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El Nino leaves much of drought-stricken California in dust



Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

WARM WINTER: **Local temperatures have reached 80 degrees despite promises of rain.**

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

Ed Heinlein surveys the steep mountainside that has repeatedly unleashed tons of mud into the backyard of his Southern California home since a 2014 wildfire and still hopes the drought-stricken state gets more rain.

"We have to have the rain," said Heinlein, whose home east of Los Angeles has become a poster child for the region's cycle of fire and flood. "It's bad for us but it's desperate for the state."

Heinlein's wish for rain may get answered this weekend, when forecasts call for a strong storm to bring rain and snow throughout California.

Residents had hoped there would be more such forecasts throughout the winter and that by now El Nino-fueled storms would have drenched California with enough water to put a major dent in the drought that is now in its fifth year.

But so far, the periodic ocean-warming phenomenon has left much of the state in the dust, delivering a few quick storms but not yet bringing the legendary rain linked to past El Ninos.

Winter, especially in the southern half of the state, has been dry with summerlike heat suitable for a day at the beach or patio dining.

The National Weather Service says last month was the warmest February in San Diego since record-keeping began in 1875, In Los Angeles it was the second-warmest on the books.

Temperatures hit 80 degrees or higher on 11 days during the month in downtown Los Angeles.

Lack of precipitation has been similarly extreme: Only .79 inch fell downtown, just 21 percent of February's normal 3.8 inches. Since Oct. 1 only 4.99 inches have fallen, nearly 6 inches less than the 10.96 inches normally accumulated by this time.

Rain and snowfall in the weeks ahead would have to be extensive to make up lost ground and ease the drought - even with the current forecast of a series of early March storms heading directly toward California.

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High surf advisory issued for local beaches

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The National Weather Service has issued a high surf warning for Southern California Coastal areas through the weekend.

The advisory calls for an extended period of high surf conditions into early next week with potential damaging surf and moderate coastal flooding by Monday.

A long period west swell has spread through Ventura and Los Angeles counties with an even larger west swell likely to impact west facing beaches from Sunday night through Tuesday.

"During this time ... there will be the potential for damaging surf and significant beach erosion which may require an upgrade to a high surf warning," said the advisory. "The combination of very large surf and projected high tides in excess of 6 feet will also bring the risk of moderate coastal flooding near times of high tide Monday into Tuesday."

Local beaches could see surf of 6 - 10 feet with max sets up to 13 feet across west facing beaches through Sunday night. Monday through Tuesday potentially larger waves of up to 15 feet with max sets of 17 feet are possible.

Surf of 10 to 15 feet with max sets up to 18 feet can be expected in other parts of the region. The Weather Service said even larger surf of up to 20 feet with max sets of 22 feet would be possible.

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Crossroads senior to play soccer at Wesleyan

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

As Ella Larsen pondered the role soccer has played in her life, one particular story came to mind. It involved Riverside, lightning and wet clothing.

Larsen recalled scoring a goal two minutes before a game was canceled due to stormy weather, and her team was credited with the win.

But that's not why the memory sticks out to her.

"I remember sitting in the hotel laundry room, drenched, as my entire team tried to dry our socks,"

SEE **SOCCER** PAGE 6

Barriers to higher education explored

Panel discussion at SMC scheduled for Saturday

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

More than 1,000 Santa Monica College students successfully transferred to University of California campuses in 2014-15, according to college data, and nearly 200 students from SMC made the jump to USC the next fall.

Officials see them as the lucky ones.

The challenge of transferring from a community college to a

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 4

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

March Moves: TheGroove Dance Night with Sarah Marsh
Throughout the month of March, try out a class. All levels welcome. The GROOVE dance fitness class starts with a gentle warm-up that allows time for you to feel out your body in that moment. Cost $5. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/50078. 1450 Ocean Ave., 6 - 7 p.m.

Gemini 8: First Docking in Space, First Close Call for NASA
A Project Gemini 50-year retrospective looks at Neil Armstrong's other spaceflight, Gemini 8, which was to perform the world's first docking between two space vehicles and a spacewalk by future moonwalker Dave Scott, but instead faced an imminently lethal glitch in space. Double bill with Night Sky Show for $11. SMC, Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd., Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., feature show at 8 p.m.

The Dream Orchestra - Rossini's Stabat Mater
The Dream Orchestra, the Opera Chorus of Los Angeles and guest soloists perform Rossini's Stabat Mater and the Second Movement of Górecki's Symphony No. 3, Symphony of Sorrowful Songs. A free Dessert Reception will be presented by Urth Caffé. Admission is $40 general, $30 students/senior citizens. Call (800) 838-3006, or visitbrownpapertickets.com, www.dreamorchestra.org. St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave., 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

Fitbit Local launch
The event will kick off with a free Fitbit bootcamp and yoga class. More than 500 people are expected to attend the kick-off event. Post-workout attendees can enjoy free energy bars and fresh juices. Santa Monica Pier, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Living history tour at Woodlawn Cemetery
In recognition of Women's History Month, Woodlawn Cemetery will present its annual Living History Tour. Costumed guides portraying notable women and men interred at Woodlawn will lead visitors on a tour of the facility, sharing their stories and contributions to culture, history and society. Women who had careers in public service and government will be highlighted during the event. The tour is free of charge. Call (310) 458-8717 for more information. Woodlawn Cemetery, 1847 14th St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Super Seuss-A-Bration! Michael Rayner's found objects juggling show
Calling all Dr. Seuss fans! The Santa Monica Public Library invites you to a Super Seuss-a-Bration, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The celebration begins with a wacky juggling show by Michael Rayner. Fun for the whole family! Seating for the show is limited and on a first arrival basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:15 - 11 a.m.

