Cause of fire at the Huntley Hotel remains a mystery

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Daily Press Staff Writer

Investigators are still talking to witnesses to get to the bottom of a fire that broke out at the top of the Huntley Hotel Saturday. Seven people had to be treated by paramedics after flames shot out from the outside of the hotel, forcing dozens of guests and diners to evacuate Saturday night. No one was taken to the hospital. Despite some damage, the Penthouse Restaurant was open the very next day. "The fire and police departments did a terrific, wonderful job," general manager Manju Raman told the Daily Press. "I am so grateful to them and the employees and managers who made sure the guests were safe. They did what they were trained to do."

Fast-acting staff members used fire extinguishers to fight back the flames until firefighters could get to the scene. About fifty guests were in their rooms at the time. As they ran hotel guests evacuated, witnesses on the ground took video of flames shooting up into the air near the top of the 18-story building. "The fire and police departments did a terrific, wonderful job," general manager Manju Raman told the Daily Press. "I am so grateful to them and the employees and managers who made sure the guests were safe. They did what they were trained to do."

Firefighters protect coastal California towns as blaze rages

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Firefighters kept a wall of flames from descending mountains into coastal neighborhoods after a huge and destructive Southern California wildfire exploded in size, becoming the fifth largest in state history.

Tens of thousands remained under evacuation orders Monday as the fire burned west through foothill areas of Carpinteria and Montecito, seaside Santa Barbara County towns about 75 miles (120 kilometers) northwest of Santa Monica. Much of the fire’s rapid new growth occurred on the eastern and northern fronts into unoccupied areas of Los Padres National Forest, where the state’s fourth largest fire burned a decade ago.

The blaze, which had already destroyed more than 750 buildings, burned through an area as big as New York City in just 9 days. So far, the fire has consumed more than 100,000 acres, destroying more than 600 homes and sending smoke into the sky for miles. The fire is 10% contained.

Los Angeles subway work uncovers array of Ice Age fossils

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

As part of the crew digging a subway extension under the streets of Los Angeles, Ashley Leger always keeps her safety gear close by. When her phone buzzes, she quickly dons a neon vest, hard hat and goggles before climbing deep down into a massive construction site beneath a boulevard east of downtown.

Earth-movers are diverted, and Leger gets on her hands and knees and gently brushes the dirt from a spot pointed out by a member of her team. Her heart beats faster because there’s a chance she’ll uncover what she calls “the big find.” Leger is a paleontologist who digs for fossils in the middle of a city because there’s a chance she’ll uncover what she calls “the big find.”

Taylor Swift pop-up expected to enliven The Promenade this week

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What’s Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, December 12
City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bring your child, volunteers available, Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3:30 – 7 p.m.

Internet Searching Tips & Tricks
Go hands-on with top search engines. Improve your search skills and learn tricks to modify your results to find what you are looking for more easily. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 1 – 2 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Forum: Legal Rights and Responsibilities
The Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office and the City's Rent Control Agency will present a free forum on landlord/tenant rights and responsibilities. 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Auditorium of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Check-in begins at 9 a.m. and pre-registration is required. Contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney’s Office at (310) 458-8691 for more information.

Wednesday, December 13
Mystery Book Group: Shadow Prey
From John Sandford, A slumlord and a welfare supervisor butchered in Minneapolis...a rising political star executed in Manhattan...an influential judge taken out in Oklahoma City...all with the same gristy modus operandi:

Thursday, December 14
Anita L. DeFrantz: My Olympic Life
Santa Monica Public Library welcomes Olympian Anita L. DeFrantz, a member of the rowing team that took Olympic Bronze in 1976 and a longtime member of the International Olympic Committee, for a discussion of her new memoir and her role in planning for the LA 2028 Olympic Games. A book sale and signing follows. 7 – 8:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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IT'S THAT AUTO SHOW TIME OF YEAR!

Which means the traditional trek downtown to the Convention Center to see what the latest creations are out of the automobile world. This year my buddy Paul and I decided to take the Metro from Santa Monica to Staples Center.

Normally we drive down, pay the $25 parking fee, get our tickets for $10 to the show, spend a bunch of money on ice cream and usually stop in at the Mayor's restaurant – the Pantry. Not this year.

I'd taken the Metro Expo Line for a photography seminar earlier in the year and I knew how perfectly situated the station was to the Los Angeles Convention Center so I suggested that we grab the Metro this year for $3.50 round trip per person.

