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FAA demands reprieve for airport businesses

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Federal Aviation Administration is demanding City Hall temporarily stop efforts to

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Downtown Community Plan approaches final stage

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

City planners are hammering out the final draft of the Downtown Community Plan, or DCP: the comprehensive document that will guide development in downtown Santa Monica for the next 20 years.

After two meetings and ten hours of deliberations, the Planning Commission has signed off on an urban design strategy to protect the 3rd Street Promenade and nearby historic buildings within the Bayside Conservation District. The strategy will limit the number of stories on new buildings to maintain the character of the district.

"We are transferring all the height that was previously permitted to the transit area by the Expo Line," Senior Strategic Planner Peter James said.

While most new development in the district will stay relatively

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Local author wraps up book tour in his hometown

BY MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Eric DelaBarre is an award-winning author, filmmaker, speaker and Father who gave his final talk of the Semester this week at Franklin Elementary Book Fair.

DelaBarre, long time Santa Monica resident and was past president of the Boys & Girls Club Council of Santa Monica is finishing up a cross-country book tour.

The father of two, sends his son, Parker Jones to Santa Monica Montessori, and his daughter Emery to Franklin Elementary on Montana.

DelaBarre was asked to talk to the students at Franklin Elementary about the importance of reading, learning and sharing the life lessons that are taught in his latest book, Saltwater Taffy. The book has received Reader's Favorite Book

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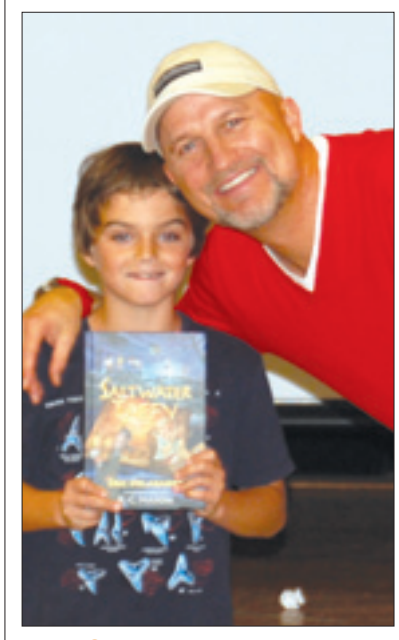




SEASONAL SHOPPING

Courtesy Photos

The Santa Monica Police Department partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to provide local youth with an early morning shopping trip to Sears. Officers guided young shoppers through the store as part of their annual holiday activities. Sears has partnered with local charities on the project for several years.

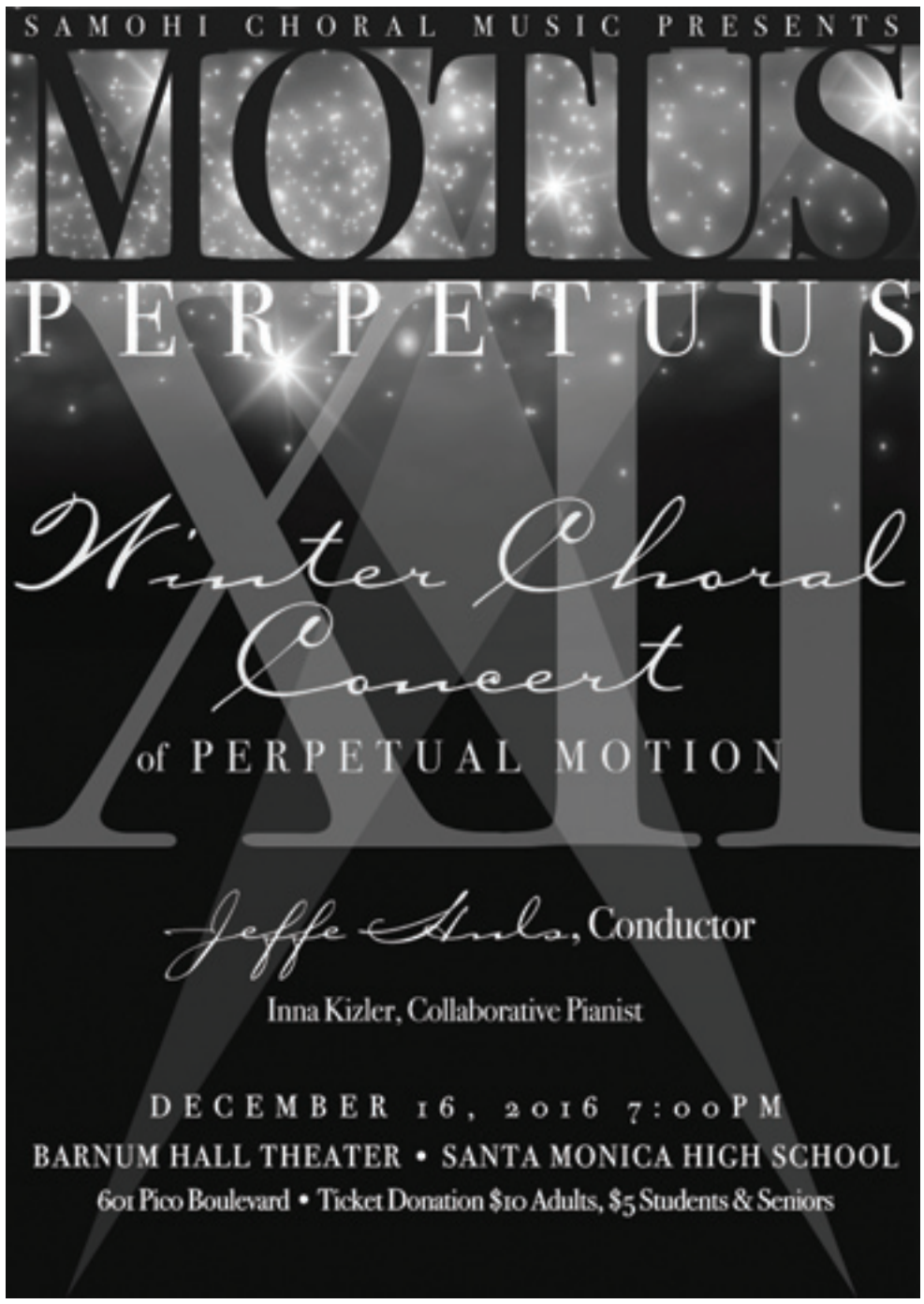


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, December 14

Planning Commission Meeting
Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Raven Black
When murder strikes a remote hamlet in the Shetland Islands, and the body of a teenage girl turns up in the winter snow, Inspector Jimmy Perez launches an investigation into the killing that takes him into the heart of sinister secrets from the past. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

