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THE **DUB** ISSUE

BBB benches not coming back

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Bad news for bench lovers.

Big Blue Bus will not bring back the old aluminum bus stop benches, largely because they encourage loitering.

A $7 million project to replace the old bus stops with new, modern ones started earlier this year.

Residents (and City Council candidates) hate the new stops. The Daily Press has received dozens of letters and e-mails maligning the new design.

Residents say, among other things, that they fail to provide shade, they are uncomfortable, and they are ugly.

BBB officials responded with a promise to alter the designs with the intent of making them more comfortable.

Residents called for the old benches to be returned and BBB officials initially stated that this was a possibility. Not anymore, according to BBB's website.

"In the seven to ten years since the benches were installed, BBB and the Santa Monica Police Department received many complaints about loitering on the benches," BBB's website states. "They were filed by riders and owners of businesses. As such, BBB was assigned criteria for evaluating

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BENCHED: The old benches will not return.

Callahan's closing after decades

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD After 26 years under current ownership and decades under previous owners Callahan's will close at the end of this year.

The diner, beloved by many local regulars, has been open since 1946 according to the new building owners.

Abraham Vazquez, who has owned Callahan's since 1988, said that his lease is up at the end of the year and that he can't afford the rent proposed by the building owners.

Added to his burden is the loss of his daughter, Leticia "Letty" Vazquez, who died earlier this year.

"She helped me with everything and everybody knew her," Abraham Vazquez said. "She's been working in here since she was very young and it's much harder without her."

Letty Vazquez was 45 years old and her funeral at St. Monica's was attended by more than a thousand people.

The new building owners, LGO Hospitality, are seeking a liquor license for the Callahan's space. They will make their case at the Planning Commission meeting tonight.

There's no plan for a bar, said Allison Shashok, an LGO Hospitality spokesperson.



David Mark Simpson *dave@smdp.com*

CLOSING TIME: **Abraham Vazquez, who has owned Callahan's since 1988, says the diner will close at the end of the year.**

"Alcohol will be offered as an accessory to food," she said, "hopefully making dinner time business a viable effort."

Building owners plan to put the building on the historic register and restore the diner to its original condition.

"No change in the floor plan will be made," Shashok said in an e-mail. "The menu will be an affordable 'farm to table' diner using the Santa Monica farmers market. There will be a discount for seniors as well as a children's menu."

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Fatal motorcycle crash clogs morning commute

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MCCLURE TUNNEL Traffic on the Interstate 10 freeway was backed up for hours following a fatal motorcycle wreck Tuesday morning.

The 36-year-old Los Angeles man was transported to UCLA Medical Center, Westwood, where he succumbed to his injuries, according to the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

Driving in the westbound lane near the McClure Tunnel, he had failed to notice traffic stopping in front of him and crashed his motorcycle into three cars at about 5:46 a.m., CHP officials said. No one else was injured.

Traffic was diverted to the Lincoln Boulevard off-ramp until around 11 a.m.

The identity of the motorcyclist won't be released until his family is notified.

It's the second fatal accident under the McClure Tunnel this summer.

In June, one person was killed in an accident involving two big rigs and a minivan.

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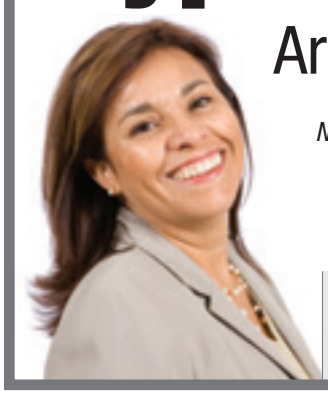
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Wednesday, August 27

PBR Presents: The Ed Galvez Punk House
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1323-A 3rd Street Promenade, 9:45 p.m.
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Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, council chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
Meeting of the Planning Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission.

Run Like A Girl
Road Runner Sports
1338 4th St 6:30 p.m.
Take on a friendly 3 - 5 mile fun run with your girlfriends from RRS Santa Monica every 4th Wednesday of the month through September. At the conclusion of the season (September), they will draw two winners nationwide for a free 2-person travel package to the 2014 Women's Running Series Half-Marathon in Scottsdale, AZ.

Cheese 101
Andrew's Cheese Shop
728 Montana Ave., 7:30 - 9 p.m.
In the Cheese 101 course Andrew teaches the history, origin and the basics about cheese. We also have many of the most famous cheeses available to sample. Tickets are available for $30 from eventbrite.com.

Thursday, August 28

Twilight Concert Series
Santa Monica Pier
7-10 p.m.
The region's favorite Summer tradition and premier outdoor concert series celebrates its 30th birthday this year. The free concerts continue on Thursday nights from 7 - 10 p.m.

Tale Spin
Vidiots Annex
302 Pico Blvd. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Join organizers for their second Tale Spin: a monthly gathering of people telling true stories. In the flesh. Unplugged. Make us laugh, make us cry, share your personal experiences. And, pay $10 at the door and help keep Vidiots, the local storytelling vendors, in business. Seating is limited to 35. Bring a bottle of wine or preferred beverage and an appetizer of any kind. The stories are free.
Call (310) 392-8508 for more information.

Movie: The Grand Budapest Hotel
Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd, 6:30-8:15 p.m.
Wes Anderson's quirky film farce follows the adventures of an infamous concierge (Ralph Fiennes) at a famous European hotel and the young lobby boy who becomes his most trusted friend. (100 min)

Guest House Garden closed
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy
The sunken outdoor garden west of the Marion Davies Guest House will be closed to the public due to a private event.

Rec Room
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy, 11 a.m.
Visit the Sand & Sea Rec Room, open daily through Labor Day. Tuesday-Friday, the Rec Room is open 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Now there's more time to play games, read a book, or enjoy the ocean view.

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Southern California prepares for big storm surf

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LONG BEACH Southern California coastal areas filled sandbags and built sand berms Tuesday to ward against possible flooding from big and potentially damaging surf spawned by Hurricane Marie spinning off Mexico's Pacific coast.

A large southerly swell was expected to produce large waves, rip currents and strong longshore currents in Los Angeles and Ventura counties through Thursday, according to the National Weather Service.

"These areas will potentially see the largest surf seen in recent years, with breakers of 10 to 15 feet possible," a Weather Service advisory said.

Swimmers and surfers were urged to be aware of dangerous conditions, and minor coastal flooding and beach erosion is possible, forecasters said.

In the city of Long Beach's Peninsula neighborhood, residents watched as bulldozers built huge sand berms between the ocean and their homes. Several took the warning to heart and shoveled sand into bags to place around their garage doors and entryways.

Deborah Popek, who's lived in the area 20 years, took a walk along the boardwalk with her cat, Sophie, to check the surf and see how neighbors were preparing. She's had flooding in the past, she said, especially in her garage.

"It's always at the last minute that everybody panics because, you know, we don't expect things to happen," she said. "But they're really taking things seriously because the sandbar is as high as they've ever built it right now. I've never seen it this high."

