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Police and firefighters warn against illegal use of fireworks

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CITYWIDE As the July 4th holiday approaches, the Santa Monica Fire and Police Departments are reminding everyone that all types of fireworks are illegal in the City of Santa Monica. This includes so-called "safe and sane" fireworks, which may not be used in Santa Monica even if they are legal in the city in which they are purchased.

The public is urged to avoid the use of consumer fireworks and instead, to enjoy displays of fireworks conducted by trained professionals.

City code allows for the seizure and removal of all fireworks stored, sold, offered for sale, used or handled within city limits.

Firefighters said the unsafe use of fireworks results in thousands of injuries each ear.

In 2013, there were eight deaths and an estimated 11,400 consumers nationwide who sustained injuries related to fireworks. This is an increase from 8,700 injuries in 2012. Sixty-five percent, or 7,400, of the injuries in 2013 occurred in the 30 days surrounding July 4, 2013.

Last year, 55 percent of emergency room fireworks-related injuries were to the extremities and 38 percent were to the head. The risk of fireworks injury was highest for young people ages 0-4, followed by children 10-14.

In 2014, children younger than age 5 experienced a higher estimat-

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SMMUSD to seek grant for career technical education

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The Santa Monica-Malibu school district will likely apply for grant funding to support its vocational and training programs, which are undergoing significant changes to meet new state standards for career technical education.

The money would come in through the federal Perkins program and would be used for classes that are recognized by the state as fitting into the new pathway.

The district has not applied for this particular federal grant in at least seven years, according to an SMMUSD report.

To receive the grant, the district had to submit a plan for career technical education to the state education department by June 30.

The plan must detail courses, outcomes and support services and must outline how the district will involve the local business community as well as "how students will be counseled about careers and workplace readiness," according to the report.

Staff plans to present the district's long-term vision for career

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Veteran hopes Independence Day will boost support for flag project

BY NICHOLAS SALAZAR
Daily Press Intern

CITYWIDE As July 4th approaches, local veteran George Bukhin is appealing to the community to support his initiative to install American flags at home around the city.

The project began earlier this year around Memorial Day, when a flag installed outside of Bukhin's home was stolen and he decided the best response would be to help others hang flags.

Bukhin said he was amazed and how warm and respectfully his initiative has been received.

"Veterans are not too common in our community," said Bukhin, "it's meaningful that people take notice and want the American flag flying in their home."

While the initial reception to his project was encouraging, however,

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Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

AT WORK: George Bukhin (right) is fundraising to help install flags.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SOCIETY

Courtesy photo

Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks, Michelle Gold (author of "Memories that won't go away - A tribute to children in the Kindertransport"), and Ariella Schusterman (Associate Regional Director of the Anti Defamation League), along with the Chief's Executive Team gathered at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust for ADL's "Law Enforcement and Society" pilot program.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

July 2

Youth Beach Volleyball
Ages 7-15; all levels; in a semi-private setting. $18/class or $72 (4 classes). Thurs 7/2-7/23. 4 - 5:30 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Marshmallow Engineering
Build a Marshmallow tower using mini marshmallows and toothpicks. 2601 Main St., 2:30 p.m.

Paws to Read
Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. Sign up in advance. Call (310) 458-8682 for details. 2 - 3 p.m., Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Summer Toddler Time Session
Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. 10:15 - 10:35 a.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

July 3

Library Closed
All Library locations are closed today.

Slacklining
Enjoy a safe, fun environment to experience the sport of slacklining, an activity of balance and concentration that can be practiced by people of all ages and athletic abilities. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 1 - 7 p.m.

All-Male "Cinderella"
To Celebrate Pride 2015
The internationally acclaimed Rudie-DeCarlo musical comedy is getting a make-over as Actors' Repertory Theatre presents the all-male version in honor of Pride 2015. $19.50 all seats, includes complimentary champagne and sparkling juice. Santa Monica Playhouse - The Other Space, 1211 4th Street,

July 3rd First Friday Sessions
Come enjoy an eclectic night of live music, featuring signed and unsigned local and national artist from all genres of music, including singer songwriters, funk n'soul, indie rock and anything that will make you dance and enjoy your Friday night out on the town! Check out Harvelles.com for artlist line up. $10, Harvelle's Blues Club, 1432 Fourth St.

Legally Blonde the Musical
Book by Heather Hach Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin Directed by Anne Gesling Choreographed by Lauren Blair Produced by Meredith Wright A fabulously fun international award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde The Musical, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes, snobbery, and scandal. $25 Senior/ $20 Student. Morgan-Wixson Theatre, 2627 Pico Blvd.

July 4

4th of July Parade
On Main Street starting from City Hall marching south to Marine St. (Venice/Santa Monica Beach) For more information visit www.opa-sm.org. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Library Closed
All Library locations are closed today.

Eat|See|Hear Presents: Jaws Outdoor Movie Event
Eat|See|Hear, a premier LA outdoor movie series presented by SHOWTIME, will be showing Jaws at Santa Monica High School. The event will also include live music beforehand

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

California Ave.

Beth Shir Shalom Welcomes New Cantor and Religious Education Director

As the month of July begins, Beth Shir Shalom, a Reform Synagogue and Congregation in Santa Monica, California, known as the "Home of the Song of Peace," welcomes Richard Bessman as he assumes the new role of Cantor and Religious Education Director. He is the successful candidate from a nationwide search that engaged American Conference of Cantors and National Association of Temple Educators placement services.

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels, community leader and spiritual leader of Beth Shir Shalom, commented, "Our community is filled with joy to add the talents and enthusiasm of Cantor Richard Bessman to our wonderful family at Beth Shir Shalom."

Cantor Richard Bessman describes his admiration for the text and music of Judaism to the great works of Bach and Shakespeare. He relishes the challenge of teaching the richness of Jewish traditions and spiritual texts to children and adults. To him, music is the "hook" that connects people to Judaism.

On July 3, Cantor Richard will lead the Congregation's Friday night observances of Shabbat is a "Picnic" that begins at 5:30 p.m. The official open-house Shabbat welcoming Cantor Richard will be on August 7, at 5:30 p.m. For both of these celebrations, the "Gan" (outdoor garden and gathering space) will be set up for congregants to bring their dinners and eat al fresco at 5:30 p.m. with the Shabbat Services beginning at 6:30 pm. Throughout July, all Shabbat Services will have activities for children led by Beth Shir Shalom Early Childhood Center teachers. These events take place at Beth Shir Shalom, 1827 California Avenue, Santa Monica, California (at California Ave. and 19th Street).

The addition of Cantor Richard to the Clergy and Senior Staff team completes the leadership of the three organizational pillars of Beth Shir Shalom - Spirituality, Religious Education and Early Childhood Center. Prior to accepting this position, Richard Bessman served for four years in a similar position at Temple Judea Mizpah in Skokie, Illinois. Bessman graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, New York, with Master of Sacred Music and Certificate of Hazzan and Master of Arts in Jewish Education with honors.

- SUBMITTED BY BRENNAN SCHULWEIS

SMMUSD Announces New Lincoln Middle School Assistant Principal

The SMMUSD Board of Education approved the appointment of Stefanie Suffolk as the new assistant principal of Lincoln Middle School at its June 29 special meeting.

Suffolk has served as a teacher and in a variety of leadership and administrative roles at Lincoln Middle School for the past 24 years. She is a National Board Certified Teacher in early adolescent science and is the current Lincoln science department chair.

Additionally, Suffolk has worked as a SMMUSD administrative intern since January 2014, serving as middle school principal for Summer Adventure where she created room assignments, coordinated professional development, managed rosters, provided supervision and discipline and facilitated parent communication.

She also serves on district curriculum, leadership and technology committees and school and district professional development teams.