The Big Kids' Table: Holiday Edition
Join us for some holiday fun at the Big Kids' Table! Bring your creativity and decorate a gingerbread house, or relax by coloring or playing a game of Scrabble. Materials provided, limited quantities available. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Fairview Teen Advisory Group
Are you looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group and help improve teen services at the library! You can earn community service credit for participating. Grades 8 & up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 15

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

An Evening with Carl Reiner
Hollywood comedy legend Carl Reiner returns to SMPL to celebrate the release of his new graphic memoir, Carl Reiner: Now You're Ninety-Four. A book sale and signing follows. This event is ticketed. Free tickets available one hour prior to program. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Twitter: Tweet Like a Pro
Learn about Twitter and how to use it to discover the latest news that matters to you. Advanced 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., 6 – 7 p.m.

Stomp Rockets with reDiscover Center
Design. Build. Launch. Repeat! Create handheld rockets using upcycled materials, then launch them. Presented by reDiscover Center. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Grades K - 5. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Holiday Extravaganza Puppet Show with Swazzle
Help Evan the Elf discover the true meaning of the holiday season in this lively puppet show for all ages. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16

Cinema on the Street: Holiday Edition
Family movie with kids crafts, hot chocolate, candy. For more information call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com. Third Street Promenade, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Virginia Avenue Park Community Posada
The Virginia Avenue Park Community celebrates the annual Posada. The program begins with a procession accompanied by a mariachi, followed by a piñata, refreshments, and much more. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 5:30 – 8:30 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.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMC Foundation receives $1 million gift from Mitzi Blahd

The Santa Monica College Foundation has received a $1 million gift from longtime Pacific Palisades philanthropist Miriam "Mitzi" Blahd. The gift honors the legacy of retired SMC political science professor and former KCRW talk show host Harvey Stromberg; it will provide scholarships in Stromberg's name and also fund the filming of 'Living Histories' of eight students enrolled in the SMC Emeritus Program for older adults.

"Santa Monica College is deeply grateful to Mitzi Blahd for her expression of great generosity," said SMC Superintendent/President and SMC Foundation board member Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery. "The scholarships and films to be made possible by her gift will not only provide extremely deserving students an opportunity to expand their world beyond their wildest expectations, but also record for posterity the incredible life stories of some of our Emeritus College students. Moreover, Mrs. Blahd's gift acknowledges the impact SMC Professor Harvey Stromberg has made on the many students he has taught and inspired in 40 years."

Blahd – who first met Stromberg when she took a Chinese history class he was teaching at SMC in 1974 – said she knew immediately that "this was somebody special." The following week, she and her late husband Dr. William Blahd brought slides from their recent trip to China to share with the class. Later that evening, over pie and coffee, the Blahds struck up a friendship with Stromberg that would last decades; they grew to consider him part of their family.

"He is such a great teacher ... that's why he stands out," said Blahd of Stromberg. She remembers how she began her lifetime of giving: "I started fundraising at the age of ten – I baked cookies and invited 25 neighbors to come hear me play Flight of the Bumblebee. I raised two dollars and fifty cents and sent it to a children's hospital in Denver. That was the beginning of my philanthropic career ... and it has never stopped. Education is my number one reason for giving and to be able to help so many people is just my joy. I am grateful that I am able to do it."

"Mitzi is a very generous person who has supported education all her life and she knew SMC was my life for 40 years," says Stromberg, who continues to teach part-time at the Emeritus Program. "She wanted future generations of students to benefit from these scholarships...many deserving students will be either able to continue their education or go to Washington D.C., and I know that will mean a lot to them. She will certainly leave a legacy behind."

Half of Blahd's $1 million gift will go towards establishing the Harvey Stromberg Leadership Scholarship, and will provide 10 students with $500 scholarships annually in perpetuity; additionally, through the Stromberg Scholars for Dale Ride Internship endowment, the gift will provide four SMC students with $5,000 internships annually (SMC's Dale Ride Internship Program – established in the memory of SMC professor Dale Ride – sends selected students to Washington, D.C. for eight weeks, giving them the opportunity to intern in Congress and with other public organizations).

The other half will provide funding for the production of "living history" stories of eight SMC Emeritus students; the films will be made by the award-winning SMC film production program. The college will also rename a lecture hall in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building on its main campus – HSS 165 – the "Professor Harvey Stromberg Lecture Hall".

"The impact that Mitzi's gift will have cannot be overstated," said Lizzy Moore, SMC Interim Dean of Institutional Advancement. "Not only does it honor Professor Stromberg's legacy, it recognizes the transformative power of education and how Santa Monica College accomplishes that every day. We have no doubt that Mitzi's gift will be 'the gift that keeps on giving': its fruits will be seen in our students' lives and that of their families and in others they go on to influence and serve."

For more information on the Santa Monica College Foundation, please visit santamonicacollegefoundation.org

– SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, SMC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

DUI Checkpoint

The Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a Driving under the Influence (DUI)-Driver's License Checkpoint. The operation is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 16, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 3 a.m. at an undisclosed location within city limits.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints are a proven factor in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol and/or drug related collisions. Research shows that accidents involving impaired drivers can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized enforcement checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

Traffic Officers will be looking for objective signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment and verify that motorists are in possession of a valid driver's license.

In California 2013, drunk driving led to the tragic deaths of 867 persons and over 23,000 serious injuries. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,076 people were killed by impaired drivers. Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal collisions had traces of one or more drugs in their systems. The study showed that more drivers tested positive for drug impairment (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent).