VITA Tax Assistance
VITA at UCLA is a non-profit organization that provides free tax services to the community. Qualified volunteers assist in filing 2015 Federal and California returns and provide tax consultation. For more information, please visit their site at usac.ucla.edu/vita. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

UCLA

Pancreatic Cancer Symposium

Nearly 200 clinicians, researchers, patients and survivors will come together to showcase and learn about the latest breakthroughs and treatments in pancreatic cancer research at the 12th Annual Agi Hirshberg Symposium held at UCLA on March 5.

Sponsored by the Hirshberg Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research, the 12th Annual Agi Hirshberg Symposium has advanced to become a prominent think tank for pancreatic cancer. As a major resource for the general public that have been affected by pancreatic cancer to include caretakers, patients and their families, the Agi Hirshberg Symposium will deliver pertinent and informed updates in lay-terms from this country's leading doctors and researchers. Pancreatic cancer has the highest mortality rate of all cancers.

The Agi Hirshberg Symposium - organized by the Hirshberg Foundation's Founder, Agi Hirshberg and Dr. Vay Liang Go, MD, Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board - will cover subjects including oncology, surgery, nutrition and genetics.

The Hirshberg Foundation supports one of the largest pancreatic cancer laboratory programs in the country. The Agi Hirshberg Symposium will feature a question & answer session in an intimate session and a complimentary luncheon with all of the presenters.

The 12th Annual Agi Hirshberg Symposium is free and open to the public. Registration is mandatory. For more information and to register, please visit www.pancreatic.org or call (310) 473-5121. Saturday, March 5. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. UCLA Faculty Center, 480 Charles Young Drive, Los Angeles.

For more information about the Hirshberg Foundation and ongoing events, visit www.pancreatic.org or call (310) 473-5121.

- SUBMITTED BY DONALD WILSON

Virginia Avenue Park

Anne Braden: Southern Patriot: A Film Presentation and Discussion

The Committee for Racial Justice will hold its monthly workshop with a film presentation "Anne Braden: Southern Patriot." Braden was an American civil rights activist, journalist, and educator dedicated to the cause of racial equality. The film will be followed by a discussion led by Greg Akili of The Black Workers Center & Black Lives Matter and Jesse Shapiro of AWARE-LA & White People for Black Lives.

The film is a documentary film exploring the extraordinary life and legacy of this American civil rights leader. After she was charged with sedition for attempting to desegregate a Louisville, Kentucky, neighborhood in 1954, Braden used the attacks to turn herself "inside out" and embrace a lifetime of racial justice organizing matched by few whites in American history.

The discussion following the film will touch on how Blacks and Whites are organizing today to eliminate racism. This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice.

Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park. For more information, call (310) 422-5431. March 6, Thelma Terry Building, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., free workshop, 6 - 8:30 p.m. (potluck supper at 6 p.m. and program at 6:30 p.m.)

- SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Sock animals with Leslie Robinson

Join artist Leslie Robinson to create a one-of-a-kind creature in this fun two-part class. Cost: $35. 1450 Ocean Ave., 12 - 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

Audio Bloggers Live!

Audio Bloggers Live! brings together some of the world's top audio bloggers and alternative educators in the field of music recording for a very special one day charity event. Live workshops, panels and a chance to network with and meet many of the bloggers and manufacturers in person. 100% of the net proceeds from Audio Bloggers Live will go to support Phoenix House. Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Connections Through Art

Elsabet Mesfin created Connections Through Art to help further promote Ethiopian artists. The March art wall exhibit expresses the lifestyle and natural beauty of Ethiopia. The images show both traditional and modern scenes. A portion of all sales goes directly to the artists. The show take place at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica, 1260 18th Street, 12 - 1:30 p.m. Free.

Edgemar arts show

Jennifer Verge and Stephanie Visser will be featured in two solo exhibitions at the Edgemar Center for the Arts. Verge's exhibition "Believe in the Magic" will showcase her mixed media works on wood. Visser's exhibition entitled "Rhapsody in Blu" will feature her abstract paintings. 2437 Main Street, 4-7 p.m. RSVP to info@edgemar.org. Call (310) 392-7327 or visit www.edgemarcenter.org for more information.

Hatmakers Lab with Leslie Robinson

Join milliner Leslie Robinson as she works on her own hats in this drop-in hatmaking laboratory. A small number of head blocks and sewing equipment provided to share; ribbons, notions, and blank hoods available for purchase. Some hatmaking experience required, but beginners can get started by making a fascinator with Leslie. This is an open session, where participants learn at their own pace how to create hats from felts, straw and other materials. 1450 Ocean, 1:15 - 4:15 p.m., cost is $20, call (310) 458-2239 or visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/49524 to register

Julia Morgan Legacy Event

Morgan takes center stage as SM Conservancy docents highlight her contributions to the Beach House and beyond. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: March 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 15ARB-0135: 1681 26th Street (2701 Olympic Blvd.): Creative Office
- 15ARB-0221: 1332 2nd Street: Theater/Restaurants
- 15ARB-0237: 1919 Santa Monica Boulevard: Medical Office/Café
- 15ARB-0404: 901 Wilshire Boulevard: Office
- 15ARB-0467: 3001 Wilshire Boulevard: Retail
- 15ARB-0469: 3008 Santa Monica Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 16ARB-0049: 1345 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
- 16ARB-0077: 1413 3rd Street Promenade: Retail

CONCEPT REVIEWS: None

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail grace.page@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines, 2, 3, Rapid #3, 7, & 9 serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SUMMONS

MICHAEL ROCCA v. VK ATLANTIC, LLC
CASE NUMBER 2:15-CV-8993-DMG-FFM

TO: DEFENDANT(S): **VK Atlantic, LLC**

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

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When: **Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

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Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Make Donald Drumpf again

THREE DAYS AGO WAS SUPER TUESDAY, which was super for Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, each of whom won primaries in seven states, and to a much lesser degree for Bernie Sanders and Ted Cruz. Marco Rubio also won the caucus in Minnesota, reminding me of the expression "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut once in a while."

