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FUN FOR FRITTO FANS

Photos by Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

Santa Monica's Fritto Misto celebrated its 25th anniversary on Monday, Feb. 1. The restaurant chose to show its appreciation for previous and current customers with free food and drinks from 6 - 9 p.m.

Beaches recovering from weekend windstorm



Photo by Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

AFTERMATH: Weekend storms caused 2 feet of sand to cover the bike path.

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A day of wind equals a week of cleanup along the Marvin Braude Bike Trail.

Weekend storms caused high surf and winds along the coast with some areas of the popular beach bike path covered by as much as two feet of sand by the end of Sunday. Officials said work to clear the route countywide would be completed by Friday, Feb. 5 but the Santa Monica sections are already free of debris.

According to Steven Frasher from Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, the 15 miles of blocked trail sections

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Jury deadlocks in murder trial

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office plans to retry an accused murderer after a jury deadlocked during the first trial.

Prosecutors were attempting to secure the conviction of Meliton Lorenzo Lopez for the gang-related murder of 29-year-old Santa Monica resident Gil Verastegui,

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Too many packages, too few carriers

Postal service disrupted due to staffing crunch

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

If your mail has been late in recent months Google is partly to blame, or Amazon, or Fresh Direct, or Instacart, or Ebay, or Dollar

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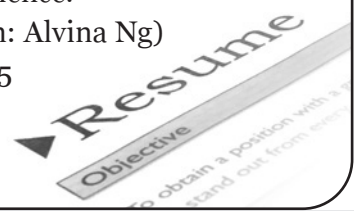

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SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, February 11, 2016

A public hearing on the following topic will be conducted at the regular Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Amendments to Rent Control Regulations 2007, 12070, and 13001 regarding establishing and registering the maximum allowable rent for a unit upon the lapse of an exemption.

All interested persons are invited to present their views. Copies of the staff report will be available prior to the hearing from the Board's office in Room 202 of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, and on the Board's website at: www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.

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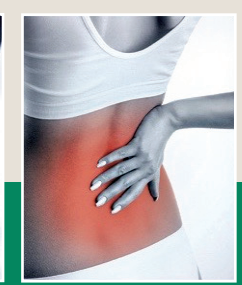
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Wednesday, Feb. 3

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Use your growing mouse skills to perform a variety of basic tasks on a computer. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information or questions, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Library Lovers: Make a Video!
February is Library Lovers' Month! Create a video about the library using Adobe Voice. Equipment provided. Participants will receive two hours of community service credit. Limited space; call (310) 458-8682 to pre-register. Grades 8 - 12. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Harry Potter Book Night: A Night of Spells
A family-friendly night of Harry Potter, games, treats and fun. You'll be sorted into houses, play games for points where the winning house wins a prize, and make crafts and tasty treats together. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Career Prep Series: Test Changes Workshop
Differences between the New PSAT, New SAT, Current SAT, Current ACT. All of the different tests and which one should students spend their time on. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle
A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 4

Homework Help
Get help with your homework! This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

GED Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

How To Keep Passion Alive After 45 with Judith Claire & Frank Wiegers
Frank and Judith, authors of 'So That's Why They Do That: Men, Women, and Their Hormones' discuss how to create harmony in your relationship, build deeper levels of intimacy, and revitalize passion no matter how old you are. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Comic Books and Comedy
Hosted by Alex Kojfman, with Grant Lyon, Nate Williams, Nikki Bailey, Rhune Kincaid, Nina Manni, and special guests. Free admission. Hi De Ho Comics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., 8 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 5

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

Guest House
Free tours begin at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House,

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Cosby ordered to attend 2nd deposition in civil suit

BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

A judge on Tuesday ordered Bill Cosby to attend a second deposition and respond to questions in a lawsuit filed in California by a woman accusing the comedian of sexually abusing in the 1970s when she was underage.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Craig D. Karlan ordered Cosby to attend the half-day deposition and pay the costs of conducting the second round of sworn testimony.

Cosby must provide a valid legal objection to any questions he refuses to answer, including invoking his constitutional right to avoid self-incrimination, Karlan said.

The ruling came as Cosby fights bicoastal legal battles. He appeared Tuesday in a Pennsylvania courtroom where his lawyers sought a dismissal of criminal charges against him. In Santa Monica, California, his lawyers argued that he shouldn't have to sit for another deposition in the civil case.

Another legal case was dropped Tuesday when model Chloe Goins stopped her federal lawsuit accusing Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting her at the Playboy Mansion in 2008. No explanation for the dismissal was given and her attorney did not return an email message seeking comment.

The upcoming deposition involves a lawsuit by Riverside County resident Judy Huth, who claims the comedian forced her to perform a sex act on him at the Playboy Mansion in the early 1970s when she was 15.

The Associated Press does not usually name people who say they are victims of sex crimes but Huth has given permission through her attorney to be publicly identified.

Cosby's lawyers have denied her accusation and accused her former attorney of attempting to extort the comedian.

It is unclear what questions Cosby refused to answer when he was deposed in October. Karlan has sealed court filings describing the October deposition and conducted part of Tuesday's hearing in chambers.

Huth's current attorney, Gloria Allred, said after the ruling that she felt vindicated in seeking more sworn testimony from Cosby, but she would not elaborate on what answers she was seeking.

Huth was recently deposed in the case, and Cosby's lawyers say they will bring a similar motion to compel more answers from her.

Karlan ordered Cosby's second deposition to occur by the end of February. His attorney, Randa Osman, said it would be a hardship for the 78-year-old to travel to Los Angeles for the session. He was previously deposed in Boston.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will conduct a Bike & Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Operations with focused enforcement efforts on primary collision factors involving motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

The police department identifies locations where pedestrian and bike collisions are prevalent, along with the violations that led to those collisions. Traffic officers will be on duty patrolling areas where bike and pedestrian traffic and collisions occur in an effort to lower deaths and injuries.

Field enforcement operations will take place on Friday, Feb. 5, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Officers will be looking for violations engaged in by drivers, bike riders and pedestrians alike that can lead to life changing injuries. Special attention will be directed toward drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to stop for signs and signals, failing to yield to pedestrians in cross walks and similar dangerous violations.

Additionally, enforcement will be taken for observed violations when pedestrians cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped and citations issued when they fail to follow the same traffic laws that apply to motorists.

All riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; those under 18 years of age must wear helmets by law. Pedestrians should cross the street only in marked crosswalks or at corners.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

- SUBMITTED BY SERGEANT RUDY CAMARENA,

Downtown

Santa Monica History Museum to exhibit antique Valentine's Day Cards

The Santa Monica History Museum has announced it will display a special exhibition of antique Valentine's Day cards through Feb. 27 at the Santa Monica History Museum at 1350 7th Street. The exhibition will feature a collection of historic Valentine's Day cards dating back as far as the late-19th century.

