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Former Samohi QB dies at 55

Community mourns loss of Kevin 'Mojo' Reynolds



Courtesy Photo

QUARTERBACK: Local resident and Samohi graduate Kevin Wayne Reynolds died at age 55.



BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The passes found their way to Dennis Smith, a standout football player at Santa Monica High School some four decades ago. They landed in Smith's hands as he earned CIF co-player of the year honors in 1976, giving him the foundation to continue his career at USC and eventually play in three Super Bowls.

The balls were thrown by Kevin Wayne "Mojo" Reynolds, the Samohi quarterback for much of Smith's high school career.

Reynolds, known as a leader of the Vikings during their successful seasons under then-coach Tebb Kusserow, passed away last month from complications due to surgery. He was 55.

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Criticism but no punishment for Councilwoman O'Connor

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Councilwoman Pam O'Connor is unlikely to face any formal reprimand for her role in the Elizabeth Riel case following Council discussions of the issue at their April 26 meeting.

The Council had the opportunity to discuss and comment on a recently released ethics report Tuesday night. While several individual members took the opportunity to criticize O'Connor's actions, none initiated a formal censure process and several members seemed to expressly reject formal punishment.

Attorney John Hueston presented his findings pursuant to the firing of Elizabeth Riel and city

enforcement of its anti-corruption laws known as the Oaks Initiative. He said the facts showed a chain of emails between O'Connor and then City Manager Rod Gould violated a section of the city charter that prohibits councilmembers from exerting indirect influence over hiring decisions. The report made no mention of how the council should respond to that violation and when asked about possible repercussions, Hueston declined to provide an opinion.

"That's beyond my pay grade, whether you should take an action or not," he said. "That's beyond the scope of what I was asked to do."

Hueston said there was clear indication of a violation but it was

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YALLWEST returns to Santa Monica

Local book festival to feature panels, discussions and teen writing contest

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

"What you have to understand is that not all villains are evil."

That's the first sentence of all the entries in a teen writing competition hosted by YALLWEST, the young-adult book festival being held this weekend in Santa Monica.

The finalists' poems and short stories are being judged by a panel of authors from the festival, which is celebrating its second year on the West Coast.

And the awards presentation for the writing contest is one element of a massive event April 30 and May 1 at Santa Monica High School that will unite scores of authors and storytellers with hundreds of literature fans for panel

discussions, book signings and other activities.

"We have one mission — to get books into the hands of kids, and to say the words that will get them to open them," said YALLWEST co-director Margaret Stohl. "We don't care if it's a comic book or a graphic novel or Shakespeare. Open a book, open up your world, then go out there and change the story."

Stohl, a Santa Monica resident, is among the authors changing the story for the young-adult genre. Her book, "Beautiful Creatures," was made into a 2013 movie of the same name, and she has worked extensively in the video game industry.

Festival co-director Melissa de la Cruz has also found success in

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, April 28

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

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GED Prep Class

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

LACMA So Far with Suzanne Muchnic

Suzanne Muchnic discusses her new book, LACMA So Far: Portrait of a Museum in the Making, which recounts the complex story - a convergence of art, money, influence, and architecture - of how LACMA became the largest art museum in the western United States. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, April 29

'This Way and That Way'

haleARTS is pleased to present "This Way and That Way," a solo show by photographer Alan Kupchick. An opening reception will be held and the works will be on view and for sale through May 11, 2016. haleARTS, 2443 Main St., 5 - 8 p.m.

'Solar System Exploration Update'

Learn about new Mars missions planned by Europe, a failure-to-launch by NASA, the arrival of a new orbiter at Jupiter, the launch of an asteroid sample return mission, and

more as we survey exploration highlights of 2016. Tickets are available at the door and cost \$11 (\$9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or \$6 (\$5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. The John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.

Guest House

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

Saturday, April 30

Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors Annual Meeting

Keynote speaker at meeting is Mayor Tony Vazquez. To see bylaws for all voting rules go to http://midcityneighbors.weebly.com/uploads/1/8/2/5/18251727/smmcn_bylaws_2014.pdf. To join go to midcityneighbors.org. The Edye at Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#Shakelt for Self-Acceptance!

Kick off National Mental Health Awareness Month with information, inspiring speeches and a flash mob dance in Santa Monica. Third Street Promenade, 1300 block.

Arts & Literacy Festival

Join us to discover local arts, literacy resources, and enjoy a day of fun activities and performances. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wanderlust 108

Mindful triathlon with 5K race, meditation, yoga, local vendors, healthy food, live music. For more information visit wanderlust.com. Santa Monica Pier, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Underage Decoy Operation

On April 25, officers from the Santa Monica Police Department's Vice Unit conducted an underage decoy operation focusing on alcohol retail establishments. The Minor Decoy Program uses individuals under the age of 20, who attempt to purchase alcohol at licensed premises. Any sale of alcohol to a minor, may result in criminal and administrative sanctions for the employee and the licensee.

The team visited 10 alcohol retail establishments in the City of Santa Monica. The following locations engaged in responsible sales of alcohol by asking for the decoy's age, identification and refusing to sell alcohol upon determining the decoy was under 21:

- Duck Blind, 1102 Montana Avenue
- Pavilions, 820 Montana Avenue
- The Farms, 2030 Montana Avenue
- Michael's Liquor, 2402 Wilshire Blvd
- CVS Pharmacy, 2505 Santa Monica Blvd
- Kings Liquor, 3102 Santa Monica Blvd
- Rite Aid, 1808 Wilshire Blvd
- Vons, 1331 Wilshire Blvd
- Santa Monica Liquor, 1001 Wilshire Blvd
- Ladd's Liquor, 1011 Broadway

The Minor Decoy Program has proven to be an effective tool in promoting responsible practices in the sales of alcoholic beverages by licensees, reducing substance abuse and enhancing community welfare by limiting underage access to alcohol.

