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New bike tours put the 'joy' in Joy Ride

Courtesy photo

JOYRIDE: Santa Monica resident Michelle Greco is operating a bicycle tour company.

BY AVERY YANG
Daily Press Intern

Injuries plagued Michelle Greco - UCLA woman's basketball standout, WNBA champion and three-time Italian Serie A1 champion - often during the course of her playing career. Through her injuries, being at the Santa Monica beach and, especially, riding her bike along the beach's bike path had been a mental and physical release whenever she came back home for her off seasons.

"After finishing a long basketball season, I would come back here to my home for two to three months for the offseason, and there was nothing like getting on a bike, going down on the bike path, going to Venice, meeting up with friends, coming back during the sunset, playing volleyball, you name it, this was always my release," Greco said.

"This was my fun - this is the type of lifestyle that I've always envisioned I'd live."

That nostalgic liberation is a large catalyst as to why Greco decided to start Joy Ride, a tour company that provides tourists and residents of Santa Monica alike a unique perspective of the city's history and scenery, all on a leisurely bike ride down Santa Monica and Venice's bike paths that run adjacent to their beaches.

Greco, as evidenced by her tan complexion and energetic attitude, is an outdoors junkie. Every sport imaginable is in the trunk of her SUV, and her garage contains several bikes that range in usage from decrepit to brand-new - Greco's beach cruiser, a bike that she still uses whenever like-minded friends are in town, is worn down enough that the next mile on it could be its last, while her favorite bike, a "Lakers" themed bike, is in pristine condition. Greco "pampers that bike with a diaper."

Joy Ride's co-founder Lindsey Harding, a former teammate of Greco's and currently guard for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury, said that Greco lives and dies by the Santa Monica

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COUNCIL WRAP

One ballot measure approved, another requires third hearing

BY JEONG PARK
Daily Press Intern

The Santa Monica City Council at its July 12 meeting voted to place a tax increase initiative on the November ballot. The council also approved a concept design for modernization of City Yards and finalized a revision of the ethics initiative that will be placed on the ballot.

TAX INCREASE

The City Council voted 5-0 to place on this year's election an ordinance that would increase the local transactions and use tax to 1 percent, and effectively increase the sales tax to 10 percent.

The city said increasing the tax will help fill the revenue gap left by the loss of state redevelopment funds, which provided over $15 million annually to support affordable housing.

As of April, eight cities in California had a 10-percent sales tax, according to a staff report by the City of Santa Monica.

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100 YEARS AGO:

Pier construction nears completion

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This monthly feature uncovers Santa Monica's history by compiling notable city happenings from a century ago. The stories are found in old newspaper archives.

Construction of the world-famous Santa Monica Pier was being completed a century ago this month.

Nearly a thousand Sunday-school kids from Los Angeles descended on the area to explore the unfinished structure, the brainchild of Charles Looff.

The developer's sons were in charge of the project's day-to-day management, according to an archived Los Angeles Times article. One son, Arthur, was "practically living on the structure, directing operations every day from early morning until midnight," the article reads.

The pier was being designed to extend more than 1,000 feet, an adjustment over the initial 700-foot estimate, and connect to the existing municipal pier.

Looff's anticipated addition was expected to include "bowling alleys, billiard halls and shooting galleries," according to the article, as well as concession stands and a giant dance hall.

The construction of the pier followed Looff's purchase of land previously held by E.P. Benjamin and B.N. Moss. Looff chose the location in part because of its proximity to the Pacific Electric train line.

"The line is the only one on the Coast taking passengers directly to the surf," the article reads, "a factor which was largely influential in Mr. Looff's decision to place his pier at

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Saturday, July 23

Tongva Park Family Saturday: Japanese Taiko Drumming
Come to Tongva Park for a demonstration and workshop of taiko drumming, one of Japan's oldest and most revered musical traditions. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave.

Beachmonger, an exhibit of new watercolors by Studio Resident Francisco Valdez
View watercolor portraits of a cross section of local residents and visitors, all created by Studio Resident Francisco Valdez during his fourteen-week tenure at the Camera Obscura Art Lab. 12 - 4 p.m. Palisades Park.

How to Make Raw Food Simple
Learn about the healing nature of raw foods, how to create simple raw food recipes, and sample raw food dishes. 2 - 2:45 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 1704 Montana Ave.

Sunday, July 24

Hatmakers Lab with Leslie Robinson
Join milliner Leslie Robinson as she works on her own hats in this drop-in hatmaking laboratory. Cost: $20. 1 - 4 p.m. Palisades Park.

