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Heat wave looms for Southern California



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BEACH TIME: With inland temperatures set to rise, it's a good time to be at the beach.



Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Southern California weather is about to heat up.

The National Weather Service says upper-level high pressure over New Mexico will begin to move westward on Wednesday and temperatures will jump above normal everywhere except at the beaches.

Maximum temperatures will rise even further on Thursday and will peak on Friday and Saturday when many valleys and interior locations reach triple digits and some beaches heat up to the lower 80s.

High pressure will begin to break down on Monday and temperatures are expected to dip slightly but remain above normal.

Forecasters warn that the lengthy period of hot and dry conditions will increase fire danger.

August has otherwise seen some below-normal temperatures so far. Downtown Los Angeles only reached 78 degrees on Monday, six degrees below normal.

SMMUSD wins water conservation grant

Will Rogers project comes amid severe drought

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is backing an effort to conserve water at one of its elementary schools as severe drought conditions persist across California.

The district has received $621,256 in state grant money to support a new stormwater capture system at Will Rogers Learning Community.

At its meeting Wednesday night, the Board of Education is expected to adopt a resolution that will formalize a project agreement between the school district and the state's Water Resources Control Board.

The local district's grant is part of a $30-million allocation to school districts across the state through the Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS).

"With a fourth year of record-setting drought, programs such as DROPS play an important role in educating our young folks about the different ways we can conserve water, especially with our current drought conditions," state water

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New youth football group to serve Santa Monica

Westside Wolfpack aiming to reach underserved families

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
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CITYWIDE Donye Mitchell was seeking an affordable way for his son to play youth football in Santa Monica, and now he has a new option.

Mitchell was elated to hear that the Valley Youth Conference was launching the Westside Wolfpack, a local affiliate that will provide football and cheerleading opportunities for children in and around Santa Monica.

The nonprofit group will serve children ages 5-14 in a variety of divisions, and it is aiming to welcome all families regardless of their financial situations.

The season begins Sept. 12.

Jerico Richardson, who saw a need for programming for under-

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YOUTH FOOTBALL: A new team will cater to families, regardless of income.

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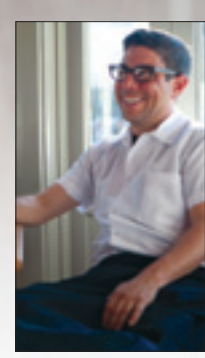
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

August 12

Invent and Imagine Your Library

What do you think the library of the future should look like? Share your vision in this mixed-media art workshop. Grades K-5. 2 - 4 p.m. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Montana Mystery Book Group: "The Art of Detection"

San Francisco homicide detective Kate Martinelli is drawn into the surreal world of Sherlock Holmes enthusiasts, when one is murdered and it appears that an unpublished Holmes manuscript may be at the root of the crime. Co-sponsored by the California Center for the Book. Adults and seniors. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave.

Aqualillies Intermediate

Synchronized Swimming course. $160/session (six classes including parking); $35/class. Wednesdays 7/22-8/26, 7:45 - 9 p.m. Adults and teens. Annenberg Community Beach House, Pool Deck, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. For more information go to http://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx

August 13

LEGO Block Party at Main

Use your creativity to make something remarkable. We provide the Legos, you provide the fun! Ages 4 and up. 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Free screening of "Dr. Strangelove"

A free screening of Stanley Kubrick's "Dr. Strangelove," a classic of Cold War comedy whose anti-war message still resonates today. Starring Peter Sellers, George C. Scott and Slim Pickens. Black and white. Followed by a roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. 1308 Second Street. 6 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Free screening of "The Sapphires"

Chris O'Dowd stars in this charming Australian import as a talent scout in the 1960s who teams up with four Aboriginal singers who want to form a Supremes-like girl group. (103 min.) 7 p.m.
Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

August 14

EXPLORE! STEM Storytimes

Storytime with a fun science, engineering or math twist. Ages 3-5. 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Slacklining

Enjoy a safe, fun environment to experience the sport of slacklining, an activity of balance and concentration that can be practiced by people of all ages and athletic abilities. All ages. 1 - 7 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

From Baroque to Brouwer: A Tour through the World of Classical Guitar

Come and enjoy a tour of the world through some of classical music's most brilliant composers on the classical guitar. Enjoy the spicy tangos of Argentina with Piazzolla, the ornate embellishments of Baroque Germany with Bach, and much more. Played by the twice first time winner of the Diamond Bar Performing Arts Contest, Michelle Lajoie. Adults. 3 - 4 p.m. Pico Branch, 2201 Pico Blvd.

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CORRECTION

William Dawson is a Santa Monica apartment owner and AAGLA member.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMBGC appoints new members to its board of directors

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica has named Lisa Alexander, Michael Taitelman and Susan Gabriel Potter to its board of directors. Alexander, a law partner with Jakle & Alexander, brings broad experience in estate planning, trusts, probate and conservatorships. Taitelman, a law partner with Freedman & Taitelman, is a general business litigator, specializing in real estate and employment. Potter is principal of ISU Bob Gabriel Insurance, an independent insurance agency serving the personal and business insurance needs of families in Southern California.

"Each of our new board members brings an in-depth understanding of our local community from both business and personal perspectives, and will foster new insight on how we can strengthen our public-private partnerships to improve the lives of our diverse youth and their families," said Tim Blaylock, CEO, Santa Monica Boys & Girls Clubs.

An alumnus of USC Gould School of Law, Alexander is an active member of the Trusts and Estates Section of the Beverly Hills Bar Association having served on the Section Executive Board and Chair of its Legislative Committee. She also maintains membership in the Los Angeles County and Santa Monica Bar associations.

A mother of an Eagle Scout, Alexander is active in her community as a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, and serves as an advisory board member of the Santa Monica Family YMCA. As founding partner of Freedman & Taitelman, and member of the Los Angeles Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Taitelman provides business counseling to a wide variety of both public and private companies, and has tried numerous jury and non-jury trials to a successful conclusion. An alumnus of the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, Taitelman was honored in 2010 as one of the "Super Lawyer Top 100" and serves on various civic and charitable organizations in the community.

As second generation to take the helm of ISU Bob Gabriel Co. Insurance founded by her father, Potter provides a full range of personal and business insurance services. A graduate of California State University Long Beach, Potter spent several years in the education field prior to joining the family business in 1983. Potter currently serves as board member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and SMC Associates, and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica History Museum.

Founded in 1944, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica works to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential as caring, responsible and productive citizens. Through membership and outreach, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica currently serves approximately 4,000 youth across its 10 sites throughout Los Angeles County. Members come from 134 different zip codes, with the majority of members coming from Santa Monica, Culver City, Venice, West Los Angeles and Inglewood. For more information, visit www.smbgc.org or follow them on Facebook (facebook.com/smbgcfan) and Twitter (twitter.com/SMBGC)

- SUBMITTED BY MARY DICESARE

Pico Library

A back-to-school event for the whole family

Step inside a creative, playful and collaborative, multi-generational "sandbox," where you and your family can explore coding, storytelling, games and civic technology. The creative pop-up makerspace features LA Makerspace, Code for America, Beta The Robot, General Assembly and Learn Do Share.