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

- SUBMITTED BY LIEUTENANT SAUL RODRIGUEZ

Citywide

Bike-Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

The Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting Bike and Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations with focused enforcement efforts on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The Police Department periodically identifies locations where bike and pedestrian collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. In an effort to lower deaths and injuries, officers will be on duty patrolling areas

where bike and pedestrian traffic collisions occur.

Field enforcement operations are scheduled to take place on Friday April 30, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday May 1, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Officers will be on the lookout for violations by drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians that can potentially lead to life altering injuries. Special enforcement efforts will be directed towards drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks and similar dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will occur for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bicyclists will be issued citations when they fail to follow similar traffic laws that also apply to motorists.

Bicyclists are encouraged 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.

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Samohi

Student concert to feature Oscar-winning guest conductor

Film and animation unite with the sounds of the Samohi Orchestras as they host "Around the World and Beyond" on Friday, April 29, a community-wide event to celebrate the performing arts programs in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district. Oscar-winning Guest Conductor Michael Giacchino will be conducting.

The Samohi Orchestras will offer their renditions of works by beloved Anime Director Hayao Miyazaki with the American premiere of "Howl's Moving Castle" composed by Joe Hisaishi and "Spirited Away" composed by Yumi Kimura. Other places represented in the concert include Narnia, Springfield, a toy box, Gotham and the United Federation of Planets.

The concert will be held at Barnum Hall on the Santa Monica High School campus. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Outside of Barnum will be a pop-up Novel Café restaurant, desserts, and beverages available for purchase.

"The orchestra students have been ask-

ing to perform music from Miyazaki movies for a long time," said Joni Swenson, director of the Samohi Orchestras. "I had not seen his work until just recently. Now I understand. We look forward to showcasing the wonderful orchestral talent we have at Samohi through this beloved music."

The concert will also feature Oscar winner Michael Giacchino as a guest conductor. Students will perform "Star Trek Into Darkness" as well as music from "Game of Thrones," "Skyfall" and "The Simpsons."

"Around the World and Beyond" concert is open to the public and tickets are available for purchase in advance online at www.samohiorchestras.org. Tickets are priced as follows: adults \$10; students \$5; adults 65+ \$5. If still available, tickets can also be purchased at the door that evening.

Proceeds from the concert benefit the many efforts of the Samohi Orchestras program, including music coaches for all orchestras and scholarships for students without access to private lessons.

-SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER, SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

LOS ANGELES

Delta plane has flat tire after safe landing in Los Angeles

Authorities said a Delta Airlines jetliner had a flat tire after landing safely at Los Angeles International Airport following a flight from Atlanta.

Airport police officer Rob Pedregon said the pilot of Flight 2355 reported a possible wheel problem before landing around 12:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Delta spokesman Ashton Morrow said the tire deflated during takeoff.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said the flat tire was reported after the Boeing 757 was on the ground.

Pedregon said passengers were taken by bus to the gate. The aircraft, which was carrying 181 people, was towed in for inspection and maintenance.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles to host new college basketball doubleheader

A new men's basketball doubleheader will be played in Los Angeles featuring Arizona, BYU, Gonzaga and Southern California.

The Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame on

Wednesday announced the one-day event, to be played at Staples Center on Dec. 3.

The Wildcats will play the Zags and the Cougars will face the Trojans.

Tickets will go on sale May 4. Game times and television broadcast information will be announced later.

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LOS ANGELES

Wrong-way driver causes crash, runs from LA freeway

Los Angeles authorities are searching for a man who drove the wrong way on westbound U.S. 101 and slammed into a big rig and two cars before running from the scene.

The California Highway Patrol says there were no serious injuries in the four-vehicle crash early Wednesday near Tarzana.

CHP Officer Patrick Kimball says the hit-and-run driver was described as a man in his 20s with short blond hair and a beard.

All westbound lanes were briefly closed but traffic was moving again in time for the morning commute.

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Orange County

Donald Trump plans Thursday rally in Orange County

Donald Trump is beginning to court the Golden State voters who could put him over the top in GOP convention delegations.

The presidential candidate will kick off his California campaign with a rally in Orange County Thursday night. Then he's set to address the California Republican convention on Friday.

Trump's California campaign manager, Tim Clark, says tickets have been going fast since the rally in Costa Mesa was announced Wednesday.

All three GOP hopefuls will be at the party's convention this weekend in Burlingame, as will Sen. Ted Cruz's newly announced running mate, Carly Fiorina.

Democratic Sen. Barbara Boxer, who fended off a challenge from Fiorina in 2010, held a call with reporters Wednesday in which she said that all three Republican contenders are out of step with California voters.

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A Muslim and A Jew Walk Into a Bakery

ARE YOU AS SICK OF NEWS ABOUT politics, terrorism and global destruction as I am? Take yourself out for a laugh to see "Dough," a whole different kind of "buddy movie."

A teen-aged Muslim refugee from Darfur lands in London with his mother where they live in extreme poverty. An old Jewish kosher baker struggles against all odds to keep his family business open. The young man is drawn into the pot-selling business; the old man is the accidental beneficiary of his illegal activities.

The twists and turns, much like the braided Sabbath challah they learn to bake together, are a skillful weaving of race, religion, prejudice and the ultimate sharing of human values without pounding you over the head, more like a gentle elbow nudge.

Jonathan Pryce is Nat Dayan the baker; Jerome Holder is exceptional as Ayyash, the teen. We learn about their circumstances in a slow roll out. But it picks up quickly.

The 4 a.m. alarm gets Nat up to open his bakery in this multi-ethnic declining neighborhood. This family-run business has slumped, his son, the lawyer, refuses to take it over; his landlord (Pauline Collins) is a widow on the make who's not above cutting deals to score a new mate, and there's a villainous chain supermarket owner (Phillip Davis) who steals Nat's assistant to create a kosher section in his own store, next door to Nat's, hoping to drive the old man out of business so he can absorb his shop space.

