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THE **TURN OFF YOUR HOSE** ISSUE

Penalties coming for water wasters in August

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Call a plumber.

Water users who fail to cut their consumption over their 2013 totals will start seeing penalties on their bill in August.

The ordinance, which was finalized unanimously by City Council on Tuesday night and is meant to address the current drought, is unrelated to the proposed water rate increases, which council will consider finalizing in February.

Businesses and residents will be expected to lower their consumption by 20 percent over their 2013 usage. Residents who were already doing a good job saving water in 2013 will be protected, in theory, by a threshold. Residents of single-family homes that use fewer than 16,450 gallons every two months won't have to worry about their 2013 totals. The same is true of multi-family residents using fewer than 8,225 gallons.

Currently, 80 percent of multi-family users and 42 percent of single-family users are falling below those thresholds.

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STAGE 2 DROUGHT PENALTIES

Courtesy art

	Jan	Mar	May	Jul	Sep	Nov
Water Use Allowance	22 HCF	22 HCF	22 HCF	24 HCF	27 HCF	22 HCF
Water Usage:	17 HCF	23 HCF	33 HCF	37 HCF	29 HCF	23 HCF
Usage Beyond Budget:	0 HCF	1 HCF	11 HCF	13 HCF	2 HCF	1 HCF
Water Charges:	$46.25	$68.75	$106.25	$121.25	$91.25	$68.75
Penalty:	$0.00	$10.00	$106.25	$121.25	$20.00	$10.00
Total Charges:	$46.25	$78.75	$212.50	$242.50	$111.25	$78.75

1. Average single-family water customer.

	Jan	Mar	May	Jul	Sep	Nov
Water Use Allowance	88 HCF	92 HCF	119 HCF	113 HCF	88 HCF	88 HCF
Water Usage:	107 HCF	99 HCF	125 HCF	114 HCF	111 HCF	117 HCF
Usage Beyond Budget:	19 HCF	7 HCF	6 HCF	1 HCF	23 HCF	29 HCF
Water Charges:	$426.70	$381.74	$527.86	$466.04	$449.18	$482.90
Penalty:	$190.00	$70.00	$60.00	$10.00	$230.00	$290.00
Total Charges:	$616.70	$451.74	$587.86	$476.04	$679.18	$772.90

2. Average multi-family water customer (8 units).

	Jan	Mar	May	Jul	Sep	Nov
Water Use Allowance	150 HCF	131 HCF	144 HCF	128 HCF	147 HCF	120 HCF
Water Usage:	157 HCF	151 HCF	160 HCF	160 HCF	149 HCF	134 HCF
Usage Beyond Budget:	7 HCF	20 HCF	16 HCF	32 HCF	2 HCF	14 HCF
Water Charges:	$560.49	$539.07	$571.20	$571.20	$531.93	$478.38
Penalty:	$70.00	$200.00	$160.00	$320.00	$20.00	$140.00
Total Charges:	$630.49	$739.07	$731.20	$891.20	$551.93	$618.38

3. Average commercial water customer (1 1/2" meter).

Council backs SMC's bachelor's degree plan



Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

4 YEARS?: SMC wants to offer a four-year degree and city officials support the plan.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council is supportive of Santa Monica College's plan to offer a four-year bachelor's degree.

The degree would be in interactive design and will require approval from the office of Brice W. Harris, chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

In September, Gov. Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 850, which authorizes a pilot program allowing up to 15 different community college districts to offer one baccalaureate degree in fields such as technology, health and science.

Santa Monica College submitted its request last year. The colleges are expected to be selected this month.

Council voted unanimously to support SMC's plan Tuesday night — a gesture that has no official impact.

The interactive design degree, also called User Experience Design, is a response to

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Samohi girls eye title repeat

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI For a few seconds after the Santa Monica girls water polo team's game Tuesday afternoon, the scoreboard displayed an improbable result of 100-2.

The score wasn't correct, but it seemed like it could have been.

After facing numerous top-tier squads in a challenging preseason slate, the Vikings sent a powerful message with their dominant 18-2 drubbing of Torrance to open

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Citibank robbed by note-bearer

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVE The Citibank on Montana Avenue at 15th Street was robbed by a man with a note on Wednesday morning.

Police are looking for heavy-set man wearing a burgundy jacket who got an undetermined amount of money from a teller, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

No weapon was seen. The suspect ran north on 15th Street and out of sight at about 11:10 a.m.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

January 15

Emeritus College art exhibit
Emeritus College Art Gallery
1227 2nd St 5 - 6:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Emeritus Art Gallery will present a retrospective exhibition of representational work by contemporary California artist Freddie Manseau. The event will be held at the Emeritus College Art Gallery, 1227 2nd St., from Jan.15 - Feb. 25. The opening night reception is Thursday, Jan. 15 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Miss Dakota's Gypsy Rose
Harvelle's Blues Club
1432 4th Street
Doors Open at 8 p.m.
Show begins at 10 p.m.
Miss Dakota's Gypsy Rose is a full dance production that infuses Classic Burlesque with Latin, Ballet, Cabaret, and Aerial influences starring Miss Dakota along side a bevy of professional dancers, specialty acts, and surprise guests. Three acts. Not suitable for children.
Admission: $20-$40

Rent Control Board Meeting
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
6 p.m.
Visit http://www.smgov.net/rentcontrol for more information.

Recreation and Parks Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7:30 p.m.
Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission. Visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31987 for more information.

Housing Commission Meeting
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information.

Yoga for 50+
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 2 .m.
Certified Yoga Therapist Bea Ammidown from the YogAbility Institute leads participants in a series of chair yoga poses through live demonstration and a DVD screening. Q&A to follow. (60 min.)

Perfumery Workshop & Excursion
1450 Ocean
6 - 10 p.m.
Back by popular demand, our exclusive Aromatic Excursion events with the Institute for Art & Olfaction are a treat for the senses! Tour the famous Santa Monica Pier with perfumer Saskia Wilson-Brown and friends, clandestinely investigating the scents from Pier attractions, restaurants and the surrounding seascape. Call (310) 458-2239, email communityclasses@smgov.net or visit http://ow.ly/oZGSg for registration information.

