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Exchange program brings Danish youth to Santa Monica

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

You've probably had a Danish pastry. But have you had a Danish student?

Earlier this year, 18 students from a school in Denmark traveled more than 5,000 miles to take classes, meet new people and soak up the scenery and culture in Santa Monica.

The arrangement was made possible by families affiliated with Santa Monica High School who hosted the foreign students for about six weeks.

"The program was a great success," said Disa Fink, a teacher and international study coordinator at the Danish school. "Students and families alike enjoyed the exchange."

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GIRLS GOLF: Samohi focusing on fundamentals

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

At the Santa Monica High girls golf team's first practice Monday, coach Kevin McKeown channeled legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden.

He started with the basics. "We didn't leave the putting green," he said. "If you think about John Wooden and his basketball players, he would teach them how to tie their shoelaces.

"A good shot means nothing if the kids can't putt. The goal is a two-putt. Wherever they are on a green, the goal is to get two-putts and move on. We want to avoid three-putts or more, and the green is usually where [the trouble] happens. The swings will develop over time."

McKeown, who shares a name with Santa Monica's mayor, is focusing on fundamentals as he prepares to lead the Vikings in a

2015 campaign that begins Sept. 1 with a match against Mira Costa.

It's the second year at the helm for McKeown, who stepped in to fill the void left by math teacher Ryan Hoffman before the start of last season. The team boasts 10 members this year, McKeown said, a significant increase over last year's roster size.

The players will continue honing their skills on the links while facing elite players from throughout the region. Practices are typically held at Rancho Park Golf Course in Los Angeles and home matches are scheduled at Penmar Golf Course in Venice.

"It's a very young program," McKeown said. "Our goal is to be more competitive. We had some success last year, but the competition we're going against is very tough. We're looking forward to continue building upon some of

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Robert Villa appointed as postmaster of Santa Monica

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Robert Villa, a 24-year employee of the postal service, has been appointed the new postmaster for the City of Santa Monica.

A postmaster's responsibilities typically include management of a central mail distribution facility, establishment carrier routes, the supervision of carriers and clerks and the implementation of the organization's rules and procedures. But according to Villa, 53, the job has changed somewhat in the past few years due to reconciliation and the closing of several post offices.

"We're becoming a rare breed now," Villa said. "But basically I'm an installation head. I have managers and supervisors who work under my jurisdiction. And I'm basically ensuring that we're com-



VILLA

plying with all the rules and regulations; that we're servicing the community, ensuring that we're complying with our safety policies and procedures as far as our employees are concerned and talking to major businesses and seeing

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BEACH WORKOUTS

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

A local heat wave peaked Thursday with above average temperatures throughout the region. Locals took the opportunity to utilize the beach for a variety of exercise options. Heat is expected to persist through the weekend and officials expect a return to cooler seasonal averages sometime next week.

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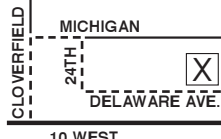
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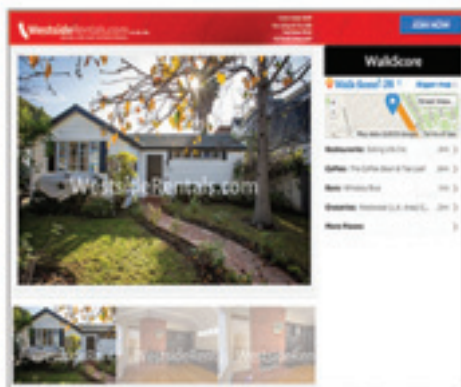
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

August 28

Santa Monica Public Library at the Beach

Beach Reads: "Toes In the Sand, Head In the Clouds"

Brought to you by Community & Cultural Services and the Santa Monica Public Library. Books and fun, free activities for all ages. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Beach Reads Book Discussion: "Beautiful Ruins"

Join organizers at the Annenberg Community Beach House when SMPL goes to the beach! They'll be having a Beach Reads Book Discussion of "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walters. Stop by and share your thoughts on this great Summer Read. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 12 - 1 p.m.

Slacklining

Enjoy a safe, fun environment to experience the sport of slacklining, an activity of balance and concentration that can be practiced by people of all ages and athletic abilities. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 1 - 7 p.m.

"JOB: The Now Testament"

St. Monica Catholic Community will present a special performance of JOB: The Now Testament, an original musical by John Angotti, in the church. Dogtown Dogs and The Lobos Truck will be on the St. Monica campus for dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. Tickets for JOB are \$15 general admission; \$10 for seniors and children 12 and under, and are available online at www.stmonica.net/JOB through August 27 or in St. Monica's Parish Office. Please note: There will be a small service charge for tickets purchased with a debit/credit card. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$20/\$15. St. Monica Catholic Community, 725 California Ave., 8 p.m.

STAND UP! A Night of Comedy

Headliner: Jimmy Dore of "The Jimmy Dore Show." Special Guest: Laura Kightlinger (Minor Accomplishments of Jackie Woodman) Hosted and Produced by: Michael Schirtzer

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August 29

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers! Parking for the market is available in the lot along Pico Blvd., at meters along Pico Blvd. or adjacent to Virginia Park in the parking lot on north/east corner of Pico and Cloverfield. Virginia Ave. Park, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Downtown - Saturday)

The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market, also known as the Organic Market, opened in May 1991. As Santa Monica's second CFM, it had a different mission to fulfill. With the passage of the California Organic Foods Act of 1990, consumers were eager for more organic produce and another market for weekend shopping. The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd at Arizona Ave., 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUP Lesson

Learn to Stand Up Paddleboard! \$57/lesson. Register by 2 p.m. the day before class to receive a parking pass for class time. Same day drop-ins must pay for parking. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Back to School Food

Editor:

With the new school year just around the corner, parents' attention is turning to school clothes, supplies and lunches. Yes, school lunches!

