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Park projects prioritized

Civic Center sports field tops recreation commission's list

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

With an assist from the local Recreation and Parks Commission, proponents of a sports field at the Santa Monica Civic Center have potentially scored another goal.

The commission on Thursday placed a multipurpose Civic Center field atop its list of priorities for park projects in the city, a reflection of community support that has been particularly vocal in recent weeks.

The commission's list of priority projects will be submitted to City Council for review in March, according to a city official. A formal report will be sent to the county Board of Supervisors by May.

The creation of a local priority list comes amid a countywide assessment of parks needs, which aims to provide a framework for future planning and budgetary decisions.

Exactly what the assessment will mean is not entirely clear for Santa Monica, which is one of 189 study areas in the county. About 72 percent of the coastal city's roughly 92,500 residents live within half a mile of a park, well above the county average of 49 percent. But the city has 1.4 park acres per 1,000 residents, not including beach acreage, far below the county average of 3.3.

As part of the county assess-

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A dream system for Ward

Crossroads senior to play for run-and-gun Grinnell

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Four years ago, Henry Ward heard about some kid scoring 138 points in a college basketball game. It was such an astonishing statistic that the other details - including the name of the relatively unknown school where he played - seemed unimportant.

But it's not merely a random factoid anymore.

Ward will continue his athletic career at Grinnell College in Iowa,

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Hoping creativity will promote safety

Police department, SMMUSD, Metro collaborate on train safety poster contest

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica residents are getting ready for the arrival of the Expo light-rail in May, and part of getting ready means learning about train safety. And what better way to raise awareness about how to stay safe on and around the Metro than to start with the youngest members of the community?

At least that is the idea behind a contest the Santa Monica Police Department is holding in conjunction with the Santa Monica-Malibu School District and the Los Angeles County Metro. The con-

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Courtesy Photos

JAYCEES

The Santa Monica Jaycees celebrated their 87th Annual Awards and Installation Dinner this past Friday, at Le Meridien Delfina in Santa Monica. Rob Schwenker, Publisher of the Santa Monica Daily Press emceed the event and Santa Monica Mayor, Tony Vazquez presented awards to the outstanding Police Officer, Firefighter and Young Teacher of the year.







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Preschool Story Time at Main

Story series for 3 to 5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Santa Monica Animal Shelter program

The Santa Monica Shelter discusses how they help and rescue animals (did you know they have horses at the shelter? turtles too?) and what you can do to help local animals. There may even be a furry and scaly friend or two in tow. Ages 8 and up. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Documentary screening & filmmaker Q&A: "Following the Ninth"

This powerful documentary features the stories of four individuals across the globe whose lives have been transformed by Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. A discussion with filmmaker Kerry Candaele follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m.

Santa Monica Democrats present "Wall Street Great Foreclosure Fraud"

The monthly meeting of the Santa Monica Democratic Club will host Salon.com, Intercept, and Fiscal Times writer David Dayen, who will present details of the massive foreclosure fraud of Wall Street detailed in his new book "Chain of Title: How Three Ordinary Americans Uncovered Wall Street's Great Foreclosure Fraud." Q & A to follow. Free admission and open to the public. Light refreshments served. Parking available on site. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 25

California Yacht Club luncheon

The California Yacht Club presents "SCUBA Adventures Underneath: 15 Degrees North and 15 Degrees South", featuring world class SCUBA divers Mike and Barbie Blecher - two of the most experienced dive expedition leaders in the country. They will share their unique adventures beneath the sea with photos and stories of recent trips made to two distinctly different area reef systems, separated by the equator, half a world of longitude, and over 12,000 miles. Tickets are $20, including lunch and parking. To reserve a spot, email reservations@calyachtclub.net. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way, 12 p.m.

Email Basics II

Review the basics of using email, and learn how to attach files, such as images or documents, to your email messages. Seating is first come, first serve. Intermediate Level. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call Telephone Reference at (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

A separate study area, basic supplies, and volunteers to assist with homework questions. Grades 1 - 5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Decoy Shoulder Tap Operation

On Monday, Feb. 22, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) conducted an undercover "Shoulder Tap" operation. Using a supervised, underage decoy, the enforcement team visited four alcohol retail establishments in the city of Santa Monica and made a total of 33 contacts. The decoy stood outside and solicited adult patrons to act as proxies and purchase alcohol on their behalf. No violations were encountered.

Decoy Shoulder Tap operations are geared towards adults who knowingly and willingly furnish alcoholic beverages to minors. The goal is to reduce substance abuse and enhance community welfare by limiting underage access to alcohol.

This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Grant Project funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA,

16th St.

Santa Monica Swim Center Renovation Complete

The City of Santa Monica has announced that the Santa Monica Swim Center has reopened following the annual winter maintenance closure. In addition to routine maintenance, a comprehensive renovation project was also completed during this year's closure. Improvements have made the facility safer and more enjoyable to use, as well as more environmentally friendly. Upgrades include all new pool decks and pool tiling, LED pool lights, and new lockers (coming soon).

Community members of all ages are invited to celebrate the newly-improved Swim Center on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The free grand reopening event will feature family-friendly activities, sample classes, food and more.

"The Santa Monica Swim Center is one of our most popular public facilities. We're pleased to say that the renovation project was completed on time and under budget. And we would like to thank our users and the community for their patience," said Karen Ginsberg, Director of the City of Santa Monica's Community & Cultural Services Department.

Located at 2225 16th Street, the Santa Monica Swim Center is an award-winning, community facility owned and operated by the City of Santa Monica. Visit www.smgov.net/swim for more information on the Grand Reopening event and renovation project.

- SUBMITTED BY SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR CONSTANCE FARRELL

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GED prep class

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

Pico Book Group

Join in for a monthly discussion of classic and contemporary books. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Computer class: "Computer Basics"

Learn basic computer terms and practice using a mouse and keyboard to navigate Windows. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

SMC Literary Talks

Literary talk, "Americus: The Historical Novel in the Present Historical Moment: A Reading by Michael Datcher" by Michael Datcher. Datcher is on the English department faculty at Loyola Marymount University, author of the New York Times Bestseller "Raising Fences," and co-host of the weekly KPFK (90.7 FM) public affairs news 'magazine' "Beautiful Struggle." He will read excerpts from his work. Co-sponsored by SMC's Black Collegians Program. Santa Monica College, Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165,1900 Pico Blvd.,11:15 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 26

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

Guest House

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sacred Space

On the last Friday of the month Santa Monica Church of the Nazarene opens its doors for guests to sit in a low lit room with candles, insightful quotes, and ambient house music, all to facilitate quiet and stillness for the sake of reflection, mediation, and prayer. There is no formal program. It's come and go as you please. Santa Monica Church of the Nazarene, 1001 18th St., 7 - 9 p.m.

