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THE FUN PHOTO ISSUE

Mayor open to healing perceived wounds

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL After a decade and a half on the dais and having had, in his words, "the football pulled out from" him in other mayoral selection processes, Kevin McKeown is finally Santa Monica's mayor.

McKeown is one of the most vocal members of the City Council and the Daily Press spoke with him about the mayor's seat and what 2015 has in store.

Daily Press: You were emotional on the dais last month when your colleagues elected you mayor. Why did you want the title so badly?

Kevin McKeown: It's been disappointing not to get to sit in that center chair. Not that there's a lot of power involved but there's just something I like about knowing that I get to be the mayor of this city that I love so much. For many years, if you look at the council photographs you'll see me bravely smiling for the council photograph after having had the mayorship go to somebody else. I looked at the photo from (the Dec. 9 meeting) and it's nice to see me beaming that much.

DP: There are some in the business community who would probably rather have seen someone other than you in mayor's seat. You're known for preferring to meet with developers when their requests come before council, rather than in private. How

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Local fitness trainer leads others to healthy lifestyle after surviving addiction

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

Dustin Conrad is the Santa Monica-based fitness instructor behind the exercise method of using elastic stretch bands for flexibility and free-flowing resistance training known as "Bands and Body Fitness." Much of his clientele is made up of recovering drug addicts looking to rebuild their bodies and repair their outlook on life.

He came into this career endeavor with a new heart after having emergency open-heart surgery caused by a drug addiction.

"Exercise and fitness in general became a necessity for me because I was on the other side of the spectrum with my health and lifestyle," Conrad said. "[The surgery] was really the reopening of my heart at that point in my own personal and emotional life."

Conrad's crystal meth addiction began when he met his coworker at Starbucks after getting his high school diploma. She introduced him to crystal meth and, like all the rides of drug addiction, it started off as the best thing ever.

"We were up at five in the morning and she was chipper and happy," Conrad said, "and I was like, 'What do you have? I want that!'

"It felt like … if you've seen the movie 'Limitless'," he added, "it gave me this extraordinary concentration and ability to figure things out. I could take a radio apart, figure out the inner workings and repair it, play gui-

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NOT WHAT IT SEEMS

Courtesy photos

The NatGeo TV Show "Brain Games" came to Santa Monica Place on Jan. 3 with a series of interactive illusions. Visitors could participate in the games while learning some of the science of perception. The event was a promotion for the show's Jan. 19 premiere.



Council wrap

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council took care of some housekeeping details at its last meeting before the year's end.

A wage ordinance was amended to align with the state, the newest councilmember officially left her post on the Planning Commission, and council heard about the impacts of a tax that supports childcare.

RESIGNATIONS

City Council accepted Sue Himmelrich's resignation from the Planning Commission because she has moved to, well, City Council. Himmelrich was elected in November and officially took office last month.

In the meantime, the Planning Commission will be playing a commissioner short, with only six members remaining, including two of Himmelrich's competitors in the election: Jennifer Kennedy and Richard McKinnon.

Council also accepted the resignation of Walter Meyer from the Arts Commission and Rachel Torres from the Commission on the Status of Women.

WAGE LAW

On Jan. 1, state wage law changed but before it did, council made some changes to its own wage law in order to stay in conformance.

"We're going to be changing our definition of public works so that we match the definition in the labor code," City Attorney Marsha Moutrie told the council. "We're

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

January 6

Stray Cat Alliance: Adoptions
Centinela Feed and Pet Supplies
11055 West Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Stray Cat Alliance educates and empowers the community to advocate for every cat's right to be safe, healthy and valued. Contact (310) 285-8303 for more information.

Beach=Culture: Mental Landscapes Artist Discussion
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway
6:30 - 8 p.m.
Join the artists and distinguished moderator, Mario Ontiveros, PhD, for a lively discussion about the exhibition 'Mental Landscapes.' The panel will concentrate on the conceptual intersections inherent in the three bodies of work, discussing themes of alienation and belonging, and other issues specific to urban landscape art.

Ocean Park Film Program: "Dial M For Murder" (1954)
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this Alfred Hitchcock film about an ex-tennis pro who carries out a plot to murder his wife. When things go wrong, he improvises a brilliant plan B. (Film runtime: 105 min.)

Homework Help
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only.

January 7

Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission for more information.

Movie Screening: The Skeleton Twins (2014)
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:45 p.m.
Former Saturday Night Live co-stars Kristen Wiig and Bill Hader headline this sharp and witty family drama, starring as estranged siblings brought back together when one of them makes a drastic life choice. (93 min.)

Fitness resource fair
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3 p.m.
Learn about local fitness resources at the Virginia Ave Park Campus.

January 8

Movie: This Is Where I Leave You
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Based on the book by Jonathan Tropper, this comedy-drama stars Jason Bateman, Tina Fey, and Jane Fonda as a Jewish family who fulfills a father's final wish to sit Shiva together for a week and confront their problems. (103 min.)

Family Gaming at Main
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Enjoy quality family time at the library! Play and ?Kinect? with video and board games.

Homework Help
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Internet for Beginners
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate online sources and print web pages. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Celebrate with Vintage Panache at the Annenberg Community Beach House

On Sunday, Jan. 11, the Santa Monica Conservancy will host "Happy Birthday Marion!" at the Annenberg Community Beach House to celebrate the legacy of Marion Davies, the classic film era actress, philanthropist, famed party hostess and mistress of media tycoon William Randolph Hearst, at Davies' 1928 Julia Morgan-designed Guest House.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., step back in time to view photos and hear stories from docents and historians Michael Yakaitis and Lara Fowler, highlighting the life and personality of Davies, a woman once celebrated as like the "bubbles in a glass of champagne." At 11:15 a.m., see Davies in action as the star of the 1928 King Vidor film "Show People" with a special introduction by film historian and producer Elaina Archer. At 1:15 p.m., Janet Klein and John Reynolds perform naughty and nice tunes of the 1920s and '30s, followed by a special birthday tribute to Davies at 1:45 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to don their favorite Gold Coast era attire. All ages are welcome. For more information, and to make a reservation for this free event, visit happybirthdaymarion2015.eventbrite.com or call (310) 458-4904. Space is limited. The Annenberg Community Beach House is at 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Parking is $3 per hour or $8 per day.

