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# Rescue drill simulates Expo accident

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica Firefighters got some first hand experience with potential Expo rescues on Jan. 26 thanks to a simulated emergency drill.

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**PREPARE:** Firefighters used a dummy to simulate a trapped passenger at a recent training.

# Driving increases among City employees

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A local advocacy group is accusing City Hall of hypocrisy and failed leadership relating to the city's sustainability efforts.

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC) released a press release on Jan. 26 accusing the city of failing to take adequate steps to reduce single occupancy car trips by city employees. The email cites a 2015 memo that describes the increasing use of cars by City employees as evidence that City Hall is requiring more of its residents and businesses than it is of its own employees.

The memo outlines the City's annual report to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). SCAQMD is a regional authority established by state law that has exclusive authority to regulate air pollution within its borders. The board requires all employers with more than 250 employees to submit an annual report that details the employer's efforts to reduce emissions and measures their success.

The City is required to meet an average vehicle ridership (AVR) of 1.5 employees per vehicle commuting to the worksite and while the City is hitting that goal, its rating has declined over the last eight years. In 2008 the City's AVR was 1.92 but that figure dropped to exactly 1.5 last year meaning more employees were driving single

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# A time of transition for CLARE

*Facility upgrades mirror changes in nonprofit's approach to substance abuse*

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

At the CLARE Foundation's facility on Pico Boulevard, a haven for substance abuse victims, there's fresh paint on the walls. There's new flooring, new furniture and, officials hope, a new vibe.

"We tried to update the look and feel of the facility," said Grace Lee, public relations representative for the Santa Monica-based non-

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# Progress for "ban the box"

*Social Services Commission supports Fair Chance Ordinance, encourages City Council to follow suit*

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

At a Jan. 25 meeting, the Social Services Commission unanimously voted to support the Fair Chance Ordinance, a policy that would prevent employers from asking job applicants about his or her criminal history - or running a background check - until the applicant has been given a conditional offer of employment.

A "ban the box" policy - a term that refers to the section on most job applications that asks, "Have

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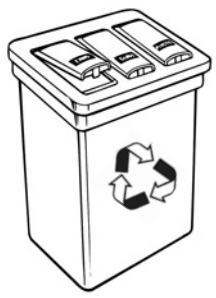

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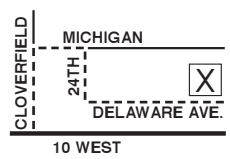


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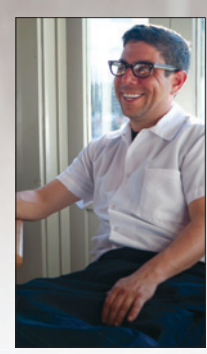

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Wednesday, Jan. 27

### Yoga
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### Winter Magic with Jay Leslie
Come enjoy a fun family time of comedy magic. Ages 5 and up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 p.m.

### Twitter: Tweet Like a Pro
Learn about Twitter and how to use it to discover the latest news that matters to you. Advanced level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

### Proactive College Prep @ Main
Parents and teens, learn to prepare for a successful transition to life after high school. Presented by college counselor/Creative College Prep founder Nick Soper and therapist/teen specialist Kristine Tye. Grades 9-12 and parents. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

## Thursday, Jan. 28

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

### GED Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

### Santa Monica Cares
Emmy winning PSAs about three Santa Monica Cares organizations: Bread and Roses Café, directed by Dianne Bartlow; StepUp directed by Jerri Sher, and; Ocean Park Community Center directed by Melanie Wagor. A panel discussion with the film directors and representatives from the organizations follows the screenings. Audience members are invited to join the panel participants for a light mixer following the discussion. This event is free and open to the public with seating on a first come basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 - 7:30 p.m.

### SMPL Anniversary Celebrations: SM Pier Movie Screenings
Elaina Archer screens and discusses two classic films featuring the Santa Monica Pier. This double feature includes "Tillie's Punctured Romance" (1914) and the Little Rascals film, "Fish Hooky" (1933). Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6 - 8:30 p.m.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover
Wear your PJs for a pajama story time, and then leave your stuffed friend for a night of fun. Return the next day to receive a memento of their sleepover adventures! (One stuffed animal per child.) Space is limited. Ages 4 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 7:45 p.m.

## Friday, Jan. 29

### Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series (5 week/$62, with parking) Wed 1/6-2/3/16. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

### Guest House
Free tours begin at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. No reservations needed.

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

## Bike-Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will conduct a Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations with focused enforcement efforts on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The police department identifies locations where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Field enforcement operations will take place on Saturday, Jan. 30 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Officers will be looking for violations engaged in by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and similar dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA

Citywide

## SMMUSD Facilities District Advisory Committee (FDAC) accepting applications

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is seeking qualified candidates to serve on the Facilities District Advisory Committee.

Application forms are available through the Superintendent's office or via the website,

http://fip.smmusd.org/pdf/FDAC.Application.pdf.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12. Completed applications can be mailed to the District Office (1651 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90404) or emailed to dacapps@smmusd.org.

All members of the FDAC will serve on one of two subcommittees, the Malibu Facilities Advisory Committee (FDAC-M) or the Santa Monica Facilities Advisory Committee (FDAC-SM). The committee as a whole will meet twice a year and subcommittees will meet separately once each quarter. FDAC-M will meet in Malibu and FDAC-SM will meet in Santa Monica. The FDAC will alternate meeting locations, with every third meeting being held in Malibu. Dates and times for the meetings have not been set, but it is anticipated that the meetings will take place mid-week starting no earlier than 5 p.m.

- SUBMITTED BY SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER GAIL PINSKER

14th St.

