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Bye bye birdie (and snakes)

Council approves exotic animal ban

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK You have until mid-April to shoulder the weight of a giant yellow snake, pet exotic birds, or feed a monkey in any of Santa Monica's parks or high-traffic public spaces.

After very little discussion among its members, City Council banned exotic animals on the beach, in the parks, on the Third Street Promenade, on the Santa Monica Pier, on Ocean Front Walk, and at the Downtown Transit Mall.

Animal handlers have been gathering for years near the entrance of the pier in Palisades Park, requesting donations in exchange for photos with or permission to pet colorful birds or giant snakes and reptiles.

The Recreation and Parks Commission brought the issue to the fore last year, claiming that the handlers were presenting a public safety hazard. City officials say a girl was pecked by a bird last year and that handlers have tossed snakes into the hands of unsuspecting passers-by.

Most of the pro-ban public speakers at Tuesday night's meeting were animal rights activists, arguing that the animal displays are paramount to animal abuse.

They claim that the animals are forced to work for long hours, without water or breaks, something that the animal handlers in attendance refuted.

Similar arguments were made by activists before City Council voted last year to seek a new vendor for the space occupied for years by a pony ride and petting zoo operator. Later this year, when

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Council approves 54%, 5-year water rate hike



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EXPENSIVE: The cost of water in Santa Monica will increase over the next few years.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Water rates will jump 9 percent this year and, unless City Council intervenes, 9 percent in each of the following four years, for a 53.9 percent total increase over five years.

Council embraced the "compromise" option, voting 6-0 to decline the most intensive option, which would have brought rates up nearly 78 percent over five years.

City Hall got more than 4,500 protests of the water rate increases, said City Clerk Sarah Gorman, noting that they'd counted liberally without scrutinizing for duplicate protests or protests from people not officially impacted by the rate increase.

About 11,000 official protests would have to have been submitted before the end of the meeting in order to overturn a decision about the rate hikes.

Several council members made clear that council could choose to lower rates in the coming years.

Without the changes to the status quo, water rates would have increased 13 percent over the next five years — 2.5 percent inflation increases each year — and the Water Fund would have gone into the red by fiscal year 2016-17, city officials have said.

The compromise option will keep the Water Fund in the black and allow for some capital improvement projects to the city's aging water infrastructure, they said.

The most costly option would have provided even more cash for the improvement projects.

More than two dozen people testified about the rate increases, many arguing that they were too steep. Some claimed that current residents

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Burglary suspects arrested in local store

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

WILSHIRE BLVD. Two Los Angeles men were arrested Feb. 25 in connection with a home burglary following a brief search of an area near Wilshire Boulevard.

Police arrested Eddie Valencia and Adam Nelson thanks to an aware witness who saw the men enter a store on the 3200 block of Wilshire. Officers said the incident

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SMC expanding musical theater program

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Santa Monica College will soon offer an expanded musical theater curriculum after joining a partnership that aims to develop students' skills in the industry.

The local community college is expected to host more classes in the field this coming fall as it builds on an ongoing relationship with the Festival of New American Musicals.

Seeking to capitalize on musical theater's momentum in popular culture, SMC and its partners are hoping to attract talented young composers and writers and prepare them for possible careers while connecting them to professional producers and directors.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

February 26

Heal the Bay's 30th Birthday Bash

Heal the Bay celebrates three decades of restoring and protecting Southern California's coastal waters! Come party like it's 1985! Legendary DJ Richard Blade (KROQ) will be spinning the decade's hits while you groove with fellow ocean lovers. Open bar, 21 and over. Cross Campus, 929 Colorado Ave. 6:30 pm. \$30. www.healthebay.org

Girl Scout Cookie sales

Pavilions, 820 Montana Ave., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Vons, 1311 Wilshire Blvd., 3:15 - 6 p.m.

Bob's Market, 1650 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Gilbert's El Indio, 2526 Pico Blvd., 4 - 8 p.m.

Celebrating Peace

"Celebrating Peace" through live music, poetry and short film clips. Featuring the live music of Stuart Hoffman and Carolyn Goldman. No charge - one purchase from Coffee House minimum. Free parking across the street behind US Bank. UnUrban Coffee House, 3301 Pico Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m.

Create Positive Change in Your Life

Employing the principles and practices of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), a mindfulness-based behavioral therapy approach, Karen Pickett and Cary Odes explore the skills and tools needed for people to take positive action and create meaningful lives. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

In Case You Missed It: '42'

The story of Jackie Robinson from his signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization in 1945 to his historic 1947 rookie season when he broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball. (Film run time: 128 min.)

Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Movie screening 'The Maze Runner'

In this survival thriller based on James Dashner's popular novel, Thomas tries to escape from a massive, ever-changing maze while facing deadly obstacles at every turn. Popcorn and soda provided. PG-13, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m.

Author Talk: 'Black Warriors: The Buffalo Soldiers of World War II'

Ivan J. Houston joins us to celebrate Black History Month and talk about his book that highlights the only African American Infantry Division to fight in Europe during World War II. Book sale to follow. Sponsored by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

Searching Beyond the Catalog

Learn how to navigate the library's online databases to discover tools and resources beyond the catalog! Requires familiarity with using the mouse & keyboard. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4 p.m.

February 27

'From the Mouths of the Occupied'

"Occupied" brings stories of Black folks directly impacted by state violence to the stage. This multi-media production, utilizing theatre, live instrumentation, and local artists draws audiences into an experiential narration. This piece asks audiences to unpack the question of how current police state practices reflect genocidal practices still relevant. Highways

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Casa del Mar
Women's Heart Disease Symposium Set for Feb. 28

Heart disease is the leading killer of women, in part because women's symptoms vary from the classic symptoms, primarily found in men. Dedicated to educating women about prevention and treating women with heart disease, the Women's Heart Center of Pacific Heart Institute will present Women's Heart Disease 2015 sym-

posium Feb. 28 in Santa Monica. More than 200 people are expected to attend this second annual symposium, sponsored by the pharmaceutical and biotech industries as well as the Saint John's Foundation of Providence Saint John's Health Center. Highlights of this year's event will include a focus on pregnancy and an exercise segment which will be punctuated by an exercise program created by cardiologists utilizing FitBit. Nationally recognized cardiologists also will discuss the latest cardiac

devices including home monitoring devices, stroke prevention and irregular heartbeats in women. The speakers will include Pacific Heart Institute experts as well as national leaders in the field of women's heart disease. Heart specialists will discuss a range of women's heart health issues including pregnancy and heart disease, risks associated with hormone replacement therapy, atrial fibrillation and other irregular heart rhythms, the latest cardiac devices includ-

ing home monitoring devices, cholesterol and blood pressure guidelines and treatments, heart disease and stroke preventions and exercise, and how over-the-counter medications can help or harm your cardiovascular health. The event will be held at Casa del Mar Hotel, 1910 Ocean Way, on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To attend, email RSVP@pacificheart.com or visit www.pacificheart.com for more information.