Exchanging gifts and notes in celebration of Valentine's Day became common in the mid-18th century with mass-produced cards available for the first time in the United States in the early 1830s. Hallmark Cards produced their first Valentine's Day card in 1913 and today it is estimated that nearly 190 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year. Join as we celebrate this holiday centered on love and affection and to trace the history of sending sentiment from its hand-made origins through its lacy traditions to its place as a modern-day commercial powerhouse.

In addition to this lovely display of vintage Valentine's Day cards, the Santa Monica History Museum invites you to visit the permanent exhibition detailing the founding and growth of the City of Santa Monica and a special exhibit celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Aero Theater also on display during the month of February.

Founded under the Historical Activities Committee of the Santa Monica Centennial Celebration in 1975, the Santa Monica History Museum is a "Santa Monica Treasure." Originally known as the Santa Monica Historical Society we are the official collector and preserver of the history, art, and culture of the Santa Monica Bay Area. The museum's historical collections are comprised of over one million items including the personal historical collection of Senator John P. Jones, co-founder of Santa Monica; the archives of the Santa Monica Outlook Newspaper (1875-1998); the photo collections of well-known photographers. The museum has six galleries and a research library located in a state-of-the-art facility adjacent to the main Santa Monica Public Library campus. Call (310) 395-2290 or visit www.santamonicahistory.org for more information.

- SUBMITTED BY KATHRYN EVANS, DEVELOPMENT & MUSEUM MANAGER

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Fireside at the Miles - Scott Detweiler Celebrate Mardi Gras!
$10 for general admission, $5 for youth age 18 and under, adults age 55 and over and students of any age. 1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 - 10 p.m.

Taste of Night Market
Featuring a curated lineup of 60+ local chefs, artists, and performers in an intimate night market and Lunar New Year theme (2016 is the Year of the Monkey). The event will be held at the prestigious Barker Hangar in Santa Monica on February 5th and 6th, 2016. Admission is inclusive of food, alcohol, beverages, and performances. Attendance will be very limited. General Admission: $65, VIP Early Bird: $85. Additional parking costs apply. 3021 Airport Ave., 6 p.m.

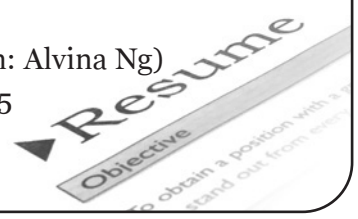
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So many things happening all at once

"BOWIE IS DEAD AND KEITH RICHARD'S STILL ALIVE

— so much for clean living. (With a nod to cartoonist Harry Bliss.) And fare thee well, Pete Seeger.

Next Monday, at the Roxy in Hollyweird: big Bowie tribute with lots of bands, a benefit to help save the landmark Max's Kansas City club in New York. Sounds like fun, and we need to preserve rock and roll history.

FROM LAST WEEK'S COLUMN subhed: "The Last I'll Need to Write about Alex('s Shoe Repair)" -- guess not! Silly, optimistic me.

His landlord, Jack Kotlar, sent him a new "30 Day Notice to Quit," otherwise known as an eviction notice. Dated Jan. 26 - the day my column was written about Kotlar dropping the eviction proceeding. What took you so long, Jack? Are you going to keep filing them like Republicans going after Obamacare? Stay tuned. This may not mean anything.

SILLY, OPTIMISTIC, NAÏVE ME. I was thrilled when I heard that LA's own young culture-leaping maestro Gustavo Dudamel and his inner city Youth Orchestra Los Angeles were tapped for the Super Bowl 50 halftime show.

Amazing! What a cosmic shift, from Katy, Missy and Lenny last year (am I being snarky? or sharky?), what a boost for classical music! Especially for a less-than-predisposed 'murican football crowd. (Hey Charlie, look at this here bushy-haired rock star in a tux, ha ha, and those kids… hey, they're purty good, actually … dang!)

Alas, they are not the featured act as I first assumed, and will take not even second but fourth fiddle to Coldplay, Beyonce and Bruno Mars. I should've known. But, still a coup.

Man the DVR. I'll be out shooting hoops on empty courts that Sunday, thank you. I love the Super Bowl for that yearly gift, when everyone else is glued to TV and snacks and Santa Monica is mine for a few hours.

WHY US? OJ, now a Cosby hearing yesterday, not to mention Lindsay Lohan and Roman Polanski. Trainwrecks at the Santa Monica courthouse.

YES, THE CLIPPERS ARE CURSED. Hahahahaha. Things were going pretty well for them this season, they have maybe their strongest lineup ever. Then star Blake Griffin (6'10, 250) reacts to being called a name by his so-called buddy, assistant equipment manager Matias Testi (does not come up to Blake's shoulder), and Griffin punches him in the face in a Toronto restaurant. But that's not enough. They take it outside and he punches him in the face again. Griffin breaks his hand and won't play for maybe two months. If the NBA lets him back even then.

According to a sports website, former teammate Zach Randolph once called Griffin that same name, and nothing happened. Randolph is 6'9, 260.

I DON'T ATTEND nearly as many local meetings as I should. Especially considering my six-figure salary. Sure, it's torture sometimes, but like Blake Griffin I should just suck it up. But the Recreation and Parks Commission meeting two weeks ago was a delight. Packed with maybe 150 locals having fun.

LA County is holding a series of meetings with communities to find out where they would like to see their share of the considerable county budget spent, on parks. So people got to indulge their fantasies, knowing they had a much better chance of winning than on the lottery. There were a lot of great ideas and creative suggestions.

But we don't have to wait for the county decision. As Director of Community and Cultural Services Karen Ginsberg said that night, the City staff and City Council can look at these ideas and there may be some we can implement without the county. Hot dog!

Commission chair Phil Brock was dreaming when he suggested every commission meeting should be so well attended. Yeah, serve sandwiches, snacks and drinks and we'll consider it, Phil.

WILL THE CITY COUNCIL actually really seriously move forward next Tuesday with building the athletic field across from Samohi that they promised in the 2005 Civic Center Specific Plan? The one so many parents say is desperately needed? I have my doubts, since several Councils have been kicking this one down the road for so long without scoring a goal.

Build it now! It's 10 years overdue! But we don't have the money, we're told. A million or two. I say, how about we get a fair market lease for the ECEC site we're Santa Claus-renting for a buck a year? In four or five years it's paid for.

SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME: I am a super supermarket shopper. I am looking at my last receipt from Vons. Spent $117, but saved $105.47 per cent savings. And I don't use coupons, with few exceptions. But I know prices, and I pore over the weekly ads and mark them up and take them with me. It's my hobby. A guy with a six figure salary doesn't have to do this, you know.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I'm afraid of Americans." — David Bowie

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PANEL:
LAPD justified in death of homeless black man

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

Los Angeles police officers were justified when they fatally shot a homeless black man in Skid Row six times, including twice in the chest, a civilian oversight panel said Tuesday.

The Los Angeles Police Commission issued the finding in the shooting of Charly "Africa" Keunang after discussing it in a closed-door meeting. The commission found that one of the officer's tactics violated policy, but it did not explain how.

