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MATUSOVSKY

## Samohi grad honored as Milken Scholar

*Student body president heading to Yale*

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITYWIDE** It was easy for Brian Matusovsky to be discouraged by a student presidential election with one candidate. It was much harder to convince himself that he was going to be the challenger.

A self-described introvert, the Santa Monica High School student knew he would have to meet strangers, develop a campaign and make speeches, none of which

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## Pen Factory Project to return for future discussion

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

**CITYWIDE** What was once Santa Monica's most controversial development returned to city regulators this week for a brief, cordial and poorly attended discussion.

Now known as the Pen Factory Project, development at the former Papermate site at 26th and Olympic was hugely controversial

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**FINAL PICNIC**

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

**Picnic on the Promenade concluded August 21 with lawn games and a performance by the Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra. The summer event provided outdoor entertainment during Friday lunch hours.**

## Council meeting this weekend to establish priorities

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

**CITYWIDE** The Santa Monica City Council will meet on Sunday to prioritize goals and set measurable criteria for judging the success of future projects.

According to the staff report, staff have asked the City Council to "establish three to five priority strategic goals with measurable three to five year outcomes, with the goal of identifying game changing priorities that will make a difference in community safety, wellbeing, prosperity, quality of life, and sustainability."

The staff report says city government has at least 24 major project and policy initiatives currently active. According to the report, the limited capacity of the council and leadership staff make it impossible to effectively manage every priority.

"To better serve the community and more effectively mobilize community partnerships, it will be helpful to select and commit to deliver a manageable number of strategic goals," said the report.

According to the report, identifying the top goals will not negatively impact the remaining projects but will ensure the most important goals are achieved.

The report said the lack of focus has had a detrimental effect on the city's work.

"The energetic engagement of local residents and the pioneering spirit of Councilmembers and staff have propelled the organization to take calculated risks, step forward, and embark on efforts that other municipalities cannot," said the

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## August 22

### Landscape Rebate Training

City staff and landscape consultants will be on-hand to showcase sustainable landscaping ideas, explain how to apply for rebates and provide specific water-saving tips. If you have questions about plants, then don't miss this free event. Airport Avenue Demonstration Gardens, 3200 Airport Ave., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### Dancing Democracy with Christine Suarez

Join organizers for this fun, high energy, and sweaty dance class for adults of all levels of dance ability. Bring your enthusiasm and come dressed to move in sneakers or barefoot - dancers' choice. Studio Resident Artist Christine Suarez developed this class by drawing on her 20+ years as a professional contemporary dancer/choreographer. Dancing Democracy celebrates pluralism by blending dance forms and approaches: modern dance, social dances, stretching/strengthening and somatic practices. Each class culminates in a democratically created group dance. Workshops build over six sessions but drop-ins are welcome. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search

### Toddler LEGOS

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

### Repair Cafe

Have a broken microwave or need a bike repaired? The Repair Cafe offers repair skills for Appliances, Electronics, Clothing, Jewelry and More. Marine Park, 1406 Marine st 1 - 5 p.m.

### "The American Isherwood"

Panelists Don Bachardy, Chris Freeman, James J. Berg, Carola M. Kaplan, Tina Mascara and Guido Santi read from and discuss the work of seminal English writer, and long-time Santa Monica resident, Christopher Isherwood. Berg's anthology, 'The American Isherwood,' celebrates Isherwood's life in Southern California and his impact on California culture. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 - 3:30 p.m.

### Sonic Submarine

Downtown's signature electronic

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

## SHINE: Inspiring True Stories about "Music"

In a special edition of SHINE, storytellers and musicians share their inspiring true tales about the life-changing influence of "Music" on Sunday, August 23 at 7 p.m. at The Promenade Playhouse in Santa Monica.

Special featured performer will be Florence LaRue, the glamorous and talented Award-winning singer best known as the lead singer of The 5th Dimension. As depicted in her solo show Just As I Am, LaRue obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Education before seeking a career in show business. She rose to achieve worldwide success in the early '60s and today continues to perform around the world, surprising her fans with her talent, stamina and boundless energy.

SHINE will be hosted this month by the versatile Joshua Silverstein, an award-winning actor, comedic writer, and beatboxer. His two-person show, So Fresh and So Clean, with actor/poet, Joe Hernandez-Kolski has received rave reviews since debuting in Los Angeles in 2008. Joshua co-hosts and co-produces the Emmy-winning Downbeat 720, a high school open-mic that has been a staple of Santa Monica for the last 13 years.

Other Storytellers Scheduled for August:

Dez Hope is a singer, poet, guitarist and Los Angeles native who has been performing his unique brand of soulfully charged acoustic-hip hop for over a decade.

Abril Iñiguez is a native Angeleno who graduated with a BA in Biology from Pomona College and went on to pursue a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at UCLA. There, she joined the award-winning Mariachi de Uclátlan - before stepping away from academics to pursue a different career path. She currently works at the Immigration Center for Women and Children in Downtown L.A. When she's not telling stories in public, she can be found slamming out mariachi rhythms on her vihuela or hanging out with her 85-pound chocolate lab, Joxer the Mighty.

Mark Miller has been a writer/producer on numerous TV sit-com staffs, a syndicated humor columnist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, a humor blogger for The Huffington Post, and has performed stand-up comedy in nightclubs and on TV.

Tom O'Connor is a writer/comedian who has written for videogames, television, anime and print - including DC Comics, McSweeney's and the LA Times. He is also an improvisor and teacher who has performed in improv festivals in every U.S. time zone.

