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High school sailors set to sail against the world

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Micky Munns and Michael Fineman are two fairly normal high school students. The two friends go to school, hang out, get good grades, and most recently, have decided to take on the world. No, these two aren't mustache twirling villains with an appetite for destruction–they're boat racing sailors, looking to make a splash against the best in their field.

The two Redondo Union High schoolers – Munns, a 14-year-old junior and Fineman, a 13-year-old freshman – met at the King Harbor Youth Foundation, a non-profit sailing school in Redondo Beach. There the two cut their teeth in the Club 420 (heavy, stiff, small two-man boats) boat racing world. They now sail out of Marina Del Rey.

Looking to test their mettle against stiffer competition (and plant the seeds for a hopeful future Olympic run), Munns realized the two would need to jump up to the International 420 class of boats (like the Club 420, but the i420s are lighter and more technical). Unable to afford the price of an i420 boat outright–a cost that can reach the sticker price of a late-200s used car–Munns and Fineman joined the Del Rey Yacht club to get closer to this class of boat.

With only two months of practice with this boat type at Marina Del Rey, the boys' raw talent led them to a 4th place overall finish in the i420 Pacific Coast Championships.

The boys will now participate in the North American i420 Championship race in Miami, tak-

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Mudslide-stricken California town is all but emptied out

BY KRYSTA FAURIA & BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

Most residents of mudslide-ravaged Montecito were under orders to clear out Friday as the search for victims dragged on and crews labored to clean up the muck and repair power, water and gas lines.

Even those who didn't lose their homes in the disaster that left at least 17 people dead were told to leave for up to two weeks so they wouldn't interfere with the rescue and recovery operation in the Southern California town of 9,000.

It was another frustrating turn for those living in Montecito, a

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Has flu season, in full swing, reached its height?

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

Flu is now widespread in every state except Hawaii, but the good news is the season appears to already be peaking.

It's been a rough few weeks: Hospitals have set up tents to handle patient overflow. Doctors are putting in double and triple shifts. Ambulances have been sidelined while paramedics waited to drop off patients.

"This morning, I couldn't stand up. I was really weak," said Margaret Shafer, who went to a Seattle emer-

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Santa Monica sets swanky stage for "Happy Birthday, Marion!"



Courtesy photos

PARTY: Locals will recreate feelings from a bygone era while celebrating Marion Davies.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer



This Sunday at the Annenberg Beach House party goers will revisit the glamour of Old Hollywood as the Santa Monica Conservancy reprises its annual birthday celebration, Happy Birthday, Marion.

For those who need a primer on their silent-film-stars-and-their-mansions trivia, Marion Davies was a silent film star, philanthropist, and lover of William Randolph Hearst. Hearst was so smitten by Davies, he developed the Annenberg for her.

The 1920s-constructed estate once housed invite-only soirées for the economically-privileged-only of the day, personalities popping in the giant estate ranging from Charlie Chaplin to Winston Churchill.

These days the 2009-rehabilitated Beach House is a gorgeous public marvel, a community center now open for all to enjoy. Although

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, January 13

Classics Book Group at Fairview

This long-running book discussion group discusses literary classics from around the world. January 2018's book: Rosshalde, by Herman Hesse.Fairview Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Flag Books & Found Writing with Debra Disman

Learn the fun and innovative flag book structure. Fold an accordion spine, add book covers, and attach your flag pages to a kinetic book whose parts move as you page through. Palisades Park,1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. $5

Poetry Workshop with Maxine Chernoff

Poet and novelist Maxine Chernoff presents 'The Writing Process Lost & Found,' a generative workshop for poets (lost or recently recovered). Join her for an afternoon of wonder and discovery. No experience necessary. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 1 - 4 p.m. $30

Sunday, January 14

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a biweekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. at Ocean Park, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, January 15

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m.

Guest House

Free tours begin of the Marion Davies Guest House begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Tuesday, January 16

Movie: The Big Sick (2017)

Pakistan-born comedian Kumail Nanjiani and his wife Emily Gordon drew on their real-life story to write this moving romantic comedy. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cuentos para Pequeños/Spanish Story Time

Para niños de 2-5 años de edad (For children 2-5 years of age). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 17

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 18

The Past, Present, and Future of Fair Housing

he Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office will present an event celebrating the past, present and future of fair housing that will feature a blockbuster panel of three speakers: U.S. Senator (ret.) Fred Harris, the last living member of the 1967-68 Kerner Commission who voted for the Fair Housing Act of 1968; Chancela Al-Mansour, Executive Director of the Housing Rights Center; and Director Kevin Kish, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH). Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Registration ends 1/17/2018 at 5 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor, 4:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Friday, January 19

Crafty Kids - DIY Snow Dough

Make your own snow dough to play with and form your own creations. Montana Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

City of Malibu to Offer Earthquakes Preparedness Information at Public Safety Town Hall Meeting

The City of Malibu's next Public Safety Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 7 p.m. at City Hall will provide information on the earthquake threat specific to Malibu and how to be prepared for a major earthquake. The event is being held as part of the City's year-long Earthquake Resiliency Initiative.

"We know that we will face a major earthquake one day," said Mayor Skylar Peak. "Our mountainous terrain, seaside cliffs and deep canyons, as well as our geographic isolation, present additional hazards and vulnerabilities that some communities don't face. Preparedness is our best defense."

U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist Morgan Page told the Los Angeles Times that there is a 60% chance that a magnitude 6.7 earthquake – the size of the 1994 Northridge quake – or larger will strike the Los Angeles area in the next 30 years.

City Geologist Chris Dean will discuss local earthquake faults, the earthquake history of the area, specific locations in Malibu that are vulnerable to land and rock slides, Tsunami inundation areas, and the impact that a major earthquake on the San Andreas Fault could have in Malibu.

