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THE YOUTH SPORTS ISSUE

Council brings more workers in-house

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Dozens of public speakers and seven City Council members agreed that some as-needed city workers should be brought on as salaried employees.

At the Jan. 13 meeting, Council voted unanimously to create the equivalent of more than 31 new full-time positions to replace work done either by contractors or workers being paid hourly wages.

Debate surrounding contract work arose last year and council asked city officials to review City Hall's policy for contract labor and for as-needed workers.

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Ultimate enthusiasts 'Lei-Out' for beach Frisbee tournament

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

THE BEACH Watch out for that Frisbee - or, rather, scores of them.

Santa Monica's beaches often host recreational games of catch with the trademarked flying disc, but this weekend they will feature a couple thousand players in a tournament that draws locals and visitors from around the world as well as hordes of supporters and spectators.

It'll be the 16th edition of an annual extravaganza known as Lei-Out, a play on the phrase used by the sport's enthusiasts to describe diving horizontally to catch the flying disc. What started as a small, informal gathering in 1999 has ballooned into one of the biggest and most competitive coed ultimate tournaments in the world.

The Jan. 17-18 event could translate into boosted revenue for area businesses, although it may also mean additional traffic

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Yahoo leaving Santa Monica for L.A.



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ON THE MOVE: Yahoo currently occupies a building on Pennsylvania Ave but has plans to move to Playa Vista.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PENNSYLVANIA AVE The search is over.

Three years after Google announced it would leave Santa Monica for Venice, another search engine, Yahoo, says it will leave the city by the sea for an office in Playa Vista this fall.

Yahoo signed a long-term lease for a 130,000-square-foot space, at the 6-acre Collective Campus in Playa Vista, which is a neighborhood in Los Angeles.

Yahoo will take its more than 400 jobs along with it.

The announcement came via a press release from the Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who said the move will signal to other companies that Los Angeles "is where the next big thing is going to be."

"This move proves that L.A. is accelerating as a center of technology and entertainment, to the benefit of our overall economy and every Angeleno," he said.

In Santa Monica, office space vacancy rates are some of the lowest in the region, City Manager Rod Gould said last year.

The Bergamot Transit Village, proposed by the Texas-based developer Hines, would have brought 375,000 square feet of creative office space to the city later in the decade. It was approved by council last year and then overturned after residents, fearing the traffic the development would have created, mounted a referendum campaign.

"We've been aware of Yahoo's need to consolidate their regional presence and create a large campus," City Hall's Economic Development Manager Jason Harris told the Daily Press. "Because of our low vacancy rate and limited office space, we have seen several companies ultimately move their offices out of Santa Monica in order to meet their growing needs."

Riot Games, makers of one of the most popular video games in the world, left Santa Monica for Los Angeles with nearly 1,000 employees last year, as did Sony Santa Monica, which moved to Playa Vista (but kept our name). Sony employed 220 workers in the city. IMAX, a film projection format company known for its larger-than-life nature films,

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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@wiseand-healthyaging.org.

Cheese tasting
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place
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.

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
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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 walkthrough 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.

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Citywide

$450,000 donation to Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation

The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) has announced a major bequest of just over $450,000 that will support the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's (SMMSUD) Vision for Student Success program. The gift is one of the largest in SMMEF's 33-year history.

"We are so grateful to receive this large bequest," said Linda Greenberg, SMMEF Executive Director. "Like all donations to SMMEF, this gift will help ensure that the amazing SMMEF-funded staff and programs in our schools, including teacher training, arts education, additional middle and high school classes, and instructional assistants, continue during the next school year."

The bequest was made by long-time Santa Monica community member Judi Lynne and is a powerful expression of support for public education.

The SMMUSD Vision for Student Success (VSS) is a comprehensive set of programs designed to improve student achievement and success. Gifts to SMMEF provide funding for SMMUSD to bring these programs to every school and grade level in the district. VSS programs include instructional assistants, literacy coaches, art instruction for every elementary grade, additional class sections for middle and high schools, professional development for teachers and instructional assistants, and discretionary grants for school-specific enrichment programs.

With this bequest, SMMEF has raised $1,820,463 to fund VSS programs during the 2015-16 school year, out of a total annual goal of $4 million to fully fund these programs. The fundraising deadline is June 30, 2015.

"Gifts like this one, which benefit students and schools district-wide, have to be our focus if we are to achieve equity in our district and give all students opportunities to succeed," said Greenberg. "We hope this gift will inspire parents, community members and corporate partners to join us in funding these vital programs for every student."

To learn more about SMMEF and SMMUSD's Vision for Student Success,
visit www.smmef.org.

– SUBMITTED BY ANN CONKLE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Water conservation should be easy enough

Editor:

Finally, an opportunity to feel virtuous! I sat through the City Council's discussion of the proposed water conservation ordinance on Tuesday night, feeling nervous about water usage in my single family home. I've had low-flow toilets and shower heads in place since 2006, but have not otherwise worried much about water usage.

When I got home I checked my water billing for the past two years, and found that my household is consistently well below the threshold that would require a 20% cutback. This includes the summer months when all the teenagers are home and taking showers after work and beach, doing laundry, and when my front yard planting gets some supplemental watering.

My conclusion: households with more than five or six people, who do laundry at home, might be at risk of exceeding the threshold. One caveat: landscape watering is a thing of the past.

Fortunately, the new ordinance provides for financial help and free expert advice so we can change the plants in our lawns and gardens to those that will survive and thrive, watered by the night fog and morning dew of our coastal environment.

Before you panic, check your water bill online. It clearly shows your HCF (water usage measure) per two-month billing cycle. If it is under 22, you're in the clear.