"I am so excited about my new position as assistant principal at Lincoln!" Suffolk said. "Lincoln has been my home and my community since 1991, and I'm thrilled to continue my service to the Santa Monica-Malibu district. I'm looking forward to working with parents, students and staff in this new capacity."

Suffolk earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and Bachelor of Science in science from University of California, Los Angeles; a Master of Arts in education from UCLA and a Master of Arts in administration from Cal State University, Northridge. She participates in the SMMUSD aspiring administrator's academy.

"Stefanie will be a valuable addition to our district leadership team," Superintendent Sandra Lyon said. "I would like to congratulate her on her new position."

Suffolk's appointment is effective July 1, 2015.

- SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER

Malibu

SMMUSD Announces New Malibu High School Principal

The SMMUSD Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Brandon Gallagher as the new principal of Malibu High School at its June 29 special meeting.

Dr. Gallagher come to SMMUSD from Pahoa, Hawaii, where he served as the principal of Keonepoko Elementary School since 2014. Prior to this position, Dr. Gallagher worked in the Briggs School District in Santa Paula from 2003-2014, where he served as principal of Briggs School from 2007-2014, vice principal /technology coordinator from 2005-2007 and teacher / technology coordinator at this K-8 school. He began his teaching career in the Bakersfield City School District where he taught from 2001-2003.

In his positions prior principal positions, Dr. Gallagher was an innovative leader focused on student achievement and success. He managed budgets, oversaw school site construction and the implementation of Common Core State Standards, supervised teachers and staff, pioneered advanced learning initiatives in Hawaii connecting several states including California and was involved in instructional design in the middle grades to support a more rigorous curriculum.

Dr. Gallagher has previously involvement in the communities he has served and looks forward to establishing relationships with parents and community leaders and members in Malibu.

"I am excited to be joining the Malibu community and look forward to continuing the tradition of success at Malibu High School," Dr. Gallagher said.

Dr. Gallagher holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and a minor in criminal justice from Cal State University, Bakersfield, a Masters of Arts in educational leadership and policy from Cal State University, Northridge and a Doctorate of Education in educational leadership and policy from Cal State University, Northridge.

"Brandon will be a valuable addition to our district leadership team," Superintendent Sandra Lyon said. "I would like to congratulate him on his new position."

Dr. Gallagher's appointment is effective July 1.

- SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER

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and food trucks. $12 advance; $14 at the door. Santa Monica High School 601 Pico Blvd.

St. Tropez in Santa Monica

Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows hosts St. Tropez the weekly series of Beach Volleyball Games in partnership with French swimwear brand Vilebrequin, taking place at the Miramar Beach Club through Labor Day. Teams of up to six players will face-off to win exclusive Vilebrequin prizes, with all players entered in a raffle to win a gift from Vilebrequin every week. Following the games, all of the participating teams will be invited to the Miramar Pool Club to enjoy artisanal beer, wine and seasonal snacks from FIG Restaurant. To rsvp, email beachclub@figsantamonica.com or call (310) 319-3111. 4 - 6 p.m., 930 Pacific Coast Highway.

Story Time At The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Join organizers every Saturday at 2 p.m. for a whale of a tale! The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will host story time in the Dorothy Green Room. Children (and adults) love to hear a good story, and the Aquarium has a nearly endless supply of books celebrating life of the sea. Kids 12 and under are free; all others: $5 per person; groups of 10 or more: $3 per person, regardless of age. Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk.

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Culture Watch

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Female Fireworks

SANDRA TSING LOH IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL performer. With a BA in physics from CalTech and trained as a classical pianist, she became a phenomenon in 1987 when, positioned atop the roof of a parking garage next to the Harbor Freeway downtown, she played a grand piano amplified by massive speakers that was heard by thousands of rush hour commuters.

She realized that while it might make a splash, performance art wasn't a way to make a living. She began writing for LA Weekly and Atlantic Monthly, where she's still a contributing editor and where she famously chronicled the blow-up of her marriage.

She started writing books (she published her seventh, "The Madwoman in the Volvo" in 2014) and doing one-woman shows based on her semi-autobiographical material. And she's become something of a poster child for menopausal women.

I've known Sandra for many years including a stint in the 90s as a commentator on KCRW with "The Loh Life." It got a hairy when she used an FCC-forbidden four-letter word on a Sunday morning that should have been bleeped out … but wasn't. A backlash of First Amendment absolutists took their vengeance out on the station. (I was KCRW's publicity director at the time; the fallout was consequential.)

KPCC now runs those personal commentaries and her syndicated feature "The Loh Down on Science" heard on more than 200 stations across the world.

Next Thursday, July 9, Sandra Tsing Loh opens at the Edye, the black box theatre behind the Broad Stage, with "The B**** is Back," her hard-won, funny and very personal reflections on menopause. It's based on "Madwoman," which was included in the New York Times' 100 most notable books of 2014.

When I reached her, she was at Palmdale Medical Center where her 94 year-old father had just been hospitalized. A frequent subject of her commentaries, her dad is a feisty, eccentric Chinese man to whom I once gave a ride after bumping into him at CVS pharmacy. He was in his 80s then, picking up a prescription for Viagra. He confided in me that he cut them in half to make the supply last longer.

"I'm part of this sandwich generation of women," Sandra told me, "who are madly multi-tasking. I'm a divorced mother with two teen daughters, I'm here with my 94 year-old dad, I work during the day and record my spots and check emails on my phone. The car AC is turned down to 20 degrees because I'm sweating, the travel mug coffee spills over the gearshift or the Apple headphones drop into the coffee. The car has a bunch of wires popping out as I'm frantically try to power up the phone while WAZE squawks about which freeway I'm supposed to take; it's a mad rush pretty much every day."

The show's setup is cabaret style with tables, adult beverages and bites as Sandra strikes up a conversation interacting with the audience. There's both prepared material and room for improvisation.

"This format came about when I was appearing at UC Santa Barbara, thinking I would do the usual interview with a host onstage, read a little from the book and do some audience Q&A. But an hour before going on they said you're on by yourself for 60 minutes. So I stumbled onto the stage with my notes at the podium, but I walked out into the audience and started riffing and telling stories and it all sort of came out organically. I just told some of the truth of where we're at as menopausal women, it was hysterically funny and an electrifying experience."

Writing for page, stage and radio requires different skill sets.

"Writing for radio is definitely verbal, it's going into people's ears through time. A book is something you can take to bed or the bath and it's more like painting a journey, describing the scenery to evoke places, smells and senses. But when you're onstage, you have to cut almost all the scenic descriptions, creating a shorthand version for character and dialogue."

Since the material is menopausal and hormonal in nature, how do men react?

Sandra shared this: "The World Presidents Organization Blue Grass chapter in Louisville, KY flew me out to give something like a National Geographic lecture on what was going on with their wives, why they didn't sleep through the night, why they were sweaty and angry and they were wondering what the hell they could do about it. So yes, men should come because the show is like a behind-the-scenes look at what's going on inside your crazy wife's mind."

In addition to sharing techniques for weighing yourself, discussing whether Trader Joe's or Costco has better samples and "fun" at the gynecologist's office Sandra says, "I think this is stuff that women go through on a daily basis that we don't often talk about. We're balancing jobs, careers, marriage, children, and God forbid if we don't get to the farmers market for locally-sourced organic vegetables, we end up letting McDonald's win. It's a look at how much progress we've made in the 50 years since Betty Friedan's 'The Feminine Mystique.' We are the madwomen in the Volvo but we're expected to get dinner on the table, mysteriously remain a size 2 while keeping our IRAs funded. Maybe it's the world that's mad, not us."

