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Expo train derailed in crash





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CRASH: A train hit a truck yesterday.







Colorado Boulevard collision comes amid light-rail testing

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

An Expo Line train being tested in Santa Monica derailed Thursday after hitting a truck at the intersection of Colorado Avenue and 7th Street.

Trains have been running periodically on the tracks for several months as part of the testing program on the local portions of the light-rail track, which connects to downtown Los Angeles. Thursday's crash was the first major incident involving a train in Santa Monica.

The accident happened at about noon as the truck driver attempted to make an illegal left turn from westbound Colorado Avenue onto southbound 7th Street, according to Santa Monica police. The westbound train hit the cab of the

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GIRLS BASKETBALL:

St. Monica tries on new approach for size

Frontcourt players to have big roles for Mariners under Burke

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

This year, the St. Monica Catholic girls basketball team is thinking big. Literally.

With two talented 6-foot centers anchoring the front line, the Mariners are hoping to take advantage of their size and skill on the interior in Don Burke's first season as head coach of the program.

Indeed, those assets offer a potential edge on which St. Monica is still learning to capitalize.

"That's never really been the focus before," Burke said. "It's sort of new territory. We want to get the ball in there. We want them to shoot. They've never been a focal

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Additional review required for proposed Wilshire hotel

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A proposed hotel at 7th and Wilshire has been sent back for additional review with an expectation the project will be approved or denied in the next six months.

At their Dec. 8 meeting, in a 4-2 vote, the City Council denied without prejudice an appeal by the developer that if upheld, would have allowed construction to move forward at the site of the Santa Monica Professional Building (710 Wilshire Blvd.). The council's decision returns the project to a specialized design review committee for additional work with the goal that problems be resolved within a six-month window.

The hotel was approved by development agreement in March of 2012. The project includes incorporating a landmarked building into new construction for a 271 room, 15,210 sq. ft. hotel. Because the project would require additional certification by the Landmarks Commission and the Architectural Review Board, council established a Joint Decision Review Body (JDRB) composed of representatives from both Landmarks and ARB.

Eight design conditions for the hotel were also set forth in the

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In this workshop you'll learn how to make your own signature hot sauce! Cost: $45 + $5 cash material fee. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/48227 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 12 - 3 p.m.

Word I (MS Office 2013)

Introduction to using Microsoft Word 2013 to create and format basic documents. Intermediate level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4 p.m.

Build-a-Ginger House Family Workshop

Join us for a fun afternoon with family and friends and build a ginger house! Materials will be provided. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Family movie: 'Big Hero 6'

When a criminal plot threatens the hi-tech metropolis of San Fransokyo, brilliant young robotics whiz Hiro Hamada leaps into action with his tech-savvy friends, and his robot companion Baymax in Disney Animation's adaptation of the popular Marvel Comics series. (102 min.) PG. Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

December drive-in series for kids

Bring your cardboard box car to our drive-in and watch some holiday favorites and discover new favorites! Ages 3 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 5 p.m.

World's Biggest Office Party 2015

Networking for technology industry. Also "Secret Santa." Product giveaways, vending. For more information call (562) 212-4233 or visit worldsbiggestoffice.party. 1550 PCH Beach Lot, 4:30 - 11 p.m.

Menorah lighting

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11th Annual Motus Perpetuus Winter Concert

Santa Monica High School choirs are presenting this concert. Ticket donation (general, student, senior /military): $10 Adults, $5 students and seniors. Tickets for the general public will be available at the door. Visit for more info: http://www.samohichoir.org/index.php/events/public-concerts-and-events/winter-concert. Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall, 600 Olympic Blvd., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 12

Holiday shopping on Ocean Park

Businesses on Ocean Park Boulevard between 16th and 18th streets will be celebrating their annual holiday event with sales, trunk shows, a book signing, sidewalk vendors, a henna tattoo station, sidewalk chalk decoration, art and goodies at each stop. And there is a rumor Santa will be passing through.

1450 Ocean: Selfie Saturday: A Yoga Workshop with Katie McCulla

For advanced practitioners. Please bring a mat, towel and reusable bottle; water fountain onsite. Cost: $38 for Santa Monica residents, $44 non-residents. To register go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47238 or call (310) 458-2239.

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Fairview Book Group @ Pico Branch
Book group to discuss "A Death in the Family" by James Agee. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Meditation Basics
The first half of the class will be educational with a special topic each month, the second half of the class will be hands on meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Repair Cafe
This event brings together community experts with folks seeking to learn how to repair common household items. Palisades Park, 12 - 4 p.m.

Bookmaking: Make a Memory Book
Bind together your own book to keep special memories, and embellish it with fabric. To help the Santa Monica Public Library celebrate its 125th Anniversary, participants are encouraged to share their own stories and memories of the Library while creating their books. Sponsored by the Friends of SMPL. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 4 p.m.

Charlotte Rae presents The Facts of My Life
From Car 54, Where Are You? to Sesame Street, to her beloved role as Mrs. Garrett on The Facts of Life, Charlotte Rae has entertained generations of fans. But her life hasn't always been filled with the laugh track that accompanies most sitcoms. Join us as she discusses her new autobiography with her co-author/son Larry Strauss and very special guests. A book sale and signing follows. This is a ticketed event. Free tickets will be released one hour prior to program. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 5 p.m.

