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Mechur to run for SMMUSD board re-election

Architect's priorities include achievement gap closure, Malibu issues

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Ralph Mechur plans to campaign to keep his seat on the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education.

The architect and longtime Santa Monica resident, whose term expires in December, told the Daily Press last week that he intends to run for re-election.

Mechur said he's motivated by the local school district's ongoing

attempts to close academic achievement gaps and its efforts to resolve issues surrounding the possible creation of a separate Malibu district.

"I'm excited about the work we're doing, providing equitable

services for all students," he said. "I look forward to continuing to serve the community and our kids. ... I look forward to being able to continue to be part of the governance team to help this be a stronger district."

Mechur, 66, is one of three school board members whose terms are up at the end of the calendar year, joining Jose Escarcé and Maria Leon-Vazquez. The

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STEM-ing out over spring break

Zaniac offers a unique way for kids to learn, play during school hiatus



Courtesy photo

TECHNOLOGY: A Santa Monica facility is offering a tech themed spring break for students.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

If your kid is going to be spending their spring break playing Minecraft they may as well be gaining something more out of it than expanding their imaginary world.

Enter Zaniac, a company that offers STEM enrichment after-school programs and camps for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The organization aims to deliver a math and science experience that engages, motivates, and excites kids while

making their parents proud about providing them with a real academic advantage.

The STEM-based learning program has a campus in Santa Monica that will be hosting spring break camps March 21 - April 1 to give students a chance to keep learning over their break, while still having fun.

During the camps kids will do activities such as LEGO robotics, tinkering, 3D printing, computer programming and play the addictive

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BOYS BASKETBALL:

Stellar season ends for Samohi

Vikings fall in first round of CIF state tournament



Morgan Genser

LOSS: Santa Monica High School finished its season with a loss to Washington Prep this week. Pictured is Jonah Mathews who helped Samohi finish the season with a record of 10-0 in league play and 29-3 overall.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

One of the best seasons in Santa Monica High boys basketball history has come to an end.

The Vikings fell 64-60 to Los Angeles-Washington Prep in the first round of the CIF Division II state tournament Wednesday night on the road, a bitter finale for a sweet campaign.

It was the first loss in nearly three months for Samohi, which days earlier had won a Southern Section championship in dramatic fashion.

Those accolades were not lost on the players, several of whom took to Twitter after the defeat to reflect on a year in which they posted a 29-3 record, engineered a 24-game winning streak and captured the program's second section title in four seasons.

"No matter what this team will be my family forever," star senior Jonah Mathews wrote.

"Great season this year boys," sophomore Rip Economou wrote.

"Forever Champions," junior Daniel Schrier added.

Heading into the campaign, the Vikings appeared to be in trouble. They knew they would have to

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 11

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March Moves: Bollywood Bhangra Beats

Learn basic moves, then ramp up to a heart-pumping, hopping Indian dance incorporating choreography in the Bollywood and Bhangra styles of the Indian subcontinent. Cost \$5. 1450 Ocean Ave., 6 - 7 p.m.

The Difference Between Astronomy and Astrology

Gemini 50-year retrospective continues & guest lecturer Shelley R. Bonus takes on astrology at SMC's Drescher Planetarium. Bonus will give her lively take on the relationship between astronomy and astrology, two once-synonymous, but now-sundered ways of looking at the sky. Double bill with Night Sky Show only \$11. 1900 Pico Blvd., Night Sky Show 7 p.m., Main Show 8 p.m.

Basketball: SMPD Guardians vs. Boys & Girls Club

Join your SMPD family and community friends as the SMPD Guardians play a fun basketball game against the Boys & Girls Club basketball team. There will be a contest for spectator kids, free hot dogs after the game and giveaways. Boys & Girls Club, 1238 Lincoln Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

EGG

EGG is a delightful new family show by the acclaimed Cahoots NI from Belfast, Northern Ireland. Directed by Cahoots NI co-founder and artistic director Paul Mc Eneaney, with music by Garth McConaghie, EGG is an ovular extravaganza - a musical non-verbal and theatrical flight of the imagination that unfolds on a tiny magical, rustic set. Cost: \$15. Tickets can be purchased online at thebroadstage.com or by phone at (310) 434-3200. The Edye Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., 10 a.m. and 12 p.m.

ERIC Cup Beach Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

On the sand between Ashland & Pier Ave. We want to raise awareness of skin cancer prevention. For more information visit www.laout.org. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

10th Annual SM Airport ArtWalk

Explore more than 60 artist studios with art and ceramic demonstrations, theater, art workshops, live music, food trucks. For more information call 310-458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/airportartwalk. Airport Park, 12 - 5 p.m.

STEAM Machines

Celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics with a "Rube Goldberg Machine Competition." For more information call 310-458-8901 or visit www.santamoniacapier.org. Santa Monica Pier, 12 - 5 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Concert: Santa Monica Youth Orchestra

"Traveling Symphony" drops by for an outdoor concert that celebrates the value of keeping art alive. Seating is first come, first served. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 2 - 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Santa Monica History Museum to participate in Smithsonian Museum Day Live!

The Santa Monica History Museum will be participating in Smithsonian magazine's Museum Day Live! on Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the museum at 1350 7th Street. All guests with a Smithsonian Museum Day Live! ticket will be admitted to the museum free of charge. Guests can register for free tickets online at: www.smithsonianmag.com/museum-day/museum-day-live-march-2016/tickets/

In addition to the permanent exhibition detailing the founding and growth of the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica History Museum is currently offering a special exhibit celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Aero Theater.

Smithsonian magazine's Museum Day Live! is an annual event that encourages visiting local museums and cultural institutions. This special edition event is also focused on providing an opportunity to the public, especially women and girls, throughout the U.S. to enjoy and share in our nation's dynamic heritage and cultural life. For more information call (310) 395-2290.

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

UCLA Medical Center

Myths and facts about organ donation

With thousands on waiting lists for organ transplants, organ donation is a generous and worthwhile decision. But misinformation abounds that prevents many from a decision that may save up to eight

lives and many others through tissue donation.

To dispel myths and answer questions about organ donation, UCLA Health is holding a free seminar and panel discussion to educate the community. The panel includes medical experts from UCLA transplant programs, a man who received a donated liver as well as a kidney donated by a "living donor," his wife, and a representative from an organ procurement organization.