CLARE Foundation "State of Addiction 2016: Women in Recovery" panel

CLARE Foundation presents the 3rd Annual Forum on the State of Addiction, focusing on "Women in Recovery". Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Laurel Rosen, will moderate a panel of experts. Panelists include LA County Public Defender Nancy Richards Chand, UCLA Professor Christine Grella, New York Times Bestselling Author Sarah Hepola, and April Wilson, VP of Integration at Prototypes. This event features thought leaders and professionals sharing their knowledge about the latest findings in the field of recovery with the community. 1334 Lincoln Blvd., 3 - 5 p.m.

CENTURY WEST PARTNERS

1320 2nd Street, LLC is accepting applications for qualified personnel for the construction of the mixed use apartment building in Santa Monica.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Development Agreement 13-008, Environmental Impact Report 14-002, General Plan Amendment 15ENT-0232, Vesting Tentative Tract Map 15ENT-0329, Zoning Map Amendment 15ENT-0307, and Text Amendment 16ENT-0007.

500 Broadway
APPLICANT: DK Broadway, LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: DK Broadway, LLC

1626 Lincoln Boulevard
APPLICANT: Community Corporation of Santa Monica
PROPERTY OWNER: Santa Monica Auto Plazas, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider recommendations to the City Council on the following requests:

The applicant, DK Broadway LLC, is requesting a Development Agreement 13DEV-008, General Plan Amendment 15ENT-0232, Vesting Tentative Tract Map 15ENT-0329, and Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2014111051) to construct a new 7-story (84 feet), approximately 308,961 square-foot mixed-use project consisting of 249 residential rental units, approximately 36,400 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and up to 541 parking spaces within a four-level subterranean parking garage at the property located at 500 Broadway. Sixty-four (64) units of affordable housing for the 500 Broadway project will be provided off-site at 1626 Lincoln Boulevard. The proposed General Plan Amendments to the applicable 1984 Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) include increasing the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR) from 3.5 to 4.0 and allowing an unlimited number of stories within the Downtown Core area. The proposed Vesting Tentative Tract Map would allow an air-space subdivision to allow the residential and commercial components of the project to be separately leased or financed, and the map would not create for-sale residential condominium units. The project site consists of two contiguous parcels with a total parcel size of 67,500 square feet. To facilitate the 64 units of off-site affordable housing proposed for the 500 Broadway project, the applicant, Community Corporation of Santa Monica, requests a Zoning Map Amendment 15ENT-0307 to change the zoning district from M-1 (Industrial Conservation) to MUB (Mixed Use Boulevard) for the rear portion of 1626 Lincoln Boulevard. Additionally, a citywide Text Amendment 16ENT-0007 amending Chapter 9.64 (Affordable Housing Production Program) to expand the non-profit housing exemption from the provisions of Chapter 9.64 is proposed. The 1626 Lincoln Boulevard Development Review Permit (15ENT-0306) is anticipated to be heard by the Planning Commission in May 2016.

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

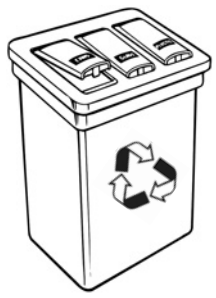
MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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

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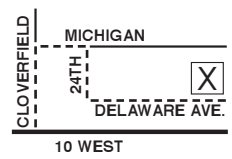


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Let's all ask some simple questions

ANGRY! SAD....

More the latter, these days.

Doesn't mean I've thrown in the proverbial towel. Not at all. But being angry gets me nowhere.

I do dab away a tear with it sometimes, because I've come to love this small city on the California coast that I moved to 30 years ago, and what is happening here the last five to eight years is sad to me because it doesn't have to, I believe it's not good for the people who live here now and will in the future, or for our millions of visitors from around the world. And once done, it can't be undone.

I'll continue to fight for a Santa Monica that grows responsibly into the 21st century, honoring its rich history, wisely using the resources and structures we already have, developing as it must — as dictated by necessity, not by greed, not by outsiders' demands, not by the petty personal agendas of the ambitious, not by anything that barters our future for wealth or power.

Money talks, a lot of money shouts you down. We have rich ground here. Some will say the silliest things with the straightest faces, they'll throw theories and studies and platitudes at you, and the naive and uninformed will nod and say, that makes sense, even when it clearly doesn't. But we, nearly 100,000 of us, must live with the consequences for the rest of our lives and probably our children's lives. This is not a game, not even a high stakes game, it is more — it is our home. We need to be asking the simple, obvious questions, and examining closely the answers given.

I remember some years ago when many people seemed horrified that we were losing some big corporate tenants to surrounding communities and they said we must take this big development money being offered, or... the developers will take their money elsewhere! My reaction even then was, So? Let them take their truckloads of money and inappropriate, out of scale developments to wherever. Santa Monica will always be desirable, and we will be offered development that works for all our residents, if that's what we ask for.

I'm absolutely in favor of early childhood education. It's been proven to make a significant difference in people's lives. But — not at our Civic Center. Not on the edge of downtown. Not crowding out other possibilities on that unique, historic piece of land (that a mostly African-American community was displaced for, lest we forget). Not for another extension of the unstoppable Santa Monica College and its many campuses, at a giveaway rental of $1 per year for 55-65 years (some $25M under market value), when they are turning over operation of it to a for-profit firm. Not with an upfront contribution for construction from our city coffers of $5.4M. What can possibly justify all this? I live and pay taxes here, and I don't think my/our money should go for corporate welfare and inappropriate developments. And yet those who raise the obvious questions are told firmly, it's a done deal.

Right next to the proposed ECEC stands the site where an athletic field was promised more than 10 years ago, as Samohi athletes across the street have struggled for a dire lack of fields. Hundreds showed up, twice, to speak in favor of it being finally delivered, and what did they get from City Council? Let us study it a little more. But the ECEC complex — full steam ahead.

The 12-story behemoth planned for 4th and Arizona downtown will also be very hard to stop at this point, though it is being scaled down slightly now, for compromise. But we should stop it. Again, ask the simple questions. This is our land, bought with our tax money. Why have we turned it over to a developer to build such a huge complex in the heart of our downtown, offering myriad problems and little in return to the city? Shouldn't the heart of our downtown be some sort of town square, as nearly every great city around the world has provided for? Not necessarily devoid of any development but with a lot of open space. Instead - this? Why? What is the pressing need for this, there, on our land?

So much talk about a housing crisis, when Santa Monica has already much more than done our part, regionally. We're hemmed in by our city limits, 8.4 square miles. We're already one of the densest cities in California — 11,000 per square mile. And that does not count our massive daily influx of tourists, workers and students, which more than doubles those figures. Yet there are voices constantly crying out - "We need to build more housing, more affordable housing!" Well, we've done that, for decades, and a lot more won't help when you have a nearly infinite demand, and it certainly won't make homes any more affordable, that's just nonsense. We must address the issue, but rationally. In the meantime, go build your massive apartment buildings in Culver City, thank you, next to your esteemed transit corridors. Forward, march!

