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ON DUTY: Local lifeguards rescued 2,605 people in 2014, a 61 percent increase from 2013.

Santa Monica ocean rescues swelled in 2014

Data reflect demanding year for county lifeguards





BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

THE BEACH Ocean rescues off Santa Monica's beaches swelled dramatically this past year, reflecting increased demand on lifeguards throughout the county as people flocked to the coast amid a sustained spell of warm weather.

There were 2,605 total rescues performed by Los Angeles County ocean lifeguards in Santa Monica in 2014, according to fire department data, more than double the 968 recorded two years ago and a 61-percent jump from the 1,614 tallied in 2013.

Santa Monica accounted for more than 16 percent of the county's record 15,851 total ocean rescues, a figure that smashed the previous mark of 14,096 that was set in 1997.

"Sunnier days led to more people at the beach and a higher demand on lifeguard

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ADJOURNMENTS:

College student remembered

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This is a semi-regular feature that announces the deaths of people who lived in or impacted Santa Monica. Oftentimes the names and information are gathered from the ends of City Council meetings, when council adjourns in the memory of those who've passed.

CITY HALL Kieran McCann, an 18-year-old Santa Monican, was remembered as "the quintessential cool guy" by Councilmember Gleam Davis at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

McCann's body was found on a beach near University of St Andrews in Scotland last month, according to a United Kingdom-based newspaper called The Courier. McCann was a freshman at the university.

His death was described by paper as a "tragic accident" and there was not believed to be any foul play.

McCann attended high school at Windward School in Los Angeles.

Head of the school, Tom Gilder, dedicated a school-wide festival to McCann last week, saying: "We ... celebrate the vibrancy and joy with which Kieran lived his life."

McCann played football at Windward and was a hockey goalie, Davis said, which is how her son came to know him.

On a memorial page on Windward's website, commenters called him "charming," "stunningly handsome" and "sweet," lauding his ability to connect with friends.

"He was the quintessential cool guy: Wore a leather jacket, road a motorcycle, and had aviator sun

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Destinations cultivate celebrities to woo their fans

BETH J. HARPAZ
AP Travel Editor

NEW YORK Dolly Parton promoting her Tennessee hometown? Of course. Taylor Swift promoting New York? That takes a little explaining, but OK, we get it.

Brad Pitt promoting Manitoba? Definitely not.

Destinations are carefully cultivating relationships with celebrities whose fans are seen as potential visitors. But the connection between famous people and the places they promote is not always obvious. Celebs have always endorsed products, but it's easier to appear in an ad for a credit card than to represent a place you don't know much about. And that's when things get interesting.

It's obvious why Dolly Parton promotes Sevierville, Tennessee: The famous country singer grew up there. But New York tourism officials took some guff when Taylor Swift became the city's global welcome ambassador last fall. Critics said she was a bland, inauthentic representative for a city known for bagels, hip-hop and opinionated locals. City officials said it was a great way for New York to woo Swift's millennial fans.

Another unlikely partnership was floated in a spoof claiming Manitoba tourism had spent $1 million to recruit Brad Pitt. The item, which ran last fall on the

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

February 14

Free dance fitness
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Insomnia
Join modern conjuror Derek Hughes in a private suite at Hotel Casa del Mar for his new work. Loosely inspired by the short fiction of Jorge Luis Borges, it is a comedy and magic experience that explores the line between waking and dreaming. Tickets ($55) include admission and valet parking. Hotel Casa del Mar, 1910 Ocean Way, 5:30 p.m., call (310) 581-5533 for more information.

Musical Explorers
This is an interactive music event that stems from New York's legendary Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute. Audiences can come and experience the world of music that is found everywhere in the world. This is a program that will inspire children to listen, sing and explore a world of music. 11 a.m., 1 p.m., The Broad Stage, 1310 11th Street.

Santa Monica READS Kickoff Celebration
Celebrate the launch of this new season of Santa Monica READS with live music, English country dancing, guest caller Judee Pronovost, and refreshments. Pick up a book while supplies last. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.

Perfumery Workshop & Aromatic Excursion with IAO, Pier Edition
Tour the Santa Monica Pier with perfumer Saskia Wilson-Brown, clandestinely investigating the scents from Pier attractions, restaurants and the surrounding seascape. Participants will take scent notes and then rally at 1450 Ocean to create an evocative scent to remember your field trip. 1-4 p.m. Cost: $40. View and register for classes at http://ow.ly/IehoU.

Pier Aquarium – Whale of a Weekend
Whale artifacts, whale-themed crafts, movies, puppet shows and more in conjunction with whale migration season through the Santa Monica Bay. Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk 12:30 - 5 p.m. Visit healthebay.org for more information.

Second Saturday Free Craft Lounge
Come to 1450 Ocean on the second Saturday of every month to work on your projects, take in a mini-workshop, and stretch your craft-legs. Work on projects, trade tips, materials and ideas. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free, open to all adults, reservations appreciated.

Housing Commission Special Meeting
Special Meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Visit www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information. 10 a.m. Main Library, Second Floor Multi-purpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Copper Plate Etching
Experiment with hard ground etching and dry point techniques while working through the historical processes of copper plate intaglio printing. Work on a printed artwork or make a card for your sweetie or pen pal. Very limited spots for this class. View and register for classes at http://ow.ly/IehoU. 1450 Ocean, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cost: $5.

Kidical Mass Bike Ride
Kidical Mass is a legal, safe and fun bike ride for kids, kids at heart, and their families. This event's theme is Valentine's Day, so wear red, pink, hearts, etc. Meet at Clover Park, 2600 Ocean Park Blvd.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

Foster Youth program receives $40,000 grant

Santa Monica College's Guardian Scholars program has been awarded a grant of $40,000 by the S. Mark Taper Foundation. SMC established Guardian Scholars in 2013 with start-up funding from the Angell Foundation to ensure that foster youth enrolled at the college have access to services and resources to help them reach their educational and career goals.

