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Chain Reaction needs limited repair

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

MAIN STREET Chain Reaction is safe and needs relatively minor repairs according to a report being presented to the Landmarks Commission on Aug. 10.

The anti-nuclear weapons statue has been the subject of controversy in recent years and the long awaited results of recent testing will be publicly presented at the meeting alongside a plan for making the repairs that are necessary.

Chain Reaction, designed by American editorial cartoonist Paul Conrad, was installed on Main Street in 1991 and designated a landmark July 9, 2012, by the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission.

In 2012, city officials said that the aging sculpture posed a threat to public safety. Costs to repair the sculpture, they said at the time, could be $400,000. City Council asked the public to raise funds to save the sculpture and supporters, with the self-designated nickname of the Chain Gang, collected more than $100,000. Council voted to accept that cash and cover the difference.

Chain Reaction has a structural steel interior frame, a fiberglass shell and copper chains on the exterior of the artwork that are in various conditions. A conservator and a structural engineer examined the sculpture and their report is now before officials.

According to the staff report, the testing of the sculpture's structural integrity focused on the basic structure including its foundation and anchorage, main support pole, interior framing and the connections between elements. A material test of the fiberglass material and structural welds was also performed.

"The result of the testing was very positive," said the staff report. "No deterioration of the steel structure and stainless steel connections was observed. The general condition was found to be acceptable and no further testing is recommended. The tensile strength of the fiberglass varied and a new coating of paint, particularly in the exposed areas, on the exterior of the fiberglass, is recommended for the shorter term protection of the sculpture. Finally, the attachment and the connection of copper "chain links" was found to utilize steel screws that cause cor-

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Photo by Nicholas Salazar

STEADY: The Chain Reaction sculpture's structural integrity has been tested.

In SMMUSD, summer trips to the tree of knowledge

Bible reading prepares students for English classes

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Thou shalt spend your summer ... reading the Bible?

It's not necessarily the directive you'd expect to come from a public school district, but it's in place for some local high school students to help them prepare for English classes whose source materials include references to religious texts.

The Santa Monica-Malibu school district's summer reading list includes several Bible passages for seniors who are planning to take Advanced Placement English Literature or the Bible Literature elective this coming school year.

Sections of the Bible have been designated as assigned reading for SMMUSD students for many years, according to district spokes-

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FINE FOOTING: Santa Monica United has expanded opportunities for girls.

Santa Monica United enjoys growth on girls side

Local soccer club celebrates national title, college placements

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Daniel Schwartz recalled spending countless hours in the car, schlepping his daughters from the Westside to the San Fernando Valley for practices and games with the Sherman Oaks Extreme Soccer Club.

After a while, it seemed silly. Santa Monica United was an established youth soccer club much closer to the family's home; it just lacked the volume of opportunities for girls that Schwartz was able to find elsewhere.

Of course, that was then.

Schwartz and others have spent the last few years building up the girls ranks in Santa Monica United, which will field 14 girls teams this coming season after hosting just three half a decade ago.

"We had always been known as a boys program," said Schwartz, the club's current president. "But the girls side of the program has really exploded."

And as Santa Monica United prepares to celebrate its 40-year history with an anniversary celebration Sunday at West Los Angeles College in Culver City, Schwartz is perhaps most proud of its growth on the girls side in recent years.

Girls now make up a significant percentage of the 600-plus players ranging in age from 8 to 18 who will participate on 33 teams in the

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Aug. 8

Tongva Park Family Saturdays

Tongva Park's Family Saturdays continue throughout the summer with kid-friendly Shakespeare on August 8 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave. This event is free and open to the public. Tongva Park is centrally-located in Santa Monica's Civic Center and is easily accessible by foot, bike, or bus.

1450 Ocean: Second Saturday Free Craft Lounge

Come to 1450 Ocean on the second Saturday of every month to work on your projects, take in a mini-workshop, and stretch your craft-legs. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Drum and Dance with Rhythm Child @ Main

Drum along as a finale to the Santa Monica Main Library's Summer Reading program, "Read to the Rhythm" with Rhythm Child! Ages 3 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 - 11:45 a.m.

1450 Ocean: Make a Miniature Camera Obscura with Alexis Macnab

Make a pinhole projector - a miniature portable Camera Obscura, with puppeteer Alexis Macnab. Cost: $25. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave., 2 - 5 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/45597

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: Bus Stop

Santa Monica Rep presents a staged reading of William Inge's southern drama about a cowboy who falls in love with a sultry saloon singer. Directed by Eric Bloom. Main Library Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 4:15 p.m.

Lego Club

Come have fun with Legos and build something amazing. Board games will also be available. Ages 4 and up. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Paint out

Paint out at the beautiful and historic Will Rogers State Park. Stately eucalyptus lined paths, riding stables and views of Santa Monica mountains and ocean. Painting demonstration by Alfonso Colochoat at 9 a.m. A group critique at 12 noon. Info: Bruce Trentham (818) 397-1576 bmtrentham@charter.net or http://allied-artists.com. Will Rogers State Historic Park, 1501 Will Rogers State Park Rd., Pacific Palisades, 9 a.m. to Noon.

Sunday, Aug. 9

Jazz on the Lawn 2015

This 10th annual concert series presents lively, family-friendly music to dance, relax, and picnic with rotating food and dessert trucks. For more information call (310) 458-8350 or visit www.smgov.net/jazz. Stewart Street Park, 1819 Stewart Street.