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Performance Space at 18th Street Arts Center, 1651 18th St. 8:30 pm. \$15/20, <http://highwaysperformance.org/highways>

Girl Scout Cookie sales
Bristol Farms, 3105 Wilshire Blvd., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Pavilions, 820 Montana Ave., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Vons, 1311 Wilshire Blvd., 3:15 - 6 p.m.
Albertsons, 2627 Lincoln Blvd., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Bob's Market, 1650 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Make Believe Costumes, 3240 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Ralphs, 1644 Cloverfield Blvd., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Vons, 710 Broadway St., 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Fireside at the Miles
Performances take place beside the large period fireplace with an eco-log fire. Comfy couches, cozy candles, organic beverages and snacks all await you inside the historic playhouse. Seating is very limited, reservations are highly recommended. The Miles Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd., Doors 7:30 p.m.; Show 8 p.m., \$10 for adults; \$5 for students, seniors and youth 17 and under

Online travel resources
Description: Learn about travel websites and other resources to help plan your next vacation! Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information,

please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.

Family board games
Enjoy board games with your family and friends. Ages 4 and up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 p.m.

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Girl Scout Cookie sales
4th and Arizona, 1300 4th St., 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Promenade Gateway, 1453 3rd St., 11:30 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Bristol Farms, 3105 Wilshire Blvd., 9 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Pavilions, 820 Montana Ave., 8:30 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.
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Lunch with the Mayor
The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica is hosting a lunch and Q&A with Mayor Kevin McKeown at Seasons 52 restaurant, 1501 Ocean Ave. The event costs \$30 and begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information, or to RSVP, call (310) 692-1494 or send an email to annwilliams@gmail.com.

Family Birthday Bash
In celebration of Heal the Bay's 30 years of work for a healthy ocean, Wells Fargo is sponsoring one free day a month for the remainder of the year at Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. The opening celebration will be Feb. 28 and the ongoing free days will be the first Wednesday of the month. Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 200 Santa Monica Pier, 12:30 - 5 p.m.

Zeina Baltagi & Miles Lewis studio residency show
View new work created at 1450 Ocean by the Resident Artists and their students. Light refreshments. Age(s): Adults, 50+/Seniors, Teens. 1450 Ocean, 4 p.m. Call (310) 458-2239 for more information.

Santa Monica Reads: Behind the Scenes of The Lizzie Bennet Diaries
Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at

The Lizzie Bennet Diaries (An innovative video social media modernization of Pride and Prejudice) with series writers and producers Kate Rorick and Jay Bushman. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4 p.m.

Know the 10 signs of Alzheimer's
Learn the 10 warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, the benefits of early detection and early diagnosis. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m.

VITA Tax Assistance
Students from the UCLA organization VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provide free tax assistance for filing both Federal and California State income taxes. VITA aims to help seniors and those with limited or low income. All volunteers are IRS certified and can assist with both e-filing and paper filing. Appointments are limited and on a first come, first served basis at the start of the program. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Free Paper Shredding & Electronics Recycling
Secure shredding services free of charge for Santa Monica residents (up to 25 file boxes per vehicle, 12"x17"x9") and all shredded materials will be recycled. Documents will be commercially shredded by trained, licensed and bonded document destruction specialists. City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call (310) 458- 2223 for more information.

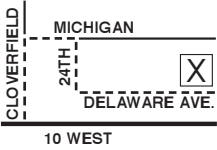


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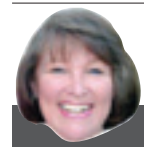


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Play Time

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No return to Cape Cod

NOW THAT NEARLY 13 PERCENT

of Americans are over 65, filmmakers no longer need to cater solely to an audience of 12-year-old boys. More often they have been choosing to bring seniors back from invisibility and making them the focus of their literary work — as playwrights have been doing all along, because how many 12-year-old boys go to the theater?

But it's a mixed blessing because they no longer depict seniors as chirpily falling in love at 70 or becoming successful entrepreneurs at 75. Now, more and more, they're dealing with harrowing end-of-life issues.

Case in point: "Still Alice," which won an Oscar for Julianne Moore as she fearfully descended into the hell of early-onset Alzheimer's disease.

And now comes a play that is equally agonizing. It's called "The Other Place," and it follows actress Taylor Gilbert into the darkness of that same disease.

As the play opens, she has already started on her downward path. Her personality is undergoing the inevitable changes that accompany the disease: She is angry, argumentative, and irrational. Sometimes lucid, she is bewildered and frightened. And the butt of her abuse is her husband, who is trying to get her to acknowledge the problem and accept whatever help is available.

She is in denial and he is in despair.

"Not being myself is who I am," she says defensively.

Playing her husband is Sam Anderson, who is impeccable in any role he plays. He works with the dynamic Gilbert in perfect disharmony. (The two of them are co-Artistic Directors of The Road Theatre Company; Gilbert is also the founder of the award-winning group.)

Sharr White, who wrote the play, has mounted it in sequences that move backward and forward in time. Starting in Boston in the present, it moves to St. Thomas 10 years previ-

ously, as Juliana (Gilbert) is making a pitch for a new pharmaceutical that her lab has developed. She is speaking at a doctors' conference and suddenly has "an episode" of memory loss and winds up in the hospital.