I think we do need a master plan that addresses all issues of development and sets the boundaries, but right now we don't have it, not a workable one. So we must continue to ask questions every time. Who says we must do this or that? What study shows we need more of whatever? Where's the demand? All I want are some real answers to common sense questions.

QUICK! JUMP IN YOUR CAR NOW! Drive to downtown LA to the Central Library for the 12:15 performance of "The Forrest Gump of LSD: the Visionary Imagery of Roger Steffens and The Family Acid." No ingestion required to view a selection of the 300,000+ photographs Steffens took for more than half a century, from Viet Nam to Trenchtown to Marrakesh. He co-founded "The Reggae Beat" on KCRW and is a master storyteller and so much more. BBC-TV World News said he has had "one of the most captivating lives in American history." Wow. It's true. See ya there?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes." — Mark Twain

CHARLES ANDREWS has lived in Santa Monica for 30 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Santa Monica History Museum Announces Rob Schwenker as Chair of Board of Directors

The Santa Monica History Museum is excited to announce that Rob Schwenker has accepted the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Santa Monica History Museum. He joined the Board of Directors in 2014 and has played an active role ever since. Schwenker is the Publisher of the Santa Monica Daily Press and brings proven leadership skills, business acumen, and a passion for Santa Monica and its history to his work with the museum.

This new role continues Schwenker's record as an engaged and energetic member of the Santa Monica community. In addition to leading the Santa Monica History Museum he is also a past President of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, on the board of the Santa Monica Police Activities League, a member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, a Vice President for the Santa Monica Jaycees, an Executive Committee member for the Buy Local Santa Monica steering committee, and a committed weekly meal delivery volunteer for Meals on Wheels West.

Founded under the Historical Activities Committee of the Santa Monica Centennial Celebration in 1975, the Santa Monica History Museum is a "Santa Monica Treasure." Originally known as the Santa Monica Historical Society they are the official collector and preserver of the history, art, and culture of the Santa Monica Bay Area. The museum's historical collections are comprised of over one million items including the personal historical collection of Senator John P. Jones, co-founder of Santa Monica; the archives of the Santa Monica Outlook Newspaper (1875-1998); the photo collections of well-known photographers Bill Beebe, Bob Smith, George Tate, Justine Hill, and author Fred Basten; and much, much more. The museum has six galleries and a research library located in a state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the main Santa Monica Public Library campus.

The Museum is located at 1350 7th Street. Visit www.santamonicahistory.org for more information.

- SUBMITTED BY KATHRYN EVANS, DEVELOPMENT & MUSEUM MANAGER, SANTA MONICA HISTORY MUSEUM

Citywide

Santa Monica Arts Foundation Announces 2016 Arts Leadership Awardees

The Santa Monica Arts Foundation held its fourth annual awards ceremony at Typhoon restaurant on Thursday, Feb. 18. The awards recognize local leaders whose efforts support Santa Monica's artistic, creative, and cultural community, making the City an exceptionally vibrant place to live. Mayor Pro Tem Ted Winterer presented awards to three honorees:

Fred Deni won recognition as Arts Patron for his generous assistance to the City's nonprofit arts organizations and its artists, sustained over a period of decades. He has also provided important community leadership in his role on the City's Civic Working Group. A community treasure, Fred's love of art has guided him through his career as a successful restaurateur, actor and philanthropist

Painter Malissa Shriver Feruzzi received the Creative Community Innovator award for her help bringing the arts back to our schools and back into national consciousness. Her significant accomplishments both locally and nationally have won her many honors, including the 2014 Arts Education Award from Americans for the Arts. Malissa served for four years as Chair of the California Arts Council, and is currently the Executive Director of Turnaround Arts California, an affiliate of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

George Small was presented with the Artist in the Community/Bruria Finkel Award. For forty years, George has been teaching and mentoring the artists of Santa Monica. George founded the nonprofit TAG Gallery in 1993 and then opened an art studio where, for more than two decades, he held classes in figure drawing and painting. A local legend, George has been described as a "gentle guide" who recognized the individualism of countless students and encouraged their studies in art.

Winterer presented the honorees with certificates as well as an original artwork by two renowned Santa Monica artists: Mimi Haddon and Bruria Finkel.

Senator Ben Allen came down from Sacramento to present the honorees with additional Certificates of Recognition, as did staff from State Assemblymember Richard Bloom's office, lifting the reach of the awards from the city to the state level.

Nominations are collected year round for the Arts Leadership Awards by any Santa Monican who wishes to participate. A committee of Foundation board members and representatives of the local arts community meet annually to review the nominations and make the final selections based on the award guidelines. More information and nomination forms can be found on www.smgov.net/artsleaders.

- SUBMITTED BY ALLISON OSTROVSKY, CULTURAL AFFAIRS SUPERVISOR, CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Main Library

Citywide Historic Resources Inventory Update

The City of Santa Monica is currently conducting community outreach for the Citywide Historic Resources Inventory update. Organizers need the public's help to make the update great. Before work on the update begins, they want to give you an opportunity to provide input and to involve your friends and neighbors to make this exciting initiative possible. Help them identify the "hidden gems" in your community that they might not otherwise know about and tell them stories about the people and events that make your community special.

The City of Santa Monica will be holding a community meeting to kick off the Historic Resources Inventory Update. The meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

For more information about the Citywide Historic Resources Inventory Update or participating in the update, contact: Scott Albright, Senior Planner, City of Santa Monica, at (310) 458-8341 or scott.albright@smgov.net.

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Mike Walling, loving husband, brother and son passed away peacefully on Friday, February 19, 2016. Mike was born in Santa Monica, California to a special couple, Joseph and Myrtle Walling on March 10, 1944. With an unrivaled sense of humor, Mike was always popular among the crowd and loved by all. After graduating from University High School, Mike attended and graduated from the University of Southern California. He was President of the Sigma Chi fraternity and had to keep in line such rebel rousers as Tom Selleck and Tim Rossovich, a star USC football player. After graduating from USC, Mike spent the summer in Europe, prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army. Mike spent most of his enlistment at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Fortunately he was able to spend many weekends with his beloved aunt and uncle, Dan and Ethel Boone. Uncle Dan was instrumental in cultivating Mike's passion with fishing and provided Mike with needed fellowship during his often, lonely dessert venue.