Ayyash can't find a job and has fallen into the clutches of a drug dealer. Snippets of his history come out in conversation between him and his mother, Safa (Natasha Gordon)-they were forced to flee violent attacks back home, leaving their father behind, his fate unknown. Safa is the cleaning lady at Nat's bakery and when he posts the job to replace his lost apprentice, she begs him to take on her son.

Muslim/Jewish tension is present, mostly played out in culturally stereotyped comments they make, but religion means everything to Nat and Ayyash. So their reactions to one another are filtered through their common humanity.

Ayyesh triples Nat's business by accidentally pouring his pot stash into the dough making everyone very happy, and bringing in throngs of people, from the Rabbi to the Rastafarians to the Bridge Club Ladies, for "the special," the "one with the poppy seeds." Suddenly this is a hot business and media soon follows.

Mind you, Nat has no idea what is going on. But Ayyash now owes the dealer a great deal of money for the pot he is baking into the shop's products, and he hasn't figured out the way to repay him. The rest of the film becomes both a caper movie and a redemption tale.

Of course, the play on the word dough as money and dough as baking medium are

obvious, but this movie, like the smell of fresh baked bread straight out of the oven, is warm to the touch and feeds the soul.

"Dough" opens at Laemmle's Royal Theatre in West LA on April 29. Recommended.

HIS ART, HIS LIFE

Also at the Royal is quite possibly the single-most comprehensive documentary about a living artist ever made, Randall Wright's "Hockney."

I make no secret of the fact that I am an unabashed and unapologetic fan of David Hockney's art. For me it "sparks joy," to steal a phrase from organizing phenom Marie Kondo (The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up), who appeared at Barnum Hall last week as a Live Talks LA guest speaker.

Hockney is a thinker; in the number of "periods" of his career he rivals the versatility of Picasso, and in his explorations of intellectual concepts about the nature of seeing and depicting time and space, he has expended a great deal of gray matter. He has always been an early adopter of new technologies, from photo collage to fax to iPhone to iPad. In addition to his renowned "pool" paintings, now he's circled back to painting-spectacularly-the beloved English landscapes of his youth.

You'll see the process of his art making, how it evolved over time, how it continues to be the reason for his existence, entwining the experiences of his seven-plus-decades life with his work.

"Hockney" lives up to its description as the definitive exploration of one of the most significant artists of his generation. The intimacy comes from the access the artist has given Wright to his personal archive of photographs and film, resulting in an unparalleled visual diary of his life.

It's been extended at The Royal; so catch it while you can at <https://www.laemmle.com>.

MOSES THE MASTER

Just because he's 90 years old doesn't mean that artist Ed Moses is slowing down.

The William Turner Gallery is celebrating his birthday and extraordinary career with an exhibition at its Bergamot Station space, and sprawling into the now-empty Santa Monica Museum of Art space, with huge new canvases and signature artworks spanning the decades.

The opening reception is Saturday, April 30 from 6 to 8 pm; this well-deserved recognition and honoring of one of our local living legends can be viewed through June 25. Details at <http://www.williamturnergallery.com>.

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Tales From Hi De Ho Comics

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Terminal Lance: One Marine's Story of Grunt Work

FIVETHIRTYEIGHT, THE ULTIMATE STAT Nerd website lists the number of Americans who are currently serving or have served in the past at around 7.3% of the population. A tiny percentage when you think about everything that it takes to serve the biggest military superpower in history. There's a very good chance that if you're reading this, you know someone closely who has served in the military. For me, it's my two oldest brothers, both of whom were medically retired from their respective branches, the Marine Corps and the Air Force. That's to say nothing of countless people my age, like my friends Roman Diaz and Matthew Zurawski, who served with honor an integrity

Serving in the military is usually seen as a prestigious, selfless act. And indeed, it can be. For most of our new veterans, serving meant literally putting your life on the line. But it also meant a lot of hard work that may not have been so glamorous.

That, in essence, is the premise of Maximilian Uriarte's webcomic Terminal Lance. Each strip presents the reader with the struggles of being a Lance Corporal or, if you prefer, grunt, in the Marine Corps. Specifically, being a Terminal Lance, meaning that before their stint is up, they will never be promoted higher than the third enlisted rank of seniority. Whether it is from lack of acknowledgement or, perhaps, one too many NJPs (non-judicial punishments) at the hands of "The Green Weenie", which is what is Marine-speak for what the Corps uses to screw you over.

That's not to say that it's all gloom. Uriarte packs plenty of laughs and schadenfreude into three or four frames at a time. Whether it's the struggle to pass a urine test with your Sergeant watching, "skating" (ditching grunt work by hiding or using a fake excuse, most likely going to Dental) or helplessly watching a buddy spend his first paycheck on a brand-new 48% APR Ford Mustang. This is all seen through the eyes of our protagonist, Abe, and his friend Garcia.

While Abe voices his qualms with military life, Garcia goes with the flow, sometimes to the consternation of the former.

One of the most wonderful aspects that the webcomic has is the outlet it gives former Marines to laugh at once may have made their lives difficult. It's something that is sorely needed and voraciously eaten up by Max's followers, which recently edged over half a million readers on Facebook alone. It was this following that, in part, led Max to Kickstart his own project to fund a new graphic novel based on his webcomic.

After a couple of years of grinding and setbacks, the book made its way to backers. 284 pages of new material in a handsome hardcover. With the money raised Uriarte was also able to fund a first printing of the book. It sold out within the first week, which led to Little, Brown and Company scooping up the book and republishing it earlier this month. The book has since become a New York Times bestseller.

I have been following Max now for years, sharing his strips with my friends and family. Being in a position to promote his book, it was a no-brainer to reach out to him. With the coordination of the author and his publisher, we will be hosting a release party for his book this weekend, Saturday April 30 from 7 - 10 p.m., with a special VIP hour for his Kickstarter backers from 6-7 p.m. In addition to selling the book, we will be collecting money for the Semper Fi Fund. The Semper Fi Fund provides money to Marines in need and their families, with a Charity Navigator score of 97.71 out of 100, meaning that over 96 cents of every dollar donated makes it to Marines in need.