Lee Wochner is the author of more than two dozen plays produced in New York, London, Los Angeles, and elsewhere. From 1992 to 2002 he directed, produced, or developed more than 150 new plays. For 10 years, he taught graduate playwriting at the University of Southern California. He is recognized by the State of California as a California Thinker, and is CEO & Creative Strategist for the creative marketing firm Counterintuity, LLC.

SHINE is held monthly on Sunday evenings at The Promenade Playhouse, 1404 Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m.

Convenient parking in City structure. (Closest parking is City Parking Structure 6 located around corner at 1431 Second Street.)

Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at www.StoreyProductions.com. Cash and checks only at the door.

For more information, visit www.StoreyProductions.com. Those interested in becoming a storyteller are encouraged to visit the website in advance for monthly themes and submission guidelines.

- SUBMITTED BY ISABEL STOREY

# LISTINGS

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music festival Sonic Submarine returns for its second voyage into the funky depths of sound. Rockstar KCRW DJs Garth Trinidad, Raul Campos, and Travis Holcombe will dive deep into their vinyl crates for eclectic hour-long sets. Sonic Submarine pays homage to the Promenade's roots as a street performer's paradise where dancing in the streets is an everyday occurrence. Join in on the disco as the sun dips and disappears into the Pacific. 1300 block Third Street Promenade (Between Arizona and Santa Monica Boulevard), 6 p.m. - 11 p.m., downtownsm.com

## August 23

### Seed Sunday: Sowing Solutions

Think you need a green thumb to get plants to grow from seed? Think again. Come get your hands dirty make seed bombs and design seed paper bookmarks with native, drought resilient seeds for your home garden, planter boxes and more. Keep what you make and watch your garden grow. Main Library, North Entry Courtyard, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 4 p.m.

### Handwork Hangout with Leslie Robinson

Local hatmaker Leslie Robinson will be supervising collage, beading, knitting, sewing and other handwork activities while taking apart and repurposing vintage hats, working on new fascinators and other projects that mix modern and vintage material. Bring your own accessorizing projects to get tips, or embark on something new. Some materials provided and others are available for purchase from Leslie, or bring your own. Even if you have no idea what to make, you can learn some great handwork tips from Leslie and embark on a new craft. Enroll online for $2 off, or drop in on any of these sessions for $12 (please bring exact change), Tuesdays 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27. Palisades Park, 2 - 4 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Home

### Printmaking Lab with Local Printmakers

Through December 2016, 1450 Ocean is featuring 30"x48" Dickerson Combination motorized printing press, available on weekends in a lab-type setting. 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 black water soluble ink, inking surfaces, rollers and brayers will be available. These sessions are great for folks who have taken printmaking classes in the past, or have learned elsewhere and want to practice their skills. Cost: $15 each lab session, must have attended a printmaking class here or have previous experience with a printing press. Palisades Park, 2 - 6 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Home

### 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, 5 - 7 p.m.

## August 24

### Airport Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Airport Commission, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m., www.smgov.net/Departments/Airport/Commission.

### Social Services Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Social Services Commission, Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th, 7 p.m. www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/

### Civic Working Group

The Regular Civic Working Group meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Civic Auditorium East Wing starting at 6:30 pm. 1855 Main St., www.smgov.net/departments/ccs/civicauditorium

### Monday Funday

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# SMart Thinking

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# Lincoln Unchained

**LINCOLN. A NAME ASSOCIATED WITH** freedom. Lincoln Blvd., a street known as "Stinkin' Lincoln", stuck in traffic that makes one think of anything but freedom as one sits trapped, slow moving amidst a fairly worn streetscape. Lincoln sees some 50,000 vehicles daily between the 10 Freeway and Rose Avenue. As the majority of visitors arrive via LAX, Lincoln is generally the first impression visitors have of Santa Monica. Not an impressive gateway to our beachside town.

In anticipation of the City taking control of Lincoln from Caltrans, the Ocean Park Association, joining with the Friends of Sunset Park, and the Pico Neighborhood Association, formed the Lincoln Blvd. Task Force (LBTF). Two years of effort by the LBTF preceded the City taking possession of Lincoln and included meetings with the Planning Dept., Planning Commissioners, City Council members, and conducting an extensive survey of the various stakeholders. Well prepared with positive recommendations and design suggestions, the LBTF pressed the City to implement recommended improvements.

The City agreed and committed to re-pave and re-stripe the street as well as replant the existing, but empty, tree wells, as a first step to improve the Lincoln streetscape. The LBTF made numerous additional suggestions, such as encouraging a Business Improvement District (BID), where property owners might join together to seek a grants program for upgrading building facades, signage, and landscaping. An effort by auto dealers to expand "auto row" onto Lincoln was met with opposition by residents, and what might have turned into a row of corporate designed car showrooms was stopped cold, eliminating threat of closure to "mom & pop" stores and small independent auto related services.

The LBTF asked the City to consider how the Big Blue Bus and bikes can integrate into the traffic mix, while maintaining and enhancing vehicular and pedestrian safety. Was it even possible to safely integrate all forms of movement, including improved and added safe pedestrian crossing opportunities?

This time the City did listen, and authorized the Planning Staff to do a formal study, now known as The LiNC., (http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/Streetscapes/Lincoln-Neighborhood-Corridor-Plan-(LiNC)/) They have put together a team and are working closely with the neighborhoods, the businesses, and the LBTF, to achieve visual and functional improvements to Lincoln that are befitting as a gateway to our community.

There have been two public meetings where attendees have input their suggestions. These were refined and presented in a well attended meeting two weeks ago. Most of the resident's suggestions were well received, including overwhelming support for more, rather than less, landscaped medians. Dedicated bus lanes, it was generally agreed, would be an asset and must be planned for, but that at the current time, since L.A. has no provision for connecting to them, they will only function to the southern City line. L.A. is said to be working at its end to see if it can link with the LiNC, and the future may see a morning/evening dedicated bus lane to LAX.

