

Parklets approved for Main Street

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Parklets are coming to Main Street following City Council's approval of a pilot program that will remove six parking spots and install three miniature park spaces. Staff had recommended installing two parklets, one on the 2900 block outside Holy Guacamole and the second on the

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An exercise in philanthropy

Fitness company helps Upward Bound House support homeless families

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

On any given night this year, it's estimated that more than half a million people in the country are sleeping on the street or in homeless shelters. That figure includes some 115,000 people in California and more than 40,000 in Los Angeles County, including about 7,500 in families.

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FAA requires city to operate airport until 2023

BY MATTHEW HALL
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The City of Santa Monica is required to operate the Santa Monica Airport until 2023, according to a ruling by the Federal Aviation Administration. The FAA issued a ruling Friday regarding the so-called "Part 16" hearing that states Santa Monica must keep SMO open until 2023 based on assurances tied to federal money the city accepted in 2003.

The case centered on a claim by national aviation associations and individuals that the City of Santa Monica was in violation of its agreement with the FAA by stating its obligations to the federal government expired last year. City officials had filed a motion to dismiss the case, claiming the complaints lacked standing to file a case, failed to state a claim, failed to engage in good faith efforts to resolve the matter informally and that the FAA lacked jurisdiction.

FAA REASONING
In denying the City's motion, the director outlined several reasons for the validity of the case. Failure to state a claim: "If the date proffered by the complainants were correct, the City's declaration would constitute an express repudiation of the contract. The FAA finds that in the unusual case in which the sponsor expressly and unequivocally declared that the grant agreement expired, and

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GETTING IN SPIRIT

Carolers usher in the holiday season with festive songs Thursday night during the Winterlit community tree lighting, an annual Downtown Santa Monica event on Third Street Promenade.

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Book signing by Amelia Saltzman. Santa Monica Farmers Market, Arizona Avenue at 3rd Street. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Baby sensory play at library

Introduce your baby to the world with some fun sensory activities. Ages 6-24 months. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Finding Your Balance: Strategies to Improve your Wellbeing

Strategies to Improve your Wellbeing, led by three UCLA healthcare practitioners, is a three-part, interactive workshop that explores the keys for ensuring a balanced body, mind and spirit. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Christmas Sale - St. Monica's Boutique

Christmas gifts, ornaments, wreaths, baby knits, quilt raffle, vintage linens, homemade jakes and more for sale. 725 California Ave., 4 - 7 p.m.

Main Street Holiday Event

Tree lighting, Santa, parties, carolers, a candlelight walk and more. Main Street.

Begins on lawn of California Heritage Museum, 2612 Main St., 5 - 9 p.m.

Pico Holiday Hop

Santa, live music and store specials along Pico Blvd. More info daily on Facebook.com/picoimprovementorganization and follow us on Twitter @PicoBlvdSM. 12 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Menorah lighting

Every night during Hanukkah, local organizations will be on hand to celebrate the Festival of Lights. For more information, call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com. Kehillat Ma'arav, 1715 21st St., 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

'A Photographer's Journey: The Work of Pedro E. Guerrero'

SMPL presents a screening of the 2014 documentary "Pedro E. Guerrero: A Photographer's Journey." The film tell the story of Guerrero, a Mexican American boy raised in segregated Arizona, who goes on to a remarkable photography career, working with such luminaries as Frank Lloyd Wright and Alexander Calder. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Emily Bills, who curated Guerrero's final exhibit. (Film runtime: 60 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Aqua aerobics

This shallow and deep aqua aerobics program includes the use of jogging belts and water barbells to increase strength and cardiovascular fitness. Each class is an hour in length and includes stretching, cardio, and strength training. These classes are geared toward each participant's fitness level and beginners are encouraged to attend. \$10 per class, includes

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CORRECTION

The Daily Press misidentified the Samohi player pictured in yesterday's paper. The individual in the photo is Chailen August. The Daily Press regrets the error.

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Pub crawl to benefit Westside Food Bank

The 7th Annual SANTA Monica Pub Crawl returns Saturday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m. More than 30 local bars and restaurants from across the city will come together to raise money for those in need through a partnership with the Westside Food Bank. Last year, nearly 6,000 crawlers celebrated the season at the city's most cherished holiday event by filling the streets as joyous Santas, reindeer and elves. In the last six years, the Pub Crawl has raised nearly \$100,000 for the Westside Food Bank for those in need during the holidays.

The SANTA Monica Pub Crawl features four unique routes including Wilshire Blvd., Main Street, The Pier and Third Street Promenade, all offering crawlers with wristbands food and drink specials such as \$3 beers, \$5 wells and \$5 shots as part of the festivities. Tickets are \$12 and are available at www.santamonicapubcrawl.com.

"Westside Food Bank is proud to be the beneficiary agency for the SANTA Monica Pub Crawl for the 7th year in a row," said Genevieve Riutort, Chief Development Officer for the Westside Food Bank. "The event has helped to raise awareness about the issue of hunger in our community while also giving people the opportunity to make a difference while having a great time. In the past five years, the SANTA Monica Pub Crawl has made it possible for Westside Food Bank to distribute about a quarter million more pounds of food for local families in need. That makes a huge impact, especially during the holidays."

SANTA Monica Pub Crawl participants are encouraged to dress in Santa/holiday attire so the streets of Santa Monica are filled with merry cheer. An Instagram contest (#SMPCSpirit) will award the crawler with the most impressive holiday gear with a special prize including gifts from a number of participating bars and restaurants. Groups of five or more can sign up their team to participate in the beloved Santa Scavenger Challenge scavenger hunt for more changes to win.