Gallery

Exhibit: Unseen; Open May 22-Sept 8 in the Event House Gallery. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 a.m.

Yoga on the Pier

Practice sun salutations by the sea with celebrity fitness trainer Juliet Kaska of JK Zen Fitness on the Santa Monica Pier. Enjoy a marketplace of Vionic footwear and Lorna Jane activewear following the yoga class, with complimentary healthy juices. Event is open to the public and free of charge. 9 - 10 a.m. www.eventbrite.com/e/vionic-presents-yoga-on-the-pier-with-juliet-kaska-tickets-17772674548.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

San Pedro

Local fiber art communities come together at the Los Angeles Quilt Show & Fiber Art Fest

Hundreds of fiber artists and enthusiasts from across Southern California - quilters and knitters, crocheters, dyers and sewers - are putting traditions and rules aside for the Los Angeles Quilt Show & Fiber Arts Festival.

Santa Monica will be represented by the Santa Monica Quilt Guild, Santa Monica College instructor Robin Lake, and Wildfiber Studio of Santa Monica will have a pop-up shop at the event.

Typically, fiber artists learn and work together in small groups. Think sewing circles, knitting groups, or lessons between grandmother and child. Quilting guilds in particular have time-honored traditions for participation and exhibition of their work. But at the Los Angeles Quilt Show & Fiber Art Fest, hand and needle artists join forces to perfect their craft and inspire less experienced makers. To make the show as inclusive as possible, the Host Committee invited makers of all skill levels and styles to enter their creations.

The Southern California Quilts of Valor chapter will reinforce the show's communal theme by hosting an onsite "quilt-a-thon." where attendees are invited to pull up a seat and roll up their sleeves to make a quilt for a veteran service member. Barbara Winkler, coordinator of the chapter, will also be a speaker. Volunteers from the Friendship Square Quilt Guild, Santa Monica Quilt Guild, South Bay Quilters Guild, and African American Quilters will be showcasing their "Opportunity Quilt" - a piece jointly sewn and raffled as a fundraiser.

Instructors will be leading interactive lessons using a variety of media. Meriel Stern, Commissioner for the Pasadena Arts Council, will show how to create "Crocheted Sculpture," Grace Errea will explain color theory in a class called "The Value of Value" and San Pedro native Julie Sawyer Rogan will present a with trunk show on "Retro Upcycling: A History of Feedbags."

In alignment with Crafted's mission of supporting small creative businesses, pop-up shops from local independent businesses will be selling fabrics, yarns and notions. Visitors can browse offerings from event sponsor Dragonfly Dyeworks of Los Angeles, Momen Plus of Torrance, Needlepoints West of Westchester, Knitting Tree L.A. of Culver City and Wildfiber Studios of Santa Monica, among others. Kersey Girl Creations, a permanent CRAFED shop and a sponsor of this event, will lead AccuQuilt cutting machine demonstrations throughout the two-day event.

For attendees that have never even threaded a needle, the non-profit yes4arts will provide free lessons on crochet and sewing basics. And all attendees are invited to vote for their favorite pieces, which will win awards like Best in Show and Peoples' Choice. "The fiber arts are so functional and deeply rooted in American culture," says Peggy Forrester, fiber artist and 2015 Host Committee Member. "I am pleased to know this event showcases their past and possibility for today, especially in a style mecca like L.A."

Crafted is at the Port of Los Angeles, Port of Los Angeles Warehouse No 10, 112 E. 22nd Street, San Pedro. August 8- 9 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. (detailed schedule at www.LAQuiltShow.com/schedule). Tickets are valid for both days $7 online/$10 at the door. For more information, visit www.LAQuiltShow.com.

- SUBMITTED BY LINDA GAMBERG

Lincoln Blvd.

Brett Barrow to perform at Trip

Americana/Jazz guitarist, vocalist and songwriter, Brett Barrow will perform at TRiP on Monday, Aug. 10, at 8 p.m. Cover is $5. The venue is located at 2101 Lincoln Blvd. Club admittance is 21 and over.

Brett Barrow is a Los Angeles musician whose soulful jazzy-funk and roll sound blends powerful guitar sounds and a smooth vocal presence. Brett and his band are currently touring in support of his new CD release, "6 Pack." The release includes originals songs, such as the wistful "Mornin Stormin" and the upbeat rocker "The World Ain't Slowing Down," as well as cover tunes. His version of Bill Withers' classic, Ain't No Sunshine," is playing on The Trend City Radio show. His ReverbNation campaign achieved a #1 status in the Los Angeles market and he was chosen to appear at The Foundation Room for the closing night celebration of the House of Blues in West Hollywood. Tour stops have included South by Southwest, several Ultimate Louisiana Party Festival performances in both Houston and Austin, Texas, as well as multiple Southwest and West Coast shows in Sedona, Tucson, Carmel, Santa Cruz, Portland and Yakima.

As a member of Universal Recording Group, Barrow's songs, with strong instrumentals, were selected for the CBS Sports Professional Golf Tour telecasts.

The band is Brett Barrow on guitar and vocals, Miles Hancock on bass, Del Barrio on keyboards and Donovan Longley on drums. For more information please visit www.brettbarrowmusic.com.

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Monday, Aug. 10

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission, www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Landmarks-Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Toddler Time at Pico Branch

Stories, songs, and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 10 a.m.

