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FUTURE GREENERY: **A rendering of a proposed 6-acre park in the Civic Center. City officials are trying to come up with a proper name for the park.**

Palisades Garden Walk rename stalls

Recreation and Parks Commission delays decision until August

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A move to give an official name to the 6-acre park being built across the road from City Hall stalled at the Recreation and Parks Commission Thursday night amid concerns that the decision was being rushed.

The Recreation and Parks Commission was the first public agency to get a crack at recommending a name for what is now known as the Palisades Garden Walk, or as staff referred to it, "the park across the street."

The $46.1 million park was designed by the internationally-renowned James Corner Field Operations group, and will be paid for with redevelopment agency money.

Commissioners could only weigh in on the 6-acre section bounded by Main Street, Civic Center Drive, Ocean Avenue and the I-10 Freeway.

The section in front of City Hall, now called Town Square, will be named separately through a process with the Landmarks Commission.

City staff brought forward survey results from two community workshops from November 2010 and February 2011 respectively, as well as the results of two online surveys that were posted for a month each.

However, with a final tally from the February meeting showing the eight top vote getters separated by only three votes at most, the ballot counts were anything but conclusive.

That left commissioners, aided only by the comments of three community members that attended the meeting and a City Council-approved naming policy, to sift through the options.

They also took the opportunity to throw out names of their own, including People's Central Park and the Seaside Green.

One suggestion put forward by Commissioner John Petz was "The Ken," after the late Mayor Ken Genser.

Commissioners, in large degree, poohpoohed many of the suggestions that had been

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Gang member's conviction upheld in Moose Lodge murders

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

LOS ANGELES A state appeals court panel on Friday upheld a gang member's conviction for the shooting deaths of two men at a private party at the Moose Lodge on Ocean Park Boulevard in Santa Monica more than six years ago.

The three-justice panel from California's 2nd District Court of Appeal rejected Jose Mojarro Jr.'s claim that there were errors in his trial in Los Angeles Superior Court for the March 5, 2005, gang-related murders of Jonathan Hernandez and Hector Bonilla.

Hernandez and Bonilla were shot multiple times — with 26 rounds fired from two semi-automatic weapons.

Mojarro was convicted along with codefendant Erick Nunez of two counts of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

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POSE: **Someone, somewhere, figured out that paddleboards are big enough to hold a person doing the downward facing dog.**

Paddleboard yoga the latest exercise craze

BY MANUEL VALDES
Associated Press

SEATTLE Adrift on a Seattle waterway, personal trainer Vicki Wilson and about a dozen women are following their yoga instructor's directions, hoisting their bodies up in a pyramid shape as they strike the downward-facing dog pose. They do this while balancing on an oversized surfboard.

Around them, boats sound their horns, a train chugs away, and seagulls fly about. But never mind the noises, the ebb and flow of the water is what Wilson likes best.

"It's very different than the in-studio feel," Wilson said. "You might hear a clock ticking, something artificial happening, and yes, there's the distraction of trains and boats, but with the water you have this flowing harmony."

Paddleboard yoga has arrived in Seattle. For about two months now, WASUP Yoga, which operates out of Surf Ballard, a local surf shop, has been offering yoga classes on the cool waters of the Puget Sound, drawing attention to the unusual sight of yoga poses on the water. Neighborhood blogs and a local TV station have featured stories about the class, and after a deal on a coupon website, classes have been filling up.

"Just like regular yoga is for everyone, so too is yoga on a paddleboard. It's nice to have a little smidgen of awareness of where your body is in space. But that's not totally necessary because you can gain that in 2.2 seconds after jumping on board," said WASUP yoga instructor Hasna Atry.

This new way of finding your inner chakra stems from the growing popularity of paddleboarding. Followers of paddle-

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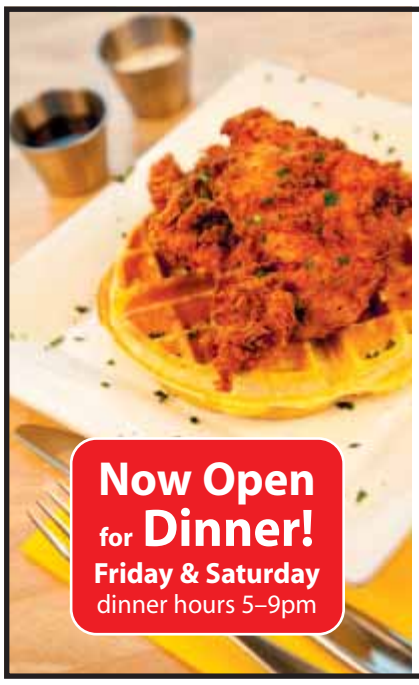
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 23, 2011

Caring for the elderly
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Concerned about an elderly relative? Attend this class and learn about the different types of long-term care (at home, skilled nursing and hospice), the costs and how to determine what's best for your situation.

Shred it
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
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Santa Monica/Venice
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Snap it
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Learn the basics of photography and take a mini photo excursion around the neighborhood to practice techniques. For teens only. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

Monday, Monday
Ruskin Group Theatre Co.
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m. — 9:15 p.m.
Come check out the production of Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays." The one-act play focuses on a group of desperate workers earning their livings in a Brooklyn automobile parts warehouse during the Great Depression. Price: $25 for adults, $20 for students and seniors. For more information, go to www.ruskingrouptheatre.com or call (310) 397-3244.

Sunday, July 24, 2011

Pinky
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
The Youth Education/Entertainment Series (Y.E.S.) presents "Pinkalicious," the musical. Bring the family down for some fun. Cost: General admission is $10; Children 12 and under $7. For more information call (310) 828-7519.

Going all Hollywood
Vidiots
302 Pico Blvd., 3 p.m. — 5 p.m.
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Shark!
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
3:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Sharks rule on Sundays at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Create a shark-themed craft, watch a short educational film about these misunderstood denizens of the deep and don't miss the presentation and feeding tankside at the shark exhibit. Folks can learn a ton of interesting shark facts, watch them eat their Sunday meal, and occasionally get splashed as our sharks often squirt water in anticipation of the food to come. Kids under 13 free; all others $5 suggested donation. For more information call (310) 393-6149.