"Organ donation is understandably a difficult topic to address, and most difficult if you are in a hospital room facing this decision on behalf of a loved one," said Holly Maino, RN, transplant coordinator at the UCLA Liver and Intestine Transplant program. "That's why it's so important to consider the option beforehand."

The free seminar is on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica Auditorium, 1250 16th Street, Santa Monica. Reservations are required. To register, call (800) 516-5323.

- SUBMITTED BY SIMI SINGER, MARKETING AND MEDIA RELATIONS ANALYST, UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

Citywide

Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will conduct a Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations with focused enforcement efforts on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The police department identifies locations where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike

and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Field enforcement operations will take place on Sunday, March 13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Officers will be looking for violations by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals and failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA.

Pacific Palisades

Court orders pizza company to pay taxes

A federal judge has ordered that Evnol, Inc., which operates Palisades Pizza, and the company's owner, Christopher H. Bandt, timely file payroll tax returns and pay payroll taxes.

In an order filed on March 7, United States District Judge Manuel L. Real entered a permanent injunction requiring Evnol and Bandt to timely file payroll tax returns and pay any payroll taxes that

accrue.

According to the civil lawsuit filed by the United States, Evnol has repeatedly failed to timely file payroll tax returns or pay payroll taxes.

"Since the third quarter of 2007, Evnol has repeatedly failed to comply with its employment tax obligations despite repeated efforts by the IRS to bring it into compliance," said the government's lawsuit. "Specifically, Evnol consistently failed to meet its obligations to make complete federal employment tax deposits and routinely failed to file timely employment and unemployment tax returns."

The permanent injunction entered by the Court requires the defendants to stay current on their federal employment tax obligations.

Judge Real issued a default judgment against Evnol and Bandt, in part, because of "their refusal to participate in this litigation," Judge Real wrote in his order.

United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker complimented the revenue officer of IRS Field Collection for investigating and preparing the civil case.

"Without the hard work of the IRS and the continued flow of tax revenue, government could not function," said Decker. "Now that tax season is upon us, this case is an important reminder that everyone meet their obligations and file accurate tax returns in a timely manner."

- SUBMITTED BY WESLEY HSU, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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Sunday, March 13

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market is a well balanced blend of Certified

California Farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, entertainment and children's activities as well as local retail. 2640 Main St., 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Join urban sketcher and watercolorist Timothy Kitz in a six week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels. Tim will share tips about both medium

and technique while going through weekly exercises to hone your vision, perspective and brush skills. Drop-In participation is available for \$30. 1450 Ocean Ave., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Linocut Greeting Cards with Zeina Baltagi

Carve a linoleum printing block with the message of your choice to make greeting cards, gift tags or bookplates. Cost:

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TheGROOVE Dance

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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O.J. kills Trump... for a day

LAST FRIDAY NIGHT, I WAS BUSILY channel surfing trying to avoid Donald Trump bloviating. One moment he advocates war crimes, the next he defends his penis size. (Clearly, the two are related.)

On this night, albeit for only 24 hours, O.J. Simpson killed Trump's stranglehold of the news cycle. The "breaking news" was about a knife discovered at O.J.'s Brentwood estate in 1998 being just finally turned over to LAPD. Now, a week later, the story will likely go nowhere. I wish the same could be said of Trump.

Frankly, between O.J. and Trump it's a tossup of whom I dislike more. Even though O.J.'s probably a double murderer, I'd have to say it's Trump. Or should I say "Drumpf," as it was before his family name was changed?

There are so many reasons to dislike The Donald, one doesn't know where to begin. At a recent rally in Florida, Drumpf demanded that supporters raise their right hand to take a pledge that they would vote for him. I swear, the still photos looked like a Nazi salute.

Actually, I've long contended that Drumpf, as he pompously parades on stage and the imperious way he holds his face, especially his jaw and mouth, is uncannily reminiscent of the fascist dictator the late Benito Mussolini. Newscaster Ted Koppel agrees, adding only that The Donald has more hair. Speaking of hair, if Drumpf were to win in November (biting my tongue as I type) he would be the first president in history who was married three times, put four companies in bankruptcy and wore a comb-over.

It's perhaps fitting that it was O.J. who temporarily dethroned Drumpf because the two are strangely connected. How you ask? Let's go back to June 17, 1994 and the infamous slow-speed Bronco chase. The ratings for that, followed by O.J.'s murder trial for the brutal killings of Nicole Brown and Ron Goldman, were staggering. So much so I've theorized that O.J., in part, was responsible for reality TV. A stretch? Please bear with me.

When TV producers examined the Simpson ratings from programming with very little production costs, they took notice. Also, at O.J.'s criminal trial we became familiar with attorney, and Simpson's best friend, the late Robert Kardashian. Does that name ring a bell? Kardashian had been married to Kris, mother to their four children and future wife of Olympic champion Bruce Jenner (whom she married one month after divorcing Kardashian) who would go on to become Caitlyn Jenner. (Who supports Ted Cruz, who's against same-sex marriage.)

The inexplicable success of the reality show "Keeping Up with the Kardashians," led to a deluge of other such shows, including... "The Apprentice." So it could be said, that were it not for O.J., there might not have been the plethora of reality shows, ergo there might not have been "The Apprentice" and ergo Donald Drumpf might not be dangerously close to becoming president. (That alone should be used to deny O.J. parole at his hearing in Nevada in 2017.)

As disheartening as the Drumpf phenomenon is, O.J.'s, more than 20 years later, is more puzzling. The country was riveted, and still is to a large degree. (FX's current dramatic series "The People v. O.J. Simpson" is getting tremendous ratings.)

Another common link between O.J. and Drumpf is America's fascination with celebrity. After the murder trial where he was acquitted, O.J. was scorned in Brentwood and much of L.A. But let's not forget all the times at other locales where hordes of people would rush over to get his autograph.

The Brown-Goldman murders and O.J.'s involvement, or lack thereof, became a cottage industry. One of the most "unusual" points of view of this obsession was contained in the book and documentary, "O.J. Is Innocent and I Can Prove It." Veteran private investigator William C. Dear theorized, with considerable evidence, that it wasn't O.J. who committed the murders but his oldest son, Jason.

