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THE CIVIC CIVIC ISSUE

City Hall reflects on civic engagement in 2014

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL One year ago today, City Council spent a couple hours discussing strategies for engaging a more diverse group of Santa Monicans, particularly the youth.

Last week, city officials released a report on the strategies they executed in 2014 and the ones they'd like to execute this year.

If you've been to a council meeting recently, you'll see a lot of older residents — often the same ones — despite the fact that a quarter of Santa Monicans are between the ages of 20 and 35.

The discrepancy could have something to do with the fact that, according to a survey financed by City Hall, younger Santa Monicans are more likely to be content with the direction the city is heading. But city officials are concerned that it's also tied to the medium through which they are communicating.

"Local government has been slow to make use of emerging methods of connecting with community members and promoting participation," city officials said in a report. "Traditional models of engaging in the public decision-making process have proven antiquated in today's fast-paced world. Local government is faced with managing a vibrant 21st century representative democracy with tools from the late 19th century."

Last year, city officials engaged the public through classes, talks and art projects.

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Ed Board to pick seventh member Thursday

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Board of Education will consider selecting a seventh member to fill the seat left vacant by State Senator Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) at its meeting this Thursday.

Ten of the 11 candidates who submitted applications were deemed eligible by the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (former Santa Monica High School baseball coach Kurt Schwengel would have to quit his teaching job to take the seat) and they will each be given 15 minutes to speak to the board in public.

The term on Allen's vacant seat expires at the end of 2016.

At least four of the remaining six board members will have to agree on a candidate to fill that seat.

Three of the 10 applicants were losers in November's election. This includes Ralph Mechur, who served on the board since 2007 and is considered one of the favorites to fill the seat.

Mechur was appointed the first time around and won his first election in 2010. He finished fifth in a race for four seats in November and is seeking another appointment.

Jon Kean, who's currently the PTA President at Lincoln Middle School and previously served as the PTA President at Roosevelt Elementary, is on that list, as is Tom Larmore, an attorney and partner at Harding Larmore Kutcher & Kozal, who says

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Workshop invites public to explore future of Civic Auditorium



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SIM-CIVIC: A simulation game will be available at the upcoming workshop to help residents conceptualize options for the Civic Auditorium.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

CIVIC CENTER After months of discussion about the future of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, appointed community members and other interested citizens will soon grapple with the issue in a simulated yet much more concrete way.

The Civic Working Group and city officials have organized a community workshop Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 during which participants will consider spatial and financial limitations and use a specially designed software program to tinker with possibilities for the historic structure and its surroundings.

The upcoming workshop was the focus of the Civic panel's roughly 90-minute meeting Monday night in the facility's East Wing, where HR&A Advisors partner Paul Silvern detailed to group members the schedule of the two-day seminar as well as the nature of the interactive software and the numerical assumptions it makes.

Although data collected through the

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

January 14

FAFSA: The Key to College Dollars
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Is your son or daughter going off to college next year? Need financial aid? Filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step. Diana Hanson of College Mentors will present an in-depth look at the FAFSA and provide helpful tips for filling it out effectively. No signup required. Seating first-come, first-served.

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

Montana Mystery Book Group: Crocodile on the Sandbank
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Amelia Peabody, a Victorian gentlewoman of 32, inherited two things from her father: his fortune and a formidable self-confidence. The first permitted her to pursue her keen interest in Egyptology. And the second proved very useful when she takes in a young woman on her way to an archaeological expedition in Egypt — a young woman that quickly becomes the target of a kidnapping attempt — as well as a host of complications for Amelia herself.

January 15

Emeritus College art exhibit
Emeritus College Art Gallery
1227 2nd St 5 - 6:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Emeritus Art Gallery will present a retrospective exhibition of representational work by contemporary California artist Freddie Manseau. The event will be held at the Emeritus College Art Gallery, 1227 2nd St., from Jan.15 - Feb. 25. The opening night reception is Thursday, Jan. 15 from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Miss Dakota's Gypsy Rose
Harvelle's Blues Club
1432 4th Street
Doors Open at 8 p.m.
Show begins at 10 p.m.
Miss Dakota's Gypsy Rose is a full dance production that infuses Classic Burlesque with Latin, Ballet, Cabaret, and Aerial influences starring Miss Dakota along side a bevy of professional dancers, specialty acts, and surprise guests. Three acts. Not suitable for children. Admission: $20-$40

Rent Control Board Meeting
Santa Monica Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
6 p.m.
Visit http://www.smgov.net/rentcontrol for more information.

Recreation and Parks Commission
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7:30 p.m.
Meeting of the Recreation & Parks Commission. Visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/CCS/content.aspx?id=31987 for more information.

Housing Commission Meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 4:30 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Visit http://www.smgov.net/Departments/HED/Housing_and_Redevelopment/Housing/Housing_Commission_Agendas/Housing_Commission.aspx for more information.

Yoga for 50+
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 2 .m.
Certified Yoga Therapist Bea Ammidown from the YogAbility Institute leads participatns in a series of chair yoga poses through live demonstration and a DVD screening. Q&A to follow. (60 min.)

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SCHOOL
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in his application that he's running because he supports public education but sees the district losing students to private schools.

Jake Wachtel, who placed eighth out of eight candidates in the 2010 Ed Board race, pulling in just over 6,000 votes, is eligible for the seat. He has served as a PTA President at Grant Elementary and worked previously as a coach and a teacher.

Jennifer deNicola has been one of the most vocal advocates for the removal of PCBs from schools. DeNicola, a Malibu resident, speaks at many of the Ed Board meetings, calling for greater transparency surrounding the environmental and health concerns at Malibu High School.

Larry Droeger, of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, is applying for the open seat because he has two kids currently in the district and one who just graduated from Malibu High School.

David Hays, a Malibu resident, is the parent of two teenage students formerly in the district.

Sion Roy, a member of the Santa Monica Democratic Club's executive committee, is eligible. He's a cardiologist at Harbor UCLA and chairs the district's Health and Safety advisory committee.

Dhun May, who placed seventh out of eight in November's election, filed for the seat. She received 5,169 votes.

Patty Finer, who placed eighth in November's election, submitted an application. She pulled in 5,148 votes.

Each candidate will be asked the same four questions and there will be no follow-up questions. This is, according to the district, to ensure impartiality.

They will have two minutes for an opening statement, two minutes for each of the four questions, and time for a "brief closing statement".

Board members will have five minutes between each candidate to record their own notes.

After the interview process, the public will have a chance to speak and the board will have a chance to deliberate in open session.

Then board members will nominate candidates. Each board member will write his or her choice down on a piece of paper and a district official will read the votes aloud.

"If one of the nominees has received four or more votes, then the board will make a motion, second, and cast a verbal vote to appoint the applicant to fill the vacancy on the board," district officials said in a report. "If none of the nominees receive four or more votes, the board members will begin the deliberation, nomination, and voting process over until one of the candidates has received four or more votes."

If no one challenges the appointment through a petition within 30 days, the decision will be considered final.

If the decision were successfully challenged, it would go to a special election, which could cost the district hundreds of thousands or dollars.

