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Council bids city manager farewell

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL On Saturday, Rod Gould will step down from his post as city manager - the city's top job - and turn over the reins to current Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek, who will serve as the acting city manager until a new one is selected.

Tuesday was Gould's last City Council meeting, and the seven members - some of whom have served with him for the entirety of his five-year Santa Monica tenure - honored him.

Before thanking the council for their collaboration, Gould spoke of the unique and passionate residents and city employees he met while serving as the boss of the city.

Below are excerpts from Gould and council on Tuesday.

Rod Gould: "I'm feeling awfully nostalgic and grateful for the opportunity you bestowed on me years ago to lead the organization in support of the council goals and directives. The more I studied Santa Monica at that time, the more fascinated I became. I've been a student of cities for decades and I had not come across a city, then or since, that has engaged in so many issues at such a high level all at the same time. And where the citizens are so sophisticated and so



GOULD

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Courtesy photo

WANTED: Anyone with information about the suspect should contact the police.

Council reconsidering financial oversight

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Given recent news that a Pasadena city employee allegedly embezzled $5 million, City Council will reconsider its current practice for auditing City Hall's finances.

Council voted unanimously to have city officials create a report on the current practices and include information about best practices implemented in other cities.

In August, council hired Moss Adams to perform internal audits but, prior to that hiring, city officials had been without an internal auditor for about two years, city officials told council at their Tuesday meeting. An external audit is performed and discussed publicly every year. That discussion is scheduled for Feb. 10.

"I think, in light of what happened in Pasadena, it would behoove us to at least investigate and have staff come back with some recommendations on what's the best way to handle the situation moving forward," Mayor Pro Tempore Tony Vazquez said of the auditing process.

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich suggested the creation of an audit committee, possibly comprised of two council members and resident with accounting experience. The committee would review the annual external audit.

Councilmember Ted Winterer asked, rather than moving forward with the creation of a committee, that city officials study

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MAN DOWN: Santa Monica battled back after losing a player to a red card.

BOYS SOCCER

Red card costs Samohi in loss to El Segundo

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI It took being a man down for the Santa Monica boys soccer team to wake up.

The Vikings seemed to play with more purpose after the ejection of senior Giancarlo Canas, who received a red card midway through the second half, ramping up their energy and even forcing overtime.

But they struggled to stave off El Segundo late in the extra period, falling 2-1 at home Wednesday afternoon to reach the midpoint of the regular season.

"There were moments where we played very well and dictated the tempo of the game, and I don't think it was a fair result given the entirety of the game," coach Corey Prost said. "We didn't execute on a couple set pieces defensively the way we needed to, but I'm happy with the way we battled and fought."

Samohi (4-9-1, 2-3 in the Ocean League) appeared to have turned a proverbial corner, rebounding from a five-game skid — which started with another 2-1 loss to El Segundo in tournament play Dec. 19 — with back-to-back victories against

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Police searching for serial bank robber

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

MONTANA AVE. A coalition of local law enforcement agencies is searching for a serial bank robber dubbed the "Rolled Sleeves Bandit."

The suspect is wanted in connection with seven bank robberies, including two in Santa Monica, over the past few months. He is also suspected of targeting a bank in Hermosa, one in Manhattan Beach and three in Huntington Beach. Three of those robberies occurred in the past week, with two in Huntington Beach on Jan. 28.

Officers said the suspect appears to be moving between the coastal communities, and while they don't have any information as to why he is targeting beach towns, he is likely to have some reason for establishing the pattern.

In addition to the local agencies, the FBI's Bank Robbery Apprehension Team, a joint organization with the Orange County Sheriff's Department, is working the case.

According to law enforcement, the suspect's nickname was given due to his attire in the initial robberies. He is described as a white male about 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall; weighing approximately 230 pounds; approximately 35-45 years old; with a

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January 30

TENTINDO: Two Dance Theater Works
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th Street 8:30 p.m.
An evening of dance theater works by choreographer Laurel Jenkins Tentindo which capture archetypal images. As a choreographer and director, Laurel creates interdisciplinary dance-theater works to awaken the imagination. This program will feature the world premier of a new solo in which Tentindo captures archetypal imagery from Joseph Campbell's "Hero's Journey". $20/$15 310-315-1459

Fireside at the Miles
The Miles Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd. 7:30 p.m.
Every Fireside Concert features a different mix of contemporary music, opera, jazz, storytelling, dance, poetry, beat boxing, a capellasinging and more. Performances take place beside the large period fireplace with an eco-log fire. Admission: $10 for adults; $5 for students, seniors and youth 17/under. Call (310) 458-8634 for more information.

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75th Anniversary of Fantasia
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
7:30 p.m.
To celebrate the Aero anniversary, the theater sill flash back to 1940 with vintage popcorn pricing, nostalgic candy, Champagne and more. David Pacheco, a veteran Disney Creative Director and former Disney animator, will present a brief, illustrated prologue about the making of Fantasia. Admission: $11 General; $7 Members. Call (310) 260-1528 for more information.

January 31

Junie B. Jones The Musical
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd. 11 a.m.
Youth Education/Entertainment Series opening is based on Junie B. Jones the book series by author Barbara Parks. This musical has loads of funny songs and experiences starting a new grade at school, making friends, maybe even helping a friend, and a few surprises along the way. Will run through Feb. 15 Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. Call (310)828.7519 or visit www.morgan-wixson.org for more information. Adults $10 Children (12 & under)$8.

Book signing
Holy Grounds Coffee Shop
725 California Ave., 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Bestselling National Geographic author Jean-Pierre Isbouts will be signing copies of his books, including "The Story of Christianity" and "Who's Who in the Bible." The coffee shop is located between Lincoln and 7th Streets on California. The first 25 visitors who purchase a book will receive a special National Geographic bonus gift. For more information, call (310) 451-5008.

Civic Auditorium Community Workshop

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Too many taxi companies

Editor:

For the past four years, five companies have provided taxi service to Santa Monica. The city has tracked their performance. One has received more calls than all of the others combined. Today, because of rideshare and other competitors there is only enough business for one taxi company. Since five companies are dividing a market that can only satisfy one, no one is satisfied. Most drivers are earning less than the minimum wage. For an easy win-win, thank four companies for their service and keep the clear community choice. The remaining company would hire the best drivers from the other four. This would improve the standard of taxi service for Santa Monica and the standard of living for the drivers. If this idea is accepted, the sooner it is acted upon the better.

Garnet Stewart
Santa Monica

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Civic Auditorium, East Wing
1855 Main St. 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Join organizers for an interactive community workshop. Experience the facility, explore the site and discuss the uses proposed by the community. Call (310) 458-8350 for more information.

Raising Your Self Esteem
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 2 - 3 p.m.
Start the New Year on a positive note! Darlene Lancer, Marriage and Family Therapist, and author of "10 Steps to Self-Esteem" and "Codependency for Dummies", will teach you how to build your confidence to become the person you want to be.

Doug Suisman on the Boulevards
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 - 3 p.m.
Join the Society of Architectural Historians/Southern California Chapter for a presentation on the new edition of "Los Angeles Boulevard: Eight X-Rays of the Body Public." Author and urban designer Doug Suisman discusses the history and significance of the boulevards that link L.A.'s urban core to the Pacific coast. A book sale and signing follows.

Sustainable Landscape and Rain Barrel Sale Event
Santa Monica College Parking Lot
1744 Pearl St. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Pre-order and pick-up a free 50 gallon RainReserve Rain Barrel (with City of Santa Monica Rain Barrel Rebate).

SAT Full Length Practice Test
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.
10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Take a free full length SAT Practice Test with Kaplan. Receive a full score report at the Results Seminar on Feb. 9 at 6:30 p.m., plus get some tips and strategies on improving your score. Seating is limited. Register in person or by calling (310)458-8682. For grades 10-12 only.