In past years, USDA had used our nation's schools as a dumping ground for surplus meat and dairy commodities. Not surprisingly, one-third of children have become overweight or obese. Their early dietary flaws become lifelong addictions, raising their risk of diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

Gradually, the tide is turning. New guidelines mandated by President Obama's Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act, require doubling the servings of fruits and vegetables, more whole grains, less sodium and fat and no meat for breakfast. A survey released last week shows the guidelines supported by 86 percent of Americans.

Sixty-four percent of U.S. school districts now offer vegetarian options. More than 120 schools, including the entire school districts of Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Detroit, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Oakland, Philadelphia and San Diego have implemented Meatless Monday. Some schools have dropped meat from their menu altogether.

As parents, we need to work with school cafeteria managers and our own children to encourage the availability and consumption of healthy, plant-based school foods. Entering "vegetarian options in schools" provides lots of good resources.

Ed Laren

Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pico/Main

Benicio Del Toro in person at Vidiots for a screening of "Escobar: Paradise Lost"

Vidiots Foundation presents a screening of "Escobar: Paradise Lost" on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Vidiots Annex, followed by a Q&A with star Benicio Del Toro, director Andrea Di Stefano and moderated by film critic Elvis Mitchell.

"Escobar: Paradise Lost" is the directorial debut for first-time writer/director Andrea Di Stefano. It is the story of young surfers, Nicko (Josh Hutcherson) and his brother, who head to Colombia in search of an easier life on the beaches. Nicko meets the girl of his dreams only to find her uncle is notorious drug trafficker Pablo Escobar (Del Toro).

All proceeds go toward the Vidiots Foundation, a non-profit, 501(C)3 organization dedicated to the cinematic and media arts in the form of preserving and protecting our collection of over 50,000 rare and classic VHS, DVD and Blu-ray titles.

Vidiots celebrates cinema and the vitality of independent art through education, archival preservation and accessibility. The Vidiots Foundation connects people to experience evolving media, taking the video store culture into the 21st Century.

Tickets and info at: vidiotsfoundation.org

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$20, \$15 for students, seniors & Vidiots Foundation members. Address: 302 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, 90405. Parking is available at Civic Center off of Main St. and at 1571 4th St.

- SUBMITTED BY ANGELA MATANO

Marina del Rey

Sheriff details fireworks complaints for event that occurred west of the breakwater off Marina del Rey

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has issued a statement regarding a fireworks show that woke many coastal residents.

Reality television star Khloe Kardashian threw a birthday party for her boyfriend basketball star James Harden at midnight on Aug. 25. The event included an eight-minute firework show that took place on a barge offshore from Marina Del Rey.

According to the Sheriff's Department, the event resulted in about 40 calls to the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station at that time asking about the noise. The callers were area residents who thought that the unexpected noise might have been weapons. Once callers learned that the noise was fireworks, some said they were relieved, and several indicated they were no longer concerned about the origin of the noise.

The event was planned by a private party and included launching fireworks from a vessel "off shore" about 100 feet west of the breakwater off of Marina del Rey. The event planners inquired with the U.S. Coast Guard prior to the event and went through the appropriate U.S. Coast Guard review process. The Los Angeles County Fire Department and Harbor Patrol of the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) were notified.

The LASD Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station and Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbors would be the agencies responsible if there was a request for a fireworks event inside the lines of demarcation or inside the Marina del Rey breakwater. The LASD does not have legal standing to approve or deny a fireworks application or permits outside the breakwater.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has jurisdiction to enforce local and state laws in the Los Angeles County Maritime Region, this does not include jurisdiction over the issuance of permits for fireworks events outside of the breakwater.

No sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the boat or on land as a result of the fireworks event, nor did any member of the public file a criminal complaint about the noise.

There are no local ordinances that specifically regulate the use of legal fireworks in waterways outside of the lines or demarcation/offshore. However, loud disturbances are addressed in section 415 of the California Penal Code (PC). In order to address this under 415 PC, it would require at least one victim and proof of malicious intent. The Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station is conducting an inquiry to ascertain if any laws or ordinances were violated. If you believe you were a victim of a crime as a result of this event and want to file a criminal complaint call the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station at (310) 482-6000.

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The City's Landmarks Commission has filed an application (15ENT-0278) for the creation of a new historic district affecting certain properties along San Vicente Boulevard generally between Ocean Avenue and 7th Street. In accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.36.130(b), the City of Santa Monica Planning and Community Development Department will be conducting an informational meeting to describe and answer any questions that impacted property owners, residents and/or tenants may have concerning the historic district designation process, the effect of a historic district designation on future development, and the benefits and incentives offered to those who may be included in the historic district. This meeting is scheduled as described below:

When: Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm

Where: Santa Monica Main Library,
Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica

More Information

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Line 1 serves the Santa Monica Main Library.

Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica sobre una solicitud para remodelar un edificio que tiene valor historico importante. Para mas informacion, por favor llame a Carmen Gutierrez en City Planning Division al numero (310) 458-8341.

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More on Channel Swimming and Laundry

I DON'T GO TO THE MOVIES MUCH anymore. It's such a hassle, what with parking, long lines and the occasional mass shooting. Actually, every movie theater shooting spree leaves me musing, "Maybe I'll wait until it comes to video."

When I was a kid, I used to go to the movies almost every Saturday afternoon. I even remember there were raffles. Once, a neighbor kid won a set of dishes, which seemed an odd prize for a 12-year-old. (Maybe they knew it was the moms who paid for the tickets?)

Saturday matinees were great fun and we kids could make tons of noise. There were, however, ushers who roamed the aisles. Nowadays, I suppose ushers would be armed with Uzis.

One of the highlights of the Saturday matinees were the serials which ended with a cliff hanger, where the hero or heroine might literally be hanging from a cliff. To find out their fate you'd have to come back next Saturday. (Surprise, surprise, the hero always survived.)