Abby Arnold
Santa Monica

LISTINGS

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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.
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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.
Space is limited. Sign-up at the Youth Reference Desk. Call (310) 458-8621 during library hours for more information. For grades 10 - 12 only.

The Life of Paul Robeson
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 4th St. 8 p.m.
(7 p.m. on Jan. 18)
Santa Monica Playhouse will present a two-night engagement of film, television and stage personality Stogie Kenyatta's acclaimed show about African-American artist-activist Paul Robeson. "The World Is My Home - The Life of Paul Robeson" had its first performance at the National Civil Rights Museum and has become the number one show on the American college scene. Saturday, January 17 at 8 p.m., Sunday, January 18 at 7 p.m.

January 18

Orchestra Santa Monica
Moss Theater, New Roads School
5:30 p.m.
Orchestra Santa Monica presents: "Happy Birthday Amadeus" featuring: Catherine Del Russo, oboe Mozart: Symphony No. 29 in A Major, K.201 Mozart: Oboe Concerto in C Major, K.314 Mozart: Symphony No. 40 in G Minor, K.550

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Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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The Scoreboard Never Lies

DESPITE THE TITLE THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE A sports column. I already do that with "Snide World of Sports," which appears in the first weekend edition of every month. (How's that for a shameless plug? Then again, aren't all plugs kind of shameless?)

"Scoreboard never lies," (or the shortened "scoreboard") means that the final score is the ultimate truth not the "woulda, shoulda, coulda" excuses. I mention it because this coming Tuesday President Obama's gives his 6th State of the Union address and this time he has his strongest scoreboard.

The late U.S. Senator, Daniel Patrick Monyihan said, "Everyone is entitled to his own opinion but not to his own facts." In the first six years the Obama administration has created 12,000,000 jobs and unemployment is down to 5.6%. Interest on the deficit is less than 2.8% of the overall economy and is two years earlier than promised.

More facts: Bid Laden is dead and the American auto industry is alive; gas prices are the lowest in decades and the housing market is strong; and the Dow Jones has more than doubled during Obama's presidency.

But Obama will be lucky if his speech isn't interrupted by a Congressman calling him a liar as happened in a 2009 Joint Session speech. (And by "Joint Session" I'm not referring to legalizing pot.)

Or, he could experience something as he did during his 2010 SOTU. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito, lacking all dignity, shook his head dismissively and mouthed "not true."

The point is, if a conservative president had accomplished any of the above they'd be chanting "It's morning in America." And if it had been the Bush administration that killed Bin Laden they'd stage parades in every city and town in America. The simple truth is if Obama is in favor of something, the right wing nuts are automatically against it.

It's an amazing double standard. Reagan grants amnesty to undocumented workers, he's lauded for being pragmatic. But when Obama's for it, he's destroying the country.

Nixon normalizes relations with China and he's courageous; Obama does it with Cuba proves he's a socialist. And talk about audacity, possible presidential candidate, Mike Huckabee recently criticized the Obamas for letting their daughters listen to Beyonce. Good grief.

Or how about the criticism Obama received for not attending the recent Unity Rally in Paris. Congressman Randy Weber (R-Texas) tweeted, "Even Adolph Hitler thought it more important than Obama to get to Paris." Not only are Weber's comments disgraceful, he misspelled Adolf.

Not that long ago wing nuts like Weber hated the French because they had the temerity to be against the Iraq War. Bob Ney (R-Ohio) actually renamed French fries in Congressional cafeterias to "Freedom fries."

Of course Ney ultimately got his due. In 2006 he pleaded guilty to corruption charges stemming from dealings with crooked lobbyist Jack Abramoff. He was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison. (Only in America, when he got out he wrote a best-selling memoir.)

George W. Bush was also displeased with the French for not supporting his war. He let it be known that President Jacques Chirac would not be invited to the Crawford ranch.

Given French art, architecture, food and fashion, that must have been a real blow to Chirac and his wife. The two missed out on eating hot dogs and seeing Crawford. (And all that brush that W. was forever clearing oblivious to 9/11 looming.)

As for Obama's SOTU on Tuesday, one of his proposals could impact Santa Monica College. It has to do with the obscene expense of a college education.

It's becoming like it was before the turn of the 20th century, when college was only for the elite. Now, if you're not from the 1%, one has to be willing to graduate with a student loan debt of a hundred thousand dollars ore more. But it's even worse.

In 2013 it was estimated that the government's profit on student loans was $66 billion dollars. College is expensive enough, why are we profiting from the loans?

But, the right wing congress refused to impose a small tax on millionaires and billionaires rather than lower interest on student loans. So Tuesday Obama will propose that, for full time students with a 2.5 average, community colleges should be free.

It's unlikely Congress will pass anything Obama wants. Particularly discouraging with MLK's birthday on Monday, this includes restoring the Voting Rights Act. (For possible insight, Google the GOP's "Steve Scalise" and "Dave Agema.")

Instead of working with Obama, Congress is more likely to impeach him, possibly for his Executive Orders on immigration and Cuba. (Or maybe for letting his kids listen to Beyonce.)

Yet, even with all the haters, Obama might just get the last laugh in history. This due to one word: scoreboard.

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LOS ANGELES BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Veteran Los Angeles lifeguard dies during annual swim test

A 42-year-old lifeguard for the Los Angeles County Fire Department has died during an annual swim exercise at a local high school.

The department says that Brian Kutil died Thursday and was a 20-year veteran of the Lifeguard Division.

He died while swimming in the annual 500-meter recertification swim exercise at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach. He was immediately treated by lifeguards, paramedics and taken to Little Company of Mary hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Capt. Thomas Richards says it's not clear what happened and the exact cause of his death is under investigation.

Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby says the department is shocked by the terrible news and their hearts go out to Kutil's family and friends.

– AP

Los Angeles

Los Angeles airport runway work will mean flight delays

Work on the runways at Los Angeles International Airport will mean some flight delays starting in March.

A federal mandate requires that airports provide buffer zones at the ends of runways to give planes an extra margin of safety if they overshoot takeoffs or landings.

LAX already has buffer zones, but they need work to meet federal guidelines.

The board of airport commissioners on Thursday approved a $25 million contract for buffer zone work on the first of four runways that need it.

Runway closures will be phased to minimize passenger disruptions, but the airport says some delays are inevitable.

The projects are projected to be finished by June 2018.

– AP

Los Angeles

Los Angeles police officer injured in undercover case

A Los Angeles police officer working undercover on a narcotics case has been seriously injured after a suspect hit him with a vehicle and fled.

Officer Jack Richter, a spokesman for the department, said the officer was reported down shortly after noon Thursday in the Granada Hills area and was taken to a hospital. The officer is expected to survive his injuries.

Police taped off several blocks around the 10900 block of Haskell Avenue and had dogs helping search for the suspect.

Richter said the officer was working a drug sale in plainclothes when something went "very wrong" and the suspect hit him with his vehicle and ran away.

– AP

Las Vegas

'Boyhood,' Keaton, Moore are Oscar favorites in Vegas

Las Vegas oddsmakers said Thursday that "Boyhood" is the favorite to win the Academy Award for best picture, and Michael Keaton and Julianne Moore are the top picks for acting honors.

Johnny Avello, head of the Wynn Las Vegas sports book, said he thinks Oscar voters favor unusual movies such as "Boyhood," a coming-of-age tale covering 12 years of a boy's life.

He makes "Boyhood" a 2-5 favorite over "The Imitation Game," at 7-1.

Benjamin Eckstein, president of the America's Line odds column, made "Boyhood" a 1-2 favorite over "The Grand Budapest Hotel," at 7-1.

The odds were issued only for entertainment purposes. Nevada doesn't allow actual wagering on the Oscars.

Avello and Eckstein both gave Keaton a slight edge to win best actor for "Birdman" over Eddie Redmayne in "The Theory of Everything."

They also made Moore a strong favorite for best actress in "Still Alice" over Reese Witherspoon in "Wild."

The awards will be presented Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

$3,000 incentives for quake safety

The California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP) has announced it will offer incentive payments of up to $3,000 to help California homeowners in six earthquake-prone communities strengthen their homes to better survive a major quake.

In a strong earthquake, the crawl space that is common below older California homes is vulnerable to collapse, dropping the house to the ground or causing it to slide off its foundation. In the aftermath of the moderate 2014 Napa quake, houses with this type of damage have received estimates of up to $300,000 for repairs including lifting the house while the foundation is rebuilt. Most homeowners' insurance policies don't cover earthquake damage.

The incentives from CRMP's Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program will help pay for seismic retrofits to houses that are most vulnerable to catastrophic damage: pre-1979 houses that aren't bolted to their foundations, are built atop a crawl space and have unbraced "cripple walls" surrounding that crawl space. Seismic retrofits include bolting the house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space.

"As we've seen in the Napa, Northridge and Loma Prieta earthquakes, homes that are properly retrofitted are much more likely to withstand an earthquake without serious structural damage," said Janiele Maffei, executive director of CRMP and chief mitigation officer of the California Earthquake Authority. "Bracing and bolting are two of the most effective investments homeowners can make to protect their houses."

Seismic retrofits of these types typically cost between $2,000 and $10,000 and can be performed either by a contractor or a homeowner. The incentive payments of up to $3,000 will be awarded to as many as 575 qualifying homeowners to offset the cost of seismic retrofitting. Homeowners can apply for EBB program between Jan.15 and Feb. 15 by going to EarthquakeBraceBolt.com. Once registration for the program closes, CRMP will conduct a random drawing to select the homeowners from each of the six cities who may eligible to receive incentive payments.

EBB incentives are available to homeowners in specific ZIP codes in three northern California cities (San Francisco, Oakland and San Leandro) and three southern California cities (Los Angeles, Pasadena and Santa Monica). CRMP selected these cities since they are prone to strong shaking, have large numbers of pre-1940 houses, and their local building codes have adopted a Standard Plan Set for residential seismic retrofitting. These plan sets provide specific instructions on bracing and bolting retrofits, allowing any California licensed contractor or homeowner to do the retrofit. CRMP plans to expand the incentive program to additional ZIP codes and cities mid-year to reach as many high-risk areas in the state as possible.

The houses must meet certain criteria, including being built on a level or low-slope site, on a raised foundation, and with a four-foot (or less) cripple wall under the first floor. Additional information, including a list of eligible ZIP codes, is available at https://www.earthquakebracebolt.com/Homeowners.aspx.

To help homeowners find contractors, EBB's website offers a list of contractors who have successfully completed FEMA seismic retrofit training. Contractors interested in doing residential retrofits are encouraged to register on the EBB website and complete the free training.

CRMP's goal is to extend its incentives to more types of houses once additional guidelines are adopted into local planning codes. The California Earthquake Authority is working with the Applied Technology Council to develop retrofit guidelines for houses requiring seismic retrofits not covered by existing guidelines, including "soft story" buildings (typically with living space over a garage), houses on hillsides, and houses with cripple walls higher than four feet.

Established by the California Residential Mitigation Program, EBB offers financial incentives to help California homeowners retrofit their houses to reduce potential damage from earthquakes. A residential seismic retrofit makes a house more resistant to earthquake activity such as ground shaking and soil failure by bolting the house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space. For more information, please visit http://www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com.