A few yards down the boardwalk, resident Corey Nelson shoveled sand into 10 sandbags with a friend's help. A firefighter had been to his home Monday with a warning and although the surf was quiet so far Tuesday, he chose to take it seriously.

"He said supposedly the waves come over the breakwater wall and there will be flooding," he said, adding that the firefighter had talked about 10 to 15 foot waves at a breakwater that protects the Long Beach shoreline.

"We've had the water go over the breakwater right here and into our planter, and I mentioned that to him and he said, 'Well expect that times three.'"

The high surf advisory will be in place for several counties north and south of Los Angeles, including Orange County. But Los Angeles and Ventura counties will likely see the biggest storm surge, according to the NWS advisory.

Associated Press writer Christopher Weber contributed from Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Ocean Ave.

Police investigate fatal accident

On Aug. 22, at approximately 11:55 a.m. the Santa Monica Police Department responded to the report of a collision involving a pedestrian and a vehicle. The preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of a stake bed, landscaping truck collided with a pedestrian in the walkway, west of Crescent Bay Park/Lot 4 South (2030 Ocean Avenue). The pedestrian sustained major trauma to her upper body and head.

The investigation revealed that the driver of the commercial landscaping services truck and a sub-contractor for the City of Santa Monica was backing up when he felt the truck sway. The driver got out to examine the cause and discovered the victim. The victim, Janet Kathleen Watson Lilliott, 62, was a West Coast Care volunteer who provided outreach services to the homeless in the City of Santa Monica. Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics responded and pronounced her dead at the scene.

The Santa Monica Police Department, Major Accident Response Team, along with the Los Angeles County Coroner's office is conducting a full investigation.

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Citywide

Local students visit Japan

The Santa Monica Sister City Association (SMSCA) sponsored four high school student goodwill ambassadors in an exchange program with Fujinomiya this summer. The four, Santa Monica High School seniors Garrison Finley and Julia Menyhart, sophomore Alanna Shepard and Culver City High School junior Bella Browning, spent two weeks in the homes of Japanese student ambassadors representing Santa Monica in a variety of activities including an official meeting with the Mayor of Fujinomiya. They also shared information about Santa Monica and our culture while experiencing typical Japanese family life, culture, customs and local sights including Mt. Fuji. Japanese student ambassadors, Mai Kugawa, Natsumi Ito, Yumi Yokoyama and Yuriko Omura returned to Santa Monica with the students and enjoyed the same cultural exchanges including visits to the Santa Monica Pier and many popular tourist venues in the Los Angeles area. 17-year-old Alexander Menne from our Sister City Hamm, Germany, was coincidentally in Santa Monica at the same time and joined the group on several occasions.

"Visiting Fujinomiya was an incredible experience for me. I had never been to Japan before and I learned so much about Japanese culture and really enjoyed staying with my host family. I loved visiting my host sister's school, Mt. Fuji and Tokyo as well as participating in the Summer Festival," said Alanna Shepard. "I have made new friends and have wonderful memories of my trip. Thank you Santa Monica Sister City Association for this opportunity."

"I had the distinct pleasure to sign the agreement that designated Fujinomiya and Santa Monica as Sister Cities nearly 40 years ago," said Nat Trives, SMSCA vice president, Japan, and former Santa Monica Mayor. "I am thrilled that our partnership has formed many lifelong friendships and created treasured memories for our ambassadors over the years. I am especially pleased that I will be leading a large delegation of adult and student ambassadors to Fujinomiya in 2015 to celebrate the 40th year of this wonderful partnership."

The SMSCA Student Exchange program is an excellent opportunity for youth to strengthen their foreign language skills and learn about each other's culture and customs, to experience typical family life in each other's countries, and to see local sights

The Santa Monica Sister City Association was established in 1961, with a mission of "Peace in the World One Person at a Time." A major component of the Association is the Student Ambassador Exchange. For more information, please call Holly Kiger at (310) 924-9826 or visit www.santamonicasistercity.org.

The student ambassadors met with Santa Monica City Council members and shared stories about their experiences.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Homeless shelters

Editor:

For low income, disabled and seniors in Santa Monica the most obvious public transportation issue here is those two tiny flat hot metal seats at bus stops without shade. How in the world did Santa Monica officials do such a mean spirited thing to seniors and disabled with those hideous stops? The only reason I can come up with is that the mean spirited stops are meant to keep homeless people from having any comfort for sitting or lying down at night. Homeless people have no other place that is legal for them to be without being arrested or cited but in public spaces! Not only do poor disabled homeless people have to be in public they have to sit or lay on the ground if they can't stand up 24 hours a day.

I am frustrated with a society that talks about permanent housing for the homeless but has done nothing but leave tens of thousands of poor disabled people stranded on the sidewalk without any safety or comfort. These new bus stops are perfect examples of actually trying to discomfort homeless people instead of actually fulfilling the promise made 11 years ago in 2003 by the Bring Los Angeles Home 60 person Blue Ribbon commission including Mayor Richard Bloom and at that time a 'who's who' list of mayors, County Supervisors, LA and other local cities Council people, religious leaders, homeless non-profit agencies executive directors, homeless bureaucrats that boldly promised to "end homelessness in ten years."

Sleep Stations would have protected and stabilized the homeless with shelter plus caseworker management and County medical services at these Stations. In hindsight do you think any of these Bring Los Angeles Home commissioners ever feel any remorse for simply housing a few and turning their back of so many? I hope so. I understand that a new commission is now promising, the same thing in ten years! So if you were poor and disabled 11 years ago and weren't one of the very lucky few you are probably dead now from neglect!

Randy Walburger
Santa Monica

Unresponsive city

Editor:

Just having sold our house in Portland, Oregon, we moved to Santa Monica mid-May and are renting a two-bedroom penthouse, on 5th street between Arizona and Wilshire. We face the back of the building and the alleyway and even though we have a great view of the city and mountains in the distance, we can't sleep from the bright lights that stay on all night in the back of a small commercial building, lighting the empty, secured parking lot attached to the building.

We contacted the complaint line at Santa Monica's town hall several times, filed complaints online and waited two months for an answer. When none came we contacted the complaint department again and asked why we had not heard back from them. They assured me that officer, who was assigned to the case, would need to go there during the evening to see it in person. Instead we soon received a case closed email, with the explanation that the officer sent a letter to the offending property owner about turning down their lights or changing them to a lower wattage bulb.

It has been three weeks since that email came from Santa Monica to us and the lights are still on full blast. Nothing has been done and our efforts seemed to have been either ignored, avoided or shunned by the city. We had filed a complaint at the same time about a leaf blower being used at the adjacent commercial property as well, knowing that it was against Santa Monica code and they sent the exact same email to us about that complaint as well. The case was closed, they allegedly sent a letter to the offending property owner and wished us luck. We have photographs as well as iPhone videos and they refused to see any of these, even though they have a time stamp and are proof and could help our case.

We are in a large six story building with 18 apartments facing the back of the building as well, enduring the same fate, unaided by the town of Santa Monica. Some people have taped cardboard on the insides of their windows to prevent the lights form keeping them awake all night, and others have hung black curtains behind the vertical white blinds that come with the units, but the light still seeps in.