The meeting will take place at the district's administrative offices, at 1651 16th Street in Santa Monica. The public meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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Perfumery Workshop & Excursion
1450 Ocean
6 - 10 p.m.
Back by popular demand, our exclusive Aromatic Excursion events with the Institute for Art & Olfaction are a treat for the senses! Tour the famous Santa Monica Pier with perfumer Saskia Wilson-Brown and friends, clandestinely investigating the scents from Pier attractions, restaurants and the surrounding seascape. Call (310) 458-2239, email communityclasses@smgov.net or visit http://ow.ly/oZGSg for registration information.

Pico Branch Book Group
Pico Branch library
2201 Pico Blvd. 7 - 8 p.m.
January's selection is The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion. An international sensation, this hilarious, feel-good novel is narrated by an oddly charming and socially challenged genetics professor on an unusual quest: to find out if he is capable of true love.

January 16

WISE & Healthy Aging: Volunteer Orientation
Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th St.
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Apply your skills as a volunteer at WISE & Healthy Aging. Information will be provided on volunteer roles and responsibilities; and how to best provide support for older adults. To register, contact Erica Simunovic at (310) 394-9871, ext. 552 or esimunovic@wiseandhealthyaging.org

Cheese tasting
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Cheeses of Europe brings its savory range of cheeses to Santa Monica Place. Hosted by the French Cheese Board, the tasting will feature more than 15 types of European cheese samples from France. In addition, the event will include a photo exhibit showcasing sexy ladies who love cheese (Les Filles à Fromages), visuals from the newly launched "Make it Magnifique" communications campaign, and cheeses for sale at discovery prices.

Friday family movie: Planes - fire & rescue
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Championship air-racer Dusty Crophopper begins an exciting new career fighting forest fires.

Main Library Docent Tours
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time.

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Appropriate compensation

Editor:

As the city creates criteria for the new City Manager, I hope careful focus will be made to what is appropriate compensation. There was a big problem with the city paying Ron Gould $484,000 in salary and benefits. It gave him zero ability to ask city unions to be reasonable with their salary and benefit demands.

Currently we face a giant problem. The city's budget, which is already three times the size of comparable California cities, is unable to keep with city's future pension obligation to city staff. No city can afford to provide average salary and benefits that are more than double the average salary and benefits of its residents. In order to meet the need for out of control city revenue, there is tremendous pressure on City Council to approve developments that are completely out of scale with neighborhoods, and harm our quality of life.

No employee of a city of 90,000 should be making salary and benefits that exceed $250,000/year. If the new city manager sets the standard for reasonable compensation, he or she would have the ability to be credible when talking to the city employee unions about salary and benefits need to be in the ball park of what similar jobs pay in the private sector.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica







Curious City

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Where bottles and beers are the stars

SO THERE WAS THIS POOR ENGLISH KID from Bristol whose mother was locked away in an institution in 1913 by his father, for the depression she suffered after her other child died, but 9-year-old Archibald was told that his mother was dead. A year later his father remarried and started a new family, but it didn't include little Archie.

No one knows who cared for him but by 14 he had been expelled from school, so he packed up for London, where he learned juggling and stilt walking and other exotic skills and was hired by a troupe that performed in music halls and later got an offer to tour the States. Archie decided, at 16, that was where his fortunes lay, left the troupe in New York and got into Broadway musicals, then Hollywood movies, and worked on losing the Cockney accent he had picked up in London. He was only partially successful but wound up with a clipped hybrid that American audiences loved, by the time the studios changed his name to Cary Grant.

Phil McGovern, Cockney proprietor of the Daily Pint on Pico Boulevard since 1987, would be the last one to tell you he'd be mistaken for Cary Grant. (Phil's work uniform does not include tailored suits.) But he could understand why an actor back then would want to lose that workingman's accent. Cockney got a bad rep starting 600 years ago with a snob named Chaucer. By 1909 the London City Council declared "the Cockney mode of speech, with its unpleasant twang, is a modern corruption without legitimate credentials, and is unworthy of being the speech of any person in the capital city of the Empire." Well!

Most Americans are unaware some British still practice discrete class discrimination; lacking the "proper" family, schooling and social standing is usually betrayed by your dialect, and will hold you back. By the time McGovern was 16 he left school (not expelled) and at that same tender age likewise realized his fortunes lay west, in sunny California. "I thought I'd get a better shake in America," is the way he put it.

Upon arriving in L.A. at 17 he made two quick, smart decisions: live in Santa Monica, seek your fortune in Beverly Hills. By 21 he was learning haircutting in the Beverly Hills salon of Dusty Fleming, and within a few years was able to open his own salon, cleverly named British Hairways.

His home in Santa Monica was just across the street from a shabby biker bar named the Orbit. "I used to come in late at night, after work, have a quick beer," said McGovern, "then one night the guy said, 'Hey, want to buy this place?' I thought, that'd be something I'd like to get into. Back in London as a kid I was around the pub scene, so it was like a duck to water." He said there was no craft beer scene then, just Sierra Nevada ("still one of my top sellers"), Firestone and Red Hook, and he started bringing in some good European brews.

Now the Daily Pint, named for a line in "Band on the Run," boasts 33 beers on tap, 3 on cask and more than 100 bottled beers, rotated daily, all listed on a wall-covering chalkboard you can't believe when you first see it, divided by type, with alcoholic percentages noted. McGovern says staying ahead of the craft beer boom is what made his business, and accounts for the majority of it.

They have special tastings of small casks occasionally, and I discovered the best beer in the world there a year ago: Goose Islands' Bourbon County Stout. I did a sampling of small glasses of each variety a few nights ago, and my faith in humanity was renewed. It's dense, black, a bit sweet, almost soft and chewy, aged in Kentucky bourbon barrels, you sip it and it puts nearly everything else called beer to shame. They have it only once or twice a year, and it's gone by the next day.

But as much as I love my Bourbon County Stout, I'm a whiskey and Scotch man, and that means the Daily Pint is my portal to paradise. More than 1,000 whiskeys, more than 300 different single malt Scotches. Matched by very few establishments in the world. The Balvenie is my favorite Scotch, and McGovern claims to have 15-18 different varieties. The rarest is the yearly release of The Balvenie Tun. $90 a shot.

But you have more expensive shots, right Phil? "Yeah, we do."

Most expensive? "We've got a 1946 Scotch that's $1,600 a shot." When was the last time you sold one of those? "Yeah… we haven't yet, haven't opened that one yet." Patience pays profits. He has bottles he's held 10 or 20 years. "Of course, many are now priced five times what I paid for them." Better than real estate.

Do groups run up four figure tabs here? "Oh, not groups, individuals. Often."

Celebrities? "All the time, but you expect that because it's Santa Monica. They come because it's under the radar here. We don't make a fuss and it allows them to fly."

Well? Give me a story. "I don't like to drop names, but Quentin Tarantino wrote 'Kill Bill' right here where we're sitting." What?! You never told me that! "I just did."

What next? "Saturday, January 24th is our 6th Annual Robbie Burns Night. We urge the public of Santa Monica and surrounding areas to wear their best kilts. Yes, I will be wearing mine, McGovern is a Scottish name, you know. All Burns fans are encouraged to recite 'Ode to a Haggis,' his best-known work besides 'Auld Lang Syne.'" With enough shots of my favorite whiskey, Writers Tears, I'll faithfully recite and produce the tears.