Adaptive re-use of existing structures, updated and continued as regional and neighborhood serving small businesses was strongly encouraged by the LBTF and resident respondents. This is already happening. Recently, on a site where a new car dealer had attempted to buy an entire block to build a corporate designed showroom, the owners are now considering re-modeling and updating the entire block of existing small shops. Whether there will be a change of use in one or more of the structures is unclear, but it is encouraging to know that the potential improvement is being considered.

The original request for re-planting the empty tree wells has been expanded to include placing additional trees, landscaping, lighting, and street furniture. The original bus stop benches that were replaced by the very unpopular stools are stockpiled and, according to the City team leader, may in fact find their way back onto the sidewalks of a refreshed and enhanced streetscape. These enhancements will hopefully encourage more of the neighborhood residents to walk to the already wide variety of neighborhood serving businesses. Businesses often lost among the impression of Lincoln being overwhelmingly car repair shops and used car sales lots. Approximately 30% of the businesses are auto related, but that leaves 70% or so that are independent restaurants, cleaners, coffee houses, furniture stores, bike shops, etc. With the LiNC streetscape improvements, and increased pedestrian activity, these neighborhood serving shops will become the visually dominate uses.

The shopping center at Lincoln and Ocean Park Blvd. is a good example of what a real neighborhood "activity center" looks like. It is the home to a pharmacy, a hair salon, restaurant, UPS store, cleaners, and supermarket and retail shops. All are local businesses that serve the adjacent neighborhoods. With encouragement to the owners and tenants, and the participation of the City forester, there will be more trees and enhanced landscaping, creating a more enjoyable pedestrian experience and increased support of the businesses. As the boulevard becomes a more dynamic pedestrian environment, it will hopefully encourage property owners to stay and renovate their properties. The LiNC is structured to encourage such re-hab and that will bode well for the street, for the merchants, and for the adjacent neighborhoods.

We have already seen signs of improvements via re-building of the commercial activities at the southern corners of Lincoln and Pico. Murals have been added to several buildings along the street, and there are at least two more commercial re-hab projects currently in the planning stages.

The Ocean Park and Sunset Park sides of Lincoln add an interesting complexity to the design solution as the cross streets are offset from each other, making signaling and pedestrian crossings challenging. Landscaped medians offer a viable opportunity to provide safe crossing locations, and several potential new crossings are being studied. With offset streets and medians, left turns onto some residential side streets will be impacted, with a possible upside being that traffic will have fewer left turns slowing traffic, and potentially help reduce cut-thru traffic in the neighborhoods.

The LiNC team has listened attentively to the residents and businesses, and the progress is encouraging. Lincoln is a City gateway that also serves three neighborhoods, and we hope to see it continue to evolve into a boulevard that says welcome to visitors, as well as providing a reimagined pedestrian environment- a Lincoln that can be a model for improvements to all of our major boulevards. A Lincoln Blvd. finally being set free from blight.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

### Back off Busy Bee, Bruins

**Editor:**

Can UCLA really intend to shut down a valued local resource, Busy Bee Hardware, over a wall that was built a few inches out of place over 50 years ago?

Santa Monica has suffered the loss of too many small businesses to stand by and let the State of California elbow another one aside, even for a new hospital building.

C'mon, Bruins. Call off the attorneys, and call in the architects. Let the wall stand, let Santa Monica keep its historic hardware store, and build your new structure a tiny bit smaller.

**Mayor Kevin McKeown**

## REGIONAL BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

### Elected leaders urge Legislature to add transportation money

Don't kick the problem of California's decaying infrastructure down the potholed road.

That was the message a group of elected leaders delivered Friday in Los Angeles, as they urged the Legislature to increase funding for roads, bridges and freeways.

Gov. Jerry Brown called a special session on the issue, saying that over the next decade, California faces a $59 billion repair backlog.

Among the proposals are hiking gas taxes and fees to register vehicles, redirecting money to pay for roads, and tolling carpool lanes.

Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, a San Diego Democrat, told reporters she won't commit to a specific plan yet.

California Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly said whatever the Legislature decides, he hopes public agencies will be held accountable for how the money is spent.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH

### 2 beaches reopen after shark leads to closure

The waters off two popular Southern California beaches have reopened after a shark aggressively bumped a surfer's board and led to the closure.

A dispatcher with Newport Beach Fire and Lifeguard Operations says the 6- to- 8-foot shark hit the surfboard and lifted it out of the water around 4:30 p.m. Thursday in Huntington State Beach.

Dispatcher Mark Herman says the behavior is considered aggressive and led to the immediate closure of the water 1 mile in each direction, affecting Newport and Huntington beaches.

Dispatcher Avery Wickham says the beaches reopened around 10:30 a.m. Friday.

Last month, a 2-mile section of Huntington Beach closed after a 5- to 8-foot shark bumped the underside of a surfer's board.

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WEST HOLLYWOOD

### Man accidentally shot in West Hollywood hotel

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says a man was accidentally shot and wounded inside a West Hollywood hotel room.

The incident occurred Thursday night as the victim was showing jewelry and the gun to friends at the hotel on Sunset Boulevard.

A sheriff's statement says one of the friends improperly handled the handgun and it went off.

The victim was taken in stable condition to a hospital, and the friend was arrested for investigation of negligently discharging a firearm.

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## SCHOLAR

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would guarantee him a chance to change the culture of the school's student government.

But Matusovsky overcame his hesitations, capping his drive to the top student position at an assembly during which he repurposed the melody of Lorde's "Royals" for a song about Vikings.

