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Local club soccer squad wins national title

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE They're not in Kansas anymore. But when they were, they made history.

Members of a local youth team took a dramatic step into the lore of area club soccer this month, becoming the first-ever Santa Monica United squad to win a national title.

The under-13 girls captured the Presidents Cup championship July 12 in Overland Park, Kansas, wrapping up a thrilling season with an accomplishment that was five

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Chariots return for beach parade in August

BY SAM CATANZARO
Daily Press Intern

VENICE BEACH On Sunday, August 2, three authentic Hare Krishna chariots will parade from Santa Monica to Venice as part of the 39th Annual Festival of Chariots.

"It's a facsimile of a parade that has been held in India for thousands of years. Millions of people attend. It's very, very popular and they travel from all over the coun-

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Trains begin to roll

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

CITYWIDE Trains will be running through Santa Monica as of July 23.

Expo officials said the first trains traveling under their own power would roll through the east edge of town on July 23. The testing will be confined to east of 26th Street with the only street crossing likely to occur on Stewart Street.

Project staff said the eastern portion of the tracks have already undergone testing with a train car pulled by a truck. Those tests verify the integrity of the power system and test clearances. Truck-pulled trains will likely cross 17th Street on July 27 and will be towed from 17th to 4th Street.

If test results are favorable, powered trains will begin traveling the length of the track by the end of next week.

As testing progresses, safety measures are being activated along the tracks. Drivers, bikers and pedestrians should be prepared for train activity such as flaggers or safety personnel in the street, active crossing gates, train noise and warning lights.

Phase 2 of the Exp expansion includes 6.6 miles of track from Culver City to Santa Monica. The project includes seven new stations and is expected to carry 64,000 daily riders by 2030. Officials said the estimated time from Santa Monica to Downtown L.A. will be 46 minutes.

The $1.5 billion project is almost complete. All seven bridges are complete, track installation is complete, station construction is almost complete, roadway improvements are underway and installation of the overhead catenary system is almost finished.

Ongoing work at the stations includes installation of pedestrian crossings, ramps, guardrails, gate posts, permanent signs, bike racks/lockers, furnishings and landscaping. Construction is also ingoing for a parking lot at the 17th Street station.

Work will continue this summer on the adjacent bikeway including light poles, grading, paving and electrical work.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS WELCOME

Nicholas Salazar

Thousands of Special Olympic athletes have arrived in Los Angeles to participate in the 2015 Special Olympic World Games, the largest event held in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympic Games. Santa Monica will host nearly 100 athletes from Brazil and Romania providing the athletes with an opportunity to visit iconic Santa Monica locations while acclimating to Los Angeles in the critical days leading up to the opening ceremony. The athletes participated in a special ceremony on July 22 that included local and international dignitaries.


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July 23

Move Your Feet To The Animal Beat

Music, rhythm and live animals with Wonders of Wildlife. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 2:30-3:15 p.m.

Just for Seniors: Email Basics

1.5 hours. Learn about email and how it works. Hands-on practice with sending email. Sign up for your own email account. This introductory computer class series is tailored for seniors and those who want to learn at a slower pace. Registration is not required. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library Computer Classroom, 2nd floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Community Picnic

Pack a dinner and bring your friends and family for a fun evening. Free, for more information and to RSVP visit http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/public-events.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 6 - 8:15 p.m.

Adult SRP Movie Screening: "Walk The Line" (2005)

A chronicle of country music legend Johnny Cash's life, from his early days to his rise to fame with Sun Records. Starring Joaquin Phoenix, Reese Witherspoon and Ginnifer Goodwin. (Film runtime: 136 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Twilight Concert Series

Free musical concerts every Thursday night with food vendors, sponsor booths and beer/wine pavilion. For more information call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org. Santa Monica Pier, 7-10 p.m.

July 24

Santa Monica Public Library at the Beach

Grab your towel and sunscreen, Santa Monica Public Library is heading to the beach. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Special Olympics Torch Run Ceremony

Finale to celebrate the final destination of the Torch Run, which will take place on Ocean Ave., between Wilshire and Colorado. For more information call 310-458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org. 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Picnic on the Promenade

Escape from the cubicle and enjoy lunch at Downtown Santa Monica's Picnic on the Promenade. This annual summer series eases locals and Promenade walkers into the weekend every Friday afternoon with live music, classic board games, interactive challenges and free services from Downtown merchants. Bring a lunch or grab-and-go from one of Downtown's award-winning eateries and soak in the sun. July 24: Rower Challenge presented by Orangetheory Fitness. 12-3 p.m. 1300 block Third Street Promenade (Between Arizona and Santa Monica Blvd), downtownsm.com.

Special Observing Event

With guidance from the planetarium director, take a look through a variety of telescopes at an 8-day-old waxing gibbous moon offering sights that include the sharply shadowed, 70-mile-long Rupes Recta (The Straight Wall), then enjoy a view of the solar system's crown jewel, lovely Saturn and its rings. Dress warmly. The John Drescher Planetarium, is located near the elevators on the second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica). Tickets are available at the door and cost $11 ($9 seniors and chil-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lincoln Blvd.

Santa Monica based company opens first Santa Monica store

Protein For Pets (P4P), is opening of its newest store in Santa Monica on July 24. Marking its first store on the Westside and 10th for the Santa Monica-based company, Protein For Pets Santa Monica is located at 2621 Lincoln Boulevard in the Haggen's Shopping Center.

"The opening of a Protein For Pets store in Santa Monica marks many important milestones for the company," said Founder and CEO Marco Giannini who plans to open three more stores within the next three months, including one in Valencia. "Protein For Pets Santa Monica is our first store on the Westside and the only one in the same city as our corporate office. Additionally, P4P Santa Monica reflects the beginning of the next phase of our continued growth which also includes the introduction of P4P Naked, an exclusive brand of raw dog food that we are rolling out this month."

In addition each store stocks Poultry, Meat and Fish sections with more than 300 natural formulas of the highest-quality dry, raw and wet foods - all of which also have no corn, soy, wheat or animal by-products. There is also an extensive Exotic section for four-legged foodies which features such delicacies as Bison, Venison, Elk and Kangaroo. While the focus is on food, Protein For Pets also offers an exclusive selection of healthy and natural treats, toys, supplies and grooming products.

- SUBMITTED BY LAUREN LEWIS

Downtown

Water saving initiative on Third Street Promenade

With recent reports of Los Angeles recording its driest four-year period in nearly 140 years, initiatives to strongly cut back on water usage in the region have been a high priority. In this effort, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. recently supplemented the floral gardens and sprinkler system surrounding the iconic dinosaur sculptures on Third Street Promenade with a drip watering system and succulent plants projected to save approximately 14,500 gallons of water per year.

Over 2,000 succulent plants with eight variety types can now be seen at the dinosaur topiary sculptures located on Third Street between Broadway Ave. and Wilshire Blvd. Succulent plants were chosen because of their adaptation to extreme dry conditions by developing swollen fleshy stems and leaves that retain moisture. Along with low water requirements, succulents need minimal maintenance and grow at a slow rate.