But the overriding conclusion from Tuesday is that Donald Trump will be the GOP nominee. But don't get me wrong, I want Trump to win his party's nomination. I think.

That brings me to John Oliver who, in his HBO show Last Week Tonight, skewered Donald Trump hilariously. Apparently Trump, in getting even with Jon Stewart whose Daily Show often lampooned The Donald, tweeted that Stewart had changed his last name from Leibowitz and suggested that "He should be proud of his heritage."

Well, thanks to Oliver, we now learn that the Trump family name was originally Drumpf.

In a brilliant 20-minute rant, exposed Trump (or should I say Drumpf?) for his excessive hypocrisy. (Google "Oliver Destroys Trump" and get ready to laugh.)

Mitt Romney has called Drumpf a phony and a fraud and said his promises are as worthless as a degree from Trump University. But frankly, it's hard to see a way to stop Drumpf from getting the nomination. This despite gaffes that would have obliterated others. The latest came when CNN's Jake Tapper asked The Donald if he would disavow David Duke's support or the support of white supremacist groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

Instead of saying "I reject all support from hate groups," Drumpf lied. "I don't know anything about David Duke or white supremacists." Really? In 2000, Drumpf said "David Duke is a bigot." The next day Drumpf said the whole problem was the earpiece he was given by CNN was cheap and faulty. That makes "The dog ate my homework" sound plausible.

Contrary to popular opinion, Trump has obvious insecurities. Anybody who brags incessantly about his wealth, or spends 90 minutes a day preparing his hair, or is vengeful at the least slight, clearly has "issues." As for the KKK fiasco, I think it's simply that Drumpf didn't want to turn away votes, racist or otherwise. And clearly Trump is the candidate for racists.

But why did Drumpf say John McCain was no war hero? Perhaps it was because moderator Frank Luntz had praised McCain and not Drumpf. Afterwards The Donald lied saying that he did say McCain was a war hero. And he did. Except he said it sarcastically. "Yeah, John McCain is a war hero" as if to say "Give me a break."

Drumpf also lied to Carly Fiorina. He said Fiorina's face was too ugly to be president. (Is Donald the world's shallowest man?) But, on the debate stage, Drumpf said shamelessly, "I personally think Carly has a beautiful face and is beautiful on the inside." The moment was so completely false it was cringe worthy.

The David Duke fiasco brought criticism of Drumpf. Referring to bigotry, House Speaker Paul Ryan said, "If a person wants to be the nominee of the Republican party there can be no evasion and no games." Drumpf responded in a free-wheeling press conference, "I'll get along fine with Ryan" adding like a schoolyard bully, "and if not, he'll pay a big price, okay?" (Threatening the Speaker of the House?)

Standing behind Drumpf, was a mournful-looking Chris Christie who has the lowest polls numbers in New Jersey Governor's history. With eyes darting back and forth, Christie looked more like a hostage than a supporter. On the campaign trail Christie had said frequently, "Donald has no business running for president," and questioned Drumpf's disturbing volatile temperament and stunning policy ignorance.

Drumpf has praised ruthless dictators such as Putin, Hussein and Kim Jong-il and proudly repeated a quote of Benito Mussolini. In defense, he said "They all were leaders," causing some to call Drumpf the "American Caesar." Meanwhile, Donald Jr. gave a radio interview to a white supremacist whose goal is "to grow the percentage of Whites in the world." Yikes!

Since last June, Drumpf has been an equal opportunity vulgarian, insulting, among others: Mexicans, women, blacks, Muslims, Chinese, the Pope, John McCain and the disabled. His motto could be "Make American Hate Again." Internationally, when Time Magazine made Angela Merkel their Person of the Year, like a spoiled child, Drumpf tweeted petulantly, "She's ruining Germany."

I shudder at the thought of Drumpf at a Summit or, worse, dealing with something like the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Heaven help us if Drumpf's finger gets in the same room as the nuclear button.

In closing, please forgive me if this column isn't high quality. I had a faulty ear piece. Obviously, that makes zero sense. If you ask me, it didn't when Drumpf used it, either.

For more, go to www.Trumpquestions.com and for a very funny video Google "Trump Producers." Jack is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Rooting against a new Big Blue Bus route

Editor:

I live on Ocean Avenue in Venice, and very recently Big Blue Bus decided to use our street as part of a regular route. This was not ever communicated to the residents on our street. More importantly, we are not aware of an impact study being conducted prior to around noise/air pollution.

Ocean Avenue is a two lane residential avenue. At the entrance of Ocean and Venice, there is signage prohibiting vehicles over 6,000 pounds. The Big Blue Bus weighs between 20,000 and 30,000 pounds and the avenue is not built for these types of vehicles.

Ocean Avenue is so narrow that when two Big Blue Buses come against each other, one has to completely stop for fear that their side mirrors may hit one another. This is a clear sign that the road is not built to accommodate such vehicles. Also, how does this provide room for bicyclists? It is clear that this was not a clearly thought out solution on behalf of BBB.

