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Same goal, different 'Vision' for SMMEF drive

Branding debated as school board examines fundraiser

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE What do you call a $4-million fundraising drive to support staff and enrichment programs in local schools?

As the district school board on April 16 prepared to review the controversial campaign, which put the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation in charge of a centralized effort, Supt. Sandra Lyon noted that "Vision for Student Success" was nowhere to be found on the title page of her digital presentation.

That name had been given to the fundraiser in an attempt to generate support among parents and members of the community, but Lyon said it has instead led to more confusion.

"People don't see it as connected to the ed foundation," she said. "We're going to get back to 'SMMEF-funded programs' as the terminology."

Whatever it's called — and whatever school officials offered as possible reasons — the fundraising effort is struggling to gain momentum as its June 30 deadline approaches. Officials have raised about $2.06 million in the 17-month campaign, meaning the foundation would need to bring in an average of more than $27,000 per day over the next 10 weeks to hit its target.

The donations are used to pay

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CROSSROADS WIN Morgan Genser editor@smdp.com

The Crossroads High School girls varsity softball team hosted Campbell in a Gold Coast League game and won 22-1 on April 21. With the win Crossroads record improves to 1-3-1 in league play and overall. Pictured are Lina McDermott fielding a ground ball and Veronica Ellis reaching for an out.

ZONING ISSUES:

Council wants "Footloose clause" loosened

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET Jokes abounded in a short debate, last week, over the prohibition against dancing in Main Street establishments that is proposed in the current draft of the Zoning Ordinance.

City Council discussed the ordinance, which will dictate land uses throughout the city for years to come, for seven hours last Wednesday. At around midnight, Councilmember Ted Winterer asked if there might be a way to loosen the dancing prohibition. Council largely agreed to have city attorneys and planners study a more permissive provision related to dancing.

"This is an issue for the merchants," Winterer said, laughing. "It's very difficult for them to stop me — when I've gone to the Library Ale House and had my beer and my favorite song comes on — from me jumping up on my bar stool."

Winterer wondered if council could simply prohibit restaurants from moving furniture around, creating dedicated space for a dance floor, or advertising dancing.

"I just think that, again, maybe

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Court ruling muddies the waters for conservation efforts

BY BRIAN MELLEY, FENIT NIRAPPIL, KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

CITYWIDE Repercussions from the historic drought continue to echo throughout the state as politicians at all levels of government struggle to reconcile conservation efforts, legal precedents and individual rights.

The latest hurdle appeared this week when the 4th District Court of Appeal said charging heavy users incrementally more per gallon without showing it cost more

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Council to hear developer appeal of landmarked Pico homes

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD On Tuesday, City Council will consider the historical value of a few Mid-Century Modern-style buildings that were slated for demolition by a condominium developer.

When a 21-unit development, on 21st Street at Virginia Avenue in the Pico Neighborhood, went in front of the Planning Commission last year, several residents came out to decry the condos as an example of gentrification. The new buildings would replace 19 rent-controlled units.

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Thursday, April 23

In the Heights

Come see Palisades Charter High School's Spring Musical "In the Heights" by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Known for high-quality high school productions, Pali has produced past fantastic performances such as "Hairspray," "Guys and Dolls," and "Legally Blonde-The Musical!" Palisades Charter High School, 15777 Bowdoin St, Pacific Palisades, 7 p.m.

Interviewing workshop

Looking for a job? Join us in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere where you'll learn to improve your interviewing skills to maximize your chances of getting hired. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 p.m.

Movie screening: The Theory of Everything

Oscar-winner Eddie Redmayne stars in this powerful portrait of world-famous physicist Stephen Hawking and his wife, Jane (Felicty Jones). (123 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Envisioning the Future @SMPL

Santa Monica Public Library is envisioning the future through the process of strategic planning and needs resident input. Join organizers for this community forum where they'll ask community members to share hopes and aspirations for the community and the Library's future. Refreshments will be served. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Introduction to Social Media

Overview of social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter, and how you can get started. Seating is first come, first serve. Advanced Level. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Travel resources

Learn about travel websites and other resources to help plan your next vacation. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Artist reception at TAG Gallery

Featuring Artists: Anne M Bray, Michael Knight, Ellen Starr. Established in 1993 as a not-for-profit corporation, TAG Gallery is a member-owned community of approximately forty artists. 5 - 8 p.m. For more information about TAG Gallery, please visit www.taggallery.net.

Verdi Chorus presents Hidden Gems

The group continues its 32nd, season with its annual spring concert. General Admission $30 - Seniors, $25 Students, 25 and under with a Valid ID, $10. First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica 1008 11th Street, 7:30 p.m. on April 25, 4 p.m. on April 26.

Family Fun Fair

The Soaring With Love Family Foundation is hosting a fundraising event called the "Family Fun Fair." This event will feature activities for children and families including arts and crafts, performances, storytimes, jump houses and other games. A variety of vendors will also be invited to sell their wares at the event as a fundraiser. Lighthouse Church, 1220 20th St., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Comedy Night

This exciting event will start at 7 p.m. for a vegan Thai dinner and drinks.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Safe vaccine legislation advances

Senate Bill 277, authored by Dr. Richard Pan (D - Sacramento), and Senator Ben Allen (D - Santa Monica) to abolish the personal belief exemption that currently allows parents to opt out of vaccinating their children prior to school enrollment passed the Senate Education Committee on a 7 - 2 vote on April 22.

Pan and Allen presented amendments that protect every student's right to be safe at school while preserving every student's right to an education.

"Vaccines are one of our greatest medical advancements and to protect the health of our students and our greater community, this bill is urgently needed to boost vaccination rates," said Pan, a State Senator representing Sacramento. "This measure will ensure that students whose parents choose to not vaccinate them have several educational options that don't put other children at risk of contracting vaccine-preventable diseases."

"Today's amendments reflect our commitment to increase everyone's safety against vaccine-preventable diseases while ensuring every child has a place to learn," said Allen.

A long list of school boards, education groups, local governments, health organizations and parent and child advocacy groups support SB 277. The list includes: the American Academy of Pediatrics, Vaccinate California, California State PTA, California Medical Association, California Immunization Coalition, Health Officers Association of California, the Los Angeles Unified School District, Solano Beach School District, San Francisco Unified School District, the Counties of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Marin, Yolo and Santa Clara.

"As a mom, I am so grateful for today's vote," said Leah Russin a mother from Palo Alto who is advocating for passage of SB 277 to protect her 18 month son from vaccine-preventable diseases. "My son and his friends deserve to be protected from preventable disease as school."

Currently, a parent may choose to opt out of school vaccine requirements that bipartisan legislative majorities passed to protect students. SB 277 will remove that option, so that only a medical exemption would remain. SB 277 will not remove a parent's choice to vaccinate his or her child.

When a contagion spreads in a community with immunization rates below 90 percent, the protection provided by "herd immunity' can be at risk. This means many people are at risk of becoming infected including people who cannot be immunized, including infants, chemotherapy patients and those with HIV or other conditions.

The hesitation to vaccinate on the part of a growing number of parents stems from misinformation such as the now retracted 1998 study that falsified data to purport a link between autism and the measles vaccine. The study was authored by Andrew Wakefield who was later found to be lying. Also, numerous subsequent studies worldwide involving hundreds of thousands of children have proved that vaccines are safe and do not cause autism.

If SB 277 becomes law, California will join thirty-two other states that don't allow parents to opt out of vaccination requirements using a personal belief exemption.

- SUBMITTED BY COLLEEN BEAMISH

Shutters Hotel

Thriller School is coming to Santa Monica

Thriller School California will take place at Shutters on the Beach in Santa Monica (1 Pico Boulevard) on April 24 and 25. An intensive, two-day crime fiction summit, Thriller School brings together specialists in crime fighting and crime writing.

