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THE SUPER BOWL ISSUE

Council cobbles together affordable housing funds

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL After a series of losses, fans of affordable housing got a bit of good news Tuesday.

City Council voted unanimously to cover the local funding shortage for affordable housing for the next two years.

In 2012, in an attempt to plug a budget gap, the state mandated the dissolution of the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency (RDA), which was City Hall's primary funding source in its efforts to help build and support affordable housing.

Generally, City Hall put between $15 million and $18 million toward housing each year. In 2009, they gave $35 million.

In response to the funding loss, council placed Measures H and HH on last November's ballot. Measure H would have raised the tax on the sale of million dollar homes in Santa Monica and Measure HH asked residents if that money should be set aside for affordable housing.

Measure H failed by a wide margin. Measure HH, which was meaningless without the passage of Measure H, passed narrowly.

City officials, taking HH's passing as a signal that residents still support affordable housing, set out to find a temporary solution.

They sold two city-owned properties for a total of about $13 million, which will go into the Housing Trust Fund.

They got over $5 million from a settlement agreement, which will be set aside for affordable housing.

An agreement forged with a company would allot City Hall a portion of the proceeds from the sale of some condos. City Hall could get nothing or they might get up to $10 million out of the deal. They are recommending setting the score aside for affordable housing.

Additionally, city officials suggested that council set aside a portion of redevelopment residual funds for affordable housing.

"With the dissolution of redevelopment, a portion of the former property-tax-increment funds are distributed to various governmental agencies, including the City," they said in a report to council. "The amount of taxes that are distributed is based on the total amount of taxes, minus the funds that are needed to satisfy the enforceable obligations of the former redevelopment agency."

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Writing contest sends Olympic High student to Super Bowl

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

OLYMPIC HIGH The bright lights and television cameras were already some 375 miles east of Santa Monica, diehard football fans converging on the host city, players augmenting the spectacle with headline-grabbing sound bites, coaches preparing for America's most prominent sporting event.

The action was at Olympic High School.

A white envelope was delicately carried from the parking lot, through a side door of the building and into a nondescript hallway with little more than sand-colored walls and restrooms.

There, just four days before the Super Bowl, Trenton McWhorter allowed a quick grin as he received his prize: two tickets to watch his favorite team, the New England Patriots, face the defending champion Seattle Seahawks on the NFL's biggest stage.

McWhorter, 19, who attends the Santa Monica-Malibu district's continuation school, earned the coveted seats with his entry in a timed writing contest that drew submissions from students throughout the community.

"It took me a while to think of something, to do a real story," he said. "But I thought it was good enough to win because it came from the heart."

On Saturday, he and his stepfather, Glen Kirkpatrick, will fly to Arizona. On Sunday afternoon, they will enter University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale and make their way to consecutive chairs in section 420, row 17.



Jeffrey Goodman jeff@smdp.com

WINNER: Trenton McWhorter won tickets to the Super Bowl in a writing contest.

Never mind that the tickets, each with a face value of $800, would easily go for thousands on the secondary market: There was no doubt McWhorter would absorb the game in person, perhaps to validate his victory in a competition he could've dismissed, maybe to represent his classmates and friends, certainly because he loves football.

"I'm pretty excited," he said.

When McWhorter opened the envelope, though, he had already known about his accomplishment - and prime reward - for a couple weeks.

On New Year's Eve, he worked a particularly overnight busy shift at Denny's. He returned home and went to bed as the New

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Where to watch the Super Bowl in Santa Monica

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE It's the matchup America has been waiting for.

It's the Pats against the Hawks, East against West, the alleged deflaters against the gregarious haters, the ruling dynasty versus the reigning champions, the mastermind QB against the menacing D.

The storylines, if not the tradition, will have millions of people tuning in as the New England Patriots and Seattle Seahawks meet at 3:30 p.m. Sunday for Super Bowl XLIX at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona.

And judging by the television ratings of previous editions of the big game, it's probably not a matter of whether you'll watch it, but rather one of where.

Here are a few Santa Monica hotspots for the Super Bowl, although there are no guaranteed seats at some of them:

O'BRIEN'S IRISH PUB

2226 Wilshire Blvd., (310) 829-5303

The regulars at O'Brien's have already reserved their favorite tables for the Super Bowl. The pub isn't planning to offer any

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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
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.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Mystery over Vidiots closure

Vidiots might not close after all.

The store announced its closure Monday but by the end of the week, the store's fate appeared less certain. One of the store's co-founders, Cathy Tauber, confirmed the announced closure but then referred all additional media calls to BeBe Lerner of IDPR, a public relations company that specializes in the entertainment industry.

A spokeswoman who answered the phone at IDPR said the store wasn't closing and that more information would be released soon.

Vidiots opened in 1985 and has a collection of over 50,000 titles. In its closing announcement, Tauber and co-founder Patty Polinger said the store had experienced a 24 percent decline in business in the last five months. They said that unless a benefactor came forward, they would close in April. Vidiots is located at 302 Pico Blvd. and can be reached at vidiotsfoundation@gmail.com.

– DAILY PRESS STAFF

Malibu

The Lisa Smith Wengler Center for the Arts presents The Marcy & Zina Show

Lyricist Marcy Heisler and composer Zina Goldrich bring their wonderfully wacky and heartbreakingly sincere musical creations to Pepperdine University's Smothers Theatre (24255 Pacific Coast Highway) in Malibu on Tuesday, Feb, 3, at 8 p.m.

