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# Pony ride lawsuit against protesters moves forward

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITYWIDE** A pony ride protester's attempt to get a lawsuit against her thrown out had mixed results.

Two of the four charges brought against Marcy Winograd — relating to her fight to oust pony rides from the Farmers' Market we're dismissed by a judge last week. The other two stand — a decision that

Winograd plans to appeal.

In April, Winograd began a push against Tawni's Ponies, which has provided pony rides at the Main Street Farmers' Market since 2003.

In September, after months of protest, City Council voted 4 to 0 to seek a non-animal related vendor for the Farmers' Market plot currently occupied by Tawni's Ponies. This will happen after the business' contract with City Hall expires in May. The decision

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THE LOOK BOTH WAYS ISSUE

### Boys basketball: Samohi 'getting better' amid rocky season

### BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN Daily Press Staff Writer

**SAMOHI** James Hecht knows what some people might think when they see the win and loss columns.

But the Santa Monica boys basketball coach isn't worried.

"Our record doesn't show it, but I believe we're getting better," he said after the Vikings fell to visiting Beverly Hills in a league showdown last week. "We can make the playoffs. We will make the playoffs. But we have to stay focused."

There's certainly still hope for Samohi, which hosts El Segundo at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night to wrap up the first half of the regular season.

The Vikings (6-13, 2-2 in the Ocean League), who last year reached the second round of the CIF Southern Section Division 1AA bracket before falling to Rancho Cucamonga, are vying for another postseason run with a talented starting lineup that features senior New Williams, junior Jonah Mathews and freshman Spencer Freedman.

Hecht's squad is also adjusting to the addition of Jayce Johnson, a 7-footer who transferred from Findlay Prep in Nevada and made his Samohi debut earlier this month.

The Vikings took their lumps in preseason play, going 4-10 against top-tier competition. Arguably the most difficult stretch was an eight-game skid that included six doubledigit losses, although Hecht said those experiences could help his team going forward.

"We played a very challenging schedule early on, and we're a relatively inexperienced team," he said. "There are not a lot of guys with lots of varsity experience. But we have

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# Seven major one-way streets considered Downtown



WRONG WAY?: Planners are studying the possibility of several one-way streets around the Downtown area, including 2nd Street.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN** City planners are studying the possibility of turning parts of seven major Downtown thoroughfares into one-way streets.

As a part of the Downtown Specific Plan, which will dictate land-uses in the area, city officials commissioned a study of some changes to traffic patterns, including making Fourth and Fifth streets one-way. Studies showed that this change alone

Studies showed that this change alone wouldn't be worth it.

But in December, City Council agreed to have city planners study an entire one-way

network Downtown. With the construction of the Colorado Esplanade — which will make the connec-

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### What's Up Westside **OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA**

#### January 28

**Planning Commission** Meeting City Hall 1685 Main St. 7 p.m. Special meeting of the Planning Commission. Visit http://www.smgov.net/ Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission for more information.

### **Book Club at Bolivar**

Cafe Bolivar 1741 Ocean Park Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m. Join organizers for hot chocolate and a book discussion at this new program. The book is "A Tale for the Time Being" by Ruth Ozeki. On a remote island in the Pacific, a novelist becomes linked to a bullied and depressed Tokyo teenager after discovering a Hello Kitty lunchbox that has washed ashore.

### **National Kazoo Day**

Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Learn to play silly songs on a kazoo and make a pouch to carry it home. Grades K & up.

#### **Email for Beginners**

Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 - 4:30 p.m. Learn how to use email and create your own free email account. Seating is first come, first served. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner Level. For more information or questions, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608

### **Election aftermath discussion**

Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m. The Santa Monica Democratic Club will host a panel discussion on the

Special focus will be on "Where to from here?" A panel of community activists and elected officials will analyze the results with thoughtful predictions and brainstorm action for next year. The panel includes: Diana Gordon - Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), Patricia Hoffman - Santa Monica for Renters' Rights, Dan Jansenson - Santa Monica Architects for a Responsible Tomorrow (SM a.r.t.), Kevin McKeown - Santa Monica Mayor. No charge, light refreshments, public invited.

election results.