An event geared towards experienced novelists, aspiring writers, readers, and crime fiction enthusiasts. Thriller School gives attendees the chance to get up close and personal with experts in the fiction and the facts of crime, including writers, agents, publishers, detectives, publishing industry insiders, and forensic scientists.

Thriller School California will feature such experts as: Security expert and retired police chief Steve Bowman; David Martin-Sperry, defense attorney for a number of high-profile criminal cases; International best-selling novelist Meg Gardiner; Sarah Williams, crime fiction writing expert, author of How to Write Crime Fiction; Media consultant and former KABC drive-time radio show host Joel Roberts; Sheila Lowe, forensic handwriting expert, and others

In addition to giving attendees a behind-the-headlines look at real-life crime, Thriller School teaches writers the secrets of successful crime-fiction writing, and provides expert guidance on how to publish and market a book.

Space is extremely limited. Visit www.thriller-school.com for more information.

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Then at 8:16 p.m. when the sun sets, the show will start. Returning comics from last year's show Jacob Sirof and Kirk Zipfel, plus more comics, will be featured. Tickets $50 per person, which includes the comedy show, dinner and one drink. Cash bar available to purchase additional drinks. For more information, please contact Elisa Coburn at (310) 396-7733. Mishkon Tephilo, 206 Main St.

Tea tasting

Learn what it takes to make good tea and why drinking tea might be a better alternative with Hill Country Tea owner Khemi Hapangama. Samples of tea will be provided. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 p.m.

American Stories Book Group

Join organizers in reading titles that illustrate the diversity of voices that make up the American experience. This month's selection is "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver, a novel about a missionary family who move from the US to the Congo. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 1 p.m.

VAP Campus Arts & Literacy Festival

Bring a picnic blanket for music, storytelling, kids activities, refreshments, bike valet; walk or take BBB #7 to Pico Branch. Call (310) 450-8606 for accessibility and (310) 458-8688 for more info. www.smgov.net, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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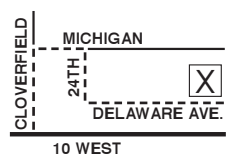


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Mashing up musicals

"WHAT'S THE PASSWORD?" NO, I WASN'T BUYING a new iPhone app. I was seeking entry into the Kit Kat Club, a secret speakeasy just around the corner from my house. There are no signs. And a dapper but slightly thuggish bouncer asked me for the password before I was allowed in.

While it isn't a real speakeasy, it sure feels like one. Because from the minute you approach "Chicabarent," a cabaret-style mash-up of the musicals Chicago, Cabaret and Rent, you're stepping into what Creating Arts Collective Artistic Director Shannon Sukovaty calls a "flexible fourth wall totally immersive theatrical experience."

CAC Studios is home to a theatre collective that puts on musical shows for children and adults, performed by Broadway-caliber professional singers/dancers/actors who throw improvisational skills into the mix, engaging the audience in character from the get-go as well as during the show.

The building at 3110 Pennsylvania Avenue in Santa Monica was once the site of a proposed marijuana testing laboratory that couldn't get a business permit. Sukovaty's husband Todd Skinner bought the building, and they've converted it into a production house, recording studio and artistic space rental company.

Creating Arts Collective is the crew of professionals behind the children's and adult live theatre productions that take place within its walls and beyond. The company is celebrating its third anniversary this month.

Till now, says Sukovaty, "We'd been doing our children's shows at Santa Monica venues like the Promenade Playhouse, Highways, and Miles Playhouse." Now with their own space they've expanded into productions for adults.

Children's productions have included versions of Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz and The Little Mermaid. The company has evolved a successful formula for creating original works, with fresh storylines and scripts wrapped around songs from the musicals.

In addition to acting in films and commercials, Sukovaty has taught after-school programs so she knows that audience. "The goal with the kids' shows is to engage them from the moment they walk in. Unlike walking into a traditional theatre setting, in Alice in Wonderland, they fall down the rabbit hole and they're meeting the characters themselves."

When she saw parents enjoying the experience as much as the kids did, a light went off and she began thinking about an adult production.

Having performed at various times during her career in Chicago, Cabaret and Rent, Sukovaty also happens to be a published writer. "So I thought a mash-up would be fun, and the process was my crazy brain going gosh, it would be so cool if all three plays were in some kind of whirlwind vortex of a play, with no specific time or date, but sharing the commonality of the bohemian life style. That's where I started and found a story line in this common thread, then I pulled in all the characters."

In "Chicabarent" there are 21 characters and they occupy every square inch of the theatre's small space, climbing on the walls, the bar, the chairs, and performing Busby Berkeley-style choreography on a floor space that's barely six feet square.

The other production "Thénardier's Inn" pays homage to, and pokes fun at, Les Misérables. "My whole crew wanted to do Les Miz," Sukovaty told me, "but it's just such a huge production."

Instead, creative team member Nicholas Rubando (who plays Angel in Chicabarent) wrote a script with a storytelling focus. Rather than attempt to restage the musical, this show is set in a rundown inn in Paris, whose Master of the House recounts the elements of the story unfolding beyond his doors.

Performed by 16 actors, "Thénardier's Inn" focuses on key figures Jean Valjean, Javert, Fantine and Cosette. The signature songs are sung, frustrated romance abounds, and with revolution and justice-versus-fairness in the air, it makes for a bawdy and entertaining evening.

The company is catching up with the success of the adult shows, both of which have been extended twice or more, far exceeding expectations. They're self-funded by selling tickets and performing private shows, and after paying actors and staff, plowing the money back into the company's operations.

Sukovaty still sounds surprised when she says, "We now have a patron list of 8,000 people and we started with only two people in the audience at our first show. Our bankers are kind of blown away by us, we're at that borderline where we're looking into getting funding to grow it to the next level and take some of our shows on tour."

Three Clubs in Hollywood has invited CAC to present "Thénardier's Inn" in June during the Hollywood Fringe Festival. And last weekend, they brought their "Fantastic Mr. Fox" to the Miramar Marine Corps base.

Sukovaty describes CAC's next works in progress: "Project Mayhem, the Unauthorized Flight Club Musical, and The Rocky Hedwig Experiment, mashing Rocky Horror Picture Show and Hedwig's Angry Inch, so basically the space is going to be turned into an insane asylum."

You don't need to know the musicals to enjoy these shows. "We get a lot of men on dates," Sukovaty says, "who at the end of the show come up and say, I really didn't want to come to this but I have to tell you it was fun and I would come again. If the audience is having fun, being exposed to amazing music and learning to like it in a different way, then I think we've done our job."

"Thénardier's Inn" runs through April 30; beginning May 2, get tickets on the website to see it at Three Clubs on Vine Street during the Hollywood Fringe Festival in June. And "Chicabarent" runs through May 16 in Santa Monica. Visit www.cacstudios.com for tickets and info.

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Can Iran's Lady Gaga generation lead the way?

AFTER RECENTLY READING JACK NEWORTH'S Laughing Matters column ("Bomb, bomb, bomb Iran," April 10), as someone who was born and raised in Iran, I thought I would write expressing my perspective. Firstly, Iran is also known as Persia, to which we proudly refer. It's a constant reminder of our once great civilization being at the cradle of many modern human values.

Secondly, Iran's current rulers are in no way going to have this battle in the region lost. Neither will they cooperate with either the West or the East, at least not without a fight. Culturally, Persians seem to have the last say in everything. But, it seems to me, and many experts in the region, that the Ayatollahs are only buying time.

Deal or no deal, lifting (parts of) the sanctions will only be good for the ruling elite who control Iran's economy. It will likely not benefit the average poor soul in his/her daily struggle to make ends meet or grasp for a bit of liberty.

Iran has been standing tall and strong for over three decades, enduring the chaos, drama and sufferings of a bloody revolution, war and economic sanctions. It has done so because of its immense natural wealth and diverse geography. Its people, united in one language, one culture, find ways to curb the difficulties of life and stay ahead of each curve.