Movie Trivia Contest
Aero Theater
1328 Montana Ave. 7:30 p.m.
Join celebrity guests in a fun evening of obscure film facts, beer, prizes and much more, and help raise much-needed funds to keep great programming and state-of-the-art projection at the Aero as it enters its second decade with the Cinematheque. Along with beverages and snacks available in the theater, there will be food trucks outside. Admission: $11 General; $7 Members. Call (310) 260-1528 for more information.

Rags Across the Sun
bG Gallery, Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
bG Gallery is excited to present an intimate LA debut for Neil Holyoak's Rags Across the Sun. This will be the first musical night at the gallery's new Bergamot Station location. This will be the debut performance in the US, a stripped down acoustic set. Call (310) 906-4211 for more information.

February 1

Kidney Disease and High Blood Pressure
UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica
1250 16th St.,
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Kidney disease and high blood pressure is often underdiagnosed and undertreated. UCLA nephrologist Anjay Rastogi, MD will discuss the significant consequences in both circumstances, and also focus on diagnosis and treatments. Sponsored by the UCLA Health 50 Plus Program.

Imbolg Ritual
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St. 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.
The church will celebrate Imbolg, a Celtic ritual, led by Ethel Gullette. Imbolg, also known as Candlemas, also Brigid's Day, comes six weeks after Yule and six weeks before the Spring Equinox. Brigid is goddess of fire, inspiration, healing, craftsmanship, and midwifery. She is patroness of the hearth, poets, smiths, craftspeople, healers, and priests, so bring any poems you would like to share.

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Super Bowl: A corporate celebration

BAD NEWS SELLS OR, AS THEY SAY IN TV news, "If it bleeds, it leads." If so, business must be booming. While negotiations are ever-changing, as I write this ISIS apparently has beheaded one Japanese hostage and is threatening to execute another. Then again, if we hadn't overthrown Saddam Hussein, it's possible there wouldn't be an ISIS (or is it ISIL?). But that's a whole other column.

And there's more grim news: The Cold War between Russia and the U.S., which many proclaimed ended two decades ago, has heated up. The temperature rose with the arrests of a Russian spy ring in New York. One pundit joked that Putin's bellicose ways have increased in direct proportion to the sag in his once-buff chest muscles.

Add to the spy ring story the record snowstorm that buried New England, a record number (50) of airline bomb threats in January, Israel and Hezbollah shelling each other again and a drone that crashed on the White House lawn. ("Drunk droning" by a blitzed government intelligence employee, no less.)

Yes, one could be concerned about any or all of the above, but the nation's collective eyes are focused on the Super Bowl, the crown jewel in the $11 billion-a-year NFL season that's less than 48 hours away. After Tuesday's absurd "media day," during which Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch repeated 29 times, "I'm only here so I don't get fined," the game itself can't come too soon.

If Lynch hadn't shown up to media day he could have been fined, but should he? It's obvious he hates talking with the press, though no more than I hate his obscene "crotch grab" after touchdowns. (That said, the Progressive Insurance commercial in which he makes fun of his eccentric reticence to talk is quite funny.)

For weeks now, the almighty NFL, which somehow has a "nonprofit" tax status (how is that possible?), has been under a cloud of suspicion known as Deflate-gate. This when it was discovered that 11 of 12 footballs used by New England in the conference championship against the Colts were under-inflated.

I will actually be glad when the Super Bowl finally starts and there's no more discussion of inflated or deflated balls.

As of press time there was, however, a noteworthy development in Deflate-gate. In surveillance video, a "bathroom attendant" apparently sneaks a bag of 12 balls into the stadium bathroom. In 90 seconds it's believed he slipped into a stall, locked the door and deflated the balls. (So much for Knute Rockne's quote, "Win or lose, do it fairly.") So now some are calling Coach Belichick "Coach Belicheat." Ouch!

There hasn't been this much interest in a bathroom stall since 2007, when former U.S. Sen. Larry Craig (R-Utah) was charged with soliciting gay sex in a public bathroom. In 2014, a federal judge ordered Craig to pay the U.S. Treasury $242,000 for using campaign funds to pay his legal defense. Poor Larry. Actually, poor Mrs. Larry.

But back to the Super Bowl, where I have a personal connection inasmuch as I attended the very first one at the L.A. Coliseum in 1967. (With 30,000 empty seats!) Our ticket cost $12. Now it might sell for $12,000, which generally only coronations can afford. And clearly only large corporations can afford Super Bowl TV commercials; a 30-second spot costs $4.5 million. (And they're sold out!)

It's been a tough few years for the seemingly arrogant Roger Goodell, the $40-million-a-year Commissioner of the arrogant NFL whose games accounted for a mind-boggling 28 of the top 30 TV viewing audiences in 2014. How arrogant?

This year NFL brass floated the idea of having the singer for the Super Bowl halftime show pay them rather than the other way around. (New meaning to the expression "pay to play?") It was already a PR disaster when Katy Perry told the NFL, "I don't work for free." You go girl.

On a more serious note, in recent times the NFL has come under fire and lawsuits over player safety, primarily concussions and brain injuries. Just go to an NFL reunion and watch former players hobble on stage. (Herschel Walker, who also boxed professionally, said between the two sports, boxing was far safer!)

But all will be forgiven if the Super Bowl matchup is as good as anticipated. It's predicted that 100 million people will watch and $10 billion will be bet. For all my criticisms of the NFL, I'll be one of those glued to the TV.

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Your column here

Sandra Lyon

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A message from the Superintendent regarding measles

AS YOU MAY BE AWARE THROUGH LOCAL news and Samohi families, we received confirmation from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health on Friday that a Samohi freshman baseball coach had been diagnosed with measles. We notified Samohi families that evening.

When we were made aware of the possibility of this coach having measles prior to his diagnosis, we reviewed immunization records for all baseball players and according to school records, determined all have been immunized against this preventable disease.

Had we learned that any team members in contact with the coach had not been vaccinated, under the direction of the public health department, those students could have been required to stay out of school for the 21-day incubation period that goes along with measles.

While the Department of Public Health is not directing us to take any additional action or to exclude any students from school at this time, SMMUSD joins with county public health officials in urging all students get up to date with all immunizations.

If you have previously signed a waiver, but have since had your child immunized, please contact your school nurse directly to update our records.

If your child is not immunized, please make an appointment with your pediatrician or doctor to have your child immunized, or to verify immunizations are up to date. Additional resources are available:

Westside Family Health Center at 1711 Ocean Park Blvd in Santa Monica provides free immunizations for children under 18 years old on the first Saturday of each month from 12-2 p.m. N o appointment is necessary. Visit: www.wfhcenter.org or call (310) 450-2191 for more information and clinic hours.

Venice Family Clinic with several centers in Santa Monica and Venice, including at Samohi, provides free immunizations for children and adults. No insurance or documentation is required. Appointment required. Visit: www.VeniceFamilyClinic.org or call (310) 392-8636 for more information, locations and hours.

UCLA Health - Malibu at 23815 Stuart Ranch Rd in Malibu provides immunizations to patients. Appointment required. Visit: www.uclahealth.org/Malibu or call (310) 456-1668 for more information, office hours and insurance requirements.

As a member of our community, we also ask you to be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles. If you suspect your child (or anyone you know), may have been exposed, or is displaying any signs or symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider for further direction immediately and contact your school Health Office so we can work with you to create a plan for your student prior to returning to school.

Measles typically begins with fever, cough, runny nose and red eyes. Within a few days a red rash appears, usually first on the face, and then spreads downward to the rest of the body. Measles is a highly infectious, airborne disease and is a reportable disease to the health department. If exposed to measles, children and staff without documented immunity must be excluded from school for 21 days.