Edward Bosley on Greene & Greene
Bosley, director of the Gamble House in Pasadena, discusses his book on architects Charles and Henry Greene, The Gamble House: Building Paradise in California, the first published in more than twenty years. 2 - 3:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Monday, July 25

Celebrating 109 Years of Frida Kahlo/Celebrand 109 Anos de Frida Kahlo
Join organizers as they celebrate the life of Frida Kahlo with an exhibition and movie inspired in the life and work of the wonderful Frida Kahlo. 6 - 8 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Airport Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Airport Commission. 7 p.m. City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Tuesday, July 26

Teen Film Series: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1
Answer trivia before each movie for a fun prize. 2 - 4:30 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

City Council meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. 5:30 p.m. City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Social Services Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Social Services Commission. 7 p.m. Ken Edwards Center. 1527 4th St.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

18th Street

Artists' residency program hosts public open studio event

On July 24 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the 18th Street Arts Center (1639 18th Street) will opens its doors for public dialogue with local and international artists - within blocks of the new Metro Expo Line extension.

There will be access to new works in progress and discussions with emerging and established artists. The afternoon will be filled with studio tours, screenings, talks, workshops, and light refreshments.

There will be hourly tours of exhibitions and open studios, including discussions with resident artists and curators, free screenings, exhibitions, talks, and workshops throughout the event. Los Angeles-based artist and Artist Lab Resident Shana Lutker will present Scenes from Chapter Four, the latest in her series of research-based artworks investigating Surrealist fistfights. A reception for the artist will go from 11 - 2 p.m. There will be discussions of art and politics with curator-in-residence William Wells from the Townhouse Gallery in Cairo. The exhibition Light Studies from New York-based Taiwanese artist Hao Ni will be open for viewing in the Atrium Gallery. The Alternate/Radical Pedagogies group will conduct a purposeful and inquisitive conversation about pedagogy, and a mapping of sites of learning in Los Angeles. During the event, groups and attendees will learn of and from each other, and create a collaborative map of Los Angeles. Philadelphia and New York-based artist in residence Jumatatu Poe will screen the film Finite, and documentation of his performance Let 'im Move You.

This event is free. Please RSVP: http://18thstreet.org/2016-summer-champagne-social.

Parking is limited. Street parking available both on Olympic and on 17th Street, or on 19th street.

- SUBMITTED BY SUE BELL YANK, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

Main Library

Edward Bosley on Greene & Greene

The Santa Monica Public Library is proud to present a lecture and discussion with author Edward Bosley on Greene & Greene on Sunday, July 24 at 2 p.m. in the Main Library's MLK, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Co-sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians/Southern California Chapter (SAH/SCC), this event, part of their Authors on Architecture series, features Edward Bosley discussing his book The Gamble House: Building Paradise in California. The book is the first published on Pasadena's Gamble House (1908, Charles and Henry Greene) in more than twenty years. Bosley is a SAH/SCC Life Member and Director of the Gamble House.

More than a century ago, architects Greene & Greene created homes that redefined the intersection of art and nature, a space where families could make lives of purpose and beauty in harmony with the land. When practiced as a fine art, architecture has shown its power to transform the emotional and spiritual relationship we have with our environment. Few architects have understood this as clearly as Charles and Henry Greene. Fewer still have created such a compelling work as the Gamble House. Bosley's The Gamble House features new photography by Alexander Vertikoff and a series of scholarly essays based on recently discovered archival material. The essays were written by Gamble House scholars Edward Bosley, Anne E. Mallek, Ann Scheid, and Robert Winter.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

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Power To The People!

OUR GUEST AUTHOR THIS WEEK IS LONG time Santa Monica resident Richard Orten. He is concerned about the direction our beach town is taking. Richard has been actively engaged in our community for decades.

I moved to Ocean Park in January of 1970 when I was going to UCLA and I've lived and rented in this wonderful seaside neighborhood ever since.

But when I moved in, it was the slum of Santa Monica. It was the honky tonk part of town, a leftover from the decaying pier that burned down regularly over the next couple of years. Main Street, always the heart and soul of Ocean Park, was a collection of dive bars that served alcoholics and the Bible Way Mission was a flop house, ready to pick up the pieces after last call.

But even then, there was a hint of the future.

At the southern end of Main Street was The Oar House, started by Western Airlines Pilot, Al Ehringer in 1964. This popular spot was THE destination for every college student in a 50 mile radius. It made a fortune for Ehringer, who came to be called Mr. Main Street, and his partners enabling them to buy up a lot of property along Main Street and improve it.

I think they were gifted developers, sensitive to the old buildings, keeping the low profile, neighborhood friendly walking street as it was. By 1980 Main Street was fashionable, prosperous, full of fine restaurants, bars and upscale shops and services. Property values in the adjacent neighborhood increased accordingly. Everybody was happy.

Then the city got involved.

Main Street merchants had complained that the parking lot to the west was always full, keeping shoppers away from their stores. The city's answer was to suggest building a two-story parking structure on the existing parking lot, west of Main Street.