The leaf blower is still at it, three weeks after they closed the case, and we feel like the voice of the people in this town is not being heard. It is very depressing and makes us feel like running out of here as soon as possible. Portland was more responsive and more caring in many ways, and one felt they were being heard.

Visnja Clayton
Santa Monica



Curious City

Charles Andrews Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Check your health insurance before going to a Pier concert

DON'T TREAD ON ME. I SAW maybe a dozen mostly older citizens assaulted and knocked to the ground in Santa Monica last Thursday night by a large mob of out-of-control mostly young celebrants, a stone's throw from a police station but not a cop in sight, from where I stood, to come to their rescue.

It didn't appear anyone was injured, but they might have been. Since they were on city property, at a city-sponsored event, could they sue?

There was one security person I could see from where I was in the crowd, a young man of calm and professional demeanor, occasionally and briefly assisted by a young woman cohort about half his size. He managed, remarkably, to do what seemed to be his assignment, keeping an aisle clear through the middle of the crowd, but he was not positioned to help the assaulted seniors, who scrambled to get themselves out of harm's way.

There must have been SMPD officers present, I just couldn't see any from where I was when the music started. They and/or the security people I observed on my way in may have made efforts at crowd control but I could see none from my vantage point in front of the middle of the stage. I generalize a little when I say the victims were senior citizens, but certainly most of them whom I observed were over 60, and some appeared over 70. There was a look of shock and unreserved fear on their faces as they were, without warning, knocked over like bowling pins, most while lounging in the lawn chairs they brought.

The scene was the crowd enjoying the Zombies' concert on the Santa Monica Pier last Thursday evening. The Zombies, around more than half a century, and young opening act Mystic Braves were not at all the kind of acts to inspire that kind of moshing. But a young crowd in front of the stage seemed intent on crowd surfing and moshing away anyway, intentionally oblivious to the collateral damage.

If you're not familiar with it, a mosh pit undulates and surges in a forceful, even violent and unpredictable way. The participants enjoy it for that very reason. But if you're on the fringes you can be knocked to the ground by the surging crowd in a heartbeat. Their fun is your terror, and perhaps injury.

The nature of some portion of the crowds showing up for the venerable pier concerts has changed in the last five years, which happens to be when the promoters/booking agents were changed. A grand Santa Monica tradition of 30 years has turned now sometimes ugly. I had to see the Zombies and will be there for reggae madman Lee "Scratch" Perry tomorrow night, but may skip the last two concerts, as I did the first six, even though I would like to be there. Diminishing returns, threat of injury. Too bad.

SINGLE PAYER, MAKE HIM MAYOR!

I previously wrote about attending the 49th birthday party for our friend Medicare. Lots of smart, passionate people wished the gracefully aging fellow well, most of them doctors, and one journalist with a Pulitzer Prize (Michael Hiltzik - I highly recommend you read everything he writes, in the business section of the LA Times).

Medicare, of course, is a single payer system of health coverage. No insurance companies expensively in the way. I had a chat afterward with my neighbor who is Australian and, at a pretty young age, had some devastating hip problems. He swears if going through the American system for that didn't kill him, the bills and the paperwork would have. They have insurance companies in Oz and in many other countries with real national healthcare, but they are supplemental, mostly for the very well off. They don't muck up, and suck up billions of bucks from the system, like ours do.

Most of us who have visited a doctor have our own billing horror stories. The terrific surgeon duo who double bypassed me last November still have not been paid, and I've been sent their bill for $10,000 four months in a row now, from UCLA Physicians Billing "Service," the first three of which almost gave me a heart attack when I opened the envelope. (I'm getting used to them now.) Each bill states I have no primary or secondary insurance - I do, I do! I told them all they had to do was call St. John's hospital, and they'd get paid toot suite. I told them that, everyone who would listen, three months in a row, and still I got a fourth bill. I finally got hold of the supervisor of all the supervisors and she promised to make it right. I believe her. Am I a sucker? We'll see.

After that column came out I received an email from Council member Kevin McKeown, telling me something I didn't know - that he's been pushing for single payer health coverage for Californians for more than a decade. Make that man mayor!

In 2003, nearly five years before the election of the miracle-worker President who finally got SOMEthing passed (the first national health care proposal was pre-Civil War, passed by both houses but vetoed by Franklin Pierce - ranked by historians one of our worst presidents ever), McKeown urged our City Council to back then-State Sen. Sheila Kuehl's SB 921, which would have established "a single comprehensive health plan for all California residents at NO NEW COST (my emphasis) to the state." He got the state Democratic Party to endorse it by 2009, and since Republicans in Sacramento are about as rare as college graduates who can spell, that should have cinched it. But didn't.

He asked Santa Monica's Director of Finance to calculate the savings for our city. $6M was the figure he was given. Why, that's almost enough to start all over on the bus stops. Or, maybe more important stuff, like "schools, police, fire, social services, and parks," McKeown suggested.

I'm always amazed at Americans' willingness to ignorantly sacrifice their own well-being for the engorgement of corporations. Can't we do better in our little town of under 100,000?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller

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Women talk about sports on CBS Sports Network

TERESA M. WALKER
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CBS officials talked about an all-women sports show for more than a year, and now they're set to make television history.

The network announced Tuesday that "We Need to Talk" will premiere Sept. 30 on CBS Sports Network. The weekly, hour-long, prime-time program on the cable channel will be the first of its kind.

The panel will feature a core of CBS Sports announcers: Lesley Visser, Amy Trask, Tracy Wolfson, Dana Jacobson and Allie LaForce. Other contributors include Andrea Kremer and former athletes Laila Ali, Lisa Leslie, Dara Torres, Swin Cash and Summer Sanders.

"I think it's long overdue," CBS Sports president David Berson said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "We're excited to be the home for it, and all these women have such meaningful roles already within CBS or in various other places. I know they're all excited."

"CBS This Morning" co-hosts Norah O'Donnell and Gayle King will appear as guests.

Visser, who started covering sports in 1974, considers the show "a cultural pivot point."

"There are many shows that have a woman on, but not one that has a table filled with women," Visser said in a release.

Trask was the first female chief executive officer in the NFL and worked for the Oakland Raiders for nearly 30 years.

She noted each woman brings her own perspective and experience, ranging from the former athletes on the show to Wolfson as a sideline reporter, Visser as a Hall of Fame reporter and Kremer as a reporter for HBO's Real Sports.

"We each view things uniquely as well," Trask told the AP. "I believe we will offer a different perspective than is currently available on television. We'll approach issues with our own different perspectives and that will make the show even richer."

Visser recalled sports media credentials often said, 'No women or children in the press box.'

"Forty years later we are accepted as members of the media, assistant coaches (San Antonio Spurs' Becky Hammon) college officials and executives," she said. "We have learned to love sports the same way boys and men do - not all of them played the game either. I'm proud to play for CBS."

The show will be led by Emmy Award-winning coordinating producers Emilie Deutsch and Suzanne Smith, the only woman currently producing or directing NFL games. Amy Salmanson and Julie Keryc will produce with Smith directing.