The decision led to outcries from about a dozen activists in the room who have criticized the shooting and repeatedly called on police to release body-camera footage that captured it. Afterward, the group held hands and prayed outside police headquarters.

"We're extremely, extremely disappointed," activist Hamid Kahn said. "We're not surprised because the police commission is such a rubber-stamp body. But there's always this one flicker of hope that their own humanity will kick in and they will look at these things not to protect the police officers, but really to protect the community and speak the truth."

Commission President Matthew Johnson said Keunang's death "is nothing short of tragic" and that Tuesday's decision came after an intense 11-month investigation and analysis that was deliberate and compassionate.

He said state law barred him from explaining why the commission reached the decision.

Mayor Eric Garcetti expressed confidence in the commission in a statement and said his office is working with LAPD to "make deadly encounters between police and citizens less frequent."

The March 1 death of the 43-year-old Keunang was captured on video by a bystander and has been viewed millions of times online. The killing prompted protests and drew comparisons with the death of black men in other officer-involved shootings across the U.S.

Police Chief Charlie Beck has said the shooting was justified because Keunang grabbed for a rookie police officer's gun after ignoring commands and becoming combative. He said the officer's gun was later found partly cocked and jammed with one round of ammunition in the chamber and another in the ejection port, indicating a struggle for the weapon.

An autopsy showed Keunang had methamphetamines and marijuana in his system when he died.

Keunang's family has filed a $20 million lawsuit against the city and police department, calling the shooting "a classic case of abuse of power and deadly force."

Joshua Piovia-Scott, the attorney representing Keunang's family in the lawsuit, said he was frustrated by the commission's finding.

"This is a cop-created killing," said. "It's hard to believe that six heavily armed and trained officers and one unarmed, lone homeless man on a sunny street on a sunny day results in those officers holding the man down to the concrete and shooting him in the chest and killing him."

He said the police commission's finding will have no effect on the lawsuit and that he's "confident that a jury in Los Angeles is going to be outraged by this."

Keunang's death is among several involving the LAPD that have gained national attention in the last couple of years.

Last month, Chief Beck recommended that prosecutors file criminal charges against an officer who fatally shot an unarmed homeless man in the back in Venice on May 5. It's the first time Beck recommended charges against an officer who fatally shot someone while on duty. More than 100 such shootings have occurred since Beck became chief in late 2009.

Beck has defended the officers involved in another high-profile fatal shooting, that of 25-year-old Ezell Ford. Ford was killed in August 2014 after police say he knocked an officer to the ground and tried to grab his gun.

The police commission found that Officer Sharlton Wampler was unjustified in shooting Ford and that Officer Antonio Villegas was wrong to draw his weapon but acted appropriately in firing it because he believed Wampler's life was in danger.

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BEACH

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are obscured by intermittent deep sand, making bicycle travel impractical until the sand can be removed.

The affected area of the County's Pacific Ocean frontage is (north to south) from Barnard Way to Washington Boulevard at Venice Beach, and from Ballona Creek Channel at Dockweiler Beach to Via Riviera at Torrance Beach. The more inland Marina Del Rey segment of the route is unaffected.

Santa Monica has control over the bike path within City limits and City Hall officially took responsibility for cleaning the path last year. Paul Davis, Santa Monica's Beach Maintenance Supervisor, said his crews sweep the path five days a week during the winter and seven days a week during the summer.

The Santa Monica section was clean and "spotless," according to Davis, on the Monday following the wind.

The wind made for interesting vistas this week and the cleanup is highly visible but officials said wind has little impact on the overall beach health.

"It's the erosion that's the bigger cause for concern," said Carol Baker, Community & Marketing Services Division Chief with the Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors. "That's tidal predominantly and we have to sort of see what Mother Nature does in the months following winter and see how much is restored."

She said the County has an interest in keeping the beaches clean and open for several reasons. Beaches are the county's largest tourist attraction pumping millions into the local economy. Wide sandy beaches also act as a filter that helps prevent trash from reaching the open ocean and local authorities spend significant time capturing that garbage.

"These beaches are urbanized beaches, cleaned every day," she said. "There's a lot of visitors, it's not as though we have scrub or anything growing on large parts of our beaches because they are highly used and need to be sanitized on a daily basis."

Rain is of more concern than wind because wet weather drives pollution toward the ocean.

"Our biggest ecological concern is when there's rain and first flush because the bay becomes polluted," she said.

Sand that does become contaminated during a storm, such as deposits that gather on roadways and parking lots, is put in a dumpster and treated in the same manner as other garbage. Sand that is blown off the beach but is otherwise clean, like deposits on the bike path, can be swept up and returned to the beach.

Judith Meister, Beach Administrator for the City of Santa Monica, said Santa Monica installs sand fences during the windy season to prevent too much sand from leaving the area but when it does happen, she said it's just a matter of cleanup.

"Typically in the winter months we do get a lot of wind and there's a lot of blowing sand but I don't think it's a concern environmentally," she said.

For more information about the bike trail, visit http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bikepath-closures. For more information about the Santa Monica beach, visit www.smgov.net/Portals/Beach.

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MURDER

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who was shot along with another man while standing in an alley near the corner of 16th Street and Michigan Avenue in 2013.

The jury reported its impasse Feb. 1 and the District Attorney's office said on Feb. 2 they would retry the case with a pre-trial hearing already set for March 8.

Verastegui, who was described at the time of the killing by police as a local gang member, was in the alley to the rear of the building around 8:15 a.m. with another man when Lopez and Christopher Chonan Osumi allegedly pulled up in a car and opened fire. Both victims suffered multiple gunshot wounds and were transported to a local trauma center for treatment, where Verastegui later succumbed to his injuries.

Osumi and Lopez were charged with one count each of murder and attempted murder with gang allegations. The complaint alleged Osumi personally discharged a handgun.

A third suspect, Noah Jason Farris, was also arrested at a nearby apartment and charged with being an accessory.

Ricardo Santiago, Public Information Officer with the District Attorney's Office, said Osumi pled no contest to one count of murder and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 16. Farris pled guilty in 2014 and is currently serving one year in county jail with three years of formal probation.

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Shave Club, or Zappos or whoever you ordered from online instead of buying at a brick and mortar store.

Postal officials said the growth of e-commerce has dramatically increased the number of packages flowing through the Postal Service and at the same time, Santa Monica's Post Office has experienced a staffing shortage due to wave of retirements.

"It's a new world and mail volumes have changed drastically," said Richard Maher in the Corporate Communications division of the U.S. Postal Service. "Our package volume has increased 30 percent because of e-commerce and we deliver packages seven days a week.

Maher said the 4.5 billion packages delivered last year are part of the problem, but an aging workforce is also a factor.

"A larger percentage of our employees are eligible for retirement and are retiring," he said. "We can't hire new workers fast enough."

In addition to a bottleneck in the hiring process, Maher said postal work is harder than most people realize, particularly the physical nature of moving mail from point to point.