In order to participate, crawlers must follow three easy steps: choose a route, download the map and go to their official route starting location to collect their wristband. The pub crawl includes special offerings all night including \$5 Stella drafts at participating locations. Other special offers include \$3 slices at Joe's Pizza, \$4 Bud Light draft beers at Rusty's Surf Ranch, \$6 chicken quesadillas at Enterprise Fish Co., \$5 Santa Monica Brew Works 310 beer and half price flatbreads at Del Frisco's Grille, buy one-get one soft-serve at Tasti D-Lite and more. The official after-party will be held for an additional fee at Wokcano Santa Monica with food and drink specials, giveaways, DJs, dancing, photo booth and more fun holiday festivities.

The SANTA Monica Pub Crawl is a community event and encourages responsible drinking. Don't drink and drive, and assign a designated driver at the beginning of the night or download Lyft and use code SMPC15 for \$20 off the first ride. The Big Blue Bus will be selling unlimited bus passes for \$4 on the pub crawl website. Additionally, Santa Monica Free Ride vehicles will be giving rides up and down each route and handing out Vita Coco Coconut Water for crawlers to hydrate along the way.

Crawlers can download the official "SM Pub Crawl" app for a complete list of bars, routes, specials, map, bus stops and updates, or visit the SMPC website at www.santamonicapubcrawl.com.

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CHARITY
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In the eyes of the people who work for Upward Bound House, a Santa Monica-based nonprofit, that's 7,500 too many.

"They seem to be some of the most hidden of the homeless," said James Jones, the organization's director of development and communications. "Our clients are the working poor. Most of us go through life and we have situations to deal with, but we have a friend or family member who can help us out. They've been doing the right thing, but maybe there was a bad situation or tragedy. Their desire to get back on their feet is extraordinarily strong."

Working within a roughly \$3-million budget, Upward Bound House provides the families with temporary shelter while helping them locate permanent housing. But the nonprofit relies heavily on philanthropy and community partnerships, which is why it is grateful to have the new support of a locally based fitness company.

Beachbody this month is donating \$5 to Upward Bound House for each purchase of its Master's Hammer and Chisel strength training program, up to \$500,000, which officials said will help the nonprofit move 100 families into permanent housing while offering case management, employment assistance and other services.

Announced to coincide with Giving Tuesday, an annual philanthropy campaign, the partnership came about with the help of a former Upward Bound House board mem-

ber and Beachbody's chief legal officer.

In the past, the fitness company has donated money to organizations that address human trafficking and access to clean water. This time, it wanted to focus on an issue that affects Southern California.

"We felt we haven't been as active locally as we otherwise could be," co-founder and chief executive Carl Daikeler said. "We felt that, particularly with the holidays, we really wanted to do something that would solve an acute problem and have an immediate impact during this particularly sensitive season. That's where homelessness and struggling families became the primary theme that we wanted to investigate."

The issue seemed particularly appropriate considering Sagi Kalev, one of the developers behind Beachbody's new exercise program, used to be homeless.

"We didn't just want to pour money into a charity and have them say, 'Thank you,'" Daikeler said. "We wanted to know that every time we wrote a check, it would have a specific outcome."

Jones said Upward Bound House is expanding its outreach efforts and that the financial support of area businesses is powerful.

"This was the perfect opportunity for them and for us to participate in something that will benefit homeless families with children," Jones said. "Los Angeles is not only one of the largest homeless communities, but it's one of the fastest-growing. This allows us to do even more."

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parking. 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Monday, Dec. 7

Architectural Review Board meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. 7 p.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St., www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.

Disabilities Commission meeting
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Smart Thinking

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New water, old pipes

IN APRIL 1949, A LARGE NEW RESERVOIR

being built under San Vicente Boulevard collapsed, killing a 62-year-old workman from Venice. The new 5-million-gallon reservoir was part of extensive work on the city's infrastructure and was financed with a large bond measure. This tragic accident happened during a period when the city's residents and businesses worked hard to improve the city's underlying infrastructure and prepare for the postwar boom that was already underway.

That commitment goes back a long way. Thirty-three years earlier, the city — with a population of about 15,000 residents — spent over a million dollars per resident (in today's dollars) to purchase a number of private water companies and consolidate them under one roof. And in the following decade, as the city's population doubled during an extreme drought, the city approved another expansion of the water system, including the purchase of water-bearing lands in Mar Vista and two new reservoirs (one at Bundy and Wilshire, the other on Franklin Hill), at a cost of \$14 million in today's dollars. Ten years later the city easily passed yet another large bond measure to build a huge new reservoir under the tennis courts of the Riviera Country Club.

Those long-term investments serve us to this very day. The estimable Susan Cloke, writing elsewhere in 2009, said: "Water, water shortages, water conservation, water quality are interwoven with the history of Santa Monica and with our future. Our identity continues to be defined by our care of our precious water." (<http://tinyurl.com/zmr6dfx>).

Today, the city's infrastructure — including streets, water, sewer and electricity — have become tangled up in the complicated politics and economics of development and the controversies that accompany them. On the one hand, some of City Council's efforts to deal with water shortages show that the city is trying creative new avenues for water conservation. One example is the concept of "water neutrality" rules that would require new developments to pay for or offset the use of the increased water they will require. One proposal would have a new development pay to install new showerheads and toilets in older buildings elsewhere to offset that new project's use. But it is unclear how the city will monitor water use, and find out if the refurbishment of older buildings actually offsets the water use of new projects, and what measures could be taken if not. For one thing, most older apartment buildings do not have individual water meters. And for another, the city has a poor record of enforcing public-benefit agreements with developers, to put it charitably. It is unclear how much energy the city will expend to make sure that water consumption by new developments is actually offset in its entirety elsewhere.