Activities include Minecraft and Scratch workshops; coding with Beta the Robot; a mini-design hackathon hosted by Code For America; a Design Thinking workshop for teens interested in designing a teen space at the Pico Branch Library; Sherlock Holmes and the Internet of Things, a global prototype that allows participants to step into an interactive and collaborative story.

This free, daylong event will be held at the Pico Branch Library on Saturday, Aug. 15, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Pico Branch Annex, 2201 Pico Blvd. It 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 event. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library-Pico Branch at (310) 458-8684.

- SUBMITTED BY CECILIA TOVAR

Citywide

Motorcycle Safety Enforcement

In an effort to reduce deaths and injuries, the Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a series of specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operations on Wednesday, August 19, Wednesday, August 26, and Saturday, August 29. All operations will take place between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Extra traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas travelled by motorcyclists and where motorcycle collisions are prevalent. Officers will be looking for violations made by drivers and riders alike that can lead to motorcycle accidents. Their efforts will focus on both; drivers and riders who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, making illegal turns, and unsafe and/or hazardous behavior.

Motorcycle fatalities saw a sharp drop of 37 percent from years 2008 to 2010, but the trend reversed by 2012 with a 23 percent increase. Operations like this are aimed at curbing and reversing the upswing in motorcycle deaths.

California collision data reveals that primary causes of motorcycle-involved collisions include speeding, unsafe turning and impairment due to alcohol and other drugs by both riders and drivers alike.

Safety tips for riders - See and Be Seen:

Ride with lights on during daylight hours

Use your lane position to increase visibility; change lanes only when there is ample room

Match your speed to surrounding traffic

Always wear a DOT compliant helmet and brightly colored, protective clothing

Safety tips for drivers - Share the Road:

Look twice for motorcyclists, especially when entering the roadway, turning or changing lanes

Motorcyclist are allowed in HOV lanes unless prohibited by signage

Riders are urged to get training through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. Information and training locations are available at http://www.californiamotorcyclist.com/ or 1-877 -RIDE 411(1-877-743-3411).

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers and motorcyclists is: share in the responsibility and do your part by safely "sharing the road."

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA

Citywide

"Clear the Shelters" Adoption Campaign

On August 15, the Santa Monica Animal Shelter will join NBC 4 of Southern California and Telemundo, Channel 52 on a first-of-its-kind pet adoption initiative. Nearly 50 animal shelters throughout Southern California will open their doors from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. to offer the public reduced cost pet adoptions.

The local VCA-Venice Animal Hospital will be onsite at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter offering pet advice from expert veterinarians and their healthcare teams. All pets adopted during the event will receive a limited health guarantee and a gift bag filled with pet essentials. As part of this initiative, the public is encouraged to share photos with their pets on social media using the hashtag #ClearTheShelters and #DesocuparAlbergues, which will be shared in photo galleries by NBC and Telemundo 52. If you adopt in Santa Monica, share your photos on the Santa Monica Animal Shelter's Facebook page with hashtag #AdoptSantaMonica. The Clear the Shelters initiative seeks to get as many homeless animals into loving homes. If you are considering a pet adoption, please visit the Santa Monica Animal Shelter located at 1640 9th St. For additional information about the Clear the Shelters initiative please visit www.NBCLA.com/Community.

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"I Must Have Been Blind" - Tim Buckley

I JUST LOVE TIM BUCKLEY'S MUSIC.

What a versatile, fluid, moving voice! Fantastic songwriter. Daring, inspired arrangements, otherworldly. A jazz-like approach. He riffed with his vocal instrument like a wigged out horn player. He spoke volumes with an acoustic guitar.

"I Must Have Been Blind," was one of his better-known songs. Blind. A loaded concept, a scary thought for those of us who can see. It's a powerful metaphor, used often in songwriting. Dramatic. Romantic, even, in a way.

Then there's, literally, Ray Charles, George Shearing, Stevie Wonder, Doc Watson, many more.

Tim Buckley might have joined that club if he had had macular degeneration. There was no indication of it. But if he did, or polio or MS or Lou Gehrig's disease, it didn't matter, because he died at 28 of a heroin/morphine/ethanol overdose. (Don't jump to conclusions; it's a complicated, tragic tale.) The funeral was in Santa Monica, the Wilshire Funeral Home, 1975. What a loss.

I was diagnosed a few years ago with macular degeneration, an eye disease that has blinded millions of Americans, more than cataracts and glaucoma combined. There are several factors but the biggest is age. Avoid 55, if possible. About 10 million are now dealing with that time bomb, the number expected to double by 2050 because of the prominent, still dominant Baby Boomers. I know, there we go again.

I try to not think about it much, but sometimes I do. I've always figured, whatever you've got going on, no sense worrying about it. You have no idea how the cards are going to play out. If you're walking around with cancer in remission and worrying every day about a terrible death, then you step in front of a bus, cancer was irrelevant, wasn't it? All that time, lousy tortured time, worrying, for what? Sit down and listen to the birds sing. Or a Tim Buckley album.

But I did have to think about it last week, in an affecting way. I had to look blindness right in the eye, so to speak, in a way I really hadn't before.

Twice a year I go see my eye doc in Torrance and he examines and measures my eyes thoroughly and I breathe a sigh of relief when at the end he tells me, as he always has, "No change. You're good. See you in six months."

That's what went down again just a couple of weeks ago. As I left he reminded me, as always, if you notice any symptoms, call me right away. Like, spots or those flashes of light, right? Those have been mentioned. "No, the main thing is, if you can't read, and it goes on for an hour or so."

There are two types of macular degeneration, dry and wet. I, like 85-90 percent of those in our club, have the dry. The macula is in the center of the retina, that surface on the back of the eye that catches the light, the images, and transmits the data to your brain. That's a rock, that's a tree, that's a nude beach. It helps to be able to distinguish.

When something happens to your retina, like drying up in the macula middle, you're screwed, because that image becomes distorted or blocked out. Same thing with the wet variety where that perfect retina surface becomes distorted because of a fluid bump underneath.

Macular degeneration is incurable, and surgery has a very small chance of being effective. Doc: "You have the dry kind, nothing we can do except give you eye vitamins, fairly expensive, might have a delaying effect… or might not. You could die with that kind of macular degeneration and never suffer any loss of vision. Or it could start to deteriorate, sometimes rapidly, at any moment."

"Or it could, at any moment, turn into the wet kind, in which case you won't be able to see clearly or read. If that happens, call me immediately. You may at that point require surgery." Will that fix it? "No. It will only prevent massive damage to the entire eye." Great. So my eyeball won't explode, but I'll still be blind.

