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SILVER LININGS

Four teams representing Westside Aquatics recently competed at the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics at Stanford University. The under-12 girls team took silver in its division, putting the squad in the top 20 in the country in its age group. The under-10 coed, under-18 girls and under-12 boys teams also participated.

Local Olympians convene in Rio

Today's opening ceremonies kick off 2016 Games

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Much has been made of the obstacles to a smooth 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro — fears over the mosquito-borne Zika virus, worries about polluted water and trepidations about safety in the Brazilian host city.

But many of the athletes are seemingly undeterred, arriving to compete on the biggest stage of international athletics after overcoming a range of their own challenges.

Santa Monica will be represented by a swimmer whose accomplishments belie his 5-foot-9, 150-pound frame; a runner who long considered herself a soccer player; and a judoka whose home country isn't exactly progressive when it comes to gender equality.

With opening ceremonies set to begin today, here's a look at competitors with local ties:

JORDAN WILIMOVSKY

When it came time to train for the Olympics, Jordan Wilimovsky knew exactly where to go.

A former Malibu High School swimmer who was competing at

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EXPO LINE TOUR:

A quest for covert truffles at Expo/Crenshaw

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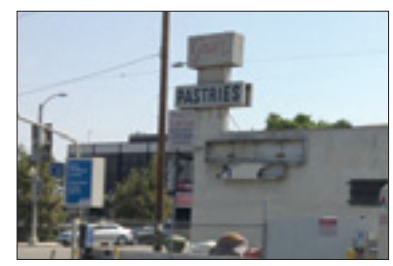
Editor's note: With the opening of the Expo Line's extension to Santa Monica, locals have a new way to explore neighboring areas. The Daily Press will publish a weekly travelogue about what to eat, see and do near each of the stations along the Expo Line, continuing this week at the Expo/Crenshaw stop.

If I tell you that some of the best chocolate truffles in the region are being made in a nondescript building off an alley next to a gas station in South Los Angeles, will you believe me?

If so, you're that much closer to,

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SWEET: There's a hidden chocolate store near Expo/Crenshaw.


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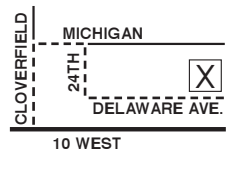
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Summer Activity Program: The Wacko Show @ Fairview
Wacko mixes delightful sleight-of-hand magic with a touch of comedy. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Ages 4 and up. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd.

Summer Camp 2016
Ticketed concert presented by Santa Monica Pier Corp. and I Heart Radio. For more information call 310-458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org 2 - 8 p.m. Santa Monica Pier.

Flowmotion
Music, Dancing, Arts, and Culture at the Pico Youth and Family Center. Free, all-ages. Doors open at 8 p.m., music starts at 9 p.m. 715 Pico Blvd.

New Horizons at Pluto - One Year On
It has been a year since the New Horizons spacecraft made its dramatic flyby of Pluto. Come survey the results published to date. The John Drescher Planetarium, second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). Tickets are available at the door and cost $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. Call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium for information. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Saturday, August 6

Basketball Game with SMDP @ Pico
Want to play basketball with the SMPD? Join the Pico Branch Team for a friendly game? Registration is required, please call 310-458-8684 to sign up. 11 - 12:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Repair Cafe - Bring your broken items to fix!
If you have something broken you'd like to learn how to fix, bring it over. Bring torn clothes, books, broken furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, computers, and toys. Volunteers will be on hand to help and offer advice on the best way to reuse and repair your most beloved possessions. Disclaimers: there is no guarantee you'll walk out with a workable item; we may not be staffed with the right skills; it may take some time to research and/or find repair parts; it may just not be feasible to repair your item. Register by calling 310-458-2239. 12 - 4 p.m. Camera Obscura Building, 1450 Ocean.

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: The Heidi Chronicles
Santa Monica Rep performs a reading of Wendy Wasserstein's wise and witty play tracking twenty-plus years in the life of a young woman in New York City. No late seating available. 2 - 4:15 p.m. MLK Jr. Auditorium, Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Sunday, August 7

Watercolor with Timothy Kitz
Join urban sketcher and watercolorist Timothy Kitz in a six week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels. For the first session or if you are dropping in, please bring a pad or 2-3 sheets of cold-press watercolor paper

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Virginia Ave.
Voting is not enough workshop

The Committee for Racial Justice will present a free workshop, "Voting Is Not Enough: Why Civic Engagement Is Important For People Of Color," on Sunday, August 7, 6 - 8:30 p.m. (potluck supper at 6 p.m. and program at 6:30 p.m.) at the Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave.

Do you feel represented in the decision making that impacts your daily life? The Aug. 7 Committee For Racial Justice workshop will feature a distinguished panel of leaders in Santa Monica who will discuss with the audience why it's especially important for communities of color to take civic engagement seriously. Voting in elections is certainly important, but there are many additional ways to have input into the ideas and priorities that shape our common life together.

You might consider running for office or becoming active in a local community group.

Mayor Tony Vazquez; Rick Cole, Santa Monica city manager; Barry Snell, SM College trustee; Karen Gunn, chair of SM Human Relations Council; and J. Shawn Landres, chair of the Social Services Commission will take part in a panel discussion that can inform and challenge folks to get more involved in the civic life of their community.

