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THE CONGRATS VIKINGS ISSUE

Beach House weathers a gray summer

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

PCH Judging from the weather it may seem like summer just arrived, but at the Annenberg Community Beach House the busy season is winding down, with the City

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Record-breaking heat at SM Pier

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM PIER Thursday proved to be another hot one. Records were shattered in communities across Los Angeles County, including Santa Monica, where the temperature at the world-famous pier reached 96 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

The old record, set in 1976, was 88 degrees.

Don't worry though. A cooling trend is expected this weekend with temperatures dropping into the 70s, with a 30 percent chance of rain on Saturday. A chance of rain remains in the forecast for Sunday, along with winds and even cooler temperatures.

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Daylight Savings



Remember to turn BACK your clocks one hour on Sunday, Nov. 7, at 2 a.m.



LEAGUE CHAMPS

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

A tradition in water polo circles, Santa Monica High School varsity coach Matt Flanders jumps into the pool with his team after a 9-4 victory against arch rival El Segundo on Wednesday. With the win, the Vikings clinched the Ocean League title. The team went undefeated in league after beating the Malibu Sharks 10-3 on Thursday. Playoff seedings are expected to be released early next week.

Holbrook still leads Winterer in council race, but gap narrows

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Just 121 votes — fewer than .2 percent of those cast in the contest — separated City Council challenger Ted Winterer from five-term incumbent Bob Holbrook by Friday afternoon, after thousands more ballots from Tuesday's election were tallied.

According to election results posted online by the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Holbrook was holding onto third-place in the race for three council seats with 10,840 votes. Winterer had 10,719.

The updated figures showed a tightening of the race, with Winterer narrowing the gap by 25 votes. Election results released the day after the election showed Holbrook with a 146-vote edge.

On Wednesday, election officials had said there were 5,954 Santa Monica ballots left to be counted.

Based on voting totals it was evident that at least 1,700 additional ballots had been processed, but the exact number was unclear. Election officials at L.A. County could not be reached by deadline Friday.

The next election results update is expected early next week.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010

'Mary Poppins'
Morgan Wixson Theater
2627 Pico Blvd., Call for times
Kids on Stage Musical Theater presents the Family Classic "Mary Poppins." Mary Poppins is a mysterious and magical English nanny who is blown by the east wind to Number Seventeen Cherry Tree Lane, London and into the Banks' household to care for their children. Encounters with chimney sweeps, shopkeepers and various adventures ensue. Each class brings its own unique flavor to the stage with hi jinx, laughter, singing and dancing. For more information, call (310) 314-0035.

'Loveland'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Actress turns grief into hilarity in "Loveland." What's so funny about death? Plenty, if you're award-winning writer/performer, Ann Randolph, renowned for transforming horror into humor. For information, call (310) 394-9779.

Hip Hop Nation
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 9 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Santa Monica High School is hosting the third annual One Nation Hip Hop Summit. Legends DJ Pete Rock and CL Smooth will headline the event, with supporting acts from Onyx and X-Clan. A panel discussion will also be held featuring musician George Clinton, Chang Weisberg, founder of Rock the Bells Festival and Guerilla Union, along with a few other music industry insiders. The panel will be moderated by Leila Steinberg, Tupac's mentor and first manager. Admission is $15 pre-sale, $20 at the door.

Demystifying birth myths
Santa Monica Main Library
MLK Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
3 p.m.
Join the Sanctuary Birth and Family Wellness Center for a discussion on birth myths. The discussion will begin with clips from documentary films "Laboring Under an Illusion," "Orgasmic Birth" and "Guerrilla Midwife." Immediately following the screenings, a panel of licensed midwives, doulas and the founders of the Sanctuary Birth and Family Wellness Center will discuss the birth experience and the variety of birthing options available to parents today. Admission is free, and seating is first come, first served.

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010

End of daylight saving
Citywide
2 a.m.
Turn your clocks back an hour to mark the end of Daylight Saving Time!

Hunger walk
Dorothy Green Park
Ocean Avenue and Ocean Park Boulevard, 11:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Help the Westside Food Bank fight hunger in its 20th annual 5K Hunger Walk. Westside has been distributing food since 1981. It's free to participate. So far the organization has raised more than $77,138, just short of their $100,000 goal. The actual walk begins at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.westsidefoodbankca.org.

Find the funny with Monica Piper
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 4 p.m. — 6 p.m.
When Emmy-winning comedy writer, national comedian and cancer survivor Monica Piper brings her laugh-out-loud advice to America, something happens. Audiences leave laughed-out, less stressed, and armed with skill-building tips on how to find the funny in their jobs and lives. All proceeds go to benefit Premiere Oncology, The Wellness Community and Women in the Arts Cultural Fund. For information, call (310) 395-1308.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

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Class teaches dogs to play dead, Hollywood-style

BY SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Dogs don't just roll over and play dead in Hollywood. It takes a good trainer and lots of practice.

In Jaime Van Wye's Hollywood Tricks class, dogs learn to throw themselves on the ground and die dramatically. Olive, a 5-year-old English shepherd, goes to the ground when she hears the command "Bang, bang," but keeps her head up until she hears a third bang, said owner Sherry Marks.

When Laura Milton forms her hand into a gun her Rottweiler, Mojo, will roll over with his feet up in the air and his paws hanging limp.

Successful graduates of the class can also fetch beer from the fridge, take your socks off, grab a cell phone when it rings or help collect the laundry.

"In L.A., everybody wants their dogs to be in the movies, you know how it is," Van Wye said.

Van Wye is founder of the Zoom Room, a "social petworking" club she now is franchising. The center's three branches — in the Los Angeles area and Austin, Texas — offer group classes, private classes, birthday parties, "bark mitzvahs," meet-ups and other activities.

The tricks series is made for Hollywood, though. Van Wye, the daughter of NBA Hall of Famer Gail Goodrich, first had a boarding kennel that catered to customers like Tom Cruise, Kelly Clarkson and Tyra Banks. Then she and her husband opened the Zoom Room and came up with Hollywood Tricks to set her center apart.

Her own dog, a Komodor named Clyde Orange, has been in a movie or two ("Marmaduke" and the yet-to-be-released "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2"). His specialty is taking her socks off, and they've got a spot

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Lynette Turman (right) admires the unique garden sculptures of artist Leslie Codina at the annual Contemporary Crafts Market at the Civic Auditorium on Friday afternoon. The market, celebrating its 25th year, will be open to the public through the weekend.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Four new dining options announced for SM Place

If the food court at Santa Monica Place wasn't enough, the outdoor mall has slated an additional four gourmet alternatives for the third floor dining deck, officials announced this week.

The Market, which has been compared to, although on a much smaller scale, San Francisco's Ferry Building or New York's Chelsea Market, expects to add wine shop Venokado and N'Ice Cream, an organic gelato and sorbet shop from Venice. Röckenwagner Bakery, which will have a soufflé bar in addition to fresh baked goods, and the cooking school Gourmandise School of Sweets and Savories and Community Kitchen also join the lineup.

Santa Monica Place has previously announced the addition of the Curious Palate, a market, kitchen and cafe combo, and King Road Café, a coffee shop, as other options for hungry shoppers.

The stores are expected to open in Spring 2011.

DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN

Hope cheers up ice rink for the holidays

Winter wonderland in Santa Monica just got a little bit more colorful.

Downtown Santa Monica, Portraits of Hope and Herbal Essences have teamed up this holiday season to offer skaters more than just concrete to look at while they hit the ice at Santa Monica's outdoor ice skating rink.

Organizers plan to unveil a painted garden of flowers, bright colors and other designs that will be featured under the ice and around the rink in a ceremony at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 10 . Designs are similar to those found on lifeguard towers at local beaches this summer.

Portraits of Hope helps treat hospitalized children by providing creative therapy through public art.

The ice skating rink is located on Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, and will stay open until Feb. 15, 2011. Admission is $10.

For more information, visit www.iceatsantamonica.com

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New iPhone app aims to revolutionize film industry

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

LOEWS HOTEL With more than 250,000 iPhone Apps available, it seems like these days, there's an app for just about everything. Jim Robertson and Richard Kwiat, creators of the app Doddle, hope to do more than just contribute to that statistic.

"We like to say [Doddle] is by the industry for the industry," said Harvey Osborn, global head of sales at Doddle, at a press conference held Friday at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel during the third day of the American Film Market, one of the largest motion picture trade shows on the planet. AFM is held annually in Santa Monica, attracting over 8,000 industry professionals.

The original app, which was released on April 12, is like a paperless version of the Yellow Pages. It aggregates contact information about film production industry resources, such as professional vendors, crew, talent, locations and film offices, in a database and allows users to search listings based on how far it is from their current location.

So far, about 6,000 people have downloaded the app, said Osborn.

In addition to being a resource guide, Doddle Pro, which is expected to roll out within the next two weeks, offers productivity tools, such as interactive call sheets that aggregate useful information — from local weather to emergency phone numbers — into one place. The call sheets then become available for users in online and PDF format.

"The digital call sheets allow you to pull everything together you want. It makes it very easy," said Osborn.

Some people, however, are skeptical about its usefulness.

"Something like this would probably be good for low budget stuff, but for bigger productions, I don't see it making any difference," said Samuel Alvelo, who has worked as a set production assistant for "Inception" and "The Hangover." "When you come to Los Angeles, there's a production bible. It combines that with all the [other directo-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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It's all for show

Editor:

Campaign reform will not happen in Santa Monica as long as compliant voters continue to re-elect incumbents ("SM City Council to consider campaign disclosure change," page 1, Nov. 5).

The City Council will find a way to not act on slate mailer disclosures since five out of seven are in the pocket of developers (unless Winterer wins).

Nor will the council put a cap on the amount of money a candidate can borrow for their campaign (to be paid off by special interests after the election).