Then somebody at city hall got the bright idea that affordable housing could be built on top of this structure. Soon it grew like a wedding cake with two levels of affordable housing and two more levels of parking for the people that lived there. This mammoth monster would be two blocks long, four stories tall, dominating the neighborhood and blocking ocean views up the hill. It was a bad idea.

This is when I got interested in local politics, joining forces with my local neighborhood association and many Main Street merchants opposed to this monstrosity. We pointed out to the city a very simple solution they hadn't figured out on their own.

Beach goers filled up that parking lot because there was, at that time, no alternative to the all-day flat rate price charged at the nearby beach parking lot. Going to the beach for just a couple hours, people put money in the meters of the lot that served Main Street, went to the beach and came back a couple hours later, saving lots of money. Our group told the city that if there was short-term parking at the beach, the demand for the Main Street lot would diminish and there would be no need for a structure and everything that went with it.

So the city spent $50,000 on parking studies with happy results. The city council rejected the parking structure, short-term parking was implemented at the beach, and the lot west of Main Street was re-striped to accommodate even more cars.

The lesson here is that the city doesn't always know best. And that continues to be the case.

In Ocean Park today, life is good and the sea breezes are gentle, but there are two issues everybody is concerned about, traffic and development. The two issues go hand in hand and communicating with City Hall about it is an ongoing frustration. Bob Taylor said it best in a Facebook post recently:

"... that Santa Monica has morphed into a situation where residents needs are subservient to commercial/tourist serving issues is why there is so much dissension in the community."

The commercial development approved by the city council in the last 20 years has been explosive. Our 90,000 nighttime population swells to an estimated 250,000 during the day. The biggest consequence of this is that our roads become parking lots over extended rush hours. And in spite of this expanded need for road space, the city makes the totally illogical decision to narrow Ocean Park Blvd., east of Lincoln, from two lanes to one. It can sometimes take 20 minutes to get from the beach to Centinela using this route. Pointing this out to city officials is, just like in the 1980s, met with deaf ears. "The city knows best" attitude continues to rule at city hall and it is very frustrating.

What can be done about it? Who really calls the shots at City Hall? I don't know, but if you haven't been on a personal bus tour conducted by the city staff of all the primo development sites all over town, you can be sure it isn't you.

For generations, Santa Monicans have asked city leaders to moderate the greed of developers. No matter who is elected, city council, and city staff, always seem to side with developer interests. Huge projects in the pipeline for approval paint an even bleaker future for our city. We need to stop it.

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COUNCIL

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An advisory question will also be placed on the ballot, asking voters whether they support splitting the revenue between local public schools and the development of affordable housing.

Councilmember Gleam Davis said in the past, the city has followed the result of the advisory question.

Some public speakers questioned the need for such an increase.

"To potentially use funds to support public housing is ludicrous ... (The city) has money," Santa Monica resident Andrea McPherson said.

OAKS INITIATIVE

The City Council approved the modified language of the Oaks Initiative to be placed on the November ballot, but only after it struck down the "look-back" provision.

The Oaks Initiative, which the city adopted in 2000, has sought to prevent city officials from receiving benefits in exchange for awarding contracts to individuals and entities.

After local government transparency advocates criticized the city for failing to enforce the initiative, the council hired attorney John Hueston to make recommendations for a revision of the initiative to be placed on the ballot.

The "look-back" provision would have specified that the Oaks Initiative be applied when an applicant or bidder for any City contract over $25,000 began contract negotiations or discussions with the City or submitted their applications, whichever came earlier. Without the provision, the initiative would only be applied after officials have voted to approve such applications.

Some council members criticized the provision for potentially discouraging lower-income residents who can't self-fund their campaigns from running for the council.

"There is a potential for people with no intent to do wrong to get caught by the look-back provision," Councilwoman Gleam Davis said. "Once somebody sues you (for the violation), you have to spend money to defend ... This (provision) is going to be a real deterrent."

Although he said he supported the "look-back" provision, Mayor Tony Vazquez said he was skeptical that a person could be "bought out" for $340, which is a maximum amount of donation a person can give to the candidates in Santa Monica.

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich defended the provision, saying it is easy to follow and that the provision would only start when a bidder submitted their applications to the city.

"There isn't a 'Gotcha' here," Himmelrich said. "When you are running for office, you should know who is giving you money."

Himmelrich also pointed out that the officials could return those benefits within 10 days of their receipts.

The city attorney will return to the council's next meeting on July 26 to present final ballot language for the initiative.

CITY YARDS

The council voted 5-0 to approve the feasibility analysis and concept design for Phase A of the City Yards modernization project.

Phase A is estimated to cost the city $114 million. In this phase, the city will build administration, fleet maintenance and traffic operations buildings as well as storage space, facilities maintenance shops and a community room for an educational summer camp Rosie's Girls. New parking will also be created.