There will be plenty of time for questions and audience participation in the discussion.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice. Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park. For more information, call 310-422-5431.

- SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

Citywide
Health fairs

Every year in August, community health centers celebrate National Health Center Week - this year it is from Sunday, Aug. 7 through Saturday, Aug. 13 with the theme of "Innovators in Community Health." Westside Family Health Center (WFHC), a community health center located in Santa Monica, will celebrate with two free, community-wide Health Fairs. The first Health Fair will be on Tuesday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park's Splash Pad Area, located at 2200 Virginia Avenue in Santa Monica. The second Health Fair will be on Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at WFHC's West Los Angeles site, at 11101 Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Activities will include healthy eating games and tutorials - complete with portion sizes in the form of flexible food models for the kids - nutrition lessons, body mass index (BMI) testing, blood pressure screening, glucose testing, Covered California information and enrollment help, information on WFHC services and programs, face painting, a photo booth, balloon animals and more. WFHC will also provide healthy snacks and drinks to demonstrate alternatives to sugary or high calorie options and children have the chance to win prizes, such as backpacks with supplies. Representatives from Assemblymember Richard Bloom's office and Congressman Ted Lieu's office will be there, along with representatives from Teen Line and Western Los Angeles Dental Society.

National Health Center Week has been celebrated for more than 30 years because health centers provide "affordable, high quality, cost effective health care to medically vulnerable and underserved people" according to the National Association of Community Health Centers. "Some don't realize that we still have people who are uninsured or who have insurance, but can't afford to use it," said Debra A. Farmer, President/Chief Executive Officer of WFHC. "Without community health centers, our uninsured, low-income and underinsured community members would have nowhere to go for primary health care and health education. WFHC's Health Fairs are a fun way to bring attention to what community health centers do while providing some great health education for the community," she continued.

To learn more about WFHC, please visit www.wfhcenter.org.

- SUBMITTED BY MOLLY MAHER, MPH, DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, WESTSIDE FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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"Why is this ok?"

Editor:

I don't understand why it's ok for the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tempore of Santa Monica to attempt closure of Santa Monica Airport when they've both purchased homes directly under the flight path of aircraft departing our runway, but that's exactly what happened at the July 26 Santa Monica City Council meeting.

Neither Mayor Vazquez nor Mayor Pro-tempore Winterer seem to think they have a conflict of interest. Yet when agenda items having to do with telecommunications and with our school district came up council members Davis and McKeown (employed by AT&T and our school district respectively) recused themselves and left council chambers faster than Tom Cruise in an F-14 on full afterburner, so I'm fairly sure the concept is known on the dais.

There are many things we think we're entitled to here in Santa Monica and the appearance of impropriety going unchecked seems to be on the list for Messrs Vazquez and Winterer.

John Jerabek
Santa Monica

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of around 18"x24". Sundays from 8/7, to 9/11 Total cost is $140. Drop-in participation is available for $30. Register by calling 310-458-2239. Please note that this class requires a $20 cash fee to be paid to the instructor. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 12 - 4 p.m. Camera Obscura Building, 1450 Ocean.

Printmaking Lab with Zeina Baltagi

Drop in for $20. Laboratory for experimenting and printing with our 30"x48" Dickerson Combination motorized printing press. Printmakers with some experience are invited to sign up for printing time; bring your blocks or everything you need to work on them here; monotype, linocut, and other similar techniques will be accommodated. Paper will be available for purchase; shared water soluble ink in primary colors, inking surfaces, newsprint and brayers will be available (bring your apron and tubes/portfolios for finished work). Limited overnight drying space available as well. Register by calling 310-458-2239. 12 - 4 p.m. Camera Obscura Building, 1450 Ocean.

Hatmakers Lab with Leslie Robinson

Drop in for $20. Join milliner Leslie Robinson as she works on her own hats in this drop-in hatmaking laboratory. A small number of head blocks and sewing equipment provided to share; ribbons, notions, and blank hoods available for purchase. Some hatmaking experience required, but beginners can get started by making a fascinator with Leslie. Register by calling 310-458-2239. 12 - 4 p.m. Camera Obscura Building, 1450 Ocean.

Jazz on the Lawn Concert Series

The 11th annual Jazz on the Lawn summer concert series presents lively, family-friendly concerts for all ages to dance, picnic, relax and enjoy along with rotating food trucks. Each Sunday in August. Free admission, bike valet, and parking in the Agensys lot. 5 - 7 p.m. Stewart Park, 1819 Stewart St.

Civic engagement workshop

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Have You No Sense of Decency, Sir?

APPARENTLY, IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO eat pizza before bed. Sunday night, after wolfing a couple slices I had nightmares of zombies chasing me. Waking up in a cold sweat, I turned on the morning news to get my mind off nightmares. When famed pollster, Nate Silver, predicted, "Donald Trump has a better than 50 percent chance of becoming president." I went back to bed hoping to dream of zombies chasing me.

The NY Times and Warren Buffett have compared Trump to the late Joe McCarthy, the ethically-challenged U.S. Senator who led the witch hunts of Communists during the 1950's. (And who never found one.) McCarthy wound up drinking himself to death at 47. (For those interested, Trump doesn't drink.)

