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THE FIRST DEBATE ISSUE

Cheers, boos, and sparring at Residocracy's candidate forum



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CANDIDATES: The candidates at the Residocracy debate used signs to communicate answers during a lightning round of questions.

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN LIBRARY The residents have spoken and what they said was, "Boooooooo..."

If Residocracy's first-ever City Council candidate forum, held Monday night at the Main Library, was any indication it's going to be a heated campaign season.

The recently formed political party, founded by Armen Melkonians, successfully challenged the controversial Hines development project through a referendum earlier this year. The group invited all 14 people who, as of Friday, had filed candidacy paperwork to answer questions about what they would do if they were elected to fill one of the three up-for-grab council seats. All but

one paper puller showed.

The place was packed; a line wrapped around the outside of the library before the doors opened. Residents quickly filled the 146-seat Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium and many were turned away.

Two incumbents were in attendance: Kevin McKeown and Mayor Pam O'Connor. Councilmember Bob Holbrook has not yet decided whether he will seek reelection.

McKeown, arguably the most slow-growth candidate on council, received the loudest round of applause, promising to continue to fight out-of-place development.

O'Connor stood by her decisions and beliefs that - in a room full residents opposed to almost any development - were unpopular. O'Connor, who voted in favor of

the Hines development and abstained when the decision was ultimately overturned by council, was jeered when she suggested that more could have been learned about what Santa Monicans really want had the development been allowed to go before voters.

"I'm straightforward with folks," she said. "I think that's one reason that I get some grief because I don't just say what you want to hear. We've heard a lot of candidates tonight saying what you want to hear."

The three Planning Commissioners, Richard McKinnon, Sue Himmelrich, and Chair Jennifer Kennedy, stayed cordial and on-point throughout the night, promising to say "no" to large development and fight traffic in the city.

All three were critical of the Hines devel-

opment project when it came in front of the commission. They each suggested amendments that would have significantly reduced or essentially gutted the project but they were not able to rally support from the other members of the commission.

During the "Tough Questions" portion of the debate, McKinnon was asked how he justified his slow-growth platform with his views that development should be placed near stations of the incoming Expo light rail station or in Downtown.

"The train line is the key transforming element in Santa Monica going forward," he responded. "That's the place, if there is to be development, that it has to go. However, I'm

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SMRR leaders bash pre-election targeting of Gould

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Leaders of the city's largest political party are urging City Council candidates not to make promises about personnel decisions they'd make if elected in order to win endorsements.

On Monday, Board of Education member Oscar de la Torre told the Daily Press that he would attend Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights' (SMRR) endorsement convention this Sunday with a hundred-person voting block. In order to gain the block's support, he said, council candidates would have to,

among other things, vow to fire City Manager Rod Gould.

SMRR leadership was not happy to learn this.

One hundred people could make a large difference in a convention that is typically attended by less than 500 members. The endorsement is highly sought after; six of the seven council



GOULD

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Mandatory water cuts coming to Santa Monica

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE Santa Monicans may be required to cut water use by 20 percent in the coming months or face fines according to a proposal coming to the City Council in August.

At their Aug. 12 meeting, staff will ask the Council to declare a stage two water emergency that will include mandatory cuts in use by all customers, implementation of water budgets and activation of a fee schedule for customers who violate the rules.

The local actions coincide with an emergency regulation issued the State of California on July 29.



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SEE CUTS PAGE 5 **WATER:** The City might mandate cuts in use.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, July 30

Democratic Club to discuss healthcare

Mt Olive Lutheran Hall

14th St. & Ocean Park Blvd. 7 p.m.

Please join the Santa Monica Democratic Club for a discussion of the upcoming election healthcare initiatives. Executive Board members, Dr. Sion Roy and Genise Schnitman will discuss changing the malpractice cap and giving Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones the authority to regulate insurance premiums prices - fundamental aspects of the Healthcare system. Also, club members' recommendations for future projects/priorities of the Santa Monica Democratic Club will be discussed. They want to hear from you. The public is invited, there will be light refreshments, free parking, and no charge.

Annie Banannie - Balloon Dog Tales

Montana Avenue Branch Library

1704 Montana Ave., 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Balloon storyteller Annie Banannie tells the goofy story of a crazy celebration with balloon costumes and some dog-gone silly ideas. Ages 4 and up. Ticketed event, limited space. Tickets available 30 minutes before program.

For more information, call (310) 458- 8682

Community Dance and Live Music

Tongva Park

1615 Ocean Ave., 7 - 9 p.m.

Join our community dance lesson in Tongva Park and show us your best moves! For more information, contact Allison Ostrovsky at (310) 458- 8350 or visit www.smgov.net/tongvapark.

Orbiting Ray Bradbury's Mars

Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.

Gloria McMillan, editor of the new essay collection, "Orbiting Ray Bradbury's Mars," explores the far-reaching influence of this master storyteller on literature, science, media and social issues. Presentation with Q&A followed by book sale and signing. This event is part of the Adult Summer Reading program featuring the theme "Literary Elements." For more information, call (310) 458- 8600.

Thursday, July 31

"The Other Side of the Mirror" Screening

Vidiots

302 Pico Blvd., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Celebrating the 51st anniversary of Bob Dylan's first appearance at The Newport Folk Festival, this film captures the full and complete performances of Bob Dylan at that famed Festival from his 1963 debut to his 'turning electric' in 1965. For true fans of Bob Dylan in his earliest years, this film is an unforgettable experience. Also featuring Joan Baez, Pete Seeger, and an amazing Mike Bloomfield, this is a time capsule of Bob Dylan becoming more conscious of his artistry. His transformations year after year is startling and a sign of many more great things to come. Donations accepted.

2014 Oscar-Nominated Film Series: Literary Elements

Ocean Park Branch Library

2601 Main St., 6:30- 8:30 p.m.

Join us each Thursday evening in July as we screen an Oscar-nominated film that has a literary theme. This week's movie is "12 Years a Slave." For more information, contact Karen Reitz at (310) 458- 8683.

Twilight concert series

Santa Monica Pier

7-10 p.m.

