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# SMRR endorsements favor incumbents

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

It was a good day for incumbents at the annual Santa Monicans For Renters' Rights convention this weekend.

Three of the four possible endorsements for City Council went to incumbents as did two of three for School Board, three of three for the SMC Board and one of two for Rent Control Board.

As of Aug. 1, 15 candidates had requested paperwork to run for City Council but only six individuals sought the SMRR endorsement: Tony Vazquez, Gleam Davis, Ted Winterer, Terry O'Day, Jennifer Kennedy and Armen Melkonians.

To secure an endorsement from the convention, a candidate must receive 55 percent of the vote. If the first round of voting fails to nominate enough candidates to fill the available positions, candidates with less than 20 percent of the vote are eliminated and a second round of voting is held featuring the candidates who secured 20-55 percent during the first round. The process can repeat a third time if necessary.

Incumbents Vazquez, Winterer and Davis secured nominations in the first round of voting with 141, 140 and 114 votes out of 198. Incumbent O'Day, challenger Kennedy and challenger Melkonians were fourth, fifth and sixth. Melkonians was eliminated in the second round and neither O'Day or Kennedy received 55 percent in the third round.

The event's only moment of drama occurred between the second and third rounds of voting for City Council.

SMRR's bylaws allow for up to three rounds of voting when selecting candidates, but the third round isn't guaranteed. Typically a member would make a motion to hold the third round. This year, Nicole Phillis, who currently serves on the Rent Control Board but is not up for election this year, made a motion to end voting after two rounds. The motion met with vocal opposition from the crowd and prompted a substitute motion to take the vote to a third round.

After speeches for and against the motion a third round of voting was held but it failed to pick a can-

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# National Night Out spreads to four parks

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department is hosting National Night Out, tonight from 6 – 8 p.m. throughout the city. All events have free food, snacks and drinks while supplies last. Events are scheduled at four locations citywide and organizers are encouraging participants from all four locations to gather at Clover Park at 8:15 p.m. for a free showing of Kung Fu Panda to cap the evening.

Tongva Park (1615 Ocean Ave.) in Beat 1 will host a welcome from Neighborhood Resource Officer Marilyn Amiache. Entertainment includes music from the 80's

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# Pushing his cluck

*The kooky story of the owner of Santa Monica's chicken car*



Courtesy Photo

**ROOSTING:** The chicken car is seen less often today, but still solicits a strong reaction.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

If you've spent any significant amount of time in Santa Monica over the years, you've probably seen the chicken car.

It's become a piece of local lore, a legend among the multitudes of motorists and pedestrians whose paths it has crossed.

It's the bright yellow one with the giant rooster head atop its roof and curved tail feathers protruding from its trunk.

It's got an exterior audio system that plays a series of clucking noises and a backstory that sounds just as strange.

Its official name is El Gallo Grande (Spanish for "The Big Rooster"), its saga is closely linked to Santa Monica and its owner is a former racecar driver who saw it one day and decided he had to have it.

'MEANT TO BE'

Tommy Kendall was sitting in his Glendale office nearly 20 years ago when he heard a strange sound outside.

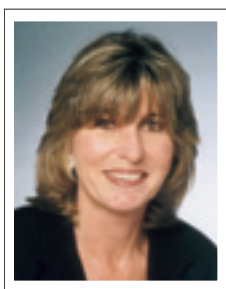
"I was like, 'What is that noise?'" the Santa Monica resident recalled. "It was sitting out there in the rain, just clucking. I said, 'Oh, my God, that's the coolest thing. I've got to have that.'"

Kendall rushed outside and flagged down a woman who told him the rusty car had been transported from Ohio to Southern California for a movie production. He gave his name and phone number to the woman, offering $3,500 for a vehicle he believed was priceless. She said she would pass along his information to the owner.

Silence ensued.

Kendall used his platform as an occasional Autoweek magazine writer to pen a back-page

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## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Tuesday, August 2

### Summer Baby Time @ Main

Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. 10:15 - 10:35 a.m. Children's Activity Room, Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

### Teen Film Series: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 (2011)

Answer trivia before the movie for a fun prize. 2 - 4:15 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

### Drumming with Rhythm Child

Develop your drumming, confidence, and coordination at this interactive performance. Tickets required; space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before each event. Ages 4 and up. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

### Adult Summer Reading Goes to the Ballgame: Summer Film Series

Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses The Natural, a classic baseball movie starring Robert Redford, about an unknown player who becomes an overnight legend (Film runtime: 138 min.). 6 to 8:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

### Computer Basics I

Hands-on introduction to computers. Learn how to use a mouse and keyboard, work with Windows and basic computer terms. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Computer Classroom, 2nd floor Main Branch Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

### Kimberly Truhler, Fashion in Film

Truhler will discuss the style icons of Old Hollywood in the noir-tinged 1940s - including Rita Hayworth, Lauren Bacall, Veronica Lake, and Lana Turner. The presentation includes stills from the movies along with images from today's fashion. Alongside the visuals Truhler narrates fascinating tidbits of film history, various costume and fashion designers, and the fascinating backstories of the stars. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fashion-in-film-the-1940s-with-kimberly-truhler-registration-26392072399 6:30 - 8 pm. Garden Terrace Room, Annenberg Community Beach House. 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

## Wednesday, August 3

### Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market

The Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Third Street Promenade.

### Mindfulness Meditation

Enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. Stay for five minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. 5:30 - 6 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

### Movie: Venus and Serena

This inspiring 2012 documentary takes an unfiltered look into the remarkable lives of the greatest sister-act professional tennis has ever

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# Pico Resident Follows Her Heart, Changes Lives

BY GRACE SMITH
Special to the Daily Press

The first thing people mention about Elizabeth "Liz" Cruz is her warm, welcoming smile. Cruz is a Santa Monican through and through: she lives in the Pico neighborhood where she was born and raised; graduated from Santa Monica High School and from Santa Monica College (SMC) in 2000. Her path was riddled with obstacles-but Cruz would transfer from SMC to UCLA, and next obtain a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California in 2010.

"SMC was very good to me," she reminisces. But that statement can be applied to her, because Cruz has been very good to the Santa Monica community. Today, she devotes all her free time to Virginia Avenue Park (VAP), a frequent childhood haunt. She serves as Chair of the VAP Advisory Board and is a member of ad-hoc committees envisioning new programs and services-all this in addition to her full-time job as a licensed clinical social worker at Family Service of Santa Monica, where she offers mental health counseling.