Pico Branch Book Group
Pico Branch library
2201 Pico Blvd. 7 - 8 p.m.
January's selection is The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion. An international sensation, this hilarious, feel-good novel is narrated by an oddly charming and socially challenged genetics professor on an unusual quest: to find out if he is capable of true love.

January 16

WISE & Healthy Aging: Volunteer Orientation
Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th St.
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Apply your skills as a volunteer at WISE & Healthy Aging. Information will be provided on volunteer roles and responsibilities; and how to best provide support for older adults. To register, contact Erica Simunovic at (310) 394-9871, ext. 552 or esimunovic@wiseandhealthyaging.org

Cheese tasting
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place

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SMC
FROM PAGE 1

Santa Monica College's location in the midst of Southern California's booming tech scene.

"There are thousands of jobs available in this emerging and rapidly evolving field in LA County alone for individuals with an 'interaction design' skills set, focused on how to balance functionality and aesthetics into something that works for the end user in the digital world," city officials said in a report to council.

One stipulation of the bill, city officials said, is that the program can't duplicate degrees already available at the University of California or California State University.

"Only two private universities in California — Art Center College of Design and California College of the Arts — offer a bachelor's level degree in this new field of interaction design," city officials said. "The programs at these two universities cost around $40,000 per year. If approved by the California Community College's Board of Governors, a student could earn a degree at SMC at a cost of just over $10,000 for the entire program."

If selected, the college would have to have the program up and running by at least the 2017-18 academic year, but SMC officials want it started by the fall of this year, city officials said.

The law sunsets after the 2022-23 school year, they said, after which the government could renew it pending two positive reviews from the Legislative Analyst's Office.

"SMC has robust certificate programs in both graphic and web design with a large number of students enrolled in the lower division core courses of the proposed degree," city officials said. "The college has the facilities and resources needed to offer this degree — including the Academy of Entertainment and Technology — highly qualified faculty with industry expertise and strong involvement from the local tech industry. SMC is the only Southern California community college district to propose a degree in the area of Information Technology."

Interaction design is an emerging field with great need for workers in Los Angeles, Santa Monica College officials said in a release.

"Interaction or user experience designers shape mostly digital things for people's use — they can be described as a combination of designer, user experience researcher, and creative technologist," they said in the release. "Prominent examples of interaction design in action: Facebook 'timeline', Pinterest, Instagram photo-sharing app."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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What's in a name?
Editor:

I don't believe that naming the Santa Monica bike share program is the most pressing issue regarding this boondoggle. First and foremost, simple math indicates the possible $10.4 million cost to implement the program is enough money to buy at least 26,000 very good bicycles and give one to everyone who has any desire to ride the streets of Santa Monica. Second, the Jan. 11 New York Times has an article about the city of Montreal's bike share program that ended up costing the city $25 million. Is Santa Monica that much smarter than Montreal?

Jack Schwellenbach
Santa Monica

LISTINGS
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11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Cheeses of Europe brings its savory range of cheeses to Santa Monica Place. Hosted by the French Cheese Board, the tasting will feature more than 15 types of European cheese samples from France. In addition, the event will include a photo exhibit showcasing sexy ladies who love cheese (Les Filles à Fromages), visuals from the newly launched "Make it Magnifique" communications campaign, and cheeses for sale at discovery prices.

Friday family movie: Planes - fire & rescue
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Championship air-racer Dusty Crophopper begins an exciting new career fighting forest fires.

Main Library Docent Tours
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time.

January 17

Devan Sagliani signs Zombie Attack
Barnes & Noble Santa Monica
1201 3rd Street Promenade
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Pushcart Prize-nominated horror author Devan Sagliani signs the bind-up edition of his bestselling Zombie Attack.

God of Carnage
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd
Fridays & Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m.
A playground altercation between eleven-year-old boys brings together two sets of Brooklyn parents for a meeting to resolve the matter. At first, diplomatic niceties are observed, but as the meeting progresses, and the rum flows, tensions emerge and the gloves come off, leaving the couples with more than just their liberal principles in tatters. Admission: $20, Senior; Student $18

Beach ultimate frisbee tournament
Beach north of the Pier
Lei-Out is a competitive, mixed Beach Ultimate tournament taking place each January. The tournament attracts elite players and top beach teams from all over the world but still offers a range of competition for all.

Art opening reception
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave.
3 - 6 p.m.
Join organizers to celebrate the opening of Brian Weil, 1979-95: Being in the World and Moshe Ninio Rainbow: Rug. From 3 to 4 p.m., Guest curator Stamatina Gregory and visual literacy pioneer Philip Yenawine lead a walk-through of Brian Weil, 1979-95: Being in the World, carving out a space for engagement and discussion within a body of work that, by design, complicates the relationship between photographer, subject, and viewer.

Annual MLK Concert
SGI Auditorium
525 Wilshire Blvd. 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King with the MLK Westside Coalition and the Santa Monica Symphony. The annual MLK weekend concert features both classical and traditional works of African American composers and performers.

Making natural calligraphy inks with Bjo Trimble
1450 Ocean
1 - 4 p.m.
Learn to make calligraphy ink with natural materials, in a centuries-old tradition. The medieval art of calligraphy required a reasonably permanent flowing ink, especially for religious works, financial records, and other valuable information, and scribes used colored inks for ornamental initials, fancy designs or line drawings in the margins. Cost: $25 + $15 cash material fee to instructor. View and Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239.

Cyanotype Photographs
1450 Ocean
1-4 p.m.
Cyanotype is an alternative photographic process that renders a deep blue exposure on most absorbent materials. It is a durable, adaptable, inexpensive, and Do-It-Yourself method of analog photo-processing: requiring only water, two chemicals, and anything that casts a shadow. View and Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239. Cost: $5.

What's the Story writing
1450 Ocean
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Stacie Chaiken brings her long-running and much-beloved storytelling workshop What's the Story? to 1450 Ocean. View and Register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239.

SAT full length practice test
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
10 a.m.
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Culture Watch

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BITS N' BOBS

YOU WON'T NEED THE EXPO LINE JUST YET — there's so much going on in Santa Monica (and nearby) this weekend!