- SUBMITTED BY NAN FRIEDMAN

Santa Monica College

SMC announces spring classes

As Santa Monica College Community Education's Winter Session gets under way, it is also looking ahead to the Spring Semester - with more than 170 classes, workshops and tours, including several new offerings. Registration for both sessions is now open, and spring classes begin Feb. 21.

With a theme of career training and professional development, Community Ed is offering a wide range of courses in spring designed to help students advance their careers.

"We're particularly excited to launch our Paralegal Academy, which offers professional paralegal certification that opens the doors to high-paying careers in as little as 11 months," said Alice Meyering, Program Coordinator of Community & Contract Education.

"We're also pleased to partner with the SMC main campus to offer the brand new 'Career Coach,' a free online program available to the public that will assist users find training programs at SMC, compare wages and employment trends, find "live jobs" in their fields, and build a professional resume in minutes."

Marking another first, Community Ed will be offering an Open House for five consecutive days - Jan. 26-30 - that will give attendees a chance to meet instructors and staff, receive discounts, enter into a drawing for a free class and receive a surprise gift. Each Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Bundy Campus, Room 112, 3171 S. Bundy Dr., Los Angeles.

"Of course, we also offer a wide range of fun enrichment classes that will guide our students to creative expression, healthy minds and bodies, language skills and much more," Meyering said.

Meyering said among the mix of new courses are Ayurveda Spring Cleanse Retreat, Dressing from the Inside Out, Conversational Italian, and Director's Journal: How to Develop Your Directorial Style.

"Many of these new courses are a result of student demand," she said. "Similarly, because of the great response to our tours, we will be offering two in the spring and adding a greater number of tours in future semesters."

Specifically, the two new tours this spring are Santa Barbara Orchids by Rail with Coast Starlight Train and The Bold & the Beautiful: Carlsbad Village Faire & Coastal Gardens with Champagne Brunch.

To register, call (310) 434-3400 visit commed.smc.edu or email commed@smc.edu.

- SUBMITTED BY G. BRUCE SMITH

Long Beach

Los Angeles County pursuit sees speeds up to 100 mph

The California Highway Patrol has said two car-theft suspects were arrested after leading officers on a 40-minute pursuit across Los Angeles County at speeds up to 100 mph.

CHP Officer Richard McAllister said the chase began on Interstate 10 in Pomona late Sunday night.

Officers pursued the white 1990 Acura Integra on several freeways through downtown Los Angeles, into Carson, and south into Long Beach.

After the suspects exited Interstate 710, officers were able to use spike strips to flatten at least one tire of the Acura, which started emitting smoke.

The suspects were arrested after bailing out of the car.

- AP

Los Angeles

Body found hanging from tree in Los Angeles park

Authorities have said the death of a 24-year-old man found hanging from a tree in a Los Angeles' Griffith Park was an apparent suicide.

Coroner's Lt. Fred Corral said the body of Levi Moscowitz was discovered Saturday. An autopsy is pending.

City News Service said Moscowitz pleaded no contest in October to one felony count of meeting a minor for lewd purposes.

The charge resulted from a sting operation run by a police detective who answered a Craigslist ad placed by Moscowitz.

Moscowitz was sentenced to one day in jail, a year of counseling and five years of probation.

- AP

Los Angeles

Fatal Hollywood shooting witnessed by off-duty officer

Los Angeles police have said a fatal shooting in Hollywood was witnessed by an off-duty officer who followed two suspects and aided in their arrests.

City News Service reports the victim, a man between the ages of 50 and 60, died early Monday at a hospital.

Sgt. Chad Lewis said the man was shot shortly after midnight at Cahuenga Boulevard and Selma Avenue.

Lewis said the off-duty officer witnessed the shooting and tracked down the suspects as patrol units were responding.

Officials say two men in their late 20s were taken into custody and a gun was recovered.

- AP

Los Angeles

Metrolink train strikes unoccupied car on tracks in LA

A Metrolink train en route to downtown Los Angeles from the Antelope Valley struck an unoccupied car on tracks in the San Fernando Valley.

The Los Angeles Fire Department said firefighters checked each train car and there were no injuries among the approximately 220 passengers who were aboard Monday morning.

Metrolink said the accident in the Pacoima area involved train 204. There was no immediate word on service delays.

- AP

Los Angeles

Brett Anderson gets $5 million signing bonus from Dodgers

Pitcher Brett Anderson will get a $5 million signing bonus as part of his $10 million, one-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers and can make an additional $4 million in performance bonuses.

The 26-year-old left-hander, whose deal was completed last week, is due half the signing bonus on Jan. 15 and the rest on Feb. 15. He receives a $5 million salary and can earn bonuses based on innings pitched: $300,000 each for 150 and 155; $350,000 apiece for 160, 165, 170 and 175; and $400,000 each for 180, 185, 190, 195 and 200.

Anderson is 27-32 with three saves and a 3.73 ERA in 92 games in six major league seasons with Oakland and Colorado. He was 1-3 with a 2.91 ERA last year with the Rockies, limited to eight starts because of a broken left index finger and lower back surgery.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Use caution when crossing Montana Avenue!

Editor:

As a fan of Whole Foods and Starbucks at 15th & Montana in Santa Monica, I want to warn drivers and pedestrians to use caution when crossing those streets. On Dec. 30, 2014, a young woman and I were carefully crossing Montana together in the crosswalk. Once we stepped off the curb, a car sped right past us going east on Montana outside of Starbucks. As we continued towards Whole Foods and advanced further in the crosswalk, another car sped right by and was oblivious the two of us were in the crosswalk. We looked at each other and could not believe how close we came to being hit ... twice!

One of my friends was hit by a car in that same crosswalk last year. I doubt that anyone wants to hit a pedestrian or be hit. I can't say it's a jungle out there, although if you're driving or walking, please be extra careful.

