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Landlord sued by city for tenant harassment loses eviction case

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CENTINELA AVE One of three tenants who City Hall says were harassed by their landlord avoided eviction in court last week.

Paul Aron prevailed in an unlawful detainer case brought against him by his landlord Barbara Bills, according to Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades.

In a separate case, City Hall is suing Bills for alleged tenant harassment of Aron and two other tenants. Rhoades said that Aron's recent win will help City Hall's cause in that lawsuit.

"A jury not only let him stay in his home of twenty years but all twelve jurors agreed, after hearing Bills and Aaron (sic) testify on the stand, that Bills had acted with maliciousness in her attempt to evict him," Rhoades said in an e-mail to the Daily Press.

Bills' attorney has filed a brief, asking that City Hall's suit be thrown out before trial. With Aron's victory, city attorneys can add to their response to that brief.

In filing the lawsuit, city attorneys claimed, among many other things, that she fabricated a need to inspect smoke detectors so that she could gain entry to the apartments and find reasons to evict the tenants.

In their response to Bills' brief, city attorneys now claim that she admits to deliberately tricking the tenants into allowing them into their homes.

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Reading takes spotlight in Roosevelt dance mob

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY With the entire Roosevelt Elementary School student body getting in place on the yard, a group of girls at one end of the front row leaned forward and shouted a directive down the line:

"Everybody, read!"

They weren't actually going to read during this particular activity Friday morning, but they were preparing to do their best impressions for the cameras.

With books in hand, hundreds of children performed a choreographed flash mob to celebrate the fifth annual Read-A-Thon at the Montana Avenue school.

The dance was arranged to a parody of Taylor Swift's "Shake It Off," complete with lyrics about reading that students had a hand in submitting, compiling and recording.

The annual performance was a much smaller operation when it started five years ago, but it has grown into a popular tradition for the campus community.

"We were trying to figure out a big celebration to get the whole school excited and involved in reading," said dance instructor Kyra Richards, who was in charge of choreography. "It was going to be a one-year thing, but everybody loved it so much that we keep doing it."

In the weeks leading up to the flash mob, students voted for one of five pop songs and provided lyrical bits that were mashed into one fluid tune. Previous editions of the dance featured parodies of Psy's "Gangnam Style" and Taio Cruz's "Dynamite."

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Jeffrey Good man jeff@smdp.com

BOOK DANCE: **Roosevelt students were taught a dance as part of the annual Read-A-Thon celebration.**



Contract expansions in $885K consent

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITYWIDE Three changes to existing contracts could result in City Council approving $885,000 in additional spending in the consent calendar at Tuesday's meeting.

Council will decide whether or not to add $800,000 to an existing contract with TransFirst Health and Government Services for continued credit card processing services.

Council picked TransFirst in 2010, starting with a five-year, $3,350,000 contract that jumped to $7,350,000 after two modifications. The contract expires in March, but city officials are still in the process of reviewing proposals from new credit card processing companies.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

February 10

Beach=Culture: Local Mystery Writers

A panel discussion featuring local mystery and crime fiction writers P.G. Sturges (the Shortcut Man novels), Richard Rayner (A Bright and Guilty Place: Murder Corruption and LA's Scandalous Coming of Age), April Smith (North of Montana) and Samuel W. Gailey (Deep Winter). Moderated by author and Beach House Writer-in-Residence Laurie Horowitz. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Maker Nights with Jen Fox

Join local engineer and maker Jennifer Fox to learn how to design and build various engineering and upcycling projects ranging from robotics to wearable technology to musical instruments. Visit https://apm.activecommunities.com to register or call (310) 458-2239. $10 in advance, $12 cash at the door, 1450 Ocean Ave., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Movie Screening: If I Stay

Life changes in an instant for young Mia Hall after a car accident puts her in a coma. During an out-of-body experience, she must decide whether to wake up and live a life far different than she had imagined. Rated PG-13, 107 minutes, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 to 7:45 p.m.

City Council Meeting

For more information, visit www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/agendas.aspx. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.

A Heart Full of Laughter

Come and join Mr. Jesse and his puppet pals for some heartfelt stories full of laughter and fun. This program is for children ages 3-7. Tickets are free. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 4:30 p.m.

Diabetes information

Learn the symptoms, diagnosis and treatments for diabetes and how to get it under control. Sponsored by the UCLA Health 50 Plus Program.
Sunrise of Santa Monica
1312 15th St., 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Jazz Sextet

A six piece jazz ensemble, led by trumpet/flugelhornist Ed Mann, will play two sets at Typhoon Restaurant. There's a cover plus minimum $15/person at tables and $10/person at the bar. Dinner reservations are recommended. 3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, 8 p.m.

February 11

Virtual Colonoscopy

Colon cancer is the second most common cancer in America, yet less than half of those who should be screened are. Learn about how virtual colonography might be an alternative to colonoscopy for colon cancer screening that avoids sedation. Sponsored by the UCLA Health 50 Plus Program. Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 4th St., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writers Schmooze

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators welcomes all writers willing to share and learn with others who are focused on writing for children. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.