"The grant given to our Guardian Scholars program by the S. Mark Taper Foundation is a wonderful affirmation of how much we value these students — and that they recognize the importance of removing any barriers to success for our Guardian Scholars," said Paul Hosch, Chair of the Santa Monica College Foundation.

Guardian Scholars provides support services to foster youth attending SMC, a population for whom educational disparities is a well-documented trend. The program provides academic, financial aid and mental health counseling; career planning, wellness and student success workshops. Through a collaboration with the Guardian Scholars programs at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Loyola Marymount University, SMC staff also provides transfer advice and assistance. While students do not get guaranteed admission to these universities, they are invited to participate in activities that are designed to increase their likelihood of success upon transfer.

"This gift will have a very long-reaching impact on the foster youth who come to SMC," said Lizzy Moore, Interim President of the SMC Foundation.

The $40,000 grant from the S. Mark Taper Foundation will be used to assist foster youth enrolled at SMC by providing scholarships, grant money, and resources to visit four-year colleges and universities. These funds will also fill a much-needed gap: money for day-to-day needs for the students, such as for meals and transportation, something the emerging program has struggled to provide.

"The work we do is about helping individuals move on and be happy, productive members of the community," says Debra Joseph-Locke, SMC Coordinator for Guardian Scholars. "So it's not just about helping them, but helping the community as a whole. Many of them are also yearning to give back."

There were 76 "Guardian Scholars" in the program last fall, and SMC is hoping to accept as many as 100 students in the upcoming spring semester. The S. Mark Taper Foundation's grant will make it possible for the program to provide services and programming to address this growing need, says Locke.

"It's good to know you're giving someone not just the gift of education but also life skills," says Locke.

The S. Mark Taper Foundation, founded in 1989, is a private family foundation dedicated to enhancing the quality of people's lives by supporting nonprofit organizations and their work in our communities.

For more information, visit foundation.smc.edu. More information about the Guardian Scholars and other special programs at SMC is available at www.smc.edu.

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

Santa Monica

Bike and pedestrian safety enforcement planned

The Santa Monica Police Department will step up bike and pedestrian safety enforcement operations on Monday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 20, with focused enforcement on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The department has mapped out locations over the past five years where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Extra officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to prevent deaths and injuries.

- SUBMITTED BY RUDY CAMARENA

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Book sale

The next Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Book Store Big Sale will feature a selection of books from $2 and up, including inscribed and signed books, art books, first editions and barely used recent hardbacks. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.

Valentine's Concert with Brian Stokes Mitchell

One of Broadway's most sought-after leading men, Brian Stokes Mitchell returns to The Broad Stage for an evening of sultry show tunes and love songs that will steam up any Valentine's Day date! With his "singularly thunderous baritone" (The New York Times), Mitchell's exclusive L.A. appearance on our intimate stage will showcase the best of Broadway, as well as some hand-picked selections that are sure to delight. $69/$110, www.thebroadstage.com. The Broad Stage, 1310 11th Street, 7:30-10 p.m.

February 15

'Living in Harmony' talk

A free lecture by Josh Niles entitled "Living in Harmony" will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Christian Science Church in Santa Monica, 505 Arizona Ave. Free parking and childcare available. For more information, call (310) 395-1411.

Pier Aquarium — Whale of a Weekend

Whale artifacts, whale-themed crafts, movies, puppet shows and more in conjunction with whale migration season through the Santa Monica Bay. Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk 12:30-5 p.m. Visit www.healthebay.org for more information.

View Deck Closed

The View Deck will close today for a private event. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Gallery

Mental Landscapes (Nov. 13 through Feb. 22). Gallery hours are subject to change; call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Opens at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Guest House Docent Tour

Free, docent-led tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

February 16

Classical Ballet for Beginners

Students will learn across the floor, barre, and center floor technique. All levels are welcome. Recommended attire: leotard, tights and ballet shoes for women; plain T-shirt, jazz pants, and ballet shoes for men. View and register for classes at http://ow.ly/oZGSg or call (310) 458-2239 for more information. 1450 Ocean, Cost: $89 residents, $102 non-residents. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Yoga at the Beach House

All levels welcome. Drop in for a $15 class or sign up for the 5-week session for $62 including parking. 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy.

Toddler Time

Stories, songs, and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. 10 a.m., Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.,

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Writer in residence

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SMart Thinking

By SM a.r.t. Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Metering our Future

DURING A PREVIOUS WATER CRISIS, THE CITY passed a law requiring developers of multifamily dwellings to install individual water meters for each unit. This law has been on the books since about 1990 (Municipal code 7.12.150). Unfortunately, the city has allowed many buildings to forgo this requirement since then, and many apartment buildings, especially in the downtown area, have master meters for the entire building, but no individual meters for each unit despite this 25-year-old ordinance.

The explanation given by the City is that larger buildings often do not have adequate space in the public right-of-way for individual meters. With this explanation, the City has been approving the construction of large apartment buildings, but then allowing those same developers to avoid installing individual meters. When individual meters are not mandated, most developers will save costs by using a shared rather than an individual water service. Once buildings are completed, the cost to re-pipe them for individual meters becomes cost prohibitive. Forcing them into compliance later is no longer a realistic option.