Here's a final insight on the low-key proprietor. On the web site they list six employees. "Alicia's here just three, four years," he said, "and Llan, almost from the beginning, 25 years." Do your people stay here a long time?

"Uh, I haven't had anybody quit yet." Really. In 27 years. Had to fire anyone? "Nope."

That's remarkable — you must be nicer than you try to let on, I teased, and he chuckled.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Urban Tides Photo & Video Contest

USC Sea Grant launched the Urban Tides Photo & Video Contest recently along with partners Heal the Bay, Aquarium of the Pacific, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Los Angeles Waterkeeper, and The Bay Foundation. The contest will engage community members throughout Los Angeles and Orange Counties to capture images and videos of flooding impacts from extreme high tides and winter storms. The contest runs from Jan. 12 - Feb. 26.

"Urban tides are rising," said Phyllis Grifman, Associate Director of USC Sea Grant. "These images will help communities and local governments visualize the future impacts of sea level rise and set priorities to adapt."

Sea level rise in the Los Angeles region is expected to match global projections with an increase of 5 - 24 inches by 2050. Sea level rise will worsen the impacts of flooding and coastal erosion due to high tides and storm surge, thus increasing the risks and costs to maintain beaches and coastal infrastructure.

The contest seeks imagery of tidal impacts on beaches, piers, roads, canals, power plants, the port complex, and other coastal infrastructure. Extremely high tides, called king tides, that will occur on Jan. 19, 20, 21 and Feb. 17, 18, 19 are an ideal time to capture imagery.

"This is a great way for the public and students of all ages to become citizen scientists," said Dr. Juliette Finzi Hart, Marine and Climate Science Specialist at USC Sea Grant. "It should be a fun contest and inspire people to take pictures that will help shape our future."

Images and videos from the contest will be shared broadly through partner organization's websites and digital displays in aquaria. They will also be shared directly with community leaders and local governments through workshops and webinars as part of USC Sea Grant's Regional AdaptLA program.

For more information, including how to submit images and videos, visit: http://dornsife.usc.edu/uscseagrant/urban-tides-contest.

– SUBMITTED BY HOLLY RINDGE

Citywide

SMMUSD Parent Engagement Survey nets strong response and high satisfaction

A District-wide survey of parents in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District elicited a strong response from participants and garnered across-the-board high marks for the District's performance on a wide range of parent engagement topics. Respondent ratings regarding the quality of education at SMMUSD and its efforts to support, engage and be responsive to parents were among the highlights of the survey.

The interactive Parent Engagement survey, crafted with assistance from the Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council, is part of an ongoing effort by Santa Monica-Malibu Unified to better serve parents, students and staff by soliciting candid feedback from the District community.

"This survey truly illustrates our goal to better engage our parents and community, which is a priority under our Local Control Accountability Plan," said Superintendent Sandra Lyon. "We are so pleased with not only the high response rate from our families, but also that they are overwhelmingly pleased with the high-quality education available at Santa Monica-Malibu Unified schools."

Over 3,000 parents, representing approximately 40 percent of District households, completed the survey – the District's strongest survey response to date. Parents responded both online and a paper survey that was sent home with students.

Most notably, over 90 percent of participants reported they were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of education their students are receiving at SMMUSD. Participants also reported that Santa Monica-Malibu schools are family friendly, with over 80 percent of participants feeling very welcome at their respective schools; 75 percent say that they are informed about tutoring, after-school programs, student performances and parent meetings; and 75 percent feeling that staff is readily available to discuss learning needs and answer questions.

Parents were also asked to rate the individual academic and enrichment programs currently being funded by parent and community donations for the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation. Respondents placed high value on such programs or services: professional development for teachers (97 percent felt these are important/extremely important) visual and performing arts (92 percent), additional middle and high school English and math periods (90 percent) and highly trained instructional assistants (92 percent).

Two-thirds of participants believe that their school site has high or very high expectations for parent involvement, and nearly all participants attend official school events such as Back to School Nights, open houses and visual arts performances.

Parents also revealed areas in which they would like to be more informed. Music and arts opportunities, honors programs, summer learning and enrichment programs, Common Core and tutoring and schoolwork assistance were among the topics about which participants would like more information.

In addition, the survey found that Santa Monica-Malibu households have a high proportion of college-educated parents and, across the board, households are equipped with computers, laptops and/or smart phones. Many of the respondents are also involved in their school's PTA.

In addition to being sent home with all elementary students, the survey was emailed to parents for all grade levels, was also available on the District's website and presented at English Learner Advisory Committee meetings. All questions were voluntary and answers anonymous, with the survey available in Spanish.

Past surveys have sought feedback on Special Education Satisfaction, homework and the Local and Accountability Plan/Local Control Funding Formula. Upcoming surveys and results of past surveys can be found at www.smmusd.org. They are designed and administered by an independent technology and communications firm.

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ENGAGEMENT

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The People's Academy was offered twice in 2014. It offered 20 applicants (40 total) a "behind-the-scenes look at local government operations" over the course of six classes. More than 250 people applied for the two classes.

People's Academy students met with members of the school district and the police and fire chiefs.

"During class participants talked at length with instructors about the consequences and trade-offs of long-term public policy and resource decisions," officials said in the report. "Rarely did ideas and opinions about the use of public resources align. Participants disagreed, yet everyone remained willing to participate and find solutions to the scenarios presented."

Two of these academies will be offered in 2015, one starting in April, the other in September.

City Hall also organized a couple art projects through which residents and visitors expressed their feelings about the city. One allowed them to write on chalkboards and the other on nametags.

Most of the responses included in the photos from City Hall are positive, although there is the occasional "I (heart) parking tickets."

More than 250 people attended at least one of the three November Santa Monica Talks events, which brought together members of the community with big players in City Hall. City Manager Rod Gould was available to talk during the opening event and 70 percent of those in attendance found it highly informative.

Attendance was up 63 percent from 2012 (the event is held every other year).

Notably, a significant number of attendees were between the ages of 25 and 35, according to survey results.

In 2015, City Hall plans on making some technological upgrades to the civic engagement process.

"The ability to submit a chit to speak on a specific Council agenda item electronically will be available in 2015," city officials said. "Staff is investigating ways for people to track specific issues on a Council agenda and to use technology to participate more easily in the public decision-making process."

They're also planning to host events that would bring people together over drinks to talk community and urban life in the 21st century.

The tech community is interested in hosting a hack-a-thon, according to city officials, which would give residents an opportunity to tackle community issues through technology. An app, for example, could make it easier to listen to live city meetings on a smartphone.

"A technological platform," city officials said, "would complement, not supplant, other non-technology-based ways to connect community members with staff and elected officials."

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Tulsa

Tulsa airport adding nonstop flights to Tampa, L.A., Vegas

Tulsa International Airport officials have said nonstop flights to Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Tampa Bay, Florida, are being added through Allegiant Air.

Before airport officials made the announcement Tuesday, the airport had nonstop flights to 16 cities.

The airline said in a news release Tuesday that it decided to add the services because of strong performances in the Tulsa airline market.

Service to Las Vegas via McCarren International Airport begins April 8 and will be year-round. Service to Tampa Bay, Florida, via St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport and Los Angeles via LAX will be seasonal. Service to both destinations will run two times each week.