Preparedness information will be provided by Malibu's Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas and will include instructions on how to put together an earthquake preparedness kit for the home and car, non-structural earthquake hazard mitigation, the City's Everbridge disaster mass notification system, and how to create a family emergency plan. Dueñas will also discuss recovery information including earthquake insurance, prescription medication, and the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The City's year-long Earthquake Resiliency Initiative is a partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and Dr. Lucy Jones' Center for Science and Society in the Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Initiative. Participating cities receive technical assistance to help them prepare for earthquakes and develop strategic solutions for improved resiliency that are suited to each community. The goal of the Initiative is to be better able to respond and recover quickly from a large earthquake, and reduce casualties and damage.

Throughout the year, the City will identify and reduce non-structural earthquake hazards, update emergency plans, conduct Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and public education, identify vulnerabilities in critical City functions and develop continuity of government strategies.

All are welcome to attend and no RSVPs are required. For more information, contact Public Safety Manager Susan Dueñas at (310) 456-2489 ext. 313 or email SDuenas@malibucity.org.

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Downtown

Nature's Orchestra: Documentary Screening and Discussion

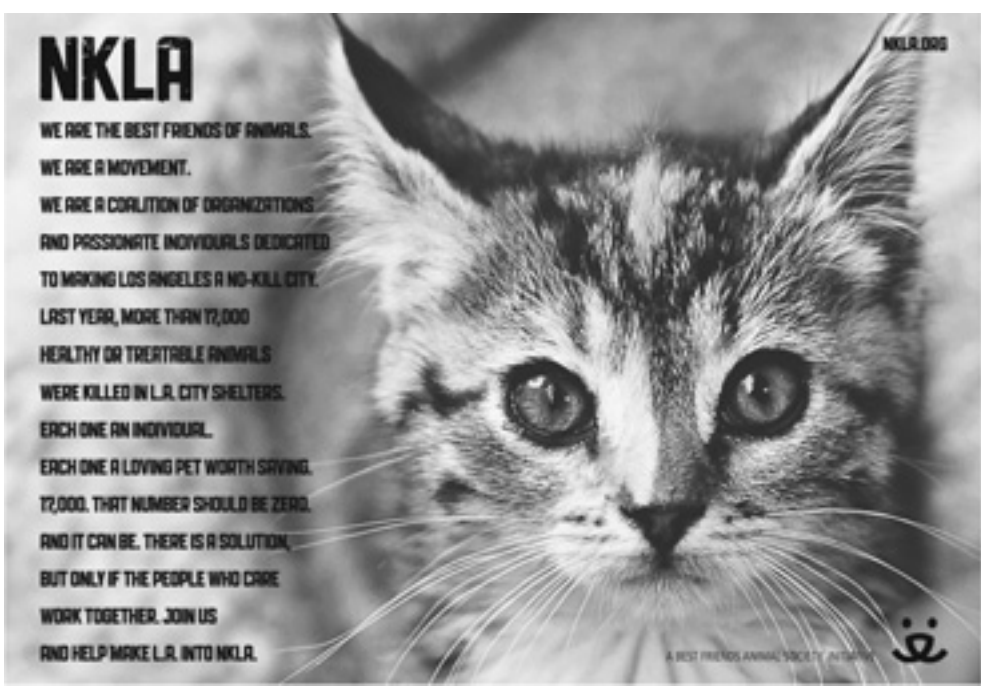
The Santa Monica Public Library will present Nature's Orchestra: in the Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium on Saturday, January 27, at 3 p.m.

Filmmaker Stephen Most screens and discusses his award-winning documentary, Nature's Orchestra; which examines soundscape ecology and the origins of music in the natural world. Following the screening, Stephen discusses his life as a filmmaker and the importance of non-fiction storytelling in this era of "fake news." A book sale and signing of his book Stories Make the World: Reflections on Storytelling and the Art of the Documentary follows the program.

This event is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, R10 and 18. The Expo Line and other bus routes stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

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How Medicare covers mental health

LET'S HOPE IT NEVER HAPPENS, BUT there may come a time in your life when you need mental health care. Your Medicare covers a wide variety of such services, in both hospital inpatient and outpatient settings.

If you have Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), you're eligible for mental health services when you're admitted to a hospital as an inpatient. You can get these services either in a general hospital or a psychiatric hospital that only cares for people with mental health conditions.

If you're in a psychiatric hospital (instead of a general hospital), Part A only pays for up to 190 days of inpatient psychiatric hospital services during your lifetime.

Medicare pays for inpatient hospital stays on the basis of "benefit periods." A benefit period begins the day you're admitted to a hospital as an inpatient. It ends when you haven't received any inpatient care for 60 days in a row.

If you go into a hospital after one benefit period has ended, a new benefit period begins. You must pay the inpatient hospital deductible ($1,340 in 2018) for each benefit period.

There's no limit to the number of benefit periods you can have. But remember, there's a lifetime limit of 190 days for inpatient psychiatric hospitals.

After you pay the deductible, Medicare covers inpatient hospital care for the first 60 days with no coinsurance on your part for each benefit period.

For days 61-90, your coinsurance is $335 per day of each benefit period.

If you're in the hospital beyond 90 days, your coinsurance is $670 per "lifetime reserve day" for each benefit period (you have up to 60 reserve days over your lifetime).

In addition, you'll pay 20 percent of the Medicare-approved amount for mental health services you get from doctors and other providers while you're a hospital inpatient.

Your Medicare Part B (medical insurance) covers partial hospitalization in some cases.

Partial hospitalization provides a structured program of outpatient psychiatric services as an alternative to inpatient psychiatric care. It's more intense than care you get in a doctor's or therapist's office. This treatment is provided during the day and doesn't require an overnight stay.