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies. Nearly 90% of California drivers approve of DUI checkpoints.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to the Santa Monica Police Department by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Santa Monica Police Department would like to remind everyone to call 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers.

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Santa Monica Rent Control Board

At its regular meeting on December 8, 2016, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended Regulation 12070, addressing procedures for determining whether an owner-occupancy exemption has lapsed, and Regulation 13007, respecting certification of rents.

The amendments will become effective the day after publication of this notice in the newspaper. Copies of the amended regulations will be made available at the Rent Control Agency in Room 202 at City Hall and at www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.



Consumer Corner

Andrea Cavanaugh
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Help – I'm Being Evicted!

CRISTINA RENTED HER SANTA MONICA apartment about ten years ago. A new owner recently bought the building. She started getting a lot of three-day notices to correct problems, even though the prior owner never had any issues with her. Then one day, Cristina was served with an eviction lawsuit. The landlord claimed she was causing a nuisance because her dog was barking during the day. She wasn't sure how to respond, so she called the Santa Monica City Attorney's Consumer Protection Division.

We gave Cristina some information about evictions, which are also called Unlawful Detainers, or UDs. The City Attorney's Office doesn't represent individuals, so we advised her to get some legal representation. One resource for low- and moderate-income Santa Monica residents is the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. You can visit their Self-Help Center at the Santa Monica Courthouse, or call (310) 899-6200. Another resource is the Santa Monica Bar Association's referral line, at (310) 581-5163. They connect people with local attorneys for a low-cost consultation. We always recommend that you hire a lawyer if you're facing an eviction.

If your landlord serves you with an eviction notice, you have only five days (including weekends and holidays) to file an "answer" with the court. If you don't, the landlord may get a default judgment, and you could be locked out of the unit almost immediately.

In Cristina's case, she was able to successfully fight the eviction. Her attorney pointed out that the landlord had not given a written warning about the dog in time to correct the problem before serving her with a three-day notice – all required by law. Additionally, the attorney pointed out that Cristina wasn't aware the dog was barking until she got the three-day notice. Once she became aware of the problem, Cristina took immediate steps to solve it. But by then, the landlord had already filed an eviction against her.

You can be proactive about avoiding eviction in the first place. It's important to pay rent on time and follow the rental agreement to the letter. Even if the time frame of the original lease has expired, the other terms of the agreement remain in force. If you receive a warning or a three-day notice, correct the problem immediately or tell the landlord in writing why you think the notice is incorrect.

If you receive a 30- or 60-day notice to move out, know your rights! Santa Monica has what's known as just-cause eviction protection, which means landlords can only evict for non-payment of rent, a material violation of the rental agreement, or other limited reasons. They can't terminate a tenancy with just a notice. If the landlord harasses you to get you to move out, that's against the law in Santa Monica and you should contact our office.

If you're a Santa Monica resident and have questions about evictions or landlord-tenant law, call the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Division at (310) 458-8336, or visit smconsumer.org.

The Consumer Protection Division of the City Attorney's Office enforces the law and educates the public about tenants' rights, fair housing, consumer protection, and other issues. They can be reached at 310-458-8336 or smconsumer.org. **ANDREA CAVANAUGH** is a Consumer Specialist with the City Attorney's office.

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Too much crying, I need to laugh!

A HARD RAIN'S A-GONNA FALL

"In times like these, the Nobel Prize is important," intoned Carl-Henrik Heldin, chairman of the Nobel Foundation, in his brief introduction last Saturday in Stockholm of Patti Smith, there to accept the prize for literature for absentee Bob Dylan and perform his graphic, emotional ballad of a dystopian future (but with an undercurrent of hope). Some performance!

There remained no real controversy over the unprecedented boundary-shattering choice of Dylan's lifetime body of work for the coveted prize. From this point forward, no one will question that songwriting can be the highest form of literature.

The audience was dressed for a ball, not a gritty-voiced New York ex-punk rocker (though Smith looked pretty classy herself). The royal family of Sweden was there in all their jeweled finery, and the rest of the audience was none too shabby either. It was quite the sight to see them first graciously forgive Smith with long, sympathetic applause when she blew the second verse and asked to start over (with an affecting confession of being "so nervous") -- she blew part of the third verse too. And then listen intently throughout the long number, many wiping a tear away with a white-gloved hand. At the finish, she received enthusiastic applause from what looked like every single person lucky enough to be there.

Sparingly accompanied by a single strummed guitar, then a haunting, quietly moaning pedal steel coming in, with the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra sweetening ever so slightly, it's hard to imagine anyone could have delivered a more perfect rendering, even with the flubs.

TIMES LIKE THESE...

No one there needed to have Heldin's reference explained. In reading about the event, it hit home for me, how as much as so many of us here are painfully aware, every day, and fearful, of the Trumpian future thrust upon us, the rest of the world is experiencing that fear as well. They had nothing to do with creating it but must nonetheless suffer the consequences. Sometimes it's not so great to be world leader, top dog, when the dog goes mad.

This coming Monday is the real election for president, when the members of the Electoral College cast their vote. It would be astounding, a glorious miracle, if 37 Republican electors went rogue and denied the highest office in the land to a man eminently, dangerously unqualified. Our Constitution wisely provides for just such a circumstance.

As I write this, two GOP electors have already declared that intent, along with a Democratic elector. It is our only hope. Every day brings news of more Trump ties to Russia and the murderous thug Putin. "Rigged election," Donald? Seems so. Now he names Rex Tillerson (Exxon-Mobil CEO, working billion dollar oil deals with Putin) as his Secretary of State, in clear violation of the Emoluments Clause of our Constitution. Look it up.

EMOLUMENTS, SCHMOLUMENTS

Sign the petition now (nearly 5 million have) asking the Electors to responsibly exercise their Constitutional powers to save us and the world from this "elected" con man.

But what about Santa Monica? What about my neighborhood? On the Donald Doomsday Scale, probably not going to kill us. As far as I know, Mayor Vazquez does not have nuclear missiles. At worst, Santa Monica will be developed to ruination, losing its soul forever. At best, perhaps some comic relief.

The latter was as plentiful as the number of board members (15, cut way back from… 17) when I attended the monthly meeting of the Ocean Park Association (OPA) Monday night.