Following his service to our country, Mike began a banking career with United California Bank. After several years he joined his father, Joe Walling, at Santa Monica Bank. Mike quickly excelled at his profession and was instrumental in helping small businesses prosper on the Westside. Mike was an extremely popular businessman in Santa Monica and never missed the opportunity to hear about and counsel a customer or friend on a new venture. Mike met his lovely bride at the Cheerio restaurant in Santa Monica, a favorite hangout. Mike married Elva Abril in 1984. Mike and Elva enjoyed many years traveling down to Palm Desert at their vacation home in Rancho Mirage.

An extremely humble individual, Mike never sought out accolades or awards but received many in his service to his favorite organizations, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica and the Salvation Army. Mike retired in the late 1990's from his banking career. Mike honed his golf game with fellow members of the Venice & Marina del Rey Optimist Club, whom he served as President and long-time member. We will always remember Mike for his humor and humility, the latter of which is sorely missing from our culture today. Mike is survived from his wife Elva and brother Tom. He was predeceased by brother Joe, and mother and father, Myrtle and Joseph Walling.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army, the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. A private service will be held at Woodlawn Mortuary on Friday, February 26th in Santa Monica.



Courtesy Photo

GRINNELL: Henry Ward will adapt to a college system known for high scores.

SPORTS

FROM PAGE 1

the school where Jack Taylor set the NCAA record for points in a single game.

Taylor's eye-popping performance in 2012 was perhaps the most high-profile achievement for a Grinnell program that has broken many other records with its wildly unorthodox playing style. Under longtime coach David Arsenault, the team uses full-court pressure to force turnovers and create open 3-point opportunities.

"The Grinnell system was definitely a huge draw for me," said Ward, a graduating senior at Crossroads School. "As a shooter, the system is like a dream come true. When I went for my visit, my ideas of the system were confirmed, and the hour I had in the gym with the team was quite possibly one of the most fun experiences I've ever had playing basketball."

The Pioneers struggled this season, going 9-14 overall and 6-12 in the Midwest Conference. But Ward will join a Division III program that nonetheless attracts talent from across the country, including one current Southern California product in Loyola graduate Matt Jasaitis.

Playing within Grinnell's unusual system will require drastic adjustments for Ward, who made the connection between Taylor and Grinnell during a recruiting camp. When he played with the team on a visit to campus, players reminded him not to take mid-range jump shots. Yet on his first attempt, he got a defender to bite on a pump fake, took a dribble toward the basket and launched an 18-footer.

"A lot of the principles I've been taught through the years are going to go out the window when I get there," he said. "I'll have to reform a lot of habits I have right now playing the game in order to fit the system, but I think it fits my game very well."

Ward's game wasn't always basketball. The 6-foot-5 prospect played a variety of sports growing up and wasn't particularly fond of basketball until middle school, when he started at Crossroads after attending Warner Avenue Elementary School in Los Angeles. It helped that he was usually one of the taller kids on the court.

"I'm always drawn to the competition, but I think the mental aspect of basketball definitely drew me," he said. "There's always more the game can teach you, and I love every bit."

Ward's game has improved in his time at Crossroads with the guidance of Daryl Roper and Travon Muhammad. He and the Roadrunners have reached the CIF Southern Section quarterfinals in each of the last three seasons.

Ward said he hopes to continue developing his writing skills as he considers psychology and sociology as possible academic pursuits at Grinnell.

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PARK

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ment, the local parks commission solicited input from the community about desired projects. Dozens of citizens attended the commission's Jan. 21 meeting to weigh in on recreational needs in the city.

Their wishes were synthesized in a recent report to the commission by Melissa Spagnuolo, a senior administrative analyst in the Community and Cultural Services Department. A sports field at the Civic Center site was the most common request.

But commissioner Alan Toy asked whether the report fairly represents the community's needs since it was created with results from one meeting.

"I find it difficult," he said.

Before the Feb. 18 meeting, staff encouraged the commission to prioritize broader and more expensive projects that "may not be able to completed with existing City resources," according to a City report.

Topping the commission's eventual list is a Civic Center sports field, a project that has not materialized despite its inclusion in a 2005 city plan. Scores of residents, including school officials, parents, students and coaches, voiced their support for a field during the City Council meeting Feb. 9, when council members asked staff to return with a report on costs, potential funding sources and other planning details.

The expansion of Memorial Park to include the former Fisher Lumber yard, which is now used by the City public works department, was listed as the commission's second priority. Several commissioners skewered public works director Martin Pastucha about the property.

The commission's third priority project is the 12-acre expansion of Airport Park, including a sports complex that could support ice skating, lacrosse, soccer and swimming activities.

Also included on the commission's list of priorities are the conversion of Mt. Olivet Reservoir into a park, the renovation of Stewart Street Park and the creation of a new small neighborhood park with space for community gardening.

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POSTER

FROM PAGE 1

test, open to Santa Monica students grades 4th - 5th and 6th - 8th, will allow youth to create posters featuring their original artwork and train safety tips for a chance to have them displayed citywide.

Lead crime prevention coordinator for the SMPD, Lauralee Asch, said the police department developed the contest as a creative way to spread train safety facts throughout the community.

"The whole community is learning about the train and how big a change it is to our community," Asch said. "This contest will make it fun for school age children to learn about train safety and will try and engage them in a different way than we engage adults."

SMMUSD community and public relations officer, Gail Pinsker, said the contest is allowing the school district to support the city and Metro in sharing train safety messages with students, parents and staff.

"The poster contest is a great way to share the safety message while encouraging participation to gain an even deeper understanding of the powerful train beginning regular service here in May," Pinsker said. "We are looking forward to seeing the winning posters and sharing the messages designed by students, with their peers."

Asch said that Metro has been doing outreach in local schools to cover train safety points in presentations and assemblies, which should give students a starting point for their entries into the contest, and Pinsker said the district has welcomed their presence.

"We appreciate the efforts of Metro and City of Santa Monica to help make sure our students are safe on and off campus, follow all laws and understand the importance of following train safety as they walk, bike, or as for some of our high school students, drive to school or around Santa Monica," Pinsker said.

According to promotional materials for the contest, potential safety topics to include in entries include: paying attention to signals, always watching for two trains, knowing that gates coming down means a train is coming, keeping your head up, and never walking on train tracks.

Asch said the school district helped decide the two categories for the contest: 4th - 5th grade and 6th - 8th grade. Each category will have a grand prize winner and a runner-up.

The entries will be judged on originality, creativity and artistic expression as it demonstrates the safety theme. No glue, glitter or three-dimensional objects are allowed on the 11 x 17 posters, and no computer generated entries will be accepted.

The teacher and classroom of the selected winners will receive up to $100 in donated art supplies from the art store Blick. The submission deadline for the contest is March 18 and all entries will be submitted through classrooms.

Asch said the winning posters will be put up in City Hall, where the children and their families, as well as the public can see their artwork. She said it might be possible to display all the participating posters, depending on how many entries are received.