#### Volunteer for the 2015 **Homeless Count**

St. Monica Catholic Church Grand Pavilion 725 California Ave. 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Help address homelessness in Santa Monica by joining 200-plus community volunteers as we hit the streets to visually count every person sleeping in public spaces. This annual count not only informs our homeless strategy but is a great way to be a part of the solution. No experience necessary. RSVP at: http://www.smgov.net/homelesscountvolunteer.aspx

### January 29

**Emphysema Update** Santa Monica Family YMCA 1332 6th Street, 12 - 1:30 p.m. UCLA pulmonologist Gerard Frank, MD, will discuss diagnosis and the latest treatment options for emphysema. Sponsored by the UCLA Health 50 Plus Program.

> An Armchair Visit to Northern England Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:30 - 8 p.m.

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### **Inside Scoop**

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Send comments to editor@smdp.com

### Don't water Editor:

A good place to start conserving water is to refrain from sprinkling lawns during, or just after, a rainstorm. This water waste is more common than you might think.

Even rainstorms don't prevent my daily (sometimes nightly) walks. While walking under one recent downpour, I saw a dozen or so buildings between Wilshire and San Vicente - apartments, condos, and single-family homes - sprinkling their lawns even as rain came pouring down.

Perhaps because few people take long walks during heavy rains, this water waste has gone unnoticed. Yet I've been noticing it for many years.

Thomas M. Sipos Santa Monica

### The future Editor:

Make no mistake. When light rail arrives here, parking structures 1 and 3 will need to be converted to 9 stories with bathrooms! Our City has no comprehension of the change rail will make on the City. Soon Westside residents will flock to Santa Monica parking structures to use light rail. The theater question has been addressed, tear 'em down make them big. It's investing in infrastructure.

Sonny Burnett Santa Monica

### LISTINGS **FROM PAGE 2**

Tour guide and Anglophile Shelia Stone takes participants on a whirlwind armchair tour of the great north of Britain, filled with ancient cities, cozy villages, historic castles, picturesque canals and more. For more information, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

#### **Homework Help**

**Pico Branch Library** 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m. Get help with your homework. This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only.

#### Study zone

Fairview Branch Library 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m. Space for quiet study. Grades K-12. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Free Healthcare Enrollment** Clinic

Pico Youth & Family Center 715 Pico Blvd. 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public; parents, youth and families are invited to attend. The Jan. 29 clinic will be conducted in Spanish. The Feb. 5 clinic will be in English.

#### <u>January 30</u>

#### **TENTINDO: Two Dance Theater Works**

Highways Performance Space 1651 18th St. An evening of dance theater works by choreographer Laurel Jenkins Tentindo captures archetypal images. As a choreographer and director, Laurel creates interdisciplinary dance-theater works to awaken the imagination. This program will feature the world premier of a new solo in which Tentindo cap-

tures archetypal imagery from Joseph Campbell's "Hero's Journey." Tickets are \$15-20. For more information, call (310) 315-1459.

#### **Fireside at the Miles** The Miles Playhouse

1130 Lincoln Blvd. 7:30 p.m. Every Fireside Concert features a different mix of contemporary music, opera, jazz, storytelling, dance, poetry, beat boxing, a capella singing and more. Performances take place beside the large period fireplace with an eco-log fire. Admission: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students, seniors and youth 17 and under. Call (310) 458-8634 for

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#### **Art Los Angeles Contemporary 2015** Barker Hangar

3021 Airport Ave. Fri & Sat 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Art Los Angeles Contemporary (ALAC) is the International Contemporary Art Fair of the West Coast. The annual fair presents top blue chip and emerging galleries from around the world, with a strong focus on Los Angeles galleries, exhibiting dynamic recent works from their represented artists. Admission: \$22-\$60. Call (323) 851-7530 for more information.

### 75th Anniversary of Fantasia

Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. 7:30 p.m.

To celebrate the Aero anniversary, the theater will flash back to 1940 with vintage popcorn pricing, nostalgic candy, Champagne and more. David Pacheco, a veteran Disney Creative Director and former Disney animator, will present a brief, illustrated prologue about the making of Fantasia. Admission: \$11 general; \$7 members. Call (310) 260-1528 for more information.

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### Kickstarter project to help sick kids

Santa Monica resident Summer Germann is seeking public funding via Kickstarter to support her Brave Gown project.

According to Germann, the gowns are screen-printed hospital gowns for children that resemble costumes. She said medical procedures can be scary for children and the Brave gown is designed to give them a sense of confidence.

Germann said the idea grew out of personal experience. When her then-10-year-old brother was diagnosed with cancer, she saw how difficult the experience was for him. And after recently seeing a friend's child in the hospital, she realized how something as simple as a gown could make a positive impact.

