and oral treatments do, said Nicholas, a vet for 27 years.

In the past, a flea-ridden dog could infest an entire home, including upholstered furniture and human bedding. But today's flea products are so effective, pet owners no longer have to treat their whole houses, said Alec Gerry, an associate extension specialist in the Entomology Department at the University of California, Riverside.

Even so, it is a good idea to vacuum or change bedding at the same time a pet is treated.

Summer is flea season in some states, while in other parts of the country, like Florida and California, fleas bother pets almost year-round. Some places, like Denver, never get fleas, Nicholas said. (Fleas need humidity to thrive.)

Commonly used flea control products include Frontline and Advantage. They are sold online and in stores without a prescription and are packaged in individual doses for direct application onto the pet's skin. Nicholas said they are considered very safe. "You put it between the shoulder blades so they can't lick it off. I've never seen a bad reaction, except they might get a little rash at the application site."

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals on April 20 announced a national campaign to emphasize the importance of flea treatments for pets. It teamed up with PetArmor, a new generic — and therefore cheaper — topical anti-flea product available in retail stores like Wal-Mart. The ASPCA, which will use the product at its shelter and adoption center, said it has the same concentration of fipronil — the active ingredient that fights fleas — as Frontline.

Sergeant's Pet Care Products, Inc. has just introduced two generic versions of Frontline and Frontline Plus. FiproGuard and FiproGuard Plus are available in PetSmart, Petco and other pet retailers. Pronyl OTC and Pronyl OCT Plus are at grocery stores, drug stores and mass retailers.

Nicholas called flea powder, flea collars, and some flea dips "old- school flea control."

But combing or brushing your pet is still a good idea, he said. How do you kill a flea on a comb? Soapy water or crunching them with your fingernail, Nicholas said.

Baths can be fun for dogs and some cats, but you probably won't be able to keep their fur submerged in soap long enough to kill the fleas, Gerry said.

Some of the products available today not

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Agency agrees not to oppose The Edge's Malibu mansions

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A California agency initially opposed to U2 guitarist The Edge's plan to build five mansions overlooking Malibu has agreed not to speak out against the project in exchange for more than $1 million in funding and other services, according to a newspaper report.

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy board voted 3-2 this week to drop opposition to the controversial project, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

In return, the musician and his partners would pay $750,000 to help the conservancy acquire additional segments of the Coastal Slope Trail and another $250,000 for consulting services. They also would dedicate nearly 100 acres — or about 60 percent — of their land to open space and agree to deed restrictions around their proposed homes.

The payments will depend on whether the project gets final approval and survives any appeals or legal challenges.

"The conservancy entered into this agreement in order to maximize the benefit for the public if the project is approved," the agency said in a statement.

The Edge, whose real name is David Evans, wants to build five multilevel homes, including one for himself, on a ridgeline in the Santa Monica Mountains overlooking Malibu. He has said the mansions will be some of the most environmentally sensitive ever designed in the world.

Neighboring residents and environmental groups, however, have raised concerns about biological and visual impacts in such sensitive habitat.

In 2009 the conservancy wrote a letter to the California Coastal Commission strongly opposing the project, saying it was inconsistent with the state Coastal Act and would be impossible to build without "unavoidable significant adverse visual and ecological impacts."

According to this week's agreement, the conservancy does not have to rescind the 2009 letter, but going forward will "take a neutral position" on the project.

Staff for the coastal commission, whose permission is critical for the project to move forward, recommended that the board reject the project because it destroys habitat and disrupts public views. The board postponed voting on the project in February at the request of Evans and four other investors.

A Sierra Club leader who sits on the conservancy's advisory board said that Evans has essentially bought the agency's silence.

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NICE SLIDE

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Samohi's Adam Padilla slides into home plate as Inglewood's James Cathey fumbled the throw on Friday during a Southern Section league game. Inglewood lost by a score of 16-2.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Chess program not the same

Editor:

My name is Cody O'Connell. I am 17, have lived in Santa Monica my entire life, have attended Will Rogers Elementary School, John Adams Middle School, and I am currently a junior at Santa Monica High School. I identify myself as an athlete, a musician, and now, as chess player.

In eighth grade, at the age of 14, I underwent back surgery in order to remove a fractured growth plate and to fix a slipped disk. Having been an active athlete all of my life, I was able to do very little physical activity during my recovery. I had to look to my other interests in order to have any sort of enjoyment in my life. I have had an interest in chess since I was young, but I had stopped my playing sometime during middle school. The summer of 2008 (the summer of my recovery), my mom told me about a chess program at the library, and with a little bit of encouragement from her, I went to check it out. That day changed my life in so many ways.

My interest in chess was immediately reborn and I even read a few books about the game. I began to meet very interesting, welcoming people who taught me more and more about chess and about life. On top of spending my time playing against good opponents, I was also spending time teaching the young children to play, or giving them tips on how to improve their game. It was nice to get children interested in something actually worthwhile unlike playing video games or watching television.

During these chess sessions, Mel Bloch can always be found organizing and initiating games amongst children, teenagers, their parents, and other adults while he is cracking jokes, carrying on conversations, and keeping all of the young ones in line. He makes it a special environment in which it is more important to enjoy the beauty of the game and to learn its intricacies than it is to actually win the game. Mel is the person who makes this program great and improves the lives of everyone associated with it.

The Santa Monica Public Library's chess program is an important part of the community and has become an important part of my life. It is almost like a community within a community; corny though it may sound, it really is like a family. This is not a program that we, the people of Santa Monica, can afford to lose; it does too much good to be eliminated ("Library drops popular Bloch from chess program," page 1, April 28). If you ever walked in to the chess room, you would see a unique environment in which people of all ages are speaking softly, laughing, learning, and smiling together. You would see a place in which the best parts of our city come together to form a close-knit group of people with one common interest. You would see why this program is great.

I was planning to volunteer for this program this summer as I have for the past three summers, but it looks as though that plan may fall through. Please, do not let it fall through.

Cody O'Connell
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Scott McGee — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Santa Monica's sidewalks aren't a substitute for gym

Q: I LIVE ON ADELAIDE DRIVE NEAR the stairs that people commonly use for exercising. I like to walk in my neighborhood, but I frequently am forced to walk in the street due to people using the sidewalk to do push-ups or use their exercise equipment. I feel unsafe walking in the street. Is it legal for them to block the sidewalk?

A: We live and work in a beautiful city with great weather, natural resources, and breathtaking views. The area you refer to on Adelaide is a popular destination for residents and people that like to come to our city for exercise while enjoying the perks mentioned above. While the majority of the people that come to the area are respectful to the residents, some inadvertently become a nuisance.

It is my opinion that the people that utilize the area around the stairs do not purposely want to interfere with the quality of life of the residents. However, that does not dismiss the fact that blocking the sidewalk is a violation of Santa Monica Municipal Code — 3.12.372(a) SMMC. The law states that no person shall block or obstruct any public sidewalk so that less than a 4-foot contiguous sidewalk width is kept clear for pedestrian passage at all times. Conduct prohibited by this section of the law includes, but is not limited to, blocking or obstructions caused by placing any property, material, or other items on the sidewalk. This includes items such as weight benches, weight lifting equipment, or exercise balls.

It is unlawful to sit or lie down on the sidewalk, whether upon a blanket, chair, stool, bench or any other portable object. The Municipal Code specifically states that it is unlawful to perform sit-ups, push-ups, weight training or similar stationary exercise upon any public sidewalk.