LA's favorite Summer tradition and premier outdoor concert series, the 30th Annual Twilight Concerts at the Pier, returns every Thursday! Free on Thursday nights 7-10 p.m.

Make a Robot - Scribble Bots

Fairview Branch Library

2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Using recycled materials, build a robot that vibrates and twirls to create cool, colorful patterns and designs on paper! Presented by staff from The Exploratory maker space. Registration required. Grades 5-12.

Mad Science

Ocean Park Library

2601 Main St., 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Come and join us for a hands-on science workshop. Guaranteed fun-tastic time for the whole family. This program is for children ages 4 and up.

Contact Julia Casas at (310) 458-8683 for more information.

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

Santa Monica Pony Baseball 12U advances to World Series

BY JIM KNIGHT
Special to the Daily Press

A team of Santa Monica youth baseball players has advanced to the Pony Bronco World Series.

The Santa Monica 12U Pony All Stars formed about two months ago and entered the tournament to play along with hundreds of teams from around the world with the goal of winning it all.

Since that time the team has won 17 games advancing through District, Sectionals, Super-Regionals and just last week the West Zone. Along the way they have defeated teams from Torrance American, Ventura Coast, San Diego, Washington, Arizona and just last week the team from Hilo Hawaii.

One of the teams' strength is the pitching staff. Along the way eight pitchers have been on the hill for Samo (Tristan Gallegos, Benny Casillas, Alex Knight, Brett Edwards, Ryan Bley, Lucas Gordon, Thomas McCaffrey and Jashia Jakel). Knight pitched a two-hit complete game to defeat West Covina 3-0 in the Super-Regionals, and Jakel pitched a complete game to defeat Torrance American 6-1. Torrance was

last year's Pony 11U World Series Runner-up. In the West Zone tournament Jakel pitched a second complete game to defeat Hawaii 8-7 setting up one final game against Hawaii for a spot in the World Series. Samo sent Lucas Gordon to the mound. Gordon pitched a complete game no-hitter in the sectional tournament against Inglewood. His performance in the finals against a heavy hitting Hilo team was even more impressive. Gordon pitched a complete game and came out on top with a 2-1 victory. Catcher Thomas McCaffrey hit a home run in the game to spark the team.

The journey has been a total team performance with timely hitting and excellent fielding from Luca Rubin, Ty Collins, Anthony Cicarelli, Julian Galvan, and Rex Evans. The coaches, Manager Anthony Gallegos, Jeff Gordon and SL Collins have set a great tone for the team and prepared the boys well each step of the way.

They will represent the West Zone in the Pony World Series and will play Florida the representative from the South Zone in the first round Friday night at 8 p.m. in Los Alamitos (4370 Farqart, Los Alamitos, CA, 90720). The boys hope to follow in the footsteps of the Santa Monica 12U Pony team that won the World Series title in 1986.



courtesy photo
WORLD SERIES: The Santa Monica 12U team has advanced to the Pony League World Series.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Clover Park Registration underway for youth volleyball programs

United States Youth Volleyball League (USYVL), the largest grassroots volleyball organization of its type, has announced that registration has begun for the 2014 Fall Season at sites throughout Los Angeles County. The 8-week youth volleyball league, with the motto that "Volleyball Starts Here," begin in September. Programs include Santa Monica at Clover Park.

The league, which serves children ages 7-15, runs \$150 per child. For families with more than one child, multi-child discounts are available.

The USYVL has taught over 100,000 children the sport of volleyball, in addition to life skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship and personal responsibility - all important qualities on and off the court. Organizers said the league program utilizes a curriculum that ensures quick acquisition and improvement of volleyball skills. The teaching methods provide a supportive environment, and an emphasis on keeping the sport fun. Specialized equipment also advances the learning curve.

"Our leagues are ideally suited for players of all abilities, whether beginner or experienced athlete," said Randy Sapoznik, executive director of the USYVL. The league operates in a co-ed fashion, allowing boys and girls the rare opportunity to play together in a competitive sports environment.

While each site has instruction led by an expert clinician, parents and guardians of players are encouraged to get involved by volunteering as site directors, coaches and assistant coaches, registration leaders and first-aid administrators. The USYVL encourages service to one's community, and the league's high school volunteer program is a great way for student-athletes to earn their 40 hours of required community service.

To sign up for the USYVL, or to find more information, visit www.usyvl.org, or call the USYVL National Office toll-free at 888-988-7985. The nonprofit USYVL, a 501(c) 3, which has been in existence for over 15 years, is endorsed by USA Volleyball, the governing body for the sport. Financial aid is available to families with a demonstrated need.

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Citywide 24-Hour Virtual Fundraiser "Bell Heard Around the Web"

On July 31, the Los Angeles County Alliance for Boys and Girls Clubs will be kicking off a virtual fundraiser "Bell Heard Around the Web." At 3 p.m., all students hear the same school bell ring of freedom across the nation. At 3 p.m., 15 million of these children risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe during out-of-school times. During summer vacation, this issue becomes an even greater concern. This bell also represents the time where undeserved at risk boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets, that's where we come in.

Young people need to know that someone cares about them. The Boys and Girls Clubs' programs promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. Boys & Girls Clubs are a safe place to learn and grow all while having fun; they are truly The Positive Place for Kids.

There are currently 26 Boys & Girls Club organizations in the Los Angeles area including clubs in Santa Monica, Venice and Malibu, serving over 140,000 youth annually in 140 neighborhoods. This fundraiser will provide them with the funds to give more kids the opportunity to join this life changing organization. Their goal is to raise \$500,000 to continue to implement the kind of successful education, arts, and sports programs that enhance children's development and keep them occupied during their out-of-school hours.

This fundraiser is completely online and mobile. Join organizers on [facebook.com/BEGREATLA](https://www.facebook.com/BEGREATLA) and twitter @GreatFuturesLA for live updates. Donations can be made at GreatFuturesLA.org or text the phrase 'GreatFuturesLA' to 50155. Starting at 3 p.m. on July 31, the campaign will begin.

Citywide DUI Checkpoint

The Santa Monica Police Department's Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver's License Checkpoint on August 16, at an undisclosed location within the city limits, between the hours of 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

SMPD said the deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is 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, DUI 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.

