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Man cut during fight on Expo train



Matthew Hall

CRIME SCENE: A fight on an Expo train caused part of the station to be closed Thursday afternoon.

BY KATE CAGLE & MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Staff

Police are investigating a fight on a Westbound Expo train that resulted in the partial closure of the Downtown Station and one man being transported to the hospital.

According to witnesses and local law enforcement, a man was stabbed during a fight on the train at about 1:30 p.m. Thursday. As the train pulled into the Downtown station, one man was cut near his neck and face. The suspect then fled the scene on a dark colored beach cruiser bicycle.

The victim's injuries were not life threatening but he was transported to a local hospital for evaluation and treatment.

The downtown station was partially closed during the investigation, disrupting service along the line.

The attack is the second at the Downtown station this year. In October, Sheriff's deputies shot a man who threatened them with a pair of knives.

The Downtown station opened in May and in June the station was briefly evacuated as authorities cleared a suspicious package.

The Sheriff's Department handles security for the L.A. County Metropolitan Transportation Authority including jurisdiction over crimes committed along the train tracks or in the station.

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Rates surging 5 weeks post-election; will home sales weaken?

BY MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

Mortgage rates are still surging five weeks after Donald Trump's election victory. Will higher rates weaken prospective buyers' confidence next year and dampen home sales?

While the job market is stable, the low mortgage rates that helped spur homebuying this year are disappearing in the rearview mirror.

Steadily rising rates would ultimately limit the number of possible buyers and how much they can afford to pay. And existing homeowners who might otherwise be looking for an upgrade could choose to stay put rather than face

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City Hall says farewell to top attorney

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

With two standing ovations, praise from state and national leaders and a hand-blown glass vase, the City Council said goodbye to long-standing city attorney Marsha Moutrie Tuesday.

Moutrie is retiring at the end of the year after weathering two decades of city politics and as many as 16 different city councilmembers. Before taking the job 22 years ago, she tuned into Santa Monica's notoriously long city council meetings on television to get a taste of the job.

"And I applied anyway, which might show that I'm somewhat lacking in good sense," Moutrie joked as she said goodbye to her colleagues.

During her tenure, the city took on a wide range of issues including a lawsuit against seven major oil companies over tainted well water in 2000. Three years later, Shell, ChevronTexaco and ExxonMobil settled the suit, agreeing to pay to build and maintain a treatment plant as well as give the city nearly $100 million.

"And then, as if taking on corporate America wasn't enough, we're now taking on the United States of America with lawsuits (involving) the Federal Aviation Administration," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said. Earlier this year, City Hall declared its intent to shut down the Santa Monica Airport, despite the insistence of the FAA that the airport remain open.

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New booth aims to foster dialogue at Farmer's Market

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Amidst the fruits and vegetables and flowers, children at Sunday's Main Street Farmer's Market will have a chance to learn a unique skill.

Volunteers with Parenting for Change will be teaching the Japanese art of Furoshiki, a gift-wrapping technique that utilizes cloth wrap and tied in elaborate knots. Instead of rolls of red and green paper that end up in the recycling bin on Christmas morning, the fabric can be used again and again for years to come. But beside the gifts, story time and music, organizers also plan to fold in conversations about race.

"I think now is a really important time to talk about race and all different kinds of levels of oppression," organizer Shuli Lotan said. Parenting for Change is a loose collection of parents and educators who want to help families create an open dialogue. Lotan first got involved with the topic through AWARE-LA, the Alliance of White Anti-Racists Everywhere. Now she wants to help other parents talk to their kids.