Cruz was raised as one of five children by a single mother, and the family was hit by more than one major calamity. A brother was the victim of a shooting that nearly took his life; Cruz and her mother nursed him back to health from multiple wounds. Not long after Cruz started at UCLA, her sister Cindy committed suicide, and she put college on hold as her family recovered from the tragedy.

These tribulations might have broken a lesser person. But they only made Liz Cruz more determined to pay forward the kindnesses offered to her throughout her life. A journey of community involvement that began at Samohi would become her destiny.

### THE UPWARD JOURNEY

At Samohi, Cruz got involved in MEChA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlan). She loved how supportive the club's advisor was of promoting higher education among Latinos and Latinas. She enjoyed the community work-like organizing Thanksgiving and Christmas food drives to help families in need.

"In the 10th grade, I attended a Latina Youth Conference," says Cruz. "One woman spoke about her job… she was a social worker. Something magical happened to me-and I knew that's what I wanted to be."

Her journey toward that goal began with the help of her brother, Jaime Cruz-an SMC alum who is now a History instructor at the college-and two SMC counselors who had also been instrumental in her brother's success: Benny Blaydes and Oscar Galindo.

When Galindo first met her, Cruz had been accepted at New Mexico State University. He had to be the bearer of bad news, as Cruz and her family had not considered the out-of-state student costs. Instead, Galindo directed her to SMC classes

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Courtesy Image

**PARTY: There will be four National Night Out celebrations in Santa Monica.**

## NIGHT
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Centerfold band, Orange Theory Fitness teaching getting fit with hits from the 80's and a raffle. Additional on-site activities include: Bubblemania, games in the Kid Zone and a scavenger hunt.

Beat 2 at Clover Park (2600 Ocean Park Blvd.) will start with a welcome from Neighborhood Resource Officer Erik Milosevich. Entertainment will be provided by the Westside 6 Band and the Chinese Dragons Dance Team. On-site activities include: raffles, a scavenger hunt, karate demo and obstacle course. Clover Park will host a showing of Kung Fu Panda at 8:15 p.m.

In Beat 3 at Virginia Ave. Park (2200 Virginia Ave.) there will be a welcome from Neighborhood Resource Officer Richard Verbeck. Entertainment will feature the Blackburn Country Band and DJ Bender. on-site activities include: a raffle, inflatable slide, jumper – horse and carnival games.

Beat 4 will be hosted in Douglas Park (2439 Wilshire Blvd.) Neighborhood Resource Officer Capri Redondo will provide the welcome. Entertainment will include a strolling magician and magic show at about 7:15 p.m. on-site activities include a kids dance contest, raffle, police officer photo scavenger hunt, face painting, kids crafts and photo booth.

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seen. 7 to 8:45 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium, Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

### Planning Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. 7 p.m. City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main St.

## Thursday, August 4

### Build Your Own Website
Learn the basics of creating a webpage of your own using Weebly.com in this hands-on class. Advanced level. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Please visit the Reference Desk or call us at (310) 434-2608. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Computer Classroom, 2nd floor Main Branch Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

### Let's Code!
Learn basic coding skills using Raspberry Pi. Space is limited, register beginning July 1. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

### Paws to Read
Practice your reading skills by reading to a trained therapy dog from Paws 4 Healing. 2 - 3 p.m. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

### Read a Play
Discover great plays while uncovering your inner actor. This new monthly group will read through a different play each month, with each in attendance taking part in the read through. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

### NOMA meeting
Status of the Downtown Community Plan and its second upcoming "Preservation & Change" Workshop. Santa Monica City Code Compliance; and the Growing Mosquito Problem. Code Compliance Officer Armando Rangel and Heather Teodoro, of the West Vector Control District, are slated to make presentations. Local neighborhood issues will also be on the agenda. The North of Montana Association meets each 1st Thursday. For further information, go to www.smnoma.org. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue, at 7 pm. Light refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

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## What's the Point?

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# Models and mentors

**IF AMERICANS HAVE ONE UNIFYING** trait, it would be our constant search for personal empowerment and achievement. We see it in the people we idolize, the heroes we recognize and honor, and those who carry the message of hope and lessons on success.

Ronald Wroght once said, "Socialism never took root in America because the poor see themselves not as an exploited proletariat but as temporarily embarrassed millionaires."

I have to agree with that sentiment. We idolize the rich, but not in the same way as other nations do. We believe we'll be rich one day and, as a consequence, we side with the rich in arguments on issues like taxation even when it's not, in reality, in our best interest.

Charlatans, scammers, and con-men have a long and illustrious history in America playing on what is arguably both our strength and our greatest weakness: our social mobility. It is true that we can work hard, and achieve. But it helps if we're smart, good-looking, talented and singularly focused on our goals. That does not describe most people, who are lazy, unwilling to put in the effort to become smart in an area, and easily distracted.

Which makes for a population that is ripe for abuse with the sale of easy, silver-bullet solutions to make them rich quickly and with little effort. Hence the television salesmen who trumpet salvation for $10 a month, plastic kitchen appliances that will free up your time for "better living" and reality show characters like Kim Kardashian with makeup lines and phone apps that mimic her "Hollywood Life" for $2.99 a month.

As a young man I was frothy at the mouth with a desire to be uber-wealthy, and I still want wealth, but I value those who achieve it differently today. I look deeper into the value of what is being sold and transferred.

One of America's true success stories is Tony Robbins, and he has a documentary out on Netflix called "Tony Robbins: I Am Not Your Guru." It is a behind-the-scenes look at his six-day Date With Destiny training in Florida. Some 2,500 people pay a minimum of $4,995 to spend six 12- to 14-hour days in a conference room being inspired, emotionally pushed and pulled, to confront their personal obstacles. This is a $12.5-million moneymaker for Robbins, not including the VIP and platinum-level private coaching sessions he'll do. Not a bad paycheck for a week.

Of course, that is not all profit, and it doesn't take a week to get there, and he doesn't do it alone, but the point is he does well selling empowerment and inspiration. The people I know who have taken his courses have good things to say and that the value is there. Some of my friends have made life-changing decisions based on his courses, so I would say he is a model and mentor that is worthy of respect.

At the local level, we have many great sources of inspiration and teachers of life skills. I was lucky enough to attend one such course from my friend, John Wineland, who works with people to be more authentic and connected in their life and relationships. He was on my men's family law podcast as a guest, so he invited me to attend his "Beyond Your Edge" workshop two weeks ago. We don't have a business relationship; we are just friends.

This workshop was a men-only event, but he works with both men and women on identifying and focusing the energy they put out, whether masculine or feminine, and seeing how it affects relationships.