I suppose this is a serial to last week's column with two story lines: 1) Santa Monica resident Carolyn Hollingsworth and the Wave Chasers heroically attempting to relay swim the perilous 21-mile Catalina channel and 2) Yours truly heroically attempting to

do a month's laundry in one evening. Despite perilous obstacles and dangers, everything was successful. And the Wave Chasers made it to Long Beach, too.

But. Team Captain Carolyn and the Wave Chasers faced swells between 3-5 feet. Just getting to Catalina took two hours and was so rough that about half the crew got violently seasick. The boat rocked from side-to-side so the group decided Carolyn should start at 11 p.m. rather than waiting until 1 a.m. (Meanwhile, in the laundry room, looking at the six loads I had to do, I too felt queasy.)

The entire trip was under the watchful eyes of two officials from the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation. Prior to starting the first leg of the relay, Carolyn jumped off the boat to swim 100 yards to the Catalina shore. But the water and sky were so pitch black she couldn't tell if she was swimming to shore or back out to sea. Plus, the seaweed bed was so thick she could barely navigate through it. Yuck!

A channel swim at night is definitely not for the faint of heart. At various times the Wave Chasers got stung by jellyfish on the face, tummy and even under the armpit. Curiously, the jellyfish only attacked the women. (Like Donald Trump? He only

attacked Megyn Kelly even though Chris Wallace and Brett Baier asked equally harsh questions.)

The water was so choppy, while swimming Carolyn could hear many of the others on the boat and even the kayaker along side, retching. (Meanwhile back in the laundry room, even though a number of washers were marked "out of order," I completed my first leg, sorting whites from colors and into the machines that were in order.)

Talk about spooky. During the first leg Carolyn actually felt fish nibbling on her toes. (Thankfully, sharks don't nibble.) But finally the 1st hour was over and she high-fived her replacement, Chris Georges, and swam back to the boat. When she changed into a fresh swimsuit, under her wet one were various jellyfish tentacles. Yikes!

The sea continued to be rough, angry and relentless. (Also our laundry room during the busy morning hours.) But courageously, each of the six swimmers completed two legs and were well more than halfway done. Meanwhile, I too was halfway done, as I put my clothes in the dryer wondering to myself how does all that lint accumulate and exactly what is lint?

Finally, dawn came, the sun began to rise

and the seas calmed almost magically. Schools of flying fish and pods of dolphins appeared as though right on cue. After 11 hours, 45 minutes and 35 seconds, the heroic adventure ended as the group of six brave and exhausted swimmers set foot on Long Beach sand.

The Wave Chasers' historic accomplishment was duly noted in the Catalina Channel Swimming Federation records for posterity. (After two long hours, I had my clean laundry folded into my cart, not for posterity, but for another month.)

So it was that Carolyn, Chris, Sadie Standley, Jenny Dougherty, Noah Witlin and Tara Shim, and the kayakers, Josh Lara and Bill Kalmenson, bonded in overcoming fear and adversity, perhaps like no other experience in their life. (Though, Carolyn, who's battled Lupus for a decade, seems to thumb her nose at adversity.)

As for me, I promise no more comparing channel swimming to doing laundry. And no more leaving a column cliffhanger one week only to finish it the next. Or, if I do, at least I should give away some dishes.

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FILM REVIEW GRANDMA

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"Grandma" is a fun, witty, compact study of an eccentric headstrong woman and her unique relationships with her family and her lovers. A life-changing incident causes her teenage granddaughter to make a rare visit in order to ask the only person she feels she can trust to help with a dilemma without judgment: her grandma. Of course, grandma happens to be a very eccentric poet. Said incident serves as a catalyst to bring three generations of tough, strong, stubborn and independent women together. In working to solve a complex and emotionally charged problem, an unconventional grandma and rebellious granddaughter enter a colorful maze of human interaction.

Lily Tomlin is superb in this very well written and beautifully directed story. She is authentically fearless, brash and full of vitriol. There is great significance regarding the evolution of the entertainment industry that Tomlin, in her 70's, is starring in this wonderful film and in the Netflix series "Grace and Frankie."

As the granddaughter, Julia Garner glows. She is totally comfortable opposite the powerful performance of Tomlin. Marcia Gay Harden is a perfect fit for the mother. The granddaughter's emotionally distant relationship with her mother mirrors that of her grandmother with her own daughter. Judy Greer shows great sensitivity as the lover. It's good to see her in a role that stretches her

great depth as an actress. Sam Elliott also delivers a nuanced performance as a long-ago dumped flame.

Director Paul Weitz wrote and directed this story. It flows without losing rhythm, and shows us that comedy and tragedy come from the same home base. The characters each have a unique and authentic voice driven from their hearts and their generational identities. Weitz said in the Q&A after the screening that he likes to get out of the way of his actors and be inspired by their work. He noted that this film was made on a much lower budget than other films he's made. However, with this story the budget constraint was a positive influence. The result was a more intimate and realistic film style.

This is another story, as in the currently running film "Ricki and the Flash," that shows us different generations are much more similar than they appear on the surface. This is a story about two people who don't conform and don't necessarily behave, because they don't feel the need to "fit in". They're just too "outside the box". Many of us can identify with that. The capers of these women as they try to use the social structure they have jettisoned consistently through their lives, generate the hilarity and warm-hearted craziness of a modern-day "Three Stooges" movie.

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Learn and experience how brain responses to stress can be altered by music, sound and yoga. No musical or yoga background or equipment is required for participation. With Ping Ho, MA, MPH; Kathy Cass, MA, BC-DMT, NCC, CYT, E-RYT 500; and Elizabeth Cohn, MT. Dress comfortably in pants and with comfortable shoes for walking. Bring a sweater for additional warmth. Bringing plenty of water is also important. Free parking is available in the alley between Wilshire and Arizona, Lincoln (8th street) and 7th Street, by the basketball courts. Please enter through the back of the building by the playground area.