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CORRECTION

In the July 22 article "Ed board stuck on flavored milk ban idea," it should have said that Vice Chair Ben Allen is interested in the ban on flavored milk, but felt that he did not have enough information to make a final decision.

Mayor Bloom calls on L.A. to pass its own plastic bag ban

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER Santa Monica and 10 other cities and counties have taken bold strides to reduce their environmental impact by banning plastic bags, but other municipalities need to step up their game.

That was the message put forth by Mayor Richard Bloom and Environment California, a nonprofit group dedicated to protecting California's air, water and open spaces.

Environment California released a report Friday noting the devastation wreaked by single-use plastic bags both on the environment and on the economy, and praising the 80 nations and localities that have banned the bags worldwide.

According to the report, the average square mile of ocean contains 46,000 pieces of floating plastic, which hurts wildlife like sea turtles that mistake the stuff for food.

The plastic also litters beaches and stream beds, and can take over 100 years to decompose.

In California alone, 16 billion plastic bags get used each year. Less than 5 percent of bags are recycled, and the rest go into landfills, litter the streets and beaches, clog streams or find their way out to sea, according to the report.

The presence of the bags impacts people in more ways than we imagine.

Plastic pollution costs developing and industrialized nations up to $1.3 billion annually, primarily by threatening the fishing, shipping and tourism industries, according to the report.

Although an increasing number of cities, counties and countries across the state and world have taken steps to eliminate single-use plastic bags, there's one major holdout, said Anne Ohliger, the Los Angeles citizen outreach director for Environment California.

"Los Angeles needs to join cities and counties all over the world to save the ocean for future generations," she said.

L.A., a city of 4 million people, has not yet banned plastic bags, despite a ban in the unincorporated parts of Los Angeles County and municipalities like Santa Monica and, recently, a court-approved ban in Manhattan Beach.

That is a major problem for Santa Monica, which is at the end of the trash pipeline from

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DEMONSTRATE: **B-cycle representative Jason McDowell (left) shows how the bike sharing system works to Ian Miller (left) and Jay Wolff of Helen's Cycles on Wednesday at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. City Hall is considering installing a bike-share system for residents and visitors.**

Santa Monicans weigh in on bike share

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

CIVIC CENTER A gray sky and a sprinkling of summer mist were not enough to keep some curious Santa Monicans from catching a glimpse of City Hall's proposed bike sharing plan earlier this week.

At the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, city officials and representatives from Global Green USA introduced a solar-powered bike sharing station, courtesy of B-cycle, with bicycles available for test rides.

Several people hopped on the bikes, spinning circles around the mostly empty parking lot; unsurprisingly, most of those in attendance chose not to drive, but arrived on bicycle.

The purpose of the event was to gauge people's interest in bike sharing, as well as field any questions, comments or concerns about the system.

A panel comprised of members of Alta Bicycle Share and B-cycle, companies that manage bike sharing systems, as well as a representative of UC Irvine's bike sharing system, spoke at the event.

One party that appeared happy to see the bike sharing system announced was Santa Monica College.

"We're very interested in partnering and collaborating with the city in their efforts," said Genevieve Bertone, director of sustainability at SMC. "Santa Monica is one of the greenest cities in the nation [and] SMC is hoping to be one of the greenest community colleges in the nation."

City Hall has been recommended to receive a grant for $1.5 million from Metro to help cover the cost of the program, said Lucy Dyke, Santa Monica transportation planning manager. It is expected to cost $2.4 million to get the program up and running.

The grant would help City Hall install at least 250 bicycles in 25 locations, Dyke added.

The cost to borrow a bike has not yet been set. Dyke said the program will most likely mirror bike sharing programs in other cities. In Denver, the fee is $6 per day, $20 per week and $65 a year. Anything under 30 minutes is free.

After presentations by the panel explaining the methods of planning, installing and maintaining a bicycle sharing system, the community was ready to weigh in.

Primary concerns included encouraging bike safety, maintaining the bikes, preventing vandalism and paying for the installation and upkeep of the system. Dyke took notes on twin sandwich boards.

Most of those gathered seemed eager to get the wheels of bike sharing turning, citing its positive effects on the environment.

"It will reduce emissions in our country, give people better health and will promote

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The Santa Monica way

Editor:

The City Council Tuesday night will be urged to approve a development agreement at Stewart Street and Colorado Avenue as a way to keep a valued employer, Lionsgate, in town, and to retain good local jobs – both goals which merit consideration.

It is also important to retain residents. The only way to protect the nearby Village Trailer Park seems to be to coordinate the Lionsgate project with planning for the adjacent parcels.

Just a year ago, in adopting the new Land Use and Circulation Element, the council adopted language meant to protect the unique affordable housing ownership opportunities at Village Trailer Park.

Now is the time our council must live up to last summer's commitment. If the approval of the Lionsgate project as currently proposed means the subsequent eviction of our long-term neighbors in the nearby Village Trailer Park, we must pause and seek a better plan. Evicting the powerless is not the Santa Monica way.

Kevin McKeown
Councilmember

Rebuilt to repower

Editor:

Everyone is looking to save these days. If you have an older vehicle that needs engine work and can't afford to buy a new vehicle right now, one way to repower your wallet is to repower your engine.

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Ken Carter
Chairman, Engine Repower Council



On the Beat

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Protecting businesses from burglars

Q: I AM A BUSINESS OWNER AND recently had my business broken into. It appears as though the suspect jumped my fence to get onto the property. I was thinking about placing barbed wiring on top on my fence to prevent people from jumping over. Am I allowed to do that and what additional security measures can I take?

A: Unfortunately, per the Santa Monica Municipal Code, section 3.36.240, fences and walls which are made of barbed wire, particularly strand or concertina wire; electrically energized fences or walls; and fences or walls with jagged edges, i.e., materials such as glass, nails or metal placed atop or partially embedded in the structure, are prohibited. However, wooden, stake or picket fences and pointed decorative metal fences are permitted. Depending on the height of your fence, you may want to consider raising it higher, making it harder for someone to jump over it.