– AP

Long Beach

3 dead in Long Beach may have been overcome by fumes

Authorities say three people found dead in a Long Beach apartment may have been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes.

Los Angeles County coroner's Assistant Chief Ed Winter said the bodies were discovered Monday night by police officers conducting a welfare check at the request of a neighbor.

The dead were a man in his 50s, a woman in her 30s, and a male whose age was unknown.

Their bodies were in a state of decomposition.

Winter said a propane heater was discovered near the victims, who were found in a bedroom.

He said the case is being investigated as an accident.

The victims' names were withheld, pending notification of their relatives.

– AP

Oakland

Port of Oakland reached all-time high in cargo volume 2014

The Port of Oakland has reached an all-time high in cargo volume thanks to a stronger U.S. demand for Asian goods and because busy ports in Southern California have diverted some of their cargo north to Oakland.

Port Maritime Director John Driscoll said Tuesday the port handled the equivalent of 2.394 million 20-foot freight containers last year, the biggest number since 2006 when it handled 2.391 million boxes.

Driscoll said a labor dispute between waterfront employers and dockworkers is magnifying the slowdown at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Because of a freight backlog, the Southern California ports in December rerouted 74,356 loaded import containers to Oakland. That's the biggest number of rerouted containers since May.

The Port of Oakland said overall container volume, which includes imports and exports, increased 2 percent in 2014.

– AP

Los Angeles

Dodgers, AJ Ellis agree to $4.25 million, 1-year deal

Catcher A.J. Ellis and the Los Angeles Dodgers have agreed to a $4.25 million, one-year contract, a $700,000 raise.

Ellis hit a career-low .191 last season while playing in 93 games. He spent time spent on the disabled list for knee surgery and a sprained ankle.

New general manager Farhan Zaidi recognized that Ellis is a leader on the club whose preparation and comfort level with the pitching staff is valuable. Ace Clayton Kershaw was vocal in his support of Ellis last season.

Ellis, who had been eligible to file for salary arbitration Tuesday, turns 34 in April.

– AP

Los Angeles

East LA truck fire sets fire to freeway overpass

Westbound lanes of a major Los Angeles freeway were closed Tuesday after a burning big-rig set fire to the overpass.

Authorities said the truck was carrying TVs and washing machines when its cab caught fire on Interstate 10 in East LA at around 11 a.m. Tuesday.

No one was injured and the truck fire was doused but Los Angeles County fire Capt. Keith Mora said the truck burned under an overpass and the extreme heat apparently caused wooden framing inside the bridge to smolder.

He said crews must now determine how much of the overpass is burning and whether it's been damaged enough to make it unsafe for cars.

– AP



Delta flight returns to Los Angeles after emergency

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The pilots of a Delta Air Lines flight from Los Angeles to Minneapolis declared an emergency soon after takeoff Tuesday when they began having trouble controlling their Boeing 757.

Flight 2116 safely returned to Los Angeles International Airport after circling off the Southern California coast for about an hour to burn fuel. There were no reports of injuries among the 152 people on board.

Comments from the pilots to air traffic controllers indicated they were struggling to keep the aircraft flying on a straight line. Aviation safety experts said that while unusual, the issue in this case did not appear too threatening.

Within minutes of takeoff, the crew calmly declared an emergency and an unidentified person in the cockpit explained, "we got a yaw problem, and we're having a little trouble controlling the airplane," according to recording on LiveATC.net, an independent website that monitors and posts communications between pilots and air traffic controllers.

Yaw refers to the left-or-right movement of an aircraft's nose, and controlling it is important to avoid not just the feeling of sliding but also a more dangerous problem called a Dutch roll — an exaggerated tail-wagging, rocking motion that can lead to a total loss of control.

Pilots said that it's not unusual for a crew to declare an emergency and cut short a flight, but the Delta pilot's comment that he didn't have full command of the plane made Tuesday's incident more serious.

"Any time you have a flight-control problem in a commercial airplane, it's an emergency," said John Nance, a former military and airline pilot.

The plane took off at 8:39 a.m., and the tracking website FlightAware showed it making arcing turns about 5,000 feet above the Pacific Ocean before returning. During that period, the crew told air traffic controllers they wanted time to speak with Delta officials.

"If it was a super emergency, he wouldn't burn down fuel. He'd just come down and bang it on the ground," said Michael Barr, a former pilot and aviation safety instructor at the University of Southern California.

But if the pilots could maintain control, the prudent course was to burn fuel to get to a proper landing weight and return to "get it back to maintenance and figure out what it was before taking it any further," Barr said.

Upon touching down shortly after 9:30 a.m., the plane rolled back to a terminal, followed across the airfield by emergency vehicles.

In an emailed statement, Delta called the problem "a potential systems issue" without elaborating. A spokesman, Morgan Durrant, said it was "too soon" to get into more detail and that the airline was focused on rebooking customers on other flights.

Associated Press Writers John Antczak and Christopher Weber contributed. Airlines Writer David Koenig contributed from Dallas.

CIVIC
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software will not lead directly to action, it will provide Civic group members with helpful feedback as they continue formulating advice for City Council on what to do with the iconic cultural landmark whose redevelopment funds were stripped about a year and a half ago.

The recent meeting gave team members a detailed look at how financing might play out for a variety of projects at the Civic site, including a performing arts center, a cultural campus, an event complex, a small music venue, a museum, an artists' space, an educational/media facility and a rehearsal/office hub. The grounds could possibly feature a combination of these.

Silvern noted that some of the monetary estimates depend in part on the operating entity and that financing would be altered significantly if the space were managed by a private entertainment company. In that case, the city would likely cover a major portion of construction costs but would probably not be responsible for operating costs.

Silvern added that the software has limits on how much money can be bundled through private philanthropy, a topic that sparked debate among panel members over realistic fundraising goals.

Officials reiterated that budgeting requires assumptions and that the software is meant to help citizens understand the complexity of the issues at hand.

"This is good," group member Frank Gruber said. "It tells people that they have to think about the consequences."

Gruber also suggested looking into what it would take for the auditorium to earn federal landmark status, a designation that could provide tax credits for potential investors.

Fellow panelist Iao Katagiri said community activists might not agree with the software's estimates but added that they should fiddle with the parameters to see if any new ideas arise.

On the first day of the workshop, attendees will learn about the software and take part in facilitated discussions about building options, costs, parking needs and other factors. On the second day, participants will cluster in small groups and use digital computer tablets to work through the software and delve into site specifics while keeping a balanced budget. Each day of the workshop will include time for public input.

Interested citizens who are unable to attend the workshop can navigate through the interactive budgeting exercise and share ideas online Feb. 2-14 at www.santamonicacivic.org.

The group also discussed making the software available at Santa Monica Public Library branches.

The upcoming event is the second in a series of three workshops on Civic renovation. The first, which was held in September, allowed participants to tour the site and share ideas. The final seminar is scheduled for March 21.

Group member Phil Brock wondered aloud Monday what it would cost to keep Civic lights on at night even though the building is not in regular use. He argued that it would make the area safer and could generate public interest in future conversations about the auditorium's future.

"We should remind people: 'Drive by, walk by, look at it,'" he said. "Let's see if it's something they treasure or not. Is it valuable to the city psyche?"

