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Election season starts Monday

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

It might seem like the 2016 election is already in full swing, but the local campaign season actually begins on Monday, July 18.

As of Monday, potential candidates for local office will be able to request the official nomination packets from the City Clerk's office. Those packets must be returned by Aug. 12 but the nomination period could be extended to Aug. 17 if at least one incumbent fails to file by Aug. 12. A final list of qualified candidates will be available a few days after the closing date.

Several individuals have already declared their intent to run for local offices and if those individuals have been fundraising, they have been required to file financial paperwork. So far, Dominick Bei, Gleam Davis, Jennifer Kennedy, Tony Vazquez and Ted Winterer filed fundraising documents for City Council. Susan Aminoff, Margaret Quinones-Perez and Rob Rader have filed fundraising documents for Santa Monica College Board of Trustees. Jon Kean and Ralph Mechur have filed fundraising documents related to SMMUSD Board of Education.

However, all of those candidates and anyone else planning to run must still complete the nomination packets available Monday.

Those packets provide instruc-

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Coaching vacancy for Samohi baseball

Drake leaves helm of program after two seasons

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica High School is looking for a new head baseball coach to run a program that has been plagued by controversies on and off the field in recent years.

The search will yield a candidate to replace Loren Drake, who is stepping down after two years at

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Fostering hope for children in need

CASA of Los Angeles hosting local meeting July 21

BY JEONG PARK
Daily Press Intern

Lindsay Gilchrist saw a family separated and reunited in six months.

As a court-appointed special advocate, or CASA, she took on a case in which two children were removed from their home because of suspected abuse. For the following six months, Gilchrist spent hours interviewing and working with the children's foster parents and biological parents to reunite

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Morgan Genser

The second week of the Twilight Concert Series was as popular as the first with the Pier reaching capacity shortly after the start of the show. Eight more concerts are scheduled for the summer season.


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This notification is to inform parents/guardians and former students of Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District's intent to destroy the Special Education records of students born between 1989 through 1991. These records will be destroyed in accordance with state law. Records not requested by August 13, 2016 will be destroyed. With proof of identity, the parent/guardian or eligible (adult) student may request a copy of the records by contacting the SMMUSD's Special Education Department at 310-450-8338 ext. 70393.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON STORMWATER PARCEL REPORTS

City of Santa Monica

On **TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016, at 5:45 p.m.** the Santa Monica City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the approval of the Stormwater Parcel Reports, describing each parcel within the City and the amount of each parcel's Stormwater Management Fee and Clean Beaches Special Tax for the 2016-17 fiscal year. Stormwater Management Fees are a funding source for watershed management activities, including periodic upgrades and construction of drainage facilities, maintenance of the storm drain system, catch basin cleaning, public education, runoff pollution control enforcement and other programs that protect the economic, recreational and biological resources of Santa Monica Bay from urban runoff pollution. Each Fee is billed through the L.A. County Tax Assessor on one's 2016-17 property tax bill. The hearing will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 213, CITY HALL, 1685 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, at which time the City Council will hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to the Reports. A copy of the Reports has been filed with the City Clerk's Office and at City libraries, and is available for review. Further information may be obtained by calling the Watershed Management Program Coordinator, (310) 458-8223.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

City of Santa Monica

The Santa Monica City Council is now accepting applications for appointment of members to the following City Boards and Commissions for terms ending June 30, 2020:

Board/Commission	No. of Appts.
Airport Commission	1
Architectural Review Board	2
Arts Commission	4
Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission (1 California licensed or registered architect, 2 California licensed or registered civil engineer, and 1 California licensed building contractor)	4
Commission for the Senior Community	2
Commission on the Status of Women	2
Disabilities Commission (One position must be filled by a person with a self-identified disability)	3
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (Must be City residents or persons who are employed, own property or hold business licenses in the City of Santa Monica)	3
Housing Commission	1
Landmarks Commission (1 Real Estate Licensee and 1 Registered Architect)	2
Library Board	1
Personnel Board (term ends on June 30, 2021)	1
Planning Commission	2
Recreation and Parks Commission	3
Social Services Commission	2

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's Office upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

Applications and information on Board/Commission duties & disclosure requirements are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 102 (submit applications at this same location), by phone at (310) 458-8211 or on-line at http://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards/vacancies.aspx. All current applications on file will be considered.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, August 2, 2016.
Appointment to be made by City Council, August 9, 2016.

Disability related assistance and alternate formats of this document are available upon request by calling (310) 458-8211.

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 16

Aloha, Fairview!

The community is invited to come check out the improvements and enjoy the grand reopening festivities. There will be remarks by the Mayor and other City of Santa Monica officials, light refreshments, How-To Festival workshops, Hawaiian-inspired live music and dance, giveaways, and much more. 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Master Gardeners

Helping you grow more of your own food, even in an urban setting. Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Felted Goat Milk Soap Bars with Sara of Feltevolution

A fun, soapy introduction to the magic of felting! Utilize basic wet-felting skills and merino wool to hand-felt a bar of goat milk or olive oil soap. This 'soap in its own washcloth' is naturally antimicrobial and tidy. No more dropping slippery soap in the shower! Colorful success guaranteed. Felted soaps make fantastic and completely novel gifts. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., cost $15 plus $5 material fee, to register call (310) 458-2239 or visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/51648.

Lego Club

Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:15 - 4 p.m.

HUSHfest

LA's finest DJ's spin with the sound transmitted directly to wireless headphones given to guests. Experience over the ocean the city's most unique dance party! Santa Monica Pier, 200 Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

Public Meditation & Book Promotion Event

Guided meditation class on from newly published meditation handbook "Invitation to Happiness." Attendees will all receive a free prize for attending, and winners of the lottery will win an additional prize. 1 - 2:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1201 3rd St. 2nd Floor.