Jon Mann
Santa Monica

Shameless campaigning

Editor:

In the article "SM City Council to consider campaign disclosure change," page 1, Nov. 5, Mr. Fred Huebscher, the political consultant behind Santa Monicans for Quality Government's now-infamous campaign mailers is quoted as saying:

"[Slate mailer organizations] are getting money all over the state. Are they going to have to [file disclosures in Santa Monica] because the slate happens to carry candidates in Santa Monica?"

Why yes, Mr. Huebscher, you're beginning to catch on. In a small community where enormous sums of money are spent on City Council campaigns, voters should have a right to know who is paying for all these mailers. This is especially important when such mailers are intentionally deceptive in an effort to manipulate voters, as happened here.

What is bothersome is not just the unethical political campaign method used here. It is that the proponents of such methods are so blatantly shameless in their support. Utterly pathetic.

Dan Jansenson
Santa Monica

Thank you Barry much

Editor:

The voters of Santa Monica have decided not to re-elect school board president Barry Snell for another term.

Obviously, the will of the voters is just that, their will. In light of this result, I would like to say thank you to Barry for his work over the past four years.

Barry was genuine in his concern for all children in our district and he worked tirelessly for them. His commitment and passion for education cannot be dismissed by an election result. As a "PTA dad," I am excited for the new board to get to work and continue to find ways to bridge the budget gap while leading the district effectively and transparently. At the same time, I feel that Barry deserves our respect and thanks for his past four years of work.

Jon Kean
Santa Monica



On the Beat

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

Don't get loose with leash law

Q: I RECENTLY WAS STOPPED BY THE police for letting my dog loose in the park, what are the leash laws in Santa Monica?

A: While I understand most of us like to let our dogs run loose and have a good time (myself included), please understand the dog leash laws were enacted in Santa Monica for a reason. Safety is the first; not all dogs are friendly and there are many children in the parks. The dog may get too excited and run from the park and into the street, possibly getting struck by a car. Some people are just scared of dogs and to have a dog run up to them, whether the dog is friendly or not, is frightening. Below I have listed the dog leash law for Santa Monica and the public parks in which you and your dog can run around.

Municipal Code Section 4.04.155: Dogs on public property.

(a) No person having control, charge or custody of any dog shall permit the dog to be upon any public property, unless the dog is:

(1) In the custody and control of a competent person; and either

(2) Confined in an automobile; or

(3) Restrained by a chain or leash six feet or less in fixed length.

(b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of an infraction which shall be punishable by a fine of not less than $50 per violation with each day or partial day of violation counting as a separate offense.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, this section shall not apply to dogs in any area designated by resolution of the City Council for use by dogs if the person having custody or control of the dog is in compliance with posted rules governing the use of the designated area.

OFF-LEASH AREAS:

- Airport Park at 3201 Airport Ave.
- Joslyn Park at 633 Kensington Rd.
- Pacific Street Park at Main Street and Pacific
- Memorial Park Dog Run at 1401 Olympic Blvd.

Off leash areas are open:

Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Airport Park is closed for maintenance Monday and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All other parks are closed for maintenance Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Q: My daughter is 5 years old and sits in a child car seat. What are the laws about child seats and when can they sit without using a car seat?

A: With the holidays coming up, many people are in a hurry and don't drive as slow as they should or pay complete attention to the road. Also the numbers of drivers who drink and drive increase during the holidays. While the police department will be out doing extra enforcement during the holidays to assure your safety, we as parents need to make sure our children are safely buckled in properly.

CHILD PASSENGER RESTRAINTS: REQUIREMENTS

Section 27360.(a) A parent or legal guardian, when present in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 27315, may not permit his or her child or ward to be transported upon a highway in the motor vehicle without properly securing the child or ward in a rear seat in a child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, unless the child or ward is one of the following:

(1) 6 years of age or older.

(2) 60 pounds or more.

(b) (1) A driver may not transport on a highway a child in a motor vehicle, as defined in Section 27315, without properly securing the child in a rear seat in a child passenger restraint system meeting applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, unless the child is one of the following:

(A) 6 years of age or older.

(B) 60 pounds or more.

2) This subdivision does not apply to a driver if the parent or legal guardian of the child is also present in the vehicle and is not the driver.

(c) (1) For purposes of subdivisions (a) and (b), and except as provided in paragraph (2), a child or ward under the age of 6 years who weighs less than 60 pounds may ride in the front seat of a motor vehicle, if properly secured in a child passenger restraint system that meets applicable federal motor vehicle safety standards, under any of the following circumstances:

(A) There is no rear seat.

(B) The rear seats are side-facing jump seats.

(C) The rear seats are rear-facing seats.

(D) The child passenger restraint system cannot be installed properly in the rear seat.

(E) All rear seats are already occupied by children under the age of 12 years.

(F) Medical reasons necessitate that the child or ward not ride in the rear seat. The court may require satisfactory proof of the child's medical condition.

(2) A child or ward may not ride in the front seat of a motor vehicle with an active passenger airbag if the child or ward is one of the following:

(A) Under 1 year of age.

(B) Less than 20 pounds.

(C) Riding in a rear-facing child passenger restraint system.

One of the leading causes of children's deaths in the United States is automobile accidents. Make sure your children are in the proper seats and the seats are installed properly. The Santa Monica Police Department provides a free child safety seat inspection for Santa Monica residents. Please take advantage of this program and contact our Community Relations Section for an appointment. The phone number is (310) 458-8474.

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No money or time to relax

THE NEW YORK TIMES BROKE THE huge news story recently that deluxe hotels are now offering half hour massages and other spa services that are traditionally an hour or an hour and a half. The significance of this is that the new "quick spa" might appeal to people who just don't have as much extra money lying around as they used to, and at the same time the hotels will get some money instead of just having those spas being expensive, empty rooms that smell like Ben Gay.

So, for the hotels, some money is better than no money at all, and for the customers, a little bit of luxury is better than no luxury at all. I'm not exactly sure how they do the half massage. Perhaps all they do is massage your left side, and the next time you come to the hotel, you can get your right side massaged.

I won't be surprised if other services in fancy hotels follow suit. If golf has become too expensive for some guests, for half the usual fee they'll be able play 4 1/2 holes. You know that room with two queen beds that you get sometimes when you're traveling alone? Now that extra bed could have another guest in it who's also traveling alone. You better grab the TV remote right when you walk into the room. If you're staying on the 20th floor of a hotel, for half the usual tip, the bellman will bring your bags up to the 10th floor. If you want to stay in a bed and breakfast, you get a choice: bed or breakfast.

Hotels aren't the only service industry. The airlines have cut back on all kinds of services, but they've never been too proud to make further cuts. I'm a little bit worried that in the spirit of "half-off," if a flight is going from Los Angeles to New York, they might make you parachute out of the plane when you're over Depew, Okla.

Personal grooming is a service that many of us use. I don't think that half of a manicure or pedicure would be that terrible, but I'm not looking forward to seeing people with half of a haircut. And how weird will it be when some of those Montana Avenue ladies apply the one-half approach to breast implants?

The prime motive behind this "shorter is better" philosophy might have to do with money, but New York's Four Seasons Spa Director Natalie Matesic pointed to another reason for this development. She feels in this era of limited attention span, of fast forwarding through movies, of speed dating, it's "only natural" that people would want shorter spa sessions. She said, "You don't have to look any further than electronic media to understand that people spend less time on basic activities like communicating and getting the news. The spa industry is no exception."

IT'S DISTURBING THAT THIS PHENOMENON OF TODAY'S CULTURE IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN'T STAY STILL TO DO THINGS THOROUGHLY HAS SPILLED OVER TO THE WORLD OF RELAXATION.

It's disturbing that this phenomenon of today's culture in which people can't stay still to do things thoroughly has spilled over to the world of relaxation. They want to have shorter massages, because they're afraid of missing out on something. Their attitude is, "I have to hurry up and relax."

Perhaps they would be able to relax more during the massage if they multi-tasked while someone works on those knots in their necks. It wouldn't surprise me at all if people were texting at the same time that they're supposed to be having a relaxing massage. Of course, I can't be sure that this kind of multitasking goes on. I only read half the article.

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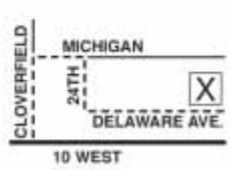
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The Re-View

Merv Hecht

Explore, savor diverse flavors at Marina del Rey strip mall

I LOVE LITTLE SHOPPING CENTERS THAT have all kinds of ethnic restaurants, and sometimes I go with friends and we hop from one to the other having a little bite here and a little bite there.

One of the best examples of these little foodie centers is at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Ocean Avenue, at the west entrance to Marina del Rey. The center was famous for years as the home of Killer Shrimp on the second floor. The same owner also opened Viva Fresh, a taco place, on the ground floor. Killer shrimp is gone, but the tacos remain, and you can get a darn good one with a terrific sauce bar for $2.50.

Also on the ground floor is a very good looking Persian restaurant called the Tajrish with a big selection of kabobs plus traditional Persian rice dishes and stews. That may be my next lunch stop. There is a particularly good selection of appetizing vegetarian dishes for when you are over-meated out.

Next is a Chinese restaurant called Magic Wok with pick-up and take-out Chinese food. I have my eye on the Mongolian beef there.

But the two stars now are on the second floor, where the Killer Shrimp used to be. Aunt Kizzy's Back Porch is well known, having been in another shopping center in Marina del Rey for 26 years. When you crave black-eyed peas, collard greens, smothered pork chops or chicken and dumplings, this is the only game in town. Aunt Kizzy, whose real name is Mary Dulan, is right there to watch over you. And can you believe two fried chicken thighs with two of those corn muffins that are like little clouds costs only $3 at lunch Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays? It's open every day, including Sunday brunch, but no lunch Tuesdays and no dinners on Sundays.