An election was on the agenda. There were some clear emails and some not so clear. The calendar on the website didn't list the meeting at all. Turns out, the election of the board members already took place, at the holiday party Dec. 3. But the website states that election is usually held on the second Saturday of December.

BYLAWS? DON'T NEED 'EM

The bylaws also state that members shall receive notice of that upcoming election in the form of an agenda, no less than 30 days in advance. Never got that one. (I'm still a member, until tomorrow. They made sure I got that reminder.) There was discussion as to whether they had done the board election correctly the week before. Guess so, they guessed. Bylaws don't cover it, someone said. Really?

The election of officers, by the board members, was to be held that night. It was scheduled for 10 minutes, but with no direction from bylaws and apparently no one remembering how they did it last year, they debated everything: acclamations or nominations, what form and how many, prez and VP combined or separate, voice or ballot vote, and more and more. They gave up after more than half an hour.

The treasurer was re-elected by resounding affirmation (nobody ever wants to handle the money), and the vote for president resulted in a tie (with questions about quorums and who could vote), and guess who they had tally the ballots for OPA president? Yup, yours truly. Maybe they trusted me since I was successfully refraining from giggling.

So they decided to postpone the rest of the election until the January meeting. One candidate for president was not present, and the other was almost nominated, against his wishes, not for president but for VP again — awkward. VP was not voted on. Too much! (OPA was the only neighborhood association that did not back the LV initiative, on a split vote by the board. Embarrassing.)

These are good people, volunteering their time to make their neighborhood better, and despite my frustration I appreciate that. They do a lot of good. We have our great 4th of July parade through their efforts. Lincoln and other boulevards are sprouting murals and other art because of them. But it seems true, as someone in the meager audience pointed out, that they don't tackle subjects of substance as much as other associations. Maybe that's not in the bylaws either?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is there any point debating local issues (or national) when everything is overshadowed and distorted by the truckloads of money rolling in to buy our boulevards, buy our public property, buy our politicians? The oligarchy is here.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Heard the song of a poet who died in the gutter, heard the sound of a clown who cried in the alley." — Bob Dylan ("Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall")

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FAA

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evict a pair of business from the Santa Monica Airport (SMO).

Among the City's many skirmishes with the FAA over the facility is a recent decision to evict business that provide services to pilots and replace them with a municipally owned operation. The two companies in question, Atlantic Aviation and American Flyers, filed complaints with the FAA over the eviction process and the FAA's interim ruling is to allow the companies to remain open pending a full investigation.

"The FAA issued the Cease & Desist Order to the City of Santa Monica to preserve the status quo while it completes its investigation of the issues in the Notice of Investigation and the complaints filed by American Flyers and Atlantic Aviation," said Ian Gregor, Public Affairs Manager with the FAA's Pacific Division. "The Order blocks the City's attempt to evict long-standing providers of critical aeronautical services at an important airport in the Los Angeles metropolitan area."

In the order sent to City Hall this week, the FAA states SMO is a critical reliever airport for Los Angeles International, that the closure of SMO would contribute to congestion of the region's airspace and that activity at SMO is important to regional/interstate commerce.

"In light of the City's unremitting efforts to evict from SMO critical aeronautical service providers and its hostility to the sale of leaded aviation fuel necessary for flight of today's aircraft in clear contravention of law, the FAA is issuing this order to maintain the status quo at SMO until a final agency decision is reached," said the letter.

Local officials responded by saying they remain committed to taking control of the operations.

"While we are disappointed (but not surprised) that the FAA has decided to issue this interim order on the pending evictions of Atlantic and American Flyer, we remain committed to replacing private fixed-based operations with public services," said Mayor Tony Vazquez in a written statement. "The City of Santa Monica owns the airport, the fuel tanks, the facilities and the hangers. The FAA has consistently recognized the rights of airport owners to exercise an exclusive right to provide services and we are working in good faith to do just that."

According to the FAA, exclusivity of airport services is illegal but there is an exemption to that rule for airport proprietors such as the City of Santa Monica. The letter said the City's ability to use the exemption is still under investigation.

With regard to both companies, the FAA's letter said the City does not plan to take over all aspects of the two businesses which means the companies have a right to remain at the airport. The FAA also states the City is not yet prepared to offer the services it plans to provide which makes any potential eviction premature at this time.

The order does not provide a timeline for a final decision.

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AUTHOR

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Award, Gelett Burgess Children's Book Award, and The Nautilus Silver Award among others.

DelaBarre began his career with Universal Studios on the well-known show Law & Order and seven years down the line realized that writing about crime, murder and mayhem was not for him. One day, after years of various forms of writing he sat down looking at a blinking cursor wondering what was next for him.

"I pulled the script I worked on for Law & Order back in the day that was called Saltwater Taffy," said DelaBarre. "I tore it apart and began working on an outline and noticed it was getting longer and longer and thought to myself maybe this is meant to be a book."

DelaBarre wanted to write something that could be read by anyone and everyone, something with adventure, family and life lessons. Saltwater Taffy hit shelves January of 2011 and for the past two years DelaBarre has been visiting over 150 schools across the country. He has been to the east coast and back to his hometown Santa Monica talking and giving inspirational speeches.

"It was funny, my manager once told me I am the Tony Robbins, but for children," said DelaBarre.

He gets the kids involved with each talk showing them pictures and videos. Engaging them to participate in the activities and getting them excited to learn and read.

"I have been associated with a lot of projects where people higher up say, 'No this won't sell or this won't work,'" said DelaBarre. "That's why I think it is important that kids today hear that they can do anything, they can write out their future and they don't need to take No for an answer."

With every talk DelaBarre hopes that the main message kids take away is, "What other people think of me is none of my business," a mantra that many kids have grown to love and live by.

Kelli Haas and Jessica Levin, both Book Fair Co-Chairs at Franklin Elementary were both inspired and grateful to have DelaBarre talk to the kids.

Haas said, "It is great to have not only an amazing author but a father as well be part of this Book Fair. He really knows how to talk to these kids, and he captures their attention."

While giving a talk at Loma Linda Academy he sold 168 copies, making it his current record.