Pool Open-$1 Splash Day

Pool Admission: $1 per person Mondays, excluding holidays. Walk up passes only. Passes on sale at 9 a.m. Pool reservations not available Mondays. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Monday Funday

Join organizers for today's free activity. Find us on site, or ask at Guest Services for today's location, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

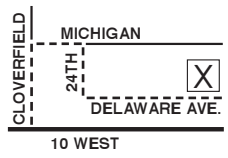


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Championing our parks

IN AN ANNUAL TRADITION THE MONTH OF JULY was celebrated nationally as Parks & Recreation month. From their inception, parks were created to serve the people - to give them a place to appreciate nature, exercise, socialize and have fun. Last month this tradition reminded all of us of the enduring importance of parks and recreation throughout the world. Our City Council joined in with a city proclamation and the staff of Santa Monica's Community and Cultural Services Department created special activities in our parks all month to add an exclamation point. We know that Santa Monica's residents love our parks and that each minute spent in a park is celebrated with activity, contemplation, a thirst for wellness and a love of nature, in our densely populated urban environment.

It's clear to the SMart Group that we need more parks. Even with the addition of Tongva Park, the additional parkland that will be added to Stewart Street Park and the City Council's welcome commitment to twelve more acres at Airport Park, our city will remain among the least green of all comparable cities in California.

From the need to add to our community forest canopy, to insuring that each resident walks no more than ten minutes to local community green space, Santa Monica has work to do. The long-promised additional space at Memorial Park and the Civic Center Multi-Purpose Field will help satisfy the need, but only if proposed plans are realized at these locations. Additional identified locations for mini parks, parklets and a view park at Mt Olivet Reservoir will help fulfill neighborhood park requirements.

Scientific studies show that trees are essential to our physical and mental health. An increase of ten or more trees to each block in our city will lead to increased longevity for our residents, reduce mental health issues and lead people to increase exercise time. Even though we're in a drought, our community forest canopy is an asset that must be maintained to support the health of our city's residents. We are suffering a decline of trees in both our community forest and our parks. Even historic Palisades Park has suffered a decrease in trees that won't be fully reversed for five years. That's unacceptable. Our City Council must reverse this trend by allotting more budget dollars to strengthen our tree-planting program. Local companies, service organizations and individuals can join the effort by helping to purchase trees for our parks and streetscape.

As one step toward increasing community health, we can emulate other cities on the west coast by establishing a series of small community orchards that offer free fruit for all. As we plant trees to enhance our urban forest canopy, some should be fruit trees. A network of community gardens can be established on street corners throughout the residential areas of our city. A current example in our vicinity is CommunityHealingGardens.org. This organization places boxed vegetable gardens on street corners throughout Venice. The food grown is shared among the immediate neighbors and donated to others in need of fresh fruits and vegetables. Their goal is to plant 999 fruit trees and place 400 edible garden boxes in Venice in 2015. That's a sound idea worth implementing in Santa Monica.

We support the fulfillment of the 2005 Civic Center Specific Plan by adding a two-acre multi-use field in the land now occupied by the Civic Parking Lot. The over 3000 students at Samohi have always had a deficit of green space. We can fix that need. Generations of teens will benefit if we provide an athletic area that can be used by our entire community for both sports and special events. Through an opportune development, we could see a return of ice hockey and ice-skating to our city - in a facility with a community sports field on its roof. Imagine the benefits of a partnership that would lead to the facility being constructed at no cost to our taxpayers in what is now an asphalt parking lot.

The former Fisher Lumber yard was purchased by the city with the intent of adding it to the acreage of Memorial Park. Instead, it's become the open space management parking lot, with one section now being carved into temporary metered parking. Our city's current athletic facilities are overflowing with need. We can't afford to let promised parkland become a parking lot when our children and teens have no place to practice or play. It's time to find another place to park our city's vehicles and fulfill an earlier City Council's promises to our youth.

Adding mini parks and pocket playgrounds in our neighborhoods will help residents in a city teeming with apartment houses. Over 70% of Santa Monica residents live in apartments. Parkland therefore becomes a critical piece of the urban puzzle. Neighborhood parks make living in an apartment without a scrap of grass bearable and the urban density of Santa Monica passable. Our planning department and the Planning Commission must consider how important open space is for every development. Enjoyment of the sun, the open green space and the trees on each private property leads to higher residual land value and a healthier, happier Santa Monica.

Achieving increased cooperation from SMMUSD for shared athletic facilities at our schools is a necessity and should become a priority. The swimming facilities at Lincoln Middle School and Santa Monica High School must be available to relieve the competition for space in our municipal pool. Preparing the Lincoln Middle School field for increased use by our youth in afternoons, evenings and weekends will reduce traffic, allow children to play in their own neighborhood and reduce the burden on both Memorial and Clover Parks.