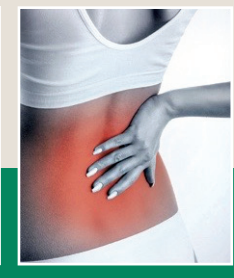
"But all the winners will be promoted through social media, giving them created for their participation and their great efforts," Asch said.

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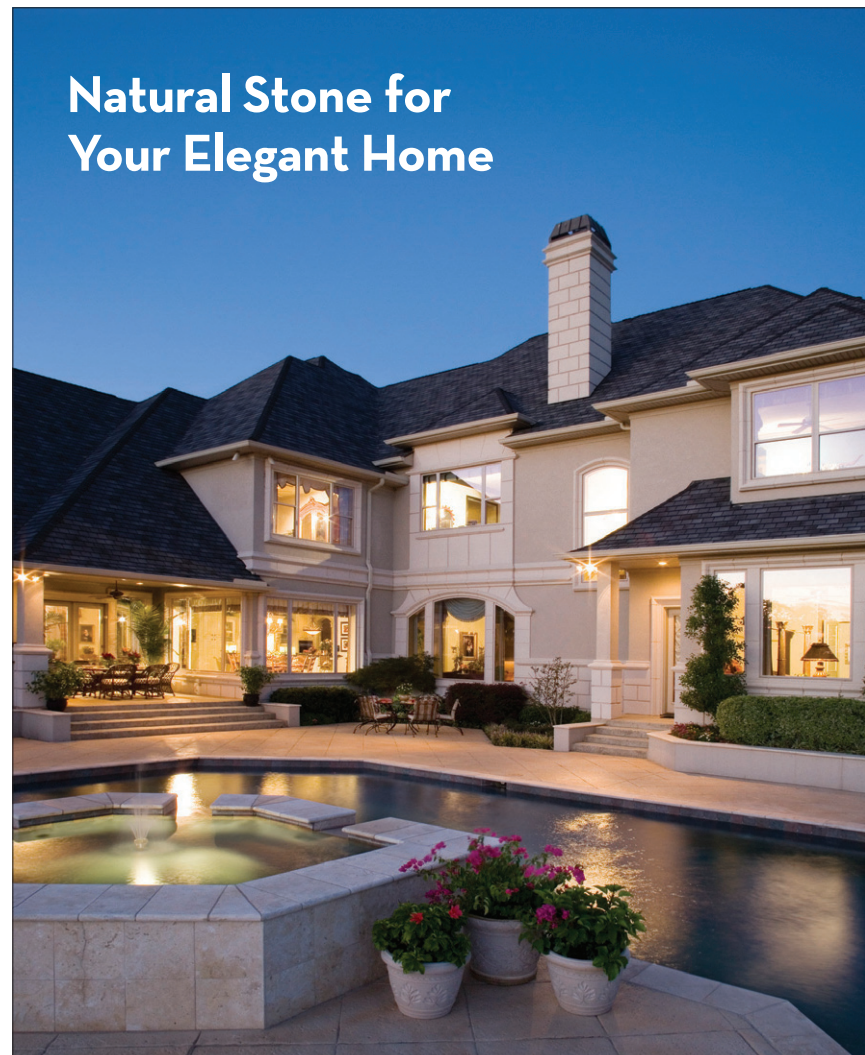
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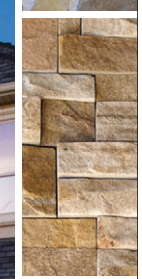
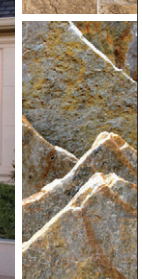
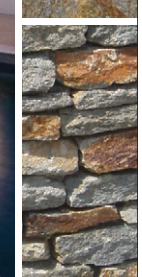
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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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AT ABOUT 1:25 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 17

A construction site manager working in the 1300 block of Pacific Coast Highway called police to report a suspicious looking male trying the doors of several residences as he walked southbound. The suspect, described as a male, white, in his 40s, with long dark hair and wearing jeans, was last seen by the reporting party possibly making entry into the residence just south of the construction site. Multiple officers responded and created a perimeter around the house. A K9 officer coordinated a search of the interior of the house. The suspect was discovered hiding in a bathroom in the bottom floor bedroom and eventually complied with orders to come out - the suspect's hair was still wet from taking a shower. The suspect was arrested for burglary and transported to the Santa Monica jail. David Leonard Bizgia, 32, homeless, had bail set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 326 calls for service on Feb. 22.

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

Disturbance of the peace, 1300 block of 7th, 1:05 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1600 block of Santa Monica, 2:27 a.m.
Traffic collision, 400 block of Broadway, 7:08 a.m.
Vandalism, 500 block of Ocean, 7:08 a.m.
Traffic collision, 10th/Pico, 7:25 a.m.
Traffic collision, 17th/Cedar, 7:53 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1900 block of Santa Monica, 8:14 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 500 block of Colorado, 8:45 a.m.
Traffic collision, 2400 block of Santa Monica, 8:57 a.m.
Counterfeit money, 1700 block of Ocean Park, 9:57 a.m.
Assault, 2800 block of Main, 9:58 a.m.
Critical missing person, 1100 block of Arizona, 10:08 a.m.
Vandalism, 00 block of Seaview, 10:22 a.m.
Burglary, 2200 block of Colorado, 10:41 a.m.
Traffic collision, Stewart/Kansas, 11:25 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1400 block of Ocean, 121:58 a.m.
Person down, Lincoln/Michigan, 12:13 p.m.
Identity theft, 800 block of 5th, 12:57 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1700 block of Ocean Park, 1:08 p.m.
Burglary, 1300 block of Yale, 1:20 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 600 block of Pico, 1:24 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2700 block of Ocean Park, 1:48 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 17th/Wilshire, 1:48 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 1:57 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 800 block of Ocean, 2:12 p.m.
Traffic collision, 600 block of Kensington, 2:13 p.m.
Hit and run, 1800 block of Pico, 2:33 p.m.
Person down, 7th/Broadway, 4:36 p.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Olympic, 4:45 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1800 block of Pico, 5:05 p.m.
Burglary, 2200 block of Colorado, 6:07 p.m.
Family disturbance, Main/Ocean Park, 6:10 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1500 block of the beach, 6:35 p.m.
Traffic collision, 28th/Ocean Park, 7:16 p.m.
Traffic collision, Ocean/Broadway, 7:37 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 500 block of Bay, 8:14 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 500 block of Broadway, 9:30 p.m.
Burglary, 2200 block of Colorado, 10:08 p.m.
Burglary, 1400 block of Euclid, 10:38 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1400 block of Stanford, 11:00 p.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 1700 block of Broadway, 11:40 p.m.