Tickets, priced starting at $15 for the public and $10 for full-time Pepperdine students, are available by calling (310) 506-4522 or online at http://arts.pepperdine.edu/. More information: http://www.marcyandzina.com/

The Marcy and Zina Show puts two stars of today's musical theater scene front and center, with bookwriter/lyricist Marcy Heisler and composer Zina Goldrich singing the songs they write with wit and intelligence and impressive musical comedy.

Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich are the first women ever honored as recipients of the Fred Ebb Award for Musical Theatre Songwriting. They were also nominated for 2009 Drama Desk Awards for Outstanding Lyrics and Music for Dear Edwina and earned Lucille Lortel Award nominations for their Junie B.Jones. Goldrich and Heisler have provided original songs for The Disney Channel, Disney Interactive and Feature Animation projects, Disney Theatricals, PBS, and Nickelodeon. As performers, they have toured domestically and internationally, presenting their music at some of the finest venues, including Carnegie Hall, Canada's "Juste Pour Rire" comedy festival and the Kennedy Center.

Goldrich and Heisler are slated to make their Broadway debut as authors of the book, lyrics and music for the Broadway musical stage adaptation of Ever After, directed by Tony Award winner Doug Hughes and choreographed by Tony Award winner Rob Ashford, set to premiere at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey in May and June of this year.

– SUBMITTED BY CHELSEA SUTTON

Los Angeles

Israel / Azerbaijan discussion

The close political, economic and defense relationship between Israel and Azerbaijan will be the focus of a discussion between David Siegel, Consul-General of Israel and Nasimi Aghayev, Consul-General of Azerbaijan at the next meeting of the Men's Club of Sinai Temple at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3. Among the issues to be explored are military cooperation, the common fight against terrorism and regional tensions. Rabbi Erez Sherman will moderate the discussion that will be preceded by Cantor Marcus Feldman's singing of the national anthems of each country.

Azerbaijan, a former member of the Soviet Union, is an independent, primarily Moslem country on the Caspian Sea bordering Iran. It has a small Jewish community consisting of so-called Mountain Jews, now living mostly in Baku, the nation's capital and a major oil producing center.

A highlight of the evening's program will be the presentation by Rabbi David Wolpe of a Torah scroll, written in part my members of the Sinai Temple Men's Club, to the Synagogue of Mountain Jews in Baku. According to Men's Club president Cary Lerman , the presentation is "testimony to the unity of the Jewish community throughout the world".

Admission to the meeting is free and open to all. It will be held at Sinai Temple, 10400 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles. For further information call (310) 474-1518 or visit www.sinaitemple.org

– SUBMITTED BY PETER ROTHHOLZ

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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.

Linoleum Block Printing with Studio Artist in Residence Zeina Baltagi
1450 Ocean
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Linoleum block printing is a form of relief, the oldest kind of printmaking. Students will carve surfaces to produce raised printing blocks. Students will come away with multiple prints an understanding of how to prepare, ink, and print linoleum blocks, with and without a printing press. Visit smgov.net/1450ocean for more information or to register. Cost: $5

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February 2

Architectural Review Board
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board for more information.

Classical Ballet for Beginners
1450 Ocean
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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Media brought Marshawn Lynch on themselves

SUPER BOWL MEDIA DAY IS FOOTBALL'S annual circus, where the participating teams' more popular players are trapped in their individual podiums as the flood of media members consumes them. All who are around find themselves caught in the cold undercurrent of clichés spiraling down to a mindless purgatory.

You know it's a circus when the Entertainment Tonight decides to descend down to the U.S. Airways Center in Phoenix, Ariz., to try their hand at prying the juicy sound bites out of the super secret players. There was also the world famous barrel man, who I initially confused as an oversized recycling bin for my empty Gatorade bottles.

Pick Boy from Nickelodeon is still around! Still alive! That guy started in 2002. He looks like he's a 15th-year senior in college who downs a 30-pack of Keystone Light a day.

To top it all off, there was also NBC's fabulous figure skating duo, Johnny Weir, Tara Lipinski. I asked the Olympic figure skater if media day was the craziest event he has ever been a part of.

"Yes," he replied, "and I've done some big s--t."

Unbelievably so, the most fascinating thing about Media Day was waiting to see what Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch would do or say or both, when he rose to the podium and be bunkered down by the pressure cooker that is the press for the mandatory minimum of five minutes.

Lynch showed up, escorted by a posse of public relations reps, strutting over to his designated podium, met the media and responded with the same answer.

"I'm just here so I won't get fined."

Lynch blurted out that phrase over, and over, and over again. Once the timer struck, he yelled, "time", dropped the mic, and disappeared.

On Wednesday, when he placed himself onto a different podium in a different place to speak with the media once again, he continued to revert to the same routine that has worked so well for him.

"You know why I'm here."

Many members of the media justify their persistence with the "I don't want to miss it when he finally says something" excuse. Well, he finally spoke on Thursday and everyone was there to witness his long awaited statement.

"Hey look, I mean, all week I told y'all what's up," Lynch said. "And for some reason y'all continue to come back and do the same thing that y'all did. I don't know what story y'all trying to get out of me. I don't know what image y'all trying to portray of me. But it don't matter what y'all think, what y'all say about me.

"When I go home at night, the same people that I look in the face — my family that I love. That's all that really matter to me. So y'all can go make up whatever y'all want to make up because I don't say enough for y'all to go and put anything out on me.

"I'll come to y'all event. Y'all shove cameras and microphones down my throat. But when I'm at home in my environment, I don't see y'all, but y'all mad at me. And if you ain't mad at me, then what y'all here for? I ain't got nothing for y'all, though. I told y'all that. Y'all should know that. But y'all will sit here like right now and continue to do the same thing.