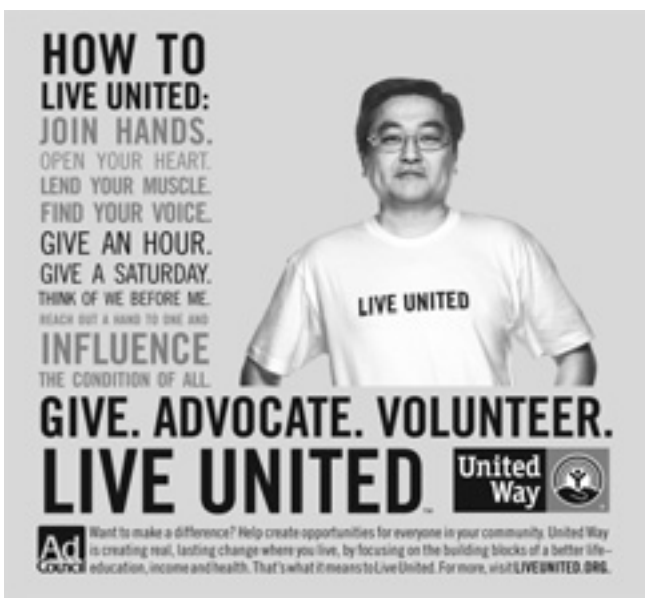
As we seek out additional park space we should not forget our seniors and those with special needs. Ken Edwards Center is the wrong location for our senior center. Locating our seniors' gathering place in the middle of one of the most crowded blocks in our city isn't conducive to mental or physical health. WISE services does a commendable job each day, yet when advocating for more park space in Santa Monica we must remember that our senior facility inhabits a building surrounded by concrete and traffic. South Beach's Universally Accessible Playground was Santa Monica's first play area to accommodate all children in our city, regardless of ability. A follow up playground at Sorrento beach will be a welcome sequel in 2016. However, we shouldn't rest until each of our city's playgrounds is accessible to all of our children.

Finally, the best use of city-owned land must be for the creation of additional parks in our densely populated town. Santa Monica has many parcels of land that we, as residents, own. Rather than create more density on this land, should we not explore the most benevolent use of our community's land - to designate it as parkland to be used evermore for the community good, both present and future? Once we allow a city owned parcel to be developed that land would never again have a community use. In a city that is so densely populated let's always consider open space a constant, precious, irrevocable priority. Let's consider it a right not a privilege, for all people in Santa Monica to have safe, healthful access to our parks and their recreation opportunities.

Our parks help achieve social equity, improve health and wellbeing, provide an economic stimulus and are vital to the wellbeing of our city. Championing our community's parks is a great prescription for each of our residents. Side effects of this prescription may include happiness, laughter, and improved health and wellness.

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At the Special Olympics World Games, our highest good on display

WHEN WE DO SOMETHING OF SERVICE to others in this World, sometimes the payback is not always immediately realized. Not so at the Special Olympics World Games held this past week all over Southern California.

Having been a part of the Opening ceremonies and at the Power Lifting venue at the L A Convention Center, I saw up close and personal (Special) athletes from over sixty countries embrace this opportunity to travel and compete with a gracious, humble and joy filled attitude throughout all the nine days of competition. Of course there were a few problems that we all had to overcome, such as awards delays, on one day as long as three hours. Yet not once did I ever see even a hint of frustration on any of the competitors faces ever.

We coaches and volunteers did all the heavy lifting in that category. My fondest recollection of the Games was that of a young Iraqi power lifter who every time he came on to the stage to complete his event, he would pause and lift his clasped hands over head in a joyous celebratory move that a boxer might do after winning his fight by a knockout. Always to the roars of delight from the crowd.

So on this past Thursday he came in as his name was announced, did his usual power wave and approached the bar for his lift. These power lifting events are run by certified Olympic advisers and they take their work very seriously. So as our guy grabs the bar, he prematurely lifts the weights off the carpet a few inches and unfortunately, he had not waited to be given the go ahead by the judges causing his immediate disqualification from the event. Everyone in the venue let out a loud groan of disappointment, his coach tried to appeal to the technical judges with no success. There was a palpable tension in the air as if sub-consciously we all were hoping the judges would re consider and give him another shot at the lift.

As it finally became clear to our athlete that it was over for him, in his usual routine as always he stood straight up, clasped his hands thrusting them overhead as if he had just taken the gold medal with a bigger smiley smile then he had ever smiled before. The roar from the crowd was thunderous and even the stiff necked Olympic Judges couldn't stop from smiling and then some laughing with joy having been touched by this beautiful young mans spirit.

We all were witnesses to the best part of ourselves in this simple display of happiness and joy from this young man who lives in a war torn country, so grateful to be participating in life and in these Special World Games.

On behalf of all the volunteers and coaches I worked with as well as all the beautiful athletes, many thanks to Maria, Tim and Bobby Shriver for keeping these Special Olympics World Games alive in honor of your amazing Mother Eunice. I'm sure she's very proud of you and all the great stories that will emerge from this past week.

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rosion, which could compromise the chains and cause them to loosen and eventually fall. This could be corrected through the replacement of the existing steel with copper."

Because Chain Reaction is a designated landmark, the Landmark Commission has to give permission for any changes to be made to the structure. The consultants proposed a three step plan to make repairs that includes developing protocol for temporary care/storage of any removed pieces, developing methods for cleaning/painting and establishing procedures for removing chain links at the top of the sculpture and applying UV protective paint.

Early fears that the statue would have to be cut in half in order to facilitate testing and repair now seem unfounded. If approved by the Commission, repairs would have to begin within a year.

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SOCCER

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nonprofit organization this coming season.

Schwartz said interest in soccer among girls has grown since the U.S. women's national team defeated China to win the Women's World Cup in 1999, although few of the girls currently enrolled in the local youth soccer club were alive to witness Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain lead the Americans to victory.

But women's soccer returned to the foreground last month, when the United States defeated Japan in the finals to win World Cup gold thanks in part to Carli Lloyd's hat trick.

A week later, perhaps inspired by the Team USA triumph, an SMU girls team captured a national championship at the Presidents Cup tournament in Kansas. The accomplishment capped an outstanding season for the girls, who also won state and regional titles and a sportsmanship award with the guidance of coaches Fabian Amezaga and Robert Bahedry.