If someone is still able to gain access to your property, if you are using a lock or hasp, make sure it does not have a lot of room for someone to place a tool in between to cut it off. There are locks that have minimal room and make it more difficult for someone to cut through.

Security cameras are also a great tool to have. This allows you to see who the suspect is and which means he/she used to get on your property. It is also a deterrent by posting a sign on your property that states that trespassers are being watched by a surveillance camera.

An alarm is also another great tool as it oftentimes scares suspects away and notifies the police. There are many different alarms available depending on your needs. Motion light sensors are another tool to use. Utilizing as many security measures for your business as you can decreases the chances of someone targeting your business.

If you have a business in Santa Monica and are interested in having a security survey conducted on your property, contact SMPD Community Relations at (310) 458-8474 and one will be scheduled.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Looking for something to do on Tuesday, Aug. 2?

The National Association of Town Watch is having their 28th annual National Night Out here in Santa Monica at the Public Safety Facility, 333 Olympic Dr. This is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. It has been dedicated to the development, growth and maintenance of organized crime and drug prevention programs nationwide.

National Night Out is a community building campaign designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime programs, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. It's a great opportunity for the police and community to build partnerships and to educate the public about crime prevention and promote neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out is a night where everyone can come together and celebrate safety and crime prevention.

AN ALARM IS ALSO ANOTHER GREAT TOOL AS IT OFTENTIMES SCARES SUSPECTS AWAY AND NOTIFIES THE POLICE.

The theme is emergency preparedness and several businesses will be selling emergency preparedness kits. Recent events have taught all of us that we need to keep at least seven days of supplies on hand in case of an emergency so we can take care of ourselves and our families until emergency services are available to assist. The seven items that should be a part of your emergency preparedness are: One gallon of water a day per person, nonperishable foods that require no refrigeration or preparation, a basic first aid kit, flashlight and radio with extra batteries, medication including non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, personal hygiene items, and pet supplies.

For those who are not prepared for an emergency situation we encourage you to look at the emergency preparedness kits that will be available for sale. Those with existing emergency preparedness kits this will also be a good opportunity to upgrade or change out some of your inventory.

So make sure you come celebrate "America's Night Out Against Crime" with free food, music, mini flashlights, and entertainment. Parking is also free in the Civic Center Parking Structure. This will be a giant block party between Fourth Street and Main Street on Olympic Drive. The festivities will commence at 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. This is a great opportunity to bring the family out and meet your local police department and community members. Hope to see you there!

For more information call Community Relations.

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Modern Times

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Leave it up to mom and dad

WHEN SHAKESPEARE SPOKE OF BRUTUS betraying Julius Caesar, it was such an awful act that Shakespeare broke the rules of grammar when he said, "This was the most unkindest cut of all." Today, there are people who are so upset about something that they might refer to it as "the most unkindest cut of all." These are the people who feel that circumcision should be banned.

Evidently, there are enough of these anti-circumcision folks to get an initiative on the San Francisco ballot for this November. (There was a movement to do the same in Santa Monica, but that lost traction.) If passed, this initiative would make it a crime for anyone to perform a circumcision on boys under the age of 18. The position of this group is that circumcision is "mutilation," and since genital mutilation of girls is forbidden, it should also be forbidden for boys. I guess this is based on the obvious medical fact that male and female bodies are identical.

The other reason that they are against circumcision, especially on babies, is that they feel that the child getting the circumcision is too young to consent to it. I guess they think that since we didn't agree to it as babies, we should all be walking around with our umbilical cords dangling down.

The anti-circumcisioners refer to people who are uncircumcised as "intact." In fact, their movement is called, "Intact America." (Apparently, they don't care about people in the rest of the world living un-intact lives). Obviously, they believe that those Americans who are "intact" are more fortunate than those who are not. What about babies whose lives were saved by doctors performing surgery on them to remove lethal things from their little bodies? Should their parents have spurned the surgery in the hope that their kids could brag to everyone that they are still "intact?" I guess it would be silly of me to suggest that maybe these people are also against haircuts.

Russell Crowe, the well-known actor and I guess, part-time medical ethicist, has weighed in on this debate. He has said that he believes that God made all babies perfect and that circumcision is "barbaric and stupid." At least he's willing to debate the issue intelligently.

I've never been someone who has railed against the "Nanny State." In fact, I have always liked nannies. You'll never hear me saying anything against "Mary Poppins" or "The Sound of Music." But having a law that tells people what they should do with their babies' private parts is just going too far. Leave it up to the parents. If anything should be a personal decision for a mother and father to make, it's this. In the past, we've heard people decry that the government should stay out of our bedrooms. I'm saying that the government should stay out of our underpants.

[H]AVING A LAW THAT TELLS PEOPLE WHAT THEY SHOULD DO WITH THEIR BABIES' PRIVATE PARTS IS JUST GOING TOO FAR.

While doing research for this column, I learned that circumcision is the most frequently performed surgery in the United States. Living in Los Angeles, I thought number one was the breast implant. I understand that just because it's so popular doesn't mean it's the right choice. That would be like saying since "America's Biggest Loser" is popular, it contributes the most to our culture.

Anyway, there are people on both sides of the argument who claim that their way is healthier. Officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention feel that circumcision contributes to healthier men and that uncircumcised men are much more susceptible to all kinds of medical problems. On the other hand, Intact America can point to its experts who say the opposite. That's why this shouldn't be a law, but should be an informed choice that parents make. And those parents should be informed that the World Health Organization is for circumcision, and Russell Crowe is against it. See? It's not such an easy decision.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON STORMWATER PARCEL REPORTS

City of Santa Monica

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

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The Re-View

Merv Hecht

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On neighborhood watch at the Robata Bar

THE ROBATA BAR IS PART OF A GROUP OF HIGHLY successful restaurants that includes the Sushi Roku chain and the Boa steakhouses. In fact there is a Sushi Roku in Santa Monica located just next door that shares the Robata Bar's kitchen. So management knows what it's doing.

Out-of-town visitors love the location near the beach and there are several above-average restaurants nearby. Boa Steakhouse across the street, Ocean Avenue Steakhouse almost next door in case you get a craving for oysters, and Misfit less than a block away immediately come to mind.