Making a Future for Earth with Sharon Markenson

The Santa Monica Public Library presents a lecture and discussion with Sharon Markenson on Making a Future for Earth on Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m. in the Main Library's MLK, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. An informative presentations on the state of our world and what global citizens can do heal the effects of climate change. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Sunday, July 17

International women's talk

Eight female members of the Critical Thinking Forum from the International Islamic University in Islamabad are coming to the Quaker Church in Santa Monica to discuss the treatment of women in the Middle East and their experiences on religion, peace, and women. 12-2 p.m., 1440 Harvard St.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a biweekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables,

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For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

TV Stations host animal adoption drive

NBC4 Southern California / KNBC and Telemundo 52 Los Angeles / KVEA will partner with more than 55 animal shelters in hundreds of cities and communities throughout Southern California for its annual Clear the Shelters (Desocupar los Albergues) pet adoption campaign on Saturday, July 23.

This year's Clear the Shelters event comes after last year's highly successful inaugural effort, which resulted in over 2,500 pets finding new homes. On this day of action, participating animal shelters in Southern California will offer a reduced adoption fee of $20, and open their doors from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. NBC4 and Telemundo 52, along with several anchors and reporters, will visit select shelters to celebrate with those who adopt. Additionally, local sponsor VCA Animal Hospitals will have their expert veterinarians and healthcare teams on-site, and all pets adopted during the event will receive a limited health guarantee and a gift bag filled with pet essentials.

"I'm proud that our stations are working with so many local animal shelters throughout the Southland to help rescue thousands of animals," said NBC4 President and General Manager Steve Carlston. "This initiative supports an important community cause and mobilizes millions of people who can give a forever home to an animal from a neighborhood shelter."

"This initiative offers the community an opportunity to welcome a new addition to the family and be part of a national day of action," said Telemundo 52 Los Angeles President and General Manager Celia Chavez. "I encourage everyone to join us to help 'Clear the Shelters' and give thousands of homeless animals the chance of a new life."

The public is also invited to attend Clear the Shelters pre-events to preview dozens of animals available for adoption. The events will take place on Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Grove located at 189 The Grove Dr. in Los Angeles, and on Sunday, July 17 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Citadel Outlets at 100 Citadel Dr. in Los Angeles. Animals featured on both days will be available for adoption at the reduced adoption rate of $20.

Over the next few weeks, NBC4 and Telemundo 52 will air animal-related stories to raise awareness about the pet adoptions as well as issues including the overpopulation of shelters in Southern California. Moreover, both stations will engage viewers with news and information across multiple platforms, including newscasts, online and social media.

To learn more about the initiative and locate participating shelters, visit nbcla.com/cleartheshelters or telemundo52.com/desocuparlosalbergues. The public is encouraged to follow the effort and post pet photos on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram with hashtag #ClearTheShelters @NBCLA and #DesocuparLosAlbergues @Telemundo52.

On Friday, July 29 at 7 p.m., NBC4 will air a 30-minute post-adoption drive special hosted by Natalie Morales, NBC News' TODAY West Coast Anchor, and soon-to-be host of Access Hollywood and Access Hollywood Live to recap the success of Clear the Shelters. Telemundo 52 will also air a post-adoption drive special on the same day at 5 p.m. co-hosted by Stephanie Himonidis "Chiquibaby" and Elva Saray, hosts of Telemundo 52 Los Angeles' daily entertainment show, Acceso Total.

- SUBMITTED BY CAROL SOUDAH, MANAGER, NBC4 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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nuts, meats and cheeses. 2460 Main Street at Ocean Park, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Book Month: Marbling Endpapers with Zeina Baltagi

Every Sunday during the month of July, make your very own fancy blank sketchbook piece by piece. Come away with marbled papers to use in collage or in making your handmade books. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., cost $25 plus $5 material fee.

Hatmakers Lab with Leslie Robinson

Join milliner Leslie Robinson as she works on her own hats in this drop-in hatmaking laboratory. A small number of head blocks and sewing equipment provided to share; ribbons, notions, and blank hoods available for purchase. Some hatmaking experience required, but beginners can get started by making a fascinator with Leslie. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 1 - 4 p.m., cost $20.

Monday, July 18

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. 6:30 p.m. Ken Edwards Center. 1527 4th St.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

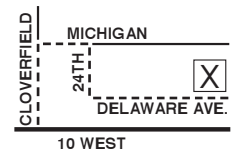
The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. 7 p.m. City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Ice Cream Sundae & Canvas

Get together with your friends for a summertime celebration of painting fun and a cold treat! Learn a step-by-step method for creating your very own fabulous piece of artwork. No art experience required. Register by calling 310-458-8684. 7 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

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Will Santa Monica become a Notopian city?

"IF WHAT IS CALLED THE DEVELOPMENT of our cities is allowed to multiply at the present rate, then by the end of the century our world could consist of isolated oases of glassy monuments surrounded by a limbo of shacks and beige constructions, and we will be unable to distinguish any one global city from another. This pandemic of generic buildings will have no connection to each other, let alone to the climate and culture of their location."

This extremely dire statement depicts Notopia as envisioned by the British architectural publication, "The Architectural Review." It is one potential scenario at the end of the ongoing and extraordinary urban growth taking place on every continent and is perhaps the compliment to and parallel of business/industrial globalization that is exacerbated by the migrations of mass populations from one continent to another. Further, it has been compounded by the widespread destruction of the less dense often historic cities by disenfranchised groups of peoples as well as radical extremists such as in Syria, Iraq and parts of North Africa. Often it represents a complete disrespect for the indigenous architecture and culture.

Although the global unrest, climate changes and changes in the worldwide economic fabric may appear to be having a greater effect on other larger communities, we are not immune. Smaller coastal communities like ours are and will continue to be altered physically and demographically by these worldwide changes. On the East Coast we have the urban and suburban sprawl, which has been deemed a megalopolis as it stretches from Boston to Washington and beyond.

How do we reinforce the fabric and sense of community for our small coastal town? In a recent article on urban growth, the Financial Times of London indicated that developments in a city such as ours pose a challenge to the social cohesion between existing residents and newcomers, putting pressure on urban planners to better understand how neighborhoods interact.