Of course prohibitions contained in the section do not apply to any person committing the above due to a medical emergency, or while participating in or attending a parade, festival, demonstration, or activity conducted pursuant to a City Hall-issued permit or license. In this case it does not sound like the people are involved in any of the excused activities.

The Municipal Code states that any person violating this section shall be guilty of an infraction, which shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $250, or a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

In addition to blocking the sidewalk, there is also a Municipal Code that prohibits the blocking of the driveway to one's residence. Santa Monica Municipal Code 3.12.373 states that no person shall block or obstruct vehicular access to or from any driveway.

The same conduct that is illegal on the sidewalk is also illegal to do in a driveway. These include placing any property or material in the driveway, sitting or lying down, performing sit-ups, push-ups, weight training or similar stationary exercise activities.

Any person violating the section shall be guilty of an infraction, which shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $250, or a misdemeanor, which shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding $1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

If you see a violation and feel your quality of life is being affected, please feel free to call the Santa Monica Police Department's non-emergency line at (310) 458-8491. Education is my ultimate goal so that the people visiting the area and the residents can cohabitate and enjoy the best that Santa Monica has to offer.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Do you like carnival rides, games, and food? Do you want to try riding a mechanical bull? Want to spend your Sunday at a fun filled, family event? Bring your family to Santa Monica's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta this Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park. This year's fiesta will feature a rock climbing wall, mechanical bull, and a giant slide! Fun for all ages.

Dance to the compelling rhythms of Bomba Chante salsa band and sing with the Mariachi Estrella de Jalisco. Folklorico and Aztec Dance will add to the cultural celebration while Master of Ceremonies and performance artist Maria Elena Gaitan brings interesting and humorous commentary on the historical significance of the event. Of course, no Cinco de Mayo event would be complete without artisan vendors and traditional Mexican foods and treats.

For the latest entertainment and event updates, visit the park's website at www.vapark.smgov.net or call (310) 458-8688. Parking is limited so please walk, bike or take the Big Blue Bus event shuttle from Santa Monica College just blocks away! Virginia Avenue Park is located at 2200 Virginia Ave. The park is wheelchair accessible and welcomes persons of all abilities.

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The Q Line

Flight schools grounded?

The L.A. City Council last week OK'd a resolution that calls for the closure of flight schools at Santa Monica Airport. They say it would cut down on the number of flights leaving the embattled airport and improve safety.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Did the L.A. council get it right; or do you think it's a step too far?

Here are your responses:

"L.A. CITY COUNCIL HAS NO RIGHT TO say what goes on in Santa Monica. I'm tired of hearing complaints about the airport. It has been here longer than most have been alive and when we have the big earthquake, it will be a life saver. If you don't like it then move. Did you know the first circumnavigation of the world by air left it on March 17, 1924? That was 87 years ago!"

"PEOPLE, I DO BELIEVE THIS DECISION by the committee is the correct one. This airport has overgrown its growing pains and it is time to go ... somewhere else. We could use this land for more parks and affordable housing, which is needed far more than an airport."

"FLIGHT SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS at SMO for probably at least 50 years. Closure of flight schools would not do much to change the flight training situation. School closure is just another part of Councilman Rosendahl's personal vendetta against the airport. He started out to complain about jet emissions. He has not as yet been able to do anything about this because he has not been talking to the people who could help. Therefore, he has ratcheted up his animosity to include the piston planes, the airport itself and business thereof. He doesn't seem to realize that not all flight training is at flight schools. The truth is that any instructor with the proper FAA credentials can (and does) conduct flight training at the airport. This would continue unabated and would of course increase. A place of business is not necessary to conduct flight training."

"I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THE L.A. City Council's attempt to close flight schools at the Santa Monica Airport. And, whether or not the flight schools are closed, I believe the touch-and-go maneuvers should be stopped at the Santa Monica Airport. There should be a balance of fairness regarding the numbers of people affected. On clear days pilots practice touch-and-go maneuvers which consist of taking off to the west, flying out to Lincoln Boulevard, turning south and then circling back east to land again. And then they continue down the Santa Monica runway and do it all over again, and again in a continuous loop. When these loops are allowed, it means that a handful of training pilots are taking off and buzzing (I mean flying) repeatedly over many, many residents of Venice and Mar Vista. It is not fair to allow a handful of training pilots to terrorize and destroy the days of so many people. These maneuvers are affecting people who are not in close proximity to the airport. The repeated loops of several planes take them repeatedly over neighborhoods not in or near the flight path. Plus, pilots are people and, of course, there are always a handful who don't/won't follow the rules. As only one egregious example, two weeks ago a pilot chose to not loop all the way to Lincoln, possibly saving on gas and allowing himself more touch-and-goes. In one hour, he buzzed directly, and at a very low altitude, over my house eight times. I could entire hour, buzzing past as he went west and then droning onward above me on his eastern return to the airport. When these loopings happen, it feels like a war zone. And what for? So a handful of people can practice take offs and landings over dense residential neighborhoods? For these reasons, many neighbors near (and not so near) Santa Monica Airport are developing a hostile relationship with the airport and want the whole thing shut down. I am happy for the pilots (of small planes) who use the Santa Monica Airport for recreational reasons to take a flight to a new destination for a beautiful day of flying. I am not OK with flight schools and/or training pilots drowning out my thoughts over and over and over again on a clear day."

"THE FAA, THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA and the Santa Monica Airport flight schools have to understand that they are not entitled to subject SMO neighbors to ongoing pollution, noise and safety concerns. Thank you to the Los Angeles City Council for their unanimous vote to address some of these critical concerns."

"THE CITY COUNCIL ABSOLUTELY DID NOT get it right. This resolution comes from the efforts of a small but vocal group of nearby residents who have a vested interest in closing the airport. Beside being very obviously a restraint of trade issue, this is an example of what I call the 'tyranny of the minority.' This is when a small group of people try to make it seem that their partisan views are the voice of the people. These airport neighbors want a quieter neighborhood and are willing to do anything to get that done, even if it means closing businesses and kicking people out of their jobs. The airport has a right to exist and a lot of jobs depend on it being open — not just the flight school owners and instructors but also clerks, airplane fuelers, airplane mechanics and aviation support businesses like avionics companies. Since 1919 Santa Monica Airport has a long history of being a valuable part of the community. Flight school clients have a right to patronize these legal businesses and the owners and employees of those legitimate flight schools have a right to carry on their businesses and retain their livelihoods.

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Breakfast for Mom without the side of guilt

BY JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

Mother's Day breakfast used to be simple. A stack of pancakes, a pile of waffles, or maybe French toast and bacon. And don't forget the butter and syrup.

But in these more nutrition-conscious times, moms may not want to start the day by pounding so many calories and refined carbs — even in their own honor.

So how to give Mom a satisfying breakfast without the guilt? Many classics are easily remade. It's mostly a matter of switching out some of the less desirable carbs and fats with better choices, such as whole-wheat flour and nut and canola oils.

These griddled corncakes with cinnamon-honey yogurt topping are an easy-to-prepare homemade breakfast. They are moist, tender, tasty and sport an ingredient list the whole family can feel good about.

The batter is made mostly from whole grains, calling for both stone-ground cornmeal and whole-wheat flour, and contains just a small amount of sugar.