Saltwater Taffy is just under 300 pages, with over 15,000 copies in circulation and is now endorsed by 12 Teachers of the Year and has been placed on the Accelerated Reader list for school libraries.

The future is bright for the characters of Saltwater Taffy, as the book will soon become a motion picture.

"As authors we never finish with the writing, we just find a place to stop," said DelaBarre.

Shooting the film will begin some time around July of next year near Seattle, and the students at Franklin received a sneak peak of how they can get involved and maybe be in the movie.

To keep up with DelaBarre visit his website, http://www.whatagreatbook.com/booking-eric-delabarre .

"I do this because I want kids to be fired up about their own life, because if they aren't who will," said DelaBarre.

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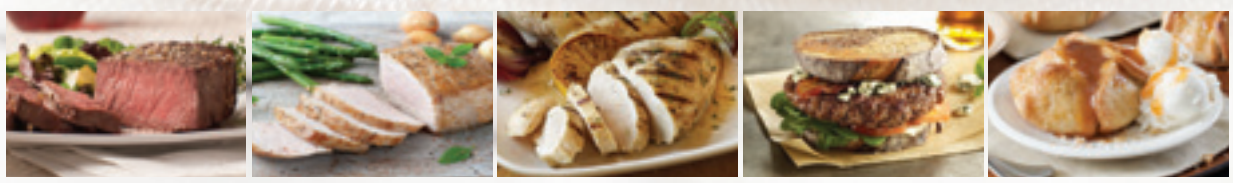
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low, the Commission is still split on just how high to allow three major development projects: The Miramar Hotel, the Frank Gehry hotel at Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard and the city-owned development at 4th Street and Arizona.

James says simple math may lead to a compromise on the size and scale of the buildings as planners crunch numbers and figure out how the city can hit goals for increasing the number of apartments throughout Santa Monica.

"The planners need to sharper their pencils and review all of the years of feedback we've gotten on the plan," James said.

Over the past five years, that feedback includes a new website, 32 public meetings, three workshops, focus groups and an online survey. The DCP covers 229 acres bordered by Wilshire, the Freeway, Lincoln Blvd., and Ocean Ave.

The Planning Commission has heavily debated just how high commercial developers should be allowed to build in areas outside of the Bayside. The commission favors height limits for new construction but also wants to increase the city's stock of affordable housing.

That balance is leading to compromises on streets like busy Lincoln Boulevard, where mixed-use residential apartments will likely be permitted to build up to six stories, but non-residential buildings will be limited to five. Planning commissioner Mario Fonda-Bonardi says he's concerned more office space could make traffic congestion on Lincoln Boulevard even worse.

"I'm actually quite concerned that we are building the 'Great Wall of Lincoln' one brick at a time," Fonda-Bonardi said, citing concerns that traffic has already been slowed by the nearby Expo Line and freeway traffic. "And then we're going to build even more on this poor boulevard that is one sandwich short of Bay Cities clogging up 6 miles of Lincoln."

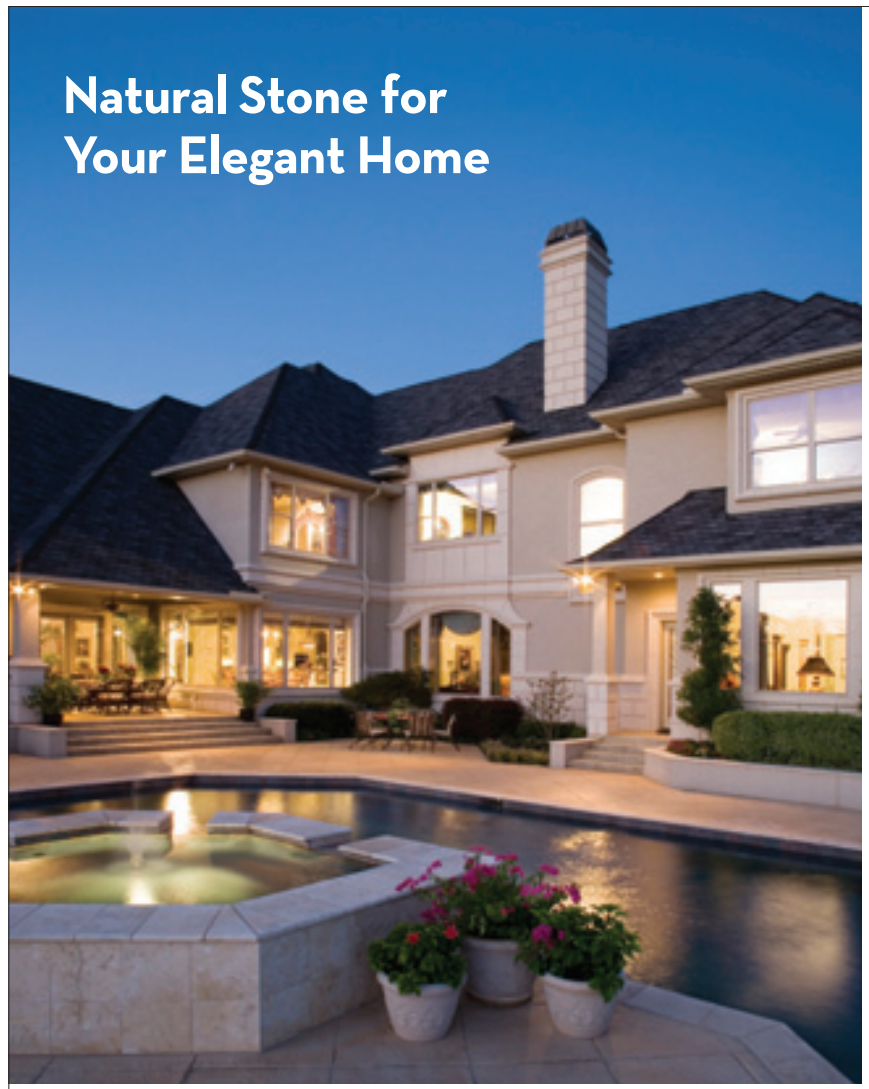
Commissioners also want to see increased affordable housing and environmental requirements for developers building residential units in the city. Commissioner Richard McKinnon emphasized his concerns that "the culture that's being created here by the things that are being built is a very expensive culture that only very few people can afford."