Margaret McInnis Verge
Santa Monica

Re: Ron Goldman's "Poor Light" letter on Montana's pedestrian dangers

Editor:

I'm more worried about Arizona's "open season" drivers cutting through the Third Street Promenade's mob of shoppers spilling into the street waiting for the walk light. I've pulled kids back (not mine) from veering drivers (probable texters) twice. Some car fenders get so close to those tiny toes and some big fat ones. I think some small cars can drive right through the small barriers that are more decorative than protective.

Why not hire someone just paranoid enough to imagine this and other safety design flaws around town? (Think the Venice disaster.)

Just don't hire anyone from the Big Blue Bus office. The only demographic they designed for is conjoined twins!

Judy David
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Love More, Panic Less - Life Lessons

"LAUGHTER THROUGH TEARS IS MY favorite emotion." - Truvy, played by Dolly Parton, in Steel Magnolias

The above quote is one of my favorites because it rings so true to me. If you've ever been at a funeral and crying when something really funny happens, you know the mixed emotions and the release it gives. I thought of this quote as I was reading a book by my friend Claude Knobler. "Love More, Panic Less: 7 Lessons I Learned About Life, Love, and Parenting after We Adopted Our Son from Ethiopia" is the story of how a nice, quiet, slightly neurotic family of four ended up adopting an Ethiopian boy who opened their world to a new life of exuberance.

I've known Claude and his lovely wife Mary for over a dozen years and they have been trendsetters for a while now. Mary went to her high-stress job in the financial world and Claude was the stay-at-home trophy dad when that was more unique than it is today. He has a very dry sense of humor based in droll observations on life.

One day Claude reads a story about children in Ethiopia who are orphans and in passing says to Mary, "We should adopt a child." He thought he would score some easy "good guy" points in his marriage but that it would go nowhere when Mary said no.

A year or so later Claude is in Addis Ababa picking up his new, bouncing-off-the-walls 5-year-old boy, and the adventure begins for real. I guess the joke was on him.

"Love More, Panic Less" is not a parenting book in the traditional sense of how to discipline and raise those "tiger children" that were so popular a few years back. It is a comedic, poignant memoir with some parenting philosophy mixed in based on Claude's experience as a semi-professional worrier over things that don't actually happen.

I had read about 20 percent of the book and was already impressed with the voice and the content when we met. This book literally had me in tears as Claude describes the scene of taking his son Nati to visit his dying mother for a last visit.

When we meet at Ye Olde King's Head to discuss his book and get caught up there, I am sitting in the restaurant crying as he's recounting this story of what it was like, and as he's spinning the tale I'm laughing and crying at the same time.

I asked him why he wrote the book in such a conversational tone. "Parenting is a communal experience we all do alone" is how he described to me what being a parent is like.

"I wanted it to be accessible," he said. "I wrote this book not only for adoptive parents but for every parent to relate to. I had two kids when Nati came into our lives, and my experiences with him magnified the lessons of parenting. At first I worried over the language issue, which it turned out was not a problem. But I never thought about what happens if we adopt a kid who is too confident? I had no idea how to deal with a kid who comes to breakfast each morning blowing air kisses saying 'Nati Knobler in ze house.'"

The book is written in such a wonderfully conversational style that reads easily and enjoyably. There's no struggling to understand what Claude is saying, he's just comfortably talking to you like your oldest friend from high school as you compare notes on kids. There are seven lessons that become the pillars of this family story and they are all themed around the concept of relaxing into parenting; think a Jewish Mr. Miyagi.

In chatting with Claude I asked about the unintended consequences of adopting.

"I spent a lot of time worrying about what it would do to our quiet family, but what I found was that he was such a big personality, he's so charming and full of charisma, that he changed all of us in wonderful ways," he said. "Clay became more outgoing, Grace became a stronger personality as they lovingly spar with each other. Nati greets each challenge as a wondrous thing, and I try to embrace that, but he set a high bar. Mary and I have relaxed in our parenting fears and learned to love more. Parenting is only laughter or tears, and you have to learn to find the laughter, because the tears are guaranteed."

Claude will be at the Third Street Promenade this Thursday at 7 p.m. for a book signing of "Love More, Panic Less." If you can't make the signing, I highly suggest you purchase his book whether you have kids or not; it's a great read on life.

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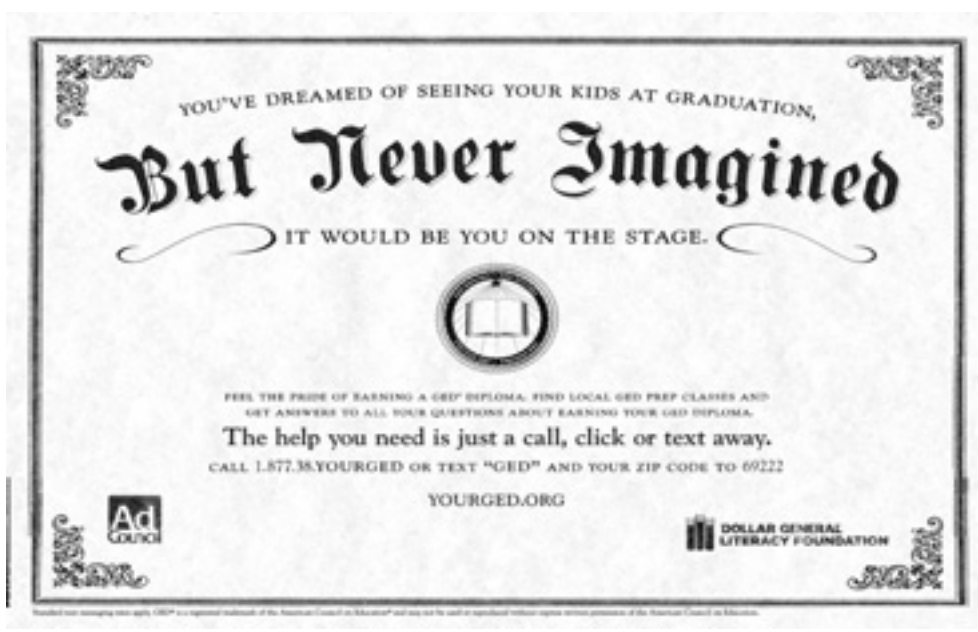

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Bess Myerson, the 1st Jewish Miss America, dies at 90

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Bess Myerson, the first Jewish Miss America and a New York political force until a series of scandals dubbed the "Bess Mess" forced her into obscurity, has died. She was 90.