They're proud of an ancient heritage that includes all religious and ethnic minorities. The majority has no problem with Judaism or with Israel as a neighbor. In fact, pre-1979 Islamic revolution, the country had strong ties with Israel. Iran recognized Israel as a free democracy with a right to exist. Iranians know the sad fate of many European Jews during the Second World War and deeply sympathize with them.

But Iranians today are constantly monitored and live in fear of prosecution. However, deep down and inside their safe homes, you may be surprised to learn what they really think. They agree that the only true democracy in the entire region is Israel. Will they go there? Yes, but if they could, they'd rather go to the U.S.

Many Iranians have family, friends or other relatives living in America, where in their eyes life is much better than anywhere else. New York City and Los Angeles still do hold their immense magic and glamour status for the average Iranian, along with Paris and London, Rome or Madrid. They love anything made in the West.

Pet Shop Boys' pop song "Go West" was a popular hit among Iranian youth during the '90s, while Pharrell Williams' "Happy" is today. They so long for one thing: freedom!

Today's Iran is tired of continuous sanctions, oppression and all such by the minority elite in power. They have become numb.

To most Iranians, living in the "West" has become a synonym for a safe and free refuge regardless of how harsh it in reality could be. In Iran they must cope with unemployment, low income or none at all. But most Iranians have accepted their sad fate and try to simply live by any way possible.

No wonder many took last week's positive outcome as a sign of a little hope for change and welcomed it in a way only Persians can express. They flocked onto the streets, honking, dancing and crying out with joy. Although, deep down, they know too well this too likely will not change much.

Lastly, the only alternative they think could brighten their future is for the Western powers to embrace them and bring down the walls. Social media, along with new ideas, already have had an impact on the young generations. And keep in mind that Iran is among the youngest countries in the world. Thus, starting with the younger generations and allowing them to slowly and steadily move forward would seem the best possible alternative.

They may have lost the battle to do it on their own, but they have not lost the hope for a day to arrive when they once again can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the people of planet Earth and be regarded as the people of the world, united in all colors, races and religions.

Sanctions have not helped, but neither will bombing. But who knows, a 21st century-style capitalism a la Lady Gaga may. Odd as it may sound to Americans, Gaga and many of her colleagues symbolize Iran's youth longing for freedom.

Persians withstood Moguls atrocities. So there is hope that one day they will overcome their current oppression and will become the proud, free and civilized nation they have always been. But to me, one thing is quite clear: Foreign intervention and war are not the solutions.

For more info, please watch VOX's "What I learned befriending Iranians" video on YouTube.

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City Announces Open House Meetings for California Incline Bridge Replacement and Colorado Esplanade Projects

Open House meetings for the California Incline Bridge Replacement and Colorado Esplanade projects are being held weekly on Thursdays from 5:00PM to 7:00 at Ken Edwards Center 1527 4th Street, Room 104. This is an opportunity for the public to learn about each project and speak to City representatives. Colorado Esplanade project consists of: sidewalk and street reconstruction of Colorado Ave (between 4th and Ocean Avenue). This new streetscape project will include: planting of 97 new shade trees, installation of festival lighting, decorative paving and dedicated bike lanes. California Incline Bridge Replacement entails demolition of the existing bridge and construction of a new bridge at the same location. The new structure will include 2 vehicle lanes and a 16-foot wide path physically separated from vehicle lanes for pedestrians and cyclists. Replacement of the bridge with a new structure, built to current seismic standards, will correct deficiencies in the bridge and make it safe for vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian use. For more information see: http://www.smconstructs.org/esplanade and http://www.smconstructs.org/incline

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California government says it's meeting water-saving goal

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JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California's state government reported meeting its own overall water conservation goal for 2014, though data released Wednesday showed half the agencies fell short of the 20 percent target while the drought worsened.

Last year, Gov. Jerry Brown set the savings goal for homeowners, businesses and local governments as well as state offices, prisons, parks and work crews.

Inmates began taking shorter showers, sprinklers at state buildings stopped, leaks were found and fixed, and vehicle fleets went unwashed.

Overall, state agencies used 23 percent less water last year compared to 2013, according to data from the Department of General Services, which is helping coordinate the state's drought response.

While half of the 32 agencies in the data met the 20 percent conservation goal, half fell short, including four that actually used more water in 2014.

Overall, water use fell from 19.4 billion gallons in 2013 to 14.9 billion gallons in 2014, according to the data. Caltrans, which minimized watering for roadside land equivalent to 22,000 football fields, accounted for more than half of the total water savings.

"It's our goal to lead by example," said Brian Ferguson, a spokesman for the Department of General Services.

A review last summer by The Associated Press found few departments had started tracking conservation efforts, and many that did not were not meeting the 20 percent target.

The state's wild land firefighting agency, CalFire, had the largest increase at 50 percent — from 88.5 million gallons in 2013 to 132.5 million gallons in 2014.

The agency fought 1,000 more wildfires last year and hired hundreds of additional firefighters and support staff who also use water at base camps, CalFire spokesman Daniel Berlant said.

Other agencies that fell short included the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Highway Patrol and the Department of Justice. The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which is the second largest user of water behind Caltrans, cut use 15 percent, according to the data.

Conservation also varies widely across California communities. Only 33 of 411 local agencies that report monthly water use to state regulators said their customers cut more than 20 percent compared to 2013, according to data published by the State Water Resources Control Board.

Earlier this month, as a survey showed historically low levels of snow in the Sierra Nevada that provides one-third of the state's water, Brown turned what had been a voluntary 20 percent cut into a mandatory 25 percent reduction, causing outcry from some who believe the cuts are too severe.

Among the critics was the Fair Oaks Water District in suburban Sacramento which said Wednesday that the state is illegally taking water if it forces mandatory savings to redirect water to agencies that didn't prepare for the drought.

The water board says its proposed reduction targets for communities are legal under emergency authorization granted by lawmakers.

Pritchard contributed from Los Angeles.

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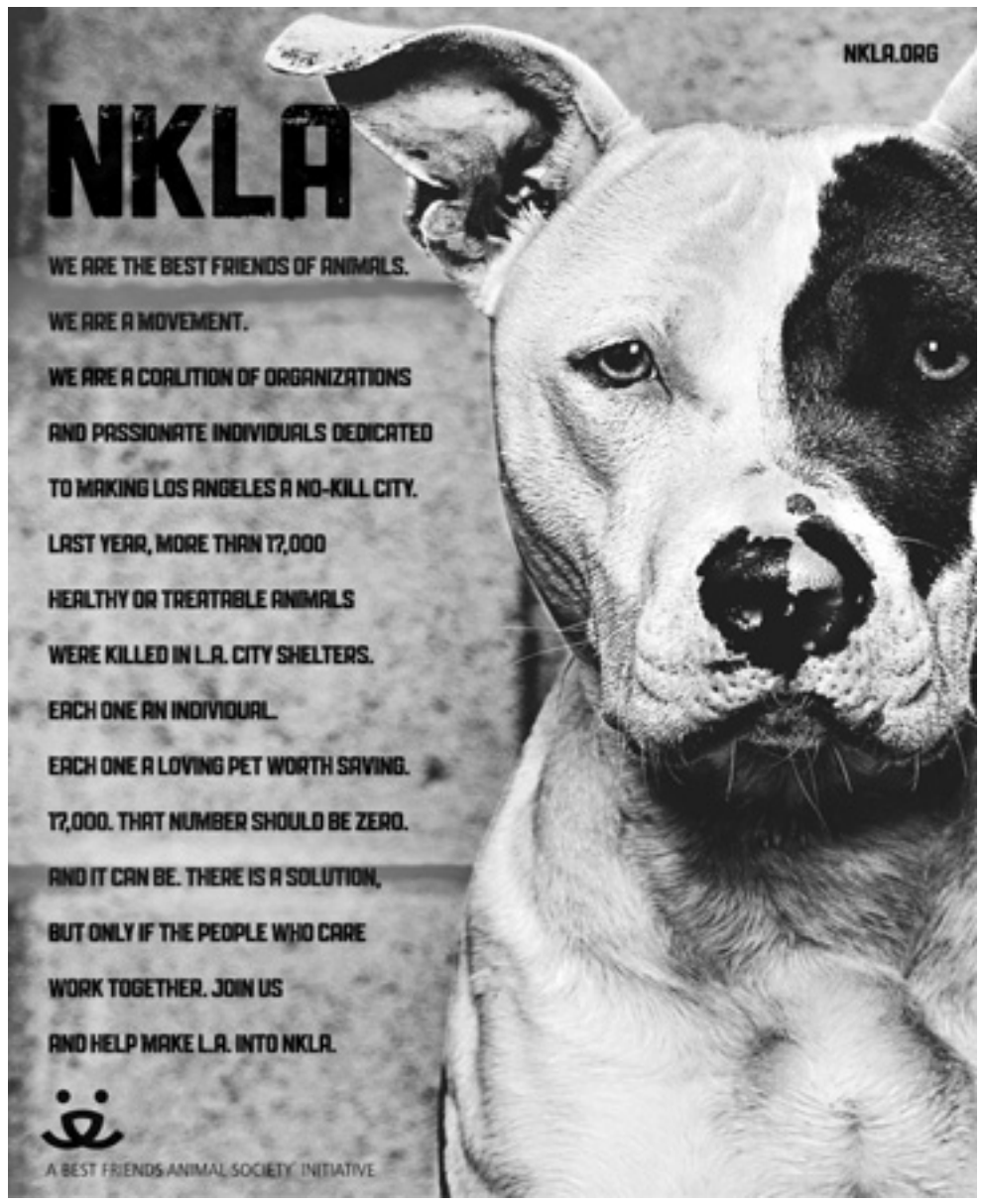
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Forget happiness: Dark comedy 'Happyish' sets the bar lower