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Sunday, Dec. 13

1450 Ocean: A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz
Join urban sketcher and watercolorist Timothy Kitz in a six week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels. Sundays 12/6, 12/13, 12/20, 1/10, 1/17, & 1/24. Cost: $140 - Drop-In participation is available for $30. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/47210 or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Interfaith Jazz Vespers
Chris Dawson's Holiday Swingset - Jazz. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 14th Street & Ocean Park Blvd., 5 p.m.

Vigil for Victims of Gun Violence
All are invited to gather in prayer for the National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence. This event is hosted by the Catholic Parishes of Santa Monica. St. Monica Catholic Church, 725 California Ave., 5 p.m.

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Laughing Matters

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Donald even trumps Chanukah

I HAD PLANNED ON WRITING A HOPE-fully humorous column about how Chanukah is the Rodney Dangerfield of holidays. (Compared to Christmas, it gets no respect.) My title was, "Chanukah in Santa Monica," which I stole from the musical parody of the same name by Tom Lehrer, recorded in the 1950's.

Lehrer was born in 1928 to a Jewish family in New York City. He was a piano prodigy, entered Harvard at 15 and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He taught at M.I.T., Harvard, Wellesley and U.C. Santa Cruz.

But Lehrer's life as a math professor was overshadowed by spectacular success as a satirist, songwriter and performer. And yet he abruptly walked away.

Some say it was because the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Henry Kissinger in 1973. Lehrer did comment that "Awarding the prize to Kissinger made political satire obsolete."

Lehrer is 87 and living in Cambridge, Mass. In fact, I left him a voicemail but he hasn't yet returned my call. I've got my fingers crossed. (Which might explain any typos.)

There's only three days left of Chanukah. One problem for me is never quite knowing when the holiday was going to occur. This year it began on Dec. 6 and ends on the 14th. In 2016, it begins the day before Christmas and ends Jan. 1. Is that any way to run a holiday? Meshugenah.

Admittedly, I'm not the most observant Jew. However, my Bar Mitzvah was on TV and here's a column about it. (http://smdp.com/lights-camera-uncle-benny/76838) Having one's Bar Mitzvah on TV should count for something, right? (Other than therapy.)

I don't know why Chanukah, or Hanukkah has the two spellings. I'm just happy if I spell either one right.

As kids it was tough for Chanukah to compete with Christmas. We used to boast that "For eight nights we get a present each night!" Between you and me, the presents weren't exactly eye-popping. (Unless you count a school notebook eye-popping.)

And of course, we had the dreidel, a four-sided spinning top that we spun with great delight. For about 10 minutes. After that, to quote the late B.B. King, "The thrill was gone."

The Cliff Notes of Chanukah, best as I can recall, is that it honors the heroism of Judah Maccabee. (Whose last name, to me, actually sounds Irish.) In 164 B.C.E., Jerusalem was recaptured by the Maccabees, defeating the Syrian army of King Antiochus, and the temple needed to be purified.

But there was only enough oil to light the menorah for one day. And yet, miraculously, it lasted eight days and eight nights, signifying to the Jews that God was with them. (Or get stock in that oil.)

Here's the "Chanukah-Christmas" scorecard: They've got Santa Claus, reindeer, elves, Christmas trees and Bing Crosby. We've got potato latkes.

But, before I could finish my column, Donald Trump announced his latest insane "policy position" with the world. Applying a religious test that's clearly unconstitutional, (as if that ever bothers him) Trump called for temporarily banning all Muslims from entering the United States.

And yet his poll numbers went up and the controversy seemingly dwarfs all other subjects. I wish there were T.A. (Trump Anonymous) meetings so I could find a way to ignore him.

Of some comfort is that Trump's comments were met with worldwide condemnation. In less than 48 hours, 240,000 Brits signed a petition to ban Trump from the UK. Boris Johnson, the mayor of London, said sarcastically, "The only reason I wouldn't go to New York is the real risk of meeting Donald Trump."

Washington Post opinion writer, Dana Milbank calls Trump "America's modern Mussolini." Former Homeland Security Secretary, Tom Ridge says Trump's views play perfectly into ISIS' narrative, adding "Trump belittles, demeans and ridicules people who disagree with him. I've never thought that loud, obnoxious and simple-minded are qualities we want in a president."

Senator Lindsey Graham said, "You know how to make America great again? Tell Donald Trump to go to hell." Yikes.

Trump's obsession with winning everything and getting even for the most minor of slights, fuels his innate mean-spiritedness. On Wednesday, Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel was named Time's "Person of the Year." Clearly jealous, Trump tweeted, "She's ruining Germany." Poor Donald. (Actually, poor us, we've got to listen to him.)

Despite reader criticism, I've predicted Trump won't get the GOP nomination. Frankly, I'm' not sure he really wants it. (Dictator, yes, but being president involves way too much work.) Besides, Trump spends 90 minutes each morning coiffing his hair. Where would he find time to be president?

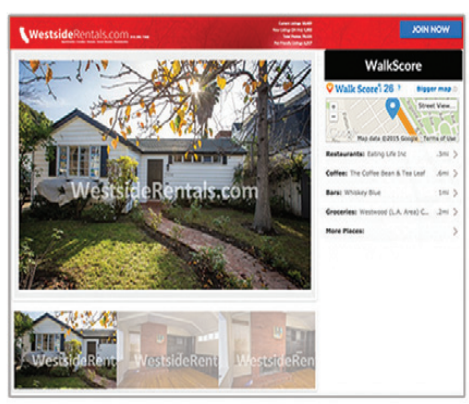
So, for three more days, Happy Chanukah everyone. Christmas, we'll get to next week. Kwanzaa (and Festivus?) maybe the week after. Assuming, that is, Trump doesn't come up with any more of his policy positions. Poor Donald. Actually, poor us.