"The Memory of Water," winner of the prestigious British Olivier Award for Best Comedy, was a hit on London's West End. Now it's onstage at the tricky-to-find Promenade Playhouse, 1404 Third Street Promenade.

Shelagh Stephenson's dark comedy, adapted on film as "Before You Leave," features three sisters — paranoid Mary, uptight Teresa, and strung-out bratty Catherine — who have returned home to the north of England for their mother's funeral, setting the stage for hilarious sibling jealousies, witty bickering, and doped-up soul searching. Their mother's ghost appears, too. Each sister holds distinct memories of their childhood, each has a unique perspective on what these memories mean. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through Feb. 15, tickets at https://www.plays411.com/memoryofwater.

FIRESIDE AT THE MILES

The 6th annual season of Fireside at The Miles opens on Saturday. These multi-disciplinary performances take place at the beautiful Miles Memorial Playhouse with hearth-side performances ranging from jazz, comedy, storytelling, dance, poetry, beat boxing, to a capella singing and more.

Starting this Saturday, Jan. 17, the Los Angeles Flute Orchestra opens the season. For the following five weeks on both Fridays and Saturdays, enjoy the humor of Joe Hernandez-Kolski, the best stories from the SHINE Storytelling series, The Poree Family Reunion Jazz Concert, Hart Pulse Dance company and more.

Pricing is modest and seating is limited. Visit www.milesplayhouse.org, call (310) 458-8634 or email MilesPlayhouse@SMGov.net for reservations.

CELEBRITY BUBBLES AT EDGEMAR

The Frank Gehry-designed Edgemar Center for the Arts on Main Street boasts a hearty theatrical, film and dramatic arts teaching program, as well as art shows in its gallery.

Still onstage is Henry Jaglom's "Train to Zakopane," which will now be enhanced by "Portraits," an exhibition of celebrity photos by Robert G. Zuckerman opening on Sunday, Jan. 18.

Zuckerman is renowned for photographs that publicize such TV shows as "American Horror Story" and "Justified," films like "Flight" and "Transformers" and such iconic magazines as Vanity Fair and Paris Match ... not to mention the album covers he's produced for major labels.

Portraits include Morgan Freeman, Heavy D, John Turturro, David Bowie, Will Smith, Faye Dunaway, Arnold Schwarzenegger with Bill Clinton, Kate Winslet, Marcello Mastroianni, Al Pacino, Jeff Goldblum, Roy Lichtenstein and more. Portions of sale proceeds will be donated to two non-profit organizations, Hope N Carry Project, which provides cameras and mentoring to at-risk youth, and the Adult Polyglucosan Body Disease Research Foundation.

Images are on view this Sunday through the end of April.

But that's not all! Have you ever seen a square bubble? Or a spaceship inside a bubble? Or a volcano inside a bubble? Have you ever personally stood inside a human-sized bubble?

Prepare to be amused and aghast at the artistry and skill of the master of the secret soapy formula. Louis Pearl, the Amazing Bubble Man returns to Santa Monica for six performances only this weekend. Book fast! These shows usually sell out!

I know whereof I speak: I've been to Louis's shows and have been entertained by him at a private party — so I speak from the heart about the amazingness of these bubbles and Louis himself, who makes big fun for adults and kids.

There are three daytime performances on Jan. 17 and again on Jan. 18. Edgemar is located at 2437 Main St., for details and tickets call (310) 399-3666 or visit edgemar.org.



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MLK DAY: **The Santa Monica Symphony will perform in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 17.**

CLASSICAL CONCERTS

In collaboration with The MLK Westside Coalition, Santa Monica Symphony honors Dr. Martin Luther King's life and legacy with a special concert on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the SGI Auditorium.

All of Santa Monica Symphony's concerts are free and this one will be rich in works by African American composers and some of Dr. King's favorite songs, including "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," and "Lift Every Voice and Sing," plus an audience singalong of "We Shall Overcome," enhanced by the voices of special guest recording artist Niki J Crawford and The Ward AME Church Choir.

The SGI Auditorium is located at 525 Wilshire Blvd. Seating is open but get there early; concerts are tremendously popular and people have been turned away once capacity is reached. Visit http://www.smsymphony.org for details.

And Orchestra Santa Monica is moving to beautiful new digs, The Moss Theatre on the campus of New Roads School. To celebrate they're presenting an All Mozart almost-birthday concert this Sunday, Jan. 18 at 3:30 p.m.

One of Mozart's most dramatic symphonies, No. 40 in G Minor and the A Major Symphony No. 29 are featured, as is OSM's Principal Oboist, Catherine Del Russo in the Oboe Concerto in C.

Get tickets and info at www.orchestrasantamonica.org, including senior and student discounts.

CULTURE CLASH REDUX

The sharp-edged, socially conscious vaudevillian humor of L.A.'s powerhouse Latino theatre group, Culture Clash, will be on display at a newly reworked edition of their classic production "Chavez Ravine."

Lisa Peterson, who directed the world premiere in 2003 at Mark Taper Forum, is back again directing original Culture Clash members Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Siguenza in this revised performance, opening at The Kirk Douglas Theatre in Culver City on Feb. 4.

Culture Clash examines the constantly changing landscape of urban Los Angeles. "Chavez Ravine" recalls the uprooting of a small, tightly-knit neighborhood to build what was initially proposed to be a low-income housing project but ultimately became Dodger Stadium.

The company is celebrating its 30th anniversary with this production, which also features new material and music by the Rodarte Brothers and others. Find out more at www.CenterTheatreGroup.org. The Kirk Douglas Theatre is at 9820 Washington Blvd. in Culver City. Performances run through March 1.

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Play Time

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If it isn't war, it's a bore

IN THE SUMMER AFTER SHE GRADUATED from college, my daughter Dena volunteered for a short stint with the Israel Defense Force. She was posted to a naval base outside Haifa, but because she didn't speak Hebrew she was assigned to applying bright red paint to the curbs on the edge of the sidewalks of the base so that nobody would dare to park there. And in the afternoon she went to the beach.