Conceptualized by SQLA Landscape Architects, the new planters were designed to evoke the feel of a modern beachside community. Blue and green coastal hues from the blue spruce sedum and blue chalksticks varieties planted in a soft wave pattern reinforces a relaxed and breezy beach feel. Angelina sedum, agave and echeveria afterglow were planted to accent the design with their pinkish-lavender pops of color.

The changing of the floral gardens to succulent plants comes in addition to other efforts that Downtown Santa Monica has taken to cut back on its water usage in the area. Last year, the iconic dinosaur fountains were turned off to be a visual reminder of California's serious drought issues. As well as reducing the power washing schedule and instating new hand detailing to keep the parking structures within Downtown Santa Monica clean.

- SUBMITTED BY KAITLIN LIVEZEY

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dren) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single show, guest lecture, or telescope-viewing session. The evening events are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m.

July 25

Used Oil Recycling & Filter Exchange

Changing your oil? Need a filter? Get a free one. Bring your used motor oil and oil filters for recycling. Exchange your used oil filter for a new one - free. (Limit one new filter per customer). Free used motor oil recycling containers also available. O'Reilly Auto Parts, 2018 Lincoln Blvd., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Urban Sketch Session with Timothy Kitz

Watercolorist and sketcher Timothy Kitz leads a sketch session in Palisades Park. Paper, pencils and drawing boards provided. Please wear comfortable shoes and sun protection. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. RSVP to (310) 458-2239 or https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/44849

Toddler LEGOS

Come have fun with Legos and build something amazing. Ages 2-5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Keep the Beat. A Steel Drumming Session for Adults

Learn the basic techniques of steel drumming and try different percussion instruments in this energetic, hands-on class with professional musician Joseph Peck. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 12-1 p.m.

American Stories Book Group

Join the America Stories Book Group in reading titles that illustrate the diversity of voices that make up the American experience. This month's selection is "At Weddings and Wakes" by Alice McDermott: The three children of an Irish-American family in Long Island are witnesses to the cycles of dissatisfaction, bitterness and recurring affection that make up their lives. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Documentary Movie Screening and Post-Film Discussion: "Alive Inside" (2014)

An Audience Award winner at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival, this uplifting documentary demonstrates the healing quality of music, as music therapists use music to stimulate the brains and memories of Alzheimer's patients. The film will be followed by a discussion with Laura Kanofsky, a board certified music therapist and licensed clinical social worker. (Film runtime: 78 min.) Main Library Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 4:15 p.m.

Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles

2015 Special Olympics World Games, being staged in Los Angeles July 25 - August 2, will be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world in 2015. The Opening Ceremony, to be held July 25 in the historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, is expected to attract 80,000 spectators. Sports competitions taking place throughout the Games are open to the public and free to attend. For more information about the 2015 Special Olympics World Games, visit http://www.LA2015.org



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Culture Watch

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Going Gaga for Sophie Tucker

MOVE OVER BETTE MIDLER, JUDY GARLAND, Madonna and Lady Gaga. You may be icons to the gay community and some feminists, but the "over-the-top" thing didn't start with you. Tip your hats to the one and only Sophie Tucker, both an original and the last of the "red hot mamas." Bold, bawdy and brassy, she may very well define the word "broad."

"Sophie who?" you might be asking if you weren't born before 1970. Sophie Tucker was a friend to kings, queens, presidents, mobsters and even infamous FBI director J. Edgar Hoover (who, as a close friend, closeted cross-dresser and homosexual, once asked her to give him one of her dresses; she reportedly said he wouldn't fit in it). But she especially loved the every day Joes and Janes who she made friends with everywhere she performed.

The new documentary, "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker" is a love letter to this Amazonian female performer, perhaps best known for the song "Some of These Days (You're Gonna Miss Me Honey)." It was also the name of her autobiography. Side note here: she may very well have been the first person to set up book signings. She sold the books, wouldn't sign unless you bought one and she didn't give change. All the extra money was donated to Israel, her particular charitable cause.

Tucker's career spanned many decades of the 20th century, from 1907 to the 1960s, and every available form of the media at the time, from vaudeville and burlesque to Broadway, from the beginnings of radio to the birth of TV, in newsprint and on the published page. She was a welcomed regular with Ed Sullivan, Jimmy Durante and The Tonight show, names that young'uns might not recognize today, but were the big TV stars of their day.

And she was one smart cookie when it came to the business of marketing herself. Not so smart in love but you can't win them all. She was among the first to lend her name and visage to endorsements for all kinds of products and even had a brand of soap named after her. She hand-wrote notes to people she met in every city she performed, and let them know when she'd be back. And she played to sold-out houses everywhere.

If she were still with us, you can bet your life she'd be an outsized presence on social media.

She was, indeed, an outsized presence, both physically and as a performer. She made the most of her size as the key feature of her act. Her big, strong voice was the draw, as were her utterly astounding costumes.

Born on a boat coming over from Ukraine, Sophie's Orthodox Jewish parents settled in Connecticut and opened a kosher restaurant. She hated working there as a waitress, but began entertaining the customers with her powerful voice and singing for tips. At 16, she married Louis Tucker and had a son, Albert. Very shortly thereafter she divorced him, leaving her son with her parents but adopted Louis's last name as she began establishing her career as a performer.

Following vaudeville performances requiring her to sing in blackface, but "forgetting" to put on her makeup one night, she won over the audience with her vocal talent. She was hired for the famous Ziegfeld Follies, but having upstaged the star was let go. This turned out pretty well for her, because she caught the notice of theater owner and future talent agency giant, William Morris. The rest is show business history.

Given the long life she led, she must've known she might be forgotten after she left us, so she made it easy for anyone who wanted to tell her life story to do so. She kept a treasure trove of more than 400 scrapbooks covering every aspect of her professional life, and when producers and narrators Lloyd and Susan Ecker discovered them it was as if the documentary made itself.

That's her backstory but the ups, downs and pioneering aspects of her career are worth knowing too. Among those interviewed, famed TV anchor Barbara Walters knew her personally because of Sophie's relationship with her father Lou Walters, owner of the famed Latin Quarter nightclub in Miami where Sophie was a frequent performer based strictly on a handshake arrangement.

Sophie got through the Prohibition era by befriending the mobsters who controlled the liquor supply and ran the clubs, and she often played cards with Al Capone. She was notorious for making everyone, family included, pay up if they lost.

While her marriages (there were three) were failures and her son was both a major disappointment and contracted syphilis at a young age, she remained a force of nature to the end. There are hints of her bisexuality too, as she was surrounded by very close women friends throughout her life, and letters between them are especially intimate.

The song "My Yiddishe Momma" was written for her, and there's a remarkable story about an American soldier who drove his platoon crazy by carrying this record with him to war, playing it on his phonograph between battles to the irritation of his fellow soldiers. But when he was killed, those soldiers honored his final wish, carrying that record into Berlin with them and rigging up loudspeakers on their truck, blasting it for hours at the Nazis.