Also on the second floor is the piéce de résistance, the surprisingly good Italian restaurant Enoteca Mosto. Take a look at the customer reviews on the web and read the surprising accolades. It doesn't look like much from the outside. But once inside you'll find a small dining room, a private room for parties and wine tastings, and a nice outdoor patio. When you enter you are greeted by Daniella who you know immediately is from Italy. And if one of the two owners comes over to say hello you know he too is from Italy. The whole place might as well be in Italy. For about $15 you can eat a really fine lunch. I recommend you stick to the pasta, which is made right there. Don't miss the mezzeluna with pumpkin filling in a butter and sage sauce. This justifiably famous dish was brought to Italy by Jews from Spain in the Middle Ages and has remained a favorite dish in the region of Ferrera ever since.

That's not the only good reason to visit Mosto. They have one of the best selections of Italian wines in Los Angeles and they host great wine tastings. Once you taste some of their Italian wines you will never go back to the usual plonk served at many local Italian restaurants.

What a nice way to spend an evening!

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Pumpkin pie crossed with a classic German cake

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

It isn't Thanksgiving without pumpkin pie.

But that doesn't mean you can't vary from the side-of-the-can recipe. This version is inspired by bee sting cake from Germany (called bienenstich), which has a crunchy honey and almond topping. Pumpkin bee sting pie starts with a honey-sweetened filling. It's baked until the filling is set, then topped with a honey-almond-coconut mixture, then popped back into the oven and baked until the topping is crispy and golden. The result is a crunchy, creamy, spiced dessert worthy of a second slice.

Pumpkin bee sting pie

Start to finish: 1 hour 30 minutes
(15 minutes active)
Servings: 8
15-ounce can pumpkin puree
3 eggs
1/2 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup honey
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch ground cloves
Pinch ground nutmeg
Pinch salt
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
For the topping:
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1 cup flaked unsweetened coconut
1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons butter
Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a medium bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the pumpkin puree, eggs, cream, honey, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and salt. Pour into the pie shell and bake until almost completely set at the center, 50 to 60 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the topping. In a small bowl, combine the almonds and coconut. In small saucepan over medium, combine the honey and butter. Heat, stirring often, until the butter is melted. Pour over the almonds and coconut and stir until well coated.

Remove the pie from the oven and sprinkle the almond mixture evenly over the top. Return the pie to the oven and bake for another 10 to 15 minutes, or until the topping is golden brown. Cool before serving. Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 475 calories; 234 calories from fat; 26 g fat (14 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 114 mg cholesterol; 57 g carbohydrate; 6 g protein; 7 g fiber; 275 mg sodium.

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Elizabeth felt betrayed. After all, she had been putting her savings in this bank for 17 years. And now that Frank was no longer here, she had to take care of everything herself.

It frightened her to have to deal with taxes, and paying bills, and trying to figure out things like refinancing her house. All that was tough enough, but then watching her monthly income sink like a brick in the water, was the last straw.

"He didn't even care that we had been such loyal customers all these years.", thought Elizabeth.

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"I asked him why I was still paying 15.5% on my credit card balances, when he was only willing to pay me a little better than 1% on my savings. It made me real sad to hear him say that there was nothing he could do."

As she stepped into her home, she was reminded of Frank everywhere she looked. "What would he do?" she said to no one in particular.

Elizabeth then opened the mail, and saw the statement from her stock brokerage house. She was afraid to open it, because the market had been on such a roller coaster ride that she knew her accounts were likely to be down. Again.

Her Stock Accounts Went Down…Again!

Sure enough, when she saw the balance of her IRA and mutual fund accounts, she got a sick feeling in the pit of her stomach. Elizabeth had to sit down and gather herself, staring at the unbelievable amount of money her accounts had lost, even worse then before!

She started to cry. She said out loud to no one in particular, *"I've lost over 30% of my retirement money, and I'm too old to make it up. Why did I put money in this ridiculously risky market? I should have known better."* Then Elizabeth felt a chill go through her as if she had been pierced with an ice pick in her soul. *"Oh my God. What would Frank have said if he knew I had put so much cash, the money he had worked so hard for… into a casino like the stock market? He would be so mad…."* Elizabeth's mind trailed off, as she cried some more. How badly she felt for herself, and for Frank.

The Answer Revealed Itself To Her!

When Elizabeth sat down to read the paper, she saw an article that got her curious, and she sent for a report that was commented on in the article.

The article said there are alternatives to CD's and mutual funds that most people didn't know about. Alternatives that were low risk, but had the benefit of a potential higher return…and tax benefits to boot!

Elizabeth called the toll-free, recorded message and requested her copy of this free report. She was hoping this was the answer she had been seeking.

A couple of days later, when she opened the mail, she was excited to see the free report had arrived. Elizabeth made herself a cup of tea, and sat down at their kitchen table to take in all the information in the report.

When she finished reading, she felt comfortable for the first time since Frank passed away. She had finally learned the little known alternative to CD's her banker and broker had never told her.

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Classic cocktails served with a refreshing twist

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CASA DEL MAR The days of ordering rum and Cokes or an apple martini are over. It's time to step it up a notch. Classic cocktails from the Prohibition era are in vogue, with mixologists re-imagining the old formulas, creating drinks that are both satisfying and conceptually refreshing.

While cities like San Francisco and New York have been at the forefront of this movement, Santa Monica is getting hip, and nowhere is that more evident than at Casa del Mar's Catch restaurant. Bartenders there are serving up crisp, clean and consistent and cocktails that use old-school recipes and fresh ingredients for a new-school twist that satisfies.

I recently was invited to sample these tasty treats and was delighted by the flavors and colors of these cocktails, all developed with the help of master mixologist David Nepove, otherwise known as Mr. Mojito. Nepove with Southern Wine and Spirits trained the bartenders, incorporating some of their ideas into the recipes. The result is cocktails that are made the same way every time, creating consistency that customers expect when ordering their favorite drink. You will never order a drink that is too stiff or watered down. Everything is properly measured so that the flavors mesh perfectly.

I did the dirty work and sampled nearly every cocktail on the menu and have my favorites, including the Fedora Punch, a sweet and sour concoction that uses Captain Morgan's spiced rum, Courvoisier VS, Makers Mark, Grand Marnier and some lemon sour with soda. It is topped off with a lemon twist and fresh raspberry. With all that liquor combined, you would think the drink would be overbearing. But it wasn't. It was delightfully drinkable. I ordered two.

Another of my favorites was the Misdemeanor. This thirst quencher features 2 ounces of Patron Silver tequila, some Green Chartreuse, lime sour, pineapple and, this is where it gets interesting, a slice of raw jalapeño. Muddled pineapple and jalapeño help give this cocktail a spicy, but yet sweet kick that meshes well with the warm, woody flavor of the tequila.

These drinks take a little longer to put together, and they cost more than a simple screwdriver, but these spirits are worth it. The drinks are addicting, rarely overbearing and don't leave one feeling groggy or ill in the morning.

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How to thicken the gravy, but lose the fat

BY JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

Thanksgiving dinner typically isn't a particularly virtuous meal, but there are simple ways to lighten the load.

Gravy is a good place to start. Traditionally, gravy is made by browning flour in the fatty drippings left in the pan from the roasted turkey. Clearly not a low-fat technique. Fortunately there are other ways to thicken gravy that don't require all the fat.

Cornstarch can be used to produce a gravy that is thick and glossy and reheats well. It's just a matter of using the cornstarch to thicken hot broth or stock (most packaged varieties contain almost no fat), which can be seasoned however you like.

To make a cornstarch gravy, start by making a slurry (blend) of cornstarch and a small amount of cold liquid (generally water or broth). You will need about 1 tablespoon of cornstarch to thicken about 1 1/2 to 2 cups of gravy.

Don't add powdered cornstarch directly to a hot liquid; it will clump. The gravy also needs to be whisked briskly to ensure a smooth texture, and must be heated long enough to cook off its starchy flavor.

Arrowroot is another plant-based starch that will thicken liquids without flour or fat. Like cornstarch, it will make a transparent, glossy gravy, yet leaves behind no flavor of its own. Unfortunately, arrowroot-thickened gravy does not reheat well, so don't use it if you plan on having leftovers or want to make the gravy ahead of time.

To prepare an arrowroot-thickened gravy, use 2 to 3 teaspoons of arrowroot (prepared as a slurry similar to cornstarch) for each cup of gravy.

Another excellent choice for fat-free thickening is a quick mixing or instant flour, such as Wondra. This product is a finely milled, low-gluten flour that can be added to hot or cold liquids. Wondra makes a smooth gravy, similar to those made with flour and fat, and almost never develops lumps. Use about 2 tablespoons for each cup of liquid to be thickened.

Of course, since fat adds flavor, low-fat gravies can end up bland if you don't alter your recipe a bit.

Making your own turkey broth from the giblets or using the defatted drippings from the roasting pan are good ways to keep the flavors vibrant. You also can add other taste boosters, such as herbs or even pureed, roasted garlic.

This citrus-miso gravy gets a complex, savory character from the addition of sweet white miso paste, which is made from fermented soy beans and can be found at most grocers near where tofu is sold. The salty, mellow miso complements the flavor of chicken or turkey broth and is well-balanced by the brightness of dry white wine and a touch of orange zest.