## Car strikes mother and child

A traffic accident on 14th St. shut down traffic in both directions for about an hour on Jan. 26.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, a car struck a mother and child at about 3:38 p.m. on the 1900 block of 14th St.

Officers said a mother was crossing the street carrying her two-year-old daughter when they were hit, resulting in injuries to both.

Officers said the child was thrown in the air and landed on the pavement. Initial injuries to the child appeared to be broken teeth and bleeding from the mouth.

The mother appeared to have injuries to her legs/hips and was unable to stand.

Both were transported by ambulance to UCLA Westwood Hospital.

The investigation is ongoing and no additional details were available at press time.

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## LISTINGS

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Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Ashland Hill 1 Year Anniversary

In honor of their first anniversary, Ashland Hill is giving away the house with $1 House Drafts, as well as food and wine specials. There will be a toast to AH at 10:30 p.m. 2807 Main St., 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.

### Fireside at the Miles - The Colonials Present: An Evening of Shakespeare

$10 for general admission, $5 for youth age 18 and under, adults age 55 and over and students of any age. 1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 - 10 p.m.

### "Private Eyes," a play by Steven Dietz

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## TRAIN

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Rescuers pulled a dummy from beneath a train at the Downtown station that was part of a simulated accident with potential passengers pinned beneath the cars. Firefighters utilized specialized rods to lift a rail car several inches off the ground as part of the drill.

The training is part of an ongoing effort by local public safety agencies and Metro to prepare for the arrival of train service.

"We do these emergency drills along Metro because our system passes through so many jurisdictions and cities," said Anna Chen, a Public Information Officer with Metro.

She said some drills are mandated by state agencies but her organization also customizes training based on the needs and requests of partner agencies. In Santa Monica, she said it was particularly important to provide training opportunities as the city has been without rail service for so long.

"This is the first time passenger rail is back there in 50 years," she said. "There's a little getting used to protocols or things people aren't used to dealing with."

Chen said there's value to training as team because in the event of an actual emergency, everyone on site needs to be familiar with the roles and requirements of emergency response.

Santa Monica firefighters have been training for Expo related situations for months.

"The Santa Monica Fire Department strives to prepare for potential emergencies, and educate the public on the dangers the rail line poses to automobiles and pedestrians," said the department in a statement.

The training has already proved useful. A large truck struck a test train last year knocking the train several feet from the track.

The Santa Monica Police Department will host a public meeting to discuss Expo safety tonight, Jan. 27, at the Main Library, MLK Auditorium from 7 - 8 p.m.

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A hard copy is available to view at the Santa Monica Housing Authority Office at:
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## Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Sometimes, the good guys do win

**THE LAST I'LL NEED TO WRITE ABOUT** Alex (I hope).

Dang! I wanted to scoot right into Alex's Shoe Repair on north Main late Monday afternoon, because there were already two people inside, then some young dude dashed through the open door just ahead of me.

I know that sounds like whining, but you don't understand. I had a meeting, nearby, in just 20 minutes. Three ahead of me. I'd never make it.

Having been a happy and loyal customer of Ignacio's for a quarter century, I knew two things were pretty sure bets: one, that my two pairs of cowboy boots, requiring nothing more than an oiling and a shine, would probably not be ready yet because that's just the way it rolls at Alex's, along with great work usually at ridiculously low prices. And two, I might not even get to him in 20 minutes because Ignacio loves to talk and tell stories and once he gets started it's hard to stop him or get a word in edgewise.

None of these are bad things for most of his legions of longtime loyal customers. Quality work often takes a little longer. Most people call ahead and ask, "No really, seriously, Ignacio - when will they be done?" Me, I live close by so I will stop in, even a couple of times, because if they're not ready it's still an excuse to see my friend and chat a little.

But this was a very special visit. SMDP columnist Jack Neworth had gotten a tip that Alex was facing eviction and wrote about it in his column Dec. 26. I then took the ball and ran with it.

I found out from Neworth that a lawyer-customer-friend of Ignacio's, Danny

Brookman, with an office down the street, first learned of his legal troubles and did two good things: alerted Neworth, and directed Ignacio to proper legal advice. He wound up in the apparently good hands of Danny Bramzon, of Basta! (Spanish for "enough!"), a legal group specializing in aiding tenants facing eviction. I had placed a call to Bramzon Friday, and Monday he returned it, with the terrific good news; he said he left a message but hadn't yet spoken to our Michoacán mensch.

It turned out that I got to Ignacio quickly, greeted him simply with, "Hey amigo, how are you doing?" The first thing he said was, "Your boots aren't quite ready, my friend…" But his face lit up just a little when he saw me so I knew he knew. He was very happy. He understands that having this eviction proceeding thrown out is not a permanent solution, but I don't think he wants to go that much longer anyway before hanging up his tack hammer.

Basta!'s Bramzon teased me that I wrote, "Maybe he's got a great lawyer (but I don't think he can afford Perry Mason)."

"He does have Perry Mason - me!" Bramzon humbly offered, and referred me to the LA Weekly article a year ago that called him the "Superman of the Renters." His approach to this area of law includes the crucial component of the right to demand a jury trial. "When you do," he explained, "the landlord's expenses go up 1,000 percent and at that point we can usually make a good arrangement for the tenant."

He said that appealing to a landlord's better instincts and civic responsibility (as I had planned to do) is usually a lost cause, but press attention is good because that's something they don't want. Well - finally, a lifetime of being a pain in the posterior has found its calling.