There are many interviews, video, film and audio clips and some clever animation of old photographic images that bring them to life.

But Sophie herself is the reason to go see "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker." It opens on July 24 at Laemmle's Royal in West Los Angeles. www.laemmle.com.

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A Letter to Congressman Lieu

THE SANTA MONICA DEMOCRATIC CLUB has been a strong supporter of yours for many years. Last spring, we were one of the first clubs to endorse your bid for Congress. Over the last seven months, you have proven yourself to be a hard-working and effective member of Congress, worthy of the seat formerly held by the great Representative Henry Waxman, who represented our community for four decades.

We are writing today to express our full-throated support of the Obama Administration's historic deal with Iran, which was announced last week. We believe that this deal represents a major step forward in making the world a safer place, and we urge you to vote in support of its implementation.

Just over a decade ago, a previous administration led the drumbeat to war in Iraq based on fabricated evidence and scare tactics. As you know, this resulted in one of the greatest foreign policy disasters in American history with its effects still being felt throughout the Middle East today. When then Senator Barack Obama campaigned for the presidency in 2007 and 2008, he made his opposition to this war a core tenant of his candidacy; he believed in war only as a last resort, and he promised to exhaust all diplomatic options first.

True to his word the Obama Administration, along with five international partners, have negotiated an agreement that serves the vital national security interests of the United States and its allies, including Israel. The deal drastically reduces Iran's nuclear stockpile by 97% in addition to its number of centrifuges and the amount of uranium that can be enriched. Most importantly, this deal contains the most invasive inspection program that has ever been part of any international deal, and it gives us the ability to reinstate sanctions at any point if we feel Iran is violating its terms.

The Santa Monica Democratic Club, with its 280 members, believes that peace is a fundamental progressive value. To not accept the terms of this deal would mean that Iran could continue its nuclear weapons program without the fear of crippling sanctions or intrusive inspections. Ultimately, we fear this would lead us down the inevitable path to a war with Iran, a truly unacceptable outcome.

We trust that you will evaluate the specifics of this deal over the weeks to come and are hopeful that you will ultimately support the deal. Our club looks forward to supporting you as you face reelection, as well as in the years to come. We thank you for looking out for the interests of our community, and of course, we invite you any time to address our club at a future meeting.

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Higher minimum-wage proposals gain ground on both coasts

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SAN FRANCISCO The push for a higher minimum wage gained momentum on both sides of the country Wednesday, with New York embracing an eventual $15 an hour for the state's 150,000 fast-food workers and the huge University of California system announcing the same raise for its employees.

"How we support our workers and their families impacts Californians who might never set foot on one of our campuses," said UC President Janet Napolitano, who oversees 10 campuses, including UCLA and Berkeley. "It's the right thing to do."

The University of California becomes the nation's largest public university to embrace the $15-an-hour wage that has become the rallying cry of many labor groups.

So far, Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley have approved phased-in increases that eventually will take their minimum wage to $15 an hour, or about $31,200 for a full-time job. On Tuesday, Los Angeles County, the nation's most populous county, voted to craft a law to do the same over five years. Santa Monica is exploring a minimum wage ordinance.

In New York, the state Wage Board endorsed a proposal to set a $15 minimum wage for workers at fast-food restaurants with 30 or more locations. The increase would be phased in over three years in New York City and over six years elsewhere.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo's administration has the final say, and Cuomo has signaled his support. New York would become the first state to take such a step for a specific industry. The state minimum wage is now $8.75 and is set to rise to $9 at year's end.

Many workers say the increase would allow them to cope with the high cost of living, though restaurant owners say it will lead to higher prices and fewer jobs.

At the University of California, UC's hourly wage earners - a group that includes students and full-time employees working in dining halls, dorms and bookstores or as gardeners, housekeepers and custodians at campuses and hospitals - currently make the state minimum of $9 an hour.

Napolitano said she will boost that to $13 in October for employees who work at least 20 hours a week and will raise it some more in stages to $15 by the fall of 2017.

UC has nearly 240,000 students and is California's third-largest employer, with a staff of 195,000. About 3,200 UC employees and a much larger but undetermined number of people employed by outside contractors will receive the higher wage, UC said.

"I just thought it was important for a public university to plant the flag here for low-wage workers and a more livable wage," said Napolitano, who was President Barack Obama's homeland security secretary before she assumed leadership of the university nearly two years ago.

Napolitano's plan does not need approval from the university's governing Board of Regents.

The higher minimum-wage argument has gained traction amid concerns over the shrinking middle class and rising income inequality.

Supporters argue a higher wage floor will help lift the working poor into the middle class. Opponents warn businesses will have to raise prices, shed jobs or cut employees' hours. Sixteen states have passed laws barring local governments from setting their own minimum wage.

Democrats, including presidential frontrunner Hillary Rodham Clinton, have said they support a higher federal minimum wage, which is currently $7.25 per hour.

Vice President Joe Biden was scheduled to promote a higher minimum wage during a stop Wednesday at a washroom equipment manufacturer in Los Angeles.

Wal-Mart, the nation's largest private employer, announced early this year that it is raising wages for a half-million employees to at least $10 an hour by next February.

Other public university systems around the country, including those in Washington state, Indiana and Tennessee, have adopted minimum wages higher than those set under state or federal law. But none have committed themselves to going as high as California.

University of California officials estimated that the raises for workers directly employed by UC will cost $14 million a year, a fraction of the system's $12.6 billion annual payroll. UC said it also predicts contractors will pass some of the cost of higher wages onto the university.

The Republican leader of the California Assembly criticized the university's plan to extend the higher wage to outside contractors.

"The university should be teaching engineering, not spending student dollars to practice social engineering by limiting who campuses can do businesses with," Assemblywoman Kristen Olsen said.

Todd Stenhouse, a spokesman for the union that represents UC's service workers, offered muted praise for Napolitano's announcement. He complained that the university has been outsourcing jobs to private companies with less robust job protections.

"While it is a baby step in the right direction, it still leaves a permanent underclass of contract workers, and a first-class institution should not treat any of its workers as second-class," he said.

Klepper reported from Albany, N.Y.

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Bigotry and Prejudice is Alive and Well in Santa Monica

I READ THE ARTICLE "CONCERT CONCERNS voiced during Pier Corporation renewal" by Matthew Hall in the Tuesday 7/21 issue of the SMDP, and I found a couple statements by Santa Monica Ocean Front Walk resident and former chairwoman of the Pier Restoration Corporation, Ellen Brennan, more telling than the primary focus and subject matter of the article about the Twilight Concert Series. Commenting about the Pier Committee, Brennan was concerned about, "large groups of white males" who congregate in the chess park as a "sign of trouble just around the corner." She continued on to mention, "...if this pier continues to offer headliners and free concerts when the light rail comes to Santa Monica, all of East Los Angeles will take the light rail and come to these concerts. ... Now there's a thought to give the Chief of Police nightmares."