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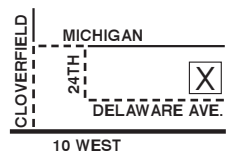


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Contest to succeed Sen. Boxer prompts hectic maneuvering

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES California Attorney General Kamala Harris on Tuesday became the first Democrat to enter the high-stakes, high-dollar race to replace Barbara Boxer in the U.S. Senate.

The decision by Harris marked the opening of what promises to be a wide-open contest that ranks among the most expensive Senate campaigns of 2016.

Harris' decision — just five days after Boxer's announcement that she would leave the Senate at the end of her term — appeared designed to discourage potential challengers and give her a head start on fundraising.

Billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer, another Democrat, said he planned to decide shortly if he would become a candidate. Meanwhile, another prominent Democrat, former Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, was consulting with advisers in preparation for a possible run.

Allan Hoffenblum, publisher of the California Target Book, a political almanac, said Harris remains relatively unknown in parts of California, and he expects someone from the Hispanic community and the business sector to seek the office.

"There's just too many egos and ambitions out there," Hoffenblum said. "If Kamala Harris does clear the field, I wouldn't be surprised if the business community, which doesn't really want another Barbara Boxer going to Washington, looks for somebody who would run as (an independent) candidate."

The 50-year-old Harris, the first woman and first minority to serve as California's top prosecutor, launched her campaign with a statement on her website. She called herself a fighter — echoing a mantra often used by the liberal Boxer during her campaigns.

"I will be a fighter for middle class families who are feeling the pinch of stagnant wages and diminishing opportunity," Harris said. "I will be a fighter for our children who deserve a world-class education, and for students burdened by predatory lenders and skyrocketing tuition. And I will fight relentlessly to protect our coast, our immigrant communities and our seniors."

Her online announcement came with a box that supporters could click if they wanted to donate to her campaign.

Steyer, a 57-year-old former hedge fund manager, said in a statement on his blog on The Huffington Post that Washington needs "climate champions" who will fight for the next generation.

"California Democrats are blessed to have a deep bench of talent and I will decide soon" on the race, Steyer said.

Boxer and fellow Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., were first elected in 1992 and have held the seats for a generation. Their long tenures created a logjam among ambitious, younger politicians eager to seek the coveted jobs.

Democrats are well-positioned to retain the Senate seat in the state where the party controls every statewide office and both chambers in the Legislature.

A crowded contest could set off geographic, as well as political, infighting.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat who is close to Villaraigosa, said the contest should reflect the state's diversity and Southern California "has to be part of this equation."

The names of at least a dozen other Democrats were circulating as possible candidates. Democratic congresswoman Loretta Sanchez reiterated that she was exploring a bid.

"Californians deserve a strong voice in Washington and I have never been afraid to speak up," she said.

Tom Del Beccaro and Duf Sundheim, two former chairmen of the California Republican Party, are also considering runs for the office.

Harris is a friend of President Barack Obama and attracted national attention when she helped negotiate a settlement with major mortgage lenders and secured extra funding for California.

The daughter of an Indian mother and black father, Harris was elected California attorney general in 2010. Her announcement came a day after a potential rival, former San Francisco mayor and current California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, said he would not run for the open seat created by Boxer's retirement next year.

As the state's chief law enforcement officer, Harris has focused her crime-fighting efforts on cross-border gangs that she says are increasingly engaged in high-tech crimes such as digital piracy and computer hacking to target businesses and financial institutions.



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WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Old/easing WNW swell; New/small SSW swell moves in and tops out; New WNW swell will build in Wednesday night; Peaky little combo for exposed beachbreaks

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
New/primary WNW swell fills in further and peaks; Strongest overall at winter magnets to the far west/north; Small/secondary SSW swell holds; Occasional crossed up peaks at combo exposed

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
BIGGEST EARLY; Primary/easing WNW swell; Strongest overall at winter magnets to the far west/north; Small/secondary SSW swell eases; Occasional crossed up peaks at combo exposed

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Mix of old/easing WNW swell and new/building WNW swell; Minor/easing SSW swell; Strongest overall at winter magnets to the far west/north

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 10
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	B
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	D
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	D	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND
- **DRY** -- each location is graded on an A - F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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- **ns** -- no sample taken

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Poll: An appetite for labeling genetically modified foods

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WASHINGTON A large majority of Americans support labeling of genetically modified foods, whether they care about eating them or not.

According to a December Associated Press-GfK poll, 66 percent of Americans favor requiring food manufacturers to put labels on products that contain genetically modified organisms, or foods grown from seeds engineered in labs. Only 7 percent are opposed to the idea, and 24 percent are neutral.

Fewer Americans say genetically modified ingredients are important to them when judging whether a food is healthy. About 4 in 10 said the presence of such ingredients was very or extremely important to them.

That's higher than the share who say it's important to know whether a food is organic, and about on par with the share saying they consider the amount of protein in a food an important factor.

For some, the debate over GMOs is about the food system overall. Andrew Chan of Seattle said he strongly favors labeling genetically modified ingredients, but those ingredients themselves aren't most important to him. As a parent, he said his top concern is the abundance of processed foods.

"GMO ingredients aren't the number one thing, but more than likely within a processed food I'd find something that is a genetically modified product," said Chan, 41.

Genetically modified seeds are engineered to have certain traits, such as resistance to herbicides or certain plant diseases. Most of the country's corn and soybean crop is now genetically modified, with much of that becoming animal feed. Modified corn and soybeans are also made into popular processed food ingredients such as corn oil, corn starch, high-fructose corn syrup and soybean oil.

Currently, the Food and Drug Administration doesn't require labeling of genetically modified foods, saying those on the market are safe. Consumer advocates backing labeling say shoppers have a right to know what is in their food, arguing not enough is known about their effects.

The AP-GfK poll comes as several states have weighed in on the issue. Vermont became the first state to require labels for genetically modified foods last year, passing a law in May that will take effect mid-2016 if it survives legal challenges. Maine and Connecticut passed laws before Vermont, but those measures don't take effect unless neighboring states follow suit. Ballot initiatives to require labeling were narrowly defeated in California, Washington and Oregon in recent years.

The food industry and seed companies have aggressively fought attempts to force labeling, and have pushed a bill in Congress that would block those efforts. The bill by Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kansas, would reaffirm that such food labels are voluntary, overriding any state laws that require them.

In a December congressional hearing on the issue, members of both parties were less inclined than the public to support labeling. Many questioned whether mandatory GMO labels would be misleading to consumers since there is little scientific evidence that such foods are unsafe.

According to the AP-GfK poll, public support for labeling GMOs was bipartisan, with 71 percent of Democrats and 64 percent of Republicans favoring labeling. Even among conservative Republicans, more than 6 in 10 favor a labeling requirement.

Jay Jaffe, a Republican from Philadelphia, says he strongly favors labeling even though he has no problem buying GMOs. "If they are cheaper and they taste right to me, I'll buy it," he says.

Still, he thinks there should be accountability in the food industry. "It should be there and not in small print," he said of GMO labels. "People should be able to make a choice."

Lucinda Morel, an independent who leans Democratic from Los Angeles, says she is very conscious of ingredients as a mother of three young children. She strongly favors labeling GMO foods.

