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PARADE

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Thousands gathered on Main Street this week for the annual 4th of July Parade. The event draws participants from schools, businesses, community groups and local politicians. The Ocean Park Association organizes the event and the parade is the only local Independence Day celebration to take place on July 4.

Expo Line rides are up; are thumbs up too?

Ridership climbs, some issues arise on Metro light-rail extension

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

More riders apparently equals more voices.

As more commuters throughout the region get around on public transportation, more comments come in on the highlights and downsides of the light-rail system.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation

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Shaq's son transferring to Crossroads

O'Neal leaves Windward after two seasons

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The photos and videos confirmed what Chad Beeten said he could not.

Images and clips of Shareef O'Neal playing on the Crossroads boys basketball team indicate he's planning to suit up for the Santa Monica private school this coming season, a high-profile acquisition for a program with a rich history

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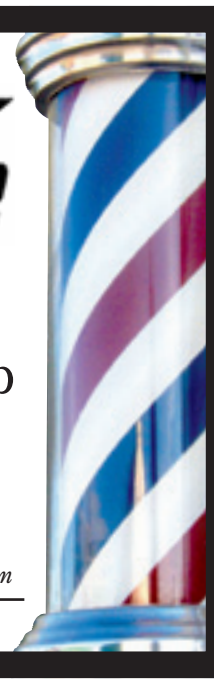
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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 6

Mobility - Sustainable Santa Monica Free Tour
Ride on the new Expo Line with a behind the scenes tour of the Metro facility. 9 - 10 a.m. Downtown Santa Monica Expo Line Station, 4th St/ Colorado Ave. RSVP at SustainableSMTourMobility.eventbrite.com.

Abbit the Average
Afternoon of comedy, magic and juggling. Tickets required, free tickets available at 2 p.m. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Movie Screening: When the Game Stands
Movie tells the story of football coach Bob Ladouceur who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a record-shattering 151-game winning streak. (Film runtime: 115 minutes). 6 - 8 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle
A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults. 7 - 8:45 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 3601 Main St.

Thursday, July 7

Mad Science: "Marvels of Motion"
Discover the fun-damentals of moving science. Includes egg tossing and rocket packs. Tickets required, free tickets available at 2 p.m. Call (310) 458-8683. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 3601 Main St.

Read a Play
Discover great plays while uncovering your inner actor. This new monthly group reads through a different play each month, with each in attendance taking part in the read through. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library 3601 Main St.

NOMA meeting
Meet Bill Walker, Santa Monica's new Fire Chief at NOMA's monthly community meeting at 7 p.m. at the Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, with reception and refreshments preceding at 6:30 p.m. Additional presentations are scheduled. The North of Montana Association meets each first Thursday. For more information, visit www.smnoma.org

Friday, July 8

SMPL at the Beach
Santa Monica Public Library is going to the beach. Event held at the Annenberg Community Beach House, wit seaside reading, family-friendly outdoor activities and special surprises. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. http://smpl.org/beach/

Happy Hour for Your Brain
Learn specific methods to increase your brain's energy, detailed techniques to tackle problems that deplete your brainpower, and proven methods to generate new brain cells. This class will be a combination of educational lecture and seated sensory-motor activities. 1 -2 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Summer Activity Program: Jumbo Shrimp Circus
A variety, circus arts show. Limited space, free tickets available 30 minutes before the program. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Call (310) 458-8681.

Special Observing Event: Crescent Moon, Jupiter, and Saturn!
Gaze at the waxing crescent Moon near Jupiter, look at the tiny disk of Mars, then check out magnificent Saturn and its beautiful rings. Dress

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

California testing alternative to gas tax

Caltrans has officially launched California's new pay-by-mile Road Charge Pilot Program, where selected volunteer participants will help the state gain insight into an innovative way to finance California's transportation infrastructure. This pilot will be an opportunity to study road charge alternatives to the gas tax and will provide the Legislature with the data needed to better determine whether a road charge funding concept is viable for California. No actual money will be exchanged during the pilot.

"We're proud that thousands of Californians have signed up to volunteer for the California Road Charge Pilot Program," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "The opportunity to provide valuable input and evaluate the viability of a mileage-based user fee system demonstrates the commitment that Californians have to our roads and keeping them well maintained."

Volunteers that have been accepted to participate in the pilot are made up of drivers from all parts of California with various socioeconomic backgrounds. In addition, some out-of-state volunteers will be featured in the pilot in order to help California determine how a road charge tax could impact visiting drivers.

Pilot participants will not actually pay a road charge while participating in the pilot. Instead, they will make simulated payments based on how far they drive. The pilot offers several options for participants to report their mileage, including six different low-to-high tech methods:

TIME PERMIT
"Purchase" a permit for unlimited road use in California for a specific period of time

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The pilot is set to run for nine months from July 2016 to March 2017. When concluded, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) will report the pilot's findings to the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee, the California Transportation Commission and the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature. The Legislature will make the ultimate decision on whether to enact a full-scale permanent road charge program in California.

Even if the Legislature decides not to implement a road charge, California will still be in need of a more sustainable roadway funding mechanism than the current fuel excise tax. The fuel excise tax only funds approximately $2.3 billion of work to maintain the 50,000 lane-miles and nearly 13,000 state-owned bridges on the state highway system. This leaves nearly $5.7 billion in unfunded repairs each year.

Road charging is based on the same principle that the current gas tax was created upon: the amount drivers pay to maintain roads should correspond to the number of miles they drive. However, the gas tax no longer serves this purpose now that cars drive farther and need less fuel.