After being whisked together, the dry ingredients are moistened with skim milk, vegetable oil instead of butter, a bit of nonfat plain yogurt and whipped egg whites. That last ingredient is the key to producing light and fluffy pancakes.

For a topping, instead of pats of butter and pools of syrup, we've created a sweet and tangy mixture of yogurt spiked with a touch of cinnamon and honey. Plain Greek-style yogurt is the perfect base for the topping because it's been strained of excess liquid and has a rich, creamy texture without added fat.

Griddled corncakes with cinnamon-honey yogurt

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 6
3/4 cup stone-ground cornmeal
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups skim milk
1 1/4 cups plain nonfat Greek-style yogurt (divided)
2 tablespoons vegetable or canola oil, plus more for the griddle
4 egg whites
1/4 cup honey, or more to taste
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a large bowl, whisk together the cornmeal, both flours, baking powder, sugar and salt.
In a medium bowl, whisk together the milk, 1/4 cup of the yogurt and the oil. Add the dry ingredients and stir until blended.
In another medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the egg whites to stiff peaks. Gently fold the egg whites into the batter.
Lightly oil a large heavy nonstick skillet or griddle. Heat the skillet or grill over medium. Working in batches, use about 1/4 cup of batter per pancake to make 12 pancakes. Cook until browned and puffed, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter.
Meanwhile, to make the topping, in a small bowl, whisk together the honey, cinnamon and remaining 1 cup of yogurt. Serve the pancakes with the yogurt topping spooned on top.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 269 calories; 50 calories from fat (19 percent of total calories); 6 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 2 mg cholesterol; 46 g carbohydrate; 10 g protein; 3 g fiber; 344 mg sodium.Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 269 calories; 50 calories from fat (19 percent of total calories); 6 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 2 mg cholesterol; 46 g carbohydrate; 10 g protein; 3 g fiber; 344 mg sodium.

Quick soup with fresh spring flavor for Mom

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Muffins, French toast, pancakes, waffles... All reliable Mother's Day brunch items.

This year I wanted to mix it up a bit. I wanted something that was light and appropriate for spring, but still satisfying. And as always, it needed to be fast and simple to prepare.

I ended up going with a slightly more robust version of a classic Greek soup — avgolemono. In its most basic form, this soup is just chicken broth that has been thickened with eggs whisked together with lemon juice. The result is fresh, creamy and boldly lemony.

Orzo pasta or rice is a common addition, as is chicken. I kept the orzo, but ditched the chicken in favor of some lightly sauteed carrots, onions and fresh thyme. If you'd rather make it more substantial, add about 3/4 pound of chopped boneless, skinless chicken breasts at the same time as the onions. Saute until nearly cooked through, then proceed with the recipe.

To make this a perfect brunch, serve the soup alongside a warm buttered baguette, a fruit salad and some freshly squeezed orange juice (spiked with sparkling wine, of course).

Avgolemono

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 4
1 tablespoon butter
1 medium yellow onion, diced
1 cup shredded carrots
2 cloves garlic, finely minced
4 cups (1 quart) chicken broth
1/4 cup orzo pasta
1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme
3 eggs
3 tablespoons lemon juice
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

In a large saucepan over medium-high, melt the butter. Add the onion, carrots and garlic, then saute until the onions and carrots are tender, 5 to 6 minutes.
Add the broth and bring to a simmer. Add the orzo and thyme, then cook for 6 minutes, or until the orzo is just tender but not mushy.
Meanwhile, in a medium bowl whisk together the eggs and lemon juice. Ladle out 1 cup of the broth and drizzle it into the eggs while whisking. Remove the saucepan from the heat. While whisking the broth and vegetables in the saucepan, slowly pour in the egg mixture. Whisk until smooth, then season with salt and pepper.
Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 174 calories; 68 calories from fat (39 percent of total calories); 8 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 169 mg cholesterol; 18 g carbohydrate; 8 g protein; 2 g fiber; 1,063 mg sodium.

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Stressed out mothers like to wind down with glass of wine

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

Why did Marile Borden name her website Moms Who Need Wine?

If you have to ask, says Borden, "you must not be a mom."

"Moms are becoming much more real in terms of admitting that the job is a difficult one and that a nice glass of wine at the end of the day sure helps," says Borden, mother of two and founder and publisher of the Moms Who Need Wine website, which has about 390,000 fans on Facebook.

"There's definitely a trend," says Borden, who is partnering with the California Wine Club to offer a Wine Mom Series exclusively on her site. Wines can also be suggested as a gift on a new site Borden is launching this week, DropYourHint.com, where moms can choose what they want for Mother's Day and a gentle hint will be sent to their loved ones.

Producers seem to be waking up to the connection.

One of the wines being offered through the club is MommyJuice from California producer Cheryl Durzy of Clos LaChance Wines based in San Martin, south of San Jose.

Durzy, a mother of two, says her two young children started calling her nightly glass of wine "mommy's juice."

"We would walk through restaurants and they would point to other people with wine glasses and say, 'That's mommy's juice!' and it was really embarrassing, but funny and cute, too," she says.

Mommy Juice wines currently feature two wines from California, a red blend and a chardonnay, with a suggested retail of $9.99.

How hot are mom wines? Hot enough to have their own trademark battle going on between MommyJuice and another mom-marketed wine, Mommy's Time Out.

Recently, Clos LaChance asked a San Francisco federal court to declare that its wine does not violate the trademark of Mommy's Time Out. Mommy's Time Out features wines from Italy, imported by New Jersey based Selective Wine Estates. The wines on offer are a pinot grigio blend and a red wine, rosso primitivo, both with a suggested price of $9.99.

Clos LaChance wines says mommy is a generic word on which their rivals don't have a monopoly. A spokeswoman for Mommy's Time Out declined to comment.

It's a safe bet that your typical wine connoisseur wouldn't be caught dead with a glass of mommy-anything in his hand — though fans say their husbands happily drink it. And a scan of website comment boards indicates there are plenty of people who look askance at both the idea of mom marketing and the concept of mothers cheerfully admitting they like a glass of wine.

But the approach seems to resonate with its target audience.

"My readers go crazy over it," says Borden. "We get comments all the time about how much they love those wines, how cute they are and how they love to bring it to a play date."

In addition to the mommy wines, there are a number of great sips with femme-themed labels, including Mad Housewife, Middle Sister and Girls' Night Out.

Borden and Durzy are careful to point out they're not advocating wholesale tippling, always a poor parenting choice.

"It's not about getting drunk around your kids," says Durzy. "It's about having that glass of wine at the end of the day when the kids are in bed."

Gerri-Lin Becker, director of operations for The California Wine Club, credits social media at least in part with bringing attention to the mom-wine connection.

"I think it's really common for us moms to go home and have a glass of wine and wind down. The kids are in bed. And we check in on Facebook. At this point, if I didn't have Facebook I would have no idea what's going on in my friends' lives."

No need to tell Christine Trice about the power of Facebook.

Her website, OMG I So Need a Glass of Wine, took root one crazy winter's night when she was trying to finish an article for a parenting magazine with two rambunctious children in the house. Her editor had the same issue and "we couldn't even hear each other talk on the phone because our kids were insane."

Tongue-in-cheek, she created a Facebook group, "OMG I so need a glass of wine or I'm gonna sell my kids." In a few weeks she had thousands of followers.

That was when she knew she was on to something.