Interesting statements, no doubt.

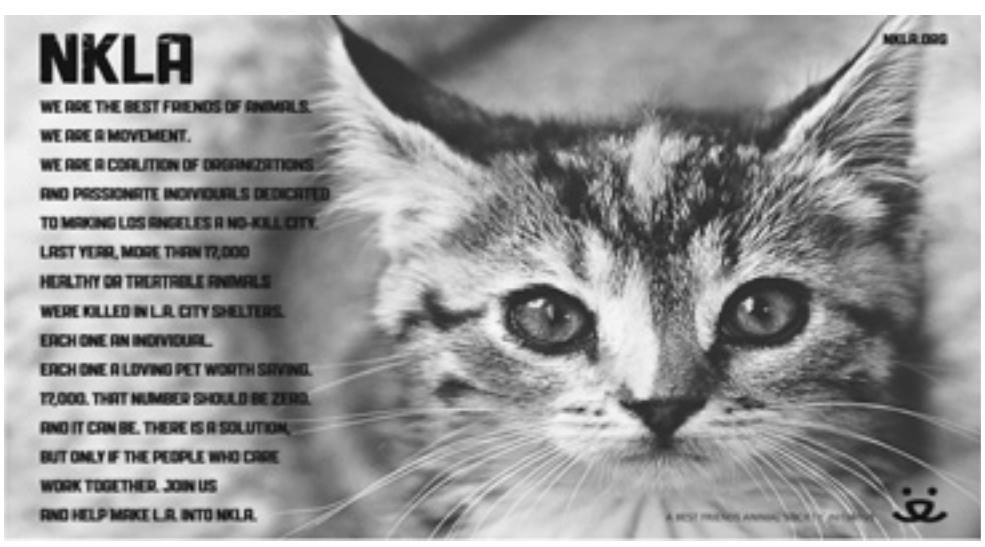
Why specifically point out that the males at the chess park were white? Are these men white in the European sense or white in the larger Caucasian sense? Is that determination based solely on skin color? Have blood tests been performed on these assumed miscreants to specifically identify their race? How white were these men? Are these white men the kind of men that compel you to cross the street when you see one walking toward you?

Additionally, what does she mean by "all of East Los Angeles will take the light rail and come to these concerts?" What is it in particular about these geographical outsiders that are not desired by Brennan (and her neighbor, apparently)? Should these Twilight Concerts forbid people who travel into Santa Monica from a particular part of Los Angeles? Should IDs be requested upon arrival to determine outside residency to ease the minds of the locals before they are allowed on the pier? And what is the "thought" the Chief of Police should be concerned about? What kind of activity does Brennan assume a large population group is guilty of contemplating before any activity takes place? According to the 2010 census data, East Los Angeles is about 97 percent Hispanic/Latino. Is she concerned about these Hispanic/Latino people coming to Santa Monica? I can only assume she is concerned about these nightmare-inducing Hispanic/Latino people, because she can't be talking only about the 3 percent left of the population in East Los Angeles that includes other races. Is Brennan aware that Santa Monica's population includes about 13 percent Hispanic/Latinos? Watch it folks, Santa Monica Hispanic/Latinos, because more of your "kind" may be coming to Santa Monica soon to enjoy what this city has to offer. Oh no! The horror! Additionally, is Brennan aware that of that 51 percent of that Hispanic/Latino population in East Los Angeles is females? God forbid those women visit Santa Monica and conduct a clothes-buying flash mob at the businesses along the Promenade. Is Brennan aware of the increasing number of "white" people moving into and buying residential and commercial property on the East Side of Los Angeles (and not just East Los Angeles proper, but other areas also including Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights and El Sereno) as gentrification moves across the river. I'm compelled to call the police forces in these areas to share a "thought" about this questionable activity, potential or realized.

Are these bigoted and prejudicially charged statements by Brennan? Yes, and without question. Racist? I wouldn't go that far, based on the context of the statements. I took a moment to find out what race Brennan is, and it was easy since there is a video of her on YouTube addressing the City Council in 2013. Not that it really matters, but considering her words I found it important. Ellen Brennan is a white woman and it must be mentioned because of her aforementioned statements, even the one about men of her own race.

Considering all issues regarding race in America these days, statements like Brennan's are not surprising. It's truly unfortunate that prejudicial assumptions about skin color and race, institutionally, unconsciously, or otherwise do not simply die. It was author and activist James Baldwin who said, "This is the place in which, it seems to me, most white Americans find themselves. They are dimly, or vividly, aware that the history they have fed themselves is mainly a lie, but they do not know how to release themselves from it, and they suffer enormously from the resulting personal incoherence." Needless to say, Baldwin was speaking at the height of the civil rights movement in 1965, and his focus was on black and white racial divisions. However, those same words apply today, and they offer a timeless reflection on the inherited divisions in our society and the responsibilities we have due to that history. Baldwin's words can be applied to any group of Americans making assumptions about people of another, or their own, race. The point is bigotry and prejudice damages everyone.

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CHAMPION

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months in the making.

"Our motto along the way was 'Why not us?'" said coach Fabian Amezaga, whose team celebrated its landmark campaign with a viewing party Monday at Ye Olde King's Head in Santa Monica. "Why couldn't we be the first team to make club history? We worked extremely hard on the mental aspect of the game and made sure that, regardless of the outcome, we wanted to say we left it all out on the pitch."

The groundwork for the journey was laid in March, when the girls claimed a CalSouth state championship. The victory propelled them into the West regional tournament of the Presidents Cup held in June in Washington state, where they snagged the Region IV title and earned a spot in the national competition.

"This team never fails to amaze me," said Manu Appelius, the club's technical director. "I knew after the State Cup win that they could go far and win [the West regional], but this went beyond everyone's wildest dreams."

In Kansas, where dozens of teams from across the country were competing in five age brackets for boys and girls, SMU advanced to the title match thanks to its performances in pool play.

Guided by Amezaga and assistant Robert Bahedry, the girls defeated North Carolina's Charlotte Soccer Academy 2-0 with goals by Sadie Holt and Riley Adams and a stingy defensive effort anchored by goalkeeper Cara Conroy.



Courtesy photo

WINNERS: **A local girls-youth soccer team has become the first group in league history to capture the national title.**

Santa Monica then edged Pennsylvania's North Union United 3-2 with two penalty-kick goals by Giulia Trevellin and one goal by Tupelo Sullivan.

Despite falling 2-0 to Kansas Rush Wichita in their third game of pool play, they secured a rematch with Charlotte in the finals thanks to a tiebreaker.

"I can't say enough good things about this team," Amezaga said. "I think the biggest hurdle for them was believing in themselves and believing that they could get the job done."

Their previous setback behind them, the girls were focused in the title match. After 18 scoreless minutes, Holt collected Dakota Margolis' corner kick and powered a shot into the net to give Santa Monica a 1-0. It turned out to be the only goal of the match.