Now I'm not a huge fan of the Metro. I think it was poorly thought out how it integrates into the city of Santa Monica – but I'm not on the planning committee, the council or any other involved party, so I generally shut up about it. If you want to have an honest opinion of the system, you should be involved, and I wasn't.

However, when it comes to the specific trip of travelling from Santa Monica to the Convention Center, I have to say it does make for a very nice, comfortable, easy and inexpensive mode of transportation.

Paul and I hopped on the train at different stations. He got on at 4:35 and I did at 4:58 by 5:45 we were in the Convention Center looking at this year's autos. That's pretty awesome considering how slow the freeway was moving, and the mess the parking lot usually is. Plus we saved $18 on the parking, at least. There was a Kings game, and some of the lots around the Staples Center were charging $35 for parking.

All in all the show was fairly bland this year. The cars themselves were boring, and the displays were uninspired throughout the show. There did seem to be a definite uptick in the number of electric vehicles, especially the three wheeled versions that avoid much of the new car testing and regulations because they are considered motorcycles. I liked the idea of them for our climate. The looked comfortable and convenient, though I'm not sure what the big benefit is as a two seater versus a car. There was a single seater, which makes more sense for a commuter car – it was like half a Smart car in size.

The transition to electric powered transport is definitely coming thanks to the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards which are regulations in the United States, first enacted by the United States Congress in 1975. They demand ever increasing average fuel economy ratings, and the key companies like Ford, Ram and Chevrolet is to balance their overall fuel consumption with offerings that use little or no, gasoline.

This puts pressure on the marketplace to come up with solutions like hybrid cars and tricycles, but also individual transportation solutions like the Segway and the Bird – the electric boards you've seen around town. Because I had to walk from my office at the Convention Center to the 17th street station (an entire six blocks) I wanted to check out the Bird thingamabob that is getting to be so popular around town.

It was an excuse, I own that, but it was a good one. As a kid I had a skateboard for about an hour before my mother threw it out and forbade from having one. So the experience of riding a board as a 51 year old man, especially one that was electric powered was irresistible to me at my age.

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Locating the Bird was the most difficult part of the process for me on Saturday evening. According to the app there was an available Bird at 14th and Olympic. Only problem I had was I didn't see it. Not on the street. Not in the parking lot. But it kept beeping and was shown as available. Finally I went into the gym and asked the desk operator if he had seen it. He didn't know what I was talking about, but said someone else had also been asking for it.

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gutted six more in Carpinteria on Sunday, officials said. It’s just 15 percent contained after charring nearly 360 square miles (930 square kilometers) of dry brush and timber.

“We’re still anxious. I’m not frightened yet,” Carpinteria resident Roberta Lehtinen told KABC-TV. “I don’t think it’s going to come roaring down unless the winds kick up.”

Forecasters predicted that dry winds that fanned several fires across the region for a week would begin to lose their power Monday. Light gusts were pushing onshore, driving the flames back up hillsides and away from communities, Santa Barbara County Fire spokesman Mike Eliason said. But the possibility of “unpredictable” gusts would keep firefighters on edge for days, he said.

Santa Ana winds have long contributed to some of the region’s most disastrous wildfires. They blow from the inland toward the Pacific Ocean, speeding up as they squeeze through mountain passes and canyons.

With the air thick with acrid smoke, even residents of areas not under evacuation orders took the opportunity to leave, fearing another shutdown of U.S. 101, a key coastal highway that was closed intermittently last week. Officials handed out masks to residents who stayed behind in Montecito, the wealthy hillside enclave that’s home to celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey, Jeff Bridges and Drew Barrymore.

Smoke-shrouded Rob Lowe’s home and the actor wore a mask as he livestreamed his family leaving on Sunday. “Hope everybody’s getting out safe like we are, and thanks for the prayers and thoughts. And good luck to the firefighters, we need you!”

Talk show host Ellen DeGeneres tweeted that neighbors were helping each other and their animals get to safety.

“I’m sending lots of love and gratitude to the fire department and sheriffs. Thank you all,” she wrote.

Meanwhile, containment increased on other major blazes in Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties. Resources from those fires were diverted to the Santa Barbara foothills to combat the stubborn and enormous fire that started Dec. 4.

Fires are not typical in Southern California this time of year but can break out when dry vegetation and too little rain combine with the Santa Ana winds. Though the state emerged this spring from a yearslong drought, hardly any measurable rain has fallen in the region over the past six months.

“This is the new normal,” Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown warned Saturday after surveying damage from the deadly Ventura fire. Brown and experts said climate change is making wildfires a year-round threat.