Citrus-miso gravy
Start to finish: 20 minutes
Makes about 4 cups
2 teaspoons vegetable or canola oil
1 small yellow onion, finely chopped
6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sweet white miso
1/4 cup white wine
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1/2 teaspoon orange zest
Ground black pepper, to taste

In a large saute pan over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the onion and saute until caramelized and golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes. Add the flour, miso and white wine, then bring to a simmer, whisking and scraping the bottom of the pan. Add 1 cup of the broth and whisk until smooth. Add the remaining broth and the zest. Whisk vigorously, then cook for 5 to 7 minutes, or until thickened. Season with black pepper. Nutrition information per 2 tablespoons (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 19 calories; 8 calories from fat (42 percent of total calories); 1 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 2 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 0 g fiber; 43 mg sodium.



There's a lot more than turkey to look forward to this November. For starters, jazz sensation, Nnenna Freelon. Then, Broadway's darling Christine Ebersole. And a **free Sunday afternoon concert** with brilliant young musicians. All at the enormously intimate 499-seat Broad Stage. But let's talk turkey: call or go online for seats. ASAP.

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The Q Line

Too much noise

The City Council has recently taken up the topic of noisy street performers on the Third Street Promenade. It is considering a change in law that would limit allowable decibel levels.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think that street performers are too loud, or do you feel that the council should lay off?
Here are your responses:

"YES I THINK THE STREET PERFORMERS are too loud. There's enough noise and hectic activity as it is."

"ON THE WEEKENDS I TAKE THE BUS into the promenade to meet friends at the movies. Last Saturday waiting for the bus on Broadway, just west of the promenade, there was a song-and-dance man with a wooden dance floor, tap dancing, singing, and playing a trumpet to entertain passersby. He was good. From around the corner other music was coming from someone else, loud and clear. It wasn't so good and together they were awful. It was an unpleasant cacophony of noise that made me wish for earlier times. In fact, I got to thinking about where I was and if it had been 1910, from where I was sitting I could have seen a nickelodeon, a livery stable and a barber shop. All were on Third Street, south of Broadway where the entrance to the new mall is now. And it would have been quiet."

"QUITE SIMPLE WHAT TO DO HERE. NO electric amplifiers, no microphones. Also, no accordions, bagpipes or vuvuzelas. And even though they are not noisy, no mimes."

"I LIKE IT BEST WHEN THERE'S NO MUSIC or performers on the [promenade.]"

"ONLY THOSE WHO'VE GROWN UP WITH music blasting into their ears — and who are effectively going deaf — would not think the promenade musicians are too loud. Still, live and let live. If it bothers you, stay away."

"I DO NOT THINK STREET PERFORMERS ARE too loud. Council should worry about more important things. Besides, residents and tourists love watching performances and we should have a venue for people with talent (or not) to 'make it big' or be 'discovered.'"

"YES, MUCH TOO LOUD. THE LAST TIME I was on the promenade I had to flee for my sanity. I will now avoid shopping Downtown as much as possible. The City Council should protect us from this zoo-like, chaotic atmosphere by eliminating the street performers altogether."

"I THINK THE SANTA MONICA CITY Council should just stay out of the noise level for the performers on the Third Street Promenade because e all know if somebody plays well you are going to stay there and listen to it, but if they are playing poorly and out of tune, no matter what the decibel level is, high, low or medium, you are going to walk away."

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to show off that trick on Jay Leno's "Tonight" show.

"He's like a celebrity," Van Wye said.

The Zoom Room teaches 78 different behaviors. In addition to standard hoops and hurdles, dogs learn to skateboard, walk a plank and play basketball. That last trick has nothing to do with her father, Van Wye said. It was designed around one of her students who liked to jump.

Classes don't teach barking or growling because those can be too hard to turn off. And so far, there has been no call for a dance class.

Milton, a magazine art director, said she decided against a Hollywood career for Mojo, but what Mojo got was better — friends and fans.

"A lot of people are intimidated by Rotts. When he does his little repertoire of tricks, the fear is gone," she said.

Mark Bordelon, a 44-year-old educator, enrolled his German sheperd Zola in an agility class because she was so shy and fearful. In the tricks class, it took her just five tries to balance a bone on her nose.

"Even dogs need self-actualization," Bordelon said.

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ries] … . I can see how it could benefit people, but for what I need, most hiring I'll do is through word-of-mouth and who I've worked with before."

Currently, the database has 1 million listings that can be searched by name, location and other contact information.

"[Doddle] fills a gap, in that it enables local communities [to attract customers] … . We're hoping that it will pull in people from other areas coming to Los Angeles," said Osborn, referring to the restaurant, hotel and business finder function.

Brian Chase, director of government affairs at the Chamber of Commerce, sees the app playing into Santa Monica's sustainability goals.

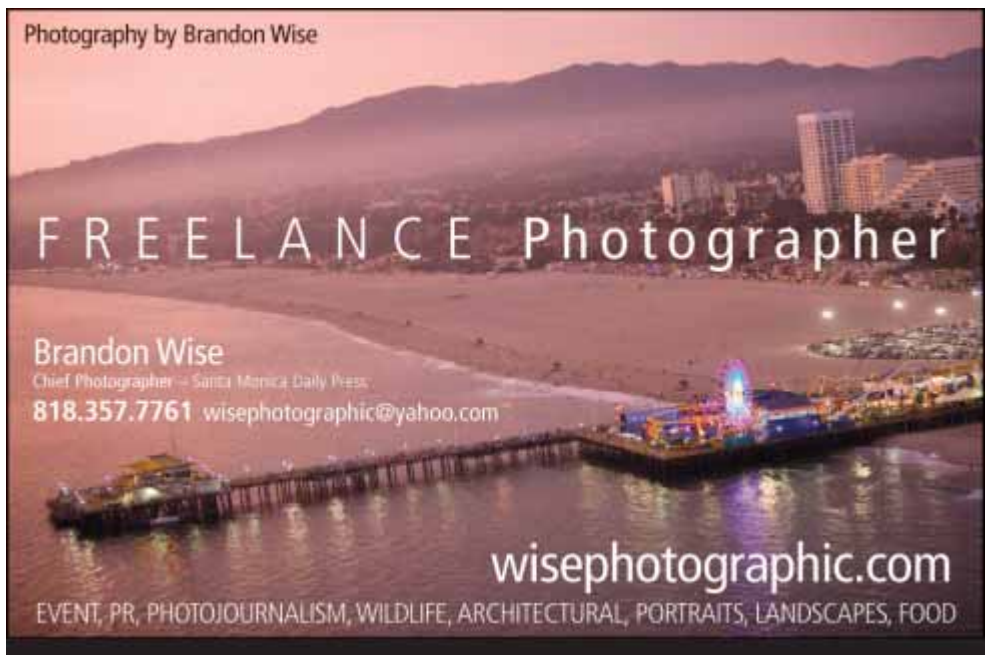
"All over the world and particularly in Santa Monica, [sustainability is] really a core value of all of our businesses," said Chase. "Without resources like this, you may never know what's down the street or what's readily available to you. A really important element of sustainability is being able to spend locally."

Chase said that the app has the potential to drive traffic to businesses, increasing sales and tax dollars.

"We're global innovators in this space," said Osborn. "The only limitations we have is our imagination."

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BEAT THE HEAT: **Roman Schumacher, 18 months, plays in the fountains at the Annenberg Community Beach House earlier this week. The venue relies heavily on City Hall subsidies.**

BEACH HOUSE

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Hall-subsidized property on track to hit its revised revenue target, Santa Monica officials said.

City Hall, though, expects to subsidize the Beach House with a $2.1 million payment this fiscal year, up from $1.6 million a year ago, according to Karen Ginsberg, Santa Monica's assistant director of community and cultural services.

The subsidy comes from the "beach fund" — an account that earns revenue from the parking fees charged at beach lots — rather than from City Hall's general fund.

With the fiscal year just underway, though, it's possible the facility could require a smaller than expected cash infusion, officials said. It all depends on the number of visitors, meetings and events booked, and concessions. City officials hope to raise more than $1 million in revenue.

The second summer for the Beach House was slower than the first — a fact its overseers attribute to a dearth of sunny days in July and August — but the facility still logged 18,000 pool attendees between July and September, down from 22,000 last year.

Ginsberg, though, said it was clear the public's awareness of the facility was increasing.

"We saw a much greater activity of the site overall, particularly the sandy area," she said.

The Beach House's financial outlook took a hit from the recession, with officials forced to acknowledge earlier this year that initial projections of how much the facility could earn as a site for private events were overly optimistic. City Hall originally expected to make $1.3 million per year from events, but has dropped that target to $400,000, relying more on pool fees and concessions.

After difficulty finding clients, especially for weekday functions, Ginsberg said there's evidence the facility is gaining traction as a venue for meetings.

WE'VE DEFINITELY SEEN AN INCREASE IN CORPORATE EVENTS, WITH A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF [COMPANIES] USING THE SITE FOR TEAM BUILDING."