Myerson died Dec. 14 at her home in Santa Monica, according to the Los Angeles coroner's office and Department of Public Health Vital Records Office. Her death was first reported by The New York Times.

The Bronx-born Myerson was hailed as a Jewish, feminist Jackie Robinson - a groundbreaker for her religion and sex - after parlaying her stunning 1945 Miss America victory into national celebrity.

The 5-foot-10 dark-haired beauty, unlike her predecessors, accentuated her intelligence. Myerson landed a series of television jobs, from game show hostess to on-air reporter, before her appointment as New York City's chief consumer watchdog in 1969.

The popular Myerson helped Ed Koch win the 1977 mayoral race, deflecting rumors of the bachelor candidate's homosexuality - which he neither confirmed nor denied - with her constant presence at his side. "The immaculate deception," cynics called it after the couple shared an election night victory kiss.

She made her own bid for office in 1980: an unsuccessful Democratic primary run for U.S. Senate. Three years later, Koch appointed her Cultural Affairs commissioner - an $83,000-a-year post as the city's liaison to the arts.

"People like to read about me," she said in a 1987 interview. "They like to imagine themselves in my life."

But Myerson's carefully cultivated image crumbled in the mid-1980s under a barrage of political and personal embarrassments that became known as the Bess Mess.

A city background check exposed Myerson as an insanely jealous woman who harassed an ex-boyfriend and his new lover. She repeatedly invoked her right against self-incrimination in a 1986 corruption probe of a subsequent boyfriend, Carl "Andy" Capasso, who was born the year Myerson was crowned.

Capasso, a contractor with purported mob ties, pleaded guilty to nine counts of tax evasion.

Myerson, Capasso and Judge Hortense Gabel were indicted in October 1987 on a charge of conspiring to fix Capasso's divorce case. Prosecutors said Gabel's daughter, Sukhreet, received a city job in return for the judge's lowering of Capasso's alimony and child support payments.

Before that trial began the next year, Myerson was convicted of shoplifting nail polish and earrings from a Pennsylvania store. A 1970 shoplifting conviction was also made public.

Although Myerson and her co-defendants were acquitted in the divorce-fixing case, the damage was done. She had already resigned her Koch administration post, and her public career was virtually over.

The Miss America Organization said in a statement Monday that Myerson would be remembered for her unwavering commitment to equality.

"Bess used her Miss America title to fight anti-Semitism and racial bigotry as she traveled around the country," the organization said.

Bess Myerson was born July 16, 1924, the second daughter of Russian immigrants. Raised in a one-bedroom Bronx apartment, she was beloved by her housepainter father, Louis, and beleaguered by her strict mother, Bella.

By age 12, Myerson was taller and thinner than her classmates - she once played Olive Oyl in a school production. Her natural beauty soon emerged, and older sister Sylvia shepherded Myerson into the Miss New York City pageant in 1945.

Myerson won, advancing to Atlantic City for the Miss America pageant. Organizers urged her to change her name - they suggested "Betty Merrick" - but Myerson refused.

Her title, captured as the horrors of the Holocaust were coming to light, made Myerson a hero to her peers. Walking down the stage to cries of "Mazel tov!" from Jews in the audience, Myerson later recalled thinking, "This victory is theirs."

Not content with the stereotypical role of Miss America, Myerson left an exploitive vaudeville revue and mounted a speaking tour for the Anti-Defamation League.

"Miss America's brainy, too!" announced a Daily News headline about the Hunter College graduate-turned-pageant winner.

Myerson remained socially aware through the years. She received the ADL woman of the year award in 1965, the same year she began a seven-year stint as chairwoman of the Bonds for Israel fund.

After surviving ovarian cancer in the early 1970s, she took the lead in battling that disease. She was appointed to committees by Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Her first break came on TV game shows. Myerson appeared as the "Lady in Mink" on "The Big Payoff" from 1951 to 1959 and as a panelist on "I've Got A Secret" from 1957 to 1968. She served as commentator for the Miss America Pageant from 1964 to 1968.

She changed careers in 1969, when Mayor John V. Lindsay named her the city's consumer affairs commissioner. She stayed until 1973.

She backed Koch in the hotly contested 1977 mayoral race, holding hands with him as they marched in the Columbus Day parade. Koch media adviser David Garth said it was Myerson who put his candidate over the top.

Her loyalty was repaid Feb. 23, 1983, when Koch appointed her cultural affairs commissioner. It was a decision that did neither much good, however.

Myerson's problems were exposed amid several other scandals that kept Koch from winning a fourth term as mayor. But while Koch never left the public eye, Myerson's drop was precipitous - occasional appearances at cancer fundraisers or visits to friends' birthday parties.

Myerson, who was twice divorced, is survived by a daughter, Barra Grant, from her first marriage.

Former Associated Press writer Larry McShane contributed to this report.

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FITNESS
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tar for hours and hours on end, draw for hours and hours with no water, no breaks, no nothing until my fingers bleed. It was bizarre."

Conrad's crystal meth abuse sent him into a dark place of solitude that had him isolated from everyone he knew, including family and loved ones. He wasn't maintaining function but simply existing with an unhealthy plan to continue the lost existence that seemed typical of a meth addict.

Conrad got his meth fix by selling himself out to drug research studies that provided compensation, room, board and, most importantly, meth to volunteering test subjects for study purposes.

Yet even with all that, the fix wasn't early enough for him. He arranged for his drug dealer to deliver him more so that he could perform his own kind of study.

"Unfortunately, it didn't work out very well," Conrad said. "I went into convulsions the first time I did it. I don't know if I did too much or if the mixture of water was incorrect. I just remembered at that point just hating myself so much … not having a meaningful life."

He tried again the next morning and his immune system shut down as a result.