California is not the only state researching alternative road funding options. Several other states-including Washington, Colorado, Utah and others-are also exploring the road charge concept of pay-by-the-mile. Last July, the state of Oregon launched phase one of its OReGO program, where volunteers are paying a road charge of 1.5 cents per mile driven instead of the fuel tax.

There is still time to volunteer for the California Road Charge Pilot. To sign-up and learn more about California's program, visit http://californiaroadchargepilot.com/sign-up

The California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee was created by the California Transportation Commission on January 21, 2015, to study road charging pursuant to Senate Bill 1077 (2014). The volunteer committee represents a variety of interests and stakeholders from across the state including highway user groups, data security experts, privacy rights organizations, social equity groups, regional transportation agencies, business interests, national research and policymaking bodies, members of the Legislature and representatives from the telecommunications industry.

- SUBMITTED BY VANESSA WISEMAN

Santa Monica Pier

Transit options for Twilight Concert Series

This Thursday, July 7, is the first Twilight Concert Series event of the 2016 season. The free series will bring thousands of people to Santa Monica on Thursday evenings through September 8. As concert goers plan their trip to the Santa Monica Pier, the City reminds our community and regional neighbors to consider all the great transportation options available in Santa Monica. There are now more ways than ever to get to and around Santa Monica. The Expo Line offers a direct connection from Downtown L.A. to Downtown Santa Monica, just four short blocks to the Pier. Santa Monica's two other Expo Stations: 26th St./Bergamot and 17th St./Santa Monica College are less than ten minutes to the terminus. Big Blue Bus connects to all Expo Stations, and has routes throughout the region. Breeze Bike Share and bike valet make biking to the Pier safe and convenient.

Parking is available for the Twilight Concert Series for $10 - 20. The rates apply to vehicles entering the below lots after 4 p.m. Any vehicle entering one of these three lots with 4 or more people of any age will receive a voucher that they can turn in to the bike valet stand for a $5 rebate.

Parking lots and rates include Lot 1N - $20 per entry, Lot 3N - $15 per entry and Lot 4S - $10 per entry.

For more information on the Twilight Concert Series, visit http://santamonicapier.org/twilightconcerts/. For more information on parking in Santa Monica, visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Transportation/Motorists-Parking/.

- SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

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warmly. Starts at 8 p.m. but preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration, a family-friendly "tour" of the constellations and the chance to ask questions. John Drescher Planetarium, 1900 Pico Blvd. Tickets 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. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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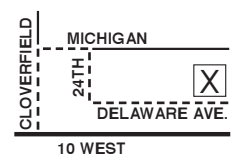


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My 4th Of July Got A Bit Layered

THE BOMBS ARE BURSTING IN AIR (well, fireworks, I hope) as I sit here writing this, the evening of the 4th of July.

It started out a really good Independence Day. So how did it wind up in a lair of very illegal drugs, nerves at the exploding point, floor awash in blood?

Um, let me go back to the beginning, because there's some wide-ranging territory to cover related to this here holiday today.

After watching from the sidewalk every year, I finally decided to ride in our small-town 4th of July parade that I love. From the back of the Daily Press pickup truck, I saw women twirling brightly-colored, huge billowy fiesta skirts, the Wells Fargo stagecoach pulled by horses, surfers right behind us (one young woman walking and running to catch up in six-inch wedge sandals), Chabads after them, dancing like it would take them to the promised land, with a little bitty kid doing that insane Russian squatting leg-kick thing. I used to be able to do that ... when I was 12.

There were more police officers than I thought Santa Monica had for the whole city. (A great opportunity to commit a crime anywhere but Main Street.) There was a gorgeous old Packard and a very bright yellow Buick (that grille!) and an orange Bugatti that a nearby policeman (see?) commented must be the real deal because it had the certified antique car license plate, reading 1927. (If so, it was worth a million or two. If the driver, dressed in authentic-looking 1927 motoring garb, bought it just a few years ago, he paid half that. Sheesh. And I collected stamps.)

Our SMDP VIP luxury white pickup truck (snacks, sure, but Dom Perignon? - thanks, Rob!) was preceded by our flatbed truck, with an excellent band playing, the Americans, and packed with several thousand fans of the Daily Press, most of them relatives of our owner/former publisher Ross Furukawa. Great job all around, Ross. (Now, about that raise…)

IN LIEU OF WHAT?

I spotted our U.S. Representative Ted Lieu, but I didn't go over to say hello. I had done that when he spoke at a meeting of our local Democratic Club last Wednesday, and I'm not sure how he might have greeted me this time.

When I got a chance to introduce myself that evening, I said something like this: "Congressman Lieu, please let me take this opportunity to let you know that as a lifelong proud Democrat who worked on JFK's campaign as a kid, I am extremely disappointed in what I've seen from the national party lately. I don't think it's very democratic. And I strongly feel that Debbie Wasserman Schultz [chair of the national party] has to go, immediately." He nodded politely, of course. I have no idea where Lieu stands on these issues, but I respect his work so far.

There have been grumblings for a long time that DWS has slanted everything she can in favor of her girl Hillary, for the Dem nomination. Very unlevel playing field. There is a petition asking for her immediate resignation (more than 200,000 signatures as of six weeks ago) and she is now the subject of a six-count class action suit for that misfeasance of duty. Of course it comes from Democratic supporters of Bernie Sanders, who have plenty of evidence to provide.