**A TYPICAL SANTA MONICA WEEKEND**

Take a long walk in a different neighborhood, catch up on a little reading and some old Tavis Smileys and "Death in Paradise," watch some basketball on TV and get off the couch and play some one-on-one, in gorgeous weather in January while the rest of the country shovels two feet of snow, go meet a possible future POTUS and get some live bagpipes to go with my haggis, Scotch eggs, Orkney Clapshot and wee dram of Scottish whisky, surrounded by men in kilts. You know, the usual.

"Death in Paradise" is a Brit murder mystery series I'm hooked on: clever detective work, gorgeous Caribbean vistas, authentic reggae soundtrack and Sara Martins. I wait each week for an old episode I may not have seen. You can have "Downton Abbey," feh.

It may be a little premature to dub Rep. Alan Grayson (D-FL) a future president, but some have and for good reason. He's been a go-to source on national TV because he's smart and funny and his prominence as a liberal voice seems to be well timed with a national swing left. He is now running for Marco Rubio's vacated Senate seat. That should be quite a trade.

He appeared Saturday night at a fundraiser at the Santa Monica home of Jan Goodman and Jerry Manpearl. They've been hosting such events for decades, and it's always a relaxed, intimate atmosphere for meeting the honored guest.

Grayson spoke and answered questions and savaged, in a Jon Stewart kind of way, every GOP candidate, including the ones who have dropped out. But here's why he's bound for greater glory: not only is he known for his unusual ties, but for his flashy cowboy boots. His make mine look conservative. A rock star, he is.

The haggis and trimmings were served later that evening at the Daily Pint on Pico, during the celebration of Robert Burns Day, the poet revered in Scotland. The bagpiper stood outside at the door to serve notice that this was not your typical Saturday night at the Pint. When the time came he paraded slowly, solemnly around the room, followed by the giant mound of haggis (sheep's innards, but yummy). It was "presented" with a reading of Burns' "Address to the Haggis," and then a large knife was plunged into the casing and the delicacy was served to all, compliments of owner Phil McGovern.

But the highlight of the weekend was up in Ventura: a first visit with my newest great niece, nine days old. Welcome, Lila Marie Byars. I know you will make this sometimes sorry world a better place. You already have.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "He sees angels in the architecture, spinning in infinity, I can be your long lost pal, you can call me Al." - Paul Simon

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Library should be quiet

**Editor:**

Libraries have traditionally regarded silence as golden, but apparently not Santa Monica's Montana Branch. On January 11th they hosted Laughter Rhythm, an event wherein people congregated in the community room to spend the night shouting, laughing, and drumming.

This was not the first time. In the past several years, the Montana Branch has regularly hosted these gatherings of clowns and jokers. One event was called Laughter Yoga. You try to read or study while shouts, laughter – and now drumming – fill the library.

Perhaps participants will insist that laughter yoga and drumming are critical to their health, and the Montana Branch is the only place they can obtain this vital therapy. I doubt it. Yet exaggerating and spinning selfish desires into health or safety issues is typical in modern American political dialog, so such a claim would not surprise me.

Even if true, it's irrelevant. Noise-making has no place in a library, anymore than do cigarettes in hospitals or bicycles on sidewalks. The Montana Branch should cease hosting loud events.

**Thomas M. Sipos,**
Santa Monica, CA

## PARKING

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occupancy vehicles to work.

"This is at the very time that City Hall is waging a campaign to limit driving and parking for residents everywhere in the City, especially downtown," said the press release.

According to the release, SMCLC isn't blaming city employees.

"We understand why they want to drive and park in Santa Monica. But when the City tells us that 'getting people out of their single occupancy vehicles is key;' when they reduce driving lanes; refuse to provide parking at Expo stops; make street parking more expensive and difficult to find, then residents are being treated one way while the City treats itself differently," said the release.

Officials at the SCAQMD said employers have two options for addressing the AVR. They can provide programs that encourage alternate transit and ridesharing or they can pay a fee per employee. Provided employers show they are making a good faith effort to reach the goal, SCAQMD might forgo fines or punishment but persistent failure to hit the goal would eventually create a problem.

Santa Monica already offers incentives for employees. The City provides guaranteed rides home for rideshare participants in case of emergency, helps match potential rideshare participants, compresses the work week, has a telecommuting option, offers financial incentives, a transit subsidy and a vanpool subsidy. However the memo acknowledges those efforts have not worked.

"It is anticipated that with the continuation of current program components, the City's AVR will fall below 1.50 next year and require enhanced program components," said the memo.

Those enhancements could include charging employees for parking or driving alone to work, restaffing a dedicated employee transportation coordinator position, increasing incentives or expanding telecommuting/compressed schedule options.

"It is anticipated that the increase in program incentives necessary to generate behavior change will have budget impacts," said the memo.

Diana Gordon, SMCLC co-chair said problem was twofold: the hypocrisy of demanding sustainability while failing to stem the city's own slide was unacceptable and by passively accepting rising rates of employees driving, the City is losing the moral authority to prompt change among other employers.

"City leadership over the past eight years had turned a blind eye to reducing city employee parking," she said.

Current employee agreements with the City's various unions require the City to provide free parking to employees but the agreements allow the City to charge for parking if positive incentives do not allow the City to meet its obligations.

Gordon said city leaders should have been alarmed at the declining trend and that there are regular opportunities to renegotiate union contracts.

"The city hasn't tackled that though their collective bargaining with employees and for eight years the city has been touting the need for people to drive less while not requiring employees to drive less, and the city is the largest employer," she said.

SMCLC's statement demands the city develop a comprehensive transportation plan that addressed connectivity issues for residents and workers alike.

"We need to have fast, convenient, interconnected real alternatives available to driving around town geared to how and where residents actually go, a truly workable mobility plan-not just promises for years away," said the statement.