To hear Tom Lehrer, Google "Hanukkah in Santa Monica." **JACK** is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jnsmdp@aol.com.

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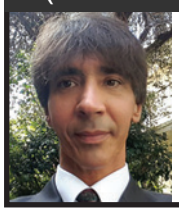
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– SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

UCLA

$10 million gift to UCLA to support migraine research

UCLA Health Sciences has received a $10 million gift, most of which will support multidisciplinary research on migraine, a debilitating neurological disorder that affects 36 million in the U.S.

The gift was made by philanthropists Wendy and Leonard Goldberg. Wendy Goldberg is an editor and author; her husband, Leonard, is an award-winning film and television producer and executive.

More than 90 percent of sufferers are unable to work during their migraine attacks, costing employers $13 billion a year in lost work days; and every 10 seconds, someone in the U.S. goes to an emergency room with a migraine-related complaint.

"The Goldberg's visionary gift, which names and endows the UCLA Goldberg Migraine Program, is the largest from individuals to support migraine research and treatment," said Dr. John Mazziotta, vice chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences and chief executive officer of UCLA Health. "It will be a complete game changer in the field of headache and migraine - locally and globally."

According to the World Health Organization, migraine is the third most common medical disorder worldwide. It is closely linked with a variety of other disorders, including chronic pain, stroke and depression. Although it is a major public health issue, migraine has remained largely in the shadows, and attacks are commonly minimized as "just headaches."

The UCLA Goldberg Migraine Program will be led by Dr. Andrew Charles, professor of neurology in the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the Meyer and Renee Luskin Chair in Migraine and Headache Studies.

"This remarkable gift will enable our multidisciplinary team to bring forward new therapies, provide the best possible care and improve the lives of those who suffer from migraine," Charles said.

Migraine is a complex disorder. There is a major genetic component, meaning that children of parents with migraine commonly suffer from the disorder.

"Migraine is generally under-recognized as a major medical problem, in part because it is not fatal," Charles said. "But it is not hyperbole to say that it can ruin lives."

Wendy and Leonard Goldberg want to help advance the understanding of migraine and the care of patients with the disorder.

"Leonard and I have seen firsthand in friends and family members how debilitating migraines can be," Wendy Goldberg said. "We are eager to help find better treatments and, ultimately, a cure."

In addition to the portion of the gift supporting migraine research, $500,000 will establish the Goldberg Head and Neck Fund in the department of head and neck surgery under the direction of Dr. Gerald Berke. The remaining $1.5 million will establish the Goldberg Health System Fund.

The donation is part of the $4.2 billion UCLA Centennial Campaign, which is scheduled to conclude in December 2019 during UCLA's 100th anniversary year.

Leonard Goldberg is a highly respected film and television executive and producer who has served as head of programming for ABC and president of 20th Century Fox. He is currently the executive producer of the hit CBS series "Blue Bloods." Goldberg produced a string of beloved television series, including "Charlie's Angels," "Hart to Hart," "Starsky and Hutch," "Fantasy Island," "Family" and the Emmy-winning television film "Something About Amelia." He also produced the Oscar-nominated movie "WarGames," as well as "Sleeping with the Enemy," "Double Jeopardy" and "Charlie's Angels."

Wendy Howard Goldberg's "Blue Bloods Cookbook," co-authored with Bridget Moynahan, is currently climbing the bestseller charts. She also co-wrote with Betty Goodwin the highly acclaimed book "Marry Me," which was the subject of two network television specials, and collaborated on the New York Times and Los Angeles Times bestseller "Hollywood Moms." Proceeds from the book benefited breast cancer research. Wendy Goldberg currently serves as president emeritus of the California State Summer School Arts Foundation. The summer school, headquartered at Cal Arts and now entering its 30th year of providing arts education to young people ages 13 to 20, is considered one of the finest programs of its kind in the United States.

The Goldbergs have endowed several programs at the University of Pennsylvania, including the student residence Goldberg House, and they established the Wendy and Leonard Goldberg Lectureship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. In 2012, the Goldbergs were honored by Cedars-Sinai with the first annual Hollywood Icon Award in recognition of their achievements in film, television and charitable endeavors.

- SUBMITTED BY KIM IRWIN, SENIOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Stop wasting money, start embracing the airport

Editor:

At what point should the residents of Santa Monica say enough? At what point will they act to stop the incessant waste of taxpayer dollars in a futile effort to shutter Santa Monica Municipal Airport?

Throughout the past roughly twenty years, the City Council and Mayor's office of Santa Monica have lost virtually every single attempt to close the airport. Millions of taxpayer dollars have been spent in this effort thus far and the question before the residents now should be "When is enough to going to be enough? When will the City of Santa Monica recognize that those who came before made agreements that cannot be eliminated or disregarded? When will they stop the bleeding and tell the City Council to back off?"

Those millions could have been spent on things like schools, road improvements, improving current parks, and a myriad of other areas important to residents.

The latest loss for the City is the December 4 decision of the FAA that the City of Santa Monica is bound by all of its past Grant Assurances pertaining to operation of KSMO. Despite yet another flat out loss, the City Council still is willing to spend your money on things like paying a new "point man" over 200K dollars per year to act as a consultant on airport issues. Couldn't they spend that 200K this year to buy new computers for the school kids or install lights along some of the bike routes?