Trump attacked the Times, "They don't write good there." (At least he didn't say "goodly.") I think Trump is afraid of Buffett because he's a real billionaire. (And didn't inherit $150 million from daddy.) Buffett says of Trump's inheritance, "If a monkey had thrown a dart at the stock page, the monkey would have done better than Trump."

A defining moment in McCarthy's fall from grace took place as he bullied his way through the Army Hearings in 1954, which were televised. Joseph Welch, General Counsel for the Army, pleaded with McCarthy. "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" I'd ask Don the Con the same question but I think we know the answer. I'm just hoping that Trump's hideous attacks on a Gold Star family, who happen to be Muslim, will be such a turning point in Trump's fall.

In June, 2015, when Trump rode down the escalator at the Trump Tower to announce his presidential candidacy, I foolishly thought it was hilarious. Now the joke is on the country, though not too many people are laughing. Meg Whitman called Trump a "dangerous, dishonest demagogue" and urged fellow Republicans to vote for Clinton and Newt Gingrich said, "Trump is proving himself more unacceptable than Hilary."

When Trump trashed John McCain I began to see Trump, and forgive the technical term, as totally "cre cre." Moderator, Frank Luntz, had complimented McCain and, given Trump's insatiable ego, apparently he couldn't stand not being the center of attention. The McCain attack was a red flag. Since then, Trump's campaign has been a parade of red flags.

Take Trump's cruel comments about Carly Fiorina's appearance. (As if Trump, with his orange complexion and bizarre comb-over should talk.) With McCain and Fiorina, Trump lied afterwards when the whole country had seen or read the truth. He didn't care. That's not just lying, that's pathological. As Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post columnist Eugene Robinson observed, "I used to think Trump was crazy like a fox. Now I just think he's just crazy."

Then Trump callously attacked a disabled reporter. Who attacks the disabled? Somebody without a soul. In fact, the co-author of "The Art the Deal," Tony Schwartz, who spent 18 months and hundreds of hours observing Trump, says "He has more sociopathic tendencies than any candidate in my adult life." Just one of Trump's 3,500 lawsuits in the last three decades, he's suing Schwartz. Surprise, surprise.

Curious about Trump's mental state, I emailed Washington D.C. psychiatrist and Georgetown University Professor, Dr. Justin Frank, author of the popular books Bush on the Couch and Obama on the Couch. Frank is indeed concerned about Trump. He noted how he lashes out at perceived enemies, his narcissism, paranoia, inability to process facts, and attention-deficit disorder. (Recently, Trump paused a sit-down Washington Post interview five times to watch TV!)

Regarding Trump's inability to admit to mistakes, Frank said, "You can't argue with a narcissist." In Frank's view, Trump's limited vocabulary and overuse use of "amazing," "huge" and "winner" and "loser" and "disgusting" to smear opponents, are indicative of a child struggling with ADD and lack of impulse control.

And then there's Trump and the nuclear codes. A president notified of a possible nuclear attack might have six minutes to respond. Trump changes his mind six times in six minutes. Joe Scarborough reports that, in meeting with a military and international affairs expert, Trump asked, "What's the point of having nuclear weapons if you can't use them?" Yikes!

It was at the Democratic convention where Khzir Khan unnerved Trump. Khan, whose son was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star, rhetorically asked Trump if he'd ever read the U.S. Constitution. To a cheering crowd, he even offered to lend Trump his pocket copy.

Khan added that Trump had "sacrificed nothing and lost no one." Trump responded on This Week with George Stephanopoulos with his hackneyed "I've provided tens of thousands of jobs." He's comparing losing a son in battle to creating jobs? Nobody can be that shallow. Almost nobody.

Since then, Trump has attacked Fire Marshals and kicked a mother with a crying baby out of one of his rallies. (Instead of kissing babies, Trump throws them out?) To a retired Lieutenant Colonel who gave Trump his Purple Heart, Trump said, "I always wanted one of these," holding the medal like a trading card, "this is much easier." Good grief.

Trump, nor his kids, ever spent a day of their privileged lives serving in the military. And to earn a Purple Heart a soldier has to be wounded in action. Congress Member, Tammy Duckworth, an Iraq War vet who lost both legs when her helicopter was shot down, sent Trump a photo taken in the hospital right after her surgery, reminding him how one normally "earns" a PH.

So why does Don the Con want a Purple Heart so desperately? So he could be a fake hero? I suppose. After all, he's been a fake everything else.

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Margarita Friday IT'S HAPPY HOUR.

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Imaginary Friends, Imaginary Fears.

DID YOU HAVE AN IMAGINARY FRIEND when you were a kid? I don't remember having an actual personified friend (although in 8th grade, I told everyone I was dating this guy, "Nate Anderson" who lived in "Northern California," so I did have an imaginary boyfriend.) But I always had imaginary universes I would visit and revisit in my mind: What if I went to Hogwarts... What if I had the power to pause time... What if Nate Anderson were real...