Morel said she is concerned that so many foods have become modified "before we can see any ramifications or any fallout, if there is any, from making such changes so quickly."

The food industry has faced pressure from retailers as consumer awareness of GMOs has increased. The retailer Whole Foods plans to label GMO products in all its U.S. and Canadian stores by 2018. And some companies have decided to remove the ingredients altogether.

The AP-GfK Poll of 1,010 adults was conducted online Dec. 4-8, using a sample drawn from GfK's probability-based KnowledgePanel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.4 percentage points.

Respondents were first selected randomly using phone or mail survey methods, and later interviewed online. People selected for KnowledgePanel who didn't otherwise have access to the Internet were provided access at no cost to them.

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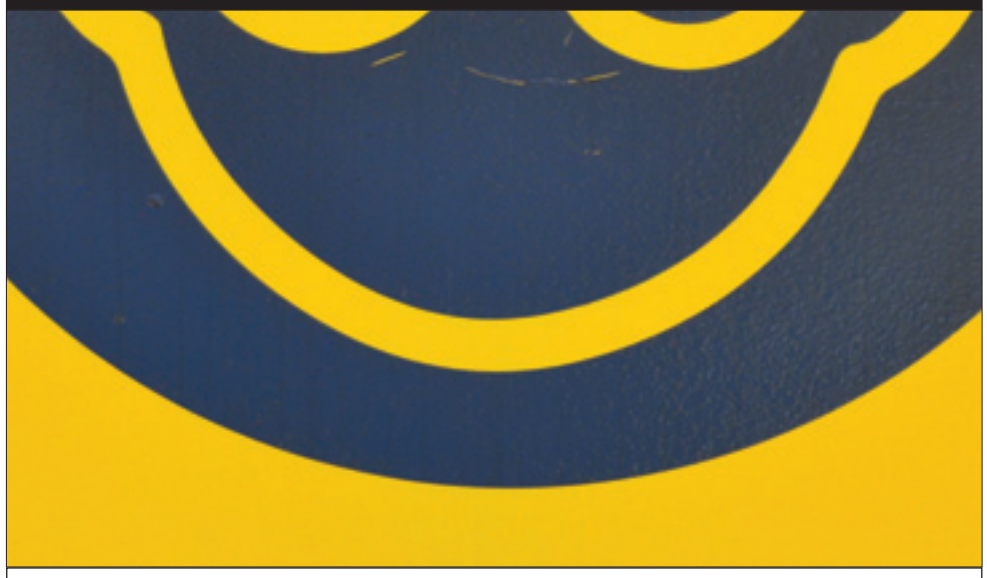
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

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5 Consider comparable
11 Trade fair
12 Infused with enthusiasm
13 Stepped down
14 Soaked up
15 Director Brooks
16 Young ones
17 Andean beast
19 Paint buy
22 Fiery crime
24 Doofus
26 Pound sound
27 Prom-goers' car
28 Touches on
30 Stylist's spot
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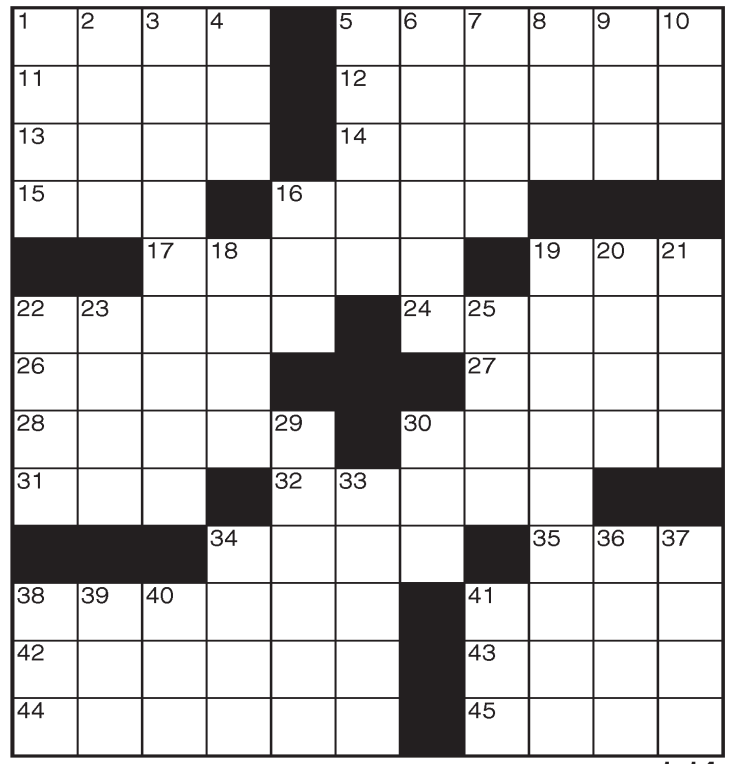
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16 Sandy color
18 Big apartment
19 Relaxes
20 Clip contents
21 Lunch hour
22 Not at home
23 Lounge attire
25 Lobster part
29 Plot
30 Sleuth Spade
33 Tore down
34 Legal paper
36 Divide
37 Pretentious
38 Occupation
39 Dos preceder
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41 Go downhill

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Power#: 19
Jackpot: 176M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/9
37 49 50 56 57
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 246M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/10
1 5 16 24 30
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/12
6 9 10 33 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/13
MIDDAY: 1 8 9
Draw Date: 1/12
EVENING: 9 8 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/12
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:41.53

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1. made to sell readily at a low price, regardless of value or use.
2. something that is catchpenny.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1952 – NBC's long-running morning news program Today debuts, with host Dave Garroway.

1953 – Josip Broz Tito is inaugurated as the first President of Yugoslavia.

1954 – The Hudson Motor Car Company merges with Nash-Kelvinator Corporation forming the American Motors Corporation.

1957 – Kripalu Maharaj was named fifth Jagadguru (world teacher) after giving seven days of speeches before 500 Hindu scholars.

1960 – The Reserve Bank of Australia, the country's central bank and banknote issuing authority, is established.

1967 – Counterculture of the 1960s: The Human Be-In, takes place in San Francisco, California's Golden Gate Park, launching the Summer of Love.

1969 – An accidental explosion aboard the USS Enterprise near Hawaii kills 27 people.

1972 – Queen Margrethe II of Denmark ascends the throne, the first Queen of Denmark since 1412 and the first Danish monarch not named Frederick or Christian since 1513.

1973 – Elvis Presley's concert Aloha from Hawaii is broadcast live via satellite, and sets the record as the most watched broadcast by an individual entertainer in television history.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Iraq's government-run channel, Iraqiyya TV, has a reality show reminiscent of American confrontational programs, but is designed to force captured ISIS fighters to acknowledge the pain they have created. One episode of "In the Grip of the Law" (described in a December Associated Press dispatch) showed family members of car-bombing victims on a street corner in Baghdad haranguing one of the men convicted of the crime. A young man in a wheelchair, having lost his father in the attack, faced off against the convict, screaming until the jihadist "began weeping, as the cameras rolled."