Meanwhile, she has been having intense hallucinations about her daughter, who ran away as a teenager and never came back. Ian (Anderson) tries to convince her that their daughter is dead, but Juliana insists that she receives frequent telephone calls from her.

At the same time, Juliana develops a nostalgic yearning for "the other place," a family cottage on Cape Cod where she, Ian and their daughter had spent happy weekends. But she doesn't remember that they had sold "the other place" many years earlier.

There are subplots within subplots in this play, and Andre Barron has directed his principals exquisitely — as he does with The Woman (Danielle Stephens) and The Man (Dirk Etchison), who each play multiple parts.

Adding to this production are fanciful projection designs created by Kaitlyn Pietras that depict the biological squiggles that accompany Juliana's explanation of the new pharmaceutical as well as the pounding waves crashing on the shore of Cape Cod. You can almost smell the salt water.

"The Other Place" opened Friday, Feb. 20, and will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through April 11 at the Road Theatre Company's second home, The Road on Magnolia, 10747 Magnolia Blvd., in North Hollywood.

From March 5 through April 26, "The Other Place" will run in repertory with Lucile Lichtblau's "The English Bride."

For tickets, call (818) 761-8838 or visit www.RoadTheatre.org.

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Culture Watch

Sarah A. Spitz

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Hockney, Potter, Hats and Furniture

I AM A HUGE FAN OF DAVID

Hockney's artwork. I've had the privilege of interviewing him three times, once in his L.A. studio and another time at his then-home on Mulholland Drive, famously featured in the catalog of his LACMA retrospective in 1988. It doesn't hurt that we share a birthday, though he's a decade and a half ahead of me.

Leslie Sacks Contemporary at Bergamot Station will exhibit what feels almost like a mini-retrospective, "David Hockney: Narrative and Imagination," featuring portrait and interior drawings and series of lithograph editions he made from 1963 to 1998.

Some of his most desired and iconic works include a series of portraits of his close friend Celia Birtwell, which will be on view here, along with the lithograph Rain, from his Weather series, influenced by traditional Japanese printmaking (Ukiyo-e) and which pre-date his famous swimming pool images.

These days Hockney divides his time between L.A. and his native Yorkshire in England. This show will be a visual stunner — don't miss it.

Leslie Sacks Contemporary is located at Bergamot Station; the works will be on view March 7 through April 18. For more information, call (310) 264-0640 or visit www.lesliesackscontemporary.com

HATS OFF

A tiny arts oasis has sprung up in a very light industrial corridor just off Colorado Avenue at Stewart Street. The Braid Performance and Art Space is home to the popular Jewish Women's Theatre production "Not That Jewish," which has been extended (yet again) through March.

It's also a studio and gallery space that is about to debut a new mother-daughter art show, "Things We Pass Down." This is the second in a series that explores what we take willingly and unwillingly from our parents and what we may pass down to our children.

This event features both fine art



Courtesy photo

HOCKNEY: Art by David Hockney is on display at Bergamot Station.

and the art of hat-making, with renowned milliner and Santa Monica resident Louise Green and her artist daughter, Lucy Sharf, a Santa Monica native who makes her home and art in Israel.

Green creates vintage-inspired and cutting edge hats that have crowned stylish women and celebrities since 1987, selling at top fashion stores like Neiman-Marcus and Saks 5th Avenue and seen on TV shows including "Modern Family," "Scandal," and "Desperate Housewives." The exhibit showcases Louise's intricate hat-making process, plus provides an opportunity to purchase one of her fanciful creations.

Sharf, who has never exhibited before, will unveil her oil-on-paper paintings featuring dolls as her subjects, exploring the poetry of solitude. Sharf also actively promotes and engages in Israeli-Palestinian dialogue toward a peaceful Middle East future.

Sharf believes that "Art can be a bridge. Anything that people are passionate about can bring them together and give them something to relate to and bond over. Common interests can break through barriers to a place of humanity."

The Braid Performance and Art Space is located at 2912 Colorado Ave., Suite 102. For more information, visit www.atthebraid.org or call (310) 315-1400.

'POTTED POTTER'

Don't have endless hours to watch all the Harry Potter movies again? The Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills offers you an alternative with the L.A. debut of "Potted Potter: The Unauthorized Harry Experience - A Parody by Dan and Jeff" in the Bram Goldsmith Theatre.

Condensing all seven Potter books into 75 madcap minutes, two Olivier Award-winning former BBC actor/hosts, Daniel Clarkson and Jefferson Turner, are aided by multiple costume changes, brilliant songs, ridiculous props and a generous helping of Hogwarts magic. They invite audiences to engage in a real-life game of Quidditch, played according to Clarkson and Turner's unique set of rules.

A Monty Python-esque extravaganza of silliness, it's been a hit

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Diversity on the page

"WITHOUT DEVIATIONS FROM THE norm, progress is not possible" — Frank Zappa

Progressive social change in our country is slow, like a large ocean liner changing direction. Why? Because this type of change is always met with resistance, regardless of how just or deserving. These changes rarely come from the top. Our government is usually forced to act when the cries of protest overpower the status quo. Such movements always start with a tiny minority who aren't afraid to deviate from the norm.

Those first voices usually come from writers, filmmakers and other artists who are willing to explore ideas outside of the nation's comfort zone. During the early days of the Civil Rights Movement, Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" and Otto Preminger's "To Kill a Mockingbird" forced America to see the dark truths it worked to avoid. Along with film and literature, the Civil Rights Movement had another lesser-known artistic ally: comic books.

In the 1940s and 1950s, black comic characters were relegated either to servile roles or jungle savages. It wasn't until 1963 that this norm was challenged by a liberal-leaning writer named Stanley Martin Lieber, better known as Stan Lee, who introduced Gabriel Jones, a black soldier and a member of Sergeant Fury's multi-racial Howling Commandos. Their races were part of who they were, but didn't define them. They were always friends and comrades first. At the time, Stan was told a book about a multi-racial team would never sell, but the book was a consistent seller for Marvel Comics.