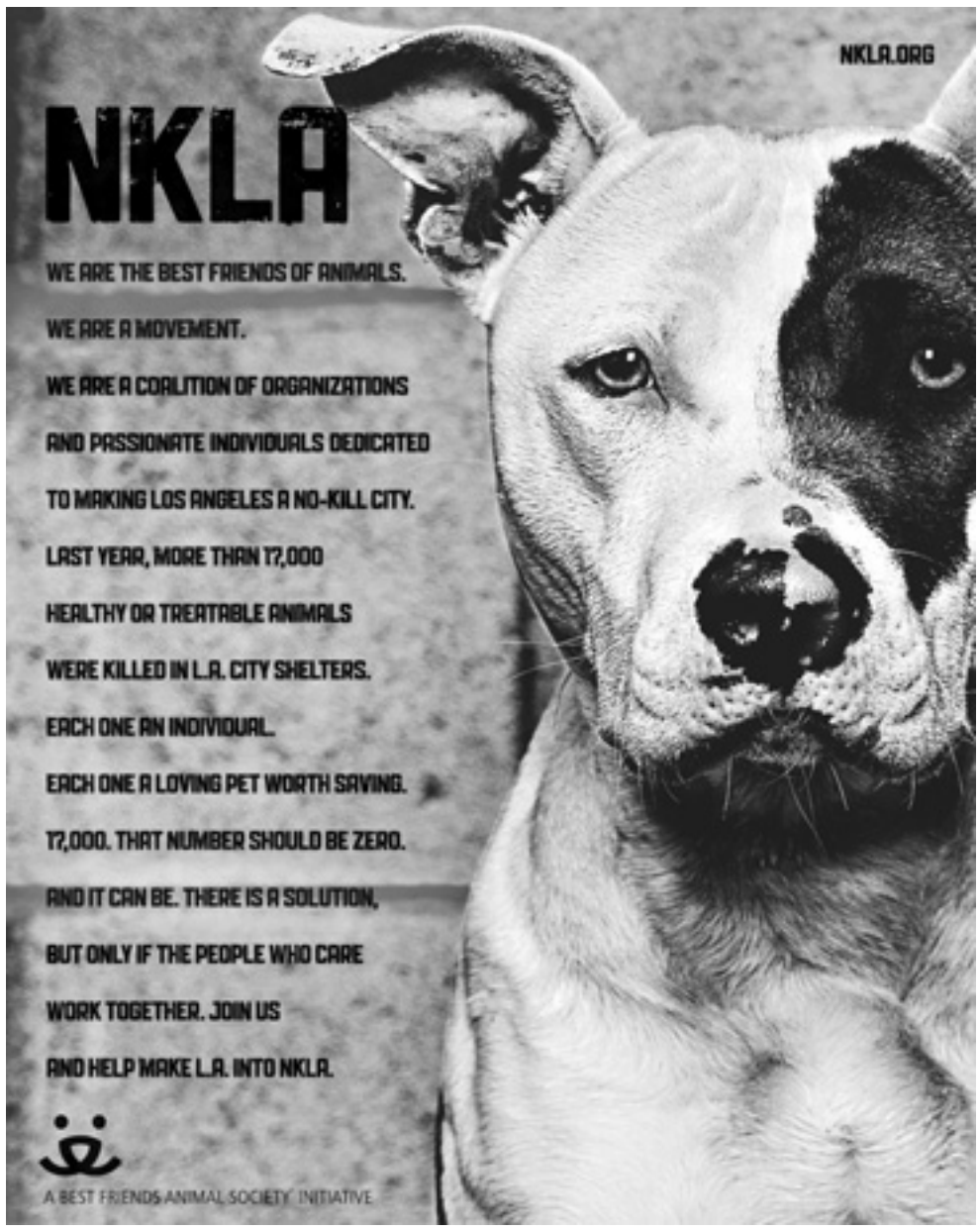
The show will air Tuesdays at 10 p.m. EDT, although on a relatively new network that's in just under half of U.S. homes with televisions.

"It also underscores our commitment to this that we're putting it in such a marquee time slot," Berson said.

Berson isn't worried about sports fans finding the show, and he said hopefully people will ask for the network if they don't have it.

Trask sees the show as innovative and creative, despite the long wait.

"It's exciting that this is happening now," she said.



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US eager to cater to Chinese tourists

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

COSTA MESA On a hot summer day, nearly two dozen Chinese tourists descended from a white shuttle bus for an afternoon of shopping at one of Southern California's signature upscale malls.

One tourist conferred with a salesman at South Coast Plaza about a plum-colored, $610 Prada handbag while fellow visitors on the 10-day tour sauntered through the mall, each with their sole child in tow, after a morning of whale watching off the California coast.

It's a common scene at the popular destination in Orange County, which is doing what it can to keep buses filled with Chinese tourists coming. To make them feel at home, it accepts China's UnionPay card and provides Mandarin-speaking salespeople.

From the mall's shops to tourist spots that offer maps and brochures in Mandarin to hotels serving congee, or rice porridge, for breakfast, businesses in California are trying to entice the growing numbers of Chinese tourists coming to the U.S. to visit the state - and spend money.

Tourism from China to the U.S. has soared since the countries signed an agreement in 2007 promoting travel. More than 1.8 million Chinese visited last year, a three-fold increase in five years. By 2018, the number is expected to surpass 4 million, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce.

California, the No. 1 destination, holds particular allure due to its proximity to China, theme parks and sunny weather. Nearly half of all Chinese tourists make a stop in the state.

Haybina Hao, of the National Tour Association, which qualifies U.S.-based tour operators to receive Chinese tour groups under the 2007 agreement, said the tourists are keen to see how a relatively young country like the U.S. developed so quickly and became so prosperous.

"Until they have visited U.S.A., they don't feel they have done their international travel yet," Hao said. "They need to see it and put themselves in the photograph, so they can prove they have done this."

During their travels, they each spend an average of $5,400, 21 percent more than the average for all overseas tourists.

"We see tremendous potential," said Nick Hentschel, vice president of AmericanTours International LLC. He said 15 percent of the company's business now stems from China compared to virtually none a little more than five years ago.

Hentschel said China is the only country where ATI, which originally focused on tourism from Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand, has opened a local office. "But it is cutthroat," he said, adding that some tour operators slashed prices to vie for a place in the Chinese market.

At first, tours from China mostly included older people, some who had saved for years to make the trip. But now more also include middle-aged parents bringing their only child to see America and school groups of teens who tour during summer break.

Many are eager to visit Disneyland and snap photographs at landmarks such as the Hollywood sign and San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge. They enjoy trying American foods - steak is a favorite - and taking advantage of cheaper prices for designer goods.

"It's shopping paradise," said 35-year-old Cici Chen on a stop at Disney California Adventure. Chen said she planned to fill up her suitcases on her California vacation before returning to Shanghai.

In the early years, Disney officials traveled to China to try to explain to the elder generations what the park was about since many weren't as familiar with American stories and movies as are younger visitors today.