College Scholarships 101

Join organizers to get information from C2 Education about finding and applying for scholarships. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Rumble in the Rock'em City

Bring kids "kapow," "zoom," and "whoosh" and search a superhero metropolis for a gang of bad guys. Ages 3 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. to noon.

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Brentwood

Architect of Santa Monica Place update dies

Architect Jon Adams Jerde, FAIA, who originated "placemaking" in cities around the globe, reinventing the shopping center as an experiential and entertainment destination, died Feb. 9 at his home in the Brentwood after a longstanding illness. Founder and chairman of The Jerde Partnership based in Venice, he led a multi-disciplinary team that designed more than 100 urban places around the world as well as created the look of the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Jerde's last project was the reshaping of Santa Monica Place, removing the roof and opening it to the Third Street Promenade, in collaboration with fellow partner David Rogers, FAIA.

Jerde was born January 22, 1940, in Alton, Ill, and grew up in oilfields around the West. After his parents divorced in 1952, he and his mother moved to a garage apartment in Long Beach. After graduation from high school, he enrolled in engineering at UCLA where he paid the low tuition by hashing food at a fraternity. A chance meeting in 1958 with Arthur Gallion, dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Southern California, changed his life. Seeing Jerde's sketches, Dean Gallion recognized his innate talent and found funding for him to study architecture at USC where leading landscape architect Emmet Wemple became a mentor and lifelong friend.

A trip to Europe on a traveling fellowship from USC after graduation in 1966 crystallized a point of view that would influence his life's work - that people sought places where they could find the warmth of community while enjoying shopping, dining, entertainment, promenading and people watching. This philosophy fueled what he defined as placemaking - creating memorable places that pulsed with life and community using entertainment and shopping as catalysts.

Jerde quit architecture in 1975 after a decade designing typical suburban malls, frustrated that his ideas were ignored. He managed to initiate some of his early ideas at the Glendale Galleria where he added curving walkways and covered the second floor with a huge barrel vault pierced with skylights. Soon after leaving the profession, he received a call from San Diego developer Ernest Hahn who was faced with a four-block site in a rundown area of downtown San Diego. He hired Jerde and told him to put his ideas into practice. Horton Plaza was a resounding success, drawing 25 million visitors when it opened in 1985, sparking over $2 billion in neighboring redevelopment, and continuing to be wildly popular today.

Jerde was named "design czar" for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics. He devised a kit of parts of striking architectural elements with a color palette by colleague Deborah Sussman that could be adapted at very low cost to brand hundreds of events around the city. These designs continue to be viewed as among the most memorable for any Olympic Games. It also stirred a passion for co-creativity for Jerde who later teamed with sculptor Robert Graham, writer Ray Bradbury and TED founder Richard Wurman, among others.

In 1993 City Walk at Universal Studio opened, designed by Jerde and his team as a distillation of Los Angeles architectural and graphic history. City Walk generated both praise and controversy when it opened with some critics seeing it as a parody of a city with all the grit washed away.

1993 also saw the beginning of Jerde's collaboration with Las Vegas impresario Steve Wynn. Jerde and Wynn's first collaboration was transforming Treasure Island into the first family resort in Las Vegas.

His second project, "Fremont Street Experience," is a light filled entertainment street with ongoing laser shows by Jeremy Railton that drew large crowds to the formerly deserted downtown district.

The most ambitious Wynn-Jerde collaboration was The Bellagio in 1996 that fused architecture, commerce and fantasy to achieve the elegance and romance sought by Wynn.

Jerde's reputation for revitalizing cities with visitor-pleasing places led to Canal City Hakata, a 2.6 million-square-foot development in Fukuoka, Japan. He continued to work on many projects in Japan, resulting in a New York Times' best-selling book, "Jerde in Japan."

Jerde was well known for having a briefcase filled with Diet Coke during travels and making In 'n Out Burger his first stop upon return. He was also well known for an uncompromising point of view that alienated some clients.

Jerde was named a Fellow by the American Institute of Architects in 1990 and was honored as the first USC School of Architecture Distinguished Alumnus in 1985. He was very involved with the USC School of Architecture throughout his career and frequently taught courses in Los Angeles and at the school's campus in Saintes, France. In 2000 the Jon Adams Jerde, FAIA, Chair in Architecture was established and his family funded the USC Traveling Fellowship in perpetuity in honor of Jerde being its first recipient.

Jerde is survived by his wife Architect Janice Ambry Jerde, who led a transition to shift ownership of The Jerde Partnership to its current partners in 2013. Married in 1990 they have a son, Oliver, a junior at Tulane University. Jerde and his first wife, Gail X. Factor, recently deceased, had two children, Jennifer Jerde-Castor and Christopher Jerde. He and his third wife, Cheryl Shaw Barnes, had two children Maggie Jerde-Joyce and Kate Jerde-Cole. He had no children with second wife Elizabeth McMillian. Grandchildren are Nell and Gwen Castor and Tristan James and Emmett Joyce.