O.J.'s celebrity was so great that, even while in jail, he was selling his autograph. As noted in Mike Gilbert's book "How I Helped O.J. Get Away With Murder," O.J. made \$5,000,000 during the year he awaited trial. Simpson bragged that his was the most valuable signature of a living person in America. (As a braggart no one's more repulsive than Drumpf, except perhaps for Hulk Hogan in his prime.)

And there's one last comparison between O.J. and Drumpf. On July 20, 1994, Simpson offered a \$500,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the "real killer." It was so patently absurd that late night comedians had a field day. (Much as they currently are with Drumpf.)

In fact, I joked, "Given how much time O.J. golfs it's obvious he thinks the 'real killer' is a caddie." Frankly, to me, O.J.'s "reward" had the same authenticity as Drumpf's "I'll make America great again."

For more about William C. Dear, go to www.overlookedsuspectmovie.com. **JACK** is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jnsmdp@aol.com.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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How much water really goes toward animal agriculture?

Editor:

Kristie Middleton claims "Every analysis and study on California's drought finds animal agriculture to be the state's biggest water user."

Every analysis? Yet Amy Graff of the San Francisco Gate Chronicle reports (May 29, 2015): "Of the water available, roughly 40 percent goes to farmers, 10 percent to urban uses and 50 percent environmental uses such as rivers, lakes, wetlands and refuges."

If half of all water goes to environmental uses, animal agriculture can't be the biggest water user.

Those environmental uses presumably include water dumped into the Pacific Ocean trying to save an "endangered" fish. As Carly Fiorina wrote for TIME (April 7, 2015): "these policies have resulted in the diversion of more than 300 billion gallons of water away from farmers in the Central Valley and into the San Francisco Bay in order to protect the Delta smelt, an endangered fish that environmentalists have continued to champion at the expense of Californians. This water is simply being washed out to sea, instead of being channeled to the people who desperately need it."

Thanks, environmental extremists!

And of the water going to agriculture, Slate's Eric Holthaus reports (May 14, 2014) that one eighth (12.5 percent) of that goes to almond growers. Since California farmers also grow other plants, I wonder how much of their water really remains for animal agriculture?

What makes me especially suspicious of Ms. Middleton's accusations against animal agriculture is that she works for The Humane Society. This suggests that her priority is "animal rights" and not smart or fair water policy. Like many "animal rights" activists, she'll say whatever it takes, true or false, to stop people from eating her feathered and furry friends. Thus, I cannot trust her claims.

Thomas M. Sipos

Santa Monica

Ill Californians may take life-ending drugs starting in June

JONATHAN J. COOPER &
JULIE WATSON

Associated Press

Terminally ill California residents will be able to legally end their lives with medication prescribed by a doctor beginning June 9.

State lawmakers adjourned a special session on health care Thursday, starting the 90-day countdown to physician-assisted suicide. The law approved last year made California the fifth state to adopt the practice, but patients were left in limbo until the session ended.

The bill passed following the heavily publicized case of Brittany Maynard, a 29-year-old California woman with brain cancer who moved to Oregon to legally end her life in 2014.

Elizabeth Wallner, a Sacramento resident with stage 4 colon cancer that has spread to her liver and lungs, said she is relieved a date has been finally set.

"It gives me a great peace of mind to know that I will not be forced to die slowly and painfully," Wallner said in a statement provided by Compassion & Choices, a right-to-die advocacy group that worked closely with her and others to campaign for the law.

Opponents say it could lead to premature suicides.

Supporters say they do not know how many terminally ill patients have been waiting for the law to go into effect.

One prominent advocate, Christy O'Donnell, a 47-year-old single mother with lung cancer who sued the state to demand the right to life-ending medication, died last month at her home north of Los Angeles before getting the option.

Marilyn Golden, a senior policy analyst with the Disability Rights Education and

Defense Fund, said the law doesn't go far enough to protect people from being coerced into a premature suicide by an abusive caregiver or heir. It also could allow people denied medication by one doctor to shop around for the lethal drugs.

The California Catholic Conference, which opposed the law, said it would increase support for the dying.

"Quality palliative care, spiritual and emotional support and a respect for our human dignity are the compassionate response - not a lethal dose of drugs from a physician," Executive Director Edward "Ned" Dolejsi said in a statement.

Democratic Sen. Bill Monning, who helped author the bill, said patients or their family members have been contacting his office daily since Gov. Jerry Brown signed the legislation last October.

"It's obviously a great sense of achievement and historic achievement for California, but it is tempered by the loss of great people who fought to get the billed passed," he said.

California's law includes strong protections for both patients and physicians, Monning said.

Religious institutions, like Catholic hospitals, can opt out and ban their doctors from participating in any assisted deaths. Patients must have two separate meetings with a physician before a doctor can prescribe a life-ending drug.

If there is any doubt over the person's mental capacities, physicians are required by law to refer the patient to a mental health care provider. Certified translators must also be required for patients who are non-native English speakers.

Watson reported from San Diego.

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California lawmakers vote to raise smoking, vaping age to 21

JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

California lawmakers voted Thursday to raise the legal age for purchasing and using tobacco and e-cigarettes from 18 to 21, putting the nation's most populous state on the brink of becoming only the second after Hawaii to bar teenagers from lighting up, dipping or vaping.

Before it can become law, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown must sign the legislation, which has already passed the state Assembly. His spokesman said the governor generally does not comment on pending legislation.

Only Hawaii has adopted the higher age limit statewide, although dozens of cities, including New York and San Francisco, have passed similar laws of their own.

"We can prevent countless California youth from becoming addicted to this deadly drug, save billions of dollars in direct health care costs and, most importantly, save lives," said Democratic Sen. Ed Hernandez, who wrote the bill.

The higher age limit, part of a package of anti-tobacco bills, won approval despite intense lobbying from tobacco interests and fierce opposition from many Republicans, who said the state should butt out of people's personal health decisions, even if they are harmful.

The six bills that passed both houses represented California's most substantial anti-tobacco effort in nearly two decades, according to the American Cancer Society.

"With California having such a huge population, it's going to be very impactful nationwide," said Cathy Callaway, associate director of state and local campaigns for the society.

Advocates noted that the vast majority of smokers start before they are 18, according to data from the U.S. surgeon general. Making it illegal for 18-year-old high school students to buy tobacco for their underage friends will make it more difficult for teens to get the products, they said.