CRMP was established in 2011 to help Californians strengthen their homes against damage from earthquakes. CRMP is a joint powers authority created by the California Earthquake Authority and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. For more information, please visit http://www.CaliforniaResidentialMitigationProgram.com.

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SOFTBALL TEAMS: **The Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch softball league had a good year with several teams advancing to championship games and a partnership with UCLA.**

Local girls hit a home run with Santa Monica girls softball

BY LEANNA EINBINDER
Special to the Daily Press

Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch (SMGF) has had a very big year.

In addition to celebrating more than 30 years as a softball league in this beachside community, several SMGF teams celebrated hard-fought success this past year.

The 10U Santa Monica Gold team (comprised of 9 and 10-year old girls) won their District tournament over the summer, beating out 14 other teams to take home the coveted first prize (they won all five games and out-scored their opponents 41-4). SMGF also sent four teams to the State softball championship and two teams to the National tournament last summer. One of those teams, the 12U Santa Monica Gold team placed 5th in the National competition (of 43 of the best softball teams across multiple states — over a thousand teams originally competing in their division). Then the 16U Santa Monica Patriots won their National Championship, scoring wins over the best teams in California, Colorado and Wyoming to get there.

The success that SMGF has enjoyed is due in large part to some very dedicated volunteers. SMGF is a non-profit, 100% volunteer league — with a Board of Directors, coaching staff and countless other volunteers made up of parents, former softball parents and even grandparents of players. They do it for the love of the game, not for a paycheck, and for the bonding experience with their daughters. Everyone pitches in, and the girls all benefit.

"My family joined this League nine years ago, when my oldest daughter was just six years old," said Jared Breuer, current SMGF president. "She has since played for Santa Monica High School, and I could not be more proud. My youngest daughter is 12 and has played in the League for seven years. Softball is such an incredibly fun sport for girls, teaching them to work together as a team, to be tough and persevere, and support each other. My daughters have met some of their best friends playing softball. This League has brought a lot of joy to our family, which is a big part of why each member of our family gives back to the League."

Next up for SMGF is a unique partnership with the powerhouse UCLA softball team. This season-long partnership kicks off with a Saturday clinic on Jan. 24, available to girls registered to play softball with SMGF this coming Spring. UCLA coaching staff and players will teach Santa Monica girls the fundamentals of the game. "The League is incredibly lucky to be forging this partnership with such a legendary softball program as the UCLA Bruins," says Breuer. "We've gone as a League to watch the Bruins play, and they are incredibly talented. Seeing the look on an 8-year-old softball player's face when she realizes the possibilities in this sport is truly priceless. We are so grateful to UCLA softball head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez and her incredible staff and players for making this partnership possible."

The good news: it's not too late to register for a fun-filled season of softball this Spring. Go to www.SantaMonicaGirlsSoftball.org to register and learn more about the UCLA softball clinic as well as the many other softball activities available this year, including the Jr. umpire program and upper division "Select" opportunities. Registration is currently open for all divisions, for girls aged 4 to 14.

Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch (SMGF) is a non-profit, all girls softball league for ages 4 to 14 serving Santa Monica and the Westside for over 30 years.

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YAHOO
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announced it and its 130 workers would leave for Playa Vista early this year. Whisper, a secret-sharing social network app, was operating out of a home, without City Hall's consent, on the north side of the city, until it found space in Venice last year.

On the flip side, Twitter, the short-form social networking platform opened an office on Main Street last year.

"While we are disappointed to see Yahoo leave, we're pleased that they are committed to staying within the greater Silicon Beach area and will continue to provide jobs and services to our residents, businesses, and regional partners," Harris said. "We are optimistic that this will create opportunities for some of our smaller Silicon Beach businesses that started in Santa Monica to continue to grow and prosper within our City."

A Yahoo spokesperson told the Daily Press that the company will maintain its current space in Burbank.

"We worked hard to identify the right office situation for Yahoo! in Southern California to better match our space and collaboration needs," Yahoo CFO Ken Goldman said in Garcetti's release. "While we have always had a presence in Southern California, working out of the City of Los Angeles is a priority for us now more than ever. In the fall of 2015, teams currently based out of our Santa Monica office will transition to our new Playa Vista campus."

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COUNCIL
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Finance Department Director Gigi Decavalles-Hughes said that an investigation found that City Hall followed its own policy for using contractors, rather than hiring new city employees, correctly in all but five instances. Two of those instances were for contracts of more than $100,000.

In response to this discovery, council voted to add the equivalent of six new full-time city workers to replace that contract work in areas like graffiti removal, bus facilities maintenance, and HVAC installation and repairs.

One-time costs for this move will be close to half a million dollars while ongoing costs will total more than $300,000 annually.

A review of as-needed workers found that 25 workers averaging 20 or more hours a week should have been brought on full-time.

In response to the findings, council voted to add the equivalent of 25.7 full-time jobs to replace as-needed beach custodians, parking meter collectors, and rec program customer service workers.

The move will cost more than a million dollars annually.

Most prominent among this group are the beach custodians, who clean the beach and beach bathrooms. Many of these workers showed up to give public testimony and some told stories of working as-needed for nearly two decades.

City officials said there was some discrepancy between the lengths of employment described by the workers during public testimony and the numbers they have on file. They acknowledged that some workers might have previously been labeled as seasonal or have left their temporary city posts for a short time before returning.

Council members were on-board with the idea of adding these workers to full-time positions but did express concern that the nine current beach workers wouldn't end up getting the permanent jobs.

Because City Hall uses the civil service system, all prospective employees have to take exams, with preference given to those who score highest. This is a practice that's been in place for years to avoid nepotism.