In her public appeal, Germann said she has three plans for distribution: direct sales to medical offices, direct sales to families and sponsored distribution. She said she is raising funds for the business end of the project including marketing, website, samples and initial manufacturing. visit To donate,

https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/428086984/brave-gowns.

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### Pico Blvd.

**District Visual Arts Show to Open** at Santa Monica High Gallery

Students from Santa Monica-Malibu Unified's middle and high schools will showcase their work at the district's annual visual art show this week at Roberts Arts Gallery (601 Pico Blvd.). The young artists and their families, together with art teachers from across the district, will display twodimensional artwork and photography, which will be professional installed at the gallery, as well as ceramic and video art from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29.

The free event, which is open to the public, will highlight and promote the talents of Santa Monica-Malibu Unified students, and provides a forum where district art teachers can observe varying art and instruction from other school sites.

Roberts Art Gallery, located on the Santa Monica High campus, is dedicated to promoting and advancing education, interest and insight in contemporary visual arts.

Entertainment will be provided by the Santa Monica High Jazz Combo. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking will be available at the Civic Parking Structure on 4th Street

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#### across from the campus, with signage directing attendees to the gallery. - SUBMITTED BY SELINA AYALA-PATLAN

### Los Angeles 'Django Unchained' actress pleads not guilty to lewd conduct

An attorney for "Django Unchained" actress Daniele Watts and her boyfriend has entered not guilty pleas on their behalf to misdemeanor lewd conduct charges.

Attorney Lou Shapiro entered the pleas at a brief hearing Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Watts and Brian Lucas were charged in October after briefly being detained by Los Angeles police who were investigating a report of lewd conduct in a parked Mercedes the previous month.

After the incident, Watts suggested she was a victim of racial profiling. She has said she and her boyfriend were just kissing in the car.

Police say officers followed proper protocols while investigating the call.

Neither Watts nor Lucas appeared in court Tuesday. Their case will be called again Feb. 23.

- AP

### Los Angeles West Hollywood man sentenced f or phony movie investing scam

A West Hollywood man who helped run a scheme that raised nearly \$2 million by offering shares in movies that were never released is going to federal prison.

City News Service says Stuart Rawitt was sentenced Monday to more than five years behind bars. He was ordered taken into immediate custody.

Rawitt was charged with offering phony investments in movies that supposedly featured well-known actors such as Donald Sutherland.

Prosecutors said Rawitt and his co-defendants ran "boiler room" telemarketing operations that called people around the country. Some 140 invested.

One movie, called "The Smuggler," was never made. Another, called "Beyond the Mat," was shot but hasn't been released.

Rawitt pleaded guilty in October to mail fraud. Two of his co-defendants await sentencing.

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# Please don't give away my Super Bowl secret

#### SUPER BOWL SUNDAY! MY FAVORITE **SUNDAY ALL YEAR!**

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I know, so many of you just love your football. God bless you, and God bless America, it's our favorite sport. I have many friends and family, otherwise sensible folks, who do. I know I'm in the minority here. But so was the kid who saw the emperor naked. But the halftime show is not to be missed,

right?

Katy Perry? Please.

Amazingly, they were still having marching bands through 1990, Up With

People through '86 (if you don't know what that is, you're under 35 and blessed in your ignorance), and probably the most bizarre and awful one ever in 1989: a magician/ Elvis "impersonator" (who didn't look/act/sound like the King at all, of course) calling himself Elvis Presto (groan), introducing worldwide television to 3-D with his audience participation card trick. Put them colored cardboard glasses on, folks. Yes, it was ... as awful as it sounds.

Bruno Mars was pretty good last year and made a believer out of me. The classic Super Bowl performances: Prince (2007), Paul McCartney (2005), U2 (2002) and Michael Jackson (1993). Madonna, the Stones, Beyonce, Bruce, the Who - nothing special. That's kind of slim pickin's for nearly half a century of shows.

Now the important task is, how do I use those precious hours? What's on the agenda? How is the tour shaping up?

Being a bit of a homebody and knowing Santa Monica and its many delights, I'll forego the thrill of empty L.A. freeways for just being able to get across Santa Monica in 15 minutes or less. Wahoo! Brings a nostalgic tear to my eye to even think of it.

Number one on the list is hoops. I love to play basketball. What's the most coveted court in Santa Monica? The one by the ocean, in the park next to the Shores towers. It's a decent outdoor surface, but mostly, there's that view. At sunset - breathtaking. I have lots of opportunities for glances as my many missed shots bounce out of bounds.