A memorial service is planned at a future date. To honor his memory, contributions can be made: to the UCLA Foundation to support the work of Dr. David Reuben of the UCLA Alzheimer's & Dementia Care Program, mark as tribute to Jon A. Jerde in the memo line, and send to UCLA Health Sciences Development, Attn: Jenn Brown, 10945 Le Conte Avenue, Ste 3132, Los Angeles, CA 90095; or to Ancient Egypt Research Associates, Inc. 26 Lincoln Street. Boston, MA 02135; or to Jon Adams Jerde, FAIA, Endowment at USC School of Architecture, University Park Campus, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0291.

- SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH VALLES

LISTINGS

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February 12

Community Book Swap

Join us for a fun and friendly community exchange. Bring a book, take a book, and enjoy some treats. Books must be in new or gently used condition. Age(s): Adults, 50 and over, seniors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Rent Control Board

Regular Rent Control Board meeting. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/Current_Board_Meetings.aspx. City Hall, 1685 Main St, 7 p.m.

I Am Ali

This documentary delves into the life of the celebrated champion boxer and galvanizing social figure who famously refused to enter the military when drafted for service during the Vietnam War, a decision that cost him the title. (Film run time: 111 min.) 1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Valentine's Day Craft

Make a Valentine's Day craft, ages 10 and up, materials provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4:45 p.m.

Carmen Jones (1954)

Dorothy Dandridge and Harry Belafonte star in Otto Preminger's musical update of Carmen, set on an Army base during the Korean War (105 min.), Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.

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The Business of Community

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Introductions from the Chamber of Commerce

I AM PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's new regular column in the Santa Monica Daily Press, where we will discuss the priorities and concerns of the companies in our city, and our vision for the city's overall wellbeing.

On this page, we will discuss monthly the ways in which the Chamber serves as a hub for civic engagement: advancing dialogue around advocacy issues, sharing news and tips from industry experts, hosting a range community events throughout the year, and supporting our local businesses.

The Chamber is a leader in supporting thoughtful, balanced public policies that reduce barriers to building and growing successful businesses in Santa Monica. Our policy priorities are the same as most Santa Monicans': a smart plan for our city's continued growth, improved quality of life (traffic gridlock impacts businesses just as much as it does residents), and maintaining a competitive advantage within the region. In this column, we will explore the current policy issues of interest to our members - and hopefully to you, as well.

We will also present an industry spotlight, in which business experts in a range of fields will share the latest news from their sectors, as well as the exciting developments on the horizon. We pride ourselves on staying current with the latest local, national and international business trends and want to share those insights with you - as observers, consumers and investors. Want to know what the two-year outlook in the technology sector looks like? What's up next in the entertainment sector? And what tourism trends you should be eyeing? Then keep checking back for real information from real experts, whom we are proud to call members.

We also know how to throw a party! We will use this column to invite you to our signature events throughout the year. These events are always a great place to reconnect with friends, neighbors and the shop-owner around the corner. Come try out a free Zumba class at our Wellbeing & Buy Local Festival in October, or hear from government leaders at our State of the City program in January. I hope you'll join us for one of our upcoming events: the Organization of Women Leaders breakfast on March 2, and the Sustainable Quality Awards on April 16.

Lastly, we want to introduce you to some of our 1,000-plus members, which range from fitness studios to tech startups, from law offices to coffee shops, from hotels to bike rental companies. I guarantee that at least one place you already shop, play, visit or simply pass on the way to work is a member of the Chamber. Get to know that business better and learn why they value being one of our members. They may be a committee chair or one of our ambassadors - or maybe they've grown their customer base through Chamber connections. Their stories are Santa Monica's stories, and we're proud to share them.

We have been the voice of Santa Monica's business community for 90 years. One of the keys to that longevity has been the fact that we are constantly working to support the shifting business and civic landscape of our city. One of our top priorities in recent years has been building bridges with the technology community currently booming in Silicon Beach. During the recent election, we registered young voters and hosted events with City officials at tech co-working spaces like ROC and Cross Campus. And we launched our first-ever Tech Startup Awards, which were presented last month at our State of the City event to five Santa Monica-based tech companies that inspire, innovate and have a viable path for growth.

The Chamber of Commerce stays effective by staying relevant. Initiatives like the Startup Awards not only recognize the importance of the technology community, but provide young companies with real opportunities for partnership with investors and mentors. The Chamber is uniquely positioned to serve this role.

You can learn more about these initiatives at our (soon to be relaunched with a new design) website: www.smchamber.com.

And while you're there, take a minute to learn more about the work we do every day here at the Chamber of Commerce to build a stronger, healthier, more vibrant Santa Monica. I look forward to dialoguing with you on this page or around town. We are in this business - the business of community - together.

LAUREL ROSEN is the President and CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. For more information, visit www.smchamber.com.

Your column here

David Sayen

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Get help paying your Medicare costs

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The names of these programs and how they work may vary by state. If you qualify for a QMB, SLMB, or QI program, you automatically qualify to get Extra Help paying for your Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) plan.