Medicare helps cover partial hospitalization services when they're provided through a hospital outpatient department or community mental health center. Along with partial hospitalization, Medicare may cover occupational therapy that's part of your mental health treatment and/or individual patient training and education about your condition.

Medicare only covers partial hospitalization if the doctor and the partial hospitalization program accept Medicare as full payment.

For Part B to cover a partial hospitalization program, you must meet certain requirements, and your doctor must certify that you would otherwise need inpatient treatment.

Under Part B, you pay a percentage of the Medicare-approved amount for each service you get from a doctor or other qualified mental health professional if they accept Medicare rates.

You also pay coinsurance for each day of partial hospitalization services provided in a hospital outpatient setting or community mental health center. The Part B deductible ($183 in 2018) applies as well.

Your doctor or other health care provider may recommend you get services more often than Medicare covers. Or they may recommend services that Medicare doesn't cover. If this happens, you may have to pay some or all of the costs. It's important to ask questions so you understand why your doctor is recommending certain services and whether Medicare will pay for them.

All of the above applies to people with Original Medicare. If you're in a Medicare Advantage (Part C) health plan, check with the plan for details of how it covers mental health care.

For more information on your Medicare mental health benefits, I recommend this detailed brochure:

www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10184-Medicare-Mental-Health-Bene.pdf.

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A Chip on Their Shoulders

IN SPORTS THERE'S THE OLD SAYING, "It's not whether your win or lose but how you play the game that matters." The late Hall of Fame coach Vince Lombardi, however, who won five NFL Championships and two Super Bowls, stated, "Winning is the only thing that matters."

It's been a week since the Los Angeles Rams lost their opening playoff game to the Atlanta Falcons. It was the Rams' first playoff game at the Coliseum in thirty-nine years and, sadly, they came up on the short end, 26-13. (It wasn't remotely that close with Atlanta leading from beginning to end.)

And it's also only been days since the Lakers snapped their 9-game losing streak (one shy of tying the franchise record) their first win since Thanksgiving. On Tuesday Lakers beat the Kings and on Thursday beat the undermanned Spurs giving them a modest 3-game winning streak but hopefully it's a start.

A non-starter, however, the Lakers are saddled with narcissistic and opinionated LaVar Ball, or as I refer to him, the African-American Donald Trump. LaVar, father of Laker rookie point guard, Lonzo, spouts off about the Lakers at will, the latest being that "Luke Walton has lost the locker room." And Lonzo, 20, seems powerless to prevent his overbearing father's controversial remarks.

L.A. Times sports columnist Bill Plaschke suggests the Lakers might be better off trading Lonzo, their #1 draft choice. Plaschke opines that no quality free agent will want to come to a team where the father of a star player can upset the apple cart with outlandish tweets.

Plaschke writes, "Lonzo is a good player but not a transformational one." He added that only a rookie LeBron James might have been worth putting up with LaVar. News flash, however, it now appears that Luke Walton's job may be on the line. LaVar's still a jerk but he may have smoked out a real problem other than himself. Stay tuned!

In 2017, the Clippers, once again failed to get past the second round of the playoffs. In 2018 they also lost perennial all-star Chris Paul and, if the playoffs were today, would be on the outside looking in. Until further notice, the Clips are cursed.

In local college football UCLA's anticipated loss in a bowl game after a dismal season and USC's one-side loss in the Cotton Bowl ended the year on a sour note. In baseball, the Angels finished out of the playoffs for the second year in a row. However, their signing of Shoehei Ohtani, the "Japanese Babe Ruth" gives them high hopes for 2018.

With all my laments and now mentioning the Dodgers' extremely disheartening game 7 loss in the World Series might make you think I agree with Lombardi's "winning is everything." Not necessarily.

The Rams and Dodgers had wonderful seasons and there's considerable hope for the future. But in both cases, how the season ended so anti-climatically, has many local sports fans currently disheartened. (Or should I just say THIS local sports fan?)

Before I get to what was supposedly going to be the lead story of this column, Chip Kelly being hired to coach UCLA's football team in 2018, let me catch up on 2017 hockey and soccer. In hockey, the Kings missed the playoffs for the second time in the past three years whereas the Ducks lost in the conference finals. Both franchises, however, have won Stanley Cups which gives them a free pass of sorts; The Ducks in 2007 the Kings in 2012 and 2014. As for soccer, The Galaxy finished in last place and failed to make the playoffs.

That brings us to Chip Kelly who signed a 5 year $23.9 deal. (Couldn't they have added $100,000 to round off to an even $24 mil?) The Bruins had never before signed such a high profile coach. Then again, in May, 2016, UCLA and Under Armour signed a 15-year-deal worth $280,000,000 deal, the larges shoe and apparel sponsorship in sports history. So money not only talks it gets you a winning, albeit controversial coach.

On the plus side, while the head coach of the Oregon Ducks from 2009 to 2012, he led the program to four consecutive BCS bowl game appearances including the 2011 BCS National Championship Game. (Keep in mind, the last UCLA national championship came in 1954!)

Also on the "plus" side, in 2009 and 2010 Kelly was Pac-10 Coach of the Year and in 2013 was the Maxwell Club Coach of the Year. His football philosophies are so unique that two books have been written about him: "The Tao of Chip Kelly: Lessons from America's Most Innovative Coach" and "Controlled Chaos: Chip Kelly's Football Revolution"

On the negative side, after Kelly left Oregon, the school received three years probation and reduction of scholarships. Ouch!

So, which is more important, how you play the game or winning? E-mail me. But you can't say "both," because I think I just did.

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PRACTICE: A pair of young sailors are hoping skills refined in Marina Del Rey will help them win.