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## JOBS

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you ever been convicted of a crime?" - is currently pending in the City of Los Angeles.

Now there is talk of adopting a similar ordinance in the City of Santa Monica, and on Monday night a few members of the community came to present their support for the policy to the Commission.

Among them was Brianna Shepard, a 20-year resident of Santa Monica and member of IKAR, a Jewish community whose members believe in acting as ethical citizens who care about social justice.

"Currently, we are working with LA Voice and Homeboy Industries to lower barriers to employment for formerly incarcerated individuals in Los Angeles, through the Fair Chance Ordinance," Shepard said to the Commission.

Shepard emphasized that people of color are disproportionately arrested, convicted and incarcerated and stated that, "formerly incarcerated people, who have served their time, deserve to return to their communities, rejoin their families, earn a living, and regain their dignity."

Shepard noted that New York, Boston, Seattle and San Francisco have initiated "ban the box" ordinances.

Commissioner Tania Bradkin stated that approximately 70 million Americans have criminal records and that one in 10 of those Americans are veterans.

"And that's really important I think, to recognize that," Bradkin said. According to Bradkin, 90 percent of those incarcerated will also come back into our society. "They're going to be released whether or not it was an incarceration or a conviction, what is of interest to me is what lies ahead for them. And everything points to the fact that incarceration does not work, you know, and a lifetime of unemployment also does not work."

During discussion, Chair of the Social Services Commission, J. Shawn Landres, said he believed there was value in a degree of consistency in the Southern California region when it came to the ordinance, similar to the issue of consistency with minimum wage.

"The City Council does pay attention to what's happening and may make some deliberate choices in distinction," Landres said. "We do have the exemption for labor agreements in Santa Monica minimum wage that are not in the City of L.A. … One way to tweak this recommendation might be to encourage the City of Santa Monica to track what is happening in L.A. City Council and to adopt an ordinance that provides consistency in the region."

The Commission passed a motion which stated that, "Believing that people who have made mistakes deserve a second chance and the opportunity to live their lives without undue stigma, the Santa Monica Social Services Commission supports the Fair Chance 'ban the box' efforts to reduce barriers to employment for formerly incarcerated individuals and encourages Santa Monica City Council to develop an ordinance to prevent discrimination against formerly incarcerated and formerly convicted individuals."

Landres concluded that the ordinance is a value, as much as it is a piece of legislation.

"It's about who we are as a city," Landres said.

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Courtesy Photo

**REDESIGN: The CLARE Foundation is inviting the community to see the facility.**

## UPDATE

FROM PAGE 1

profit organization. "It looked very institutionalized. Now it looks warmer and more comfortable. ... The purpose was to update the look of our group room and men's facility because of how old it was."

The renovations, covered by donations from a recent crowdfunding campaign, will be officially unveiled during an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday at the organization's center at 909 Pico Blvd., in Santa Monica.

The upgrades come at a time of transition for the social service agency, which operates a variety of residential, outpatient and prevention programs across the Westside.

Founded in 1970 to help homeless alcoholics on and around local beaches, CLARE has greatly expanded its reach over the years. At one point it received government funding to provide recovery services, although now it relies on grants and philanthropic community members.

CLARE is in the process of reducing its focus on social models of assistance, whereby clients connect with each other and discuss their experiences, in favor of a clinical approach that includes medication and other progressive treatments.

"Right now, we're a hybrid of those," Lee said.

CLARE has altered its men's treatment facility in recent months, reducing the number of beds from 49 to 44 to make the space more comfortable and to improve client privacy. Those upgrades were part of a series of renovations initiated by a nonprofit that serves thousands of people each year.

The men's treatment facility, which the nonprofit owns, currently has 36 occupants, Lee said. CLARE offers stays of up to 90 days for hundreds of men each year at the center, which features living and office spaces as well as group and meeting rooms and an industrial-grade kitchen.

The improvements were backed by last year's crowdfunding campaign, which raised about $5,500.

"We want to create a space that reflects the optimism and enthusiasm of the CLARE recovery community," reads the pitch on the fundraiser's Indiegogo page. "The proposed improvements are simple and cost-effective, but mean the world to our residential clients, whose lives depend on their ability to thrive in this space and the program."

Meanwhile, CLARE's services are more comprehensive than they were even a few years ago. Insurance clients are now welcome there, a major change for the agency, Lee said. The organization also wants to foster impactful discussions about substance abuse in the community, holding annual "State of Addiction" forums.

The public's role in the success of CLARE remains large.

"We are fortunate to have so many generous friends and supporters in the neighborhood," Executive Director Nicholas Vrataric said in a press release. "The community really empowers us to make these changes."

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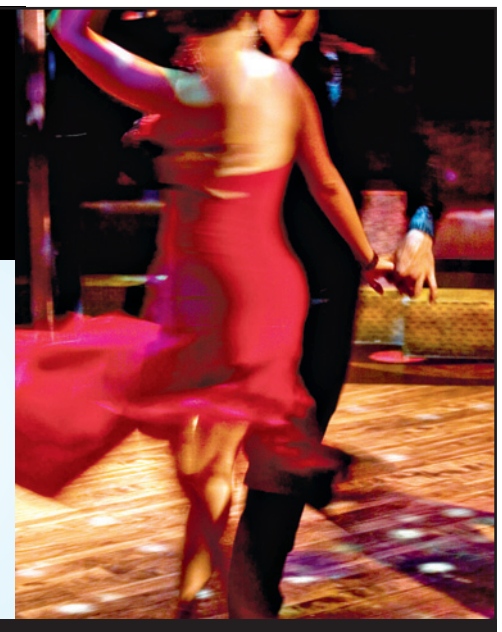