"I realized we all need a platform where we can vent and not worry about being judged because we've all been there. It's truly evolved into a virtual sisterhood," she says.

Trice, who lives in Sacramento, not far from wine country, is working on developing a wine club.

"Wine used to be such a snobby thing. What should you pair with it? I don't know — what do you feel like?" said Trice. "I'm connecting with moms who are like me; the 98 percent of common wine drinkers who want to know what wine pairs best with left-over spaghetti. I want to send the message that it's OK to enjoy wine now and again and honor yourself for being an amazing parent."

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"This would break up a large block of almost pristine wildlife habitat — one of the most impressive coastal-mountain interfaces in the country," David Brown said. "And though you're not really endorsing the project, you're withdrawing your objections to it, and it's not acceptable."

A spokesman for Evans and the other investors said they carefully considered the issues raised in the conservancy's letter and both parties worked together to address them.

"The property owners are proud of what they've accomplished with the conservancy, and they look forward to continuing to work with the Malibu community and other stakeholders," Don Schmitz said.

EXPO
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mercial buildings to the north.

The buffer zone was put into the final environmental impact report for the second phase of the Exposition Light Rail project, which will extend light rail from Culver City to its termination in Downtown Santa Monica.

It's meant to cut down on noise from the maintenance yard, and potentially make room for other improvements to the community like gardens or small shops.

"What we wanted to do here is the initial visioning meeting on how the city will use this buffer," said Kate Vernez, assistant to the City Manager. "It will help jump-start our planning."

Community leaders stressed patience, noting that the design process is still in its infancy, and that officials would not have good answers for questions about specific details of the project.

"Yes, we're empowered to create and push through, but we don't have anything concrete yet," said Ana G. Jara, a Pico Neighborhood Association board member.

The meeting represented the earliest stages of the design phase of the maintenance yard.

In fact, Expo has yet to hire a designer for the project, although it expects that the Maintenance Design Group will be on board by mid-May. That process will be entirely separate from the design of the rest of Phase 2, which was awarded to design-build team Skansa/Rados in March.

What Expo knows: The $8 million maintenance facility will include a two-story administrative building, enclosed train washing centers, equipment storage and "light repair."

Light repair includes basic maintenance such as switching light bulbs and replacing brake pads. Heavy repairs and paint jobs will be done at other maintenance facilities.

There will also be an 8- to 12-foot-tall wall encircling the facility to block noise from the maintenance yard. The light rail trains are approximately 12 feet tall.

A power generator will be included in the design, although it will be placed far from homes, said Gabrielle Collins, spokeswoman for Expo.

Finally, 65 employee parking spaces will sit on the western side of the maintenance yard.

Community members split up into five groups, each manned by a facilitator, to jot down ideas and notes for the buffer zone.

One major focus seemed to be using the space to provide benefits to the community that wouldn't result in outsiders flocking to the new development, but would offset the burden of playing host to the maintenance yard.

"The buffer zone should raise property values to make up for what the maintenance yard is taking away," said resident Peter Path.

Ideas ranged from a mini-Main Street, populated by mixed use shops, cafes and potentially artists' lofts, to a total rejection of anything that resembled development.

One team wanted to develop the land on a "pay as you go" basis, beginning with the $2 million that City Hall has agreed to put up for the project and creating another pool of funds using fees placed on developers.

Another meeting will be held in June once the design firm comes on board officially, Vernez said.

"It's very concrete things that we have to get to next," Vernez said.

If all goes according to schedule, the second phase of the Exposition Light Rail line will arrive in Santa Monica in 2015. The first phase is 90 percent complete, and currently being tested, Collins said.

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A second piece of equipment, about the size of a microwave, was also placed in her home.

Scientists came between 6 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. every few days to check on the equipment and get readings on pollution, leaving before Ernst went to work in the morning.

"Anything to solve this problem," she said.

The problem rests with jet fumes, which Ernst says have been getting worse in the past 19 years.

One jet blast blew Ernst's lawn furniture across her patio — it was replaced by the owner of the plane — and another knocked down a neighbor's fence.

"Douglas was a dream, compared to what they've got now," Ernst said, referring to the aircraft developer that created the predecessor to the modern jet at SMO.

Monitors followed jets and turbo prop planes, but not piston planes.

The equipment Ernst hosted did find spikes in both ultrafine particle and black carbon emissions before and during take off of airplanes, although the readings inside the home were considerably lower than those taken at any of the outdoor sites.

When the airport shut down, the emissions levels reduced considerably.

According to the study, concentration of ultrafine particles at the East Tarmac site before and after the repaving project were about 12 to 17 times more elevated than the highest spike recorded when the airport was shut down.

The back yard site showed considerably less dramatic reductions, with levels before and after the shut down only reaching four to seven times as high as the highest reading when no planes were landing or taking off from the airport.

Larger planes tended to create more emissions, with highest emissions typically seen within the last two minutes of a holding period — when planes are waiting to take off — and during take off.

Although the study could quantify the peaks and troughs in ultrafine particles and black carbon, the substances are mostly unregulated by the federal government, and there aren't many studies about their effects on human health.

Those effects aren't a mystery to Janice Nolen.

"Well, they can kill people," said Nolen, the assistant vice president for national policy and advocacy for the American Lung Association (ALA).

Ultrafines and black carbon have been associated with heart attack, stroke and worsening symptoms of asthma, Nolen said.

Most data the ALA uses comes from studies surrounding highways rather than airports, but health risks have been identified in an area 300 to 500 meters from major roadways.

SMO officials could not comment on the study, which is now in the hands of the airport's consultant Dr. Paul Roberts, who conducted an air quality study on the Central Valley for the California State government.

"We've given the report to our experts. Once the analysis is done, we can comment," said Airport Manager Robert Trimborn. "We've always been proactive in any kind of emissions study, which are done by the agencies that set the standards, and want to get that information out to the public."

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only kill adult fleas but contain insect growth regulators to kill eggs.

Avoid products that contain organophosphates or insecticide, Nicholas said.

And be sure to read the label before using any product. Products differ for cats and dogs, and dosage differs by the animal's weight. You also want to observe safe-handling procedures for yourself and your family. Frontline advises avoiding contact with human skin, eyes or clothing, and thorough hand-washing after applying to your pet.

Flea treatment is no problem for most dog breeds, Nicholas said, but shelties and collies cannot handle the drug Ivermectin, which is used in flea products that try to treat heartworm at the same time.

Untreated flea infestations cause pets to itch, scratch and "chew themselves raw," Nicholas said. Fleas can spread tapeworm and a tick-borne illness called Bartonella. A flea-riddled pet might become sluggish, start vomiting, get diarrhea, and salivate excessively.

If a human doesn't intervene, dogs and cats can't get rid of fleas, the veterinarian said.

It's different in the wild, where almost every animal (especially those who burrow) has fleas, Gerry said. Many wild animals will develop immunity to fleas by producing antibodies to protein in flea saliva, he said, while others will dust bathe or have grooming habits that dislodge adult fleas.

Green or homemade products can be risky, the ASPCA said.

Some remedies use citrus products and diatomaceous earth, but Charlotte Means, senior toxicologist for the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center, said citrus plants like oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit contain essential oils and are chemicals.

"As with all chemicals, the dose makes the poison. Homemade dips are not standardized, and are not recommended since pets can be overdosed. Overdosing essential oils can cause mild to life-threatening signs," she said.