"Everyone loved it, and they kind of started singing along," he said. "That made it all the more amazing."

The way Matusovsky handled challenges in the years leading up to his victory factored into his selection into the Milken Scholars Program, a joint initiative of the Santa Monica-based Milken Institute and the Milken Family Foundation.

The soon-to-be Yale University student and his fellow scholars each receive $10,000 as well as lifelong mentoring, support services and other resources. They were chosen for the annual award based on academic, service and leadership accomplishments as well as on how they've dealt with adversity.

Matusovsky said he's humbled to be included among such an inspiring group of people. His scholarship class includes three other Yale-bound students.

His mentor is 2013 scholarship honoree Dale Tager, a current Yale student and talented ballroom dancer who once performed on the "Dancing With The Stars" television show.

"I was very much hoping for it but not expecting it," Matusovsky said of the competitive scholarship. "Getting it was a great surprise."

Matusovsky said he's motivated by everything his family has done to set him up for success. They left the Soviet Union and arrived in the United States with no money, living at a Jewish temple in New York because they couldn't afford housing.

"They've been working hard to create the life that I was lucky enough to be born into," he said. "They've set me up in this great position. I've had the opportunity to go to school and now, because of that, I can go off and follow my dreams. So I have to make sure I succeed and meet their expectations and carry on the family legacy."

High school didn't start off well for Matusovsky, who had a "terrible" experience in the boys water polo program. He decided to pursue other interests, getting involved in student government, founding the school's chapter of No Limits for Deaf Children and raising money for music-themed charities.

Matusovsky also participated in American Legion Boys State, an educational government program for high school students from across the country, but he said he "freaked out" and didn't give the speech he was supposed to deliver.

It made his Samohi presidential campaign bid all the more impressive.

"In all the school assemblies I've attended in my 13 years, I've never seen anything like it," his AP Biology teacher, Kate Song, said in a news release. "This victory exemplifies the sheer power of will and determination that Brian has to accomplish with just about anything."

With Song's help, Matusovsky landed an internship at a UCLA neuroscience lab during the summer before his senior year of high school. He plans to build on his longtime love of science and follow a pre-med track in college while leaving open his options for research and doctoral work.

Matusovsky has spent this summer trying to "remember how to relax," hanging out with friends, attending daily yoga classes and learning how to ride a bicycle and skateboard. And it seems his education is just getting started.

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## FOCUS

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report. "Yet there are costs to this kind of flat-out appetite to simultaneously do more and better."

The report says councilmembers and staff are spread too thin and are unable to engage in the careful vetting, civic engagement and project management that is the foundation of success.

The report said having council identify clear priorities will facilitate what can realistically be accomplished in the near and long term.

**STAFF IDENTIFIED 12 AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE MEETING.**

1. Providing world-class customer service to the community.

2. Establishing a new model for mobility: reduce car trips, increase bicycle usage, decrease bike/pedestrian accidents, create a transportation management organization and increase bus ridership.

3. Reducing homelessness: create 30 permanent supportive residences by 2020, provide mental health training to first responders, house more individuals, collaborate on a sobering center, secure five new detox beds and implement a pilot substance abuse treatment program.

4. Maintaining an inclusive and diverse community by increasing housing accessibility: create a 2016 ballot initiative to fund affordable housing.

5. Securing local control of the City land occupied by the Santa Monica Airport

6. Achieving water, energy and climate change sustainability goals: reduce water demand by 20 percent, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent, achieve water independence, increase solar installations and increase green food waste diversion.

7. Building on Bergamot and Civic Auditorium assets as community and regional cultural hubs.

8. Providing affordable community-wide gigabit speed fiber and Wi-Fi connectivity: increase fiber optic network and expand free Wi-Fi zones.

9. Strengthening downtown as a community hometown with local-serving and cultural amenities: create additional downtown location for events.

10. Expanding and improving the resilience of community infrastructure: improve sidewalks, rehab streets, replace water and wastewater mains.

11. Taking community civic engagement to the next level: establish six community events a year, implement electronic chit submissions, develop an interactive Council Agenda that incites community participation and provides an alternative to attending Council meetings.

12. Building on the partnership with SMMUSD and SMC using City library, human services, and other resources to emphasize Santa Monica as "a learning community" from Cradle to Career and beyond.

The study session will start at 10 a.m. at City Hall.

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## PEN

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just last year.

The original plans for the site at 1681 26th St. proposed nearly 375,000 square feet of office space, 427 apartments and $32 million in community benefits. After receiving initial approval in a 4-3 vote, Council reversed their decision after residents gathered enough signatures to take the issue to the ballot.

The former developer sold the project and a Los Angeles based company has applied to reoccupy the site.

The currently vacant building includes 196,317 square feet of space. The proposal would include reducing square footage in some parts of the building and splitting it in two. Additional square footage will be added to one building bringing the new total to nearly 204,000 square feet. An underground parking lot would be added to accommodate cars.

Reoccupation is within the approved uses for the building and doesn't require extensive city approval. However, the developer is proposing cosmetic changes to the structure that fall under the ARB's purview.

In stark contrast to former meetings about the site, only one member of the public spoke about the issue, perennial public commenter Jerry Rubin (he liked the current proposal, but also liked the Hines proposal).

Boardmember Therese Kelly questioned how the project would impact the existing Bergamot Area plan. However, like all the present members, her comments were generally favorable. "As an office park, I really like the project," she said. "I like the idea of this long volume and splitting it up."

She said she would like to see the project become more pedestrian friendly.

"I'm supportive of the project, but I think we could have another pass," she said.