I know, I just ruined your lunch. But imagine how I feel? And the rest of my De-generation? (I feel a twisted version of a Who anthem coming on…)

So last week, just after my semi-annual clean bill of health, I started experiencing those spots, "floaters," then later the flashes of light. I freaked, slightly. Called for my doc the next day and he wasn't in, made an appointment in the morning to see his associate. "Can you come in this afternoon?" Not a good sign. So I spent the better (??) part of two days thinking, this is it.

Still hoping for the best, I nonetheless allowed my thoughts to contemplate the now very possible. Okay, I'll still have full auditory. Music, very important, check. Learning to walk outside without getting mowed down by cars or skaters, tough. No trees, clouds, the ocean, faces of loved ones, very tough.

Reading. I started thinking of all the implications, that I hadn't considered before, and that's what really got to me. And how could I write? I go over and over each sentence, each word. (Could've fooled me, I hear you thinking. Shaddup.) That seemed not only harder, but almost impossible to envision.

Long story short, it was something else going on in my eye, that also could blind me, but seems alright for now. (I only have one good eye, thanks to covering a student anti-war march in college and catching a randomly thrown very large rock in my right eye.) But…

AT LEAST I GOT TO SEE BERNIE SANDERS.

At Memorial Sports Arena Monday night. Lots of people I know were there. Also lots of young people, very encouraging. The crowd was extremely diverse. No surprises (except Sarah Silverman!), I knew everything he was going to stand up for, but I had to be there, to have my body counted, and it was a huge turnout. Maybe 10,000 couldn't get in.

I've been interested in politics since I was 13 and worked for JFK's election. I have never, ever, seen a candidate like Sanders. Zero charisma, unquestionable integrity. It is a political revolution, and I hope, I pray, the time has come. If not now, when?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." - Helen Keller

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The U.S. viewed through the eyes of others

AS A LONG TIME SANTA MONICA resident, I recently returned from visiting the Netherlands or Holland, as it's better known. It's where I grew up and where I have family and good friends. Admittedly, it's a small sampling but I wanted to share some observations they have about US politics, policies and customs.

Hardly any of those whom I talked to have the desire to visit here anymore. This is a considerable change. The general consensus is that the U.S.A. has unfortunately become a bully; militarily aggressive, warmongers for lack of a better term.

Please hear me out because sometimes it's good to see yourself through the eyes of others. After all that's what traveling is also about. I tried to defend the U.S. image as best as I could but to little avail. The consensus remained that the U.S. is a "hypocrite." Mind you, these discussions were with people who had liked, and even loved, the U.S. Some had traveled here, others had lived here. So what's their beef?

While some may seem trivial, here are a few examples:

Having to carry a beer can/bottle in a paper bag. Everyone knows what's in the bag. Stupid and hypocritical was the overall consensus on that one.

What about radio and TV bleepings over words that everyone uses and every child knows? Hypocrisy at its finest. Words are bleeped but showing violence, i.e. murder and rape scenes is fine? How was I going to defend that?

In Holland trains and public transportation are available everywhere and I mean on every block or within a five minute bike ride. Many stations provide free of charge car parks and bike racks, covered and uncovered. Until 2015 Santa Monica had no train station. Will it be possible like it is at The Hague's Central station to place a piano in the center of the arrival hall for anyone to play to relax amidst the hustle? And they played. Not for money, just out of passion.

Watching TV in Holland is a whole different experience. Commercials are subtler. The news show is not brought as a "show," as they've evolved over decades here in the U.S. In Holland news broadcasts are calm, and collected. The Brian Williams fiasco didn't help my case either.

Which brings me to another beef. Remember Nipple gate? Oops, can I even use the word nipple here? That bizarre incident where Janet Jackson's breast showed for half a second and the country had a meltdown. A breast on TV! Oh my God! The FCC got involved. CBS got fined. How was I going to defend that against all the mass murders, hostage taking and shoot outs at the schools shown on American TV?

By far the biggest complaint was over guns, which of course is a hot button issue here. I can't even tell you how many times I had to explain that if during Hitler's invasion of Holland in 1940 Dutch citizens had owned weapons, it could have changed the course of history. They didn't buy it. Not for a minute.

What about police brutality? Hey now, wait a minute I interrupted eagerly. I explained that the U.S. is ahead of most countries in undoing the wrongs of the past. Sure the U.S. has problems, but at least they're being acknowledged. As we were talking, an item appeared on TV about a Dutch policeman shooting to death a Caribbean man. You see, I said, Holland's police brutality problem is just starting, whereas in the U.S. it has been acknowledged. They're a step ahead. I wasn't successful in that one either.

What about medical insurance? I explained to the best of my ability that Obamacare was a miracle of sorts, and while Holland's insurance industry is scratching all kinds of services, over here for the folks who really are down and out, the emergency room will help free of charge. That was a new one to them. They'd never heard of that. Was I sure? Yes I was, of course I was. They kept insisting that the U.S. is a "What's in it for me" society.

Conversations led to the elections and the guy with the funny hair, Donald Trump. They were befuddled that just because he has money, he thinks he's capable of leading the free world.

Over in Holland they also like money, but they don't worship it. How many times a day can you eat? They snickered at the amount of overweight people in this country. Over there the attitude about the extremely wealthy is that they probably got so wealthy over the backs of others.

I did what I could to defend my adopted country. I've learned to take the best of both. A pretty good mix if you ask me.

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Nancy Ann (Snow) Hogan



Nancy Ann (Snow) Hogan, age 93, of Manhattan, died August 8, 2015, at Meadowlark Hills Stolzer House.

She was born November 22, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, the daughter of Ralph Ransler and Mary Katherine (Goshorn) Snow.

Nancy is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Ann Artzer and her husband Steve of Manhattan; nephews and nieces: Randy Poag (Donna), Derek Poag (Valerie), and Dana Poag McDermott; great nieces and nephews: Electra Poag, Laura McDermott Calabro, John Michael McDermott, Nisha and Ethan Poag; and great-great nieces and nephews: Luke and Brooke Calabro.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church with The Reverend A. Patrick Funston officiating. Cremation will follow with graveside services at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 18th, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica, CA.

ONLINE CONDOLENCES MAY BE LEFT FOR THE FAMILY THROUGH THE FUNERAL HOME WEBSITE AT WWW.YMLFUNERALHOME.COM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Manhattan, Meadowlark Hills Foundation – Stolzer House in Manhattan, T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter in Manhattan, or the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Contributions may be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66502.

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Kiwanis Updates

I WAS JUST ASKED ON MONDAY HOW WE, the members of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, raise such an impressive amount of funds to be able to give away over $150,000 in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students every year. The answer is, we raise it. And we raise it by gambling. That's right, we are so good at gambling we can count on our winnings every year to help fund our charitable programs. But of course I mean gambling to raise money for charity. In fact, our 7th Annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament is coming up this Saturday. The whole community is invited to join in the fun and play poker for a good cause. All of the titans of Santa Monica industry will be there wearing their lucky shirts and their poker hats, and with their rabbits feet and troll dolls tucked into their pockets for good luck. I cannot possibly predict a winner, but since I am a gambling person after all, I am willing to wager we'll see the likes of Eddie Guerboian, Andrew Valdivia, Abeer Sweis, Judi Barker, Dave Rosenberg and Patty Tazi at the final table competing for the nine amazing prizes up for grabs. There is plenty of room for competition, and anything can happen. But I am sure of one thing, the excitement, the camaraderie and the trash talking will keep everyone entertained all night.