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- Individual monthly income limit - $3,975
- Married couple monthly income limit - $5,329

(Limits are slightly higher in Alaska and Hawaii. If you have income from working, you may qualify for benefits even if your income is higher than the limits listed.)

Resource limits for the QMB, SLMB, and QI programs are $7,160 for one person and $10,750 for a married couple. Resource limits for the QDWI program are $4,000 for one person and $6,000 for a married couple.

Countable resources include money in a checking or savings account, stocks, and bonds.

Countable resources don't include your home, one car, a burial plot, up to $1,500 for burial expenses if you have put that money aside, furniture, and other household and personal items.

DAVID SAYEN is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

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The Value of Valentine's Day

OH VALENTINE'S DAY I HAVE SUCH A complicated relationship with you - on the one hand it's all about love and happiness, dreamy romantic dinners where your beloved shares their deepest thoughts and feelings. On the other hand it is a Hallmark moment, one created mostly by corporations to sell flowers, candy, and jewelry.

The reality is that Valentine's Day is a great opportunity for renewal. It's a convenient excuse for a man to be sappy and open himself up to his beloved in ways that perhaps he hasn't done before. For women, it's an opportunity to turn the tables, be the pursuer in the relationship, let your mate know in no uncertain terms how much you want them.

This year there are some wonderful opportunities to be had to create memories. If you're going to pop the question, we have a large selection of jewelers in town to get that special ring, from Jewels by Kurt, to Readers, and of course there's a Tiffany's in the Santa Monica Place mall - a guaranteed win with the little blue box.

For the adventuresome, there's the Adult Love Boutique on Santa Monica Blvd. or Secret Desires on Lincoln.

For the more free spirited who perhaps wish to do something unique, Rocco's Cheesecake has a white chocolate strawberry in a heart shape to die for, also mini-cakes like a Mexican Hot Chocolate that is sure to add warmth and spice to your evening. I bet you could talk him into doing something special if ask…

If you want an upscale evening, or perhaps a weekend getaway, I suggest the Loews Hotel which has a full range of Valentine's Day specials available. The dinner menu looks amazing. I had the opportunity to sit down with Executive Chef Jason Prendergast last week to discuss not only this holiday menu, but his vision for the hotel, which is undergoing renovations in stages.

"I wanted to make a more market based menu, from items that are locally sourced. Each week I shop the local farmer's markets to bring the brightest and freshest ingredients" said Prendergast, who is a Culinary Institute of America graduate. "We're applying techniques like sous vide, and bringing in Japanese, Korean, and of course Latin influences to our menu" he continued.

For the Valentines Day special menu the main attraction is a Cote du Bouef for two, which is a dry aged Prime Rib for two, served with foraged mushrooms, bone marrow and béarnaise whipped potatoes. The appetizer selections are stunning this year with oysters (of course!) a Maine Lobster salad, foie gras and salad to share of Gem lettuce, poached egg, chicharrons, Brussels sprouts and fiscalini.

To top all of this off, Chef Prendergast has brought in a retro Baked Alaska for dessert, over which you can ask your sweetheart to marry you. This special Valentine's Day menu is available from Thursday to Sunday.

If after that amazing dinner you can't walk home, the hotel has weekend specials on ocean view rooms, and as a hotel guest if you want to work off that dinner you can head over to the gym and spa, where after a good treadmill run, you can get a body scrub, and a massage.

Enjoy this Valentine's Day and celebrate your love. I am actually quite the romantic, hard to believe I know as a divorce lawyer, but if there's anything I've learned through the years of doing this, it is that if you don't put as much effort into sustaining your relationship, as you put into getting it, the road will get rocky. Take this holiday and use it to reinvigorate yourself, and your mate. It's okay to be sappy, gooey, over the top in love and make a statement, not for the world to approve, but to your partner, so they know you truly value them, not just in a Hallmark card way, but in a serious and committed way.

Valentine's Day comes but once a year, show your love, feel the warmth, be a goofball. And thank me in the morning.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **62.2°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **4-7 ft** shoulder high to 2 ft overhead
BIGGEST EARLY with possible 7'+ waves at select magnets; Easing West-WSW swell; Minor SSW-South swell mixing in; Favorable AM wind returns

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
BIGGEST EARLY; Fading West-WSW swell; Possible breezy offshore Santa Anas

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
New long period WNW swell to build in, while the old W-WSW energy continues to fade; Possible breezy offshore Santa Anas

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
WNW swell to peak; Wind/weather looking favorable at this time

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**

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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

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 Lachusa 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 24572 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.

EVICTION

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"In her declaration and brief, she describes in detail how she cooked up the idea of smoke detector notices in hopes of finding a way to get rid of long-term tenants," the response says. "The import of that admission to the smokescreen is that it supports the city's claims of intentional and fraudulent harassment and interference with privacy."

Once inside, the response says, Bills claims to have found "illegal alterations.