"I'm here preparing for a game," Lynch continued. "And y'all want to ask me these questions, which is understandable. I could get down with that. But I told y'all. I'm not about to say nothing. So for the reminder of my, what's that, 3 minutes? Because I'm here I'm available for y'all. I'm here, I'm available for y'all. I talked. All of my requirements are fulfilled. For the next three minutes, I'll just be looking at y'all the way that y'all looking at me. Thank you."

Something happened before the 2014 Super Bowl in New York to cause this rift with the media. This was not the Marshawn Lynch that actually had fun with the media over the course of his NFL career. He participated in a funny bit with ESPN's Kenny Mayne while in Buffalo. He enjoyed his time with John Brenkus and the Sports Science crew while pulling a sled with two monster tires shortly after his career-defining run against the defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans Saints in 2010. He had a little fun with the camera when interviewed by Fox during the 2011 preseason. He was engaging with a Japanese reporter and even taste tested foreign candy in January of 2014. Check YouTube, there is actually video evidence off all of this.

On October of 2013, Lynch sat down with ESPN's Jeffri Chadiha before turning into this mythological monk he appears to be in front of the mass media. Like much of the African American players in the NFL — and even NBA — Lynch had to face the perception of being a "thug", mainly because he's black, from the inner city and got in trouble with the law a few times over time. Even a Stanford educated man like his teammate, Richard Sherman, gets branded by that label, even without the police record. It's not a fair judgment, especially when passed down from the very people not qualified to make that type of character assessment.

"What I would tell them is," Lynch said about the perception of being a thug, "I would like to see them grow up in project houses, being racially profiled growing up, sometimes not having anything to eat, sometimes having to wear the same damn clothes to school for a whole week and then all of a sudden have a big ass change in their lives. Like their dream come true and starting their careers at 20-years-old when they still don't know s--t. I would like to see some the mistakes they would make."

He actively and enthusiastically discussed wearing a grill — from its origin and the passion behind his hobby — with VICE Sports this past June. He appeared on two commercials for Skittles and Progressive mocking the very act that has enraged the media for the last two years yet wanting more. The people of Entertainment Tonight at least got him to sing with them a bit … for an Xbox 1 to give to his charity.

That's another move the reporters tried to do; ask Lynch about his Family First Foundation, which is meant to help out inner city youth in his hometown of Oakland. His response to one of those questions was to come to those inner cites — the inner cities that many in the media and the public we serve fear and would never dare to venture into. Only then and there will anyone who is interested will get that in which they seek.

Looking at his prior interviews, to suggest that Lynch being a mute in front of the media is a sign of social anxiety is simply inaccurate.

"Why do you have to be a jerk to all of us?" That was a question that was asked on Wednesday and actually ignored completely by Lynch. He didn't have an answer but from my observations, I think I do.

Why does he have to be a jerk to all of us? Because we are jerks, that's why. Compound the media masses together and what you get is a gang of old, unlikeable, unattractive and completely judgmental jerks who are largely unaccountable with their unrelenting judgment on players. There have been many instances where athletes do something — from negative to perceptually positive — and be viciously criticized for it.

While ideal as it is to have a good relationship between writer and athlete, it's been demonstrated before that a pristine public profile does no one good when controversy hits. Tom Brady has been the golden child for his entire career — a career that has spanned the current length of the 21st century — but deflate-gate immediately put all of that into question.

As a result of all this, you get this version of Lynch, Arian Foster's "I'm just trying to be the best teammate I can be" act and the Russell Westbrook "execute" act followed by "I just don't like you." Sometimes a jerk deserves a jerk. Sometimes that what we end up on our television screens. Sometimes it makes for good viewing, but rarely do we as viewers take the side of the media.

Judge: Funeral home wrongly sold Lee Harvey Oswald's casket

EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — A funeral home that sold Lee Harvey Oswald's pine casket for $87,468 must return it to the accused presidential assassin's brother, a judge ruled Friday.

Robert Oswald had bought the pine bluff casket for his brother, whose body was exhumed in 1981 amid conspiracy theories that it did not contain Lee Harvey Oswald's body. After a Dallas hospital confirmed the body through dental records, it was reburied, but not in the original casket, which was too water-damaged.

Oswald's family says it thought the original casket had been thrown away, but the funeral home actually kept it in storage before selling it at auction — along with Lee Harvey Oswald's death certificate and the embalming tools and table used in his burial — to an anonymous buyer.

Oswald's brother, Robert, sued Baumgardner Funeral Home after it sold the coffin through an auction house in Santa Monica. The auction house still has the coffin, because the lawsuit had put the sale of the coffin on hold. The sale was never completed, the judgment says.

In addition to returning the casket to Robert Oswald, the funeral home must pay him $87,468 in damages, a Tarrant County judge ruled, saying its conduct was "wrongful, wanton and malicious."

It also must pay the auction house more than $10,000 in storage fees.

The funeral home also must cover the expense of transporting the coffin from California to Texas, where the family plans to destroy it, according to Oswald's attorney, Gant Grimes.

Lee Harvey Oswald, accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy in Dallas in 1963, was fatally shot during a jail transfer two days after Kennedy's death. Although Oswald was never put on trial, authorities concluded he was the killer.

Oswald had said he didn't know the coffin still existed until he read in a Texas newspaper in December 2010 that it had been put up for sale.