The girls will be recognized by Santa Monica Mayor Kevin McKeown during Sunday's 40th anniversary celebration, which will also feature a history exhibit and an auction as well as games and food.

Meanwhile, Santa Monica United has also begun producing college talent on the women's side, a trend that Schwartz thinks will continue thanks to the club's relatively new under-19 girls team.

Recent players making the jump to the next level include Santa Monica High School alumna Ella Sinfield (Wesleyan), Shannon Green (Illinois Wesleyan), Maya Gray (Highline College), Carolyn Savich (Vassar College), Raleigh Lemiere-Barnes (Roger Williams) and Kara Beshay (Las Positas College).

And Schwartz said he believes there's more growth to be had on the girls side in the future.

"We put several girls in college on scholarships," he said. "And these girls who just won again will help the girls side even more."

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READING

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woman Gail Pinsker.

No parent complaints related to the assignments have been received by Samohi principal Eva Mayoral, English teacher Maria Stevens, district officials in the curriculum department or staffers in Supt. Sandra Lyon's office, Pinsker said. Neither PTA Council president Rochelle Fanali nor Samohi PTSA president Joan Krenik reported any issues.

The American Civil Liberties Union notes that it is constitutional for public schools to teach children about religion as long as they do not "advance particular religious beliefs."

"Ultimately," an ACLU statement reads, "it should be remembered that the promotion of religious faith is the fundamental responsibility of parents, families, and religious communities — not legislatures, government offices, or public schools."

In the local school district's AP English Lit course, students analyze landmark works while developing their reading, writing and critical thinking skills. Assignments typically include a paper about Voltaire's "Candide" and a research project about a poet's life and works, among others.

The course's reading list often features "Oedipus Rex" by Sophocles, William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman" and Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities."

The AP English Lit exam, administered by the College Board, regularly tests students on their knowledge of biblical texts.

"Because the Bible and Greek and Roman mythology are central to much Western literature, students should have some familiarity with them," reads a College Board description of the course.

In the district's Bible Lit class, students are introduced to biblical texts while exploring the forms and motifs that "are instrumental in shaping English and American literature," according to the course description. The class typically studies the King James version of the Bible as well as John Steinbeck's "East of Eden," which overtly refers to the story of Cain and Abel from the Book of Genesis.

The course also features an existentialism component that challenges students to grapple with questions of life, purpose and meaning. Texts typically include Albert Camus' "The Myth of Sisyphus," Franz Kafka's "The Trial," Hermann Hesse's "Steppenwolf" and Jean-Paul Sartre's "No Exit."

AP English Lit and Bible Lit students have been asked to read Old Testament portions of Genesis, Exodus, Judges, Ruth, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Jonah as well as sections of Matthew, Luke and John in the New Testament.

"We use particular Bible passages because they feature the stories on which most allusions in literature occur," Samohi officials said. "Students don't necessarily recognize that if in a book a character is eating an apple while he had an epiphany, the apple is an allusion to a Bible passage. ... Knowing these religious allusions adds to the dimensions of them."

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FILM REVIEW
TRAINWRECK

Rated R
125 minutes
Released July 17

The sparkling and multi-talented Amy Schumer is one of the most watched and talked-about comedians today. Recently she has been caught up in a political discussion about gun control after a tragic incident in a Louisiana movie theatre during a screening of her film Trainwreck. Schumer wrote and stars in this tale that reverses the normal "promiscuous guy meets innocent girl" story line. Here the loose character is the girl, played by Schumer, and the good innocent guy is her romantic interest, "Gordon", orthopedic surgeon to sports celebrities, played charmingly by Colin Quinn.

Schumer has shot to TV and Internet fame with her sarcastic, witty takedowns of celebrities. Here we see her unlock an uncharacteristic vulnerability, as she plays a writer who works for a celebrity scandal sheet. Her job is to dig up dirt on the stars. Surprisingly it's our heroine, Amy, who can't seem to wean herself from a life of one-night stands. Until - she is assigned to interview the orthopedic surgeon in order to gain access to the sordid lives (she hopes) led by him and his patients, who are basketball celebrities.

LeBron James and Amare Stoudemire offer standout performances as…themselves. These two basketball greats are already totally comfortable in the spotlight. They are able to pull off the difficult task of looking totally natural in their own skin. This is due in no small part to the skilled direction of Judd Apatow. Both guys are fun and fascinating to watch, which is really the bottom line of a strong performance. Another stand out is wrestling star John Cena, who has here mastered comedic nuance as a "straight man" jock. I hope we see more of him on screen.

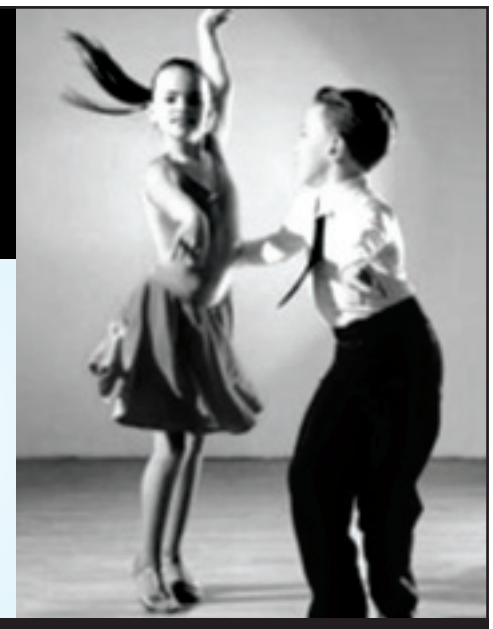
Schumer successfully carries the central role of the story that she's written and it's intriguing to watch her play someone out of the range of her usual public image- her role in Trainwreck is a real and relatable character. She seems to embrace this starring role effortlessly. However in a recent interview she divulged that she worked out daily for weeks prior to the shoot, with a trainer who also dictated all her food choices. So, as is the norm, her performance was not as effortless as she makes it seem.