The city said the project is necessary to update many buildings in the City Yards that have exceeded their expected service life. The City Yards, a 14.7-acre site owned by the city and located at 2500 Michigan Ave., was created in the 1940s to serve various functions for the city such as training firefighters and handling recycling.

Scott Wolf, whose firm Miller Hull Partnership worked with Hathaway Dinwiddie Construction Company to develop the concept design, said a goal of the project was to make the City Yards more visible to the public and to improve how the site operates.

Much of the council's discussion and the public comments centered around the effect of the project on the Mountain View Mobile Home Park, located yards from the City Yards site. Although Phase A has little effect on the park, the Phase C may include construction of an access road to the City Yards close to Mountain View.

"The City Yards (would be) 15 feet away from people who live in a home that has a paper-thin wall," said Belinda Van Sickle, president of the Mountain View Residents Association.

City Manager Rick Cole stressed that concerns from the community will be incorporated when the city is planning next phases of the project.

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this particular point."

Construction was taking place during a longshoremen's strike, according to a Times brief.

POLICE PURSUIT

Santa Monica police and area residents were searching the mountains north of the city a hundred years ago this month for a man who allegedly attacked the wife of the foreman of a local water plant.

The victim, Mrs. Ellery Hembree, reportedly gave the suspect a glass of water after he approached her home, according to a Times brief. Then, after telling a neighbor that she "did not like his looks," she was found with blood on her face following an unprompted scuffle with the man.

"The husband returned home shortly after the attack and headed the hunt for his wife's assailant," the brief reads.

Police were investigating a possible connection between the man and threatening letters that Hembree received several months earlier.

DAIRY DEBATE

Confusion over what constituted a dairy business poured into City Council matters a century ago this month.

Mayor Samuel Berkley reported that he had received an application from a woman in the 900 block of 8th Street who wanted to have her children deliver milk from her seven cows.

It was determined that the woman, Mrs. Carrie Reynolds, could not be charged a dairy fee because the city ordinance defined a dairy as an institution delivering milk "by means of a wagon," according to a Times brief.

"Council could not hold that the children are 'wagons,'" the brief reads.

DOUBLE FUNERAL

A funeral was held 100 years ago this month for a woman and her son, who committed suicide following his mother's death.

After Marian Saint Dizier died at her Dudley Avenue home, her 15-year-old boy "ran from her bedside to a medicine cabinet and swallowed a quantity of boracic acid and [acetanilide]," according to a Times brief. The boy was rushed to a hospital but did not survive.

The two bodies were to be cremated at Angelus-Rosedale Cemetery.

HEADING WEST

The extension of Jefferson Boulevard to the beach was proposed a century ago this month.

Delegates from Santa Monica and other neighboring cities attended a meeting of the West Jefferson Improvement Association to discuss the plan, according to a Times brief.

Advocates said "such a boulevard would also result in the upbuilding of a part of southwest Los Angeles that has lagged for want of through streets," the brief reads.

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BEACH: The company offers three tours in and around Santa Monica for bike riders.

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beach: "[Joy Ride] is something that we both enjoy, something we both love - we both love the beach, we both love Santa Monica. This is just another way of being active, and it has nothing to do with basketball, but that's why we love it so much."

Joy Ride offers three different bike-tour packages.

The first, the standard Bike Tour package, provides a two-and-a-half hour bike tour along Santa Monica's beach and into Venice, where a tour guide leads guests past a number of the cities' landmarks while imparting historical and factual insight.

The second, the VIP Beach Service, starts with the first Bike Tour, then transitions to a day on Santa Monica Beach, where Joy Ride provides all-day access to water and beach sport equipment that one may use to his/her liking, including boogie boards, footballs, soccer balls, volleyballs and smashballs.

Joy Ride also allows visitors to call in a special request for water and additional beach activities as an extension of the VIP Beach Service - whether a guest would like to host a beach volleyball game or a bachelorette party on Joy Ride's section of the beach, they would be able to do so per request.

The third service is the Sunset Tour where similar to the Bike Tour, guests bicycle down the Santa Monica beach, but the tour is timed to coincide with the day's sunset. This bike-tour is more of a scenic ride, more suited for a photo-op rather than an architectural or anthropological lesson on the surrounding areas.

Greco, a resident of the city since 2001, aims to provide tours that come from a local's perspective, rather than how a rival, conglomerate tour company may approach the business.

"Being able to create a tour with a local's perspective and flare to it is unique," Greco said. "I'm not someone who just flew in from Spain or Germany and I'm trying to make a buck off of Santa Monica. This is my home and I love it, and I want to be able to share the beauty of the local area with people."

Greco's wants to provide field trips and health initiatives to local Santa Monica schools in the near future.

Greco said it's the opportunity to meet and build relationships with people that inspires her.

"For me, it's all about getting to interact with people from all over," Greco said. "Getting to interact with people from anywhere from Australia to Taiwan - that part, to me, is why I did this."