I couldn't help thinking of this as I watched Talya Lavie's brilliant new film "Zero Motivation." The biggest hit of the year in Israel, nominated for 12 Ophirs, the Israeli equivalent of American Oscars, and named the Best Narrative Feature Award at the Tribeca Film Festival, "Zero Motivation" is a wry and poignant look at the tedious work done by the women behind the lines.

Way behind the lines. The movie is set at a small military base a million miles from nowhere, with nothing around in the bleak southern desert but the distant mountains, some dried-out flora, and a lone camel. Even the color-saturated photography can't make these surroundings appealing.

Stuffed into a crowded, seedy office are five young women serving their mandatory two-year term in the military. They are the staff of the Human Resources Office, and each one has an official title that is more nonsensical than the last. For example, Daffi, our ditzy heroine, brightly played by Nelly Tagar, has a high-falutin title that identifies her as the office's commander in chief in charge of document shredding.

Daffi's best friend, Zohar (a tough, mean-spirited kibbutznick played by Dana Ivgy), willfully promotes havoc when she isn't being mesmerized by the games on her computer. Or dying of boredom.

As writer/director Lavie has explained, "Israeli women may of course serve in more glamorous roles … but I wanted to focus on us office girls, the unseen and mostly-ignored majority whose contribution is lacking any social or symbolic value." (See my daughter's job description, above.)

But they have their dreams. Daffi is obsessed with trying to get posted to Tel Aviv, but she is thwarted at every turn. Zohar is humiliated by being the only woman she knows who is still a virgin. And Rama (Shani Klein) their platoon commander who aspires to be promoted and have a significant military career, has two things working against her: she is useless as a commander, and Zohar and Daffi keep screwing things up.

The story is told in a straightforward style, moving through life in chronological order. No flashbacks or sudden surprises. But Lavie has divided the action into three distinct vignettes. The first is about a new recruit whom Daffi latches onto, insisting that the girl is meant to be her replacement when she (Daffi) transfers to Tel Aviv. But the girl has an agenda of her own which leads to tragedy.

In the second episode Zohar decides to do something about her virginity and she approaches a young man who is happily obliging. It's a hilarious episode, but it also ends badly.

Having followed the women through their enlistment, the film ends with their return to the rest of their lives. Each receives her appropriate desserts, but Daffi, with her relentless determination to be transferred to Tel Aviv, transforms herself, almost inadvertently, into something she neither anticipated nor particularly craved: a professional soldier in the IDF.

"Zero Motivation" is a beautifully realized film. Most definitely a "must see" movie. It makes its Los Angeles debut at the Nuart Theater, 11272 Santa Monica Blvd., in West Los Angeles, on Jan. 16.

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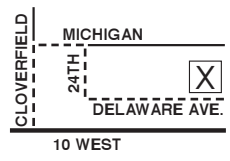


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I Had a Dream Once, Too

I sat down to write this to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. I like to be decisive and to the point. But as I began to type, the sentences started to come out in rhyme. I was surprised, and I know this is a little unorthodox, but I decided to go with it. Because at the end of the day, the only worthwhile thing I can really offer to you, our readers, is my authenticity. So, here are the YWCA's more lyrical — but no less intentional — thoughts.

I've been thinking about something.
You know, I had a dream once, too.
I was a child,
so my memory is clouded,
(and I haven't thought about it)
but I remember it had stars — and I was a star.
And then something — I think it was a Someone —
shook me awake
(the earth really did shake)
and I saw that I was Small.
Have you ever had an unfamiliar thought?
Before the earthquake, I wasn't taught
that I was Small.
But I put it on —
I put the thought on —
awkwardly,
like an ugly coat that's too big in the shoulders.
I didn't like how it fit,
(it was heavy, you know?)
but I kept it on
and I grew into it.
And you know what's crazy?
Now I can't imagine taking it off.
Because even thinking about taking it off —
this coat I now hold dear —
makes me feel really uncomfortable.
And I've spent many years
(I can show you my résumé)
building up a fort of little comforts.
It's been growing beautifully,
like my shoulders into the seams,
but funny thing — I still feel very Small.
And can I tell you something?
I'm so scared to have another bad dream.
So on famous days with great names,
I look at stars like Martin Luther King, Jr.
and think, wow, good for him.
What an extraordinary man.
It's too bad I'm sitting on a scale,
between 'Painfully Average'
and 'Slightly Better Than.'
But, listen, sometimes
it's better to have conservative thoughts —
did you hear how he got shot
because he had a dream?
And anyway,
we don't all have to be great stars.
Maybe my life will just be about my
Good career,
Good husband,
and Good car.
I'll even do Good community service.
And that's good, isn't it?
But I have to admit,
(and this is just between you and me)
I noticed something recently.
I've been stuffing more money into my account,
more lines into my résumé,
ups and downs, Likes and Shares,
and yet the best I ever feel is
"Almost There."
Do you know what I mean?
And I've been thinking:
You know, one day,
I'm going to die.
And when I die,
I wonder if I'll wonder,
did I get There?
Was my Small life everything I hoped it would be?
And then something really weird occurs to me:
What if I just spent a quarter of my life
living like I'm Small,
but you know, only someone Tall
could build the walls
to my big fort.
Isn't that a scary thought?
I don't usually dwell on it for too long,
(because it makes me feel like I'm in the Matrix)
but lately,
I guess,
I have been dwelling.
Maybe because the world we dwell in
is finally starting to scare me
more than a bad dream.
Anyway,
This all probably sounds crazy to you,
I'm sure all your dreams are coming true.
But I just can't shake it.
And I keep hearing God say,
"Who told you you were naked?"
And I don't know how to answer.
Because I think I know who it was —
that Someone, you remember?
But it's not that Someone's voice that I recall,
telling me I'm Small.
It's just my own.
So you can see how confusing that is.
It really makes you wonder who you are,
if your voice sounds just like his.
And then the strangest thought of all:
I wonder, did my Someone
have his own Someone, who told
my Someone that he was Small?
(This is what I mean,
we're in the Matrix again.)
But I think now I see the bottom line:
If my Someone sounds
just like his Someone,
who sounds just like mine,
it's stupid to listen to any voice that defines
me as Small.
And does it make any sense at all
to spend any more time
blaming Someone for my Small life?
Because if my shoulders are now big enough
to build a fort of comfort,
maybe they're big enough to knock it down
and support the weight of a dream.
And just thinking like that, I already see
how everything just "seems,"
and how Tall I must be.
But, man.
It's been so long since I've dreamed,
I can't think of anything better than
this one: 'Become famous,'
or this one: 'Be on a screen.'
And then I remember Martin Luther King,
and how the reel of his dream
had more actors in it than just him.
So I think it can be done.
And if I'm going to have a dream,
I may as well make it a great one,
filled with stars.
Because when we recognize ourselves
in other faces,
our world transforms into a place
where we're all Someone telling Someone,
"You are Tall. "
I think they have a name for that — Naïve?
Well, if it's romantic to believe
that the more stars you light,
the brighter your night,
then I guess Romance will be my genre.
And then my life will be filled with Love.
And Freedom.
Bursting at the seams.
This is what it means to die a king.
"I have a dream."
I have a dream.