SAIL

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ing place this weekend, January 13 through 15. It's an event where, if Munn and Fineman place highly, will potentially lead them to their dream event, the i420 World Championships in Rhode Island.

"I have never competed on a stage as big as this before." Micky Munns, the 14-year-old half of the dynamic sailing duo, said in an email. "Some of the other sailors have many more years in these boats. Some have even been to Worlds, so that's a little intimidating."

Despite the one-two punch of wunderkind talent from Munns and Fineman, these trips will require a sea not even these sailors can fully master — finances.

"One of the biggest myths around sailing is that only rich people sail," says Harry Munns, Micky's father. "Micky and Michael both come from middle class families with working parents. The cost of participation in a high school sailing program is comparable to other sports with travel teams."

The stigma of "only rich people" sail is because, well, this sport is expensive. The elder Munns details that with the costs of coaching, boat charters, airfare, housing, and registration, the costs for a World Championship run spill well over $10,000. It's an unfortunate barrier of the sport that can snuff out certain talents such as Munns and Fineman's.

"Kids from families with modest means don't often make it to the bigger, more prestigious events. It isn't lack of talent or drive. They don't go because they don't have the money."

Instead of throwing in the towel (err, lowering the sail?) on their dreams, Micky and Michael decided to start a GoFundMe campaign to help finance their immediate future competitions.

As of the printing of this article, they've raised $3,335 of their $11,000 goal.

Although the boys feel the weight of expectations on their shoulders ("people are investing in our dream; we feel like we can't disappoint them") they'll be at ease once they're doing what they do best.

"As soon as we get on the water, all that will go away because we're confident in all the preparation we've done."

To donate to the Fineman and Munns sail team, please visit their GoFundMe: https://www.gofundme.com/I420campaign

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Gail Margaret Jackson Mackey



On December 30, 2017, our Dear Mom's body but, not her spirit, succumbed to age and illness.

She leaves behind her cherished daughters, Leslie Herwick and Stacy Hansen and wonderful grandchildren Amanda, Kate, Robert and Alec and many many lifelong friends.

She was a 40 year resident of Pacific Palisades but, was so proud of a childhood and upbringing in Santa Monica during a time when the town was a quiet, beachside community where everyone knew each other. She was so proud of being a descendant of the Jackson family, a long time pioneer Santa Monica family.

Mom loved to dance and socialize with her wonderful friends and had many happy times at the local casinos. She was a spirited, feisty, sentimental and generous grand lady. She is free, at rest and enjoying so much of what she was not able do recently.



DAVIES

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the Beach House might've been renovated for modern times, Happy Birthday, Marion still exudes that old-school Hollywood feel.

"Marion Davies and her beachside house are something from a bygone era," Constance Farrell, Santa Monica's Public Information Officer said in an email. "Coming to the Annenberg Community Beach House is both a step back in time and a community gathering space fit for this era."

Farrell says the event will celebrate both the rich history of the Beach House as well as the silent film star who once held court there, while also introducing party-goers to a slice of Santa Monica history and all you can do at the public space today. "It's now a tradition that many look forward to – dressing like silent screen stars of the Hollywood heyday and filling the plaza with music and dance. It's a perfect time to learn about Marion and her former home by taking a Santa Monica Conservancy tour."

Speaking at the event will be Davies' biographer Lara Fowler. Fowler describes Davies as a talented actress in both comedy and drama, but who's real passion came from her philanthropy.

"She had the means to give as much as her heart desired, and she thrived on making others happy," Fowler said. She describes Davies as a self-effacing Hollywood star, a rarity in the industry. Davies was someone "more at home in her slacks" than doing the usual Hollywood hustle and bustle. Although Davies' parties at the Annenberg were always noteworthy, the selfless Davies often threw them for others, a testament to her giving nature.

"I talk to people who knew Marion, the first words out of anyone's mouth are 'Marion was a wonderful woman,'" Fowler says. "I think she would be thrilled that the Beach House has turned into a community center. It's exactly what she would have wanted."

Events at the celebration will include entertainment from magician Tom Frank, music from LA Love Band, and dancers from Santa Monica's Arthur Murray Dance Studio. Producer Elaina Archer and Davies' biographer Lara Fowler will provide rare mementos and insights from Davies' life via an audience-led discussion.

The celebration is from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica. Parking is $3 per hour or $8 for the day. RSVP at (310) 458-4904 or HappyBirthdayMarion2018.eventbrite.com

For more about Lara Fowler and her biography on Marion Davies, visit laragfowler.com.

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MUDSLIDE

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town that has been under siege and subject to repeated evacuation orders in recent weeks, first because of a monster wildfire last month, then because of downpours and mudslides.

Cia Monroe said her family of four was lucky their home wasn't ruined and they were all healthy and safe, though her daughter lost one of her best friends.

But Monroe said it was stressful after evacuating three times during the wildfire to be packing up a fourth time and looking at spending up to $3,000 a week for a hotel.

"Financially that's a burden," she said.

A fleet of large trucks and heavy equipment rolled into town Thursday, and the forces on the ground swelled to more than 1,200 workers.

Five people remained missing Friday.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said residents who had stayed behind or tried to check on damage in neighborhoods where homes were leveled and car-size boulders and trees blocked roads and littered properties were hindering the recovery effort.

Brown expanded what was known as the exclusion zone to incorporate most of the town. That meant that even those who had stayed behind would have to leave and those who entered the zone would be subject to arrest.

While the town is best known as a getaway for the rich and famous — the median home price among current listings is more than $4 million — there are also working families living in modest houses and apartments.

With most utilities out of commission or about to be cut off, staying behind was not really an option for many.