The family-run funeral home's attorney, Brett Myers, maintained throughout the suit that Oswald never owned the coffin, but rather gifted it to his deceased brother.

"We're looking at options for appeal from the perspective of, 'Did the Baumgardners do what the court said they did?' I don't think they did," Myers said.

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Lions Club January Updates

JANUARY IS AN IMPORTANT MONTH TO the Santa Monica Lions Club, and in fact, to all Lions in the 46,000 Lions Clubs around the world. It is when we all celebrate Melvin Jones' birthday on January 13th. The visionary founder of Lions Clubs International (LCI) started the organization with a small meeting of his friends in Chicago, where he shared his vision of helping others. LCI has grown to over 1.35 million members, making LCI the world's largest service club organization.

Besides community service, LCI is devoted to training the leaders of tomorrow and one of the ways they do this is through international and regional leadership conferences. I attended a recent regional conference in Ontario, CA to with another SM Lion, 2nd Vice District Governor Carol Ann Emmitt. It reminded us of the mission of LCI and how much has been accomplished to help sight, youth, humanitarian efforts and the environment.

While many are aware of the many sight-related and community projects the SM Lions Club support in Santa Monica and the Westside, what Lions from around the world have accomplished working with the Lions' charitable organization, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, is truly amazing.

Some highlights include:

- Restored sight to 7.7 million people through cataract surgeries.
- Provided treatment for 271 million cases of river blindness.
- Built or expanded 660 eye care centers around the world and trained 681,000 eye care specialists.
- Launched the world's first-ever initiative to combat childhood blindness in partnership with the World Health Organization.
- Awarded a total of more than $100 million is disaster relief.
- Engaged 13 million children in Youth Quest, a school-based life-skills program for children K through12, as well as also training 550,000 educators in 85 countries.
- Provided measles vaccinations to 41 million people in Africa as part of a pilot program that now includes a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Planted over 15 million trees world-wide in one year.

As part of our local efforts Santa Monica Lions help support local charities by participating in walks, food drives, book drives for our Reading Action Program, planting trees (we are part of the 15 million trees listed above), writing holiday notes of thanks to our veterans, hosting eye screenings for children and adults, and at holiday time we ring the Salvation Army bell. These are just a few of the activities we do in the community, beyond our grants programs to provide funding for special projects.

These are some of the many reasons I am proud to be a Lion. If you would like to learn more about Lionism and the Santa Monica Lions Club, please contact me at (310) 623-4499 or sderemer@discoveryeye.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

No war names

Editor:

I do not support the naming of parks after any war hero. I am a deeply committed pacifist. Name the park Peace Park. The war heroes have their honors from our government.

Resmer's letter stating that not naming the park after Joe Gandara " not only dishonors the city , it dishonors the man Joe Gandara." is untrue and invalid, bordering on the absurd.

I hope the City continues to choose names like Tongva Park for our parks, honoring the Native Americans.

Name the new park Peace Park. That would be a change in our war mongering country. We don't even have a Department of Peace, just a War Department.

I mean no disrespect to Joe Gandara or his family, but Americans need to learn that not all of us believe in war or support it.

Kathryn Kosmeya-Dodge
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K9 GRADUATION

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Olympic High School held a graduation ceremony for its k9 connection program. k9 connection's programs in continuation high schools offer teens the chance to break through learning and life barriers by training and bonding with homeless dogs. Experiential learning enables the teens to find self esteem, self determination and empathy while they in turn enable homeless dogs to develop the skills to be adopted into permanent loving homes.

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THE GRADUATES

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The graduating teams were: George (student) and Baldy (dog), Brian (student) and Chispa (dog), Jazmine (student) and Cowboy (dog), Christina (student) and Leo (dog), Luma (student) and Bongo (dog), and Alex (student) and Ranger (dog). The graduation ceremony included a welcome by administrators, speeches by students, a demonstration of skills, presentation of diplomas, closing remarks and refreshments.

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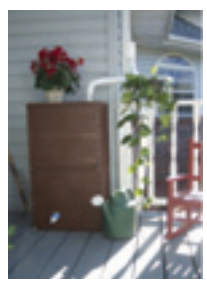
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GIRLS WIN

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The Santa Monica High School girls varsity basketball team hosted El-Segundo in an Ocean League basketball game and won 40-36. With the win, Samohi improved their record to 2-2 in league play and 8-13 overall. Pictured are the members of the team listening to head coach Marisa Silvestri, Amanda Foshag watching her teammate Briauna Dishner go for a lay-up, Carissa Cueva jumping for a lay-up and Kate Rusk-Kosa dribbling down the court.









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special discounts that day.

The Patriots must be involved.

"We know we're going to be full," owner Willy O'Sullivan said. "It's going to be a great Super Bowl with all the hype and everything. It's the (defending) champion versus arguably the best team of the era.

The game will be shown on flat-screen TVs throughout the pub, a New York Giants fan hangout that has become a haven for New England loyalists. And, for good measure, O'Sullivan said he knows a few Seahawks fans who will show up.

"With the cheating scandal," he said, "I don't think anybody is going to be ambivalent about who they want to win."

SONNY MCLEAN'S IRISH BAR

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This probably isn't your destination if you're a Seahawks fan.

Patriots partisans flock in droves to this Irish bar, whose profile picture on Facebook features a patron covering her face with a Tom Brady cutout.

Sonny McLean's has 23 flat-screen TVs and as many as 40 beers on tap.