Very often in contemporary stories the classic Greek character of the soothsayer is a kid. Evan Brinkman is the soothsayer in Trainwreck. He brings the role to life with an endearing sharpness as the nerdy tween step-nephew. Tilda Swinton delivers a spot-on turn as an icy magazine editor with a fierce laser point focus on getting the first scoop on every celebrity calamity. Marisa Tomei and Daniel Radcliffe (an unexpected pairing) have nice cameos in a film within the film.

Judd Apatow has directed a fun and multifaceted cast with skill. The story moves with a good rhythm and each character is complex and real - and funny. We can relate! This refreshing rom-com with an edge is populated with players we all know from our own lives.

Kathryn Whitney Boole was drawn into the entertainment industry as a kid and never left. It has been the backdrop for many awesome adventures with crazy creative people. She now works as a Talent Manager with Studio Talent Group in Santa Monica. kwboole@gmail.com For previously published reviews see https://kwboole.wordpress.com/

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **71.8°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
New SSE swell fills in further and tops out late, while the South energy eases. Minimal NW windswell.

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Primary SSE swell holding. Minimal NW windswell.

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
SSE swell eases.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

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

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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 28 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:45 P.M.

The suspect engaged victim in idle conversation after she had parked her vehicle. Suspect then placed a sharp, unknown object in the small of the victim's back and demanded the victim's purse and car keys. The vehicle information was immediately entered into the stolen vehicle's national database. On July 29 at approximately 8:30 a.m. the suspect was detained at the main entrance of Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base after military personnel ran an inquiry on the license plate and it returned as a stolen vehicle. The suspect, not a Marine was subsequently positively identified by the victim. He was transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for robbery. Dedrick Dermaine Goodlow, 19, homeless, had bail set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 388 calls for service on Aug. 6.

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

Construction noise 7th /Santa Monica 1:35 a.m.
Vandalism Ocean/Bay 3:49 a.m.
Smoking violation 2700 block of Pico 6:13 a.m.
Vandalism 100 block of Marguerita 7:16 a.m.
Battery 1200 block of Santa Monica 7:34 a.m.
Battery 300 block of Olympic 7:40 a.m.
Vandalism 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 8:20 a.m.
Lewd activity 6th/Wilshire 8:52 a.m.
Traffic accident 1200 block of 15th 9:12 a.m.
Grand theft auto 3400 block of Pearl 9:23 a.m.
Grand theft 2500 block of Broadway 10:10 a.m.
Drunk driving 7th/Colorado 10:34 a.m.
Vandalism 2900 block of Lincoln 10:48 a.m.
Fraud 2000 block of Olympic 10:54 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 2400 block of Santa Monica 11:20 a.m.
Grand theft 1600 block of California 11:28 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of 20th 12:04 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 12:14 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Santa Monica 12:15 p.m.
Lewd activity 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:23 p.m.
Indecent exposure Lincoln/Santa Monica 1:56 p.m.
Vandalism 18th/Arizona 2:45 p.m.
Speeding Ocean/Santa Monica 2:49 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:43 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block of 4th 4:46 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 5th 5 p.m.
Found property 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 4th 5:09 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 5th 5:32 p.m.
Runaway 1200 block of Lincoln 5:33 p.m.
Civil dispute 14th/Michigan 6:02 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 6:06 p.m.
Traffic accident Wilshire/Centinela 6:07 p.m.
Fraud 1400 block of California 6:08 p.m.
Burglary 900 block of 3rd 6:51 p.m.
Traffic accident 1600 block of Appian 7:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2700 block of the beach 7:21 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block of 11th 7:37 p.m.
Sexual assault 2400 block of Main 8:53 p.m.
Prowler 900 block of Marine 9:22 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of Broadway 10:01 p.m.
Traffic accident 1600 block of Main 10:33 p.m.
Domestic violence 300 block of Civic Center 11:21 p.m.
Vandalism 800 block of Ozone 11:29 p.m.
Vandalism 700 block of Ozone 11:41 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 50 calls for service on Aug. 6.

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EMS 200 block of Santa Monica 2:16 a.m.
EMS 3200 block of Colorado 2:44 a.m.
EMS 3200 block of Colorado 3:13 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 4:41 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 5:04 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 5:10 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 2nd 5:13 a.m.
Assist LAFD intersection of 26th/San Vicente 7:46 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 8:23 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of 6th 8:39 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Pine 9:52 a.m.
Injuries from assault 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk 10:38 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 11:56 a.m.
EMS intersection of 4th/Interstate 10 12:17 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 4th 12:29 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 17th 12:23 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Ocean 12:30 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Palisades Park 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 7th 1:09 p.m.
EMS intersection of 4th/Interstate 10 1:18 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of California 2:01 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 5th 2:21 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 4th 2:53 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Santa Monica 3:21 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Wilshire 3:41 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 4:01 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Raymond 4:52 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Lincoln 5:02 p.m. .
EMS 800 block of Pearl 4:57 p.m.
EMS 500 block of California 5:19 p.m.