Boardmember Craig Hamilton also questioned the pedestrian impact and said he was troubled by the lack of access via Olympic Boulevard. However, he too was supportive of the project.

"Conceptually, I think it's interesting what you're doing given the constraints," he said.

The applicant had presented a more than 300 page document to the board in advance of the meeting and Boardmember Margaret Griffin asked for more streamlined documentation to ensure the board and public could actually find relevant information.

ARB Chair Lynn Robb said the project was valuable due to its reuse of the existing building.

"I'm actually really happy this building is being transformed and is an adaptive reuse," she said. "It's a benefit to Bergamot area. For some of the things we may have lost for the other project not coming to fruition, we have potentially gained a lot by retaining this building and keeping the scale."

Staff had expressed concern of the proposed color scheme on the outside of the building and planting of a large hedge along Olympic Boulevard. The report asked for the item to be continued to allow more time for discussion and when asked if they wanted a vote this week, or to continue discussions, the developer chose to continue talks with staff and to return to the ARB at a future date for final approval.

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# Spinoff 'Fear the Walking Dead' strolls into view Sunday

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AP Television Writer

**LOS ANGELES** Two crucial questions await "Fear the Walking Dead," the spinoff to AMC's monster hit "The Walking Dead."

The first: How many zombies does it take to satisfy viewers of the new drama, which begins in the early days of the robust apocalypse underway in the original? The second: How big an audience is big enough when compared to its sibling?

Let executive producer Dave Erickson start with the latter for "Fear," its shorthand title, which debuts at 9 p.m. EDT Sunday with a six-episode run.

"If I woke up every morning (thinking) 'Oh, my God, 20 million viewers per episode,' I couldn't get out of bed," Erickson said, referring to the ballpark number of viewers "The Walking Dead" has approached in its highest-rated airings.

"We've written and (the cast) have played a very strong season. I think people will enjoy it and eventually love it for its own merits and how it complements the other show," he said.

AMC, in rebuilding mode after the departures of flagship series "Breaking Bad" and "Mad Men," already placed a 15-episode order for season two, a vote of confidence that the spinoff will prove a winner.

Devotees of "The Walking Dead," which is rife with zombie vs human action in its small-town Georgia setting, will find the undead in relatively short supply in the early going of "Fear." And "Walking Dead" isn't back until Oct. 11, so zombie fans are in the throes of withdrawal.

"We never (create) a story thinking we should add that because we're missing a zombie moment," Erickson said. "We have an episode with no zombies, and we'll probably have another episode in season two with no zombies. And that's OK."

But there are other satisfactions to be had. Unlike "Walking Dead," which opened in a post-apocalyptic world overrun by zombies, not-so-fondly nicknamed "walkers," the new series' initial focus is on setting and characters as they exist before the crisis takes hold.

The original series "is a brilliant construct, the way they elipsed over the actual apocalypse, the way they were able to jump into it," Erickson said in an interview. "Because we don't do that, we have an opportunity to explore a little more deeply and spend more time with it."

So will the origin of the zombie outbreak be revealed?

"No. Short answer, no," he said at a recent TV critics' meeting.

The presence of the "infected," as they're called here, is definitely spotty early on but still very, very scary.

"Fear" unfolds in the concrete jungle of Los Angeles, specifically East LA, and makes the most of its ordinariness. This isn't glitzy Hollywood or entitled Malibu getting its comeuppance; it's a hard-working, ethnically diverse community where residents cope with challenges familiar in urban America.

For the blended family of Madison Clark (Kim Dickens) and Travis Manawa (Cliff Curtis), that includes Madison's son Nick, a teen with a drug habit. He's played by British-born actor Frank Dillane (Tom Riddle Jr. in "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince"), here with a decided Johnny Depp-bad boy look and California vibe.

Other cast members include Ruben Blades, Mercedes Mason, Alycia Debnam Carey and Elizabeth Rodriguez.

The premiere's impressively cinematic opening sequence shows Nick coming to in an abandoned church serving as a shooting gallery for drug users. The waking nightmare he's destined to encounter is from the menace that's descending on the city, not just his addiction.

He's got the parental support he needs for both: His school counselor mom and her partner, a teacher, are mature and caring grown-ups with their hearts and minds in the right place.

The characters and the writing are what attracted Dickens and Curtis, although her first reaction was reluctance at tackling a horror series, a genre she hadn't worked in outside the 2000 sci-fi thriller "Hollow Man."

But, she said, "I loved it. And the more I read it, it seemed like the most fun character to play and exciting and challenging."

For Curtis, a New Zealand native of Maori descent, the chance to portray a man with a similar background was just part of what the series offered. He found the pilot "grounded" with a portrayal of usually overlooked East LA and with its fresh take on what masculinity can be for such a character.

Men in such genre dramas are "usually so messed up and dragging around these demons in their head," he said. But Travis is a kind man and "a loyal guy who's trying to make something work, make something good. That's a lot harder to do than be some messed-up guy caught up in his own angst."

Being part of a "huge franchise" is a privilege and opportunity, Curtis added.

But, as Erickson noted, it comes with baggage as well - specifically the double-digit millions of "Walking Dead" fans.

"We're not defining success by hitting that number and staying at that number. ... We'll find our place and we'll find our audience. And I hope everybody who loves that show loves our show, but I think that's a little unrealistic," he said with a shrug.



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# SURF REPORT




## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **68.1°**

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SW swell. Minor NW windswell.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small SW swell. Minor NW windswell.

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Small SW swell. Minor NW windswell.

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small SW/SSW swell. Minor NW windswell.