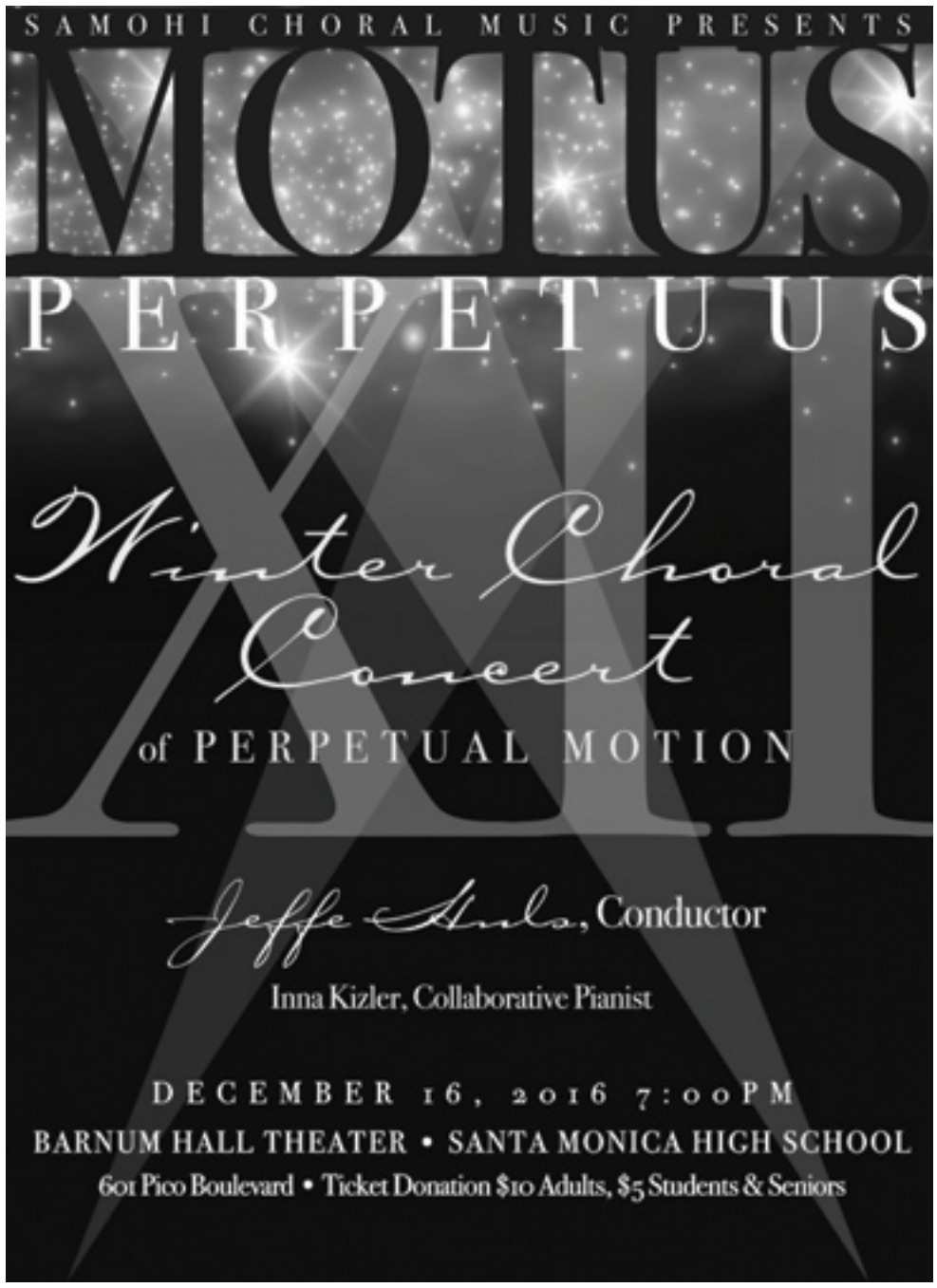
"We were raised in a generation where color blindness was the way to go. Where we don't talk about race," Lotan said. She says that traditional approach leaves lingering questions for children who are exposed to headlines about controversial police shootings and protests.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, November 16

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.

Free screening of "The Bishop's Wife"

See a Christmas classic in a new light at a free screening of "The Bishop's Wife," the holiday comedy featuring Cary Grant and David Niven. Screening followed by a discussion and Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA

Saturday, December 17

Raspberry Pi for Teens

Get started with Raspberry Pi and explore how the tiny computer can take your creativity to a new level. Limited space, registration starts on 12/5. Grades 6 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Master Gardeners at the Market

Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 a.m. - Noon. 2200 Virginia Ave

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group

December Title: "Everyman" by Philip Roth. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

An Afternoon with Tippi Hedren

Classic Hollywood star Tippi Hedren discusses her new autobiography, including her breakout roles in Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds and Marnie and her continuing work as an animal rights advocate. A book sale and signing follows. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 18

SMPL at the Farmers Market

Join the library for their latest pop-up library. Check out books, participate in crafts for kids, and much more. Main Street Farmers Market 2604 Main Street, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Guest House Open

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

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310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

CORRECTION

Cinema on the Street will not be held tonight.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

BBB Holiday Service: Christmas & New Year's

In observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, Big Blue Bus service will be modified, along with Customer Service and Transit Store hours.

CHRISTMAS EVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 24

Regular Saturday service, but UCLA's Hilgard Terminal will be closed.

CHRISTMAS DAY - SUNDAY, DEC. 25

All BBB routes operate on a normal Sunday schedule.

Hilgard Terminal will be closed. Routes 1, 2, & 8 use Charles E. Young/P2 Hub instead. Some R12 morning trips use Charles E. Young/P2 Hub, all others will continue to use Gateway Plaza.

Route 17 will terminate at the VA Hospital.

Route 18 will terminate in Brentwood.

Rapid 10 and Routes 16, 43 & 44 will not be in service.

Monday, December 26:

Buses will operate on a Sunday schedule in observance of the Christmas holiday and UCLA's Hilgard Terminal will be closed.

NEW YEAR'S EVE - SATURDAY, DEC. 31

Regular Saturday service, but UCLA's Hilgard Terminal will be closed.

Bonus! BBB will provide free rides on all lines between 9 p.m. on Dec. 31 and 1 a.m. on Jan. 1. Please note that not all BBB lines provide late-night service. Refer to schedules when planning your trip.

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MONDAY, JAN. 2

Buses will operate on a Sunday schedule in observance of the New Year's holiday and UCLA's Hilgard Terminal will remain closed.

Transit Store and Customer Service Holiday Hours

The Transit Store and Customer Service will have modified hours during the holiday period. During closures, please refer to taptogo.net for BBB pass and Stored Value purchases. Refer to 511 or Google Transit for assistance with trip planning.

Friday, Dec. 23: 7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 24: Closed

Sunday, Dec. 25: Closed

Monday, Dec. 26: Closed

Customer Service phone lines and the Transit Store will resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Friday, Dec. 30: 7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31: Closed

Sunday, Jan. 1: Closed

Monday, Jan. 2: Closed

Customer Service phone lines and the Transit Store will resume normal hours of operation on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017.

UCLA Riders:

Hilgard Terminal will be closed between 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 23 and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Routes 1, 2, 8, 17 & 18: All weekday trips (day and night) will use the Charles E. Young Dr./P2 Transit Hub.