Many cities around the country have the same individual meter requirement in their municipal codes, and many buildings around the country, including the larger ones, do incorporate individual water meters for each unit. Metering individual units is widely recognized as an effective method for reducing excessive water consumption, because it makes individual consumption known to consumers (compared to a flat monthly payment, which many non-metered buildings have). Despite the lack-of-space argument, new technologies are appearing that will soon make it relatively simpler and more cost-effective to meter individual apartments in new buildings (and in some cases older buildings as well), even in the absence of sufficient room in the public right-of-way (such as alleyways). The City has investigated some of those already, but no decision has been taken to acquire (or require) specific systems.

In any discussion of water meters in multifamily dwellings, it is best to avoid conflating two very different situations: retrofitting existing buildings versus installing individual meters in all-new construction. The former is a complicated, capital-intensive process. There are methods for installing electronic meters in older structures, but those installations can be costly because apartment buildings that have not been configured for individual metering from the start, have plumbing systems in which water supply is shared between a number of stacked or neighboring units. This may require many more meters to be installed throughout a building, often measuring individual rooms or fixtures, compared to new, from-the-ground-up buildings that only require one or two meters for each unit.

New buildings present great opportunities to get it right from the beginning, because with these the solution to the problem is far simpler. Each unit can be serviced and metered separately for both cold and hot water (with the hot water in-line sub-meter located just before the unit's plumbing entry, so not impacted by the heater position itself). That sub-metering could be done either in the alley, or by means of electric, electronic or mechanical sub-meters located along the plumbing lines to each unit; often within the boundaries of the building itself.

This issue of how to read internally installed meters was solved long ago with remote devices (either wired or wireless) that are in widespread use throughout the world. Yes, this will result in increased costs (current estimates range between $500-$2,000 per unit), but the payback to the community at large far exceeds the costs to the builder, which could be mitigated by means of tax-rebates and other measures. And to keep this in perspective, even the higher cost is equivalent to less than one month's rent in many of the newer downtown buildings, with a payoff that extends throughout the building's lifetime.

For those buildings-completely new from the ground up- there really is no reason to avoid installing individual meters, just as there is no reason to give the builder a pass on wall insulation or insulated glass windows or low-flow toilets, faucets and shower heads- all required under current codes. New buildings should be required to be in full compliance with the code as a condition of the certificate of occupancy-including separate water service with individual meters. If the City needs to alter the municipal code to help make this happen, it should do so without further delay. As a recent correspondent reminded us recently:

"I sure don't like the fact that exemptions are being provided. How do we stop this? In addition to my house, my family owns a duplex built in the 40's with only a single water meter. We have no leverage over our tenants if they don't want to conserve water... there is no good reason... for any new multi family housing building to be exempt from having to install individual water meters."

Multi-family buildings are considered to be more efficient users of water than single-family residences. Let's make sure that this continues to be the case and provide the necessary incentives to help in our crucial water conservation efforts. The City should require multifamily building developers to install individual water meters, with no exceptions.

DANIEL JANSENSON, Architect – For Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Saving Wishart

Editor:

We always have to fight to keep the good programs and services. Here we go again. SMMUSD will spend millions of dollars fighting parents rather that just giving what is needed to students. They never want to invest in anything that benefits the students, especially the ones who may be struggling a bit, or not part of the popular crowd. This is the case with the effort to shut down the film program. I have witnessed firsthand how Mr. Wishart has worked with students of all ability levels to help them realize their goal of bringing their film visions to fruition. In this class, all the students have an opportunity to make a film. It's not just for the ones that the school likes or whose parents give the most money to the program.

One of the outstanding things about the film program is that students are required to pitch their film ideas. The same way that you have to in the industry. You have to get a green light before you can make your film. This forces the students to consider the practical aspects of their idea in the time and budget constraints that are in place. You can't make an epic on a koolaid budget. Reality check. All of our kids need this. I can't fathom how the Board can even consider cutting the film program in a school district that is in the heart of the entertainment capital of the world. That makes no sense at all. Maybe if the Board were not engaged in some many expensive legal battles, this would not even be an issue at all. Kids can't do anything with attorney fees.

Debra Shepherd
Santa Monica

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LEAGUE CHAMPS

Morgan Genser editor@smdp.com

The Santa Monica High School girl's soccer team hosted El-Segundo in an Ocean League soccer match on Feb. 12 and tied 0-0 thus improving their record to 9-0-1 in league play and 12-6-3 overall. The team ended their season undefeated in league play, securing the Ocean League title. Pictured are Janet Coleman-Belin attempting to head the ball and Mikala Alatorre clashing with goalie during a shot on goal.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Measles cases in California increase to 113

California health officials have recorded 113 cases of measles in the state since December.

The outbreak began at Disneyland and spread into the community. Almost two-thirds of the infections were from people who visited or worked at the theme park in Orange County or had contact with an infected person.

But the California Department of Public Health said Friday the three new infections do not have any connection to Disneyland.

Most of those stricken with measles were not vaccinated. The highly contagious illness has made a comeback in the U.S. in recent years, brought in from Americans who caught the virus abroad or from international visitors.

At least six other states, Mexico and Canada have identified measles cases tied to Disneyland.

- AP

Los Angeles

Southern California winter heat wave continues

Southern California's heat wave shows no sign of breaking.

Temperatures that began rising earlier this week continued to top 80 degrees in many areas on Friday.

A high of 89 was reported at the Long Beach airport, breaking the old record of 85 that was set in 1985.

Hot, gusty Santa Ana winds brought summerlike conditions but they've eased somewhat, with gusts mainly around 20 mph expected in mountain and canyon areas.

The National Weather Service says despite a slight cooling trend, temperatures will remain well above normal through Sunday and a large ridge of high pressure will persist over the West Coast through much of next week.

That means much-needed rain for the drought-stricken region just isn't in the cards.

