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THE BURGER ISSUE

City budgets $28M better than expected

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The city budget under promised and over delivered last fiscal year.

City Hall spent less and made more than they expected to in fiscal year 2013-14, according to a report from finance officials.

The General Fund, City Hall's primary account, brought in $17.3 million more than was projected — 5.1 percent better than the estimate.

About $7 million of that is expected to be an on-going boost to funds: They made more than a million dollars than they expected, for example, from parking revenues, parking citations, and local taxes.

The other $10 million bonus came from one-time windfalls: City Hall got back $4.6 million more than they'd anticipated in reimbursements related to the dissolution of the redevelopment agency, for example.

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FREE LUNCH

Matthew Hall matt@smdp.com

Steak N Shake officially opened for business at 11 a.m. on Oct. 28. The business celebrated by offering the first 100 customers in line a year's worth of free burgers, fries and shakes.

ATF team to aid with Venice investigation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A special national team of federal agents and specialists has flown into Los Angeles to help the Fire Department investigate the cause of a storage facility fire in Venice.

Carlos A. Canino, who heads the Los Angeles office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, says the team provides additional resources, expertise and will expedite the investigation so people can get into their units.

The blaze erupted Saturday and hundreds of firefighters fought it for more than 14 hours. Eight firefighters suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Canino says the fire resulted in an initial estimate of $2 million in damages, wiping out rows of storage units or causing smoke and water damage.

The team activates on large or high-profile fires, including the 1993 World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings.

Outside spending flooding in

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council candidates have spent close to $400,000 on their campaigns but those dollars pale in comparison to what's been spent by outside groups.

Supporters of Measure D, which would require a public vote on any significant changes to the Santa Monica Airport, have spent more than $800,000 alone. Hundreds of thousands of dollars more have come in from other groups that support or oppose candidates or measures.

These outside boosters don't have to adhere to the same campaign finance rules placed on candidates, who can only accept contributions of $325 or less. The political

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

October 29

All you can carry pumpkin patch
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Arizona at 2nd St.
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Strategically stack and balance all the pumpkins you can carry, put them in your teeth, balance them on your head (no help from friends, and no equipment please) then carry them to the end of the 25 foot long pumpkin patch lane and they are yours! Costumes encouraged. $5.

An evening with Jane Smiley
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Jane Smiley is the author of numerous novels, including "A Thousand Acres," which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, as well as four works of nonfiction. In 2001 she was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She received the PEN USA Lifetime Achievement Award for Literature in 2006. $20 General Admission; $30 Reserved Seats.

Peace Now free concert
RAWvolution
2301 Main St. 6 p.m.
RAWvolution presents the Peace Now Concert with Greg Cipes, supporting 1 Billion Signatures for peace.

Just for Seniors: email basics.
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
3:30 - 5 p.m.
Learn about email and how it works. Hands-on practice with sending email. Sign up for your own email account. This is the final session of a 3-part introductory computer class series tailored for seniors and those who want to learn at a slower pace. Registration is not required. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608.

Day of the Dead Documentary and Discussion
Pico branch library
2201 Pico Blvd. 6 - 8 p.m.
The documentary by Metamorfosis Documentation Project, The Feast of the Souls, followed by a discussion, co-presented with the Mexican Consulate/Asuntos Culturales. Programa bilingue.

Medicare 101
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6 p.m.
Confused about Medicare? Medicare Specialist Samuel Schwartz will answer questions and provide information to help you make educated decisions regarding your healthcare.
Age(s): 50+/Seniors, Adults

Halloween Cocktail Theater: Zombies Edition
41 Ocean Club
1541 Ocean Ave. #150 7 to 10 p.m.
$125 for general admission, $50 for non-alcoholic admission. www.rxliquidchef.com, 566-3870. Join mixologist Rob Floyd for Halloween drinks, styled with a side of showmanship. Tickets include five signature cocktails and a trio of dishes from Chef Jimmy Martinez.

Three Naughty Nights of Halloween
Circle Bar
2926 Main St. 9 p.m. Oct. 29, Oct 30 and 5 p.m. Oct. 31
www.circle-bar.com, 450-0508.
Three nights of Halloween includes Wicked Brew specials and DJs spinning spooky tracks. Priority entry with costume.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica College

SMC receives "bronze" designation for bicycle friendly campus

The League of American Bicyclists recognized Santa Monica College for its efforts in making its campus bicycle-friendly with a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly University (BFU)award. The award, announced on Oct. 22, makes SMC the first community college in California to get this bike-friendly certification, and it shares the distinction of being the first nationwide with Montgomery County Community College in Pennsylvania. Other universities, which also received a first-time bronze designation, include Pomona College, Columbia University and Carnegie Mellon University.