To assist you in better understanding the issue, please visit the California Department of Public Health at: http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/Measles.aspx. This website discusses some of the most common questions and their answers surrounding measles.

For frequently asked questions about immunizations, visit: http://www.smmusd.org/StudentServices/immunizations.html

We continue to educate students on the importance of hand washing at school, as well as other good health practices to reduce the spread of germs, including flu, and other illnesses.

The health and safety of our students and staff is our first priority. Thank you.

SANDRA LYON Superintendent Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

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Big Year for Kiwanis

THIS IS GOING TO BE A BIG YEAR FOR the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, as this is the 100th Anniversary year of Kiwanis International! Kiwanis International, started in Detroit as a single club, now has over 8,000 adult clubs and 7,000 youth clubs in 80 countries collectively donating more than 18 million hours of service each year. Altogether these groups sponsor 150,000 service projects and raise over $100 million annually. These statistics are spectacular but what is most interesting are the details. For example, Kiwanis is the only service club that has a club for adults living with disabilities. With more than 12,000 members worldwide, the Aktion (pronounced "action") Club provides adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop leadership skills and to serve their communities. Circle K is the university level within the Kiwanis family, and the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is extremely proud to be the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of the largest and most active club in the country, the UCLA Circle K! So far this academic year, the UCLA student members have contributed 13,000 hours of community service. In addition, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is thrilled to announce the chartering of a Builder's Club of our youngest Kiwanis members at Lincoln Middle School. The students there are so excited to start supporting their community.

What does all this community service look like? Locally, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica will again be the leading sponsor of many community events including the Bowl-A-Thon to benefit the Westside Coalition, a one-of-a-kind coalition of groups serving our homeless population, the SMPL Seuss-a-Bration where kids get to meet The Cat in the Hat while learning to love reading, the Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Award where the youth are celebrated for their achievements in the community, and the backpack and school supply giveaway at Back to School with P.A.L. And like every year, we will be giving out over $150,000 in grants and scholarships to local organizations and students.

Internationally, Kiwanis Club members have virtually eradicated iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) for 70 percent of the world's population. The WHO describes iodine deficiency as "the world's most prevalent, yet easily preventable, cause of brain damage." The prevention? Iodized salt. In the mid 1990's, Kiwanis began raising funds to help support salt iodization, testing, and community outreach. The success of the program has been hailed by UNICEF as one of the greatest public health triumphs of the 20th century. In an attempt to exceed the achievements of the IDD program, Kiwanis International has embarked on a journey to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the developing parts of the world. The ELIMINATE project, in partnership with UNICEF, is providing women in rural areas and areas of conflict with the vaccination that will protect her and her future children from the horrible results of the tetanus bacteria. Tetanus is a bacteria that is introduced when the umbilical cord is cut with an infected instrument. The result is a prolonged painful death for the infant, made worse by physical contact. There is no cure. But tetanus is being eradicated; 35 countries, including Iraq, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Vietnam, have eliminated tetanus since the program started in 2011. The remaining 24 countries with tetanus, including Kenya, Pakistan and Haiti, will be added to the list of successes by the end of this year.

2015 will be a great year and we look forward to all of it!!

Find out more about the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, or to join us for lunch, by visiting our website, www.kiwanisclubsm.org.

AUDIT

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practices that are working in other cities.

"I'm not of the belief that there's any mass graft or corruption in this city, but I think Councilmember Vazquez is right: They probably had the same belief in Pasadena," he said. "I don't know if the council audit committee in Pasadena would have caught that particular act of corruption."

Mayor Kevin McKeown worried that committee work would replace or diminish the current practice of reviewing the external audit publicly each year.

"I would think that our interest as a council and a community is that the city's fiscal oversight is meticulous and transparent," he said, "and I'm not sure that going to council committee furthers those goals because then less of it is being done here in the public hearing and more is being done as committee work. And frankly, I tend to overestimate the abilities of my colleagues, but I've never seen any of us in a green eyeshade and I don't know that we have the type of expertise it takes to do this kind of very complex municipal finance auditing."

Winterer suggested an expansion of the current outreach process performed by the external auditor.

"I do know that when we have this external audit annually, that the auditor then subsequently goes out and meets with people in the community," he said. "I happen to be the council member that was chosen to meet with them two years ago. I think that's a great framework. Maybe we build on that. There's a lot of possibilities. I think we should just explore them all."

McKeown, noting City Hall's recent Open Data initiative, which brought reams of city finance documents online for the public to view, expressed confidence in city practices.

"This city is rather infamously open in its process," he said. "This information is there. Maybe we could make it in a more easily digestible format. I don't know. But this is a very complex business. I don't know that I would personally be of any use on a committee doing this."

Winterer expressed an interest in asking the external auditors their opinion at the public meeting next month.

Additionally, city officials will file a report on the current auditing process.

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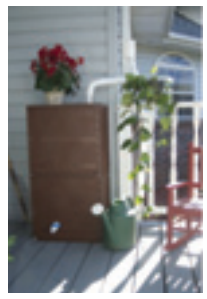
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a discussion regarding **the formation of a potential historic district on San Vicente Boulevard, between Ocean Avenue and Seventh Street.**

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

1301 Ocean Avenue, 09LM-006, Zoning: RVC – Residential-Visitor-Commercial. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider supplementing the existing landmark designation of the Shangri-La Hotel in order to include additional historical information concerning the building and its occupants within the criteria for designation. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding the supplemental designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that supplemental information should be included in the designation. Applicant: Cody Shearer and Erick Simmel. Owner: Indus Investments. ***(Continued from December 8, 2014 meeting)***

1202 3rd Street Promenade, 14ENT-5031, Zoning: BSC1 – Bayside Commercial. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for approval of a sign adjustment and sign plans for an existing retail tenant (Banana Republic) located in the former J.C. Penney Building, a designated City Landmark, located at 1202 3rd Street Promenade. Applicant: AKC Services, Inc. Owner: Street Retail West II, LP/ Jan W. Sweetnam. ***(Continued from January 12, 2015 meeting)***

525 Georgina Avenue, 15ENT-0030, Zoning: R1 – Single Family Residential. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 15ENT-0030, at 525 Georgina Avenue to determine whether the existing single family residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Scott & Shana Silveri TRS/Silveri Trust.

When: **Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Beach

2015 TSM Beach Clean-Up Day



Courtesy photo
TSM: A swim club helped clean the beach.

Coach Jimmy and about 50 Team Santa Monica swimmers, parents, and siblings showed up on the beach in Santa Monica to participate in the first annual TSM Beach Clean-Up Day in conjunction with Heal the Bay on Jan. 24. The swimmers (from 7 to 16 years of age) enjoyed serving the community with their TSM swim friends. The event began just north of the Santa Monica Pier. All volunteers signed in, received an informational speech on the Heal the Bay "Guidelines for the beach clean-up" and then they were on their way. Volunteers were hard at work picking up debris from Tower 12 to Tower 15. The event concluded with a group photo, snow cones and popcorn for all and then the volunteers got into a snowball fight – in 80 degree weather. Participants said they wanted to thank the event coordinators – Mark & Julie Sim, Denise Daniels, David Newberg, and Bridget Guy.

TSM is designated as a high performance Silver Medal swim club, by USAA Swimming, ranking it among the best swim clubs nationally. For the fourth year in a row, USA Swimming has recognized TSM's excellence in the development of athletes 18 years and younger by awarding Silver Medal Club status to Team Santa Monica. The 2015 Club Excellence Program has distinguished Team Santa Monica as one of the top 100 clubs in the nation (USA Swimming awards 20 gold teams and 80 silver). Visit www.teamsantamonica.org for additional information.