- AP

Honolulu

Flight from Los Angeles makes emergency landing in Hawaii

A Delta Air Lines flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu with 234 people aboard diverted to Hawaii's Big Island because of a mechanical issue on Friday.

The airline says in a statement that Flight 1559 encountered a mechanical issue Thursday with one of the plane's two engines.

The flight landed safely in Hilo and another plane took the passengers to Honolulu. The flight landed in Hawaii's capital at 2:05 a.m. Friday.

State transportation officials tell Hawaii News Now that crew members weren't able to turn off one of the engine lights that illuminated, so they shut down one of the engines and diverted to Hilo.

- AP

LAX

Bird hit on power line causes outage at Los Angeles airport

Power was knocked out to parts of Los Angeles International Airport when a bird flew into a high-voltage power line yesterday.

LAX spokeswoman Amanda Parsons said the outage affected baggage conveyer belts and people movers in all terminals shortly before 7 a.m. Friday.

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LOOK-OUT: Warm weather extended the 2014 beach season beyond its normal bounds.

BEACH

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resources," said Kenichi Haskett, a captain in the county fire department lifeguard division. "Everything went up."

When officials released data on 2014 rescues in the county earlier this year, acting chief lifeguard Steve Moseley explained that unseasonably warm weather and ocean temperatures kept people at the beaches in months that typically have less activity.

Larger surf patterns, which can create potentially dangerous inshore holes, contributed to the spike in ocean rescues as well.

"The combination of consistent surf and inshore holes caused rip currents to form more frequently along our coast," Moseley said.

In Santa Monica, full-time staffers at the towers near Ocean Park and Wilshire boulevards collect data daily. The numbers are used to determine staffing levels and justify the costs of services to county officials.

"We have to be vigilant of our staffing levels and be cognizant of how we staff the beaches," said Haskett, who noted an increase dependence on seasonal or part-time lifeguards in 2014. "We make sure we calculate the data and review it to make sure it's consistent with the needs of the public."

Although estimated beach attendance in Santa Monica dipped slightly from 18.7 million in 2013 to 17.7 million last year, local lifeguards were significantly busier than usual.

They handled 77,148 ordinance issues in the calendar year, a 19-percent jump from 2013 and a 28-percent increase over the 2011 figure. The incidents involved a variety of beach violations pertaining to drinking alcohol, glass bottles, pets, fires and other city and county codes.

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ADJOURN

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glasses," Davis said. "I think everybody who knew Kieran just thought the world of him."

A service was held Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica. University of St Andrews held a memorial gathering on the same day.

Upon learning that he was missing, more than 300 fellow university students rallied search groups until his body was found.

"Kieran will be missed," Davis said, "not just by his family but the community at large and certainly a number of young people here in Santa Monica who were lucky enough to know him and be touched by him."

CHARLES "CHUCK" HODGIN

Chuck Hodgin, 93, who moved to Santa Monica in 1941, died Feb. 8. Originally from Missouri, he was deemed by Mayor Kevin McKeown to be an official Santa Monican.

"He moved here when he was 19," McKeown said. "His parents' home was located at Cloverfield and Pearl in Sunset Park. Charles 'Chuck' Hodgin took classes at Santa Monica College when it was still on the Santa Monica High School campus - that's how long ago it was. He served in World War II. He worked as a master mechanic at the Douglas Aircraft Company for 40 years, so talk about being a part of our industrial history. He volunteered as a scoutmaster. He was an active member of Calvary Church."

He was married for 58 years to Emmalie Hodgin, a founder of Friends of Sunset Park.

He had four kids, eight grandkids and nine great-grandchildren.

In a 2009 profile of Emmalie Hodgin in the Daily Press, she described befriending Chuck before falling in love with him.

"Become best friends first," she said. "Then you know you can spend the rest of your lives together."

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RESCUE

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Emergency vehicle responses have risen steadily on Santa Monica beaches over the last four years. There were 3,954 in 2011, 4,485 in 2012, 4,763 in 2013 and 5,562 this past year.

Santa Monica lifeguards performed 2,491 ocean rescues last year, a 69-percent increase over the 2013 tally. About 80 percent of the rescues typically involve swimmers stuck in rip currents, Haskett said.

"If you're getting pulled away from the shore, don't panic," he said. "Try to stay afloat and conserve energy. Don't try to swim against it - it's like swimming up a river. Swim parallel to shore and then come back in."

More than 73.8 million people attended county beaches last year, according to estimates, 35 percent more than the 20-year average.

Beachgoers can improve safety in the water by swimming in front of staffed lifeguard stations, knowing their limits and not drinking alcohol, Haskett said. Parents are encouraged to supervise their children and make sure they know the number of their closest lifeguard station.

Beachgoers are also encouraged to ask on-duty lifeguards about conditions before entering the water.

"That's what we're there for," he said.

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Despite being hospitalized, patients at both Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA in Westwood and at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica celebrated Valentine's Day when canine teams from UCLA's People–Animal Connection, an animal-assisted therapy program, brought custom hand-made Valentine cards to sick children and geriatric patients.

TOURIST

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Canadian Broadcasting Corp.'s "This is That" program, suggested Manitoba might get "international recognition" if Pitt were to mention the province "in an interview with a Hollywood magazine or website."

The joke led to inquiries from folks who didn't realize it was satire. Tourism Manitoba spokeswoman Cathy Senecal confirmed that while Pitt "would be welcome any time," the region has not recruited him. She hastened to add that celebrities sometimes visit the region on their own, usually to watch polar bears.

In 2012, actress Tori Spelling was hired to connect Newport Beach to her Twitter followers. Spelling didn't have to visit Newport Beach or say anything special about it. But she did tweet photos and links as part of a tourism giveaway in a campaign organized by IZEA, a company that helps to connect social media influencers and destinations.