According to SMPD, in California, drunk driving led to the deaths of 802 persons in 2012. Nationally, the latest data shows nearly 10,000 people were killed by impaired drivers.

"Over the course of the past three years, DUI collisions in Santa Monica have claimed 1 life and resulted in 67 collisions injuring 95 of our friends and neighbors," said Sergeant Phillbo Rubish.

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). Of the substances, marijuana was the most prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly higher than alcohol.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective, documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Nearly 90 percent of California drivers approve of DUI checkpoints. DUI Checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests affording the greatest opportunity for achieving deterrence. Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.


Drivers arrested while driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, court mandated classes, and incidental expenses that can exceed \$10,000.

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, which along with the Police Department would like to remind everyone to call 9-1-1 to report drunk drivers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Deceptive measure

Editor:

The SM City Council recently (7/22/14) voted to approve an Anti-Airport initiative designed to close the SM Airport. It will compete with the Pro-Airport initiative and both will be on the ballot in November. The Pro-Airport initiative would ensure voters the right to vote on whether or not the airport is closed. Its straightforward language reads: "An initiative measure amending the City Charter to require voter approval in order to close all or part of the Santa Monica Airport."

The City's Anti-Airport initiative to close the airport, on the other hand, deliberately couches its true intent in mid-paragraph. On careful reading of the City's measure we see that it "... would preserve the City Council's current authority to ... close the airport."

My question is this: Why should such an important decision be left in the hands of seven council members who have already committed to closing the airport? Who are we going to trust with the fate of this important resource - ourselves as citizens of Santa Monica, or a City Council that seems to be attempting to undermine the democratic process?

Gloria Garvin, PhD

Santa Monica

Nowhere is safe

Editor:

It seems that some citizens of Santa Monica regret the invention of the wheel?

Sadly aircraft do occasionally kill or pollute, but so do ships trains, trucks, cars, bikes etc. even bolts of lightning at the beach! Nowhere is absolutely safe.

And why do Santa Monica residents think that they have the divine right to dictate to residents of Brentwood, Culver City, Westwood and other neighborhoods what is to happen to their regional airport?

Keep the airport open, I consider my life more in danger from skateboards on the sidewalks - why do we put up with that?

C. Turiak

Santa Monica

Virginia Park Neighborhood

Editor:

Thank you for your article on Virgina Park. We could surely benefit from a decent dog park in this neighborhood! We have no dog park within walking distance in this area.

Maxine Hayden

Santa Monica



Curious City

Charles Andrews

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Art and politics are both important to a city's soul

JOHN MUIR FOR CITY COUNCIL!

Well, no – he is dead, for one thing. 100 years ago this Christmas Eve, the giant of conservation drew his last breath, not in his beloved wilderness but at California Hospital in Los Angeles. So you see, when it comes down to the nitty gritty, we all come out of the woods for what we need. But if there had been a St. John's Hospital in 1914, I like to think Muir would've opted for Santa Monica.

We probably couldn't have talked him into a Council run. He had bigger fish to fry. (And I'm sure he did.) But for a guy who was most comfortable far removed from what he considered the corrosive influence of society, he was a very adept politician. He petitioned Congress, went camping with the President, and gifted all succeeding generations with Yosemite, instead of another dammed lake for houseboats, and the Sequoia National Forest, instead of more redwood boards for backyard decks and hot tubs.

He founded the Sierra Club. (Co-founder was Warren Olney, mayor of Oakland and great grandfather to our local noted journalist.) But overall, his biggest contribution was changing, mostly through his writings, the national dialogue and mindset on wilderness and preservation. We owe him a lot. He's on the back of the California quarter, you know, and has been on two U.S. postage stamps. A great American, a great Californian.

And his spirit is right here in Santa Monica, in the Muir Woods mural at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park, a local art landmark since 1978, painted by noted muralist Jane Golden, formerly of Santa Monica.

It's a pretty good bet John Muir's work will last forever. But that Muir Woods mural we have - maybe not.

There are plans moving forward to paint over it, with a different mural, at a cost about double what it would take to have it restored by Golden herself, now in charge of Philadelphia's mural program. Many consider it a Santa Monica treasure. The decision is up to your school board, because the wall it's painted on is now Olympic High School, and school district property.

Want to learn more about an American icon, John Muir, and what's going on with that mural, and how you can help save it? You can! For free! This Monday! (OK, that's five now, my quota of exclamation marks for the whole column. Sorry, boss.)

At Vidiots, 305 Pico, Monday, Aug. 4, 6:30 - 9 p.m. (God bless Patty and Cathy's cineaste civic-minded hearts.) To gather public support and provide information, "The Campaign to Save the Muir Woods Mural" group has arranged to screen the PBS American Masters documentary "John Muir in the New World," preceded by a panel discussion with local artists, environmentalists, community leaders and someone from the Sierra Club. I will be one of the people speaking, but don't let that stop you, it's a good and important cause anyway.

Interest was high for the first ever Residocracy candidates forum at the Main Library Monday night, and turnout exceeded the auditorium's capacity (they got the only space available in that time period, they said). The organizers did a great job, I heard

from many say, and I thought the format, the way the questions were asked, was creative and really effective. I learned a lot.

I learned Pam O'Connor is a human being. One I want as far away from our city government as possible, but I give her credit for even showing up (late) to what was sure to be a hostile environment for her record and political philosophy.

She stuck to her guns. When it came time to vote yes or no to the question of have you/will you accept campaign donations from developers, up went her lonely white yes sign. The crowd got pretty rude at times with shouted remarks, especially toward Jerry Rubin - shameful and sad.

Personally, I've now upgraded O'Connor from "evil" to "having a totally different vision for our city than I do." Same result, though. She's got to go, along with the other three who vote with her for every exception every developer asks for.

I learned Jon Mann and Terence Later are sincere and not the joke candidates they sometimes appear to be, and have some good ideas; same for Ken Robin who was not there. (Thank you, Terry, for paying public tribute to our Daniel Archuleta.) And I still wouldn't vote for them if hell froze over on the beach. Not the right personalities to get anything done.