■ On Nov. 6, a couple (aged 68 and 65) were hospitalized after spending almost 13 hours locked in their car inside their own garage in Alexandra, New Zealand. The night before, they had been unable to remember a salesman's tutorial on how to unlock their new Mazda 3 from the inside and had spent the night assuming they were trapped because they had forgotten to bring along the battery-operated key. The wife was unconscious when neighbors finally noticed them, and her husband was struggling to breathe. (The door unlocks manually, of course.)

Invite a friend to join you, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You could see a situation develop that might cause you to stand back and rethink a decision. Do not get caught up in a power play. You are likely to find it difficult to honor someone else's needs when so much uproar seems to be happening. Tonight: Defer to a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could feel challenged by a partner. The unexpected could occur and force you to change your plans. An associate tends to challenge you for control. A friend will come to the rescue, but know that a loved one might feel left out. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be aware of what is happening with a coworker whom you see on a daily basis. Someone you care about could be closed down, which will have you wondering why. Know that it could be a ploy to draw you closer to him or her. Tonight: Put up your feet and relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you follow your intuition, you will land like a cat on all fours. You might have difficulty sorting through information, as there seems to be a lot of it heading your way all at once. A partner will want to take the lead. Tonight: Don't allow someone to intimidate others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay centered, know your limits and recognize what is needed. You could feel overwhelmed by everything you hear. Listen to a loved one who has a lot to share. You might want to pull back and try a different approach. Tonight: Head home early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Communication could be challenged, as confusion seems to run through the moment. You might feel overwhelmed by what has occurred. You know what you want, and you understand why you are going to proceed in a certain way. Tonight: Reach out to a close friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You often question how much you need to do with or for someone else. You might express a tendency to be excessive. Try not to react to a loved one's need to control you; just go with the flow, and you will be a lot happier. Tonight: Trust that everything will work out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to move in a new direction. The unexpected is likely to occur, and it could take some time to sort out what is really going on. Chaos seems to reign supreme! Loosen up, and enjoy what is being offered, despite all the confusion. Tonight: Keep to your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Listen to news that heads your way. You'll correctly sense that you do not have the full story. A financial matter needs some attention. Going to extremes, whether emotionally or financially, is likely to mark your behavior. Tonight: Listen to what a friend shares.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in a strange mood, and might feel somewhat negative. A meeting will allow you to revise your perspective and/or knowledge. As a result, you are likely to be more optimistic than you have been in the recent past. Tonight: Invite a friend to join you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could be in the mood to do something a bit different. Curb impulsiveness. Your sixth sense plugs right in and draws some unexpected results. Don't close down because someone isn't coming through as you might have hoped he or she would. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Honor a fast change, and you'll feel much better than you have in a while. You are likely to become difficult or uneasy as pressure builds to do something in a certain way. Detach, and consider revising your thinking and attitude. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

This year you have the power within you to transform any segment of your life that you choose. Be wary of someone who always seems to add uproar to any situation. If you are single, you will meet someone who could affect your life the second half of your birthday year. This person is very different from you. If you are attached, the two of you opt for less restriction and more freedom. Let go of negativity, and accept your sweetie as he or she is. SCORPIO could be your best friend or your worst enemy.

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

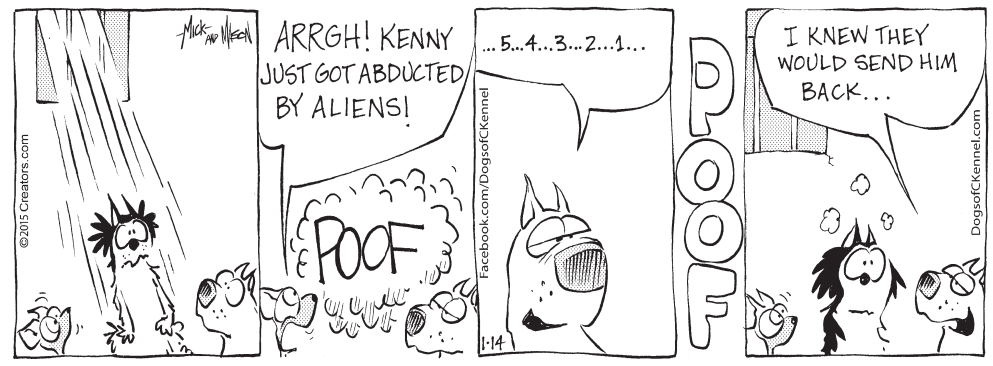
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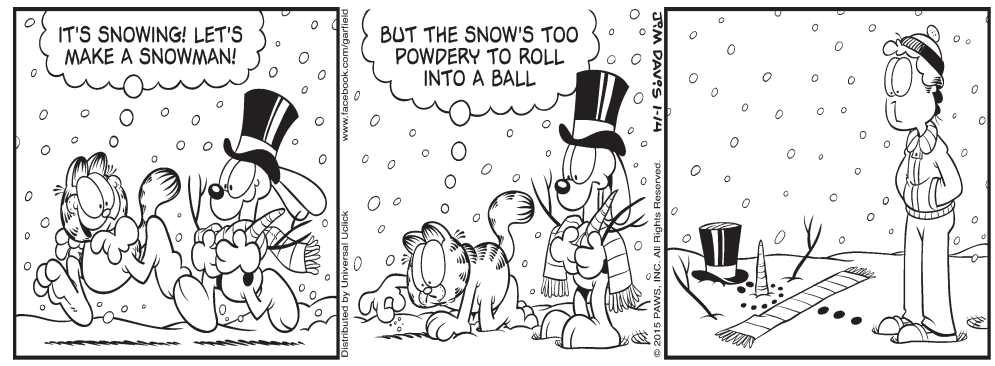
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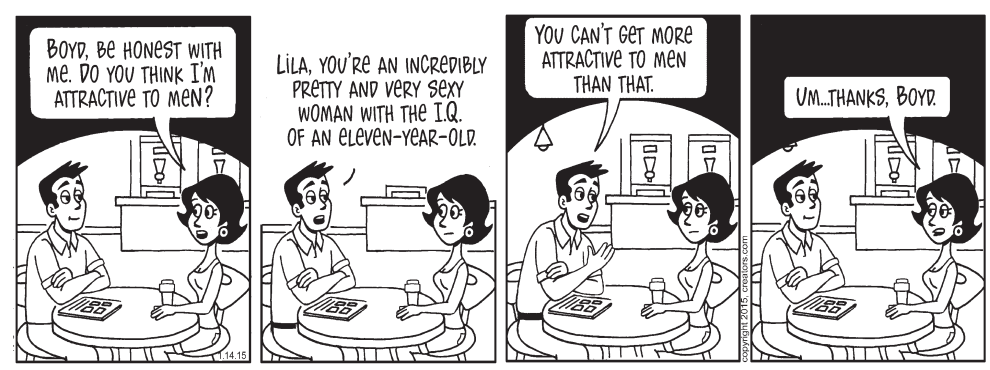
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 JANUARY 1, 2015, AT APPROXIMATELY 1 A.M.