On the other hand, even while the city attempts to deal with water shortages, it tries to avoid building necessary infrastructure by tweaking water-usage policies, in an effort to allow room for more development without the infrastructure investment that must follow. For example, the draft Downtown Specific Plan estimates that water demand downtown will increase by 30 percent by 2030. But the problem is that "a number of water lines may be deficient to meet future demand as antici-

pated in the DSP", and it suggests that implementing water-reduction policies will change the "water use habits" of residents and businesses, and "expand the capacity of the water system to serve future needs..."

Water conservation, especially during droughts, is a goal that most residents strongly support. But imposing water conservation measures to avoid building actual, hard infrastructure and supplying the water to fill it, is a different matter altogether. Counting on habit-changing policies as a way to "expand the capacity of the water system" is not the equivalent of real pipes and water. Habit-changing water conservation policies should be taken only to conserve water, and not to provide increased capacity for development, especially when the new habits that result from those policies may change along with the weather.

The draft Downtown Specific Plan is commendably more explicit about the sanitary sewer system in the downtown area. The system is, in parts, simply inadequate: "Sewer lines that are already operating at or over capacity should be considered priorities for a replacement or upgrade program and are critical in order to adequately service future increases in demand." Anybody looking at their water bill sees the link between sanitary sewers and water demand. What goes in must go out. So if the Downtown Specific Plan anticipates an increase in the demand for sewers, it must expect that overall water demand will also increase, despite the habit-changing water conservation policies mentioned above. Where will all this extra water come from?

Our colleague, Thane Roberts, recently wrote that between 2005 and 2013 the residential sector's water use dropped 6 percent, while the population increased by 7 percent. At the same time, the commercial sector increased its usage by 12 percent. Clearly, the burden of conserving water in this city was largely carried on the backs of residents. But there is only so much that can be accomplished by changing the habits of residents, and even of transient visitors. At some point we must acknowledge that more users will require more water, no matter what habit-changing conservation measures the city takes. That water will have to come from somewhere.

An old saying goes, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Changing people's water-using habits is a wonderful conservation effort, but not a substitute for pipes and water when those are needed by more users. The city must address this issue with the same energy and creativity as it did in earlier eras, when the city's population increased during a time of heavy drought not unlike today's. It's better to plan ahead than to find oneself high and dry, or worse — floating away in the inexorable slow flow of a rising brown tide.

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Serving the public means serving car users

Editor:

Daniel Shenise spouts the bizarre notion that parking spots are a subsidy for the "storage of private property" (i.e., cars). That if you own a car, you should "sit it on your own property or the 405, just don't force the rest of society to have to indulge your choices."

Who is this "rest of society" that doesn't depend on a car? A tiny minority of green fanatics.

The vast majority of Angelenos ride in cars, either their own or that of family members. Even Angelenos who don't own cars ride in taxis, Uber cars, or shuttle vans dedicated to seniors, the sick, children, Meals on Wheels, or to the airport.

Nor are parking spaces for the use of "private property" any more than are bicycles racks or sidewalks. Any member of the public can use sidewalks, bicycle racks, parking spots, or roads. This means that, by definition, they are being used by the public, for public purposes. Only a parking spot reserved exclusively for one person can be said to be private.

Car owners are subsidized? Not! Unlike bicyclists, car owners not only pay the usual taxes (property, income, etc.) but we also pay gas taxes and car registration fees – taxes and fees that should go to the roads, but are instead diverted to the general fund. And did Mr. Shenise forget about all those parking meters? I don't see bicyclists paying to chain their private property to racks, signs, or lampposts.

All Angelenos have an interest in wide roads, with plenty of parking spots and free-flowing traffic. Only a comparative few hobbyists use bicycles. Only a comparative few ride trains.

It's the duty of public officials to serve the public, which are mostly car users. Instead, our city leaders are increasingly catering to haters who sneer at "car culture." City leaders look for ways to make life increasingly unbearable for those who depend on cars by reducing traffic lanes and parking spots.

It may surprise Mr. Shenise to know that I'm a hardcore pedestrian who walks over 8 miles a day for exercise (despite bicyclists who invade the sidewalks and zip past me when I'm in the middle of a crosswalk). I've owned my current car since 2006, yet it only has 8,400 miles on it. (You do the math.) Yet when I drive, I'd like to move at a decent pace and find parking when I get to my destination – something increasingly difficult to do in our car-hating city.

It's time city leaders served the majority. We are California. We are car culture.

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AIRPORT

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where a reasonable counterargument exists, it is well within the FAA's authority to rule upon this limited but threshold issue by clarifying the expiration date. We decline to dismiss this Complaint on the grounds that it fails to state a claim."

Standing: "Assuming the assurances are in fact in effect, the stability and fundamental ground rules the assurances create are undermined by the City's repudiation, particularly given the current position of the City Commission, which, regardless of whether the Council has taken action yet, appears to lean towards a full or partial closure. We find the Complainants are directly and substantially affected by the uncertainty of the grant expiration date and have standing to bring this Complaint seeking clarification of that date."

Jurisdiction: "Section 16.1 is very broad and conveys jurisdiction where a complaint is filed under any of the listed authorities. Here, the Complaint has been filed under the authority of 'the assurances and other Federal obligations contained in a grant-in-aid agreement issued under the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (AAIA).' Therefore, we find jurisdiction exists."

Good-faith efforts: "The City's position on the expiration date is clear and unlikely to be voluntarily reversed. The Complainants are not required to conduct continued informal resolution efforts when it appears clear that the City's position on the expiration date is longstanding and fixed."

DRAWN-OUT DISPUTE

In addition to disputing the Complainants right to bring the case, City Hall had argued that the timeline for grant assurances began in 1994, not 2003.

According to the FAA, Santa Monica received \$1,604,700 for planning, airport development or noise program implementation in 1994. Projects funded by the grant were completed in 1996 however the city applied for, and received, an additional \$240,600 in 2003.