At the heart of the issue is the question: Does the increased density represented by these developments and those pushed for by some of our own city staff and politicians destroy the existing social fabric of the neighborhoods which make up our community? It is further complicated by the economics because as density increases property values escalate up forcing out those residents who have lived here 40 to 50 years.

An important part of the wellbeing and cohesiveness of any community is the personnel interaction between neighbors and neighborhoods. Good design, not density, can reinforce it. This is the continuing challenge that urban planners, policy makers and community workers face globally and should, of course, be the challenge right here. Some studies have shown that overly dense urban areas do the opposite and alienate. How is it local residents hesitate to go downtown? It is because most new developments do not facilitate this interaction.

We need to continually focus in on how as residents of this small city we can protect the scale and character which brought us here. Large-scale developments with so-called iconic buildings are not the answer. We cannot continue to sell off public property assets to private hands so they can leverage that value and build as much or more than the code allows. We need for our city a new kind of planning, one where master plans are in place accompanied by a completely visualized urban design component. These must take into account the external forces which, like the rising sea levels, will impact the ultimate form of our city and the need to develop net zero energy efficient building designs, and the need to retrofit existing structures so they are more energy efficient and earthquake resistant.

Further, plans need to create a distinctive image that respects our history and the cultural diversity that created our community.

These are tools we need immediately. They are long overdue. We need an acceptable downtown-specific plan with a detailed urban design component, one which reflects the existing residential and commercial projects that have already been entitled. That plan should allow an enhanced and interconnected system of open space. Perhaps, at 4th Street and Arizona Avenue, add a central urban park to provide the heart and core to our downtown which it currently lacks. This plan should enhance view corridors and arcades, pedestrian and bike access.

New residential developments should be required to have more open space for the use of the tenants and they should be encouraged to share that space at grade to pedestrians and other local residents. Solar access from one lot to the next should be respected in the plans.

That plan should enhance the potential interaction of the neighborhoods and the downtown and should not create barriers to that interaction. It should foster our interconnectedness by reducing traffic and allowing residents to re-engage with their downtown.

The plan contents should be completely vetted before the public so that residents can provide their feedback. So often in the past our awareness of planning decisions comes to us after the fact. In the end we need a system of checks and balances so that no individuals or powerful groups whether appointed or elected can subvert the will of the public and allow breakaway development.

Santa Monica has an opportunity to lead the way with the passage of the LUVE initiative.

The initiative is a step in the direction of controlling our own destiny. Effectively, it is tied to the Land Use and Circulation Element and to our zoning ordinance and does not impede residential development. Further, it puts back into the hands of our residents the final decisions on those larger development projects that may violate the quality of life that we have heretofore enjoyed and the sense of our community that we loved.

I believe we residents have the good judgement to never allow this city to morph into a Notopia.

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Gardening and Community

By The Santa Monica Community Gardeners Send comments to editor@smdp.com

FROM PLOT TO POT:

Recipes from the Santa Monica Community Garden

Name: Tiffany
Community gardener since: 2014
Plot Size: 10 x 10

Gardening background: One of my most favorite activities as a kid was picking peaches at a local farm not far from where I grew up on the outskirts of Houston. I remember vividly the experience spending time with my mother, outside in the 100-degree heat, eating a sun-warmed, perfectly ripe, yet firm peach with the sweetest sticky juice running over my hand. The farm has long since been sold off to housing developers but the imprint was made - I love growing (and eating) food!

For most of my life, I've planted in containers or in small spaces outside my apartments, but until getting the community plot in Santa Monica I had never had much more than a small patio or corner to work with. Having a plot is an investment in time and energy, but the hours spent working in the garden are the happiest, most peaceful and rewarding time for me.

Favorite things to grow: From a tip from another community gardener, I planted sorrel and it has been a fantastic addition! I grow it in a big round tub and it stays green and healthy year-round, plus it's a surefire stand-in for spinach. All I do is remove the older leaves every month or so, adding some compost a couple times per year, and it stays happy.

My strawberry patch is also awesome, although I think the squirrels have now discovered it! I'm expecting my yield to decrease by 50 percent as a result.

And I really enjoy the four roses that form the back border of my plot. The Chrysler Imperial hybrid tea in particular has flourished, but two others have not, so it's time to remove and replant a couple of new bushes. I'm looking forward to seeing the first flush of blooms in the next few weeks.

Plot-to-pot recipe: I like to incorporate lemony sorrel in lots of dishes from gratins to pasta dishes and sandwiches, and I think it makes for a unique chimichurri-like sauce I throw together in the food processor. The formula is loose, so feel free to incorporate different herbs and greens; the fresher, the better.

Tiffany's Green Sauce

1 and 1/2 cups of sorrel* leaves
(the smaller, younger leaves are best)

1 cup of parsley leaves

1/2 cup of cilantro
(or better yet a combination of herbs-chives, basil, tarragon, and oregano are great additions)

2 garlic cloves or a shallot
(I like to throw in a green onion too if I have it)