"All 20 players contributed to this championship along the way," Amezaga said. "This team epitomizes the definition of a team. There are no superstars and they genuinely want to see each other succeed. I am so proud of them and they deserve this."

Conroy received her bracket's Golden Gloves award for her efforts in goal. SMU also won the sportsmanship award, another honor in what was already a memorable season for the girls.

"I now hope they get a well deserved break and that they are able to recharge their batteries," Appelius said. "Because a lot more adventures are ahead of them."

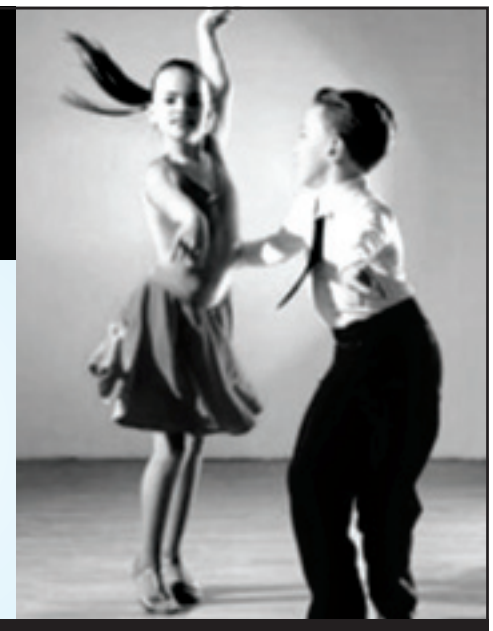
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KITTEN RESCUE

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Santa Monica firefighters rescued a kitten that had become trapped under a large and very heavy storage container at 915 Wilshire Blvd. on July 21. The kitten had been heard meowing for the two days. The tight quarters of the container located between an iron fence and a block wall made the operation much more difficult than initially thought. After a technical extrication was executed by the Santa Monica Fire Department, the kitten was removed and transferred to the care of Santa Monica Police Animal Control Officers. The cat appeared to be dehydrated and slightly injured but should make a full recovery.

CHARIOT

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try to attend it," said Karuna Dasi, a communications representative for the festival and priest at the Hare Krishna temple in West Los Angeles.

The parade that will take place in Santa Monica and Venice may not attract millions of people, but with Indian food, live music and yoga demonstrations, Dasi expects the event to draw a large crowd.

"Here in Los Angeles the one we hold is also popular," she said. "We get a crowd of about 50,000 people."

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, travel on Main Street down Rose Avenue to the boardwalk before arriving at the festival site at the end of Windward Avenue near Ocean Front Park. In addition to the food, music and yoga, there will be arts and crafts, children's entertainment and a question and answer booth. The festival will last until 7 p.m.

"It's very beautiful and colorful. There is a lot of singing and dancing in front of the three chariots decorated with flowers and ornaments," Dasi said. "The deity of gods ride on each chariot."

The event is hosted by The International Society of Krishna Awareness, known more commonly as the Hare Krishna movement. This society was formed in New York in 1966 and is based off the teachings of the Gaudiya Vaishava, a 15th century Hindu tradition. This year, second-generation Hare Krishnas, the children of the group's founders, will participate in the parade, providing entertainment and singing as part of a tour in which they travel around the country attending various Festival of Chariots.

"[It's] an opportunity to do something for their religion in terms of missionary work," Dasi said. "They are an entertainment troop."

Despite the religious nature of the event, Dasi says it attracts a wide range of attendees who are just looking to have a fun day.

"We get a combination of all the people that read about us in calendar sections. We also get tourists that happen to be on the boardwalk that day. All the locals in the Venice and Santa Monica area likely to come out to it. It's quite popular," she said.

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Hibbert, Williams, Bass eager for fresh starts with Lakers

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO Right after Roy Hibbert, Lou Williams and Brandon Bass received their new gold jerseys Wednesday, they all spoke variations on the same theme.

The three veteran NBA players entered the summer looking for a fresh start, and they're all eager to get it with the Los Angeles Lakers.

They're also looking forward to playing with Kobe Bryant — after they get a chance to talk to him.

"I appreciate the Lakers getting me out here, and I'm going to work extremely hard to make sure the Lakers get back to where they should be," Hibbert said.

The Lakers were thrilled to swing a trade for Hibbert, the 7-foot-2 center who spent the past seven seasons with the Indiana Pacers. The two-time All-Star had already moved to Los Angeles before the deal happened, and he is determined to return to dominant defensive form after a perceived down season precipitated his departure from Indiana.

While the Pacers are trying to get smaller and faster, the Lakers could use a bulky stopper after struggling as one of the NBA's worst defensive teams last year.

"Looking at the team here, they have a lot of firepower," Hibbert said. "My main presence is going to be at the rim. Last year, the Lakers were (29th) in defensive efficiency, so my job is to make sure I clog up the paint, (provide) help-side defense, and whatever else I get on the offensive end is candy."

Hibbert's perceived decline last season wasn't visible in most statistics. He started 76 games and averaged 10.6 points, 7.1 rebounds and 1.6 blocked shots per game — all numbers that look great to the Lakers.

"In this business, if you can have somebody that size that's 28 years old, that clearly wants to rebirth his career, I think that's a good risk," Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak said.

Hibbert is entering the final year of his contract with free agency looming, but he already feels a connection to the lineage of great Lakers centers. He watched Shaquille O'Neal's rise intently while growing up, and he has worked with Lakers great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in the past.

"Kareem reaches out to me," Hibbert said. "He comes to watch my workouts, and we stay in touch for the most part. He gives me little tidbits. I worked with him a lot last year. He keeps up with me, so he always gives me some advice, something to work on."

After striking out with the biggest free agents on the market following the worst season in franchise history, the Lakers restocked their roster with a mix of veteran acquisitions and young talent led by No. 2 overall draft pick D'Angelo Russell.

Williams got a three-year, $21 million contract after the best season of his career with the Toronto Raptors, averaging 15.5 points per game as the league's Sixth Man of the Year. He believes there will be plenty of shots to go around when he plays with Bryant and Nick Young.

"This is an organization with a very rich tradition," Williams said. "Some of the greatest players in the world have come out of the Lakers organization ... so I'm proud to be a part of that family."

Bass revealed a secret he kept buried during the past four seasons with the Boston Celtics: He was a Lakers fan in college at LSU, partly due to their similar purple-and-gold color schemes.

Bass was a starter for most of his four seasons in Boston, but he is willing to play any role required by Lakers coach Byron Scott, his coach for his first two NBA seasons with the Hornets in New Orleans and Oklahoma City.

None of the Lakers' newcomers has spoken with Bryant yet, a fact revealed by a news conference question that led to an awkward silence. Bryant has been on vacation.

Bryant's last three seasons have ended early due to injuries, but the third-leading scorer in NBA history is expected back in the fall for his 20th year with the Lakers.