Sarah Ettman's home was undamaged, and her section of town still had gas and electricity, even though nearby Romero Creek was choked with cars, trees and rocks.

Because she couldn't re-enter the area if she left, Ettman arranged to have groceries delivered to her at a police checkpoint. But with gas and power expected to be shut off Saturday, she said she would heed the order to leave.

"I mean you're losing all your basic health and sanitation services," she said. "When those go down, you have to leave."

Melley contributed from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Amanda Lee Myers, John Antczak, Michael Balsamo and Andrew Dalton in Los Angeles and Aron Ranen in Montecito contributed to this report.

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WATER TEMP: **61.3°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SW/S swell mix for exposures. Small windswell.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SW/S swell mix and traces of NW windswell.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program funds.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2018-19 Action Plan. The Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2015. The City will notice and hold another public hearing prior to adoption of the FY 2018-19 Action Plan.

Copies of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan are available on the web at http://www.smgov.net/ccs-grants, or you may request a hard copy from the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send any written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by January 22, 2018. You may also present your comments verbally at the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

The Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations please contact the Human Services Division.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON JANUARY 7, AT ABOUT 1:50 P.M.

While patrolling the area of 2100 block of Neilson Way officers saw a subject loitering near an office complex and acting suspiciously. Officers began to monitor the subject. Officers noticed the subject was attempting to break into the structure through a rear security gate. Officers saw the subject using a tool to force entry. When the subject turned towards the officers, officers immediately recognized the subject from prior encounters. The subject saw the officers and began to walk away. Officers detained the subject a short distance away. Officers noticed the metal screen to the property was pried open. Officers searched the subject and discovered various tools-screw drivers, wrench, multi-use tool and a syringe. The subject was taken into custody.
Paul Marquez Bautista, 39, homeless, was arrested for attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools; and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 364 Calls For Service On Jan. 11.

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

Drunk driving 2000 block Interstate 10 3:06 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block the beach 4:30 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block the beach 4:53 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 5:12 a.m.
Person with a gun 1400 block 4th 5:19 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 5:31 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 5:35 a.m.
Burglary 2800 block 4th 6:52 a.m.
Encampment 400 block Palisades Park 7:56 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block 3rd 8:08 a.m.
Battery 700 block Broadway 8:27 a.m.
Encampment 2800 block 2nd 8:34 a.m.
Vandalism 500 block Arizona 8:42 a.m.
Grand theft 2500 block Michigan 9:11 a.m.
Threats 500 block Olympic 9:34 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block Pico 9:42 a.m.
Encampment Appian / Pacific Ter 10:25 a.m.
Hit and run 1600 block 9th 10:53 a.m.
Speeding Cloverfield / Olympic 11:06 a.m.
Armed robbery 1500 block 2nd 11:15 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block 2nd 11:25 a.m.
Identity theft 500 block Olympic 11:26 a.m.
Encampment 900 block Pico 11:48 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Wilshire 12:03 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 12:14 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block 4th 12:25 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Berkeley 12:32 p.m.
Hit and run 2300 block 28th 12:33 p.m.
Fraud 300 block San Vicente 12:54 p.m.
Hit and run 2100 block Santa Monica 12:58 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Colorado 1:34 p.m.
Burglary 2900 block 31st 1:37 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 16th 3:08 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block Santa Monica Pier 3:14 p.m.
Fight 4th / Colorado 3:23 p.m.
Traffic collision 3400 block Airport 3:33 p.m.
Encampment 100 block Pacific 3:36 p.m.
Encampment 400 block Palisades Park 3:39 p.m.
Speeding Stewart / Olympic 3:48 p.m.
Indecent exposure 7th / Wilshire 3:56 p.m.
Battery 1600 block Wilshire 4:06 p.m.
Encampment 700 block Broadway 4:24 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 4:30 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block Arizona 4:40 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Delaware 4:43 p.m.
Grand theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 5:02 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 17th 5:07 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 5:26 p.m.
Prowler just 100 block Fraser 5:46 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 6th 5:55 p.m.
Out of order traffic lights Lincoln / Colorado 5:57 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 15th 6:02 p.m.
Encampment 1900 block 18th 6:23 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Pier 6:29 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 30 Calls For Service On Jan. 11.

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

Emergency Medical Service 2000 block Arizona 12:05 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000 block Wilshire 12:14 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean 12:58 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 2nd 2:27 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:34 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000 block Main 4:15 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 5:19 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3100 block 4th 7:34 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 7:44 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block Santa Monica 7:45 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:40 a.m.
EMS 700 block Pico 9:40 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 9:48 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Colorado 10:31 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 10:41 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 12:45 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Lincoln 1:08 p.m.
EMS 300 block Bay 1:35 p.m.
Public assist 1200 block 14th 2:00 p.m.
Elevator rescue 400 block Colorado 4:43 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 4:53 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 5:35 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 25th / Ocean Park 6:23 p.m.
EMS Main / Bay 6:41 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3300 block Barnard 7:20 p.m.
EMS 2900 block 31st 7:47 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:03 p.m.
EMS 700 block Wilshire 8:40 p.m.
Arcing wires 3rd / Strand 9:12 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 9:30 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 10:05 p.m.
EMS 900 block Pico 10:59 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Centinela 11:33 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/10
7 24 33 49 50
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 50M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/9
16 29 31 65 67
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 45M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/10
19 36 37 44 46
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 14M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/11
6 13 18 24 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/12
MIDDAY: 1 0 7
Draw Date: 1/11
EVENING: 8 7 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/11
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:45.91

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silver-tongued

1. persuasive; eloquent: a silver-tongued orator.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for corn, ground and boiled, is 21 pounds in 10 minutes, held by Patrick Bertoletti. By all accounts, it was a grits-y performance.