Three years later, in 1966, Marvel Comics introduced The Black Panther in "Fantastic Four" #52. As the comic world's first black superhero, he possessed none of society's racial stereotypes of the era. He was the wealthy ruler of an African nation that touted technology far superior to any in the western world.

In 1969, the year after Martin Luther King's assassination, The Falcon made his first appearance in "Captain America" #117. At first glance, he looked to be Cap's new sidekick. However, Stan made it clear that The Falcon was Cap's equal and stood toe-to-toe with the Sentinel of Liberty.

These characters were a huge step forward, but they didn't carry their own titles. It wasn't until Dell Comics released "Lobo" #1 in 1965 that a black character starred in his own

series. Lobo was a western hero created by writer Don Arneson and artist Tony Tallarico. The title lasted only two issues. In a 2006 interview, Tallarico said of the cancellation, "They (Dell) discovered that as they were sending out bundles of comics out to the distributors [that] they were being returned unopened. And I couldn't figure out why. So they discovered [that many sellers] were opposed to (a) black Western hero. That was the end of the book. It sold nothing."



LOBO PREMIERED IN 1965

Not until 1972 did a black hero carry his own series when Luke Cage premiered in "Hero For Hire" #1. His origin may have been saturated with stereotyping as it piggy-backed on the popular blackploitation genre of the time, but Luke Cage stood as a symbol for overcoming oppression and injustice in 1970s Harlem. After 40 years, he has evolved into a mainstream Marvel character rather than a token hero.

The present day comics landscape may still show inequalities, but we've come a long way from past stereotypes. As we watch the headlines of the day and realize that we still have so far to go, perhaps we can look to the "funny books" to help guide the way.

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All an illusion

Editor:

Yesterday, while trying to drive though Santa Monica, I found myself trapped in streets and intersections clogged with cars. This drama was heightened by cyclists dashing though stop signs and red lights and, to add a touch of excitement, jaywalking pedestrians.

As I was waiting for an intersection to clear, I said to myself, "This cannot be real." City Hall told us that traffic in Santa Monica has improved by 18.6 percent. I was so happy that it was not better by only 18.5 percent or worse, 18.4 percent. So, I mused, if traffic in Santa Monica is 18.6-percent better, then why am I stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic? It must just be an illusion. I must not really be caught in bad traffic; yes, that's it – it's all an illusion! After all, City Hall tells us traffic is 18.6-percent better and if City Hall says it, it must be true. Right?

Yes, that's it, what is really happening isn't really happening; it all must be an illusion.

Don Wagner

Santa Monica

CULTURE

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everywhere. "Potted Potter" has sold out theatres in London, Edinburgh, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and Dubai, performing off-Broadway and to record-breaking audiences in Toronto.

Performances are tonight through Sunday, March 1, and with early shows and multiple weekend matinees, it's the perfect entertainment for the whole family. The Wallis is located at 9390 N. Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills. For tickets, call (310) 746-4000 or go to www.thewallis.org.

BUT CAN YOU SIT ON IT?

Santa Monica College presents "Fondamenta: Future Furniture Formed in a Collective Memory," with works by Peter Shire, Matt Connors, Peter Harkawik, and Matt Paweski on exhibit through March 28 at the Pete and Susan Barrett Art Gallery, part of the SMC Performing Arts Center.

Shire describes the exhibit as "a cross between a buddy movie and a visual portal into an extremely positive vision/version of the future." Paweski says they conceived of the exhibit through "our friendship and mutual interest in design objects." The show presents a group of works that point to a future where function is blurred and things that seem to perform one task, actually do another."

Shire, Paweski and Harkawik will hold a free panel discussion at the gallery about "Interpreting the Value(s) of Art and Design" on Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

Paweski, a Detroit native who grew up in Phoenix, is a sculptor and designer working in Los Angeles. His furniture-inspired pieces are influenced by two-dimensional drawing and his background as a carpenter, cabinet-maker, and welder.

Shire is an award-winning L.A. artist whose colorful sculptures, furniture, and ceramics mix elements of art, architecture, and pop culture. His imaginative creations have been shown in the United States, Italy, France, Japan, and Poland, and his public sculptures include the colorful North Hollywood Gateway.

Connors is a New York artist whose abstract works draw from the history of painting, as well as the fields of language, music, and design.

Harkawik is a Los Angeles sculptor and photographer who uses architecture and industrial design as inspiration.

For more information, call (310) 434-3434. While construction is ongoing, enter at 11th Street.

SARAH A. SPITZ spent her career as a producer at public radio station KCRW-Santa Monica and produced freelance arts reports for NPR. She has also reviewed theatre for LAOpeningNights.com.

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County will receive sealed proposals on the following: Bid #15.06 - Painting of Interior Hallways; fitness and quality being equal, supplies grown, manufactured, or produced in the State of California will be given preference. Job packets will be available at the mandatory job walk on March 3, 2015. All bids must be filed in the Purchasing Office at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California on or before: March 11, 2015 ; 2:00 pm at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. The right is reserved to reject any and all proposals.

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SMC Free Help with Taxes and Family Resource Fair Coming to Santa Monica College

Individuals and families who need help with income tax return preparation are invited to attend a Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Resource Fair event hosted by Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome E. Horton and local officials at Santa Monica College (1510 Pico Blvd.) on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several other Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) events are scheduled throughout Los Angeles County during February and March 2015.

The event will be co-hosted by Senator Ben Allen, Assemblymember Richard Bloom, and Los Angeles County Assessor Jeffrey Pang.

Trained and certified volunteers will provide qualified participants with tax preparation assistance and information about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Attendees who are eligible can qualify for as much as \$6,143 in EITC. Taxpayers should bring proof of identification including social security cards, wages and earnings statement(s) from employers, interest and dividend statements from banks, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposit, and a copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available.

All workforce and family services are free and open to the public. Language assistance is available in English, Spanish, and Chinese.

The Family Resource Fair will be open to the public and will provide information on: free tax preparation assistance, low-cost and free medical services, job preparation assistance, food and nutrition service, discount telephone service, low-cost auto insurance, and health screenings: glucose, blood pressure, and body mass index.