Some of the beach workers, however, told stories about applying for other city positions, passing the civil service exam, and not being selected.

"The fact that somebody comes back to us 16 years straight and doesn't get hired when there was an opening is disturbing," City Councilmember Tony Vazquez said. "The fact that they're doing the job means that they've obviously been performing."

Director of Human Resources Donna Peter explained that, in those cases, the beach workers were applying for positions that were at higher levels than their current ones and that the beach workers weren't top-scorers on the exam.

When the position is brought on permanently, Peter said, there will be a new exam created for the beach worker position.

Council members asked if the current city beach workers could be given preference on the new exam, given their years of successful experience on the job.

City Manager Rod Gould explained that they could tailor the test to cover the work that the beach workers are already doing, presumably giving those who have done the job for many years a leg up. The test questions, Gould said, could also focus on rewarding those who have a lot of experience.

Mayor Kevin McKeown defended the civil service system for the fairness it brought to the hiring process.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL BEATS HAWTHORNE

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The Santa Monica High School girls varsity basketball team hosted Hawthorne High School on Jan. 15 in an Ocean League game. Samohi won 43-34 to improve 1-0 in the league and 7-9 overall. Pictured are Amanda Foshag on the receiving end of a foul, Imanni Maxwell jumping for a shot and Nava Nassiri dribbling the basketball.







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BOYS BASKETBALL VICTORY

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The Santa Monica High School boys varsity basketball team hosted Hawthorne in an Ocean League game on Jan. 15 and won 63-46. With the win Samohi improves their league record to 1-0 and 5-10 overall. Pictured are Jass Johnson attempting a shot, Joshua Modabber jumping for a lay-up and Jonah Mathews going for a lay-up.











SOCCER TEAM DROPS LEAGUE OPENER

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The Santa Monica High School boys varsity soccer team hosted Hawthorne High School on Jan. 15 in an Ocean League match. Samohi lost 2-1 dropping to 0-1 in league play and 2-7-1 overall. Pictured are Sylvain Wolfe heading the ball, Owen Koetters heading the ball, Giancario Canas fighting for control and Canas taking a shot.









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FRISBEE
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on the beach and in downtown Santa Monica on the weekend preceding Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The two-day competition will take place on the beach between the Santa Monica Pier and the Annenberg Community Beach House, a popular 1.5-mile stretch that will be converted into a mosaic of sandy sports fields.

Event organizers were not immediately available for comment.

"Lei-Out ... is dedicated to continuing to grow the sport of Beach Ultimate by strengthening competition in the local, national, and global Beach Ultimate community," the company's website reads. "We strive to produce the best tournament experiences for all of our participants."

The tournament will include more than 250 total teams in several different divisions, many of them with snarky names like Better Leied Than Never, Notorious P.I.G., Sun of a Beach and Tequila Mockingbird.

Players will descend on Santa Monica from throughout California, including San Diego, Santa Barbara and the San Francisco Bay Area. Participants will also represent numerous states, including Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Oregon, Pennsylvania and New York, and countries like Germany and Canada.

"It's no coincidence that it's in January and attracting people from other parts of the country," said Brian Dracup, a Santa Monica native who lives in British Columbia. "Here in Vancouver, it rains almost every day this time of year. All my friends are looking forward to going down and being in the sunshine in the middle of winter."

Lei-Out is doubling as a homecoming of sorts for Dracup, who attended Roosevelt Elementary and Lincoln Middle schools before graduating from Santa Monica High School in 1993. Coincidentally, he didn't know about the tournament until after making travel plans to visit family in the area.

Dracup grew up playing soccer, although he always enjoyed throwing around a Frisbee as a secondary pastime. He's since become active in ultimate circles in Vancouver, and he's looking forward to playing on his home turf.

"Santa Monica's beach is amazing for ultimate because it's so wide," he said. "I've done a lot of traveling, and you don't see a lot of beaches as expansive as that. Not many places could put on a tournament of this scale."

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California agency releasing more state water after storms

FENIT NIRAPPIL
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Recent storms will allow California to provide more water to local agencies and farms even as drought conditions stretch into a fourth year, officials announced Thursday.

State officials said storms in early December boosted supplies in the state's vast reservoir system enough to give Southern California cities and farms 15 percent of their requested water. That will be the second-lowest distribution on record after the State Water Project filled only 5 percent of need last year.

"We've gone from really, really, really bad to really, really bad," said Mark Cowin, director of the Department of Water Resources. "We must prepare for the worst."

The state system provides water to 25 million people and 750,000 acres of farmland. Farmers have turned to groundwater wells, while governments have been tapping into water kept in reserves.

Worsening conditions spell trouble for their backup plans.

After the December rainfall, January has brought little precipitation in what's normally the wettest month of the season. A separate federal forecast released Thursday shows drought conditions continuing through April in much of California.

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California met demands from its members, including Los Angeles and Orange County, by taking water out of storage. But its reserves are at half-capacity from 2012.

"If drought conditions persist in 2015, we may have to consider restricting access to the supplies in the coming months," said Bob Muir, a spokesman for the water contractor.

Last year ended as the hottest on record in California. It also was part of the driest three-year stretch ever measured. The drought has left Central Valley fields fallowed, exacerbated wildfires and led to water rationing in some communities.

To maintain supplies, state water officials are urging residents to continue taking shorter showers and letting their lawns go brown.

"The situation is still virtually as dire as it was a year ago," said Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board. "Conservation continues to be the most efficient and common sense way to expand our supplies."

The water board, which last summer imposed mandatory restrictions on outdoor water use, will revisit and consider expanding its regulations next month.

California voters approved a $7.5 billion water plan in November, but little can be used to provide immediate drought relief this year.