There's a young, good-looking staff, some with attractive tattoos, and I like having the napkins on the table, where you can take as many as you need.

But wait. If you look at the reviews on the web you see a chain of complaints about management, service, and prices.

I don't find the prices outrageous as so many others do. The last time I was there I shared a lot of dishes with a friend. While she had a $7 bottle of sparkling water, I had a Kirin draft beer for $3. What kind of crazy society do we live in now where water is twice as expensive as beer? Anyway, we spent $48 on six different plates, which seems reasonable to me for an upscale place.

The ambiance is pleasant, if a bit cramped, but that gave me a chance to talk to the people right next to me. And I've always found the service pleasant, although it's true that the employees seem to spend more time talking to each other than to the guests. One unexpected pleasant feature: the music in the background (where it belongs) playing softly.

And I liked having three sauces on the table: ponzu, spicy mustard, and sweet ginger. Ditto for the flavorful vegetable skewers including the not-to-spicy grilled peppers. The most traditional skewer dish, chicken with onion and eggplant, arrived hot and did not disappoint.

But the meat and fish dishes were not as good. The skirt steak was over-marinated, losing any beef taste. The fillet with fois gras and asparagus didn't taste fresh. In fact most of the dishes relied on sauce and the marinade for flavor, especially the seafood dishes — that is just the opposite of the Japanese Robata concept, famous for serving very fresh foods that produce the fresh flavors of the products.

What we have here is a Japanese fast food place with a nice ambiance, excellent drinks, good but expensive sushi, and average skewers.

But the Robata Bar can be a good choice if you order the excellent sushi from the Sushi Roku next door, thereby avoiding its overcrowded, noisy ambiance.

The Robata Bar offers a good selection of cocktails, and to wash down the sushi there is an excellent list of Sake by the glass or, for between $20 and $190 you can select from the bottle list, among the best on the Westside. Also, Kirin, Sapporo, and Asahi Super Dry are available on tap.

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Lunch served with a side of the unexpected

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

Getting creative with kids' lunches can be a bit of a minefield. It can be hard enough to get them to embrace new foods at home, never mind when they are surrounded by friends at school.

But that doesn't mean you can't break free of the same-old-sandwich routine. It's just a matter of using foods already in your children's comfort zone, but working with them in new and creative ways.

Leftovers are a great place to start (assuming they were well received the first time around). Plenty of thick stews and chilies can be repurposed as chilled fillings for wraps, especially when topped with shredded cheese. Ditto for salads, including the pasta and potato varieties.

Or consider deconstructing something, such as pasta salad. Put it back together in a way that's fun for kids, as we did for the tortellini veggie skewers. Also, breakfast is great for the beginning of the day and makes a fun supper, so why not also consider it for lunch, too?

Cold ham and cheese casserole

This "casserole" is a great way to use up leftovers. Feel free to play with the ingredients. Chicken, steak and even chopped leftover hamburgers are fine substitutes for the ham.

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Serves: 1

1 teaspoon mustard
2 tablespoon low-fat mayonnaise
1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
1/2 cup cooked rice, white or brown
1/4 cup cubed cooked ham
2 tablespoons shredded cheddar
1 scallion, thinly sliced, to garnish

In a small bowl, stir together the mustard, mayonnaise and vinegar. Add the rice, ham and cheddar, then mix well.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 280 calories; 110 calories from fat (38 percent of total calories); 12 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 35 mg cholesterol; 32 g carbohydrate; 11 g protein; 2 g fiber; 660 mg sodium.

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Anti-abortion laws spreading

BY DAVID CRARY & TIMBERLY ROSS
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. Inspired by a contentious Nebraska law, abortion opponents in five other states have won passage of measures banning virtually all abortions after five months of pregnancy.

The late-term bans — based on the premise that fetuses at that stage can feel pain, a view that has been disputed — are among a record wave of more than 80 restrictions aimed at reducing access to abortion, all of them approved so far this year in state legislatures. Other measures expand pre-abortion counseling requirements, ban abortion coverage in new insurance exchanges, and subject abortion clinics to tough new regulations.

The laws may not drastically slash the overall number of U.S. abortions — 1.2 million a year at last count — but they have emboldened anti-abortion activists, angered abortion providers, and will likely make decisions all the more wrenching for women affected by the late-term bans.

"In almost every instance at that late stage, something has gone terribly wrong with what typically was a very wanted pregnancy," said Peter Brownlie, head of Planned Parenthood of Kansas and Mid-Missouri. "What we see are parents in anguish over some type of medical condition — and these very cruel laws double or triple that anguish."

Kansas is one of the five states — along with Alabama, Idaho, Indiana and Oklahoma — that enacted abortion bans this year modeled after the groundbreaking fetal-pain bill passed in Nebraska in 2010. The Kansas ban is effective after 21 weeks, the others after 20 weeks. Exceptions are allowed when the mother's life is at risk or she faces severe physical impairment.

The bills depart from the standards established by the U.S. Supreme Court which allow states to limit abortions when there's a reasonable chance the fetus could survive outside of the womb, generally considered to around 23 or 24 weeks.

Mary Spaulding Balch, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said she was pleased the late-term bans got attention from lawmakers amid widespread fiscal problems.

"If we have to pass them in 50 states — and that's the plan — we will do that," she said.

In Nebraska, only one woman has come forward publicly to say the fetal-pain law prevented her from terminating a pregnancy. Danielle Deaver, of Grand Island, said she was denied that option at 22 weeks after she learned the baby was nonviable, ended up going into natural pre-term labor, and gave birth to a girl who died after 15 minutes.

"It was very frustrating and added to our grief because the waiting compounded everything," Deaver said in an interview earlier this year.

Anti-abortion activists acknowledge that some late-term cases can be difficult, but believe the bans are warranted for the sake of the fetus.

The Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights, estimates that only about 1.5 percent of all abortions in the U.S. take place after 20 weeks of pregnancy. That would be roughly 18,000 annually as of the 2008, the last year with nationwide figures — and probably only a few hundred, at most, in states enacting the new bans.

Critics of the late-term bans say other women in predicaments like Deaver's may be forced to choose between traveling out-of-state to get an abortion or proceeding reluctantly with a pregnancy after learning the fetus has a severe anomaly.