I learned a little more about Jennifer Kennedy - not impressed yet. (Many seem to regard the Planning Commission as a required step to City Council. Nonsense. And we have to examine all the votes that originated there. Himmelrich was the only one who voted against the Bergamot Area Plan, that gave birth to the Hines Project.)

I should like Frank Gruber for being a fellow columnist, but we're definitely not fellow travelers. Whitney Scott Bain? - not presidential, too much pro-pilots. Feinstein and Himmelrich did well, were what I expected. And Jerry Rubin, bless him - such a good heart, and so wrong on nearly every issue.

Young Nick Boles was the rising star of the evening. Won't get anywhere this time, but keep your eye on him. I was impressed that he mostly did not vote with his yes or no sign, a sign that he acknowledges that he needs to know more before having an opinion.

Five came off as confident and competent but maybe that's just stage presence, and doesn't mean I'd vote for them: Brock, McKinnon, McKeown, Feinstein and O'Connor. Yes, don't know, yes, don't know, hell no. In the end, I believe Phil Brock is by far the strongest candidate we have, for the people, for his vast knowledge of Santa Monica, and Kevin McKeown has more than proven himself.

There. Is there anyone I haven't offended? No? OK, I'm done.

Random quote(s) of the week: "When in doubt, tell the truth." ... "Truth is mighty and will prevail. There is nothing the matter with this, except that it ain't so." - Mark Twain.

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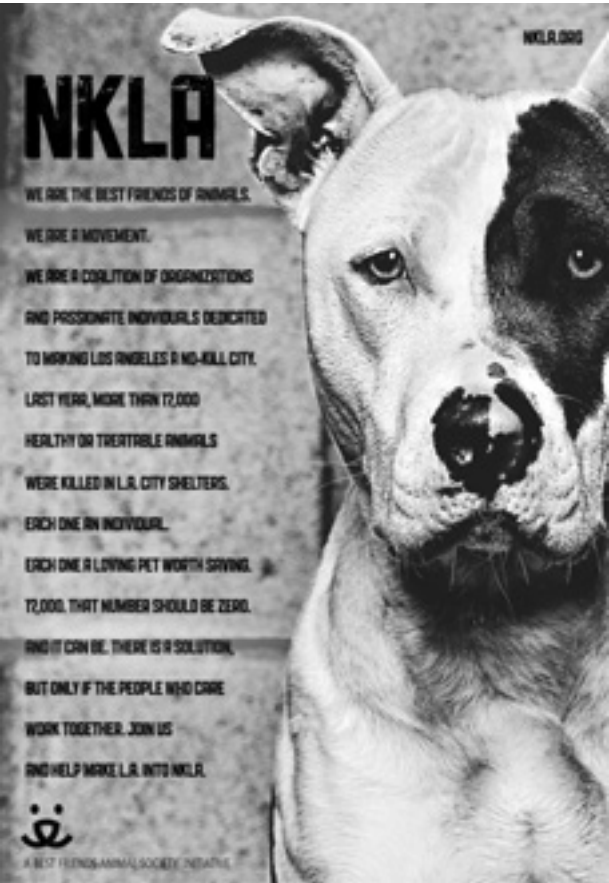
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According to George Kostyrko at the State Water Board, the State's regulations will address outdoor urban water use and mandate minimum actions that water suppliers must take to conserve water for the remainder of 2014 and 2015.

"This regulation establishes the minimum level of activity that residents, businesses and water suppliers must meet as the drought deepens and will be in effect for 270 days unless extended or repealed," said Kostyrko in a statement.

According to the State mandates, residents are prohibited from washing driveways or sidewalks, watering in a way that creates runoff, hose-washing vehicles without a shut-off nozzle and using potable water in a decorative fountain without recirculation.

It also requires larger water suppliers to ban outdoor irrigation or to limit irrigation based on conservation needs. Large suppliers must also report water use to the state on a monthly basis.

The State's action authorizes local agencies to fine violators up to \$500 per day for failing to comply with the restrictions. Local agencies are responsible for enforcing rules in their jurisdictions and the State Water Board could fine agencies up to \$10,000 per day if they do not comply.

Sustainability analyst Kim O'Cain said Santa Monica already has water conservation efforts in place, some since 1992.

"The City of Santa Monica has been in compliance with this legislation since 1992 because we never rescinded the rules passed during the '92 drought," she said. "While we are in compliance, we feel the need to go above and beyond these minimum requirements."

The City asked residents to voluntarily reduce water use by 20 percent early this year after seeing an increase in water use due to the unusually dry weather. However water use actually increased by 3 percent in the intervening months.

O'Cain said the new actions will be

mandatory, not voluntary, and will have enforcement options.

"We're going to Council on August 12 and asking them to declare a stage two, what we call a mandatory water shortage," she said. "Assuming Council approves, there are going to be water allocations or budgets, customers will be given a certain amount to use and if they go over that, they will have to pay a penalty on the amount that's over."

According to the City's Water Shortage Response Plan, customers that exceed their allotment will pay on a sliding scale ranging from \$4 per HCF (equal to 748 gallons) to \$40 per HCF depending on the amount used. The plan also allows for the City to restrict water flow to a customer who repeatedly overuses, mandate water efficiency upgrades and eventually disconnect a customer if that customer fails to comply with the regulations.

O'Cain said the plan would likely go into effect in October and the City will undertake significant outreach efforts to help educate customers.

"We want to give residents and businesses time to make the changes they need to make," she said.

The cuts also apply to the City of Santa Monica itself.

"The City is not exempt from this at all," said O'Cain. "We will have to cut back 20 percent and as a City we're working with all the departments and divisions."

O'Cain said anyone that sees a water violation can report the problem to Code Compliance at 458-4984 or code.compliance@smgov.net. She said the City will be upgrading its fines to the \$500 amount recommended by the State and that customers reporting violations should record the date, time, address and description of the violation to aid investigators. To report state agency water waste, visit www.saveourh2o.org/report-water-waste. For more information on water saving options locally, visit Sustainablesm.org/water.