"Diatomaceous earth is nontoxic but can cause problems if inhaled or large quantities are ingested," she said.

Fleas can consume 15 times their body weight in blood, they can jump two feet high and 10,000 times in a row (the length of three football fields), they can live up to 21 months, produce millions of offspring, and can cause severe dermatitis with one bite if the pet is allergic to flea saliva, according to the ASPCA. Fleas measure between one and three millimeters in length — about the thickness of a penny.

"They are pretty amazing athletes," Gerry said. They have six legs and part of their bodies work like an elastic ligament or rubber band, he said.

"There is much less risk treating a pet than not treating a pet and it's much easier to prevent a flea infestation than it is to get rid of once it hits," said Nicholas.







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CA Democrats gather to celebrate wins, strategize

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. California Democrats are in a joyful mood after sweeping all nine statewide offices last year, picking up a seat in the state Assembly, defending Sen. Barbara Boxer's post and returning Jerry Brown to the governor's office after three decades.

The rank-and-file can be expected to spend a fair amount of time patting themselves on the back this weekend at their annual convention in Sacramento, their first statewide meeting since the November elections.

But some of the euphoria has been overshadowed by the difficult task of governing, particularly in a state that had faced a nearly $27 billion budget shortfall.

Brown has so far failed to win the two Republican votes he needs in each house to place his proposed tax extensions on the ballot and follow through on his campaign pledge not to raise taxes without a vote of the people.

California still faces a $15.4 billion budget deficit, and there's no sign that Brown is any closer to a deal with the GOP, although he says he is still seeking a compromise that would allow a special election on his proposal to extend temporary increases in the sales, vehicle and income taxes. Brown is scheduled to address Democrats on Sunday at the convention.

There is also uncertainty ahead for both major parties. An independent redistricting committee is crafting new legislative and congressional districts, and legislative candidates face a new, voter-approved primary system in which the top two vote-getters advance from the primary, regardless of party affiliation.

Party chairman John Burton said there isn't much the party can do to prepare for the redistricting maps, the first draft of which will be released in June, save for "going to church a lot."

"No matter what happens, I believe there'll be challenges by somebody," he said.

Party delegates also are focusing on 2012, as President Barack Obama faces what could be a difficult re-election contest and Democrats aim to retake the House of Representatives that they lost in a near-nationwide Republican tide.

"We'll do what we did last year to make sure that we have our state in order and then we can help other states, you know, by phone-banking in some of the battleground states where they need help," Burton said.

After last year's big win, there is also likely to be little of the party infighting that consumed California Republicans at their recent Sacramento convention. Republicans were grappling with a process to nominate candidates under the new primary system, but Democrats have had a nomination system in place since 1990.

California Democrats proved their might by stopping the Republican wave last year, but their wins were no accident, the party's executive director, Shawnda Westly, sought to remind the party faithful in an online post this week.

Democrats have a 44 percent registration edge, compared with 31 percent for Republicans and 20 percent for independents, the fastest-growing segment of the electorate, but one that typically leans blue.

Westly said the party capitalized on its registration edge last fall with a coordinated statewide effort to boost absentee voter turnout. The move led to an increase of nearly 745,000 more permanent Democratic vote-by-mail ballots than the party turned out in the previous gubernatorial election in 2006.

"And that made the difference in the attorney general's race, which was decided by about 75,000 votes," Westly said.

In addition to the celebrations and brainstorming for 2012, delegates this weekend will hear from Sen. Dianne Feinstein on Saturday. Feinstein, a Democrat, told reporters this week that she intends to seek another term next year, and so far, the popular former San Francisco mayor faces no Republican opposition. She even won an endorsement from the GOP-leaning California Farm Bureau.

Feinstein is likely to face questions about her position on the future of Social Security, which she says is in need of an overhaul that takes all ideas into consideration, including gradually raising the retirement age — a position at odds with Boxer, her fellow California senator.

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Court rejects challenge to Calif.'s clean car regs

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO A federal appeals court rejected a legal challenge Friday that sought to bar implementation of a California regulation meant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by forcing automakers to make and sell less polluting cars in the state.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled the U.S. Chamber of Commerce failed to identify any members affected by the regulation, and the National Automobile Dealers Association didn't prove its members would suffer future harm.

The suit by those groups argued that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency should not have granted California a waiver under the Clean Air Act for its emissions program, saying it would create future harm to auto dealers and other businesses.

"Even if EPA's decision to grant California a waiver for its emissions standards once posed an imminent threat of injury to the petitioners — which is far from clear — the agency's subsequent adoption of federal standards has eliminated any independent threat that may have existed," the court wrote.

California's clean car program implements stricter emissions standards on cars starting with 2009 models. The emissions standards get increasingly tougher until 2015. Fourteen other states, including Arizona, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts have also adopted California's program.

"It is important to note that this decision leaves intact EPA's confirmation that California's vehicle emissions program can address our state's compelling and extraordinary conditions to reduce greenhouse gases and clean our air," said Stanley Young, a spokesman for the California Air Resources Board.

Since the board adopted the state program, EPA has implemented a similar federal program meant to achieve the same greenhouse gas reductions from passenger vehicles and light trucks by 2016.

Further, the court found that automakers, not dealers, are regulated under the program and therefore would likely have the standing needed to proceed with the case. But automakers were not a party to the lawsuit and are barred from challenging the program under an earlier agreement.

The car dealers association said having state and federal regulations is a confusing way to proceed in reducing pollution, and is bad for business.

Returning the nation to a single, national fuel economy standard "would reduce this nation's dependence on foreign oil and harness the power of consumers to put more fuel efficient vehicles on the road," the association said in a statement.

PG&E questioned for using erasable ink on records

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Pacific Gas and Electric Co. records show California regulators questioned the utility about its record-keeping practices several years before the San Bruno pipeline explosion, when they found the company was writing key documents in erasable ink.

Records filed this week with the California Public Utilities Commission show authorities discovered the practice through audits of the company.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that in response, PG&E sent its employees a bulletin on Dec. 31, 2007, ordering all records to be written in permanent ink going forward. The company said it wanted to ensure its documents "represent the work of the party actually performing the required task."

PG&E included the bulletin in nearly 200 records it provided the commission in response to a probe of the company's record-keeping in the wake of the deadly San Bruno blast.

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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

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Experts predict busy fire season in southwest

BY MITCHELL SCHMIDT
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho National wildfire experts are predicting a busy and costly fire season this summer in parched southwestern states like Texas and Colorado, where hundreds of square miles have been charred in a region struggling with the worst drought conditions in decade.

But the annual wildfire report issued by the National Interagency Fire Center on Friday forecasts lower fire potential for other regions of the West and Midwest that are benefiting from average or above-average snow and rain during the winter.

The report, compiled by wildfire managers and weather and climate specialists, forecasts a normal wildfire season for California, and a low-risk, late-starting wildfire season for states in the Pacific Northwest, northern Rocky Mountains and the Dakotas.

The report blames an intensified La Nina pattern for adding to the drought conditions that have dried out Texas, much of New Mexico and eastern Colorado and made portions of western Kansas, Oklahoma and southern Arizona high-risk candidates for a hectic, damaging and early-starting wildfire season. La Nina's effects on climate this year, cited in the report as the strongest since the mid-1970s, have also put portions of Hawaii and a swath in central Alaska in the higher risk category for early season fires.