I got to see that foolish, self-destructive mindset that night. At Large Member Barbi Appelquist was on the mic up front, along with Co-President Jay Johnson, and she was urging club members to get out and phone bank and work for "Hillary Clinton … or the other candidate."

"...THE OTHER CANDIDATE"?

Yeah, you heard me. And Club members Leigh and Elaine Brumberg, sitting in the front row, heard her, and Leigh immediately raised his hand and said, "I would like to clarify something, that 'the other candidate' you referred to was Bernie Sanders. Would that be correct?" Immediate, strong applause from the audience.

Appelquist said yes and made a stammering correction, and Johnson spoke most of the rest of the time and was obviously trying to walk it back.

It's a disgrace, and it's foolish. Hillary needs the millions of voters that Bernie has brought to the political table and this is no way to enlist them. Further insult: the platform being crafted for all Dem candidates to get behind is ignoring almost everything that Bernie so successfully campaigned for. As Will Rogers once famously said, "I am not a member of any organized party - I am a Democrat."

DRUGS? BLOOD?

I'm getting to that, but first let's get back to the fourth and that pesky national anthem that takes a Pavarotti to cover the octave plus. (It's a 12th, for you music people. Very, very high. Good luck.)

Has it always been our national anthem? How about, only since 1931? It was rejected six times by Congress until they finally agreed to it.

But it's not just the tune I don't like, it's the lyrics. I am glad the British didn't take Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812, but, how many of you knew that? And now that you do, how many care? That's more than two centuries ago, not a deciding battle and not an A-list war. Check the words in the third verse - terror and gloom and blood. I love "America the Beautiful" and would vote for that, especially Ray Charles' stirring version.

I'M SO BAD

OK, here's the blood. I'm so bad to tease you with that gore reference until now. But I didn't want to bum you out at the beginning.

I grew up in Albuquerque. I finally got tired of my LA crowd mentioning "Breaking Bad" and me admitting I hadn't seen it and getting those are-you-crazy? looks. So I got a box of the first four seasons and decided to binge watch, this long weekend.

Got through 34 out of 61 episodes. Oh my, sigh. Left it at a particularly gory scene, in a series filled with them. But true, so much good writing and story development (and a few plot holes), that really intrigued me as a writer.

I will try to finish, but … well, you ALL have seen it, and you know.

Good old Albuquerque - now best known for its fictional high school teacher who morphed into an uber-violent meth pusher. Land of Enchantment, anyone?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "When the Judgment Day comes civilization will have an alibi, I never took a human life, I only sold the fellow the gun to take it with." -- Will Rogers

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Thanks for the memories

Editor:

On Tuesday, June 28, the YWCA Santa Monica /Westside held a farewell open house to say a heartfelt goodbye and thank you to the members of our community. It was obvious from the moving testimonials that we have made a difference in the lives of many people, and they have made a difference in ours. We are truly sad that we could not continue along the path that has sustained us for the past 90 years. But times change, people and circumstances change, and we finally had to acknowledge that we needed to change as well.

Our Board of Directors would like to thank all of our loyal and committed supporters, members and staff for making the YWCA such a special place in this community for so long. We are grateful that many of our programs and participants have already found new homes.

Hopefully, although it will be gone, the YWCA will not soon be forgotten by the women, girls, and families who were helped by its mission of empowerment. Their achievements will be its lasting legacy.

Anne-Marie Spataru
President, Board of Directors
YWCA Santa Monica / Westside

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Fairview Branch - July 16
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The How-To Festival at Fairview is part of an all-day grand reopening celebration. Join us at 10:30am for the grand reopening of the Fairview Branch Library.

Montana Branch - July 23
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Pico Branch - July 30
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BASKETBALL

FROM PAGE 1

on the hardwood.

The son of former NBA superstar Shaquille O'Neal is transferring to Crossroads after two seasons at Windward, a rival institution in the Mar Vista area of Los Angeles.

Beeten, the coach who was hired in May to run the Roadrunners' program, said school policy prevents him from commenting on specific players for the time being. Multiple media outlets have reported O'Neal's relocation.

Beeten said Crossroads competed in two summer tournaments last month, one at Loyola Marymount University and the other in Westchester. He declined to comment on O'Neal's participation in the exhibitions.

"We had some good and some bad in the summer tournaments, and I'm pleased with the progress but I'm not satisfied," Beeten said. "We competed and we played hard. That's the main thing I was focused on."

Beeten said he has led individual and team workouts since he arrived in early May but hadn't yet held a full practice as of July 1.

Beeten arrived at Crossroads to replace Daryl Roper after a successful stint in Las Vegas, where he guided Clark High School to three Nevada state titles. His teams were 132-44 overall in six seasons.

Beeten is working to help the Roadrunners improve on the 12-17 record they posted last season, when they reached the CIF Southern Section quarterfinals in Division 4A. Their campaign was highlighted by a tournament upset of public-school rival Santa Monica, the eventual section champion in Division 1A.

Graduation took a toll on Beeten's incoming roster, which is missing an outstanding senior class that included three small-college prospects in Nicky Shapiro (Tufts), Henry Ward (Grinnell) and Ethan Zakarin (Kenyon).

But O'Neal figures to make an immediate impact.

A 6-foot-9 junior with signs of the powerful agility that made his father such a dominant force early in his playing career, O'Neal is joining a program whose alumni include former NBA players Baron Davis and Austin Croshere.

Over the last month, Beeten on Twitter has shared some of O'Neal's tweets on his own page.

O'Neal has been active on the social media site, posting a list of things he hopes to accomplish in basketball in the coming years.