"A challenge was many of our Chinese guests were not familiar with the Disney stories," said Nicky Tang, director of Asia Pacific sales for Disney Destinations, of the older generation of tourists. "They grew up not knowing who Snow White is or Cinderella or Peter Pan."

Many Chinese tourists see America from large tour buses, while some travel in smaller groups or rent cars to explore on their own. Others come on trips sponsored by employers as job-related perks, and travel in huge groups.

A 7,000-strong contingent held a two-day meeting in Southern California earlier this year and then fanned out to travel across the region. A group more than twice that size is expected in California next year, said Ed Fuller, president of the Orange County Visitors Association.

Zhang Huan, 42, was among those touring Disney California Adventure with his wife, mother-in-law and 11-year-old son. He said he budgeted $20,000 for the family's first U.S. trip. While the itinerary mostly focused on leisure, Zhang said he was also looking forward to making a stop with his son at a college campus.

He hopes it's not the last visit there.

"If he can study hard, he can go to Stanford," Zhang said.

Associated Press staffer Roy Wu contributed to this report in Los Angeles.





Grace Uehara peacefully passed away at the age of 97 on August 4, 2014 reuniting with her beloved Haya. A Nisei (second generation) born in Sacramento, her life journey would take her to a farm in Selma, CA, Santa Barbara, Gila Relocation Center, AZ during WW2, Cleveland, OH and Santa Monica.

Her delayed dream of having her own business would finally be fulfilled when she opened the Oriental Hawaiian Shop working for 30 years on the Santa Monica Mall near Broadway Blvd. Filled with gifts from Japan, the unique store was a reflection of pride in her Japanese heritage. She would thank all her loyal customers for their patronage and friendships over the years. When Grace retired, she and Haya traveled to Europe and China. They became passionate gateball players who competed locally and in Japan, Hawaii and Brazil.

Grace was a 46 year resident of Santa Monica who was a member of the Chamber of Commerce. She was devoted to her family. Grace was deeply loved by her children, Roger (Carol), Joanne (Gene), her grandchildren, Leslie (Dave), Lauren (Bobby) and Darren, her great-grandchildren Ava Grace and Max, sister Rose (Jim), relatives and friends.

Grace had faith, inner strength, lots of energy and a delightful sense of humor. When faced with housing discrimination in the 1950's, the family



GRACE UEHARA

lived in a motel on Pico Blvd. not far from Samohi until a home was found. Grace had faith everything would work out and her family would be accepted in Santa Monica. She was generous and always respectful of everyone. Her family is deeply grateful for her life and very proud of her.

A private interment was held on Thursday, August 14th at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica. The family respectfully requests in lieu of koden (monetary gift) or flowers for those who wish to honor her, a donation to Keiro Senior Healthcare, 325 S. Boyle Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90033 supports their high quality of care and enrichment for the elderly.



DINER
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Bob Lynn and Sara Abbott, the couple behind LGO Hospitality, own and operate several food-related businesses, including La Grande Orange Cafe and The Luggage Room Pizzeria in Pasadena's historic Del Mar Train Station building.

Vienna Pastry, which has been open in the other half of the Callahan's building since 1946, will stay on as a long-term tenant.

Vazquez, who is the brother City Council member Tony Vazquez, worked at Rae's restaurant for decades before buying Callahan's from its original owners. Despite his Mexican roots, Vazquez opted to stick with Callahan's name because the restaurant had been around for so long. Saint Patrick's Day remains a busy holiday for the restaurant and Cinco de Mayo has become just as popular.

Thanksgiving, too, is a hallmark of the diner.

"We stay open because there are a lot of people who've been coming for years - it's a tradition - and people who don't have any family," he said.

French toast is arguably the most popular item on the menu, he said.

Sitting at a booth with a cup of coffee, Vazquez, a resident of Venice, pointed out all the regulars.

"Those two have been coming since 1988," he said. "And those people over there come in at least once a week. Some people come in every day. A few people eat two meals a day here. And you have the people who eat three meals here every day."

Vazquez sounds weary talking about the loss of Letty and the looming end of his restaurant.

"Unless something changes, we'll probably stay open until the very end: Dec. 31," he said. "It's very sad. I have great memories. People come on anniversaries and birthdays. Celebrations. I'll miss the people."

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BENCH
FROM PAGE 1

design proposals ... that included imperviousness to loitering by non-riders and vandalism, as difficult and uncomfortable as that may be to disclose."

The benches, officials said, don't meet those criteria.

Residents have complained in the past about homeless people sleeping on the benches and many of those opposed to the new seats say they were designed to keep the homeless away.

"In addition, some locations have very narrow sidewalks and the seating is very close to private residence or commercial frontage," city officials said. "In these situations, the new seating is much more compatible to the adjacent residents, businesses, and property owners."

Adding the old benches to the sidewalk, BBB officials said, may not leave enough space for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

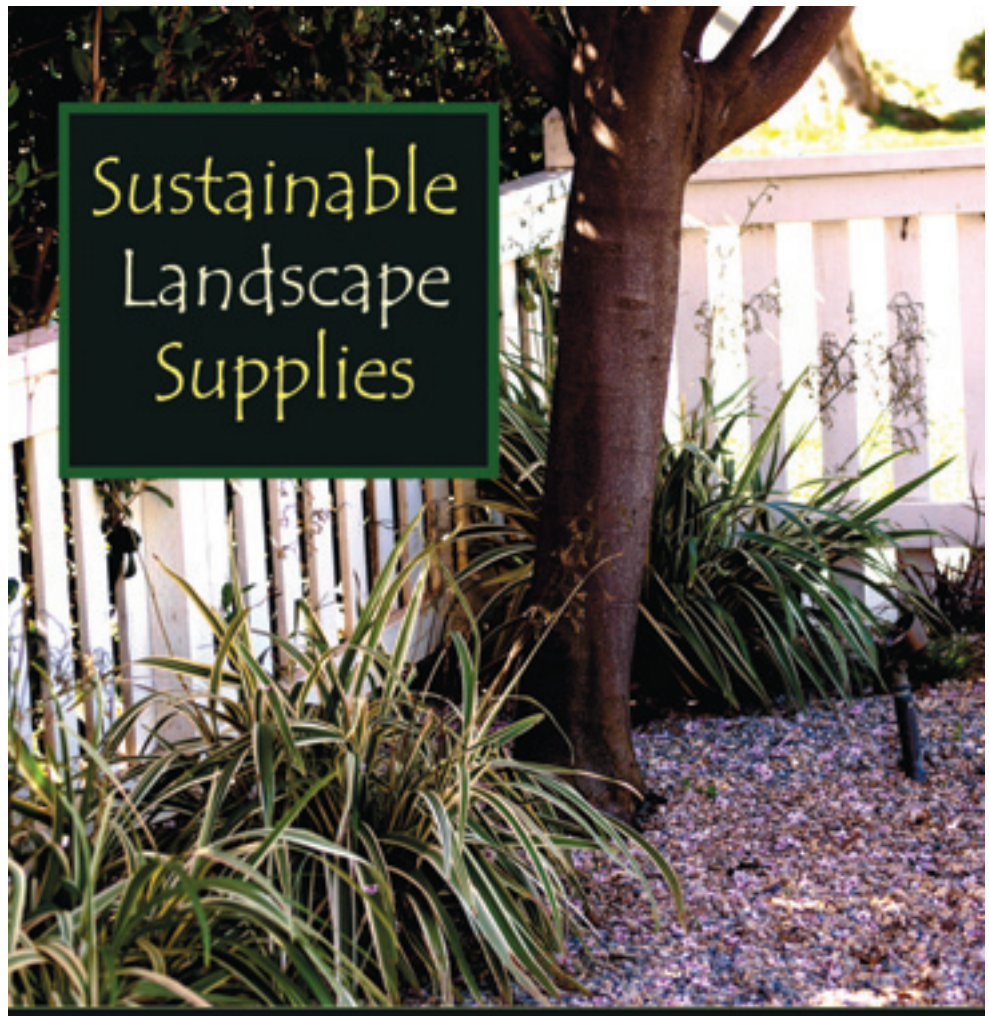
Residents have noted that the new, small, low-backed seats can also be challenging for those with disabilities.