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain. | A | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | B | B |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | A+ | F |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | C | C |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A | D |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | A+ |
| 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 D&W jetty). | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | F |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |

**LEGEND**

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

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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 AUGUST 14 AT ABOUT 1:30 A.M.

Officers received a call of a fight inside Busby's (3110 Santa Monica Blvd.) where the suspect allegedly had a knife. When officers arrived they saw a large commotion at the entrance/exit door of the establishment. The victim approached the officer and pointed to another subject claiming he was just beat up by him. He then said the other suspect got into an awaiting Prius and drove away. Officers detained the first subject on scene and eventually conducted a traffic stop on the fleeing Prius. Investigation revealed there was no knife used in the assault; however video clearly showed both suspects attacking the victim. Both suspects were arrested for assault and battery, while the driver of the Prius was arrested for Driving Under the Influence. Jeremiah Gabriel Giles, 22, of Los Angeles had bail set at $20,000. Abdalla Thomas Hasani, 22 of Los Angeles had bail set at $20,000. Raquel Lynn Braun, 20, of Los Angeles had bail set at $15,000.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 409 calls for service on Aug 20.

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

Drunk driving 100 block of Wilshire 1:48 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 800 block of 11th 3:36 a.m.
Drunk driving 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:46 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1100 block of Colorado 6:20 a.m.
Construction noise 600 block of Ashland 7:08 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Wilshire 7:22 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of Yale 7:38 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1100 block of Euclid 8:18 a.m.
Hit and run 700 block of 17th 9:07 a.m.
Hit and run 2500 block of Santa Monica 9:09 a.m.
Traffic accident 800 block of Montana 10:07 a.m.
Fraud 1200 block of 12th 10:25 a.m.
Indecent exposure Lincoln/Pico 11:49 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 11:55 a.m.
Injured person 1600 block of Appian 12:57 p.m.
Grand theft 2600 block of Main 1:01 p.m.
Overdose 1700 block of 17th 1:23 p.m.
Traffic accident Centinela/Ocean Park 1:30 p.m.
Burglary 300 block of Santa Monica 1:38 p.m.
Petty theft 3rd/California 1:53 p.m.
Traffic accident 2400 block of Main 2:30 p.m.
Vandalism 2800 block of Montana 2:47 p.m.
Petty theft 2100 block of Santa Monica 3:04 p.m.
Elder abuse 1900 block of Stewart 3:46 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block of Lincoln 5:15 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block of 3rd 5:20 p.m.
Burglary 800 block of 18th 5:41 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block of 2nd 5:46 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 7th 6:37 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block of Cloverfield 7:10 p.m.
Hit and run 4th/Bay 7:34 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of Ashland 8:31 p.m.
Battery 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 8:43 p.m.
Drunk driving 100 block of Wilshire 8:48 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block of Palisades Beach 9:10 p.m.
Sexual assault 1100 block of 10th 10:39 p.m.
Traffic accident 1600 block of 4th 10:44 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Santa Monica 11:35 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1100 block of 15th 11:59 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls for service on Aug 20.

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EMS 900 block of Berkeley 12:55 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Main 2:16 a.m.
EMS Neilson Hill 2:20 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Stewart 3:52 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 5:24 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Main 8:11 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 8:15 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1400 block of 1400 Palisades Park 9:28 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Santa Monica 9:37 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk 9:54 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Arizona 10:00 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Wilshire 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Lincoln 10:37 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Colorado 11:05 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 11:08 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 12:11 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:14 p.m.
EMS Main Marine 3:14 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1200 block of Oak 3:16 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Lincoln 3:22 p.m.
EMS Main Bay 3:37 p.m.
Vehicle Fire 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 3:44 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400 block of Montana 4:31 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 21st 4:37 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:48 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of 4th 5:33 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Hill 5:55 p.m.
EMS 7th Broadway 6:01 p.m.
Illegal Burning 1000 block of Grant 6:27 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 6:28 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Ocean Bicknell 6:38 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Marine 8:06 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 5th 9:44 p.m.
Public Assist 2nd Santa Monica 10:14 p.m.

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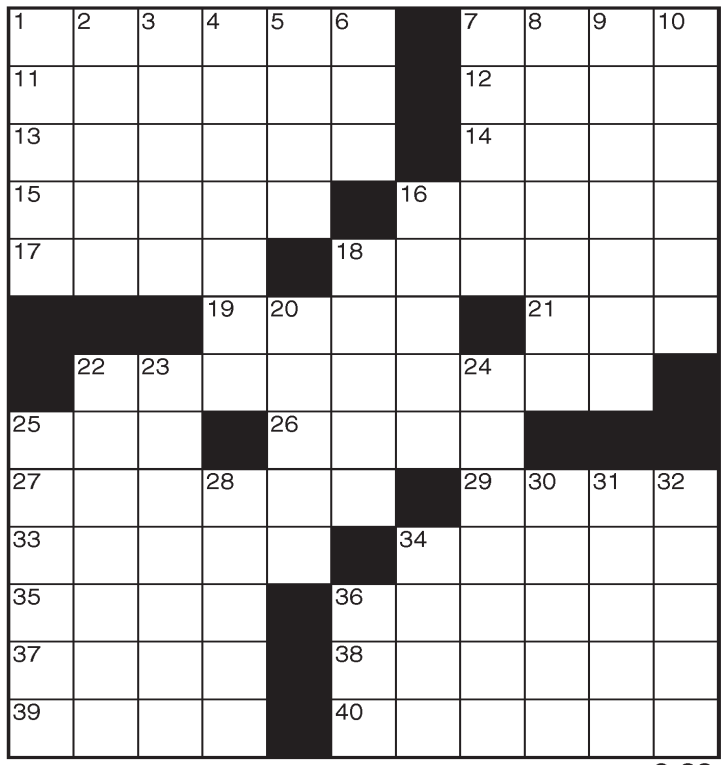
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**Yesterday's answer**