"I was never really good at basketball until I turned 15," he wrote recently. "Kids ask me how to get better and I just say you have to want it. I was determined ... I'm 16 now and still have plenty of flaws to overcome and have tons of room for improvement! I'm nowhere near my full ability."

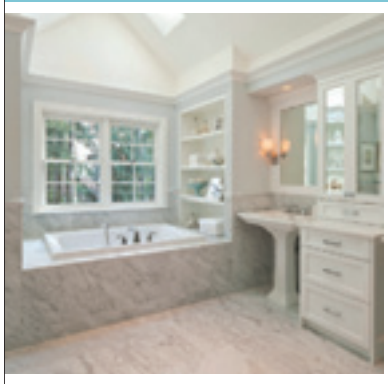
On June 23, the day of the NBA Draft, O'Neal decided not to follow the annual spectacle live. He had other plans.

"Could be watching the draft," he tweeted, "but I'm going to go workout so that can be me one day."

People will be watching O'Neal away from the basketball court as well. He and his family will be featured in a new VH1 reality show whose premiere is scheduled to air July 17.

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EXPO

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Authority has seen a significant bump in Expo Line use since the opening of the extension from Culver City to Santa Monica, according to agency data. Weekday boardings totaled 39,237 this past May, a 31.6-percent spike over the 29,801 rides recorded a year earlier.

"We're pretty happy," Metro spokesman Jose Ubaldo said.

Ubaldo noted that the May figures tell only a portion of the story because they include just 10 days of documented boardings at the new stations, which opened May 20. Rides were free on the entire line on the extension's first two days of operation.

June data will likely provide a better snapshot of Expo Line ridership, but numbers for the month had not yet been processed by the agency as of last week.

Since the opening of the Expo Line extension, Metro officials have evaluated several issues on the new line and responded to numerous inquiries regarding ease of use, accessibility and service, Ubaldo said.

Some riders have complained that the ticket machines are not user-friendly. Ubaldo said train ambassadors at Santa Monica and other stations have been helping new riders acclimate to the ticketing system.

"It's a learning curve, and it doesn't always work the way we want it to," Ubaldo said, adding that most of the people struggling with the ticket machines are likely first-time users. "If we see something big that's becoming an issue, we'll address it, but for now it's just normal learning."

Adding to the potential confusion is the fact that not all stations have gated turnstiles. Riders at stations without turnstiles must use their TAP cards at the designated sensors before walking to the train platform.

"If it doesn't have a turnstile because of the dimensions, then you just tap and go inside," Ubaldo said. "The most important thing is to tap."

Meanwhile, some riders have lamented the less-than-ideal accessibility of some stations. At the terminus in Downtown Santa Monica, for example, riders are unable to exit towards 5th Street. Similarly, people using the Westwood/Rancho Park in West L.A. station can't get to the platform from Overland Avenue.

Ubaldo said Metro was aware of the issues and looking into possible solutions.

"When you open a line, little by little you discover drawbacks, and you work hard to get everything right," Ubaldo said. "For us, safety is the number-one priority. We don't want people to be crossing the tracks."

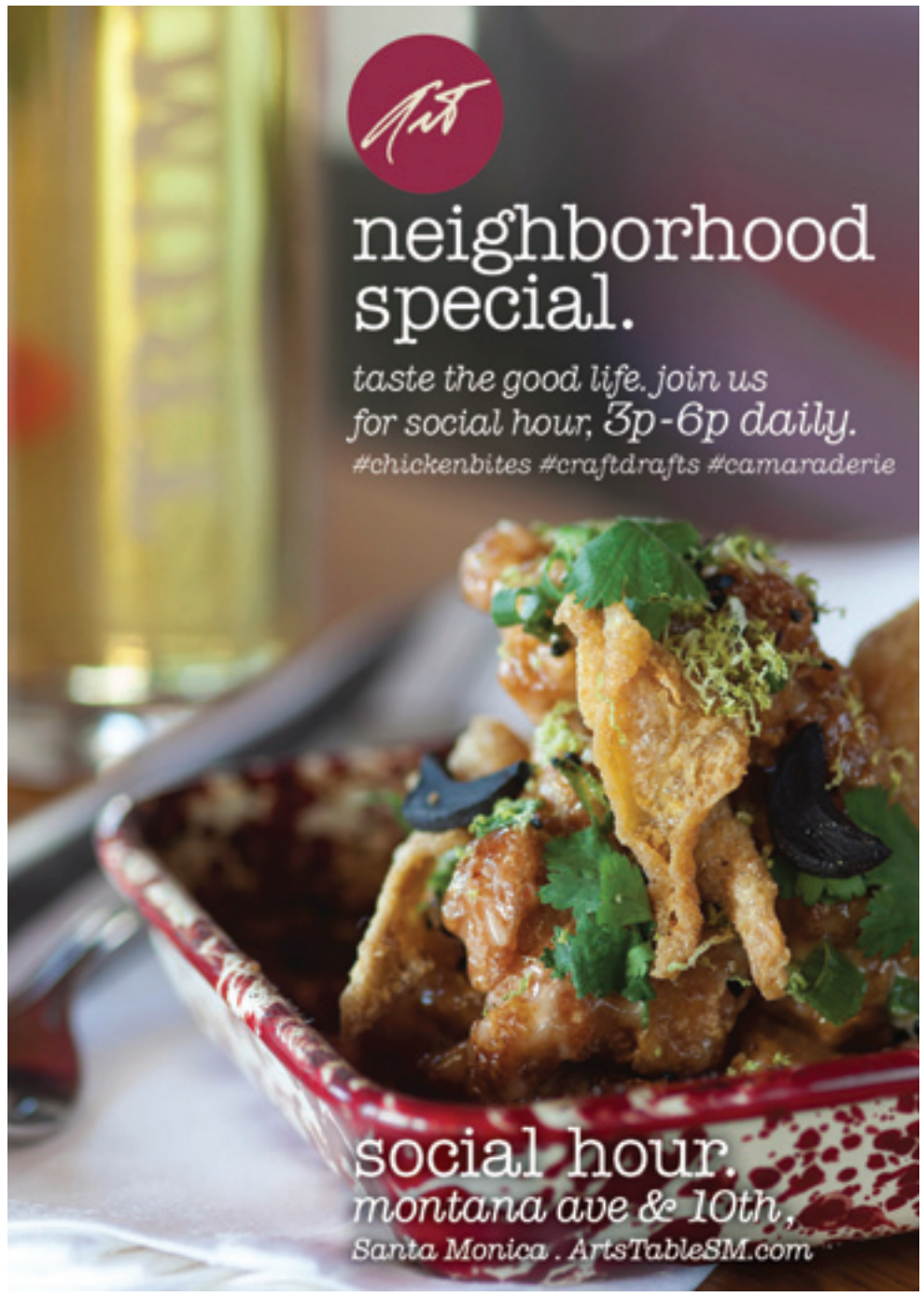
Riders have expressed confusion over nameplates inside the train cars that refer to other cities in the region, such as Long Beach and Lancaster. The nameplates are meant as tributes and don't have any bearing on where the train actually travels, but they could be misleading to passengers who are not familiar with the system.