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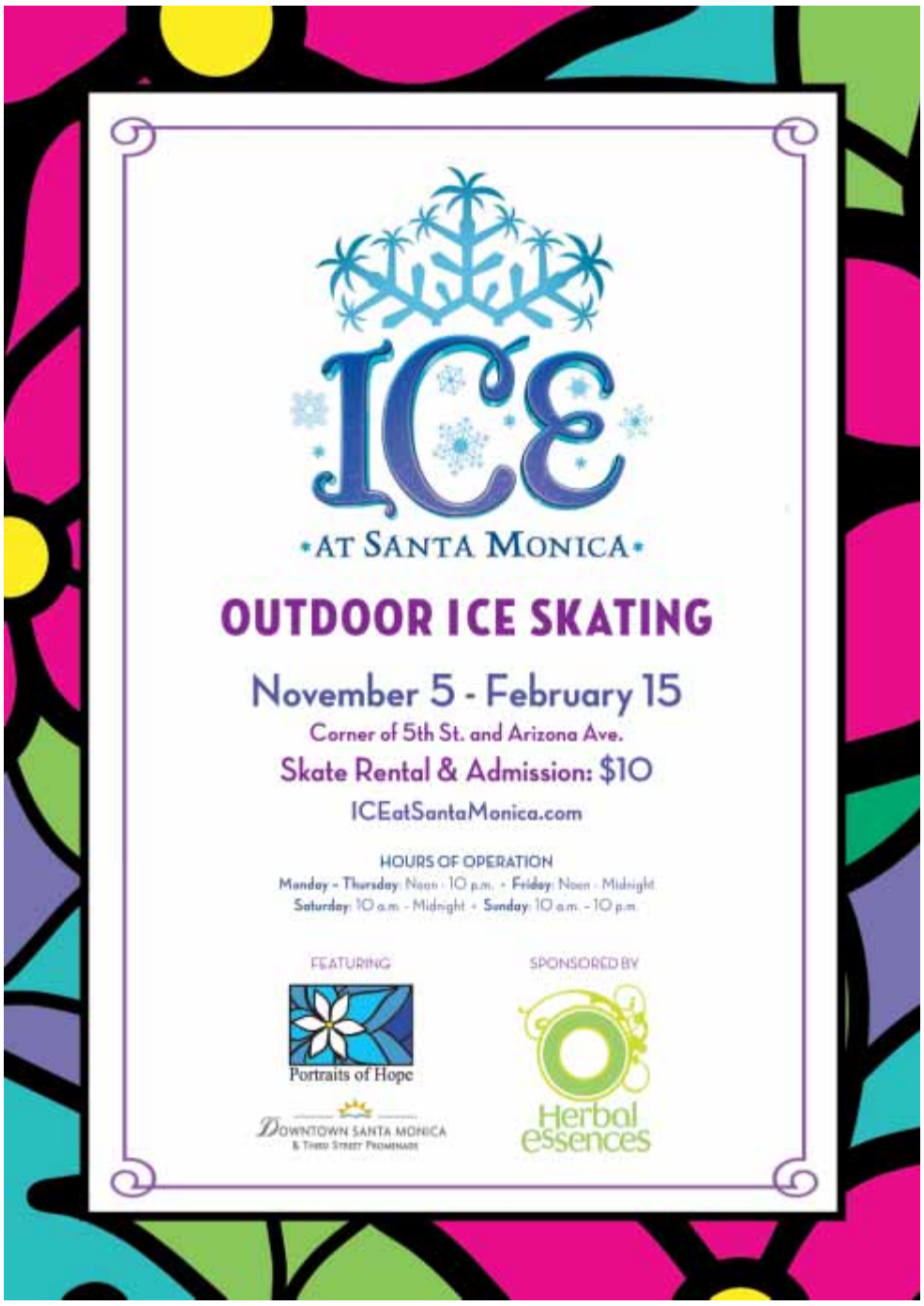
There have been 63 private gatherings at the beach house since July, with corporate meetings and social functions making up the majority, she said.

"We've definitely seen an increase in corporate events, with a significant percentage of [companies] using the site for team building," Ginsberg said.

Recognition from event planning organizations and publications, she said, has helped spread corporate awareness about the Beach House, which, because of its sustainable features, is being promoted as a green option for company getaways.

True to its showbiz past — the Beach House is located on the former site of silent film star Marion Davies' mansion — the facility has also attracted interest for photo and TV commercial shoots, with Reebok, Major League Baseball and Nordstrom among recent clients.

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Decorating with personal photos

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH
For The Associated Press

When we decorate our homes, we express ourselves through the furniture we buy and the colors we select. But perhaps no element of decorating says more about us than the personal photographs we display.

This holiday season, families across the country will pose for photos, and snap candid images of gift-giving. Some will even sit for studio portraits. Between holiday photos, school photos, team photos and the many shots we capture each day with cell-phone cameras, we have a wealth of imagery to choose from.

But which belong on display? And how can we use them to make a room more beautiful and more personal?

Here, three interior designers share tips and tricks — and also vent their pet peeves — for using personal photos in home decorating.

TELL YOUR STORY

Candid shots, rather than posed portraits, will help visitors to your home understand who you are, says Genevieve Gorder, host and chief designer for the HGTV show "Genevieve's Holiday Home."

Brian Patrick Flynn, editor of decordemon.com, agrees: "When I fall in love with a photograph, it's 100 percent of the time because there's a personal link to it." His favorite is "a family photo that looks like a moment in time was captured."

Think like a photo editor, Flynn says, paring down your library of images to tell your story. Photos don't have to be flawless, but they have to say something about you.

If you're having professional photos taken, consider hiring a photographer who will capture family members doing activities they love, rather than posing at a studio.

And Flynn's not a fan of everyone dressing alike: "In real life, you don't all wear the same button-down shirt and jeans. So don't do it in a photo."

PUBLIC VS. PRIVATE

"The main thing about personal photos is to remember that they're personal," says Los Angeles-based interior designer Betsy Burnham. "They're not art. They don't take the place of art."

Consider which photos are best in more private spaces of the house, such as bedrooms or an upstairs hallway, and which belong in rooms where you greet guests, she says.

"Team photos are fun in a kids room, on a bookshelf, to watch how they grew over time," Burnham says. "But those are never the best photos of any of us, nor the most interesting. Let friends look at something that's going to pique their curiosity or make them comment."

TECHNOLOGY IS YOUR FRIEND

"Oftentimes we're not the best of photographers," Gorder says.

"But with all the tools we have, it's really easy to make (poor photos) into something great," she says. "Scan them, tweak them, crop them in a way that's non-symmetrical."

You can also crop to emphasize key elements. In many personal photos, "only 30 percent shows people; the rest is background and sky," says Flynn, so faces can't be seen unless you're viewing them up close.

Technology also allows you to create new items out of your favorite photos, including customized coffee-table books from sites like Shutterfly.com. Flynn sometimes makes photo murals for clients — a single image blown up to nearly wall-size "and printed on the sort of vinyl used to make billboards," he says.

Look through your collection of photos "and find that one image — it could even be a still life of your grandmother's purse sitting on a counter in a childhood home — that tells a story," Flynn said.

"Once you find the photo, contact your local digital printer and get an estimate on how much it would cost to have a gigantic vinyl print done, and get estimates of what it would cost to install," he says. "It can completely kick-start the design of a house and its mood."

Another creative option, from Gorder: Crop a section of a favorite family photo and have it printed as a repeating image on rolls of paper (a digital printing store like Fedex Office should do it for you, she says). Then use it for wrapping gifts. A cluster of presents wrapped this way form a temporary work of art during the holiday season.

CREATE A GALLERY

A collection of photos can be the perfect way to decorate hallways and staircases.

"Make a statement by choosing one big wall for an enormous gallery grouping and mixing up, say, 20 different framed photos from throughout the years, some in really thick, traditonal baroque gold frames, some ultra modern stainless steel, others lacquered bamboo," Flynn says. "Those varying textures and shapes and finishes will tell a story that accentuates those beautiful images."

Keep things close enough together on the wall that it's clearly a set, he says: "People sometimes stagger them with huge gaps in betweens and you don't know if it's a collection or not."

Collections of framed photos also can look great on a side table or piano. On a flat surface, be sure to vary heights, maybe mixing in a vase or other tall objects. If you prefer only minimal contrast in frames, you can combine ones in similar colors or textures, says Burnham. Silver frames in different sizes, some simple and others ornate, can work well together, she says. Or try a mix of wood, horn and tortoise shell frames.

Frames can also be used to comment on photos: A bold modern frame offsets the drama of a serious portrait, for instance. Just don't make all the frames identical.

All three designers urge choosing photos that celebrate what matters to you, and displaying them where you'll enjoy them most: "It's what moves you," Burnham says. "If you love something, it's gonna work."

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White ex-transit officer given 2-year prison term

BY GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A judge sentenced a white former transit officer to two years in prison Friday in the shooting death of an unarmed black man on a California train platform, angering friends and family members of the victim who wanted a much harsher punishment.

The case against defendant Johannes Mehserle has provoked racial unrest at every turn, and police in Oakland were on alert for more problems following a sentence that many thought was too light.

Some of the dozens of people who gathered outside Oakland City Hall for a tribute to victim Oscar Grant broke into tears when they learned of the judge's decision. Outside the Los Angeles courthouse, a small crowd that had earlier shouted "No justice, no peace" reacted relatively calmly to the sentence.

Grant's uncle, Bobby Cephus Johnson, said outside the courthouse that the family was reacting calmly but could not comment for others.

"I have no power over what people feel their matter of expression should be," he said.

Mehserle had faced a possible 14-year maximum term after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

The mother of Grant shouted, "Oh my!" when Superior Court Judge Robert Perry issued the two-year sentence in court.

In making his decision, Perry threw out a gun enhancement that could have added 10 years in prison and said there was overwhelming evidence that it was an accidental shooting.

"I did the best I could with this case," Perry told the courtroom. "My decisions today will not be well-received by many people. I'm sorry for that."

Police said they were prepared in case there was a replay of the rioting in Oakland that followed the shooting on New Year's Day 2009.

"This is on its face a very shocking outcome, but I must tell you I'm not surprised at all," family attorney John Burris said.

He acknowledged that a small step was taken by the justice system in sentencing Mehserle to two years, but he said that was insufficient. He said both he and Johnson noted that NFL star Michael Vick got a harsher sentence for running a dog-fighting ring.

"What you take from that is that Oscar Grant's life was not worth very much," Burris said.

Reaction to the case has drawn comparisons to the infamous 1991 Rodney King beating by Los Angeles police officers, which inflamed a racial divide and led to the disastrous 1992 riot when the officers were acquitted of brutality charges.

Mehserle was convicted in July in the videotaped, killing of the 22-year-old Grant in Oakland. The case was moved to Los Angeles for trial.