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SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small WNW swell; AM winds could be favorable

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small WNW swell and light AM winds

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small WNW swell and light AM winds

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- 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 / 30

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	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 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach 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 Los 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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	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 of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND
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City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for the following:

Draft Zoning Ordinance Public Review Draft:
This is the sixth hearing to review the Redline Public Review Draft Zoning Ordinance Update and 27th hearing overall on the Draft Zoning Ordinance Update. The Planning Commission concluded and closed the public testimony on Division II at its January 14, 2015 meeting and will continue its deliberations on the major topics within that Division that the Commission and public focused on during the initial public review draft. The Planning Commission may discuss any other division of the Redline as well as potential amendments to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), LUCE Land Use Map, and Official Districting Map, particularly as they relate to Division II. The Commission will provide comments and preliminary recommendations to staff on all these topics. Revisions, additions, and/or deletions will ultimately be included as part of the formal recommendation to the City Council for adoption.

WHEN: **Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
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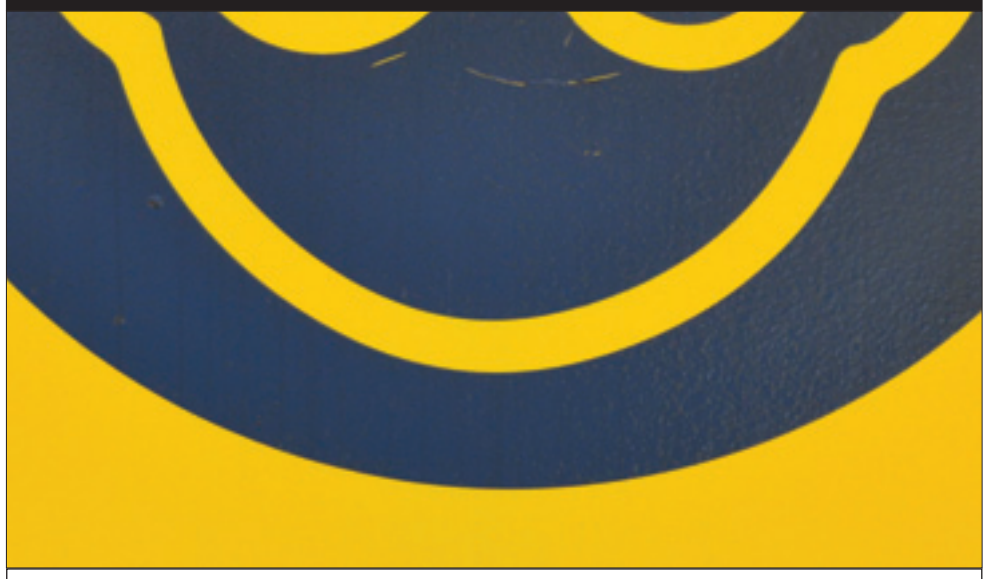
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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.

4		9						
		2				1		
8	5		6				9	
		1		8	3			
			9		2			
			7	5		6		
	4				7		6	8
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Like some floors
6 Sub shops
11 Parting word
12 Come up
13 — Dame
14 Photo finish
15 Music's Puente
17 Organ part
18 Fit
20 Julia of film
22 Shade
23 She'll get what's coming to her
26 In check
28 First appearance
29 Marks of shame
31 "— Believer"
32 Nice guy
33 Wildly excited
34 Paul's collaborator
36 Fountain order
38 Dwelling
40 Perch
43 Eel variety
44 Egypt's Sadat
45 Good judgment
46 Like some straws

DOWN

1 Salon offering
2 Swearing-in vow
3 Montana river
4 Like Poe tales
5 Love song, often
6 Block up
7 Sign of error
8 Country music quartet
9 Analogy words
10 Ooze
16 Bauxite or magnetite
18 Cries of insight
19 Smoker's discard
21 Helps out
23 Canticle
24 Japanese sport
25 Unescorted
27 Programs
30 Money machine
33 Unescorted
34 Copier problem
35 Clarinet cousin
37 Swift horse
39 Pupil's place
41 Blue
42 Take a stab at

I	N	F	O	■	P	A	S	C	A	L
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N	O	R	T	H	S	E	A	■	■	■
■	■	B	E	A	■	R	I	F	L	E
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R	U	N	■	■	■	■	■	U	M	A
I	N	K	E	R	■	B	A	L	E	S
T	A	S	T	E	■	A	R	M	■	■
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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
11					■	12				
13					■	14				
■	■	15			16	■	17			
18	19			■	20	21			■	■
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26			27		■	28				
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■	■	32				■	33			
34	35			■	36	37			■	■
38				39	■	40			41	42
43					■	44				
45					■	46				

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/14
2 4 10 41 53
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 194M

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

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/14
5 14 16 19 36
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/14
8 9 12 14 28

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/15
MIDDAY: 9 1 1
Draw Date: 1/14
EVENING: 9 3 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/14
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:43.92

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WORD UP!

mackle
1. to blur, as from a double impression in printing.
2. a blur in printing, as from a double impression.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1900 – The United States Senate accepts the Anglo-German treaty of 1899 in which the United Kingdom renounces its claims to the Samoan islands.

1909 – Ernest Shackleton's expedition finds the magnetic South Pole.

1919 – Temperance movement: The United States ratifies the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, authorizing Prohibition in the United States one year after ratification.

1920 – Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University.

1920 – The League of Nations holds its first council meeting in Paris, France.

1924 – Eleftherios Venizelos becomes Prime Minister of Greece for the fourth time.

1939 – The Irish Republican Army (IRA) begins a bombing and sabotage campaign in England.

1942 – Crash of TWA Flight 3, killing all 22 aboard, including film star Carole Lombard.