It was a hot Sunday and 30 very different men filled a loft space in Santa Monica. They were of all ages, from young 20-somethings to early 60s, mostly straight; I think I was the lone gay man, but maybe not. The workshop took me through exercises designed to open me to releasing pent-up emotions and getting feedback on how I presented to the world. There were challenging exercises and some that seemed silly at first but had hidden value.

John's 7-hour course costs $97, and I heard guys saying it was totally worth it. Personally, I think the work he did with the men, and the lessons learned, are worth far more than that. When you find your true value, and how to bring it to your relationships and life, it seems to me that it should be worth more than just above minimum wage.

It is good to have models and mentors - I think we need to choose them wisely. I recommend the Robbins documentary as a look into what Tony offers (tonyrobbins.com), and I think that John Wineland (johnwineland.com) offers a unique and intimate experience that is more valuable than it cost.

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## CHICKEN

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column about the car, telling readers he was trying to track it down and buy it. Still no luck.

The topic came up again at an ensuing Autoweek dinner function. At Kendall's request, the magazine published another note along with a photo he had taken the day he saw the chicken car.

About a month later, Kendall received a serendipitous phone message from one of the magazine's Los Angeles-based editors. The car was reportedly at the Wilson & Vallely Towing facility in Santa Monica, not far from Kendall's residence on 14th Street.

When Kendall arrived at the impound yard, he was told that he couldn't see the car but that it would be auctioned off if it remained unclaimed. Undeterred, he took $10,000 out of the bank, arrived early for the morning sale and ended up paying $895 for the unusually decorated 1973 Oldsmobile 98. There were no other bidders on the clucking clunker.

"I was not letting this go," Kendall said, who found on the backseat the note he had given the woman outside his Glendale office. "I never thought why. I just thought, 'Why not?' It was clearly meant to be."

### ROOST MOBILE

The screams were almost as reliable as the sunrise: "Chicken car! Chicken carrrrrrrr!"

When he lived on Lincoln Boulevard near Montana Avenue, Kendall heard the yelling almost every morning as children passed his vehicle on their way to Roosevelt Elementary School.

Indeed, there's something about El Gallo Grande that has resonated with locals over the last two decades. It even has its own Facebook profile.

It has gained popularity in part because it has lived mostly on the street, unable to fit in the garages at Kendall's various residences over the years.

One time, a woman was parked temporarily in Kendall's driveway because her child wanted to see the chicken car. The woman was Helen Hunt.

Another time, Kendall was dwelling on a life problem as he sat in the vehicle, waiting for a homeless person to cross the street.

"They got halfway across the street and broke into the biggest grin," he said.

Kendall estimates that the lion's share of onlookers find the car intriguing, if not downright entertaining. Some, however, think it's an eyesore. Residents near Canyon Charter School once complained about its presence in the neighborhood, prompting Kendall to store it to the Fairmont Miramar hotel for the last five years with the support of a personal connection there.

These days, it is kept under cover at an undisclosed warehouse.

"He misses the interaction," Kendall said.

### READY FOR ANYTHING

As far as Kendall is concerned, the chicken car is in it for the long haul.

In 2007, he said, it was totaled when a newly licensed teenager crashed into it while texting. And what did Kendall do? He went on eBay, found another 1973 Oldsmobile 98 in Iowa, painted it yellow and transferred the decorative pieces.

In 2009, after losing a bet, he and his brother drove the new El Gallo Grande across the country, from the Westside to Talladega Superspeedway in Alabama. It was featured in a ceremonial lap on race morning.

"He's a popular fellow," Kendall said.

Now a racing commentator and automotive spokesman who owns rental property in town, Kendall has taken an active role in perpetuating the legend of the chicken car. He often tells people that it's his only car (it isn't). And he sometimes pushes the lie, saying he bought it at night and didn't realize how bizarre it was.

Before Kendall owned the car, it was used to promote a radio station and, later, a pet convention. Many wrongly assume he's advertising something, although he's made money by renting it out for commercials and events. The previous owner has contacted him, trying to reclaim it, but he has no plans of giving it up.

Kendall has thought about building a drift-car version. He's considered starting up a nonprofit and harnessing the chicken car's popularity to raise money for charity. In the meantime, he's happy that the epic tale of El Gallo Grande continues.

"We've had a tremendous amount of fun," Kendall said. "Every time you take it out, it's a new adventure. Weird stuff happens all the time. I used to be sort of surprised by that. Now, I know it's going to happen."

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**MURAL: : Liz Cruz, Chair of the Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board, stands under a mural inside the VAP Teen Center which features her sister Cindy (top right) who died shortly after Liz transferred from SMC to UCLA.**

## SMC

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that would put her on the transfer track. She had to work her way up from pre-college level math and English, an insurmountable challenge for many students.

When Galindo told Cruz she might need to repeat classes, that she had to "do what she needs to do to get where she needs to be," he remembers that she embraced that without a second thought.

Blaydes, then a counselor with the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) program-which supports the academic success of students challenged by economic and educational disadvantages-connected Cruz with programs and support services including Pico Promise, a joint partnership between SMC and the City of Santa Monica. UCLA and USC were not on Cruz's radar, but Blaydes told her that she could get there. She began doing well, and soon those universities became a concrete goal.

Throughout high school and college, Cruz also worked in different capacities for the City of Santa Monica, from administrative jobs to tutoring students at Virginia Avenue Park and through the City's CREST student enrichment program. She met many families and children, interacted with local elementary schools, and became a caseworker for Jewish Vocational Service at VAP, which found jobs for at-risk youth in the Pico neighborhood.

### EMPOWERING OTHERS TO OVERCOME

After receiving a Master of Social Work degree from USC, Cruz began to work with severely mentally ill and suicidal children, first in the Valley, then in the South Bay-in schools, in group and family therapy. Five years later, she returned to work in Santa Monica.

"It's just great to come full circle-back here to the Park, to give back in some capacity," says Cruz. "Now I get to work with a lot of the families I first saw as a City employee. Some of the kids whose parents I worked with now have kids of their own!"

Cruz's commitment to the students she works with extends beyond the confines of a program. While a graduate student at USC, Cruz had volunteered for a mentoring program for high school students planned in partnership with Youth Justice Coalition, Inglewood. While the program never got off the ground, Cruz kept nurturing her mentee Danielle Argueta.

Argueta, who now works with The Boys and Girls Club in the Bakersfield area, says that while at first it seemed "random" that they were paired together, it turned out to be anything but. When Argueta was young she had been a victim of a drive-by shooting that left profound psychological effects. She and Cruz talked about this and other things at their monthly meetings.