For more information visit joyridesantamonica.com.

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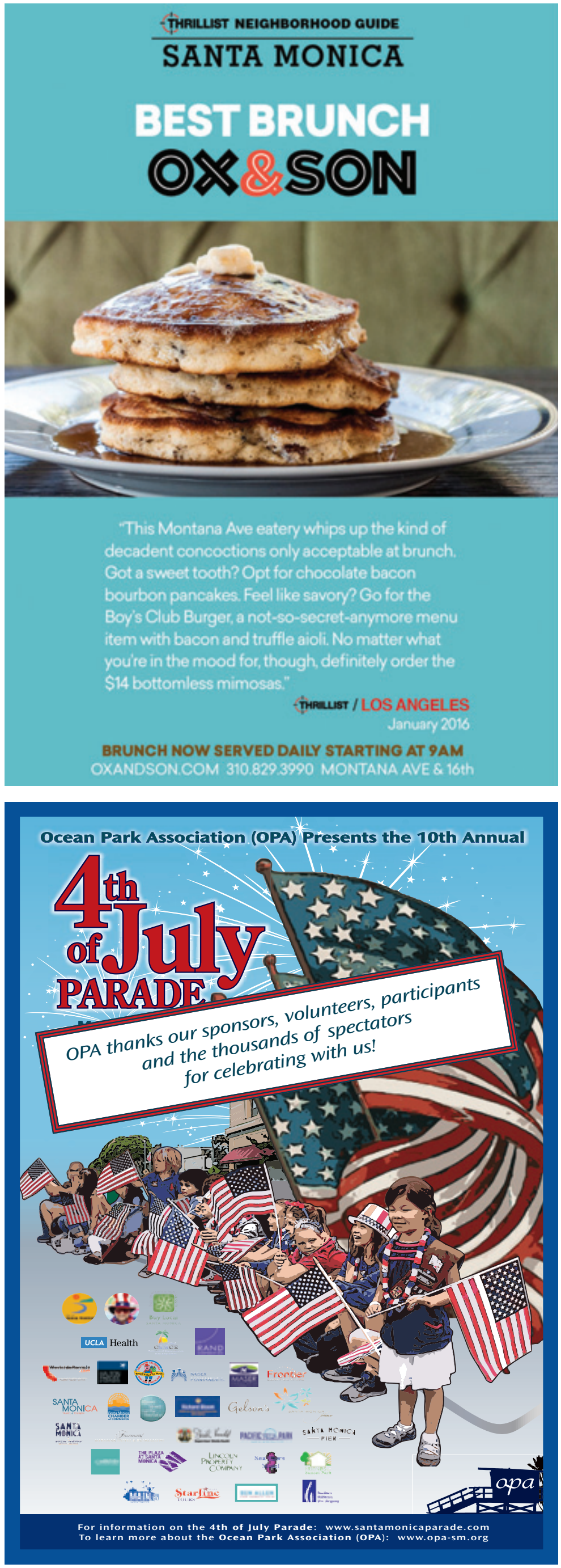

SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **70.5°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
More S/SSW swell due. Small NW windswell. Drained low tide in the morning.

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
S/SSW swell mix due to ease. NW windswell holds. E/SE flow may be an issue in the morning.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JULY 13 AT ABOUT 6:22 A.M.