Conrad's girlfriend left him and his parents saved him from abandonment. After a sobering intervention, they sent him to the hospital. The doctors asked if he used drugs and his immediate instinct was to deny everything.

"Little did I know, [telling the truth] could've saved my life," Conrad said, "and lying could've ended it."

After a series of medical tests, the doctors performed open-heart surgery to repair the mitral and tricuspid valve of his heart, which had ruptured from his constant meth abuse. But before what seemed like an opportunity for redemption and a fresh look at life, Conrad first had to free himself from a trapped state of depressing apathy.

"I remember laying in the hospital the night before the surgery," Conrad said, "and there was just a placidness. I just didn't care. It just didn't faze me that this was happening the next day, whether I would make it or not. It was a real weird feeling [having] no appreciation, no respect for life."

After the life-saving surgery, there was a connection between Conrad and his heart that was absent for a long time. The recovery process from the surgery and his crystal meth addiction was one and the same - painful and emotional.

Through the rehab process, Conrad reconnected with his parents, who were there with him every step of the way. It was actually through the journey to rehabilitation that Conrad found his path to health and fitness.

"That was really the venture of my health and fitness," Conrad said, "because I began to go on hikes. That was the only thing I could do. Then as I got better and progressed, I began to bring weights on the hikes. Then I would do weighted arm movements, bicep curls, shoulder raises and things like that while I was walking."

That led to the idea of a weight-walking program. It turned out not to work because people only either wanted to lift weights or walk, not both. At least the idea woke him up to an entrepreneurial endeavor tied to health and fitness.

With his heart, health, family, fitness and business all intact, Conrad sees the sun rise and set by the Santa Monica shores with clarity and grace rather than dark dependence and depression. Yet even though he is out of the woods, he does not regret embarking on the journey in and out of drug addiction.

"In a way, I don't regret it," Conrad said. "I feel like being open to that kind of existing potential within me has led me to this search for a bigger and better and cleaner version of that."

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MAYOR
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will you balance commitments like these with your position as the face of the city?

KM: If there are perceived wounds I'm open to healing them without changing my values. I mean clearly, I'm not a corporate thought kind of guy. The small businesses are what make this town work. There's a lot of stuff that we and the chamber (of commerce) have worked together on over the years to make this a very successful town. Businesses here are doing well and I want to make them do better but not at the cost of quality of life for the people who live here. I think there's a great sensitivity right now to the intrusion of business activity into residential neighborhoods, so I always look at things through that prism.

DP: There seems to be a rift on the council itself. How do you plan to, as you said on inauguration night, facilitate the council "leading from every seat?"

KM: I am open to making a new start here. I've actually been thinking about, we used to have liaisons to boards and commissions and that was ended for a combination of legal and political reasons … We have such an immensely intelligent and talented council at that point with special interest knowledge that we don't all share. Maybe we should each take on a portfolio so that Pam (O'Connor) would be our mass transit expert. Terry (O'Day) would be just great on the environment. Gleam (Davis) is very tightly tied into the education community and important issues at this point. Tony (Vazquez) has labor stuff going. So maybe we each can take on a portfolio.

DP: What are the big issues that you're concerned with in the coming year?

KM: We have to hire a new city manager. We have to deal with the airport. We're adopting a new zoning code. We have a crisis with affordable housing. We have to figure how to fund affordable housing.

So that's a pretty big agenda for one year but they're all going to happen whether I want them to or not so the best I can do is say I am here. The best I can do is to say I am here to listen to everyone.

DP: Rod Gould will step down as city manager at the end of the month. What are you looking for in his replacement?

KM: For a city manager we hired at the beginning of the great recession, Rod was a brilliant hire and did wonderful things including finding a way to fund education in this town with measure's Y and YY. Now we probably have more applications for development than anyone thinks the city can absorb. Not all 35 development agreements are going to be approved. There's just no way we could do that. We need a new city manager who first of all can let the community know that not everything is a yes when it comes to development because that's what people in the community feel. I don't think they're right but again this sort of atmosphere of extremism has painted City Hall as go-go all the time.

We need a city manager who has some experience with dealing with other governmental agencies who have more power than we do because we're headed into a knockdown, drag-out battle with the (Federal Aviation Administration over the future of the Santa Monica Airport).

DP: The new zoning ordinance, which will dictate land uses for years to come, has been with the Planning Commission for months. How do you plan to approach it when it comes before council, likely later this year?

KM: I actually took the draft zoning code when it first came out - it was 540 pages, and I was on jury duty - so while sitting there I went through all 540 pages and annotated. So I'm familiar with every line in that draft zoning code when it comes to us. But I can't deal with that as mayor or a councilman. We have to figure out, OK, what are the 15 or 20 big policy issues represented here and we will give the direction on how that goes. I am someone who does trust the process. The process is often bumpy. Sometimes it's two steps forward a step back. But in the end I think it's a good iterative way of getting multiple inputs from people.

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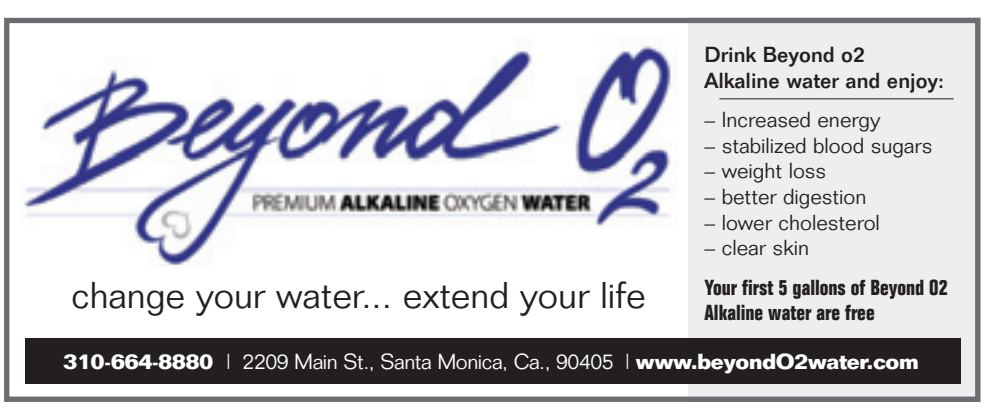



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **59.7°**

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal W-WNW and SSW swells; Deep AM high tide

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal W-WNW and SSW swells; Deep AM high tide

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small W-WNW and SSW swell energy up slightly; more size in the PM

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
Fun-zone WNW swell to build further - more size in the PM;
small SSW swell lingers; keeping an eye on conditions

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 **December 22, 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 -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 30

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

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

LEGEND

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

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going to be substituting the minimum exemption thresholds to match the minimum exemption thresholds in the labor code and we're going to be eliminating the city manager's authority to exempt projects based on currently authorized findings and feasibility, which were our own so we'll be conforming to state law as we are required to do."