Lastly, I'm sure the residents on this street (of which I am one) would all agree that the Big Blue Bus traversing on streets like Abbot Kinney, where the commercial businesses would benefit from increased eye balls, is a far better benefit to the community as a whole than people riding on a residential street.

Please help our voices be heard.

Donya Mogadam
Venice

FILM REVIEW

THE WAVE (BOLGEN)

Rated R
104 Minutes
Released March 4

Currently screening at the Nuart West Los Angeles

The Wave (Bolgen) is a Norwegian gem of a movie that exists as proof that a great disaster film does not need to boast an A-List star to thrill its audience, nor does it even need to be spoken in the language of its audience. The Wave is indeed one of the best disaster movies I've ever seen. It is set on a more intimate scale than is normal for that genre. Writer/director Roar Uthaug seems to be an instinctive master storyteller. No scene goes on more than a second longer than necessary. Just enough is revealed from minute to minute to keep you on the edge of your plush new theatre seat, rooting for the characters, whose every word you hang on in spite of the fact that they are speaking Norwegian.

Uthaug started his career by making his first film in the 8th grade. As a teen he also made music videos set to his own compositions. His concept of the rhythm and musicality of film assuredly adds to his ability to establish a continuous and graceful visual thread that unravels with a heartbeat cadence in the storyline. The cinematography by John Christian Rosenlund would make a gorgeous travel film by itself without any story behind it. Rosenlund had worked with the director on his film Cold Prey. The sound track and editing are also superb and add to the drama. Composer Magnus Belte worked with Uthaug on Cold Prey and editor Christian Siebenherz was part of his team on Escape.

The actors have such rich and vibrant skills that you can perceive easily what they are saying. It is only necessary to glance briefly at the subtitles from time to time for confirmation. Kristoffer Joner has star quality as the sympathetic protagonist, a flawed yet highly sympathetic manager at an Emergency Warning System Base, and devoted Dad. In fact, none of these characters is perfect, adding to the realistic quality of the tale. Mom "Idun", played by Ane Dahl Torp, is tough and strong - maybe too tough. However her somewhat overpowering personality is instrumental in her survival and that of her son, in an almost impossible situation. Jonas Hoff Oftebro, in an excellent performance as son "Sondre" plays an adventurous, ebullient teen whose personality still harbors the hidden fearfulness of his childhood years. Daughter "Julia" (Edith Haagenrud-Sande) has the wide-eyed razor quick adaptability of a child, which makes her more courageous in a dire situation than some of the adults. The whole cast is a great ensemble. It is astounding to think that they willingly did most of their own stunts on this shoot for director Uthaug.

The outdoor scenes were filmed in the actual area where the story is set, the Geiranger Fiord in Norway. This fiord has some of the steepest mountains in that country, sheer cliffs rising straight out of the water. Incidentally, it is also a Unesco World Heritage site.

The Wave will have a limited release in the US. It is worth your time to see it. It's one of the best films in a season of remarkably great movies.

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SOCCER

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she said. "I just love the communal, team aspect of this sport. I have never found it anywhere else."

Larsen won't have to go searching for a tight-knit community when she heads off to college — the Crossroads School senior secured one when she decided to join the women's soccer program at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Larsen said she considered other liberal arts colleges like Vassar and Pomona as well as Ivy League universities Yale and Brown, but she ultimately determined that Wesleyan was "the perfect blend" for her academic and athletic needs.

"I just loved the Wesleyan vibe," said Larsen, who is interested in fiction writing and acting. "It was so cozy but also academically stimulating. I'm just in love."

Larsen will develop her skills under coach Eva Meredith, who recently completed her 12th season at the helm. Wesleyan, a Division III school and one of the founding members of the NCAA, went 6-7-2 overall and 3-5-2 in the New England Small College Athletic Conference this past season.

Larsen will join a roster that also includes Ella Sinfield, a Santa Monica High School alumna who saw action in 12 games for the Cardinals as a freshman this year.

"I don't actually know her, but I know of her because we are literally the same person," Larsen joked. "Our parents email each other and use 'my Ella' and 'your Ella' to differentiate."

For Larsen, Wesleyan is the next stop on a soccer journey that began when she was in kindergarten. All of her friends were playing, she said, and she wanted to join them.

But by the time she left Lycee Francais de Los Angeles for high school at Crossroads, most of her friends had given up the sport for other hobbies.

Larsen kept at it. She played club in Santa Monica United and started for most of her four-year career with the Roadrunners.

Heading into her last high school home game, Larsen was bummed that Crossroads wouldn't be advancing to the playoffs after a challenging season. But it was a night to remember nonetheless — not just because her coach spoke glowingly about the graduating seniors or because the underclassmen decorated the locker room. Larsen scored a hat trick, and one of the goals came on an assist from her younger sister.

Larsen said she's worried about getting down on herself when she starts playing at Wesleyan and that she might not feel the urgency this summer to prepare for college soccer. It's why she's thankful for how her campaign with the Crossroads squad wrapped up.

"I'm so happy it ended that way because it gave me a nice healthy confidence boost for next year," she said.

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HEAT

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Scientists say a dome of high pressure has kept the El Nino storm track well to the north, helping build vital snowpacks in the Sierra Nevada and elsewhere in West but leaving the southern half of the Golden State mostly hot and very dry.

The lack of rain has made it easy to think of El Nino as having come and gone.

"We were ready for it," said Megan McAteer, 32, as she pushed a stroller carrying her 4-month-old son through the Los Feliz neighborhood of Los Angeles on a sunny day. "I was looking forward to (rain) because it's nice to be inside and be all cozy sometimes."