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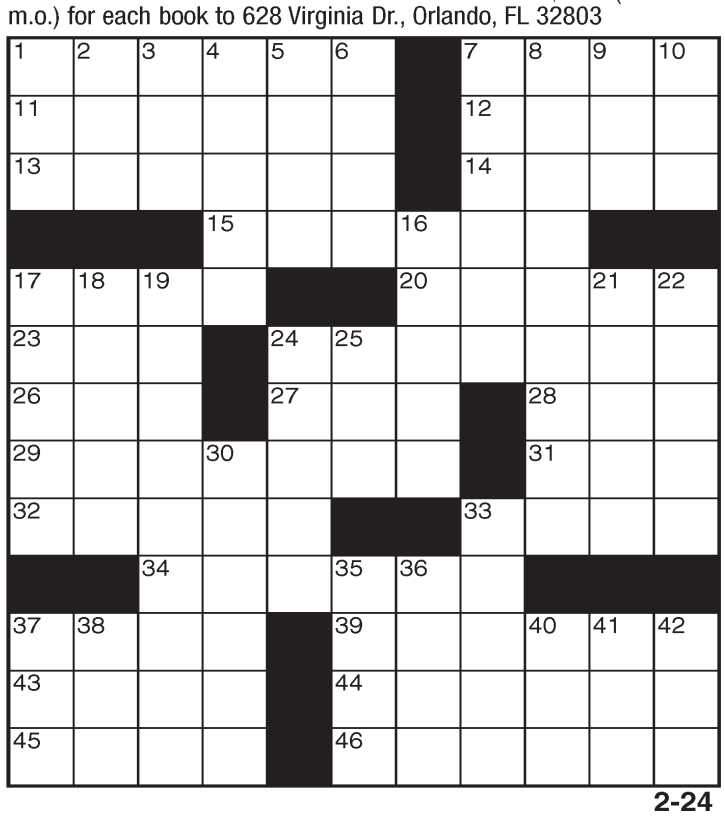
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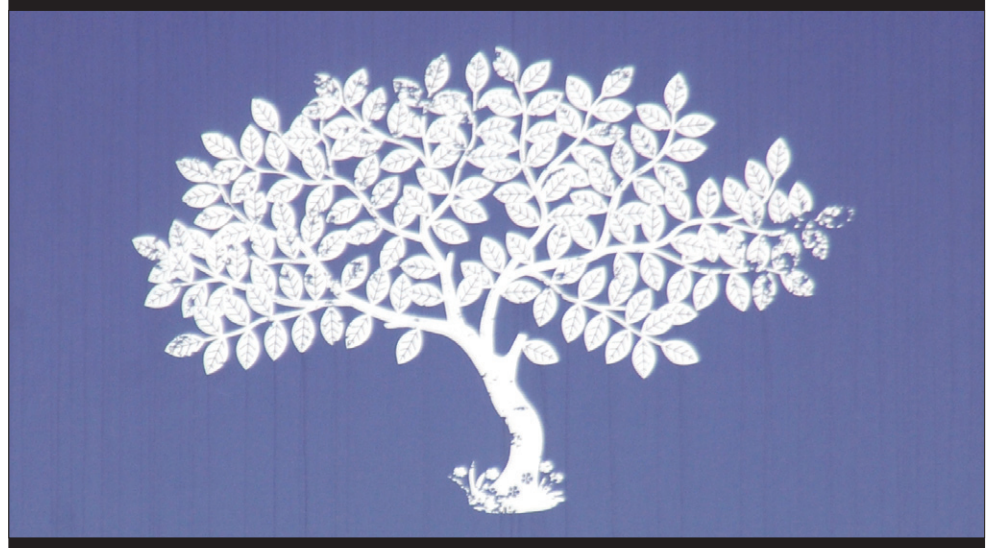
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1868 – Andrew Johnson becomes the first President of the United States to be impeached by the United States House of Representatives. He is later acquitted in the Senate.

1875 – The SS Gothenburg hits the Great Barrier Reef and sinks off the Australian east coast, killing approximately 100, including a number of high-profile civil servants and dignitaries.

1881 – China and Russia sign the Sino-Russian Ili Treaty.

1895 – Revolution breaks out in Baire, a town near Santiago de Cuba, beginning the Cuban War of Independence, that ends with the Spanish-American War in 1898.

1916 – The Governor-General of Korea establishes a clinic called Jahyewon in Sorokdo to segregate Hansen's disease patients.

1917 – World War I: The U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom is given the Zimmermann Telegram, in which Germany pledges to ensure the return of New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona to Mexico if Mexico declares war on the United States.

1918 – Estonian Declaration of Independence.

1920 – The Nazi Party is founded.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January, 15-year-old Anthony Ruelas, trying to rescue a classmate gasping from an asthma attack, became the latest casualty in public schools' relentless insistence on "zero tolerance" of any deviation from rules. Gateway Middle School in Killeen, Texas, suspended Ruelas for two days for what others called his "heroic" assistance in gathering the girl in his arms and taking her to the nurse's office -- while the teacher, following "procedure," waited passively for a nurse to email instructions. (Ruelas had defied the teacher, declaring, "(F-word) that -- we ain't got time to wait for no email from the nurse.") The school district's superintendent later cited a federal law that he interpreted as justifying the procedure.

■ Age-Old Prank Fails: Will Lombardi, 19, was charged with arson in Northampton, Massachusetts, in January after he acknowledged that "probably" he was the one who left a flaming box of excrement on the front porch of the family with whose daughter he was feuding. The fire was supposed to alarm the victim, who would try to stomp it out, thus spreading the feces and soiling the stomper's shoes. In this case, however, the fire had spread a bit. (Bonus: Lombardi's box selection was a used mailer with Lombardi's name and address still readable.)