Agencies and organizations confirmed for the Family Resource Fair include: California Department of Insurance, California Employment Development Department, Care 1st, Crystal Stairs, Department of Motor Vehicles, Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs, Providence Little Company of Mary, South Bay Family Health Care, Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians/TANF, California Lifeline Free Cell Phone Program, American Red Cross, Social Security Administration, Academy of Art University, and New York Life among others.

Call 1-866-910-9559 for more information.

— SUBMITTED BY SAMANTHA DAVID

SMC SMC Presents Spring Literary Series

Santa Monica College will present the Spring 2015 Literary Series, featuring a line-up of distinguished authors discussing and reading from their works. The series starts on Feb. 26.

All lectures in the series are free and are held on the main SMC campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. The series is sponsored by the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates) – a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on the Santa Monica College campus – and the SMC English Department. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

The Spring 2015 series line-up is:

Thursday, Feb. 26: Dr. Benjamin Bowser: "It Is Bigger Than Ferguson" at 11:15 a.m. in Art Lecture Hall 214. Renowned sociologist and CSU East Bay Professor Emeritus will provide a historical context to the nationwide outrage about the racial profiling of African American men. This lecture is also a Black History Month event cosponsored by SMC's Black Collegians Program, and part of the SMC Global Connections Series.

Tuesday, March 3: Natalie Baszile: "The Taste of Second Chances: Natalie Baszile Reads from Queen Sugar" at 11:15 a.m. in Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165. Member of the San Francisco Writers' Grotto, author of nonfiction pieces for numerous publications, and a former Holden Minority Scholar at Warren Wilson College will read excerpts from her debut novel.

Tuesday, March 24: Jeri Westerson: "Knights, Templars, and the Grail Myth: Jeri Westerson Reads from Cup of Blood" at 6:30 p.m. in Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165. President of the Southern California chapter of Mystery Writers of America and former VP for Sisters in Crime Los Angeles will read from her latest 'medieval noir' novel featuring Crispin Guest, a disgraced knight turned detective on the mean streets of 14th-century London.

Thursday, April 23: Kem Nunn: "Kem Nunn Reads from His Work" at 11:15 a.m. in Humanities & Social Science Lecture Hall 165. Longtime surfer who is an award-winning author of six novels, as well as film and TV screenplays that include "Deadwood" and "Sons of Anarchy," will read selections from his writings.

Now in its 12th year, the SMC Literary Series has brought to campus such acclaimed writers as Khaled Hosseini (author of the bestselling "The Kite Runner"), Audrey Niffenegger (author of the bestselling "Time Traveler's Wife"), and Jonathan Safran Foer (author of "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close").

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WATER

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shouldn't be footing the bill for infrastructure improvements that would benefit Santa Monicans for years to come. They called for a bond, which would spread the cost out over time.

Others argued that new developments are contributing to the city's need to import more water from the Metropolitan Water District.

Councilmember Ted Winterer supported the idea of considering a bond in the fourth or fifth year of the rate increases to pay for additional upgrades.

"It'd be great to have the coolest technology in the county or wherever," he said of the most costly option, "but I don't think it's essential to any of our water conservation efforts or any of our long-range goals."

He suggested that some of the improvements could be funded through grants.

Councilmember Pam O'Connor refuted the development argument, claiming that the real development boom occurred in the

middle of the last century.

Water rates were last adjusted in 2008 and, prior to last night's increases, Santa Monica had some of the lowest rates in the region, according to city officials.

Councilmembers Sue Himmelrich and Tony Vazquez suggested that increases should have been enacted earlier at lower rates.

Himmelrich, who voted against moving the 78-percent hike forward last year, said she believes Santa Monicans are underpaying for water.

"It's not that I don't think we should be paying more money for water," Himmelrich said. "I think that we should. What I don't think is that we can shock the system of the people who are the consumers of our water in the way that we proposed to do last week. I think that we need to give people more warning."

These water rate hikes, it should be noted, are separate from the penalties residents and businesses will incur later this year if they can't cut back on their water usage.

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ANIMAL

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the vendor's contract with City Hall expires, a non-animal vendor will take her place.

Nearly all opponents of the ban that spoke during public testimony were animal handlers themselves.

Howard Kaminsky, "the birdman," said he shelters his birds with an umbrella and gives them numerous breaks.

"This is what I do for a living because they bring people great joy which brings me great internal joy and personal satisfaction," he said.

The flexibility of the job, he said, allows him to take care of his son, who has Down syndrome, and his daughter.

"I ask that the committee look at regulating us and set forth rules which we will abide to keep the public acts in control and happy,

entertaining yet safe," he said.

Jesus Tapia, a reptile handler, said that people misunderstand snakes, thinking that they are all venomous or prone to constricting people to death. This, he said, is rare.

"Nobody's actually gotten hurt — only one person out of so many years," he said. "Please down ban us. Work with us. Allow us to be part of your community. We don't want problems. We just want to fix it the correct way."

Tapia noted that he has liability insurance in the event someone does get hurt.

After a brief discussion about banning elephants citywide (they were not banned) council approved the regulations put forth by city officials.

The second reading of the ordinance will likely take place at the March 17 City Council meeting. If approved, it would go into effect 30 days later.

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"The suspects left prior to officers arriving," said SMPD Det. H. Ahn. "Once officers arrived the victim had pointed out the direction the suspects fled, a perimeter was set up and during the set-up of the perimeter a loss prevention officer from a nearby store saw what was going on."

Ahn said the employee realized two individuals inside the store might be connected to the police activity and made contact with officers, who quickly arrested the suspects.

Sgt. Rudy Camarena said the incident showed the value of a home security system and also how important citizens are in helping to bring crime.

"The victim had an all-remote security system," he said. "They are so cheap, so inex-

pensive as a system to obtain nowadays, that was key. Along with that, was just being observant by the neighbors as well."

He said citizens can take some basic precautions to help protect themselves from burglary, such as locking doors and windows.

According to Camarena, the department has seen several recent burglaries that were a direct result of unlocked windows. The suspects approach a home, knock on the door and, if no one answers, proceed to search for an entry point.

"More than not, they can find open access, an unlocked door or window that provides access without any barrier," he said. "We always remind the public to lock doors and windows. If they have a motion detector outside, those are ideal as well."