So far this year, fires have charred more than 2 million acres in Texas, forced thousands to evacuate homes along Colorado's Front Range and scorched nearly 400 square miles in New Mexico, costing state and federal governments millions of dollars in a year of tight budgets.

"We believe we have resources for this year," said U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who toured the agency in Boise Friday. "But it is one of those issues which ... we are struggling with because it is a very tough deficit budget time in our country."

The Obama administration sought about $3.6 billion in fiscal 2011 to fight fires and engage in preventative efforts like three thinning, according to agency records. But some budget experts believe that figure could be cut in in fiscal 2012.

The outlook, however, is much brighter for many other states in the nation's western half.

Average or above-average snowpack and ample rain and cool spring temperatures have reduced the risk or delayed the onset of the wildfire season from Washington and Idaho to North Dakota according to the report. La Nina summers also tend to decrease lighting storms blamed for triggering fires in forests and across rangelands, the report states.

For California, a state that has struggled with drought and significant wildfire damage, a summer with less risk for significant fire activity is projected. While vegetation and grass fuels across the state are still dealing with the effects of drought, even those in southern California are holding enough moisture to reduce the chances of significant fires flaring up until later in the season, according to the report.

Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, northern Colorado and most of Nebraska are projected for normal or slightly above-normal potential for significant fires.



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was heavily damaged. The 47-year-old and his wife hoped to use the cart to salvage a few belongings from his home.

"Hopefully he'll give us some money to start over," Harris said of Obama. "Is FEMA here? The only place I'm hearing anything is at the Red Cross center."

Some were more upbeat about the president's visit, including 21-year-old Turner Woods, who watched Obama's motorcade pass on its way to tour damaged areas. "It's just really special having the president come here," she said. "It will bring more attention to this disaster and help get more help here."

After witnessing the damage in storm-wracked neighborhoods, Obama promised help and remarked that he's "never seen devastation like this." Entire neighborhoods were obliterated in the city of more than 83,000 that's home to the University of Alabama.

"When we're confronted by the awesome power of nature and reminded that all we have is each other," said the president after spending time talking to the state's governor and Tuscaloosa's mayor.

The storms destroyed the city's emergency management center, so the University of Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium was turned into a makeshift one. Though there wasn't significant damage to campus, finals were canceled and commencement was postponed.

The situation was dire about 90 miles to the north in the demolished town of Hackleburg, Ala., where officials were keeping the dead in a refrigerated truck amid a body bag shortage. At least 27 were killed there, and the search for missing people continues.

The only grocery store, the fire and police departments and the school are destroyed. There's no power, communications, water or other services. Fire Chief Steve Hood said flashlights for the town's 1,500 residents are needed because he doesn't want them to use candles that could start fires.

"We don't have water to put out any fires," he said.

About three hours to the west, parts of Rainsville were also flattened. At Rainsville Funeral Home, Lisa Chandler and her husband have been working 6 a.m. to midnight to arrange services and prepare bodies.

The work is tough because they know most of the victims. But the couple keeps at it — they have five visitations planned for Friday night.

"How am I handling it?" Lisa Chandler said. "I cry a little and I pray a lot."

Just outside of town, residents picked through their scattered belongings on a road, with people in cars stopping to offer bread, water and crackers. An AM radio station transmitted offers of help. One store was giving away air mattresses. An Italian restaurant was serving free hot meals. A glass shop was offering to replace shattered windows for free.

Firefighter Jamie Armstrong blinked back tears as he recalled finding a 5-year-old girl lifeless in a field near Rainsville, far from any house. Her brother was alive, but Armstrong wasn't sure if he was going to make it.

Despite the devastation, he said the storm had strengthened his belief in God.

"The truth is, God could take any one of us right now. But he spared me and you," he said.

In other areas, those who sheltered away from home trickled back to reclaim their belongings, ducking police roadblocks, fallen limbs and power lines. Survivors struggled with no electricity and little help from stretched-thin law enforcement.

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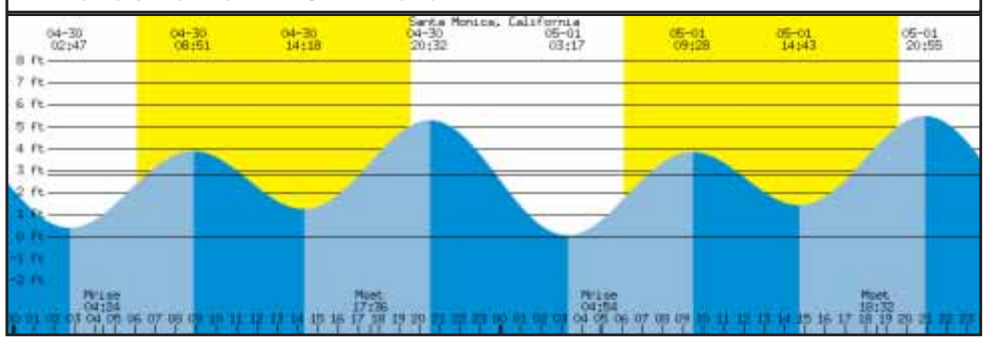
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

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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NFL

NFL players return to work, fighting in court

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI
AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. The NFL unlocked its gates and opened its doors Friday, allowing players to get back to football for the first time in nearly two months.

Four days after a federal judge ended the 45-day lockout, dozens, if not hundreds, of players showed up at team headquarters, exchanging smiles and high-fives with their teammates and picking up playbooks from their coaches. Tony Romo and Jason Witten even did some sprints on a Dallas Cowboys practice field.

"From the players' standpoint, I think everybody is pleased we're not locked out anymore, especially the rookies," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said on CNBC, his first public comments about the dispute since he became one of the 10 plaintiffs in a federal antitrust lawsuit still pending against the NFL.

Players from Seattle to New York warmly greeted a little bit of normalcy in the most unusual offseason in league history, fully aware that it might not last very long.

Despite the halting steps toward football, the legal fight is far from over. Attorneys for the players filed a brief Friday to challenge the NFL's request that the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis restore the lockout as soon as possible.

Attorneys for the players wrote that the owners failed to offer any evidence that they will suffer irreparable harm if the lockout is not restored. They also suggested that the public and the players, with their short careers, are at far more risk when the $9 billion business is stalled.

"Professional football is part of the fabric of American life," the attorneys wrote. "Because the uncontroverted record of evidence shows that the 2011 season could be canceled or significantly curtailed without an injunction in place, a stay may deprive the public of professional football altogether."

On Friday, at least, the players were back.

"It's time to get started, get this ball rolling," Seattle special teams captain Roy Lewis said.

Giants receiver Devin Thomas flew in from Michigan on Thursday night so that he could be sure to get in a workout and talk to his coaches.

"I was geeked; I had to get back," he said.

Schedules started to take shape, too. The Detroit Lions scheduled organized team activities for Wednesday, the Chicago Bears plan to hold a rookie minicamp next weekend and the Vikings, Jacksonville Jaguars and many other teams planned to begin offseason workout programs in earnest on Monday.

The Tennessee Titans' main gate, which had been chained, was open after players were turned away by two armed security guards earlier this week.

"I was just glad to be in the building again," New York Jets receiver Jerricho Cotchery said. "I was able to come into the building and I'm able to rehab and everything, so I'm embracing this moment right now."

Center Ryan Kalil was one of about a dozen Carolina Panthers players who showed up to get their playbooks from new coach Ron Rivera. Kalil said he was able to rest and spend more time with his family during the lockout, but he was eager to reunite with his teammates.