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SMC

February shows at SMC's Drescher Planetarium

The Santa Monica College John Drescher Planetarium invites residents to a telescope-observing session and a feature show – as well as their popular Night

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Draft Zoning Ordinance Public Review Draft:
This is the eighth hearing to review the Redline Public Review Draft Zoning Ordinance Update and 29th hearing overall on the Draft Zoning Ordinance Update. The Planning Commission concluded and closed the public testimony on Division III (excluding Chapter 9.28 – Parking, Loading, and Circulation and Chapter 9.53 – Transportation Demand Management) at its January 28, 2015 meeting and will continue its deliberations on the major topics within that Division (excluding Chapter 9.28 – Parking, Loading, and Circulation and Chapter 9.53 – Transportation Demand Management which will be discussed on February 18, 2015) 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 III. 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, February 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may continue to comment by writing a letter or e-mail, or by filling out an electronic comment form at http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Zoning/Zoning-Update/. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Sky Show — on Friday evenings in February.

The evening events are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly "tour" of the constellations, and the chance to ask astronomy-related questions.

The February events are:

• "Wakeup for New Horizons" on Feb. 6 and 20. NASA "awakened" its New Horizons spacecraft on Dec. 6, 2014, nine years and three billion miles after its launch. As New Horizons is preparing for its July 14 flyby of Pluto and its moons, come preview the scientific climax of this pioneering mission into the Kuiper Belt.

• Special Observing Event: "10-Day-Old Moon, Jupiter!" on Feb. 27. With guidance from the planetarium director, take a look through a variety of telescopes at the 10-day-old gibbous Moon and its prominent craters, along with the largest planet of our solar system — mighty Jupiter — and its four largest moons.

The John Drescher Planetarium, which features a Digistar projection system, is located near the elevators on the second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica). Tickets are available at the door and cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session.

For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

Sherman Oaks

Police arrest suspect in fatal hit and run

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has arrested Eugene Morris Cohen, of Sherman Oaks, for killing a woman in a Santa Monica crosswalk last year.

On Saturday, March 22, 2014 at about 1 a.m., a traffic collision occurred in the 1600 block of Ocean Avenue. Two female pedestrians crossing the street were struck by an Infiniti G35. The vehicle involved in the collision fled the scene and one of the victims later died of her injuries.

SMPD Traffic Investigators developed leads from traces of evidence left at the scene and were able to identify Cohen as the suspect.

On Jan. 16, the findings of the investigation were presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for review. A criminal complaint was filed and an arrest warrant was issued.

On Jan. 22, SMPD investigators located Cohen at his residence where he was arrested, transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked on charges of vehicular manslaughter and felony hit and run. Cohen is also suspected of attempting to destroy and depose of evidence from within his vehicle.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Traffic Investigator Jason Olson of the Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Division at (310) 458-8954, or via email at jason.olson@smgov.net.

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TOUGH LOSS: The boys soccer team lost to El Segundo in overtime.

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Culver City and Beverly Hills.

But the Vikings fell below .500 in their conference standings entering Friday evening's road game against Hawthorne, unable to keep El Segundo away from the net in crunch time.

In the 95th minute, the Eagles took advantage of a defensive error and punched in the golden goal. Samohi players froze in disbelief.

"Somebody got free, they flicked it into the box and we didn't clear it on the initial header," Prost said. "And they hit the second ball."

El Segundo's goal ended a chippy affair that was dotted with physical play, referee whistles and warning cards.

About three minutes after Canas was sent out in the 60th, Eagles senior Keith Mowers drew a yellow card for fouling Vikings defender Roberto Lopez.

El Segundo capitalized on its one-man edge in the 66th minute when Jake Grundman put away a tipped throw-in, but Samohi didn't panic.

Moments later, senior Edwin Hernandez tied the match with a thrilling finish that seemed to galvanize his teammates.

"It was a great play," Prost said. "Edwin's really been one of those guys who has stepped up and picked up his play."

The Vikings' momentum translated into stingy defense and decisive ball movement in the final 13 minutes of regulation and extended into the two overtime stanzas.

They passed with more precision and communicated more effectively, holding steadily even as goalkeeper Chris Garcia left the game momentarily following a collision in the 70th.

"Being a man down really changes the complexion of the game," Prost said. "We played very well and defended well during that stretch. But it takes its toll as time goes on."

Added junior Christian Palomares: "We had to work for each other, and we didn't do that the first half. "It took us a man down to figure that out."

Palomares, who has scored a team-high four goals this season, earned Samohi a corner kick with a hustle play in the 93rd minute. Lopez got his head on the ensuing cross but couldn't direct it towards the goal.

Two minutes later, El Segundo's Shawn Manouchehry notched the game-winner.

"We can do better," Palomares said. "We should've won it. Hopefully, we'll get them at their place."

The rematch, which doubles as the Vikings' league finale, is slated for Feb. 12.

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engaged in the public process that any night of the week there could be not one but two, maybe even three, community meetings going on in different parts of the city on different subject with people all interested in perfecting their community."

"It's been a true pleasure working here with you and your predecessors on the council. The relationship between the council and the manager is a very special one and one that, when it works really well, it benefits the whole community. In my meetings with you individually over the months and years it's very clear that each of you is deeply vested in the notion of improving the community that you serve. It's about the communal benefit rather than your own individual aggrandizement that is at stake here."

"Santa Monica is really a learning laboratory for so many individuals, groups, and agendas. This is a city with unbounded possibilities. I'm very proud of what we've been able to accomplish in five years. I'm very grateful for your kind words and support. I have nothing but optimism for Santa Monica going forward."

Councilember Tony Vazquez and Mayor McKeown cited Gould's work on Measures Y and YY, which raised sales tax to fund the schools.

TV: "I guess one of the things that really impressed me was really your financial depth. It was evident to me because my wife being on the school board, when they were in a jam financially, when you were able to come up with this creative solution with the YY. Not only did it save the school system a ton of money, or generate some good revenue, but it also helped the city so I thought that was a real win-win-win situation."

KM: "You came here as a new city manager in a position where usually city managers don't want to share the resources of their city with anybody. You realized how important education was to this community. You ascertained a need. You came up with an innovative creative way to fulfill that need, you engaged the entire community, and got us to work together on something we all believed in, and you helped us succeed in passing those measures which are left as your legacy of ongoing, dependable, educational funding for public education in this community. That means that students, for years to come, will have a better education because of Rod Gould having been city manager in our city."

"Goodbyes are difficult because I tend to get emotional but I can tell you that your leaving has affected me deeply because last night, I dreamed that you were moving out of a commune that you and I both lived in."

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich was elected in November and therefore has only served with Gould for about two months.

SH: "My very first meeting with the city was with Rod and Elaine, and Rod said to me at that meeting, 'We're here to serve you.' He listened to my concerns. He responded to them and I have to say that, for a guy who's leaving, it was something he didn't have to do but he did. And although there are areas in which we disagree, we nevertheless had a very civil and fruitful dialogue."

Councilmember Ted Winterer lauded what he called Gould's "freakish work ethic."

TW: "I always tell people I can email the city manager at like 10:30 on Sunday night and I hear back within two minutes and I've just always been really impressed with how hard you've worked with this job, how much you've been on top of every aspect of the city. Just about every question I could ask would have an answer and I really appreciated your enthusiasm and dedication for the job. But getting back to that work ethic: It's called retirement, Rod. Take it easy for a while."

Councilmember Terry O'Day: "You're my first and only city manager I've worked with and in developing our relationship I've learned a ton about management and the approach you bring to your work and, in particular, I've also witness you lead with real integrity. I appreciate that. It's taught me a great deal about leadership and about public service and this work that we all do together. And to do that, and to hold those principles, and to get as much done as you did, I think is really quite extraordinary and the legacy that you leave us with and for me to build a foundation on as I go forward in this role."