Opponents said American law and custom has long accepted that people can make adult decisions on their 18th birthday and live with the consequences. Eighteen-year-olds can register to vote, join the military, sign legally binding contracts, consent to sex and do just about any legal activity besides buying alcohol.

In response, Democrats changed the bill to allow members of the military to continue buying cigarettes at 18.

"You can commit a felony when you're 18 years old and for the rest of your life, be in

prison," Assembly Republican Leader Chad Mayes said. "And yet you can't buy a pack of cigarettes."

Another bill would classify e-cigarettes, or "vaping" devices, as tobacco products subject to the same restrictions on who can purchase them and where they can be used.

The Food and Drug Administration has proposed regulations for e-cigarettes, but none has taken effect.

Anti-tobacco groups fear that vaporizers are enticing to young people and may encourage them to eventually take up smoking.

"All the progress we've made since 1965 to educate people about the hazards of smoking may be for naught as vaping has started a new generation of nicotine junkies that will be helplessly addicted and will ultimately graduate to smoking cancer sticks," said Sen. Jeff Stone, a Republican.

Others say the devices are a less harmful, tar-free alternative to cigarettes. They have not been extensively studied, and there is no scientific consensus on their risks.

A vaping industry group, the Smoke-Free Alternatives Trade Association, urged Brown to veto the bill, saying in a letter that it could pose problems for vape shops.

"The stigma of being equated with tobacco has many negative consequences," the group wrote.

The bills would also expand smoke-free areas to include bars, workplace break rooms, small businesses, warehouses and hotel lobbies and meeting rooms. Smoking bans would apply at more schools, including charter schools, and counties would be able to raise their own cigarette taxes beyond the state's levy of \$0.87 per pack.

The legislation would take effect 90 days after the governor signs it.

The Senate vote came just over a week after San Francisco officials opted to raise the tobacco buying age to 21, making it the largest city to do so after New York. Nationwide, more than 120 municipalities have raised the smoking age, according to Tobacco 21, a group that advocates the policy shift nationally.

Hawaii was first to adopt the higher age limit statewide. New Jersey's Legislature voted to raise the smoking age from 19 to 21, but the bill died when Republican Gov. Chris Christie decided not to act on it before a January deadline.

Anti-smoking groups are collecting signatures for a November ballot initiative that would raise the cigarette tax to \$2 a pack and direct the money to health care, tobacco-use prevention, research and law enforcement.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Woman sentenced for attacking tourist at Santa Monica coffee house

A 40-year-old woman has entered a no contest plea for attacking a female tourist sitting with her family at a coffee shop in Santa Monica, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Eva Jabber Stodel said Sara Christine Rizo of Redondo Beach entered the plea to one count of felony assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Mark Windham of the Airport Branch immediately sentenced Rizo to 494 days in county jail, already served, five years formal probation, one year of residential psychiatric treatment. The judge also ordered Rizo to stay out of any coffee houses and to pay restitution to the victim in the amount of \$9,500.

On June 9, 2015, Rizo went into a coffee shop at 2nd Street and Santa Monica Boulevard and began yelling profanities, the prosecutor said. Rizo later grabbed a customer by her hair and yanked it backward, causing the victim to fall and suffer a fractured vertebrae in her neck, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Santa Monica Police Department.

- SUBMITTED BY RICARDO SANTIAGO,
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Citywide

Santa Monica man faces five years in federal prison for synthetic identity fraud

A Santa Monica man entered a guilty plea on March 10 to a federal conspiracy charge stemming from a "synthetic identity" fraud ring that created bogus identities for the purpose of obtaining credit cards.

Yair Shoshani, 38, admitted to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.

In a plea agreement filed in court, Shoshani, who also used the names "Ben Yahuda" and "Ben Cohen," agreed to forfeit five properties and nearly \$4.5 million in cash, including more than \$3.2 million from a Swiss bank account.

Shoshani admitted that he conspired with others to conduct a "bust-out" scheme using synthetic identities and fictitious merchants to defraud banks that issue credit cards. Shoshani and the others created entirely fictitious synthetic identities, applied for credit with those bogus identities and manipulated the credit ratings for the synthetic identities by adding them as authorized users to credit card accounts belonging to real people who had high credit scores. With credit ratings established for the synthetic identities, Shoshani and the others set up fake business to process credit card transactions by the synthetic identities - transactions that were never paid for.

Victim banks in this "bust-out" scheme included JPMorgan Chase Bank, Bank of America, Citibank and Wells Fargo Bank.

Proceeds of the fraud scheme were used to purchase five properties in Los Angeles, West Hollywood and Santa Monica.

Shoshani pleaded guilty before United States District Judge George H. King, who is scheduled to sentence the defendant on June 13. As a result of today's guilty plea, Shoshani, who has been in custody since June 2014, faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years in federal prison.

"Synthetic identity fraud causes significant loss to our nation's financial institutions, as this case illustrates," said United States Attorney Eileen M. Decker. "This guilty plea is a testament to law enforcement's ability to look behind numerous false identities and fictitious businesses to hold the perpetrators accountable for their fraud. My office will continue to prosecute those that engage in identity fraud to the fullest extent of the law."

The investigation into Shoshani was conducted by the Los Angeles Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

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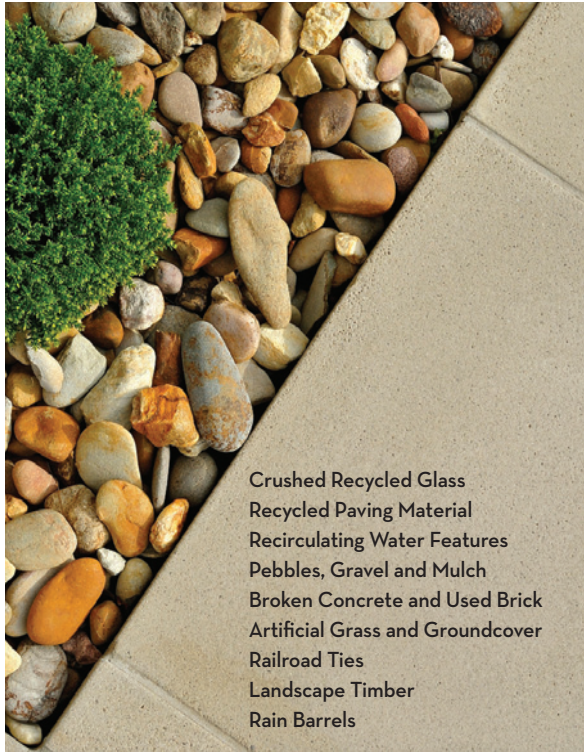
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ELECTION

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other four board members' terms expire at the end of 2018.