Hilgard Terminal will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

RIDING TO UCLA

Customers can board/disembark on Westwood Bl. at Weyburn Ave., or on Charles E. Young Dr., between Westholme Ave. and Manning Ave. Please note the following stop closures:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: #97 COAST EVENT PRODUCTION
• Submission Deadline is January 13, 2017 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

DATE/TIME: December 19, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 15ARB-0475: 1560 Lincoln Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 16ARB-0396: 3032 Wilshire Boulevard: Multi-Tenant Retail
- 16ARB-0432: 1014 Bay Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 16ARB-0491: 2219 Virginia Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- 16ARB-0495: 2512 7th Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 16ARB-0498: 1919 Santa Monica Boulevard: Office
- 16ARB-0506: 505 Santa Monica Boulevard: Parking Garage
- 16ARB-0507: 501 Santa Monica Boulevard: Office
- 16ARB-0524: 2307-2315 Santa Monica Boulevard: Multi-Tenant Retail
- 16ARB-0526: 1254 19th Street: Religious Institution
- 16ARB-0540: 1304 Pico Boulevard: Retail

CONCEPT REVIEW(S):

• Preliminary review of the design concept for a new five-story mixed use development comprising of 43 residential units, 3,598 SF of ground floor commercial and two levels of subterranean parking garage located at 1441-1443 Lincoln Boulevard (Development Review Permit No. 16ENT-0098).

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planning-comm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail grace.page@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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Arriving at the Fork in the Road


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REOPENED: Manca, Newman and Elliott. Fork in the Road 2424 Main Street.

THE BELOVED YOGI BERRA, WHO passed in September at age 90, was a Hall of Fame catcher with the N.Y. Yankees. But he was also admired for his post-baseball career. He wrote nine books of hilarious "Yogi-isms," ludicrous, even contradictory thoughts that, upon reflection, make perfect sense. One is titled, "You Can Observe a Lot by Watching." (Redundant but true!)

My favorite Yogi-ism is, "When you come to a fork in the road, take it." Actually, Yogi lived on a cul-de-sac. So, when you came to his fork in the road, either way was the right way.

For years, Ocean Park had its own "Fork in the Road," a popular restaurant on Main Street. Unfortunately, in 2015, an extensive kitchen fire forced its closing. Undeterred, owners Tom Elliott and Spoon Singh, recruited an exciting new chef who re-energized the menu. They refurbished the kitchen, designed a hip dining room and Fork in the Road, risen from ashes, is back better than ever!

It's remarkable how many fine dining restaurants there are in Ocean Park, i.e. Chaya Venice, Chinois, La Vecchia and more. After eating at their Grand Opening, I think we can add Fork to the list.

In 1974, when I moved to Ocean Park, known as "Dogtown" (not because we loved canines) Main Street was rather industrial. There was Barrett's Appliances, Feldman Glass and Benny's Barber Shop. (Kindhearted Benny, a German POW in WW2, gave homeless free haircuts.)

Main Street in the 1940's included a gas station, a butcher's shop (live chickens in the window!) and a bookie. Main today has never been this prosperous. And, for foodies, it's never been more delicious.

The Fork's exterior is adorned with simply a gigantic steel fork. (Yogi would have loved it!) Inside it's charming and warm, complete with a wood stove used for flatbread and chicken. There's a long "community table" for friends, and neighbors they don't know yet, to socialize while dining, as well as intimate "private tables."

The Fork's "California-Mediterranean" cuisine is elegant and yet the friendly staff make the Fork feel like a local hangout. Maybe because a number live here.

For example, Executive Chef, Marco Manca, walks to work and co-owner, Spoon Singh, skateboards! (Spoon at the Fork? Trust me, there's a "knife" joke there somewhere.) Spoon also owns an organic farm in Ojai where he grows produce used at the Fork. Or as one review put it, "From the farm to the fork."

In the way of background, Chef Manca grew up in Tuscany, Italy. Inspired by his grandmother's baked bread and organic produce, Manca attended five years of culinary school and became an veritable artist with food. He worked in some of Europe's finest restaurants before coming to Santa Monica in 2007.

Co-owner, Tom Elliott's culinary roots were nurtured in his family kitchen in Colorado. After graduating from U. of Colorado, Boulder (organic foodie mecca of the Rockies) he moved to our neighboring Venice. Combining the environment and healthy food, Tom founded the "Wild Pacific Fish Company" to supply sustainable seafood to sushi bars all over L.A.

But it was while on a sailing adventure with Spoon that the pair dreamed of a beach-side organic restaurant. Thus, in 2010, they launched the Venice Ale House, now a landmark on Ocean Front Walk. (They also own Austin Ale House and Bank of Venice.)

Becky Newman is Fork's General Manager and Mixologist. Becky can select the perfect wine to accompany your dinner and also focuses on unique, fresh ingredients in recreating classic cocktails.

Combine Chef Marco and Becky's expertise with co-owners Spoon and Tom's success and social consciousness. Then add professional and amiable servers; charming hostesses; hard-working bus boys and dishwashers; and the result is the amazing Fork in the Road team.

The Fork's mouth-watering menu options are varied and numerous. Naming but a few, they include: Spicy Bloody Mary Spaghetti Squash; Margherita Flatbread; Wild Caught Salmon; 8 oz. New York Strip Steak; and Caesar Salad.

But, as the saying goes, the proof is in the pudding. (Actually, Fork serves a scrumptious Chocolate Butterscotch pudding desert!) Simply said, fork's artistically prepared and presented food will be a feast for your senses of smell, sight and taste.

With the above in mind, my advice for when you arrive at the fork in the road, just open the door and come on in! I bet you'll be glad you did. Just tell them Yogi sent you.