Take a midweek break, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You are both driven and efficient, yet others could misunderstand your intent. A close associate will push you to take action. This person seems to think words just won't cut it. Your paths might be different, which could trigger some fireworks. Tonight: Try to detach.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your creativity surges when you get into a disagreement with a loved one. You could be in a position where you'll need to carry certain responsibilities in order to realize a key objective. Are you willing to incorporate more obligations into your day? Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might feel as if you're able to handle a lot of demands all at once. To many people, you appear to be very driven, but you are just following your natural pace. Your sense of humor brings relief later in the afternoon. You will accomplish a lot. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be willing to use more creative means to get the results you desire. Many of you will be focused on your personal life more than your professional life. Others can't help but respond to your inquiries and actions. You desirability speaks as well. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You understand where you must invest more; whether it is an emotional or a financial investment depends on the situation. You can't stall any longer, nor should you. Communication will confirm what you are thinking. As a result, you feel supported. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You are likely to notice that your words carry your message with exactitude. You also will witness a strong response from others, which pleases you. In fact, you might decide to make an extra call or two, which you have been putting off for a while. Tonight: Indulge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes that you would like to deal with, especially as there could be financial ramifications involved. Meanwhile, try to maintain a low profile as much as possible during the daylight hours. Think rather than act. Tonight: Claim your power.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have a message, and your intentions are clear. If someone doesn't get what you are saying, restate your thought in different words until he or she hears it loud and clear. Woe to those who decide to turn away from you! Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds to take a stand and express your beliefs. You have the energy, and possibly even the anger, to move forward with this matter. Look past someone's knee-jerk reactions, and keep your eye on the long-term results. Tonight: Friends and loved ones surround you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Reach out to an expert in order to get his or her impression about a certain matter. This person might not be as familiar with your personal life as those around you, so he or she is likely to offer you a different perspective and unbiased feedback. Tonight: Relax to a favorite pastime.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You'll want to have a discussion with a key person in your life. One-on-one relating emerges as your strong suit, even though you sometimes prefer not to get so intense about certain issues. In any case, you'll be following someone else's lead. Tonight: Treat your mind.

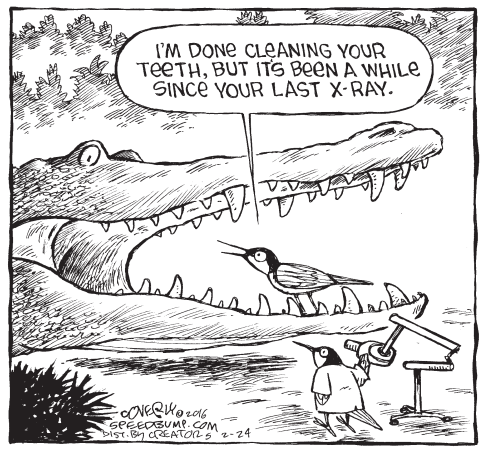
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are able to see a situation from a different point of view. You might want to see how others approach the same matter. You could end up deferring to them as a result. Experience is great, but the result are not always the same. Tonight: Have a long-overdue discussion.

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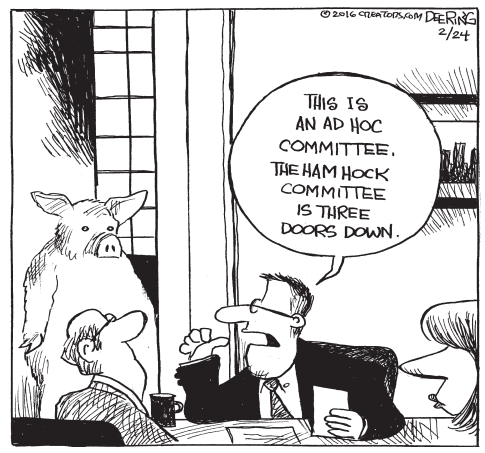
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you often worry too much; however, once you decide to let go, you feel wonderful. You are able to identify with many different people from various walks of life. You often have difficulty distancing yourself from certain situations. Choose your close companions carefully. If you are single, opportunities to meet someone special will occur all year. Do not settle or commit until you are 100 percent sure. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from taking special time off together. Plan a special retreat, weekend or vacation without anyone else. LIBRA appreciates your sensitivity.