Mechur, who replaced Escarce as the board's vice president in late 2015, said he's curious to hear from Pedro Noguera about how SMMUSD can improve outcomes for minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged students. Noguera was hired by the district to address equity and access issues and is expected to report to the board this spring.

"What he's doing is analyzing our district so we can change our practices so students of color receive services they need to achieve at a higher level," Mechur said. "But changes aren't going to occur overnight."

As for possible district separation, Mechur acknowledged the liability issues stemming from the discovery of polychlorinated biphenyls at Malibu schools more than two years ago. He said the district has "lived up to its promises" regarding environmental remediation, adding that the forthcoming negotiations will be broader in scope.

"The main issue about unification is to make sure that each district has the necessary resources to continue to providing educational services," he said.

Mechur was appointed to the board in January 2015 after beating eight other candidates for the seat vacated by Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica), who was elected to the California State Senate. At the time, four of the six deliberating board members - Escarce, Leon-Vazquez, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein and Oscar de la Torre - supported Mechur. Board president Laurie Lieberman nominated lawyer Tom Larmore. Craig Foster backed local parent Jon Kean.

Mechur rejoined the board after failing to earn a seat in the 2014 election, when he tallied more than 11,000 votes but finished fifth in a race for four vacancies. As Mechur prepared to leave the board following that election, Escarce said his colleague's professional experience served the board well.

"The perspective of someone who is deeply involved in architecture and construction projects and contracting has ... been quite helpful," Escarce said.

Mechur served on the school board before his recent appointment, joining the seven-member entity as an appointee in 2007 after Emily Bloomfield announced she would step down to move to Washington, D.C. He kept his seat through the election in 2010, when he was endorsed by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights.

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STEM

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Minecraft to learn about physics.

Santa Monica campus owner, Tracy Williams, who has worked in the tech industry in Silicon Valley, said she enjoys taking things she knows kids love and see as "non-school related" and using them as teaching tools.

"I love that we are teaching them STEM through these fun things that they normally only get to do after their chores," Williams said.

Williams said that Zaniac's spring break camp is a good way for students and their parents to learn about the curriculum the center offers.

"The camp is basically a sampling of our core curriculum," Williams said. "Our regular schedule is afterschool. For the spring break we will take the content of our six-week courses and shorten them and do them in a three-hour block. So during the whole two weeks of the break we will rotate the curriculum."

"And really it's a good thing, because if parents don't want to make a six-week commitment, then we give them a camp that helps kids explore all our areas and see which one they are more drawn too. So the

camp are really a great way to help parents try the curriculum."

A full day at the Zaniac spring break camp, which goes from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and includes lunch, costs \$169 for a single day; \$459 for any three days; and \$749 for any five days. A half-day at camp, which goes from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. or 1 - 4 p.m., costs \$99 for a single day; \$249 for any three days; and \$399 for any five days.

To parents who may question whether the cost of the camp is worth it, Williams used the comparison of what the kids would be doing otherwise.

"I think we are probably at the going rate of an all-day babysitter," Williams said. "And here kids are leaving with a concept that they didn't understand, or are probably more aware of than they were before."

"When kids go home after a day at camp we hear from parents that are very impressed with even the basics the children are learning in just the first 10 minutes of class."

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PLAYERS: Samohi players Isaiah Johnson and Jonah Mathews are part of the squad that took Santa Monica to the State Tournament. The team lost in the first round.

BASKETBALL

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move forward without graduated guard New Williams, who has continued his career at Auburn. But they didn't expect to lose Spencer Freedman, who transferred to Santa Ana-Mater Dei after a standout freshman campaign at Samohi. And they didn't envision being without 7-foot center Jayce Johnson, who left to enroll early at Utah.

Emerging as the leader was Mathews, who was a freshman when his older brother, Jordan, guided the Vikings to a section championship in 2013. This year, the

younger brother carried the scoring load for the program while rallying teammates on and off the court.

"He wasn't the most vocal guy, but this year he really stepped up," longtime coach James Hecht said. "When things weren't going our way or we had to weather a storm, he was the calming force, bringing guys together and getting guys re-focused."

After losing to city neighbor Crossroads and Pasadena-La Salle by a combined four points during nonconference play, Mathews and Samohi seemingly couldn't be stopped. They won their division at the MaxPreps Holiday Classic in late December, topped Gardena-Serra in late

January and cruised to an Ocean League title with a 10-0 record.

Samohi then topped Long Beach-Cabrillo, Moreno Valley-Valley View, Palmdale-Highland and Burbank-Burroughs in the CIF-SS Division 1A playoffs to reach the title game March 5 at Honda Center in Anaheim, where it overcame a double-digit halftime deficit to beat Temecula Valley.

"We came up with some big plays, big stops, key rebounds," Hecht said. "I couldn't be more proud of these guys."

In the state tournament, the Vikings couldn't muster a comeback down the stretch. Trailing by seven with 1 minute 23

seconds to play, the Vikings used a 7-2 run to pull within 62-60 with about 12 seconds remaining. But their late push wasn't enough.

Washington Prep advanced to face Orange Lutheran in the second round March 12.

Mathews, who will play at USC next year, said after Samohi's victory in Anaheim that Hecht motivated him by posing a question a few years ago: "How do you want to be remembered?"

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FILM REVIEW KNIGHT OF CUPS

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118 Minutes
Released March 4

The Knight of Cups is a tarot card that represents a messenger. It also signifies energy, drive, imagination and creativity - and a commitment to use one's imagination to enhance the world. Some believe tarot cards have the power of prophecy. In practicality the cards offer life lessons.