I've played there only a handful of times because it's nearly always full, with former high school or college players trying to relive their past glory, with their look-at-me attitudes and score-at-any-cost styles. They're good, some of them, but they're also magnets for injury, and I don't need that, thank you. I play for fun and exercise.

I can go out and shoot around by myself

to my heart's content, on most likely a gloriously beautiful day at the beach. Parking is always a big problem there, with only six street spaces. But not that day.

The game starts at 3:30 p.m., with all that pre-game foofaraw, so I figure the courts should clear out no later than 3. Another advantage: at this usually very crowded court, there should be no witnesses as to just how bad I am.

Forty-five minutes should do it, and then the sports theme continues as I drive over to Santa Monica's bowling alley on Pico. As a lifelong bowler I was saddened to hear, a year ago, that the owner of the property had decided to sell and I was afraid we would lose one of the few remaining bowling alleys to yet another multi-story mixed-use traffic jammer.

I dropped by last Sunday to see how things were shakin' — it was packed! — but I also discovered our bowling alley is already gone. What we have there now is Bowlmor - there are still, nominally, alleys and pins and bowling balls, but they're now incidental to the video screens, flashing lights and thumping auto-tune blasting even into the parking lot. RIP Bay Shore Lanes, it was a sudden death.

But I should be able to get a lane to myself and not have to deal with generations of amateurs who haven't the slightest notion of bowling etiquette. Maybe I can even get them to cut the "music."

Now it's time for an early supper and I figure I can easily get a table at Melisse and order some yummy foie gras without having a bunch of fellow diners glare and mutter, or some protester slash my tires. Oops -Melisse isn't open on Sundays? Okay then, it's Shaka Shack Burgers without the wait.

Then I'll take a leisurely stroll all the way down the Promenade to Santa Monica Place to see what that's like without the usual Sunday crowds, jog right to the beautiful art deco Shangri-La and up to their rooftop Suite 700 for a drink and the view, after asking the DJ to cut the annoying EDM, and he will, because I'll be 100 percent of the clientele. Then on the way home I'll do my grocery shopping and know I'll be first in the checkout line.

Thank you, NFL and all your rabid fans. It will be a Super Sunday indeed.

PLANNING COMMISSION — the City Council will soon appoint a replacement for Sue Himmelrich, now one of their own. I hope it's Mario Fonda-Bernardi.

He's a local architect and 40-year resident of Santa Monica, and the commission could use an architect on board. As a frequent guest at SMa.r.t. meetings, I have been able to hear Mario's candid, informed opinions about the growth of our city, and I like what I hear. He is a realist who accepts growth but wants to direct it through adaptive reuse, historical restorations, affordable, senior and multigenerational housing and other sensible approaches that work for all the residents.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect." - Mark Twain

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50-50: A judge has said two of the original four complaints against Marcy Winograd are valid.

### LAWSUIT

will likely spell the end of pony rides and petting zoos at the Main Street market.

In November, Tawni's Ponies and its owners, including Tawni Angel and her husband Jason Nester, sued Winograd and other protesters, claiming libel, infliction of emotional distress, and interference with possible economic advantage.

Winograd promptly filed an anti-SLAPP (strategic lawsuit against public participation) motion in response. Anti-SLAPP motions are meant to protect defendants against lawsuits that would censor their criticisms.

Arguments were heard earlier this month.

Last week, Superior Court Judge Lisa Hart-Cole decided that two claims — libel per se and intentional interference with prospective economic advantage — were sufficient enough to be heard in court.

Hart-Cole said that Angel and Nester had alleged "clear statements of provably false facts" and provided "evidence establishing actual malice based on Winograd's knowledge that animal control officers found no signs of abuse, neglect or mistreatment" before making statements about animal mistreatment online and to the press.

Winograd's argument for the ousting of the ponies from the Farmers' Market was based on the belief that the animals were being treated inhumanely. She said that the animals were uncomfortable, being forced to sit out in the hot sun, and had cracked hooves. She said that the length of the ropes were too short. All of this, she said, taught kids that mistreatment of animals is acceptable.

The lawsuit alleges that Winograd repeatedly made these accusations despite numerous assurances from city and police officials that no abuse was occurring.