Fee: \$35 <https://www.uclartsandhealing.net/ViewProgram.aspx?ID=443> Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica, 1238 Lincoln Blvd., 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Dancing Democracy with Christine Suarez

Join organizers for this fun, high energy, and sweaty dance class for adults of all levels of dance ability. Bring your enthusiasm and come dressed to move in sneakers or barefoot - dancers' choice. Studio Resident Artist Christine Suarez developed this class by drawing on her 20+ years as a professional contemporary dancer/choreographer. Dancing Democracy celebrates pluralism by blending dance forms and approaches: modern dance, social dances, stretching/strengthening and somatic practices. Each class culminates in a democratically created group dance. Workshops build over six sessions but drop-ins are welcome. Cost: \$5 each. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Fun with Polymer Clay with Angharad Caceres

Polymer Clay is endlessly fun! Learn how to create various colorful effects by mixing and conditioning the clay in just the right way. For this class they'll be making a selection of small tokens, usable in jewelry, hat embellishments, cellphone charms, Refrigerator poetry tiles - that cherry bunch for your hat and more! Basic tools, baking and finishing techniques will be covered. Come away with several finished pieces and the clay and know-how to make what you like! Cost: \$15 + \$5 cash material fee to instructor. Palisades Park, 1 - 3 p.m.

Summer Concert on the Library Lawn: Todd Washington Trio

Spend an afternoon outdoors enjoy-

ing live music on the library lawn with the Todd Washington Trio. They will entertain with a mix of blues, folk, rock, soul and gospel. Bring a picnic! Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 2 - 4 p.m.

Polo With A Purpose

The Mulligan Project's inaugural "Polo With A Purpose" fundraiser will be a fun, summer event which will include Vietnamese food, an open bar and a champagne divot stomp. The Mulligan Project is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with disabilities in Central Vietnam through special education, physical therapy, speech therapy and above all, dignity. The Mulligan Project is trying to raise much needed funds to help an underserved and overlooked generation of children growing up without the education they deserve. Tickets are \$100 per person. Will Rogers State Park, Pacific Park, 2 - 5 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Chrisitne Suarez Final Presentation

All are welcome to see Christine Suarez' work in progress presentation of dance and movement created during her Studio Residency. She is working on a project based on the biblical Book of Ruth, part of a commission from the Bronx-based organization Spark and Echo Arts (sparkandecho.org). Joining her in this project are dance artists Carol McDowell and Rebeca Hernandez. Themes they have been developing through movement center on relationships between women during bereavement, displacement, and within the bonds of friendship and family. Cost: free! Please RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/work-in-progress-performance-book-of-ruth-with-studio-artist-in-residence-christine-suarez-tickets-17532189250>. Pacific Park, 4 - 6 p.m.

COLLAGE-O-RAMA Art Show

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“Fantastic Four”: What Went Wrong?

IF YOU SAW “FANTASTIC FOUR” IN THE LAST couple weeks, first off, my condolences. Secondly, congratulations, you were one of the 8 people on planet earth not related to the cast members to see it. As it bombed so spectacularly, it holds the distinction of the worst opening for a Marvel adaptation.

Whenever a movie bombs as badly as “Fantastic Four” does, Hollywood finds every excuse they can to explain why it didn’t make money. “No one wants to see a Fantastic Four movie.” “It was released too close to ‘Mission Impossible’” “The previous movies soured the populace” Etc. Etc. They just can’t seem to realize the true reason behind the film’s failure; “Fantastic Four” is a runaway freight train of flaming dog poo.

WHAT DID IT DO SO WRONG? WELL, I HAVE A WORD COUNT LIMIT HERE, SO I’M GOING TO STICK TO THE FIVE WORST OFFENSES THE MOVIE MADE.

5. The outfits. Hollywood simply demands that superhero movies never have the same outfits as the comics. They sacrifice imagination and aesthetics for realism. Despite the fact the movie stars a rock monster and a metal man, GODFORBID THEY WEAR BLUE OUTFITS! I want you all to look at the costumes from the movie, and imagine what the Halloween costume would like for kids. Ugly and unrecognizable. The costumes in the “Fantastic Four” comic book have been nearly unchanged for six decades. Why would Hollywood think they know better? And making The Thing naked is just such a colossally weird choice. What could possibly have been the conversation in the writers’ room? Exec #1: “He wears shorts in the comic.” Exec #2: “That’s ridiculous, he should be naked.” Exec 1: “But then he would *ahem* naked.” Exec 2: “Yeah, we just won’t give him anything down there.” HOW ON EARTH DID A ROOM FULL OF PEOPLE COME TO THIS DECISION!?

4. The origin story. The Fantastic Four are recruited to join the military almost immediately in the film. In the comic, they struggle to keep their inventions and powers away from the military. They are a group of scientists striving for peace and knowledge. The Fantastic Four would never work for the military. The tone of the Fantastic Four comic is

Star Trek, if Indiana Jones/Sherlock Holmes were the captains. Doesn’t that sound a little bit more interesting than what we got?

3. The relationships. In the movie Ben and Reed are friends, so they got that right. Except that Reed leaves Ben as a military prisoner for over a year. The friendship in the comics is one where they would move heaven and earth for each other. The idea that Reed would leave Ben is frankly sickening. In the comic book, Ben is the godfather of Reed’s children. In the comic, Reed is haunted by the experiment that causes Ben to transform into the Thing. He spends countless hours trying to “fix” Ben. And in one of my favorite issues, Ben tells him to stop. Ben tells Reed that the scientific discoveries he could make instead are too important. It was poignant in a way that the movie simply wasn’t. And that is just one issue of over 700.