"Although the ADA does not require transit agencies to provide seating at bus shelters," BBB officials said, "we are revising the double-seat configuration to satisfy the public's concerns."

They will share the renderings of the revised seat design when they become available.

"We really have taken the constructive feedback we have gotten about the seats' functionality, including the difficulty some riders have with standing up to catch the bus, to heart," BBB officials said.

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Martha Marie Casillas Gonzales

February 12, 1944 – August 18, 2014



It was on Monday, August 18, 2014 that the newest Angel was received. Our loving wife and mother left us suddenly.

Martha was a fun and outgoing person who made friends wherever she went, be it human or animal. Her presence lit up the room and her laughter was contagious. You could often find Martha at her kitchen counter with her best friend and sister Rosemary Ramirez or one of her other best friends' and sister's-in-law.

Martha was a lifelong resident of Santa Monica, California. She was married to Paul S. Gonzales, Jr. and this October was to be their 53rd anniversary. Martha's husband Paul worked for the city of Santa Monica for 43 years, but we feel that Martha did as well. She hosted many of her famous menudo breakfasts for numerous city employees.

Martha touched the lives of so many. She ran her own in-home daycare for more than 30 years. She was a wonderful caregiver to so many little ones who received her loving care.

Martha loved animals. Her winged and furry friends often came tapping on her kitchen door or window and Martha always obliged.

Martha leaves behind her husband Paul S. Gonzales, Jr. of Santa Monica, California; daughter Elizabeth Gonzales-Peterson and son-in-law Jonathan Peterson, grandson's Jeffrey, Erik and Samuel Peterson all of Charlottesville, Virginia; daughter Christine Marie Gonzales and Toni Shafrik of El Segundo, California, grandson Marine Staff Sergeant Joshua Michael Hodges, wife Vanessa and three great-grandchildren – Isabel, Victoria and Logan of Twenty-Nine Palms, California, grandson Daniel Joseph Hodges; loving sister Rosemary Ramirez of Santa Monica, California; niece Yvonne Ramirez Esparza and her husband, Vince Esparza, their children Michael, Jessica and Joseph of Santa Monica, California; and niece Josie Casillas of Bell Gardens; and a host of nieces, nephews, adopted sons, daughters and friends everywhere.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, August 29, 2014 at Woodlawn Cemetery, 1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405, at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Voices For The Animals Foundation, 2633 Lincoln Blvd. #202, Santa Monica, California, 90405.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **70.5°**

WEDNESDAY – **GOOD** – SURF: **6-10 ft** head high + to double overhead occ. 12ft
Strong SE Hurricane Marie swell peaks - Larger 10-12'++ sets for breaks out west;
Modest blend of SW/S Southern Hemi swells in background

THURSDAY – **GOOD** – SURF: **6-8 ft** head high + to 3 ft overhead occ. 10ft
Powerful SE/SSE Hurricane Marie swell continues, easing slightly; standouts pull in larger sets at times; Modest blend of SW/S Southern Hemi swells in background

FRIDAY – **GOOD** – SURF: **6-8 ft** head high + to 3 ft overhead
Healthy SSE/S Marie swell easing (strongest early);
Modest blend of SW/S Southern Hemi swells in background

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
S/SSW Marie swell easing; blend of SW/S Southern Hemi swells fade

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 20, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 37
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / 6

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	C	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
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	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	B	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CAW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

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1441 Third Street Promenade
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Boyhood 2:43 (R)
2:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m., 9:45 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey 2:02 (PG)
2:15 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

Lucy 1:29 (R)
1:45 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

The Giver 1:37 (PG-13)
2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

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

Frank Miller's Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For 1:42 (R) 3D
11 a.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Frank Miller's Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For 1:42 (R)
2 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13) 3D
1:25 p.m., 7 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)
11:10 a.m., 4:45 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

If I Stay
11:15 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:35 p.m., 10:05 p.m.

Let's Be Cops 1:44 (R)
11:35 a.m., 2:20 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

The November Man 1:48 (R)
11:40 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 10 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13) 3D
5:15 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13)
11 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 7:55 p.m.

When the Game Stands Tall 1:55 (PG)
11:05 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

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TAKE A BREAK, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your fuse is short right now, especially when it comes to any heartfelt projects. Your temper is likely to emerge. Hold on tight, because a bumpy road seems to be in front of you. Tonight: Funnel your charged energy where it counts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will be taking a walk on the wild side if you are not careful. Dealing with certain people who are known to be hot-tempered could be a problem. Tonight: Share a favorite spot with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your creativity comes through with your choice of words. You could trigger a family member beyond belief without even trying to. Be aware that friction seems to be present when dealing with anyone, anywhere -- at least in the daytime. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are likely to speak your mind, but know that you are likely to get a very strong reaction as a result. People might not be easy-going right now. Think through what you want to say, and perhaps postpone a conversation. Tonight: Buy a favorite dessert on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use care with your finances, and with any sort of commitment that could cost you time or money. Be open to a suggestion, but don't finalize an agreement just yet. Think before you leap into action. Tonight: At a favorite haunt with favorite people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might not want to show your upset, but you won't be able to help yourself. How you deal with someone and the choices you make could create even more of a problem. Opt for diplomacy, and you'll be happier as a result. Listen to your gut. Tonight: Out late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Not until mid-afternoon will you feel a change in the air. At that point, you will blossom and become irresistible. You will feel the difference, and you suddenly might be up for making plans and scheduling meetings. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be sorry that you made a decision involving a friend or a particular situation. You might be seeing some limitations. You will beam in much more of what you want later in the day. Tonight: Face the music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your temper could explode when you least expect it. You seem to have been holding in some anger for far too long. Review a situation to assess what might have triggered you. Ask yourself when it was that you first experienced that feeling. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in trouble. You might have tried very hard to do the research necessary for a project, but a change of plans will create a problem. Listen to news with an open mind, because what you hear could change your direction with this endeavor. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner might give you an earful. You'll need to have a discussion, as you can't postpone it any longer. Take the time to sit down and finally clear up an ongoing issue. Tonight: Make plans for the coming weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Keep searching for a different opinion. You will hear many opinions today, but the issue will be sorting through them and finding the right solution. Fortunately, it will be your call. Schedule an important meeting for later in the day. Tonight: Say "yes" to a dinner invitation.