This year, with funds raised through community events like the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is extremely excited to be donating $50,000 for new playground equipment at Ozone Park. The old playground equipment had to be removed for safety reasons, but there were no funds available to replace it, including the most popular piece of equipment, the 30-year-old slide, until the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica stepped up.

When the children who enjoy Ozone Park were asked what they would like to have in a playground they asked for more places to climb, elevated towers and platforms, forts or tree-houses, and of course, a new slide. With the equipment options in hand, a presentation was made to the neighborhood residents and their children, who then enthusiastically provided input on the desired playground equipment. One child even wrote a poem about it!

The Borderline neighborhood in which Ozone Park is located is a densely populated area of predominantly small single-family homes with small lots and no yards. This is a neighborhood that is made up of young families who consistently demonstrate pride of ownership of their neighborhood by helping to maintain their park; helping to pick up when The City falls short. Choosing Ozone Park as a place to make this substantial grant was a yearlong project for the members of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, The City of Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission and the neighbors of Ozone Park. When presented with the news that the playground would be built, Patricia Godon-Tann, chairperson of the Borderline neighborhood stated, "this is the best thing that has ever happened to our neighborhood."

The ribbon cutting for the new playground is Aug. 30, and the community is enthusiastically invited to help us celebrate at Ozone Park with the Borderline neighborhood!

To sign up for the 7th Annual Texas Hole'em Poker Tournament and be part of the excitement, please visit our website www.KiwanisClubSM.org! The event will be at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel this Saturday evening, Aug. 15, starting at 5 p.m. Registration includes a gourmet buffet dinner, a cocktail, raffle ticket and $2,000 worth of chips.

Since 1922 the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica has been the most active service organization in Santa Monica. Each year the club awards over $120,000 to our community in the form of grants, scholarships and sponsorships. Regular club lunch meetings are the first three Wednesdays of the month from 12 to 1:30 p.m. To join us or to donate to Kiwanis Charities, please visit our website, www.KiwanisClubSM.org or follow us on Facebook at kiwanisclubsm.org.

JESSICA HANDY is a member of the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club.

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The police department routinely identifies locations where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas where collisions occur in an effort to lower preventable deaths and injuries.

Field enforcement operations will take place on Thursday, August 13, Friday, August 14, Thursday, August 20, Saturday, August 22 and Thursday, August 27. These operations will be conducted between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Officers will be looking for violations engaged by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed towards violators speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrian in cross walks and similar hazardous behavior.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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NFL owners hear presentations for Los Angeles stadiums

JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. Three NFL teams. Billions of dollars in play. One big opportunity.

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NFL owners met in suburban Chicago on Tuesday to hear more about moving at least one team to the Los Angeles market. The Chargers and Raiders presented a proposal for a stadium in Carson that includes eight-plus acres of rent-free land for the league to use as it sees fit, and Rams owner Stan Kroenke also talked about his plan for a facility in Inglewood.

While Commissioner Roger Goodell said no voting of any kind occurred at the meeting, it was clear the momentum was rolling toward at least one relocated team in the Los Angeles area possibly as soon as the 2016 season.

"My own personal point of view is that I feel the likelihood is good," New York Giants owner Steve Tisch said. "I think it's better than 50-50."

The traditional window for applying for relocation runs from Jan. 1 to Feb. 15, but Goodell said that timeline could be moved up or tightened. He also felt the league would decide on a relocation fee this fall.

Los Angeles hasn't had an NFL team since the Rams and Raiders departed after the 1994 season. Now they want to resume their L.A. story, and the Chargers are looking to leave their home city since 1961.

At stake is one of the country's largest markets, and the NFL is focused on a long-term solution.

"That's the key issue for us, making sure that whatever we ultimately decide as a membership, that we have the ability to be successful in Los Angeles for the long term," Goodell said, "and that's why we spent the last two decades trying to come up with a solution that we felt would provide that kind of foundation."

The high-stakes game of musical chairs likely will send at least one team back to a market it tried to leave, but Goodell said the teams know the risk.

"Those are the circumstances as they are," he said. "You take a risk if you file for relocation of whether it'll be approved."

The Chargers and Raiders, long-time AFC West rivals, are pushing a shared $1.7 billion venue involving about 170 acres in Carson, a city of 93,000 people south of downtown Los Angeles. Owners Dean Spanos of the Chargers and Mark Davis of the Raiders spoke during their 30-minute presentation at the meetings, and Carmen Policy, a former 49ers executive who was hired to help oversee the project, said the group touted the transportation and location advantages of its proposed site, and the history of the teams.

"It cures the California dilemma and you're not only curing the California dilemma, but you're curing it with California teams," Policy said. "These teams have been born and bred in California. They never left California. They've always been in California."

Davis said he talked about the progress that the group had made over the past six months, and he thought the presentation went well.

"You never know," Davis said. "As I've said all along, Oakland is still the place that we wanted to be and we'll just see what happens."

The city of San Diego had its chance to speak to the NFL on Monday, making a presentation in front of the league's Committee on Los Angeles Opportunities. Then the city and county unveiled updated plans for a new $1.1 billion stadium that were criticized by the Chargers.

Eric Grubman, the NFL's point man on relocation, said the city's proposal "evidenced a significant amount of progress," but the committee still had several questions about possible risks and threats. The Chargers have expressed concerns about an environmental study collapsing in court.

"Those questions remain open," Grubman said. "They are working on responses and how to mitigate those risks."







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KICKOFF: Organizers said there was a lack of opportunity for youth football on the Westside.

FOOTBALL

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served youth in the area, founded the Westside Wolfpack.

"It's his vision," said program representative Aggi Roselli. "He felt there was a lack in opportunity for kids on the Westside to participate in sports regardless of their ability to pay. There are kids who are homeless, and the coaches become these kids' dads and the team moms become their moms. It's such an important thing to have in place for these kids. They wouldn't have much else to do otherwise."

The Valley Youth Conference and some of its member teams have partnered with a government-sponsored program that will provide children with meals after practices.

The Westside Wolfpack expects to serve about 150 kids in football and another 150 in cheerleading, Roselli said. There is a flag football option for the youngest participants.

She said the establishment of the Westside Wolfpack likely would not have come to fruition without the support of area realtor Michele Blackmon, who recently hosted a fundraiser for the youth football club at Willie Jane restaurant on Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice. The event brought in about $1,600 and featured an appearance by Willie Gault, a former professional football player and Olympic athlete.