"Campus leaders are recognizing the real-time and long-term impact that a culture of bicycling can create," said Andy Clarke, President of the League of American Bicyclists, which leads a movement to make America more bike-friendly. "We applaud this new round of colleges and universities for investing in a more sustainable future for the country and a healthier future for their staff, students and surrounding communities."

The Bronze-level award recognized SMC's efforts, through its Center for Urban and Environmental Studies and the student-run SMC Bicycle Club, to build a bike-friendly campus by offering organized rides, a mentoring program for new riders, information to incoming students and new faculty and staff about riding on campus, and bike valet parking at events. It also has a cash incentive program for employees who bike, walk, carpool, or take transit to campus.

The campus currently has 800 bike racks, and in collaboration with the college's Associated Students, offers an "Any Line, Any Time" service through which students and staff with valid IDs can ride "any line, any time" on the City of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus.

"Getting this designation really motivates us," says Genevieve Bertone, SMC Director of Sustainability. "Our student leaders in the Bike Club led the initiative to apply for this award and we are going to keep up their good work."

In 2008, SMC joined over 600 colleges and universities in committing to reduce its carbon footprint through the American College and University President's Climate Commitment. The college is known for its innovative environmental programs such as in recycling and resource management, a commercial composting station, and its wide offerings of sustainability-focused classes.

There are now a total of 100 bicycle-friendly universities in 37 states and Washington D.C.The award designation is good for four years. For more information, visit: www.bikeleague.org/university

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Marina Del Rey

California Yacht Club Yachting Dinner

Commodore Richard Mainland and Staff Commodore Alex Benson, will share the delights of a 14-day cruise in Washington State's San Juan Islands and the beautiful islands and harbors of British Columbia.

Experience Victoria, B.C, idyllic Telegraph and Ladysmith Harbors in the Gulf Islands, "Poet's Cove" on Bedwell Island and unspoiled anchorages in Howe Sound on the mainland of Canada. Hear tall tales of cruising in the home waters of the Orcas.

No-Host Cocktails: 6:15 p.m., buffet dinner: 7 p.m., followed by Presentation

$26 includes dinner, tax, service and parking. Open to all who enjoy yachting and adventure, as a public service of CYC. Reservations required. Call (310) 823-4567 or visit www.calyachtclub.com for more information. The California Yacht Club is located at 4469 Admiralty Way.

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October 30

Monster Bash
Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel
1700 Ocean Ave. 7:30 - 11 p.m.
Join us for a spooktacular time! There will be casino games, a silent auction, prizes, complimentary specialty drink, hors d'oeuvres and desserts, frighteningly good entertainment, a no host full bar and Halloween costume contest! Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels. $100 advance; $125 at the door

Comedy Halloween Party
M.i. Westside Comedy Theater
1323 3rd Street Promenade 8 p.m.
Join us for a free Halloween Comedy Show. Come dressed to impress in your best Halloween costume to get a chance to win a great prize. Unlike other comedy clubs, there is no drink minimum and there is a wide variety of wine and beer available. There will be a haunted green room, costume party and karaoke from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Homework help
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Description: 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.

October 31

Halloween 2014 with Three Day Rule and EOW
The Viceroy Santa Monica
1819 Ocean Ave. 9 p.m.
$15 to $30. www.viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/en/santamonica, 260-7500. This costume bash is expected to attract more than 500 guests, all competing for first prize. Two DJs will spin all night, and a portion of the ticket sales benefit the California Fire Foundation.

Halloween Bash
The Craftsman Bar and Kitchen
119 Broadway, 9 p.m.
Free admission, www.thecraftsmanbar.com, 395-6037. This annual event features live music, drink specials and costume contest with prizes for the best and the sexiest outfits. House-made moonshine will be served, and scary movies will play on the big screen.

Montana Avenue Halloween Hop
Montana Avenue between Sixth and 17th Streets, 3 - 6 p.m.
www.montanaave.com. Kids of all ages are welcome to attend this annual trick-or-treating event, where families can safely stroll down Montana Avenue during the day as merchants offer candy.