Of all the anti-abortion measures introduced this year, one of the most ambitious remains pending in Ohio's Republican-led legislature. It would ban abortions after the first detectable fetal heartbeat, which can occur within six weeks of conception.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich signed a different bill Wednesday that would ban abortions after 20 weeks if the doctor — after a mandatory test — determines that the fetus is viable. There's no exception for the health or life of the mother.

Abortion-rights advocates say the roughly 200 late abortions performed in Ohio each year are often complex, involving decisions that should be left to women and their doctors.

"I continue to be amazed that legislators believe they should have a voice when I take care of my patients," said Dr. Catherine Cansino, an obstetrician-gynecologist from Columbus. "They should not dictate which medical interventions are available or not."

Overall, according to abortion-rights supporters, the new laws will have the most impact on low-income and rural women, especially in states which already have few abortion providers. In addition to the late-term bans, other new restrictions include:

—Regulations in Kansas specifying what drugs and equipment abortion clinics must stock and setting requirements for room sizes and temperatures. Two of the state's three abortion providers sued after they were unable to meet the new standards, and a federal judge has blocked the rules until the lawsuit is resolved.

—A Texas law requiring doctors to conduct a pre-abortion sonogram and describe the fetus' features to the pregnant woman. Doctors who don't comply would face loss of their medical license and possible prosecution. The law doesn't allow women to opt out, with exceptions for cases of rape or incest.

The New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights has filed a lawsuit to overturn the law, which is scheduled to take effect Oct. 1.

Another type of law — enacted this year in Wisconsin, Indiana, Kansas and North Carolina — eliminates public funding for Planned Parenthood. The funds had been earmarked for family planning and other non-abortion services, but Planned Parenthood became a target for cutoffs because it also is the nation's largest provider of abortions.

Rachel Sussman, a Planned Parenthood policy analyst, says the cutoffs could backfire if they undermine family planning programs and increase the number of unintended pregnancies that result in abortions.

Planned Parenthood has filed suit to challenge the funding cutoff in Indiana — one of numerous pending legal challenges to the array of new laws.

So far, however, abortion-rights advocates have not filed suit against any of the Nebraska-style fetal-pain laws — a fact likely to encourage their spread to even more states.

While some doctors contend that fetuses can feel pain after 20 weeks, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says it knows of no legitimate evidence showing a fetus can ever experience pain.

The Supreme Court, which established the nationwide right to abortion in its landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, has made clear in subsequent rulings that states can restrict the procedure after viability. It has not addressed the issue of fetal pain.

The anti-abortion movement holds out hope that Roe v. Wade will one day be overturned, but meanwhile many activists are enthusiastic about the state-by-state approach of enacting laws that chip away at abortion access.

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a more sustainable lifestyle and tourism in our community," said Joy Cernac, Santa Monica resident.

Linda Porta, a Venice resident who works in Santa Monica, has been on a bike for the past year and a half. She already bikes everyday, but feels that the bike share could make the community easier to visit.

"It wouldn't totally effect me, but it would help my friends when they come out and see the city," Porta said.

One of the biggest concerns was safety.

"There will continue to be a high risk to bicyclists," said Cernac.

That risk could be reduced if the bike share bikes came equipped with helmets and the city launched a campaign for public safety, Cernac added.

"Safety is our number one concern," Bertone said. "As an educational facility, I think we have a valuable role to play."

Some felt that a reexamination of traffic policy in Santa Monica was key.

"I think that the traffic laws should reflect the nuanced differences between modes of transportation: bikes, people, cars," said Gwynne Pugh, former planning commissioner.

Pugh has been riding a bike for over 30 years in Santa Monica, but still believes that bicyclists have to be aware of the rules of the road, and follow them for everyone's safety.

"The biggest responsibility is on the cyclist," Pugh said.

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In a ruling last September, the same panel upheld Nunez's conviction, but reversed a special circumstance allegation against him and reduced his sentence from life in prison without the possibility of parole to 100 years to life in prison.

Nunez was convicted and sentenced separately for a Jan. 25, 2006, incident in which he and another man, Frank Morado, exchanged fire with sheriff's deputies and took a family in Compton hostage before surrendering about three hours later.

A third defendant, William Vasquez, was convicted separately of the murders of Hernandez and Bonilla, along with three other killings. Jurors deadlocked in January on whether to recommend a death sentence or life in prison without the possibility of parole, and a new jury is expected to be asked to consider the same issue.

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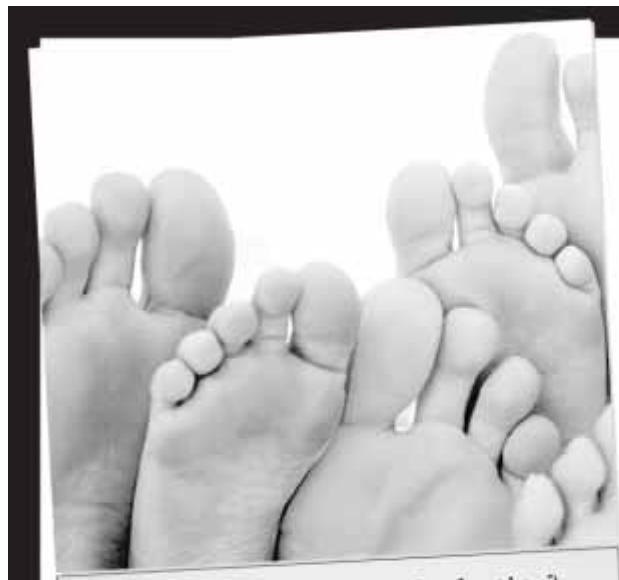
Above: Australian singer/songwriter Missy Higgins moves the audience during the 'Australia Rocks the Pier' event during the third week of the 27th Annual Twilight Dance Series on the Santa Monica Pier Thursday night.
Below: Australian rocker Andy Clockwise gets the crowd going.



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The Q Line

Are you afraid of cell phones, smart meters?

People concerned about the possible health impacts of microwaves emitted from cell phones and other wireless devices and transmission towers are leading a charge to have the City Council mandate warning labels be placed on such devices.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Are you worried about wireless? Do you believe you will get sick from cell phones or are they and other wi-fi devices harmless?