Council approved unanimously of the changes.

"Is this a cleanup of language or a substantive change here?" Mayor Kevin McKeown asked Moutrie.

"I'd say yes, yes," she responded. "It's kind of in between."

"It's my understanding that our minimum requirements are uniformly greater than the state minimum requirements," Himmelrich said, "so is there an instance where in practicality what we're doing now is inconsistent with state requirements?"

"No," Moutrie said, "I don't believe so."

CHILD CARE LINKAGE PROGRAM

City Hall added about $3,000 to an account that developers pay into to support childcare in the city last year, bringing the accounts total to nearly $285,000.

The Child Care Linkage program requires that residential developers pay $133.62 per unit into the account. Commercial developers pay $6.34 per square foot of office space, $4.54 per square foot of retail space, and $3.18 per square foot of hotel space.

"This fee is intended to address the increased demand for childcare triggered by the development of commercial projects adding floor area of at least 7,500 square feet or multi-family residential projects," city officials said in a report to council.

This year, a plan for the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) - an idea that is being worked on jointly by City Hall and Santa Monica College - will be considered by council. Several years ago, $5.6 million was budgeted for the project, which would be constructed in Civic Center, but city officials say it could cost more than that as construction costs have increased significantly.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE of Public Hearing
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SUBJECT: 1) Introduction for First Reading of an Ordinance amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 7.16 updating local water conservation regulations; and 2) Proposed Adoption of the City's Water Shortage Response Plan and Declaration of a Stage 2 Water Shortage

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following:

1) Introduction for First Reading of an Ordinance amending Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 7.16 updating local water conservation regulations.
2) Proposed Adoption of the City's Water Shortage Response Plan which sets water use allowances, water conservation thresholds, a process to adjust water use allowances, and penalties for non-compliance.
3) Proposed reaffirmation and re-declaration of a Stage 2 Water Shortage which requires water customers to reduce water use 20% from their 2013 usage.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014 AT 6:45 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Water Shortage Response
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about the proposed ordinance, resolution or the Water Shortage Response Plan, please contact Kim O'Cain at (310) 458-8459, or by e-mail at kim.ocain@smgov.net. The proposed Water Shortage Response Plan is available at the City Clerk's Office during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG-13)
1:20PM, 4:15PM, 7:10PM

Night At The Museum 3 (PG)
1:30PM, 4:00PM, 6:30PM, 9:00PM

Top Five (R)
10:00PM

Woman In Black 2 Angel Of Death (PG-13)
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Annie (PG)
10:25AM, 1:30PM, 4:35PM, 7:40PM, 10:35PM

The Hobbit: The Battle of Five Armies (PG-13)
3:15PM, 9:45PM, 11:55AM, 6:30PM

Into The Woods (PG)
10:00AM, 1:00PM, 4:00PM, 7:00PM, 10:00PM

Unbroken (PG-13)
10:15AM, 1:20PM, 4:25PM, 7:30PM, 10:30PM

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GET SOME EXERCISE, PISCES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You possess an unusual amount of charisma, and it makes quite an impression on others. You'll be open to dynamic changes, but realize that others might not be so flexible. Conversations will give birth to quite a few ideas. Tonight: Romp the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might have been concerned about your neighbors and those closest in proximity to you. Have you forgotten the importance of your family, though? Tonight: Homeward bound, with a token of affection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You will decide to continue on a direct path to a long-term goal. Others might be resistant to the path you are taking. At some point, no matter what your decisions or actions end up being, understand that you are your own person. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You likely will be on top of your work plans, but you might need to pay attention to your finances as well. You could feel as if a situation is at a dead end, but wait a bit longer to let it go. Indulge yourself if you feel you can maintain your budget. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You seem to be in touch with others' needs, which is a result of your intuitive personality. Communication is likely to be caring but intense. You could be unusually concerned about someone else and his or her needs. Reach out to this person. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ On some level, your inner voice will take the reins. As a result, you might not be as focused as you would like to be. The implications could be long-term. Tonight: Listen carefully to news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You will want to move forward, though you might need to ask questions and dissect an issue that keeps rearing its ugly head. Understand what is happening behind the scenes. Try not to overthink a problem. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others will have many opinions. Trust in your ability to overcome a problem and get to the bottom of the issue. You might see a matter differently from how your circle of friends does. Tonight: Step in and take the lead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Detach when presented with others' opinions and desires. You could be pushed way beyond your limit. Take a walk and pretend that it is a beautiful summer day. Take a step back, and you will see the path to clarity. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to move forward with a personal matter that revolves around an important partnership or relationship. Communicate with someone who has a lot of power and who can affect the outcome of this critical issue. Tonight: Be diplomatic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might understand more about a key person in your life than you let on. This person has a tendency to be very dramatic. Get in touch with your feelings, and you will be able to relate to him or her much more easily. Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You could be more in tune with what's going on than many of your associates or friends seem to be. You will be able to help move everyone through a difficult situation with ease. If you are retired, toss yourself into a heartfelt project. Tonight: Get some exercise.

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

This year you tend to go to extremes, both emotionally and intellectually. You often see the pros and cons of a situation, and can identify with all the different perspectives. Sometimes this awareness will be helpful, as you'll be able to see where common ground is possible. If you are single, you will enjoy all the different aspects of dating. Someone very special could enter your life during the second half of the year. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy many happy moments together. You also will note a tendency to go to extremes. CANCER can seem flighty, but he or she just tends to overthink.