A recent visit to Hong Kong by actor Chris Noth of "Sex and the City" and "Good Wife" fame led tourism officials there to say in an email that Noth could help Hong Kong target "achievers in New York."

Some campaigns do employ locals. Turismo de Portugal works with mega-soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo to promote his native Portugal in China, where he's known as C Luo. His picture appears on posters with messages in Chinese that Portugal is "world famous" and "full of spectacular places."

Other campaigns have a specific theme. Santa Monica, California, gets more foreign tourists from Australia than any other country, so the local Convention & Visitors Bureau recruited a pair of Australian TV personalities, Luke Hines and Scott Gooding, as ambassadors. Hines and Gooding are celebrity chefs, cookbook authors, trainers and outdoor types, so their healthy lifestyle message meshes with Santa Monica's image. The partnership "has been an absolute home run for us," said Santa Monica CVB spokeswoman Jackie Alvarez.

New York officials say their partnership with Swift has also been enormously successful, generating free publicity for the city worth well over $25 million. "Even the push-back we got from the locals was a good thing because people felt passionate about New York," said NYC & Company CEO Fred Dixon. "It was part of the dialogue, and kept the story alive and kept it going. It generated so much excitement and talk all over the world in interesting ways."

Swift took no fee for her services, and her spokeswoman declined to comment on what's in the arrangement for the famous singer. But it's not hard to imagine how the wholesome Swift, a tween favorite, might benefit from branding herself as a New Yorker. Helen Firth of Added Value, a strategic marketing consulting firm, says it may be a way of "ramping up her cool-factor, giving her saccharine appeal a little edge."

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Clippers use small, sharp shooting as a way to mask loss of big Blake

THE LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS LOST THEIR All-Star power forward Blake Griffin to a staph infection on the right elbow last weekend. That injury will keep him off the court over the course of a stingy 20-game stretch that has the team facing 15 teams with winning records.

"I think teams do this all the time," J.J. Redick said, "Where an integral part of the team goes down and then everyone is asked to do a little bit more. I think that the important thing is that guys need to stay within their roles, but to star in those roles and to be confident in their roles. Then when Blake comes back, he is such an easy guy to play with that hopefully it is seamless when he gets back in there."

Head coach Doc Rivers has found a way for the Clippers to compete with the tough titans of the Western Conference. As shown in their 110-95 victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday that took them to the All-Star break, sharp shooting from their guards becomes their best way of attack.

By going more guard oriented a la Phoenix Suns with All-Star point guard Chris Paul scoring and facilitating to sharp shooters Jamal Crawford and J.J. Redick. With those three on the floor, the ball movement is crisp, swift and on point.

Against the Rockets, Paul got 12 points and assists while both Redick and Crawford had 20 points apiece. That's a theme that Rivers and the Clippers can get used to.

"It depends on the team," Rivers said. " We were fortunate enough that the two teams we played [since Griffin's injury] like going small. When teams go small against us; that benefits us. That allows us to put those three on the floor."

The upcoming 20-game stretch containing 15 teams with winning records may seem like a death march for the Griffin-less Clippers, but only five of them are teams that are big oriented. That means they can throw in that small, sharp shooting lineup and be successful in Griffin's absence. They still score 100 points at will regardless of who is missing. It's almost a travesty.

Speaking of travesty, DeAndre Jordan got his third 20 /20 (points/rebounds) game in eight nights on Wednesday and is on top of the NBA in rebounds and field goal percentage. Yet is still not on the Western Conference All-Star roster.

With all the chances for the NBA and commissioner Adam Silver to properly award Jordan a spot on the All-Star roster, it's ridiculous that the sixth-year man out of Texas A&M continues to be left out.

But don't take my word for it. Here's Doc's diagnosis on the All-Star snubbing.

"DJ should be on it. We all know that," Rivers said. "I think it's a travesty. I really do — a guy who's getting 20s and 20s is not on the team. You play both sides of the floor. Just one end of the floor keeps getting all of the credit," Rivers said, "but the other side is more important. "There has never been a team that won a championship without being a decent defensive team or a great defensive team. The defensive side is always forgotten in the All-Star Game. I think every year they should include the best defender. They include the best offensive player every year. They should include the best defensive player every year from the Eastern Conference and the Western Conference. That will solve it."

The All-Star Game in itself, is a bit of a travesty. There is no real defense being played at all. Both teams treat the exhibition game like the NBA version of a Harlem Globetrotters show. The score always runs up to that of D-League status, which isn't a problem at all, but the game is simply horseplay during an unofficial game of horse.

Jordan is not an All-Star because his game does not fit what the All-Star Game is about. He is one of the last prototypical centers in the NBA by playing defense and rebounding. So while the popular players play around in Madison Garden, Jordan will simply rest and relax while putting his nonsensical snub behind him.

"That is alright," Rivers said, "he knows we are playing for bigger things than the All-Star Game."

"Next year I just have to average 20 points a game," Jordan said.

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SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
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- 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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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las 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 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 Los 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
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Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	A+
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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The power of negative thinking

THE NBA ALL-STAR GAME IS THIS SUNDAY at perhaps the most famous sporting venue in the world, New York's Madison Square Garden. As a result, during the past few days, I found myself thinking back to when I attended my first professional basketball game in Los Angeles in 1960. I'd like to say my parents took me in an infant seat, but the truth is I was in the 10th grade.

The newly arrived L.A. Lakers played in the newly built Los Angeles Sports Arena, the site of the 1960 Democratic National Convention which nominated JFK. (The arena was designed by Welton Beckett, who also designed our Civic Auditorium and the high-rise apartment building in which I live, the Shores!)