Here are your responses:

"WIRELESS DEVICES ARE DEFINITELY A worry. These devices emit carcinogens and this has been proven many times and has affected the health of people over the long term. Some serious discussion should be undertaken by the council for proper warning labels. After all, do we not claim the environmental moral high ground? People and their children deserve the courtesy of such a warning."

"THE BIGGEST DANGER FROM CELL PHONES is from the idiots who can't stop talking on them while driving. Maybe a huge increase in the fines would help."

"YES, I AM INDEED CONCERNED ABOUT the wireless devices. I know for a fact, through a personal experience, that they do create harm. If we need to have them, if they are absolutely essential, I hope the city will install devices that shield us from this electromagnetic pollution."

"WELL, I'M A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF San Malicious, and my husband has a Ph.D. in engineering, and I do think that one should keep cell phones away from one's ears, but you know, it's a sign of the times. We're part of a digital information era."

"CELL PHONES AND OTHER MACHINES are absolutely a problem for some people, maybe for all people with a longer length of time. I don't use my cell phone, but when I do, when I have to, I first get a tickling sensation, but within the first three minutes, I get pain, and it's heat and hot. And it's not only the cell phone I have now, it's other cell phones as well. So some people are more sensitive than others. I'm concerned."

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the huge metropolis, Bloom said.

"We can model good behavior here, but when everyone is moving forward, that's when change happens," Bloom said.

Heal the Bay, a local nonprofit that fights to improve the health of the oceans, coordinates 400 beach and creek cleanups each year to strike back against the litter of plastic bags and Styrofoam.

This report demonstrates the momentum that's growing behind the ban movement, which will help with the cleanup and conservation efforts, said Kirsten James, water quality director with Heal the Bay.

"It really highlights the fact that the community acknowledges that change needs to happen," James said.

The plastics industry hasn't made it easy on cities looking for reform.

The California Supreme Court only last week shot down a lawsuit from the group Save the Plastic Bag, which targeted Manhattan Beach's effort.

The suit attempted to force the city to perform an expensive and extensive environmental impact report before allowing it to proceed with the ban.

Santa Monica not only completed the full analysis of the proposal, it participated in a master study to help other cities proceed with their bans without fear of litigation.

Santa Monica's ban will come into full effect Sept. 1, although it technically went on the books in March. Council members felt that it would be appropriate to give an extra six months to grocery stores, pharmacies and other affected businesses to burn through their supply.

In September, however, plastic bags will not be available in most locations, with the exception of produce bags, which tend not to contribute to rampant litter said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

When Santa Monica first began discussing the ban, which was passed this year and will be enforced in September, there was sabre-rattling from pro-bag groups, but nothing materialized, Bloom said.

"They know they're not going to make an impression here," Bloom said.

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PARK
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voted on during community workshops, particularly Arcadia Park, which they felt evoked the City of Arcadia, and anything with the name "arroyo" in it, which struck them as generic.

The appeal of Arcadia Park, according to Tom Cleys, who came to speak in favor of the name on behalf of the Santa Monica Conservancy, lies in the historic significance of one Arcadia Bandini Stearns de Baker, the woman who donated the land for Palisades Park and the land on which the West Los Angeles Veterans Administration campus sits.

"This area is central," Cleys said. "It's our Central Park, Balboa Park, Griffith Park, and its naming needs to be commensurate with the importance of the space."

The argument didn't fly with members of the commission, who worried that the name would confuse tourists and would require a history lesson to fully understand.

"What is currently Palisades Garden Walk is bigger than one person," said Commissioner Dryden Helgoe, who initially favored People's Central Park or Santa Monica Central Park for the site.

While some commissioners bandied about ideas, at least one took issue with the proceedings from the get-go.

Commissioner Richard McKinnon, who makes his living as a marketing consultant, told his fellow commissioners that if he were doing this as an exercise for his business, he would have started with a name even before designing the park.

"It strikes me that to make the identity of the park is what we should have done first," McKinnon said, emphasizing that the name did not have to be decided on by the end of the evening.

The difficulty, as he saw it, was that none of the commissioners had any experience in developing a brand for the park, which would then invest identity in the space.

"I would never gainsay you if you came to me and said, 'This is the law,'" he told Chair Neil Carrey. "Here, we're struggling."

In the end, the commission chose to table the discussion until August, in the hopes that more suggestions from the public would come forward, and that commissioners could come to the table with a more clear sense of direction.

The group did, however, express a hope that paths cutting through the "park across the street" could have individual names as well, both for the purposes of honoring individuals of importance within the community and to get the paths noted on Internet searches and Google Maps.

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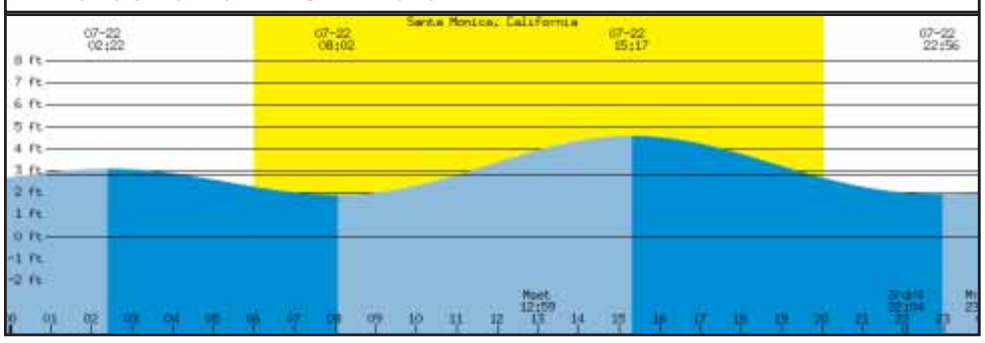
Swell Forecast

Looks smaller as both SW and NW swells back off, about waist high everywhere (assuming Dora stays on its current trek). Standout south facing breaks though could see some chest high pluses.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks weaker as NW wind swell and southerly swell backs off. Knee to waist high everywhere seems like a reasonable expectation.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **July 13, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Ailso creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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YOGA
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boarding point to Hawaii as the source of the activity, in which a person stands or kneels on an oversized surfboard and uses long paddles to move through the water. It's not uncommon to see people on boards paddling the Puget Sound or area lakes, even in the dead of a Seattle winter, donning full body wetsuits.