Angel and Nester claim that their ponies did not have cracked hooves and present, as evidence, a letter from Santa Monica Police Department Sgt. Mike Graham, a horseowner who wrote that the ponies were "wellcared for, and in good condition."

"The judge got it right," Angel's attorney Don Chomiak said in a statement. "The evidence is clear that Ms. Winograd was put on notice by a city official on May 9, 2014 that the Santa Monica Police Department's Animal Control Unit had investigated Tawni's Ponies at the Farmer's Market on May 4, 2014 and found that the animals were healthy, well-watered and in comfortable conditions."

The other two claims — intentional infliction of emotional distress and a request for prior restraint — were tossed and Winograd says she is therefore entitled to "thousands of dollars in attorney's fees."

As for the other two claims, Winograd says she's filed a notice of appeal of the lower court's anti-SLAPP decision.

"If this denial of First Amendment rights was applied to historical events and our citizenry not allowed to challenge the word of a person with a title or uniform, we would never have outlawed or ended human slavery, denial of voting rights to women and people of color, sweatshops, and child labor," she said in a statement to the Daily Press. "In fact, that's how change happens - by challenging entrenched beliefs and institutions that belie our humanity."

Among the speech that Winograd is defending are e-mails she sent to city officials (and this newspaper) criticizing Nester and Angel for making posts on Facebook, drinking alcohol in the morning, and using guns.

The e-mails include screenshots of a post Nester made on Facebook that opposed President Barack Obama and open borders. One post depicts him and Angel at firing range. Another of the photos shows Angel holding a bottle of vodka while on a ski trip. One of Nester's photos, depicting three women, is captioned "My bitches !!!"

"While we value freedom of speech, these screen shots of rifles, Tawni at the firing range, and racially-tainted and sexist references featured on the Main Street farmers market pony and petting zoo operator's Facebook page does make one pause and wonder if it's in the best interest of the city of Santa Monica to embrace and promote this business," Winograd said in the e-mail sent in May.

The lawsuit alleges that, with their exit from the Farmers' Market in May, Tawni's Ponies will lose about \$75,000 worth of business.

Additionally, the suit alleges, they'll lose new pony ride and petting zoo business given the "false accusations of animal abuse" that were published.

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SPORTS

definitely been battle-tested."

meeting in December.

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foul line.

Samohi was engaged in quite the battle in its recent conference game against Beverly

The Vikings led for the entire first half

In the third quarter, Beverly Hills pulled

Hills, which won the teams' tournament

until Ryan Manoocheri drained a 3-pointer

to give the Normans a 27-26 edge at the

away with an 11-0 run that featured a three-

point play by Arizona-bound senior Chance

Comanche and a four-point play by senior

ter, but the Normans made 15 free throws in

the frame as part of a 25-for-26 effort at the

Hecht said. "They beat us to every loose ball.

They got a lot of key rebounds. The amount of times we fouled just killed momentum

and didn't allow us to get into a tempo that

we want to play in. They're scoring 25

offense for the Vikings, who were led by

Williams (14 points), Mathews (12 points) and Johnson (10 points). Brown added nine

The loss masked a balanced outing on

points, and the clock's not moving."

'They capitalized on a lot of the little things that turned out to be big things,"

Samohi came within 51-45 on forward Mikhail Brown's basket in the fourth quar-

FROM PAGE 1

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Comanche had a game-high 20 points to

lead Beverly Hills, whose attack was comple-

mented by excellent long-range shooting.

Bergher (16 points) and Manoocheri (12

we just had breakdowns in communication

and we did not do a good job of keeping

track of where their shooters were," Hecht

said. "We knew (who their shooters were),

but for some reason they were still getting open on us. And they hit some big-time

long. Early the next morning the team took

a bus about 300 miles to Las Vegas to compete in the Pangos Dream Classic, an annual

showcase that featured LeBron James in

the fourth quarter but came away with a frustrating 71-69 loss. Mathews scored 19

points, Freedman had 17 to go along with

five assists, Williams added 14 points and

Johnson logged a double-double with 14

Samohi, which is currently in third place

heads," Hecht said, "and we don't expect

behind Lawndale and Beverly Hills.

Now it's back to conference play for

'We don't have a lot of time to hang our

The Vikings outscored Las Vegas 20-14 in

2003 and Dwight Howard in 2004.

points and 13 rebounds.

anyone to feel sorry for us."

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Samohi couldn't let the setback linger for

shots."

"We knew who their shooters were, and

points) combined for nine 3-pointers.

and Freedman chipped in seven.