Doc Talk

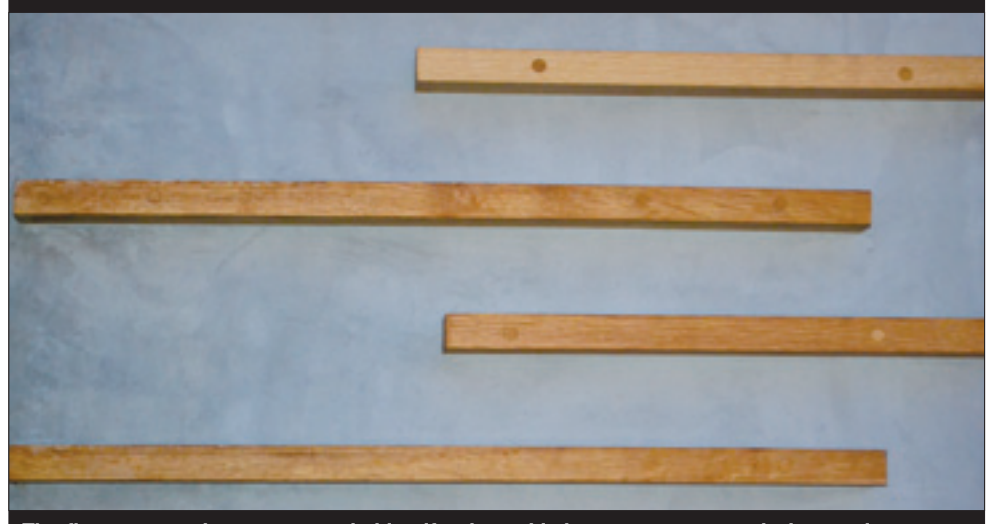
■ Hemiasomatognosia: A term describing a person who's had a stroke or other brain injury and, as a result, forgets about half of their body. In severe cases, they lose all concept of one side of the universe, so that "left" or "right" no longer exists.

Phobia of the Week

■ Climacophobia: Fear of the act of climbing

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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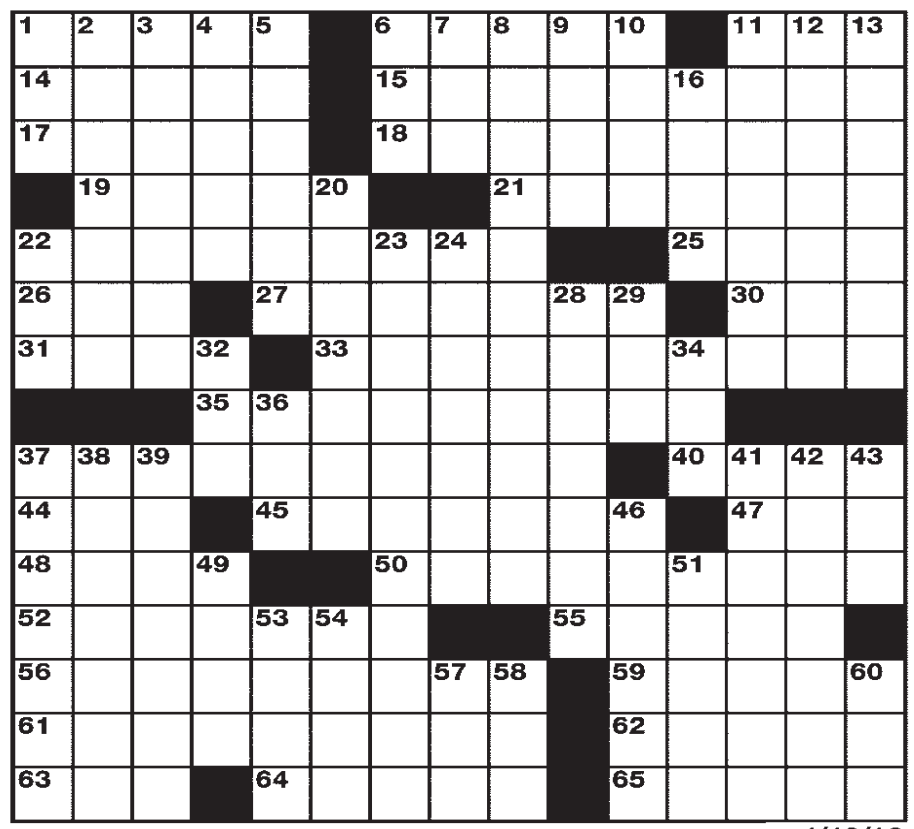
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Starter like endo-
6 Word on the spider variety list
11 One of a stack of checkers
14 Less likely to be forgiving
15 Minimally
17 Paper-clipped collection
18 Targets
19 "We create music" sloganeer
21 Put in position
22 Schools or orders
25 Rat pack?
26 USMA grad in Omar Bradley's class
27 Item for pool lounging
30 PD beat
31 __ director
33 South American dollar spender
35 Chipped plastic
37 Latter-day invasion
40 Shoot out
44 It might appear after a while
45 Firm face-lift
47 Floor supporter
48 Convulsive breath-catchings
50 Knocked out
52 Jumps all over
55 Fidelity
56 The multinational "Seven Sisters," in the '60s
59 What's captured in a period piece
61 Made like some dimmer switches
62 Dragonlike, in a way
63 East side of Athens
64 G7 member
65 Quailed back