In its letter, the FAA states that acceptance of grant money includes rules that must be followed by grant recipients and that the FAA would not issue grants without assurances the money would be spent in a way that provides benefits to the community.

Those rules state, "The terms, conditions and assurances of the grant agreement shall remain in full force and effect throughout the useful life of the facilities developed or equipment acquired for an airport development or noise compatibility program project, or throughout the useful life of the project items installed within a facility under a noise compatibility program project but in any event not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date of the acceptance of a grant offer of Federal funds for the project."

The extra money was used to pay for a new blast wall. Both sides agree the wall went into service in 2002 and the city's argument was that accepting the additional money did not restart the 20-year clock first started in 1994. City Hall's arguments include a contention that the original document included authorization for additional money that nothing in the amendment indicated it would be considered a new agreement, that a prior settlement with the FAA governed the extension of grant assurances, that the terms were unclear and when there is ambiguity, the law should favor the city.

The ruling acknowledges the city first accepted money in 1994.

"Had nothing else happened, the not-to-

exceed date for the grant assurances would have been June 29, 2014, the date that the city argues is, in fact, the actual expiration date," reads the document. "Complainants, however, observe that this is not the last date on which grant funds were accepted by the city."

The ruling states the FAA is required by Congress to adhere to its grant assurance rules when issuing money and those rules begin when money is accepted. By reopening the previously closed grant to take the new cash, the FAA said the clock was reset, as the amendment became functionally a new agreement beyond the original terms.

"Upon acceptance of an offer of Federal funds for an (Airport Improvement Project), the assurances become a binding contractual obligation between the airport sponsor and the Federal Government," said the ruling.

The ruling rejected the city's contention that it did not understand the terms of the agreement citing multiple previous interactions between the FAA, state regulators and the City as evidence the city should have had the experience by this point to understand the agreement.

In addressing the claim that a 1984 settlement overrode the grant assurance, the FAA stated the settlement's authority was specifically limited to grant agreements prior to 1995 and that the settlement also states compliance with a 20 year timeline is mandatory from the date a grant was accepted.

Claims that when language is unclear it should favor the city were also rejected. The FAA cited precedent for favoring its own interpretation of the language and said the grant assurances are specific in their language that the not-to-exceed date is tied to "a offer" not the "original offer."

LOCAL OFFICIALS REACT

Airport supporters said the ruling would limit any efforts to alter operations at SMO.

"It's not a surprise to us," said Bill Worden. "Some people go to court to find out what the law says, others go to see it enforced. We had every reason to believe the FAA would rule 2023."

He said the grant assurances would likely override efforts to limit fuel sales on site, remove airport tenants from their leases or alter the runway.

"What becomes one of the questions is how long will the city piss all their money away on these frivolous lawsuits and wasting all their time," he said.

Santa Monica officials criticized the FAA for delaying the ruling and continued to dispute the FAA's findings.

"The FAA's decision is inconsistent with best grant management practices," said Nelson Hernandez, Senior Advisor for Airport Affairs. "In the meantime, we will continue to take every action necessary to promote the health and safety of our residents."

Mayor Kevin McKeown said the ruling fails to address concerns over the airport.

"It is highly unfortunate, though hardly surprising given its past actions, that yet again the FAA favors aviation interests to the detriment of the health and safety of the families that live near the Airport," he said.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said appeal options would be considered.

"The decision from the FAA is no surprise, particularly since the FAA gets to be essentially its own judge and jury," she said. "Once we have had time to carefully review the Director's Determination, we will make recommendations to the City Council. This decision is not yet final. There are two more levels of appeal within the FAA, followed by judicial review in the federal court of appeals."

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PARKLETS

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2800 block outside Ashland Hill. Council added a third site on the 2700 block outside Finn McCool's after local businesses argued that a larger pilot program would provide more data from which to judge the program's success.

Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, said more parklets would provide a better sample of activity on the street, more variety in programming, more examples of creativity in programming and a better mix of business operators.

"We did originally ask for four, but there's no magic number," he said. "We just thought a pilot program should reveal as much as possible to the council, the staff, the community and the merchants."

The parklets will be areas of expanded sidewalk containing amenities and street furniture. Nearby businesses will be contracted to operate the spaces but the parklets will remain public property, open to anyone and governed initially in the same way sidewalks are regulated. Restaurants will be prohibited from offering table service in the spaces, alcohol is prohibited, smoking will be prohibited in parklets that are within 20 feet of a doorway and the spaces will be open 24 hours a day.

The operators will be responsible for keeping the spaces clean and free of debris, programming the spaces, ensuring movable items are brought in at the end of the day and providing feedback on the program to staff.

Council's approval Nov. 24 was for a pilot program of one year with the option for a pair of 1-year extensions. Salvador Valles, assistant director of planning and community development, said a pilot program is necessary to judge if parklets are appropriate for Santa Monica. He said staff would be looking at how the spaces are used, the impact on businesses adjacent to the spaces and street-wide, maintenance problems and potential regulatory updates necessary to accommodate the parklets.

"Success is uncertain," he said. "We want to be able to test and make sure that it fits in properly in our city."

Council approved the three locations but did not give final approval to the project and did not approve money to finance the work. Staff will return to council at a future meeting with specific costs now that they know the number and exact location of the proposed parklets.

Valles said costs can vary based on the size and amenities included in a parklet but that smaller projects could cost about \$35,000 with increasing costs

as the size and construction quality increased.

The City of Santa Monica will foot the bill for the first three but Council said future costs would hopefully be borne by businesses, neighborhood groups, industry groups or other potential partners.

Seven businesses filed applications for the pilot program but Valles said some were eliminated due to impediments like red curbs while others were applications for spaces similar to those proposed.