That year the Lakers featured future Hall of Famers Elgin Baylor and Jerry West. Sadly, this year, the team has lost 15 of its last 16 games and hasn't won on the road in 2015! Having already lost 40 games, they will likely break last year's record, the worst in their history in L.A.

In 1957-58 the Minneapolis Lakers had a winning percentage of 26.4 percent. Our current Lakers are at 24 percent. So, with 29 games left, being the "worst ever" in franchise history is on the horizon. As a Laker die-hard, I hope they do it! (Say, what?)

To anyone who's ever read Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's 1952 "The Power of Positive Thinking," which sold 2.1 million copies, my point of view may seem even odder. But Dr. Peale clearly didn't understand the NBA draft.

Simply put, the only chance the Lakers have of being a playoff team next year is if they finish with the fifth-most dreadful record in the league or worse. Then they have a chance to keep their draft choice, which otherwise goes to Phoenix as a result of the infamous Steve Nash trade. (As if Nash wasn't already enough of a disaster.)

Yes, gang, the sad truth is the worse the Lakers' record the better their chance to get a high draft choice and, with a little luck, even a No. 1 pick! Last year's first-round draft choice, Julius Randle, missed this season with a broken leg in his very first game! But hopefully he will be back.

And so will Kobe, who played only 35 games this year (one less than his age) due to a torn rotator cuff. Next year the Lakers will be able to afford a maximum-contract player (Kevin Love?) and maybe the Lakers could be a good team, instead of the train wreck they've been for the past season and a half. Yes, the preceding is predicated on a lot of "what ifs," but hope is all we Laker fans have.

Arguably the greatest Laker of all-time, Magic Johnson, agrees with me. In December he said, "The Lakers need to get serious about losing." (Losing 15 out of 16 is pretty damn serious.)

In April of last year, Jim Buss, Jerry's son in charge of basketball operations, pledged that he'd resign if the Lakers weren't back on top within "a few years." (It makes me wonder what his definition of "a few" is.) Actually, I wish the Buss family would sell the team to Magic, but that's another column for another day.

There's even a group on Twitter called "TeamTank15," devoted Laker fans who realize the only way to win in the big picture is to lose in the current picture. Team Tank monitors the other lousy teams as the Lakers battle to reach the bottom. They've popularized expressions like "Tank you very much," and "Lose More for Okafor," referring to Duke's Jahlil Okafor, who may be the No. 1 pick in the NBA Draft in June.

But being terrible is not that easy, as there's plenty of competition. Teams like the 76ers, the Knicks and the Timberwolves have decades of practice at losing, whereas the Lakers are relatively new to the game of defeats.

Speaking of the Knicks, they haven't won a championship since 1973 — 42 years. God forbid, we could wind up the "Knicks West." (Biting my tongue as I type.)

Also challenging the Lakers' race to the bottom is the Orlando Magic, which, as of this writing, has 39 losses. Then there's the Utah Jazz, which has 34 losses and could wreck my scenario if they go on a losing streak and the Lakers, heaven forbid, go on a winning streak.

Team Tank charts the wins and losses of the worst franchises every day. Followers lament the occasional Laker win and celebrate the mounting defeats. The Knicks have 43 losses, while the 76ers and the T'Wolves have 42. If the Lakers put their mind to it, they can do worse. A guy can dream, can't he?

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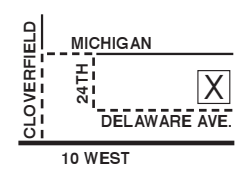


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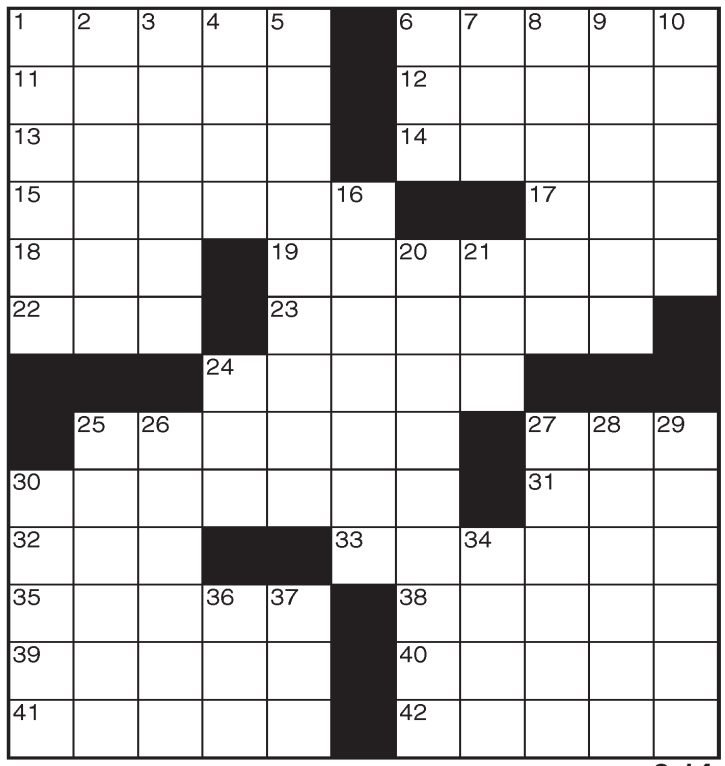
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20 Sweetheart
21 Cal. spans
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25 Invent
26 Roma's nation
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/12
2 7 23 36 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/13
MIDDAY: 2 9 6
Draw Date: 2/12
EVENING: 6 1 0

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triskaidekaphobia
1. fear or a phobia concerning the number 13.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1924 – The Computing-Tabulating-Recording Company changes its name to International Business Machines Corporation (IBM).