The protagonist in the film Knight of Cups, a screenwriter, has indeed lost sight of his role as a messenger. He has busied his daily life with the hectic details and egotistical showmanship of the entertainment industry, hiding his pain deep inside. Longing for balance, he "checks out" of the mundane realm and begins a journey. We, the audience, become his passengers in a search that takes us on a trail through his earthly habitat. We wend our way through the ingenious "castles" and "pathways" that have been constructed in this world. Our search connects our outer surroundings with our inner feelings. You must surrender yourself to let the camera be your eye in order to truly experience this film. Through the work of the great cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki (and the work of some of the cast who were given Go-Pro's to use during the shoot), you will see things as if you are a child, a wanderer, a troubled spirit. The Earth is the main character here. It envelops us with its beauty, its images both disturbing and calming. Gorgeous vistas of Southern California segue into the faces of suffering homeless people and other inhabitants of our surroundings. You will flow through these images as if you were floating down a river. Composer Hanan Townshend's score surrounds the experience with emotion.

Christian Bale carries the movie with hardly any dialogue - only his thoughts are voiced. The other cast, including Cate Blanchett, Brian Denehy, and Natalie Portman, pass through Bale's character's life and lead him to greater understanding of himself. Bale reported that director Terrence Malick gave the actors neither script nor direction, and liked to surprise them. He loved to capture accidental brilliance.

This is not a film with a story line - it's a completely different language. Think of it as a cinematic James Joyce novel. To enjoy it, let go of preconceived notions of film format. Keep in mind that Malick graduated from Harvard summa cum laude with a degree in

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philosophy in 1965. A deep thinker, Malick has been making films since 1969, yet he took several years' hiatus from that career to teach philosophy in Paris. He lives and creates his art entirely on his own terms.

Knight of Cups will be a personal journey for each viewer. Many of the images that are familiar to me, those of the places where I live and work, may seem exotic to others. I was able to lose myself in this film. I surrendered to it, and as it ended, I felt strangely calm and lucid. OK, I'm weird. Check it out for yourself. Perhaps you will comprehend Malick's cinematic language. Perhaps you will find it baffling. All will agree this movie is unique.

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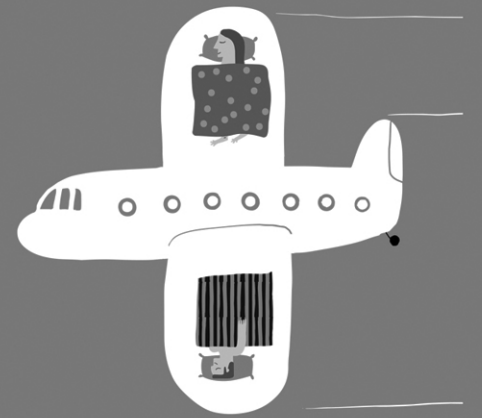
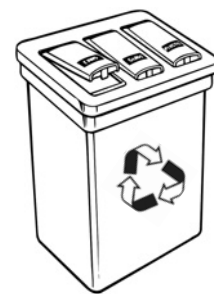
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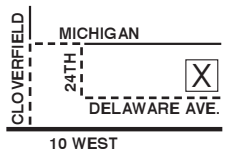
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SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: **4-5 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6ft
Mid period W swell potentially continues. Modest to fun size SW swell continues. Onshore wind may continue as well. Stay tuned.

SUNDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
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ON JANUARY 25 AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M.

Officers were flagged down by a victim of a robbery that took place at 800 Degrees on the 100 block of Wilshire. According to the victim, he had posted his Rolex watch for sale on Craigslist and he was going to meet up with a potential buyer. The suspect, later identified as Johnny Johnson, 18, of Los Angeles, had contacted the victim and told him to meet up with him in order to complete the sale. As Johnson was trying on the watch, he stood up and sprayed the victim's face with pepper spray. The victim stood up in an attempt to stop him, then a fight ensued in the restaurant. The scuffle continued onto the sidewalk outside of the business. Johnson then got up and ran away from the establishment. The victim was able to take the small can of pepper spray that Johnson had in his possession. Additional evidence was collected as well. After a thorough investigation, Johnny Johnson was arrested on March 3. Johnson was arrested for robbery, bail was set at \$50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 336 calls for service on March 9.

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

Disturbance of the peace, 2500 block of Pico, 12:04 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 400 block of California, 1:20 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Lincoln, 2:07 a.m.
Domestic violence, Ocean/Arizona, 2:40 a.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 1500 block of PCH, 3:01 a.m.
Burglary, 1800 block of 20th, 6:48 a.m.
Traffic collision, 405/118, 8:05 a.m.
Traffic collision, Wilshire/Centinel, 8:16 a.m.
Traffic collision, 23rd/Hill, 8:40 a.m.
Identity theft, 300 block of Olympic Dr., 9:10 a.m.
Traffic collision, Lincoln/Pico, 9:34 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1400 block of 2nd, 10:02 a.m.
Prowler, 200 block of Euclid, 10:21 a.m.
Threats, 1000 block of Ocean, 10:56 a.m.
Critical missing person, 600 block of Ocean, 11:29 a.m.
Burglary, 400 block of Washington, 11:55 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 500 block of Colorado, 12:53 p.m.
Public intoxication, Chelsea/Wilshire, 1:06 p.m.

Vandalism, 1100 block of Lincoln, 1:28 p.m.
Hit and run, 600 block of Pacific, 1:50 p.m.
Battery, 500 block of Santa Monica, 2:10 p.m.
Burglary, 400 block of Washington, 2:21 p.m.
Death, 400 block of 11th, 3:03 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1500 block of Yale, 3:25 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 1100 block of Lincoln, 3:30 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block of Lincoln, 3:46 p.m.
Indecent exposure, 1300 block of Palisades Park, 4:03 p.m.
Traffic collision, 300 block of Broadway, 4:05 p.m.
Traffic collision, Ocean/Georgina, 5:36 p.m.
Identity theft, 1300 block of Pico, 5:57 p.m.
Hit and run, 1400 block of 11th, 6:46 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1700 block of Broadway, 7:20 p.m.
Burglary, 1800 block of 20th, 8:17 p.m.
Burglary, 2900 block of 31st, 8:34 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1100 block of 12th, 8:48 p.m.
Person down, 2500 block of Kansas, 9:02 p.m.
Traffic collision, 12th/Wilshire, 9:08 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 1000 block of 24th, 9:09 p.m.
Assault, 4th/Santa Monica, 9:37 p.m.
Domestic violence, 1000 block of 12th, 10:11 p.m.
Grand theft, 1200 block of Palisades Beach, 10:42 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 37 calls for service on March 9.