High fire risk is expected to last into January. The small mountain town of Ojai experienced hazardous levels of smoke at times, and officials warned of unhealthy air for large swaths of the region. The South Coast Air Quality Management District urged residents to stay indoors if possible and avoid vigorous outdoor activities.

Despite the size and number of wildfires burning in the region, there has only been one confirmed death: The death of a 70-year-old woman, who crashed her car on an evacuation route, is attributed to the fire in Santa Paula, a small city where the Thomas Fire began.

Most of last week’s fires were in places that burned in the past, including one in the ritzy Los Angeles neighborhood of Bel-Air that burned six homes and another in the city’s rugged foothills above the community of Sylmar and in Santa Paula.

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HUNTLEY
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April primary set to fill vacant Los Angeles Assembly seat

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Voters in a Los Angeles Assembly district will head to the polls to fill a representative — and Democrats without their supermajority — until at least April.

Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday set an April 3 primary date for a special election to replace former Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, who resigned last month amid sexual misconduct allegations. If no candidate gets at least 50 percent of the vote, a general election will be held in place June 5, the same day as the statewide primary.

Bocanegra is one of two San Fernando Valley Democrats to resign amid misconduct claims. The other, Assemblyman Matt Dababneh, will leave office Jan. 1. Despite his repeated denial of a lobbyist’s allegation that he sexually assaulted her in a bathroom last year, a special election hasn’t been scheduled for his seat.

With both members gone, Democrats will be one seat shy of a 54-member supermajority, which is needed to pass any tax or fee increase. The Senate, meanwhile, is fighting to maintain its super-majority as Sen. Josh Newman of Fullerton faces a recall election over his support for increasing the gas tax last year. Sen. Tony Mendoza could also face pressure to resign depending on the results of an investigation into sexual misconduct claims against him.

Democrats used their supermajorities in 2017 to pass the gas tax increase. A super-majority was also needed to renew the cap-and-trade program aimed at fighting climate change, although some Assembly Republicans voted in favor of it and some Democrats did not.

It’s less likely for tax and fee increases to be proposed in election years, as they can be politically unpopular votes. A super-majority is not needed to pass a state budget.

Barring no other resignations, Democrats have a strong chance of winning both Assembly seats back.

Bocanegra’s former district, the 39th, covers parts of the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. He stepped down in late November after multiple women accused him of kissing or groping them without consent.

FOSSILS
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She works for a company contracted by Los Angeles transportation officials to keep paleontologists on hand as workers extend a subway line to the city’s west side.

“They’re making sure that they’re recovering everything single fossil that could possibly show up,” Leger said of her team of monitors. “They call me anytime things are large and we need to lead an excavation.”

Since work on the extension began in 2014, fossil-rich remains have routinely turned up from creatures that roamed the grasslands and forests that covered the region during the last Ice Age, about 10,000 years ago.

They include a partial rabbit jaw, mastodon tooth, camel foreleg, bison vertebrae, and a tooth and ankle bone from a horse.

But the discovery that still makes Leger shake her head in disbelief came about a year ago, shortly after construction began on the project’s second phase. She was at home getting ready for bed when a call came in from one of her monitors.

“It looks big,” he told her.

The next morning, Leger knelt at the site and recognized what appeared to be a partial elephant skull.

It turned out to be much more. After 15 hours of painstaking excavation, the team uncovered an intact skull of a juvenile mammoth.

“It’s an absolute dream come true for me,” said Leger, who spent the previous decade at a South Dakota mammoth site with no discovery that came close to the size of the one in Los Angeles. “It’s the one fossil you always want to find in your career.”

California’s stringent environmental laws require scientists to be on hand at certain construction sites.

Paleontologists have staffed all L.A. subway digs beginning in the 1990s, when work started on the city’s inaugural line, said Dave Sotero, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Paying for the paleontologist staff from Cogstone Resource Management is factored into the project’s cost, he said. When scientists are brought in to see what crews might have unearthed, work on the project continues, albeit in a different location.

“People try to be as mindful as possible to help them do their jobs. We get out of their way,” Sotero said, adding that when the mammoth skull was uncovered, construction workers helped deliver it to the mouth of the site.

From there, the skull was hauled a mile or so to Los Angeles’ La Brea Tar Pits and Museum, home to one of America’s most fossil-rich sites.

Assistant curator Dr. Emily Lindsey called it a “pretty remarkable find,” noting that while thousands of dire wolf and saber-toothed cat remains have been uncovered in L.A., there have been only about 30 mammoths.

A few hundred pounds and the size of an easy chair, the skull is especially rare because both tusks were attached. It’s being studied at the museum’s glass-walled Fossil Lab.