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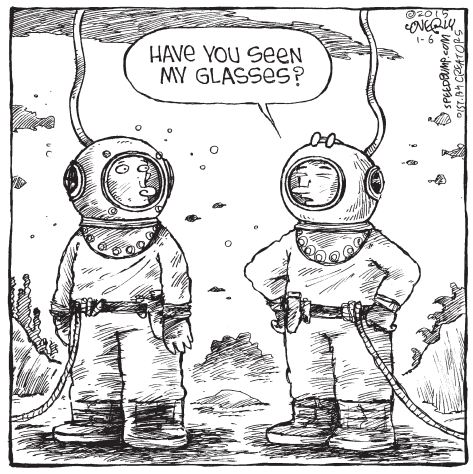

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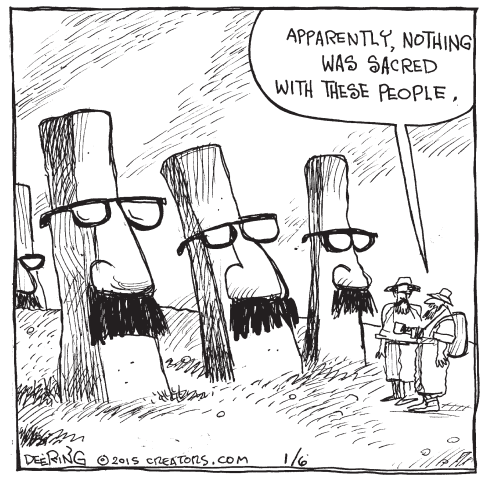

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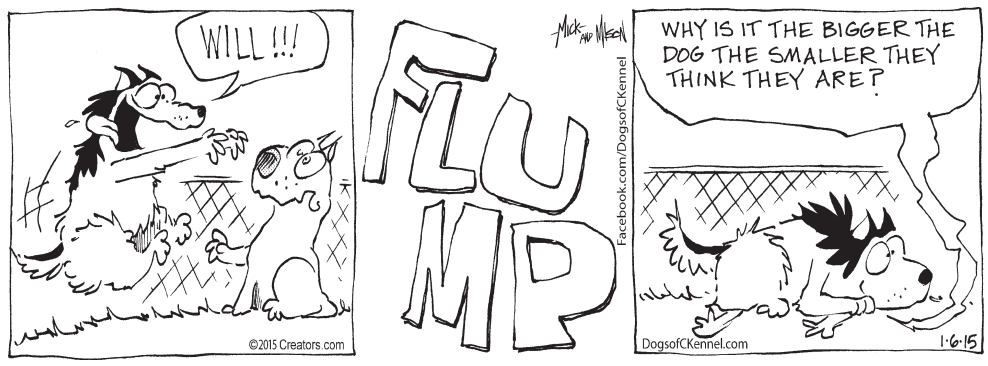

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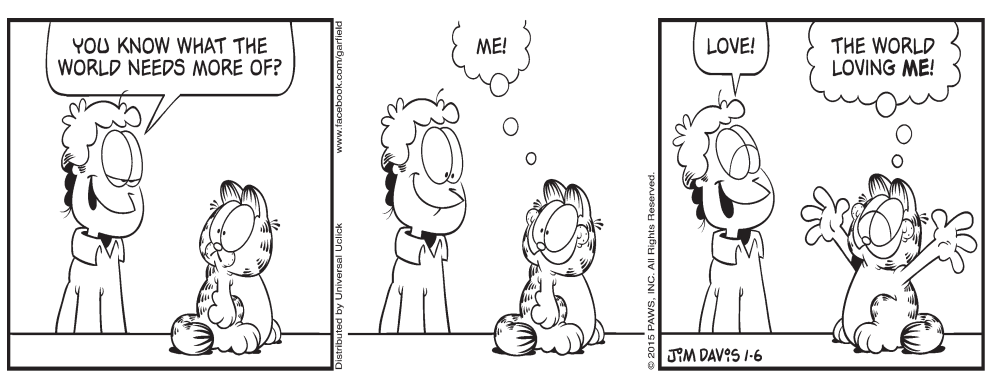

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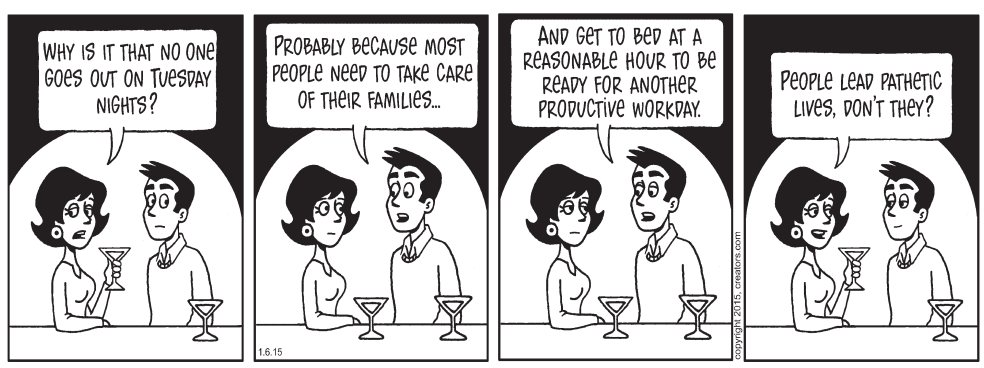

Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 260 calls for service on Jan. 4.