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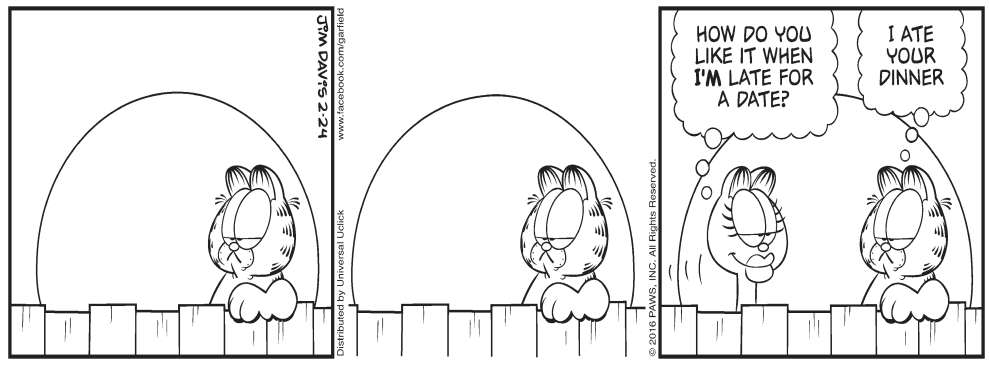
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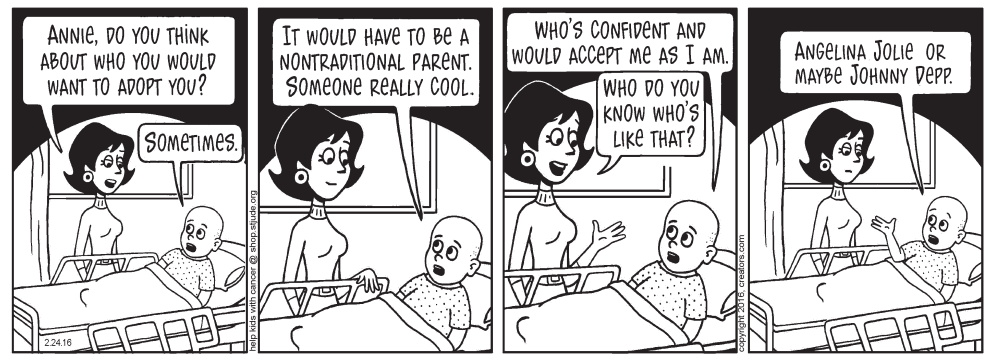
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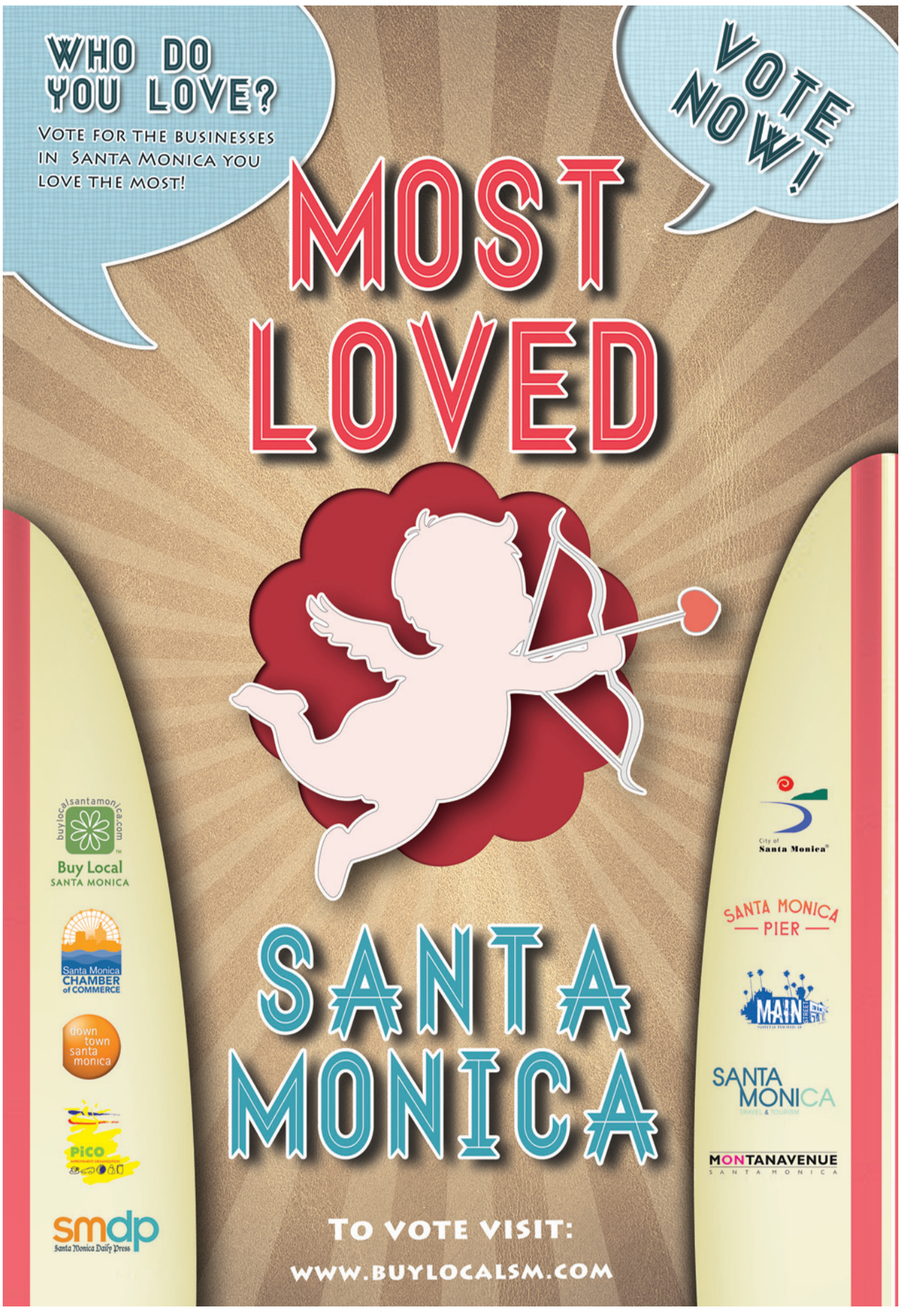
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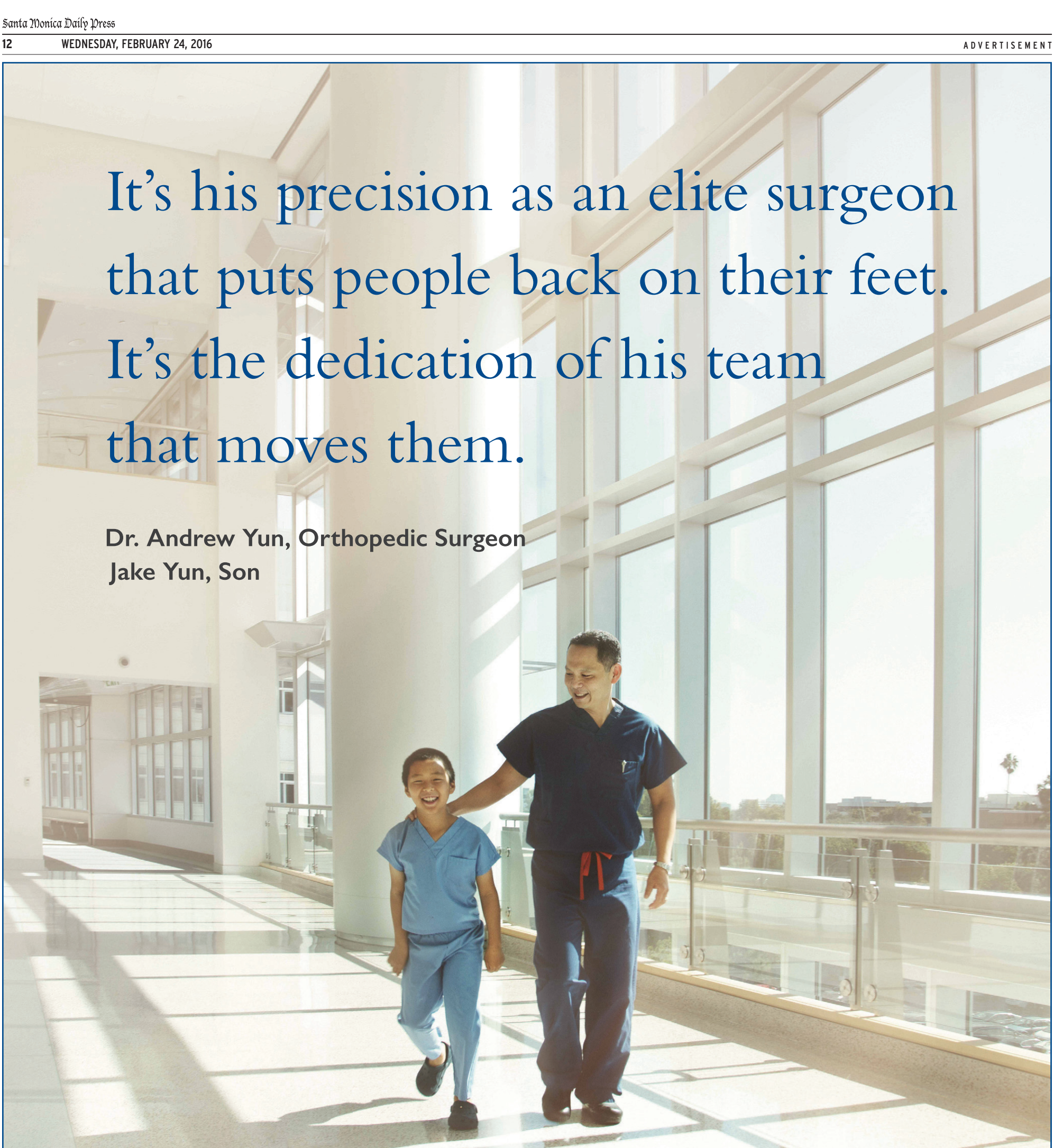
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