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES A veteran ad man at an existential crossroads has a "Mad Men" ring to it. Stir victimized Keebler cartoon elves into Showtime's dark comedy "Happyish" and it's obvious that something very different is afoot.

Just as the waning "Mad Men" is Matthew Weiner's unique creation, the new "Happyish" represents Shalom Auslander's singular assertion of the futile quest for unqualified happiness - despite Thomas Jefferson's official declaration that we deserve to chase it.

The founding father "wrote America's first tagline: 'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,'" said Auslander, who gives the catchy phrase roughly the same respect as, "Buy one, get one free."

"It's (expletive). He knew it was (expletive) when he wrote it," said Auslander, whose profanity-laden speech, and series, could make a sheltered elf blush. "He just needed a handle."

That perspective, and the fact that the hero of "Happyish" is a pained ad agency executive, Thom Payne, as played by English master of cynicism Steve Coogan, make it easy to imagine bleakness eclipsing comedy.

But Auslander said he doesn't work that way. The novelist, magazine writer and "This American Life" contributor is making his first foray into TV with the series debuting 9:30 p.m. EDT Sunday.

"In everything I write, my goal is 'Ha, ha, ha, ouch,'" he said, drawing a contrast between a hollow joke - he cites a woman mistaking sperm for hairgel in the 1998 movie "Something About Mary" - and humor found in "the deeper things, the harder things. To me that's the best laugh."

Laughter is in short supply for middle-aged Tom after the agency is taken over by two young, social-media entranced Swedes who promise (read: threaten) change. One kneejerk suggestion for a client, Keebler snacks, is to dump the brand's merry, beloved elves for documentary-style TV spots.

The dire possibility prompts the elves to appear in Tom's life (at one point, extreme intimacy is involved) and interact with others (violence, no intimacy).

The show's cast includes Kathryn Hahn ("Revolutionary Road," "We're the Millers") as Lee Payne, Tom's appealingly strong wife, and Bradley Whitford ("The West Wing") as his jaded colleague. Sawyer Shipman plays the Paynes' emotionally vulnerable son.

Actor-writer Coogan ("Philomena," "Alan Partridge"), who said he wasn't driven to get an American TV show, had the task of replacing the late Philip Seymour Hoffman. The Oscar-winning actor, who had taped a "Happyish" pilot, died a drug overdose in 2014 at age 46.

"I talked to Shalom a lot before I pulled the trigger to move forward," Coogan said. "The reason I'm doing it, with the greatest respect to Philip Seymour Hoffman, is because of the quality of the writing. I read those lines and thought I would like to say them."

Coogan, who at 49 falls into the generational bracket with his character, said he understands Tom's fear of becoming irrelevant in a fast-changing world. But "Happyish" is about more than that, and offers more than a sour view of life.

"If it was just cynical, I wouldn't be interested in it. What elevates it is that Shalom understands that Tom's character has a humanity: He wants the world to be a better place," Coogan said.

Auslander faced a personal challenge in continuing with "Happyish" after Hoffman's death: The two had become friends when Hoffman optioned his novel, "Hope: A Tragedy," that imagines Holocaust victim Anne Frank found alive, older and hiding in a New York attic.

"I just really didn't feel like thinking about it for a while," he said. "You go through stages of anger and grief. Then I (realized) I kind of love these characters, and they existed for a very long time before Philip came on board."

The 44-year-old Auslander is the same age as Payne, once worked in an ad agency and is the show's sole writer (he shares executive producing duties with Ken Kwapis). An observer might conclude that he is putting his own midlife crisis on screen, but Auslander says the show is about the state of the world, not its generation gap.

"I'll sit with a 25- or 30-year-old and they'll go, 'Yeah, it's (expletive) crazy.' I think it's a point of view: Anyone who has any kind of self-awareness and isn't swallowing what the world is selling, whole."

And what is that? "It doesn't bode well for the country if every industry aims for 18-year-olds," he said, or if older Americans try to emulate them.

"I walk through town and they've got on Oakleys (sunglasses) and bright orange Nikes and track suits. And I'm, 'What the (expletive) are you doing?' You're the tribal elders. You have a job to do. Tell me what really matters."

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DANCE

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we're going a little too far," he said.

"The problem now on Main Street is that, in order to allow dancing, that technically becomes a nightclub, and nightclubs are not allowed on Main Street," Planning Director David Martin responded. "That's the issue. We could look at it to see if there's some way to carve out a provision where — I don't know what it would be — but some limited amount of dancing is allowed in restaurants."

Council has dealt with this issue in the past. Neighbors of Brick + Mortar, a Main Street restaurant, have complained in the past that it operates as a nightclub.

"I understand that one can look at these conditions and say that they're onerous but they've been developed because of the long-term history of the morphing of restaurants into something that's other than what they should be," City Land Use Attorney Barry Rosenbaum explained.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie explained that the issue is particularly complicated in a city, like Santa Monica, where houses sit next to restaurants.

"The problem is, as part of your policies for permitting housing, you have housing and commercial uses adjacent all over the city," she said, "and nightclubs tend to be very disruptive to the neighbors who live just across an alley so it's more complicated than, 'does the city government get off on stifling spontaneous joy?' We don't. But it's quite a difficult set of issues so we'd like, at least, a chance to think about it and come back to you."

The First Amendment, she said, protects spontaneous expressions of joy.

Council voted unanimously to have city officials explore, as Mayor Kevin McKeown put it, "the right to boogie."

Councilmember Gleam Davis asked them to explore the definition of a nightclub in order to find a distinction that might be more enforceable.

Council voted on dozens of aspects of the ordinance last week but none of the decisions were definitive. City officials will make the roughly 50 changes requested by council and are scheduled to return for council's final approval on May 6.

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WATER

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violated a 1996 voter-approved law that prohibits government agencies from overcharging for services.

The ruling Monday that found San Juan Capistrano's water rates unconstitutional came amid a severe drought as agencies try to meet the governor's mandate to cut water use statewide by 25 percent.

The decision that Gov. Jerry Brown said puts a "straitjacket" on local government makes it harder for cities to adopt similar billings and may bring down some of the higher rates, said Ken Baerenklau, an associate professor at the University of California, Riverside who has studied tiered water rates.