"I don't think anyone thought it was going to get to this point and it did," Kalil said. "It's nice there's a little light at the end of the tunnel, and we get to come back and get out of that funk. We'll see what happens moving forward."

Not everything was resolved. The rules for free agency, trades and other roster moves expired with the collective bargaining agreement on March 11, the same day the players' union was disbanded to clear the way for the court fight.

The league was expected to issue a new set of protocols, perhaps as early as Friday.

"What we're doing right now is having to adjust, obviously, to court decisions," Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "The most important things for us is to obviously respect the decisions of the court, and secondly, make sure we proceed in an orderly fashion and inform all 32 of our clubs to make sure we're doing it in a responsible fashion."

City of Santa Monica

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, April 30
The Wild Bunch (R) 2hr 14min
Convoy (PG) 1hr 50min

Sunday, May 1
Straw Dogs (R) 1hr 58min
Junior Bonner (PG) 1hr 40min
7:30pm

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

Scream 4 (R) 1hr 43min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Dylan Dog: Dead of Night (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Source Code (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Soul Surfer (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

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

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil (PG) 1hr 25min
12:20pm

Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
10:00am, 2:40pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:40pm

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:20pm, 3:20pm, 4:35pm, 6:35pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:55pm

African Cats (G) 1hr 29min
10:05am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Hanna (PG-13) 1hr 51min
10:40am, 1:25pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Prom (PG) 1hr 43min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

Rio 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
10:45am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

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

Meek's Cutoff (PG) 1hr 44min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Win Win (R) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:50pm

Exporting Raymond (PG) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

The Bang Bang Club (NR) 1hr 46min
11:00am

The Promise: Making Of Darkness Onthe Edge Of Town (NR) 1hr 24min
11:00am

Urban Roots (NR) 1hr 40min
11:00am

Of Gods And Men (PG13)1hr 59min
11:00am

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Rio (PG) 1hr 36min
11:45am, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Hop (PG) 1hr 30min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 7:20pm

Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family (NR) 2 hrs 33 min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Water for Elephants (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Conspirator (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
10:45am, 4:20pm, 10:00pm

Arthur (PG-13) 1hr 50min
9:40pm

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You are the party, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Don't allow a momentary bout of the blues to take over. Your issues might have more to do with others. Could someone close to you be negative or touchy? Take a walk with a friend or plan another type of activity that reduces stress levels. Tonight: Dance the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You might be repressing what is bothering you to such an extent that you cannot root it out. Do your best, because many of your actions revolve around this issue. If you are tired, take advantage of the weekend -- take a nap. Tonight: Make it cozy and intimate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your personality melts boundaries and advances a situation. Make plans to go to a baseball game or invite some friends on a picnic. You easily could be overwhelmed. Observe. Get to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: You are the party.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Consider your many different options. Examine how much you are willing to tolerate, be it from an older friend or family member. You don't need to push yourself this hard. Honor fatigue. Take some time just for yourself. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might not be in the mood to deal with difficult, testy people. Take off for an adventure. See an art show or perhaps go explore an area near you. A relative or neighbor needs some time but can be a drag! Tonight: Break the mold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Deal directly with partners, and share more of what is going on with you. There could be some manipulating and power plays going on. If you feel that manipulation surrounds you, know that you are the common denominator. Perhaps you have an unresolved issue. Tonight: A quiet chat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Often you are the source of your problems. Why not adopt another philosophy, at least for a day? Your ability to shake up the status quo emerges. If you get strong reactions, ask yourself if it is you. Tonight: Accept a loved one's invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Juggle different people and promises. Revise your plans, even if you don't want to. Toss yourself into a project or go to the gym. Flex and open up. Tonight: Just go for the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ What you've been doing hasn't drawn the results you have dreamt of. Have a conversation with a friend who knows a lot about such matters. Tonight: Sticking to your budget and having fun can work together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You have a great deal more impact than you realize. Open up to new possibilities surrounding both home and family. Like many people, you are more comfortable with the known rather than the unknown. Note any discomfort, and let it go. Tonight: Entertain from your home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have the right words, but you also are listening fully. You could get upset about what someone doesn't say or misinterpret his or her words. Before getting distressed, try walking in the other person's shoes, and you might understand where he or she is coming from. Tonight: Out and about -- a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be overly aware of the costs of a friendship and your chosen direction. You also might want to revise your thinking about this friendship or have a long-overdue talk with this person. Be open about your ideas. Tonight: Allow another person to treat.

Happy birthday

This year, you greet change more openly. Try to see where you are blocking yourself. If you travel or encounter a foreigner in your life, you will witness other approaches and lifestyles. If you are involved in higher education, just taking a seminar will open you up and release a lot of stagnant, learned ways of thinking. Your sixth sense helps home in on issues. Recycle during this tense and busy year. If you are single, check out anyone who enters your life with care. Someone might have a critical flaw! If you are attached, share more of your vulnerabilities. ARIES can trigger you.

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



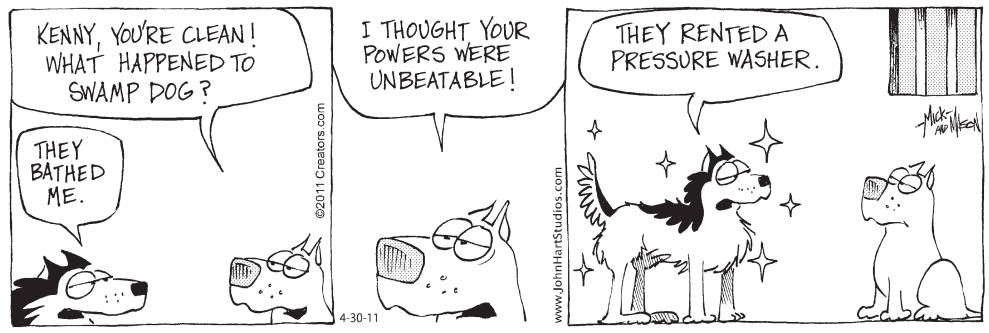
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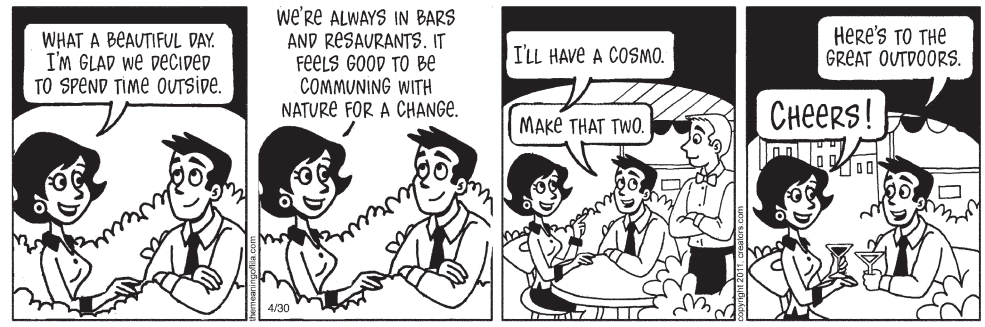
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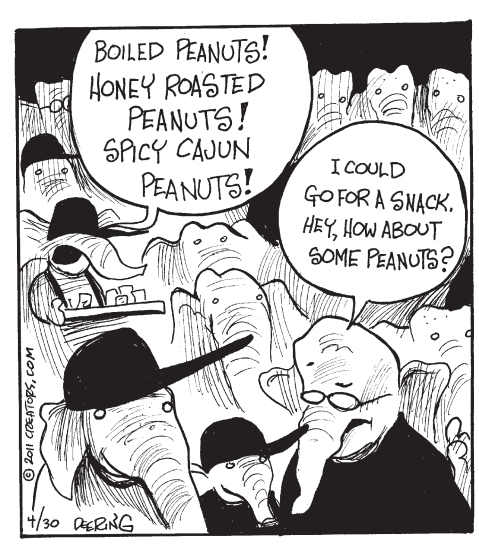
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Sudoku