The simple truth of the matter is that this whole mess reeks of a City of Bell situation. History has taught us that when elected officials are so almighty determined to do that which they know full well they cannot do, there are usually forces at work behind the scenes influencing those elected officials decisions and behavior. I suspect it's no different here when it comes to developers and the City Council. Yet these are the people residents of the City of Santa Monica trust to manage the money?

Now that Kevin McKeown is leaving office, perhaps its time for a new direction with regard to the airport. It's established that the airport is going to remain for at least another eight years. Maybe the City Council should try acting in a manner that embraces their responsibilities to operate the airport and thus enjoy the influx of revenue that this little airport can provide to the City.

Right now at the airport there are a large number of businesses who are simply fed up with the constant threats of closure, implementation of policies aimed at strangling the airport out of existence and adoption of official policies that are discriminatory against aviation businesses. Most of the businesses at the airport are organized now and preparing to petition the Courts for injunctions which will force the City to renew leases, remove landing fees and provide these businesses with stability and certainty which up till now the City has actively worked to deprive them of year after year.

The businesses at the airport have reached a point where unless the City changes its course in the extremely near future, the City will risk losing all control over the airport and some control is certainly better than none, right?

This airport belongs to the Federal government and the City is permitted to operate it, so long as they abide by all of the Grant Assurances. Presently they are not even remotely close to complying with those Assurances and the courts know so. Does the City Council honestly believe that after 8 consecutive losses, they will somehow win? Really?!?!

Lets stop wasting money, start embracing the airport and what it can offer the City and reap the benefits of having it. We are going to have it anyway, for almost another decade!

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ACCIDENT: A flatbed truck made an illegal left turn in front of a moving train on Colorado Ave.

TRAIN

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truck, which was carrying construction materials. Left turns are prohibited along most of Colorado Avenue adjacent to the tracks and the truck's turn was in violation of posted signs.

The train came off its tracks in the accident but remained upright, and officials were working Thursday afternoon to get the train back onto the tracks.

A driver and two other officials were aboard the train at the time of the incident, police said. One was complaining of minor injuries. The truck driver was transported to a hospital with minor injuries, Lt. Richard Lewis said.

Santa Monica police are looking into the accident and the investigation is ongoing. Officials from the Santa Monica Fire Department, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Metro also responded to the scene.

Colorado Avenue was temporarily closed between Lincoln Boulevard and 6th Street, and surrounding roads were heavily congested Thursday afternoon. Officials urged motorists to avoid the area while the train was nudged back onto the tracks and driven out of the area.

Expo trains have been undergoing tests along the extended track from Culver City to Santa Monica in recent months. The extended line is expected to be open to passengers by mid-2016, although it's unclear whether Thursday's accident will impact the timeline.

More Expo Line testing is scheduled for Dec. 14-18, according to a City of Santa Monica update.

The 15.2-mile, $2.5-billion Expo project includes three stations in Santa Monica, including the western terminus at Colorado Avenue and 4th Street. Much of the funding is coming through Measure R, a sales tax initiative that Los Angeles County voters approved in 2008.

City Manager Rick Cole said recently that Santa Monica police are working with other public safety agencies to prepare for Expo's arrival. He said there are numerous potential violations associated with the forthcoming transit option, including walking on the track, driving on the track and making illegal turns along track-adjacent roads.

"We have a lot of education and some enforcement to do," he said. "Obviously our emphasis is going to be on education, but in order to protect people's lives when the trains begin running seriously, we're going to have to be very vigilant to enforce the law to protect people's safety both on the train and on the street."

Santa Monica Fire has been actively preparing for Expo's arrival. SMFD has been participating in tabletop exercises with other agencies like Metro, SMPD and Public works. Deputy Chief Tom Clemo said firefighters have worked through 13 different kinds of Expo incident including train vs. vehicle accidents, train vs. pedestrian, terrorist attacks, overcrowding at train stations, fires on a train or at a station and several law enforcement scenarios.

Two Santa Monica trucks have been outfitted with specialized equipment capable of lifting a derailed train and Clemo said one truck is located on each side of the track.

He said the timing of SMFD's training was fortuitous as firefighters were actively training on Expo incidents Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the Thursday accident. He said this week's training focused on how to control a train with activities like stabilizing the trains, removing the power sources and accessing control panels.

The combined training showed results Thursday with all the relevant agencies working together at the scene.

"With fire and police, there's a critical integration with Metro that went very well today," he said.

Earlier Thursday, the Metro Blue Line was suspended after a body was found under the train in the 4100 block of South Long Beach Avenue, south of downtown Los Angeles.

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SPORTS

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point before, but this year they're a big focal point. If you've got size, you've got to use it. It opens up every other aspect of the offense."

It didn't take long for Burke to realize the potential impact of his frontcourt. In the Mariners' season-opening 59-45 win over Venice in the Brentwood tournament earlier this month, sophomore center Lauryn French amassed 17 points and 10 rebounds while junior center Brianna George tallied 13 points and 10 boards.

French and George will play important role as St. Monica vies for a league championship and a deep run in the playoffs.

The Mariners captured a section title in 2013, when Burke was an assistant in the program and when the roster's current seniors were freshmen. The program then went 36-21 in two seasons under Kelly Evans, reaching the Division 4A quarterfinals in 2014 and returning to the quarterfinals in Division 4AA last year.

With Burke back in the fold at his alma mater following a short stint at Los Angeles-Bishop Conaty, St. Monica has won its first six games of the 2015-16 campaign by an average margin of 17.83 points. Burke is aided by assistant coaches David Barling, Christina Ferraro and Eric Santos.

"I couldn't be happier," he said. "It's as if I never left. Everything I've asked these kids to do, they do it. They give me everything they have and a little extra."