"Santa Monica, as well as many other offices, is understaffed and the Postal Service is diligently working on the challenge, constantly hiring and training new workers," he said. "It is a physically demanding job and many new hires do not last, either not meeting USPS standards or resigning."

The lack of boots on the ground has created notable delays in local delivery for some customers. Residents have taken to Facebook, called the Daily Press and commented at community meetings about their experiences.

Maher said the Post Office is keenly aware of the issue and is doing what it can to bring service up to the community's standard.

The service disruptions have their roots in the mechanics of delivery. Each route should have its own permanent carrier who covers the area five days a week. Extra carriers are hired to cover the routes during the regular carriers weekends/days off.

However, due to the current staffing shortage some routes do not have an established, permanent carrier. Instead, those routes are divided up among carriers working overtime shifts.

As the overtime shifts begin after regular mail is delivered, arrival times on those routes are delayed. In addition, as any available overtime carrier can staff the routes there's no institutional knowledge established regarding the individuals on the routes, contributing to delivery errors.

In Santa Monica the goal is 140 positions to cover 105 routes, two business collection routes and varying numbers of parcel routes or Amazon Fresh routes. Current staffing figures were not available but officials said one in five employees are currently new to the Postal Service.

"About 20 percent of current Santa Monica employees are recent hires, they are not as experienced and are going to make mistakes but we're working to improve their performance," he said.

Maher said "recent hires" equated to about six months or less of work experience.

"We've got this constant flow of new employees coming in, we are continuously hiring," he said. "Los Angeles hires more people than any other Postal district in the state and it's not unique to Santa Monica. We have a staffing issue and when we don't have enough employees, when we don't have a carrier on every route, we have no choice but to work overtime.

He said volunteers who want the extra hours cover most overtime shifts but during times of particularly high mail volume, such as the holidays or during an election year, overtime could be required.

"We're going to delivery the mail every day. What are our choices? Not deliver the mail or deliver it late in the day. We're always going to choose to deliver the mail," he said.

Between the staff churn and replacement carriers, Maher said mistakes do get made. He said the Post Office wants to hear about them in order to increase training and to weed out employees that can't make the cut.

"Missed delivery is a human error," he said. "We want the carriers to double check at the delivery point but if we get a missed delivery complaint, when we get enough information with an address and when it occurred, we take action on that."

He said the Post Office needs details of the complaint so they can clearly document the situation and address the shortfalls with those responsible.

To report problems, contact the Santa Monica Post Office at (310) 319-5369 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday) or the Postal Service Customer Care 800-ASK-USPS (800-275-8777); or www.usps.com (ZIP Codes, rates, general information, online mailing and shipping).

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CHOPPY WATERS

The Santa Monica High girls basketball team lost 48-40 to Hawthorne in Ocean League play Friday night at home. The Vikings, who face Lawndale on the road Wednesday, fell to 7-12 overall and 3-3 in the conference. Pictured are Samohi players Corrie Kim and Kate Rusk-Kosa.







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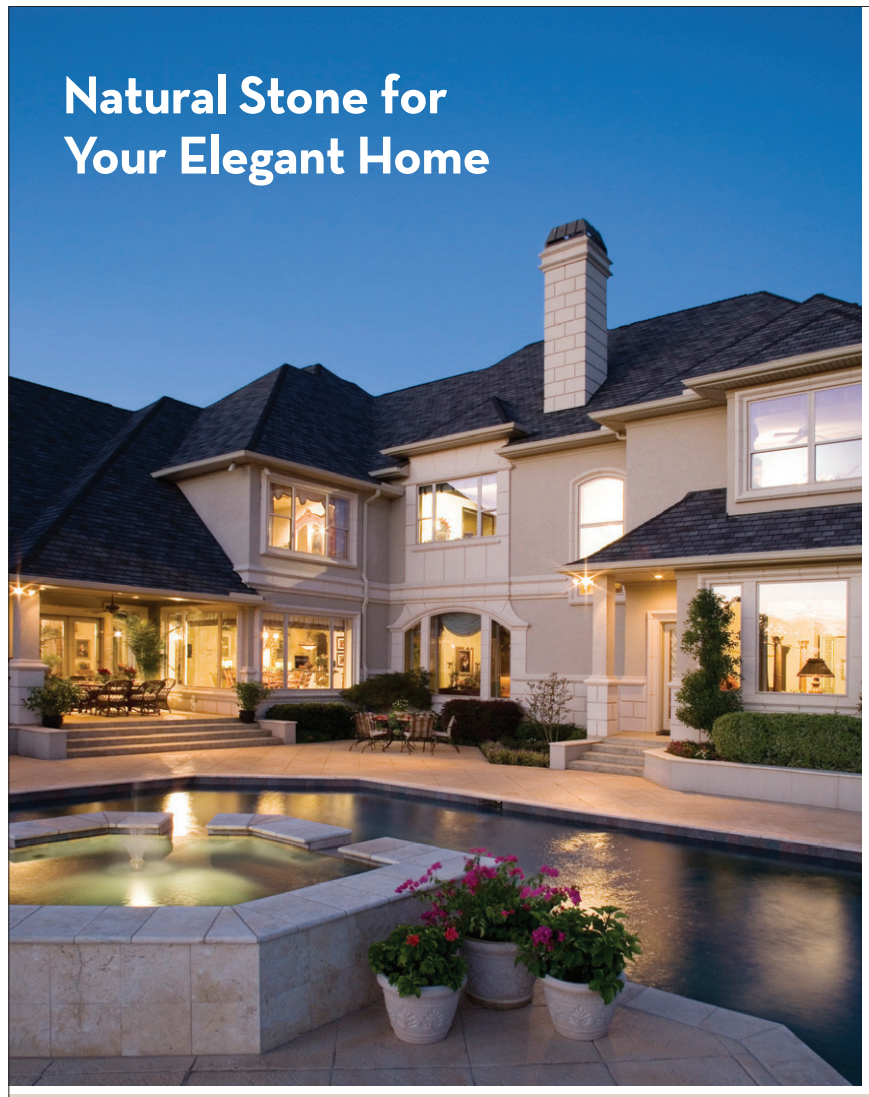
The Santa Monica High boys soccer team tied Hawthorne 2-2 in an Ocean League match Friday at home. The Vikings are now 3-11-1 overall, including 2-3-1 in conference play. Pictured are Samohi players Owen Koetters, Ricardo McGary, Matthew Seisay and Jasper Byrne.