1945 – Adolf Hitler moves into his underground bunker, the so-called Führerbunker.

1956 – President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt vows to reconquer Palestine.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Government Accountability Office was on the job in December, issuing an emphatic ruling that the National Weather Service could not legally issue its workers disposable cups, plates and utensils on the job. Such items are "personal," GAO declared, even though most NWS facilities are in remote locations, staffed by two-person shifts that almost force employees to eat on the premises. "You can't run out" and "grab a burger," one employee said. Nonetheless, after a lengthy deliberative process, GAO said its decision is final.

■ In a November ruling, France's minister of housing and minister of ecology jointly announced further streamlining of law books, removing bulky, out-of-date regulations. Among the rescissions, beginning Dec. 1, is the ban on installing toilets in kitchens.

■ British makeup artist Jordan James Parke, 23, told London's The Sun in December how he had fallen in love with the look of U.S. celebrity Kim Kardashian and thus had forced himself to spend the equivalent of about $150,000 on "more than 50" cosmetic procedures to adopt her "pouty" look, including lip and cheek fillers, eyebrow tattoos and laser hair removal. "I love everything about Kim ... the most gorgeous woman ever," he said. "Her skin is perfect, her hair, everything about her" (except that, in The Sun report, only her parts above the neck were mentioned).

Go along with a suggestion, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could be combative as soon as you wake up. Whether you are responding to your dreams or just letting go of suppressed feelings, your reaction will take you by surprise. Understand that not every idea you come up with is a good one. Tonight: Be a free spirit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ A partner could feel challenged by you and shut down. Try to be more understanding of this person's sensitivity. A friend might push you hard to follow his or her chosen path. You'll gain some insight into this person if you refuse to commit. Tonight: Head out to happy hour!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others could be challenging, as they seem to want to head their own way. You will find yourself in a grumpy mood if you don't let this go. You might be disillusioned by a person you look up to. Consider who put him or her on pedestal. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Remain focused on getting the job done. You'll be all smiles when you complete your to-do list. Be more nurturing to someone in your immediate environment. You will laugh, and someone else is likely to respond in kind. Tonight: Check out new information carefully.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Get past some anger involving a partnership or an agreement. This dissatisfaction could surround a past association. Allow your mind to drift, and tap into your imagination when dealing with a creative project. Spontaneity brings surprises. Tonight: Let your inner child out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You suddenly might want to say less and listen more. Pressure continues to come from a loved one who seems to feel as though he or she knows more about a key matter than you do. You could witness an unexpected change in someone close to you. Tonight: Head home early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You seem to say the right words and touch a key person in your life. Many times, you stand back and watch what others do. Toss yourself into the moment, and worry less about a project left undone. Tonight: Let your hair down, and paint the town red.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be in a situation that allows greater give-and-take. Do not let a family member nudge you into doing something totally unexpected and problematic. Honor a loved one's request, even if you are a bit peeved with him or her. Tonight: Use caution with your funds.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might feel a sudden change in your mood. Know that you don't need to explain this sudden optimism. Someone close to you might be very difficult, and dealing with this person could be problematic. Allow yourself to be more spontaneous. Tonight: TGIF!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You know that you are fortunate to have a close relationship with someone who gives you extra energy just by being him- or herself. You might decide to make an assessment of your other friendships as a result. Tonight: Mysteriously vanish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Do not get yourself worked up about a money matter. You might not be sure which way to go with an assertive and/or demanding personality in your life. Relax, and reach out to your friends for support. You'll enjoy being among the crowds. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

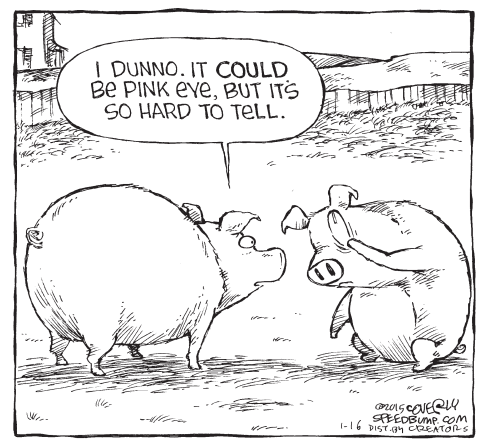
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You will want to understand more of what is happening with an older relative or friend. You recently might have seen some swift changes occur with this person. An offer could be too good to resist. Stay on top of your to-do list. Tonight: Resist being negative.

Monday, January 16, 2015

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

This year you could find that you don't like spending time alone. Your personal life is changing, and for the better. As an element of the unexpected runs through your life, you often might feel stressed. Know that this is helping you to eliminate the frivolous aspects of your life. If you are single, the person you choose now might not be who you're with a year from now. Your interests are likely to wane. If you are attached, the two of you will opt to make a major lifestyle change. You will feel far more liberated as a result. SAGITTARIUS understands you very well.