And while French and George have been instrumental to the team' success so far, several other members of the team figure to make significant contributions.

One such player is 5-foot-9 guard Molly Tomlin, who adds offensive firepower and defensive intensity to the Mariners' cannon of strengths. She scored 25 points in their 63-50 victory against Lawndale-Leuzinger in the Brentwood tournament Dec. 4.

"She brings basketball IQ, and she's phenomenal on the defensive end," Burke said. "And she's a senior, so she been there before. She's a great leader. This year, even more than in years past, she's made a conscious effort to be a factor on the defensive end."

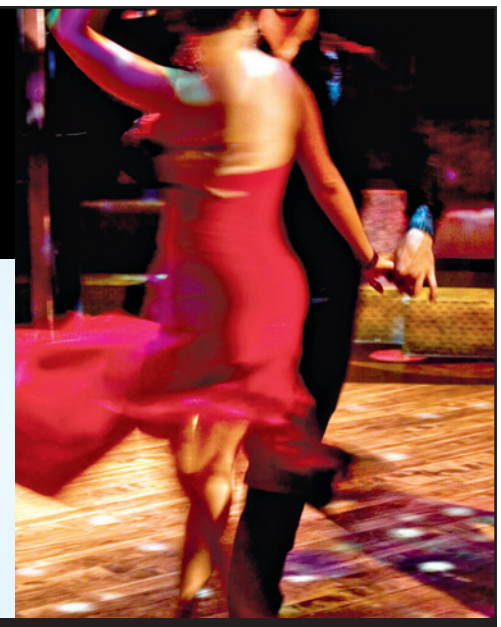
Tomlin is part of a senior class that also features guards Gloria Scipioni and Sara Gobrial as well as forwards Elena Kostadinov and Kiana Leal. Scipioni, the squad's floor general, is "the motor that makes it run," Burke said.

As St. Monica prepares for Camino Real League play, which begins next month, Burke will work with the team to improve its rotations on defense and decision-making in transition.

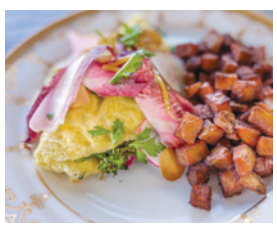
"We get going so fast that we get a little out of control," he said. "It's all about, 'Read what they give you and react.' Sometimes we get a little ahead of ourselves. But I couldn't be happier with the improvement we've had so far."

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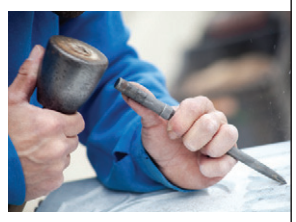


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FILM REVIEW

MOOMINS ON THE RIVIERA

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If Wes Anderson smoked some really good stuff all day every day while making "Grand Budapest Hotel" (well maybe he did anyway - it's the rhetorical thought that counts), this movie might have been the result. To experience this graceful animated film is like doing a transcendental meditation session. The movie is built around the denizens of a much-loved comic strip, which originated in Finland and spread to London's Evening News in 1954 and then to over 40 countries. The creator, Tove Jansson, was living in Finland surrounded by constant Russian bombing through World War II and she yearned for peace. The stars of the story are a family of gentle, yet adventurous creatures that seem like a cross between a hippopotamus and a potato. Their most striking attribute is that they have no mouths. So, when they speak you feel that their words are thoughts coming from the heart.

The producer and co-director is Hanna Hemila. Hanna's daughter, Los Angeles actress/filmmaker Beata Harju, is also one of the screenwriters and voices a couple of the characters. Hemila and Harju noted in their Q&A session after the screening that it was Harju over 20 years ago who at age four begged her Mom to make a film about the Moomins.

Every part of the filmmaking was done in exquisite detail. The hand-drawn animation and the colors are simple and ethereal. The orchestral and jazz music by composers Milja Viljarnaa, Anna-Karin Korhonen, Panu Aaltio and Timo Lassy, adds to the warmth and soft flowing quality of the visuals and to the impact of abundant life lessons absorbed by the family of Moomins along their journey, life lessons we will all recognize. Bravo to a team with the courage to "break the mold" of obligatory violence and hyper split-second narrative and produce a beautiful inspiring film.

The off-the-wall things these characters say have meaning way beyond their face value. "I just want to live in peace, plant potatoes and dream", says one Moomin. Think about it.

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HOTEL

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development agreement, including a south elevation stair tower visual interest, south elevation green wall details, north elevation of southernmost wing to ensure same level of design detail as 7th Street elevation, east elevation to ensure same level of design detail as 7th street elevation, more prominent hotel entry, activate retail patio area with pedestrian-oriented amenities, ground floor open space that engages pedestrians and that courtyard-facing elevations have the same level of design detail as all other elevations.

The project was reviewed by the JDRB in June 2014, September 2014 and again this past September.

According to staff, at the June 2014 meeting, the JDRB said that the new construction needed a stronger architectural statement, the color and materials for the building should be a visual expression of a coastal landscape theme and that the building needed layers and hierarchy of variation to better complement the historic Santa Monica Professional building.

At the September 2014 meeting the JDRB review added the conditions that the new building should reference the texture, details, proportions and quality of the landmark, that sack finish appears like stucco and creates a uniform look over the large expanses of the elevations, that the hotel entry needed more prominence and that the building provide more variation in window openings.

It was at the September 2015 meeting that the JDRB approved the hotel's Certificate of Appropriateness, essentially approving the landmarks related issues but the group did not approve the buildings design.