Councilmember Pam O'Connor was serving as mayor when Gould announced his retirement last summer.

PO: "Every time I'm mayor or acting mayor, city managers retire. And you kept my record going because you officially retired when I was mayor. But you're the fourth one who has retired when I've been mayor or acting mayor."

"Despite the fact that you might be retiring from day-to-day city management, the thing that does inspire you, too, is good governance. And sharing good governance and ethical governance and those kinds of leadership skills who are both active in their local community, who are active in their local city both on city staffs as well as City Council ... is really commendable."

Councilmember Gleam Davis was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

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In a statement, the FBI said, "During the robberies, the suspect pretends to be a signatory on what he says is his girlfriend's account and then proceeds to ask the victim teller to verify information. Once the teller appears to be distracted, the suspect presents a note demanding cash, verbally demands cash in various denominations, and announces that he has a gun."

Santa Monica Police Department Detective Daniel Larios said the SMPD often works with neighboring agencies when crimes cross jurisdictional boundaries but bank robbery is unique because it is a federal crime that is often investigated by local agencies.

"For Santa Monica, we will investigate our two cases and I'm in constant contact with the detectives from other agencies," he said. "We've created a group and are sharing information."

The suspect is linked to the robbery of Citibank on Montana Avenue and OneWest bank, also on Montana.

The current investigation comes after two serial bank robbers were arrested last year in connection with crimes in Santa Monica.

Larios said bank robberies are no more or less common today than they have been at any point in his career and that Santa Monica doesn't draw more bank robberies than other nearby areas.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8937, call the Los Angeles FBI office at (310) 477-6565 or visit http://www.labankrobbers.org/tips.htm.

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City of Santa Monica

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA REVISING WATER RATES AND WATER SERVICE CHARGES

(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

WHEREAS, the City Council may establish, amend or revise from time to time by resolution the rates and service charges to be charged for supplying water service to any customer pursuant to Government Code section 54344 and Section 7.12.010 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City is implementing a comprehensive long range water system improvement program with the goal of having reliable infrastructure and a sustainable water supply by eliminating dependence on imported water sources to meet potable water needs by 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve these goals, the City has implemented self-sufficiency water conservation programs and mandatory water reductions pursuant to its Water Shortage Response Plan, resulting in an immediate 20% reduction in water sales; and

WHEREAS, most of the City's water production costs are fixed, the City's Water Fund is projected to be adversely impacted by the reduction in water sales and increases in conservation program costs and, as a result, water rate increases are needed to finance the cost of providing water service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica is proposing water rate increases ("Water Rate Increases") to the City's existing tiered water rate structure over a five-year period beginning March 1, 2015 and the proposed percentage increases are:

March 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
9.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%

; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code section 54354, delinquent charges and penalties for water services when recorded in accordance with Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing ("Hearing") to consider the proposed Water Rate Increases on February 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk gave notice of the proposed Water Rate Increases ("Notice"), which Notice contained a copy of the proposed resolution to adopt the Water Rate Increases and a declaration that delinquent charges and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served; and

WHEREAS, the Notice stated the time and place of the Hearing on said proposed resolution, and that at said time and place any person interested, including all persons owning property within the water service area of the City, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed Water Rate Increases are discriminatory or excessive, or will not be sufficient under Government Code section 54515, or will not comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code, or will not be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues, or on any other matter relating to said proposed resolution or the proposed Water Rates proposed therein; and

WHEREAS, the Notice was published at least once each week for two weeks prior to the Hearing in the Santa Monica Daily Press, in accordance with Government Code section 54354.5; and

WHEREAS, a separate notice of the proposed Water Rate Increases was also given in accordance with Article XIII D Section 6 of the California Constitution, by mailing such notice to the owner of record of each parcel in Santa Monica's service area and parcels in the City of Los Angeles who receive water service from the City of Santa Monica; and.

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all written and oral testimony presented at the Hearing and considered whether the proposed Water Rate Increases are discriminatory or excessive, or will be sufficient under Government Code section 54515, or will comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code, or will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues and will be in compliance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby determines that the proposed Water Rate Increases are not discriminatory or excessive, and will be sufficient under Government Code section 54515, and will comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code, and will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues and will be in compliance with law.

SECTION 2. As of March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter practical, the four-tier water commodity rate structure for single-family customers for all meter sizes shall be as follows:

Tier	Rate	Single Family Range of Use/HCF*
1	$2.73	0-14
2	$4.09	15-40
3	$ 6.13	41-148
4	$ 9.59	149+

* HCF = 100 cubic feet

SECTION 3. As of March, 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter practical, the four-tier water commodity rate structure for multi-family customers for all meters sizes shall be as follows:

Tier	Rate	Multi Family Range of Use Per Dwelling Unit/HCF*
1	$ 2.73	0-4
2	$ 4.09	5-9
3	$ 6.13	10-20
4	$ 9.59	21+

* HCF = 100 cubic feet

SECTION 4. As of March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter practical, the two-tier water commodity rate structure based on meter size for non-residential customers shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Tier Rate	Range of Use/HCF
3/4" & 1"	Tier 1 $ 3.88	0-210
	Tier 2 $ 9.55	211+
1-1/2"	Tier 1 $ 3.88	0-465
	Tier 2 $ 9.55	466+
2"	Tier 1 $ 3.88	0-870
	Tier 2 $ 9.55	871+
3"	Tier 1 $ 3.88	0-1,700
	Tier 2 $ 9.55	1,701+
4"	Tier 1 $ 3.88	0-2,550
	Tier 2 $ 9.55	2,551+
6" and above	Tier 1 $ 3.88	0-5,280
	Tier 2 $ 9.55	5,281+

SECTION 5. As of March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter practical, the one-tier recycled water rate shall be as follows:

$3.49 per HCF

SECTION 6. As of March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter practical, the fixed bi-monthly service charge for fireline meters shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Service Charge
1 1/2"	$39.05
2"	$62.65
3"	$107.82
4"	$172.32
6"	$333.52
8"	$526.97
10" +	$752.66

Any unauthorized metered water usage for fireline meters shall result in doubling of the service charge.

SECTION 7. A low-income allowance will be offered to residential water customers with individual water meters who qualify for the City's Utilities User Tax Exemption Program, the Southern California Gas Co. or the Southern California Edison low-income assistance programs. As of March 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter practical, the residential low-income water commodity charge shall be as follows:

Tier 1	$ 1.73
Tier 2	$ 4.09
Tier 3	$ 6.13
Tier 4	$ 9.59

SECTION 8. Maximum rate increases from March 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 are hereby established as follows:

March 1, 2015	9% (this increase is already reflected in Sections 2 – 7)
January 1, 2016	13%
January 1, 2017	13%
January 1, 2018	13%
January 1, 2019	13%

SECTION 9. Commencing upon January 1, 2016 and on January 1 of each fiscal year thereafter, fees established by this resolution shall be administratively revised annually by a factor no greater than the percentages outlined in Section 8.

SECTION 10. In accordance with Government Code section 54354, delinquent charges and penalties for water services when recorded in accordance with Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served.

SECTION 11. Resolution Number XXXXX (CCS) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 12. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

LOS ANGELES BRIEFS

CAMARILLO

9 miles of PCH to stay closed through February

A 9-mile stretch of Pacific Coast Highway will remain closed for another month.

The California Department of Transportation says that high surf caused by January storms have caused the slopes below the highway to wash away in an area that includes parts of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties.

Caltrans says the extensive repairs will take until at least the end of February.

The stretch of highway from Las Posas Road near Camarillo to Yerba Buena Road near Malibu has been closed since a major storm in December that covered parts of the PCH in mud, rocks and debris.