Planners will come back with their final draft in the spring of 2017. If it get's approval from the Planning Commission, it will move to the City Council for additional scrutiny.

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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 NOVEMBER 30, AT AROUND 3:25 P.M.

Officers were driving in the 1500 block of Ocean Ave. when they were flagged down by an agitated male subject. The subject who refused to identify himself claimed an employee from Blue Plate Taco Restaurant had assaulted him. After the officers completed their investigation, it had appeared the agitated male threatened to "knock out" a female employee and stab a male employee. The subject was uncooperative with officers when they attempted to place him under arrest. He was ultimately arrested for criminal threats and transported to jail. Leon Sims, homeless, had bail set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 403 calls for service on Dec. 12.

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

Defrauding innkeeper 1700 block of 4th 12:18 a.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of 12th 1:12 a.m.
Battery 100 block of Broadway 1:14 a.m.
Prowler 3100 block of Highland 5:04 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block of 7th 6:03 a.m.
Battery 500 block of Wilshire 7:38 a.m.
Elder abuse 2800 block of Neilson 7:55 a.m.
Vandalism 2700 block of Ocean Park 8:57 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2100 block of 16th 9:35 a.m.
Traffic collision Euclid/Wilshire 9:47 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block of Lincoln 9:55 a.m.
Traffic hazard 1600 block of 7th 10:27 a.m.
Violation of temporary 1200 block of 10th 10:29 a.m.
Grand theft 200 block of Wilshire 10:34 a.m.
Identity theft 400 block of bay 10:37 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1100 block of Ashland 10:48 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block of San Vicente 10:50 a.m.
Auto burglary 700 block of 25th 10:50 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1900 block of Michigan 10:51 a.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block of Ashland 11:04 a.m.
Vandalism 800 block of Ocean 11:12 a.m.
Hit and run 900 block of Euclid 11:35 a.m.
Petty theft 900 block of 19th 11:59 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:07 p.m.
Battery 1700 block of Main 12:31 p.m.
Traffic hazard 1400 block of 4th 12:43 p.m.
Hit and run 21st/Pico 12:44 p.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 1400 block of 4th 12:45 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln/Marine 12:46 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd/Wilshire 12:50 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy/California Incline 12:52 p.m.
Hit and run 300 block of Ocean 1:26 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block of Lincoln 1:31 p.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block of Arizona 1:55 p.m.
Animal related incident 2400 block of Cloverfield 2:05 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 600 block of 16th 2:37 p.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block of Beverley 2:44 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th/Arizona 3:10 p.m.
Traffic control request 17th/Arizona 3:25 p.m.
Auto burglary 700 block of 25th 3:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 6th/Santa Monica 3:27 p.m.
Petty theft report 1600 block of 4th 4:15 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of Arizona 4:55 p.m.
Petty theft report 1300 block of Wilshire 5:16 p.m.
Critical missing person 600 block of Santa Monica 5:18 p.m.
Battery 6th/Santa Monica 5:44 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 1800 block of Euclid 6:03 p.m.
Forgery 900 block of 9th 6:39 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block of 14th 6:42 p.m.
Fight 1300 block of Wilshire 7:04 p.m.
Vandalism 3000 block of Lincoln 7:27 p.m.
Hit and run 20th/Santa Monica 7:50 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 2nd 8:17 p.m.
Party complaint 800 block of 15th 9:03 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2000 block of 21st 9:08 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 43 calls for service on Dec. 12.

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Automatic alarm 1200 block of 6th 12:20 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Broadway 1:50 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Bay 3:36 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of 20th 4:06 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 4:10 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 5:19 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of 6th 5:26 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 6:43 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 22nd 6:49 a.m.
EMS of 26th/Wilshire 6:50 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 7:15 a.m.
Transformer fire 1400 block of Princeton 7:30 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 2500 block of Michigan 7:33 a.m.
Elevator rescue 2800 block of Santa Monica 7:52 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Santa Monica 9:43 a.m.
EMS of Euclid/Wilshire 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Ocean 10:40 a.m.
EMS of Yale/Broadway 11:16 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Stanford 11:25 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000 block of Santa Monica 11:37 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Broadway 11:47 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 11:49 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 11:56 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 12:30 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ashland 12:34 p.m.
EMS 700 block of California 12:39 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 1:40 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 17th 2:01 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 2:39 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Santa Monica 3:04 p.m.
EMS of 17th/Arizona 3:10 p.m.
EMS 3400 block of Exposition 5:35 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 5:45 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Pico 6:20 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Wilshire 6:31 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Marine 7:24 p.m.
EMS of Cloverfield/Interstate 10 7:31 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 9:20 p.m.
EMS of 2nd/California 9:38 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 12/10
12 21 32 44 66
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 100M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 12/9
19 27 47 67 68
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 51M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 12/10
6 13 15 36 45
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 60M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/12
6 12 16 29 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/12
MIDDAY: 4 3 9
Draw Date: 12/12
EVENING: 7 6 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/12
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Do Tella

■ For those unfamiliar with its charms, Nutella is a creamy mixture of hazelnuts, sugar, skimmed milk, vegetable oil and cocoa solids (think peanut butter, only more exotic and sweeter – sugar is actually the first ingredient). The Italian company, Ferrero, has produced it since the 1960s, though some say it dates back to at least 1946.

■ The Food and Drug Administration considers Nutella to be a "dessert topping," which sets the serving size at two tablespoons. Ferraro is petitioning the FDA to reclassify Nutella as a spread similar to jams and jellies, which have listed serving sizes of 1 tablespoon.

■ That would halve the current calorie count for a serving of Nutella to 100 calories from 200 calories, which is about the same as a small doughnut. The FDA is seeking public comment. Whether anybody actually limits themselves to one or two tablespoons when slathering Nutella on toast remains unknown.

MYSTERY REVEALED

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Shane Peters correctly identified the photo as part of the mural on the Leaf and Petal Company at the corner of 4th and Colorado. He wins a prize from the Daily Press.