By the way, Sandra says, "The Volvo finally died after about 140,000 miles; now I drive a used Prius."

"The B**** is Back" runs July 9 through August 2. Find tickets and details at www.thebroadstage.com.

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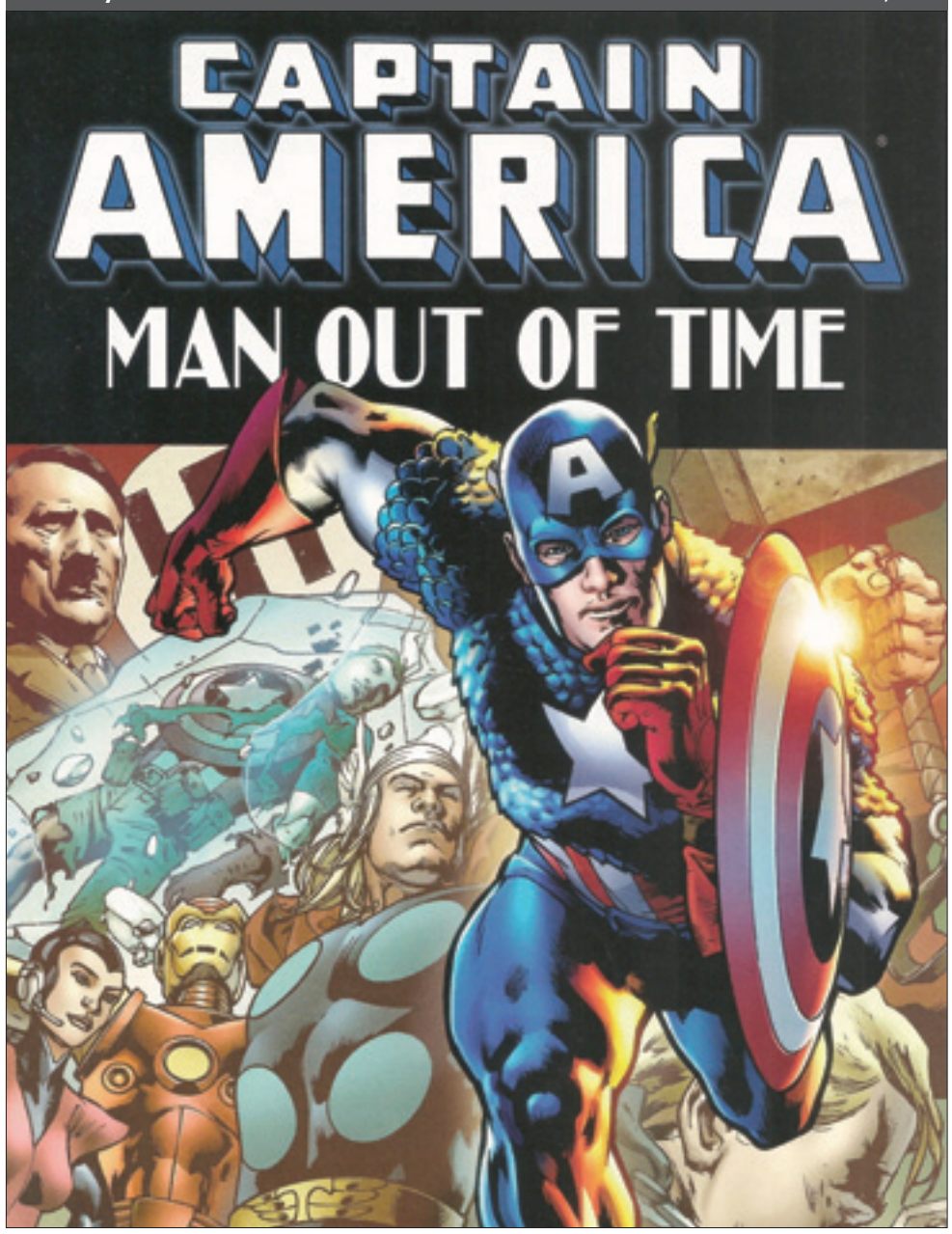

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HISTORY: Captain America would urge us to move forward rather than live in the past.

Captain America: Now More Than Ever

AMERICA HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH A period of growth in the last couple weeks. And that means that there is no better time to talk about Captain America.

Captain America: Man Out of Time by Mark Waid and Jorge Molina is the definitive telling of Captain America's origin. The standard version of the story is that at some point during World War II, Captain America fell into freezing water and survived frozen until he wakes up today. From Cap's point of view, this story could be told in two ways. You could write the story of a confused old man, scared by inter-racial marriage, LGBTQ, and teenage sex. Or you could extend the metaphor of the American Dream, and have a character lost and out of time, but excited by the proposition of growth within the country he loves. Captain America is the spirit of the American dream. And while in practice America can fall short - the dream is perfect, and so is Cap.

There's a famous curse in Chinese history - "May all your dreams come true." We might say "be careful what you wish for." And Captain America is no exception. What would be the wish of a man who has outlived all his friends and loved ones? He would wish to return home. And in Captain America: Man out of Time the Avengers arch-villain Kang, the time traveling conqueror decides to give him what he wants. Kang's plan to defeat the Avengers is simply send Cap back to 1943. And he does.

When Captain America, aka Steve Rogers, gets back home he is happy. He gets to see his friends and family again. And he decides to take in a Brooklyn Dodgers game. The only open seat is in the colored section. Steve is not bothered by this, and decides to enjoy the game from there. Cap meets a young black child named Jeff and asks him "You want to grow up to be a Dodger?" and at this point Jeff's dad interrupts "Don't fill his head with nonsense like that. We both know that there's a white man's club" And with one sentence, the shine is off the apple. Captain America is America. And we should not be happy as a people while others are kept down. And you can see it in Steve's face - there are no "good old days". And anyone reminiscing about those times is ignoring that we weren't allowing an entire race of people the basic dignity that our government is supposed to deliver. He would not focus on how kids spend too much time on cell phones - he would be focusing on the world in which we now live and much more free we, as Americans, have become. Captain America is not the man who would think wistfully of a time where women could not work, black people couldn't vote, and gay people couldn't marry. He would try to push even further into the future.

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Malibu

SMMUSD Announces New Malibu Middle School Assistant Principal

The SMMUSD Board of Education approved the appointment of Patrick Miller as the new assistant principal of Malibu High School working with the middle school program at its June 29 special meeting.

Miller has been the assistant principal of A.E. Wright Middle School in Calabasas since 2013 and was previously a Spanish teacher for Malibu High School grades 6-12 from 2007-2013. In Malibu, he was the world languages department chair, an administrative intern, school site council member, literacy team leader and district instructional leadership team member.

During the past two years as an assistant principal in the Las Virgenes Unified School District, Miller led professional development for district world language teachers, oversaw numerous facilities upgrades, helped implement a new district technology plan, revised safety and emergency plans and was the site test coordinator for the implementation of new California Standards testing and assessment.

Miller began his teaching career teaching Spanish in the Newberg School District and Dayton School District in 2006, prior to joining the Malibu staff in 2007.

Miller earned his Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Linfield College in Oregon and his Master of Arts in educational administration from Cal State University, Northridge. He has a diploma in Hispanic studies from the University of Granada, Spain.

"What brings me back to Malibu High are There are many exciting and positive things going on in regards to academics, athletics, extra and co-curriculars at Malibu High School and I look forward to working alongside of and supporting the staff to continue to create the best learning environment possible."

Miller was awarded the "Staff Star Award" from the Malibu High Faculty Advisory Committee in 2013 and outstanding teacher recognition from Malibu Middle School, the same year. He received an Honorary Service Award from Malibu High School PTSA in 2012. He has also previously coached basketball and golf at Malibu High School.