2. The tone. In the comics, the Fantastic Four are a fun loving family. They joke constantly. The Thing and the Human Torch play elaborate practical jokes on each other. They are a happy group of people. The movie poster looks like it was taken directly after someone pooped in their cereal. Just because it worked for Batman does not mean it works for everyone. Batman’s origin starts with a child witnessing his parents’ murder. The Fantastic Four’s origin starts off with a scientific experiment to discover the mystery of the cosmos. These movies should not be similar, yet they are.

1. The villain. In the comic book Dr. Doom builds a machine to help his mother escape from Hell. That machine blows up, scarring him both mentally and physically. He then travels to a secret enclave of monks that teach him the magic he needs to overcome the devil and save his mother. He also takes over his home country of Latveria and becomes a beloved leader in his own country, and a hated tyrant everywhere else on Earth. In the movie he trips on green gunk on an alien planet and gets brain powers.

You tell me which story you would rather see on the big screen.

To learn more about all things comic books, visit Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., in Santa Monica.

DANISH

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The exchange points to Santa Monica’s position as a destination for people around the world who seek out the City’s famous beaches, business opportunities and entertainment offerings, among other attractions.

An evaluation survey in March yielded positive reviews about the program, Fink said. And the success of the inaugural exchange convinced organizers at the school, Teknisk Gymnasium Silkeborg, to make the program permanent.

But in order for the program to continue, families in Santa Monica and the Venice area are needed. The Danish school is seeking more area hosts for the students who are planning to participate in the next edition of the exchange, which starts in January.

Earlier this month, Fink reached out to Samohi families through an informal email list of school parents, faculty and other stakeholders.

There were close to 270 registered students at Technical Upper Secondary School Silkeborg as of last January, according to the school’s website.

The 15 incoming exchange students, all of whom are majoring in communication, technology or English, will take classes at

Santa Monica College for five or six weeks this winter. There are 10 boys and five girls, and they range in age from 17 to 19. All of them speak English.

“We are looking for homestay opportunities, preferably with children high school- or college-age,” Fink said.

The families receive \$200 per week to help cover the cost of hosting foreign students in Santa Monica. Each student is typically given a bed, workspace, chair, private storage space, laundry access and three meals each day.

The students will have Big Blue Bus access during their stay, Fink said. Fink added that many of the students are comfortable without cars but would appreciate having access to a bicycle and helmet.

During their stay on the Westside, the students will be in school four days each week and take mandatory field trips every Friday. Host families sometimes arrange optional activities on evenings and weekends, Fink said.

The school can provide references from families in Santa Monica and Venice Beach who housed this year’s students, Fink said.

Interested hosts seeking more information should contact Fink via email at dlf@tss.dk.

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how I can assist them in anyway to push their products out to our clients in a timely manner.

You know, I'm constantly out in the field doing that. Basically I'm an overseer for compliance on all aspects of the business, the customer, the employee and the business itself."

Villa has been with the postal service for 24 years, 21 of which he has spent in management positions. He started as a supervisor in a mail-processing center in Santa Clarita where he worked for five years. He then moved to into a customer service supervisor positions, working his way up from the Van Nuys district to the Los Angeles district. In 2003 he became acting manager in a hazard station in East LA. He continued to get promoted and worked his way up through the City of Los Angeles in various manager positions. He was acting area manager in the City of Los Angeles when he was appointed as the postmaster for the City of Santa Monica.

Villa was appointed to the position by Los Angeles district manager of the postal service, Ed Ruiz, and believes he was given the position because of his experience, excellent track record, and commitment to the postal service.

"I'm very hardworking, persistent and I believe I have a good rapport with the community. I've always felt that my customers were the most important asset that I have and I need to maintain a relationship with them.

And I felt that I have that knack to interact with people of all genders and ages. I just have that knack you know?

I have eight beautiful grandkids so I get a lot of practice. And I think that's probably one of my strengths, is interacting with the public and just being there at there beck and call when they need us. I'm just trying to lead the team. Point us in the right direction so we're all going the same way and pulling the rope the same way."

Born and raised in San Fernando, Villa graduated from San Fernando High School and attended Los Angeles Mission College for three years, but left without finishing his associate degree.

Villa served in the army from 1980 to 1983 and then went to work for the Veteran Affairs Hospital before coming to the postal service. "So I've been in service my whole life it seems," Villa said.

He is currently taking computer courses at night to finish his associate degree in business management. "I'm still linked up at LA Community College, just doing it online now because I'm so busy. I have a lot of responsibilities now."

Though Villa came to Santa Monica "not knowing what to expect," he has to say he is enjoying the City.

"Other than the traffic I think it's a great city. I really do. I love the ambiance. I like it here. I remember coming down here as a kid, so it brings back a lot of fond memories for me."

Villa is also very honored to be here, as the postmaster position in Santa Monica is a coveted one.

"In the LA district this is probably the most prestigious one; this and Long Beach, because they are so large and because of the communities they serve. Santa Monica is very, very prestigious in this organization ... To get Santa Monica I got a lot of kudos. A lot of people understand this is not any city."

Villa feels very humbled to be appointed to a postmaster role in general.

"It was very emotional. Had me thinking back through my whole postal career and how I got here. And my first thought was 'I wish my wife would have been here to see that.'

I lost my wife to stomach cancer back in 2008, so I know it would have been a proud moment for her. So, I thought of her. It's kind of an empty feeling, but then I have a lot of faith. I know that she's always there with me."

But in spite of the challenges he knows he will face, he believes himself to be the right person for the job.

"And obviously my boss does, or he wouldn't have appointed me. I believe I can do this. My team is all on board. Because that is what it is gonna take. No one person can do it. You need a team. And I've got a good one."

As far as what changes Villa plans to make to the postal service here in Santa Monica, he knows he wants customer service to become a top priority.

"I want to provide excellent service to the residents of Santa Monica. They all deserve to have excellent service, that's my first priority. The second is to ensure that my employees are working safely and interacting with the community in a professional manner. Those are things I want to change."