1929 – Saint Valentine's Day Massacre: Seven people, six of them gangster rivals of Al Capone's gang, are murdered in Chicago, Illinois.

1942 – Battle of Pasir Panjang contributes to the fall of Singapore.

1943 – World War II: Rostov-on-Don, Russia is liberated.

1943 – World War II: Tunisia Campaign – General Hans-Jürgen von Arnim's Fifth Panzer Army launches a concerted attack against Allied positions in Tunisia.

1944 – World War II: Anti-Japanese revolt on Java.

1945 – World War II: On the first day of the bombing of Dresden, the British Royal Air Force and the United States Army Air Forces begin fire-bombing Dresden, the capital of the German state of Saxony.

1945 – World War II: Navigational error leads to the mistaken bombing of Prague, Czechoslovakia by an American squadron of B-17s assisting in the Soviet's Vistula–Oder Offensive.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Montanan John Abarr told the Great Falls Tribune in November that his Rocky Mountain Knights of the Ku Klux Klan opposes the "new world order" pushing a "one government" system on the planet – but also stands against discrimination based on race, religion or sexual orientation. "White supremacy is the old Klan," he said. "This is the new Klan" (except that, he said, robes and hoods will still be required, along with "secret rituals").

■ The New Normal: In January, Mittens the kitten and Charcoal the Chihuahua mix made news as hermaphrodites whose veterinarians had recommended which gender the since-adopted strays should retain. Mittens, of the town of Heart's Desire, Newfoundland, was scheduled for "gender assignment" surgery to become solely male, and Charcoal, of Boise, Idaho, is recovering from mid-January surgery to leave her exclusively female. News reports did not disclose why "male" was chosen for Mittens, but the doctor said correcting Charcoal's pre-surgery problem, urination, would be less stressful as a female.

Make it an early night, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You have the ability to deal with hassles easily in the morning, whereas others might have more of a problem. Pressure builds, which could force you to take responsibility for a work-related matter. Be careful about holding in anger. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Use the morning to get closer to a partner or loved one. Even though you might feel tense about an important upcoming interaction, schedule some time for this person. Openings like this do not happen often. A friend could be unusually aggressive. Tonight: Be entertained.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ The onslaught of people around you could set you back. Rethink your priorities, and then decide who and what you want to deal with. Someone whom you would like to have a quality conversation and a fun time with would be the best choice. Tonight: Teamwork counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might not be as easygoing as you would like to be. Someone's controlling attitude could be the source of some frustration. Try to see the big picture, and you'll see some of your anger dissolve. Address your feelings accordingly. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You'll have the intention of being more spontaneous with a loved one. Make sure that this thought is your primary focus. Keep in mind that this person might have made other plans and/or won't be as free as he or she would like. Tonight: Make it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take your time getting up. You will need all the energy you can muster up in the afternoon. A friend could be difficult, and you might not have any other choice but to deal with his or her moodiness in a calm manner. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be recuperating from someone else's unpredictability. Take a nap so that you have the energy to cover a lot of ground. Don't hesitate to proceed as you would like. You might want to invite a friend over later. Tonight: Make a special dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Though you might hold your tongue in the morning, you'll be telling it like it is by the afternoon. Your outgoing personality will emerge when dealing with a new friend. Know that this person could be quite challenging. Tonight: Get to know a loved one better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Move quickly on any matter that is important to you. Understand where someone else is coming from, but know that you might not be on the same page. A family situation or matter involving your home could cost you more than you realize. Tonight: At a fun happening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might need to run errands and get as much accomplished as possible before meeting a friend for a late lunch and maybe a movie. You could be irritated by a situation that keeps replaying in your mind. Consider taking a walk to clear your head. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might decide to find a few friends and throw a spontaneous party. Be careful, as you could run into someone who tends to irritate you. Try not to go overboard as you attempt to suppress your anger. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

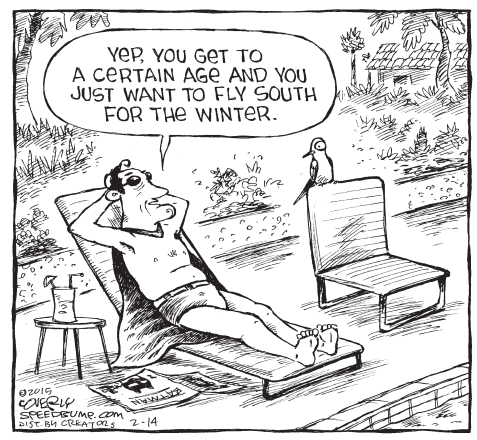
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not realize how short your fuse can be. You might want to tell someone off, but it would be wiser to keep your feelings to yourself. You'll need to clear up this issue; otherwise, you will see quite a few explosive situations arise. Tonight: Hook up with your friends.

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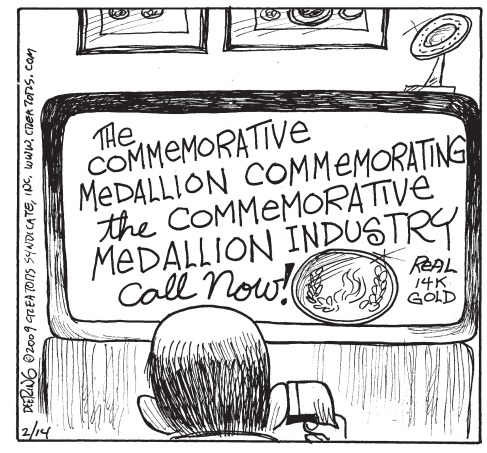
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you often might find yourself spending beyond your means. If you learn to release your frustrations and anger in an appropriate manner, you will have more control over your finances. If you are single, you will have quite a few potential suitors. Someone who enters your life before October could be significant. Enjoy the process of getting to know each other. If you are attached, your significant other will be a good teammate in helping you address habits that you would like to eliminate. Together you will create a stronger foundation. CAPRICORN makes an excellent healer.