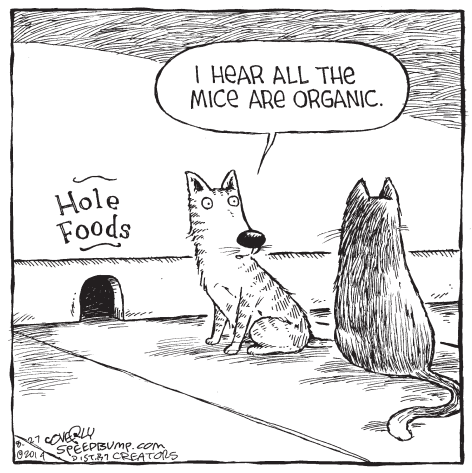
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This year you have the chance for a new beginning in a certain area of your life. You also will be completing the last leg of a 12-year luck cycle. You won't want to bring any dysfunctional issues with you into this new life cycle. If you are single, you will have many potential suitors. Your personality will be highly attractive, but take your time getting to know each person. If you are attached, your significant other might feel insecure about your choices right now. Try to judge less and listen more. LIBRA enjoys understanding your motivations.

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

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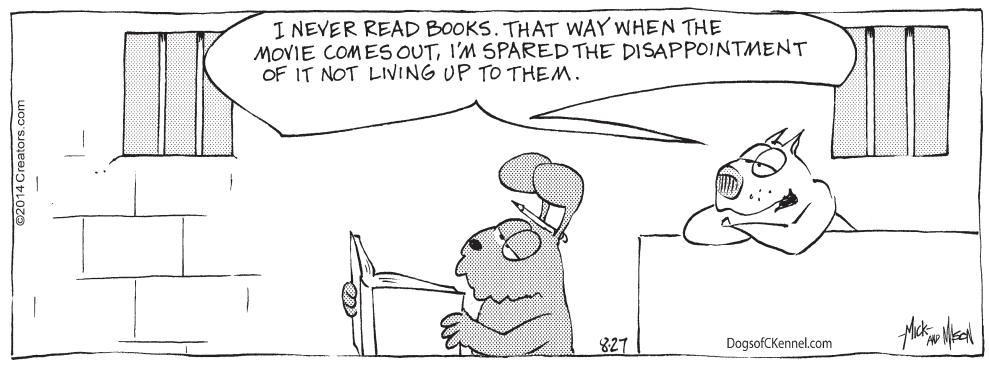
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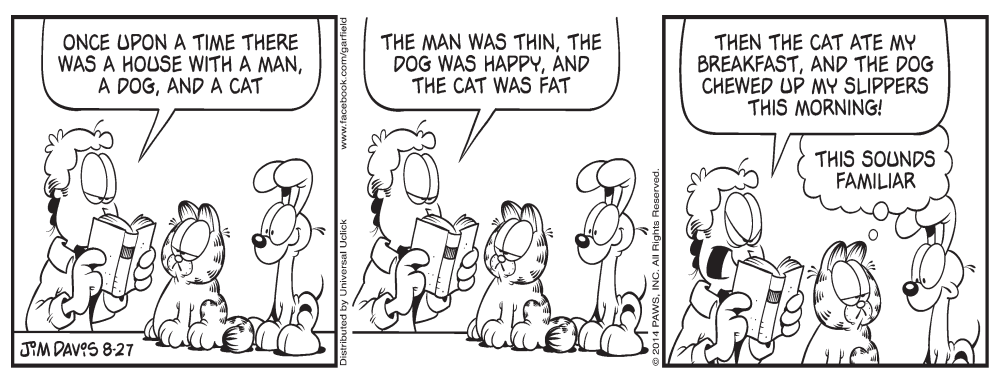
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

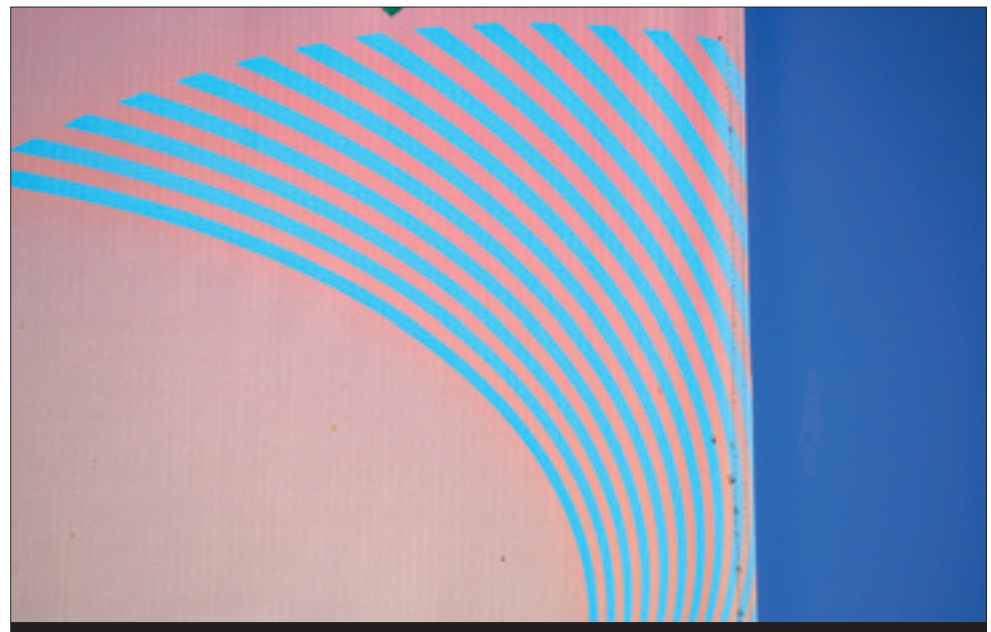
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8	6	4	1	5	7	9	3	2
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3	1	8	7	4	2	6	9	5
2	4	5	8	6	9	3	7	1
9	7	6	5	3	1	4	2	8

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 360 calls for service on Aug. 25.