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### TRAFFIC FROM PAGE 1

tion between the terminus station of the incoming Expo Light Rail, Downtown, and the Santa Monica Pier more pedestrian friendly --- Colorado Avenue is already slated to go one way westbound from Fifth Street to Ocean Avenue.

City planners are now considering adding six other streets to the mix.

Second and Fifth streets would run one way northbound from Colorado to Wilshire Boulevard. Fourth Street would run southbound from Wilshire to Colorado.

Broadway would run eastbound from Ocean to Lincoln Boulevard while Santa Monica Boulevard would run one way in the opposite direction. Arizona Avenue would run eastbound from Ocean Avenue to Seventh Street.

These streets would be one-way for cars and bikes but some would remain two-way for Big Blue Buses.

This is only for study at this point and the results will be presented to council alongside options for no one-way streets (aside from Colorado Avenue) and the Fourth and Fifth street one-way couplet, which city planners now know is not particularly helpful for traffic flow.

When city officials presented the idea to Downtown Santa Monica Inc., the publicprivate company that manages the Downtown for City Hall, many flinched.

"So this is terrifying at first blush," Downtown President and CEO Kathleen Rawson said.

She expressed concern about the impacts

that dedicated bus lanes would have on pedestrians as well as the impacts that the one-way streets would have on neighborhoods outside of Downtown. Further, she warned that Santa Monica is bad at wayfinding, which, she said, would be very important given all the proposed changes.

"I know we have to do something about traffic Downtown," Rawson said. "Everybody knows that. I think we're open to understanding what some of these might mean but I think the more complicated we make it, the worse it's going to be. So if buses are allowed to go one way but cars get to go the other way and the same with bicycles, I think we have to make it simple in order to have any effectiveness."

Downtown Boardmember Patricia Hoffman echoed Rawson's concerns about the bus lanes.

"I think that when people see that a street is posted as a one-way street they're not expecting head-on traffic in any way," she said, "even if there is some modest barrier between the two."

City planners mentioned that Spring Street, in Downtown Los Angeles, has a similar one-way street that allows buses to go both ways.

One-way streets could improve traffic speeds Downtown and alleviate some of the back-up that occurs around the parking structures, city planners said.

Years ago, Santa Monica had a few oneway streets Downtown and city planners said that will be taken into consideration when the study is performed.

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### **Surf Forecasts**

Water Temp: 61.7°

WEDNESDAY - POOR TO FAIR - SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high occ. 4ft WNW swell steadily winds down - small surf for more tucked away breaks

THURSDAY - POOR - SURF: 1-3 ft ankle to waist high WNW swell continues to drop out

FRIDAY - POOR - SURF: 1-3 ft ankle to waist high Old WNW leftovers; Small new WNW swell to build; Possible NW windswell...Stay tuned

SATURDAY - POOR - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high Small WNW swell; Possible NW windswell...Stay tuned



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### NATIONAL BRIEFS

### Chicago

### 2 convicted of wire fraud sentenced to prison

Two people have been sentenced in Chicago to prison for engaging in an investment scheme which allegedly swindled some 70 investors out of more than \$30 million. Gail Howard of Springdale, Arkansas was sentenced Friday to seven years in prison, while

co-defendant James Jedynak of Hemlock, Michigan received a 6-1/2-year sentence. The 63-year-old Howard and 40-year-old Jedynak were found guilty in June 2013 of wire fraud.

Prosecutors accused the pair of being the top officers of Unified World Transport LLC, a voice-over-Internet communications company based in Santa Monica. Between 2003 and 2007, Howard and Jedynak raised about \$30 million by selling equity shares to investors, much of it spent on themselves.

Howard and Jedynak were ordered to pay \$30.27 million in restitution by U.S. District Judge Robert M. Dow Jr.

### **New York**

Clippers' Barnes fined \$25,000 for inappropriate language Los Angeles Clippers forward Matt Barnes has been fined \$25,000 for directing inappropriate language toward a fan.

The NBA made the announcement on Jan. 27. The incident occurred with 4:28 remaining in the second quarter of the Clippers' 120-100 win over the Phoenix Suns on Jan. 25 at US Airways Center.

Barnes finished with four points, going 1 for 9 from the field.

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### **Environmental Review Now Underway** for Water Quality Improvement Plans

A comprehensive report outlining plans to protect local rivers, creeks and beaches and improve the overall health of watersheds throughout LA County will get its public debut today.

The Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Enhanced Watershed Management Programs (EWMP) is a document developed by LA County Public Works on behalf of the LA County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The draft report evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed projects that will be identified in the EWMPs and covers areas such as the Los Angeles River, the Ballona Creek, the Santa Monica Bay, the San Gabriel River, and other watersheds.

The LACFCD is soliciting the views of interested persons and agencies on the content of this Draft PEIR. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Draft PEIR will be available for public review and comment for a 45-day period. All written comments must be received by March 9, 2015 at the following mail or email addresses:

Gregg BeGell, P.E. County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works - Project Management Division II 900 South Fremont Avenue, 5th Floor Alhambra, CA 91803 Phone: (626) 300-3298 Email: gbegell@dpw.lacounty.gov

Copies of the draft report are available for review at more than 40 public venues. A series of six public meetings are scheduled through February. Visit www.LACoH2Osheds.com for a list of locations, to see the draft report, and to comment online.

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### **Puzzles & Stuff**

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

### **GETTING STARTED**

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

Municipally-owned 1917 streetcars take to the streets of San Francisco.

1918<sup>-</sup> Finnish Civil War: Rebels seize control of the capital, Helsinki, and members of the Senate of Finland go under ground.

1922<sup>-Knickerbocker Storm,</sup> D.C.'s biggest snowfall, causes the city's greatest loss of life when the roof of the Knickerbocker Theatre collapses.

**1932**- Japanese forces forces

1933<sup>-</sup> The name Pakistan is coined by Choudhry Rahmat Ali Khan and is accepted by the Indian Muslims who then

thereby adopted it further for the Pakistan Movement seeking independence.

1934<sup>-</sup> The first ski tow in United States begins operation in Vermont. Iceland becomes the

1935 first Western country to legalize therapeutic abortion. 1938<sup>-</sup> The World Land Speed Record on a public road is broken by Rudolf Caracciola in the Mercedes-Benz W195 at a speed of 432.7 kilometres per hour (268.9 mph).

1941<sup>-</sup> Franco-Thai War: Final air battle of the conflict. A Japanese-mediated armistice goes into effect later in the day.

### NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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Two recent innovations to the generations-old Middle East sport of camel racing boosted its profile. First, to cleanse the sport of a sour period in which children from Bangladesh were trafficked to use as jockevs. owners have begun using "robot' jockeys -- electronic dummies that respond to trainers tracking the races with walkie-talkies (growling encouragement directly into camels' ears) and joysticks (that trigger a whip at an appropriate time). Second, the firm Al Shibla Middle East of United Arab Emirates has introduced lycrastyle, whole-body camel coverings that are believed to enhance blood circulation and, perhaps, racing speed (although the fashions are now used only in training and transporta-

tion, to lessen camels' "stress"). Ultimately, of course, the coverings may carry advertising.

King Features Syndicate

"It's not fair! There is not justice in this country!" shouted the mother of Franklin Reyes, 17, in a New York City courtroom in January after a judge ordered the son tried for manslaughter as an adult. Reyes, an unlicensed driver fleeing a police traffic stop, had plowed into a 4-year-old girl, killing her, but had initially convinced the judge to treat him as a "youthful offender." Reyes' mom was so enraged at the judge's switch that she had to be escorted from the room. (After the judge's generous youthful offender ruling, Reyes had violated his bail conditions by getting arrested three more times.)

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### THINK BIG PICTURE, LIBRA

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$  Keep reaching out to someone whom

you care a lot about. You might not have the

right words to describe your feelings, but don't

underestimate the importance of your tone.

You might need some downtime for yourself.

 $\star \star \star \star$  You could be unusually preoccupied

with a problem involving your finances. You

won't be able to change what has happened,

but you can let go of what seems to be hold-

ing you back. Communication could be sti-

fling at best. Tonight: Go along with a friend's

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project, and perhaps haven't noticed how much

time you have spent on this matter. You could

be disappointed by someone else's reaction, or

vice versa. Try to be as realistic as possible.

 $\star \star \star \star$  Where others don't know how to resolve an issue, you'll tap into your ingenuity.

Your creativity seems endless and right on tar-

get. You could be a lot more isolated than you

 $\star \star \star \star$  You could be taken aback by a loved

one's efforts. You also might need to express

your feelings to this person. Your creativity is

often fed by your resilience. You know there is

always an answer. Today, use that knowledge.