I no longer lie awake at night picturing the Slytherin Common Room (alright, maybe once or twice this week, but only because July 31 is Harry Potter's birthday, so you know, it's on the brain.) I did spend all day yesterday worrying, though. I woke up - worried about some ways to generate income over the next six months. Went to Trader Joe's - worried about chicken versus ravioli for dinner. Turned on my car radio and heard an ad for a new TV show that reminded me of this big meeting we have coming up for one of the scripts I co-wrote - worried about the meeting on and off until dinner. Ate dinner at a restaurant (couldn't reconcile the chicken versus ravioli worry) - worried about whether eating at a restaurant was fiscally responsible and worried about some ways to generate income over the next six months until I fell asleep.

Typical adult day. You know what's ironic? A worry is generally a concern for something "impending or anticipated." That means the thing isn't actually happening right now. If something isn't happening in reality and only exists in your mind, it is by definition... imaginary. Our adult worries, therefore, are just as imaginary as our childhood imaginary friends.

But the thing with imaginary friends is: they were real to us. We had real emotions about them, real relationships with them - even if they themselves did not really exist. And so it is with our grown-up fears. Rejection of my script in that big upcoming meeting is not happening to me right now - it is a thought I have about the future, an imaginary creation in my mind. But that doesn't stop me from being terrified right now - the reaction in my body is very real in this moment. So just as we never allowed our parents to dismiss our imaginary friends, you can't tell us our worries and fears aren't real.

But I do like the idea of having some power over my imagination. It is, after all, the sacred ground from which fantastical universes have grown - it's a shame to see it littered now with imaginary fears.

So perhaps we adults could engage in some trash pick-up. We begin to distinguish the real from the imaginary. We start to see the absurdity of spending so much time on imagined thoughts that cause us pain. We remove some of the weight we feel around our worries and fears.

When we reclaim dominion over our imaginations, who knows what fantastical worlds will have room to grow again.

And Nate Anderson, if you're really out there... know that I loved you.

Cheers.

MARGARITA is an actress and published writer. In her spare time, she likes to watch Doctor Who reruns and correct people on the spelling of her name.

RIO

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Northwestern University, Wilimovsky took a break from his collegiate career to train with Team Santa Monica coach Dave Kelsheimer.

The 22-year-old local swim club member secured a bid to compete in men's open-water racing at the 2016 Games in Rio by taking first place in the 10-kilometer event at last year's FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia. He completed the course in 1 hour 49 minutes and 48.2 seconds, finishing about 12 seconds ahead of Dutch runner-up Ferry Weertman.

Wilimovsky has the benefit of continuity in the form of Kelsheimer, who is serving as an assistant on the Team USA swimming staff in Rio.

Wilimovsky is scheduled to compete in the 10k event Aug. 16. He also qualified for the Olympics in the men's 1,500-meter freestyle race, which is slated for Aug. 12.

KATE GRACE

Few expected Kate Grace to qualify for the 2016 Games in the women's 800 meters.

But at the Olympic Trials last month in Oregon, the Santa Monica native seized the opportunity. She took first place in dramatic fashion, surging to the finish line in 1:59.10 and avoiding an entanglement that caused one of the contenders to fall.

Grace, 27, who attended Marlborough School in Los Angeles before nurturing her athletic career at Yale University, developed her love of track and field while running in and around Santa Monica.

"My mom would take me down to the cliffs the morning before a race and just have me stand there and breathe," she recently told the Daily Press. "The idea of being able to so quickly get to the beach and have that experience of being calm ... I loved growing up there."

The women's 800 competition is scheduled to begin Aug. 17.

JOUD FAHMY

When longtime Santa Monica YMCA martial arts coach Jim Nieto was approached by a young woman who said she wanted to compete in the Olympics, he first didn't believe her.

But then he learned about her background: Joud Fahmy, the 22-year-old daughter of a diplomat who has been spending time in Santa Monica, was vying to join Saudi Arabia's contingent at the 2016 Games as a judo competitor.

Although Fahmy lacks the international experience that her opponents will likely bring in spades, she was invited to Rio de Janeiro because her home country has been encouraged to include women on its Olympic team.

Unfortunately for Nieto, who has been training Fahmy, he won't be joining her in Brazil. Although he toured the host city a few months ago in preparation for the Games, he was recently told by a liaison to the Saudi committee that his assistance was no longer desired.

Fahmy is expected to participate in the women's 52-kilogram division of the judo competition, which begins Aug. 7.

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EXPO

FROM PAGE 1

well, some of the best chocolate truffles in the region. If not, you're just delaying the inevitable.

Maybe it's an unlikely arrangement, a dessertery quietly doing business in a neighborhood that some Westside residents would scoff at even passing through. But there are sweet surprises to be found all over Southern California — as long as you're willing to look for them.

A digital map of the area around the Expo Line's Expo/Crenshaw station reveals the presence of a business near the corner of Crenshaw and Jefferson boulevards called Sweet Temptations, a name that could be affiliated with products or services other than truffles. The company's associated website bears a different name, that of Yvan Valentin, and at this point curiosity wins out.

Valentin, I discover, is a French artisan chocolatier and pastry chef who traveled extensively before settling in Los Angeles in the mid-1980s to work at L'Orangerie. After eight years at the French restaurant he launched Sweet Temptations, his vehicle for distributing delectable treats to hotels, catering companies and specialty food stores. It's largely a wholesale operation, but Valentin's handmade truffles are available for purchase directly from his workshop at 3514 W. Jefferson Blvd.