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FILM REVIEW

LA LA LAND

Rated PG-13
128 Minutes
Released December 16

Damien Chazelle's La La Land is a story put to music rather than a "musical". Don't go into the film expecting an elaborate "Grease", "West Side Story" or 1930's Busby Berkeley extravaganza. La La Land is truly an ode to Los Angeles, still a city of dreams, even in our complex times, and in spite of its numerous shortcomings. The story itself is about dreams – those realized and those that fail, a fairy tale brought down to earth, about not giving up on the world you envision. We are going to need more movies like this now.

The opening scene is one of the best-ever musical numbers on film. It depicts today's lifestyle in LA – commuters stuck on the feeder ramp between two freeways. Instead of succumbing to angry grimaces, the drivers burst into glorious song and dance. The scene communicates at once the sun-filled happiness of life in Los Angeles and the hidden difficulty of surviving in its frenzied environment. The characters in this scene are so colorful and vivid that I had hoped to see them again in the story. Sadly, that did not happen. However, the theme established in this opening overture is the heart of the story that ensues.

Composer Justin Hurwitz has done an amazing job with the songs, the lyrics and the jazz music that is an integral part of the story. The dream scenes are magical and rich thanks to production designer David Wasco. At the Q&A following the screening, Hurwitz and writer/director Chazelle noted that they met at Harvard and played in a band, Hurwitz on keyboards and Chazelle on drums. Chazelle's previous film, the highly acclaimed Whiplash, was about a jazz drummer. Chazelle and Hurwitz were inspired to make La La Land by their mutual love for The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (1964), a Cannes Grand Prize winner driven by its story and saturated in music (one of my favorite films of all time).

In a sense, stars Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone portray their own lives. Gosling, an accomplished jazz guitarist who once played in a band, delivers a performance that is heartfelt and low key. His career got its start when he beat out 17,000 auditioners for a spot in the Mickey Mouse Club. Chazelle and Hurwitz were impressed with Gosling's commitment to learning jazz piano well enough to play the elaborate jazz scores for camera. There are no CGI hands or piano doubles. Stone once made a PowerPoint presentation for her parents to persuade them to let her move from Phoenix to LA to pursue a career as an actress. There were many disappointments before she "made it", which inform her character in this story. Her poignant rendition of the "Audition Song" late in the film is incredibly moving and so true. John Legend also appears as the leader of a jazz-rock band. His acting is solid and the musical performance of the band is a highlight.

La La Land is a must-see for everyone who has ever lived in LA or dreamed of moving here.

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FAREWELL

FROM PAGE 1

"We take on big issues here and your record shows it," Councilmember Terry O'Day said in front of dozens of employees from the City Attorney's Office who came to Tuesday night's meeting to say farewell to their boss. After swearing in new board members and appointing Mayor Ted Winterer and Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis, the meeting turned into a warm farewell ceremony for Moutrie.

"I almost feel like I have the incredible privilege of being alive at my own funeral," Moutrie said. "This is fantastic."

After each councilmember congratulated Moutrie on her retirement and reminisced about her tenure, they presented her with a portrait and a hand-blown glass vase, a nod to the little known fact Moutrie is an amateur florist who is responsible for many of the arrangements at city gatherings

"This council doesn't think there are any problems too big for a city to tackle. That's wonderful," Moutrie said.

Or too small.

"When I first got here, the biggest, longest case we talked about week after week in closed session involved a drive-through at Jack In The Box on Wilshire Boulevard," Mckeown said.

While the lawsuits defined her tenure, her colleagues also applauded Moutrie for the cultural impact she's had on city government through her resistance to cutting corners and thorough knowledge of the law.

"If you know anything good about Santa Monica, you know something good about Marsha Moutrie, " O'Day said.

Moutrie heads into retirement in good health with full intentions to spend the rest of her life traveling with her husband.

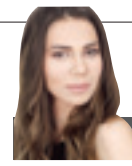
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Margarita Friday IT'S HAPPY HOUR.

Margarita Rozenbaoum
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Holidays and Chill

FOR A SEASON THAT'S SUPPOSED to be about peace and love and joy, the holidays have no chill. We're running around buying and cooking, writing lists like our lives depend on it. You know how small dogs get when they see a vacuum cleaner? The holidays bring out the Pomeranian in all of us.

I had to pause there to go wrap some gifts really quickly. They kept glaring at me from their pile in the corner, it was really distracting. Where was I? Small dogs. Okay. So because it's useless to remind ourselves to stay conscious and celebrate the true meaning of the holidays, we can at least take care of our five senses over the next couple of weeks, so the stress doesn't make this holiday season our last.

SMELL: Your sense of smell is strongly connected to your emotions (it's science, read about it). Lavender oil is my best friend right now. You can buy a little vial of pure oil (stores like Whole Foods have it, or oil specialty companies like doTerra) and put a few drops on the soles of your feet. I know it sounds weird, but bear with me. The pores on your feet are thick, so your body absorbs the oil and distributes it throughout your body more quickly this way. Do it before bed and it'll not only help you fall asleep, but you'll wake up feeling more refreshed. I think it's the only thing keeping me alive right now. And to combat irritability and seasonal affective disorder? Lemon oil.

HEARING: All the Christmas music on the radio, playing on loop at Macy's makes it pretty impossible to think about anything else. It helps to take back some control over what your ears are receiving during the next few days— at least in your car. Start a new audiobook. Lord knows you don't have time to read right now. But listening to a book (I use the Audible app on my phone), even for the quick drive between grocery stores, will unplug your overworked brain and bring a little personal luxury into your space.