Local businessman Matthew Gibbons has no connection to the Main Street businesses chosen to operate the parklets but he said the idea is necessary to keep Santa Monica competitive in the regional economy. He said neighboring cities are rapidly expanding their retail options with a stated goal of taking business away from Santa Monica.

"They will recruit Santa Monica's excellent retail and restaurant staff," he said. "They will consume all editorial, PR, advertising, online and social media for years and they have all publicly stated they are targeting Santa Monica locals and visitors."

Gibbons said failure to invest in the business economy would create a cascade of job losses and business closures.

"They have called us out by name and we don't have a lot left in the development pipeline to counter," he said. "We must maximize the potential of what we have, which means building parklets."

Luke Tabet, part-owner of Ashland Hill, said the parklets would be a new way to attract foot traffic to the area and his business wasn't concerned about the loss of parking spots as he said the parklet would provide an opportunity to increase bike parking, thereby encouraging alternate methods of transportation.

"It's amazing how much change has happened in Santa Monica already with the new bike system," he said, "and I think this is the beginning of a lot of positive change for Santa Monica."

Council said a pilot program with a small number of parklets would be the best way to gather data before considering a citywide expansion.

"It's exciting, council, to be able to experiment and that's what this is about," Mayor Kevin McKeown said. "It's a pilot to see how it works."

Councilman Terry O'Day said the value of the test phase will be in the way parklets impact the larger neighborhood.

"The pilot is not just about the individual parklet but the effect for the entire strip and I think that the network affect of these can be quite powerful," he said.

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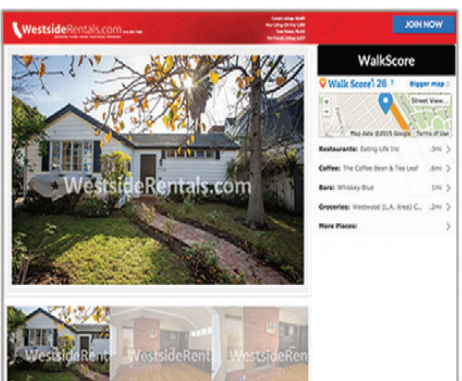
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FILM REVIEW

'THE DANISH GIRL'

Rated R
120 Minutes
Released Nov. 27

During the discussion panel that followed my screening of "The Danish Girl," Lucinda Coxon explained that she wrote the first draft of the screenplay 11 years ago. She had become fascinated by the characters in the 2000 novel by David Ebershoff based on the exceptional true story of a Danish artist and his wife in the mid-1920s. Ebershoff had taken great creative liberties in his book for the sake of drama. Coxon's screenplay went through 20 drafts. She meticulously researched the characters' real stories. She read the diary written by the main character, Lily Elbe, called "Man Into Woman." When she had finished the final draft, her story was much more true to historical fact than Ebershoff's novel.

This was no easy project to put into production. The film went through a series of director and cast changes between 2010 and 2015, finally ending up with the team that created the beautiful finished product. Tom Hooper ("The King's Speech," "Les Misérables") came on as director and pulled in some of his team from previous projects: cinematographer Danny Cohen, editor Melanie Oliver, casting director Nina Gold and production designer Eve Stewart. He also managed to secure one of the best composers in the business, Alexandre Desplat, whose score is hauntingly simple. Many of the scenes are dramatically silent, so when the music does come in, it adds to the emotional texture. In the end, a magnificent movie was made on a budget of just \$15 million, shot in 44 days in five countries.

In the beginning of the film, the artist Einar Wegener paints landscapes that are full of longing. The composition of each scene has a wealth of emotional value and the sweeping landscapes create a love story. Water is a prevalent background theme. The camera moves when there is feeling, and when the environment is detached from the characters' normal lives, as in hospitals and mental institutions, there is stillness and cool balance in the visual framework.

Eddie Redmayne did a tremendous amount of research to take on the very difficult role of Einar/Lily Elbe. (In real life, Redmayne is married to a woman, PR executive Hannah Bagshawe.) Throughout the film he transforms very gradually and completely from awkward to shy, delicate and bubbling with joy just under the surface, at his new identity. He is a consummate artist. It's hard to imagine this film without Alicia Vikander as the incredibly strong, complex, independent, yet soft and caring Gerta Wegener, Einar's wife. Yet the role had been offered to five different actresses in the years

MOVIE TIMES

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Bridge Of Spies (PG-13)
11:55AM, 3:10PM,
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The Good Dinosaur (PG)
1:55PM, 7:00PM,
11:20AM, 4:30PM,
9:35PM

The Letters (PG)
10:55AM, 4:15PM,
7:05PM, 9:50PM

Love The Coopers (PG-13)
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5:00PM, 7:40PM,
10:10PM

Krampus (PG-13)
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4:40PM, 7:35PM,
10:05PM

The Martian (PG-13)
12:50PM, 7:20PM,
11:00AM, 4:10PM,
10:30PM

The Peanuts Movie (G)
10:40AM, 2:50PM,
5:15PM

Sicario (R)
7:10PM, 10:00PM

Spectre (PG-13)
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3:40PM, 7:00PM,
10:20PM

Spotlight (R)
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leading up to production, and each had dropped out of this complex endeavor.

The story is about the relationship each of us has with our identity. It is a love story about two people who are very different from most in our culture, yet strong enough to think beyond social constrictions. It is a story about love that transcends definition, about the gift of having someone who believes in you in order to have the strength to become true to yourself. It is a tragedy yet full of joy. Please see it. Your eyes will be opened.

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. Reach her at kwboole@gmail.com. For previously published reviews, see <https://kwboole.wordpress.com>.