Which is where the Expo/Crenshaw stop comes in.

Call ahead to confirm that the truffles, whose flavors include dark chocolate, praline, cappuccino and ivory cointreau, can be ordered for scheduled pickup. I opt for three half-pound boxes, which each cost $15 and come with 20 pieces.

Then come the directions: I'm told to bring cash and look for the "Grace Pastries" sign, which stands atop a building with a black gate that is tucked away from the adjacent alley. (Grace Pastries, in case you're wondering, is long gone.)

Needless to say, this sounds like it's going to be an adventure.

When I arrive at the Expo/Crenshaw station, which is a couple blocks south of the dessertery, I notice that the street divides transit stop in two. Eastbound trains stop just west of Crenshaw Boulevard; westbound passengers access the train east of the intersection. The area is primed to become a major transportation hub in the region once construction is done on the Crenshaw/LAX Line, which in 2019 will connect Expo Line passengers to Los Angeles International Airport.

I head north on Crenshaw, the massive West Angeles Cathedral standing as an omen of the religious experience that awaits me. After passing a strip mall and a cleaners, I cross the street towards a large parking structure and continue north to Jefferson Boulevard. Meandering onto the gas station property at the corner, I spot the aforementioned "Grace Pastries" sign hovering over a nearby alleyway.

The building's shuttered storefront doesn't offer much guidance, so I turn into the alley, passing a small homeless encampment. Sure enough, there's an enclave tucked away from the alley where a worker pops out from behind a black gate. I follow him in.

Inside is an industrial bakery, a small table stacked with paperwork serving as its unofficial sales window, and I tell Valentin I've come to pick up three boxes of truffles. I hand an assistant $45 as Valentin retrieves a handle-less paper bag with my first name scrawled on the side in black marker.

The transaction is complete when, a few hours later, I open a box and bite into one of the divine truffles. The slightly firm outer layer gives way to ganache that is rich but smooth, dense but creamy, an extraordinary combination. "The result," as an enclosed note reads, "is truly decadent." And worthy of an adventure.

For more information, visit yvanvalentinchocolate.com, call (323) 731-1122 or email valentinyvan@cs.com.

The Expo Line now has 19 stations covering 15.2 miles between Downtown Los Angeles and Santa Monica. A regular one-way fare is $1.75 and includes two hours of free transfers for riders using a TAP card. A daily pass good for unlimited rides on Metro is $7 and monthly passes are $100. Visit taptogo.net for more information.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **68.2°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
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SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
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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 24 AT ABOUT 8:01 P.M.

Officers responded to a request from the Santa Monica Fire Department for assistance. SMFD personnel were detaining a suspect for a possible vandalism and battery. Officers determined the suspect kicked the window of a business, Chu Nin's salon at 318 Wilshire Blvd., several times, causing the window to break. A witness flagged down SMFD personnel. As SMFD exited the fire engine, the suspect lay down on the sidewalk. The suspect was taken into custody by officers without incident. The damage was estimated at $1,000 to $1,500. Joseph Anthony Colon, 33, homeless, was booked for vandalism. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 368 calls for service on Aug. 3.

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

Petty theft 1100 block of 15th 12:11 a.m.
Battery 300 block of California 12:28 a.m.
Petty theft 7th/ Wilshire 12:58 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 3rd 1:22 a.m.
Assault 2400 block of Santa Monica 1:44 a.m.
Petty theft 100 block of Colorado 5:07 a.m.
Battery 1200 block of 15th 5:25 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block of 19th 5:44 a.m.
Traffic collision 800 block of Palisades Beach 7:15 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block of 4th 7:57 a.m.
Person with a gun 800 block of 7th 8:40 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block of 12th 9:09 a.m.
Auto burglary 2100 block of Ocean Park 9:32 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 18th 9:44 a.m.
Traffic collision 23rd/ Pearl 10:01 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 18th 10:15 a.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block of Euclid 10:35 a.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Santa Monica 11:02 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd 11:21 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 11:56 a.m.
Grand theft 1800 block of Colorado 12:01 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Broadway 12:05 p.m.
Traffic collision 9th/ Montana 12:11 p.m.
Grand theft 400 block of Colorado 12:26 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of Ozone 12:43 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Ocean Park 12:54 p.m.
Bicycle theft 2nd/ Arizona 1:08 p.m.
Person with a gun Lincoln/ Arizona 1:11 p.m.
Petty theft 2nd/ Arizona 1:21 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of Ozone 1:29 p.m.
Traffic collision 26th/ Broadway 1:46 p.m.
Hit and run 5th/ Broadway 1:47 p.m.
Bicycle theft 1400 block of 2nd 3:30 p.m.
Missing person 1500 block of Ocean Front 4:18 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block of 26th 4:24 p.m.
Petty theft 100 block of Wilshire 4:39 p.m.
Battery 1400 block of Lincoln 4:51 p.m.
Petty theft 3000 block of Ocean Front 4:52 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/ Olympic 5:02 p.m.
Robbery 1800 block of Wilshire 5:27 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon 2nd/Arizona 6:55 p.m.
Battery 200 block of Arizona 6:69 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd 7:02 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block of 2nd 7:07 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 7:16 p.m.
Battery Main/ Ashland 7:18 p.m.
Hit and run 1200 block of 23rd 7:40 p.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block of 24th 7:41 p.m.
Hit and run 23rd/ Arizona 7:44 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of Chelsea 7:58 p.m.
Robbery 1700 block of Ocean Front 8:28 p.m.
Burglary 300 block of 16th 8:42 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 9:33 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of Ocean 9:38 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Olympic 10:36 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Lincoln 10:55 p.m.
Robbery Euclid/ California 11:18 p.m.
Robbery Euclid/ California 11:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 52 calls for service on Aug. 3.