"Patrick will be a valuable addition to our district leadership team," Superintendent Sandra Lyon said. "I would like to congratulate him on his new position."

Miller's appointment is effective July 1.

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Part B is medical insurance. It covers professional fees for doctors and other health care providers, outpatient treatment, durable medical equipment, home health services, and preventive care like flu shots and screenings for cancer and heart disease.

Part B requires a monthly premium, which is $104.90 for most Americans in 2015. You're not required to pay the premium if you don't want Part B coverage. But is it to your advantage to pay?

The answer depends on your current and future health insurance coverage and needs.

Let's say you don't have any other health insurance when you become eligible for Medicare. You should enroll in Part B when you're first eligible (which, for most people, is when they turn 65). If you don't sign up for Part B when you're first eligible, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Medicare.

WHAT IF YOU HAVE INSURANCE THROUGH YOUR CURRENT JOB?

If you or your spouse (or family member if you're disabled) are still working and you're insured through that employer or a union, contact your employer or union benefits administrator to find out how your insurance works with Medicare. This includes federal or state employment. It may be to your advantage to delay Part B enrollment.

You can sign up for Part B without a penalty any time you have health coverage based on current employment. (Keep in mind that COBRA and retiree health coverage do not count as current health coverage.)

Once your employment (or your employer/union coverage) ends, three things happen:

You may be able to get COBRA coverage, which continues your health insurance through the employer's plan (in most cases for only 18 months) and probably at a higher cost to you.

You have eight months to sign up for Part B without a penalty, whether or not you choose COBRA. To sign up for Part B while you're employed or during the eight months after employment ends, complete an Application for Enrollment in Part B (CMS-40B) and a Request for Employment Information (CMS-L564). If you choose COBRA, don't wait until your COBRA ends to enroll in Part B. If you don't enroll in Part B during the eight months after the employment ends:

You may have to pay a penalty for as long as you have Part B.

You won't be able to enroll until Jan. 1 - March 31, and you'll have to wait until July 1 of that year before your coverage begins. This may cause a gap in your coverage.

If you already have COBRA when you enroll in Medicare, your COBRA will probably end. If you become eligible for COBRA after you're already enrolled in Medicare, you must be allowed to take the COBRA coverage. It will always be secondary to Medicare (unless you have End-Stage Renal Disease).

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If you have Veterans' benefits, enrolling in Medicare may provide you with additional service and location options. If you don't keep Part B, you may have to wait to sign up later, and you may pay a late enrollment penalty.

For information on signing up for Part B under certain special conditions, go to: http://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/get-parts-a-and-b/part-b-special-conditions/part-b-special-conditions.html.

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California cities show biggest water savings yet in drought

FENIT NIRAPPIL
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California's drought-stricken cities set a record for water conservation, reducing usage 29 percent in May, according to data released by a state agency Wednesday.

Regulators hope the savings will last through summer as California communities are under order to cut water use by 25 percent compared to 2013 levels. Gov. Jerry Brown announced his mandatory conservation order in April.

Felicia Marcus, chairwoman of the State Water Resources Control Board enforcing Brown's order, said the results show it's possible to meet steep conservation targets.

"It's gratifying that far more communities are stepping up, and we want to see this much more through the summer," Marcus said. "It ends up putting off the need for much harsher rationing, which has greater impacts on people and the economy."

California is in a four-year drought that has devastated some rural communities, prompted some farmers to leave fields unplanted or tap expensive water supplies and dented fish populations. Many cities have avoided the brunt of the dry spell because of backup supplies and preparation, but the governor wanted conservation efforts ramped up with no clear end to the drought in sight.

May's water savings were the best showing since the state started tracking conservation last summer. The report followed several months of tepid conservation, 13.5 percent in April and 4 percent in March.

The data is self-reported by more than 400 California water departments and includes residential and business consumption. All regions of the state showed improvement.

The southern coast, which includes Los Angeles and San Diego, conserved 25 percent in May after months of lackluster savings. Sacramento and its surrounding communities were the state's top performer, cutting water use by nearly 40 percent.

Conservation may have been skewed by rain in parts of the state in May, which reduces the need to water lawns. Regulators have been encouraging Californians to let their lawns go dry this summer as the easiest way to save large amounts of water and maintain local supplies if the drought continues.

The water board has assigned each community a mandatory conservation target between 4 and 36 percent, depending on how much water residents used last summer, that will be tracked between June and February. Cities that don't meet these targets face fines or state-imposed restrictions on water use.

Some have complained these targets are unfair because it doesn't take into account water savings made before the drought or how secure local supplies are. The city of Riverside is suing the water board over conservation, saying it has ample groundwater supplies.

Love your country, love your dog: Keep pets safe over July 4

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES To us, fireworks are the sparkling embodiment of July Fourth. But to dogs, they truly are bombs bursting in air.

The pops and explosions, raucous block parties and other loud noises during holiday festivities can scare dogs into leaping over or digging under fences to escape the thunderous blasts, leading them to get lost or injured.

More pets go missing over the Fourth of July weekend than any other time of year, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Many seasoned animal lovers know to keep their dogs inside, but many pets are still running away or getting killed by cars as they bolt blindly from the noise.

Luckily, social media is helping find increasing numbers of animals or drawing attention to their plight.

The hashtag #Lost4Dogs aims to raise awareness about lost pets with a selfie challenge. It turns the idea of going missing onto people, urging them to post photos on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter wearing signs that say they should be returned to the pets pictured with them. Then, they would challenge others to post a selfie or donate to the American Humane Association, best known for approving animal safety on TV and movie sets.

Whistle Labs Inc., a San Francisco-based maker of pet health and safety devices, is helping lead the campaign because "pets are members of the family, so experiencing only a few moments of loss is traumatic," even if they're found, company co-founder and CEO Ben Jacobs said.

Apps and online programs also actually locate lost dogs, ranging from GPS-enabled collars, which allow owners to track pets from their phones or computers, to apps such as Finding Rover, which uses facial recognition software to match photos of lost dogs to those in shelters. Plus, pet recovery services such as FindToto.com will call area shelters, vets and neighbors for a fee.

These tools can't help all animals - some are so scared they can actually drop dead.

Wendy Wilson said her 15-year-old golden retriever named Spencer "reacted in total terror" at a bottle-rocket barrage from a neighbor's yard last July Fourth in the Raleigh, North Carolina, suburb of Cary.

Veterinarians told Wilson that Spencer apparently died of a stroke or heart attack possibly triggered by fear of fireworks. They couldn't find another reason because he had no prior heart condition.

"There wasn't anything I could do," Wilson said. "There must have been something in that sound spectrum that was so upsetting to him that he couldn't get through it. Most people think of dogs running away. He didn't even try to run."

She has three other dogs and won't be taking any chances this year. Beau, Teddy and Tonka will wear shirts that apply calming pressure and listen to music and TV in their favorite places in the house.

"Teddy likes to get in the TV chair with pillows on his head, while Beau likes to get in the bathtub," Wilson said.

The populations of many shelters will increase 30 percent over the holiday weekend, according to the animal safety group Found Animals.

To keep pets safe, Los Angeles trainer David Wright and other experts offer some dos and don'ts:

DO

Get collar IDs and microchips.

Use a crate or keep animals in a room where they can't flee.

Crank up music or the television to mask the sound of fireworks.

Provide water and food: Fear makes dogs pant, and unfamiliar food makes them anxious.