"Even though we're a local neighborhood pub all year around, when it comes to Boston sports and the Patriots being in the Super Bowl we'll be a full on Boston pub that day and are expecting to be at capacity all day," owner Grant Woods said. "If it's anything like the last few playoff games, we'll have people lining up from 8 a.m. to get in as soon as we open at 9 a.m."

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Highlighted menu items include mini sliders, flatbreads, sandwiches and cheesesteak eggrolls. The restaurant is also offering $5 Santa Monica Brew Works drafts and $8 cocktails that day.

A pre-game brunch is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Reserved patio seating is available.

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The game will be shown on Q's two projector screens, one on the main floor and the other on the second floor, as well as on 50-inch flat-screen TVs throughout the bar.

The audio from the Super Bowl broadcast will be on as well, according to manager Emily Hung, who said the bar has attracted Patriots and Seahawks fans throughout the season.

"We get a great crowd," she said.

The 350-person-capacity bar opens at 11:30 a.m.

THE DAILY PINT

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A complimentary barbecue and drink specials are on tap at the Daily Pint, which will stream the action on a 12-foot screen.

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Barney's is taking a limited number of reservations for Super Bowl viewing, according to its website. For more information, call (310) 237-8006.

And more: Busby's West (3110 Santa Monica Blvd.), Finn McCool's (2702 Main St.), Rick's Tavern (2907 Main St.), Ye Olde King's Head (116 Santa Monica Blvd.).

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Each year since the dissolution of the RDA, City Hall has received more and more from these residuals. This fiscal year, they expect that the residuals will exceed costs by $1.2 million.

Combining all the aforementioned funding sources, city officials expect to provide between about $20 million and $30 million for affordable housing, depending on the revenues generated by the sale of the condos.

This will cover nearly all of the regular funding that would have been generated by the RDA over the next two years.

"We thought that with the failure of Measure H and the council's clear priority of continuing to provide affordable housing through our nonprofit partners that it would be helpful if we could identify one-time sources of funds that together would represent about two years of typical operating costs for the affordable housing program in the housing trust fund," City Manager Rod Gould told council.

Councilmember Ted Winterer, noting that last year's production of 32 units "probably barely even replaced what we lost," asked city officials to look into including these residuals as a possible long-term funding source for affordable housing. This could be considered as a part of City Hall's biannual budget later this year.

Gould told council that they will still likely have to come up with a dependable dedicated source for funds.

"That would probably require going back to the voters in some form or fashion in 2016," he said. "We wanted to make sure that the program didn't languish in the interim hence our recommendation tonight that you put these funds in place so that you knew that if there were opportunities to take down land to cooperate with some of our partners to build or create additional affordable housing in the next 24 months, that you could do so."

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Year's Day sun was rising, but he didn't rest for long: Kirkpatrick received a call that morning from Carlos Cymerman, who organized the writing contest.

"It was a shocker," Kirkpatrick said. "Trenton woke up out of a dead sleep. When Carlos told me he won the tickets, I put the phone on speaker and asked him to say it again. He jumps up and runs around. 'I won the tickets, I won the rickets! All right, all right, all right!' It doesn't get any better."

Moments like that one convince Cymerman, 46, that his work is worthwhile. A local recruiter with a charitable sensibility, he uses proceeds from job placements to fund trips and activities for others. (He secured the Super Bowl seats with the assistance of his longtime friend, Kenny Forman, a ticket broker with Encino-based First Choice Tickets.)

Cymerman believed Recruiting for Good could have a particularly meaningful impact on Santa Monica youth, so he widened the scope of his company by creating a series of writing contests and reaching out to Olympic High School.

"They probably get more business from the cops than from anyone else," Cymerman said of the Ocean Park Boulevard campus, where some 140 students who are behind on credits pursue diplomas with personalized instruction and counseling. "But everyone needs a place to escape and tell their story.

McWhorter declined to elaborate on the contents of his piece, calling it "too personal," but he spoke in general about the powerful potential of sports to promote positivity.

Asked how he became a Patriots fan, he said he didn't even like football until watching their 2003 game against the Dallas Cowboys.

"I said, 'The team that wins, I'll be a fan,'" McWhorter recalled. "And I've been a fan ever since."

He followed along with heightened interest as New England charted its course through the playoffs, clipping the Baltimore Ravens in the divisional round and clobbering the Indianapolis Colts in the AFC Championship game to advance to the Super Bowl for the third time in eight seasons.

Likewise, McWhorter's teachers have monitored his progress as a creative writer.

Susanne Liaw, his English instructor, said he is warm-hearted and always willing to participate and support his classmates.

"He has a really interesting perspective," she said. "He's been through a lot ... Kids will share writing, and he'll always be the kid who you can count on to say something positive about another student."

Craig Bergman, who teaches creative expression at Olympic once a week, said McWhorter has been willing to try new approaches and has made noticeable strides as a writer.

For the recent competition, with just 30 minutes to craft a story related to sports, McWhorter delivered like Patriots quarterback Tom Brady in crunch time.

"Over the course of teaching the kids, I always tell them that words from the heart penetrate the heart," said Bergman, one of the three judges in Cymerman's contest. "I read all these essays, and it was clear that (McWhorter's) was authentic and real. You could hear his voice in the piece."

And at the Super Bowl, too.

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Phillip Lord



If Phillip Lord's life were a movie it would follow a classic 20th century American plot line, featuring the son of an Irish immigrant, achieving success after experiencing the horrors of World War II.