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

Injuries from assault 300 block of California 12:29 a.m.
Odor investigation 400 block of 26th 12:37 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block of Cloverfield 1:09 a.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 1:18 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 6th 1:32 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of 21st 2:05 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 3:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block of Ocean Park 5:21 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Hollister 7:22 a.m.
Flooded condition 2200 block of 4th 8:03 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 27th 8:16 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Lincoln 8:37 a.m.
EMS 300 block of 17th 8:54 a.m.
EMS 23rd/Pearl 10:03 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Pico 10:22 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 10:51 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Grant 11:23 a.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Arizona 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:18 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Ocean Park 12:56 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Virginia 1:19 p.m.
Haz mat - Level 1 14th/Broadway 1:43 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Bay 1:49 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/Pico 2:11 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 4th 2:27 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Wilshire 2:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of 5th 3:34 p.m.
EMS 4th/Hollister 4:05 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 4th 4:17 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 4:44 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Wilshire 5:06 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of 17th 5:33 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Lincoln 6:05 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 6:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Ocean 6:14 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 6:54 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 7:02 p.m.
EMS 4th/Pico 7:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block of Colorado 7:18 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 7:28 p.m.
EMS 7th/Michigan 7:31 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Inquiry
6 Big hit
11 "The Merry Widow" composer
12 Lightning home
13 First letter
14 Mideast ruler
15 Lot sight
16 Took the wheel
18 Simone's summer
19 Twisty fish
20 Far from cordial
21 Hardens
23 Gully
25 Pitch's kin
27 Geologic period
28 Keyed up
30 Colony members
33 Crow cry
34 Atlantic catch
36 Dripping
37 Guacamole base
39 Musician Yoko
40 Bourne's portrayer
41 Forum figure
43 Make law
44 Laughable
45 Refinery sights
46 Some change

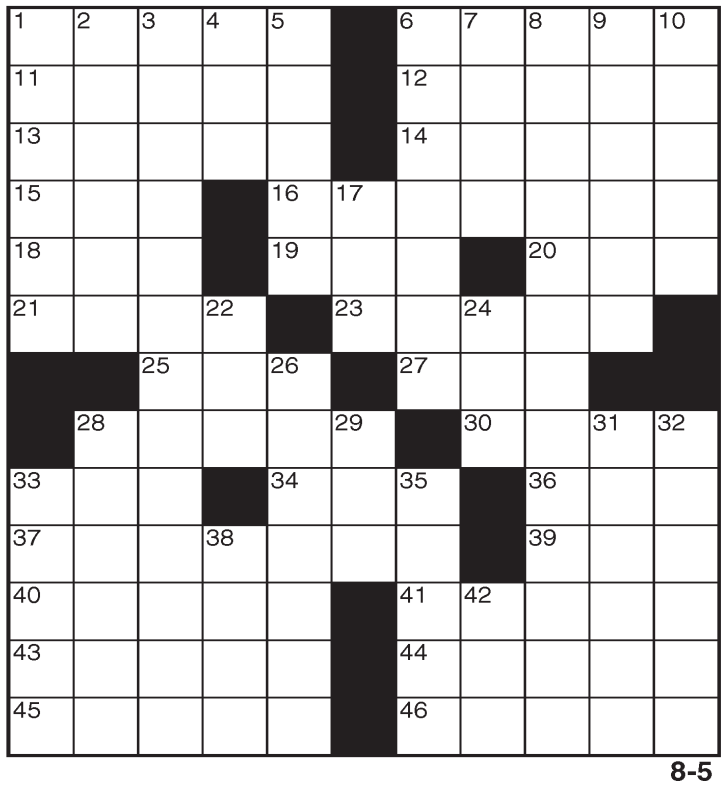
DOWN

1 Sites
2 Feel empathy
3 Roy Orbison hit
4 Derisive cry
5 Make blank
6 Metal marble
7 Jerry Herman musical
8 Guess Who hit
9 Oration
10 Robust
17 Seth MacFarlane film
22 Easy victim
24 Refrain snippet
26 Takes back
28 Morro Castle site
29 Piston connector
31 Lease signer
32 Go pieces
33 West Point student
35 Column type
38 Fighting fowl
42 Wallet bill

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Yesterday's answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	1	3	4	6	8	9	5	2
5	8	4	9	1	2	7	3	6
9	2	6	5	7	3	4	1	8
8	9	2	7	3	5	1	6	4
6	4	1	8	2	9	5	7	3
3	5	7	6	4	1	2	8	9
4	3	5	1	9	6	8	2	7
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3 12 36 54 70
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 30M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 8/3
12 18 19 29 32
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/3
4 14 35 36 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/3
MIDDAY: 2 9 3
Draw Date: 8/3
EVENING: 2 8 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/3
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2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1957 - American Bandstand, a show dedicated to the teenage "baby-boomers" by playing the songs and showing popular dances of the time, debuts on the ABC television network.