"We found common ground talking about mental health, and Liz would talk about losing her sister," says Argueta. "I was a very angry kid, but she helped me process my feelings by sharing her own experiences."

Negativity was embedded in the environment she grew up in, says Argueta, but Cruz changed her outlook-inspiring her with her kindness, and with how Cruz has stayed focused on the positive through adversity.

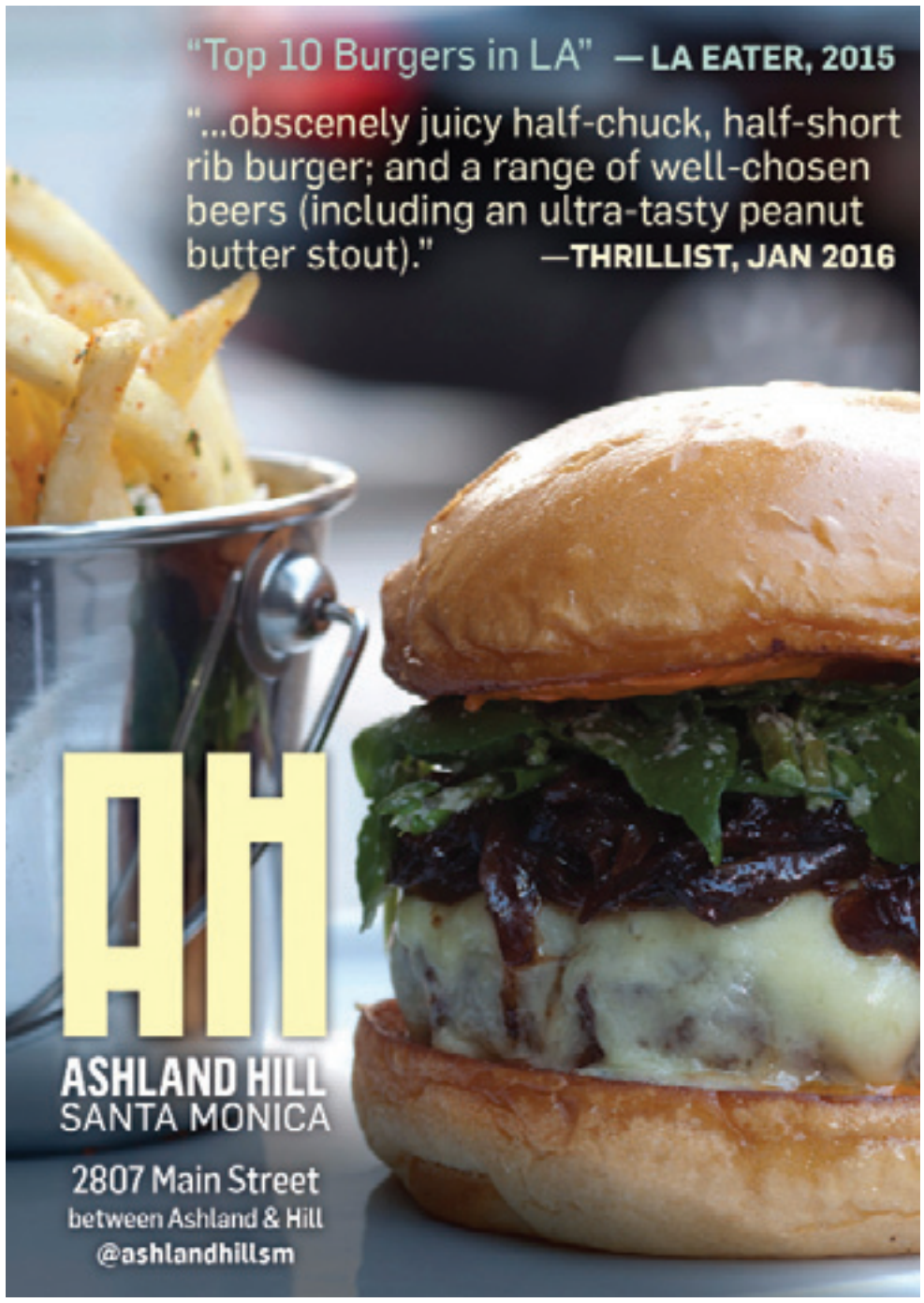
Cruz's SMC counselors described her as shy and unsure of what she could accomplish when they first met her. Gloria Garcia, a member of VAP's parents group-whose meetings Cruz attends as a volunteer-uses those same words to describe herself. But this was until she met Cruz.

"I used to be scared and shy about speaking up," remembers Garcia. "But Liz always encouraged me, saying 'You can do it,' and then I would see her smile…that always made me feel so welcome." Soon, Garcia will join Cruz on the VAP Advisory Board. And, she says, Cruz was right.

"It works! Now I feel happy to say, 'Yeah, I can do it'," says Garcia. "Even if I don't know how, I know I can learn."

Her SMC counselors credit Cruz's work ethic and the support of her family, especially her beloved mother, for her success. As for Cruz, it has only been a matter of following her heart. "I do everything from my heart," she says. "I feel blessed to be able to give back and connect with families in my community."

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City of Santa Monica

**RESCHEDULED**

**Community Meeting for Update of the City of Santa Monica's Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance**

**Project Address:** City-wide
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, August 18, 2016
**Meeting Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm
**Meeting Address:** Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Santa Monica

You are invited to attend a community meeting regarding an ordinance update to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Chapter 9.32 – Telecommunication Facilities. The City's existing standards and regulations regarding cellular telephone facilities and others on private property date back to the mid-1990's and need to be updated to reflect current federal and state regulations.

This community meeting will introduce the changes in federal and state regulations and changes that are proposed to the existing ordinance. This meeting is the first step in the ordinance update process which will have additional opportunities for your input. The City's consultant and City staff will make a presentation and will be available to answer questions.

You may contact Paul Foley, Principal Planner at (310) 458-8341 or at paul.foley@smgov.net with any questions or to obtain a post-meeting written summary.

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**Meeting Location:**




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## SMRR

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didate. In 2014, voting on council candidates ended after two rounds.

SMRR members endorsed school board incumbents Ralph Mechur and Maria Leon Vazquez. Three seats are open on the board this year and challenger Jon Kean won the last slot. Challenger Phil Brock had sought the endorsement after choosing to run for School Board instead of City Council.

SMC Board incumbents Rob Rader, Susan Aminoff and Margaret Quinones-Perez won endorsements over challenger Sion Roy.

Only two individuals requested the endorsement for Rent Control Board, incumbent Anastasia Foster and challenger Caroline Torosis. Both secured endorsements.