Santa Monica officials said they were unsure if the recent ruling would have any impact here.

"We have been following the challenges to other cities' rate structures, including the Capistrano case," said Councilman Ted Winterer. "Staff is analyzing the decision's significance for Santa Monica, if any. And, of course, it's possible that the parties to the case will seek California Supreme Court review."

Two-thirds of water districts use some form of tiered water pricing. The ruling which is only binding in Orange County but could be cited in legal filings throughout the state, does not make tiered pricing illegal, but agencies or cities have to show price hikes are directly tied to the cost of the water, the court said.

If tiered rates are eliminated, cities will lose one of their most common tools for encouraging conservation just as they are implementing water cuts to meet state goals.

Beverly Hills residents and business owners could be fined up to $1,000 for violating new water restrictions passed by the city following an order from the governor to limit water use amid California's drought.

The rules approved Tuesday by the Beverly Hills City Council limit lawn watering to two days a week and prohibit the draining and refilling of existing swimming pools.

The council also banned the washing of cars outside homes and requires restaurants to only serve water upon request.

Santa Monica is requiring residents to cut usage by 20 percent and the city is working on specific proposals that will account for the state goals and what has already been implemented locally.

Meanwhile, federal politicians are also seeing drought related legislation come across their desks.

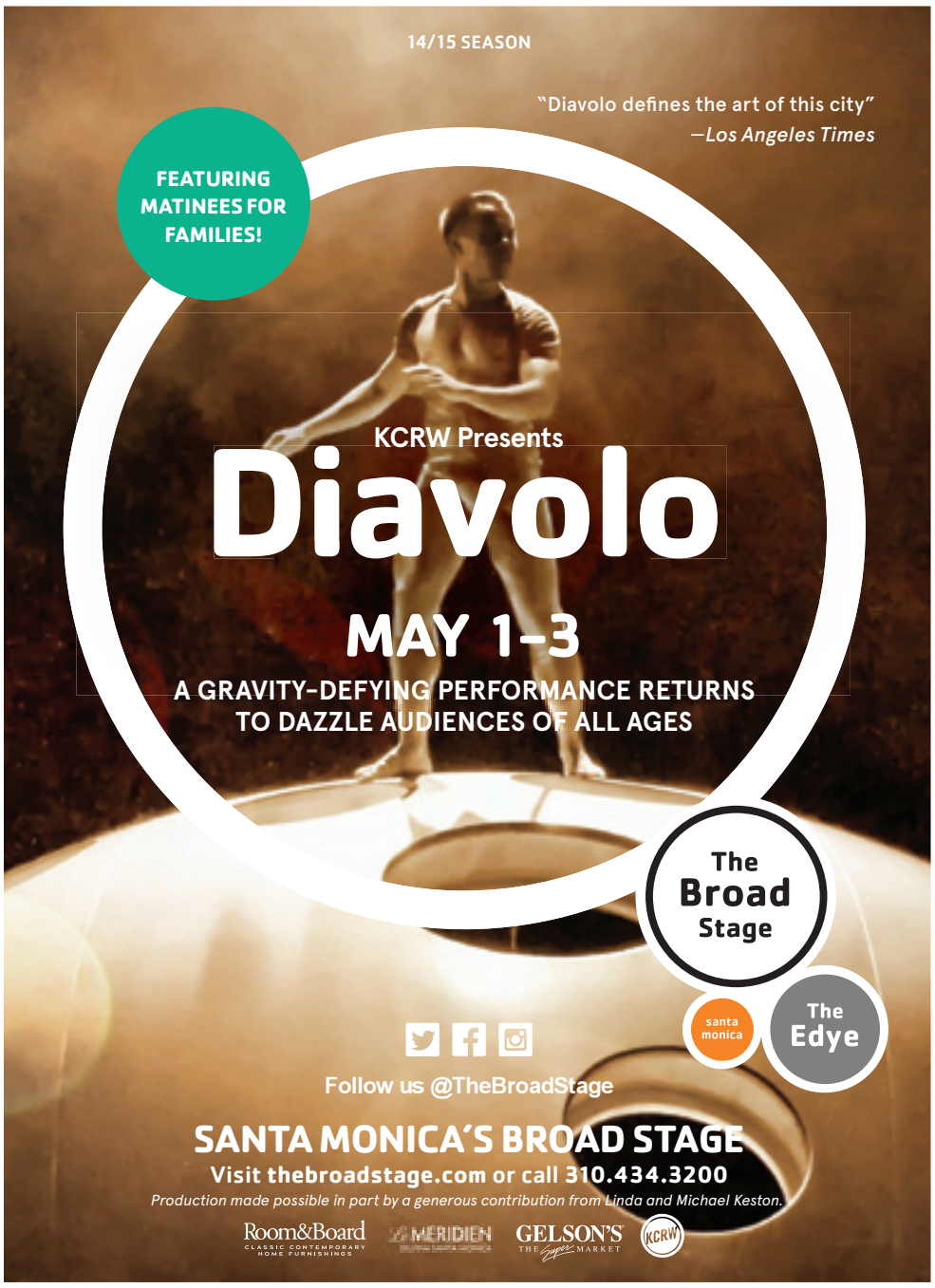
A House panel recently passed legislation designed to speed up the federal government's work in studying five major water storage projects in California. Those studies have been ongoing for almost 20 years.

The amendment sets hard deadlines for each of the studies to be completed, with the last by 2017. It is aimed at ensuring the projects are able to compete for some $2.7 billion in additional water storage funding that voters approved last November.

The legislation from Republican congressman David Valadao of Hanford calls for the Bureau of Reclamation to complete studies for the expansion of three dams and the creation of two others.

The full House is expected to take up the bill next week.

– Matthew Hall contributed to this report





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Some commissioners were unimpressed by the project but felt legally prohibited from rejecting it outright. Instead, they delayed a vote and sent the buildings, which date back to the 1940s, to the Landmarks Commission for consideration.

The commission declared that a few of the buildings should be designated as Structures of Merit, saying that they are a unique and rare example of Mid-Century Modern courtyard housing.

The designation would make it much harder for the landowners to demolish the project and put in condos.

Following the commission's decision, the landowner filed an appeal, which will be heard by council next week.

"The statement asserts that the Landmarks Commission action was not so much a historic preservation issue as it was a way to conduct a broader discussion about the loss and erosion of affordable and/or courtyard housing within the City," city officials said in a report to council.

The landowner, Park Virginia LLC, focuses on a comment made by Commissioner Lois Lambert, when she noted that, if the requirements for designation weren't broadened, Santa Monica would lose courtyard housing.

"Isn't this the 800 pound gorilla in the middle of the room?" the appeal says. "Isn't the erosion of affordable housing along with the vanishing courtyard breed truly the real underlying and overriding issue here that is clouding the actual merits of the property itself … ?"

They go on to claim that several commissioners were on the fence about designation of the property but decided to vote in favor of the designation anyway. The final vote was 4 to 2, in favor of the designation, with one commissioner recusing herself.

Park Virginia hired historical consultant, Chattel, to analyze the potential historic value of the buildings.

"The appeal statement also includes excerpts from the Chattel report stating that the buildings are not rare or unique examples of the Mid-Century Modern style but rather, modest buildings designed in a hybrid Minimal Traditional style," city officials said in the report.

Finally, the landowners allude to the fact that the designation has nothing to do with historical significance and everything to do with affordable housing.

"The appeal statement concludes with an expressed opinion that a Structure of Merit designation is weak and does not offer any real protection," city officials said.

City officials recommend that council deny the appeal and uphold the commission's decision to protect these properties "based upon their age and the rarity of their architectural style and on-site configuration."

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MONEY

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for literacy coaches, instructional aides and other support staff as well as arts programs and other enrichment activities.

The school board is now considering significant changes to the fundraising initiative, which it discussed at length at its recent meeting. Although the board approved a one-time allocation of $800,000 to buoy the previous fundraising cycle, officials have said that kind of safety net won't be available this time around.