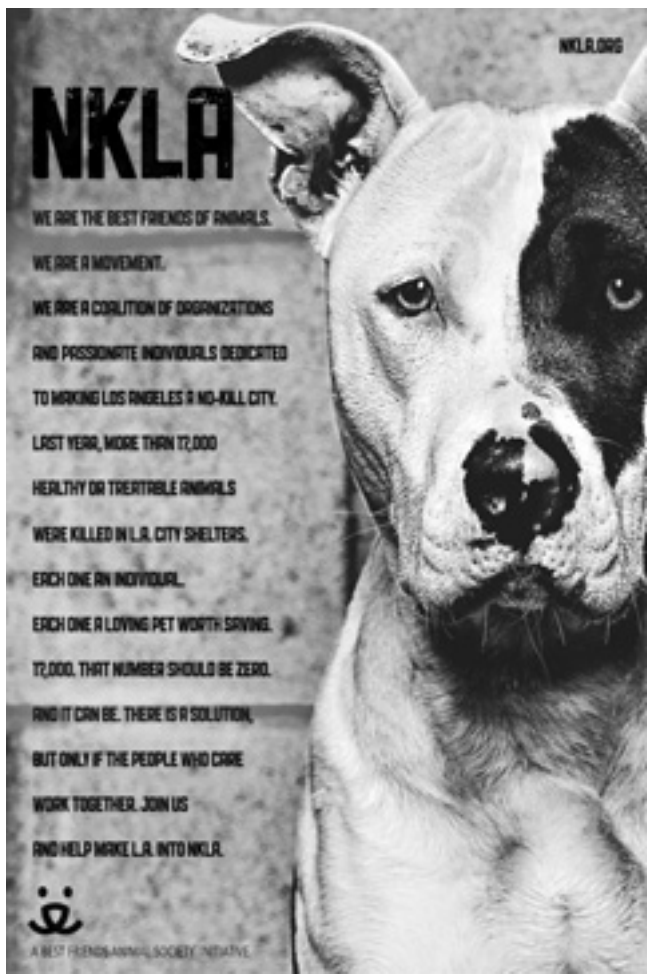
Offer chewable toys or treats as a distraction.

DON'T

Take a pooch to see fireworks unless it's a noise-trained police K-9 or guide dog.

Leave them outside, where they jump or dig to escape the yard.

Approach dogs who look scared because they can attack.



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technical education to the school board in the fall.

The matter was included on the Board of Education's meeting agenda June 24 but postponed to a future meeting, according to district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker.

NEW LAPTOPS

Santa Monica High School will receive nearly 800 laptops for its new Innovation Building as technological upgrades continue to roll out across the school district.

The school board last week approved the district's roughly $944,000 contract with San Diego-based Arey Jones Educational Solutions, which submitted the lowest of three bids.

The district solicited bids in April for the laptops, which will be funded through Measure BB.

The cost covers 752 student laptops, 39 teacher laptops and 11 computer carts.

Each classroom will get one teacher laptop and eight student laptops, according to a district report. Science classrooms are expected to host 16 laptops. Each computer cart will house 32 laptops.

Arey Jones has supplied computers and other tech devices to the Los Angeles Unified School District in recent years.

MONEY MATTERS

The school board approved $1.54 million in facility upgrades and another $490,000 in new purchase orders.

Facility items include the $880,000 installation of lights at Malibu High School and a $276,000 contract with Bakersfield-based IVS Computer Technology for classroom upgrades.

The list of new purchase orders is dominated by one-time supplemental funds totaling more than $145,000 to a variety of contractors for child development center work.

The school board also approved about $23,000 to replace a maintenance vehicle, about $19,000 for facility maintenance at the John Adams Middle School auditorium, about $17,600 to resurface the tennis courts at Malibu High School and $8,600 for golf carts.

PRESCHOOL

The district is expected to renew its contract with the state education department to run local preschools.

SMMUSD will receive about $1.69 million from the state to operate full-day and part-day preschool programming at multiple sites for at least 246 days in the 12-month period beginning July 1.

The district preschools are charged with providing developmentally appropriate programming as well as social and health services, food, parent outreach and staff training.

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FIREWORKS

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ed per capita injury rate than any other age group. Past reports indicate that consumers sometimes feel comfortable handing off to children fireworks devices perceived to be less powerful, such as sparklers and bottle rockets. In 2013, sparklers and rockets accounted for more than 40 percent of all estimated injuries.

"Safe and Sane Fireworks are only as safe as they are used," said State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover. "Last year alone there were over 300 fires sparked by fireworks. We want everyone to enjoy their celebrations in a safe and legal manner."

Dry conditions magnify the dangers of fireworks. Nationwide, fireworks cause an average of almost 20,000 reported fires per year. According to the National Fire Prevention Association, on Independence Day in a typical year, far more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day, and fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause of fires.

"As we head into the fourth summer of a severe drought, it is more important than ever that everyone use an abundance of caution to avoid sparking a fire," said Chief Ken Pimlott, director of CAL FIRE. "Here in California we have a zero tolerance for the use and sale of illegal fireworks."

There are also legal ramifications when it comes to certain types of fireworks statewide. Possession of illegal fireworks such as sky rockets, bottle rockets, roman candles, aerial shells, firecrackers and other types that explode, go into the air, or move on the ground in an uncontrollable manner can lead to a possible fine of up to $50,000 as well as prison time or jail for up to one year.

Officials said going to a professional fireworks show is truly the safest way to celebrate the 4th of July.

The following is a sampling of local show locations and schedules.

Hollywood, Hollywood Bowl, 2301 North Highland Ave - July 4th Spectacular with Smokey Robinson, 7:30 p.m., www.hollywoodbowl.com/tickets/july-4th-fireworks-spectacular-smokey-robinson/2015-07-02

Culver City, West Los Angeles College, 9000 Overland Avenue (near Jefferson), Gates open at 4 p.m., entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m., and the fireworks start at 9 p.m. Suggested donation is $5 per person, Kids 5 and under free. Bring a picnic or enjoy food from snack bar and vendors. Parking is available in nearby lots for $10 per car. http://culvercityfireworksshow.com

Los Angeles, 13th Annual Fireworks Extravaganza at Van Ness Recreation Center, with Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, 5720 2nd Avenue, Los Angeles, event starts at 12 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m.

Malibu, private shows launched from barges off the coast near 80 Malibu Colony Road, 21622 Pacific Coast Highway and 27856 Pacific Coast Highway, 9 p.m.

Marina Del Rey, Burton Chace Park, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey, 9 p.m.

Pacific Palisades, Palisades Charter High School, 15777 Bowdoin Street, Pacific Palisades, food trucks and performances at 4 p.m., fireworks 9 p.m., tickets available online at http://palisadesrocksthefourth.org.

Redondo Beach, Seaside Lagoon, 200 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach, gates open at 2 p.m., fireworks at 9 p.m. www.redondofireworks.com