1958 - Herbert Hoover eclipses John Adams as having the longest retirement of any former U.S President until that time. Hoover would live another six years, his record 31 years 7 months 16 days retirement has since been eclipsed by Jimmy Carter.

1960 - Burkina Faso, then known as Upper Volta, becomes independent from France.

1962 - Apartheid in South Africa: Nelson Mandela is jailed. He would not be released until 1990.

1963 - The United States, the United Kingdom, and the Soviet Union sign a nuclear test ban treaty.

1964 - Vietnam War: Operation Pierce Arrow: American aircraft from carriers USS Ticonderoga and USS Constellation bomb North Vietnam in retaliation for strikes against U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

1965 - The Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 begins as Pakistani soldiers cross the Line of Control dressed as locals.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Joshua Long, 26, was arrested in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in June for possession of a suspected-stolen human brain (which he allegedly kept in a shopping bag under the porch at his aunt's trailer home). Police believe that the brain had been a medical teaching aid, but that Long was lacing his marijuana with the brain's embalming fluid. (Long and a former resident of the trailer home called the brain "Freddy.")

■ A centuries-old practice of China's upper class continues today, reported Slate.com in August (2012), except with a bit more circumspection. Rich or powerful people convicted of crimes can still hire replacements to serve their sentences -- but because of ubiquitous Internet videos, only if the replacements facially resemble them. Since the convict winds up paying something for his crime (though a relatively small price), Slate called the practice (known as "ding zui") sort of a "cap-and-trade" policy for crime.
http://www.slate.com/articles/news_and_politics/foreigners/2012/08/china_s_wealthy_and_influential_sometimes_hire_body_doubles_to_serve_their_prison_sentences.html

LOS ANGELES BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Woman run over by lifeguard SUV settles lawsuit

A woman who was run over by a lifeguard's SUV as she sunbathed on a beach has settled her lawsuit against Los Angeles County.

Newlywed Lorae Bermudez of Whittier and her husband were at Venice Beach in September of 2014 when she was run down as she lay on the sand. Court papers say her liver was lacerated.

Her attorney tells City News Service Tuesday that Bermudez and her husband have reached a tentative settlement of their negligence lawsuit.

Details weren't disclosed but their attorney, Robert Glassman, says the deal needs approval from the county Board of Supervisors.

The board must sign off on all settlements above $100,000.

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LOS ANGELES

Pilot killed in crash into building was Malibu man, 78

Authorities say the pilot killed when a small plane crashed into a building near a Los Angeles general aviation airport was a 78-year-old Malibu man.

A coroner's spokesman tells City News Service on Thursday that Arthur Newman died at the scene two blocks from Van Nuys Airport.

The single-engine Arion Lightning slammed into the building and disintegrated Tuesday. Nobody on the ground was hurt.

Newman was the only occupant of the plane. An autopsy is planned.

Authorities said the pilot was practicing touch-and-go landings at the airport and made a hard landing before taking off again.

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LOS ANGELES

Parents of teen killed during pursuit sue Los Angeles

The parents of a 15-year-old boy decapitated after being hit by a car fleeing police last year are suing the city of Los Angeles, alleging the officers involved acted recklessly and were not properly trained in pursuits.

City News Service reports Monday that Nick and Claudia Phoenix filed the wrongful-death suit last week. They are seeking unspecified damages.

A spokesman for the City Attorney's Office did not immediately return a call for comment.

Police said 15-year-old Jack Phoenix was in a crosswalk on Venice Boulevard last Nov. 15 when he was struck and killed by an alleged stolen-car suspect being chased by officers.

The suit claims the city doesn't have immunity from civil liability because there was no directive for regular training of officers involved in car chases.