Perry had wide discretion when sentencing the 28-year-old Mehserle.

Prosecutors sought prison time for Mehserle, whose lawyers argued for probation.

Perry said Mehserle has served nearly 150 days in custody and with credit for time served, he has 293 days applied to his sentence, nearly cutting the sentence in half.

Defense attorney Michael Rains filed an immediate appeal with the court.

Mehserle testified during the trial that he thought Grant had a weapon and decided to shock him with his stun gun but instead pulled his .40-caliber handgun. Grant was unarmed and face down when he was shot.

Sentencing came after four relatives of Grant and his fiancee pleaded with Perry to order Mehserle to prison for 14 years.

Wanda Johnson, Grant's mother, cried as she gave a victim impact statement.

"I live every day of my life in pain," she said. "My son is not here because of a careless action."

The family continues to maintain that it was murder when Mehserle shot Grant. Mehserle was a Bay Area Rapid Transit officer responding to a report of a fight.

Mehserle, shackled and wearing a jail jumpsuit, also stood before the judge before sentencing and apologized for the shooting, which he contended was accidental and not racially motivated.

"I want to say how deeply sorry I am," Mehserle said. "Nothing I ever say or do will heal the wound. I will always be sorry for taking Mr. Grant from them."

He also cried during portions of his 10-minute statement.

Earlier, the judge said he had received more than 1,000 letters urging a harsh sentence.

The judge also dismissed a defense motion for a new trial.

Prosecutors had sought a second-degree murder conviction, saying Mehserle became angry at Grant for resisting arrest.

However, jurors were given the choice of lesser charges, including voluntary and involuntary manslaughter. In reaching a decision on involuntary manslaughter, jurors found that Mehserle didn't mean to kill Grant, but his behavior was still so negligent that it was criminal.

Involuntary manslaughter has a sentencing range of two to four years, while the gun allegation carries a term of three, four or 10 years.

Perry had several options in sentencing Mehserle that include tossing out the gun enhancement that was written into law to punish robbers and other armed criminals.

Early in the day, before the sentencing, there was a scuffle outside the Los Angeles courthouse that led to at least one arrest. The exact circumstance were unclear but police said it occurred when members of the crowd supporting Grant's family recognized an undercover Los Angeles police officer who was leaving the building.

Sheriff's deputies moved in after a verbal dispute escalated.

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Lesbian who sued over her prom talks about gay bullies

BY SHELIA BYRD
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. The lesbian who successfully challenged a rural Mississippi school district's ban on same-sex prom dates says she wept when she read about the recent spate of gay teen suicides linked to harassment.

Constance McMillen, who was recently named one of Glamour magazine's "Women of the Year 2010," told The Associated Press that she became a bullying victim after she challenged the Itawamba School District over a policy that prohibited her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom and wearing a tuxedo.

McMillen, 18, said she became emotional after reading about the suicides of 13-year-old Seth Walsh, of California, who hanged himself outside his home after enduring taunts from classmates, and of Tyler Clementi, an 18-year-old Rutgers University freshman who killed himself after his sexual encounter was secretly streamed online.

"I read it on Facebook. I was so upset about this that I could not sleep," McMillen said. "I knew it had to be terrible for them to choose death as a way to escape what they were living in."

McMillen said she has had her own suicidal thoughts.

"But I never really considered it to the point where I almost did it," she said. "Everybody thinks about it when times get hard."

Growing up in the small town of Fulton, Miss., McMillen said she wasn't bullied until school officials canceled the prom rather than allow McMillen and her girlfriend to attend as a couple.

"I went through a lot of harassment and bullying after the lawsuit, and I realized how bad it felt being in that position," she said.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued the district, which paid $35,000 to settle the lawsuit and also agreed to follow a non-discrimination policy, though it argued such a policy was already in place.

Glamour magazine recently honored McMillen for her fight against intolerance, and she's now in the company of entertainer Fergie, actress Julia Roberts, designer Donatella Versace and Queen Rania of Jordan.

Cindi Leive, Glamour editor-in-chief, said McMillen was selected by an advisory panel of past honorees, including Jennifer Lopez and Katie Couric. The main measure for honorees is that they help make the world a better place for others, Leive said.

"We've seen such devastating proof this year of how tough it is for gay teens out there. To have someone like Constance stand up for who she is with dignity and pride, is a really meaningful thing for other young people to see. We respect her bravery and her example," Leive said in an e-mail.

In a photo on the magazine's website, McMillen is dressed in a tuxedo and a tiara and standing in her messy bedroom. A television movie about her case is also in the works.

McMillen said her family's support helped her confront injustice.

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Lucha libra for family night

BY TERRY TANG
Associated Press

PHOENIX Adorable Yuky, a hefty figure in pink and black spandex, soaks in the cheers and ear-splitting screams from the crowd. Tonight, the wrestler has a trick — or rather a treat — up his sleeve.

To celebrate the Mexican holiday, "El Dia del Nino" (Kids' Day), Yuki hurls handfuls of candy into the audience. Kids make a dive for it, then are back in their seats — joining their parents in booing and yelling at the referee to shut up.

Bodies, not candy, are what tend to go flying at a lucha libre wrestling match. But in heavily Hispanic cities such as Phoenix, some parents are choosing the decades-old Mexican form of free fighting as a way to gain some quality time.

Little kids can swear and flash the middle finger during what are sometimes violent matches. Mothers typically have one eye on a fight and the other on a stroller.

"When you're at a movie, it's quiet and relaxed. Here you can yell, scream and get all the anger out of you. You can have fun and all that," said Ernesto del Real, who has taken his wife and three of his children, ages 5-11, to body-slamming bouts on Friday nights.

The profanity and pummeling might appall non-Hispanic families. But anyone familiar with lucha libre would know it's part of the spectacle.

"When you're at lucha libre, you shout obscenities, insult people, act in ways that wouldn't necessarily be acceptable elsewhere," said Heather Levi, an assistant professor in anthropology at Temple University. "I remember the time I was sitting in front of woman who was teaching a 3-year-old to do it. It was like 'OK now you say...'"

Tonight's match is staged by one of a few lucha libre operations in metropolitan Phoenix. The setup is minimal: a ring and rows of metal folding chairs. Everything is housed in an industrial building in a lower class neighborhood dotted with fenced off businesses and run-down apartment buildings.

Inside, alcohol and smoking are banned.

Licha Vasquez, who was a manager for matches up until recently, said the activity is a cheap form of entertainment and it's important "for a family to have fun, to be able to bring their kids, to know they're not going to drink."

Lucha libre has been rooted in Mexican popular culture since the 1930s. Wrestlers wear colorful masks and personas. The genre gained more notice when it was showcased on TV and in B movies.

"Children were not allowed into arenas (in Mexico City) until the mid-1980s," said Levi, author of "The World of Lucha Libre: Secrets, Revelations, and Mexican National Identity."

Now, she said, "In Mexico, people bring their children, their grandparents."

In the Southwest, it seems that people are seeing lucha libra as a cultural thing, "really embracing it as something Mexican they take their kids to," said Levi. For some kids who have grown up in the U.S., watching Jack Black in "Nacho Libre," has been the extent of their lucha libre exposure. Seeing authentic luchadores go at it has been a bonding experience.

Johana Lamadrid, 18, an Arizona State University student, didn't think she was going to like it when her family first went to a match.

"Usually I'm very quiet …," Lamadrid said. "When I'm there, me and my mom are like one … yelling and everything."



Earthquakes dog Clinton on overseas trips

BY MATTHEW LEE
Associated Press Writers

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand What is it about Hillary Rodham Clinton and earthquakes? Seems the secretary of state rarely takes an overseas trip that is not in some way affected by a temblor.

She may not have felt the earth move under her feet, but as her plane landed Friday in Christchurch, the city was hit by an aftershock from a 7-magnitude quake that struck in September. Two days earlier, as she wrapped up a visit to Papua New Guinea, a 6.0-magnitude quake rattled villages there.

Those seismic events were at least the third and fourth to have hit countries while Clinton was visiting. On her first trip abroad as America's top diplomat in February 2009, Clinton was shaken awake by a minor quake in Japan. Four months later, she felt a 5.0 quake in Honduras. Then, in October 2009, tremors struck Pakistan while Clinton was there.

And those are just the ones she's been present for.

Days before Clinton was to visit Chile in March of this year, an 8.8-magnitude earthquake caused severe damage in the South American country, forcing her to cancel plans to spend a night in Santiago. But she still made a brief stop in Chile to get a look at relief efforts, much as she did in January after Haiti was devastated by a powerful quake.

Of course, the reason Clinton was in Papua New Guinea and New Zealand this week and will travel to Australia on Saturday is the Haiti quake. She was in Hawaii en route to the three countries when Haiti was struck on Jan. 12, causing her to return to Washington to oversee U.S. relief efforts.

Al-Qaida group takes responsibility for mail bombs

BY BRIAN MURPHY & LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press Writers

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates A Yemen-based al-Qaida group on Friday claimed responsibility for the international mail bomb plot uncovered late last week as well as the crash of a United Parcel Service cargo plane in September.

A week after authorities intercepted packages in Dubai and Britain that were bound for the U.S., al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula issued a statement taking credit for the plot and saying it would continue to strike American and Western interests. The group specifically said it would target civilian and cargo aircraft.

"We have struck three blows at your airplanes in a single year. And God willing, we will continue to strike our blows against American interests and the interests of America's allies," the group said in a message posted on a militant website.

The authenticity of Friday's claim could not be immediately verified. A U.S. intelligence official said authorities are not surprised to see this claim now.

U.S. officials have said all week that there were strong indications the plot originated with al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, a terror group that has become al-Qaida's most active franchise and has increasingly carried out attacks on Western targets.