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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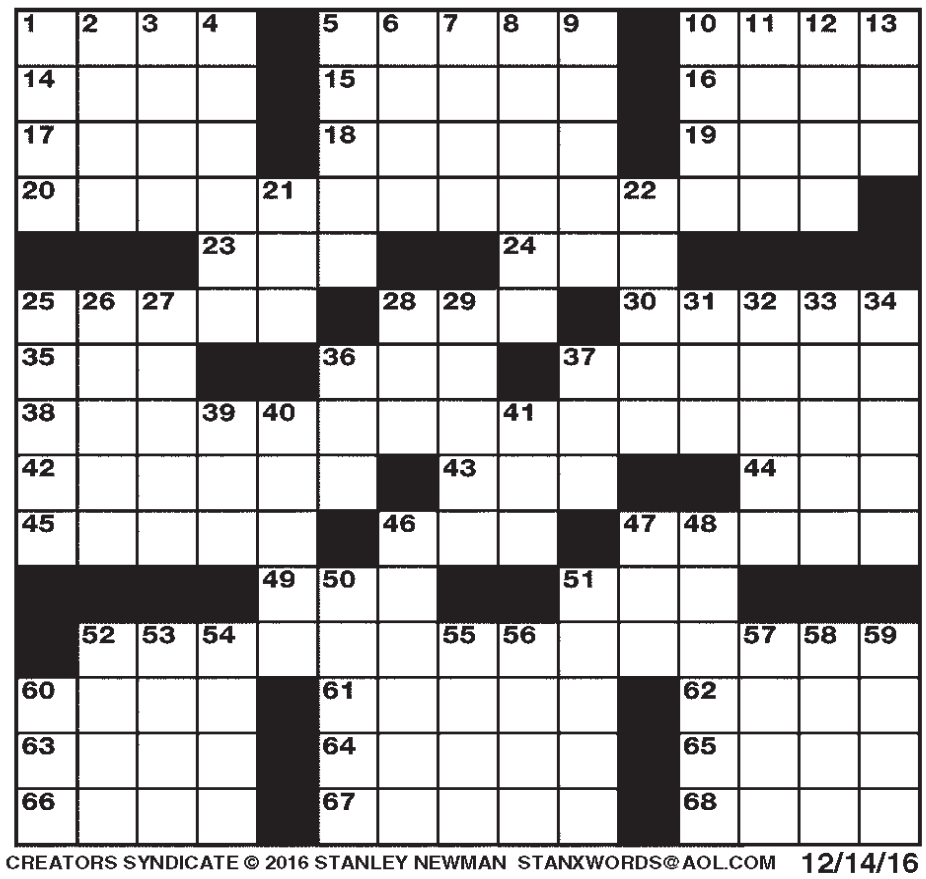
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Sound of shock
5 Forgoes food
10 Genie's offering
14 "__ fair in love . . ."
15 First Greek letter
16 Brainstorm
17 Brit's exclamation
18 Motorist's reversal
19 Imperfection
20 Weight-loss plan
23 Bonnet or beret
24 Move to and __
25 Aspirations
28 Command to Rover
30 Browned bread
35 Small bill
36 Help out
37 Per annum
38 Pink-center entrée
42 Coarse in one's talking
43 Use a pogo stick
44 Hotshot pilot
45 Walk through puddles
46 Unruly bunch
47 Sunbathes
49 Find a purpose for
51 Is able to
52 Upper income range, per Form 1040
60 Meet head-on
61 See eye to eye
62 Learn about
63 Line on a list
64 Pores over
65 Aware of
66 Half of the checkers
67 Secret meeting
68 Optimistic

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2 Besides
3 Shredded cabbage
4 Personality structure
5 Geological fracture
6 Female voice range
7 Spiked wheel on a boot
8 Frugality
9 More reasonable
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11 Inactive
12 Chair or bench
13 Hem and __
21 Small batteries
22 Is overly fond
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26 Hoops great Shaq
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29 Potato state
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32 Neighborhoods
33 Not at all taut
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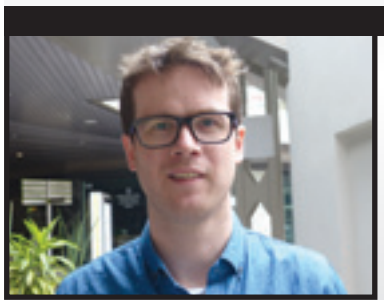


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Man on the Street

by LEA YAMASHIRO

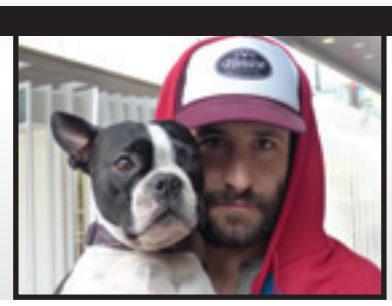
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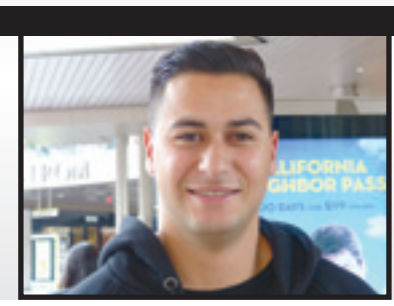
ANDREW PEACH
We get a group of friends together and go snowboarding. But that's in July in Australia, so it's different from here.



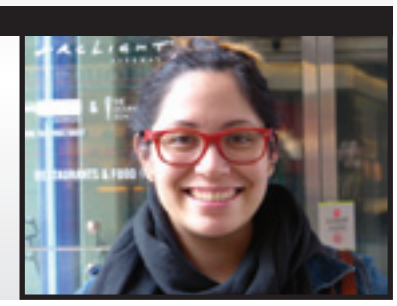
AVRIL DREXLER
I don't know, because it doesn't snow where we are. But I do really like beanies and jackets and boots. I like winter clothes; I like getting all snuggled up in my sleeping bag. I think it's a good tradition.