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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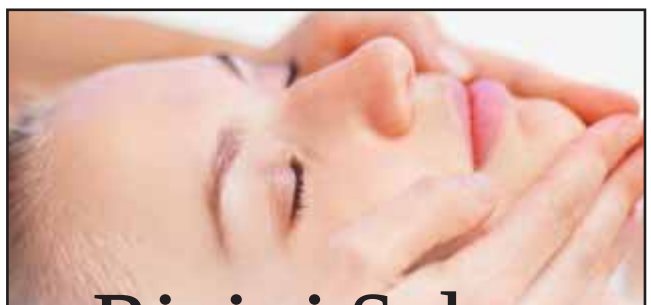
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GETTING STARTED

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

4	1	8	7	5	2	6	3	9
5	3	2	1	9	6	7	8	4
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5 High point
9 Absorb
10 Minimum amount
12 Code name
13 Rich cake
14 "Understood!"
16 Golfer Woosnam
17 Old card game
18 Raptors' home
20 Corrida critter
22 Forest grazers
23 Director Almodóvar
25 Casual eatery
28 Like caterpillars
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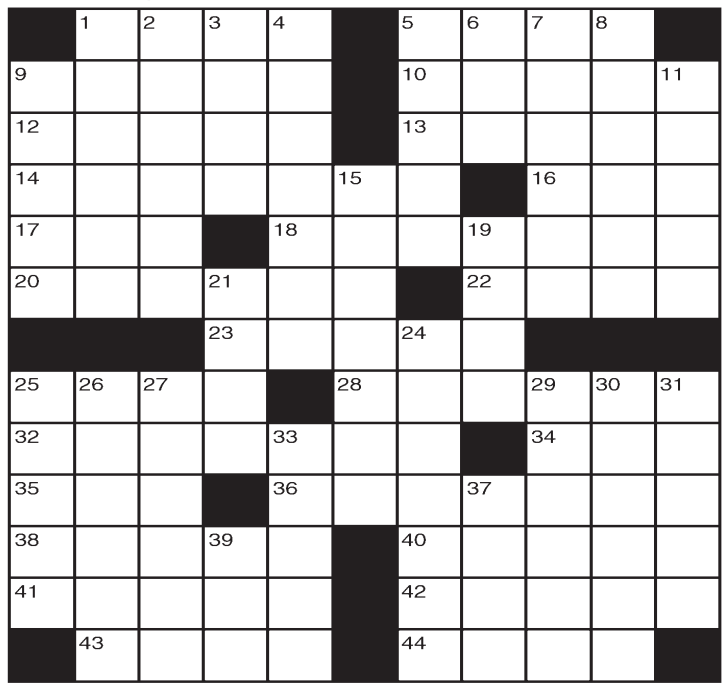
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6 Corp. VIP
7 Leather-neck
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9 Beam
11 Met performer
15 Gangster
19 Dump output
21 Start the bidding
24 Dr. Dre and Eminem
25 Dice, essentially
26 Stage comments
27 Leg bone
29 "Romeo and Juliet" setting
30 Takes on
31 Tempts
33 Gaggle group
37 General Robert —
39 Cartoon frame

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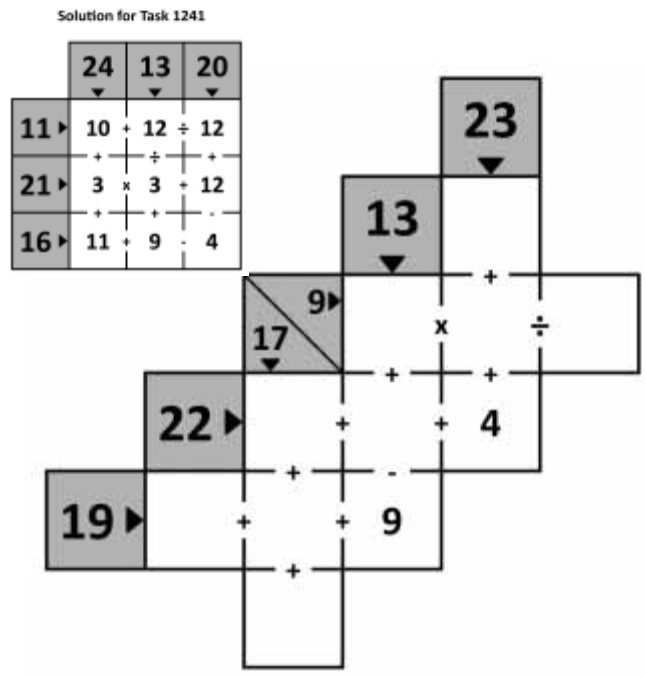
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 3, 6, 8, 9, 10, 10, 10, 12

Solution for Task 1241



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 9 10 11 33 51 Meganumber: 29 Jackpot: $40M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 4 12 22 33 39 Meganumber: 7 Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5: 4 24 25 26 38

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 0 9 6 EVENING: 7 4 6

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 01 Gold Rush 2nd: 08 Gorgeous George 3rd: 04 Big Ben RACE TIME: 1:43.43

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A suspicious wife (who lives apart from her husband because of work requirements) flew to the couple's principal home in Wilmette, Ill., on March 4 and, finding her husband's new girlfriend's clothes hanging in their closet, scissored out the crotch area of all her pants, doing about $2,000 in damage, and leaving the remnants in the driveway before returning to her East Coast home. According to police, neither the husband nor the girlfriend chose to file complaints, and the case is closed.

■ Clever, But Didn't Think It All the Way Through: (1) Daryl Davis, 30, was arrested in Springfield, Pa., in March and charged with stealing a pickup truck off of a dealer's lot. According to police, Davis had carefully forged an owner's credential for the truck at another dealership and obtained a "duplicate" key, allowing him to drive the truck off the second dealer's lot. However, when he made the original bogus credential, he had used his own name and photograph and was easily tracked down. (2) LaShay Simmons, 22, was charged in March in Houston with theft of about 250 Sprint phones by (according to police) ordering 10 to 20 phones at a time under the names of legitimate businesses, but then calling Sprint back later to change the delivery location. However, she always made the callbacks using her own easily traceable Sprint phone.

■ In June (1995), Barbara Ricci was voted by fellow contestants as "Mrs. Congeniality" in the Mrs. New York State pageant, receiving 22 of the 28 votes. However, six months earlier, she had gone to trial in Mount Vernon, N.Y., on charges that she tried to run down with her car the 11-year-old daughter of a neighbor with whom she had been feuding (resulting in a hung jury). And two years before that, a police officer had charged her with punching and kicking him at a school board meeting (and she pleaded guilty to harassment).

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2. To undergo osmosis.

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