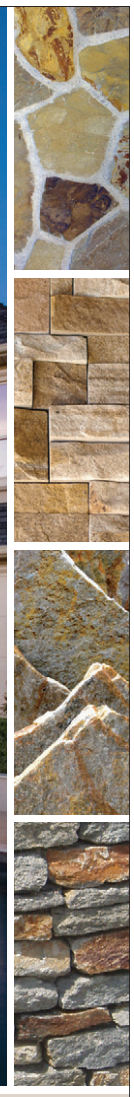






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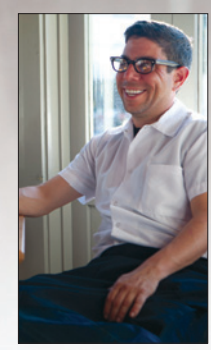
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A PROGRAM DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN PROJECT

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of a Program Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed Downtown Specific Plan Project in the City of Santa Monica.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Downtown Specific Plan (the Plan) implements the City's Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) goals and policies for the Downtown, addressing important issues including historic preservation, urban design, diversity of housing, sustainability, cultural arts offerings, open space, walkability, multi-modal access and parking, economic health, and integration with the Expo LRT. The Plan constitutes the City's policy guidance and systematic implementation plan for the Downtown with a horizon year of 2030. The Plan provides a proactive strategy for Downtown to evolve into a more accessible, multi-modal, pedestrian-friendly urban district that serves the needs of Santa Monicans. A full copy of the proposed Downtown Specific Plan can be viewed online at http://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/plans/downtown-specific-plan/.

The Plan proposes development standards (maximum building heights and floor area ratios [FAR]) that would support the existing vibrant, pedestrian character of the Downtown, maintain and enhance the basic urban form of the Downtown with maximum building heights of 32-84 feet and FAR of 1.5-4.0 depending on subarea. The Plan applies the LUCE tiering system in Downtown to establish a lower by-right baseline height and FAR with a requirement that projects above the by-right baseline must provide community benefits. The Plan would also provide urban design guidelines to improve the public realm. The Plan continues to encourage a complementary mix of land uses in the Downtown that include mixed-use housing, retail, services, restaurant, entertainment, creative office, hotel, and general office.

The Plan also identifies multi-modal investments to improve mobility in the Downtown, including enhanced transportation network connections, walking and biking facilities, transit service, and public realm improvements. The combined investment and additional TDM measures in the Plan would help to address congestion, facilitate reduction of single occupancy vehicle trips, reduce per capital vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions, encourage walking, biking and transit, and improve integration with the Downtown Santa Monica Station for the Expo LRT. The Plan recognizes that the Downtown has a concentration of historic and contributing resources that have an important role in setting the character of the Downtown. The Plan provides a number of strategies that strive to preserve the historic character of the Downtown.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED: The Draft EIR analyzes potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project including: Aesthetics/Shadows, Air Quality, Biology, Construction Effects, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Effects, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Neighborhood Effects, Noise, Population/Housing, Public Services, Transportation/Circulation, and Utilities.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Pursuant to CEQA, an extended 60-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The comment period will start on February 3, 2016 and end at 5:30 p.m. on April 3, 2016. Written comments should be sent to:

Rachel Kwok, Environmental Planner
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Santa Monica, CA 90401
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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed online at http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Plans/Downtown-Specific-Plan/ or in person at the following locations:
- City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Santa Monica Main Library, 602 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA
- Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

Clinton wins Iowa, campaigns turn to New Hampshire

BY KATHLEEN HENNESSEY & LISA LERER
Associated Press

NASHUA, N.H. Hillary Clinton tried to turn a skin-of-her-teeth victory in Iowa into a bit of momentum for her battered Democratic campaign, and Ted Cruz sought to lock in his spot at the top of the Republican field as the presidential candidates packed up Tuesday and sped to New Hampshire.

The contenders descended on the Granite State — along with scores of volunteers and staff — and quickly scattered for a blitz of campaign rallies and television interviews. Some sought to capitalize on the results of the Iowa caucuses, while others looked to put the best face on poor showings as they settled in for the Feb. 9 New Hampshire primary and beyond.

Clinton celebrated her narrow win in the leadoff caucuses and said she expected a tough fight in New Hampshire, noting she'll be campaigning in the "backyard" of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, where he has been running strong for weeks.

Sanders celebrated his stronger-than-expected showing in Iowa, landing at dawn in Bow and addressing a hardy group of supporters who met him. "We're in this for the long haul," he told reporters as his plane flew through the night to the season's second showdown.

Indeed, the once-unthinkably-small margin between the former first lady, senator and secretary of state over the self-declared democratic socialist suggested the Democratic contest is headed toward a protracted fight between the party's pragmatic and progressive wings.

Clinton defeated Sanders by less than three-tenths of 1 percent, the closest in Iowa Democratic caucus history, the state party said. Sanders said his campaign was still reviewing the results and did not concede.

On the Republican side, Cruz's win in Iowa provided a twist worthy of the topsy-turvy race. The Texas senator proved to be beloved by evangelicals, even if maligned by many others in his party, and adept at mounting a powerful grass-roots operation. Donald Trump's second-place finish was a humbling blow to the boastful mogul who had dominated the polls for weeks. Coming in a close third, Marco Rubio was catapulted to the top of heap of establishment candidates vying to be the party's preferred alternative to Trump or Cruz.

For Republicans, the pivot to New Hampshire meant the still-crowded cast of candidates has turned toward a less religious and mostly undecided electorate.

New Hampshire has historically favored more moderate candidates than Iowa, and more than 40 percent of the state's voters are not registered in any political party, giving them the power to choose which party's' primary to vote in. Polls show well over half of GOP voters have yet to make up their minds.

That may be good news for Cruz, who is hoping to avoid the conservatives' Iowa curse. Unlike past candidates who found love in Iowa but fizzled fast, Cruz argued Tuesday that his campaign has staying power, resources and broad appeal.

"This is the power of the conservative grass roots, and there is a silent majority in this country," Cruz told CNN. "This is center-right country. This is a country built on Judeo-Christian values. And the heart of my campaign is based on common-sense principles."

As his campaign kept one eye on New Hampshire, the other was on South Carolina, where his fiery conservatism is expected to resonate better than in New England. Cruz was slated to hold an evening rally in Greenville, S.C., before returning to New Hampshire.

Rubio on Tuesday told supporters in Exeter, "Perhaps no state in the country demands more of candidates than New Hampshire does." Still, he too was looking ahead. His campaign announced the endorsement of South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott, the only African-American Republican in the Senate.

And then there is Trump, who may be the candidate most in need of a comeback after Iowa. Despite stealing the spotlight and driving the debate for months, he appears to have been out-organized by Cruz in Iowa.

On Tuesday, Trump blamed the media for dismissing his "longshot, great finish."

"Because I was told I could not do well in Iowa, I spent very little there — a fraction of Cruz & Rubio. Came in a strong second. Great honor," Trump tweeted.

Trump was to pick up the endorsement of former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown at rally in New Hampshire Tuesday night.

Brown's backing marks Trump's first endorsement by a current or former senator and provides additional evidence that some in the Republican establishment are beginning to warm to a potential candidacy.

Rubio's advisers cast the GOP race as a three-man contest — an attempt to box out the other contenders vying for mainstream Republicans.

That won't be easy. Ohio Gov. John Kasich, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on Tuesday stormed into New Hampshire with packed campaign schedules. All three are hoping the state will breathe life into their flagging campaigns.

Democrats spent much of the day wrestling over the Iowa results. Sanders' campaign declared victory even in defeat, saying the results were a "giant step" toward proving he was a viable candidate.