A motor officer patrolling the Lincoln Corridor observed two women and a man involved in some sort of altercation near the intersection of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards. Other officers responded to assist and detained the parties, quickly determining that a battery had just occurred at the McDonald's in the 2800 block of Lincoln. The suspect, identified as Bathsheba Balban, followed the victim into the bathroom at the restaurant and for an unknown reason punched the victim twice, once in her left arm and once on the left side of the victim's face. When Balban fled the McDonald's, the victim's boyfriend (who did not witness the assault) hopped on his bicycle and followed the suspect northbound. The victim was uninjured and declined medical treatment. Balban, who is on probation, was arrested for battery and transported to the Santa Monica jail for booking. Balban, 41, homeless, had bail set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 393 calls for service on July 21.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Traffic collision 11th/ California 4:18 a.m.
Burglary 900 block of 2nd 5:17 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Bay 7:09 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 18th 8:24 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 8:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of Berkeley 8:48 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 8:49 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 9:00 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 9:01 a.m.
Grand theft auto 300 block of Olympic 9:15 a.m.
Armed robbery 1700 block of the beach 9:28 a.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon 2600 block of 28th 9:33 a.m.
Missing person 300 block of Olympic 9:53 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block of 3rd 10:00 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block of Santa Monica 10:28 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 6th 10:59 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 4th 11:05 a.m.
Hit and run 6th/ Arizona 11:18 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of 9th 11:24 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block of Ocean 11:36 a.m.
Traffic collision 19th/ Santa Monica 12:52 p.m.
Fraud report 2900 of Main 1:20 p.m.
Grand theft 800 block of Broadway 2:01 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block of Lincoln 2:32 p.m.
Threats report 600 block of Santa Monica 2:32 p.m.
Battery 500 block of Olympic 2:58 p.m.
Bicycle theft 2600 block of Barnard 3:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 3000 block of Arizona 3:35 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block of Pacific Coast 3:38 p.m.
Battery report 1400 block of 3rd 3:45 p.m.
Grand theft 1400 block of Harvard 4:10 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of Wilshire 4:15 p.m.
Hit and run 400 block of Broadway 4:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 20th/ Broadway 4:38 p.m.
Threats report 1100 block of 26th 5:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 3rd 5:29 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Main 5:30 p.m.
Missing person 1200 block of Ocean Front 5:36 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of 9th 6:10 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of 4th 6:20 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 6:35 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 4th 6:39 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery 100 block of Wilshire 6:50 p.m.
Battery 14th/ Wilshire 7:09 p.m.
Battery 14th/ Wilshire 7:10 p.m.
Fraud report 300 block of Santa Monica 8:04 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Grant 8:19 p.m.
Battery 1800 block of 11th 9:02 p.m.
Auto burglary 2700 block of 3rd 9:44 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block of 3rd 9:44 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 52 calls for service on July 21.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS 18th/ Santa Monica 12:22 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 12:49 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Palisades Park 12:59 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Palisades Park 1:31 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean front 2:11 a.m.
EMS 11th/ California 4:18 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 6:26 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 8:00 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of 1th 8:18 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean 9:14 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Pico 10:22 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 10:35 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Main 10:43 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 11:07 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 11:14 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Front 12:03 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 12th 12:46 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 19th 12:53 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica 1:19 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Santa Monica 1:31 p.m.
EMS 200 block of California 1:54 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 4th 2:00 p.m.
EMS 200 block of San Vincente 2:02 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Stanford 2:45 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Wilshire 3:19 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 3:28 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of the beach 3:59 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 4:10 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Colorado 4:25 p.m.
Trash fire 3rd/ Broadway 4:30 p.m.
Structure fire 1300 block of Pacific Coast 4:36 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Expo Line 5:03 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Washington 5:07 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 4th 5:12 p.m.
Structure fire 1900 block of Ocean Way 5:33 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 14th 5:48 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Ocean Park 7:31 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Front 8:15 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 8:54 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Santa Monica 9:30 p.m.
Structure fire 2700 block of 3rd 9:44 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Set upon
7 Miles off
11 Probability
12 Glass section
13 Varied within limits
14 Fight site
15 Bury
16 Boss, at times
17 Start a hand
18 Sumptuous
19 Revered one
21 Clique
22 Some farmer's market shoppers
25 Outlaw
26 Painter Magritte
27 Pencil part
29 Helgenberger of "CSI"
33 Grows dim
34 Back biter
35 Friend to Françoise
36 Lady of riding fame
37 Like old lettuce
38 Irregular
39 Sediment
40 Natural gift

DOWN

1 Bitter
2 Classic Western
3 Dancer's boss
4 Perfectly behaved
5 Bakery worker
6 Went ahead
7 CPA's busy time
8 Excepting allower
9 Wings
10 Feel bad for
16 Major criminal
18 White Cliffs setting
20 Is bold
22 Wyoming city
23 How some cars stop
24 Change the house
25 Happen to
28 Oozes
30 Full of energy
31 Baltimore player
32 Endowment
34 Poet Van Duyn
36 Spare tire

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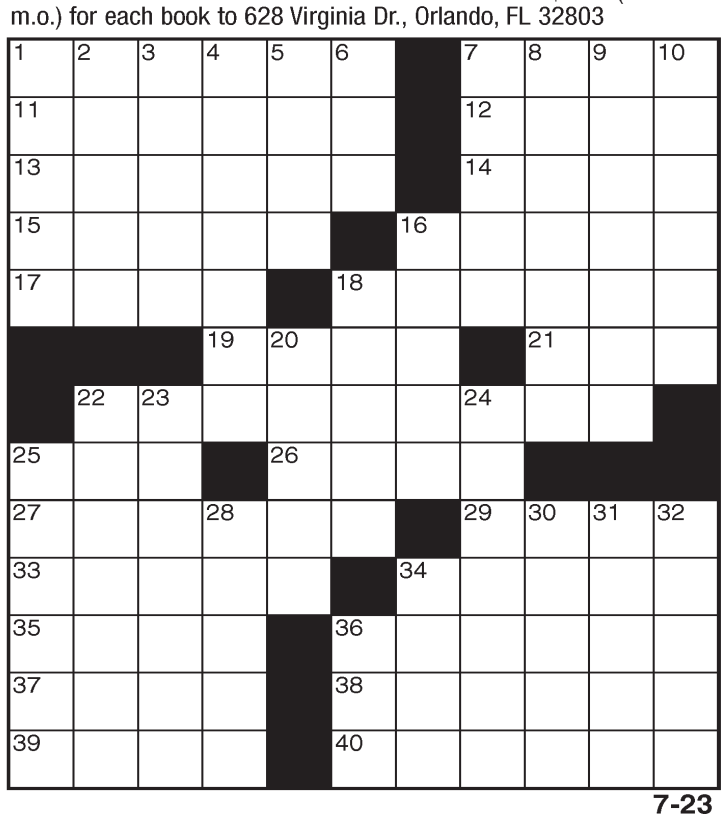