For a list of firework shows countywide, visit www.safejuly4th.org/fwshows.htm

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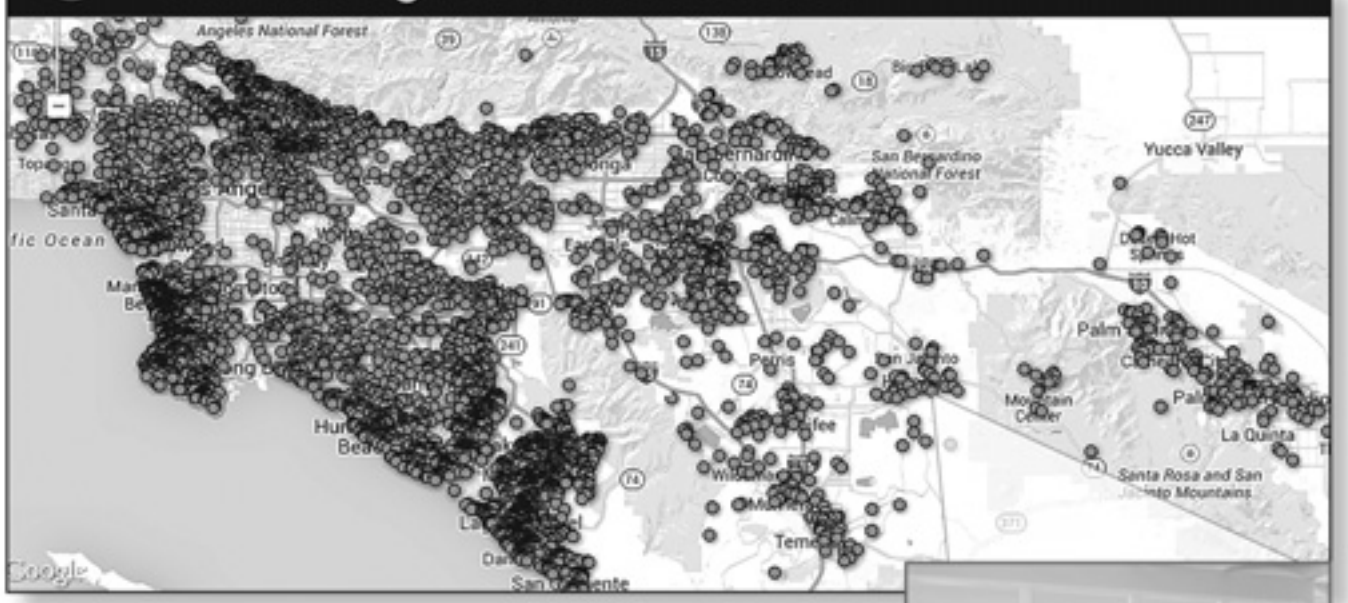

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FLAGS

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the project has yet to take off.

"Overwhelmingly, the response to this initiative is very positive and supportive," said Bukhin in a statement, although only a handful of flags have been installed in Santa Monica so far.

In the weeks since the project's inception, Bukhin has struggled to keep the project going. "It's been difficult ... since I am completely self funding this effort," said Bukhin, who began by offering flag installations for $75 a home. "I've invested almost $1,000," added Bukhin, "and that's a lot when you're working a low-paying job, and have several other projects going on."

To publicize the project, Bukhin hired a homeless veteran to help him hand out over 2,500 flyers at homes around the city. Bukhin hopes that this project can serve the city's veterans by providing jobs installing the flags to homeless or unemployed veterans.

"As a veteran, I thought it would be a great way to get a flag raised by a veteran," added Bukhin. "This is an opportunity to tap into Veterans who are in need."

With his limited resources, however, this is only possible if the initiative gains traction. Bukhin noted that the return on investment has been minimal so far.

With resources dwindling, Bukhin hopes that donations can help to the initiative to grow. "I have my website, www.mmPatriot.com that acts as a hub to learn about my project," said Bukhin, who launched an online fundraising campaign to accompany his flag initiative. "I am fundraising ... in hopes of raising enough funds to provide 100 flags to Santa Monica at no cost to residents," said Bukhin, who is attempting to change the perception of the flag from an anomaly to the norm. His goal is "to get many flags flying in the city, not just on July 4th but ... year round."

Bukhin's project aims not only to renew a local sense of patriotism but also to raise the visibility of veterans in our community and the issues that they face. Bukhin has helped interested people from out of state to connect with veterans in their area and hopes to forge a similar relationship between the residents and Santa Monica's veteran population. At the moment, however, the success of the project seems to rest on the patriotism of 4th of July. As independence day celebrations occur throughout the city, Bukhin hopes that people will be reminded of the American flag as a symbol of unity and choose to support his project.

While the future of this initiative may be uncertain, the experience is rewarding. "It's very meaningful when I can come to someone's home and they have pride in the American Flag we put up," Bukhin added, "It's amazing to see the emotions...when they come home everyday and feel a sense of pride about the flag flying over their home."

More information can be found at Bukhin's website, www.mmPatriot.com. Donations can be made online at https://www.crowdrise.com/americanflagsinstalledbyveterans.

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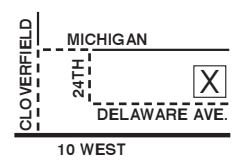

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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **69.3°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Very small blend of overlapping SW and South swells. Minimal NW windswell.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Fresh blend of overlapping SW/SSW swells start to build in as the old SPAC energy lingers. NW windswell remains minimal.

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest SW swell fills in. Stay tuned.

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
SW swell continues.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SIMA 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 Lechusa 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 DBW 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

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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 JUNE 25, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:35 P.M.

A patrol officer was dispatched to a payphone in the 700 block of Santa Monica Boulevard to make contact with a female subject who had been using the phone to make dozens of 911 calls. The dispatcher who alerted the officer relayed to him via radio that the subject was currently speaking with another dispatcher, and was being monitored via closed circuit television. The subject, later identified as Kimberly Trotter, had placed more than 50 calls to 911 that day, most of the calls consisting of Trotter rambling incoherently, making multiple comments about President Obama. The officer observed the female talking on the phone and approached. When asked if she needed emergency assistance, Trotter refused to answer and told the officer he didn't appear to be the real thing. Based on the number of calls Trotter had made that day, she was arrested for misuse of the 911 system and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. Trotter, 51, transient, had bail set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 398 calls for service on June 30.

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

Party complaint 1900 block of 17th 12:21 a.m.
Shots fired 200 block of Bicknell 12:42 a.m.
Domestic violence 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 2:25 a.m.
Party complaint 2500 block of 28th 3:21 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 17th 4:40 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block of Euclid 4:44 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of Santa Monica 6:55 a.m.
Sexual assault Main/Bay 7:08 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Berkeley 7:14 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Berkeley 8:25 a.m.
Fight 600 block of Colorado 8:34 a.m.
Person down 2600 block of Main 8:43 a.m.
Fight 2000 block of the beach 9:12 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of Harvard 9:17 a.m.
Vandalism 1000 block of Palisades Beach 9:18 a.m.
Attempt burglary 300 block of Colorado 9:24 a.m.
Found senile person 1500 block of 2nd 9:37 a.m.
Burglary 100 block of Strand 9:49 a.m.
Traffic accident 1300 block of 4th 9:52 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block of Lincoln 9:52 a.m.
Leaf blower violation 1400 block of Yale 10:12 a.m.
Traffic accident Main/Bay 10:31 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1700 block of Ocean 10:41 a.m.
Fight 2400 block of the beach 10:45 a.m.
Excessive parking tickets 1500 block of 10th 10:50 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 10:52 a.m.
Identity theft 2800 block of Neilson 11:14 a.m.
Attempt burglary 300 block of Colorado 11:26 a.m.
Traffic accident 1500 block of 4th 11:43 a.m.
Speeding 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy12 p.m.
Fitness permit violation 4th/Adelaide 12 p.m.
Bike theft 2000 block of 14th 1:21 p.m.
Elder abuse 1700 block of Ocean Park 1:37 p.m.
Elder abuse 3400 block of Ocean Park 1:39 p.m.
Elder abuse 1500 block of 5th 1:40 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Santa Monica 1:49 p.m.
Traffic accident 15th/Wilshire 2:40 p.m.
Injured person 15th/Arizona 2:54 p.m.
Speeding 23rd/Pico 3:26 p.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 3:36 p.m.
Child endangerment 1800 block of 21st 3:52 p.m.
Sexual assault 1900 block of Pico 4:14 p.m.
Battery 1100 block of Lincoln 4:46 p.m.
Hit and run of Main/Pier 5:10 p.m.
Traffic accident 7th/Ocean Park 5:29 p.m.
Sexual assault 1200 block of 15th 5:40 p.m.
Fight ocean/Broadway 5:45 p.m.
Traffic accident 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:55 p.m.
Battery 200 block of Pico 6:50 p.m.
Battery 10th/Pico 7:04 p.m.
Person with a gun 1400 block of 2nd 7:25 p.m.
Burglary 900 block of 9th 8:22 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 47 calls for service on June 30.