Clinton, meanwhile, played up her win — no matter how narrow — while setting expectations for a difficult road ahead.

Rallying supporters in Nashua, she urged voters to get practical and ask themselves when they hear candidates' promises, "Does this just sound good on paper or does this get done? And who is mostly likely going to be able to deliver?"

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Generals say women should have to register for draft

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The top Army and Marine Corps generals told senators Tuesday that it will take up to three years to fully integrate women into all combat jobs, adding that women also should have to register for the draft.

The military service leaders repeatedly vowed that they will not lower standards to bring women into the more grueling jobs. But they warned that inherent physical differences and different injury rates between men and women will have an impact on how the integration moves ahead.

The selective service question revealed differences between the military chiefs and their political leaders. Army Gen. Mark Milley and Marine Gen. Robert Neller both flatly said that women should be included in the requirement to register for the selective service at age 18. But Navy Secretary Ray Mabus and Army Acting Secretary Patrick Murphy would only say that the issue should be discussed. Political leaders overall have so far been reluctant to endorse the draft requirement.

The sometimes contentious hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee laid bare the deep reluctance of Marine Corps leaders to bring women into certain demanding infantry, armor and special operations jobs.

After a lengthy review by the services and the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Ash Carter in December ordered all combat jobs open to women, but also vowed that no standards would be lowered to make way for women.

The Marine Corps initially sought to keep certain infantry and combat jobs closed to women, citing studies showing combined-gender units are not as effective as male-only units. Allowing women to compete for ground combat jobs, it concluded, would make the Marine Corps a less-efficient fighting machine.

Both Mabus and Carter rejected that argument. In response, Marine leaders, including Neller, immediately began to lay out implementation plans, but they continue to make clear their reservations.

"We have a decision and we're in the process of moving out," Neller told the senators. "We will see where the chips fall. And, again, our hope is that everyone will be successful. But hope is not a course of action on the battlefield."

Neller said that Marine Corps testing revealed two significant differences between all-male units and those with men and women. He said all-male units were able to better march long distances carrying heavy loads and also were able to fire their weapons more accurately after marching over distance.

Being big and strong and having a "certain body mass give you an advantage," said Neller. He added that as women do more conditioning and weight training to meet combat standards, they have been more likely to be outside the required weight and size requirements for women. The Marine Corps, he said, is looking at that issue.

Mabus and Neller have deep differences on how the Marine Corps should proceed, and provided their views in starkly different ways.

Mabus presented a lengthy opening statement laying out his views and why he disagreed with the Marine's recommendation, and had to be warned by McCain to finish up quickly. Neller, meanwhile, made no opening statement, provided short, clipped answers to questions, and avoided most direct disagreements with Mabus.

Asked to list his concerns, Neller said he's worried about retention, injury rates and unit effectiveness.

Lawmakers, including McCain, criticized Mabus for deciding to allow women to compete for Marine combat jobs — and telling the media — before fully reading and taking into account the massive Marine study.

"You're handling of this issue has really complicated this issue for those of us who support integration," McCain snapped at Mabus at the end of the hearing.

Milley said he fully supported allowing women to seek combat jobs, but cautioned that it should be done slowly and methodically because "we must not rush to failure."

The military leaders said that for the first time the services are developing standards that are specific to each job, based on the requirements and tasks that must be accomplished. Those standards, they said, will be applied equally for men and women.

Milley added that at this point he does not expect that women will be forced into infantry jobs. The Army, he said, doesn't involuntarily send men to the combat post right now and the service is meeting all its needs. But, he said, things could change in the future depending on the military's needs.

Carter's order to allow women to compete for combat posts opens the final 10 percent of military positions to women — a total of about 220,000 jobs. And it allows them to serve in the most demanding and difficult jobs, including as special operations forces, such as the Army Delta units and Navy SEALs.

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BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 15ENT-0285, 1615 Ocean Front Walk. A Conditional Use Permit (15ENT-0285) application to allow the on-site consumption and service of alcoholic beverages (Type 41) in conjunction with a 2,378 square foot expansion of an existing 3,318 square foot restaurant located in the Oceanfront – Beach Overlay (OF-B) district. [Planner: Rathar Duong] **Applicant: William Dale Brantley (aARt's Architects). Property Owner: Martin Mink, Santa Monica Properties LLC.**

Conditional Use Permit 15ENT-0293, 3205 Pico Boulevard. A Conditional Use Permit (15ENT-0293) to allow for 3,219 square foot office space to be located within a new mixed-use commercial building within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zone. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.11.020, a Conditional Use Permit is required to allow for office uses in the NC, Neighborhood Commercial District. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **Applicant / Property Owner: Ronald Udall.**

Tentative Map 15ENT-0325, 1927 Nineteenth Street. The applicant requests approval of a vesting tentative parcel map to create three residential condominium air parcels on a single parcel as part of a two-story multi-family development with semi-subterranean garage in the R2 (Low Density Residential) zoning district. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **Applicant / Property Owner: TWD 19th Street, LP.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **58.6°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Leftover NW swell-mix lingers.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
Modest WNW swell - plus sets at winter standouts out west.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 355 calls for service on Feb. 1.

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

Disturbance of the peace, 1500 block of 2nd, 12:12 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Lincoln, 1:30 a.m.
DUI, 1400 block of 2nd, 1:51 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 2500 block of Michigan, 2:20 a.m.
Person down, 1500 block of Lincoln, 7:58 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 100 block of Hollister, 8:18 a.m.
Battery, 1700 block of Lincoln, 8:22 a.m.
Violation of restraining order, 3000 block of Wilshire, 8:22 a.m.
Traffic collision, 2700 block of Pennsylvania, 8:51 a.m.
Suspicious person, 200 block of Santa Monica, 8:58 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1700 block of Ocean, 9:19 a.m.
Threats, 2200 block of Colorado, 9:42 a.m.
Burglary, 1500 block of Stanford, 10:14 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 2200 block of Virginia, 11:04 a.m.
Suspicious person, 3000 block of Wilshire, 11:17 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 26th/Wilshire, 11:35 a.m.
Suspicious person, 600 block of Ozone, 11:42 a.m.
Traffic collision, 3200 block of Pico, 12:25 p.m.
Hit and run, 200 block of California, 1:03 p.m.
Fight, Main/Marine, 1:35 p.m.
Traffic collision, 4th/Santa Monica, 2:05 p.m.
Fraud, 1300 block of 4th, 2:40 p.m.
Battery, 1700 block of 17th, 2:59 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1700 block of Arizona, 3:12 p.m.
Person down, 800 block of Pico, 3:48 p.m.
Identity theft, 2400 block of 23rd, 4:06 p.m.
Battery, 1800 block of 10th, 4:15 p.m.
Burglary, 700 block of Grant, 4:33 p.m.
Vandalism, 1500 block of 17th, 4:34 p.m.
Armed robbery, 2200 block of 4th, 4:51 p.m.
Traffic collision, 33rd/Pico, 4:56 p.m.
Threats, 1600 block of Montana, 4:57 p.m.
Traffic collision, 31st/Pico, 5:24 p.m.
Family disturbance, 2100 block of Santa Monica, 5:48 p.m.
Fire, 2800 block of Neilson, 6:41 p.m.
Burglary, 500 block of 17th, 7:13 p.m.
Public intoxication, 26th/Wilshire, 7:44 p.m.
Suspicious person, 1700 block of Sunset, 9:41 p.m.
Burglary, 00 block of Sea Colony, 10:04 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle, 1700 block of 16th, 10:18 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold, 1900 block of Pico, 10:53 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 1800 block of 17th, 11:46 p.m.
Family disturbance, 3000 block of Santa Monica, 11:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 42 calls for service on Feb. 1.