Santa Monica's Rent Control laws keep rents from increasing to market rate. As property values rise in the city by the sea, the incentive to evict long-term tenants becomes greater. The maximum rents for the three tenants that City Hall says have been harassed is less than $800 for each apartment. They all live in one-bedroom units on Centinela Avenue.

Claims of tenant harassment are also rising and City Council has spent hours in the last year discussing an appropriate response. Many who spoke at the meetings claimed that bogus eviction cases are one weapon used by landlords to oust renters. Fighting the cases can be confusing or too costly for renters.

City Hall can't defend tenants in eviction cases but it can sue the landlord for harassment, as it is doing against Bills.

The lawsuit claims that Bills entered Patricia Barkley's home and, without permission, and began videotaping. In another instance, it claims, Bills entered Barkley's bedroom, uninvited, and began taking pictures with her cell phone while Barkley lay in bed.

Bills' attorneys did not respond to request for comment by press time.

There's is no trial date set for City Hall's case against Bills.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAMOHI

66th Annual Stairway of the Stars Set

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will present the 66th annual Stairway of the Stars event at Barnum Hall at Santa Monica High School. The popular event, spotlighting the combined talents of the district's music students, teachers and music curriculum, will take place over three days in February and feature 26 district bands, orchestras and choirs.

Approximately 1,000 student performers will be led by three prominent guest conductors: Dr. Anna Hamre, Professor of Music at California State University, Fresno (choir); John Carnahan, Director of Bands and Professor of Conducting at Bob Cole Conservatory of Music, California State University, Long Beach (band); and Richard Meyer, longtime Southland music teacher and current orchestra director at Oak Avenue Intermediate School in Temple City (orchestra).

The 2015 Stairway Honor Award Recipient, which is presented to a former student, teacher or organization to recognize contributions to the advancement of music and arts education, will be the Gail Dorin Music Foundation.

Stairway of the Stars is open to the public. Advanced purchase tickets and information can be found at www.smmusd.org/vapa/stairway. General unrestricted seats are $15. Donations to the music program are encouraged and include contribution levels from Sponsor ($50-99) to Virtuoso ($1,000 and up). On show nights tickets may be purchased at the Barnum Hall Box Office starting at 5:30 p.m.

Choir Night will be Feb. 10 at 7 p.m., Band Night will be Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. and Orchestra Night will be Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

Samohi's Barnum Hall is located at 600 Olympic Blvd.

- SUBMITTED BY SELINA AYALA-PATLAN

READ

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"The kids are gonna read, read, read, read, read, the teachers are gonna teach teach teach teach teach," went this year's catchy chorus. "Read-A-Thon, Read-A-Thon, hey, hey!"

After fifth-grade student Nerea Cabana and others finished a recording of the "Shake It Off" remix, Richards went around to all of the Roosevelt Elementary classes and taught a series of simple dance moves that the children could execute while holding a book.

On Jan. 21, designated dance captains assisted by demonstrating the choreography to their fellow students during assemblies.

The song and lyrics were posted on the school website shortly thereafter, and a YouTube video with choreography instructions was published Jan. 25. In a recent letter to parents, principal Natalie Burton said the supplemental material could be used to engage kids in conversations about reading.

On the morning of the performance, students walked to the central yard in coordinated fashion and took seats on the ground in grade-level categories. Meanwhile, parents scurried onto the campus to find prime viewing spots, many of them ready with cameras and smartphones to capture the spectacle.

An official video is being made as well. Several parents monitored HD cameras at spots throughout the yard, including on the roofs of nearby buildings, and the footage will be posted to YouTube after editing. The students performed the flash mob twice.

"I've been here for six years, including kindergarten, and it's really fun every year," said fifth-grade student Maddie Landon, who was holding a copy of Lois Lowry's "Number the Stars," the book she's currently reading. "Being a dance captain is even more fun because you get to learn about what goes on behind the scenes, kind of like you're on a movie."

Added fifth-grade student Jordyn Feldman: "I really enjoyed it. But I feel kind of sad that it's my last one."

If Olivia Landon's assessment was any indication, though, then the Read-A-Thon flash mob has made an impact that will last beyond graduation from elementary school.

"For some kids reading might be boring," the fifth-grade student said. "But if you read books you might like, then it's actually kind of fun."

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CONSENT

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"To ensure a thorough selection process and allow sufficient time for contract negotiation and to transition to a new firm, if required, an extension of the current agreement is necessary," they said in a report to council.

The extension would potentially last through the end of June on a month-to-month basis.

ELEVATOR EXPANSION

Council will consider adding $35,000 to an elevator modernization project that's hit some unforeseen bumps and broadened in scope.

In April, council approved a $406,780 contract with Fast-Track Construction Corporation for the construction of a modernized and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant elevator in the Airport Administration building.

The project began in June and the elevator stopped service in October.

"During the demolition, a number of unforeseen conditions were encountered that required repair," city officials said in a report to council, "including: unmarked and unknown buried power and data conduits damaged during excavation, extensive water damage to the existing drywall inside the elevator shaft that had not previously been detected and other issues that had cost impacts."

Additionally, city officials now want a better elevator.