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

EMS 800 block of 2nd 12:36 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 2:26 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 14th 4:43 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of ocean 5:01 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of 28th 7:17 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Sunset 7:27 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of 4th 7:32 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of Main 8:44 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 9:30 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 9:33 a.m.
Lock in/out 1400 block of 4th 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of 12th 10:04 a.m.
Lockout w/EMS component 700 block of Navy 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 15th 10:59 a.m.
Vehicle into a structure 1500 block of 4th 11:46 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 9th 1:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1000 block of 4th 1:16 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Ocean Park 1:21 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Interstate 10 1:40 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 1:47 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:49 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1200 block of 11th 2:06 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Santa Monica 2:18 p.m.
EMS 15th/Arizona 2:42 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Maple 2:48 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 2:57 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Olympic 3:28 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 4:33 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1200 block of 2nd 4:53 p.m.
Structure fire 2200 block of Main 5:23 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:30 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 River floater
5 Didn't participate in
11 Singer Guthrie
12 Disinclined
13 Son of John and Yoko
14 Looked lewdly
15 Horse traders
17 Be litigious
18 Hair clusters
22 Bound to happen
24 Bowling challenge
25 Lyricist Gershwin
26 Bordeaux buddy
27 Ransack
30 Beer type
32 Morley of CBS
33 Spots on TV
34 Elephants' extinct kin
38 Stir up
41 Ham's dad
42 Movie categories
43 A fan of
44 Black Sea port
45 Future flower

DOWN

1 Foolhardy
2 District
3 Arizona city
4 Taste bud setting
5 Store come-on
6 Deflects
7 Prepares to drive
8 Bruins legend
9 Employ
10 Seth MacFarlane film
16 Was ahead
19 Paving slab
20 Watch reading
21 Mix up
22 Yule trees
23 Diva's piece
28 Madagascar mammals
29 Wipes out
30 Hurried flight
31 Handsome youth
35 Butte's kin
36 Despise
37 Not barefoot
38 In the past
39 Warning color
40 Low digit

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Yesterday's answer

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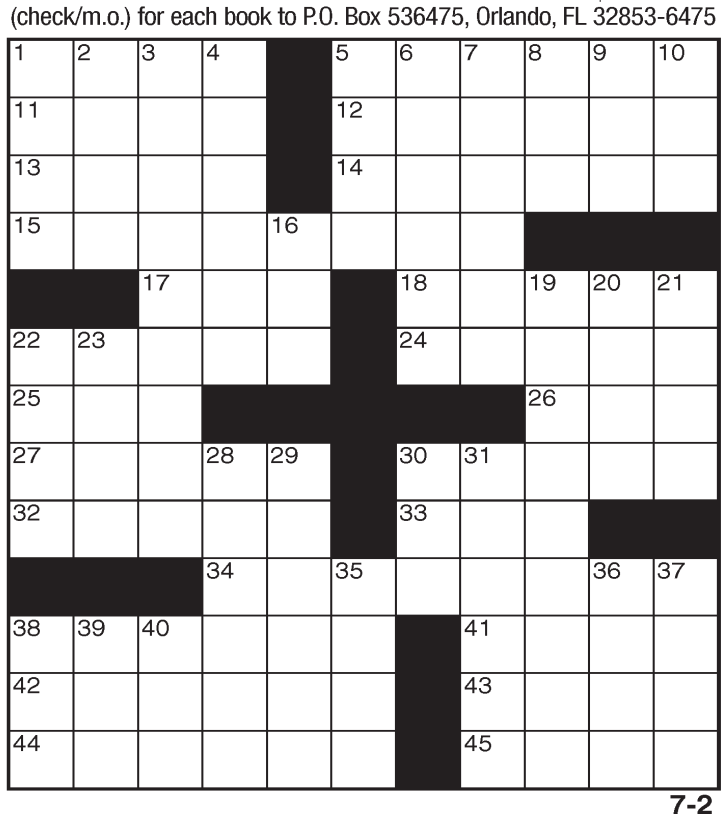

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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/27
18 28 35 46 49
Power#: 27
Jackpot: 60M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/30
11 17 34 43 50
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 84M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 6/27
1 5 16 21 35
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 48M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/30
6 19 27 29 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/1
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 6/30
EVENING: 9 7 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 6/30
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:47.91

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WORD UP!

contradistinction
1. distinction by opposition or contrast: plants and animals in contradistinction to humans.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1890 – The U.S. Congress passes the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

1897 – Italian scientist Guglielmo Marconi obtains a patent for radio in London.

1900 – The first Zeppelin flight takes place on Lake Constance near Friedrichshafen, Germany.

1900 – Jean Sibelius' Finlandia receives its première performance in Helsinki with the Helsinki Philharmonic Society conducted by Robert Kajanus.

1917 – The East St. Louis Riots end.

1921 – World War I: U.S. President Warren G. Harding signs the Knox–Porter Resolution formally ending the war between the United States and Imperial Germany.

1934 – The Night of the Long Knives ends with the death of Ernst Röhm.

1937 – Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan are last heard from over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first equatorial round-the-world flight.

1940 – Indian independence leader Subhas Chandra Bose is arrested and detained in Calcutta.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ France's daily La Provence reported in May that at least one enterprising drug dealer in Marseilles had begun distributing "loyalty cards" to its best customers, offering a 10-euro discount on future sales after that customer's card was full (all 10 squares stamped from previous sales). Said one buyer, "I thought I was hallucinating. I thought I was at a pizzeria or something." The card also expressed thanks for the patronage and reminded the customer of operating hours (11 a.m. to midnight).

■ Rehab Will Be Difficult: Laquanda Newby, 25, was charged with three counts of child abuse on June 7 at the county courthouse in Richmond, Virginia, after police spotted her car with two children locked inside on a day in which the temperature reached the 90s. Newby had parked at the courthouse that day in order to attend her hearing on charges that on May 26, she had locked her kids in a hot car while she was out on errands.

■ "(J)ust one of those spur-of-the-moment crazy things," explained John Paul Jones Jr., in May after he had intentionally driven his pickup truck through his living room in Senoia, Georgia. He told a reporter that he had been on the phone with his wife and gotten angry, and "one thing led to another." Fortunately, Jones is a contractor, and has been out of work for a while and thus figures he can keep busy fixing his mess. The house "needed some work," he said, "needed air conditioning." Jones said the truck fared well, with just a few scratches.

giive a (bleep)

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

Performance: *Osage* family visits Topanga

By Andrew Shane Walters

Community truly affects the individual … and vice versa, right?

Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum brings to life Tracy Letts' award-winning play *August: Osage County,* a darkly comedic tale depicting a family in Oklahoma.

Let me back up for a second .. if you haven't checked out Theatricum then you need get on that! It's a nonprofit all about performance and arts education. They're presenting five plays this summer alone!

August: Osage County won five Tonys in its original Broadway run in 2008. Check it out this Sunday at 7:30 pm. For more info, tickets, and a full schedule, visit theatricum.com.

Production: *Venice* tackles big questions

Family. Individual. The bonds that bring us together and the differences that divide us. What is the role that we must play on this big watery planet? Some intense questions. This can all be so overwhelming, but remember to have fun no matter what you're doing!