Estimates had the highway reopening in mid-January, then late January and now the end of February.

– AP

ONTARIO

United flight from Los Angeles to DC makes emergency landing

A United Airlines flight from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., made a quick emergency landing at another Southern California airport Thursday morning after passengers reported a burning smell on board.

United Flight 1181 from Los Angeles International Airport to Dulles International Airport landed safely at Ontario International Airport, about 40 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, just before 9 a.m.

There were no reports of injuries among the 199 passengers and seven crew members, United spokeswoman Mary Ryan said.

About half an hour into the flight the pilot declared an emergency, and within about five minutes the plane was on the ground, according to Harold Johnson, an Ontario airport spokesman.

"They put the pedal to the metal and got us here pretty quickly," said passenger Jim Clarke. "It was a quick landing."

The atmosphere on the plane was calm, as was the evacuation, Clarke said.

Fire crews on the tarmac sprayed down the Boeing 757's brakes; with a full tank of fuel for a cross-country haul, the plane was heavy and the brakes hot.

A maintenance crew was checking the aircraft, and the airline was working to reroute passengers to Washington, Ryan said.

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LOS ANGELES

2 arrested, 3 cars impounded after street racing complaints

Los Angeles police say two people were arrested, ten others were cited and three cars were impounded after residents complained of street racing and reckless driving in North Hollywood.

Officer Lilliana Preciado tells City News Service that multiple complaints were received starting at around 11:45 p.m. Wednesday.

Preciado says officers halted racing on Sherman Way and stunt-like driving in the parking lot of a Home Depot.

Officers made two misdemeanor arrests for outstanding warrants.

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City of Santa Monica

Proposed Water Rate Increases

1. Proposed Water Rate Increases

The City of Santa Monica is proposing water rate increases for a five-year period beginning March 1, 2015. The proposed percentage increases are:

March 1, 2015	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
9.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%

2. The Basis upon Which the Fee was Calculated

The proposed rate increases, if adopted, will improve the financial position of the City's Water Fund, reduce the risk of revenue shortfalls from projected reduced water sales, fund identified self-sufficiency related improvements, and improve net operating parameters that are required to issue new municipal debt that may be needed for future water system improvements. A more detailed explanation of the City's projected revenues and deficits is provided in the City's Water Rate and Revenue Analysis ("Report"), which can be downloaded from the City's website at http://www.water.smqov.net . A hard copy of the Report is also available at the City Clerk's Office at 1685 Main Street, Room 213, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

3. Reason for the Proposed Water Rate Increases

The City is implementing a comprehensive long range water system improvement program with the goal of having reliable infrastructure and a sustainable water supply by eliminating dependence on imported water sources to meet potable water needs by 2020. In order to achieve these goals, the City has implemented self-sufficiency water conservation programs. In addition, the City has implemented mandatory water reductions pursuant to its Water Shortage Response Plan, resulting in an immediate 20% reduction in water sales. Since most of the City's water production costs are fixed, the Water Fund is projected to be adversely impacted by the reduction in water sales and increases in conservation program costs. As a result, water rate increases are needed to finance the cost of providing water service.

4. How Revenues from the Water Rate Increases Will Be Used

The proposed rate action will provide funding for local and imported water, operation and maintenance, capital infrastructure costs, appropriate reserve levels, and water self-sufficiency goals. A more complete description of projected expenditures is included in Section 3 of the Report. The revenues derived from the proposed water rate increases will not exceed the funds required to provide water services. The revenues will not be used for any purposes other than to finance the costs of providing water services, and will not exceed the projected cost of service attributable to each parcel.

5. Date, Time and Location of the Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed water rate increases on February 24, 2015 at 5:45 pm in the City Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Room 213, Santa Monica, CA 90401. At the public hearing, any person interested, including all persons owning property within the water service area of the City, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed Water Rate Increases are discriminatory or excessive, or will not be sufficient under Government Code section 54515, or will not comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code, or will not be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues, or on any other matter relating to said proposed resolution or the proposed Water Rates proposed therein.

6. Procedure for Submittal of Written Protests

Any property owner of record whose property is subject to the proposed water rates may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel. Any written protest must:

- State that the identified property owners is in opposition to the propose rate increase;
- Provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number, street address, or customer account);
- Include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest; and
- If the person protesting was not shown on Los Angeles County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner of record, provide written evidence that the person is the current property owner (example: current copy of water bill).

Written protests on the proposed rate increases may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401, but must be submitted no later than the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing.

At the public hearing, the City Council will accept and consider all written protests and hear all oral comments to the proposed rate increases. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If by the close of the public hearing written protests against the rate increases are not presented by a majority of property owners, the City Council may adopt a resolution to increase the water rates up to the amount of the proposed rates identified in this notice. If adopted, the rates will become effective March 1, 2015, and on January 1 in subsequent years. Delinquent charges and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served. This notice is being mailed to the owner of record of each parcel in Santa Monica's service area. As a courtesy, this notice is also being mailed to all Santa Monica water account holders. If you do not receive water service from the City of Santa Monica this notice does not apply to you. Sample bills incorporating the proposed rates and new rate structures are on the back of this notice. Additional information is available on the City's Water Resources Division website at http://www.water.smqov.net or by calling the Water Resources office at (310) 458-8975.

Proposed Water Rate Increases and Sample Bills

Sample Water Bill	Meter Size	Usage in HCF	Current	March 2015 9.0 %	Jan 2016 13%	Jan 2016 13%	Jan 2016 13%	Jan 2016 13%
Single Family	3/4"	30	$95.00	$103.55	$117.01	$132.22	$149.41	$168.84
11-unit Apartment Bldg	1-1/2"	77	$233.75	$254.79	$287.91	$325.34	$367.63	$415.42
Non-Residential	1"	37	$132.09	$143.98	$162.70	$183.85	$207.75	$234.75
Non-Residential	2"	192	$685.44	$747.13	$844.26	$954.01	$1,078.03	$1,218.18
Non-Residential	4"	709	$2,531.13	$2,758.93	$3,117.59	$3,522.88	$3,980.85	$4,498.37

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.5°**

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Old WNW leftovers; Small new WNW swell to build; NW windswell expected to pick up.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small WNW swell; Possible NW windswell...Stay tuned; Small South swell; Standouts show a little more size at times

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell-mix easing; Small South swell; Standouts show a little more size at times

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Old WNW swell leftovers

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa 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+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
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.	ns	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+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
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	A+

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

LEGEND

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: February 2, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 13ARB478: 501 Colorado Avenue: Hotel
- 14ARB326: 140-142 Hollister Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- 14ARB443: 2318 Ocean Park Boulevard: Multi-Family Residential
- 14ARB422: 234 Pico Boulevard: Commercial
- 14ENT5030: 214 Bicknell Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- 14ENT5045: 1401 Ocean Avenue: Restaurant
- 15ENT0002: 1520 Second Street: Commercial
- 15ENT0006: 1211 Michigan Avenue: Multi-Family Residential

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONCEPT REVIEWS:

- None

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail grace.page@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines, 2, 3, Rapid #3, 7, & 9 serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2015**
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Use Permit, 14-ENT-5003, 506 Palisades Avenue. The applicant is requesting a Use Permit to allow the construction of a two-story accessory structure. The site is currently developed with a two-story single-family residence and a one-story detached accessory building (garage). The proposed two-story accessory building is approximately 21 feet high and consists of a two-car garage on the first floor and a 214 square foot recreation room and bathroom on the second floor. According to SMMC Section 9.04.08.02.040(c) the applicant may request a Use Permit to allow a two-story accessory building up to a maximum height of 24 feet on properties located in the R1 zoning district within the area bounded by Montana Avenue, the northern City limits, Twenty-Sixth Street and Ocean Avenue. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Doug Merrill/Robin Nydes. This item was continued from the January 13, 2015 Zoning Administrator hearing.