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WATER
FROM PAGE 1

Business won't have a threshold — they'll be expected to hit the 20 percent reduction — in part because, given the diversity of businesses in the city, it would be too complicated to develop a reasonable threshold, Dean Kubani, manager of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment told council on Tuesday.

Still, both businesses and residents can apply for a waiver — allowing them to reduce less than 20 percent without getting hit by penalties — if they can prove they've done everything they can to save water, including the installation of efficient toilets and shower heads.

The proposed penalty would be $10 for every hundred cubic feet (748 gallons) of water used over the allowance per billing period. Customers who break the allowance more than seven times in a row could be required to have a flow restrictor installed and may be hit with a $10,000 civil penalty.

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich expressed concern over the idea that users who consumed more water in 2013 will have higher allowances than those who worked to save water.

"Doesn't the way that this program is working reward people who are really wasting a lot of water?" she asked Kubani.

"We could set everything the same for everybody," Kubani said. "I think if we tried to do that we may have 500 people here tonight to speak about it. We're trying to achieve a 20 percent reduction in water use and by asking everybody to achieve a 20 percent reduction in water use, that's the way we're proposing to do it. I think there are different ways that you can do it but this seems to be pretty equitable."

Councilmembers pointed out that a resident could have gone on vacation for two months in 2013 and therefore have allowances that would be near-impossible to achieve. Kubani said that these residents could apply for a waiver.

Many residents, particularly those of single-family homes, said that the allowances were too burdensome and that the ordinance was too much stick without enough carrot. Single-family homes use a quarter of the city's water and half of that water is used on landscaping, city officials have said in the past.

City officials cited numerous carrots, including a free water audit — which helps residents and businesses figure out where their water is being wasted — and rebates for residents and businesses who buy drought-resistant landscaping or rain barrels.

"We're obviously in a very serious drought and we need to do something and I know there was some discussion about perhaps postponing the implementation of what someone called the sticks versus the carrot," said Councilmember Gleam Davis. "And the problem, of course, is that if we do that we will have months and months and months where our water usage probably won't be reduced as much as we would like."

Starting in April, water users will start seeing hypothetical penalties on their water bills. The actual penalties won't start hitting until August.

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ON JANUARY 10 AT ABOUT 2:50 A.M.

the victim and his friend bought some food from the Jack-in-the-Box restaurant at Lincoln Blvd and Santa Monica. After picking up their food and heading out the door, the victim realized his order was wrong and went back inside to have it corrected. Before speaking with the cashier, the victim set his cell phone down on a nearby table in the dining area. A few minutes later, the victim's friend saw the suspect, who had been inside the restaurant as well; take the phone off the table and walk out the door with it.

After being told what happened, the victim stepped outside to confront the suspect and ask him to give the phone back. The suspect pulled a machete out of his backpack instead and told the men to back off. The suspect then started walking away, but the victim and his friend followed him, while also calling the police. Officers caught up to the suspect shortly afterward and detained him, then located the phone in a nearby alley after the suspect told them he threw it away. The machete was also recovered, so the suspect was placed into custody and taken to the Santa Monica jail. Jerry Carmel Maxwell, 35, of transient was charged with armed robbery and had bail set at $117,500.

ON JANUARY 7, AT ABOUT 5:08 P.M.

Officers were called to Stewart Park by a park ranger who had been flagged down by witnesses to an attempted burglary to a storage shed at that location. Witnesses reported seeing the subjects, a group of five, standing near the shed. One of the suspects, later identified as Raul Corcio, was seen pushing on the shed door, and then using a large stick to try and pry it open. The others appeared to be acting as lookouts. When one of the witnesses saw the park ranger, he flagged him down and pointed out the subjects. The park ranger broadcast a description of the burglars and a direction of travel. The first set of responding officers located the suspects nearby, in the 2200 block of Stewart Street. Corcio was positively identified as the subject trying to pry open the shed door; another of the group, Benjamin Nunez, was identified as a lookout. Both were arrested for attempted burglary and transported to the Santa Monica jail for booking. Additionally, Corcio was in possession of a pair of black gloves (frequently used by burglars to avoid leaving fingerprints. Corcio, 24, of Santa Monica, was charged with burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime, a gang enhancement and a parole violation. He was denied bail. Benjamin Nunez, 19, of Santa Monica, was charged with burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime and a gang enhancement. His bail was set at $60,000.

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THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
New/primary WNW swell fills in further and peaks; Strongest overall at winter magnets to the far west/north; Small/secondary SSW swell holds; Occasional crossed up peaks at combo exposed

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
BIGGEST EARLY; Primary/easing WNW swell; Strongest overall at winter magnets to the far west/north; Small/secondary SSW swell eases; Occasional crossed up peaks at combo exposed

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Mix of old/easing WNW swell and new/building WNW swell; Minor/easing SSW swell; Strongest overall at winter magnets to the far west/north

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
WNW swell holds; SSW traces; Strongest at winter magnets to the far west/north

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 38

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los 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).	A+	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 24572 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.	B	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	F
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	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
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+	D
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.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection at 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.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW 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+

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POLO
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conference play at Drake Pool.