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

Trespassing on the 500 block of Olympic Blvd. at 12 a.m.
Battery on the 2000 block of Colorado Ave. at 12:05 a.m.
Domestic violence on the 3100 block of 3rd St. at 12:53 a.m.
Hit and run at Lincoln and Kensington at 1:04 a.m.
Fight on the 3100 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 1:22 a.m.
Grand theft on the 2200 block of Ocean Ave. at 1:42 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper on the 600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 1:54 a.m.
Battery at 4th and Colorado at 2:49 a.m.
Domestic violence on the 1100 block of Stanford St. at 2:50 a.m.
Battery at 11th and Wilshire at 3:46 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation at 15th and Wilshire at 5:23 a.m.
Indecent exposure at 26th and Broadway at 9:16 a.m.
Trespassing on the 800 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 9:54 a.m.
Petty theft on the 1900 block of Broadway at 10:37 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace on the 1500 block of Ocean Ave. at 11:32 a.m.
Bike theft on the 2800 block of Main St. at 12:30 p.m.
Drinking in public on the 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk at 12:44 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1000 block of Pier Ave. at 1:22 p.m.
Traffic accident with injuries at Cloverfield and Colorado at 2:08 p.m.
Burglary on the 2500 block of Pico Blvd. at 2:58 p.m.
Auto burglary at 17th and Santa Monica at 3:35 p.m.
Identity theft on the 2600 block of 7th St.
Fight on the 2500 block of Michigan Ave. at 5:12 p.m.
Grand theft on the 2200 block of Ocean Ave. at 5:12 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1500 block of 2nd St. at 6:48 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace on the 2300 block of Pico Blvd. at 7:05 p.m.
Public intoxication on the 1300 block of 3rd St. at 7:20 p.m.
Vandalism on the 200 block of Santa Monica Pier at 11:21 p.m.
Vandalism on the 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk at 11:32 p.m.
Vandalism on the 1600 block of the beach at 11:41 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Farm towers
6 Temple leader
11 Peer
12 Director Woody
13 Hourly noise-maker
15 Idiosyncrasy
16 Uno plus due
17 Photographer Goldin
18 Stiffly phrased
20 Twosome
21 Snaky fish
22 Top-rated
23 Handed over
26 Lawyer's jobs
27 Pro votes
28 Stir-fry pan
29 It's south of S.D.
30 Bitter brew
34 Discoverer's cry
35 Disencumber
36 Young one
37 Timer on a chain
40 New York's — Island
41 Similar
42 Canary chow
43 Kitchen gadget

DOWN
1 Religious groups
2 Poor sport's cry
3 TV's Susan
4 Sturdy tree
5 Like some spoons
6 Entered Indy
7 Maximum amount
8 They "have more fun"
9 For the reason that
10 Tangled
14 Pitcher Hershiser
19 Noted Virginia family
22 Make cookies
23 Party snacks
24 Apartment door feature
25 Fiasco
26 US-USSR tension
28 Be patient
30 Printer's need
31 Top story
32 Philosopher John
33 Old anesthetic
38 Young one
39 Boxing great

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

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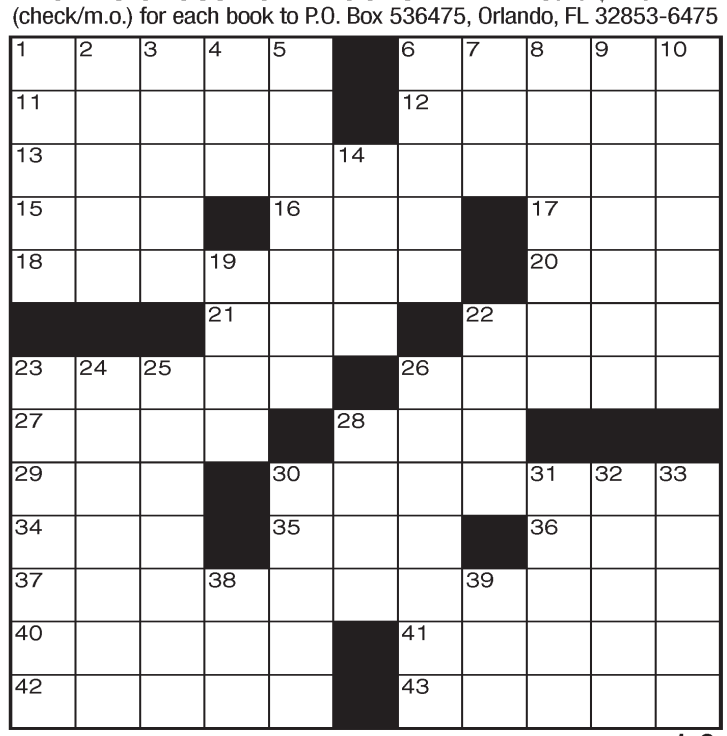

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DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date: 1/3
4 18 43 46 55
Power#: 25
Jackpot: $146M

Draw Date: 1/2
13 15 35 62 74
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: $206M

Draw Date: 1/3
6 14 15 28 44
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: $11M

Draw Date: 1/4
15 17 21 24 26

Draw Date: 1/5
MIDDAY: 4 8 5

Draw Date: 1/4
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:47:00

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Richard Rosario is in year 18 of a 25-to-life sentence for murder, even though 13 alibi witnesses have tried to tell authorities that he was with them -- 1,000 miles away -- at the time of the crime. (Among the 13 are a sheriff's deputy, a pastor and a federal corrections officer.) The "evidence" against him: Two "eyewitnesses" in New York City had picked him out of a mugshot book. Rosario had given police names, addresses and phone numbers of the 13 people in Florida, but so far, everyone (except NBC's "Dateline") has ignored the list, including Rosario's court-appointed lawyers. As is often the case, appeals court judges (state and federal) have trusted the eyewitnesses and the "process." (In November, "Dateline" located nine of the 13, who are still positive Rosario was in Deltona, Florida, on the day of the murder.)

■ Pastor Walter Houston of the Fourth Missionary Church in Houston repeatedly refused in November to conduct a funeral for longtime member Olivia Blair, who died recently at age 93 -- because she had come upon hard times in the last 10 years and had not paid her tithe. Ms. Blair's family had supported the church for 50 years, but Pastor Houston was defiant, explaining, "Membership has its privileges." (The family finally found another church for the funeral.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1994 - Nancy Kerrigan is clubbed on the knee at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit, Michigan.

1995 - A chemical fire in an apartment complex in Manila, Philippines, leads to the discovery of plans for Project Bojinka, a mass-terrorist attack.

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