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

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

LEGEND

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

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

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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 JULY 18 AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the Apple Store located in the 1400 block of 3rd Street regarding fraudulent credit card purchases. Upon arrival, loss prevention employees advised officers that two suspects, later identified as Baldwin Acevedo, 25 and Jaime Goeman, 27 of New York, were making large purchases with suspected fraudulent credit cards. Goeman made a purchase totaling over $7,000 and walked out of the store while Acevedo was in the process of trying to make a purchase. One of the store's loss prevention employees recognized both of the suspects as those wanted in an on-going fraud from multiple nearby Apple stores within the last couple of days that was estimated to be at $90,000.

The loss prevention agent followed Goeman out of the store and pointed him out to officers that were arriving on the scene. Officers detained Goeman as they went into the store to continue their investigation. Both of the driver's license and identification cards were verified as fraudulent. Goeman was arrested for burglary, fraud, false personation, shoplifting, grand theft and he was found to have an extradition warrant. Acevedo was booked for fraud, false personation, burglary, grand theft and shoplifting. No bail was set for Goeman and $1,000,000 bail was set for Acevedo.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 425 calls for service on July 21.

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

Shots Fired 800 Block of 10th12:38 a.m.
Psychiatric Hold 1900 Block of Main 3:47 a.m.
Death Investigation 1700 Block of 18th 4:24 a.m.
Vandalism 1300 Block of 7th 6:02 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1700 Block of Bryn Mawr 8:04 a.m.
DUI 100 Block of Ocean Park 8:44 a.m.
Vandalism 1100 Block of Montana 8:48 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery 500 Block of Wilshire 8:48 a.m.
Grand Theft 2900 Block of Olympic 8:59 a.m.
Threats/Investigations 600 Block of Santa Monica 9:11 a.m.
Death Investigation 500 Block of 14th 9:58 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 1900 Block of Pico 10:15 a.m.
Vandalism 2600 Block of Lincoln 10:21 a.m.
Vandalism 1600 Block of Colorado 10:25 a.m.
Vandalism Lincoln/Santa Monica 10:25 a.m.
Petty Theft 2400 Block of Pico 10:58 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1100 Block of 6th 11:07 a.m.
Person with a Gun 200 Block of Arizona 11:26 a.m.
Burglary 800 Block of 3rd 11:33 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1100 Block of Lincoln 11:43 a.m.
Hit and Run 2nd/Santa Monica 11:54 a.m.
Hit and Run Lincoln/Pico 12:41 p.m.
Petty Theft 3000 Block of 3rd 12:58 p.m.
Elder Abuse 300 Block of Ashland 2:48 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 700 Block of Arizona 2:51 p.m.
Elder Abuse 300 Block of 16th 3:38 p.m.
Petty Theft 2000 Block of 14th 3:43 p.m.
Violation of Restraining Order 2800 Block of Santa Monica 4:15 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200 Block of 2nd
Domestic Violence 100 Block of Pier 4:59 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1000 Block of Ocean 5:16 p.m.
Hit and Run 200 Block of Santa Monica 5:34 p.m.
Traffic Accident 1500 Block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:40 p.m.
Traffic Accident 0 Block of Arcadia 6:38 p.m.
Traffic Accident 1600 Block of Ocean 6:45 p.m.
Suspicious Person 1400 Block of 9th 6:57 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400 Block of Santa Monica Pier 7:03 p.m.
Public Intoxication 100 Block of Bay 7:36 p.m.
Assault with a Deadly Weapon 1500 Block of Pacific Coast Hwy 7:53 p.m.
Petty Theft 2nd/Wilshire 8:18 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Colorado 8:23 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500 Block of Ocean 8:42 p.m.
Battery 4th/Santa Monica 9:56 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1600 Block of 5th 9:56 p.m.
Battery 1300 Block of 3rd Street Prom 10:13 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400 Block of 3rd Street Prom 11:23 p.m.
Loud Music 1900 Block of 17th 11:57 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 63 calls for service on July 21.

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

EMS 1400 Block of Ocean Front Walk 12:06 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200 Block of 3rd Street Prom 12:18 a.m.
EMS 2000 Block of Montana 12:53 a.m.
EMS 800 Block of Ocean 1:52 a.m.
EMS 1700 Block of 18th 3:55 a.m.
EMS 1900 Block of Main 3:57 a.m.
EMS Yale/Santa Monica 6:20 a.m.
Vehicle Fire Main/Olympic 8:26 a.m.
EMS 2100 Block of Lincoln 9:29 a.m.
Public Assist 900 Block of Wilshire 9:30 a.m.
EMS 1600 Block of 11th 10:20 a.m.
EMS 1700 Block of Montana 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1800 Block of Lincoln 10:49 a.m.
EMS 500 Block of 14th 10:51 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3100 Block of Nebraska 11:10 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3100 Block of Olympic 11:11 a.m.
EMS 2800 Block of Ocean Front Walk 11:14 a.m.
EMS 1100 Block of 2nd 11:22 a.m.
EMS 1100 Block of Harvard 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1500 Block of 5th 11:43 a.m.
EMS 6th / California 12:04 p.m.
EMS 1100 Block of 11th 12:08 p.m.
EMS 2300 Block of 20th 12:17 p.m.
EMS 800 Block of Maple 12:30 p.m.
EMS 800 Block of Cedar 12:39 p.m.
EMS 500 Block of Olympic 1:10 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Comb parts
6 Similar
11 Commercial cow
12 California cager
13 More polite
14 Letter after psi
15 Singer Franklin
17 Baseball's Ripken
19 Assam export
20 Central
23 Install, as a cartridge
25 Continental coin
26 Put into words
28 Dance move
29 G or R
30 Jotting spot
31 Fast flier
32 Sheltered side
33 Urban grocery
35 Downloadable read
38 Stylishly quaint
41 DVR button
42 What a listener lends
43 Nervous
44 Pigeon perch

DOWN
1 Finger count
2 Quarterback Manning
3 Increased rapidly
4 Stadium section
5 Church's foe
6 Hilo hello
7 Eastern monk
8 Mamie's husband
9 Gunpowder holder
10 Historic time
16 Like some profs
17 Brooch feature
18 Main artery
20 Mangled
21 Tony winner Worth
22 Avoid
24 Brief drop
25 Put away
27 Sideways
31 Not serious
33 Head honcho
34 Drummer Krupa
35 MPG-rating grp.
36 Outlaw
37 Not at home
39 Cloth scrap
40 Refinery supply

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Yesterday's answer

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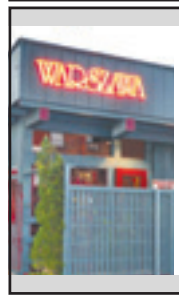
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

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

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

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/18
6 37 39 45 55
Power#: 33
Jackpot: 80M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/21
20 30 62 65 74
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 15M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 7/18
4 22 24 31 43
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 58M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/21
6 11 18 31 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 7/22
MIDDAY: 6 2 1
Draw Date: 7/21
EVENING: 1 7 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 7/21
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:41.92

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WORD UP!

risibility
1. Often, risibilities. the ability or disposition to laugh; humorous awareness of the ridiculous and absurd.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1927 – The first station of the Indian Broadcasting Company goes on the air in Bombay.