With a nod to Hollywood, the 8- to 12-year-old Columbian mammoth was named Hayden, for the actress Hayden Panettiere, featured in the TV series “Nashville” and “Heroes.”

The Cogstone monitor at the construction site had been watching her on television before spotting the speck of bone that turned out to be the intact skull.

Similar endeavors have turned up subterranean treasures during digs in other cities. Workers at a San Diego construction site found fossils including parts of a mammoth and a gray whale and multiple layers of ancient seashells.

Last year, crews working on a development near Boston’s seaport uncovered a 50-foot (15-meter) wooden boat possibly dating as far back as the late 18th century.

Lindsey praised California’s efforts to ensure science and urban development overlap, while bemoaning what bygone treasures may have been lost before the regulations went into place in the early 1970s.

“Most of the past is below the ground, so you’re only going to find it when you dig,” she said. “As the city grows, I’m sure we’ll find more exciting fossil material.”
The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 390 Calls For Service On Dec. 10.
Here is a sampling of those calls chosen by the Santa Monica Daily Press Staff.

Party complaint 2300 block Ocean 12:02 a.m.
Vehicle blocking 600 block Idaho 12:06 a.m.
Speeding Ocean / Wilshire 2:28 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 2:35 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 200 block San Vicente

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The security guard (victim) was walking the aisles of the store when he observed the sus-
pect take food items and place it in his backpack. He confronted the suspect regarding the items he was concealing in his backpack. The suspect threw his backpack at the victim and pushed him to the ground. While standing over the victim, the suspect threatened to stab the victim. Fearing for his safety, the victim did not confront the suspect anymore. The responding officers located the suspect a short distance away.
The food items and a knife were located in the suspect’s backpack. Jesse Abimalec

Cortez, 26, was arrested for robbery and criminal threats.
Researchers at George Washington University looked at emergency room use in seven developed countries, including the U.S. They report that ER use was lowest in Germany and Australia, most likely due to better, faster access to primary care. The vast majority of Germans and Australians can make same- or next-day appointments with their regular doctors.

ER use was most common in Canada, with the U.S. and Switzerland close behind.

The U.S. was tops in keeping people from coming back to the ER, primarily due to efforts to incentivize hospitals to cut readmission rates.

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**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S CROSSWORD**

M A S T S
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A M A N A
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S A L T S H A K E R
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**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU**

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

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**NEWSWORD CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

1. Annoys
2. Milky gemstone
3. Milk that has no
4. Across
5. Be noisy
6. "Me neither"
7. Koumikova of tennis
8. Crown of a princess
9. Old furnace fuel
10. Tidy
11. Red fruit
12. Prefix for scope or vision
13. Pt. opposite
14. SW
15. Fill with dismay
16. Historical period
17. Be dazed
18. Trees used for archery bows
19. The ‘2%’ of
20. Milk
21. Twofold
22. Farm soil
23. Coffee alternative
24. Bogged down
25. Discover by careful observation
26. Paintings, sculptures, etc.
27. Warty hopper
28. Police vehicle
29. Pie in the ___ (unrealistic prospect)
30. Ashen complexion
31. Poptie legume
32. Prefix for final
33. Red emergency vehicle
34. Not a duplicate: Abbrev.
35. Working busily
36. Ocean’s highs and lows

**DOWN**

1. What’s ___ for me?
2. Lion’s warning
3. Moslem holy book
4. Gives rise to
5. A single time
6. Low-quality
7. Where Noah’s Ark landed
8. Frog’s perch in a pond
9. Red Yuletide costume
10. Prepare to propose
11. Counting everything
12. Chess game ending
13. Thoroughfares that may cross avenues
14. Burger meat
15. High-school dance
16. What contact lenses are placed on
17. Bring in a harvest
18. Out of whack
19. Have dinner
20. Piller
21. Red traffic signal
22. Male sibs
23. 1:43.22
24. 24 Down, for example
25. Great danger
26. Mexican friend
27. Limber
28. Male children
29. Pasta alternative
30. Ending for luncheon
31. Creative thought
32. Uncool person
33. Superfluous suffix
34. Fauvist problem
35. Whirlpool
36. Ring forcefully
37. Circle segment
38. Over the speed limit
39. Mailing-box sealer
40. Novelist or columnist
41. Limo for a
42. 24 Down, for example
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**THE RED**

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 12)

Mercury Solar Conjunction

The alignment of Mercury and the sun reminds us that everyone likes to be in cahoots with success. Far fewer will align themselves with people and situations that are unproven. It's why, if you think you have an idea, it's good to put it in motion regardless of whether or not you have anyone else's support, just to prove the concept.