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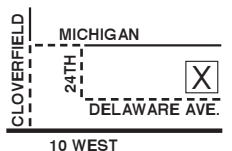
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INTERN PROJECTS

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Students from Santa Monica High School completed their summer internship class last week. The summer class gives students an opportunity to gain real world experience in a field of their choice while developing valuable skills that can be used to aid them in their education and career goals. Participating students included: Matias Biraben - Justice Aviation, Keith Choi - ITC, Emily Colón, Santa Monica Daily Press, Dorothy DeBiasse - Assembly Member Richard Bloom, Mina Dimitrova - Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Minna Fleming - VCA Wilshire Animal Hospital, Tyler Flowers - O2 Max Fitness, Yasaman Gaminchi - Venice Family Clinic, Ava Irananesh - ITC, Baiyu Li - Justice Aviation, Alejandro Marcovich - O2 Max Fitness, Niku Massoudi - Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Nava Nassiri - Venice Family Clinic, Omeed Partovi - Venice Family Clinic, Jack Perdomo - Copyland, Jakub Pries - Adept Group, Engineering, Victoria Sahrai - Santa Monica Eye Center, Jennifer Santiago - Spin PR, Lisa Takahashi - O2 Max Fitness, Orly Termeie - Santa Monica Eye Center, Tianru Wang - Copyland. Martin Liu - Ben Allen for State Senate 2014 and Gabriella Landay - McCarthy/Albellera Casting participated but were not present for the photo.

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DEBATE FROM PAGE 1

not in favor of an 148-foot building on the Fifth and Arizona site. I'm not suggesting that we have out of control (floor area ratio), which allows density and height to swamp our city."

Himmelrich was asked to respond to Residocracy's claim that the prospect of new affordable housing, which she supports, is used as a scheme to justify large developments.

Himmelrich agreed that, in some instances, affordable housing is used as "a pawn in a game." Near public transit, however, she supports affordable housing, claiming that low-income residents are significantly more likely to use transit. Kennedy, as a former member of the Rent Control Board and a leader at Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, was asked why renter protection is "failing in this city."

"Developers have Santa Monica in their crosshairs and it's this kind of speculation and the increase in land-prices that is forcing tenants out of their units when landlords harass them out," she said.

She vowed to fight to stop this.

Recreation and Parks Commissioner Phil Brock, who has worked closely with Residocracy, was the most combative candidate at Monday's event. He directly attacked O'Connor for her decisions on development and - though the order in which candidates spoke was drawn from a hat - Brock was consistently selected to speak before her, leading to numerous awkward microphone-handoffs.

Brock promised to "demand a City Manager and City Attorney who will actually work for our residents."

Former Mayor Michael Feinstein told the crowd he was happy to be back. He decided to run for the first time since he was unseated in 2004, he said, because he questioned development decisions, like the initial approval of the Hines development project.

"I'll say 'no' to development that's out of scale, that doesn't fit our needs, that has bad impacts," he said, "but it's also important to be able to say 'yes' and a good council member gets involved early in the process to make sure that neighbors are heard so that when projects get to us it's something that they can actually support."

Frank Gruber, a longtime advocate of closing the Santa Monica Airport and former Planning Commissioner, told the crowd that he didn't have a lot to lose based upon the positions he's taken in the past. Gruber has been supportive of some development, although he was critical of the Hines development project.

"I think that I'm the best candidate up here to take a realistic view about what can happen in our city and what will happen and how we can shape that to be better for all of us," he said.

The audience booed fiercely when local activist and perennial candidate Jerry Rubin defended decisions made by city employees. The 70-year-old man, who is present at nearly every City Council meeting, looked shocked at the wave of jeers that washed over him.

Nick Boles, who's not worked on any of City Hall's boards of commissions, promised to keep Santa Monica affordable for the next generation.

Whitney Scott Bain advocated for the continued operation of the airport.

Regular candidate Jon Mann framed himself as an outsider, noting that he doesn't accept campaign contributions. Another regular candidate, Terence Later, promised to protect the city's landmarks and support responsible growth.

Candidates agreed on few things but, during the "Lightning Round," in which candidates held up "Yes" or "No" signs to answer specific questions, consensus was reached: Everyone dislikes the new Big Blue Bus stops.

Residocracy's appointed board plans to make endorsements, using feedback forms filled out by attendees as a guide.

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SMRR FROM PAGE 1

members got SMRR endorsements prior to the last election.

"I think that's a very bad idea," said SMRR's co-founder Denny Zane of de la Torre's plan. "Pledging personnel decisions in this way is a very bad precedent and it's a very bad direction for healthy politics in Santa Monica and I strongly urge council candidates to not make any such commitment."

De la Torre told the Daily Press that some candidates had already said they would commit to Gould's firing but would not provide names.

Gould has repeatedly raised concerns about financial bookkeeping at the Pico Youth and Family Center, a nonprofit organization run by de la Torre. De la Torre has denied the claims. City Council recently sided with Gould, voting to pledge less money to the organization than in years past.

Gould refused to comment when asked about de la Torre's targeting of his job.

"I think that SMRR has always stood behind due process and decision-making about personnel should be handled by the people charged with making those decisions," said SMRR's co-Chair Patricia Hoffman.

Zane said that, in his memory, a personnel decision has never been brought into the SMRR endorsement process.

"And it shouldn't start now," he said.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown, an incumbent who's been endorsed by SMRR consistently in the past, had strong words about the tactic.

"Since I read this morning's front page story about an effort to extract votes from

Council candidates, forcing them to pre-commit their vote on a City personnel matter, I've been wondering how to respond," he said via e-mail. "Integrity and ethics require me to repudiate this effort in the strongest possible fashion. The people involved have disgraced themselves."

McKeown notably criticized Gould earlier this year, calling for an evaluation of his work, after Gould rescinded a job offer to Elizabeth Riel, who had been active in slow-growth politics. Riel is suing City Hall, claiming that offer was rescinded because of her political involvement. At the time, McKeown sent the Daily Press a long e-mail expressing his frustrations with Gould's handling of that matter. Still, McKeown does not support the aim of the voting block.

"Responsible elected officials know that personnel matters are determined by thoughtful deliberation of the entire body, and predetermined votes on such things cannot be for sale or coerced by threat," he said.