He was a Venice resident for 41 years, since 1973. He was a first generation Irish American raised in German, Pennsylvania. After high school in 1943, Phil Lord joined the army. Mr. Lord landed in Normandy, France days after the invasion he participated in the liberation of France and Buchenwald concentration camp near Weimer Germany. Went to school at Palmers Chiropractor School on the GI bill. He was named inventor of the year in 1990 patent 1.433.6887 for cap a leak, micro encapsulated technology to seal leaks in roofs.

Mr. Lord died January 28, 2015 from respiratory complications. He was 89 years old. When pressed about it, he shared some of the horrific things he saw. He was fluent in French, German and Italian. An avid chess player, he had resoluteness bordering on doggedness when he made up his mind to do something. Much like when he decided to ride his bike in 1963 from Rochester New York to Santa Monica when he was 38 years old. The whole adventure cost him $130. He is survived by a cousin, Dorothy Riley of Fort Meyers Florida and a plethora of friends whom he loved and loved him like family.

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SURF REPORT



Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.5°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small WNW swell; Possible NW windswell...Stay tuned; Small South swell; Standouts out west show more size at times with sets to chest high

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell-mix easing; Small South swell; Standouts out west show more size at times with sets to chest high

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

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Potential rebound in WNW energy, showing more size in the PM

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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

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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 Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	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

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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.

BOYS WIN

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

The Santa Monica High School boys varsity basketball team hosted El-Segundo in an Ocean League basketball game and won 62-24. With the win, the team improves their record to 3-2 in league play and 7-13 overall. Pictured are Jonah Mathews dribbling down the court and Chailen August jumping for a shot.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

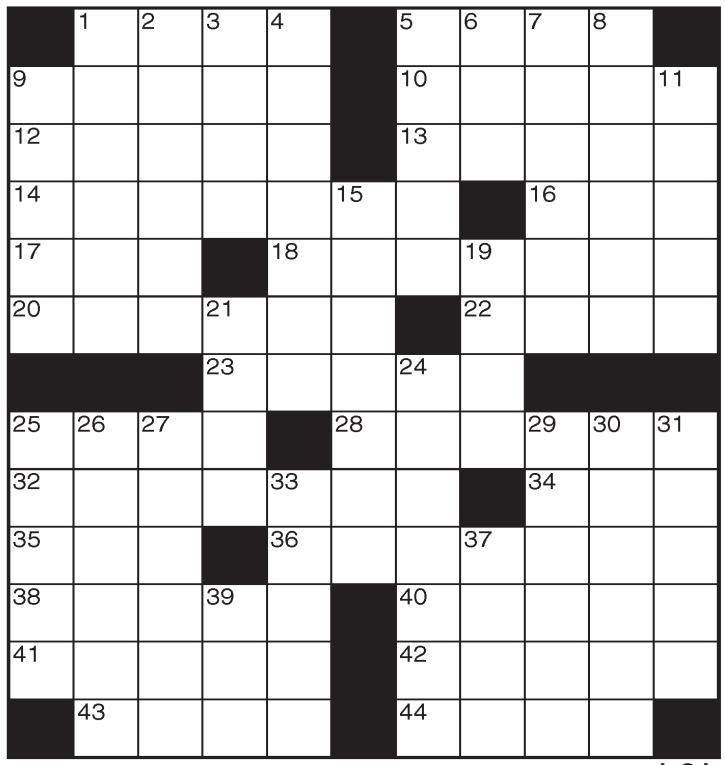
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1 Trolley's kin
5 Foot-wiping spots
9 Long for
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14 Drink cooler
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17 Alley item
18 Out of control
20 Strut
22 CEO's kin
23 Kitchen come-on
25 Very dry
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34 Yale student
35 Lend a hand
36 Fumes
38 Pig part
40 Colander's kin
41 Reason
42 Claire of "Homeland"
43 Cherished
44 Troubling sign

DOWN

1 One of the Nixons
2 Baltimore team
3 Opposite of "sans"
4 Computer screen sight
5 One with a pick
6 Commotion
7 Bank worker
8 Swift work
9 Film excerpts
11 Onions' kin
15 "Crazy in Love" singer
19 Places for the pampered
21 Toppers
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30 Late hour
31 Midway sights
33 Fall flower
37 Thailand, once
39 Olympics chant

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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 ★★★★

1				3		2		
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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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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
2 10 36 43 46
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/29
1 2 8 22 28

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/29
MIDDAY: 9 1 6
Draw Date: 1/29
EVENING: 8 2 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/29
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:48.66

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WORD UP!

indemnify 1. to compensate for damage or loss sustained, expense incurred, etc. 2. to guard or secure against anticipated loss; give security against (future damage or liability).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1862 – Alvan Graham Clark discovers the white dwarf star Sirius B, a companion of Sirius, through an 18.5-inch (47 cm) telescope now located at Northwestern University.

1865 – American Civil War: The United States Congress passes the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, abolishing slavery and submits it to the states for ratification.

1865 – American Civil War: Confederate General Robert E. Lee becomes general-in-chief.

1867 – Maronite nationalist leader Youssef Bey Karam leaves Lebanon on board a French ship bound for Algeria.

1891 – History of Portugal: The first attempt at a Portuguese republican revolution breaks out in the northern city of Porto.

1900 – Datu Muhammad Salleh is assassinated in Kampung Teboh, Tambunan, ending the Mat Salleh Rebellion.

1915 – World War I: Germany is the first to make large-scale use of poison gas in warfare in the Battle of Bolimów against Russia.