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

High rise structure fire, 1500 block of 5th, 1:15 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1500 block of Ocean, 2:15 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Ocean, 5:13 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Euclid, 5:37 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of Lincoln, 6:46 a.m.
EMS, 2900 block of Delaware, 7:08 a.m.
EMS, 2400 block of Centinela, 7:31 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 9th, 7:55 a.m.
EMS, 1500 block of Lincoln, 7:59 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block of 17th, 8:01 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 6th, 8:19 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 16th, 8:43 a.m.
EMS, 2700 block of Pennsylvania, 8:52 a.m.
EMS, 3000 block of Airport, 9:06 a.m.
Wires down, 3000 block of 4th, 9:09 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1300 block of 17th, 9:48 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Colorado, 10:30 a.m.
EMS, 300 block of Euclid, 10:53 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block of Santa Monica, 11:39 a.m.
EMS, 200 block of Washington, 12:23 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Hill, 12:33 p.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Pico, 12:37 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block of Santa Monica, 12:46 p.m.
EMS, 18th/Pico, 1:29 p.m.
EMS, 3100 block of Wilshire, 2:02 p.m.
EMS, 2700 block of Neilson, 3:20 p.m.
Assist LAFD, 500 block of Ocean Front, 4:35 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 17th, 4:51 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 4th, 5:12 p.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Colorado, 5:35 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 16th, 5:36 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 5th, 5:51 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 10th, 5:56 p.m.
EMS, 2100 block of Ocean, 6:05 p.m.
High rise structure fire, 2800 block of Neilson, 6:37 p.m.
EMS, 26th/Wilshire, 7:41 p.m.
EMS, 3400 block of Exposition, 8:01 p.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Ashland, 8:10 p.m.
Wires down, 700 block of 17th, 8:47 p.m.
EMS, 2200 block of Colorado, 10:40 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block of Lincoln, 11:42 p.m.

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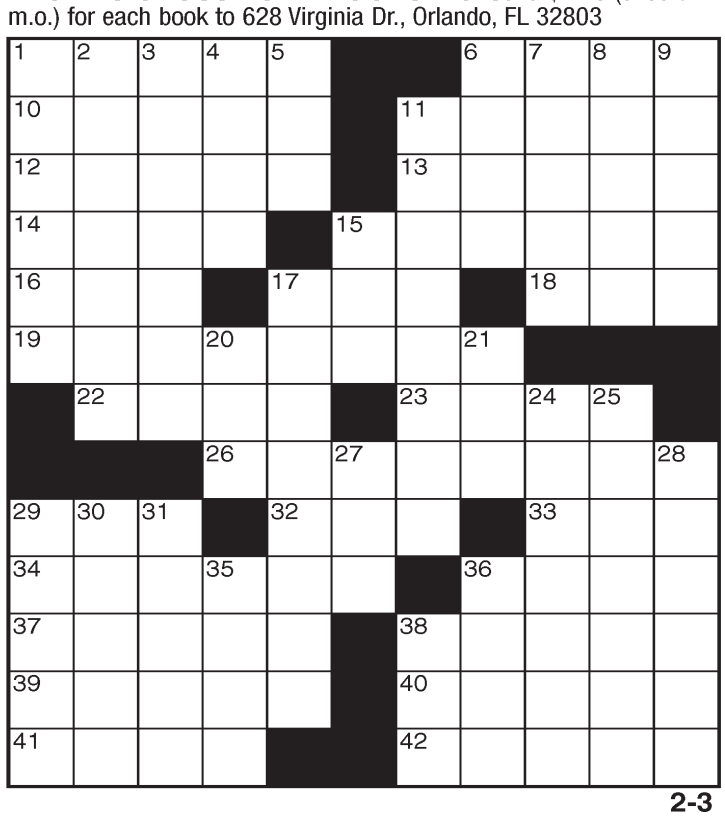
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36 Late runners
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	8	7	9	1	3	5	4	2
5	3	2	8	7	4	9	1	6
1	4	9	2	5	6	3	8	7
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SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/30
2 31 33 36 38
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 13M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/1
4 14 22 28 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/2
MIDDAY: 5 6 7
Draw Date: 2/1
EVENING: 6 4 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/1
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:47.30

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1959 – Deaths of rock and roll musicians Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and J. P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa.

1960 – British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan speaks of "a wind of change", an increasing national consciousness blowing through colonial Africa, signalling that his Government is likely to support decolonisation.

1961 – The United States Air Forces begins Operation Looking Glass, and over the next 30 years, a "Doomsday Plane" is always in the air, with the capability of taking direct control of the United States' bombers and missiles in the event of the destruction of the SAC's command post.

1966 – The unmanned Soviet Luna 9 spacecraft makes the first controlled rocket-assisted landing on the Moon.

1967 – Ronald Ryan, the last person to be executed in Australia, is hanged in Pentridge Prison, Melbourne.

1969 – In Cairo, Yasser Arafat is appointed Palestine Liberation Organization leader at the Palestinian National Congress.

1971 – New York Police Officer Frank Serpico is shot during a drug bust in Brooklyn and survives to later testify against police corruption. Many believe the incident proves that NYPD officers tried to kill him.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The director of senior services for Cranston, Rhode Island, resigned in January after a mayor's press-conference went badly. To publicize a snow-removal program that would benefit seniors unable to shovel for themselves, the director (needing a proper example of a beneficiary of the program) instructed a middle-aged male subordinate to (unconvincingly) don a wig and dress and stand beside the mayor during the announcement.

■ The United Nations announced at year-end that the book most often checked out last year at its in-house Dag Hammarskjold Library in New York was the nearly 500-page "Immunity of Heads of State and State Officials for International Crimes." The list of borrowers was not revealed. (In general, the book concludes, current heads of state have immunity but not past ones.)

■ New Age Medical Care: Surgeons treating 4-month-old Teegan Lexcen (born with only one lung and a critically deformed heart) had given up on her, but doctors at Nicklaus Children's Hospital in Miami jury-rigged a surgical tool that saved the infant's life. In a delicate seven-hour procedure, using an iPhone app and $20 Google Cardboard box virtual-reality viewers, doctors guided themselves through Teegan's chest based on two-dimensional body scans that the app had converted to 3-D. (Old-style 3-D images, they said, were too grainy for precision surgery.)