Someone, somewhere, figured out that paddleboards are big enough to hold a person doing the cobra pose. And the practice has spread. There are now paddleboard yoga classes in at least Florida, California, Hawaii and Washington.

In Atry's two-hour class, participants get a quick lesson on paddleboarding before they head to the water, where they tie to a buoy. She leads the class from her board, floating in front of them. Participants line their boards up next to each other.

She starts slow, with breathing exercises before moving on to the more difficult stretches.

Atry said she has modified some of the yoga postures to account for the added challenge of balancing on a board.

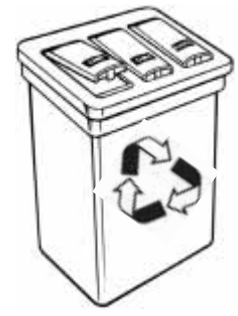
"When you're on the paddleboard and trying to do the same postures as on land, you have completely different feedback because if you don't have your footing right, you will feel the board move around and if you aren't focusing, you will fall in the water," Wilson said after her second class.

Wetsuits are optional, but recommended on the days it's not hot enough to warm the cool waters. Prices for the classes range from $23 for a single class to $325 for a month of unlimited classes. Atry said the surf shop plans to continue classes until early fall, and take a break once winter arrives.

There have been many people new to yoga and paddleboarding trying out her class, Atry said.

"Often times they'll go into the water tentatively, especially if it's their first time on a board, but it's so neat to see them jump on the board and paddle back without problem at all, having been through inversions, balancing and stretching on the board."

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A Job Walk is not scheduled for this project.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Saturday, July 23
Jack Nicholson double feature. Screenwriter Robert Towne in person.
Chinatown (R) 2hr 11min
The Two Jakes (R) 2hr 17min
7:30pm

Sunday, July 23
Discussion following with director Jeffrey Hayden, Theodore Bikel (schedule permitting) and John Kerr.
The Vintage (NR) 1hr 32min
7:30pm

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
1:05pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
12:00pm, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

Little Help (R) 1hr 48min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
2:40pm, 7:55pm

Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:35pm, 3:40pm, 6:45pm, 9:05pm, 9:50pm, 11:05pm

Zookeeper (PG) 1hr 44min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:50pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm

Winnie the Pooh (G) 1hr 03min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:50am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

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

Boy Called Dad (NR) 1hr 20min
11:00am

Names of Love (Le nom des gens) (R) 1hr 40min
11:00am

Trip (NR) 1hr 47min
3:00pm, 7:45pm

Terri (R) 1hr 41min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
11:00am, 5:30pm

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

Project Nim (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:50am, 2:55pm, 6:00pm, 9:05pm

Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
9:30am, 12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Transformers: Dark of the Moon (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
3:40pm, 10:50pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
9:40am, 12:15pm, 2:45pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Cars 2 (G) 1hr 53min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

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

Beats, Rhymes & Life: The Travels of a Tribe Called Quest (R) 1hr 38min
9:30am, 12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Say yes tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Be careful about how you spend your money. People seem to want a lot from you, which you might or might not be in the mood to give. Revise your attitude toward a difficult or controlling parent or older friend. A risk might work if you don't push too hard. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You feel your energy, but are you aware of how fortunate you are? You gather information quickly and efficiently. New opportunities come forward, perhaps because you are receptive. If you are feeling awkward about a request, now is the time to act. Tonight: As you like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Know what is going on behind the scenes. Understand that a partner needs to share and open up. You don't need to know everything about a personal venture if your partner or loved one does. Tonight: Happiest in a quiet atmosphere.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Be sure you understand how many people could be hanging out around you. A discussion with your sweetie or friend could be close to impossible to complete. You will enjoy your friends and whatever you choose to do. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Once more, others follow your lead. You might be worn out by what is going on around you. Revamp your schedule and take a deep breath. You are on top of your game, and others respond accordingly. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to make plans with a friend or loved one at a distance. At present, you are fortunate when dealing with travel and those at a distance. Remain grounded and centered as you venture into new turf. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to someone you care about. Just enjoy this person for what he or she offers. One-on-one relating could absorb your entire day. Be ready to let go of a problem involving your family and home. Tonight: Enjoy being a duo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. Revise your thinking after an intense conversation. You'll gain a novel perspective. Someone who might enter your life today or who has been in your life is lucky for you. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ An easy, relaxed approach will go far. With friends or family, you might enjoy a good card game or baseball game more than any fancy, planned get-together. Your vision of plans might be a bit different from someone else's. Tonight: Just make it uncomplicated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity flows to unprecedented levels. Even if you are attached, with an innate flirtatiousness that emerges, your sweetie could think you were dating again. Be positive about a child or new friend. Tonight: Add whatever romantic seasonings you desire.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Nip a problem in the bud. You don't need to make a situation more of a problem than it is. Realize what is happening between you and another person. Be happy to just visit and spend time together. Tonight: Close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your words help someone relax. You might not have any idea the impact you have. You also might be eyeing a new computer, cellphone or some other type of equipment for communicating. Tonight: Only where everyone can have a good time.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you express a great deal of concern for others. Many of you will become involved in a key heartfelt cause. Others will be leaders in their field. No matter what comes down, you seem to know what to do. If you are single, you could meet someone of significance through your work. Try not to mix business and pleasure. If you can avoid that situation, all the better. If you are attached, share more of your away-from-home life. Otherwise, you could have a problem. TAURUS pushes you to achieve.