"During the permitting process, a requirement for a new trash enclosure for the building was added that had not been included in the original construction contract," they said. "(City Hall) also elected to upgrade the existing fluorescent tube lighting in the elevator shaft to highly efficient LED fixtures and upgrade the interior elevator cab finishes to longer lasting and more durable stainless steel."

The extra cash will cover these changes.

Construction is 65-percent complete and is expected to be done by the spring.

MORE HVAC WORK

Unanticipated site conditions mean that more cash needs to be added to a construction project for the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system in City Hall.

Ramco Genera Engineering Contractors will likely get another $50,000 to overcome the conditions. The new contract total will rise to $221,163.

City Hall's HVAC system is apparently aging. Work is being done in three phases.

On top of unforeseen site conditions, the limitation to nights and weekends for construction work impacted the project cost and schedule.

Additionally, "unforeseen conflicts were discovered about the ceilings during demolition" of the old system in the area of the Mayor and City Manager's offices on the second floor.

"Existing structural members and electrical conduits necessitated design changes that incurred additional construction costs. Acoustic ceiling tile was added in order to better mitigate the impacts of the construction on historically sensitive portions of the building," city officials said in a report to council.

Construction is at the halfway point with completion expected by the summer.

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Notice of Correction to Proposed Water Rate Increases Announcement run in Jan 30, 2015 and Feb 6, 2015 Editions of the Santa Monica Daily Press.

In both announcements, the notice of proposed water rates in Section 1 was correct. However, due to a printing error, the table at the bottom of the notice in the section entitled "Proposed Water Rates and Sample Bills" contained incorrect dates. The dates in the table have now been revised to match the notice of proposed water rates in Section 1.

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 2017 13%	Jan 2018 13%	Jan 2019 13%
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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
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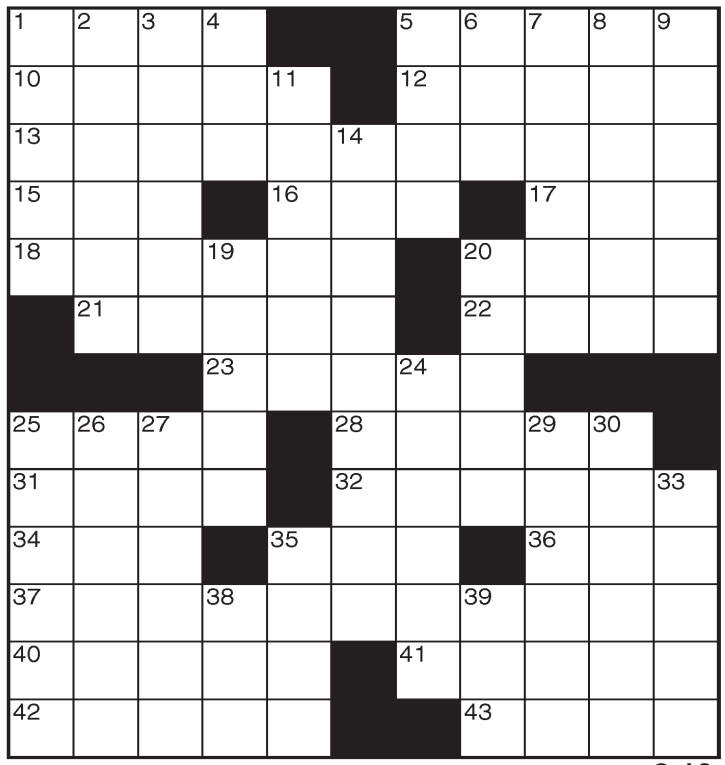
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2				6	9	5		3
	4		2					
		6				1		

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

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

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/7
5 10 21 34 58
Power#: 33
Jackpot: 450M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/6
5 6 17 33 68
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 61M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 2/7
6 20 23 24 29
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/8
1 8 10 16 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/9
MIDDAY: 4 8 9
Draw Date: 2/8
EVENING: 2 5 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/8
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:49.84

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WORD UP!

peacock
1. to make a vainglorious display; strut like a peacock.
2. any peafowl.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1962 – Roy Lichtenstein's first solo exhibition opened, and it included Look Mickey, which featured his first employment of Ben-Day dots, speech balloons and comic imagery sourcing, all of which he is now known for.

1964 – Melbourne-Voyager collision: The aircraft carrier HMAS Melbourne collides with and sinks the destroyer HMAS Voyager off the south coast of New South Wales, Australia, killing 82.

1967 – The 25th Amendment to the United States Constitution is ratified.

1981 – A fire at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino kills eight and injures 198.

1989 – Ron Brown is elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee becoming the first African American to lead a major American political party.

1996 – The IBM supercomputer Deep Blue defeats Garry Kasparov in chess for the first time.

1998 – Voters in Maine repeal a gay rights law passed in 1997 becoming the first U.S. state to abandon such a law.