Several budget scenarios will be prepared for the board to consider at a May 4 study session. Staff will be prioritized even if there's a fundraising shortfall, Lyon said.

Lyon asked board members about cuts they would consider, SMMEF-funded programs they would potentially move into the general fund and general expenses that could be covered by the education foundation.

Board member Craig Foster said he doesn't want to make cuts but added that he thinks the district's annual fundraising capacity is about $2 million. He suggested setting that figure as next year's goal and moving $2 million in SMMEF-funded programs into the general fund.

Several board members recommended using general funds to pay for professional development and literacy coaches — currently SMMEF-supported — although Lyon noted that could lead to cutbacks in other areas.

Board president Laurie Lieberman said the annual fundraiser should support programs that excite parents. She added that it's been difficult to rally middle and high school parents, at least in part because there's a perception that elementary school students benefit more.

District families have raised 45 percent of the money in the current drive, SMMEF executive director Linda Greenberg said. The remainder has come from community members (29 percent), corporations (8 percent), foundations (8 percent) and other sources (10 percent).

About 28 percent of district families and 24 percent of staff have contributed to the fundraiser, Greenberg said.

"There's a general belief that these programs have a positive impact on student achievement," said Evan Bartelheim, the district's director of assessment, research and evaluation, noting the results of numerous surveys. "I don't think there was any program that was funded that didn't have a strong impact."

Kristina Schauer, a SMMEF co-chair at Franklin Elementary School, said parents are still learning how the new fundraising system works.

"The expectation that we'd raise $4 million in the first year (of implementation) was super-aspirational, and that's not going to happen," she said. "It's going to take time for people to understand educational funding in California. ... As hard as it is, I really do think we can make it. But it's going to take more time."

Added Greenberg: "We keep sending the message out. We're not done with this campaign."

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Telesco says Rivers will be Bolts' QB 'well into the future'

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AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO Citing his Catholic faith, San Diego Chargers general manager Tom Telesco promised he wasn't going to lie during his pre-draft news conference.

He then proceeded to speak effusively about quarterback Philip Rivers' future with the team.

"Philip's our quarterback. It's our plan and intent that he's our quarterback well into the future," Telesco said Wednesday.

It's been rumored for weeks that Rivers, who doesn't want to move to Los Angeles if the team does, could be traded to Tennessee so the Chargers can draft Marcus Mariota with the second pick.

Has Telesco, who currently holds the 17th pick overall, discussed a trade with Tennessee?

"I'm going to leave that go," he said.

Does he see any scenario that includes moving up to the second pick?

"Uh, no."

If Tennessee called offering the No. 2 pick for Rivers, what would he say?

"Philip's our quarterback, and the plan is he's going to be here for a long, long, long time," Telesco said.

Rivers has said that with so much uncertainty surrounding the team, he's likely to play out his current contract, which expires after this season, rather than agreeing to an extension.

The Chargers and their biggest rivals, the Oakland Raiders, in February announced plans to build a $1.7 billion stadium in the Los Angeles suburb of Carson if they don't get new stadiums in their current hometowns.

The AFC West foes were responding to the possibility of the St. Louis Rams moving to Los Angeles. Rams owner Stan Kroenke is part of a joint venture that wants to build an 80,000-seat stadium in the L.A. suburb of Inglewood.

An advisory group appointed by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer has set May 20 as the date it expects to release its plan on how to finance a new stadium at the site of aging Qualcomm Stadium.

The situation could get tricky. What if the Chargers traded Rivers to Tennessee, and then ended up staying in San Diego?

"We shall see," Telesco said.

The Chargers, who have only one playoff victory in the last five years, worked out Mariota last week.

"That's just kind of what we do," Telesco said. "In player evaluation, we'll never be 100 percent right. We might be 80 percent right. But we will be 100 percent right on preparation.

"With any player in the draft, if Dean leans over and asks me about a player and I'm not prepared and I don't have enough information on him, that's on me," Telesco said, referring to team chairman Dean Spanos. "When it comes to quarterbacks we have to scout them a little bit differently. There's a lot more that goes into it. That's not something new."

Invitation mix-up or divided loyalties for Raiders' Davis?

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES So which team is Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis playing for?

The Raiders and San Diego Chargers are trying to build a $1.7 billion stadium in the city of Carson, just outside Los Angeles. Yet Davis was listed as a special guest this week at a speech by the mayor in nearby Inglewood, where a $1.9 billion stadium is planned that could become home for the St. Louis Rams.

Davis' appearance in Inglewood would have amounted to a visit to enemy territory - the two projects are competing as the NFL considers bringing football back to the LA market.

"I was shocked," said Chicago-based sports finance consultant Marc Ganis, who has worked on relocations, financing and other projects for a host of NFL teams, including the Rams' move to St. Louis.

The Chargers and Raiders "are in lockstep with each other in Carson, in writing," he said. "There has to be some miscommunication."

A statement from Inglewood Mayor James Butts' office Monday said the event would include a presentation with "the inside scoop ... on the NFL relocation process as it relates to the 80,000 seat stadium that will break ground in December," a reference to the Inglewood project that is linked to Rams owner Stan Kroenke.

However, the Raiders on Tuesday released a statement saying Davis would not attend. The Inglewood mayor's office reversed course Wednesday, saying Davis would not be on hand because of a "scheduling conflict."

Butts' office did not respond to requests for additional comment.

The confusion over Davis' calendar surfaced after Carson's City Council on Tuesday endorsed the plan for a shared stadium for the Chargers and Raiders, if the teams can't get deals for new stadiums in their current hometowns.

Under NFL rules, the next opportunity for a team to file to relocate to either stadium would be in January 2016. The move would have to clear a tangle of league hurdles, including getting support from at least 24 of the 32 teams.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that that sealed bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at **1717 4th Street Suite 250**, Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

BID #4191 PROVIDE ALLISON TRANSMISSION REMANUFACTURING TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPAIR SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE BIG BLUE BUS

BID #4193 PROVIDE BUS AD INSTALLATION SERVICES AS REQUIRED BY THE BIG BLUE BUS

BID #4203 PROVIDE DETROIT DIESEL ALLISON TRANSMISSION PARTS AS REQUIRED BY THE BIG BLUE BUS

BID #4204 PROVIDE VARIOUS SFETY WORK BOOTS, SHOES AND MISCELLANEOUS ACCESSORIES IN-STORE AND MOBILE SERVICE AS REQUIRED BY THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Submission Deadline is May 8, 2015, at until 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **63.5°**

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Modest S swell mix. NW swell due to hold for exposures.

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
NW swell eases. Shadowed/inconsistent SW swell moves in - sets to chest high for standouts.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Shadowed/inconsistent SW swell - sets to chest high for standouts. Small NW swell. Possible stronger onshore flow.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Shadowed/inconsistent SW swell. Small NW swell.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

HEAL THE BAY · 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 · beachreportcard.org · brc@healthebay.org · 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SMA Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON APRIL 11, AT APPROXIMATELY 12 P.M.

An officer responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue in response to a petty theft call. Upon arriving, the officer was met by a store employee who said a the male suspect, described as wearing a blue shirt and dark colored jeans, had been in the men's sportswear section removing price tags from sunglasses and placing them in his pockets. The suspect went on to select jeans and take them into the fitting room. Upon exiting the fitting room, he was seen wearing one pair of jeans and holding the other in his hands as he continued to grab two shirts and exit the store without paying. The store's employee confronted him once he exited the store and was able to recover some of the items, yet the subject refused to give back the jeans he was wearing and began to walk away from the employee.

Officers in the area detained a man matching the given description, and when was asked to identify himself, the suspect provide false information. Gwam Im, 25 of Los Angeles was correctly identified while he was being booked. His bail was set at $5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 328 calls for service on April 21.