The applicant filed an appeal of the JDRB decision on Oct. 6 stating that the project meets the required findings to approve the ARB issues, that each of the eight design conditions from the development agreement had been addressed and that the JDRB comments had also been substantially addressed.

Staff recommended that Council uphold the appeal.

Council debate had little to do with the actual design of the building and was focused on the process for making decisions.

Councilwoman Gleam Davis was the most vocal critic of the JDRB process saying the rotating members of the group had given contradictory guidance to the applicant and the elongated process could endanger what was actually a well-designed building.

"This is conceptually what we want to do, we want to preserve existing buildings and repurpose them," she said. "If we make that process so incredibly difficult or we take so long that they lose their funding, then no one's going to ever do this again."

Councilmember Kevin McKeown stated that the building was "not bad, just not great."

"And in Santa Monica, I know we can do better," McKeown said,

He said the building still had a chance to improve and recommended the project be sent back to the JDRB for more discussion.

"Our staff has told us now that our new goal is great place making and superior design and I agree with the JDRB that at least at this point, this still falls short of that goal that we have set for ourselves," he said.

Newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem Ted Winterer supported sending the project back but asked for a six month time limit on JDRB review.

"I think that (the applicants) deserve to have an answer one way or another in a very short period of time," he said.

In a 4-2 vote, with Davis and Councilman Terry O'Day voting against the motion, the council denied the appeal without prejudice, remanded the application back the JDRB for review, requested that the body give clear directions to the applicant as promptly as possible, and make a final decision whether or not to approve the project within six months.

Davis expressed her concerns with sending the application back to the JDRB, saying, "The impression I get is the JDRB isn't anywhere near consensus."

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between 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 (breach 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 DECEMBER 2 AT ABOUT 11 A.M.

Downtown officers were on patrol when they saw a car parked in a red zone next to the Bank of America (1301 4th St.). When the officers parked behind the vehicle to speak to the occupants, the vehicle sped away. The officers turned on their lights and sirens and the vehicle pulled over. When they approached the vehicle, they could smell a strong odor of marijuana. The officers asked the driver and passenger to exit their car and they searched them both. They found several debit cards with different names and hand written pin codes on the rear. Among the cards was approximately $1,100 in cash ($20 bills) and ATM receipts. The driver said the different ATM cards belonged to his friends and they gave him permission to take out their money. The driver was arrested for possession of access cards without the owner's consent. Carlos Raul Serrano, 34, had bail set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 334 calls for service on Dec. 9.

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

Party complaint 2000 block of Oak 12:13 a.m.
Arson 1200 block of 3rd Street Promenade 5:36 a.m.
Battery 2800 block of Lincoln 6:16 a.m.
Hit and run Ocean/California Incline 6:20 a.m.
Report of shots fired 3000 block of Paula 6:34 a.m.
Grand theft 300 block of Santa Monica Pl. 8:31 a.m.
Battery 300 block of Olympic Dr 8:44 p.m.
Threats 300 block of Olympic Dr 9:02 a.m.
Traffic accident 5th/Broadway 9:07 a.m.
Death 1600 block of Wilshire 9:57 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2500 block of 5th 10:24 a.m.
Identity theft 3100 block of Colorado 11:15 a.m.
Traffic accident 1600 block of Cloverfield 12:11 p.m.
Stalking 600 block of Ocean 12:22 p.m.
Vandalism 21st/Montana 12:36 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of Kensington 1:13 p.m.
Grand theft auto 11th/California 1:29 p.m.
Grand theft auto 900 block of 18th 1:31 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 1:47 p.m.
Battery 3100 block of Main 2:33 p.m.
Hit and run 23rd/Ocean Park 2:44 p.m.
Vandalism 2600 block of Main 2:57 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of 7th 3:31 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1900 block of 12th 3:32 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Colorado 3:35 p.m.
Family disturbance Lincoln/Pico 3:40 p.m.
Traffic accident 12th/Broadway 3:48 p.m.
Battery 4th/California 4:14 p.m.
Vandalism 1000 block of 3rd 4:53 p.m.
Traffic accident 26th/Olympic 4:58 p.m.
Traffic accident 2nd/Marine 5:00 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600 block of Ocean 5:30 p.m.
Identity theft 3000 block of Highland 5:44 p.m.
Traffic accident 7th/Wilshire 6:14 p.m.
Overdose 1900 block of Cloverfield 7:48 p.m.
Family disturbance 1400 block of Ocean 8:09 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of 7th 8:51 p.m.
Person with a gun 1500 block of Lincoln 9:29 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block of 23rd 9:41 p.m.
Fight 1500 block of PCH 10:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 53 calls for service on Dec. 9.