Join us this weekend for food, drinks and fun. Just don't let the Green Weenie get you. And if anyone asks, you're going to Dental.

To learn more about all things comic books, visit Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., in Santa Monica.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Stinky Airport

Editor:

In response to the letter from Venice resident Angela Eren, most of the things she values about Santa Monica Airport (SMO) do not require that business jets land and take off directly over homes in West Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and northern Venice. For example: the annual Airport Art Walk, the Ruskin Group Theater, the children's playground and soccer games at Airport Park, the dog park, the Spitfire Grill, and the Museum of Flying. Most of the businesses and jobs on the 227-acre Airport "campus" are not aviation-related. The heights of the high rises that she fears will be built are controlled by municipal zoning codes. Measure LC, passed 60-40 by Santa Monica voters in 2014, amended the City Charter to specifically protect the Airport property from over-development.

What really stinks are the noxious and unhealthy fumes that blow into West Los Angeles from business jets when they idle or take off at SMO; the soot from partially burned jet fuel that is left on plants, lawn furniture, and children's play equipment; the horrendous noise from both the jet takeoffs and the reverse thrusters when the jets land on the too-short runway, both early in the morning and late at night; the lead from the Avgas used by the piston-powered planes as student pilots endlessly practice their landings and takeoffs; and the \$13 million in General Fund (i.e., taxpayer) money that has been used to subsidize SMO over the years.

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In 1727 Benjamin Franklin gathered together a group of intellectuals who met weekly to raise questions about a variety of subjects, to discuss ways to help their community, and to recognize its outstanding citizens. The group, mostly artisans and tradesmen, called itself “The Leather Apron Club” to signify their workingman status. The group thrived for decades and in 1743 evolved into the American Philosophical Society, which continues to promote scholarly research in science and the humanities to this very day.

And so, to the play. It is two months after 9/11 and four men are meeting in Virginia with their leader, Grace Keebler (Ashley Taylor), a State Department functionary and former foreign policy advisor to a prominent Senator. The men are Col. Gil Hart (Yancey Dunham), a blustering hawk who works in the Pentagon on a project so secret that nobody knows about it; Dr. Edward Reed (Don Moss), an 80-year old philanthropist who had worked to cure various diseases and now wants to build an International Village on Antarctica; Elliot Blake (Alan Schack), a media and propaganda expert and current director of the Research Committee for the GOP; and Kent Garfield (Roger Kent Cruz), former head of NASA and now head of the first corporate space program at Hughes Aerospace Division.

They have gathered for the purpose of recruiting James Avery (Adam Conger) to the Club. Avery, a protégé of Dr. Reed, is a former magazine editor and journalist at Fox and CNN, and is now a VP at Reed’s Foundation, putting together a medical media empire.

Also peripherally involved are Artie Stein (Anthony Battelle), a bombastic TV talk show host (think Glenn Beck), and Emily Green (Karen Ragan-George), an influential Senator and vehement Evangelical.

In their opening conversations they discuss their common goals and the accumulated power they have to make things happen.

They lament that they knew about the upcoming 9/11 attacks in August. “We saw this coming! We didn’t have the will to do anything about it! We didn’t have the country behind us!” Gil says. Then, to Kent he says, “You got the missile?” and Kent replies, “It’s ready. All global telemetry will show it originated from Saudi Arabia.”

Later, when the unsuspecting James arrives, Grace explains to him, “We’re a secret society.” The first rule of a secret society, she says, is “to hide in plain sight” and “tell the world just enough about yourself to make it sound crazy.”

And that’s where Artie Stein comes in. As a well-know conspiracy theorist, he tells his audience about the secret society that has run the government for more than 200 years. But “what you don’t read about is that the Leather Apron Club...has engineered the course of American capitalism, legislation, imperialism, influence and wealth since the time of the Revolution,” he shouts. And, of course, no-one believes him.

As the evening continues, the Club members debate the concept of the separation of church and state, morality, and American Exceptionalism.

“All American history, wars, peace treaties, industry, has been guided,” Kent says. “Not controlled--guided, tweaked, set off in planned directions,” Gil adds. “Most people don’t realize it but they’ve been working for us their whole lives,” Edward concludes. And later, a mysterious voice on the phone advises James, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world.”

James retains his skepticism, up to a point, while the others argue, banter, and attempt to persuade him to join their Club. It is a heady, intellectual evening, for James as well as the audience, and one that may provoke a plethora of questions, thoughtful introspection, and a renewed consideration of the ways of the world from all who witness this haunting theatrical event.

“The Leather Apron Club” will continue Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2 through May 15th at Theatre West, 3333 Cahuenga Blvd. West, Los Angeles. For tickets, call (323) 851-7977 or visit theatrewest.org.

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the young-adult genre. The acclaimed author's novel, "Witches of East End," was adapted into a Lifetime series, and she recently released a book, "The Isle of the Lost," about the children of famous Disney villains.

Stohl and de la Cruz are two of the 100-plus authors taking part in YALLWEST, which launched last year as a sister festival to the annual YALLFEST in Charleston, South Carolina. The mostly free expo will include 60 panels as well as a variety show, a performance by all-author band Tiger Beat and a Harry Potter cosplay event. The festival website touts it as two days of "general geeky debauchery."

Award-winning author Rainbow Rowell, who wrote "Carry On: The Rise and Fall of Simon Snow," will give the opening keynote speech on Saturday. Acclaimed authors Matt de la Peña ("Last Stop on Market Street")

and Jason Reynolds ("All American Boys") are expected to wrap up the event on Sunday.

This year's festival will kick off April 29 with a preview night at Santa Monica Public Library's main branch, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. The ticketed, sold-out event will feature author karaoke as well as games, prize giveaways and food trucks, according to the event website.