The Westside Wolfpack plans to have games at Santa Monica and Venice high schools. The Valley Youth Conference features teams from throughout the region, and the Hawthorne Jaguars and the Mid-City Ravens are joining the organization this year along with the Wolfpack.

The group is hosting walk-up registration every weeknight in August from 6 to 8 p.m. at Penmar Park in Venice. Scrimmages will begin Aug. 17.

Registration costs $250 per participant but Roselli said the organization fundraises so all kids can play.

"We want to get kids off the street," she said.

Mitchell said he knows parents on the Westside who drive their kids as far as Pasadena and Watts for youth football opportunities.

"We just want the kids in Santa Monica, in this area, to know they have an option to play exciting football," he said.

To register with the Westside Wolfpack, or for more information, call (424) 625-2120 or visit www.westsidewolfpack.com.

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SCHOOL

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board vice chair Frances Spivy-Weber said in a release. "Students will get to see first hand how stormwater capture systems work right on their campuses. They'll also be taught the importance of conservation and how they can be good stewards of one of our most precious resources."

The project must be completed by 2019 and the total cost is estimated at about $834,000. The district will cover the difference between that sum and the grant (about $213,000), and the Will Rogers PTA, Heal the Bay and the City of Santa Monica are also supporting the project, according to a district report.

An area of Will Rogers that tends to get flooded in rainstorms will be completely redesigned with sustainability in mind. The project will bolster the school's water supply and reduce wasted runoff through cisterns, rain barrels, bioswales, expanded tree wells, permeable pavement and subterranean basins.

An asphalt parking lot will also be resurfaced as part of the project, according to the district report.

Will Rogers will satisfy the grant project's mandatory educational component with a garden and display area through which harvested water will flow.

Students will be encouraged to share their knowledge with families to create "water-wise households," Spivy-Weber said.

"As we continue to deal with the current drought and the growing effects of climate change, educating our youth about conservation now is a high priority," she said.

DROPS was developed in response to Governor Jerry Brown's 2014 declaration of a state of emergency due to severe drought conditions, according to a press release. Applications were accepted through Jan. 15, and grantees were announced in May.

The grants are funded through unallocated money from Propositions 13, 40 and 50.

Meanwhile, SMMUSD is taking other steps to conserve water. The district is planting drought-tolerant plants, watering less frequently and replacing leaky and automatic faucets. Rain barrels will also be implemented.

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The Goldilocks syndrome persists for choosing movie seats

LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK Too close! Too far back! Middle? No way, aisle.

When it comes to where you plant yourself in a movie theater, you're either a seat-specific Goldilocks or you're with one.

And if, by some miracle, you and your date, spouse, friend or gang from work DO agree on where to sit, chances are you've been privy to an angsty pre-show spat or two among the seat-selecting stressed.

Are movie-seat beefs legit, in the scheme of not-hugely-important problems, or have we lost our minds to the point where not even assigned seating can save us?

"My best friend has very strict rules on movie theater seating and it drives me insane," said Gina Mazzone in Bloomfield, New Jersey. "Originally, she would make us change our seats multiple times until she was happy."

But wait. Said best friend, Caitlin Quagliato, has her reasons.

"I'm just super picky. I try to avoid distractions. I don't like to sit too close because my neck strains. I don't like to sit too far away because I can't see," she said. "It drives my sister crazy, too. I get headaches and nobody wants to deal with me during migraines. That could be what started it."

The two 24-year-olds who met in college about four years ago remain regular movie companions, but they now stick mostly to a theater that allows for assigned seating, though — Mazzone said — "she still complains."

Anthony Pomes, 43, in the Suffolk County hamlet of East Northport, New York, doesn't complain so much as feel very, very passionately about the subject. And he doesn't routinely have the benefit of assigned seating.

It's all about "maximum movie-ness," he said, noting in particular the importance of center screen viewing and sound balance for digital systems used in theaters today.

So where is his sweet spot?

"For at least the past 15 to 20 years, I have very persistently insisted that those with whom I see movies in a theater join me smack dab in the middle of the aisle somewhere between 10, but no more than 13, rows away from the movie screen," Pomes said.

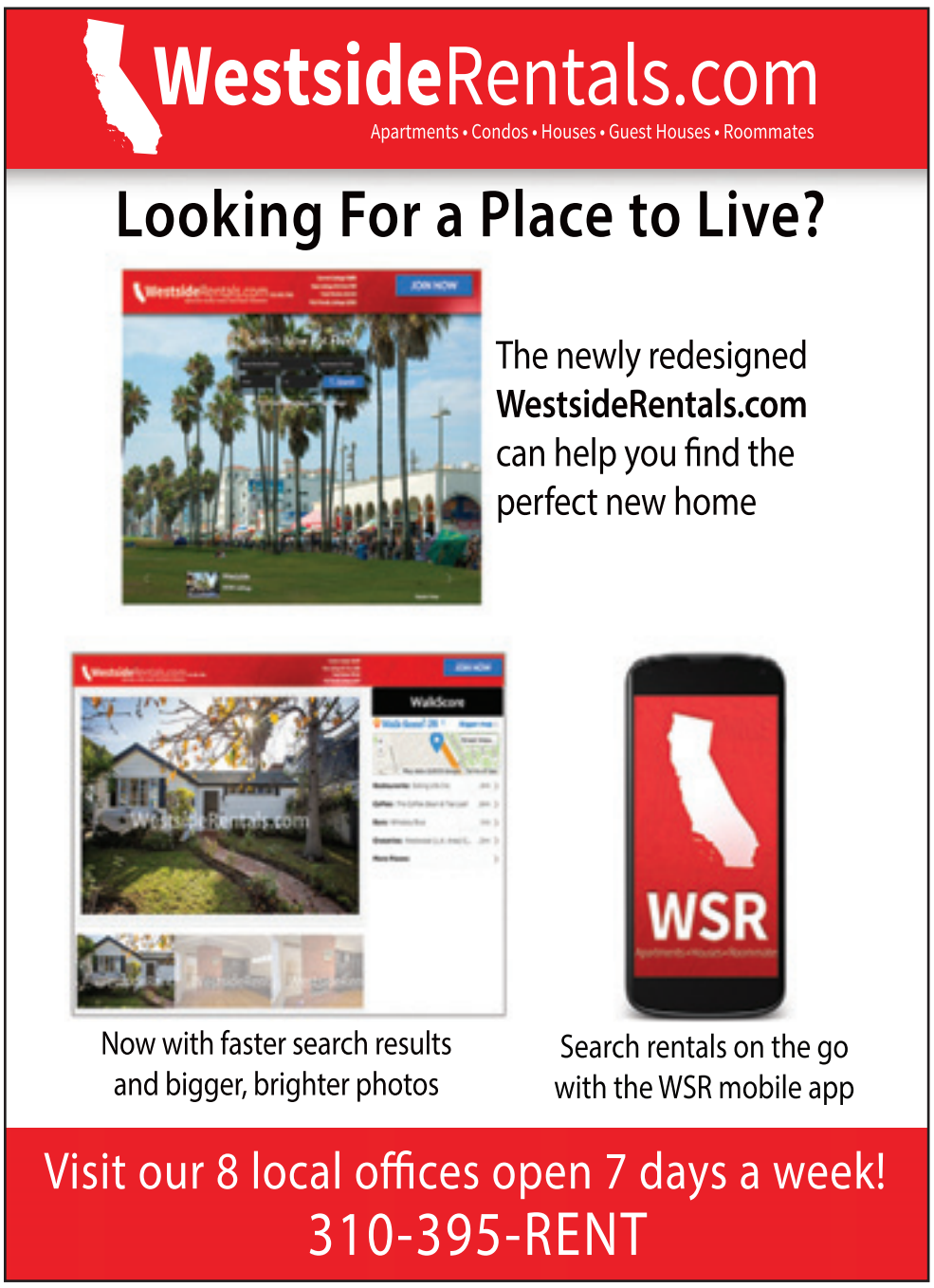
Irene Myers, 34, in Philadelphia isn't having it. She goes to a movie most weeks, about 60 percent of the time by herself to avoid the "where-are-we-sitting conversation."