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FOLOW THE MUSIC TONIGHT, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Tempers flare, even when you are trying to turn down the heat. You could witness a change in how a higher-up approaches you. Know that this person's attitude might not be about you. Listen to someone who always has good information for you. Tonight: Keep it easy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You will express unusual wisdom and ingenuity when dealing with a friend. Pace yourself, as you have a lot of ground to cover. A loved one will tap into your wisdom by asking for help in a confusing situation. Make it your pleasure. Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pressure builds on the homefront. Someone close to you could become manipulative, as he or she is determined to get what he or she wants. You will need to set boundaries for both of your sakes. Tonight: Change the location of the party to your pad as early as you can.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Speak your mind, and don't be afraid to investigate a psychic or intuitive hunch. Work with it, and try it out to see how valid your instincts are. Reach out to a dear friend or relative whom you often think about. Tonight: Go along with the moment and see what develops.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You can be possessive at times, but resist showing that side of your personality right now. You will want to approach a tantalizing new person authentically. Listen to what ails this person, and do your best to help change his or her mood. Tonight: Don't worry so much about the details.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You smile with little to no effort. For some of you, this might be because you have landed a better job. For others, it could be a new romance! Whatever you are up to, do not allow anyone's manipulation to stop you. Go for what you want. Tonight: Buy a favorite treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Be willing to take a backseat and let others get the credit. Your instincts will prove to be excellent, as you'll reach out to a friend to discuss a difficult matter in his or her life. Try to express your thoughts in a way that can be heard. Tonight: All smiles. Time to relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You understand a lot more than others give you credit for. When you share your feelings about a situation, even those who don't agree with you will support you in manifesting your ideas. Touch base with a sibling or a neighbor. Tonight: Throw yourself into the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might feel an extraordinary amount of pressure to act a certain way around a higher-up or perhaps a special client. You will know how this person feels through his or her nonverbal feedback. Do not allow an upset to become more than it is. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make a point of reaching out to someone at a distance with whom you might like to visit in the next few months, if not sooner. At first, you might get some attitude, but that will pass quickly. Understand where this person is coming from. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You could be pressured by a loved one who likes being around you. The issue is that you might feel a need to have some space to yourself. Resist having a knee-jerk reaction, and try to find other ways of handling this situation. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others might feel as if you are out of control. You'll display strong reactions to someone to whom you need to be polite. There seems to be an understanding between the two of you, and you won't need to apologize. However, it would be a wise move regardless. Tonight: Out late.

Friday, August 5, 2016

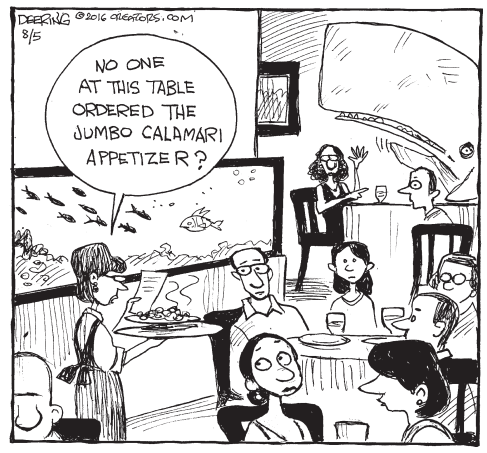
This year you tend to overthink your decisions, even those that are not significant. Prioritizing might be instrumental to you enjoying your life more. You appear to hide your passion under an intellectual front. Few read you clearly. If you are single, this pattern could prevent you from meeting someone who is in sync with you. Be vulnerable more often and display your stronger feelings. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy spending time together. Your significant other understands your tendency to rely on your intellect. Avoid being overly fussy or critical with this person. VIRGO can be unscrupulous.

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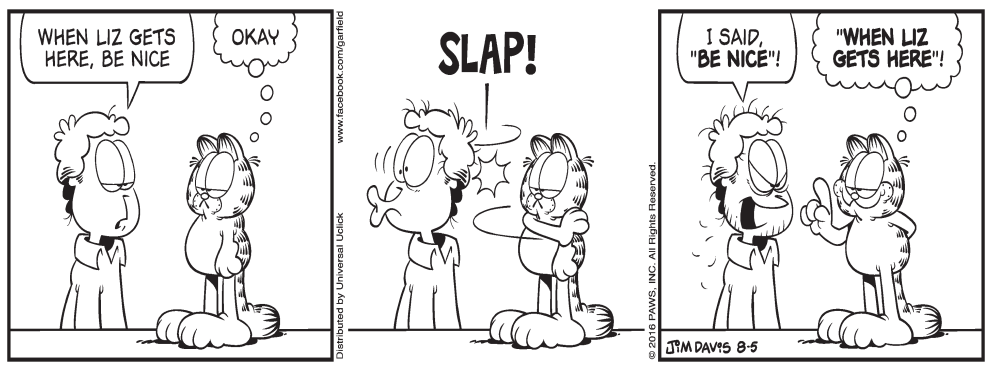
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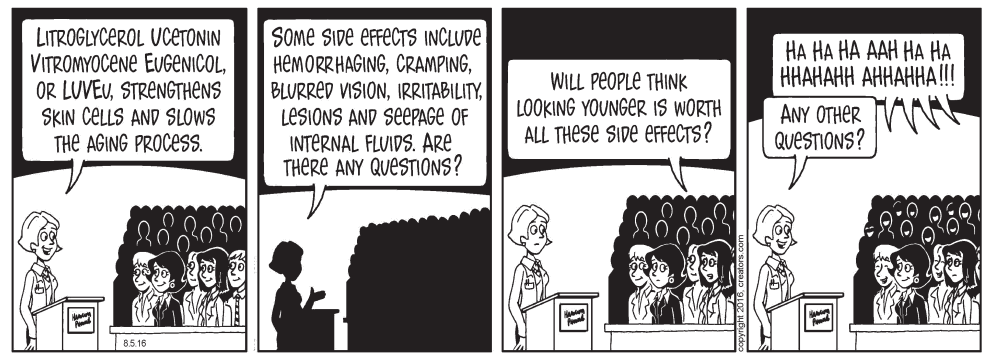
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