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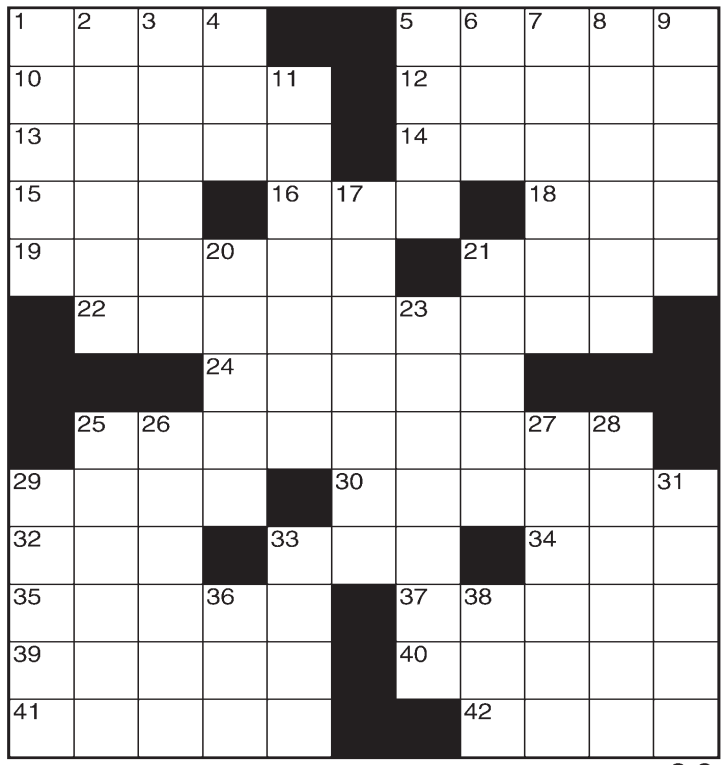
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	5	6	4	8	2	7	9	1
9	1	4	7	5	3	8	6	2
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7	4	5	9	1	6	2	8	3
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1. a group of 1000.
2. a period of 1000 years.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1963 - Great Train Robbery: In England, a gang of 15 train robbers steal £2.6 million in bank notes.

1963 - The Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU), the current ruling party of Zimbabwe, is formed by a split from the Zimbabwe African People's Union.

1967 - The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is founded by Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

1969 - At a zebra crossing in London, photographer Iain Macmillan takes the photo that becomes the cover of the Beatles album Abbey Road.

1973 - Kim Dae-jung, a South Korean politician and later president of South Korea, is kidnapped.

1974 - President Richard Nixon, in a nationwide television address, announces his resignation from the office of the President of the United States effective noon the next day.

1980 - The Central Hotel Fire occurs in Bundoran, Ireland.

1988 - The "8888 Uprising" occurs in Burma.

1989 - Space Shuttle program: STS-28 Mission: Space Shuttle Columbia takes off on a secret five-day military mission.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Wrong Place, Wrong Time: (1) A court in Lincoln, Nebraska, which had already sent Paul Boye to prison for at least 10 years for shooting his girlfriend, ordered him in June to cover her resulting medical bills. The woman had taken a .22-caliber bullet, which left a scar cutting right through her tattoo reading "Happiness Is A Warm Gun." (2) A task force of Benton, Arkansas, police and U.S. Marshals tracked down Tieren Watson, 26, in June after he had spent several days on the lam as a suspect in a shooting. When arrested, he was wearing a T-shirt reading "You Can Run, But You Can't Hide."

■ A KPHO-TV news story in Phoenix featured a local doctor advising expectant mothers against "tweaking" the result of home pregnancy tests. Some women, apparently, had discovered the magic of "Photoshopping" the pink reading on the home test's strip -- to take a faint pink line (not a certified pregnancy) to make it bold (pregnant!). Although the doctor warns of the general hazard of "false positives," the 415-word news story does not explain how Photoshopping a not-positive reading into a positive one improves the likelihood of conception.

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On Weekends, 'Claudia's Corner' shows youth how to rock their world

Help our hungry neighbors

By Megan Tambio

We're lovers of food here at Giive. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to tasty, nutritious meals.

The LA Food Bank is changing that and YOU can help!

Any Monday through Saturday, come in and volunteer at the food bank. Help sort, inspect and package up helpings of food for hungry people. Bring friends and family too. Have fun with it!

Food comes in through a variety of sources, including donations of surplus supplies from major grocery stores, local food shops and the USDA. The LA Food Bank doesn't just provide any old food though.

"Fresh produce is a big part of what we do," said Michael Flood, CEO and President of the LA Food Bank.

The food bank also sources fresh produce from local farmers and growers to ensure healthy and





nutritious meals.

After the food is inspected and sorted, or 'gleamed', it's picked up by one of over 700 nonprofits and clients served by the Food Bank.

Anyone ages 14 and up can volunteer. For more information, go to lafoodbank.org.

Volunteer and help give one of life's best gifts — a good meal.