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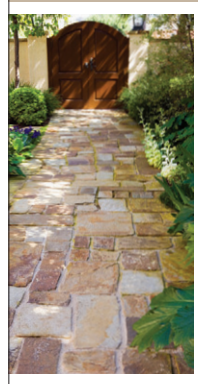

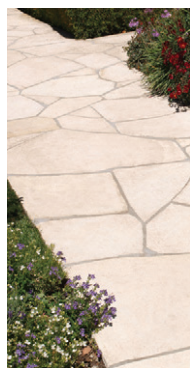

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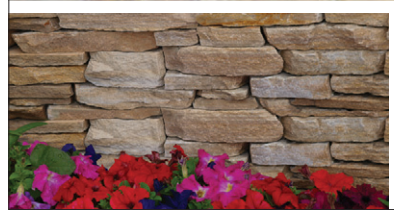

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# SURF REPORT

## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **59.4°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
New WNW swell fills in further with larger 3-4' sets at standouts in the PM.
Very small SW swell. Good AM wind. Incoming tide early.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Holding WNW swell, larger 3-5' sets at standout spots. Minor SW swell.
Good AM wind. Incoming tide in the AM.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
New, long period WNW swell likely builds on top of older, easing WNW swell. Stay tuned.

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# 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 JAN. 19 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:15 A.M.

A Santa Monica Big Blue Bus driver picked up a suspect at a bus stop in Los Angeles and drove westbound into the City of Santa Monica. The suspect did not have enough money for the fair, but the driver allowed him to ride anyway. As the bus driver was traveling westbound on Santa Monica Boulevard and passing 14th Street, the suspect rang the bell to signal he wanted to get off. The suspect then began yelling at the driver and told him he missed his stop. When the driver told the suspect he did not ring the bell early enough to allow him time to make the stop, the suspect walked up toward him and began yelling racial slurs at him, and then spat on his face twice. The driver immediately stopped and told the suspect to get off the bus. The suspect continued yelling at the driver, then started moving closer to him as if he was going to spit again. To protect himself, the driver punched the suspect in the face. The suspect then got off the bus and walked over to a pay phone at 14th Street to call the police as well. Witnesses on board the bus confirmed the suspect spat on the driver, so the suspect was taken into custody and booked at the Santa Monica jail. The suspect was identified as Nicholas Dylan Dieter, 38, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $20,000.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

**The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 352 calls for service on Jan 25.**

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

Domestic violence, 200 block of Bicknell, 2:00 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold, 500 block of Olympic, 2:01 a.m.
Suspicious person, 600 block of Ashland, 2:38 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2400 block of Wilshire, 4:01 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1300 block of 9th, 5:14 a.m.
Battery, Stewart/Pico, 7:33 a.m.
Assault, 2600 block of 3rd, 7:39 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, Ocean/Arizona, 7:47 a.m.
Vandalism, 14th/Grant, 8:11 a.m.
Domestic violence, Ocean/Colorado, 8:38 a.m.
Person down, 2300 block of Wilshire, 8:39 a.m.
Suspicious person, Westgate/Dorothy, 9:22 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 2600 block of Main, 9:36 a.m.
Death, 200 block of Washington, 9:40 a.m.
Threats, 1500 block of California, 9:57 a.m.
Indecent exposure, Ocean/Montana, 10:46 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 2200 block of Virginia, 11:12 a.m.
Vandalism, 1700 block of 12th, 11:15 a.m.
Vandalism, 1500 block of 16th, 11:23 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1700 block of Main, 11:44 a.m.
Grand theft, 2600 block of Euclid, 11:57 a.m.
Threats, 400 block of 24th, 12:09 p.m.
Family disturbance, 2300 block of 16th, 12:18 p.m.
Fight, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 2:27 p.m.
Hit and run, 1300 block of Wilshire, 2:41 a.m.
Threats, 600 block of Pico, 3:00 p.m.
Armed robbery, 2nd/Wilshire, 3:05 p.m.
Traffic collision, 3rd Street Prom/Wilshire, 3:33 p.m.
Hit and run, 2300 block of 28th, 3:37 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1200 block of Franklin, 5:04 p.m.
Battery, 200 block of Santa Monica Pier, 5:15 p.m.
Burglary, 1500 block of 11th, 5:16 p.m.
Battery, 2200 block of Colorado, 5:22 p.m.
Battery, 100 block of Broadway, 5:38 p.m.
Critical missing person, 1200 block of 15th, 7:34 p.m.
Grand theft, 200 block of 26th, 8:19 p.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/I-10, 9:59 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1900 block of 20th, 10:10 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1800 block of Main, 10:42 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1800 block of Oak, 11:28 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

**The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 38 calls for service on Jan. 25.**

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

EMS, 1500 block of Lincoln, 12:08 a.m.
EMS, 100 block of Georgina, 7:15 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 34th, 7:20 a.m.
EMS, 2900 block of Kansas, 8:02 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of 14th, 8:38 a.m.
EMS, 2300 block of Wilshire, 8:40 a.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Cloverfield, 8:47 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1500 block of Santa Monica, 9:32 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 9:39 a.m.
Fire out investigation, 1000 block of Berkeley, 10:10 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Ocean, 10:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 21st, 10:54 a.m.
EMS, 4th/Colorado, 11:11 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 6th, 11:17 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 17th, 1:42 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Cloverfield, 1:59 p.m.
Injuries from assault, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 2:28 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Lincoln, 2:57 p.m.
Injuries from assault, 2nd/Wilshire, 3:08 p.m.
EMS, 700 block of 16th, 3:47 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of Lincoln, 4:10 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1200 block of 5th, 4:18 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Centinela, 4:32 p.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Wilshire, 4:35 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Santa Monica, 5:38 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 2nd, 6:04 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Wilshire, 6:37 p.m.
Lock in/out, 700 block of Navy, 6:43 p.m.
EMS, 3300 block of Virginia, 6:47 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 24th, 6:55 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of Santa Monica, 7:05 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 600 block of Santa Monica, 7:08 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Wilshire, 7:13 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Olympic, 8:39 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 8:58 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Pico, 9:02 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of 20th, 10:19 p.m.
EMS, 2nd/Santa Monica, 11:14 p.m.

# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Chatter
**7** Sets the price at
**11** Lens cover
**12** Spiced tea
**13** Make void
**14** Gifts for kids
**15** Burglar alarm part
**17** Party leader
**20** Bumbling
**23** Cabinet wood
**24** Long-horned grazer
**26** Letter after pi
**27** Flamenco cry
**28** Descartes conclusion
**29** Disney's Ariel, e.g.
**31** Quick bite
**32** Unable to eat another bite
**33** Departed
**34** Dog star
**37** Surrounded by
**39** Makes suitable
**43** Gambling city
**44** Darius's kingdom
**45** Understood
**46** Adage

**DOWN**

**1** Stiller of films
**2** Yeoman's "yes"
**3** Entreat
**4** Big party
**5** Lo-cal adjective
**6** Serpent's spot
**7** Play opener
**8** Coast
**9** Bandleader Kyser
**10** Bro's kin
**16** Measured
**17** Damages
**18** Milo of "The Verdict"
**19** Monopoly railroad
**21** Unembellished
**22** Entice
**24** Urges on
**25** Will Smith biopic
**30** Grazing spot
**33** Exhausted
**35** Easy targets
**36** Notion
**37** Noah's boat
**38** Chess pieces
**40** Next-to-last letter
**41** Malleable metal
**42** Slump

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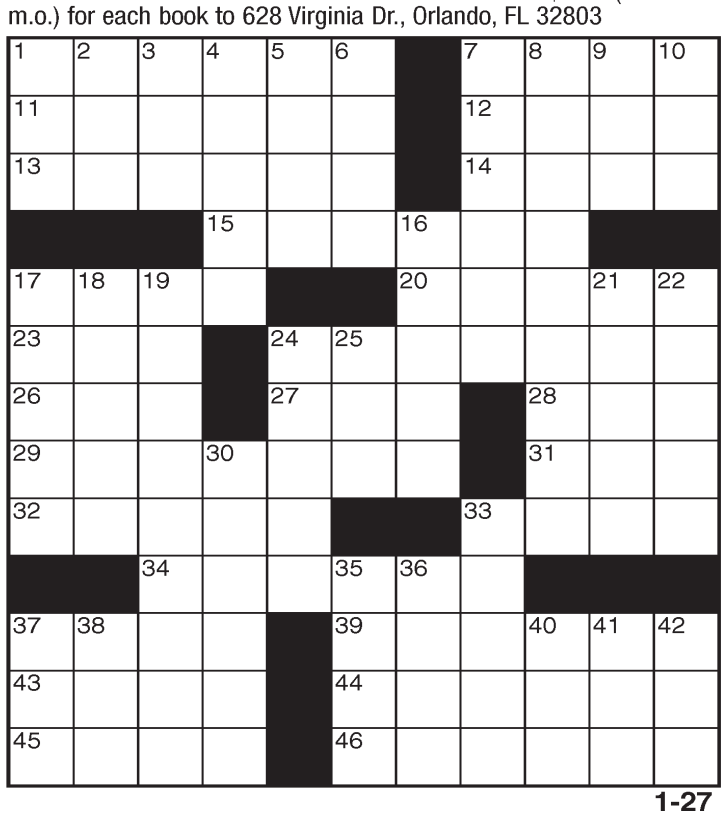

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Difficulty Level ★★★

## 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.

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

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2. an instance of this.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

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**1974** – The Brisbane River breaches its banks causing the largest flood to affect the city of Brisbane in the 20th century.

**1980** – Through cooperation between the U.S. and Canadian governments, six American diplomats secretly escape hostilities in Iran in the culmination of the Canadian Caper.

**1983** – The pilot shaft of the Seikan Tunnel, the world's longest sub-aqueous tunnel (53.85 km) between the Japanese islands of Honsh✣ and Hokkaidÿ, breaks through.

**1984** – Pop singer Michael Jackson suffers second degree burns to his scalp during the filming of a Pepsi commercial in the Shrine Auditorium.

**1993** – American-born sumo wrestler Akebono Tarÿ becomes the first foreigner to be promoted to the sport's highest rank of yokozuna.

**1996** – In a military coup Colonel Ibrahim Baré Maïnassara deposes the first democratically elected president of Niger, Mahamane Ousmane.

**1996** – Germany first observes International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Mike Wolfe, 35, of Nampa, Idaho, finally brought his dream to life for 2016 -- a calendar of photographs of "artistic" designs made by shaving images into his back hair. He said it took him about four months each for enough hair to grow back to give his designer-friend Tyler Harding enough to work with. (January, for instance, features "New Year" in lettering, with two champagne glasses; July's is a flag-like waving stripes with a single star in the upper left.) "Calend-hairs" cost $20 each (with proceeds, Wolfe said, going to an orphanage connected to his church).