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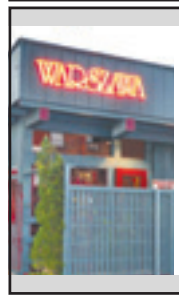
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# MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*




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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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## GETTING STARTED

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

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE**

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## DAILY LOTTERY

**POWERBALL** — Draw Date: 8/19
6 8 43 48 50
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 90M

**MEGA MILLIONS** — Draw Date: 8/18
2 7 33 39 53
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 47M

**SUPER LOTTO** — Draw Date: 8/19
5 23 31 42 45
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 10M

**Fantasy 5** — Draw Date: 8/20
8 17 19 27 35

**DAILY 3** — Draw Date: 8/21
MIDDAY: 9 9 7
Draw Date: 8/20
EVENING: 0 5 8

**DAILY DERBY** — Draw Date: 8/20
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:40.40

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## WORD UP!

**laconic**
1. using few words; expressing much in few words; concise: a laconic reply.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1985** – Manchester Air Disaster sees 55 people killed when a fire breaks out on a commercial aircraft at Manchester Airport.

**1989** – Nolan Ryan strikes out Rickey Henderson to become the first Major League Baseball pitcher to record 5,000 strikeouts.

**1996** – Bill Clinton signs welfare reform into law, representing major shift in US welfare policy

**2003** – Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore is suspended after refusing to comply with a federal court order to remove a rock inscribed with the Ten Commandments from the lobby of the Alabama Supreme Court building.

**2004** – Versions of The Scream and Madonna, two paintings by Edvard Munch, are stolen at gunpoint from a museum in Oslo, Norway.

**2006** – Pulkovo Aviation Enterprise Flight 612 crashes near the Russian border over eastern Ukraine, killing all 170 people on board.

**2007** – The Texas Rangers rout the Baltimore Orioles 30–3, the most runs scored by a team in modern MLB history.

**2007** – The Storm botnet, a botnet created by the Storm Worm, sends out a record 57 million e-mails in one day.

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Zoologists at the University of Basel in Switzerland, publishing recently in a prestigious British journal, reported the likelihood that a certain flatworm species has overcome the frustration of not finding a mating partner in its lifetime. The scientists believe the flatworm exploits its hermaphroditic qualities and injects its sperm into its own head, from which the sperm sometimes migrates to its reproductive facilities. (Flatworm researchers are aided on their projects by the species' transparent bodies, facilitating the tracking of the sperm.)

■ In mid-April (2010), senior Iranian cleric Ayatollah Kazem Sedighi warned that recent earthquakes in Haiti, Chile and elsewhere were caused by women's loose sex and immodest dress. Immediately, Australian Jennifer McCreight responded on Facebook by urging women worldwide to dress provocatively on April 26 (2010), to create a "boobquake" and test the cleric's theory, and at least 90,000 women promised they would reveal serious cleavage on that date. On April 26, following a several-day absence of earthquakes, a quake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale hit just south of Taiwan. (Slight advantage to the ayatollah, since a Purdue University seismologist observed that a 6.5 quake was not uncommon for that region).

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# Straight outta excuses

*By Andrew Shane Walters*

The No. 1 movie in America is Straight Outta Compton, the authorized biopic about influential rap group N.W.A. Its members, including Ice Cube and Dr. Dre, spoke about being routinely antagonized and harassed by police, informing their anger-fueled protest songs.

The film's release could hardly be more timely. With police brutality against young black Americans dominating headlines — like Sandra Bland's arrest for a minor traffic violation and death in a Texas jail, and Michael Brown's shooting death in Ferguson, Missouri a year ago — the band is resonating with a whole new generation.

Know your rights. If you don't, google them or go to your local library. It's 2015, people. Information is at our fingertips. Then, if you witness an officer violating a fellow citizen, try diffusing the situation with calm humor. But if a situation seems dire, stay safe and take a deep breath. Maybe everyone will do the same.



We all know not all police officers are bad. There are a lot of wonderful cops who care deeply for their communities. They deserve our respect. Still, recent events have left a country afraid of its own law enforcement, and that's a dangerous place to live.

Go to Giive's Causes for nonprofits that support police departments, and those that hold them accountable. Get involved. Giive a (bleep).

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## Let someone else make a suggestion, Gemini

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ What you hear and what your expectations are might not line up, which could cause a sense of irritation or anger. Pressure builds as you try to detach from the disappointment. Try to accept what has happened and let go of the situation. Tonight: Ever playful.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★★★ Listen to your inner voice about what you want. You have a good idea of what to do and when. Your sense of humor emerges as a situation involving a friend radically changes. Know the ramifications involved here. Tonight: Be a duo without expectations.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★ Question a person's intentions if he or she seems too eager to give too much. You also might not want to allow your high expectations to take over. A family member means well, but he or she could cause enormous friction. Tonight: Let someone else make a suggestion.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★ You could have many expectations of a stranger who has just entered your usual crowd. You might not know what would be best to do under the present circumstances. Understand what is happening around you. Play it low-key for the next few days. Tonight: Get plenty of R and R.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★ You might be experiencing more mood swings than usual. You could be withdrawn and then later as talkative as can be. Others could be reactive, far more than you thought possible. They are responding to you; keep that in mind. Tonight: Let the party go on and on.

**VIRGO (Aug, 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ An authority figure, perhaps an older relative or friend, could be demanding. You might feel pressured, but know that you have the wherewithal to do what you must. You will want to keep the peace yet also have your free time. Tonight: Prove that you can handle multiple gears.