Students who entered the aforementioned creative writing contest were asked to submit entries of three pages or fewer in length by April 10. Awards will be distributed in separate age divisions for grades 6-8 and 9-12.

Meanwhile, the book festival is also taking on a philanthropic component through the Purple Ink Award, which allows teachers to apply for money for their classroom libraries. The grant competition was created to support educators in underserved schools who have made sustained efforts to promote literacy.

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ETHICS
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up to the Council to decide how to proceed.

Like most municipal governments, the Santa Monica Council has no authority to impeach a sitting member or force any kind of resignation. As an agency that utilizes a set of rules known as Robert's Rules of Order, there's a process available for a non-binding, advisory procedure known as censure, but on Tuesday, councilmembers chose to voice their concerns as individual statements.

Councilman Kevin McKeown said he was disappointed in what happened, the process leading up to the report, and what he described as a lack of honesty in communicating the actions surrounding the Riel case to the public. However, he said the appropriate response was to voice his opinion and then focus on future improvements.

"This City Council's role is not, and never has been, punitive, that's a power that the city charter does not grants us," he said. "All we can do is hope to make it better and to regain the public trust which is really important to me and unfortunately, acts of poor judgment, whether we can prosecute them or not, reflect on the council as a whole and compromise the public trust in this city council and we have to find our role in commenting on that that says these acts of poor judgment are not our acts as a body, that we are not happy about them, and we're especially not happy on how they've affected our ability to govern as a city council. And Councilmember O'Connor, it's really a shame that you've tainted what should have been your proud role in bringing light rail to town in a couple of weeks with your acts of poor judgment. This is a tough time for the city, I know it's a tough time for you, I just have to say I'm disappointed."

Councilwoman Sue Himmelrich said the council had an obligation to comment on O'Connor's actions. Himmelrich said she felt there was an ongoing lack of truth regarding the Riel case.

"I do feel like it was a direct campaign to have this woman fired before she even had a chance to show whether she could do the job," she said. "I agree that the federal court did say that even a first grader would know this was a violation of her federal rights and

I can only hope that we never see anything like that again on this dais and that's my hope and I do wish we had a little more truth here."

Mayor Tony Vazquez said the council wasn't privy to the emails in question prior to Riel filing a lawsuit and more troubling for him, he said he was told such communication didn't exist. He said his trust in O'Connor had been damaged but he felt pursuing a formal censure would damage the council's ability to move forward with the valuable work ahead of them.

"I'm confident that listening to our colleagues, that we're all interested in learning from this moving forward and making some solid recommendations," he said.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ted Winterer said O'Connor's behavior undermined the council's overall efforts to gain the public's trust. He said strengthening the Oaks rules would complement recent actions on regulating lobbyists, establishing an audit committee and populating the open data portal.

"I'm glad we're moving forward on this," he said. "I do also have to say Councilmember O'Connor, I'm disappointed in some of the things that have happened in the last few years."

O'Connor limited her comments to a brief statement.

"I do want the community to know that I understand that city hiring decisions are made by the city manager and the staff," she said. "That said, yes, I probably should have found a better way to express my First Amendment rights in communicating to the former city manager, I think that's clear, but it's been a learning experience and now the matter has been settled and I hope that all of us can move forward, that we'll move forward as a council, that we'll move forward as a city in discussing the important policy decisions before us as a community."

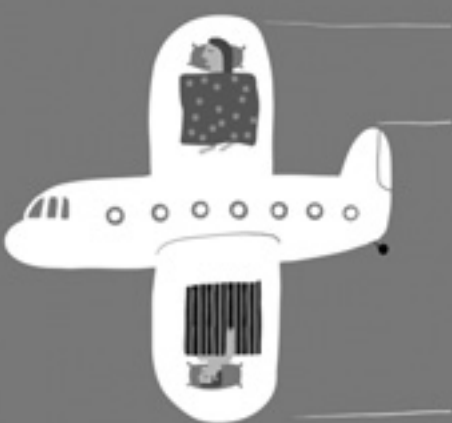
There were no objections to the reports recommendations to revise, strengthen and enforce the Oaks Initiative. Council ended the discussion with a motion to adopt the report's recommendations, incorporate additional recommendations made by the public that night and direct the City Attorney's office to begin immediate enforcement though its Criminal Division.

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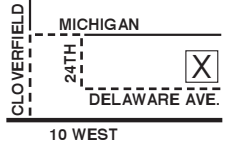


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REYNOLDS

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A viewing was held at New Bethel Baptist Church in Venice on March 11. Hundreds of friends, family and community members attended funeral services March 12 at Calvary Baptist Church in Santa Monica.

Reynolds was "one of the most intense players in Samohi history and the true catalyst of all that was good on the 1976 team that is probably the best never to win a CIF championship," Kusserow said.

In a statement after Reynolds' death, current Vikings coach Ramsey Lambert said the school football community was saddened by the loss of a former star.

"We pray that Kevin's family and friends are able to embrace the time spent with him to help ease the sorrow," Lambert said in the statement. "We hope you can draw some comfort in knowing that so many people care and share your loss."

Samohi Alumni Association president Phil Brock said Reynolds will be missed beyond the school's football community and offered condolences to his family.

"He was a natural athlete and a fine young man," Brock said. "Even at 12 years old, with a ready smile, he was a leader."

Born March 18, 1960, Reynolds was a three-year starting quarterback at Samohi and an all-CIF honoree in 1976 and 1977.

He was invited to play in the Shrine all-star game in 1978.

His passes often sailed into the arms of Smith and Stanley Younger, who also received all-CIF recognition. He was teammates and close friends with Samohi alumnus Raymond Cooper, a longtime security officer on campus. Reynolds had worked as a security officer at USC.

Reynolds was married for 21 years to Jeanie Reynolds, who runs the Venice Vintage Paradise shop on Abbot Kinney Boulevard and the Vintage Link store on Lincoln Boulevard. Friends and family members flooded her Facebook page with messages of love and support.