The police department provides home security tips on its website at <http://santamonica.org/Content.aspx?id=2631> and officers said they have released a video regarding burglaries on their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/santamonica.org.

Camarena said residents can always get more information by calling the Police Department's non-emergency line at 458-8491 and if they see a crime in progress or want to report suspicious circumstances, call 911.

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SMC

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in the initiative, known as Musi-Cal, because of its experience in theater education and its commitment to developing original musicals, according to Ruslan Idiyatov, art director of the festival agency.

"Initially, we reached out to SMC, as we reached out to colleges and universities all over Southern California to explore their interest in presenting new musicals under the Festival umbrella," Idiyatov said. "SMC was one of the most responsive. ... That says a lot about the school's willingness to innovate."

Plans to grow musical theater education in the area involve SMC and the festival group as well as UC Irvine and Valley International Prep, a Van Nuys-based charter high school. This will be the first such curriculum offered west of New York, Idiyatov said.

Santa Monica College's involvement in the musical theater pathway came about in part because it has been working with the festival agency for years.

It offered a Hispanic-American musical called "Camilla" in 2008, becoming the first junior college to produce a show for the festival organization, and it has put together two other original productions since then.

Idiyatov also cited the efforts of Perviz Sawoski, chair of the community college's Theatre Arts Department, as central to the birth of the new educational initiative.

"Wouldn't it be logical to offer two years of training at our low costs," Sawoski said,

"knowing that the most talented students could transfer to a four-year school to complete their studies?"

The new musical theater courses at SMC will augment a performing arts department that is already positioned in a region with a robust entertainment industry.

Students from the college have gone on to transfer to Juilliard, Columbia University and New York University, and alumni work around the world as actors and technicians in theater as well as in film and television.

"Why do I think it fits? Because of the need in this entertainment-dominated economy to train professionals," Idiyatov said. "And because, geographically, Santa Monica is the most centrally located to serve the theater, TV and film communities. Many showbiz families live within shouting distance of SMC. That makes it easy for their kids to hike, bike or bus to school."

SMC's partnership with the festival group will go beyond the classroom.

The college will play a major role in ShowSearch, an annual showcase of 10-minute musicals written by 14- to 25-year-olds. The event was launched in 2012 and is scheduled to be staged at SMC in 2016.

Creators of the six ShowSearch finalists will be offered mentorships with industry professionals and flown to Los Angeles to see their shows presented, Idiyatov said.

The Festival of New American Musicals eventually hopes to establish a full-time development center for new musicals with anchor sites at SMC and UC Irvine.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.4°

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
NW windswell takes over as primary; Old/fading WNW swell; New SSW swell starts to fill in

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Holding NW windswell, new/peaking SSW swell, and new/building WNW swell;
Wind conditions suspect, but light in the AM before breezy from West in the PM

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Mainly NW windswell, with smaller WNW and SSW swells mixing in; Breezy West winds all day

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Primary NW windswell continues, with easing WNW swell and SSW swell mixing in;
Conditions may improve

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 14

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.		
Escorial 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+
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	F
Lafita Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dee Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Serfider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint rent).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 POH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 POH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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LOS ANGELES BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Judge orders Lohan to redo some community service hours

Lindsay Lohan must give an encore performance of 125 hours of community service after a judge on Wednesday determined she improperly received credit for appearing in a London stage play.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Mark Young told the actress to redo the hours at a new agency. Young set a March 12 hearing to choose a new organization where Lohan can complete the hours before a May 28 deadline.

Santa Monica Chief Deputy City Attorney Terry White said Lohan had received credits for time she spent performing "Speed-the-Plow" at a London theater. He said Lohan's lawyer, Shawn Holley, agreed that some of the hours would be redone at a new organization.

White raised concerns about Lohan's service at a hearing last month and was given time to investigate the issue.

He met with Young and Holley in chambers Wednesday before the judge's decision was announced. Lohan did not attend Wednesday's hearing.

The community service is one of the last elements of Lohan's sentence for a 2012 case involving reckless driving and lying to police that was filed after she crashed into a dump truck on Pacific Coast Highway.

Holley did not return an email message seeking comment.

Los Angeles

LA Kings sign forward Kyle Clifford to 5-year extension

The Los Angeles Kings have signed forward Kyle Clifford to a five-year contract extension.

He has three goals and seven assists to go with a team-leading 66 penalty minutes.

The 24-year-old forward has played his entire NHL career with the Kings, with 25 goals, 33 assists and 462 penalty minutes in 333 games. He was a second-round pick of the team in the 2009 entry draft and part of the franchise's Stanley Cup championships in 2012 and last year.

El Segundo

Lakers guard Ronnie Price out 6 to 8 weeks after surgery

Los Angeles Lakers guard Ronnie Price had surgery to remove bone spurs and bone chips from his right elbow.

The team said Wednesday that Price is expected to be out six to eight weeks, a timetable that could put him close to missing the rest of the season. The Lakers, who won't make the playoffs, end their season on April 15.

Price was averaging 5.1 points, 1.6 rebounds and 3.8 assists in 43 games, including 20 starts this season. He joined the team as a free agent in September.

Los Angeles

Finger biter enters plea

A man who bit off a fingertip during a fight at a Rose Bowl concert in Pasadena has pleaded no contest to mayhem.

Twenty-five-year-old Roberto Garnica of San Diego entered the plea on Tuesday. He was sentenced to 40 days in county jail, 30 days of community service and a year of anger management classes.

Garnica could have faced up to eight years in state prison if convicted at trial of mayhem and battery.

Authorities say Garnica was at a concert featuring Beyonce and Jay Z last August when he pushed a woman into some chairs, sparking a fight with her husband.

Authorities say Garnica punched the man and bit off the tip of his left index finger.