It was the beginning of a title defense for Samohi (10-10, 1-0 in the Ocean League), which went undefeated in the regular season last year. The squad reached the CIF Division 6 quarterfinals before bowing to Yorba Linda.

If the Vikings make another run in the state playoffs, they'll do it without several graduated seniors and with a small roster that won't be able to rely on size or strength.

They learned during their non-conference schedule, which included a lopsided 13-3 tournament loss to Lake Forest-El Toro, that speed and smarts are their strong suits.

"We've had to rebuild a bit, but we did pretty well against some pretty good teams," coach Matt Flanders said. "We could've won a few more, but the whole goal of the preseason for us is to improve and get the experience with the physicality of play."

That experience showed Tuesday.

Samohi overwhelmed Torrance, notching four goals in the opening quarter en route to scoring the first seven points of the game and building up a 9-2 halftime advantage.

Standout seniors Daniella Melamed and Caoimhe Whitebloom each tallied five goals to lead the Vikings, junior Olivia Allen added four and Allissa Hattori chipped in two. Also scoring were sophomores Audrey Hattori and Kalen Lehmann.

Samohi was also impressive on defensive, stifling the Tartars and repeatedly forcing turnovers. The visitors didn't score a single goal in the second half and had trouble linking passes when the Vikings applied pressure.

Playing with a lead comes with its own set of problems, though.

"When we get high scores like that, we can't just be like, 'Oh, we're winning,'" said senior Sierra Kelly, who split time at goalkeeper with sophomore Amalie Lueng-Solli. "Flanders told us after the game that we need one mode, and that's 'kill.' We want to be beasts."

Samohi had plenty of beastly moments against Torrance. In the first quarter, Allen scored from the left side with a powerful strike on goal. In the second period, Whitebloom stole the ball and threw a perfectly placed long pass to Melamed, who found the back of the net. After halftime, the Vikings demonstrated improved ball movement while keeping the Tartars at bay.

Even against inferior league opponents, Samohi aims to channel the intensity of Division 1 tournaments by congregating in juju circles before competitions.

"We started doing it before practice and now we do it before games," defensive leader Leah Gutentag-Duff said. "A minute before we go in, it's just a way to regroup. We say, 'Good vibes, good vibes.'"

Flanders, meanwhile, was pleased with the final score against Torrance but saw room for improvement. He's curious how his team will perform Thursday afternoon on the road against El Segundo.

"We should've done a little bit better," he said. "We were good in spurts, and we want to be more consistent. But I think we have an opportunity to do some good things this year."

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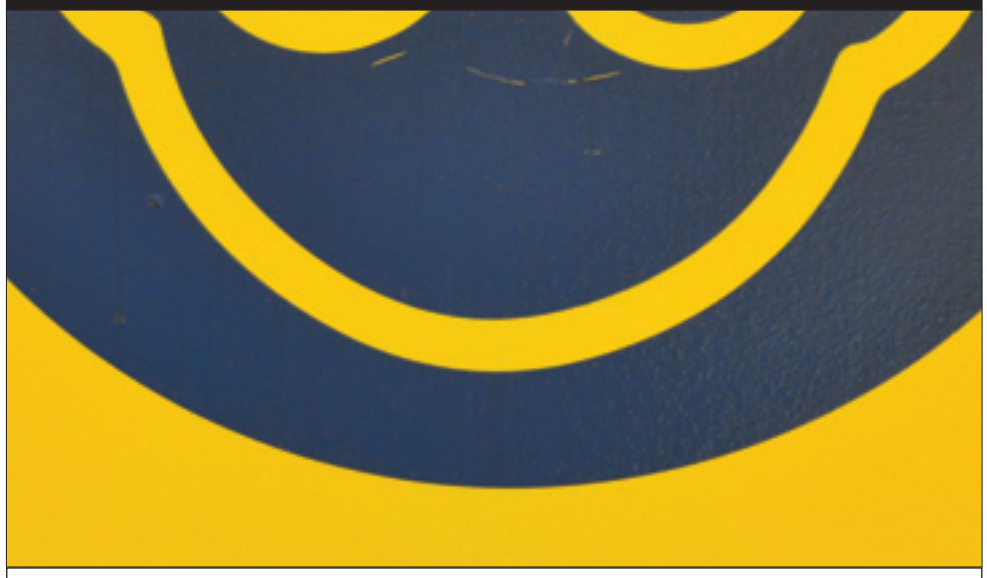
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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4						1		9
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	4						9	
	3	9	1		8	5	7	

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

8	7	9	6	1	5	4	2	3
5	2	4	3	8	7	1	9	6
6	1	3	2	9	4	8	5	7
9	4	1	8	2	6	7	3	5
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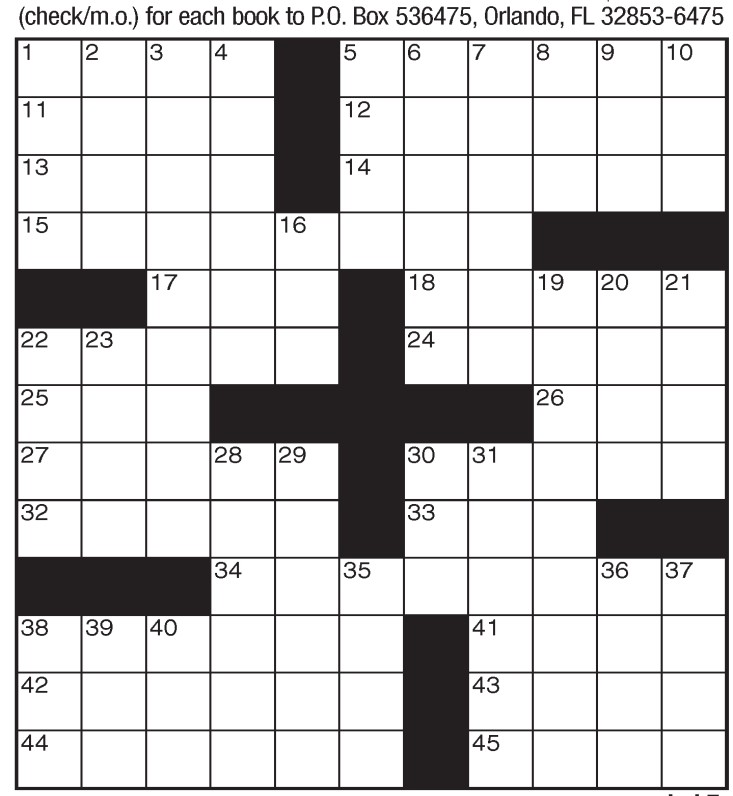
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Yesterday's answer