Reynolds was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Cursh, a well-known community activist in the Oakwood neighborhood of Venice. Reynolds' sister, Antoinette Reynolds, now serves as the executive director of the Venice-based Mildred Cursh Foundation, which supports children with incarcerated parents through a variety of programs and mentoring services.

Reynolds is also survived by his son, Devin, and daughter, Kelsey, both of whom have studied at Tulane University in New Orleans.

"It always felt like an entire army couldn't bring you down," his son wrote on Facebook.

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Trump's mention of 'woman's card' draws backlash

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's claim that Hillary Clinton is playing "the woman's card" drew intense backlash Wednesday, from the Democratic front-runner herself as well as tens of thousands of critics on social media.

"If fighting for women's health care and paid family leave and equal pay is playing the 'woman card,' then deal me in," Clinton said in Philadelphia as she celebrated wins in four out of five of Tuesday's Democratic primaries.

Trump had leveled the "woman's card" accusation Tuesday after his own five-state primary sweep.

"She's got nothing else going," Trump told supporters in New York. "And, frankly, if Hillary Clinton were a man, I don't think she'd get 5 percent of the vote." He added in an immediate contradiction that "the beautiful thing is women don't like her."

Trump's remarks prompted social media hashtags like #dealmein and #womancard, the latter ranking among the top 10 global trending topics on Twitter Wednesday, with more than 45,000 tweets by late afternoon.

Voters also circulated video of Mary Pat Christie, the wife of Trump backer and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who stood behind Trump during his victory speech Tuesday and looked as though she was rolling her eyes as he made those comments.

The exchange highlights Trump's perilous standing among female voters who could help propel Clinton to the White House.

An anti-Trump super PAC, backed by Republican donors, last month launched an ad in which unnamed women read aloud quotes Trump has proffered about females. "Bimbo. Dog. Fat Pig," the ad begins, with later references to Trump critiquing "flat-chested" women and referring to "a young and beautiful piece of a--" and a woman "dropping to your knees."

In March, Trump distributed via social media an unflattering image of Heidi Cruz, Trump rival Ted Cruz's wife, prompting the

Texas senator to assert that "strong women scare Donald."

Cruz, who's aiming to topple Trump at the Republicans' July convention in Cleveland, implicitly emphasized the front-runner's turbulent relationships with women Wednesday as he tapped former candidate Carly Fiorina as his would-be running mate, praising her as someone who has "over and over ... shattered glass ceilings."

Four years ago, 11 out of 13 general election swing states went to the nominee who won among women. Of those 11, President Barack Obama, with 55 percent of the female vote nationally, won nine; Republican Mitt Romney won just two.

If Clinton manages an even wider advantage among women than Obama, Democrats say she may get a boost in states like Pennsylvania and Colorado, casting them out of Trump's reach while allowing her to compete in GOP-leaning territory like Georgia and North Carolina.

As for Trump's claim that women "don't like" Clinton, he's wrong at the very least about Democratic primary voters. Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and television networks in 25 states this year show Clinton won 62 percent of female voters over Bernie Sanders' 36 percent.

In a recent AP-GfK poll of the general population, women weren't significantly more likely than men to have an unfavorable opinion of either Trump or Clinton. Women, however, were more likely than men to say they definitely would not vote for Trump in a general election, 66 percent to 60 percent. About half of men and women said they would definitely not vote for Clinton.

Among Republicans only, primary exit polls have shown Trump facing a gender gap his last remaining rivals do not have. In the 25 states polled, Trump won 36 percent women and 44 percent of men. Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich both demonstrated consistent support across genders.

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Officers responded to a radio call for service of a traffic collision, regarding a vehicle striking an apartment building, in the 1800 block of Ocean Park Blvd. Officers conducted an investigation for driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The driver, Mark Anthony Garcia, 55 of Inglewood , was arrested and cited for misdemeanor driving under the influence and outstanding warrants.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 376 calls for service on April 26.

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

Disturbance at a business, 300 block of Santa Monica, 12:13 a.m.
Stolen vehicle, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 12:14 a.m.
DUI, 10th/Pacific, 12:42 a.m.
Construction noise, 1300 block of Ocean, 4:33 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, Ocean/Santa Monica, 5:27 a.m.
Construction noise, 12th/Montana, 6:01 a.m.
Threats, 1500 block of Broadway, 7:38 a.m.
Suicide, 1700 block of Ocean Park, 7:41 a.m.
Battery, 400 block of Santa Monica, 8:02 a.m.
Traffic collision, 700 block of San Vicente, 8:19 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 4th/Palisades, 8:45 a.m.
Vandalism, 3100 block of Olympic, 9:57 a.m.
Traffic collision, Cloverfield/Colorado, 10:13 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1300 block of 2nd, 10:28 a.m.
Burglary, 1800 block of Lincoln, 10:45 a.m.
Burglary, 2300 block of Pier, 11:01 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1400 block of 12th, 12:41 p.m.
Traffic collision, Stewart/Nebraska, 12:45 p.m.

Hit and run, 1500 block of PCH, 12:51 p.m.
Battery, 1300 block of 20th, 2:18 p.m.
Traffic collision, 2600 block of 32nd, 2:19 p.m.
Battery, 500 block of Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
Fight, Lincoln/I-10, 3:45 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2100 block of Santa Monica, 3:53 p.m.
Harassing phone calls, 100 block of Ocean Park, 3:54 p.m.
Critical missing person, 1500 block of PCH, 3:56 p.m.
Injured person, 900 block of Palisades Park, 4:41 p.m.
DUI, 26th/Montana, 5:15 p.m.
Grand theft, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 5:46 p.m.
Hit and run, 1600 block of Euclid, 6:30 p.m.
Vandalism, 1700 block of Cloverfield, 7:56 p.m.
Critical missing person, 700 block of Pico, 7:59 p.m.
Fight, 1300 block of Euclid, 8:44 p.m.
Suspicious person, 200 block of Bicknell, 8:45 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, Neilson/Pacific St., 8:51 p.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1400 block of 10th, 9:32 p.m.
Family disturbance, 1600 block of 19th, 10:06 p.m.
Vandalism, 1000 block of Palisades Beach, 10:13 p.m.
Traffic collision, 15th/Santa Monica, 10:40 p.m.
Report of shots fired, 700 block of Idaho, 11:16 p.m.
Vandalism, 2nd/Arizona, 11:37 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 40 calls for service on April 26.