Authorities in the U.S. and the UAE have said the Sept. 3 crash of the UPS plane in Dubai shortly after takeoff was caused by an onboard fire, but investigators are taking another look at the incident following the parcel bomb plot.

A security official in the UAE familiar with the investigations into the UPS cargo plane crash in Dubai and the mail bombs plot told The Associated Press Friday that there is no change in earlier findings and that the UPS crash in September was likely caused by an onboard fire and not by an explosive device.

"There was no explosion," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity under standing UAE rules on disclosing security-related information.

A UPS spokesman, Norman Black, said his company had "no independent knowledge of this claim by al-Qaida," and noted that both UAE officials and U.S. National Transportation Safety Board officials have so far ruled out the possibility of a bomb as cause in the crash.

In its statement, al-Qaida's Yemeni offshoot said that it "downed the UPS airplane but because the enemy's media did not attribute the act to us, we kept silent about the operation until we could return the ball once more.

"We have done that, this time with two explosives, one of them sent via UPS, the other via FedEx."

It said that its "advanced explosives" give it "the opportunity to detonate (planes) in the air or after they have reached their final target, and they are designed to bypass all detection devices."

Both mail bombs were hidden inside computer printers and wired to detonators that used cell-phone technology and packed powdered PETN, a potent industrial explosive.

The message also directed a warning to Saudi Arabia, which was instrumental in passing along the key tip that led to the discovery of the bombs: "These explosives were directed at Jewish Zionist temples, and you intervened to protect them with your treason. God's curse on the oppressors."

Al-Qaida's offshoot in Yemen grew strength after several key leaders escaped from a Yemeni jail in 2006. In 2009, it was further bolstered by a merger with Saudi al-Qaida militants to form al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula.

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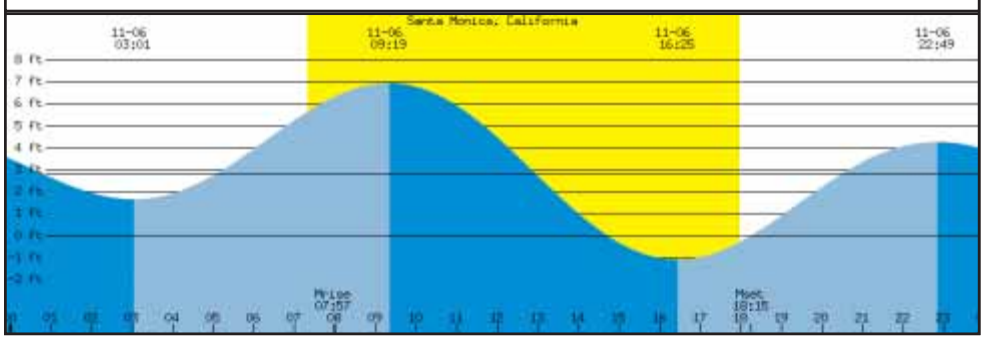
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
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.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	B
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Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	C	A+

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

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Henry did not consult Hodgson over director hire

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIVERPOOL, England Liverpool owner John Henry did not consult manager Roy Hodgson before appointing Damien Comolli to a new role of director of soccer strategy.

Comolli, a friend of Oakland Athletics general manager Billy Beane, held a similar role at Tottenham for three years until 2008 and is set to work alongside Hodgson on matters such as approving player transfers and squad development.

Hodgson has worked solo for much of his career but Henry said on Friday that the veteran English coach supported the move to bring in the Frenchman from Saint-Etienne.

"I really didn't talk that much with Roy over the week or so before we made the decision to bring Damien in," Henry said. "I think he may have been surprised when I brought it up a couple of days before we brought in Damien. But he was fully supportive. He knows Damien.

"The model really requires people of certain personalities for it to work and Roy and Damien are two personalities who will mesh well together."

Comolli held a similar role at Tottenham but reportedly clashed with manager Martin Jol before the Dutchman was fired. Comolli left the London club when his favored replacement, Juande Ramos, failed to live up to expectations.

Hodgson previously said he expects to retain the final decision over player transfers but that may now change.

"It'll be a group decision," Henry told Sky Sports News. "You build consensus. I think that's a very good model. But they'll each be in charge of their own areas."

But Henry insisted that he would borrow heavily only to fund stadium construction, not make big-money player transfers.

Former owners George Gillett and Tom Hicks were reviled by fans for loading debt onto the club to fund their 2007 takeover and Henry has no plans to sacrifice his current high standing by following suit.

"We need more depth, we need to build the squad, we need stadium changes whether we build a new ground at Stanley Park or we rebuild, refurbish Anfield," Henry said. "That's going to take investment. If you build a stadium there's debt involved in that. Even Arsenal had to borrow to build Emirates.

"But you cannot sustain a club in the long term by borrowing to buy players."

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Pound of Flesh (NR) 1hr 37min
7:30pm
Discussion following the film with director Tamar Simon Hoffs and actors Malcolm McDowell and Timothy Bottoms, moderated by F.X. Feeney.

Sunday, Nov. 7 (NR) 1hr 20min
With Great Power: The Stan Lee Story
5:00pm
Introduction by Stan Lee (schedule permitting) preceding the film. Discussion following the film with filmmakers Terry Dougas, Nikki Frakes and Will Hess. Stan Lee will be signing Marvel ArtWorks across the street at Every Picture Tells A Story at 3 p.m.

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The Town (R) 2hr 5min
1:50pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

Stone (R) 1hr 45min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Secretariat (PG) 1hr 56min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
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Due Date (R) 1hr 40min
2:40pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Social Network (PG-13) 2hr 1min
1:05pm, 4:00pm, 10:00pm

Megamind 3D (PG)
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm, 11:00pm

Saw 3D (R) 1hr 30min
5:45pm, 8:10pm, 10:40pm

Jackass 3D (R)1hr 34min
2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

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Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest (R) 1hr 52min
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Conviction (R)
7:40pm, 10:10pm

You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 1hr 38min
7:50pm, 10:10pm

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For Colored Girls (R) 2hr 14min
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Social Network (PG-13)
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Red (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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Paranormal Activity 2 (R)
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Stick to your budget, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You demand greater give-and-take within a relationship. Your ability to understand and integrate your feelings helps you express your needs within a relationship. Listen well, and you could be shocked by what you hear. Tonight: Let plans revolve around your sweetie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You can be a stubborn Bull. Nevertheless, it is appropriate to back off some and allow others to make the decisions. Friends provide an endless source of fun and happiness. If you are single, a friendship could be developing into more. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might not be able to postpone a project or decision any longer. Just take the big plunge. You might feel a bit overwhelmed. Trust yourself to finish what must be done. Invite a friend or relative over. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ If you are single, you could find yourself suddenly entangled in a new relationship. Others find a new beginning. Your creativity surges, encouraging solutions with an innate easiness. A child might need extra time. Tonight: A good old-fashioned date.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Recognize the importance of staying close to home. You might not feel comfortable with a present situation. Indulging a difficult friend or loved one might not be the answer. Tonight: Dinner at your pad.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Express yourself without too much reserve. Others are more receptive than they have been in a long time. You could be surprised by what a partner or several friends reveal. Resolve to keep communication open. Tonight: Visit with a friend, flirt with a new acquaintance or just chat with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be careful -- in your effort to make someone feel comfortable and cared about, you could go overboard. The problem lies in the cost of this behavior. Try less-expensive indulgences. Offer a back massage or help this person with a project. Tonight: Stick to your budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ If you act like you feel, you could be unstoppable. You might be confused by a domestic matter. Don't linger on this issue for too long. Let go, and choose to join a loved one at a movie or do some other favored pastime. Tonight: Just wish upon a star.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Make it OK to be by yourself, whether it is by choice or not. You might need to review a recent event or exchange. The unexpected occurs with family or your home. Communication soars. Tonight: Make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ A friendship remains a high priority. Make plans to meet this person today or as soon as you can. You hear news that might surprise you. Adapt and work with it. A positive attitude goes far. Tonight: Use care when handling money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might have tight plans, but an older relative's or respected friend's or associate's request could toss them in the air. You like structure and sometimes might have difficulty with scenarios like this. Relax. You can do it. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Take off for a day trip or another form of escape. You need to recharge your batteries, and the more different the setting, the better off you will be. Give up worrying and overthinking. Tonight: Try a new spot with music.

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

Happy birthday

This year, you often project someone very different from the authentic you. This disparity can cause a problem sometimes. Allow a merger of image and personality. Your strong intuition will point you in the right direction. Verbalize your thoughts and feelings more often. If you are single, you could have one stunning love affair or a series of whirlwind relationships -- enjoy. If you are attached, there could be a new addition to your family, if you are at the right point in your life. The two of you will enjoy yourselves more and more together. SAGITTARIUS sees financial issues far differently.



MYSTERY REVEALED!

Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

Reader Victor Zalapa correctly identified this photo of the sushi restaurant Ozumo at Santa Monica Place. He will receive a prize from the Daily Press. Check out Monday's paper for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

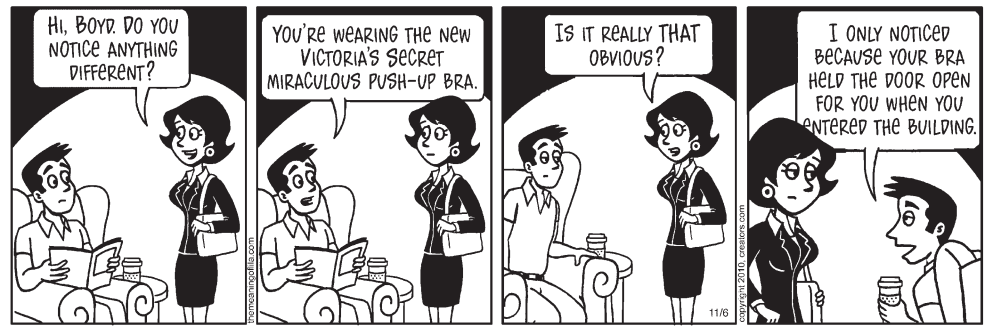
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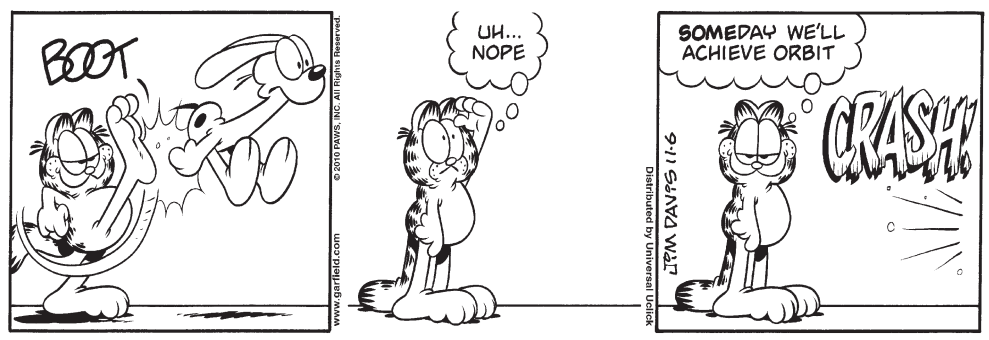
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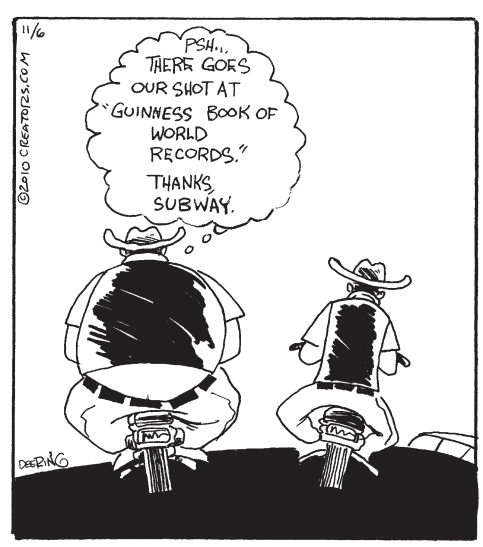
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Speed Bump

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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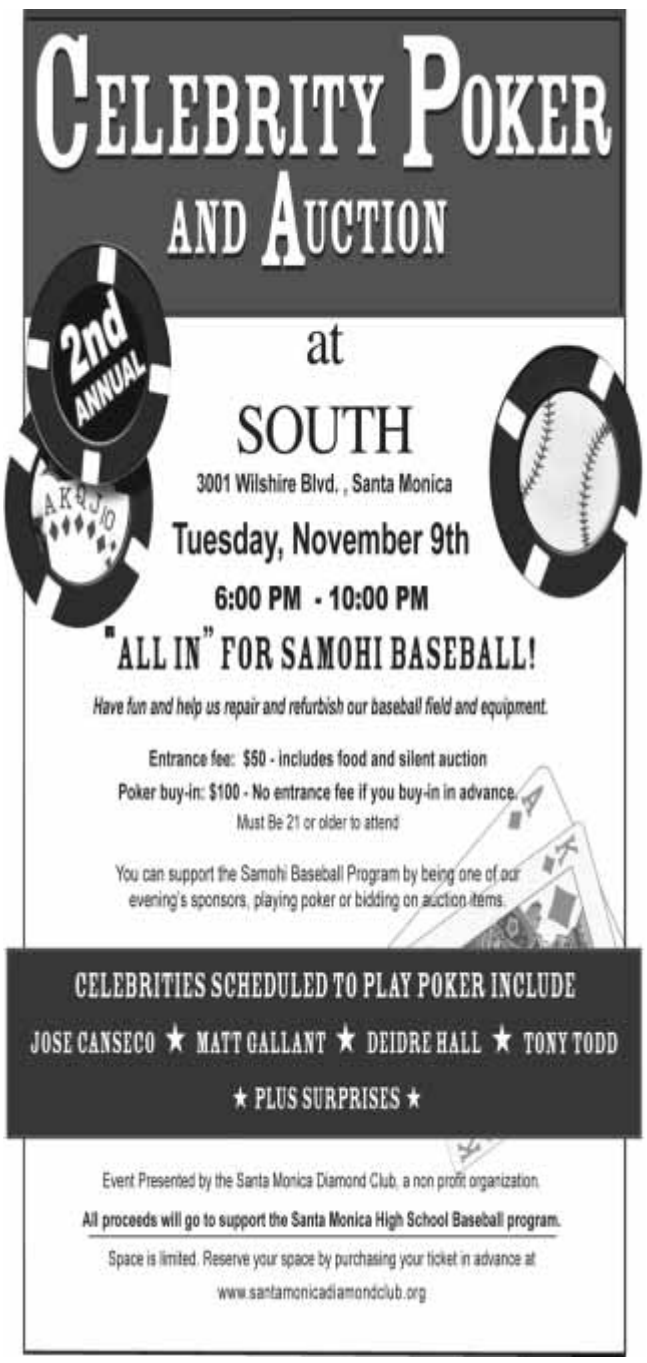
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Eats
5 Grounds
10 Descartes and Magritte
12 Concert venue
13 Corroded
14 French port
15 Juan's wife
16 Sugar suffix
18 Supporter's vote
19 Head out
21 Sound of suffering
22 Element named for a planet
24 Rabbit fur
25 Element named for a planet
29 Dove calls
30 Took it easy
32 Copying
33 Pharaoh's symbol
34 Lode material
35 Obama's veep
37 Force
39 Mermaid's home
40 Racket
41 — Haute
42 Touches lightly

DOWN

1 Words to live by
2 Blissful place
3 Like some books
4 Minuscule
5 Movie pig
6 Timetable abbr.
7 Parting words
8 Jeans measure
9 Underworld boss
11 Express disdain for
17 Dazes
20 Top grade
21 Short skirts
23 Kind of bowling
25 Watch over
26 Dock worker
27 Eden
28 Least
29 Labrador lander
31 Marks for removal
33 Last Stuart ruler
36 Lobe spot
38 Custodian's tool

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13					■	14				
15			■	16	17		■	18		
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■	22					23				■
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■	25	26						27	28	■
29				■	30					31
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35			36		■	37	38			
39						40				
41					■	■	42			

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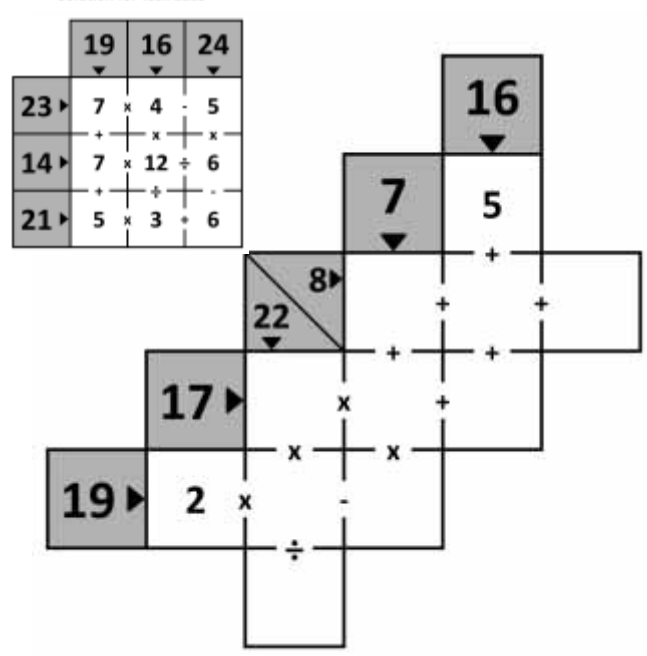
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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

1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 5, 6, 6, 11

Solution for Task 1215



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Almost Impossible:** (1) According to a case report in the New Zealand Medical Journal, announced in August, yet another person has swallowed whole a standard-size toothbrush. (A 15-year-old girl, running with the toothbrush in her mouth, tripped and fell, and her gag reflex did the rest.) (2) Ms. Cha Sa-soon, 69, became a national heroine in South Korea in May when she passed her driver's license written test on the 950th try (after taking two-hour bus rides to the test center almost daily for three years). (It took her only 10 more tries to pass the driving test, and Hyundai gave her a new car as a reward.)

■ Orange County (Calif.) Superior Court clerks discovered last fall (1989) that they had failed to complete the paperwork to make nearly 500 pre-1985 divorce judgments final, thus leaving the parties still legally married. The worst-case scenario for one husband occurred in April (1990) when an appeals court ruled that his supposedly-ex-wife, Bonita Lynch, was entitled to one-fourth of his $2.2 million lottery jackpot. The couple had been scheduled for final divorce 11 days before the jackpot was announced.

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1965 Cuba and the United States formally agree to begin an airlift for Cubans who want to go to the United States. By 1971, 250,000 Cubans made use of this program.

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1975 Green March begins: 300,000 unarmed Moroccans converge on the southern city of Tarfaya and wait for a signal from King Hassan II of Morocco to cross into Western Sahara.

WORD UP!

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RODRIGUEZ 13370 BORDEN AVE SYLMAR, CA 91342. This Business is being conducted by: . The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/01/2010. /s/: JAVIER RODRIGUEZ; OWNER. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 10/08/2010. 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 11/08/2010, 11/15/2010, 11/22/2010, 11/29/2010.





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Inside your home:
- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
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South of Wilshire	$849,000	$559,000
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