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

Traffic accident at Neilson and Strand at 12:17 a.m.
Battery at Ocean and Santa Monica at 3:33 a.m.
Drunk driving at Centinela at Interstate 10 at 3:47 a.m.
Armed robbery at the 200 block of Santa Monica Pier at 5:20 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2700 block of Main St. at 8:03 a.m.
Fight on the 1000 block of 3rd St. at 8:42 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 900 block of Palisades Beach Rd. at 9:07 a.m.
Traffic accident on the 900 block of the PCH at 9:38 a.m.
Battery on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd at 10:37 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1800 block of 19th St. at 10:51 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2200 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 10:57 a.m.
Battery on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 11:46 a.m.
Bike theft on the 600 block of Maine St. at 12:35 p.m.
Traffic accident at Lincoln and Washington at 12:54 p.m.
Fraud report on the 2600 block of 32nd St. at 1:21 p.m.
Rape on the 1200 block of 16th St. at 1:21 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1300 block of 4th St. at 1:44 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 1800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 3:45 p.m.
Petty theft at 17th and Pico Blvd. at 3:45 p.m.
Identity theft on the 2600 block of 24th St. at 3:57 p.m.
Fraud on the 1800 block of 10th St. at 4:02 p.m.
Vandalism at 4th and Pico at 4:20 p.m.
Fraud on the 100 block of Idaho Ave. at 4:25 p.m.
Vandalism on the 300 block of Santa Monica Place at 4:51 p.m.
Identity theft on the 2600 block of 24th St. at 4:53 p.m.
Fraud report on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. 7:10 p.m.
Traffic accident at 19th at Santa Monica Blvd. at 9:22 p.m.
Petty theft on the 700 block of Broadway at 9:44 p.m.
Traffic accident at 18th and Wilshire at 11:43 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Den
5 Hams' needs
11 Radius partner
12 Female grad
13 Headed out
14 Improvised in jazz
15 Purpose
16 Tarragon or thyme
17 Empire
19 Words with pickle, stew or jam
22 Iron output
24 Muscular power
26 Big planters
27 Pump or clog
28 Track events
30 Mix
31 Needle feature
32 Matt of "Today"
34 Verne's traveler
35 Sense of self
38 Feral
41 Ginger cookie
42 Old deliverer
43 Pinnacle
44 King's stand-in
45 High school student

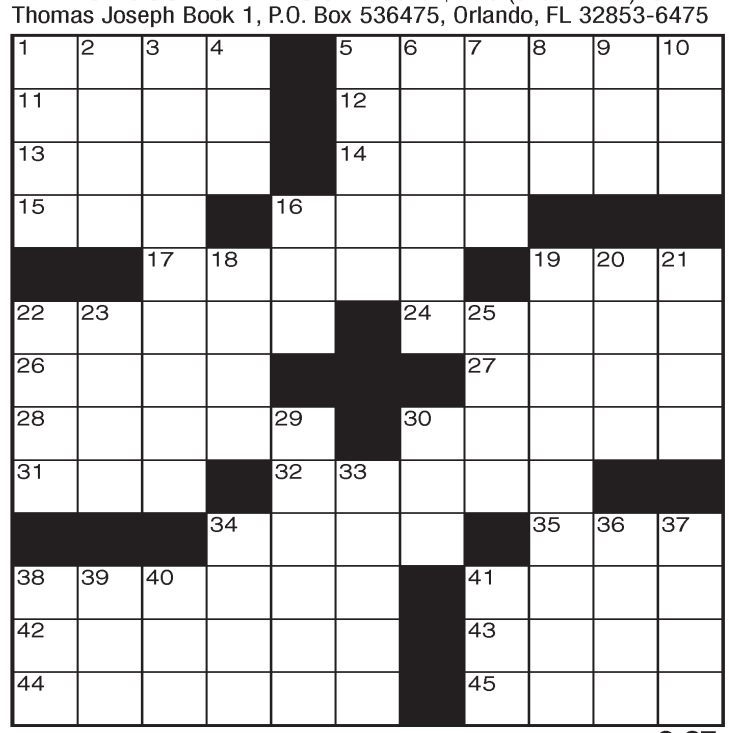
DOWN

1 Doozy
2 Pub brews
3 Deduction
4 Scoundrel
5 "Bolero" composer
6 Burglar deterrents
7 Idiotic
8 Little devil
9 Low number
10 Blue
16 Deli choice
18 Move slowly
19 Essential state
20 Light filler
21 Really impressed
22 Confident
23 Waiting aid
25 Land in the sea
29 Catch-phrase
30 Program error
33 Deal maker
34 Renown
36 Ready and willing
37 Start the bidding
38 Knight's title
39 Superb serve
40 — out (be idle)
41 Plopped down

G	E	M	S	■	■	S	P	R	A	Y
A	V	A	I	L	■	W	E	A	V	E
T	A	K	E	A	G	A	N	D	E	R
O	D	E	■	T	E	N	■	I	N	T
R	E	U	B	E	N	■	P	A	U	L
■	S	P	E	N	D	■	A	L	E	E
■	■	■	S	T	E	M	S	■	■	■
C	E	S	T	■	R	A	T	E	R	■
A	N	T	S	■	G	L	A	R	E	D
F	R	O	■	C	A	L	■	O	R	A
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A	G	E	N	T	■	W	H	E	A	T
N	E	R	D	S	■	■	O	D	D	S

Yesterday's answer

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8-27

DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date: 8/27
28 32 35 36 52
Power#: 31
Jackpot: $80M

Draw Date: 8/22
5 31 34 41 74
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $15M

Draw Date: 8/23
13 23 25 38 43
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: $13M

Draw Date: 8/25
6 7 10 18 24

Draw Date: 8/25
MIDDAY: 9 1 5
EVENING: 8 0 5

Draw Date: 8/25
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:49.65

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) A 40-year-old man (not named by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer) was arrested in that city on July 31 after a several-hour, epically inept, crime spree. Attempting to rob a restaurant, he was turned down by employees and customers, then turned down by two potential carjack victims (the first of whom added insult by pulling out her cellphone camera and shooting video), before giving up just as police arrived. (His only take was the $15 he had swiped from the restaurant's tip jar.) (2) Joshua Pawlak, 27, entered a total of four businesses in Woodbridge, New Jersey, on July 27 and similarly met resistance and/or indifference to his money demands -- and came away from the four with only $2, also from a tip jar.

■ Ironies: (1) An airborne banner being towed by an airplane came loose in Fremont, California, in July and floated down, landing on a house, frightening the residents. The sign advertised GEICO insurance. (2) A 10-foot-tall pine tree in Los Angeles's Griffith Park, dedicated in 2004 with a plaque to the late musician George Harrison, was recently destroyed by an infestation, and another will be planted in its place, according to a city councilman. The infestation was by beetles.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1993 – The Rainbow Bridge, connecting Tokyo's Shibaura and the island of Odaiba, is completed.

2003 – The first six-party talks, involving South and North Korea, the United States, China, Japan and Russia, convene to find a peaceful resolution to the security concerns as a result of the North Korean nuclear weapons program.

WORD UP!

rusticate
\ RUHS-ti-keyt \ , verb;
1. to go to the country.
2. to stay or sojourn in the country. 3. to send to or domicile in the country.

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- $1,200,000- $3,500,000

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- Santa Monica, Brentwood, West LA, Mar Vista, Venice, Marina Playa, Culver City
- 3 or more units
- $1,000,000- $3,000,000

- Single Family Home
- Ocean Park, or Sunset Park in Santa Monica
- Min 3 + 1.75, Min 1800sq ft
- Up to $2,500,000

- Raw Land or Teardown
- North of Montana
- Up to $3,800,000

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From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
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North of Montana	=	$ 6,092,000
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