1917 – World War I: Germany announces that its U-boats will resume unrestricted submarine warfare after a two-year hiatus.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Territorial Seed Co. of Cottage Grove, Oregon, introduced a plant in 2014 that sprouts both tomatoes and potatoes, the aptly named "Ketchup 'n' Fries" plant. Grafting (rather than genetic modification) splices the tomato onto potato plants (to create single plants capable of harvests of 500 red cherry tomatoes and 4.5 pounds of potatoes each).

■ Jihadist Toddlers: Britain's Home Office directed in January that the U.K.'s nursery school staffs report pupils "at risk of becoming terrorists," but gave little guidance on what teachers and managers should look for. According to a description of the directive in the Daily Telegraph, staffs must "have training that gives them the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of being drawn into terrorism and challenge extremist ideas."

■ "All I'm looking for is what's rightfully owed to me under the (corrections department) contract," said Westchester County (New York) corrections officer Jesus Encarnacion, after having drawn $1.2 million in disability salary for the last 17 years as a result of slipping on a leaf of lettuce on a stairway. When he fell, he jammed his wrist and several surgeries ensued, and when he was finally ready for "light duty" a few years ago, he re-injured the wrist on the first day and never returned. Encarnacion now seeks a full disability retirement from the state, but officials maintain that "disability retirement" is for injuries resulting only from the rigors of the job.

A MUST APPEARANCE, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might have to plow through a lot of information to get to the gist of a story. Do yourself a favor and leave it alone, unless you really want to know all the details. Your intuition will guide you when dealing with a family member. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to try to see a personal matter in a different light. You could take the issue at hand and turn it upside down, but the result will be the same. Confusion surrounds financial matters. Ask questions, but avoid all commitments. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's financial inquiries. You don't need to get involved in what is going on. Laughter surrounds a personal matter, and you'll see a whole new path as a result. Did you make a situation harder than it needed to be? Tonight: Make it your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be confused by someone's continued prodding. You might not know what to do with his or her questions; just answer them openly. Start planning a vacation or trip that you have often dreamt about. The time is now. Tonight: Feeling your Wheaties.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Maintain a low profile, especially as you might want to re-evaluate a situation in your life. Be aware of what is not being said, not only by friends, but also by you. A partner or dear friend might choose to express his or her feelings. You'll be delighted! Tonight: Be a duo.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You often are so busy with responsibilities that you rarely kick back and enjoy yourself. Give equal importance to your friendships, relationships and well-being. You will become far more content if your decisions come from a centered place. Tonight: Where the party is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Check in on an older friend or relative. How you feel about this person could change because of a misunderstanding that is likely to arise between you. Don't get caught up in gossip; instead, just accept people as they are. Let your feelings flow. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Reach out to a friend at a distance. How you see a situation could change as a result of hearing this person's preconceived notions about it. Look again with a new clarity. Consider taking a long-distance trip. Tonight: Follow the music. Be entertained.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A loved one can't help but express his or her feelings openly. You'll discover that a discussion that starts off on a difficult note is likely to work itself out. A family member easily could reveal a family secret that you might not have known about. Tonight: Happy at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might not be in the most comfortable position in a conversation among a group of peers. Let someone else involved take the lead, as that is likely what he or she wants to do anyway. Tonight: Out and about with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could get a strong reaction when interacting with a colleague. You will enjoy getting to know this person better. Make sure you both know where you are meeting and what the plan is; otherwise, a misunderstanding could happen. Tonight: Let the party go on.

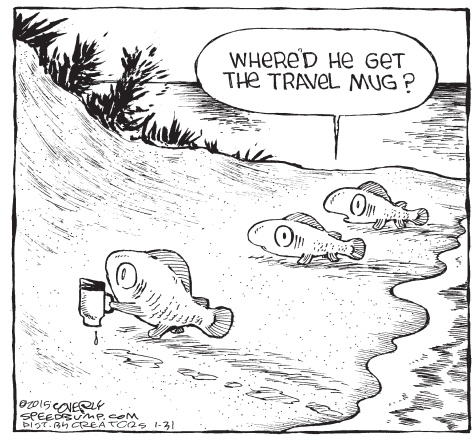
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might have been reluctant to make any unusual plans this past week. Today you will change your mind. Make calls, but don't be surprised if you need to make adjustments anyway. A friend could be enchanted by what he or she is witnessing. Tonight: Be where there is music.

Weekend Edition, Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2015

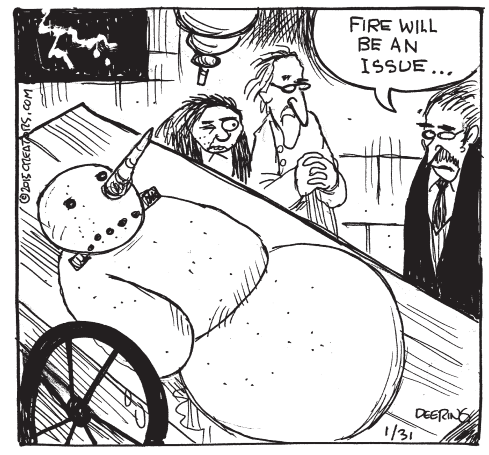
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you break precedent and decide to add more variety to your day-to-day life. You might feel as if a certain area of your life is less exciting, or even boring. Many of you could develop a new hobby and/or get involved in a new area of expertise. If you are single, you enjoy going out and about, and you meet many people this way. 2015 could be a significant relationship year, if you are open to greater commitment. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from a new mutual interest. A project around the house also could take on greater significance. CANCER sometimes gets sappy with his or her feelings.