1/4 cup rice wine or white wine vinegar

1/4 cup olive oil

juice of a lemon or lime

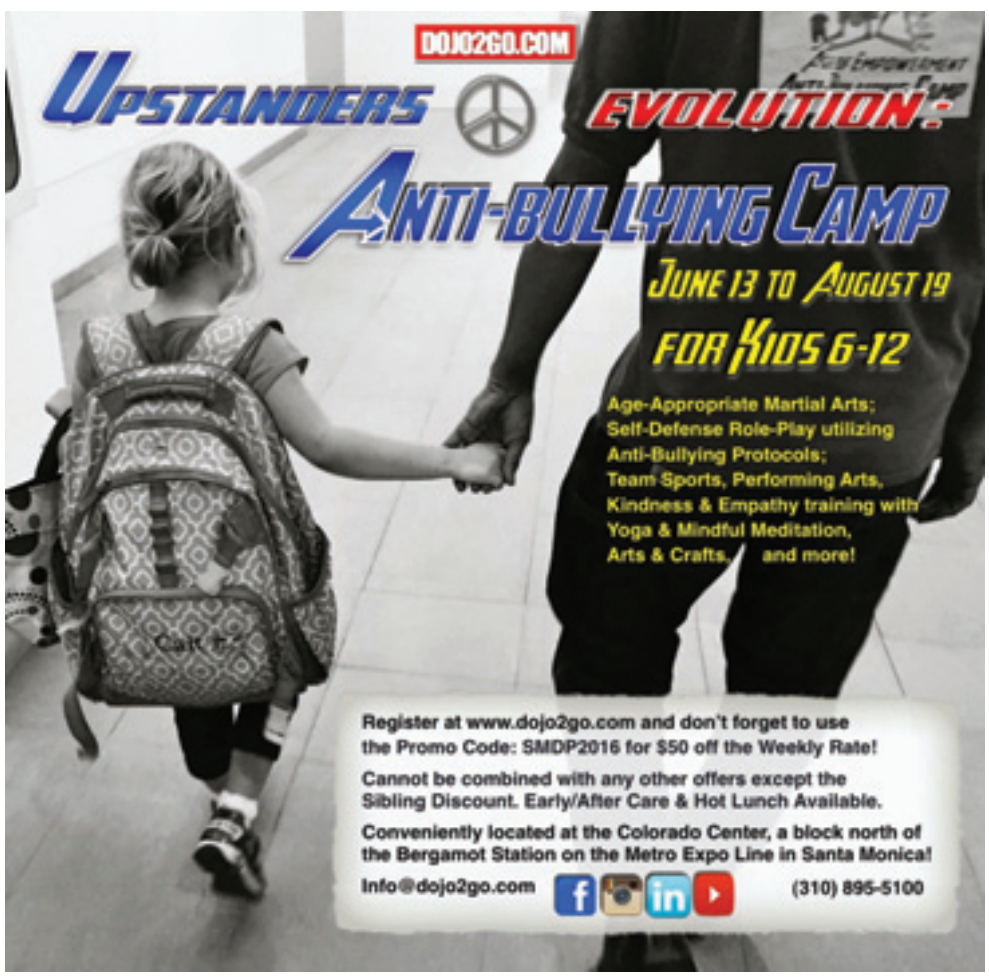
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Blitz everything in the food processor. I usually start with the garlic and little bit of oil to get it going, then add the greens, pulsing to blend. Continue to add oil, vinegar, lime or lemon juice, and salt. Continue to season to taste, until you have a bright, tangy, herby sauce.

It's perfect on steak, thinned with more vinegar for a salad dressing, used as a marinade for seafood or meats, drizzled on vegetables, spread on sandwiches or just dolloped on crusty bread.

*A note about sorrel: Sorrel contains oxalic acid, which can be quite upsetting to the stomach if eaten in large quantities. Tempering it with other herbs or greens helps reduce the effect.

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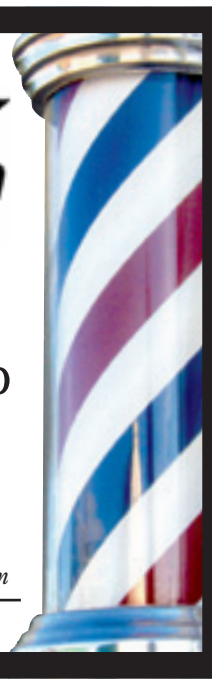
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CAMPAIGN

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tions on gathering signatures (at least 100 signatures from registered voters are required), paying required fees, candidate intention statements, conflict of interest forms and other documents.

The City Clerk's office will hold two workshops Monday for anyone considering a run for office at 8:30 a.m. at 4:30 p.m.

City Clerk Denise Anderson-Warren said the workshops run about an hour depending on questions and provide an important opportunity for candidates and supporters to learn about the process.

"I always recommend that people come to workshops because it gives an opportunity for candidates and treasurers or whoever to ask questions and hear questions they might not have thought of to ask," she said.

She said common topics of discussion include rules for who can gather signatures, where campaign signs can be placed and ballot designations. The designation is a three word combination that describes the candidates primary vocation, profession or occupation. Some descriptions are banned by the Secretary of State and Anderson-Warren said her staff works with candidates as best they can to settle on an acceptable description.

Nomination packets are available for the duration of the nomination period but the workshops are only held on opening day.

Anderson-Warren said she strongly encourages anyone picking up a packet outside of the workshop to schedule an appointment to guarantee there's enough time to walk them through the process.

"We would like and prefer if they make appointments because the process to sit down with them and go through the paperwork takes about 20 minutes and we want to make sure that we're here and we have adequate time," she said.

Anderson-Warren said the two workshops offered on Monday are both useful and entertaining. She said staff have created materials that provide valuable information in a way that keeps the workshop moving. CityTV recently produced a "how to run for office" video that is incorporated into the hour-long presentation.

"Will answer questions, we provide information but we will lighten it up," she said.

The Clerk's office maintains a website, www.smvote.org, that provides election related information including a brochure on how to run for office. The information outlines qualifications for candidates, timelines and provides links to additional resources.

The City Clerk's office is located at City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 102.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Public Safety Facility Water Feature Replacement (Landscape Project)
SP2414

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services, 1437 4th Street, Santa Monica, Suite 300, California, 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m.** on **August 8, 2016**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
July 19, 2016 at 11:00 AM
333 Olympic Dr. Santa Monica

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $95,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 60 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $250.00 Per Day

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 or C27** 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.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

NOTIFICACION DE LA ELECCION

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que se habrá de llevar a cabo una Elección Municipal General en la Ciudad de Santa Monica el martes, 8 de noviembre de 2016, para los siguientes Funcionarios:

Para cuatro (4) miembros del Concejo Municipal	Periodo completo de cuatro (4) años
Para dos (2) miembros de la Junta del Control de Alquileres	Periodo completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros del Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Monica-Malibu	Periodo completo de cuatro (4) años
Para tres (3) miembros de la Junta de Administración del Distrito del Colegio Comunitario de Santa Monica	Periodo completo de cuatro (4) años

El periodo de nominación para estas oficinas comienza el 18 de julio, 2016, y termina el 12 de agosto, 2016, a las 5:00 pm.