TASTE: So it turns out that coffee on an empty stomach is bad for you. Really though. I know you need it the most right now, but make sure you eat first, or else your blood sugar levels will spike, which will lead to irritability and difficulty focusing. If you start your day with yogurt instead (the healthy kind with "live and active cultures," not the all-sugar kind, I'm watching you!), you'll not only avoid the spike, but you'll also get a healthy dose of chill-inducing probiotics.

TOUCH: Touch soft things. Just kidding. Except it really does send a calming signal to your brain. If you do happen to have a small dog around, perfect. Start petting her fuzzy little head immediately. If not, you can massage the center of your own palms. In reflexology, the palm center is supposedly linked to the Solar Plexus, which is connected to the nervous system. Massage the area in small circles when you start to feel like you might murder the woman in line in front of you at Macy's.

SIGHT: Get out of Macy's and go to the beach. A local hiking trail works too. Just get some nature in front of your eyeballs. Take breakfast on the go or use your lunch hour if you have absolutely no time to spare. Even if it's a thirty-minute walk, you'll get some exercise in too (since that's usually the first thing to go during the holidays, amiright?)

If all else fails, just remember that it'll all be over in a couple weeks. And then you can start running around worrying about New Year's resolutions.

Cheers

MARGARITA is an actress and published writer. In her spare time, she likes to watch Doctor Who reruns and correct people on the spelling of her name.

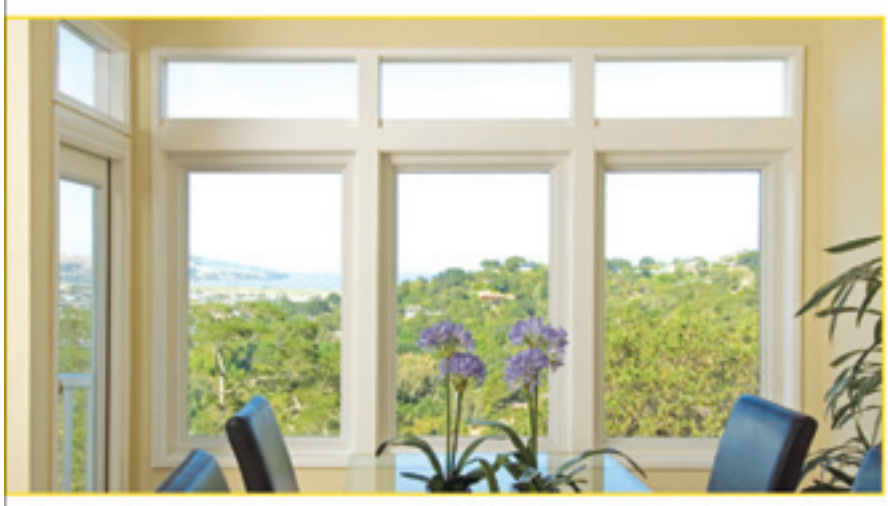
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MARKET

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Although, Lotan added, not all families can avoid the topic.

"Families of color in our group have expressed that it's a daily conversation (for them). They have to have those conversations for safety and how their kids might be viewed because of their skin color."

It's a tricky topic, which is why Parenting for Change will hand out brochures and other resources that can help guide dinner table conversations.

"It's about having conversations and forming relationships and giving people some skills and a community so they know they're not alone in this effort," Lotan said.

The booth will be in the "community event" section of the farmer's market near clothing tents, musical performances and other arts and crafts booths. In 2014, the City Council asked the market to move toward animal-free children's activities amid protests over a popular pony ride attraction.

Since that meeting, market managers have searched for other activities that will draw families back week after week. Last year they launched the Main Street Entertainment and Education Pilot Program.

"Overall people have their favorite activities," said market manager Jodi Low. "Steve's Drawing Machines is one of the most popular. Kids are actually asking their parents to come to the market to use the machines."

This will be Parenting for Change's second booth at the Main Street Farmer's Market. Low added that the core purpose of the booth is to provide activities to encourage family attendance at the market.

Lotan hopes children and parents will walk away with a better understanding of how to reach out to others who may need additional support in the community.

"It's an ongoing conversation and there's no right or wrong way to do it," Lotan said.

The Santa Monica Main Street Certified Farmer's Market goes from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at 2640 Main Street.

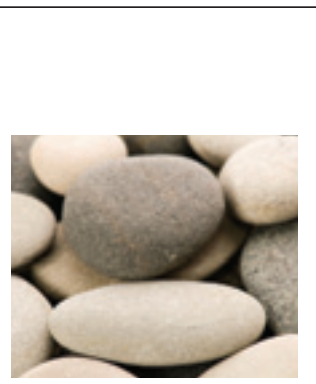
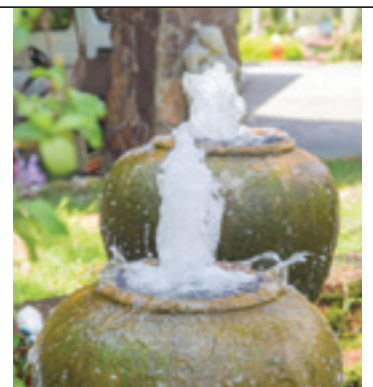
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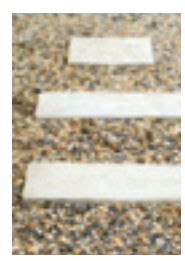


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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON DECEMBER 6, AT ABOUT 7:45 P.M.