The convention attendees also voted on endorsements for ballot measures. Members endorsed the City's proposed tax increase and modifications to the city's anti-corruption laws. However members voted not to support the Land Use Voter Empowerment Initiative.

The wording of the LUVE vote was specific and based on the motion, campaign materials will be able to say that SMRR does not support LUVE but will not say the organization opposes it.

As passed, the motion read, "SMRR does not support the Residocracy initiative, and instead wants the steering committee, community and City Council to work on a measure requiring voter approval of any project proposed beyond the standards of a City Council approved zoning code."

Current Councilman Kevin McKeown said the vote showed a strong opposition to LUVE by SMRR members.

"I've said all along that as people come to understand how extreme the Residocracy initiative really is, and how full of unintended consequences, they will instead look for ways to deal with traffic and growth that don't sacrifice our inclusive community values," he said.

If the membership fails to fill all available endorsement slots, the steering committee can chose to fill the vacancies. Those decisions are not bound by the convention voting and in 2014 the committee selected Sue Himmelrich to round out the council endorsements.

This year, the committee will meet in the coming weeks to determine if, and who, they want to fill the final endorsement slot.



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**CONVENTION: Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights favored incumbents for this year's election.**

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# Tesla's deal for SolarCity could speed sustainable energy

**DEE-ANN DURBIN**
AP Auto Writer

Tesla wants to put its car and energy storage businesses under one solar-powered roof.

Tesla said Monday it will buy solar panel maker SolarCity Corp. in an all-stock deal worth $2.6 billion. The deal must still be approved by the government and shareholders at both companies. It's expected to close in the fourth quarter if it goes through.

Thirteen-year-old Tesla currently makes two luxury vehicles - the Model S sedan and Model X SUV- as well as Powerwall and Powerpack energy storage units for homes and businesses.

The company said Monday that a tie-up with SolarCity would create a one-stop shop for cleaner energy. With one service call, customers could get their solar panels installed and connected to a Powerwall, which preserves energy for later use. Users could also get the system hooked up to chargers for one of Tesla's vehicles.

"This is really all part of solving the sustainable energy problem," said Elon Musk, the chairman and biggest shareholder of both companies, during a conference call.

But some have questioned the wisdom of the deal, which combines two money-losing companies that already have a lot on their plates.

Tesla is working feverishly on its new, lower-cost Model 3 sedan, which is due out by the end of next year, as well as pickups, electric buses and semi-trucks. It's in the midst of building one of the world's largest factories in Nevada to make batteries. And it's under investigation by the government after the semi-autonomous Autopilot system in its Model S failed to prevent a fatal crash in Florida.

Ten-year-old SolarCity is the top provider of residential solar panels in the U.S., and installs about one-fifth of all commercial solar panels. But the company said Monday that it experienced lower-than-expected residential bookings in the first half of the year, so it's reducing its full-year guidance for megawatts installed.

Others have questioned the conflicts of interest in the deal. Musk owns a 26 percent stake in Tesla Motors Inc., based in Palo Alto, California, and a 22.5 percent stake in SolarCity Corp., which is based in nearby San Mateo, California. Musk's cousins, Lyndon Rive and Peter Rive, run SolarCity.

But Musk said the companies have synergies they can't take advantage of unless they're combined.

"The point of the merger is to get rid of the conflicts," he said. "Until then it's very limited what we can do unless we are one company."

Musk said he believes the companies could save $150 million to $200 million in the first year alone by streamlining manufacturing, sales and service. Customers could learn about SolarCity products at Tesla's 190 stores, for example, and save on installation costs because they'd be done more efficiently. Tesla also would give SolarCity access to international customers.

SolarCity's stock slid more than 8 percent to $24.56 in afternoon trading Monday. Tesla's shares fell 1.3 percent to $231.71.

Tesla's current offer values SolarCity's shares at $25.37. That's less than the $26.50 to $28.50 value it placed on them in June, when it made its initial overture to SolarCity. Musk said he had no role in establishing the value of the deal.

"I know about as much as you do about how this price was obtained," he said.

S&P Global raised its target price for SolarCity shares to $26 but reiterated its "sell" opinion on Tesla shares Monday, saying the deal benefits SolarCity more than Tesla.

"We see benefits from a combined solar/storage offering and manufacturing efficiencies, but remain concerned about cash flow and capital needs," S&P analyst Efraim Levy said in a research note to investors.

The deal may draw more attention to the financial position of both companies. Tesla has lost $1.2 billion in the past two years alone while SolarCity has suffered losses exceeding $1.1 billion during the same span. Analysts surveyed by FactSet are predicting a $416 million loss from Tesla this year while they believe SolarCity will lose $851 million.

Rebecca Lindland, a senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book, said the deal addresses a tiny market for now. About 1 percent of the 17 million cars sold in the U.S. are electric and only 1.4 percent of single family homes have solar power.

Those markets are expected to grow over time, she said, but in the meantime, both businesses are capital intensive and propped up by government incentives. Electric car buyers can currently get a $7,500 federal tax credit, for example, while solar panel buyers can deduct 30 percent of the cost of their installation from their federal taxes.

"If anything happens with incentives or the economy in general, this could come crashing down even faster than others are projecting," Lindland said.

SolarCity has a 45-day "go-shop" period in which it can solicit alternative acquisition proposals. It will have to pay Tesla a $78.2 million termination fee unless it ends the deal with Tesla in order to enter an agreement with a third party that initially made an alternative offer before the "go-shop" period ended. If that happens, SolarCity would pay a $26.1 million termination fee, according to a regulatory filing.

Musk said if someone makes a better offer for SolarCity, he has committed to vote his shares with that offer.

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TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SSW swell continues in the AM then starts to ease in the PM. Minor NW windswell mixing in. Light wind through the first half of morning with incoming tide push.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to waist high
Small mix of old/easing SSW swell, new/building SSW swell, and NW windswell.

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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 19 AT ABOUT 9:25 A.M.

Officers responded to call of a robbery in the area of 4th Street and Colorado Avenue. An investigation revealed the victim was sitting on a bench in the 300 block of Colorado. The suspect approached and grabbed his luggage and attempted to flee with the victim's property. The suspect continued eastbound on Colorado. The victim confronted the suspect. The suspect removed a metal handle from the luggage and struck the victim in face and body multiple times. The suspect, later identified as Alfred Anthony Fellis, 44, homeless, also kicked and punched the victim. The suspect fled the area with the victim's property. Officers located the suspect at 2nd Street and Broadway. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The victim was treated at the scene for his injuries by SMFD paramedics. Fellis was booked for robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and a probation violation. Bail was set at $50,000.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 385 calls for service on July 31.