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

Automatic alarm, 2800 block of Santa Monica, 5:21 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 4th, 6:15 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean Park, 7:43 a.m.
EMS, 3100 block of 4th, 8:14 a.m.
EMS, Neilson/Bicknell, 8:52 a.m.
EMS, 400 block of Santa Monica Pier, 9:16 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Pico, 9:20 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Ocean, 9:35 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Pico, 10:49 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 10:52 a.m.
EMS, 1000 block of Pico, 11:54 a.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Santa Monica, 12:08 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Lincoln, 12:33 p.m.
EMS, 900 block of Berkeley, 12:51 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Wilshire, 1:00 p.m.
EMS, 29th/Pico, 1:12 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Ocean Front, 1:16 p.m.

Public assist, 1400 block of Marine, 1:18 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Kansas, 4:11 p.m.
EMS, 900 block of Ocean, 4:33 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 4:53 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1200 block of San Vicente, 4:59 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Wilshire, 5:17 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of Olympic, 5:25 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Pico, 5:37 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 12th, 5:47 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of Montana, 6:27 p.m.
EMS, 2000 block of 6th, 6:51 p.m.
EMS, 26th/Olympic, 7:07 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block of Pico, 8:15 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 23rd, 8:16 p.m.
Odor of natural gas, 800 block of Woodacres, 9:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 7th, 9:19 p.m.
EMS, 2700 block of Neilson, 9:27 p.m.
EMS, Lincoln/Santa Monica, 9:34 p.m.
EMS, Euclid/Pearl, 9:39 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 19th, 10:06 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Wilshire, 10:41 p.m.
EMS, Ocean/Broadway, 11:40 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 1200 block of 14th, 11:52 p.m.

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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

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



Draw Date: 4/23
19 35 46 59 62
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 282M



Draw Date: 4/26
14 16 17 28 48
Mega#: 2
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WORD UP!

amanuensis

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1930 - The Independence Producers hosted the first night game in the history of Organized Baseball in Independence, Kansas.

1932 - A vaccine for yellow fever is announced for use on humans.

1944 - World War II: Nine German E-boats attacked US and UK units during Exercise Tiger, the rehearsal for the Normandy landings, killing 946.

1945 - Benito Mussolini and his mistress Clara Petacci are executed by a firing squad consisting of members of the Italian resistance movement.

1947 - Thor Heyerdahl and five crew mates set out

from Peru on the Kon-Tiki to prove that Peruvian natives could have settled Polynesia.

1948 - Igor Stravinsky conducted the premier of his American ballet, Orpheus, in New York City at New York City Center.

1949 - The Hukbalahap are accused of assassinating former First Lady of the Philippines Aurora Quezon, while she is en route to dedicate a hospital in memory of her late husband; her daughter and ten others are also killed.

1950 - Bhumibol Adulyadej marries Queen Sirikit after their quiet engagement in Lausanne, Switzerland on July 19, 1949.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among the names chosen for Internet start-up ventures (although -- face it -- the more sensible names are already taken): Houzz (home design and remodeling), Kabam (online interactive game company, formerly “Watercooler Inc.”), Klarna (e-commerce company that pays the store for your purchases and then collects from you), MuleSoft (makes software to integrate applications) and Kabbage (makes small-business loans online). Wired magazine reported in February that those ventures, and two dozen other inexplicably named startups, are all “unicorns” -- with investors pledging at least \$1 billion to each one.

■ Researchers already knew that masked birch caterpillars “rub hairs on their rear ends against a leaf to create vibrations,” according to an April National Geographic report, but a forthcoming article by Carleton University biologists describes that “drumming” as actually part of their “sophisticated signaling repertoire” to attract others -- not for mating but for assistance in spinning their protective silk cocoons. The researchers’ “laser vibrometer” detects sound likely inaudible to humans, but when the caterpillars feed, it’s clearly, said one researcher, “Chomp, chomp, chomp, anal scrape. Chomp, chomp, chomp, anal scrape.”

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OUT LATE TONIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Be more in tune with what you need and desire. You have the ability to get ahead and handle a personal matter. Your intuition works overtime finding solutions, especially as the unexpected runs riot through your plans. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance who you care a lot about. In fact, you might decide to plan a mini vacation to see this person or meet him or her halfway. Use extra caution with funds and/or a child or young person. Tonight: Don't overtalk a problematic situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You might want to relate closely to a loved one or a dear friend. Once you do connect, you might receive an unanticipated jolt. Focus on the possibilities and make appropriate choices for you. Someone else has an agenda about your funds and how you spend them. Tonight: Be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Defer to others, making sure you first get their feedback about what might be best, in their opinion. You could be jolted by some suggestions, but be grateful for all the comments. They will help you make a decision. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Curb any impulsiveness involving travel, in-laws or a legal matter. In fact, putting a month-long hold on any activities involving the above-mentioned areas might be perfect. You will witness some instability revolving around money and might be glad you postponed a decision. Tonight: Keep it routine if possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your ruling planet does a backward jig today. You might feel as if you are having a bad-hair day. Be as clear as you can - confirm all appointments and meetings. Misunderstandings seem to just happen. Tonight: Be your playful self.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Stay close to home, recognizing that you might not feel up to snuff. Use all the diplomacy you have to prevent a problem from happening involving a partner. You don't need to be upset because of a misunderstanding. Tonight: Make a favorite dessert!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might decide to pull back and reassess a situation with the help of a close relative or someone close to you. You could be stunned by what this person might think, but you'll come up with unusual ideas as a result of these discussions. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Use caution with a significant other or important loved one. He or she might suddenly become capricious or difficult in the next few weeks. Recognize that you don't need to do anything to irritate this person's mood. Just stay in neutral. Tonight: Say yes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ You beam in more of what you want and are more upbeat than many people around you. Be careful; someone could become envious of your smooth sailing, as he or she is having a horrendous time, at least in his or her opinion. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Work with a partner or loved one. You could find a child or new friend to be unusually charming. Confusion is more than likely and could draw a most unexpected reaction. Opt to be nonreactive and refuse to let a misunderstanding develop into more. Tonight: No one has to know!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Emphasize friendship, and be a friend to a loved one who might become cranky at any given moment. You wonder how you got into the present situation, and actually you have very little to do with it. Tonight: Make plans with your friends.