Si los papeles de nominación para un oficial titular no son presentados para el 12 de agosto, 2016, los votantes tendrán hasta 83 días antes de las elecciones, el 17 de agosto, 2016, para nominar otros candidatos en lugar de la persona que es el titular, para la oficina electiva del titular.

Si no se nomina a nadie o solamente a una persona para un cargo electivo, se puede realizar el nombramiento al cargo elegido según lo prescrito por la Sección 10229 del Código Electoral del Estado de California.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Santa Monica on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the following officers:

For four (4) members of the City Council	Full term of four (4) years
For two (2) members of the Rent Control Board	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District	Full term of four (4) years
For three (3) members of the Santa Monica City College Board of Trustees	Full term of four (4) years

The nomination period for these offices begins on July 18, 2016, and closes on August 12, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

If nomination papers for an incumbent officer are not filed by August 12, 2016, the voters shall have until the 83rd day before the election, August 17, 2016, to nominate candidates other than the person who is the incumbent, for that incumbent's elective office.

If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by Section 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

BASEBALL

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the helm.

Drake might continue to be involved with the baseball program in some capacity, but not as head coach, according to Santa Monica-Malibu school district spokeswoman Gail Pinsker. Further details had not yet been hammered out. He remains listed online as a member of the Samohi science department faculty.

It's the district's general practice to accept coaching applications from within and beyond the school site and district, according to Pinsker. But, she added, "the school site has discretion to hire as they see fit."

Coaching positions are non-merit hourly assignments that are automatically complete at the end of each school year, according to Pinsker.

It remains to be seen whether Drake's successor will come from on or off campus, a topic that sparked heated debate in the community following the ouster of former Samohi baseball coach Kurt Schwengel.

When Schwengel, who teaches in the district at Franklin Elementary School, was let go after two successful seasons and Drake was handed the reins, school officials said they wanted a coach who was already on campus. But when the district needed a replacement for former football coach Travis Clark, who did not work on campus, officials said they would consider candidates from on and off campus. Not all current Samohi coaches work at the high school.

Drake took over the baseball program following Schwengel's now-infamous protest of an opponent's illegal use of Wiffle balls during pregame batting practice, which allowed Samohi to advance in the 2014 playoffs.

In two seasons under Drake, the Vikings posted an overall record of 34-23. They went 20-9 in his first season, including 8-2 in league play, reaching the section quarterfinals in Division 3 before falling to San Dimas. But the team missed the playoffs this year after going 14-14, including 5-5 in conference games.



Courtesy Photo

OUT: Loren Drake has stepped down as coach of the Samohi baseball team.

This past spring, a few members of the team were sent home from a tournament in the San Diego area for a "student behavior issue," officials said. The matter was handled by Drake, Pinsker said.

Drake's replacement will inherit a roster that lost standout seniors Jaylon McLaughlin and Lowell Schipper to graduation. McLaughlin, who was recently drafted by the New York Mets organization, is planning to continue his career at Nevada. Schipper will play at Richmond.

The coaching vacancy has been posted on the CIF Southern Section website. The chosen candidate will be responsible for all levels of the Samohi baseball program and tasked with implementing plans for player development, hiring assistants, scheduling games, planning practices and communicating with parents, players and administrators.

Samohi is seeking candidates with previous coaching experience at the varsity level, according to the job description. Resumes and cover letters should be submitted to Samohi athletic director Tim Ballaret at tballaret@smmusd.org.

Ballaret is on vacation through July and was not available for comment, Pinsker said.

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CASA

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the children with their biological parents.

"It has been very rewarding," Gilchrist said. "We were there for the reason."

The advocates investigate current situation of children in the foster care system. They interview the children, the children's relatives and other parties involved such as foster parents and social workers. Then, the advocates draft a recommendation to the judge about what actions can be taken to best help the children.

CASA of Los Angeles, an organization that trains the advocates, will hold an information session in Santa Monica on July 21. In the session, the program's staff will share what responsibilities and requirements CASAs have to fulfill.

CASA of Los Angeles started in 1978, one year after a Seattle juvenile judge first created such program. Nationally, the program has more than 76,000 volunteers in 49 states, helping more than 251,000 children.

In Los Angeles County, the program has doubled in size in the last five years, with about 500 CASAs providing long-term, intensive help to about 800 children. There are 12 CASAs in Santa Monica.

Dilys Garcia, director of CASA of Los Angeles, said the organization is improving its infrastructure and training to support more volunteers, as the need for more volunteers has grown with the county having about 37,000 children in the foster care system.

Garcia said the plan is for CASA of Los Angeles to have 1,500 volunteers by 2022.

Garcia said children in the foster care system often have an attorney, a social worker, and others such as a medical and mental care professional working with them. However, she said CASA seeks to provide a different perspective on the case.

"CASA is a member of the community," Garcia said. "The volunteer is playing more of a role of a surrogate parent. The bottom line is that there's someone paying attention from the point of view of the child."

Taylor Mccormick, an emergency room doctor and a CASA, said because she is a volunteer approaching the case from a different perspective, people have been more likely to work with her.

Mccormick said her first case was a child who was born to a mother who had drug abuse and mental health problems. She started working on the case when the child was about a year old, she said.

"I just held her and tried to put pieces together," Mccormick said.

Since then, she has tried to find the best home for the child and helped with the child's medical issues.

McCormick said some parts of her job as a volunteer such as going to the court to talk to the judge can be intimidating and hard at times. However, she said she finds the job very rewarding.

"It is different from spending a day at the food bank," McCormick said. "CASA is a really good opportunity to do something substantial and long-lasting."

The information session will be on July 21 from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave. One can become a CASA by submitting an application available on the CASA of Los Angeles website and passing background checks as well as undergoing a 40-hour pre-service training program over seven weeks.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **72.5°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to waist high
Small SW swell mix. SE/SSE swell from Darby creeping up for exposures.