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 14FWHM0011, 2513 Ocean Park Boulevard. A hedge height modification to allow eight-foot tall Ficus hedges with a seven-foot six-inch tall and ten-foot wide pergola within the front setback area of property located in the R3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard, as measured from the lowest adjacent finished grade and pergolas cannot exceed eight feet in height and width. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front yard area subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/ OWNER**: Vicki Tyler. This item was continued from the January 13, 2015 Zoning Administrator hearing to allow for an updated request description.

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

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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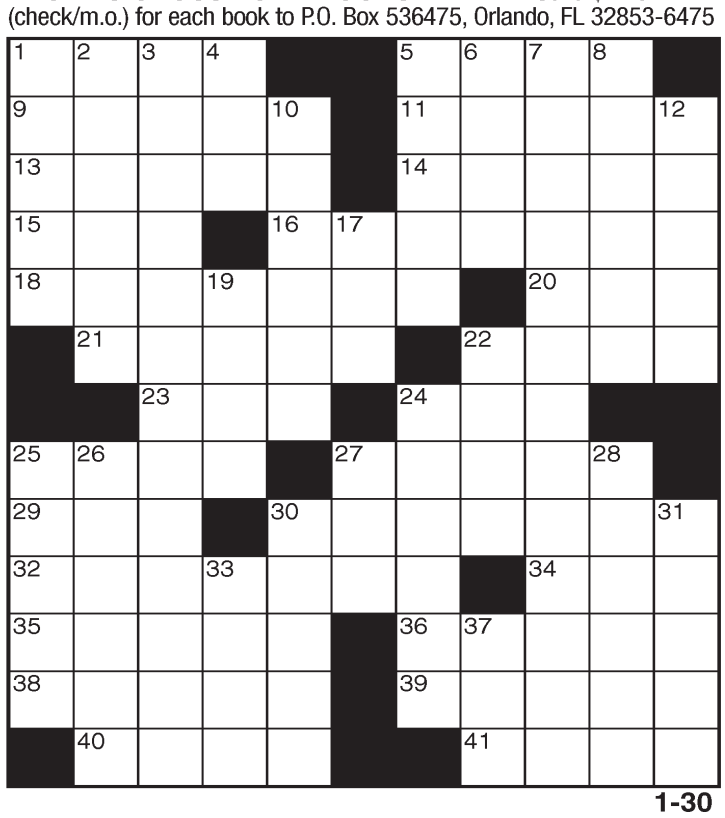
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Yesterday's answer

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MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

Frank Gonzales correctly identified the Mystery Photo as at the Barrett Art Gallery, located at Santa Monica Blvd. & 11th St. adjacent to the Broad Stage.



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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

2	9	7	6	4	3	8	5	1
4	6	8	5	1	9	2	3	7
5	3	1	7	2	8	9	4	6
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King Features Syndicate

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/28
12 24 35 36 49
Power#: 1
Jackpot: 289M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/27
5 26 27 44 57
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 32M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/28
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1. fellowship; comradeship. 2. an association or society. 3. Roman Catholic Church. a lay society for religious and charitable purposes.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1972 – Pakistan withdraws from the Commonwealth of Nations.

1975 – The Monitor National Marine Sanctuary is established as the first United States National Marine Sanctuary.

1979 – A Varig 707-323C freighter, flown by the same commander as Flight 820, disappears over the Pacific Ocean 30 minutes after taking off from Tokyo.

1982 – Richard Skrenta writes the first PC virus code, which is 400 lines long and disguised as an Apple boot program called "Elk Cloner".

1989 – Closure of the American embassy in Kabul, Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

1994 – Péter Lékó becomes the youngest chess grandmaster.

1995 – Workers from the National Institutes of Health announce the success of clinical trials testing the first preventive treatment for sickle-cell disease.

2000 – Off the coast of Ivory Coast, Kenya Airways Flight 431 crashes into the Atlantic Ocean, killing 169.

2003 – Same-sex marriage is officially recognized in the Kingdom of Belgium.

2013 – Naro-1 becomes the first carrier rocket launched by South Korea.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In Phoenix in early 2014, Kevin (last name withheld), age 5, was viciously mauled by Mickey, a pit bull, necessitating multiple surgeries, leaving him with lingering pain and disfiguring facial scars, and he still requires extensive care. While Kevin's trauma makes him live in gloom, Mickey has become a Phoenix celebrity after an outpouring of support from 75,000 people kept him from being euthanized for the assault. He lives now in a "no-kill" shelter, where his many supporters can track him on a 24-hour Internet "Mickey cam." KSAZ-TV reported in December that Kevin's mom had to quit her job to care for him and struggles to pay medical bills.

■ In October, vandals in Paris destroyed the large, inflatable "Tree" by U.S. artist Paul McCarthy in the city's Place Vendome square, but not before it became widely characterized as a gigantic green "plug" of the type used for anal sexual stimulation. Paris' news website The Local reported in December that the controversy has been a boon to the city's sex shops. "We used to sell around 50 (plugs) a month," said one wholesaler. "Since the controversy, we've moved more than a thousand" (at the equivalent of $23 to $45, in materials ranging from glass to stainless steel to silicone).

Say "yes" tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You'll wake up with a smile and wear it throughout the day. You could discover that a very combative friend seems to be demanding changes in areas that you would prefer stay the same. Explaining the wisdom of your ways might be important. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You rarely exaggerate, yet your words will have a loud, extravagant quality to them. A friend at a distance could be far more provocative than you originally had thought. You might have second thoughts about inviting this person into your life. Tonight: Join friends for TGIF!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Before you act, you might need to evaluate your thoughts and needs. Make yourself aware of the financial implications of a potential change. Talk to someone who understands your situation and has more knowledge than you on the subject at hand. Tonight: Say "yes."

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You tend to go to extremes emotionally and financially. Be sure you can handle the implications of pursuing a dream before you take off. A friend might encourage you to take a hard look at what you are about to do. Tonight: Have an important discussion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You might feel the need for more privacy. Schedule time with a friend or loved one whom you enjoy and can share your feelings with. Be willing to shuffle your schedule around in order to suit your mood. You could be surprised by what happens. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Friends surround you. Even someone whom you view as an acquaintance could indicate that you are a friend to him or her. Wherever you go, invitations head your way. Do your best to get into weekend mode. Others seem to await your response. Tonight: Where the gang is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to switch gears and adapt to a situation involving your personal life. You are likely to have a lot of energy when completing certain tasks by a certain time. Lighten up, and know which direction you are heading in. Tonight: Out with your pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Tap into your imagination and distance yourself while seeking a solution to a difficult situation. You could be surprised by what becomes evident as a result. Avoid repeating yourself in a conversation with a loved one or family member. Tonight: Go for a change of pace!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Be more forthright in your choices. You know what you want. At a certain point, you must act. You will feel better when you have committed to a path. Use caution with a Scorpio today; this person has a way of affecting you. Tonight: Love the one you're with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might decide to move forward with a project that has been on the back burner. A partner could share a lot with you to encourage you to move on this matter. Communication could be powerful if you remain open. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer that is irresistible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be on top of what you are doing if you would relax and go with the flow of the moment. At this point, structuring plans might be futile, as there is a strong likelihood you will need to change them anyway. A loved one is lucky for you. Tonight: Around good music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You'll feel very cared about as a loved one demonstrates his or her feelings. You could find yourself in an unusual, creative situation. Right now, you need to follow your instincts. Your deep feelings are right-on. Tonight: Let your imagination rock and roll.