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2 9 19 28 29
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 176M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/13
12 20 25 50 51
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 270M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/10
1 5 16 24 30
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/13
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DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/14
MIDDAY: 3 5 0
Draw Date: 1/13
EVENING: 1 4 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/13
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:45.71

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periphrasis

1. the use of an unnecessarily long or roundabout form of expression; circumlocution. 2. an expression phrased in such fashion.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1933 – A twelve-year-old girl experiences the first Marian apparition of Our Lady of Banneux in Banneux, Belgium.

1936 – The first building to be completely covered in glass, built for the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, is completed in Toledo, Ohio.

1937 – Spanish Civil War: Nationalists and Republican both withdraw after suffering heavy losses, ending the Second Battle of the Corunna Road.

1943 – World War II: The Soviet counter-offensive at Voronezh begins.

1943 – The world's largest office building, The Pentagon, is dedicated in Arlington, Virginia.

1947 – The brutalized corpse of Elizabeth Short (The "Black Dahlia") is found in Los Angeles' Leimert Park.

1949 – Chinese Civil War: The Communist forces take over Tianjin from the Nationalist Government.

1951 – Ilse Koch, "The Witch of Buchenwald", wife of the commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, is sentenced to life imprisonment by a court in West Germany.

1962 – The Derveni papyrus, Europe's oldest surviving manuscript dating to 340 BC, is found in northern Greece.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ At first, it seemed another textbook case of a wrongly convicted murderer being released after a long prison stint (15 years), based on a re-examination of evidence. Illinois officials freed Alstory Simon, who had "confessed" in 1999 to killing two teenagers (before a defendants' advocacy organization convinced a judge that the confession had been coerced). That 1999 confession had allowed the man previously convicted, Anthony Porter, to go free, but prosecutors in October 2014 had second -- or third -- thoughts. They once again believe that Porter was the killer -- even though a different defendants' advocacy organization had originally worked to free him. (In any event, "double jeopardy" prevents Porter's retrial.)

■ Undersheriff Noel Stephen of Okeechobee County, Florida, acknowledged to WPBF-TV in December that among the public services his office performs is supervising parents' spanking of children. After two sisters argued on Dec. 29, their father decided to administer a whipping to one and asked Deputy Stephen to drop by and make sure he stayed within the law. That's "not something we advertise to do," said the deputy, but he estimates he has monitored about a dozen spankings.

Put your feet up tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your energy could deflate even the strongest of egos. Your creativity will mix together with your high drive, and you will see a personal issue in a different light as a result. A partner might try to convince you of the rightness of his or her ways. Tonight: Make nice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might defer to others. Pressure could surround a domestic matter. Ultimately, what you hear will be good news, but it still is likely to create some stress. An associate could make demands that you're unable to fulfill. Tonight: Keep the peace, but have a needed discussion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You'll have the right words, but everyone seems so busy with personal matters that they might not be listening. Consider your options, and be willing to delegate what you can to others. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be more sensitive regarding a touchy situation. Listen to what other involved parties have to say, but don't feel as if you have to help financially. Your ingenuity will allow you to find a way out of what could be a very sticky mess. Tonight: In weekend mode.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Emphasis will be on family and personal matters. Your mood is contagious, and others seem to become more upbeat as a result. Your sense of humor tends to help many people lighten up. Check out a recent purchase for your home carefully. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your instincts will point you in the right direction, despite any interference you might encounter. In fact, you will discover how right-on your intuition can be. You seem to have endless creativity, with enthusiasm behind your ideas. Tonight: At your favorite haunt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Your focus remains on your long-term goals and on the financial backing necessary to make them so. You see the path to where you want to go, and you'll feel the support of key people in your life. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Someone who is well aware of your performance might be quite pleased with what is happening. Take a stand, and be clear about your direction and choices. Be sure to explain your logic when deciding what it is you'd like to do. Tonight: On cruise control.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ You might be unusually quiet when dealing with others. They might want to know what is happening with you, and you might be hard-pressed to explain it. You could see how a financial risk is doable, but first compare your views with those closest to you. Tonight: Not to be found.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You'll be more concerned about a meeting than you might realize. A close friend will support you in a very open and clear manner. You will succeed beyond your wildest dreams because of this person's confidence in your abilities. Tonight: Enjoy a leisurely dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might have to take on additional responsibilities and work, but others are likely to want to help you out. You might be uncomfortable changing roles in a certain relationship. Don't worry; you will gain more clarity given some time. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

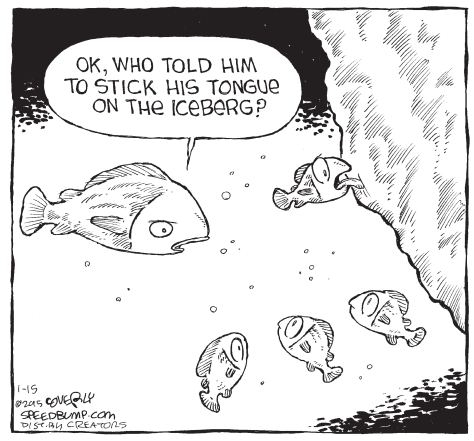
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You have a lot of energy invested in completing a project and in making time for an important friend or associate. What you decide to do easily could become a reality, if you so desire. The victory trail lies directly in front of you. Tonight: Put your feet up.