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Order in tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might have set plans, but if the activity doesn't appeal to you, you will lose interest quickly. Make sure you get to choose what your plans look like, and ask others to join you. You will enjoy yourself as a result. Tonight: Out late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You might consider a different way of handling a financial matter that keeps coming up for you. At times, when you are out shopping, you tend to lose all sense of what you have spent or can spend. Tonight: Do what pleases you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You could be very concerned about getting through a matter involving your home. Understand what is happening around you that might be upsetting you. Let it go, and make the most of your renewed energy. Tonight: Not alone.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might be at your wits' end when trying to deal with a child or loved one. It is possible that you are making a problem worse by ignoring it. Use caution with spending, as you are likely to go overboard. Tonight: Make it intimate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You could be tired, but your friends will drag you out the door anyway. A loved one also might want you to join him or her. Do not fight the inevitable. Your sense of humor will make the next few days special. Tonight: Out on the town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You'll wake up feeling as though today is special. Think of your perfect Saturday, then go off and play it out. You might want to reach out to a favorite person or two to join you. You will be happy you did. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You might wonder what to do with a family member. Listen to a suggestion that comes from out of the blue. You are best off playing this situation out and making the most of it. Tonight: Do what you most would like to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Understand what needs to happen with a child or new friend. Try to imagine what this person would most like to do. Better yet, let him or her choose. Once in a while, it's a good idea to let others call the shots. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Someone close to you will want your time and attention. You are likely to be delighted by this request. Though you might not prefer to do what this person suggests, you'll have a ball if you do. Tonight: Just go along for the ride.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might be surprised by how fast a friend loses his or her temper. You might not want to get involved, but ultimately you must stand your ground. Once peace is made, you both will be much happier. Tonight: A romantic dinner for two.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Be more forthright in your dealings with a new friend. In response to spending the day with this person, you'll become more authentic. Spontaneity needs to be the theme at this moment. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might be out of sorts when responding to someone else's needs. You easily could opt to spend the day at home without too many plans. The role of spontaneity becomes clearer as the day goes on. Tonight: Order in.

Weekend Edition, August 8-9, 2015

This year your imagination inspires you to dream up wonderful adventures. You might decide to act on one of these fantasies with a friend or loved one. If you are single, you are likely to meet potential suitors in odd ways. As a result, a special person will enter your life. If you are attached, this could be a memorable year for both of you. You might opt for a major change in your relationship. GEMINI always catches your attention.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

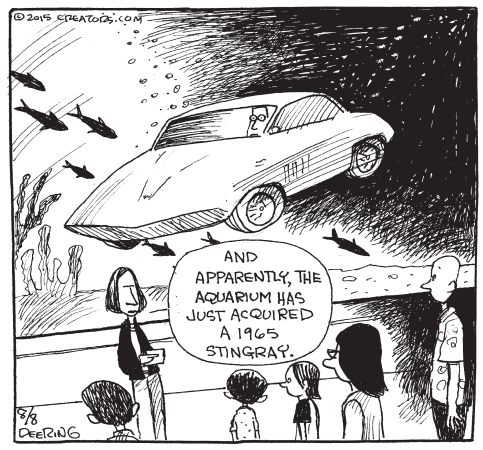
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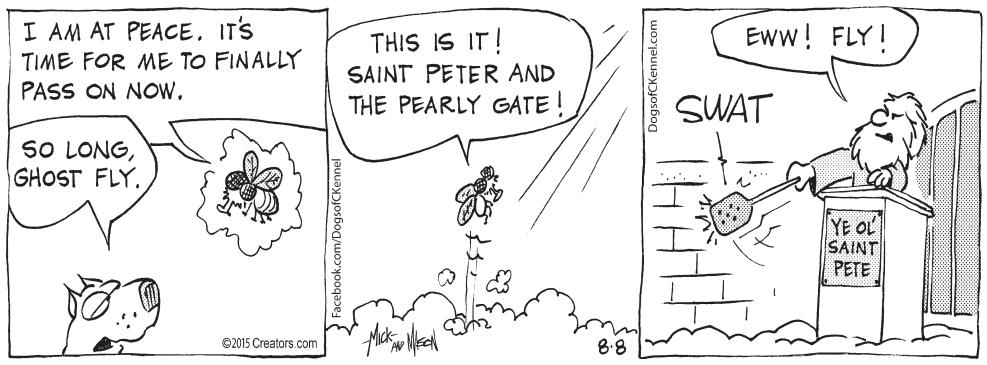
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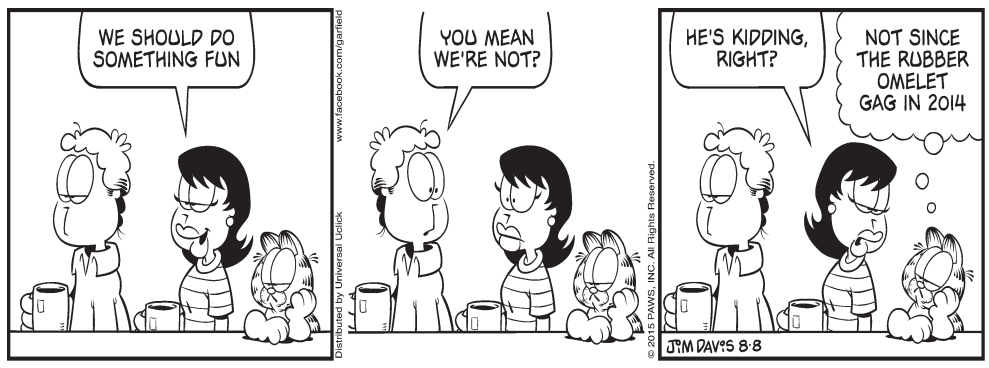
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