DOWN
1 NASA's six-person orbiter
2 Cry that might precede a spill
3 Do things
4 Make a start, perhaps
5 Couple of pointers?
6 It may mean "Feed me!"
7 "Therefore speak __ them in parables": Matthew 13
8 Listing in a "Fanciers" registry
9 It's northwest of Provo
10 Persistently petty person
11 One of the Leeward Antilles
12 Cousins of plovers
13 Rochester-based brewery
16 Hamilton or Benjamin
20 Move rhythmically
22 State with the highest % of land held by the Forest Service
23 Messy suit, say
24 Menacing medieval band
28 How loose wires often end up
29 __ candy
32 Express disapproval
34 Script sources
36 Throw cold water on
37 Accepts an ingestion invitation
38 Antonym of "raptures"
39 Chevy Cavalier successors
41 Pasta served with peanuts
42 Something to see through
43 Fuse
46 Word from the Latin for "harshness"
49 Org. supporting Operation Baghdad Pups
51 Step on a quality scale
53 Only commonly edible rock
54 Certain doorway
57 Essence of *irrigation des plantes*
58 __.org (site with a Missionary Travel page)
60 Virgin Australia hub



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FLU

FROM PAGE 1

gency room this week after a bout with the flu was followed by pneumonia.

But an update out Friday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows patient traffic for flu is no longer skyrocketing the way it was in December.

"It looks like it's starting to level out," said the CDC's Lynnette Brammer, who oversees flu tracking.

Still, flu is unpredictable. "I don't know where it will end up," she added.

Many flu seasons don't really get going until around Christmas, and don't crescendo until February. That's how last year's flu season played out. This season got off to an early start and cases surged over the holidays.

Patients who went to the ER at Palomar Medical Center Escondido, north of San Diego, then had to wait as long as nine hours. The hospital this week took down a tent it used to handle the overflow but is still seeing a lot of patients with fevers, aches, chills and other flu symptoms.

"We're having to treat people in hallways, in chairs, wherever we have space," said Michelle Gunnett, the director of emergency services.

There's a tent in place at Kaweah Delta Medical Center in the Central California city of Visalia, where doctors this week have been pulling double and triple shifts to keep up.

"It's like a MASH unit," said Dr. Ed Hirsch, the hospital's chief medical officer.

In Chicago, paramedics have been forced to wait at ERs with patients for as long as two hours for an open spot. That means the ambulances can't be used for other calls, said Larry Langford, a spokesman for the city's fire department.

What had some people worried about this U.S. flu season was the bad season last year in Australia. That country was hit hard by a flu bug that's notorious for causing severe illness, and flu viruses spread around the world. Preliminary estimates suggested the vaccine barely worked there, and the U.S. was again facing the same H3N2 virus with the same flu shot.

That virus caused one of the worst U.S. flu seasons in recent years, 2014-15, when the vaccine was a poor match. It was back last winter but the vaccine was a better fit.

Health officials say this year's shot targets the strains that are making Americans sick, primarily H3N2. How well it is working won't be known until next month but it's expected to be better than the 10 percent Australia reported.

The report out Friday shows flu and pneumonia deaths crept up last week to push flu to an epidemic level. Flu reaches that threshold most winters, even during seasons that are not considered particularly bad.

Hospitalizations of the elderly are climbing. So far they're not shooting up quite like they did in 2014-2015, but health officials are watching the numbers closely.

The CDC estimates there are tens of thousands of deaths each year from flu and pneumonia.

One suburban San Diego case shows how serious the flu can be. Jennifer Burrough and her family didn't get flu shots this year after hearing reports that suggested it might not work very well this season.

Her 12-year-old son came home with the bug around the holidays, then her two youngest kids got sick and she did, too. They all recovered quickly. But her 48-year-old Navy veteran husband, Shawn Burrough, landed in the hospital. There, he had trouble breathing and his kidneys started shutting down. He was medically sedated and put on a breathing machine.

"We didn't figure it would be like this," said Jennifer Burrough. "You don't expect to wake up with sniffles and two days later find yourself in a medically induced coma. It was rapid, just rapid."

AP writers Julie Watson in San Diego, Paul Elias in San Francisco, Manuel Valdes in Seattle and Don Babwin in Chicago contributed to this report.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 13)

You're impressively capable. You'll attract people who are equal in this quality, as well as those who are seriously lacking in it. Team with the former; work for the latter. You'll rack up the good reviews and charge much more after August. Love will be lavished on you all year, though April and June will be especially romantic. Pisces and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 6, 44, 41 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

To craft a surprise for another person requires you to be thoughtful, clever, knowledgeable of the other person's rhythms and tendencies... Bottom line: To craft a surprise is a rather unforgettable act of love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

New friends are often acquired in a setting of common interest. That's why you help your chances along by following your curiosities and frequenting the places and topics that really do delight you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Some may know "just enough to be dangerous," but a lot of ignorance is really much more dangerous than a little knowledge. A factually accurate education will be the balm that helps all steer clear of danger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

There are so many strange paradoxes in the world to reconcile. You may fully buy in to two opposite beliefs today. It actually isn't that confusing as long as you don't think of them both at once.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You love someone, and you want to make that person happy. And yet, to surrender your own will to the approval and good opinion of another would make you a slave to love. True love is unbound.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Celebrating your accomplishment in some way is absolutely critical to the success cycle. It might not seem important to you, but do it anyway. Otherwise the cycle will be broken and ineffective in gaining momentum.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If even the powerful and rich cannot entirely control their own worlds, maybe freedom isn't really the ability to do whatever you want. Maybe it's the ability to accept whatever is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

If you're constantly afraid of falling out of favor, you're not in the right place. When you're among people who really get you, you don't have to second-guess your every move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

One way to turn the fortunes in your favor is to organize your world the way you want it. As in all other organizational efforts, decide on your primary aims first, and then figure out how you're going to support those ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A black hole isn't really a hole; rather, it's a magnificently dense object with enormous gravitational pull. Relatedly, there's something in your life that you once thought of as empty space that is actually loaded with power.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll give yourself fully to those closest to you, so you really need to make sure that your inner circle includes people you can count on to understand you. This is one of the cornerstones of your well-being.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

There's no time to wait around for people to make their minds up. You know what you want, so start moving. The high value you place on your time and energy will inspire others to value it, too.