"We'll see how we can resolve that," Ubaldo said.

A few riders have noted that the Expo Line seats are covered with a fabric material similar to the kind that San Francisco's Bay Area Rapid Transit system discarded a few years ago. The former BART seats, which were found with high levels of bacteria, have been replaced with vinyl coverings that are easier to clean.

The Expo Line's current fabric makes it harder for potential miscreants to scratch and tag the seats with graffiti, Ubaldo said. He said he was not familiar with the BART bacteria problem.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **71.1°**

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
BIGGEST EARLY - Old/easing South swell. Minor NW windswell.
Lightest/best wind in the AM. WATCHING TROPICS.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small mix of South Southern Hemi swell, SSE Blas swell starts to show.
Minor NW windswell. WATCHING TROPICS.

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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 ABOUT 1:38 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the 1400 block of 5th Street when they observed two subjects, a man (later identified as Joseph Grammatico, 44, of Santa Monica) and a woman (Jessica Tello, 24, of Santa Monica), smoking in front of a large apartment complex, a violation of Santa Monica's Municipal Code. The pair were also blocking the entrance to the building with two bicycles. The officers contacted Grammatico and Tello. The officers conducted a routine criminal history check of both subjects and learned that Tello is currently on probation and had a no-bail warrant from Los Angeles police. Grammatico is also on probation. During a compliance search, the officers found several tools in his backpack and a pair of cutting pliers in his jacket pocket. While the subjects were being detained, the officers obtained access to the building's garage and located a cut lock next to a railing where bicycles were being stored. They were unable to locate a victim of a bicycle theft at that time, but based on the overall circumstances, they placed Grammatico and Tello under arrest. Both were transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. Tello was issued a citation for possession of stolen property and the municipal code violation and released to LAPD for booking on the no-bail warrant. Grammatico was cited for smoking and possession of burglary tools and released due to medical conditions.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 403 calls for service on July 4.

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

Person with a gun Main/ Kinney 1:08 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of Ocean 1:18 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 1:24 a.m.
Battery 800 block of Ocean 2:42 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1000 block of Ocean 2:54 a.m.
Party complaint 900 block of 2nd 3:24 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 2nd 6:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of Alta 7:46 a.m.
Grand theft auto 3200 block of Pico 9:18 a.m.
Auto burglary 2700 block of 2nd 9:43 a.m.
Battery 1000 block of 3rd 10:46 a.m.
Grand theft auto 200 block of San Vicente 10:51 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 3rd 11:51 a.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Broadway 12:10 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Colorado 12:19 p.m.
Rape report 100 block of Wilshire 12:37 p.m.
Identity theft 1100 block of Yale 1:01 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 1:21 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 1:52 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pl 2:06 p.m.
Person down 4th/ Idaho 2:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 700 block of Montana 2:41 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln/ Ocean Park 3:23 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 2200 block of Virginia 3:48 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 300 block of Colorado 3:57 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block of Ocean 3:58 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block of Olympic 4:11 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block of 31st 4:17 p.m.
Identity theft 1100 block of Yale 4:54 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1300 block of 4th 5:45 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Barnard 5:46 p.m.
Grand theft 1600 block of Cloverfield 6:38 p.m.
Petty theft 2200 block of Colorado 7:28 p.m.
Vandalism 1500 block of California 7:57 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 8:19 p.m.
Shots fired 18th/ Montana 9:08 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 9:43 p.m.
Traffic collision 7th/ San Vicente 10:43 p.m.
Critical missing person 90 block of 20th 19:45 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1500 block of 6th 11:00 p.m.
Strongarm robbery Neilson/ Bicknell 11:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 51 calls for service on July 4.