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

EMS, 900 block of 12th, 12:12 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm, 1500 block of 7th, 12:33 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 7th, 2:31 a.m.
CNG/LNG leak, 1600 block of 7th, 4:00 a.m.
EMS, 2900 block of 3rd, 6:02 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block of Ocean, 8:23 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 12th, 8:34 a.m.
EMS, 23rd/Hill, 8:41 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Ocean, 8:57 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 2800 block of Santa Monica, 9:20 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 9:44 a.m.
EMS, 14th/Pico, 9:59 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 10:07 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 21st, 10:23 a.m.

EMS, 1400 block of Pico, 10:25 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block of 3rd, 11:00 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1300 block of 20th, 11:10 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Pearl, 12:03 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 12:08 p.m.
EMS, 0 block of Pico, 12:11 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 20th, 1:58 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of 22nd, 2:21 p.m.
EMS, 200 block of 25th, 2:55 p.m.
Mutual aid request, Bundy/College, 3:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 2700 block of Ocean Park, 4:13 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 2nd, 5:15 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block of 9th, 5:43 p.m.
EMS, 18th/Broadway, 7:22 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 17th, 8:29 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Kansas, 9:06 p.m.
EMS, 12th/Wilshire, 9:08 p.m.
EMS, 0 block of Pico, 9:13 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 1700 block of Ocean, 9:57 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Palisades Beach, 11:02 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 6th, 11:05 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean, 11:27 p.m.
EMS, 2100 block of 16th, 11:49 p.m.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Muffles
 - 6 Croc's cousin
 - 11 Chicago airport
 - 12 Animated
 - 13 Women's quarters
 - 14 Specified
 - 15 Blood bearer
 - 17 Role for Craig
 - 18 Castor, for one
 - 20 Spoken
 - 22 Finish first
 - 23 Speedy horse
 - 26 Heart, e.g.
 - 28 Molten rock
 - 29 Poseidon and Neptune
 - 31 Band blaster
 - 32 Gambling center
 - 33 Debate group
 - 34 Seed holders
 - 36 Niger neighbor
 - 38 Notions
 - 40 Believed without question
 - 43 Angola neighbor
 - 44 Washer cycle
 - 45 Hot crime
- DOWN**
- 1 Cry from Homer
 - 2 Cry of insight
 - 3 Yellow Monopoly property
 - 4 Hog the mirror
 - 5 Convoy truck
 - 6 Comic bit
 - 7 Thieves' outwitted
 - 8 Copenhagen park
 - 9 Kitchen sight
 - 10 Tear
 - 16 And not
 - 18 Noah count?
 - 19 Marionette mover
 - 21 St. Louis team
 - 23 Shortly, in poems
 - 24 Clip contents
 - 25 Snoozes
 - 27 Way back when
 - 30 Clinic nickname
 - 33 Barbecue spot
 - 34 Layout unit
 - 35 Sneaker problem
 - 37 Angel's instrument
 - 39 Junior
 - 41 Try out
 - 42 For every

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Yesterday's answer

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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

2	1	8	5	3	9	4	7	6
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WORD UP!

pinnate 1. resembling a feather, as in construction or arrangement; having parts arranged on each side of a common axis: a pinnate branch; pinnate trees.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1879 - Shō Tai formally abdicated his position of King of Ryūkyū, under orders from Tokyo, ending the Ryūkyū Kingdom
- 1888 - The Great Blizzard of 1888 begins along the eastern seaboard of the United States, shutting down commerce and killing more than 400.
- 1916 - USS Nevada (BB-36) is commissioned as the first US Navy "super-dreadnought".
- 1917 - World War I: Mesopotamian campaign: Baghdad falls to Anglo-Indian forces commanded by General Stanley Maude.
- 1918 - The first case of Spanish flu occurs, the start of a

- devastating worldwide pandemic.
- 1927 - In New York City, Samuel Roxy Rothafel opens the Roxy Theatre.
- 1931 - Ready for Labour and Defence of the USSR, abbreviated as GTO, is introduced in the Soviet Union.
- 1932 - Booming Ben, the last heath hen was seen for the final time.
- 1933 - Ground breaking musical film 42nd Street is released.
- 1941 - World War II: United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the Lend-Lease Act into law, allowing American-built war supplies to be shipped to the Allies on loan.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

- According to a former spy for the Soviet Union, dictator Josef Stalin so distrusted his Communist China counterpart Mao Zedong during the 1940s that when Mao visited the USSR, Soviet engineers arranged to capture his bowel movements so that Stalin's scientists could examine them chemically to form a psychological profile. Spy Igor Atamanenko found evidence that other world leaders received similar treatment. Among the indicators: High levels of the amino acid tryptophan signaled the person was calm and approachable, and lack of potassium portended nervousness and insomnia.)
- Williams Lake, British Columbia, has the most violent crime per capita for its size (pop. 10,800) of any town in Canada, and in February the city council unanimously passed a dramatic action plan: to inject "high risk" criminals with "GPS tracking" devices. The program was immediately denounced by privacy advocates, but that challenge is almost beside the point - since injectable GPS tracking does not even exist. (Councilors likely confused implantable microchips, which contain data but do not track, with GPS transponders, which track but only via sight-line contact with a satellite.)

ACT LIKE YOU FEEL, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Once more, a dream could spur you to action. You will see a situation evolve that might cause you to ask questions. Play the waiting game, and don't squander someone's spontaneity. This person's impulsiveness defines him or her. Tonight: Meet a friend for TGIF.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might be hesitant to make a move, and could keep stalling. If you don't take action, you won't understand what possibilities are available to you. Try not to be so set in your ways. You'll feel much better once you make a move. Tonight: Greet the weekend with a smile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and allow yourself to head in a special direction that a friend has suggested. You might be surprised by a parent's or higher-up's supportive advice. Once you achieve your objectives, you will melt out. Tonight: Feel free to break patterns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Others seem to observe your actions. Your mellowness and sense of security comes through in a situation where you normally would be reactive. You will see positive results later in the day. A friend or associate supports you and your actions. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You have a desire to pull away from the traditional type of thinking. You might sense a need for a change of scenery. If you can, make last-minute plans to take off this weekend. Wherever you are, others seem to admire your choices and strength. Tonight: A force to behold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You can try only so much to reach an understanding with a partner. You both have such different perspectives that you have difficulty identifying with each other. Without creating uproar, just accept where the other party's head is. Tonight: Try out a new idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to pay attention to some last-minute details that come up. If they slip away from you, they could mess up a project at a later time. You can't afford to let your guard down. A dear friend or partner becomes supportive and helpful. Tonight: With a special person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Be willing to be challenged by an associate. This person might not grasp your imaginative plans, and likely won't react the way you want. Allow others to ask more questions. As a result, you will see that a mutual agreement comes more easily. Tonight: Go with others' suggestions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might feel very content about a domestic or personal matter. This happiness radiates from you, and is likely to draw in many people. In the morning, you are far more likely to be met with agreement. Fatigue could become an issue. Tonight: Make sure you get enough exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might want to spend the day at home. A conversation with a loved one delights you, plus it gives you a lot to consider. Make plans that are fun, and don't get hung up on what you should do. A child could delight you with his or her silliness. Tonight: Act like you feel.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Don't hesitate to speak your mind, but don't make any commitments. Allow yourself some wiggle room to explore your ideas. Spend time close to home or at home in the afternoon. You need that time to center yourself. Tonight: Invite others over to your place for a get-together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ No one doubts your creativity. The ideas that pop up today might seem fabulous, but are they workable? Be careful about investing in any wild ideas at the present moment. In the late afternoon, test out some of your ideas on a dear friend. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