Villa believes the perception of the post office to always be negative, but he is trying to change that.

"I'm trying to remove that idea with having our employees being more engaged with the public; including our carriers, including our clerks at the window, my supervisors, my managers and myself included. Just getting more engaged in the community so we can feel the pulse. And we can know what we're doing good and what we're not doing good and improving on those things.

That's basically my goal here, is to provide the best service possible. That's what I'm set out to do. It's not a small city, so it's gonna take some time. I get that. But we're gonna be persistent till we do the right thing. I'm committed."

The official ceremony for Villa's appointment will be held on Sept. 18.

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GOLF
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the small successes the girls had individually and see if we can recreate that and grow and mature a little bit more this year."

This year's squad features senior captain Tiana Elliston, who is tasked with leading a group of mostly underclassmen. An assistant captain last season, Elliston steps into the role vacated by graduated senior Claire Goldberg.

If last year was any indication, Elliston and her teammates will be up against talented golfers who have been playing the sport for years. Many of the Vikings girls are playing catch-up, McKeown said.

"They're improving," he said. "But the level of competition is humbling. The girls we're playing against, from Palos Verdes or from Mira Costa, there's a culture of kids growing up doing this.

"That's what I'm trying to find out: Where are the girls around here who have been playing golf with their families? ... We're going against kids who are getting [college athletic] scholarships. It can be tough."

For McKeown, who is also a Samohi band director, serving as coach of the girls golf team has given him a new perspective on education overall.

"Coaching girls athletics has been really eye-opening and has helped my teaching," he said. "I've found that they're very hard on themselves. They worry about what others are perceiving of them. So I try to teach them life lessons through golf.

"I'm from Ireland, and my dad taught me golf. So I'll tell them something that I learned with an Irish proverb and they go, 'You're weird.' But eventually they start to recognize what I'm saying."

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WATER TEMP: 73.9°


FRIDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to chest high
Fun-zone SSW swell builds further. Minor WNW energy.

SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-4 ft knee to shoulder high
WNW swell continues. Fun size SSW swell.

SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW/SSW swell mix.

SUNDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to chest high
WNW/SSW swell mix.

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QUICK STATS
(for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 14
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33/20
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5/19


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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Larches and Las Alas creeks.		
Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	F
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Soldado Canyon at San Becker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Sanfilippo Beach at Malibu Colony Inlet.	A+	F
Sanfilippo Beach (beach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point rem).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 10948 PCI stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCI (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken



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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON AUGUST 21, AT APPROXIMATELY 10 P.M.

An officer responded to a call in the 2600 block of Colorado Ave regarding an employee behaving erratically in the building. Upon arriving and making contact with the suspect, later identified as Joseph Barber, 23, he stated that he drank a ton of alcohol and smoked weed because he had stolen \$10 from his boss and he needed to muster the courage to tell him. The officer smelled the strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person. While Barber was placed in the back seat of the police vehicle, he summoned a police officer over, at which point he spit at him and continued to spit out of the car window. During the transport, Barber continued to spit inside the interior of the police vehicle and threatened to spit on the officer when he was removed from the vehicle. Barber was arrested for public intoxication and assault and battery on a police officer. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 446 calls for service on Aug 26.

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

72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Main / Strand 12:54 a.m.
Vandalism Berkeley / Nebraska 1:08 a.m.
DUI 20th / Wilshire 1:16 a.m.
Family Disturbance 100 block of Ocean Park 4:27 a.m.
Identity Theft 500 block of Wilshire 7:08 a.m.
Suspicious Person 1400 block of 18th 8:08 a.m.
Fraud 700 block of Broadway 9:19 a.m.
Injured Person 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 10:13 a.m.
Battery 1600 block of Cloverfield 10:47 a.m.
Petty Theft 2000 block of Lincoln 10:51 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2400 block of Ocean Park 11:09 a.m.
Fraud 1500 block of 5th 11:11 a.m.
Drinking In Public 200 block of Bay 11:30 a.m.
Traffic Accident 1300 block of 15th 11:36 a.m.
Identity Theft 300 block of 21st Pl 12:04 p.m.
Family Disturbance 2200 block of Lincoln 12:14 p.m.
Fraud 700 block of Broadway 12:19 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300 block of Olympic Dr 12:34 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of Broadway 12:44 p.m.
Identity Theft 1500 block of Ocean 12:56 p.m.
Burglary 2300 block of 5th 1:05 p.m.
Traffic Accident 1900 block of Wilshire 1:32 p.m.

Public Intoxication 1100 block of 11th 2:13 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order 1900 block of 12th 2:18 p.m.
Traffic Accident Lincoln / Arizona 2:23 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1300 block of 4th 2:39 p.m.
Traffic Accident Ocean / Colorado 2:42 p.m.
Person With A Gun Main / Pier 3:10 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 100 block of Santa Monica Pl 3:31 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1800 block of 17th 3:40 p.m.
DUI Cloverfield / Pico 3:42 p.m.
Traffic Accident 2nd / California 3:46 p.m.
Identity Theft 2900 block of Colorado 3:49 p.m.
Assault with a Deadly Weapon 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:05 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 200 block of Santa Monica 5:11 p.m.
Fraud 1700 block of Delaware 5:26 p.m.
Traffic Accident 2500 block of Kansas 5:26 p.m.
Person With A Gun 900 block of 10th 5:43 p.m.
Identity Theft 1000 block of 14th 6:29 p.m.
Battery 2600 block of Barnard 6:52 p.m.
DUI 4th / I-10 7:25 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1900 block of 17th 7:40 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2500 block of Santa Monica 8:01 p.m.
Family Disturbance 700 block of Cedar 9:05 p.m.
Stalking 2200 block of Ashland 9:14 p.m.
Fight 2000 block of Ocean 10:27 p.m.
Party Complaint 2700 block of Washington 10:40 p.m.
Loud Music 1500 block of 5th 11:06 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 39 calls for service on Aug 26.