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Small SW/SSW swell mix. SSE swell from Darby trending S for exposures.

FILM REVIEW
GHOSTBUSTERS

Rated PG-13
116 Minutes
Released July 15

It's unfortunate that this movie is called "Ghostbusters," only because that forces us to refer to it as "the new Ghostbusters." The original 1984 "Ghostbusters" is so iconic and was so groundbreaking for its time that to compare any movie to that one throws it in the shadow of greatness. However, don't think for a minute that the new "Ghostbusters" is just a rehash of the original. It's a wacky, creative joyride with a cast that is obviously having the best "playdate" ever while shooting it, and it pays homage to the original movie with surprise subtle appearances of some of the old characters when you least expect it.

I remember being awestruck watching the 1984 "Ghostbusters" when it first came out. For that time it was a truly unprecedented concept with special effects that were cutting-edge. Today people watch a movie with a whole different sensibility than they did 32 years ago. Today similar special effects are mainstream in TV, film and video games. Whether you were alive at that time or not, your communications toolbox is shaped by a paradigm of sensory material coming at you every nanosecond, so different from that of the '80s audience.

So come into this new "Ghostbusters" with fresh eyes. What you will get from this movie is a great "buddy film" with four zany females and their "dumb blonde" sidekick receptionist in the form of a hilariously comedic Chris Hemsworth. In a role that's the antithesis of "Thor," Hemsworth proves he has the slapstick skills to match up with his four "bosses," who are some of the best comedians in the business: Melissa McCarthy, Kristen Wiig, Leslie Jones and Kate McKinnon.

McCarthy brings her split-second timing and sarcastic snappiness, Wiig plays a great "straight man" as always, Jones is larger than life and the most grounded — she brings the team back to focus when needed — and Mckinnon is hysterical as a hyperactive motor-mouth physicist and engineer. The ghosts are colorful, scary and fun — and they all have personalities.

Director Paul Feig, who directed McCarthy on "Spy" and "The Heat," brings his excellent editors from those films, Melissa Bretherton and Brent White, to the team. Cinematographer Robert D. Yeoman also has great credentials ("Grand Budapest Hotel," "Moonrise Kingdom" and "Bridesmaids"). Production designer Jefferson Sage also worked on "Bridesmaids" and "Spy." Feig co-wrote the story with comedy writer Katie Dippold, who appears as a real estate agent in the movie. The story began as a treatment in 2008 and went through many changes and reboots until the final shoot began in June 2015.

My only complaint with this movie is: Why did they banish Hemsworth's flash mob scene to the end credits? That scene should have been in the main story. Rhythmically, there's an editing "black hole" where it should have been, in my humble opinion. You'll understand when you see the movie and you'll understand why Hemsworth made it to the seventh episode of the Australian version of "Dancing with the Stars." So don't miss the end credit roll.

"Ghostbusters" is good, clean (or, rather, gooey) fun for the whole family, and is obviously destined to grow its own sequels.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 425 calls for service on July 14.

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

Auto burglary 1500 block of Pacific Coast 5:38 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block of 4th 6:26 a.m.
Burglary 600 block of Pacific 7:08 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 block of Ocean 7:30 a.m.
Grand theft 1400 block of 3rd 7:55 a.m.
Identity theft 1500 block of 14th 8:17 a.m.
Bicycle theft 3100 block of 4th 8:36 a.m.
Fraud report 1400 block of 15th 8:58 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block of Wilshire 9:20 a.m.
Person with a gun 2400 block of Main 9:35 a.m.
Hit and run 1000 block of Pacific Coast 9:56 a.m.
Missing person 1900 block of Ocean 10:03 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 4th 10:09 a.m.
Missing person 300 block of Olympic 10:20 a.m.
Battery 1100 block of Lincoln 10:20 a.m.
Domestic violence 4th/ Broadway 10:22 a.m.
Petty theft Euclid/ Wilshire 10:32 a.m.
Assault 2100 block of Main 10:37 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 15th 10:49 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2800 block of Santa Monica 11:10 a.m.
Hit and run 2600 block of 2nd 11:12 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block of the Beach 11:25 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2700 block of Pennsylvania 11:39 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2700 block of Pennsylvania 12:40 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block of Ocean Front 1:06 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block of Broadway 1:25 p.m.
Grand theft 1200 block of 3rd 1:50 p.m.
Grand theft 700 block of Colorado 2:02 p.m.
Missing person 300 block of Olympic 2:56 p.m.
Hit and run 00 block of Marine 3:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 22nd/ Pearl 3:18 p.m.
Petty theft 400 block of Pacific Coast 3:26 p.m.
Threats report 2600 block of Lincoln 3:28 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1500 block of Wilshire 3:29 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2700 block of Pennsylvania 3:47 p.m.
Burglary 2400 block of Virginia 4:01 p.m.
Identity theft 800 block of Bay 4:45 p.m.
Burglary 1000 block of 4th 6:05 p.m.
Identity theft 2600 block of 3rd 6:09 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Wilshire 6:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 4th 6:37 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block of Santa Monica 7:22 p.m.
Assault 1800 block of 9th 7:38 p.m.
Battery 100 block of Wilshire 7:52 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 4th 9:07 p.m.
Rape 1400 block of 11th 10:03 p.m.
Assault 1700 block of Ocean 10:20 p.m.
Battery 1600 block of the Beach 10:55 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of Lincoln 11:41 p.m.

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 JULY 8 AT ABOUT 10:08 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to Sephora at 1244 Third Street Promenade regarding a woman who was in custody for theft. They made contact with the store loss-prevention agent who had been monitoring closed-circuit television cameras. The agent saw a woman place several items into her purse and two shopping bags. The woman then selected a brush cleaner and paid for it at the cashier's counter, failing to pay for the items in her bags. The woman left the store and was contacted by the agent. The suspect was then escorted back to the store, at which time the police were called. The officers were given an itemized receipt of the stolen items, which totaled about $1,491. The suspect, Lourdes Carlon Deleon, 24, of Los Angeles, was then transported to the police station, where she was booked for grand theft. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 36 calls for service on July 14.