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 15ENT-0278, **San Vicente Boulevard Between Ocean Avenue And Seventh Street**
APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission
PROPERTY OWNER: San Vicente Boulevard Between Ocean Avenue and Seventh Street

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

The City's Landmarks Commission has filed an application (15ENT-0278) for the creation of a new historic district affecting certain properties along San Vicente Boulevard, generally between Ocean Avenue and Seventh Street. The City Council will be conducting a public hearing to introduce for first reading an ordinance that adds Chapter 9.56.310 to the Municipal Code and designates certain properties along both sides of San Vicente Boulevard, generally located between Ocean Avenue and 7th Street, as the San Vicente Boulevard Courtyard Apartments Historic District.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, December 15, 2015, AT 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

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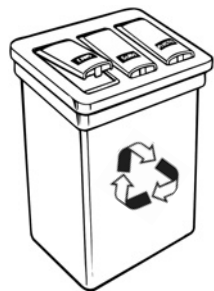
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Scott Albright at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at scott.albright@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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ESPAÑOL

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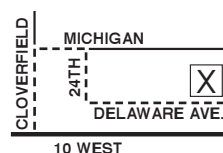


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WNW swell drops. Small SSW swell.

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

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 Lachusa and Los Aliso 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 (beach 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+

LEGEND

DRY

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WET

-- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns

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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 NOV. 24 AT ABOUT 4:17 A.M.

A Santa Monica police officer patrolling on the eastern side of the city observed a man acting suspiciously while riding his bicycle on the sidewalk, a municipal code violation, and with no light, in violation of the vehicle code. The officer followed the man for a few blocks and observed he was wearing gloves and carrying a plastic bag and large duffel bag on the handlebars. The subject, later identified as 59-year-old Renard Keith Kirksey, of Inglewood, peered into several car windows as he rode by. When Kirksey realized he was being followed, he started riding faster, making several turns as he entered into Los Angeles. The officer turned on his emergency lights and activated his siren to initiate a traffic stop on the subject. Kirksey didn't stop, however, instead ditching the duffel bag in front of a house in the 1700 block of South Carmelina Avenue and continuing to try and evade the officer. After a few blocks, Kirksey ditched his bicycle and fled from the officer on foot. The officer caught him about 50 feet away and detained the man until other officers could arrive to help. Kirksey was eventually handcuffed and the duffel bag, which contained several car radios and burglary tools, was recovered. He was arrested on charges of burglary, possession of burglary tools, possession of stolen property, operating his bicycle without a light during hours of darkness, riding on the sidewalk, and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 394 calls for service on Dec. 3.

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

Living in a vehicle 1400 block of 26th 12:01 a.m.
Traffic accident 20th/Santa Monica 5:33 a.m.
Battery 3400 block of Ocean Park 6:33 a.m.
Battery 1100 block of Pico 7:41 a.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Ocean Park 8:22 a.m.
Traffic accident Stewart/Olympic 8:27 a.m.
Attempted burglary 1600 block of Ocean 8:56 a.m.
Sexual assault 300 block of Olympic 9:08 a.m.
Stalking 1400 block of Princeton 9:51 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Main 10:08 a.m.
Petty theft 500 block of Santa Monica 11:02 a.m.
Animal related incident 1800 block of 10th 11:24 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2500 block of 20th 11:31 a.m.
Battery 500 block of Colorado 11:39 a.m.
Traffic accident 1000 block of 2nd 11:50 a.m.
Identity theft 600 block of Washington 12:02 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of Montana 12:59 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1300 block

of 2nd 1:41 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 500 block of Raymond 1:41 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1700 block of Ocean 1:41 p.m.
Traffic accident Centinela/Ocean Park 1:56 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block of Palisades Beach 2:15 p.m.
Identity theft 500 block of San Vicente 2:35 p.m.
Vandalism 900 block of 11th 2:47 p.m.
Identity theft 1200 block of Franklin 2:51 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2300 block of 10th 3:28 p.m.
Drunk driving 4th/Olympic 3:42 p.m.
Identity theft 800 block of 12th 3:54 p.m.
Elder abuse 500 block of Colorado 4:26 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln/Interstate 10 5 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of 16th 5:08 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500 block of California 5:22 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block of 5th 5:39 p.m.
Vandalism 1700 block of Lincoln 5:46 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation Ocean/Arizona 5:47 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block of Centinela 6:04 p.m.
Attempt burglary 2500 block of Santa Monica 6:09 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 500 block of Euclid 6:59 p.m.
Traffic accident 1700 block of Pearl 7:01 p.m.
Fight Lincoln/Montana 7:08 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 34 calls for service on Dec. 3.

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

EMS 500 block of 16th 1:01 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 2:37 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Lincoln 3:43 a.m.
EMS of 20th/Santa Monica 5:34 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Princeton 6:35 a.m.
EMS of Lincoln/Pico 8:30 a.m.
Structure fire 2100 block of 3rd 8:34 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 9:05 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Palisades Beach 9:28 a.m.
EMS of 6th/Wilshire 9:30 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 6th 9:54 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 11:11 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 7th 11:58 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 19th 12:15 p.m.