1929 – The Fascist government in Italy bans the use of foreign words.

1936 – In Catalonia, Spain, the Unified Socialist Party of Catalonia is founded through the merger of Socialist and Communist parties.

1940 – The United States' Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles issues a declaration on the U.S. non-recognition policy of the Soviet annexation and incorporation of three Baltic states: Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

1942 – The Holocaust: The Treblinka extermination camp is opened.

1942 – World War II: The German offensives Operation Edelweiss and Operation Braunschweig begin.

1942 – Bulgarian poet and Communist leader Nikola Vaptsarov is executed by firing squad.

1943 – The Rayleigh bath chair murder occurred in Rayleigh, Essex, England.

1943 – World War II: The British destroyers HMS Eclipse and HMS Laforey sink the Italian submarine Ascianghi in the Mediterranean after she torpedoes the cruiser HMS Newfoundland.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Suspicion Confirmed: In June 2015 research, scientists from Britain's University of Exeter and Queen Mary University of London warned that owners of "domestic" cats seem not, on average, to appreciate what vicious killers their pets are and urge, for instance, that they be kept indoors more often lest they decimate the neighborhood's bird and small-mammal populations. Estimates of the yearly death toll generated by housecats are "in the magnitude of millions" in the United Kingdom and "billions" in the United States.

■ The "parasitic ways" of the cuckoo bird were remarked upon "as far back as Aristotle," wrote a Wall Street Journal book reviewer in May, but some biologists may not have believed the behavior because it was so cold-blooded. The bird, according to Nick Davies' book "Cuckoo: Cheating by Nature," lays its eggs in other species' nests to trick those birds into incubating the cuckoos, who then hatch and kick the eggs of their host out of the nest. The mother cuckoo, it is said, times her mating schedule so that her eggs mature just before the victims' eggs would. Hence, according to Davies, she is "nature's most notorious cheat."

give a (bleep)

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

Production: *Tootsie* never out of fashion

By Andrew Shane Walters

Hey, you. Yeah, you! Looking for a laugh tonight? *Tootsie* is a roll, but it's not a candy, it's a roll of film. It's actually a classic, feature-length film. Ever heard of it?

Vidiots Foundation is having a free screening tonight at 7:30 pm! If you've never caught this hilarious 1982 flick then this is the perfect opportunity.



Tootsie was picked as the second funniest film ever by the American Film Institute.

Stroll over to Vidiots at 306 Pico Blvd. This movie will have you in stitches.

Visit vidiotsfoundation.org.

Performance: Eat up the *Midsummer*

Or we can hike up to Will Geer's Theatricum Botanicum in Topanga for their "Dinner and A Play"!

This is a limited time offer. Only seven select shows will have the option for a meal. Tonight is the first night: *A Midsummer Night's Dream.*

Dinners go from 6 pm to 7 pm, followed by a 30-minute break before the show begins. Each dinner also includes my favorite part of any meal — dessert. So come out and support a beautiful nonprofit with a gorgeous mission! For tickets, visit theatricum.com.



Publication: *Infinite* laughs at fundraiser

Could the laughter continue forever? Is there an *Infinite Jest* out there to keep us laughing?

Beyond Baroque is having a fundraiser tomorrow, celebrating late writer David Foster Wallace.

Visit beyondbaroque.org.

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Enjoy the moment, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Others seem to be making more requests than usual. Even if you are getting a little annoyed, remember how valued you are. Find a creative way of handling your popularity. Infuse more humor into the moment. Tonight: Time for a one-on-one with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your efficiency might be tested, but you will be able to move through a lot of questions and come up with helpful responses. Honor a change of pace. Know when to not get involved with a difficult loved one. Let this person cool off. Tonight: Allow someone to reel you in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others might be a little too serious-minded, but you'll remain nonjudgmental. Focus on your ever-growing creativity. You can breeze right through what others consider to be a major hassle. Be compassionate with a difficult loved one. Tonight: Ever playful and fun-loving.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be seeing a situation in a different light. Reveal your perspective, but also make a point of listening to someone else's. When you recognize the differences, you both can get away from your positions and perhaps consider other options. Tonight: Be less judgmental.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to come to an understanding with a key person. Start talking and make sure this person understands where you are coming from. Don't overreact, even if he or she slams the door on you. Just listen and respond. Tonight: Agree to disagree.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Approach a financial matter with discipline and sternness. Be careful when making any money agreements right now. You might need to root out a problem in order to have the financial freedom you want. Curb a tendency to overthink a problem. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Bring a treat to work for your co-workers or when meeting up with friends. You'll set the mood and be able to avoid a hassle. You could be worrying about a personal matter. Let it go and see how the situation develops. Tonight: Be careful what you ask for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news with an open mind, and be aware of what is happening around you. You are in a position to gain a lot of information, as long as you don't overreact. Be willing to ask a question or two, but keep a calm demeanor. Tonight: Head out the door to meet a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on your priorities, especially those involving a meeting. What you say has an impact and will make a difference. You might be privy to some important information that others aren't. Don't spill the beans; choose your words with care. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be in a position to take the lead on a project. You know how to delegate, and others remain responsive to your requests. Be more sensitive and open to feedback, as it will create a tighter bond between you and others. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Do more research and ask for feedback from people in the know. Detach when making a decision, and you will get feedback or opinions from those in your immediate circle. You could receive a lot of support from a close associate. Tonight: Count on a late bedtime.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could get an earful from a partner or associate. Be aware of your limits, and know what is needed here. Stay on top of a personal matter. A discussion could become volatile if you are not careful and choose to remain unresponsive. Tonight: The discussion continues.

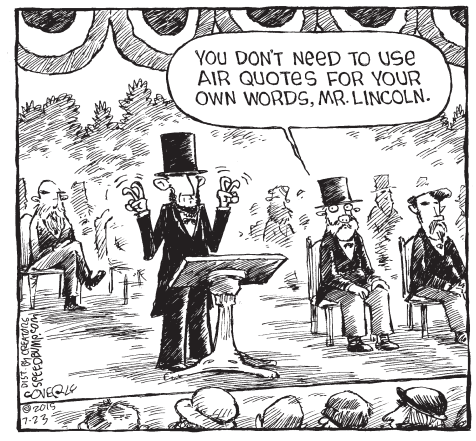
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This year you open the door to new adventures and new possibilities. You are likely to discover that the area in which you live offers a rich mix of activities and entertainment. If you are single, you easily will meet someone special in your day-to-day travels. The person you meet could affect your finances, but for the better. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy going out more often. You frequently can be found sitting together having a discussion or laughing. SCORPIO can be the anchor to your life.