It's all about control when grouped with a huge theater full of strangers, she surmised.

Movie seating, to a film buff like Pomes, is "as near to a religion as Scorsese's 'Last Temptation,'" he said, regularly dragging his wife and 18-year-old twins to theaters at least an hour ahead of show time.

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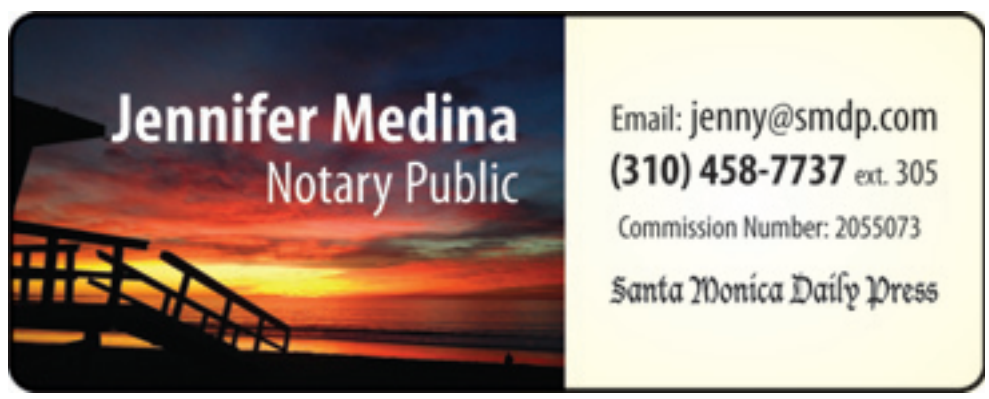
CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Ordinance Numbers 2489-2490 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2489 and 2490, which were adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of July 28, 2015.

Ordinance Number 2489 allows public safety dispatchers to participate in the State of California's Peace Officer Standards and Training program. In the past, only police dispatch personnel have participated; but with the consolidation of police department and fire department dispatch, this change in local law ensures that all dispatchers will receive appropriate training.

Ordinance Number 2490 is an interim ordinance that extends the duration of Interim Ordinance Number 2487, which establishes interim development standards and procedures for Downtown Santa Monica. The extension is necessary to allow time for the completion of the Downtown Specific Plan, which will include the permanent standards and procedures for development in that part of the City.

Ordinances 2489 and 2490 shall become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; telephone (310) 458-8211.



MOVIE

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"When we don't get the good seats we want, the whole feng shui is just blown," he said. "To me it's art. I would never go to a museum gallery and not look at everything."

Does this, er, fever have an origin?

"It's some kind of weird hybrid of, like, elitism and sort of trying to get home again, because I do regard film as primal," Pomes said. "My older brother took me to see 'Star Wars' in 1977. I was 5 or 6. It has that shot of that ship that just keeps going over your head. We were between rows 10 and 13. I remember that specifically."

There are other things that make Pomes a "bit batty" about movie seating.

"I don't like there to be lights coming in from another room that you see on the screen. It's ritualistic and it should be. I mean Scorsese once talked about it being like how he felt when he was a kid in church. But my wife does think sometimes that I go a little beyond," he said.

Afam Onyema, 36, in Los Angeles, has other things on his mind. He's a big guy, a former college linebacker, with a wee movie-going bathroom issue. He can't make it through one without a pit stop mid-movie and finds himself in seating negotiations all the time.

The seats he seeks from friends and surreptitiously angles for with dates are on an aisle or front row, second tier behind the rail in theaters that have raised sections separated by a wide walking aisle.

"It's embarrassing. My friends will say, 'It's only two hours' and I'm, like, 'I know. I'm not doing it on purpose! This way I can just hop over the rail without kicking popcorn all over the floor or stepping on some old person's shoes."

But inevitable conflicts arise for prime real estate-seeking Onyema, who goes to three or four movies a month.

"There are some friends who want to be in the middle and they worry that if we're on the aisle people are going to be bothering us to get out. It's definitely a give and take," he said. "If it's 'Lord of the Rings' length or something like that, I'm going to push to be on the aisle or the railing. If it's a shorter movie, I'll say 'OK, I'll let you have this one.'"

Daniel Collins and his wife don't get to the movies that frequently, but with his long legs, the distinct possibility of a work call he can't miss and some prostate issues at 52, he's an aisle man. Getting there early enough to nab a good one isn't fun.

"My wife, who should be teaching master's courses in procrastination, can be a challenge to get out the door," said Collin, in suburban Baltimore. "But she's working hard at improving, and I'm working hard at not being so, 'If we're not 15 minutes early we're late.'"

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SURF FORECASTS

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THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small, new S swell fills in further through the day. Minor NW windswell.

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
S swell continues. Minor NW windswell.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Small S swell trends down.

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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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 29 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call of a vandalism that occurred at the parking lot of 630 Wilshire Blvd. Upon arrival officers contacted the victim who stated that he had seen the suspect standing near his vehicle while he was inside a store but did not see the act of vandalism. However, shortly thereafter a witness told the victim that the suspect had used a beer can to scratch the victim's vehicle without any provocation causing approximately $600 worth of surface damage. Officers were able to locate the suspect who had fled on foot. The suspect was positively identified by the witness. A private citizen's arrest was taken and the suspect was transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for vandalism and an outstanding $30,000 warrant. Stephen Mecum, 59, had bail set at $30,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 393 calls for service on Aug 10.