De la Torre is calling his voting block the Pico Delegation. Other concerns, aside from the firing of Gould, include support for the Pico Youth and Family Center and a promise to fight gentrification.

"I'm always concerned about any block voting at SMRR conventions and other conventions," Zane said. "I understand that it happens and why it happens and I think it's generally unhealthy and should be avoided if at all possible but people do organize to try to assert their opinions and priorities. That doesn't surprise me. But I definitely have a strong objection to trying to have city personnel decisions influenced in that way."

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THURSDAY – POOR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high
Minimal mix of new SW swell, NW windswell, and SSE Hernan swell

FRIDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
New/small SW swell fills in further and tops out;
NW windswell bumps up some; Strongest for SW swell magnets

SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Lee Canille Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ss	Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	D	ss
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ss
(B) Pescadero State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Aliso creeks.			Will Rogers State Beach at Tennesson Canyon drain.	A	ss
Escorial Canyon at (B) Maradero State Beach.	A+	ss	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga).	A	ss
Broad Beach at Torrance Creek mouth.	A+	ss	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	B	ss
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ss	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ss
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ss	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ss
Paradise Cove Pier at Rancho Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A+	ss
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ss	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	C	ss
Ledger Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ss	Ocean Park Beach at Redford Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Solstice Canyon at Dee Blecker County Beach.	A+	ss	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ss
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ss	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	ss	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Sunbiter Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ss	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ss
Sunbiter Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ss	Venice Beach - projection of Topsoil St.	A	ss
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ss	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A+	ss
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ss	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	B	ss
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ss	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	ss
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A	ss	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ss
Pena Creek at Las Torres County Beach.	A+	ss	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A+	ss
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ss	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ss
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ss	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	ss
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ss	ss	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ss
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ss			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ss			

LEGEND

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Byron Scott sees swift title contention for Lakers

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO Byron Scott was a key component of the Los Angeles Lakers' Showtime teams, a smooth shooting guard with sizzling competitive fire. He believes his purple-and-gold championship pedigree makes him the ideal coach to return the struggling 16-time champions to NBA contention.

"This organization is all about championships, period," Scott said Tuesday at his introductory news conference. "We don't look at Western Conference finals, Western Conference championships. We look at (NBA) championships. And we know we have some work ahead of us, but I'm excited ... I love challenges anyway, so this is going to be fun."

Scott's fellow Lakers greats are already backing that notion. Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes surprised Scott before he was formally named the 25th coach in franchise history, standing behind him in a towering show of support.

In fact, Scott hadn't even said a word before Magic took the microphone and praised his longtime backcourt mate.

"We wish we could put the uniform on for you and help you, but we will support you," Johnson said. "Congratulations to the Lakers organization. You chose the right guy."

The Lakers' sparkling history is both the strength at Scott's back and the specter looming over his shoulder.

The Lakers are coming off their worst season in Los Angeles, and their hodgepodge roster is built around soon-to-be 36-year-old Kobe Bryant, who is coming off major injuries as the NBA's highest-paid player. Title contention seems distant to most pragmatic folks, particularly in the tough Western Conference.

But don't tell that to Magic, Kareem or even Scott, who has three championship rings.

"I don't see this as a long process," Scott said. "This is Los Angeles. It's still one of the best organizations in all of sports. Still got a ton of people that would love to play for this organization, and you've got (former Lakers) sitting in the front row that are very adamant about that. They're all advocates for this organization, so I don't think it's going to take long."

Scott and Bryant have stayed close since they played together in Bryant's rookie season. Scott acknowledged Bryant "has to be a little patient," a quality that Kobe has never possessed in any measurable quantity.

Scott floated the idea that Bryant could play point guard for the Lakers on occasion, also saying his club will run an offense that blends elements of the Princeton schemes, the triangle and other sets.

"I think the first thing you've got to do is get them thinking like we used to think," Scott said. "If you're winning, it's contagious. If you're losing, it's contagious. So you've got to change that mindset ... When you lose games, you shouldn't be sitting in the locker room having a good time. It should hurt."

The Lakers finally hired a new coach almost three months after Mike D'Antoni's resignation on April 30. General manager Mitch Kupchak opened the news conference by thanking Scott for his patience: Los Angeles first interviewed Scott two months ago, but kept him waiting through the draft and the unsuccessful free-agent signing period.

"I think it was clear, at least it was clear to us, that Byron was always our first choice," Kupchak said.

Mike Brown and D'Antoni were respected veteran coaches with no Lakers connections, and neither lasted two full seasons. Johnson and his fellow Lakers greats took turns savaging D'Antoni's coaching style on social media and television broadcasts, a treatment Scott is likely to avoid.

Scott has been a head coach with New Jersey, New Orleans and Cleveland, but the Lakers have always been the ultimate for the Inglewood product who grew up sneaking into the Forum to watch Jerry West.

"This has been a dream of mine for so long," Scott said. "It's a dream come true to be here today and to be introduced as the head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers. The passion and the love that I have for this organization is second to none. The only thing that I regret is that Dr. Buss isn't here today."

According to Magic, late Lakers owner Jerry Buss wanted to hire Scott in 2010 when Phil Jackson was waffling on a return for a potential three-peat. Jackson stayed, and Scott took over the Cavaliers eight days before LeBron James left for Miami, consigning him to three losing seasons in Ohio while the Lakers job became a revolving door.

Scott is grateful he finally got the chance to walk through it.

"You have a lot of people down on us right now," Scott said. "I think that's something that can really drive us going into the season."