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

Party complaint 800 block of San Vicente 12:20 a.m.
Burglary 0 block of Sea Colony 1:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 300 block of Olympic 1:22 a.m.
Traffic hazard 2900 block of 4th 1:56 a.m.
Assault 500 block of San Vicente 3:06 a.m.
Attempt burglary 1400 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:36 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1400 block of 3rd 6:26 a.m.
Burglary 3100 block of Wilshire 7:12 a.m.
Person down 1800 block of Ocean 7:28 a.m.
Burglary 2600 block of 34th 8:11 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1300 block of Pacific 8:25 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block of 20th 8:36 a.m.
Grand theft 1900 block of Lincoln 8:54 a.m.
Hit and run Pacific Coast Hwy/California Incline 8:58 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1600 block of Ocean 9:15 a.m.
Vandalism 1800 block of 10th 10:05 a.m.
Battery 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 10:12 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 800 block of Broadway 10:14 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 10:17 a.m.
Expired registration 400 block of Georgina 10:25 a.m.
Speeding 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk 10:28 a.m.
Expired registration 2600 block of 2nd 10:29 a.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block of Santa Monica 10:30 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block of 14th 10:43 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of 26th 10:46 a.m.
Fraud 300 block of 11th 10:46 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block of the beach 10:59 a.m.
Battery 20th/Pico 11:14 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 11:15 a.m.
Traffic collision 800 block of Montana 11:27 a.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Wilshire 11:35 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block of 2nd 11:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block of 11th 11:40 a.m.
Grand theft 200 block of Santa Monica Pl 11:44 a.m.
Petty theft Chelsea/Santa Monica 12:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block of 14th 12:56 p.m.
Hit and run Main/Ocean Park 1:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:17 p.m.
Person down 700 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:18 p.m.
Vandalism 2500 block of Main 1:30 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2500 block of 6th 1:44 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 17th 1:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 17th 1:52 p.m.
Fight 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 1:58 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 55 calls for service on July 31.

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

Injuries from assault 17th/Michigan 12:02 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 3rd 12:22 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 12th 12:34 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Broadway 2:07 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Virginia 2:23 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of Appian 2:29 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 2:45 a.m.
EMS 6th/Broadway 3:21 a.m.
Public assist 1200 block of 9th 5:09 a.m.
EMS 700 block of 9th 5:29 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of Montana 5:42 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Georgina 8:52 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Sunset 9:29 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Berkeley 9:31 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Wilshire 9:42 a.m.
Injuries from assault 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 10:15 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 4th 10:42 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 11th 10:58 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 11:16 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Montana 11:23 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 9th 11:39 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 12 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Arizona 12:25 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean Front Walk 12:43 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 12:59 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Main 1:11 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:18 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Ocean Front Walk 2:32 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of 20th 3:37 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1100 block of 4th 5:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:22 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 20th 5:25 p.m.
Elevator rescue 300 block of Montana 5:31 p.m.
EMS 200 block of 26th 7:02 p.m.
EMS 4th/Colorado 7:34 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 7:42 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Interstate 10 7:45 p.m.
EMS 200 block of California 8 p.m.

# CROSSWORD

**By THOMAS JOSEPH**

**ACROSS**

**1** Intellectual showoff
**7** Ilk
**11** Muse of astronomy
**12** Aspirin target
**13** It's pushed in a crisis
**15** Like many dorm rooms
**16** Phobia
**18** Amorous archer
**21** Jack's friend
**22** Bring together
**24** Boxing great
**25** Track trip
**26** "You there!"
**27** Boards, as a train
**29** Hand over
**30** 1920s art style
**31** Golf goals
**32** Dizzying designs
**34** Navel
**40** In the thick of
**41** Queued up
**42** Squirrel's cache
**43** Was abundant

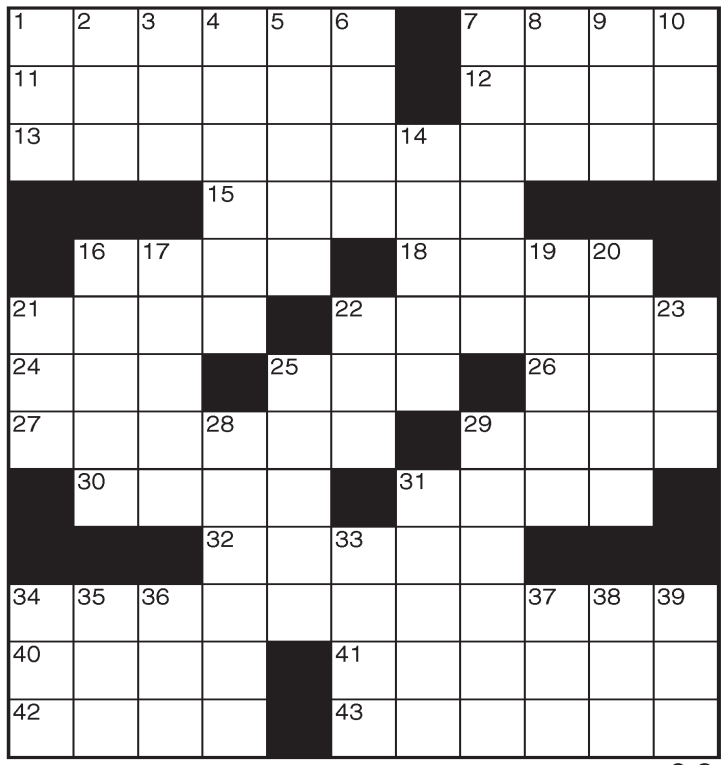
**DOWN**

**1** Young seal
**2** Historic time
**3** Football's Marino
**4** Zoo resident
**5** More polite
**6** Bar bills
**7** Nymph chasers
**8** Halloween mo.
**9** Letter after pi
**10** Finger count
**14** Deplete
**16** Did clerical work
**17** Select group
**19** Different
**20** Garden starters
**21** Drinking spree
**22** Fellow
**23** Deli bread
**25** Eccentric
**28** Bawls out
**29** Some livestock
**31** Wrinkly fruit
**33** Somewhat
**34** Outlaw
**35** Outback bird
**36** Ignited
**37** Singer McGraw
**38** Count start
**39** Homer's neighbor

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# Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★

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## GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

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## DAILY LOTTERY

**POWERBALL**
Draw Date: 7/30
11 17 21 23 32
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 40M

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 7/29
11 16 19 31 48
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 25M

**SUPER LOTTO**
Draw Date: 7/30
2 3 27 28 30
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 22M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/31
7 10 18 24 35

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 7/31
MIDDAY: 1 7 0
Draw Date: 7/31
EVENING: 2 3 8

**DAILY DERBY**
Draw Date: 7/31
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:47.39

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## WORD UP!