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/20
6 25 35 58 66
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 390M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/19
3 34 54 65 66
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 15M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 7/20
3 6 15 20 34
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/21
1 13 17 22 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/21
MIDDAY: 0 6 3
Draw Date: 7/21
EVENING: 2 7 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/21
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:45.07

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WORD UP!

woolgathering
1. indulgence in idle fancies and in daydreaming; absentmindedness: His woolgathering was a handicap in school.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1952 – General Muhammad Naguib leads the Free Officers Movement (formed by Gamal Abdel Nasser, the real power behind the coup) in overthrowing King Farouk of Egypt.

1961 – The Sandinista National Liberation Front is founded in Nicaragua.

1962 – Telstar relays the first publicly transmitted, live trans-Atlantic television program, featuring Walter Cronkite.

1962 – The International Agreement on the Neutrality of Laos is signed.

1967 – 12th Street Riot: In Detroit, one of the worst riots in United States history begins on 12th Street in the predominantly African American inner city. It ultimately kills 43 people, injures 342 and burns about 1,400 buildings.

1968 – Glenville shootout: In Cleveland, Ohio, a violent shootout between a Black Militant organization and the Cleveland Police Department occurs. During the shootout, a riot begins and lasts for five days.

1968 – The only successful hijacking of an El Al aircraft takes place when a Boeing 707 carrying ten crew and 38 passengers is taken over by three members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The aircraft was en route from Rome, to Lod, Israel.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Not only are almost all federal employees above average, they are nearly all superior workers, according to a June Government Accountability Office review of agencies' personnel-rating results. (Yes, the review included the departments of Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security.) Most agencies use a 1 ("unacceptable") through 5 ("outstanding") rating system, and GAO found that 99 percent were rated either 5 or 4 ("exceeds 'fully acceptable'").

■ Good Samaritan Derrick Deanda is facing a $143 bill from paramedics in Elk Grove, California, after he, passing a car crash, jumped out to pull out a man and his three children (including a 2-year-old), who were trapped in the wreckage. A short time later the paramedics arrived and, noticing that Deanda had a cut on his arm (from breaking the car's window to free the family), bandaged him. Elk Grove has a policy charging "all patients" at a first-responder site $143 for the "rescue," and Deanda received his bill in June.

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: In May, a 16-year-old boy in Lakewood, Washington, not only used Facebook to set up a marijuana-dealer robbery (one of many people, lately, to incriminate themselves on social media), but during the robbery itself accidentally shot himself in the groin and femoral artery, requiring life-saving seven-hour surgery.

Say "yes" tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might need some time off. You seem to have difficulty stepping forward, especially since you feel as if you have not received all of the facts. Follow your intuition, and be aware of the options available to you in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Someone whispers in your ear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Friends surround you. You know this, but you'll derive a lot of satisfaction from also feeling it. With so many loved ones stopping by to visit, you will receive confirmation of your popularity. Make plans to bring everyone together. Tonight: Be where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might wonder whether you really need to make an effort to join others. You would like to be somewhat freer. On the other hand, making the party rounds could be fun. Once you see one person after another, your plans will change again. Tonight: Give up being rigid.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by all of your responsibilities, and might find it hard to relax at home. Plan a day to escape from your daily life, and you will relax. You'll be amazed by the power of a different setting; you will feel rejuvenated. Tonight: Wherever there is great music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating proves to be far more satisfactory than visiting in groups. Everyone knows this, which is one of the reasons why people often prefer to deal directly with others. Be willing to revise your schedule as the day becomes older. Tonight: Paint the town red.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others seek you out. All you need to do is respond accordingly. You might wonder why there is a sudden change in activity. Use caution, because someone who is interested in you might not be the person he or she projects to be. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your energy might not be able to handle all the summer fun today. Consider relaxing the day away or going to a movie. Recognize that this is your weekend, too. Take care of yourself, because if you don't, you won't be able to extend yourself to others. Tonight: Your call.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Understand that you don't need to say anything; you'll just stroll the beach or join a friend for lunch, and almost immediately there will be a buzz of popularity circling you. Know that this type of interest doesn't occur very often. Tonight: Choose a favorite pastime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your family might have different plans for you from the ones you have made, which could create an awkward situation. You will try to squeeze in everyone and everything. Somehow, you could be on a collision course. Learn to flex a little. Tonight: Make your choices accordingly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Too many people seem to change themselves in order to come out on top. You think this behavior is good gamesmanship, but others might not agree. Sometimes your need for control interferes with your authenticity. Be aware of how you come off. Tonight: Where the action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges, despite feeling as if you would like to go shopping or visit with a friend. Temptation seems to appear at every twist and turn, and you might decide to toss caution and self-discipline to the wind. Tonight: You are earning the reputation of a wild thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Squeeze in a nap before heading out to all the social events of the day. You love catching up on your friends' and loved ones' news. Others might be eyeing you with rose-colored shades on. Take advantage of the moment. Tonight: Say "yes," then decide where and with whom.