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

EMS 1600 block of 6th 12:42 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 2:26 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Euclid 3:36 a.m.
EMS 7th/ Broadway 7:59 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Wilshire 9:06 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 26th 11:00 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of 4th 11:40 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean Front 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 12:10 p.m.
EMS 900 block of Pico 12:26 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Ocean Front 1:01 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Front 1:05 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 1:09 p.m.
EMS Harvard/ Santa Monica 1:59 p.m.
Wires down 500 block of Pier 2:28 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 4:20 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 4:57 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 6:43 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Colorado 7:14 p.m.
Elevator rescue 900 block of Euclid 7:41 p.m.
Wires down 2200 block of 24th 7:49 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 8:21 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 8:28 p.m.
Vehicle fire Lincoln/ Interstate 10 8:42 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Front 8:50 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Ocean Park 9:01 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Highland 9:12 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/ Olympic 11:10 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Ocean Park 11:20 p.m.
EMS Ocean/ Wilshire

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Plays the ponies
5 Rum-soaked cake
9 Hawk's grabber
10 Smells
12 Concert venue
13 Rolls's partner
14 Cop's words to his partner
16 Letter after sigma
17 Indivisible
18 Tutor's units
20 Grammar study
22 Looks over
23 City on the Mohawk
25 Look over
28 Cotton cloth
32 Desert group
34 Ariz. neighbor
35 Coach Parseghian
36 Chess finish
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40 Surgery tool
41 Michigan city
42 Happening
43 "The Odd Couple" director
44 Splinter group

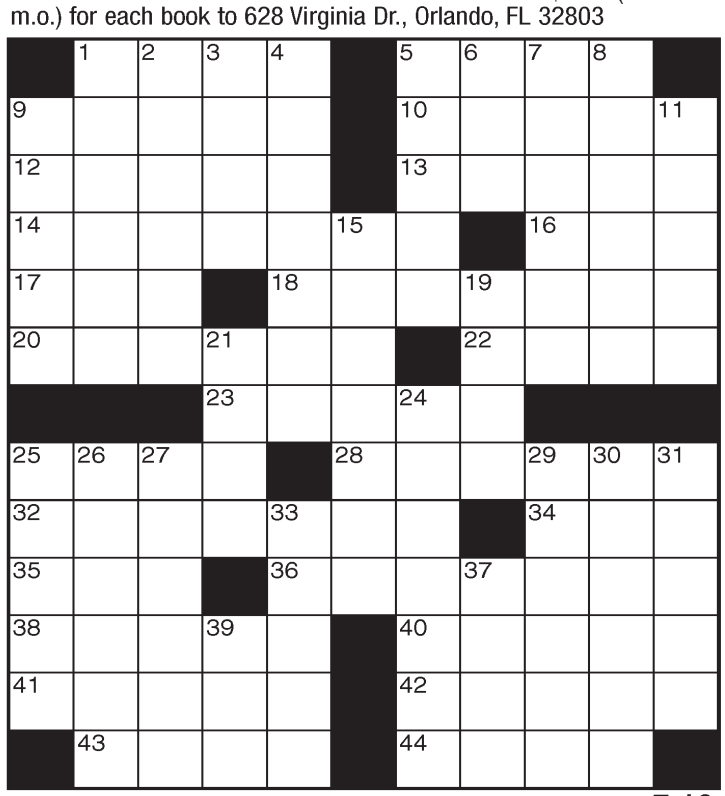
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1 Noble domain
2 Late hour
3 Way of speaking
4 Menace, in a way
5 Drills
6 Commotion
7 Woman's younger beau
8 Mysterious
9 Folded food
11 Yertle's creator
15 Diego Rivera, for one
19 Barking beast
21 Melt base
24 Cake toppers
25 Muffler's kin
26 Seasonal songs
27 Mideast region
29 "Be right with you"
30 Sidewalk stuff
31 Plain to see
33 Lets off
37 Donated
39 Publicity

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Yesterday's answer

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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

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/13
3 15 29 54 57
Power#: 10
Jackpot: 333M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/12
6 8 22 46 68
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 20M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 7/13
8 13 14 24 27
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/14
15 17 21 26 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/15
MIDDAY: 1 0 8
Draw Date: 7/14
EVENING: 1 2 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/14
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:47.68

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WORD UP!

animadversion
1. an unfavorable or censorious comment: to make animadversions on someone's conduct.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1973 - Watergate scandal: Former White House aide Alexander Butterfield informs the United States Senate that President Richard Nixon had secretly recorded potentially incriminating conversations.

1979 - Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr resigns and is replaced by Saddam Hussein.

1981 - Mahathir Mohamad becomes Malaysia's 4th Prime Minister.

1983 - Sikorsky S-61 disaster: A helicopter crashes off the Isles of Scilly, causing 20 fatalities.

1990 - The Luzon earthquake strikes in Benguet, Pangasinan, Nueva Ecija, La Union, Aurora, Bataan, Zambales and Tarlac, Philippines, with an intensity of 7.7.

1990 - The Parliament of the Ukrainian SSR declares state sovereignty over the territory of the Ukrainian SSR.

1994 - Comet Shoemaker–Levy 9 collides with Jupiter. Impacts continue until July 22.

1999 - John F. Kennedy Jr., piloting a Piper Saratoga aircraft, dies when his plane crashes into the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. His wife Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy and sister-in-law Lauren Bessette are also killed.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Brigham Young University professor Jason Hansen apologized in May after coaxing a student (for extra credit) to drink a small vial of his urine in class. The physiology session was on kidney function, and Hansen thought the stunt would call attention to urine's unique properties. He confessed later that the "urine" was just food coloring with vinegar added; that he had used the stunt in previous classes; and that he usually admits the ruse at the next class session. Nonetheless, Hansen's department chair suggested he retire the concept.