**LIBRA (Sept.23-Oct.22)**
★★★★★ You have the right words, but a certain fussiness seems to emerge from you. You might wonder why you accept certain situations as they are. Think and reflect. Don't make changes until you root out the present issue. Tonight: A conversation is most enlightening.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Get an early start to the day. You might surprise yourself by how much you have to do in order to keep the peace. In your present situation, you might toss good sense aside and get a little wild. Remember there is always tomorrow. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★★ You have new vitality today, which many have missed for a few days. A higher-up will choose to give you a compliment. Be gracious. Though some of you might not hear these compliments, know that they exist in someone's mind. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★ Use the later part of the day for a much-coveted project or get-together. You might not need to share what you are doing right now. In fact, you could feel inclined to say nothing, and that would be a smart move. You will find out why later. Tonight: All smiles, but saying little.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★ You have little to say and much to do. Friends surround you and prevent you from seeing the big picture, but it won't bother you. You enjoy your life far more now than in the recent past. Avoid problems, and make sure you know what you need to do. Tonight: The party goes on.

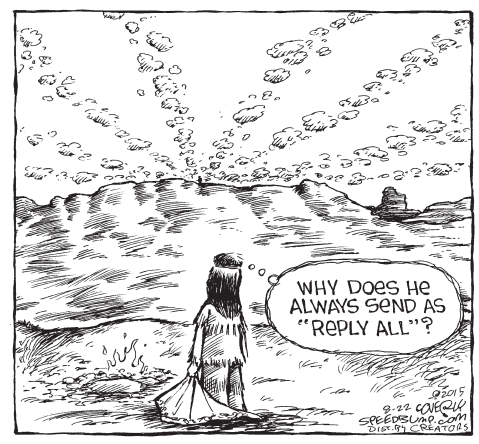
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ You have a way of getting closer to a certain person. Be careful, as you could find that the reality of this bond is much different from how you had imagined. Back off, if you can. Do not get feisty with those who have authority over you. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**Weekend Edition, August 22-23, 2015**

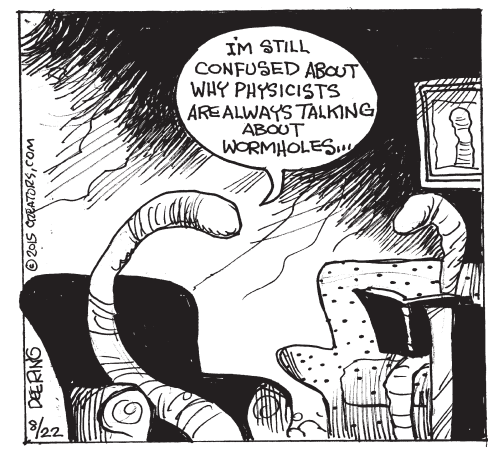
**JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS**
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you often send mixed signals. Some people see you as being fussy and demanding, whereas others enjoy your adventuresome nature. This is a strong year for you financially and with money in general. Try not to take wild risks. If you are single, you need someone who can handle the different sides of your personality. Don't settle for anything less. If you are attached, the two of you often enjoy time alone together. Your sweetie might be taken aback by your changeability, but he or she will learn to adjust, especially if you demonstrate caring. SAGITTARIUS always encourages risk-taking.

## Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



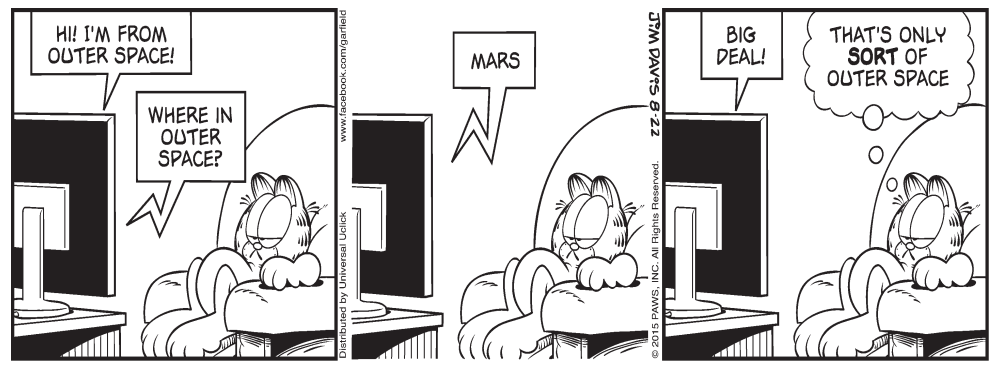

## Strange Brew
By John Deering



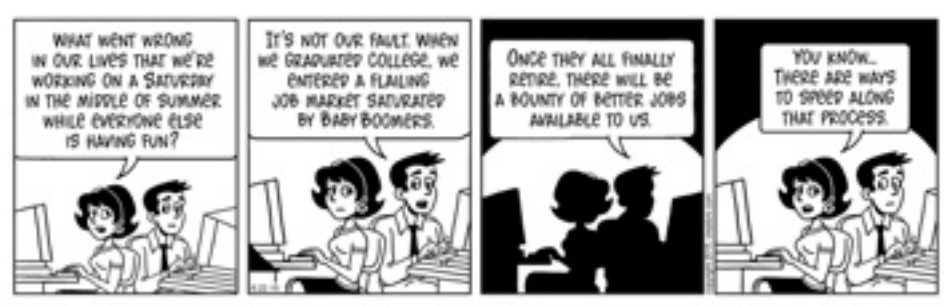

## Dogs of C-Kennel
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By Jim Davis




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