Skiers celebrated a long-awaited coating of snow in Southern California's mountains earlier this year but have since watched it melt away.

"Temporarily closed. Waiting for new snow," the Mountain High ski resort northeast of Los Angeles posted Sunday on Facebook, two days after Mount Waterman to the west stopped running its lifts.

The wait for fresh snow may not be long, however.

The National Weather Service predicts a major change in the pattern by week's end as the jet stream finally takes aim at California with a series of storms expected to bring extensive rain, mountain snow, high winds and big surf.

"March has come in like a lamb but it's going to show its teeth and transform into a lion by the time we get into early next week," meteorologist Mark Moede said in a video briefing from the San Diego office of the weather service.

Authorities responsible for preparing citizens for bad weather, especially vulnerable populations such as the elderly and homeless, haven't been idle during the dry period.

"We're hosting seminars, workshops, training, and we hope that people will find the time to get prepared because when these disasters hit there's no advance notice," said Ken Kondo, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management.

Heinlein, the Azusa resident plagued by debris flows in his backyard, noted on a hot afternoon early this week that El Nino may still prove to be a bust.

"But if I had to bet money I would just say it's the calm before the storm," he said.

AP writer Amanda Lee Myers contributed to this report.

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Santa Monica-Malibu
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By Virginia I. Hyatt
Purchasing Director

SURF

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Officials said there is an increased risk for drowning due to large surf and strong rip currents.

"Sneaker waves can suddenly wash people off of beaches and rock jetties," said the advisory. "The extended period of high surf will also bring the risk of significant beach erosion. During the peak of this surf event from Sunday night through Tuesday morning ... there will also be a threat of damage to coastal structures such as piers."

Moderate coastal flooding into beach parking lots, beach campgrounds and roadways is possible.

The highest surf is expected on West and Northwest facing beaches. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to shore until free and swimmers are encouraged to always swim near a lifeguard station.

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COLLEGE

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four-year university is among the topics to be explored during a public forum and panel discussion on higher education at 10 a.m. March 5 at SMC.

"There are a lot of barriers," said Joanne Leavitt of the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica. "It isn't as easy as it looks on paper."

Co-sponsored by the local league chapter and the college's Public Policy Institute, the free event will aim to examine those barriers. Attendees will hear from students, educators, administrators and State Sen. Ben Allen about the current status of post-secondary education in California. Allen, a Santa Monica High School alumnus, is a former member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education.

The panel will also include Patricia Ramos, the SMC dean of workforce and economic development, and Janet Robinson, an SMC alumna who leads the college's transfer center.

SMC board chair Louise Jaffe and Public Policy Institute co-director Shari Davis, both active members of the local league, will moderate the discussion. A question-and-answer session will follow.

"How do state funding, affordability and equity intersect to provide access to California's system of public higher education?" Jaffe said in a press release. "Where are we today? Where do we need to be? And, how can we get there?"

The program is part of an ongoing consensus-building effort by the League of Women Voters, a nonprofit political organization that promotes active participation in government through education and advocacy. Local league chapters have been holding study sessions to analyze education-related issues, including preparedness, access and financial aid as well as more personal issues like housing, transportation and child care.

The Santa Monica chapter on April 9 will hold a consensus meeting, feedback from which will be forwarded to a state committee, Leavitt said. Organization leaders will then develop a position statement to be adopted by the board before the end of the calendar year. The position statement strengthens the group's legislative advocacy efforts on behalf of the state's students, Leavitt said.

"We're really interested in student input," she said. "They know about barriers that we would never have thought of."

League discussions are grounded in statistics. Just 45 percent of high school graduates went to college in 1960, according to research cited by league officials, but that number was 70 percent as of 2009. The percentage of the UC budget covered by state funding dropped from 76 percent in 1989-90 to 48 percent in 2014-15, data show.

The upcoming forum at SMC will be held in the Humanities and Social Sciences lecture hall No. 165. RSVP to ppi@smc.edu. Parking is free at the college. Seating is on a first-arrival basis.

"What programs are available in our community for students who do not really want a four-year degree right now?" reads a league notice about the event. "How does this transfer program from a community college to the [California State University] or UC system really work? Are the CSU and UC campuses meeting their target under the old Master Plan? Does the Master Plan still work? And, finally, what is the state legislature doing to help solve these problems?"

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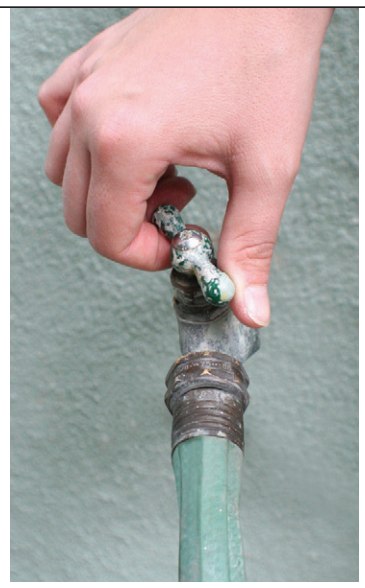
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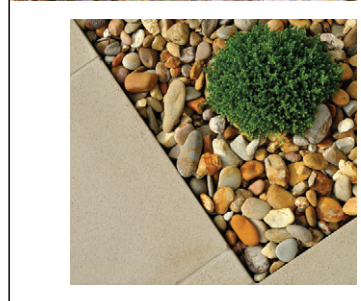


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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **63.1°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6ft
Good size WNW swell fills in. Strongest for winter standouts to far west. Minimal SSW swell. Light AM wind.