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

EMS 1300 block of 12th 12:12 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 1:16 a.m.
EMS 3300 block of Barnard 2:04 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Santa Monica 2:13 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Lincoln 4:11 a.m.
EMS 3300 block of Barnard 6:54 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3100 block of Colorado 7:44 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:24 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 8:35 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ocean 9:49 a.m.
EMS 4th/ Palisades Park 11:51 a.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 9th 10:41 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 26th 11:42 a.m.
Public Assist 1300 block of Palisades Park 11:51 a.m.
Public Assist 800 block of 11th 1:23 p.m.
EMS Main/ Hill 1:59 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 4th 2:06 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 2:21 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1200 block of 6th 2:55 p.m.
Elevator rescue 100 block of Wilshire 3:04 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Palisades Beach 3:24 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 3:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 3rd 3:29 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Santa Monica 3:36 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 3:53 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Colorado 3:58 p.m.
Request fire 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:17 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:17 p.m.
Flooded condition 1700 block of Main 6:04 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Wilshire 7:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Broadway 7:30 p.m.
Fireworks 2600 block of Cloverfield 8:02 p.m.
EMS 800 block of San Vicente 8:07 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Colorado 8:20 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of the Beach 8:49 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/ Michigan 9:45 p.m.
Assist LAFD 200 block of Lincoln 9:45 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Have a novel experience?
5 Youngsters
9 "Manhattan" director
11 Bright parrot
12 Stately
13 Singer Cara
14 Clumsy fellow
15 "Ben-Hur" writer Lew
17 Patio's kin
19 Acquire
20 Play setting
21 Garden section
22 Highway sign
24 They hold power
26 Pulses
29 Before today
30 Light sailing ship
32 Source of heat
34 Cleveland player, for short
35 Circus star
36 Orchestra instrument
38 Make law
39 Ready for war
40 Army level
41 Move slowly

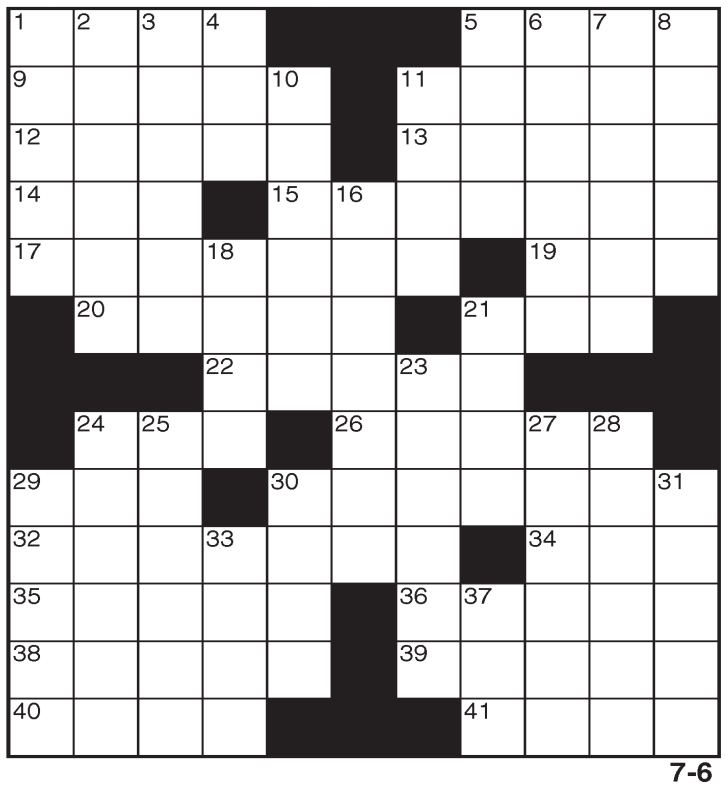
DOWN

1 Charged
2 Weds in secret
3 Writer Camus
4 Penna. neighbor
5 Automaker Benz
6 Glacial period
7 Cut a rug
8 Adorable
10 Soothing music style
11 Odometer unit
16 Biting
18 Los Angeles team
21 Noggin
23 City on the Rhone
24 Scaly pet
25 Golfer Greg
27 Puget Sound city
28 Justice symbol
29 Following
30 Component
31 Dodge
33 Bottle part
37 Anger

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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

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8	4	5	3	9	7	2	6	1
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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 14M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/4
2 8 14 25 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/4
MIDDAY: 6 2 9
Draw Date: 7/4
EVENING: 4 4 2

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1975 – The Comoros declares independence from France.

1986 – Davis Phinney becomes the first American cyclist to win a road stage of the Tour de France.

1988 – The Piper Alpha drilling platform in the North Sea is destroyed by explosions and fires. One hundred sixty-seven oil workers are killed, making it the world's worst offshore oil disaster in terms of direct loss of life.

1989 – The Tel Aviv-Jerusalem bus 405 suicide attack: Fourteen bus passengers are killed when an Arab assaulted the bus driver as the bus was driving by the edge of a cliff.

1990 – Electronic Frontier Foundation is founded.

1995 – In the Bosnian War, under the command of General Ratko Mladiç, Serbia begins its attack on the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, and kills more than 8000 Bosniaks, in what then-UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called "the worst crime on European soil since the Second World War".

1997 – The Troubles: In response to the Drumcree dispute, five days of mass protests, riots and gun battles begin in Irish nationalist districts of Northern Ireland.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

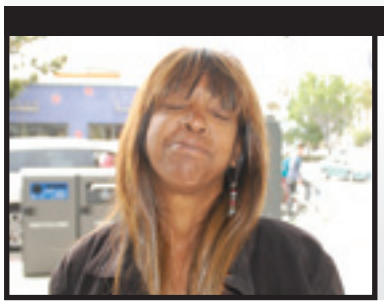
■ (1) A former Malaysian legislator (Mr. S. Manikavasagam), who was charged in June with taking a bribe worth about US$7,300 from a contractor, claimed innocence – that somehow a package of money was thrown into his car as he drove down a city street. (2) A woman in Goldsboro, North Carolina, acquired a freezer from her neighbor several months ago but said she hadn't looked inside until May, when she discovered parts of a dead body (and called authorities). She said the neighbor had discouraged her from opening the freezer because "a church" was using it as a "time capsule."