EMS 2800 block of Kansas 1:45 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 4th 2:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block of Ocean 2:13 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 17th 2:21 p.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of San Vicente 2:53 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 2nd 3:14 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 3:25 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block of Wilshire 4:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of 5th 4:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Cedar 4:16 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 4:39 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of 9th 4:55 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 5:10 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2300 block of Schader 5:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block of Wilshire 6:53 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 6:55 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Olympic 7:38 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1** Big gulp
- 5** Not at home
- 9** Comet's place
- 10** Man of Madrid
- 12** Oscar winner Sophia
- 13** Marsh grass
- 14** Lacking luxury
- 16** Regret
- 17** "Patience — virtue"
- 18** New Jersey university
- 20** "Cool Hand Luke" star
- 22** Lo-cal
- 23** Texas landmark
- 25** Rotten kid
- 28** Champagne/orange juice drink
- 32** Subsequently
- 34** Veto
- 35** Bat wood
- 36** Island instrument
- 38** Storage sites
- 40** Oven feature
- 41** Principle
- 42** Singer Faith
- 43** Suggestive
- 44** Dispatched

- DOWN**
- 1** Better half
- 2** European capital
- 3** "Cold As Ever" rapper
- 4** Non-specific
- 5** Useful ability
- 6** Lilliputian
- 7** Nobelist Sakharov
- 8** Dairy case buy
- 9** Done in
- 11** Oscar winner Witherspoon
- 15** Go wild
- 19** Snatch, slangily
- 21** Deck worker
- 24** Meeting record
- 25** Big party
- 26** Bacon slice
- 27** Wise goddess
- 29** Kind of band or show
- 30** Old movie
- 31** Personnel heads, at times
- 33** Out of practice
- 37** Exist
- 39** Last mo.

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Yesterday's answer

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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).

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

2	5	9	4	8	7	3	6	1
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6	1	4	9	3	2	5	8	7
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Jackpot: 127M

Draw Date: 12/1
5 7 25 50 59
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Jackpot: 47M

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Jackpot: 21M

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WORD UP!

spoonerism
1. The transposition of usually initial sounds in a pair of words.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1958** - The Preston By-pass, the UK's first stretch of motorway, opens to traffic for the first time. (It is now part of the M6 and M55 motorways.)
- 1964** - Vietnam War: For his heroism in battle earlier in the year, Captain Roger Donlon is awarded the first Medal of Honor of the war.
- 1964** - Lloyd J. Old discovered the first linkage between the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) and disease—mouse leukemia—opening the way for the recognition of the importance of the MHC in the immune response.
- 1969** - The four node ARPANET network is established.

- 1977** - Egypt breaks diplomatic relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and South Yemen. The move is in retaliation for the Declaration of Tripoli against Egypt.
- 1978** - The Soviet Union signs a "friendship treaty" with the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.
- 1983** - Dissolution of the Military Junta in Argentina.
- 1993** - The mayor of Vienna, Helmut Zilk, is injured by a letter bomb.
- 1995** - The Sri Lankan government announces the conquest of the Tamil stronghold of Jaffna.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

- Charles Smith, 62, is set to drive municipal buses for Broward County, Florida, until he retires in 2020, even though his record includes 14 accidents in a recent five-year period (not enough for discipline, in that, according to contract rules, not more than four were labeled "preventable" in any two consecutive years). The bus drivers' union president told the South Florida Sun-Sentinel that he "can't figure out why" some drivers just get into more accidents than others. Elsewhere in transit news, notorious serial New York "joydriver" Darius McCollum, 50, commandeered yet another bus and was arrested on Nov. 11. He faces jail time, just as he has already served for more than two dozen bus- and train-"borrowing" incidents. (Based on news reports of McCollum over the years, he nonetheless might be a better bus driver than Charles Smith.)
- The federal government confiscated more property from citizens (through "civil asset forfeiture") in 2014 than burglars did, according to FBI figures publicized by the independent Institute for Justice (and that did not count state and local government seizures, which are not uniformly reported). None of the governments is bound by law to await convictions before exercising seizure rights. (Some of the seized assets must eventually be returned to private-party victims, but news reports abound of suddenly enriched police departments and other agencies being "gifted" with brand-new cars and other assets acquired from suspects never convicted of crimes.)

CHECK YOUR BANK ACCOUNT, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ There could be an innate awkwardness between you and someone else in the morning. Fortunately this gawkiness fades quickly. You have a lot on your mind, as you seem to be caught up in a matter involving a friend. Tonight: Listen to what others have to say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Pace yourself and get certain errands completed. You are likely to be involved with matters involving the holiday season. You could see a friend become unusually aggressive. Your vision of what is possible might change as a result of this transformation. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your naughtiness could mark the next few days. You can't help but get into the kidlike attitude associated with the holiday season. You are likely to be singing carols by the end of the day. A power play by a partner or loved one will backfire! Tonight: Add a touch of romance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might need some downtime at home because that is where you can relax. No matter what, you are likely to get into some form of holiday preparation anyway. You might be making cookies or decorating. You're into the moment. Tonight: Go along with someone's idea.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your friendship is more important to someone than you realize. What starts off as a light encounter could evolve into a heavy but important chat. You might be barking at each other rather than responding in a productive way. Be sensitive. Tonight. Be willing to change plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might decide that today is the day to do your holiday shopping. You could make yourself crazy with this project, but you will be happier in the long run. Be careful not to go overboard. Establish strong limits. Tonight: Make sure you check your bank account.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be energized and want to cut down your own Christmas tree or go ice skating. Whatever type of indulgence you choose, you will have a great time. If possible, ask a friend or two to join in your pursuit of holiday festivities. Tonight: Add some spice to the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might not care to be on top of what needs to happen; instead, opt for some personal time and perhaps take a lazy day. You won't have another opportunity like this for a while. Jump on it as soon as you can. If need be, change your plans. Tonight: Not to be found.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Put greater emphasis on a certain friendship. Yes, you might have other plans, but what is going on here could be unusual and quite special. Listen to your sixth sense regarding a money matter. You might need to revise your budget before it bursts! Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Be willing to take a stand, yet be gentler than you normally are. Use the art of persuasion and tap into your sensitivities to achieve the results you want. An older relative could become extremely demanding at a bad moment. Just go with the flow. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Take an overview of what is happening. You understand others' needs, but you need to know whether you can fulfill them. At times, you tend to withdraw. You might want to take a brisk walk in the cold winter weather. Tonight: Go to a concert, or put on some holiday music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You easily could get drawn into a one-on-one conversation during the day. In fact, your day could be a series of these types of conversations with different people. Do not lose sight of your long-term goals and plans. Tonight: With a favorite person at a favorite place.