■ Jamie, 29, and Abbie Hort, 21, an unemployed couple drawing housing and other government benefits, won a United Kingdom lottery prize in December 2014 worth about $72,000, promptly spent it all (including "some" on "silly" stuff, Abbie admitted), and according to a January press report, are angry now that the government will not immediately re-institute their benefits. Abbie said, as lottery winners, she and Jamie "deserved to buy some nice stuff" and go on holiday, but that now, except for the large-screen TV and Jamie's Ralph Lauren clothes, the winnings are gone. Said Jamie, this past Christmas was just "the worst ever."

# Watch a movie tonight, Capricorn

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★ You'll slow down by choice. A demanding boss might put the kibosh on a heartfelt project. Once you cool off some, you will put greater effort into a different, more meaningful venture. You refuse to let anyone push you in a certain direction. Tonight: Get some exercise.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★★ Someone enjoys tossing you his or her problems, because he or she believes you have the creativity to sleuth right through them. Your ability to get past present thinking and break away from patterns allows you to see situations in a very different light. Tonight: Out on the town.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★ You are likely to express a clarity that is unique to you. You'll recognize where you have created a problem for yourself in a domestic situation. The question remains: How do you fix this issue? A discussion with a partner will be the first step. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★★ Don't do nothing. If someone is disagreeable, make a point of initiating a talk with him or her. You are big on having conversations to clear up problems, but not everyone is responsive to this. Know that you might get nowhere with this person. Tonight: Out on the town.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★ After a risk has backfired, you might choose to lie low for a while. Good idea! You might believe that an overly confident associate is probably wrong. How you convey this information to this person will make all the difference in its reception. Tonight: Count your change.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ The Force is with you! You might experience a momentary backfire, but you'll manage to turn it around into a success story. Use your intuitive and creative senses, and you will come up with a very successful idea, project and/or interaction. Tonight: Be more spontaneous.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★ The smart move is to acknowledge that you don't feel up to snuff. Playing it low-key works. You have a lot to do involving a family member and a surprise, which you won't want to disclose as of yet. No one will know unless you reveal it to them. Tonight: Be secretive.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ You tend to express yourself in a fiery way. As a result, you could cause yourself a problem; people are not used to this type of behavior and self-expression from you. Once you get past a hurdle and focus on the bottom line, you will be a sure winner. Tonight: As you like it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ You might feel encumbered by a professional situation. Tap into your imaginative streak. Your resourcefulness is one of your assets, but you often don't count it as one. You know how to successfully turn around a difficult situation. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★★ You'll ask yourself why you are holding back in a dynamic situation. You can transform others' perceptions, yet you might refuse to. What do you gain by not helping others see the big picture? Open doors -- not only for you, but also for those around you. Tonight: Watch a movie.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ To your credit, you are discovering how easily you can relate on a one-on-one level. In fact, a discussion about how you view certain situations, specifically with a key person, is likely to open doors you didn't even realize existed. Tonight: Celebrate this particular relationship.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ You might feel bombarded by several associates or loved ones. The cost of popularity is high! Be willing to respond as much as you can, yet still honor your priorities. How you say "no" or "I can't" will be instrumental in your interactions. Tonight: Get on the phone and return calls.

**Wednesday, January 27, 2016**

This year you might decide that being totally independent isn't as important as being in a valid relationship. You derive more pleasure from relating to others than you have in a long time. If you are single, many potential suitors land on your doorstep. Pick and choose with care. If you are attached, you might create considerable tension between you because of a need for greater closeness. Avoid throwing off the equilibrium of your bond. Hopefully your significant other also will discover the positives of such closeness. VIRGO can be very difficult despite all your efforts.

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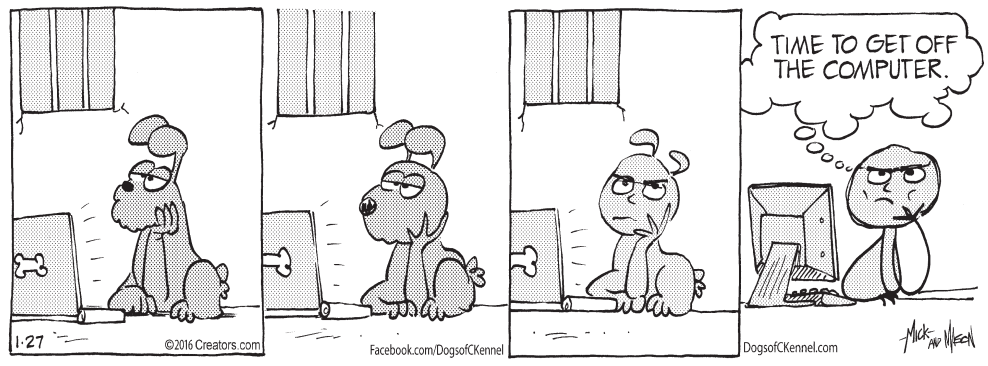


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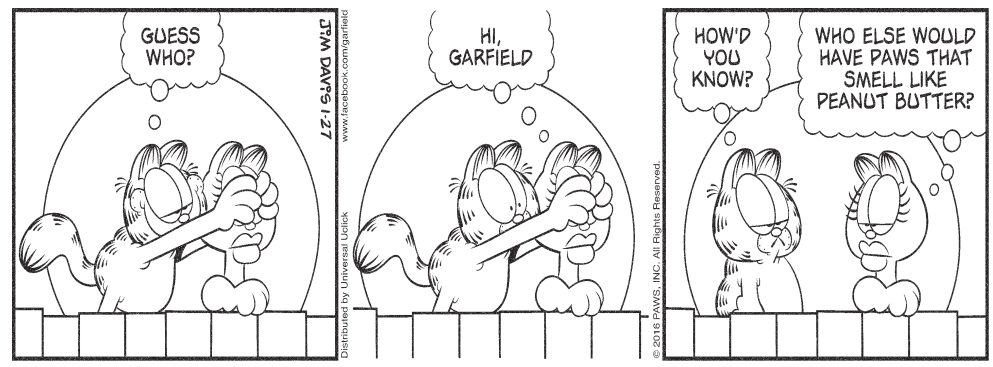