■ The Illinois secretary of state stopped mailing reminders about license-plate renewal deadlines in October because his office said the state could no longer afford the $450,000-a-month mailing cost (thus saving taxpayers $3.6 million so far). The Belleville (Illinois) News-Democrat and The Associated Press reported in June that the state has collected (not surprisingly!) $5.24 million more in the resultant "late fees" people had to pay on their license-plate renewals than it had collected the year before the reminders stopped. (A proposal for a 30-day grace period for expired plates failed in the just-concluded legislative session.)

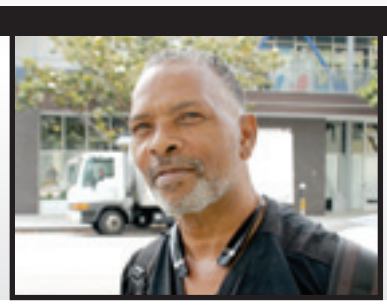
Man on the Street

by EMANUELA BOISBOUVIER

Q: With the 2016 presidential election coming up, what would you say are the most important issues facing the nation and the state of California?



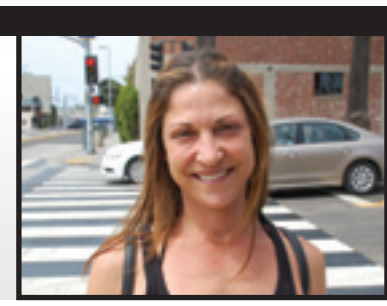
TINA EADY
"We have too much continuity in the government right now. For the state, I think it's important that we deal with the water shortage. And eventually, the state needs to start taxing marijuana."



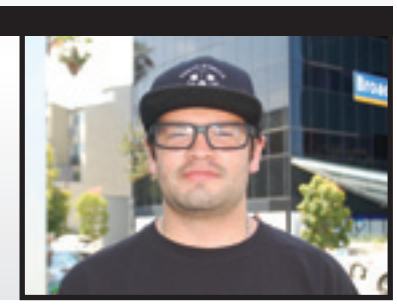
CHARLES GIBBS
"I think foreign policy should be a priority. Nowadays, people are very stand-offish with Americans, and I think it's because of the foreign policy. And employment and homelessness are the main issues we should deal with at state level."



KENNETH PAUL
"Economy is definitely the main issue for both levels. If people don't have jobs and their bellies are not full, people lose it."



ADEN WAIN
"For me right now it's health and insurance that I'm most worried about, for both the nation and the state."



ALEXANDER FIGUEROA:
"We need to do something about the immigration issues nationally. Also, corporate taxes should be more strictly regulated. We have a small business here in Santa Monica and it's really high taxes for a small business."

Try out a new spot, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Put your energy where it counts. A partner could be very direct about his or her expectations. You might want a little less disagreement and a little more contentment. A dear friend will make it clear that he or she wants some chat time. Tonight: Be your frisky self!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might be more anchored than you realize when dealing with an emotional situation that involves a partner who sometimes can be touchy or difficult. Say the right words, and you might see a new and improved version of this person emerge. Tonight: Emphasize the positive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You will say what you think, and mean it. Others could be taken aback by your directness about a situation that surrounds work or your health. Verbalize more of what you need financially and emotionally. A partner might reluctantly respond. Tonight: Return calls.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you would like to. You will find other ways to influence others. Listen to news in a nonreactive way. You have certain expectations, which you will make known. Try to be open in a discussion. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be more forthright in how you deal with a loved one who could be making an effort to please you. You might note a strong, combative attitude from a family member. Do not make a big deal out of it; instead, see if a little TLC will make a difference. Tonight: You make the call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Be aware of what isn't being said. A family member could share a secret that sheds some light on a heated situation. Speak your mind to a friend you trust, as he or she has a different perspective from yours. Consider his or her feedback seriously. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might want to make an effort to schmooze with others, especially an immediate circle of friends. As you network, you'll see why others might be miffed about a situation. Do not overreact or go overboard when dealing with an authority figure. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might opt to be more proactive about a long-term goal. Detach a bit, and be willing to make an effort to get an important person to understand your perspective. Take news with a grain of salt. You will be able to sort fact from fiction. Tonight: Listen to great music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be taken aback by everything that is occurring. Stay steady, and try not to push so hard to have a key person agree with you; listen to his or her vision and ideas, too. A new beginning is likely if you can come to terms with the present situation. Tonight: Try out a new spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Close relating is instrumental in coming to an agreement. You might be doubtful about your ability to draw the type of understanding you desire and need. It is important to be realistic and to let go of any insecurities. Tonight: Share news with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Follow through on what counts to you as well as to others, and you are likely to find some common ground. Don't let someone you look up to agitate you. Use this person's energy to tighten up a project. You will like the results far more. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