2003 – France and Belgium break the NATO procedure of silent approval concerning the timing of protective measures for Turkey in case of a possible war with Iraq.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Timothy DeFoggi, 56, was sentenced in January to 25 years in prison on child pornography charges -- unable to keep his illicit online transactions hidden from law-enforcement authorities. Before his conviction, he was acting director for cyber security in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and, one would assume (wrongly), an accomplished user of security software.

■ Rose Ann Bolasny, 60, of Great Neck, New York, last year created a trust fund for her 3-year-old Maltese (dog), Bella Mia, that will allow spending $100,000 a year on fashions and spa treatments so that Bolasny can pamper "the daughter I never had." Bella Mia reportedly has 1,000 outfits in her custom-made walk-in closet, including ball gowns, along with diamond and pearl jewelry, and she sleeps on her own double bed. Previous News of the Weird reports of ridiculously rich dogs involved inheritances, but Bolasny still lives with her husband and has two adult sons (who are said to be fine with their mother's intention to will Bella Mia a house in Florida if she outlives Bolasny and her 82-year-old husband). (By the way, the average annual income for a human being in Bangladesh is the equivalent of about $380.)

Relax tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Confusion seems to surround a partnership. You will have a better sense of what is going on than the other party. Your sixth sense could kick in and point you to the best way to resolve the situation. Convincing others will take talent. Tonight: Let go and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You'll move through a problem quickly, especially if you decide to let someone else take the lead. This person seems to have a firm grasp of the issue. Confusion might be difficult to eliminate, as you could be wearing rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Go along with a suggestion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and you might feel as if you are running around in circles. Stop and take a deep breath. Your intuition will let you know what is happening. Listen to news carefully, but know that some facts could be missing. Tonight: Change gears.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish. Others are likely to ask questions and make suggestions. News comes forward that will allow you to see a different path. The question boils down to whether you are ready to take a risk. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be withdrawn and somewhat quiet, which is unlike you. You might not want to share what is going on. Be prepared for a barrage of questions from those who care about you. Realize that a financial matter needs to be dealt with carefully. Tonight: With a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might be slightly disoriented in the morning, but by the afternoon, you will have a clear view of what is going on. A loved one will respond well to a one-one-one conversation. You both will enjoy being on the same page. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be aware of your finances. Double-check your budget, and understand what is required in various situations. The pressure you feel could be eliminated more quickly than you might have expected. You'll be able to manifest a long-term goal soon. Tonight: Get into a favorite pastime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ An opportunity is likely to present itself in the midst of a confusing situation. You'll want to sort out what is happening and understand the facts before saying "yes." You might not have a clue about what this will involve. Tonight: Allow your imagination to speak.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Do you know what needs to happen in order for you to move past an obstacle? You must figure this out before more complications arise. A friend will encourage you, but he or she might not have the solution. A family member also adds an element of chaos. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You'll be more upbeat than those around you. Your positive energy might be needed in various situations. Your plans could become quite erratic as you absorb a lot of others' confusion. Confirm meetings and verify any news you hear. Tonight: Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Someone you respect demands your attention and time. You naturally will do what is asked, but it could add some tension to your day. Use caution with funds, as you easily could make an error. Follow through on priorities, but don't give in to an impulse. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Work on detachment, and you'll get a better perspective of what is happening in your immediate environment. Observe what might not be obvious. Seek out an answer as to why others seem to be acting in a confusing manner. Tonight: Be entertained!

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

This year your intuition works well with professional dealings. Your focus often will be on joint finances, partnership issues and romance. Be realistic about any risk-taking ventures. You will be more concerned with your public image and your career than you have been in recent years. If you are single, romance could enter your life at any point. You will know when you have met Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you become more visible as a couple, as you seem to enjoy being out together. Nevertheless, you also will like to take vacations without children or any responsibilities interfering. SCORPIO can be a stern taskmaster.

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

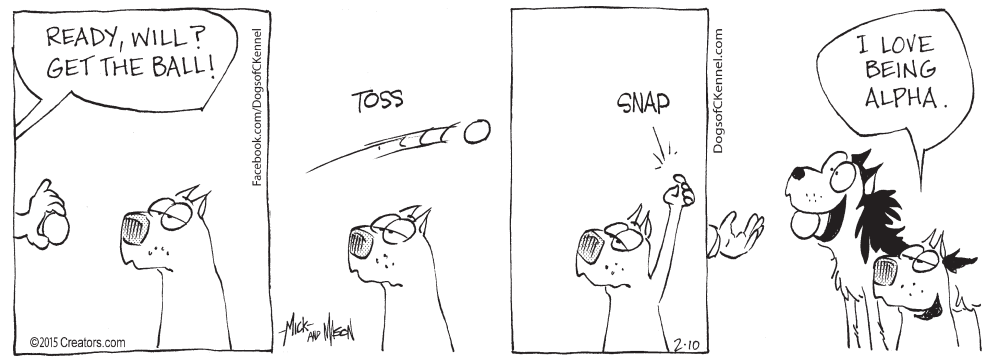
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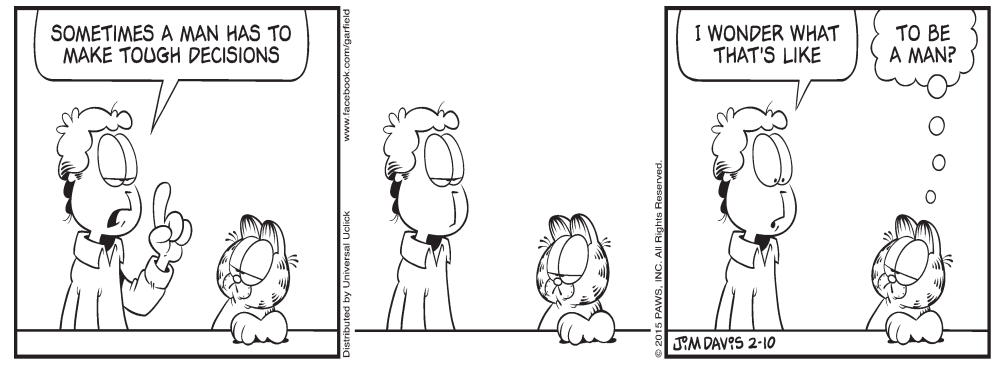
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By John Deering