■ A Woman at the Top of Her Game: In Nashville, Tennessee, in June, sex worker Jonisia Morris, 25, was charged with robbing her client by (according to the police report) removing the man's wallet from his trousers while he received oral sex seated in his car, extracting his debit card, and returning the wallet to his pocket — without his noticing.

■ When the assistant manager arrived early on June 26 (2012) to open up the Rent-A-Center in Brockton, Massachusetts, he encountered a man on the ground with his head stuck underneath the heavy metal loading-bay door (obviously as the result of a failed burglary attempt during the night). "Hang tight!" the manager consoled the trapped man. "The police are on their way." Manuel Fernandes, 53, was arrested.

Around friends tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ What you feel seems to be in direct opposition of what you are being told. The unexpected could throw your plans into chaos. Try to be as gentle as you can be with others. Sometimes, when you are being extremely practical, others see you as being cold. Tonight: Try a new spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating could drag you down when dealing with a friend. You'll gain a lot of perspective if you do more listening than judging. A friend could surprise you with what he or she says. Experience quality interactions with a loved one. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You have a strong personality, and you might appear to be quite lively and flirtatious when trying to negotiate plans. A friendship plays a significant role in your day-to-day life. Opt to mix together several of your friends and loved ones. Tonight: Let the good times in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have a lot of energy, and you'll need to release it in a positive way. The unexpected occurs when dealing with an older relative. You might want to reach out to friends and loved ones, and invite them over for a spontaneous happening. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity adds to your interactions. You know how to help others relax and smile. What might have started as an abrupt and/or confusing conversation finally evolves into an easy interaction. You do make a difference. Tonight: Make choices that you relish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Concern surrounds a loved one. You might see a dilemma arise for this person, and you'll want to eliminate it. You can sit down and have a chat, or wait for this person to start discussing his or her perceptions. Be open and caring. Tonight: Time for a barbecue. Flip the burgers!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ In social interactions, you often express your sensitivity. A partner has an ornery or contrary side to his or her personality that could come out. You might feel restricted when trying to settle the waters. Know that you can't change this person. Tonight: Time for some frivolity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A little indulgence seems right, as it likely will add to the quality of your day. You might decide to include a friend or loved one in your plans. Some of you could opt to head to a casino; others might choose to head to an adventure park. Tonight: Continue orchestrating fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Understand how much others count on you. On some level, you might be overwhelmed with a personal choice you must make. Get together with a loved one, and do what you both enjoy. Once you let go, solutions will appear. Tonight: It is your call. Isn't that easy?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You see what others are missing. Whether you choose to share your perceptions is your choice. The possibility of a change of plans tosses excitement into the mix. Reach out to someone at a distance whom you have not seen in a while. Tonight: Be entertained.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ One person could monopolize your attention. An off-the-wall reaction on your part will create a little distance. Ask yourself whether this space is necessary; only you can answer that question. Use care with money and count your change carefully. Tonight: Around friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Help an emotional person resolve a problem rather than try to be diplomatic and just smile. Curb spending if possible. Read a good book instead of heading to the movies or a baseball game. Get into the moment, and enjoy yourself. Tonight: In the whirlwind of the moment.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you often feel a more adventurous side of your personality emerge. You will want to indulge this need for taking risks. Use care when making your choices. A new hobby or pastime also could fulfill this need for spontaneity. If you are single, be less impulsive and slowly try to get to know a potential sweetie. Make sure this person can flex with your changeability. If you are attached, share more with your significant other. Make choices that both of you will enjoy. SAGITTARIUS can annoy you at times with his or her insistence.

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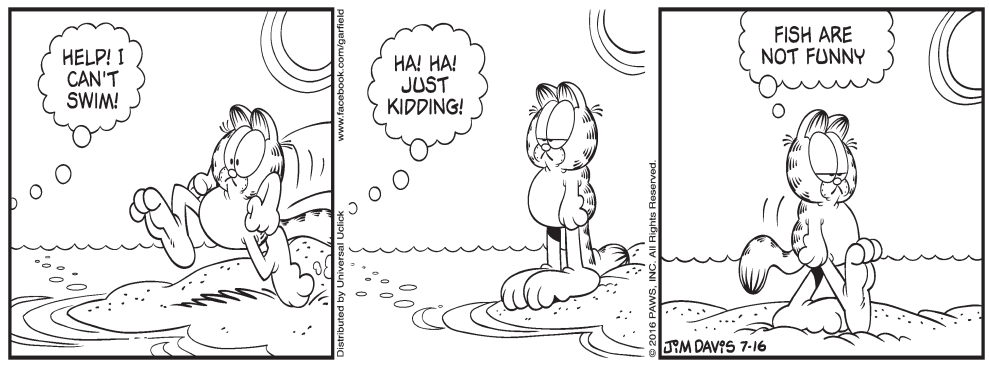
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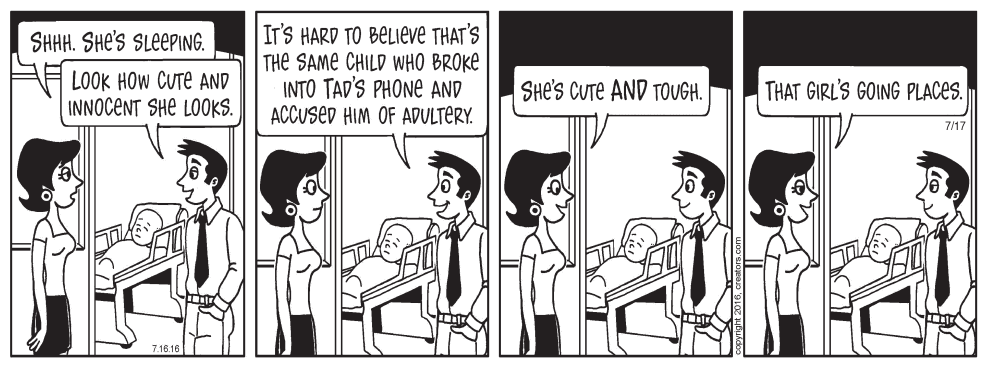
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