Thursday, April 28, 2016

This year you will need to be very careful with your communications. You will note a tendency toward misunderstandings. Try not to be reactive. Also, do confirm what you say, meeting times and places. You will learn to verbalize your thoughts in different styles. If you are single, you could be quickly enamored with someone, if you are not already. If you are at the right point in life, this person could be a life-long mate. Don't push the speed of the relationship; just let it build as it needs to. If you are attached, the two of you might make a major decision about your life together. One of you could change your mind, only to return to the original decision. Try to be happy with what is. Also be careful with communication in order to avoid a needless misunderstanding. CAPRICORN knows how to yank your chain!

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



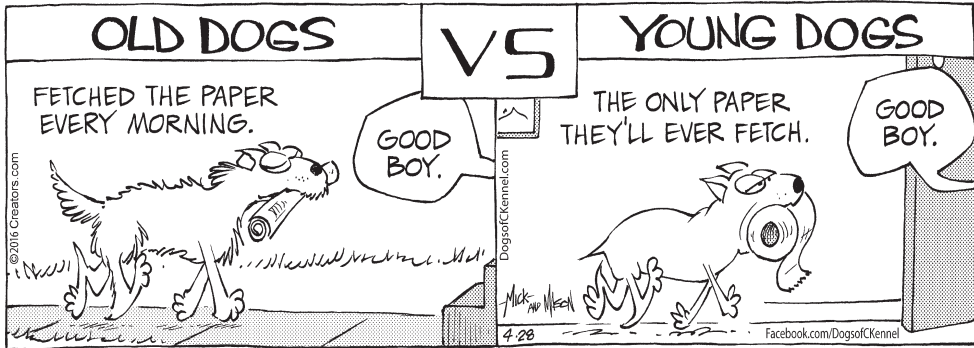
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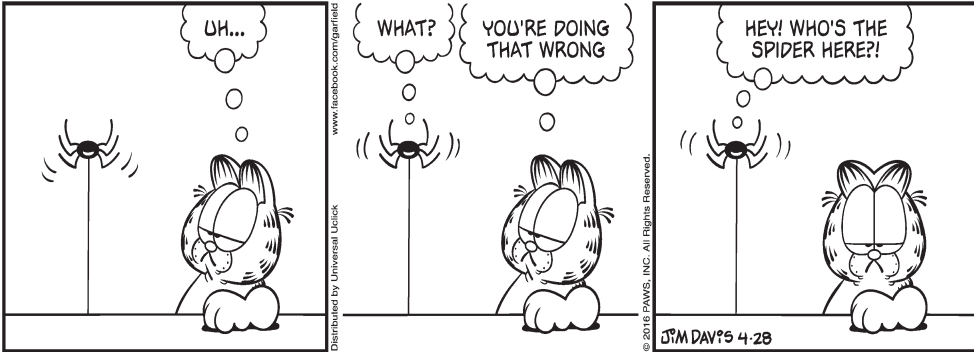
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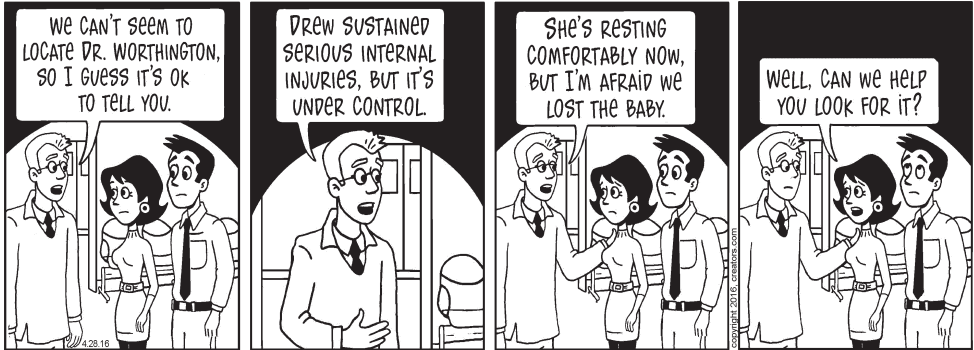
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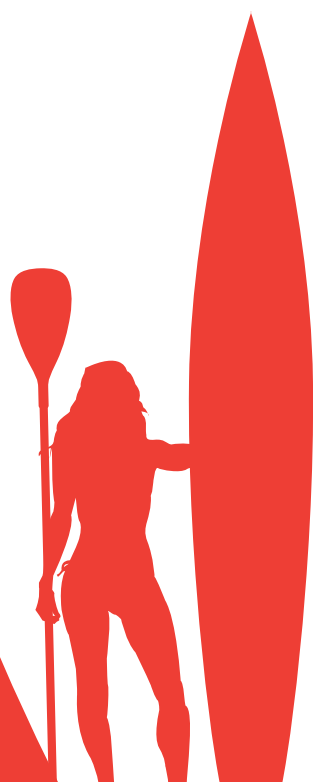
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