An officer working a DUI saturation patrol was driving southbound on Main Street when he was passed by a grey Mazda CX-9 driving northbound without any lights on. The Mazda, which was traveling at a high rate of speed, entered the intersection at Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard and turned left in front of the officer, causing the officer to slam on his brakes to avoid a collision. The officer activated his lights and sounded his siren as the Mazda continued left onto southbound Neilson Way and finally pulled over in the 100 block of Hill Street. The vehicle was occupied by a sole male, suspect Branislav Vladisavlejev. As the officer spoke with the suspect, he noticed the flushed face, red and watery eyes, and slow speech indicative of someone under the influence of alcohol. The officer performed field sobriety tests on the driver and then used his Preliminary Alcohol Screening Device. Based on the results of the tests, the officer placed Vladisavlejev under arrest for driving under the influence and transported him to the Santa Monica Jail for a secondary alcohol screening. The driver was booked for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a blood alcohol content over 0.08%. Branislav Vladisavlejev, 37, of Culver City, had bail set at $5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 315 calls for service on Jan. 12.

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

Trespassing,1300 block of 2nd at 12:09 a.m.
Fraud, 800 block of Santa Monica at 7:10 a.m.
Identity theft, 2500 block of Wilshire at 7:28 a.m.
Fraud, 1400 block of the Promenade at 7:29 a.m.
Trespassing, 1000 block of 2nd at 7:35 a.m.
Auto burglary, 2200 block of 16th at 8:48 a.m.
Auto burglary, 1300 block of 2nd at 9:45 a.m.
Public intoxication, 100 block of Bay at 10:30 a.m.
Battery, 800 block of Pacific at 11:14 a.m.
Hit and run, 2200 block of Colorado at 11:20 a.m.
Auto burglary, 1300 block of 4th at 12:05 p.m.
Petty theft, 300 block of Bay at 1:02 p.m.
Identity theft, 1100 block of 19th at 1:11 p.m.
Burglary, 1000 block of Ocean at 1:19 p.m.
Petty theft, 900 block of Ocean at 2:04 p.m.
Trespassing, 1800 block of 9th at 2:45 p.m.
Vandalism, 1500 block of PCH at 2:48 p.m.
Drunk driving, 15th and Arizona at 3:02 p.m.
Petty theft, 500 block of Olympic at 3:25 p.m.
Hit and run, 2300 block of Carlyle at 4:02 p.m.
Fire, 1000 block of Euclid at 4:11 p.m.
Hit and run, 500 block of Wilshire at 4:27 p.m.
Vandalism, 300 block of Olympic at 4:42 p.m.
Battery at 3rd and Arizona at 8:15 p.m.
Fraud, 2600 block of Main at 9:04 p.m.
Bike theft, 1800 block of Centinela at 9:49 p.m.

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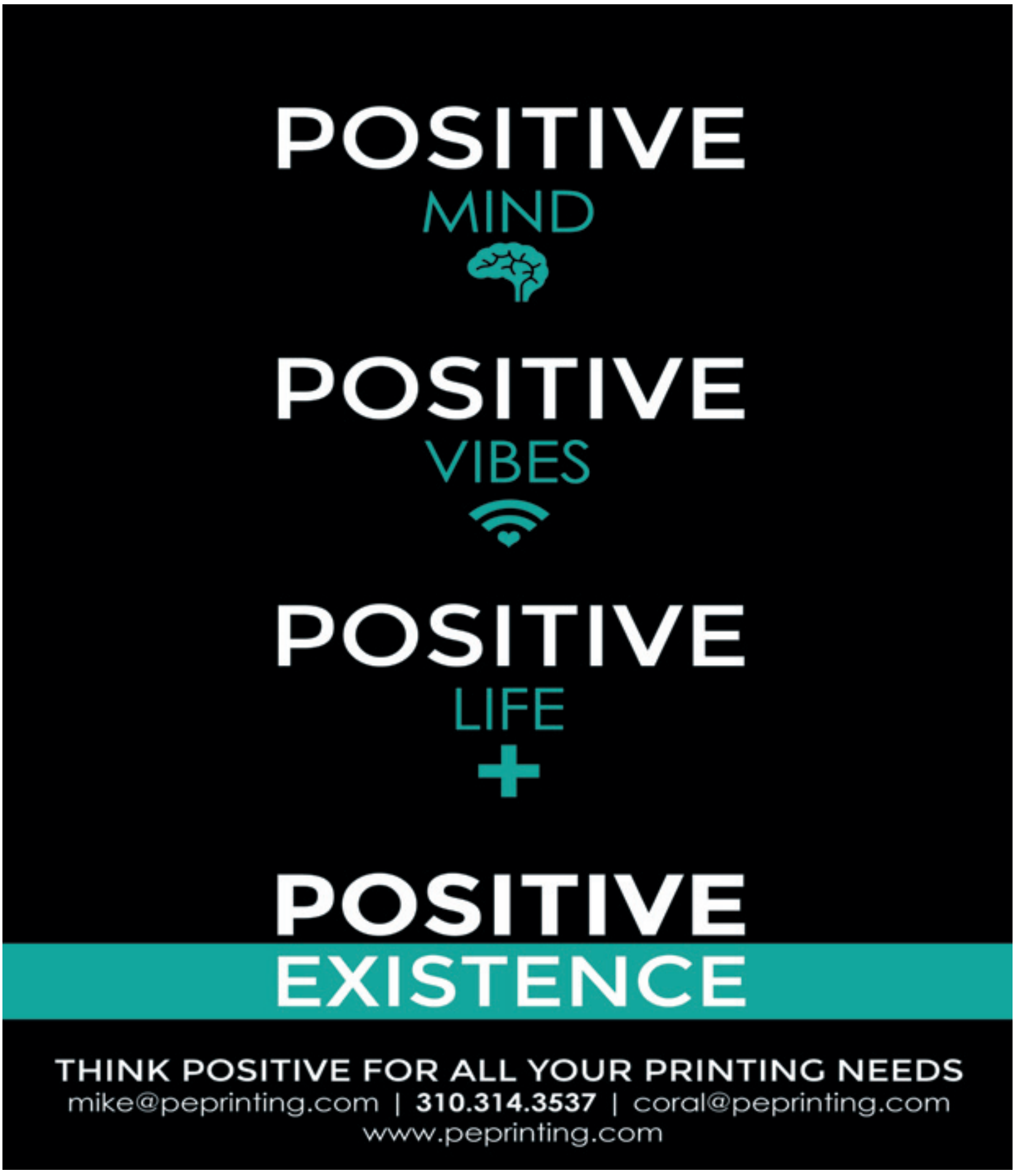
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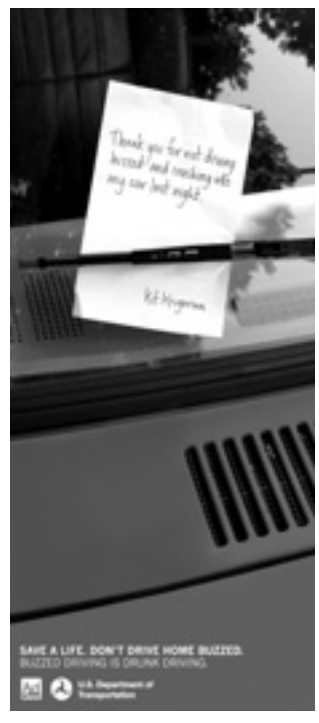
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From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale As of Mid January 2015

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North of Montana	=	$4,917,909	11
North of Wilshire	=	- - - - - - - -	0
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