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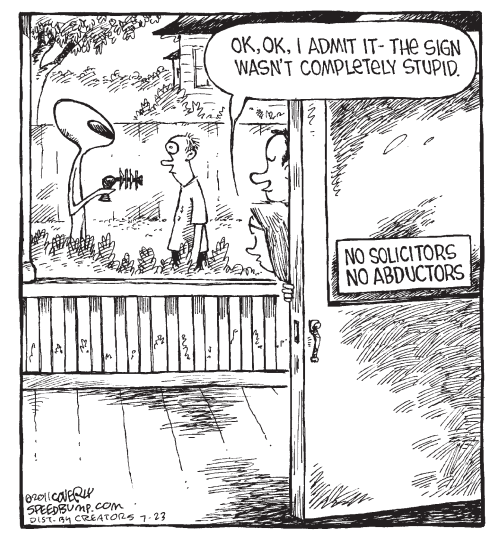
Strange Brew

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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

1 Peace symbol
5 Surgery reminder
9 Burdened
10 Had a longing
12 Make better
13 National symbol
14 Halloween wear
16 Writer Deighton
17 Print units
18 Minimal money
20 Stun with noise
22 Big Apple team
23 Sun Valley setting
25 Goatee spot
28 Mexican resort
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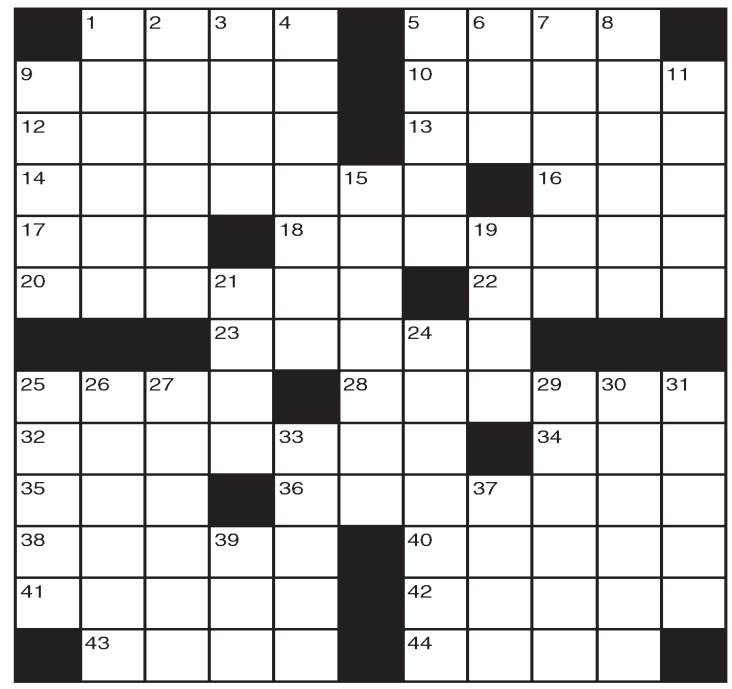
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3 Let off steam
4 Lasted
5 Alacrity
6 KGB's rival
7 "Broke-back Mountain" director
8 Show mercy
9 Tied a corset
11 Car's scars
15 Threaten-ed
19 "You know you want to!"
21 Fish features
24 Convertible alter-native
25 Deep gorge
26 Laundry holder
27 Adul-terated
29 Wine drink
30 Straight
31 Comfy places
33 Scout leader?
37 Another name for Jupiter
39 Free

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■ (1) People sometimes have illicit sex in cemeteries, and when they get really aggressive, tombstones may fall over on top of them. (A randy 39-year-old woman was injured in Hamilton, N.J., in June after a gravestone rolled onto her leg at the Ahavath Israel Cemetery.) (2) Motorists who stop along the side of the road at night to relieve themselves are often not careful enough. (In May, a specialty unit from the Renton, Wash., Fire Department was required in order to rescue a urinator who accidentally fell down a 30-foot embankment in south King County and was trapped for several hours.)

■ A 38-year-old man, unidentified in news reports, was hospitalized in Princeton, W.Va., in October (1992) with gunshot wounds. He had been drinking beer and reported accidentally shooting himself three times -- as he attempted to clean each of his three guns. He said the first shot didn't hurt, the second "stung a little," and the third "really hurt," prompting him to call an ambulance.

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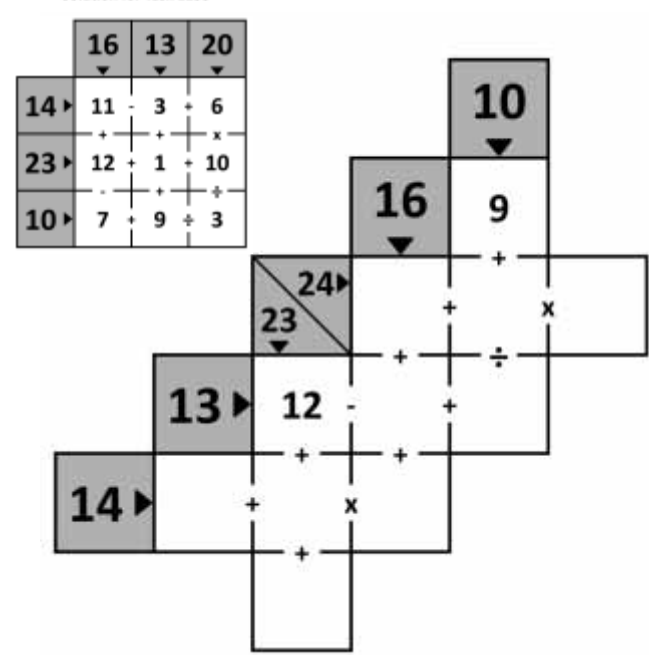
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Gray, Hazel Clarice Carvelli
(age 73)

Clarice was born May 8, 1938 in St. Paul, MN the daughter of Nicholas and Hazel (Bailey) Carvelli. Clarice graduated from the University of Minnesota, School of Nursing, and went on to have her only child, Thomas Flaherty, Jr., from her first marriage. Sadly, Thomas Jr. passed away of leukemia at the age of 14. She moved to Santa Monica, CA and became the nurse nanny for Sonny and Cher until 1988, after marrying Charles Gray the year before. In 1989, they moved to the Northwest, managing numerous properties, traveling extensively and lived the good life. Thank the good Lord for Spokane Hospice and our many friends, whose care and kindness accompanied Clarice on her final voyage. Private services will be held at a later date. Please visit Clarice's tribute and leave a condolence at www.hennesseyfuneralhomes.com. Hennessey-Smith Funeral Home, Spokane WA.





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