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

Hydrant shear 24th/Wilshire 12:34 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of California 1:11 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 400 block of Washington 3:42 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Pico 5:12 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 1200 block of 4th 5:34 a.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 300 block of Wilshire 5:38 a.m.
EMS 16th/Arizona 6:25 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 8:20 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 2nd 8:31 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 8:38 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 5th 9:26 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 9:27 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Wilshire 10:00 a.m.
EMS 11th/Grant 10:21 a.m.
Ladder request w/EMS component 2500 block of 5th 10:24 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Adelaide 10:38 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 2nd 11:02 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of California 11:16 a.m.
EMS 14th/Santa Monica 11:19 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of Pico 11:29 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 11:30 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Santa Monica 11:39 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 12:36 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Park 12:40 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Wilshire 12:54 p.m.
EMS 13000 block of West San Vicente 12:56 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Olympic 1:03 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 1:46 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Lincoln 2:14 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of Euclid 2:15 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Pico 2:30 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Wilshire 3:27 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Exposition 3:34 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Broadway 3:49 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/Pacific 3:59 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Bryn Mawr 4:12 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Pico 4:30 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 17th 4:31 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Montana 5:09 p.m.
EMS 2nd/Marine 5:35 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 2nd 5:41 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Park 5:45 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Wilshire 5:57 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 6:07 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ballpark feat
6 Dropped tomato sound
11 Make blank
12 Macbeth, for one
13 Washer cycle
14 Roof feature
15 Cattle call
16 Recent: Prefix
18 So far
19 Pole worker
20 Keg need
21 Spanish cheer
22 Hunting dog
24 Miles off
25 "Dune" writer
27 Prayer ender
29 Corsage flower
32 Immediately
33 Wallet bill
34 Misstep
35 Swearing-in vow
36 Singer Tillis
37 Singer Reed
38 Highway sign
40 Muscat native
42 Patriot Ethan
43 In the buff
44 Stows cargo
45 Attendees

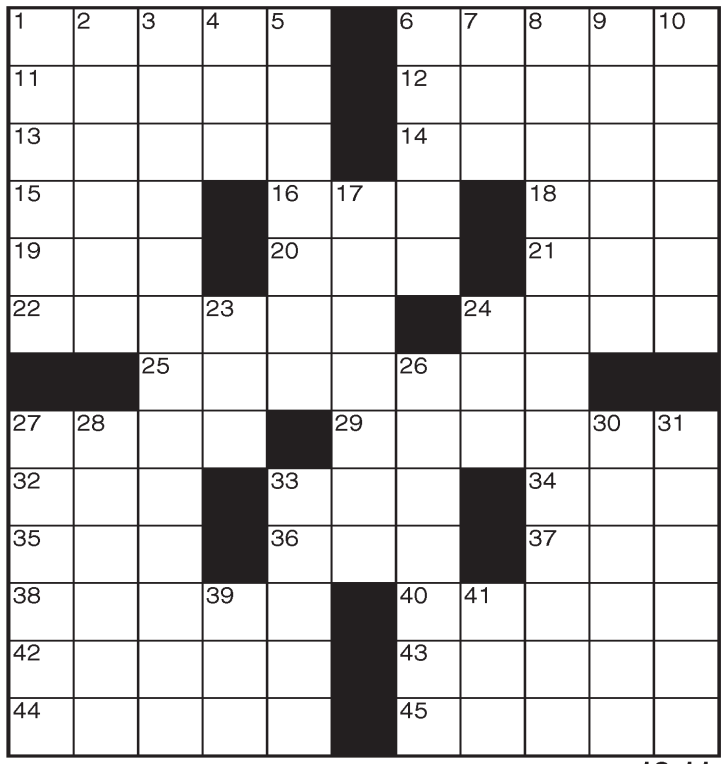
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1 Messenger of the gods
2 Jim Palmer, once
3 Urbane chap
4 Twisty turn
5 Type in again
6 Barber's aid
7 Letter after upsilon
8 Excalibur's bestower
9 Germany's Merkel
10 Wobble
17 Anvil, e.g.
23 Wallet bill
24 Rainbow shape
26 Soon, in sonnets
27 Muppet drummer
28 Early Ford
30 Laundry worker
31 Celtic priests
33 Some signs
39 Ingenuous cry
41 Chinese chairman

A	M	B	E	R	■	A	C	T	U	P
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S	C	O	L	D	■	R	E	N	E	W
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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



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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 ★★★★

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	1	9	5	6	2	4	7	8
6	4	8	1	7	9	5	3	2
5	7	2	3	8	4	1	6	9
1	9	4	2	5	6	3	8	7
8	6	5	4	3	7	2	9	1
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL (calottery)
Draw Date: 12/9
7 10 16 46 56
Power#: 1
Jackpot: 164M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/8
7 17 37 49 73
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 66M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/9
7 11 13 40 47
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/9
6 19 21 22 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/10
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 12/9
EVENING: 8 6 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/9
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:41.25

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WORD UP!

fugacious

1. Lasting but a short time; fleeting. 2. fleeting; transitory: a sensational story with but a fugacious claim on the public's attention.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1920 – Irish War of Independence: In retaliation for an IRA ambush, British forces burn and loot numerous buildings in Cork city. Many civilians also reported being beaten, shot at, robbed and verbally abused by British forces.

1925 – Roman Catholic papal encyclical Quas primas introduces the Feast of Christ the King.

1927 – Guangzhou Uprising: Communist Red Guards launch an uprising in Guangzhou, China, taking over most of the city and announcing the formation of a Guangzhou Soviet.

1931 – Statute of Westminster 1931: The British Parliament establishes legislative equality between the UK and the Dominions of the Commonwealth—Australia, Canada, Newfoundland, New Zealand, South Africa, and Ireland.

1934 – Bill Wilson, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, takes his last drink and enters treatment for the last time.

1936 – Abdication Crisis: Edward VIII's abdication as King of the United Kingdom and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, and Emperor of India, becomes effective.

1937 – Second Italo-Ethiopian War: Italy leaves the League of Nations.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ After certain takeoffs and landings were delayed on Nov. 7 at Paris' Orly airport (several days before the terrorist attacks), a back trace on the problem forced the airport to disclose that its crucial "DECOR" computer system still runs on Windows 3.1 software (introduced in 1992). DECOR's function is to estimate the spacing between aircraft on fog-bound, visually impossible runways, and apparently it must shut down whenever the airport scrambles to find an available 3.1-qualified technician.