**conciliate** 1. to overcome the distrust or hostility of; placate; win over: to conciliate an angry competitor. 2. to win or gain (goodwill, regard, or favor).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1937** – The Marihuana Tax Act of 1937 is passed in America, the effect of which is to render marijuana and all its by-products illegal.

**1939** – Albert Einstein and Leo Szilard write a letter to Franklin D. Roosevelt, urging him to begin the Manhattan Project to develop a nuclear weapon.

**1943** – Jewish prisoners stage a revolt at Treblinka, one of the deadliest of Nazi death camps where approximately 900,000 persons were murdered in less than 18 months.

**1943** – World War II: The Motor Torpedo Boat PT-109 is rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri and sinks. Lt. John F. Kennedy, future U.S. President, saves all but two of his crew.

**1944** – ASNOM: Birth of the Socialist Republic of Macedonia, celebrated as Day of the Republic in the Republic of Macedonia.

**1944** – World War II: The largest trade convoy of the world wars arrives safely in the Western Approaches.

**1947** – A British South American Airways Avro Lancastrian airliner crashes into a mountain during a flight from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Santiago, Chile. The wreckage would not be found until 1998.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ One of America's major concerns, according to a U.S. congressman, should be the risk that if an apocalyptic event occurs and we are forced to abandon Earth with only a few species to provide for humanity's survival, NASA might unwisely populate the space "ark" with same-sex couples instead of procreative male-female pairs. This warning was conveyed during the U.S. House session on May 26 by Texas Congressman Louie Gohmert (who seemed not to be aware that gay males might contribute sperm to lesbians).

■ (1) In May, the Times of India reported the death of a man known only as Urjaram, in Rajasthan, India, when, while hosting a party, he forgot that while he was enjoying himself, he had left his camel in the sun all day (during a historic heat wave) with its legs tied together. When Urjaram finally went outside, the enraged camel "lifted him by the neck," "threw him to the ground" and "chewed on his body," severing his head. (2) The thief who ransacked a community greenhouse in County Durham, England, in July got away, but, according to residents, among his bounty was a bottle of rum that is usually offered only as a constipation remedy, in that it contained a heavy dose of the aggressive laxative "lactulose." Said one resident, "Maybe (the thief has) left a trail" for the police.

# 'Abzu' game creator finds endless inspiration in the sea

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After designing grassy knolls and desert vistas for the landmark artsy video games "Flower" and "Journey," there was only one place video game designer Matt Nava wanted to go next: underwater.

Following the success of thatgamecompany's 2012 indie hit "Journey," which swept that year's Game Developers Choice Awards and whose score was nominated for a Grammy, Nava formed his own studio to create an ethereal undersea odyssey called "Abzu."

In a sea of role-playing games and first-person shooters, moody experimental games like "Abzu" remain an anomaly and are especially difficult to design.

"Abzu," out Tuesday for the PlayStation 4 and PC, casts players as a nameless diver exploring an immense three-dimensional seascape that's teeming with marine life and fantastical topography. There's no dialogue or weapons. As with "Flower" and "Journey," the game's story unfolds through exploration.

"There's a fine line between telling a story solely through the atmosphere and players just not having any idea where to go," Nava said. "There are hundreds of directions you could travel in the ocean, so figuring out how to direct the player and design the environments so people had the right amount of direction - but not too much - was very important."

The 10-person team at Nava's Giant Squid studio found that one of the biggest challenges in creating a game that's entirely set within the ocean was directing light and forming terrain that undauntedly guides players.

"In our early playtests, people were too scared to explore," said Nava. "They would see an awesome vista but turn around because it was too vast and too open, so we had to balance that."

"Abzu" is among several games out this summer exploring the depths of the sea, following the ominous aquatic moments in Playdead's "Inside," the folksy oceanic atmosphere of Insomniac Games' "Song of the Deep" and a diving segment in Naughty Dog's "Uncharted 4: A Thief's End."

"I'm not sure what it is, but it does seem like the ocean is having a moment right now," Nava said. "I think maybe we were all just tired of sand at the same time."

While the game's protagonist and the underwater artifacts she uncovers are purely fiction, the creatures depicted in "Abzu" are recreations of actual fish, whales and other sea life. That's right. There are no "Pokemon" critters to capture here. After a scuba diving field trip with his fellow developers, Nava recognized reality was the best inspiration.

"We realized that real fish are crazier than anything we could've imagined," Nava said. "They're insanely fascinating."

Ultimately, "Abzu" ended up not being the game Nava set out to create three years ago. It wasn't until Jenova Chen, his former colleague and co-founder of thatgamecompany, played through a version of "Abzu" that Nava realized he'd made a wrong turn along the way.

"At that point, the game was not done and was not going in the right direction," said Nava. "We asked him what we could do to fix this thing in time to ship it. He came up with some critical ideas. It was a turning point."

Nava and his team at Giant Squid dropped destructive mine-like drones into the middle of the game. The foreboding triangular concoctions offered a stark contrast to the otherwise lush surroundings of "Abzu."

"We always wanted to create this serene world, but we realized if you added conflict, it brought the player deeper into the world," said Nava. "If there's something ugly, it makes players more appreciative of beauty."