HEATHCLIFF

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

Agnes

HERE’S MY FIRST MOTIVATIONAL TIP: STAY BLAME-FREE.

GETTING BY WITHOUT EVEN GETTING UP.

BEING ABOVE AVERAGE AT BEING AVERAGE.

DOGS OF C-KENNEL

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Zack Hill

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Many crave your attention, not least of all you. You may not be entirely sure the best way to deliver that, but this solar return is one of experimentation and learning how to best support yourself so that you can offer your unique contribution to the world. There's a mystery to solve in February. A sizable sale happens in April. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 28, 20, 47 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are well aware that people have lives outside of the relationship you share, and yet today this fact will present itself in surprising ways within your inner circle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Don't know what to do? A little thing like that shouldn't stop you. Jump in and start narrowing the field. Just be sure to get out quickly once you realize it's not for you. Either way, you'll stumble into luck with this approach today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
What’s sweet and best served cold? A: Either revenge or ice cream. The former will be on your mind today, not in a vindictive way, just in the way that your success will surely annoy your enemies.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Even though you’d love to do all the things that matter to your dear ones, some of those things are hard, inconvenient or simply not interesting to you. And when you do them anyway—that’s love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The gap between the way you are and the way you want people to think you are—well, that’s a discrepancy for the ages. Since the same is true for everyone you know, why not give yourself a break? You’re human.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Instead of simply saying “No,” you’ll say it more nicely—something along the lines of “Sorry, it’s not going to work” or “Thanks for asking. Wish I could.” Your good manners and superior language will set you apart as a caring person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
If you can’t stick with a project, don’t take that as a sign that you’re personally lacking in any way. Take it as a sign that the right solution is still out there. The right solution is one you can stick with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Those who are fantastic at turning a potentially negative thing into an absolutely positive statement are people who you need on your side right now. Find them, and discuss your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
To try and make motivation happen for other people might be pointless. People generally motivate themselves. You can, however, inspire—by what you say, by who you are—and this is what you’ll do.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Before you try to love others in your way you’ll hopefully remember that they can’t comprehend it in that way. Figure out what communications love in their way, and bring it like that. You’ll be golden.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You’ll gain an advantage in a professional environment. New responsibilities will come with better pay. Tonight: Someone special will seem to favorably alter the light in the room.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Some live in unimaginable excess, while the lot of millions who are lacking in the basic survival needs is not so difficult to picture. You’ll try to equalize whatever you can about the world today. Small efforts will count in a big way.

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白羊座（3月21日-4月19日）
你很清楚人们有他们自己的生活，但今天这个事实会以令人惊讶的方式体现在你的内心圈子里。

金牛座（4月20日-5月20日）
不知道该怎么办？一个小事情，不应该阻止你。跳进去，开始缩小范围。但是一定要快点，一旦你意识到它不适合你。无论是哪种情况，你都会被好运所迷惑。

双子座（5月21日-6月21日）
你是否知道，最好的服务是在冷的时候？A：无论是复仇还是冰淇淋。前者将会是你今天的想法，但是不会是出于复仇，而是在你成功让人感到惊讶的方式。

巨蟹座（6月22日-7月22日）
你甚至会想做所有那些对你亲爱的来说重要的事情，但有些事情是困难的，不方便的或者只是不感兴趣的。

处女座（8月23日-9月22日）
你常常会想，人们应该像你一样，但不总是这样。你会尽力的。今晚：一个特别的人似乎会影响房间的光线。

天秤座（9月23日-10月23日）
如果你不能坚持一个项目，不要认为这是一个信号，你个人在任何方面都缺乏。把它看作是你在寻找合适解决方案的信号。

天蝎座（10月24日-11月21日）
在你试着让别人按照你的方法来爱时，你会希望记住，他们可能无法理解这一点。找出别人的方法，带来他们喜欢的方式。

射手座（11月22日-12月21日）
在你努力爱别人时，你会希望记住，他们无法理解这一点。找出别人的方法，带来他们喜欢的方式。

摩羯座（12月22日-1月19日）
在你努力爱别人时，你会希望记住，他们无法理解这一点。找出别人的方法，带来他们喜欢的方式。

水瓶座（1月20日-2月18日）
你将获得一个在专业环境中的优势。新的责任将带来更好的收入。今晚：一个特别的人似乎会影响房间的光线。

双鱼座（2月19日-3月20日）
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