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6ft
West-WNW swell holds to slowly eases. Strongest for winter standouts to far west - smaller Malibu through Sunset Beach. Small SSW swell mixing in. Light AM wind.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Fading West-WNW swell in AM< some new WNW swell may build late. Strongest for winter standouts to far west - smaller Malibu through Sunset Beach. Small SSW swell mixing in. Onshore W wind may build.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON FEB. 25 AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M.

A city worker was staffing the Senior Center at the 1400 block of Palisades Park and saw the suspect approaching a cordoned-off area. The worker told the suspect he could not be there and asked him to leave. As the suspect began walking past the worker, he suddenly struck the worker's face with his elbow and forearm. The worker followed the suspect to the pier, where Santa Monica police officers detained him. The suspect was then taken into custody and booked at the Santa Monica jail. Jacob Charles Adams, 33, homeless, had bail set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 329 calls for service on March 2.

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

Traffic collision Ocean/Adelaide 12:11 a.m.
Burglary 200 block of Santa Monica 12:47 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block of Lincoln 6:47 a.m.
Hit and run 1900 block of 17th 7:11 a.m.
Traffic hazard 10th/Grant 8:29 a.m.
Domestic violence 1100 block of 7th 8:51 a.m.
Grand theft 200 block of Santa Monica 8:59 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block of Lincoln 10:19 a.m.
Traffic collision 400 block of Broadway 10:33 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block of Santa Monica 11:11 a.m.
Person down 200 block of Pico 11:17 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block of Delaware 11:21 a.m.
Petty theft 500 block of Wilshire 11:52 a.m.
Theft suspect arrested 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:21 p.m.
Elder abuse 1700 block of 9th 12:51 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:52 p.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 1800 block of Colorado 1:26 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1700 block of Main 1:31 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Wilshire 1:34 p.m.
Panhandling Santa Monica 2:35 p.m.
Traffic collision 400 block of Pico 2:54 p.m.
Traffic hazard Neilson/Hart 2:57 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Broadway 3:08 p.m.
Threats 1200 block of Wilshire 3:31 p.m.
Indecent exposure Lincoln/Michigan 3:31 p.m.
Vandalism 200 block of Ocean 3:42 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block of Wilshire 4:38 p.m.
Speeding 10th/Montana 5:03 p.m.
Hit and run 3200 block of Pico 5:04 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 900 block of 10th 5:09 p.m.
Person with a gun 1300 block of Lincoln 5:26 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 800 block of 6th 5:26 p.m.
Vandalism 500 block of Broadway 5:42 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block of 9th 6:16 p.m.
Fraud 200 block of Ocean 6:47 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block of California 6:52 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 6:56 p.m.
Hit and run 1000 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 7:05 p.m.
Bike theft 1900 block of Santa Monica 7:06 p.m.
Petty theft 400 block of Broadway 7:22 p.m.
Construction noise 2400 block of Arizona 7:28 p.m.
Identity theft 1100 block of Montana 7:31 p.m.
Shots fired 2200 block of Ashland 7:34 p.m.
Burglary 2300 block of 4th 7:50 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 1000 block of Yale 7:54 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1900 block of Lincoln 8:12 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 38 calls for service on March 2.

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Automatic alarm 2200 block of Colorado 1 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 16th 1:55 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 11th 4:59 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 2nd 5:05 a.m.
EMS intersection of Main/Marine 5:18 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 14th 6:09 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1800 block of Franklin 7:43 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Bay 7:48 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 8:46 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 5th 9:39 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Pico 11:17 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of 21st 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 6th 12:33 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 15th 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 7th 2:07 p.m.
EMS 0:00:00 block of Colorado 2:28 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Pico 3:01 p.m.
EMS intersection of 14th/Wilshire 3:46 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of 17th 4:03 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 4:16 p.m.
EMS intersection of 20th/Colorado 4:34 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Pico 4:38 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 7th 5:01 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Lincoln 5:20 p.m.
EMS 300 block of 17th 5:59 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 6:12 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Montana 6:20 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 11th 6:32 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 7:13 p.m.
Injuries from assault 1900 block of Lincoln 8:18 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of California 9:05 p.m.
EMS intersection of Cloverfield/Interstate 10 9:31 p.m.
Assist LAFD intersection of Oceanfront Walk/Rose 9:40 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Wilshire 9:41 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 900 block of 15th 10:49 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Highland 10:53 p.m.
Fire out investigation 500 block of Wilshire 11:04 p.m.