Officers responded to Parking Structure 2- 1321 2nd Street regarding a vehicle burglary that just occurred. The suspect was observed by the reporting party/witness trying various car door handles and eventually made entry into a vehicle. The suspect was then observed running on 2nd Street. Several witnesses pointed out the suspect. Officers were able to detain the suspect on the 1400 block of 2nd Street. The witness was able to positively identify the suspect. The suspect was found to be in possession of several valuable items – laptop computer, cellular telephone, GPS device - later reported missing from several vehicles. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to SMPD Jail for booking. While in the jail cell, the suspect ripped up and destroyed the mattress.

Hugh Vernon Patillo, 47, from Los Angeles was arrested for vehicle burglary, possession of burglary tools, receiving stolen property and destruction of jail property. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 385 calls for service on Dec. 14.

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

Audible burglar alarm 1500 block of Colorado 12:27 a.m.
Overdose Main/ Bay 12:32 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block of The Beach 1:07 a.m.
Encampment 700 block of The Beach 1:21 a.m.
Trespassing 2100 block of Santa Monica 1:54 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of Euclid 2:01 a.m.
Attempt auto theft 1400 block of 24th 3:41 a.m.
Public intoxication 100 block of Broadway 3:54 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 24th 4:20 a.m.
Trespassing 1200 block of 20th 4:46 a.m.
Encampment 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 5:32 a.m.
Grand theft 1400 block of Ocean 5:32 a.m.
Person down 25th/ Pico 5:34 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 3100 block of Olympic 5:38 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block of PCH 7:42 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block of Bicknell 7:49 a.m.
SCAR investigation 1500 block of 11th 7:55 a.m.
Grand theft 1100 block of Euclid 8:04 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of Montana 8:24 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 2nd 8:25 a.m.
Trespassing 2500 block of 3rd 9:06 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1500 block of Yale 9:27 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 2100 block of 10th 9:49 a.m.
Missing person 2400 block of Ocean Park 10:39 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2800 block of Neilson Way 10:41 a.m.
Encampment 800 block of Pico 11:29 a.m.
Fight 1700 block of Broadway 11:42 a.m.
Lewd activity 1200 block of 3rd St Prom 11:46 a.m.
Encampment 800 block of Pico 12:00 p.m.
Elder abuse 500 block of Ocean 12:02 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 100 block of Fraser 12:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block of 17th 12:18 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block of 15th 12:37 p.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 12:48 p.m.
Traffic collision 14th/ Broadway 12:52 p.m.
Elder abuse 1700 block of Cloverfield 2:09 p.m.
Person down 1300 block of 6th 2:28 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Bay 2:56 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block of Idaho 3:05 p.m.
Loitering 1400 block of 11th 3:11 p.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of 7th 3:14 p.m.
Encampment 800 block of The Beach 3:25 p.m.
Trespassing 2200 block of Lincoln 5:04 p.m.
Traffic collision 28th/ Pico 5:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block of PCH 5:22 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 11th 6:20 p.m.
Hit and run 20th/ California 6:30 p.m.
Fight 600 block of Santa Monica 6:42 p.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of 12th 7:17 p.m.
Drunk driving 17th/ Wilshire 10:45 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 31 calls on Dec. 14.

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

EMS Main/Bay 12:31 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1900 block of Stewart 12:42 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 2:20 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 4:53 a.m.
EMS 25th/Pico 5:35 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 3rd 6:28 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of 16th 8:30 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 8:56 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Montana 9:43 a.m.
EMS 17th/ I-10 9:45 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Stanford 10:00 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Colorado 10:54 a.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of San Vicente 10:58 a.m.
EMS 14th/ Michigan 11:11 a.m.
Assist LAFD 200 block of Pacific 11:36 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 11:50 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 18th 12:05 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 12:11 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block of Ocean 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 1:39 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 6th 2:28 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Pico 3:29 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 7th 4:04 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1300 block of 9th 4:11 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 4:40 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 5:08 p.m.
Haz Mat- Level 2 900 block of Wilshire 5:59 p.m.
EMS 20th/ California 6:31 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 19th 8:10 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 10:05 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 10:28 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/14
18 26 37 39 66
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 119M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/13
2 15 26 34 41
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 59M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 12/14
6 10 16 29 31
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 61M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/14
2 6 9 12 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/15
MIDDAY: 8 3 4
Draw Date: 12/14
EVENING: 7 3 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/14
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:46.27

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2. Physical Geography. a sudden and violent physical action producing changes in the earth's surface.
3. an extensive flood; deluge.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ Eyelashes last roughly 150 days.

Number Cruncher

■ A serving of hard pretzels (10 twists or 60 grams) contains 227 calories, 14 from fat. It has 1.6 grams of total fat or 2 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