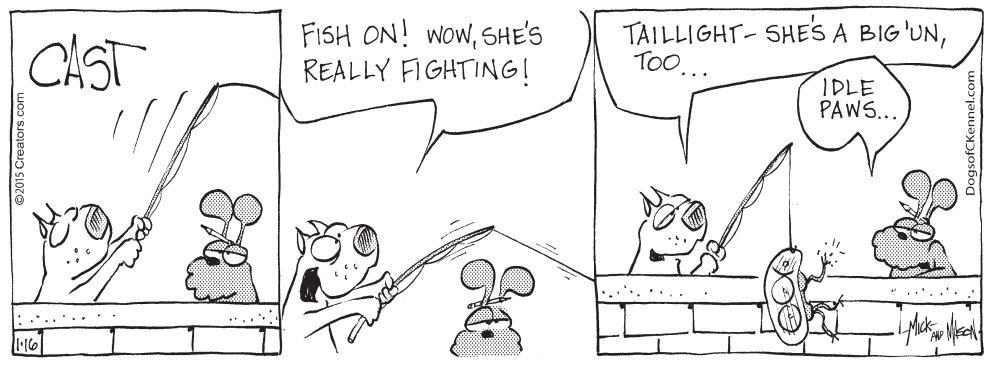
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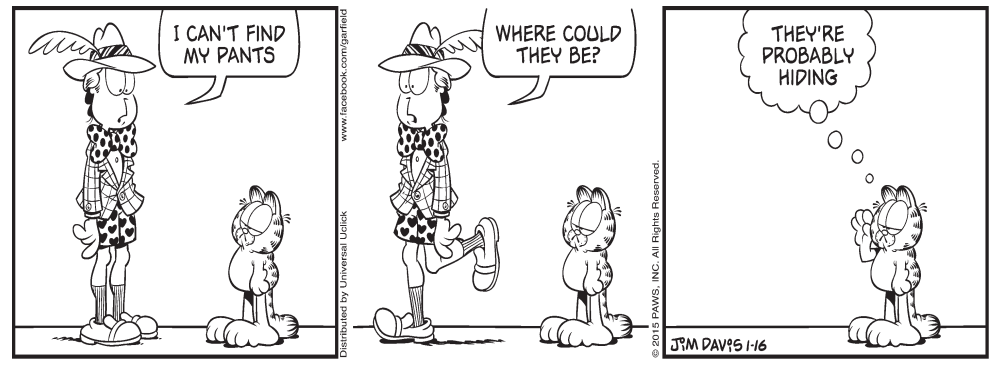
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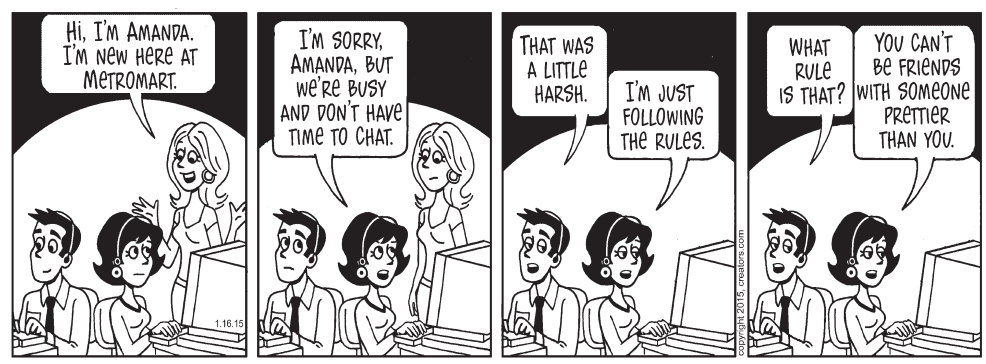
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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 4

A department detective assigned to the robbery/homicide division received a telephone call from the victim in one of the detective's cases. The victim, upset by what he mistakenly believed was pressure from the investigator to pursue the case, left a voice message in which he threatens the officer and his family. The victim, now suspect, told the detective he knew where the detective lives and in a profanity-laced tirade said he would inflict serious bodily harm. The suspect, identified through caller identification and his statements about the underlying case as George Korchunov, has prior arrests for threats and is on probation. Korchunov was arrested for making criminal threats at his residence on Jan. 9 and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. Korchunov, 19, of Santa Monica had bail set at $500,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 369 calls for service on Jan 14.

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

Petty theft, 3100 block of Santa Monica, 2:02 a.m.
Prowler, 1100 block Euclid, 3:22 a.m.
Overdose, 2200 block Ocean Park, 4:55 a.m.
Car accident, 7th/Montana, 7:40 a.m.
Trespassing, 700 block Santa Monica, 8:16 a.m.
Truant, 2300 block Virginia, 8:52 a.m.
Speeding, 2600 block Main, 10:09 a.m.
Domestic violence, 2300 block Ocean Park, 10:10 a.m.
Forged document, 2700 Wilshire, 10:27 a.m.
Identity theft, 900 block 18th, 10:34 a.m.
Trespassing, 2600 block Cloverfield, 11:17 a.m.
Battery, 100 block Santa Monica, 11:18 a.m.
Armed robbery, 1500 block Montana, 11:18 a.m.
Trespassing, 2600 block, Cloverfield, 11:20 a.m.
Petty theft, 1300 block, 20th, 11:21 a.m.
Elder abuse, 800 Pearl, 11:29 a.m.
Vandalism, 500 block Colorado, 1:15 p.m.
Panhandling Cloverfield/Interstate 10, 1:24 p.m.
Vandalism, 1800 block Lincoln, 1:28 p.m.
Trespassing, 600 block Broadway, 1:35 p.m.
Theft, 1600 block Wilshire, 2:12 p.m.
Petty theft, 900 Wilshire, 2:22 p.m.
Petty theft, 1200 Wilshire, 3:13 p.m.
Petty theft, 300 block Olympic, 3:56 p.m.
Petty theft, 1200 block 4th, 4:01 p.m.
Burglary, 1100 block 11th, 4:01 p.m.
Fight, Ocean/Colorado, 5:12 p.m.
Burglary, 1500 block Pico, 6:30 p.m.
Battery, 1200 block Ocean Park, 7:09 p.m.
Stolen car, 800 block Lincoln, 8:29 pm.
Person with a gun, 21st/Delaware 8:57 p.m.
Trespassing, 1500 block 9th 9:33 p.m.
Shots fired, 2500 block Centinela, 11:41 p.m.

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