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

Battery 1400 block of Ocean 3:43 a.m.
Hit and run felony investigation Promenade/Santa Monica 5 a.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Wilshire 6:19 a.m.
Traffic accident with injuries 25th / Ocean Park 7:59 a.m.
Arson Cloverfield/Interstate 10 8:13 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of Cedar 9:27 a.m.
Burglary 3200 block of Ocean Park 9:47 a.m.
Petty theft 2900 block of Main 10:23 a.m.
Petty theft now 300 block of Colorado 10:28 a.m.
Battery 1300 block of 20th 10:31 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block of 11th 10:41 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of Grant 11:18 a.m.
Identity theft 800 block of 16th 11:28 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of 5th 11:48 a.m.
Theft suspect in custody 2600 block of Lincoln 11:56 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of 9th 12:22 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2900 block of 31st 11:59 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Pico 12:43 p.m.
Lewd activity 300 block of Santa Monica 12:59 p.m.
Battery 1300 block of Pico 1:03 p.m.
Hit and run 700 block of 15th 1:23 p.m.
Auto burglary Appian/Arcadia 1:33 p.m.
Elder abuse 800 block of 3rd 1:40 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block of 6th 1:40 p.m.
Fight 400 block of California 1:42 p.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block of Appian 1:50 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block of 20th 2 p.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of 4th 2:01 p.m.
Petty theft 11th/Olympic 2:07 p.m.
Counterfeit money 1400 block of 5th 2:14 p.m.
Petty theft now 2600 block of Lincoln 2:40 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 2nd 3:51 p.m.
Identity theft 2400 block of 5th 4:09 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Colorado 4:39 p.m.
Assault 1800 block of Pico 5 p.m.
Prostitution 300 block of Olympic 5:01 p.m.
Indecent exposure now Cloverfield /Virginia 5:07 p.m.
Burglary 3100 block of Lincoln 5:38 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation Lincoln/Olympic 6:09 p.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of Pico 6:13 p.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 14th/Wilshire 6:17 p.m.
Vandalism 2200 block of 10th 6:19 p.m.
Grand theft 1900 block of Santa Monica 6:49 p.m.
Vandalism 1400 block of 11th 7:30 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation Cloverfield/Olympic 7:45 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2400 block of Michigan 8:12 p.m.
Loitering 1800 block of 9th 9:44 p.m.
Loud music 1400 block of Yale 9:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 6th 10:17 p.m.
Shots fired 21st/Pico 11:10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 39 calls for service on April 21.

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

Automatic alarm 1500 block of 5th 12:48 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Colorado 1:58 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 4th 3 a.m.
Injuries from assault 1400 block of Ocean 3:45 a.m.
EMS Promenade /Santa Monica 5:01 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Marine 5:41 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Lincoln 5:51 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Pico 6:52 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Lincoln 7:04 a.m.
Brush fire Cloverfield /Interstate 10 7:46 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block of Olympic 7:50 a.m.
EMS 25th/Ocean Park 7:59 a.m.
EMS 24th/Ocean Park 8:05 a.m.
EMS 3200 block of Colorado 11:01 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 15th 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Cloverfield blvd 11:46 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica blvd 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 16th 12:53 p.m.
Injuries from assault 300 block of Santa Monica pl 1:01 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Montana 2:25 p.m.
EMS intersection of 20th/Delaware 3:04 p.m.
Assist LAFD Lincoln/Sunset 4:05 p.m.
EMS intersection of 4th/Colorado 4:40 p.m.
EMS intersection of 4th/Civic Center 4:55 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Wilshire 6:21 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Centinela 6:59 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of 31st 7:40 p.m.
EMS 17th/Pearl 8:39 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of 12th 8:54 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of 17th 9:38 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Place 10 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Play group
5 Godzilla's home
10 Island dances
12 Like lambs
13 Bring out
14 "Affliction" star
15 Vacuum lack
16 Flowering tree
18 Fast-growing tree
20 Bind
21 Article
23 Put a stop to
24 Uncivil
26 Staff member
28 Col.'s boss
29 Comic Carvey
31 Saloon supply
32 Ornamental tree
36 Towering tree
39 Bullring call
40 First Lady before Michelle
41 Mob bosses
43 Singer Chris
44 Was out
45 Relates
46 Pro votes

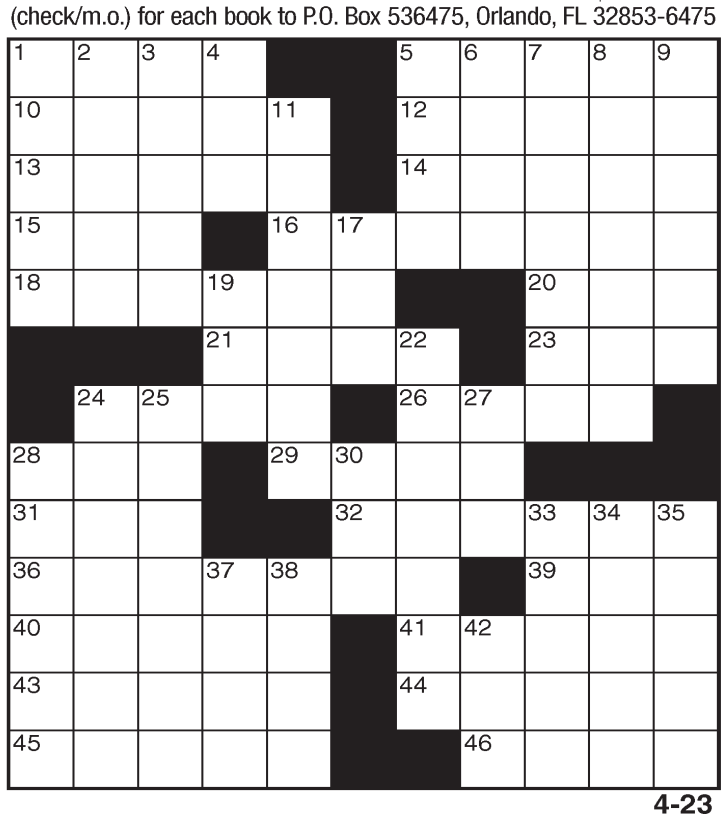
DOWN

1 Tightfisted
2 Broadcast sound
3 Drink rudely
4 One of three in a row
5 Author Erica
6 Declare
7 Guided
8 Chemist Lavoisier
9 Called for
11 Under
17 Mine matter
19 Pot part
22 Wild ones
24 Let go
25 Disparate
27 McKellen of "The Hobbit"
28 Like old streets
30 Boxing great
33 Happy colleague
34 Wed in haste
35 Comfy spots
37 Caspian Sea feeder
38 Stately trees
42 In the style of

F	I	N	I	S	H	■	F	E	A	T
A	C	A	D	I	A	■	R	A	G	E
R	E	P	E	N	T	■	I	R	O	N
■	■	■	A	G	H	A	S	T	■	■
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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1 AND 2! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

	2			3			7	
8			4		6	3		2
	9							
	7						1	
3			5		9			4
	4						2	
							8	
4		9	8		7			1
	3			2			9	

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

1	3	7	5	2	9	6	8	4
9	4	2	6	8	1	7	5	3
8	6	5	3	4	7	9	2	1
6	5	4	1	9	8	2	3	7
3	2	8	7	6	4	5	1	9
7	9	1	2	3	5	4	6	8
2	7	3	4	1	6	8	9	5
5	1	9	8	7	2	3	4	6
4	8	6	9	5	3	1	7	2

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 4/18
13 22 23 29 31
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 40M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/21
31 33 35 41 69
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 74M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/18
7 22 36 38 45
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 27M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/21
8 9 24 28 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/22
MIDDAY: 3 4 2
Draw Date: 4/21
EVENING: 3 0 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/21
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:48.95

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WORD UP!

mirepoix
1. a flavoring made from diced vegetables, seasonings, herbs, and sometimes meat, often placed in a pan to cook with meat or fish.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1949 - Chinese Civil War: Establishment of the People's Liberation Army Navy.