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

Indecent Exposure 11th/ Broadway 12:33 a.m.
Burglary 2700 block of Washington 12:36 a.m.
Family Disturbance 300 block of Pico12:58 a.m.
Battery 2300 block of 4th1:05 a.m.
Domestic Violence 500 block of Bay 1:48 a.m.
Family Disturbance 4th/ California 6:52 a.m.
Battery 2700 block of Santa Monica 9:46 a.m.
Arson 1300 block of 7th 9:53 a.m.
Burglary 1800 block of Lincoln 9:56 a.m.
Hit And Run 4th/ Arizona 10:06 a.m.
Child Endangerment 2900 block of 31st10:22 a.m.
Hit And Run 200 block of Strand 10:27 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1000 block of Pico 10:33 a.m.
Traffic Accident 1300 block of 14th 11:24 a.m.
Burglary 300 block of Marine 11:28 a.m.
Fire Request Police Neilson Way / Bay 11:33 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2500 block of Barnard Way 11:40 a.m.
Fraud 2500 block of 20th 11:40 a.m.
Fight1500 block of 10th 12:36 a.m.
Identity Theft 600 block of Broadway 12:56 a.m.
Burglary 800 block of 3rd 1:02 a.m.
Suspicious Vehicle 2200 block of 27th 1:32 a.m.
Hit And Run 1400 block of 4th 1:56 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1500 block of 4th 2:00 a.m.
Suicide 300 block of Olympic Dr 2:30 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Lincoln/ Pacific 2:49 a.m.
Fire Request Police 3100 block of Santa Monica 2:56 a.m.
Fraud 900 block of Montana 3:05 a.m.
Elder Abuse 2700 block of Ocean Park 3:16 p.m.
Drinking In Public 200 block of Santa Monica 3:51 p.m.
Hit And Run Lincoln/ Alta 3:56 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1300 block of Ocean Front Walk 4:00 p.m.
Fire 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:17 p.m.
Domestic Violence 2200 block of 4th 4:25 p.m.
Hit And Run 7th/ Montana 4:46 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block of Lincoln 5:04 p.m.
Traffic Accident 2nd/ Broadway 5:20 p.m.
Burglary 1900 block of 3rd 5:33 p.m.
Battery 300 block of Olympic Dr 5:39 p.m.
Grand Theft 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire 5:49 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 4th/ Olympic 5:58 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2700 block of 6th 6:34 p.m.
Grand Theft 300 block of Olympic Dr 6:34 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block of Lincoln 6:35 p.m.
Fight 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica 7:09 p.m.
Traffic Accident 1200 block of 23rd 7:31 p.m.
Burglary 800 block of 18th 8:32 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1400 block of 6th 8:34 p.m.
Burglary 500 block of Ocean Park 11:03 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2000 block of Ocean 11:26 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 48 calls for service on Aug 10.

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

Injuries From Assault 500 block of Bay 1:49 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 2:04 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Colorado 2:36 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Delaware 6:59 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Bay 7:46 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 7:59 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Pearl 8:57 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200 block of Santa Monica 9:08 a.m.
EMS 600 block of 20th 9:26 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Intersection Of Neilson / Pacific 9:31 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 2nd 9:39 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 9:48 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 14th 9:50 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1300 block of 7th 9:53 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 10:03 a.m.
EMS 2700 block of Neilson 10:27 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Ocean 11:32 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of Marine 11:54 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Arizona 12:21 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 15th 12:35 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 12:42 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 19th 1:41 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 1:43 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Broadway 2:11 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Bay 2:33 p.m.
Wires Down 3000 block of Airport 2:42 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Santa Monica 2:50 p.m.
EMS Intersection Of 10th / Bay 2:52 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2700 block of Wilshire 3:31 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 16th 4:18 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:25 p.m.
Injuries From Assault 400 block of Pacific 4:30 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 10th 5:13 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Cellphone forerunners
7 Uneven hairdo
11 Lace's place
12 Maintenance
13 Baseball's Reese
14 Not fooled by
15 Candy bar nut
17 Pale
20 Nuisances
23 Sch. support org.
24 Place to order oolong
26 Sweetie
27 Slippery one
28 Stunned wonder
29 Book parts
31 Writer Kesey
32 Messing on TV
33 Grazing group
34 Western spread
37 Weary sigh
39 Current news
43 Boxer Tyson
44 Broad street
45 Equal
46 Got a pinochle score

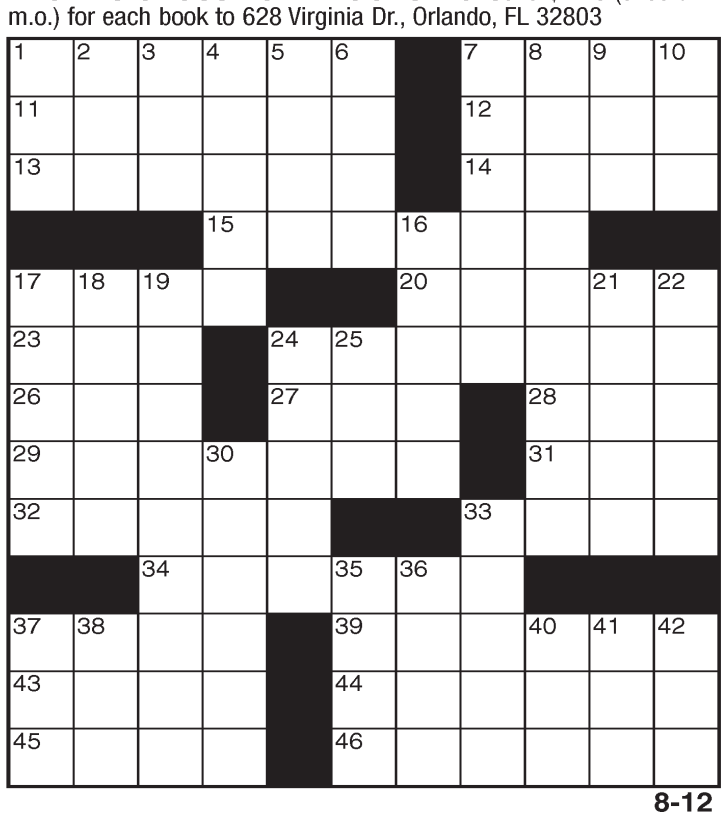
DOWN

1 Energy
2 Pro vote
3 "Aw, shucks!"
4 Quarterback John
5 Stagger
6 Rose part
7 Brit's treats
8 Deal sealer
9 Museum stuff
10 Earth: Prefix
16 Lustrous gems
17 Plant pest
18 Sculpting medium
19 Bike stopper
21 Castle part
22 Forgo frugality
24 Waco native
25 Shoebox letters
30 Pencil end
33 Traveler's stop
35 Chowder chunk
36 Own
37 Band blaster
38 Tell tales
40 Purpose
41 Take to court
42 Rocker Nugent

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Yesterday's answer

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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 ★★★

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

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

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	1	6				5	3	

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL Draw Date: 8/8
9 34 48 52 54
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 60M

MEGA MILLIONS Draw Date: 8/7
1 38 53 63 66
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 25M

SUPER LOTTO Draw Date: 8/8
1 16 30 33 46
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5 Draw Date: 8/10
3 5 20 29 34

DAILY 3 Draw Date: 8/11
MIDDAY: 7 6 1
Draw Date: 8/10
EVENING: 7 0 9

DAILY DERBY Draw Date: 8/10
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:42.27

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1. the study of elections.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1978 - The Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Japan and the People's Republic of China is signed.