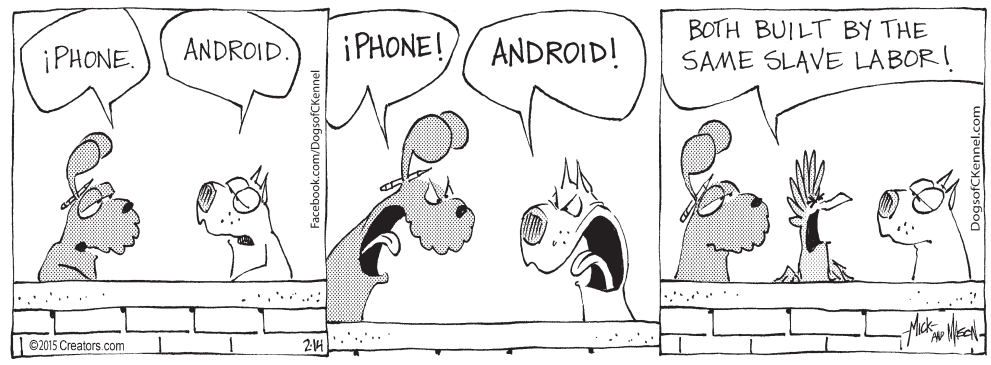
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By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



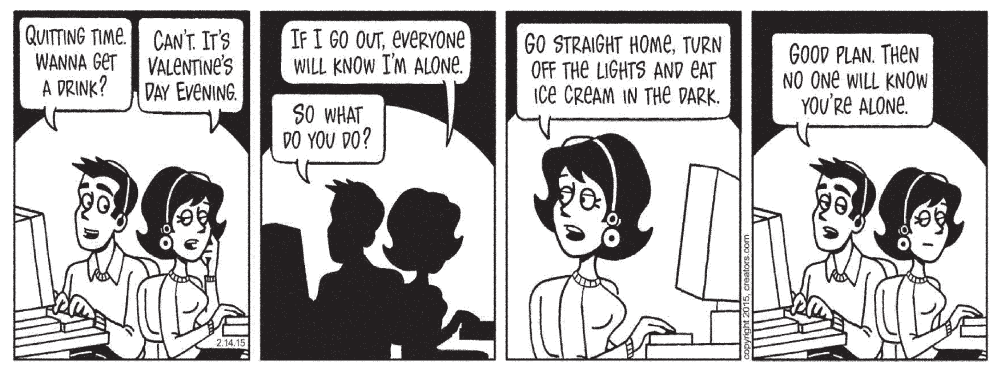
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON FEB. 11 AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 P.M.
Officers responded to the 1200 block of 3rd Street Promenade regarding a theft. Upon arrival officers made contact with Sephora Loss Prevention staff who stated he observed suspect Yijao Kong of Los Angeles, with several items inside a store basket, while also carrying a personal handbag. After walking through the store floor conducting routine inventory, the staff once more encountered Kong, noticing items inside the basket significantly decreased. Some items were instead observed inside the personal handbag. Loss prevention monitored Kong as she approached the store front and left without making an attempt to pay for the concealed merchandise. Store security detained Kong outside the store. Search revealed she was in possession of $1,100 worth of merchandise. She was arrested for grand theft. Bail was set at $20,000.

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Disturbance, 1400 block 5th, 12:03 a.m.
Drunk driving, 300 block Olympic, 12:41 a.m.
Car crash, 3rd/Ocean Park, 2:00 a.m.
Disturbance, 1700 block 4th, 4:27 a.m.
Disturbance, 1100 block 11th, 4:41 a.m.
Vandalism, 1100 block Wilshire, 5:54 a.m.
Fraud, 200 block Broadway, 6:21 a.m.
Prowler, 700 block Idaho, 6:46 a.m.
Car crash, 30th/Ocean Park, 8:51 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block Lincoln, 9:26 a.m.
Fraud, 1600 block 12th, 9:44 a.m.
Petty theft, 1500 block 2nd, 10:04 a.m.
Public intoxication, 11th/Pico, 10:10 a.m.
Drinking in public, 700 block Ozone, 10:11 a.m.
Arson, 1400 block 2nd, 10:32 a.m.
Speeding, 16th/Montana, 10:41 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper, 300 block Santa Monica, 10:54 a.m.
Trespassing, 2000 block Main, 11:11 a.m.
Drinking in public, 1400 block 3rd, 11:16 a.m.
Petty theft, 2400 block Colorado, 11:59 a.m.
Car crash, 14th/Arizona, 12:17 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 900 block 10th, 12:20 p.m.
Trespassing, 1200 block Wilshire, 12:43 p.m.
Speeding, 20th/Wilshire, 1:36 p.m.
Trespassing, 2100 block Ocean, 2:07 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 1400 block 4th, 2:42 p.m.
Stalking, 1700 block Stewart, 3:25 p.m.
Drunk driving, 3300 block Pico, 3:41 p.m.
Grand theft, 3300 block Pico, 4:15 p.m.
Assault, 1100 block 18th, 4:27 p.m.
Petty theft, 1300 block Pearl, 4:42 p.m.
Overdose, 1200 block Yale, 4:57 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 900 block 9th, 5:28 p.m.
Hit and run, Lincoln/Pacific, 5:54 p.m.
Trespassing, 1500 block 12th, 5:58 p.m.
Hit and run, 17th/Olympic, 6:13 p.m.

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