■ Weird Japan (continued): Sony manufactured a robot dog ("Aibo") from 1996 to 2006 for a legion of pet-fanciers, but now that supplies of spare parts and specialized repairers are dwindling, many of the beloved family "canines" are "dying" off. Not to worry, though, for many "surviving" owners are conducting elaborate, expensive -- and even religious -- burials with widely attended funerals for their Aibos. (A March 2015 Newsweek report offered a dazzling photographic array of Aibo funerals.) Aibo support groups proliferate online because, said one repair service director, "(W)e think that somehow, (Aibos) really have souls."

Try a new spot tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might be eyeing a mini-getaway with relief and excitement. Consider making a gesture to make and keep the peace. If you understand where someone else is coming from, he or she will be more open to seeing matters from your point of view. Tonight: Try a new spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to make a difference comes forward. A friend means well, but might not be sure what to do. A new beginning becomes possible after a lengthy conversation. Someone clearly knows and understands that you care. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to move past a problem and come to an understanding emerges. You have an opportunity with your gift of gab to make the peace. As a result, you will find that solutions come easily. Don't resort to finger-pointing. Tonight: Allow your imagination to take over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity emerges. A budding flirtation could build to a lot more, should you want that type of connection. Resist going overboard in whatever you are involved with. Excess seems to happen naturally with you at this point in time. Tonight: Paint the town red.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might be extremely playful. One-on-one relating will result in a compliment from someone you care about. Be direct with a friend about what is going on. You need to know where this person stands. Understanding evolves to a new level. Tonight: TGIF!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You could be in a position where you feel pressured by a family member's wants and needs. Realize that you are making a judgment about responsibilities. Ask for some help. People naturally respond positively to you. Tonight: Head home early, if you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have a lot of energy and can apply it to any matter you consider to be important. Communication improves once you clear up a misunderstanding. You might feel as if you can tackle anything you want or need to. Tonight: Chat with a friend, and accept an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be careful if handling funds right now. You easily could make a mistake when counting your change or while looking at your budget. A friend might try to convince you not to worry. However, he or she can be overly optimistic. Tonight: Treat a loved one to TGIF.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your creativity and energy allow you to float right over any issue. A friend or loved one could push to have something go his or her way. You might want to stop and think through a decision rather than impulsively leap in. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Sit back and look around. Though you will make a snap judgment, you shouldn't act on it. Keep your eyes open and see what happens. A higher-up will appreciate a direct response to his or her inquiry. Don't try to guess what he or she wants; just ask. Tonight: Be discreet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are the sign of friendship, and your friends seem to be all over the place today. Wherever you go, an invitation seems to come along with a conversation. Decide where you want to be and with whom. Make plans accordingly. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

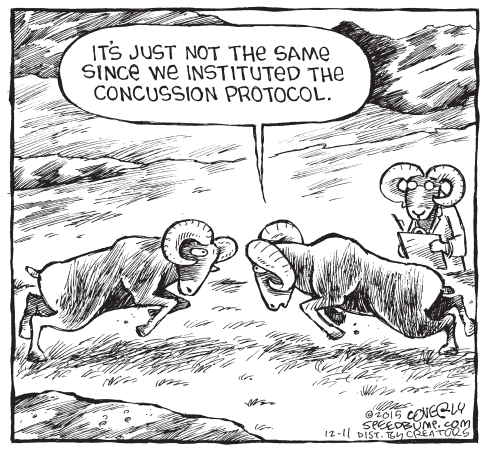
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to frolic, but that means not handling certain responsibilities. You could be confused about what you can do under some tension-laden circumstances. Toss yourself into your to-do list and clear out as much as possible. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Friday, December 11, 2015

This year your birthday coincides with a New Moon in your sign. This New Moon will add to your allure and desirability. It also will provide an unusual resourcefulness and the ability to have a new beginning, which could happen in several different areas of your life. Be careful, as you also will express a tendency to be me-oriented. If you are single, your charisma will attract others, and you will have some choices to make. If you are attached, be careful, as a relationship is a two-way street. Be sensitive to your sweetie's needs, and you will experience a more rewarding relationship. A fellow SAGITTARIUS born on a different day won't experience as much good fortune as you will this year.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



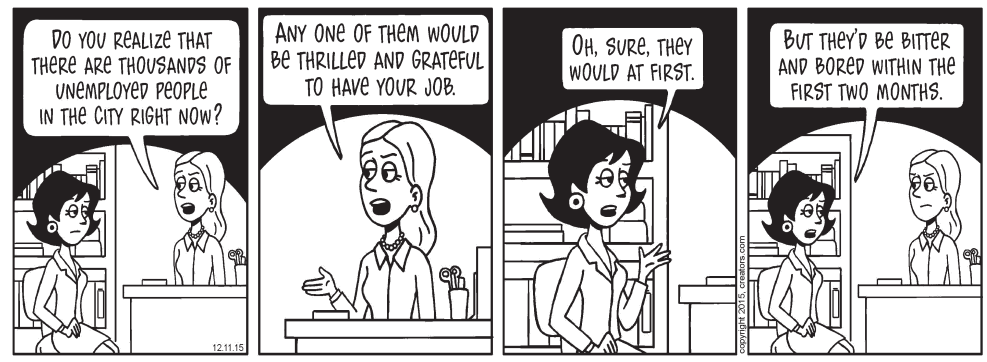
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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