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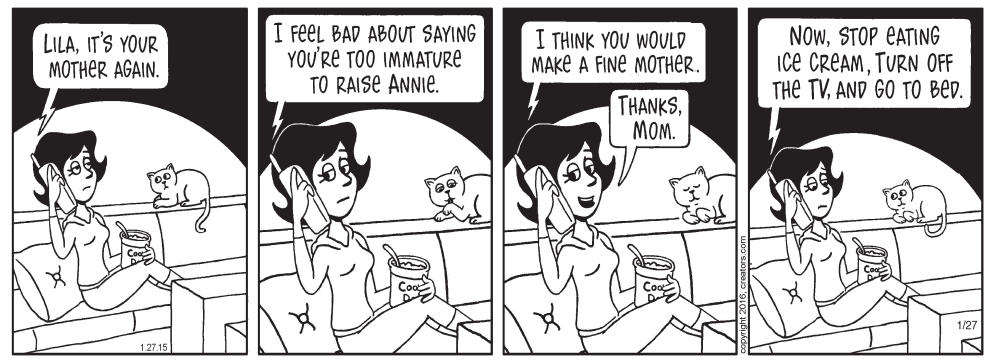


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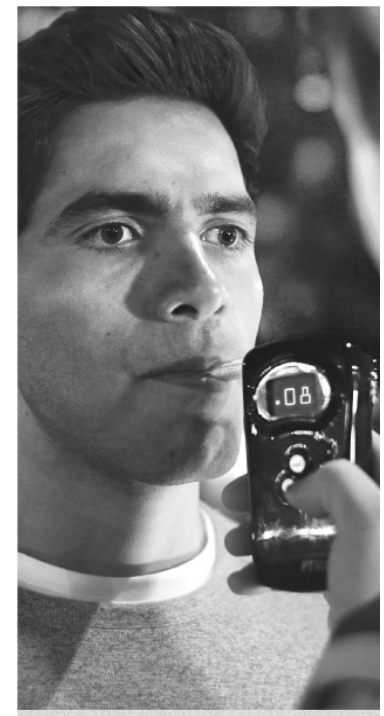


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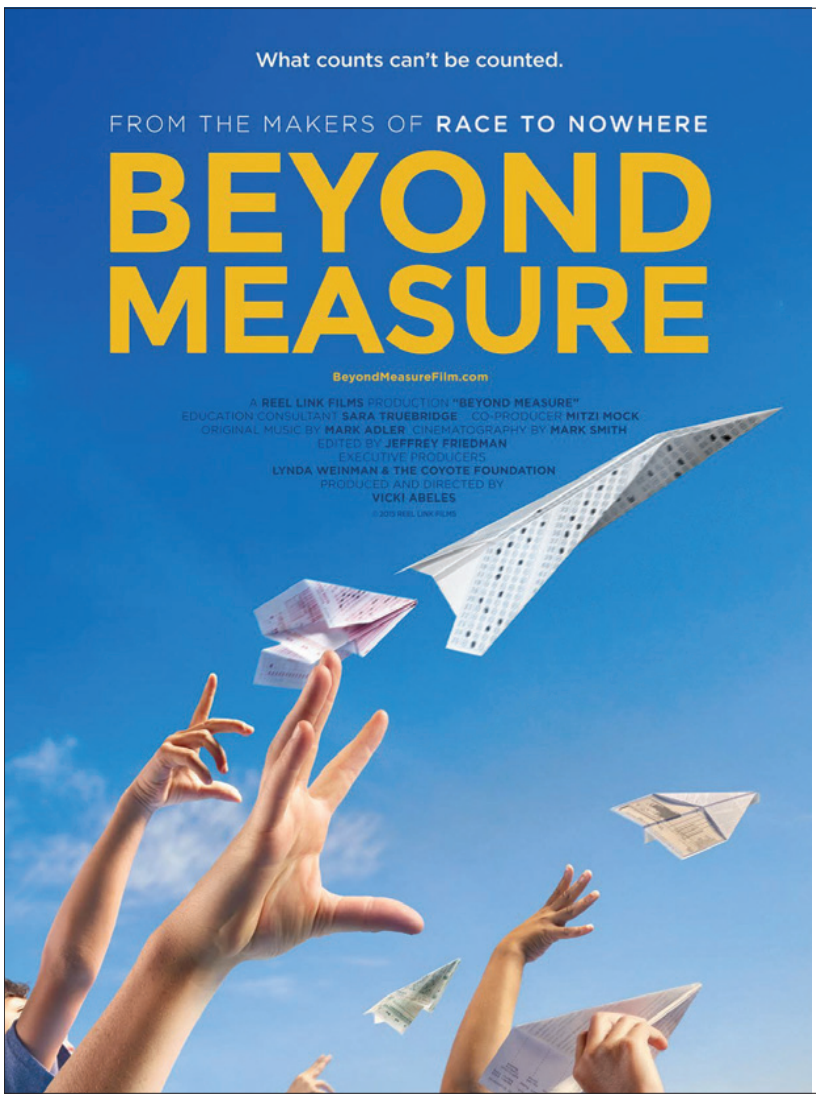


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