RYAN LEWIS
My winter tradition is I work really hard all the way up to Christmas, and then after Christmas I go somewhere for about nine days. This year I'm going to New York on my honey moon. I'm going to walk around and see some architecture and art, and be with my new wife.



COREY PETULA
My winter tradition is spending time with family, friends. I have family that live in Lake Tahoe and here, so it's a lot of traveling, you know buying Christmas gifts and all that stuff.



ARIANNA PEREZ
Every year we go to Disney to do the Hot Chocolate and Hot Apple Cider and stuff like that. We don't really decorate much for Christmas, so we try to get as much decorations as possible. We're kind of used to going around and enjoying everyone else's Christmas decorations.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 14)

Friedrich Nietzsche said: "Art is the proper task of life." You'll flip it and turn proper tasks into art. Your way of living will bring beauty and harmony to others. You'll continually get stronger as you home in on invigorating choices. Friendships will blossom and multiply through the spring. Singles will marry in June. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 25, 16 and 4.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Yes, life is full of contradiction. It's also full of tautology. Redundancy is validation. It's comforting when things are as they seem to be, people work together as a team and love behaves lovingly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
This process you're going through now is a kind of evolution. The elegance of evolution is especially obvious when the circumstances change. You might be surprised by what survives and prevails.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
The mystery that baffles you in the a.m. will be so utterly explainable tonight that it all seems rather obvious. You'll either help the others understand, or you'll help them be baffled so they can enjoy the discovery process, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
As for the thing that's been gnawing at your curiosity: It's time to investigate it. You'll get lucky. There are a lot of questions that will be answered when one or two facts have come to light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Everyone is selfish from time to time, but if it happens frequently, it's more about your own tolerance than anything else. Stand up for yourself. Get on your own team. You don't do anyone favors by letting them behave badly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's said that to forgive is divine, but there's no heavenly choir of angels to accompany you when you let go of your grievances today. Still, life will get better for the gesture, and that counts for something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Does it really matter if you were born this way or got there through living? Embrace it; no further questions are necessary. To fully accept yourself will be your best move yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You may not understand all of the factors that got you here, but accept them. Humility is better than arrogance; contribute as though you deserve to be where you are. If you didn't, you wouldn't be there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You can be proud of the relationships you've built and even more proud of the fact that you keep building. Friendships, after all, need continual maintenance to thrive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You're emotionally flexible and quite strong. Still, you shouldn't have to bend over backward to get your love. If you find yourself doing this trick time and again, seek different sources of support.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Information has a way of expanding to the capacity of your curiosity. So the thing to ask yourself is: "How much do I really want and/or need to know?" Today will bring a case where more is not necessarily better.

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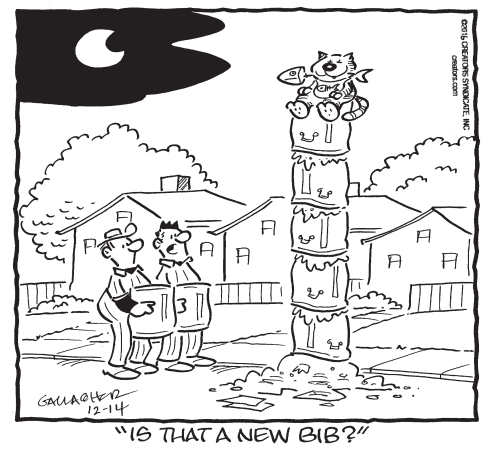
Moon Emphasizes Survival of the Fittest

In this elegantly designed universe, the best ideas move forward and the worst fade away. We don't know from the start which ideas are best. Eventually, what prevails, by definition, is the strongest. Survival wins. As the moon trines Mars on her way to Cancer, accept what is. To resist life's process is futile. Acceptance is the first step of change.

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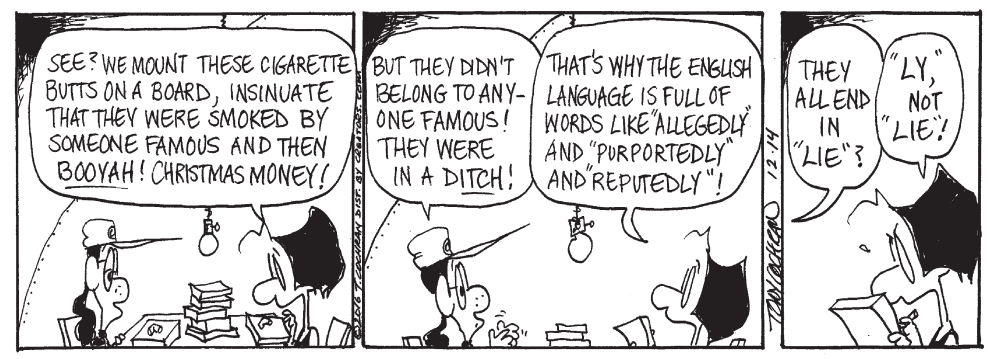
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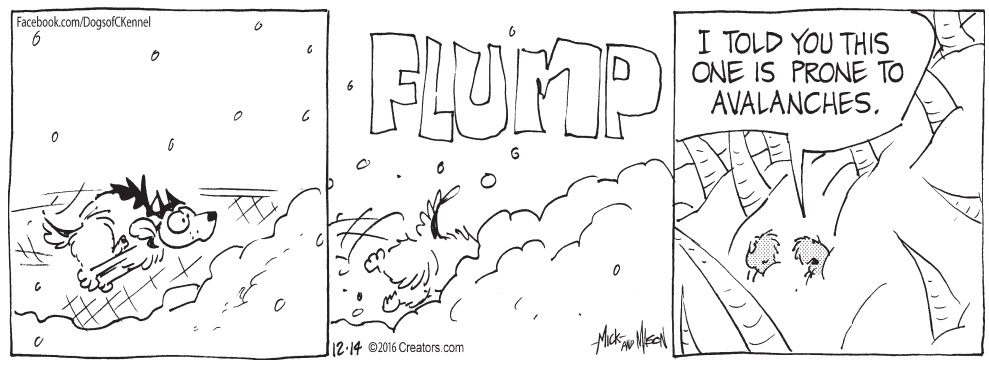
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