Take a midweek freak tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others depend on you to see the big picture. As a result, your feedback is far more important than you realize. At first, you might find this process to be confusing and challenging. Understand that people respect your ideas, and don't hold back. Tonight: Midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Deal with a loved one directly. You both have good ideas; respect the differences in your opinions. A partner or associate can be exceptionally negative and closed down. By now, you're used to this attitude, so just work with it. Tonight: Reach out to a friend at a distance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Let others make choices without causing too much interference. This change in attitude will take work and self-discipline. Make it OK to work through a problem and not get too involved in it. Allow someone else to own his or her issues. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You are determined to get past a problem. How you see a situation could be radically different from how your associates see it. As a result, the solutions that are offered will be different. Don't let your determination isolate you from others. Tonight: Call it a night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your imagination can't be shut off right now. Thank goodness! You often express a frisky and playful attitude, and today is no different. A loved one is earnest about involving you in his or her dilemma. Don't make light of this. Tonight: Act as if it's the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Stay centered, and proceed with care. You might not have the wherewithal to proceed as you might like. A family member or a domestic issue seems quite serious. Do not put energy on the negative, but on the positive. You will see a solution quite quickly. Tonight: Head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You smile, and others respond. The problem seems to be that others are very serious and hard to communicate with. You might want to rethink your approach. Be aware that you have your limitations, and proceed accordingly. A partner will surprise you. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Finances demand your attention. You could be in a position of having to say no to someone. Understand that you're not made of money. You might need to cut back if you have been a spendthrift of sorts. An unusual expenditure option might appear. Tonight: Assess your budget.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Fiery energy mixed with determination could make you the winning player in a certain situation. Knowing what you want, having ideas and not being stopped by problems will allow you to create what you desire. Your commitment comes through. Tonight: Make choices for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)

★★★ Everyone has a bad day or two. The way you handle these periods will determine others' attitudes and their willingness to work with you. You might need some time off from work right now. You will see your energy renew itself and take you in a new direction. Tonight: Not to be found.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ A friendship is more important to you than you might choose to share with the other party. Why are you feeling this way? Why are you projecting this attitude? Sometimes letting others know how much you care is important. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Others sense a change in your attitude. You seem to have no desire to deal with people or listen to their diatribes. A little sensitivity can go a long way. You'll need to work with certain individuals, even if you would prefer not to. Tonight: Know when you're too tired to continue.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

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

This year challenges you to perform to your highest level. You will manifest one of your long-term goals, if not more. Your determination will make the difference between success and failure. If you're single, the person you meet after mid-September could make you much happier than anyone you meet before then. Unless you are thrilled about the idea of a relationship, do not commit. If you are attached, the two of you will make a major life decision together. You will open up and experiment with new ideas come September. SAGITTARIUS is a good friend.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



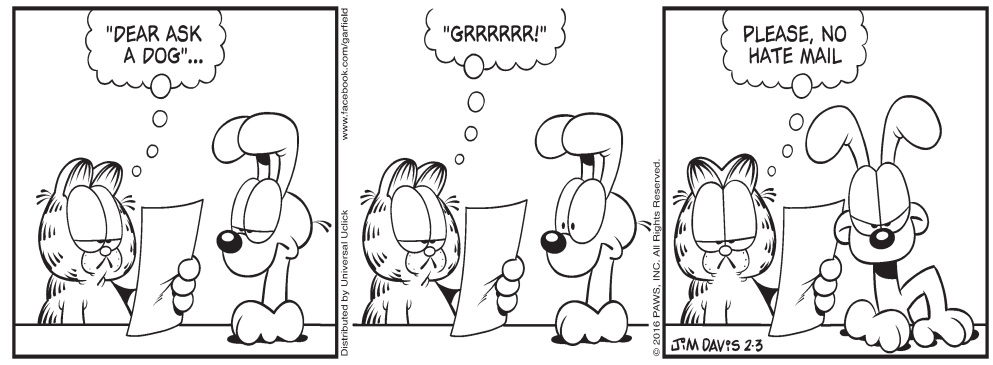
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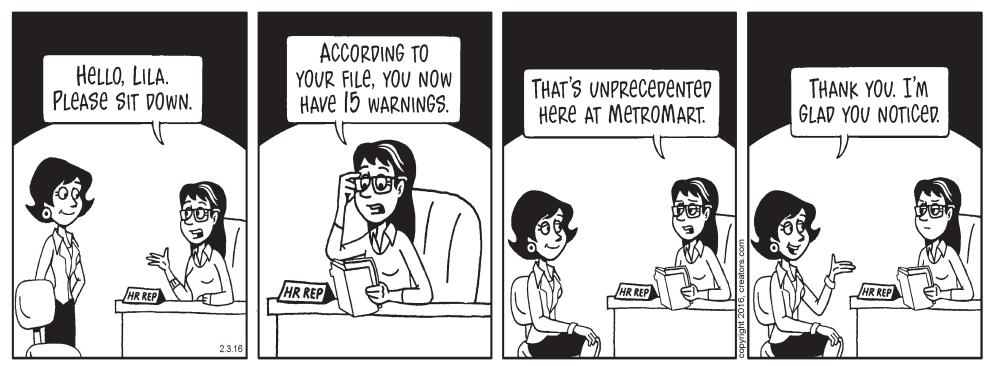
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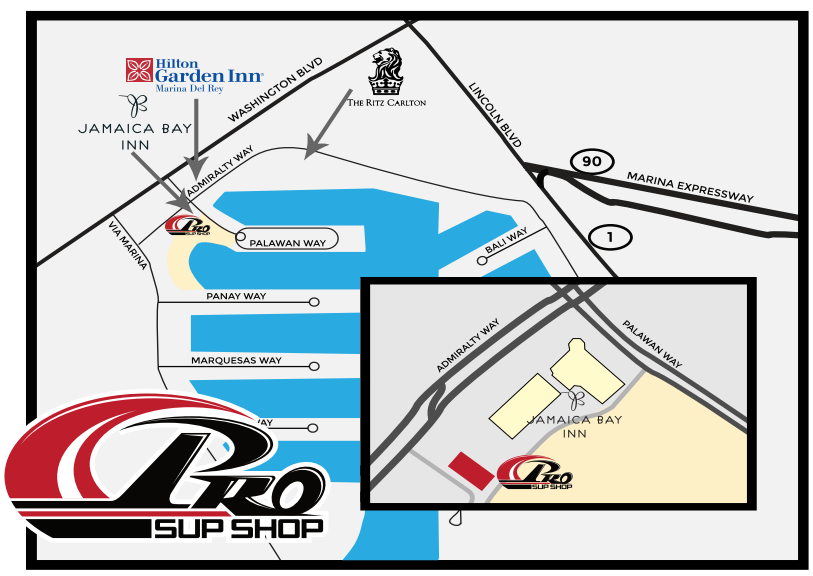
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