Weekend Edition, July 23-24, 2016

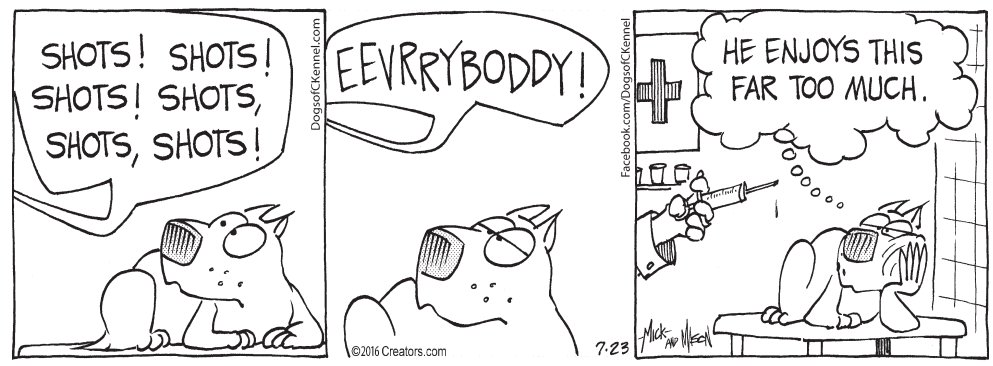
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you become more in touch with your intuitive and sensitive self. You understand that your dominant personality protects your vulnerable side. You will learn to listen to your intuition more often, as it guides you in the right direction. If you are single, people love your personality and the fun they have with you. The problem is not when you will meet your next suitor, but rather whom you are going to choose. If you are attached, your significant other understands you well and enjoys your vulnerabilities. Your openness helps deepen the relationship. PISCES is quite attracted to you.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly

Strange Brew
By John Deering

Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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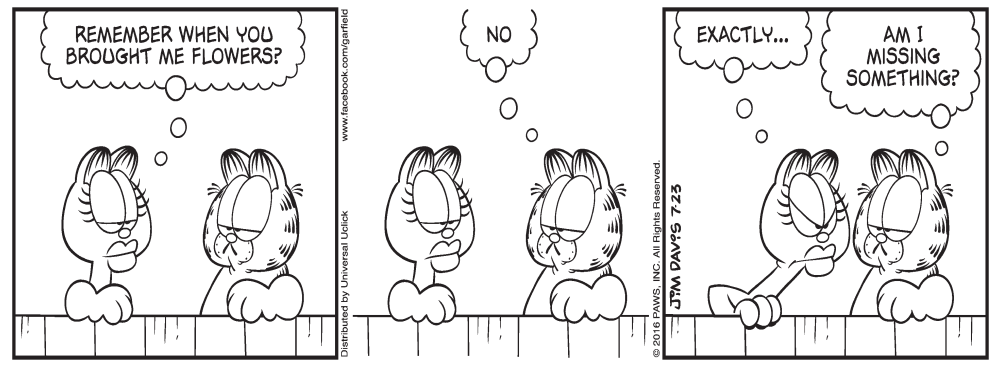
By Jim Davis



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PICNIC ON THE PROMENADE

Shine some light on your lunch break this summer! Join us on the Third Street Promenade to picnic under the Santa Monica sunshine!

HOW IT WORKS!

1. Grab your friends and some food.
2. Meet at Center Court, 1300 block of the Promenade.
3. Kick back and relax at a colorful picnic table.
4. Enjoy your lunch, play classic board games and ping-pong.

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SUMMER FUN CONTINUES...

Celebrate the last days of the sunny season with two FREE open-air events on the 1300 block of the world-famous Third Street Promenade...

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 8:00PM

CINEMA ON THE Street

DTSM's outdoor movie series returns with a screening of the cult classic "Jaws."

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 6PM-10PM

SONIC SUBMARINE

DTSM's signature electronic music festival returns for its 3rd voyage into the depths of sound, with KCRW DJs Anne Litt, Garth Trinidad, and Anthony Valadez.

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