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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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TODAY IN HISTORY

1966 - Apollo program: Launch of AS-201, the first flight of the Saturn IB rocket
1966 - Vietnam War: The ROK Capital Division of the South Korean Army massacres 380 unarmed civilians in South Vietnam.
1971 - U.N. Secretary General U Thant signs United Nations proclamation of the vernal equinox as Earth Day.
1972 - The Buffalo Creek Flood caused by a burst dam kills 125 in West Virginia.
1980 - Egypt and Israel establish full diplomatic relations.
1987 - Iran-Contra affair: The Tower Commission

rebukes President Ronald Reagan for not controlling his national security staff.
1991 - Gulf War: United States Army forces capture the town of Al Busayyah.
1992 - Nagorno-Karabakh War: Khojaly Massacre: Armenian armed forces open fire on Azeri civilians at a military post outside the town of Khojaly leaving hundreds dead.
1995 - The United Kingdom's oldest investment banking institute, Barings Bank, collapses after securities broker Nick Leeson, loses \$1.4 billion by speculating on the Singapore International Monetary Exchange using futures contracts.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ While nearly all Americans enjoy low gasoline prices, residents of sea-locked Alaskan towns (Barrow, Kotzebue, Nome, Ketchikan) have continued to pay their same hefty prices (\$7 a gallon, according to one January report on Alaska Dispatch News). Though the price in Anchorage and Fairbanks resembles that in the rest of America, unconnected towns can be supplied only during a four-month breather from icy sea conditions and thus received their final winter shipments last summer. The price the supplier was forced to pay then dictates pump prices until around May or June.

■ Another Animal With a Worse Sex Life Than Yours: No organism has it tougher than the male South-East Asian coin spider, according to research reported by New Scientist in January. It is somehow driven to mate with a female up to four times larger who is almost as driven to eat the male as to mate. After insemination, the male impulsively fights off other males' attempts to disrupt the conception, and that means becoming a more nimble fighter, achieved, according to Matjaz Kuntner of the Slovenian Academy of the Arts and Sciences, by biting off its own genitals, since that organ comprises about one-tenth the spider's body weight.

FIND YOUR PALS TONIGHT, LEO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Save worrying for a different day. You might be on the path to a mistake, but a sequence of events could unfold in your favor and save the day. A child or new friend seems to have a lot to share. The question remains: Can you relax and let go? Tonight: The world is your oyster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be careful with your finances; otherwise, a mistake could occur. Focus on your security, home and family matters. You could be surprised by the support that someone gives you. Tonight: Make hay while the sun shines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might want to understand exactly what is motivating someone who suddenly has become a little too friendly. Understand what is needed to make you more comfortable with this person. For the moment, you might need to observe more and say less. Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to forthcoming news that involves others in your life. Understand that your finances will need to be handled with kid gloves. An associate might ask for a share of a project that doesn't feel right to you. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of what must be done in order to get where you want to go. A meeting might prove to be a stronger guideline and motivator than you even had considered. Honor a change of pace, and know when you have had enough. Tonight: Find your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be greeting a lot more opportunities than you originally had thought. If you feel overwhelmed by everything you are hearing, slow down. Understand what might be needed in order to feel more comfortable. Tonight: Wherever you are, you are a force to be dealt with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Friends surround and support you. You could have a lot on your mind, and you might need to do some research and deep thinking. A loved one seems likely to interfere with your train of thought. Tonight: On top of your game

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You will want to see a situation differently from how you have up until now. You could be encouraged by a higher-up to revise your impressions, as you might be off-base. Be as gracious as possible, even if you happen to disagree. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Graciously accept an opportunity to step outside your comfort zone. Whether it's a trip or a workshop, it does not matter. Though you might not want to give up the time, you will benefit enormously from taking a mental break from the here and now. Tonight: Off to hear some music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to hear news from a loved one or a special partner. Do not stand on ceremony; make a call to this person, rather than torture yourself. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening and might need to talk through your choices. Tonight: Dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ An offer comes through that simply will be too enticing to say "no" to. In fact, you might have two offers and have to make choice. Good luck will come through those who are closest to you. A big smile goes a long way. Tonight: There is no excuse for being alone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be a bit uptight about your choices. How you deal with a co-worker and explain a situation is very likely to color your day. Stay positive, and help this person stay positive too. You'll have so much energy, so make sure you get some exercise. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

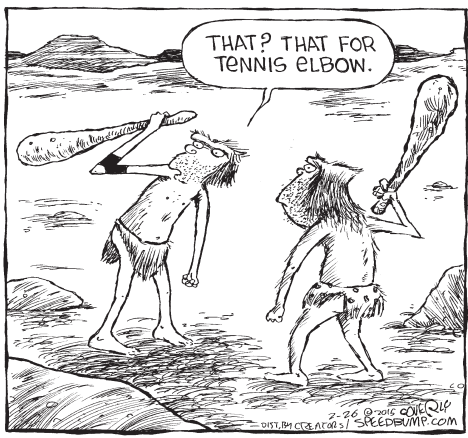
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This year you'll be ready to communicate, but others might not be on the same page. You need to evaluate your listener before you express yourself. Learn to speak on someone else's level, if need be. You relax through chatting with others, rather than internalizing your feelings. If you are single, you could meet someone quite significant to your life. This person might not be The One, but in some way, he or she could be pivotal in your meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, your sweetie is a source of tension, as you appear to be on different wavelengths. Trying to see eye to eye might be difficult. Nevertheless, you will be able to balance your interactions from September on. GEMINI can be too superficial for your taste.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