1951 - American journalist William N. Oatis is arrested for espionage by the Communist government of Czechoslovakia.

1955 - The Canadian Labour Congress is formed by the merger of the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada and the Canadian Congress of Labour.

1967 - Soviet space program: Soyuz 1 (Russian: ёÓ¸Á 1, Union 1) a manned spaceflight carrying cosmonaut Colonel Vladimir Komarov is launched into orbit.

1968 - Vietnam War: Student protesters at Columbia University in New York City take over administration buildings and shut down the university.

1971 - Bangladesh Liberation War: The Pakistan Army and Razakars massacre approximately 3,000 Hindu emigrants in the Jathibhanga area of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

1985 - Coca-Cola changes its formula and releases New Coke. The response is overwhelmingly negative, and the original formula is back on the market in less than three months.

1990 - Namibia becomes the 160th member of the United Nations and the 50th member of the Commonwealth of Nations.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In January, the principal of W.F. Burns Middle School in Valley, Alabama, sent home a letter to parents with her suggestions on how to train students in the event an active shooter breaks into the classroom. In order not to be "sitting ducks" for the intruder, each child was asked to be armed with an 8-ounce canned food item to toss at any potential spree-killer. The can is designed to give the student a "sense of empowerment" in the face of extreme danger, the principal told WHNT-TV of Huntsville, but acknowledged that "(T)his is a sensitive topic."

■ Newly elected Alabama state Sen. Larry Stutts, in one of his first actions in office, introduced a bill to repeal "Rose's Law," a 1999 legislation that, had it been on the books the year before, might have saved the life of new mother Rose Church, whose doctor was OB/GYN Larry Stutts. Rose's Law gave new mothers a legal right to remain hospitalized for up to 96 hours after birth, depending on circumstances, but the new senator calls that right just another "Obamacare-style law" in which legislators in Montgomery intrude into doctors' decisions. (Stutts also proposed to repeal the requirement for written cautions to patients whose mammograms show unusual density.) Though her daughter survived, Rose died of a heart attack following two "doctor's decision" hospital releases, and her husband's wrongful-death lawsuit against Stutts and others reached a settlement in 2005.

Say little tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You understand an expenditure surrounding your home and/or family. However, another person who is involved might not. Clearly, you are alone in this choice. Follow your intuition on how to proceed, and let go of your vision. Tonight: Awkwardness will disappear.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your words have an impact; trust that others will react accordingly. A partner might seem distant, perhaps in response to what you are saying. Is getting your way more important than having an easy interaction? Find some middle ground. Tonight: A close friend cops an attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be aware of what is occurring between you and someone else. Words could belie what is happening. Share more of what you care about, and encourage others to be more authentic. Getting to that point might be interesting. Tonight: Buy a card on the way home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Friends support your drive to get what you want and/or to complete a project. Your biggest barrier could be your energy; it's not endless, though you act as if it is. Keep in mind the end results, but take needed breaks along the way. Tonight: Choose what is best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A parent or higher-up seems to be very sure of him- or herself. Use your instincts when dealing with this person, and you will know what to do. A key friend might help you create circumstances that are much more to your liking. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to imagine what it is like to have the power to change what is going on around you. A key associate seems inspired by your thinking, and he or she is likely to play a dominant role. Sit back and see what happens. Tonight: Hang with your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might need to view a situation in a different light. Your sense of humor could be off-color, but it will help many of those around you gain a perspective on their immediate dealings. Pressure comes from your own expectations of yourself. Ease up some. Tonight: Say little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Detach, and you'll find the answers you're looking for. Follow your instincts. Others might respond in a way that delights you. Recognize the lack of facts being presented by someone, and let your imagination fill in the gaps. Tonight: Listen to a favorite type of music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Someone close to you is likely to seek you out. Remain open, and listen to your intuition -- not your mental chatter. Recognize the role your inner dialogue plays in your life, especially if the facts are not confirmed. Relax and listen more. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be aware of your ability to move people when you approach them with sensitivity. You could feel a little off, as you might be depressed or tired. Make time for a cat nap or whatever else you feel will heal you. Tonight: What you say could be confusing, yet it will be right-on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Try to be more nurturing when dealing with those in your daily life. Your ability to empathize with others could be instrumental. A friend will let you know that he or she doesn't agree with you. Listen, but tune in to your inner voice. Tonight: Avoid a heated discussion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Make it OK to be on cruise control, even if a boss or a parent criticizes your behavior. Do what is necessary to appease this person, and know that your intuition is working for you. If you are single, an encounter with a new person could be significant. Tonight: Let down your hair.

Thursday, April 23, 2015

This year you will communicate more effectively. Your instincts and perspective take you to a different level from those around you. You will have to filter what you say to some friends and loved ones. If you are single, you could meet an exotic person in the second half of your birthday year. This person manifests the same type of vision you have, but his or her perspective is different. If you are attached, you could find your significant other becoming more distant than in the past. Recognize that you might need to learn to speak to each other differently. CANCER can change his or her mind quickly.

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



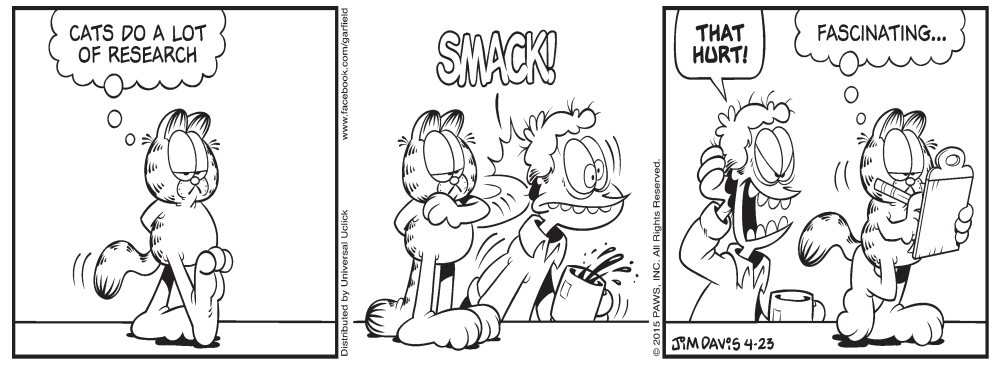
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



give a (bleep)

Each Thursday, 'ii's on Entertainment' touts purpose-driven projects

Performance: So, who the (bleep) are you?

By Andrew Shane Walters

Go on, express yourself! Identify your identity and let your hair down. Spread your arms wide and relish your own beautiful self.

Anna Deavere Smith's *Never Givin' Up* is a testament to the stories and voices of the civil rights movement, those who wanted nothing more than to just be themselves.

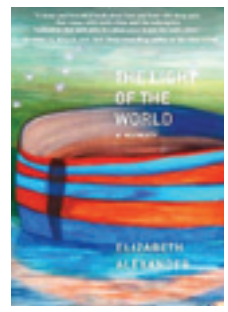
"I feel like my work has been my path to freedom," says Smith, actress



(*The West Wing* and *The American President)*, playwright and professor.

Accompanied by violinist Robert McDuffie and pianist Anne Epperson, Smith's *Never Givin' Up* has two remaining shows scheduled at The Broad Stage this weekend. For full details, visit thebroadstage.com.

Publication: *Light's* vicarious life lessons



Staying healthy doesn't have to mean a trip to the gym, bro. Health also involves engaging your mind. Do some quick fun reps of listening! Art allows someone to express thoughts and feelings that could relate to your own.

Elizabeth Alexander, a Pulitzer Prize finalist, shares her memoir *The Light of the World* at Diesel A Bookstore in the Brentwood Country Mart this Monday at 6:30 pm.



Production: *Ride*

Think learning is only for the classroom, right? No way, man.

The new film from Academy Award-winner Helen Hunt (*As Good as it Gets*), tells the story of her son, who drops out of college to become a surfer.

This Monday, Hunt will make a live appearance at the Aero Theatre to discuss *Ride*.

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