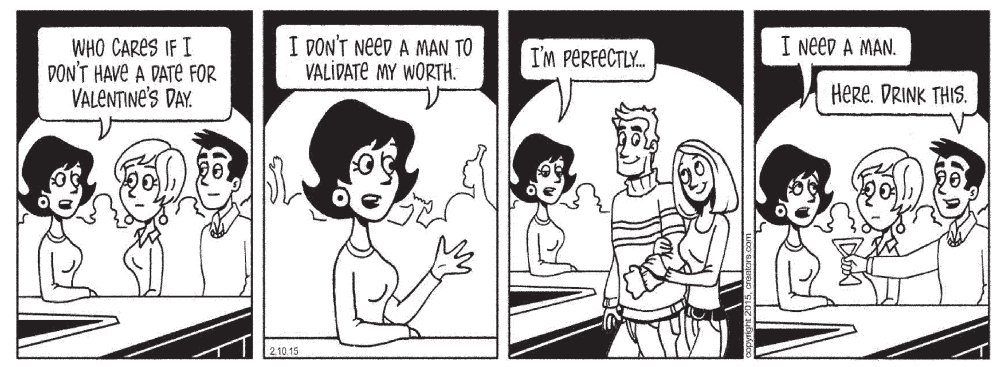
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON JANUARY 27,
Officers responded to 2209 Main St, Beyond 02 Water, for a strong arm robbery call. They met with a store employee who told them a man came into the store, selected three protein bars from the display, and put them into his jacket pocket. The man began to walk towards the door without paying for the items and the employee stepped in front of him to stop him from leaving. She told the man to put the bars back or pay for them. The man then pushed her out of the way and exited the store. A radio broadcast was made of the man's description and officers located someone who matched walking along the beach bike path. The store employee was brought down to the beach and she positively identified the man as the person who pushed her away from the door and stole three protein bars. Officers placed him under arrest for the assault and theft. Fawzi Babeeker, homeless, had bail set at $50,000.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 304 calls for service on Feb. 8.

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

Drunk driving, 1800 block Cloverfield, 12:35 a.m.
Car crash, Franklin/Santa Monica, 1:07 a.m.
Hit and run, 2400 block Arizona, 1:22 a.m.
Trespassing, 100 block Wilshire, 2:18 a.m.
Battery, 2500 block Pico, 4:22 a.m.
Disturbance, 1300 block 3rd, 6:00 a.m.
Burglary, 1100 block 20th, 7:18 a.m.
Vandalism, 1100 block Wilshire, 9:26 a.m.
Battery, 1500 block 2nd, 9:58 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 400 block Palisades, 10:04 a.m.
Attempted burglary, 1200 block 21st, 11:05 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 3100 block Neilson, 11:13 a.m.
Speeding, 700 block Bay, 11:31 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 300 block Olympic, 11:49 a.m.
Vandalism, 2500 block Pico, 12:24 p.m.
Fight, Lincoln/Ocean Park, 1:26 p.m.
Domestic violence, Ocean/Broadway, 2:30 p.m.
Battery, 1500 block Ocean, 3:37 p.m.
Burglary, 700 block 10th, 4:11 p.m.
Domestic violence, 1700 block Ocean, 7:45 p.m.
Theft of recyclables, 2400 block 33rd, 8:01 p.m.
Drunk driving, Yale/Wilshire, 8:04 p.m.
Petty theft, 900 block 19th, 8:44 p.m.
Public intoxication, 7th/Ozone, 8:50 p.m.
Arson, 1300 block 2nd, 9:31 p.m.
Public intoxication, 4th/Broadway, 10:14 p.m.
Disturbance, 1300 block Lincoln, 11:12 p.m.
Auto burglary, 1500 block 6th, 11:20 p.m.
Drunk driving, 200 block PCH, 11:45 p.m.
Disturbance, 1500 block 2nd, 11:58 p.m.

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