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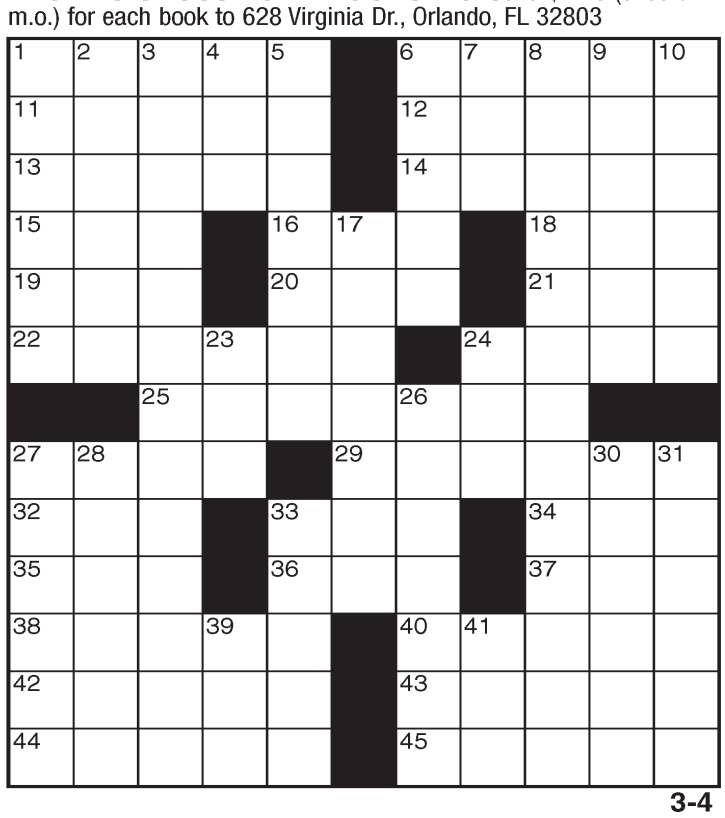
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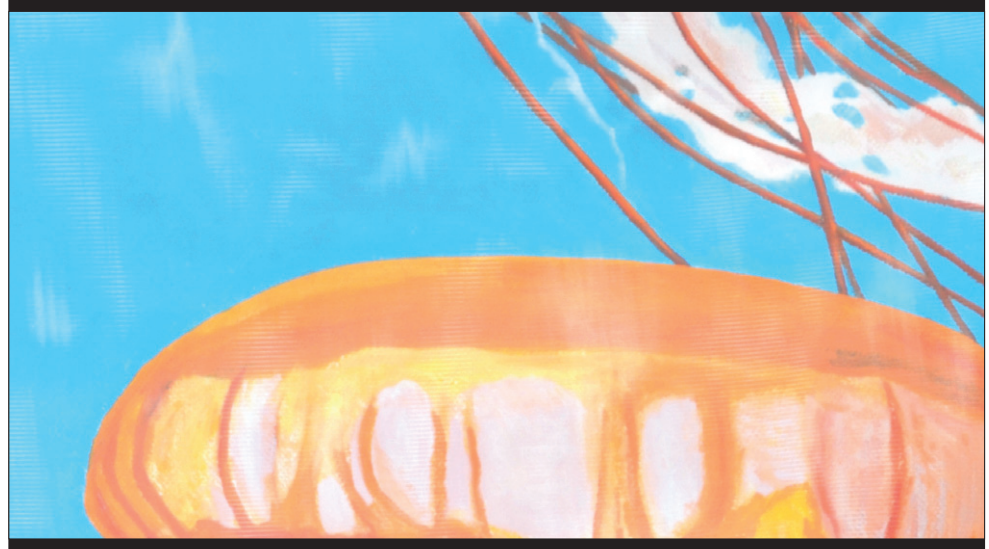
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1908 – The Collinwood school fire, Collinwood near Cleveland, Ohio, kills 174 people.

1909 – U.S. President William Taft used what became known as a Saxbe fix, a mechanism to avoid the restriction of the U.S. Constitution's Ineligibility Clause, to appoint Philander C. Knox as U.S. Secretary of State

1913 – First Balkan War: The Greek army engages the Turks at Bizani, resulting in victory two days later.

1913 – The United States Department of Labor is formed.

1917 – Jeannette Rankin of Montana becomes the first female member of the United States House of Representatives.

1918 – The USS Cyclops departs from Barbados and is never seen again, presumably lost with all hands in the Bermuda Triangle.

1933 – Frances Perkins becomes United States Secretary of Labor, the first female member of the United States Cabinet.

1941 – World War II: The United Kingdom launches Operation Claymore on the Lofoten Islands; the first large scale British Commando raid.

1943 – World War II: The Battle of the Bismarck Sea in the south-west Pacific comes to an end.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The much-maligned pigeon was recently found by researchers to be as skilled as humans at distinguishing between slides of benign versus malignant human breast tissue. Writing in the journal PLOS ONE, specialists from the University of Iowa and University of California, Davis lauded the birds' processing of color, contrast, brightness and image compression, marveling that pigeons see more wavelengths of light than humans, even though their brains are one-thousandth the size. (Birds are already known to distinguish "hostile" humans in celebrated dive-pecking incidents.)

■ A near-certain robbery of the PNC Bank in Zebulon, North Carolina, on Jan. 28 was prevented, with employees treated to an almost-slapstick scene in which the bank manager kept the suspect outside by winning a tug-of-war for control of the front door. The manager had grabbed the door after noticing an armed, masked man approaching from the parking lot just after the bank opened. (The frustrated perp fled empty-handed, but was at large.)

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Take a step back, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your willingness to adjust and transform will help you regain your position in a power play. You still could be reactive to a situation, and your reaction might create even more uproar. An exciting opportunity comes through your daily routine. Tonight: Take a step back, then decide.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your imagination rarely has limits. In fact, you might find that staying centered while working with someone is a very dynamic and interesting prospect. Unexpected thoughts come forward that might force you to see whether your instincts are right-on. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ One-on-one relating draws many people toward you. You might want to reconsider a recent conversation. It appears as if you have a strong feeling about what works best for you. As a result, you'll see dynamic results. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one or a dear friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, and be more sensitive to their needs. You could be surprised by how much you have projected your expectations onto them. Do a better job of listening, and you'll be a better, more caring person. Tonight: Go along with someone else's request.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, and you will do it as long as you are willing to adapt your schedule. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Be willing to take action immediately if you want to grab an opportunity before it vanishes. Tonight: Join a co-worker.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity allows you to move forward in a direction that appeals to you. A loved one will demonstrates his or her caring in a way that will mean a lot to you. You could be surprised by someone else's unexpected words or actions. Tonight: Let your guard down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Consider taking the day off or working from home. You have pushed so hard to achieve a certain goal that you could be a lot more tired than you realize. The unexpected electrifies you; use the surge well. A partner will be full of surprises. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Emphasize communication in order to achieve your goals. Your ability to network appears to have excelled, as you have so many people around you. Share some of your offbeat ideas with a dear friend who encourages you to open up more. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Be aware of what is possible, and choose your direction with care. You have a way of handling funds while taking risks that amazes certain people who are close to you. You are changing your position financially, and with it your status. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You beam in much more of what you want because you communicate in a very clear way. You also could be trying to express an unusually creative idea. Try as you may, several people still won't get it. Your domestic life seems to have a tenuous quality to it. Tonight: Just ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Slow down and do a better job of understanding what comes next. You sometimes race through what you have to do, but you miss some details that could be important. Return a call to a loved one who you care a lot about. Tonight: In the thick of the moment.