## Run errands on the way home, Cancer

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your energy might seem very different to a lot people by the end of the day. Don't allow an overly serious boss or relative to hold you back. This person might not like what he or she hears, but you have to do what is best for you. Tonight: Follow your instincts with a loved one.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A close associate might act as if someone has lit a fire under him or her. You might be taken aback by a sudden change of pace. Think before you speak; otherwise, you could say something you will regret. Know that the current mood is unlikely to change. Tonight: Stay close to home.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Reach out to others. Not only will you catch up on several people's news, but you also could discover that a loved one is on the warpath. A serious approach is likely to work, but be ready to flex if need be. Tonight: Use the New Moon for a new beginning.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be aware of what others feel, or at least note if there is a change of mood. Regardless of whether you want to participate, try to understand that someone might need to clear the air with you. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A loved one suddenly might become adventurous. You'll want to stay on top of what you are doing, yet you would like to join him or her. Figure out how you can do both. A New Moon signifies transformation. Which area of your life would you like to change? Tonight: All smiles.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You like to know what is going on behind the scenes. Perhaps nothing is happening, unless you are driving the action. Refuse to discuss a personal matter with someone you don't know well. There could be a lot of judgments around you. Tonight: Make it an early night.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You'll sense that a loved one is off-kilter. Anger and hurt will emerge as you listen to what this person has to say. You might worry about what will happen as a result. A conversation initially could be difficult, but it will point to a new beginning. Tonight: Full of fun.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be aware of how a boss or associate takes your sullen quietness as a lack of friendliness or as you withholding information. You might not want to share all the details of what is ailing you with someone you don't know well. Tonight: Make a new beginning where it counts.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be feeling unusually sullen or quiet. You might not want to discuss what is on your mind, yet others will have to deal with your moodiness around this matter. Try not to be as fussy or critical as you feel. Tonight: Plan a day off, or a take mini-trip in the near future.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Beam in more of what you want, and be willing to shake up the status quo. Upsetting the applecart is not your normal way of handling a problem, but right now you'll try it. Discuss a joint financial matter with the other party involved. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A new beginning becomes possible with a special person in your life. For those who are single, someone could enter your life and knock your socks off. A friend will seek you out and is likely to drive a hard bargain. Tonight: Go along with someone else's suggestion.

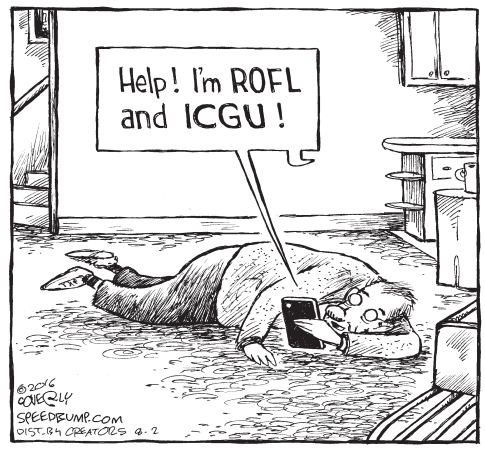
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★★★ All work and no play is not good for you. Take some time off from a serious problem and perhaps a difficult associate. Not playing into this person's games will prove to be far more beneficial than you thought. Tonight: Off to the gym to exercise and work through some stress.

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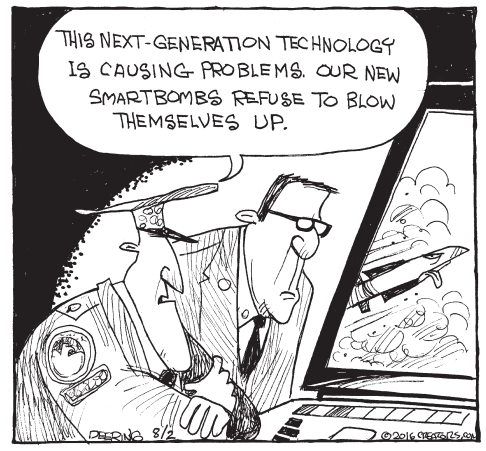
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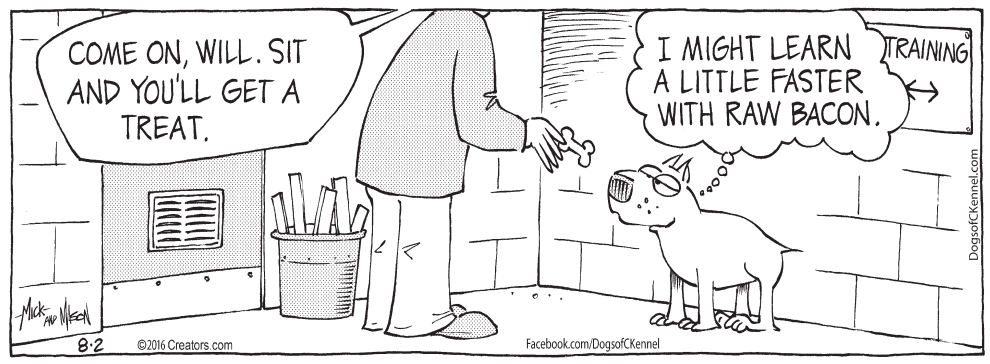
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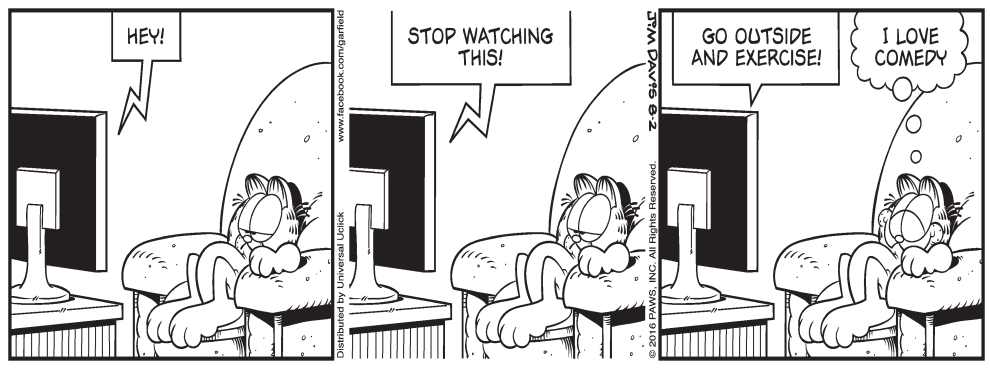

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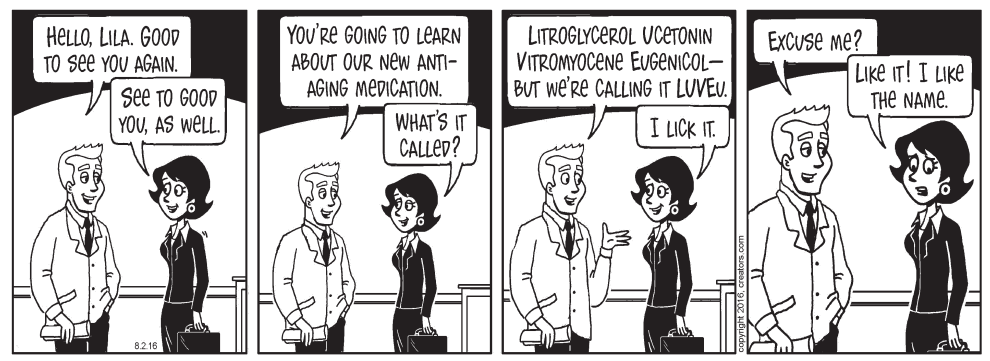

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