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ALLOW YOUR MIND TO WANDER, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Your creativity surges, especially if you follow your instincts. You know when to be less forceful and when to use a more caring tone. Ask yourself what your objectives are before initiating a conversation. You won't lose your grounding if you do. Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A meeting will add to your enthusiasm as you near the completion of a long-term goal. Share an unusual insight with a friend, and listen to his or her point of view. You can't always be responsible for a partner's mood. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Tension seems to be building on the homefront. There is likely to be some ambiguity when speaking with a boss or relative, and getting plans locked in will require some skill. A friendship means more to you than you might realize. Tonight: If you are tired, say so.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for more information. Your softer side emerges with others, and they respond with ease. Be aware of the unpredictability of someone you respect. You never know which side this person will fall on with a major issue. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Curb the effects of the green-eyed monster. Sometimes you might not realize how jealous or insecure you become. Use caution with someone you meet today. Tonight: Reach out to someone at a distance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You will blossom with the help of a key friend. This person is always upbeat around you, as he or she sees you through rose-colored glasses. This kind of cheerleading right now will prove to be helpful. Tonight: Go with the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You could have a lot going on behind the scenes. You might choose not to share what you are visualizing at the present moment. A partner or loved one is likely to react in the most unexpected manner possible. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you must. You will get a lot done, even if it is just shopping for a friend and/or planning a get-together. Investigate an opportunity that you did not expect or foresee. Tonight: Find your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Recognize that you have a lot to handle. You might want to start saying "no" to unnecessary obligations. Your ingenuity will help you solidify what you must. In fact, others will appreciate this creative aspect of your thinking. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone who often helps you to gain a new perspective. Enjoy the spontaneity that exists between you. Focus on long-term gains and possibilities when discussing the situation with contemporaries. Tonight: Allow your mind to wander.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ One-on-one relating will provide you with a strong sense of direction, and it will help others know where you are coming from. Your efforts make all the difference in a situation involving several people. Don't worry about an unexpected comment. Tonight: Be a duo.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might be wondering exactly what is necessary to win someone's support. You will know what to do once you have a discussion with a few friends who understand the problem. You are being reminded of your limits with others. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

This year you often are stunned by the opportunities that head your way. Having so much to choose from could be overwhelming. You know what works best for you, so follow that path. If you are single, you could meet someone in the oddest place. You could have quite a selection of potential suitors. If you are attached, you and your sweetie have an opportunity to fulfill a long-term goal. You could go overboard in fulfilling this wish, but trust that it will be well worth it. Indulge your sweetie more often, and it will bond the two of you more closely together. VIRGO can be very precise.

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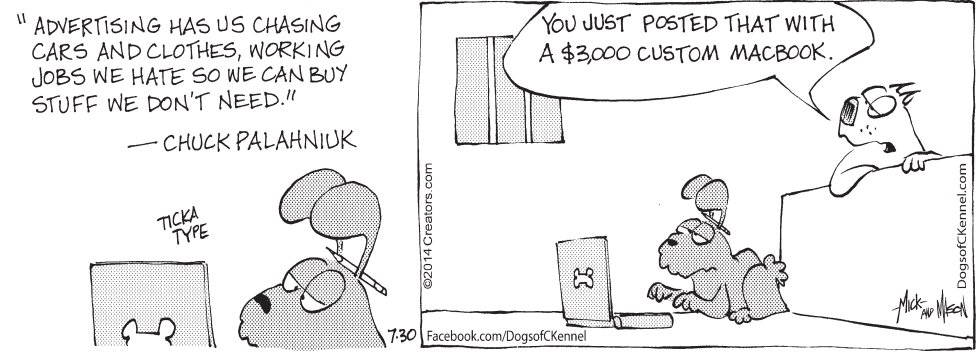
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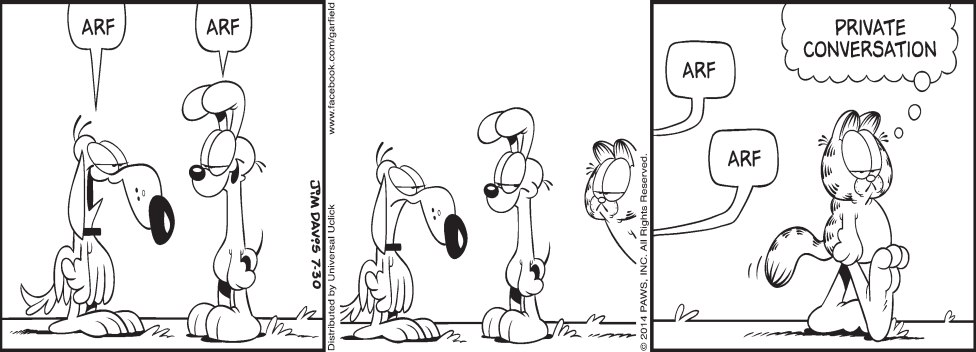
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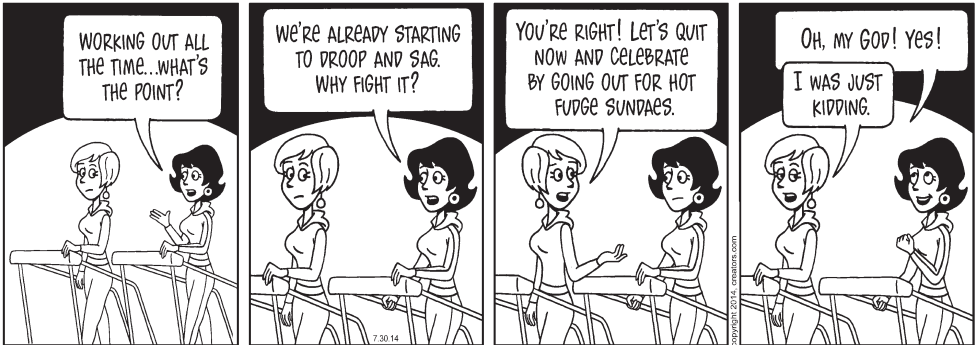
Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

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

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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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 355 calls for service on July 28.