■ It also contains 0 milligrams of cholesterol; 814 mg of sodium (34 percent); 45.7 grams of total carbohydrates (16 percent); 1.8 g of dietary fiber (7 percent); 1.7 g of sugar and 6.2 g of protein.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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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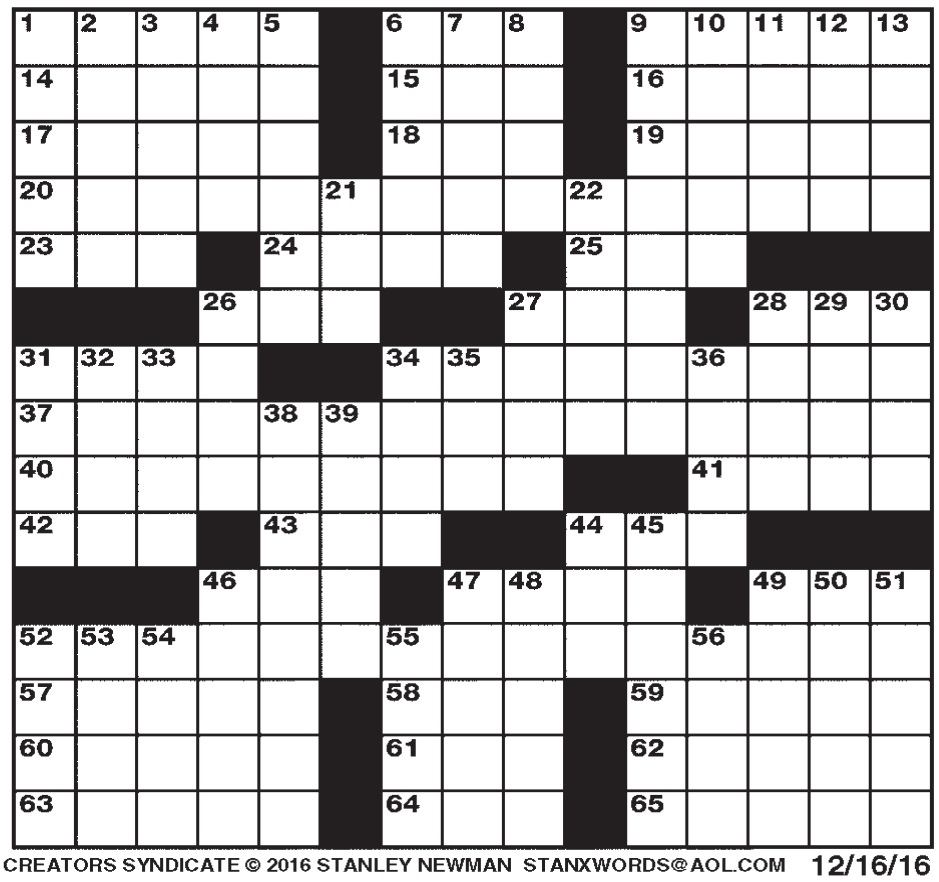
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ACROSS

1 Critic's count
6 Two-legged plant, perhaps
9 Large sharks
14 Traffic symbol
15 Inordinately
16 *Middlemarch* author
17 Put back into service
18 Make known
19 Tokyo shopping center
20 Part of some twill suits
23 Frat letter
24 Let off steam
25 Bowl over
26 Range of understanding
27 Dean's list no.
28 Shirt spoiler
31 Pork purchase
34 Danish alternative
37 Certain Chippendale collectible
40 Blessed
41 City near Scottsdale
42 Swelter
43 Easily taught
44 Breach
46 Go cross-country, in a way
47 Partly open
49 Web access co.
52 Not far at all
57 "Easy" phrase ender
58 Use one's scope
59 Surmise
60 Orange coats
61 Sleep study acronym
62 Was awful at the Improv
63 Covert summons
64 Accept as true
65 Cub Scouts setups

DOWN

1 Boot camp figure
2 Unexpected delight
3 Dutch island
4 Sub __ (secretly)
5 Turn aside abruptly
6 Shirt spoiler
7 Gist
8 Days of old
9 Power-plant measure
10 Rabbit follower of fiction
11 Neck annoyance
12 Exude, as charm
13 Rush order of a sort
21 Cozy retreat
22 Teased
26 Type of shirt
27 Trait determinant
28 Spa wear
29 Tribulations
30 Court entry
31 *Variety* guffaw
32 __ before (no later than)
33 Response to "Good job!"
34 Word on boarding passes
35 Just painted
36 Ratchet (up)
38 Most shivery
39 Remove, as a brooch
44 State of matter
45 Loft lessee, maybe
46 Sideslips
47 Leave-taking word
48 Force open
49 Playfully
50 Designer's bottle
51 Extra privileges
52 Buckle, as a board
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RATES

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higher interest costs.

The "unwelcoming reality" of higher mortgage rates likely is tamping down prospective homebuyers' confidence, says Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors.

"Younger households, renters and those living in the costlier West region — where prices have soared in recent months — are the least optimistic about buying," he said.

A forecast update issued by the Realtors' group Wednesday found that declining affordability in many parts of the country and the rise of mortgage rates likely will lead to only a small gain in sales of existing homes next year. Existing-home sales are forecast to increase 2 percent, to about 5.52 million.

Still, industry experts say economic fundamentals — like continued job growth and rising homebuying demand from millennials — still look positive for the housing market. Mortgage rates likely will stabilize as the market settles down, some say.

There are economic unknowns, too, as the new Trump administration's economic policy starts to take shape in the coming months. Constraints on home purchases such as tight credit standards and affordability remain.

In the week ended Thursday, the average rate on the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose to 4.16 percent from 4.13 percent the previous week, mortgage company Freddie Mac reported. That compares with 3.57 percent in the week ended Nov. 9, the day Trump clinched the election. A year ago, the benchmark loan rate averaged 3.97 percent.

The average for a 15-year mortgage, a popular choice for people who are refinancing, ticked up to 3.37 percent from 3.36 percent the week before. In the Election Day week, it was 2.88 percent.