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

Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



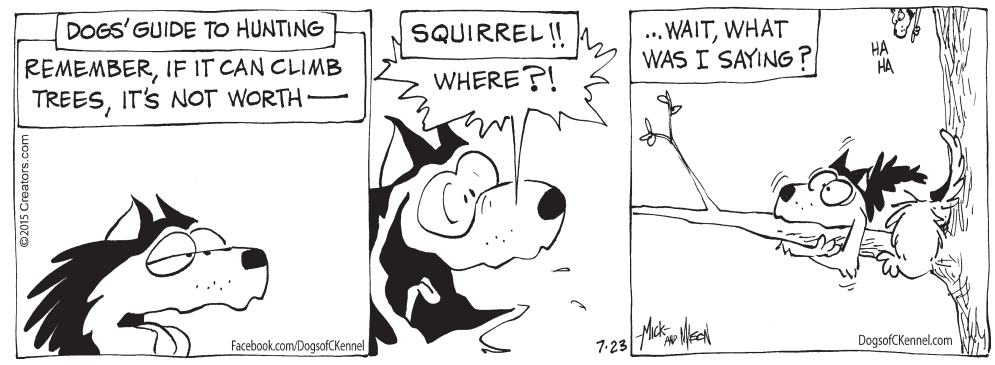
Strange Brew

By John Deering



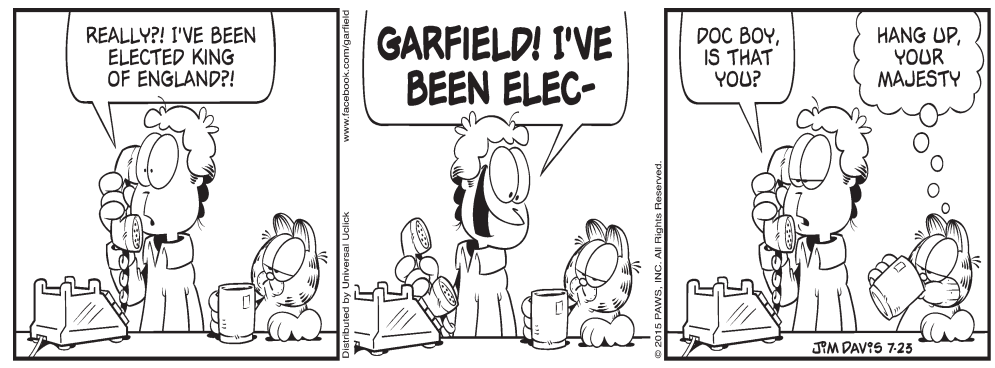
Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



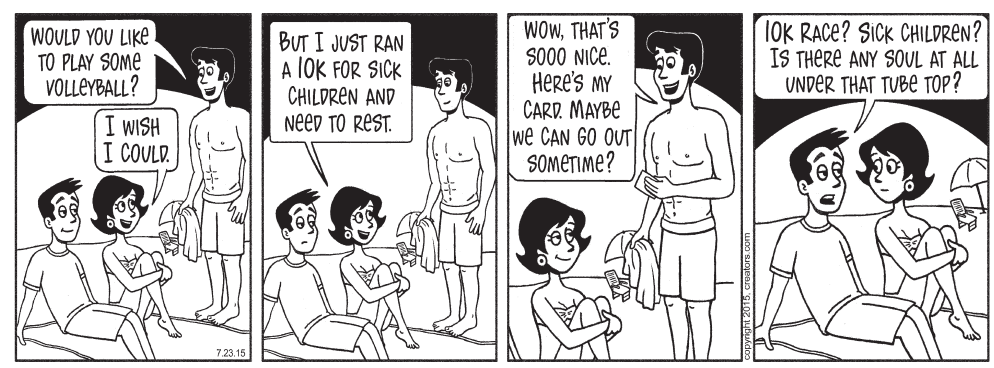
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By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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Yard Sales

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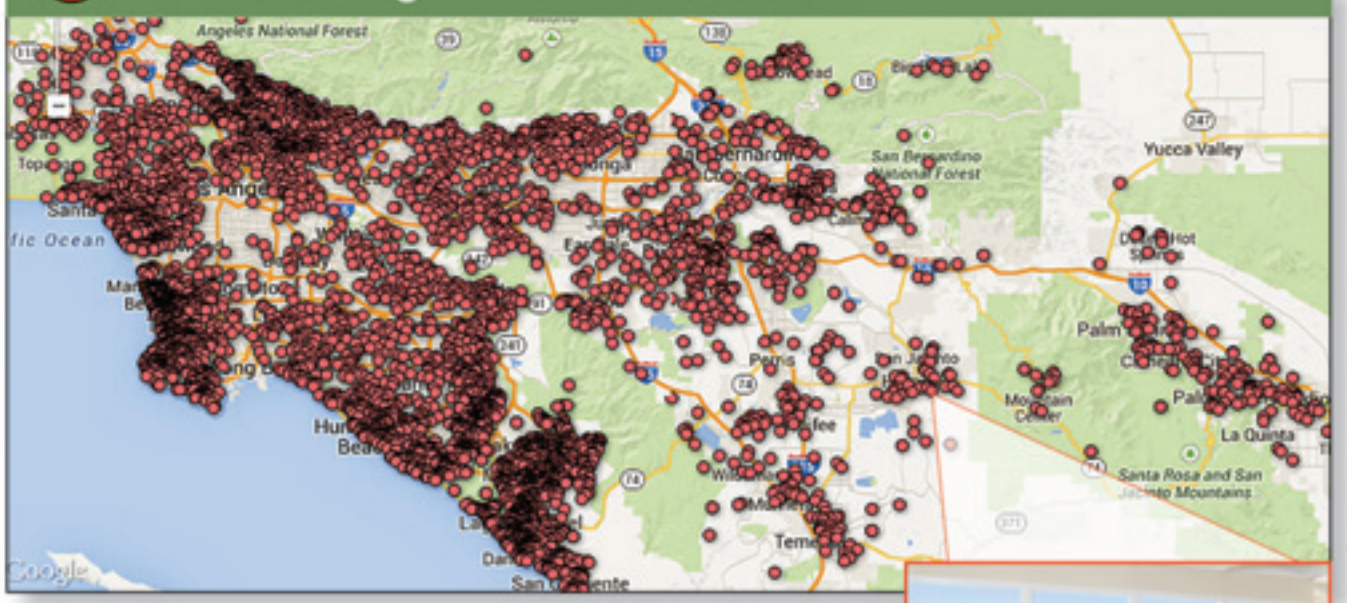
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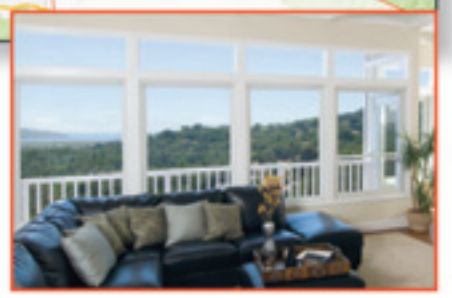
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