 $\star \star \star \star$  You often are not aware of how you

feel, as you tend to get involved in others' mat-

ters. Stop and look within. You might want to

put yourself first for a change. If you aren't

feeling up to snuff, you won't be as centered as

you might like to be. Tonight: Get some beauty

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Tonight: Make amends in a fun way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

realize. Tonight: Leap into action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Tonight: Time for some playfulness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Take it. Tonight: Grasp the big picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Your practical side will keep you anchored in the morning. By the afternoon, your imagination will add zest to any concept that enters your head. These two qualities tend to add to your success, though some people might find it confusing. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Use the morning for any heartfelt projects that you would like to complete. The afternoon could toss you into the financial realm, where you'll gain more understanding of a money matter. Don't be intimidated by someone who is more knowledgeable than you. Tonight: Your treat.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Don't get upset if you are dragging in the morning, because you'll be full of amazing thoughts and energy in the afternoon. Others simply will kick back and observe. Remain openminded, even if a partner or friend seems to be somewhat negative. Tonight: Out and about.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star\star\star$  Use the morning for meetings and important get-togethers. You could be more tired than you realize, and might need to slow down in the afternoon. Squeeze in a nap if you can. Make it OK not to be so responsive right now. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star$  Be willing to voice your opinion in a group of friends; just know that you might not be thrilled by others' reactions. You could try to coax them to see your side; however, this type of manipulation has the potential to backfire. Tonight: Just be yourself. Everything will work out.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star$  You could feel pressured, as people with different issues seem to appear around you. Your responsibilities might be unusually heavy, which will force you to say "no" to a situation in which you would prefer to be involved. Try to be diplomatic. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

### Wednesday, January 28, 2015

This year you often feel as if others stop you in your tracks. You will experience obstacles, but you also will learn how to bypass them. You need to listen to your inner voice. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone who could be your

soul mate at any point this year. You will be clearly understood by this person. If you are attached, you and your sweetie see your bond strengthen this year. You also might go through a period of wanting different goals. Don't worry about this disparity; it will work itself out. GEMINI always makes you smile.

sleep.

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

**Speed Bump** By Dave Coverly



### **Dogs of C-Kennel**



1/28 DEERING

### Garfield By Jim Davis OKAY, ODIE. WE'LL HMM ... BUT THERE'S MAKE A SNOWMAN NOT MUCH SNOW.

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### DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police **Department responded to 298** calls for service on Jan. 26.

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

Fight, 1400 block 2nd, 12:03 a.m. Armed robbery, 800 block Santa Monica, 3:51 a.m.

Battery, 500 block Colorado, 4:33 a.m. Trespassing, 1300 block Euclid, 5:52 a.m. Car crash, 200 block Santa Monica, 6:34 a.m. Car burglary, 1400 block Lincoln, 7:02 a.m. Identity theft, 2000 block Santa Monica, 7:28 a.m.

Burglary, 600 block Bay, 7:45 a.m. Grand theft, 500 block Pico, 8:09 a.m. Assault, 1800 block Lincoln, 8:11 a.m. Petty theft, 1300 block Wilshire, 8:30 a.m. Burglary, 1700 block Ocean Park, 8:47 a.m.

Bike theft, Main/Ashland, 9:03 a.m. Burglary, 1400 block Lincoln, 10:02 a.m. Car burglary, 2000 block Stewart, 11:03 a.m. Petty theft, 1700 block Santa Monica, 11:27 a.m.

Domestic violence, 2100 Ocean Ave. 1:59 p.m. Assault, 500 block Santa Monica, 2:15 p.m. Burglary, 1400 block Lincoln, 2:32 p.m. Person with a gun, Ocean/Pico, 2:38 p.m. Bike theft, 800 block 9th St. 3:32 p.m. Burglary, 2900 block 31st St. 3:55 p.m. Shots fired, 1100 block 25th, 4:56 p.m. Grand theft, 100 block Santa Monica Pl., 4:48 p.m.

Petty theft, 2200 block Colorado, 6 p.m. Sexual assault, Ocean/Bicknell, 6:12 p.m. Burglary, 2500 block Pico, 7:48 p.m. Identity theft, 800 block Ocean, 8:27 p.m. Domestic violence, 1500 block 9th St., 9:09 p.m. Prowler, 300 block 15th St. 9:34 p.m. Burglary, 1600 block Santa Monica, 10:13 p.m.

# **CRIME WATCH**



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