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

- Battery on 1300 block of Ocean Ave. at 1:55 a.m.
- Attempt burglary on 1100 block of 17th St. at 4:32 a.m.
- Attempt burglary report on 1500 block of 9th St. at 6:52 a.m.
- Grand theft on 1400 block of Ocean Ave. at 7:11 a.m.
- Burglary on 2100 block of 6th St. at 8:08 a.m.
- Petty theft on 200 block of Pier Ave. at 8:21a.m.
- Assault with deadly weapon on 500 block of Broadway at 8:35 a.m.
- Auto burglary on 1100 block of 10th St. at 8:39 a.m.
- Auto burglary on 1100 block of 10th St. at 8:47 a.m.
- Burglary on 1500 block of Stanford St. at 9:18 a.m.
- Traffic accident on 600 block of Pacific Coat Hwy at 9:41 a.m.
- Vandalism on 3100 block of Olympic Blvd. at 9:58 a.m.
- Petty theft on 3300 block of Pico Blvd. at 11:34 a.m.
- Burglary on 1200 block of 10th St. at 11:57 a.m.
- Auto burglary on 2200 block of 25th St. at 12:38 p.m.
- Petty theft on 1300 block of 2nd St. at 1:06 p.m.
- Battery on 200 block of Santa Monica Pier at 2 p.m.
- Auto burglary on 2200 block of Colorado Ave. at 2:31 p.m.
- Traffic accident on 3100 block of Pico Blvd. at 3:41 p.m.
- Fraud on 2500 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 4:11 p.m.
- Traffic accident at Ocean Ave. and Pico Blvd. at 4:18 p.m.
- Battery on 700 block of Ocean Park Blvd. at 4:19 p.m.
- Petty theft on 2300 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 4:28 p.m.
- Burglary on 1500 block of Stanford St. at 4:38 p.m.
- Petty theft on 1000 block of 12 St. at 4:45 p.m.
- Vandalism on 900 block of 2nd St. at 5:18 p.m.
- Burglary on 900 block of 4th St. at 5:21 p.m.
- Grand theft on 3000 block of Main St. at 5:30 p.m.
- Burglary on 1900 block of 22nd St. at 5:48 p.m.
- Petty theft on 1500 block of Ocean Front Walk at 5:49 p.m.
- Traffic accident at Ocean Ave. and Santa Monica Blvd. at 5:50 p.m.
- Auto burglary on 100 block of Bay St. at 6:28 p.m.
- Vandalism on 1200 block of 26th St. at 6:32 p.m.
- Vandalism on 1400 block of Michigan Ave. at 7:17 p.m.
- Grand theft auto on 2100 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 7:58 p.m.
- Fight on 2700 block of Pico Blvd. at 9:37 p.m.
- Fight on 1200 block of Franklin St. at 9:59 p.m.



MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

Jim Hanson and Flavio Bisciotti both identified the surfboard and its location at Dogtown Coffee. Send your mystery photos to editor@smdp.com to be used in future issues.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Face card
- 5 Sacred beetle
- 11 Clarinet cousin
- 12 Parish head
- 13 Friend
- 14 Let up
- 15 “The Matrix” hero

- 16 Thick cut
- 17 Out of bed
- 19 Beat walker
- 22 Act the coquette
- 24 Push rudely
- 26 Judy’s daughter
- 27 Writer Waugh
- 28 News subject
- 30 Bird on a baby announcement
- 31 Marry
- 32 Visitor from afar
- 34 Linen source
- 35 Descartes conclusion
- 38 Flute’s cousin
- 41 Poet Pound
- 42 Set right
- 43 Rider’s strap
- 44 Campaign contest

45 Throws in

DOWN

- 1 Rivers of comedy
- 2 Skilled
- 3 Like some once black-and-white films
- 4 Crucial
- 5 Deli counter sight
- 6 Some cigars
- 7 Saudi native
- 8 Informer
- 9 Had lunch
- 10 Garden area
- 16 Retired jet
- 18 Persia, today

- 19 Settled
- 20 Finished
- 21 Quick kiss
- 22 Took wing
- 23 Not recorded
- 25 Despise
- 29 Natural gift
- 30 Middling card
- 33 Espresso order
- 34 Hound hopper
- 36 Like a desert
- 37 Supplies with staff
- 38 Zeus or Apollo
- 39 Metal source
- 40 Shirt protector
- 41 Pitcher’s stat

A	H	E	M			T	O	W	I	T
M	A	N	E	S		A	L	O	N	E
B	U	R	N	I	N	G	D	O	W	N
E	L	I		G	U	S		D	A	S
R	E	C	E	N	T		S	I	R	E
	R	O	G	E	R		T	E	D	S
			G	R	I	M	E			
C	A	T	E		T	A	P	A	S	
A	R	I	D		I	N	S	U	L	T
F	O	G		B	O	A		R	O	E
T	U	R	N	I	N	G	D	O	W	N
A	S	I	A	N		E	A	R	E	D
N	E	S	T	S			M	A	R	S

Yesterday’s answer

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1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10
11					12					
13					14					
15				16						
			17	18				19	20	21
22	23					24	25			
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44							45			

DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 7/26
24 28 30 38 39
Power#: 16
Jackpot: \$60M



Draw Date: 7/25
22 29 33 41 68
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: \$77M



Draw Date: 7/26
16 22 26 31 36
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: \$25M



Draw Date: 7/28
1 15 18 25 36



Draw Date: 7/29
MIDDAY: 2 1 5
EVENING:



Draw Date: 7/28
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:49.71

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Since high-rise residents value their privacy, Lisa Pleiss of Seattle said she was frightened on June 22 when she saw a drone hovering outside her 26th-floor window: “You don’t expect to be walking around indecent in your apartment and then have this thing potentially recording you.” According to police, the drone was legal -- helping a developer photograph downtown Seattle -- but would not have been if the camera had been pointed at Pleiss’ window. (Drones are becoming so widespread that, for instance, the University of South Florida library owns several, for student check-out on certain research projects.) ■ In June, as Elizabeth Neufeld, 85, was backing her car out of her driveway in Bel Air, California, it tipped on a curve and rolled onto its side. Elizabeth was not hurt, but was trapped inside while her husband, Benjamin, 87, got out on his own. As they awaited firefighters, she reportedly handed a cellphone to a passerby so that the Neufelds would have a “selfie” (which made the Internet, with Elizabeth having righted herself in the driver’s seat and Benjamin standing sheepishly alongside). (Dr. Elizabeth Neufeld, retired, is one of the world’s most prominent genetics researchers, having won numerous awards during stints at the National Institutes of Health, University of California, Berkeley and UCLA.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 - Israel’s Knesset passes the Jerusalem Law
1990 - George Steinbrenner is forced by Commissioner Fay Vincent to resign as principal partner of New York Yankees for hiring Howie Spira to “get dirt” on Dave Winfield.

WORD UP!

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