1980 - The Montevideo Treaty, establishing the Latin American Integration Association, is signed.

1981 - The IBM Personal Computer is released.

1982 - Mexico announces that it is unable to pay its enormous external debt, marking the beginning of a debt crisis that spreads to all of Latin America and the Third World.

1985 - Japan Airlines Flight 123 crashes into Osutaka ridge in Gunma Prefecture, Japan, killing 520, to become the worst single-plane air disaster.

1990 - Sue, the largest and most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton found to date, is discovered by Sue Hendrickson in South Dakota.

1992 - Canada, Mexico and the United States announce completion of negotiations for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

1993 - Pope John Paul II starts his 8th annual World Youth Day in Denver's Mile High Stadium.

1994 - Major League Baseball players go on strike. This will force the cancellation of the 1994 World Series.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Jason Patterson, upset that New Zealand's health care administration has rejected paying for gastric bypass surgery, announced in July that he will protest publicly by going on a hunger strike. "The first two to three days (will be) really hard," he told Channel 3 News. (2) Local officials in China's Xinjiang region informed Muslim shopkeepers and restaurateurs in May that they will henceforth be required to sell alcohol and cigarettes (even though Islam forbids their consumption). An official told Radio Free Asia that the government aims to weaken religion.

■ Some owners may be petting their cats all wrong, cautioned recent research in issues of the journal Applied Animal Behaviour Science by scientists from University of Lincoln in England and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For example, felines seem to prefer face-caressing, especially between the eyes and ears, and are especially aroused, negatively, by tail-petting, especially at the base. Cats appear to be pickier about how their owners pet them than strangers, according to a Washington Post review of one article. The Wisconsin research revealed that cats better appreciate (or are annoyed less by) music written especially for their pitch (an octave higher) and tempo (mimicking purring) than traditional classical music.

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Hey, what's your favorite?

By C.J. Johnson

(Editor: First in an ongoing series.)

Last month, Giive asked social media influencers to name their favorite nonprofit organization. We received a flood of awesome responses from all around the world, each an awesome story unto itself. Check them out!

Food on Foot

Beverly Hills — Food on Foot (FOF) dedicated to providing the poor and homeless of Los Angeles with nutritious meals, clothing, job opportunities and assistance in life off the streets.

Why is it so awesome?

"Food on Foot is a second chance; an unconditional opportunity to obtain a heightened quality of life in exchange for perseverance, determination and hard work," said Katie Everds, Founder/CEO of The Tillow..

Motley Zoo Animal Rescue

Redmond, WA — Motley Zoo Animal Rescue is dedicated to improving the lives of animals locally, nationally and internationally.

Why is it so awesome?

"We play off the music industry theme and name animals after celebrities, bands and musicians," said Executive Director Jamie Thomas. "Our animals have met Snoop Dogg, Tommy Lee from Motley Crue, Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top, Slayer, Anthraxx and George Takei (*Star Trek*)."

What are your favorite nonprofits? Let us know at editor@giive.org.



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Relax to a good movie, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might feel pressured to find a solution to a personal matter. You would benefit from speaking to an adviser whom you trust. The ideas will flow naturally in a brainstorming session. As a result, you will see the right path to follow. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your playfulness comes out when dealing with a loved one. Your focus will be on your personal life. You might wonder which would be the best way to move forward. A discussion with a close friend will offer you some solutions. Tonight: Make it easy -- order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your concerns can easily be handled with a little self-discipline and a lot of energy. Once you grasp the power of your inner strength, you will be able to deal with an issue concerning your daily life. A conversation could be very important. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be at your wits' end when dealing with an inquisitive person in your life. You might want to establish a stronger budget or tap into your self-discipline when going shopping. Be more direct with those around you. Tonight: Positive vibes flow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might be slow to rise in the morning, but by the afternoon, the Lion within you will wake up and put you back in control. Postpone as much as you can. Financial extremes could make you uncomfortable. Be ready to say "no" to a request. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might have to deal with someone who has caused you a great deal of pain. Stay on top of what you must get done. Don't let this situation affect you in a negative way. Your creativity is likely to emerge when dealing with this matter. Tonight: Take some time off just for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take your time researching a key question. What you find out could point you in a new direction. A meeting could prove to be important, as it allows you to test out several ideas. A discussion with a friend will help you consolidate a plan. Tonight: Follow a friend's suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might feel overtired and withdrawn later in the day. Unfortunately, you are likely to be called upon by others to offer your knowledge. Slow down and take a break around lunch if you can. You will be happier as a result. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21
★★★★ Deal with a close child or loved one directly. The conversation you have might be confidential, and it could make the other party feel vulnerable. Remain sensitive and deal with others on an individual level. You know what you need to do. Tonight: Relax to a good movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will cause you to question certain decisions that you recently have made. Honor a change of pace, and know where you are going. Once you accept your personal goals, your decisions could change substantially. Tonight: Where others are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Emphasize what you can complete in the morning. Sometime in the afternoon, others are likely to encourage you to take a break or to network, depending on what the situation is. You will flourish with a change of pace. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

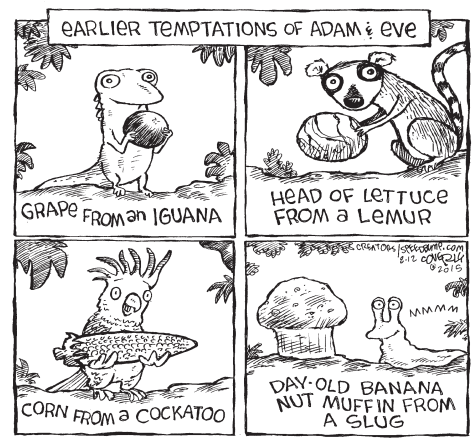
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Tap into your creativity for solutions in the morning. You might want to pay more attention to this sector of your life. By midafternoon, you will re-energize and be willing to spend more time on your work and other responsibilities. Tonight: Take a personal night.

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

This year you could experience a new beginning in at least one area of your life. Many of you will see greater creativity emerge that will affect your day-to-day routine. Financial gain will result from your dynamic attitude and hard work. If you are single, you seem to push away your many admirers. Don't be so critical. Somewhere around you waits a potential sweetie. If you are attached, the two of you seem more drawn to each other than usual. Avoid a tendency to be me-oriented. Remember both of you are part of the whole, and need to be treated as such. A fellow LEO often challenges you without intending to.

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

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2015202884 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/04/2015 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as RAYJO MUSIC. 2331 28TH ST #3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: PETER ZACHARY MATZ 2331 28TH ST #3 SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:PETER ZACHARY MATZ, (OWNER). PETER ZACHARY MATZ. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/04/2015. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq., Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 08/05/2015, 08/12/2015, 08/19/2015, 08/26/2015.

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