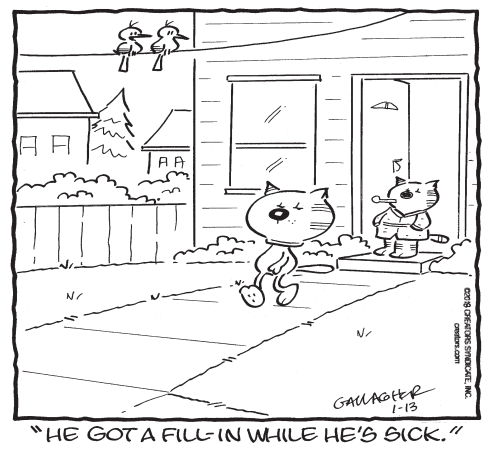
Mercury and Saturn Reveal Character

Personalities can change with the season, but character isn't so easily altered. It's fortified through choices over time. It's too deep in the core of a person to be swayed by passing circumstance. We'll be learning one another's character and building our own during this alignment of Mercury and Saturn. Pay attention.

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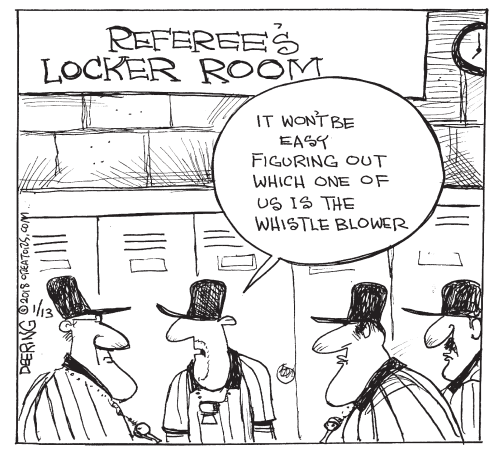
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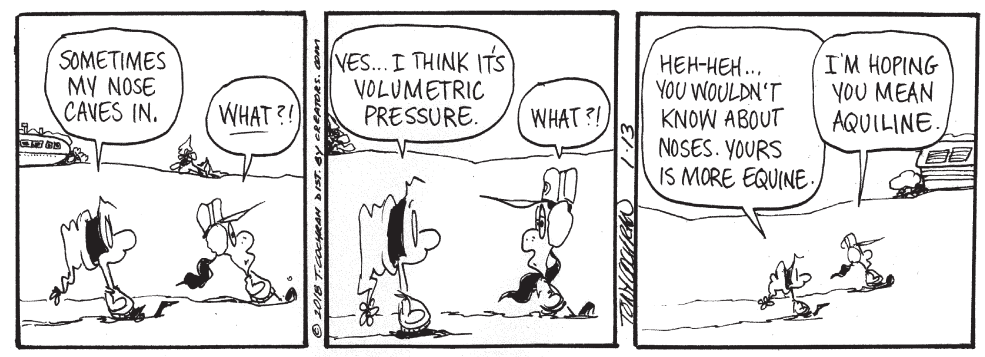
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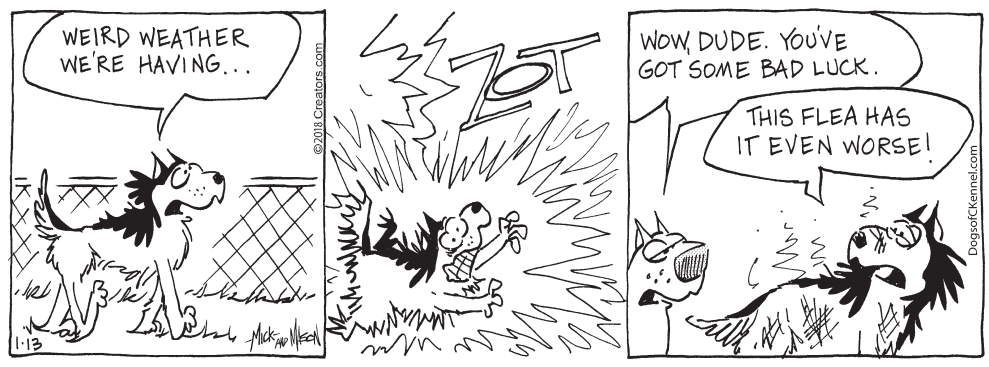
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2 very **simple** questions for Heal the Bay

1) Do you agree that the proposal to construct a three-story, special interest parking garage in our **public** **Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve is highly inappropriate** and should be rejected? *[page 219 of draft impact report]*

2) Do you agree that employees of private businesses across the street from the reserve should no longer be allowed to park inside the ecological reserve so that existing paved areas can be restored to **wildlife habitat**?



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Heal the Bay has had over 100 days to review the draft restoration plans and to clearly state your positions on these issues, but you've offered nothing but extended silence followed by empty platitudes. Those who care about this critical ecosystem expect and deserve **straight answers** from you now.
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While the draft restoration plan is thousands of pages, we long ago directed your attention to the handful of pages relating to the proposed parking garage. Further, your Executive Director played a central role in developing these plans during her tenure with the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. There is no credible excuse for your continued refusal to stand up for nature on this issue.

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We are now concerned that your loyalty to a state agency that has provided millions of dollars of grant funds to you may be clouding your environmental judgement. Heal the Bay is well aware that commercial interests are behind the existing parking area and proposed garage, yet you've continued to falsely imply that this parking is needed for public access to the reserve. It is long past time for this greenwashing to end.

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