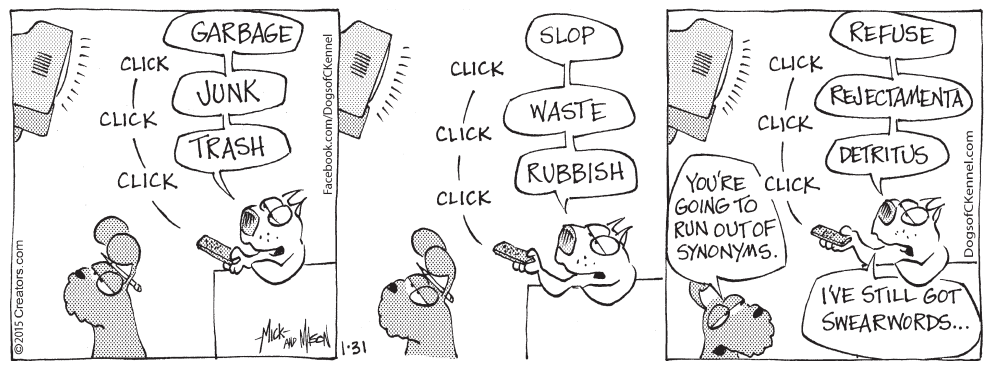
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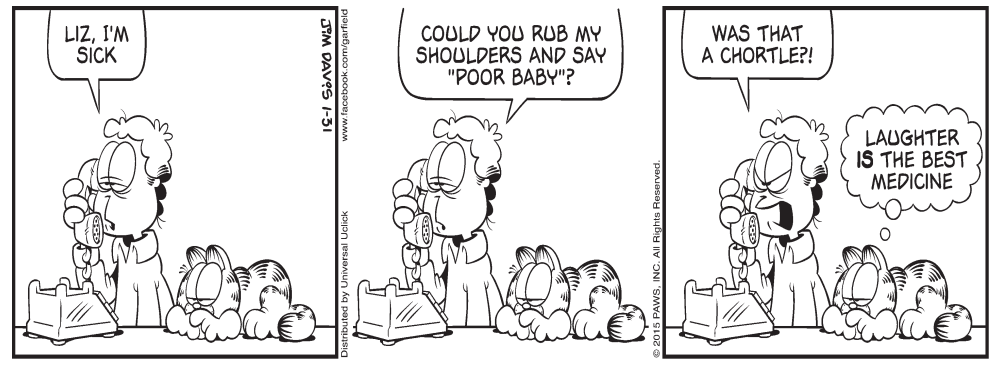
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON JANUARY 21, AT APPROXIMATELY 5 P.M.
Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue on a report of a suspicious subject inside a store. Upon arrival they were informed by loss prevention officers that the subject had selected and concealed several items in his clothing. They also stated he was a possible suspect in a previous incident regarding a theft from another store earlier that day. The suspect was taken into custody and refused to identify himself. He was later identified as Jose Ambrocio Garcia, 40. Bail was set at $1,000.

ON JANUARY 22, AT APPROXIMATELY 4 A.M.
Officers observed and approached a male subject camping in the 1500 block of Palisades Park. After a few attempts to confirm the subject's identity, officers searched the subject's property and identified Jose Ramos, 31, transient. Ramos was found to be in possession of a plastic BB gun and metal automatic center punch. He was placed under arrest for falsely identifying himself to a peace officer and for encamping during park closure. Bail was set at $5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 346 calls for service on Jan. 29.

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

Drinking in public, 600 block Wilshire, 1:32 a.m.
Search warrant, 2500 block Pico, 6:33 a.m.
Disturbance, 1400 block Marine, 7:26 a.m.
Disturbance, 300 block Wilshire, 7:45 a.m.
Elder abuse, 1900 block 20th, 9:00 a.m.
Vandalism, 300 block Civic Center, 9:04 a.m.
Speeding, Cloverfield/Pico, 9:23 a.m.
Fraud, 2600 block Lincoln, 9:38 a.m.
Vandalism, 300 block Wilshire, 10:23 a.m.
Disturbance, 1800 block 17th, 10:29 a.m.
Trespassing, 800 block Bay, 10:37 a.m.
Theft of recyclables, 5th/Pacific, 11:02 a.m.
Death investigation, 1100 block 7th, 11:12 a.m.
Fraud, 1500 block California, 11:28 a.m.
Petty theft, 1400 block 4th, 11:58 a.m.
Speeding, Lincoln/Pico, 12:19 p.m.
Public intoxication, 10th/Wilshire, 12:40 p.m.
Burglary, 2300 block Santa Monica, 2:09 p.m.
Domestic violence, 500 block Santa Monica, 2:29 p.m.
Theft, 1300 block Wilshire, 2:32 p.m.
Petty theft, 2500 block Pico, 2:53 p.m.
Vandalism, 2200 block Wilshire, 3:13 p.m.
Disturbance, 1100 block Lincoln, 3:33 p.m.
Trespassing, 1600 block Main, 4:27 p.m.
Petty theft, 1500 block California, 5:22 p.m.
Speeding, 16th/Pearl, 6:03 p.m.
Petty theft, 500 block Wilshire, 6:20 p.m.
Prowler, 2000 block 19th, 6:51 p.m.
Child endangerment, 1400 block 14th, 7:25 p.m.
Drunk driving, Berkeley/Santa Monica, 8:35 p.m.
Vandalism, 800 block Santa Monica, 10:26 p.m.
Disturbance, 24th/Michigan, 11:35 p.m.
Disturbance, 2500 block Pico, 11:38 p.m.
Car crash, 16th/Santa Monica, 11:38 p.m.

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