Actor Chris Messina brings his directorial debut, *Alex of Venice,* to Vidiots Foundation. It's the story of the ups and downs in relationships and life. *Alex of Venice* depicts Alex Winstead, an attorney who must rework her life after her husband's sudden departure. Struggling to keep her family intact, she finds a strength she did not know before.

You might know Messina from acting roles in *The Mindy Project*, *Damages*, *The Newsroom*, *Argo* or *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

Messina will do a Q&A on July 8 (doors open at 6:30 pm). Proceeds benefit Vidiots Foundation.

For tickets and more info, visit vidiotsfoundation.org.

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Happy close to home, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you might not have any clue whether you can change a situation. You can, however, adjust your attitude about the matter. You could be uncomfortable expressing an idea that is very important to you. Tonight: Serious talks transform into fun chatter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have the ability to read between the lines and understand more of what is happening. Detach and gain a greater perspective. As a result, you will see a situation differently. Be receptive to someone's compassion as well as his or her ideas. Tonight: Happy close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal situation. A conversation with a close associate will prove to be unusually caring. You'll become more aware of a superior's thoughts. Try not to make a commitment about money while others are so emotional. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to defer to someone else and find out what is going on with him or her. Honor your feelings, and know full well that most of the time you are right-on. Indulge in getting yourself a little something that you have been wanting. Tonight: Make it your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You are like a flare of light in the middle of a chaotic Full Moon. You might not like someone's ideas or some of the comments you are hearing. Your kind ways tend to open others up, but you might want to hold off for now. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might get into today's Full Moon more than most signs. Your relationships could come to the forefront. You probably will find yourself juggling friends and a potential loved one. Don't allow any exaggerated statements to get to you. Tonight: Enjoy the friskiness of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. A loved one might be taken aback by what is happening within your immediate circle. Your sense of well-being might be tested by a roommate or by a situation around you. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by all the calls you are receiving on top of all the requests heading your way, plus what you have to get done. Avoid blowing a fuse, find a favorite person and relax. Use the calmer moments to squeeze in some calls and a visit. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Use caution with any financial or emotional dealings. You can be sure that not everyone sees the issue the same way you do. In a discussion, someone might do or say something radical that he or she doesn't really mean. Remain caring and centered. Tonight: Among the crowds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might not be aware of how hard you are pushing to have matters play out a certain way. One-on-one relating can ease some of the pressure you experience with one person. You might be delighted by a gift or gesture that he or she offers you. Tonight: Make nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to your instincts when trying to get past a problem. You would be best off keeping your own counsel for now. Someone might express his or her true feelings about a matter that is important to you; be careful not to react. Tonight: Head home and get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important to you. Today's Full Moon will pave the way to success, though you can expect some ups and downs. Understand that you might not see eye to eye with a loved one. Let it go -- the two of you will agree later. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

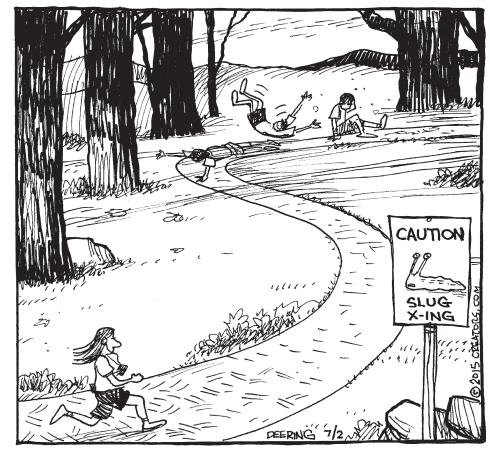
Thursday, July 2, 2015

This year you open up to many new opportunities, though they seem to come all at once, forcing you to make a decision more quickly than you might want to. You often wonder how much to do for a key person in your life, as he or she might be quite demanding. Many of you will travel, while others will become armchair travelers. If you are single, after August, your social life will take off. It is quite possible you will meet someone who could knock your socks off. If you are attached, the two of you often juggle your different needs. Make it OK to sometimes not do everything together. CAPRICORN can be very serious.

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
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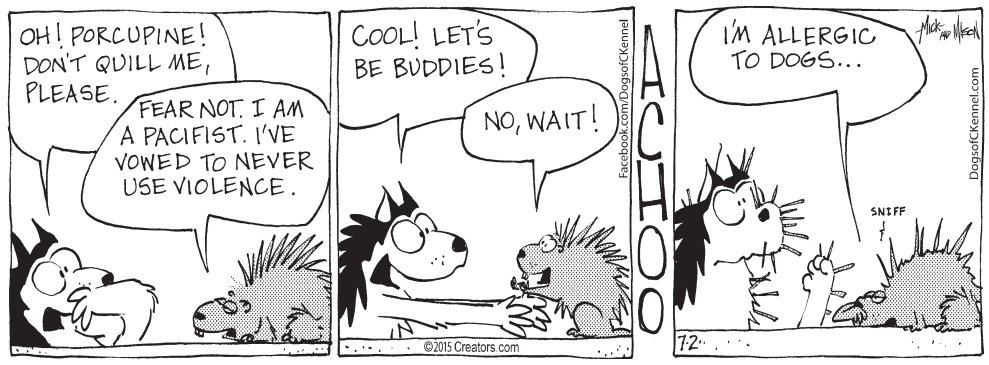

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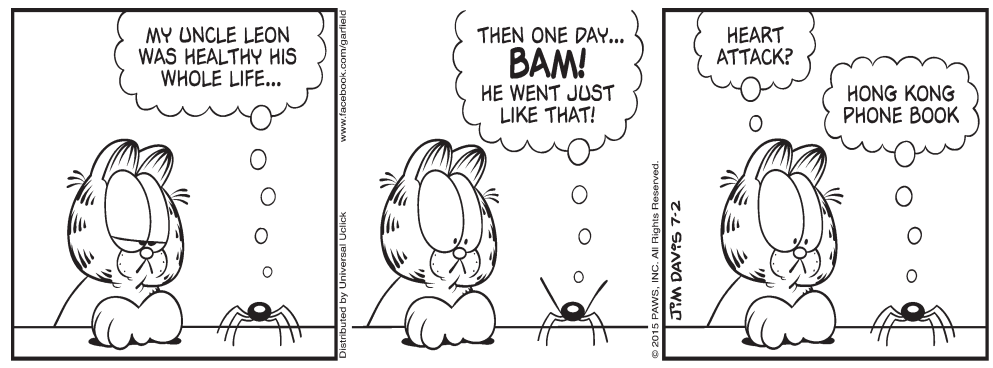
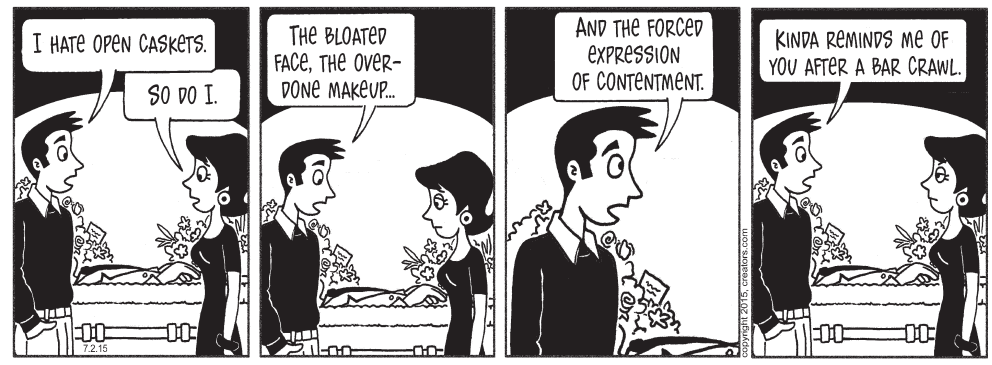


The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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