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EMS 2700 block of Main 12:02 a.m.
EMS 3200 block of Colorado 12:37 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Main 1:47 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of 4th 2:43 a.m.
EMS 2900 block of 2nd 5:01 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Palisades Park 6:22 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 900 block of 12th 7:39 a.m.
Assist Lafd 600 block of Moreno Lae 9:02 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Wilshire 9:12 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 4th 9:16 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Main 10:05 a.m.
EMS 3000 block of Lincoln 11:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 11:23 a.m.

EMS 1300 block of 15th 11:40 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 4th 11:52 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 2nd 12:06 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 12:37 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Ocean Front Walk 12:57 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 2:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300 block of Civic Center 2:24 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Arizona 2:24 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 2:43 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500 block of Santa Monica 3:07 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 3:28 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Main 3:34 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of 17th 3:57 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 4:01 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300 block of 18th 4:13 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of 4th 4:31 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 4:48 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 6:24 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of California 6:43 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Santa Monica 7:22 p.m.

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Yesterday's answer

- 18 Golf hole marker
- 19 Timber wolf
- 21 Burden
- 23 Fortitude
- 24 Henri's head
- 25 Warring god
- 27 Like some rural bridges
- 30 Sixth sense, briefly
- 33 Satellite path
- 34 Paper pack
- 35 Oatmeal shade
- 37 Diner chow
- 39 Wee bit
- 41 Old salt
- 42 Caribou's cousin

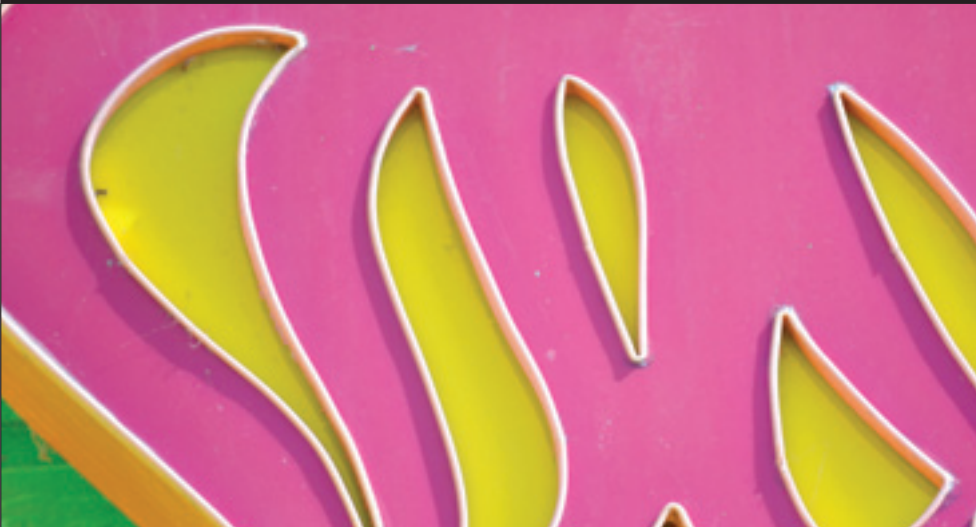
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

GETTING STARTED

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


SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	2	4	5	8	3	9	7	1
5	1	7	9	2	4	6	8	3
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Power#: 12
Jackpot: 110M




Draw Date: 8/25
5 44 54 59 63
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 64M




Draw Date: 8/26
19 28 31 39 47
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 12M



Draw Date: 8/26
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Draw Date: 8/27
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Draw Date: 8/26
EVENING: 5 6 9



Draw Date: 8/26
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:44.39

WORD UP!

protean

1. readily assuming different forms or characters; extremely variable.
2. changeable in shape or form, as an amoeba.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1609 - Henry Hudson discovers Delaware Bay.

1619 - Ferdinand II is elected emperor of the Holy Roman Empire.

1640 - Second Bishop's War: King Charles I's English army loses to a Scottish Covenanter force at the Battle of Newburn.

1789 - William Herschel discovers a new moon of Saturn: Enceladus.

1810 - Battle of Grand Port: The French accept the surrender of a British Navy fleet.

1830 - The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's new Tom Thumb steam locomotive races a horse-drawn car, presaging steam's role in US railroads.

1833 - The Slavery Abolition Act 1833 receives Royal Assent, abolishing slavery through most the British Empire.

1845 - The first issue of Scientific American magazine is published.

1849 - After a month-long siege, Venice, which had declared itself independent as the Republic of San Marco, surrenders to Austria.

1859 - The Carrington event disrupts electrical telegraph services and causes aurora to shine so brightly that they are seen clearly over the Earth's middle latitudes.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In the face of a declining military budget, the Defense Ministry of the Netherlands issued confidential instructions to commanders in July that during training exercises, to preserve dwindling ammunition, soldiers should simply shout "Bang, Bang!" instead of firing their weapons. Said a soldiers' advocate, "Even if you have no bullets, you (still) have to train with your weapon."

■ Thinning the Herd: (1) When two men who had been drinking in the apartment of Brandon Thomas, 30, in Conyers, Georgia, on July 23 wanted to leave, Mr. Thomas objected. "If y'all are going to drink my alcohol, y'all are going to play my game," he said, announcing that his "game" was Russian roulette. Minutes later, after spinning the revolver's cylinder, Mr. Thomas lost the game. (2) Three days later in rural Bell County, Kentucky, John Brock, 60, asked the Lord once again to certify his righteousness by allowing him to safely handle a rattlesnake during services at Mossy Simpson Pentecostal Church. However exemplary Mr. Brock's faith had been previously, on that day, apparently, it was found wanting, and he is no longer with us.