Weekend Edition, December 5-6, 2015

This year you become more sensitive to your family and their needs. At the same time, you become more tuned into yourself. Your serious dedication to work or to whatever you are doing points to success. If you are single, a friendship could be the key to meeting your next sweetheart. You won't need to join a dating service. If you are attached, you two manage to realize a long-term desire or goal. You often can be found celebrating and enjoying the quality of your life together. LIBRA might be gentle and appealing, but he or she might not always follow through.

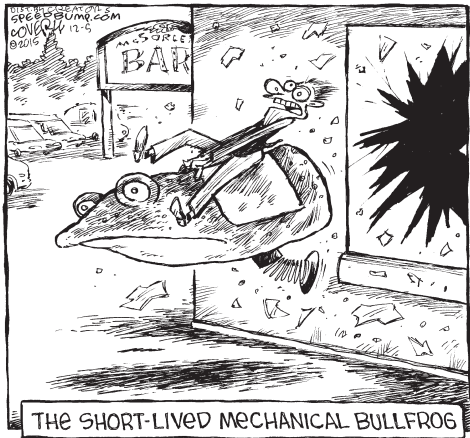
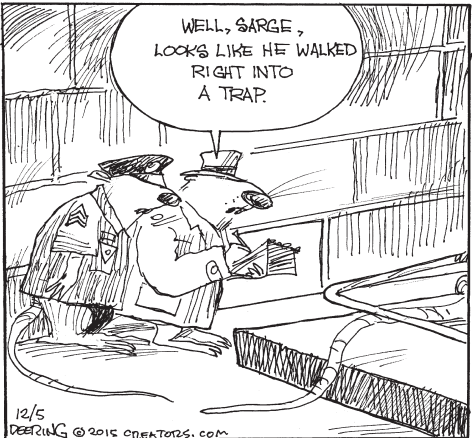
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly

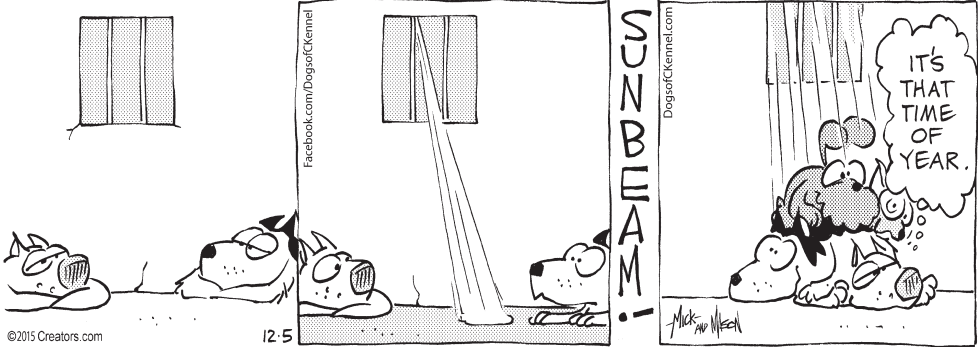
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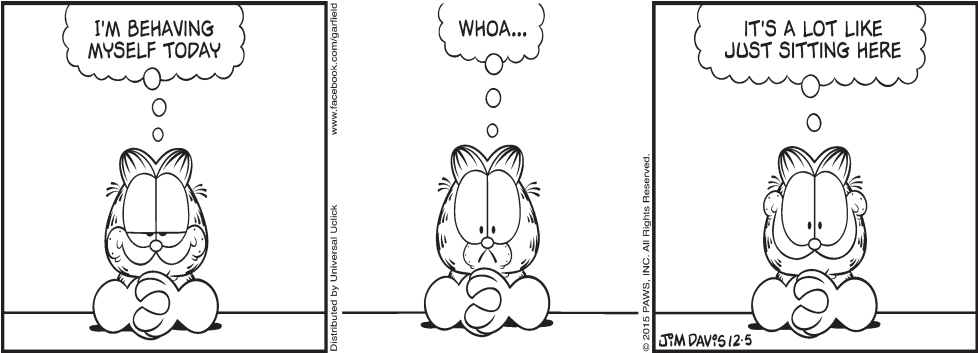
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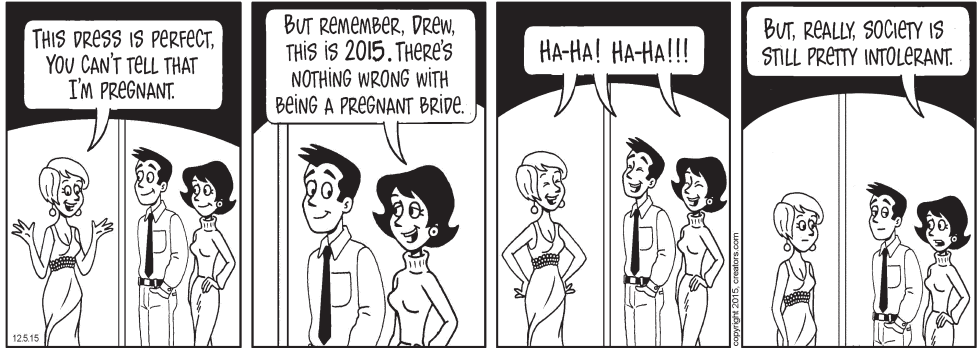
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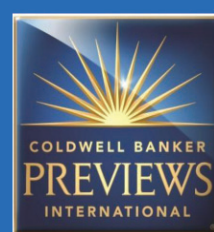
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