The rise in mortgage rates was spurred by a sustained decline in U.S. government bond prices in the days after Trump's victory. Bond investors looked toward tax cuts and beefed-up spending to upgrade roads, bridges and airports under a Trump administration, which could fuel inflation. That would depress prices of long-term Treasury bonds because inflation would erode their value over time. The selling wave lifted bond yields, which move opposite to prices and influence long-term mortgage rates.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury bond touched its highest level in more than two years and sat at 2.57 percent late Wednesday. It was 1.87 percent on Election Day Nov. 8. The yield rose further to 2.59 percent Thursday.

On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve announced an increase in its benchmark interest rate for the first time in nearly a year.

The climb in mortgage rates has caused fewer consumers to come forward. Applications for mortgage loans fell 4 percent in the week ended Dec. 9 from a week earlier, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates. One point equals 1 percent of the loan amount.

The average fee for a 30-year mortgage was unchanged this week at 0.5 point. The fee on 15-year loans also remained at 0.5 point.

Rates on adjustable five-year loans rose to 3.19 percent from 3.17 percent. The fee slipped to 0.4 point from 0.5 point.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 16)

Things will go exceptionally well in the money department over the next three weeks, and this helps other things, too. Riding that line between being responsible to others and doing your own thing -- that will be your growing edge in the early parts of the year. You'll always win when you bring your most professional self to the moment. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 50, 2, 22 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Avoid personalizing other people's behaviors by assuming that they are reacting to you. Many factors affect behavior. You may only be a small part of it, but you'll be a positive part.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

An issue you deal with is not who you are. The less you identify with it the better. Separate yourself from the circumstances. Remind yourself of your good qualities and reinforce what you're all about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You probably wouldn't guess what someone finds attractive about you, but you don't have to. The more you focus on your strengths, curiosities and interests the bigger your light becomes.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Love and commitment fuse together today. You won't be sure if you're doing something because you love it or if you love it because you're doing it. Either way, it's a slice of heaven.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Emotional courage is the key to getting the results you want. When you're willing to deal with uncertainty and embrace the pain that goes along with growing and changing, this is when the transformation you wish for begins.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Some feelings you want to build up, and others you want to feel a lot less of. Suppressing an emotion will only make it stronger. If you want to feel less of a thing, express it. Get it out, and let it diffuse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The less reactive you are, the better you'll handle things. The better you handle things, the more someone will admire and like you. The more someone admires and likes you, the higher you'll be promoted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The way to tell a great question is by the answers you're getting. You'll create an environment of warmth and people will open up to you, giving you exactly what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The magic question of the day: How do you envision this process working? Ask yourself; ask others. It will get everyone thinking of the practical steps necessary to realize the goal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may not wake up filled with a sunshiny spirit. This can still be a happy day. What's dragging your thoughts into the shadows? Identify the main issue. Confront and conquer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Sometimes everything feels like a top priority, but of course that's not how priorities work. Get real about it. What's the one thing you could do to make the rest fall in line?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Most people listen to one another with a cursory level of attention. Listening is a muscle. It takes practice to get this muscle in shape. Listen better than others do (not hard), and seize the opportunities they miss.

Moody Moon

Under this moody Cancer moon, you'll need to work harder for equilibrium. The part of your brain responsible for planning, reasoning, self-control and general "adulting" gets tired faster than the part in charge of automatic behaviors. It's just one more reason to make life easier for yourself by setting up systems to support your best intentions.



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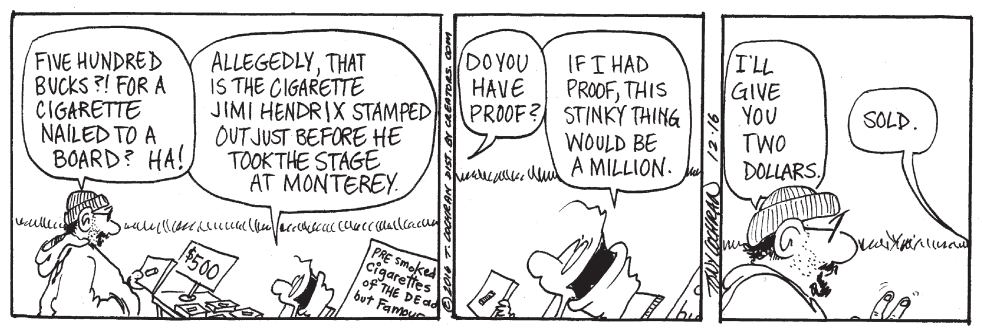
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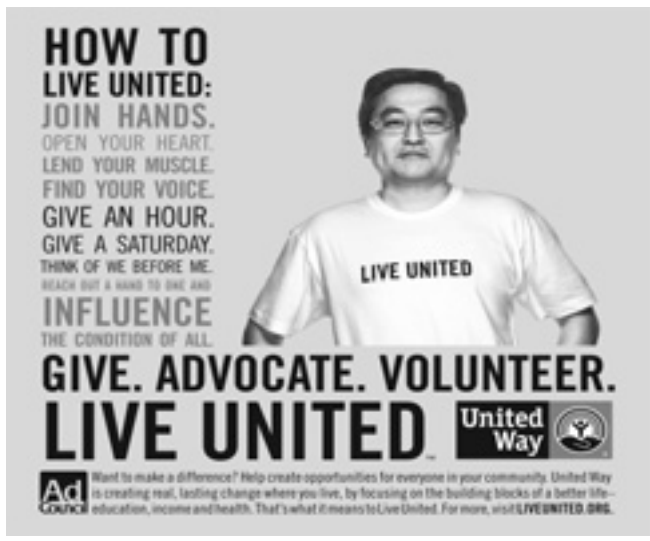
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