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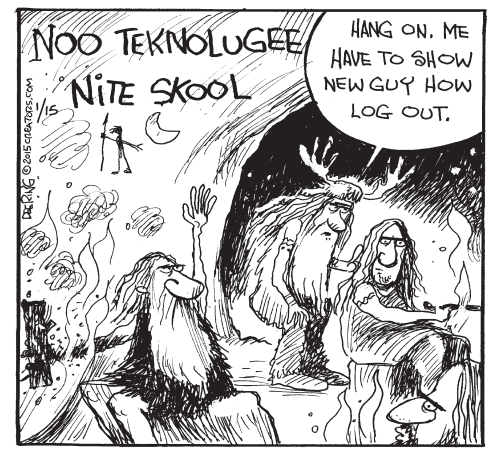
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you thrive by pursuing education and travel. You might be encouraged to develop an interest and go back to school. Some of you might travel to foreign lands in order to learn about different cultures. You also could be lucky with money. If you have a hunch, follow it. If you are single, someone quite different from you could enter your life after July. A significant relationship is likely to develop. If you are attached, your in-laws might play a more significant role in your life than they had previously. You will learn to appreciate them more. SCORPIO knows how to make an impression on you.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



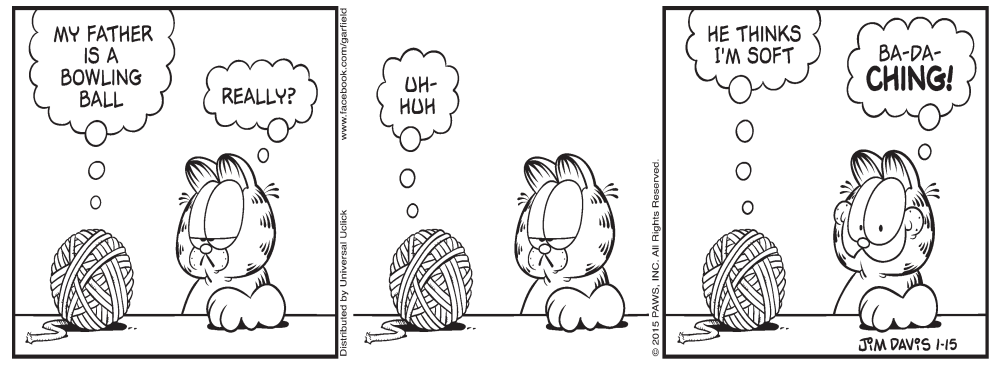
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By John Deering



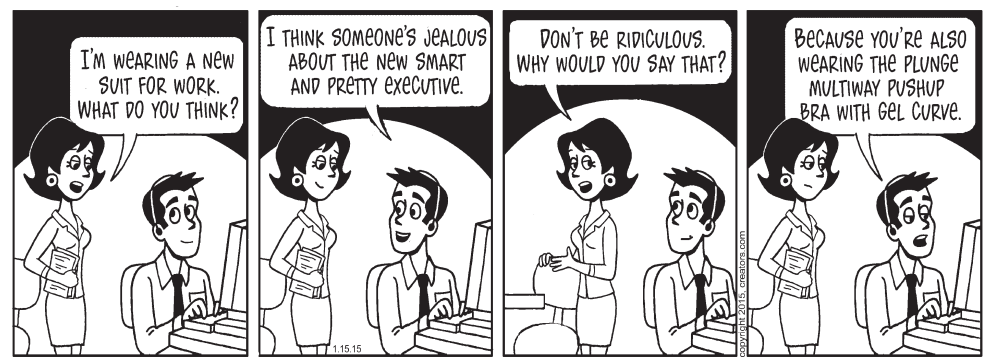
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 6:30 P.M.

Night watch officers responded to a home in the 1700 block of Dewey Street after an employee of the resident reported seeing two females and a male prowling on the property. When officers arrived at the scene, they found the three suspects sitting in front of another house approximately half a block away. The employee told officers she was working inside when the buzzer sounded for the street-side gate on the perimeter fence. The employee could see, via closed circuit security camera, a male and female suspect at the gate, neither of whom she recognized. As a result, she did not acknowledge the buzzer and went ahead with her work. A few minutes later, the employee heard the family dog barking and looked outside to see three suspects, the two from the gate and an additional female, inside the fence in the back yard. She immediately called police. The employee was able to identify the two females detained by police as intruders; they were subsequently arrested for prowling and transported to the jail for booking. The male was identified and released. All three subjects claimed they were selling magazine subscriptions door to door. Tiara Michele Henry, 19, of Dayton, OH, was charged with prowling and had bail set at $500. Daiondria Janeese Cochran, 21, of Chicago, IL, was also charged with prowling and had bail set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 355 calls for service on Jan. 13

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

Trespassing, 600 block of Broadway at 1:28 a.m.
Petty theft, 1800 block of Lincoln at 2:01 a.m.
Traffic accident, 3200 block of Donald Douglas Loop at 6:58 a.m.
Bike theft, 1400 block of 7th at 7:12 a.m.
Vandalism, 300 block of 14th at 8:06 a.m.
Battery, 4th and Civic Center at 8:56 a.m.
Strongarm robbery, 1400 block of 15th at 8:58 a.m.
Petty theft, 800 block of 4th at 9:26 a.m.
Indecent exposure, 1300 block of 4th at 10:05 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 900 block of 10th at 10:10 a.m.
Burglary, 400 block of Pier at 10:26 a.m.
Hit and run, 2000 block of Delaware at 10:52 a.m.
Traffic accident with injuries, 1300 block of 6th at 11:20 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 2800 block of Kansas at 11:35 a.m.
Petty theft, 2200 block of 4th at 1:09 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public, 1200 block of Palisades Park at 3:02 p.m.
Petty theft, 3000 block of Wilshire at 3:26 p.m.
Public intoxication, 6th and Bay at 3:39 p.m.
Burglary, 1000 block of Pearl at 4:10 p.m.
Fire, 100 block of Wilshire at 4:33 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 700 block of Broadway at 5:02 p.m.
Bike theft, 2700 block of Main at 5:27 p.m.
Identity theft, 2200 block of 29th at 5:56 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier at 6:36 p.m.
Fraud, 2300 block of Oak at 6:42 p.m.
Trespassing, 1900 block of Lincoln at 7:14 p.m.
Loitering, 1600 block of 10th at 8:21 p.m.
Public intoxication, 1300 block of Third Street Promenade at 9:07 p.m.
Traffic accident with injuries, Cloverfield and Pico at 10:06 p.m.

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