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How can you top this?

by *Mikey Tittinger*

It's been a few months since half-naked women joined Cookie Monster and Buzz Lightyear, taking pictures with Times Square tourists and asking for tips. You know, the same thing unseen people in furry masks are doing with our kids. While most New Yorkers shrug and keep walking, elected officials have their panties in a twist.

Things may change in the plaza known around the world for mass celebrations and its circus-like atmosphere.

Who's killing the party? It's not the mostly Latin American immigrants wearing bodypaint and thongs.

Some tourists have complained, but what's this really about? As usual, follow the money. Times Square businesses (like one represented by a topless mouse!) have complained for years that people dressing as their characters and asking for tips is unlawful. Only it isn't. Courts have ruled it free expression, the same way they judged nude performance. And in The Big Apple, men and women alike can legally be topless in public.



Simply put, no one is breaking any laws. Whether you agree or disagree, make your voice heard. Help a nonprofit that advocates for women's rights or protects the First Amendment. Everybody digs free speech, until they don't. Each of us must fight for the right of people doing and saying things we don't like. Search [Giive's Causes directory](#) to get started.

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TRY A NEW APPROACH, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might have an unusual amount of demands coming from others. You will want to confirm that you are on the same page as them; otherwise, you could witness some uproar. A meeting will be the perfect way to make what you want happen. Tonight: TGIF!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You might feel as if you are being pulled in two different directions. You have the ability to charm someone into following your chosen path. Despite this ability, give this person the space to make his or her own choices. Be willing to listen. Tonight: You are the lead actor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You could be in the position of having to explain your perspective to someone who has chosen to look at a situation from a different angle. If you are careful and choose the right words, you will be successful in getting this person to see your vision. Tonight: Try a new approach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ One-on-one relating will reveal many differences between you and someone else. Respect your different views, and know that all of them are coming from a grounded place. Understand what your limits are with this person. Tonight: How about a close encounter?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Defer to others. If you think an idea is off, listen to the logic behind it. If you still feel the same, how you share it will determine its fate. You might want to rethink your approach. Others respond better to you because of your unique style. Tonight: Join a loved one for TGIF!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your originality marks your decisions. You don't need to get to the bottom of a problem right now; just accept it and move on. Let others fuss. Schedule an appointment to get your hair cut or a checkup with your dentist. Focus on yourself right now. Tonight: An easy pace.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ You have an idea that you might not want to share yet, but somehow it could get out. Recognize how many different ways you can handle this information leak. You also might want to find out the source. Tonight: Dip into the social whirlwind around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could be in the position of handling a lot of personal matters. Why they have landed on your plate might be less important than the reason for their existence in the first place. Put out the fire, then find out who set it. Remain centered in the midst of a mini-crisis. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Conversations swirl around you. Some of the talk might be negative, while some commentaries will express confidence and caring. What you choose to listen to will indicate what kind of mood you are in. Open up to new possibilities. Tonight: Party the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have a solid understanding of finances that generally saves you and points to making good choices. However, what sounds good could turn out to be disastrous. Your antennae might not be picking up the implications of what is occurring. Tonight: Treat a pal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Use the day and the upcoming Full Moon to energize yourself to the max. When you are positive and revitalized, you'll feel as if you can accomplish anything. Do your best to remain upbeat no matter what comes down your path. Tonight: Head in a new direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You could be picking up on so much pessimism that you might want to disappear. Isolating yourself will help, yet you will have little say in the events that follow. What is more important to you -- being involved, or staying away from negativity? Tonight: Vanish if you want.

Friday, August 28, 2015

This year you will be on a more adventurous track than usual. You often seem calm, cool and collected, yet others around you tend to be unpredictable and full of fun. You could find the structure of your days challenged. Though you might want to resist this change, you might not have a choice. If you are single, you will meet someone of significance. In fact, you might discover that you have your choice of wannabe sweeties. If you are attached, you'll turn a major page in your relationship this year. You will walk hand in hand with your partner into a major new phase. AQUARIUS teaches you how to be a good friend.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★Dynamic

★★★★Positive

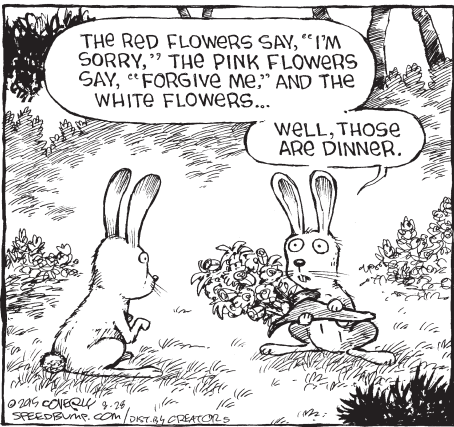
★★★Average

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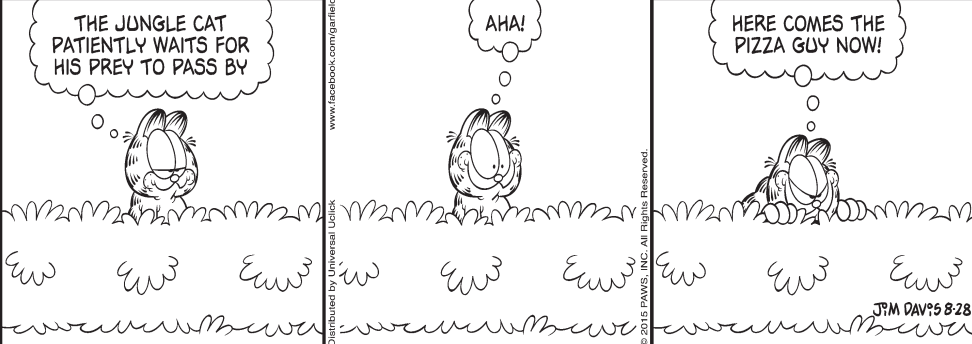
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