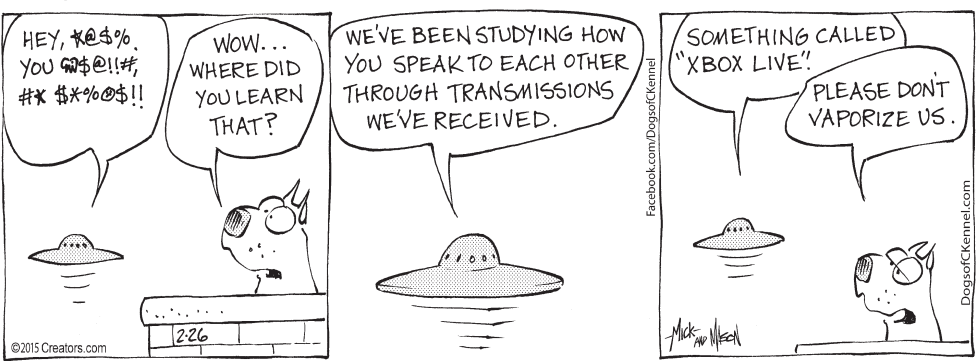
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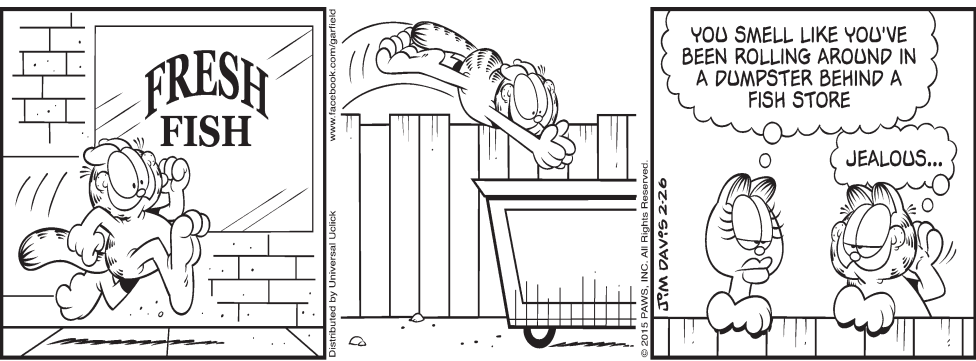
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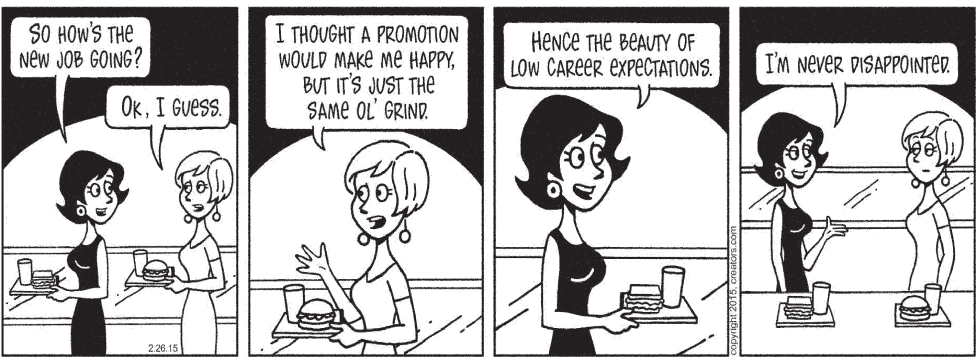
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ON FEB. 14 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:36 P.M.
An officer was dispatched to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue for a report of a person down. Upon arriving on the scene, the subject, later identified as Jonathan Llamas, 19 of Santa Clarita, was found slumped over sleeping in the driver's seat of his car, the engine running and holding an open beer bottle. A female subject was found in the passenger seat of the vehicle. While inspecting the vehicle, the officer found empty beer bottles in the rear of the vehicle. The subject was then asked to exit the vehicle and as he exited the vehicle, the odor of alcohol emitted from his breath and person. When asked by the officer if he had anything to drink, Llamas replied that he had two beers and a Xanax. Further investigation also led to the subject stating that he had no driver's license. Based on the officer's observations, he formed the opinion that Llamas may have been operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an alcoholic beverage/drugs and a field sobriety test was conducted. The officer later determined that Llamas had two outstanding warrants for sexual assault and vehicle theft. He was booked for DUI combination alcohol/drugs, suspended license and two warrants. No bail was issued.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 348 calls for service on Feb. 24.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Disturbance, 200 block Pico, 12:19 a.m.
Disturbance, 2200 block 4th, 2:04 a.m.
Drunk driving, Main/Bicknell, 2:33 a.m.
Disturbance, 2100 block 20th, 5:49 a.m.
Disturbance, 1500 block Ocean, 6:22 a.m.
Theft of recyclables, 1400 block 17th, 7:19 a.m.
Disturbance, 400 block 21st, 7:58 a.m.
Disturbance, 2700 block Santa Monica, 8:15 a.m.
Fight, Ocean/Arizona, 8:33 a.m.
Grand theft, 5th/Ocean Park, 8:42 a.m.
Trespassing, 700 block Santa Monica, 8:55 a.m.
Fraud, 1700 block Berkeley, 9:21 a.m.

Petty theft, 2000 block 4th, 9:36 a.m.
Disturbance, 1500 block 6th, 10:24 a.m.
Lewd activity, 1800 block Wilshire, 10:25 a.m.
Car crash, 4th/San Vicente, 10:57 a.m.
Car crash, 11th/Pico, 12:01 p.m.
Battery, 12th/Broadway, 12:52 p.m.
Drinking in public, 1500 block Palisades Park, 1:14 p.m.
Burglary, 1800 block 16th, 1:30 p.m.
Hit and run, Princeton/Wilshire, 1:39 p.m.
Sexual assault, Euclid/Wilshire, 1:51 p.m.
Car crash, Lincoln/Marine, 2:07 p.m.
Disturbance, 4th/Santa Monica, 2:28 p.m.
Identity theft, 1400 block 6th, 3:28 p.m.
Bike theft, 1200 block 26th, 4:04 p.m.
Vandalism, 700 block Navy, 4:23 p.m.
Disturbance, 3rd/Wilshire, 4:52 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 2500 block 23rd, 5:05 p.m.
Burglary, 900 block 20th, 5:24 p.m.
Petty theft, 1200 block 3rd, 5:33 p.m.
Public intoxication, 1200 block 2nd, 5:58 p.m.
Auto burglary, 1200 block 20th, 6:11 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 2000 block Main, 6:23 p.m.

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no price cap

Single Family Home (Fixer)

North of Montana
minimum 8500 square foot lot
up to \$3,500,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Late February 2015

		Average Price	# of Listings
Santa Monica Canyon	=	\$5,194,167	3
North of Montana	=	\$4,970,991	13
North of Wilshire	=	\$2,099,000	1
South of Wilshire	=	\$1,445,000	2
Sunset Park	=	\$1,909,571	7
Ocean Park	=	\$1,559,000	1

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