Friday, January 30, 2015

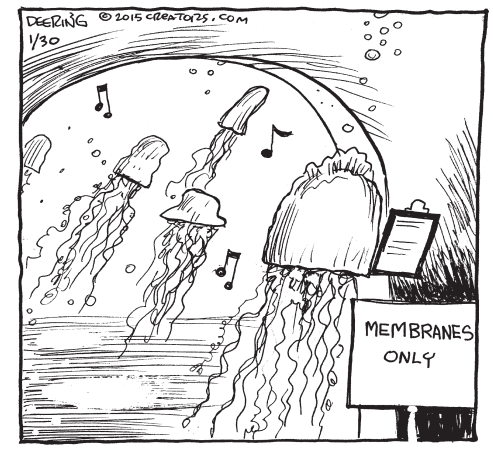
This year you go back and forth between being practical and emotional. People in your life might not be sure which personality will appear. Just go with the flow, and you will feel energized. If you are single, others find your energy appealing. You will have to sort through what might seem to be a flock of suitors. Enjoy the process. If you are attached, your sweetie could act as if you are new lovers as the intensity between you keeps building. You will want plenty of quality time together, and you'll need to plan for those special times. CANCER is a natural nurturer.

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

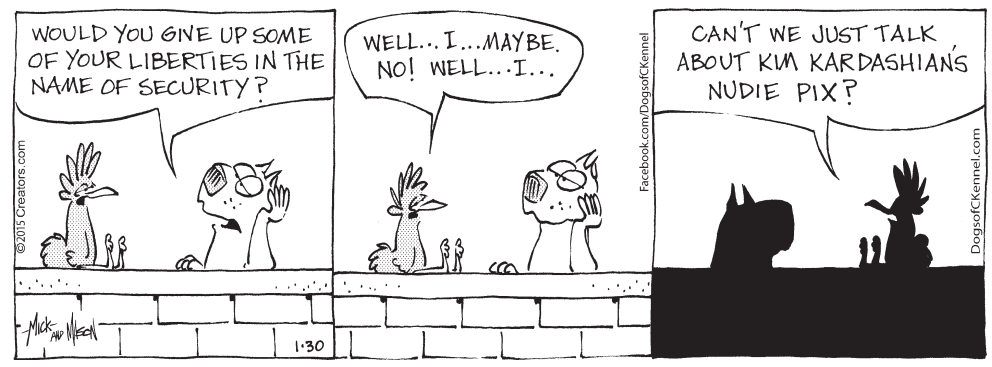
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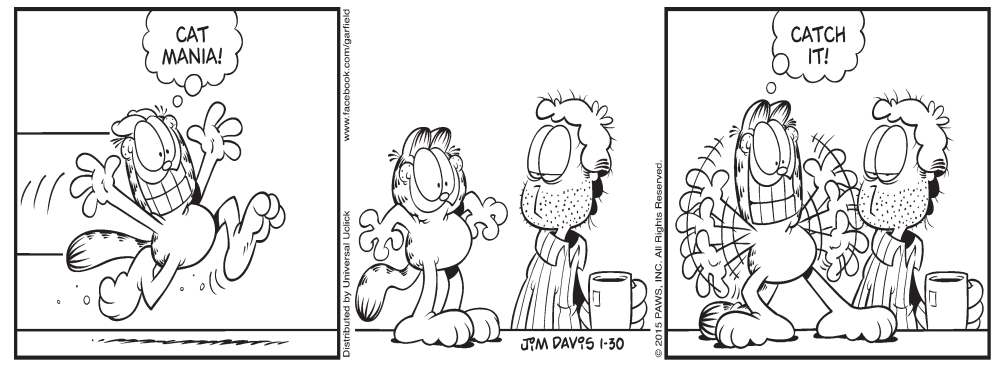
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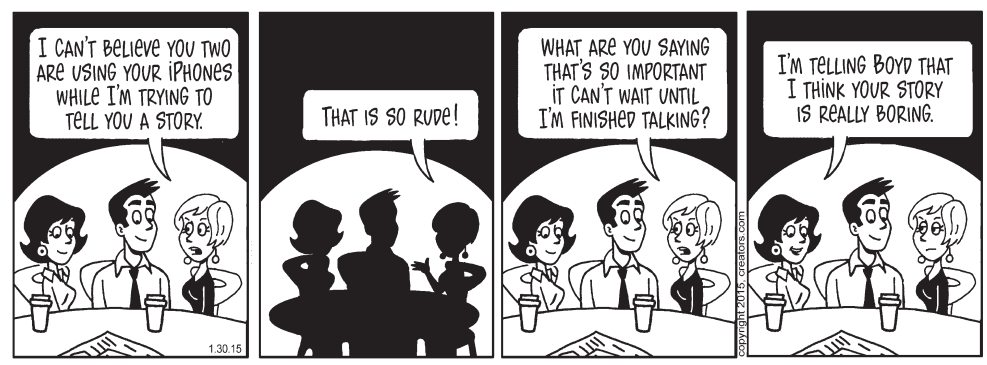
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON JANUARY 23 AT APPROXIMATELY 11 P.M.
Officers were dispatched to an eatery in the 1300 block of Third Street, regarding a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers were advised by an employee that the suspect, Fonzay Knight, 36 of Los Angeles, refused to pay his bill and threatened to physically harm an employee. Officers placed Knight under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. Bail was set at $500.

ON JANUARY 21, AT APPROXIMATELY 11 P.M.
Officers responded to the 800 block of Grant Street where they encountered a male victim that stated he found unknown female subject showering in his room. The victim, had left his home at 12:30 p.m. and later returned at 10:45 p.m. when he encountered the suspect. She quickly took her belongings and left after being confronted by the victim. He later realized his room had been ransacked. Officers on patrol later detained a female suspect matching description provided by the victim. Kerry Embrey, 36 of Los Angeles was placed under arrest for burglary. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 358 calls for service on Jan. 28.

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

Vandalism, 600 block Wilshire, 1:28 a.m.
Trespassing, 800 block Arizona, 4:16 a.m.
Trespassing, 2600 block Main, 6:27 a.m.
Person with a gun, 1800 block 16th, 9:05 a.m.
Bike theft, 900 block 6th, 9:10 a.m.
Battery, 2600 block 34th, 9:33 a.m.
Domestic violence, 1200 block 21st, 10 a.m.
Car burglary, 1500 block Yale, 11:12 a.m.
Car burglary, 900 block 2nd, 12:06 p.m.
Bike theft, 2100 block Neilson, 12:47 p.m.
Grand theft, 2600 block 29th, 1:15 p.m.
Car burglary, 1000 block PCH, 1:18 p.m.
Grand theft, 100 block Wadsworth, 1:30 p.m.
Petty theft, 1300 block Promenade, 1:41 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 1700 block Ocean Front Walk, 1:44 p.m.
Battery, 1200 block Ocean, 2:19 p.m.
Fight, 3300 block Pico, 2:38 p.m.
Petty theft, 600 block Santa Monica, 2:51 p.m.
Bike theft, 1700 block 18th, 3:31 p.m.
Hit and run, 500 block Wilshire, 3:42 p.m.
Battery, 2200 block Lincoln, 4:35 p.m.
Hit and run, 4th/Wilshire, 4:49 p.m.
Hit and run, 1400 block Promenade, 5:19 p.m.
Car crash, 23rd/Pearl, 5:24 p.m.
Grand theft, 1300 block 5th, 5:38 p.m.
Lewd activity, 2600 block Ocean Park, 6:51 p.m.
Domestic violence, Lincoln/Ocean Park, 7:49 p.m.
Lewd activity, 1300 block 2nd, 9:03 p.m.
Drunk driving, Cloverfield/Santa Monica, 9:13 p.m.
Car burglary, 4th/Bicknell, 10:33 p.m.
Burglary, 2400 block Santa Monica, 10:56 a.m.

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