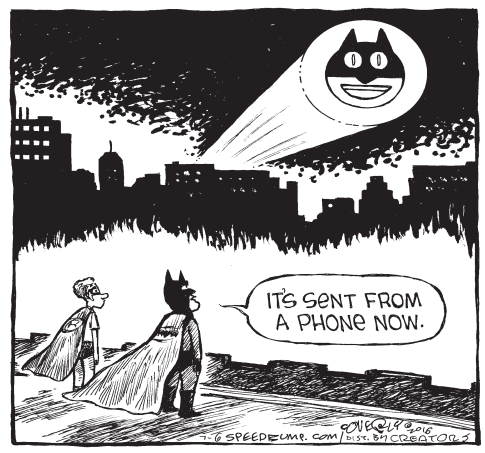
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be focused on achievement and on getting the job done. Keep reaching out to someone who could be playing devil's advocate. Your understanding of this person's role might be more significant than you realize. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

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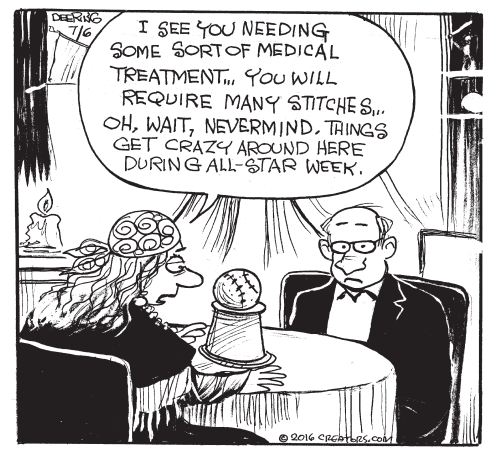
This year your sense of security seems to revolve around your finances. However, once you start to question this mentality, you could start to see security in a different light. Follow your intuition, as it often points to a change in perspective. Trust yourself. If you are single, your desirability soars. Others will wish they had your problem! If you are attached, the two of you might display a lot of ego and possessiveness. Let go of these not-so-nice characteristics; you will feel much more connected as a result. LEO offers lots of smiles!

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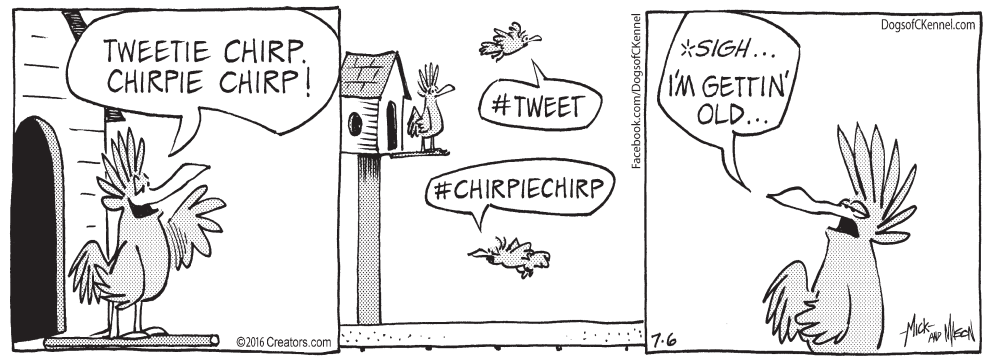
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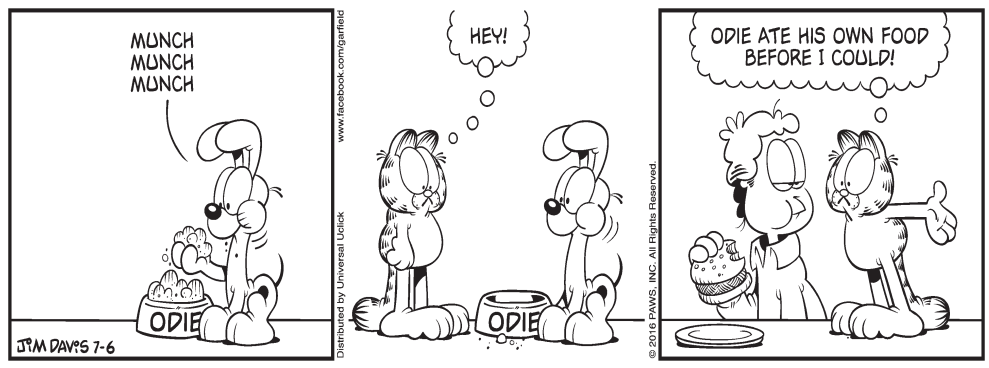
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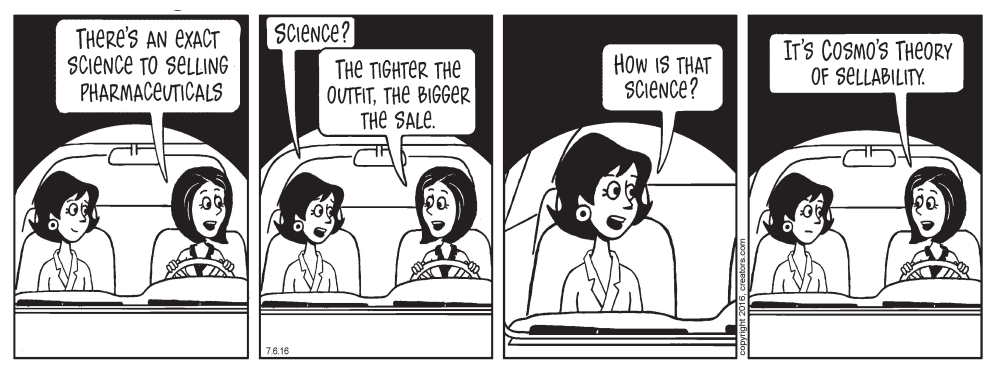
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