Friday, March 11, 2016

This year others often find you to be impulsive, and in a sense that becomes an asset rather than a liability. Your communication becomes more grounded and forceful. You have many ideas to share, and others display much interest in them. If you are single, you develop a softer persona, which draws many people toward you. Nevertheless, you will be very clear about whom you want to relate to. If you are attached, passions run high. You can't seem to get enough of your sweetie, and vice versa. TAURUS can be stubborn.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

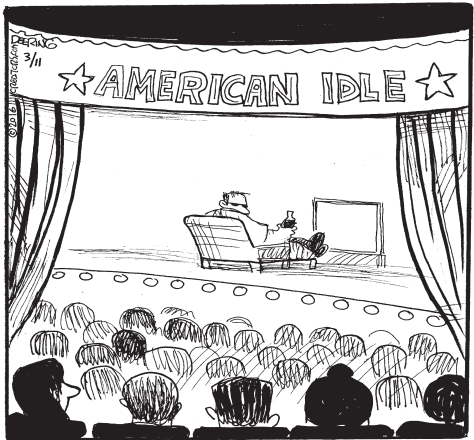
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★ Dynamic	★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive	★ Difficult
★★★ Average	

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly

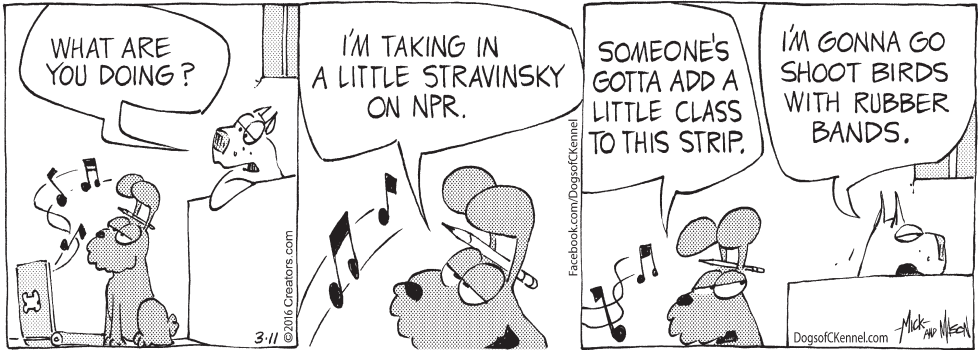


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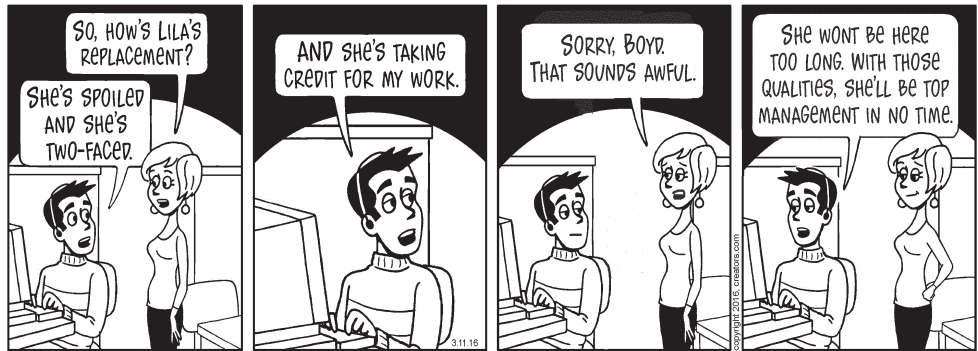
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF OLGA JEANNE CHERESTES aka OL JEANNE CHERESTES, aka JEANNE CHERESTES aka OLGA EUGENIA CHERESTES

Case No. BP171446

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of OLGA JEANNE CHERESTES aka OL JEANNE CHERESTES, aka JEANNE CHERESTES aka OLGA EUGENIA CHERESTES

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jennifer Harrington (aka Jennifer Simmons) in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Jennifer Harrington (aka Jennifer Simmons) be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 25, 2016 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. 67 located at 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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2016 MERCEDES-BENZ

C300 Sedan

Per Mo Plus Tax

\$399

36 Month Lease
\$4553 total due
at signing

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2016 MERCEDES-BENZ

GLC300 SUV

Per Mo Plus Tax

\$449

36 Month Lease
\$4643 total due
at signing

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Moonroof, Premium Audio, Pwr Driver's Seat, LDG034723

2003 Mercedes-Benz

M350.....\$7,981

Low Miles, Convenience Pkg, Bose, Xenon, Htd Front Seats T3A441624

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E350.....\$11,981

Moonroof, Power Seats, Wood Dash, Keyless T8B263098

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C250.....\$24,981

19K Miles, Multimedia Pkg, Navigation, 18" Alloy Wheels LDG034723

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Prius.....\$7,991

Tilt, Keyless, PS/PW, FM/CD, 60MPG City T77617167

2008 Mercedes-Benz

CLK350.....\$12,981

Keyless, Dual Front AC, Pwr Seats, Leather T8F255905

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C250Coupe.....\$25,981

Only 18K Miles, P1 Pkg, AMG Wheels, Moonroof LDG096863



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