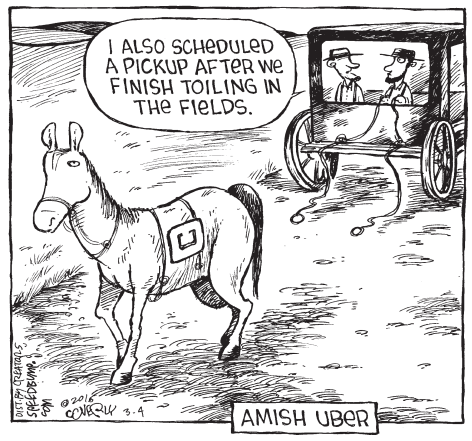
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others defer to you, as they sense that you have a better indication of what will come next. Be willing to revise your plans, especially if a friend needs you to adapt. You might have gone overboard in trying to make an impression. Tonight: Someone finds you lovable.

Friday, March 4, 2016

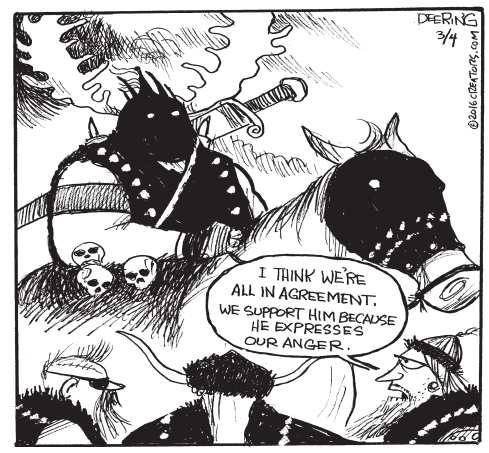
This year you respond to others as you rarely have been able to. Your ability to empathize and understand others is enhanced. One friend will become far more open with you and will share a lot of his or her thought process. If you are single, many wannabe suitors surround you. Only you can decide which person you would be happiest with. Do not let others influence your decision. If you are attached, the two of you will continue to grow closer together. You also could achieve a mutual long-term goal. PISCES picks up on your moods, even when you don't!

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

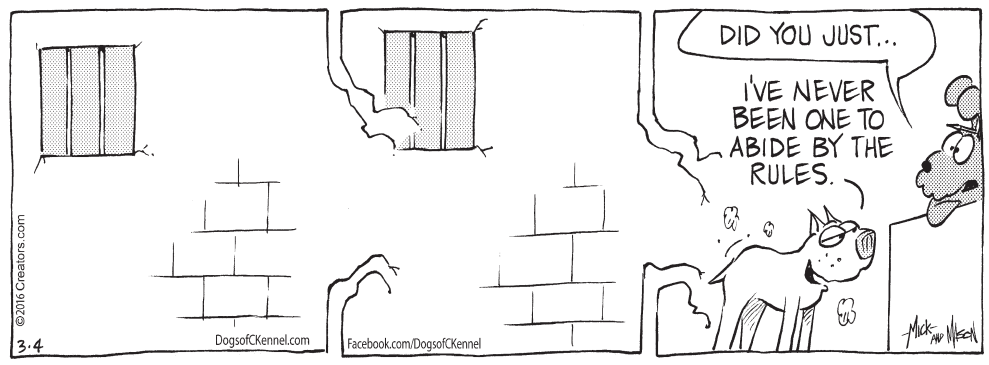
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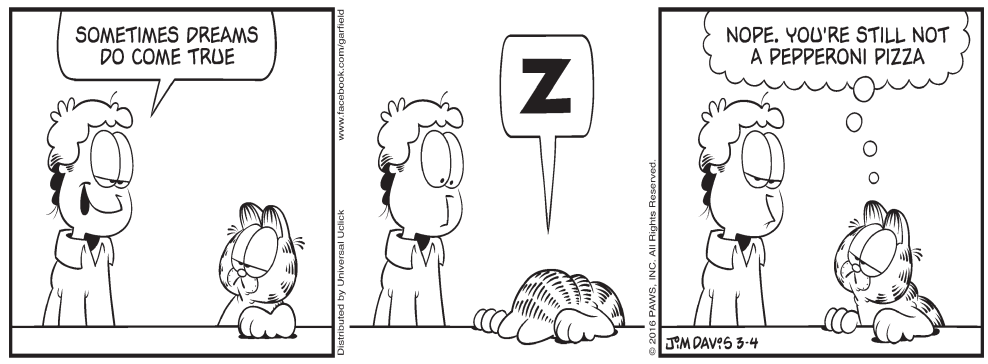
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