Sonoma Halloween Party
Sonoma Wine Garden
395 Santa Monica Place, 9 p.m.
$50 and up, www.sonomawinegarden.com, (424) 214-4560. A costume party, beats by DJ LE and dancing in the garden and cocktails from mixologist Rob Floyd are all features of this adults-only event.

Halloween Party
The Roost at L.A. Farm, 8:30 p.m. - midnight
$55, www.theroostatlafarm.com, 449-4000. This event features an open bar, sure to be a plus for some party-goers. Costume contest prizes include season tickets for two people with an open bar tab at the Geffen Playhouse.

Wok-ing Dead Halloween Party
Wokcano
1413 Fifth St., 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
$15 in advance, $20 day-of, www.wokcanoSMhalloween.eventbrite.com, 497-6324. Demons, zombies and ghouls of all kinds are welcome to this evening featuring best costume contest, laser light show and other prizes. Food and drink specials run 8 to 10 p.m.

Santa Monica Zombie Crawl
Rusty's Surf Ranch
256 Santa Monica Pier, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.
$12 in advance, $15 at the door, www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-santa-monica-zombie-crawl-tickets-12627789057. This second annual pub crawl will feature artists from the Toni and Guy studio on-hand to help with zombie makeup at the start. This chilling night will have spooky food and drink specials at participating locations from the pier to Fifth Street.

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Measure D misrepresentation

Editor:

My name is Sarah Braff and I am President of the Santa Monica/Malibu Classroom Teachers Association. It has come to my attention that the Yes on D campaign is using my name on their mailers in support of measure D.

I support a no vote on D and a yes vote on LC.

When someone came to my door eight months ago and asked me to sign a petition and represented it as one supporting the closing of the airport, I did, as I'm sure many other residents did (under false pretenses) as well. Now they're using my name without permission and I would like it to stop immediately!

Their campaign is full of falsehoods and misrepresentations set up to confuse voters. Santa Monica Residents deserve better. Don't be fooled, vote No on D and Yes on LC and really let the voters decide on how our land should be used.

Sarah Braff
President SMMCTA

No on D

Editor

I am the chair of the school site council at Will Rogers Learning Community. It has come to my attention that the Yes on D campaign is using my name on their mailers in support of measure D. I have not had any contact with this organization. It is deeply disturbing that this organization would use my name without permission in support of their efforts.

Susan Gates
Santa Monica

Santa Monicans could finance both plaintiffs and defendants in airport fight.

Editor:

Santa Monica voters may want to think carefully on competing airport ballot measures. They could end up financing both sides of an expensive court fight with the Federal government that could last decades, costing tens of millions of city taxpayer's money.

Measure D, puts the future of Santa Monica airport firmly in the hands of voters to decide the future of the airport, either to keep open as an airport or to close. Measure LC backers seek the close the airport, bypassing voters and allowing seven city council members only to set up a court battle with the Federal government over the airport, all financed by city taxpayers.

If Measure LC wins at the ballot box, city voters will end up footing the bill for a decades long battle with the Federal Government, according to the City attorney. Paradoxically, with Measure LC, Santa Monica voters will end up financing both legal teams. The plaintiffs in City Hall and their outside legal counsel via local taxes and fees and via Federal taxes to defendants FAA and the Federal Government. City estimates of City costs to date in legal fees have been at least $5m in three recent failed lawsuits with the FAA and Federal government.

Measure D, on the other hand would bring some peace the airport debate, putting the airports fate firmly in the hands of Santa Monica voters and immediately ending years of failed City Council lawsuits against the Federal government and the millions of dollars of wasted City expenditures, all financed by Santa Monica City tax payers.

Dave Hopkins
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Judge tosses ex-dictator's suit against Activision

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Disgraced Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega's lawsuit over his inclusion in a 2012 "Call of Duty" video game has been dismissed by a judge who determined the game's use of his likeness is protected by the First Amendment.

Superior Court Judge William Fahey's ruling determined that Activision Blizzard, Inc. created a complex and multi-faceted game, "Call of Duty: Black Ops II," and it relied very little on the inclusion of Noriega in a pair of missions.

Noriega had sought unspecified damages in the lawsuit, which Fahey ruled cannot be amended or re-filed. Noriega's attorney William T. Gibbs said his office was still reviewing the ruling and would confer with Noriega on any next steps, which could include an appeal.

Noriega sued Activision in July, claiming the company depicted him as a killer and enemy of the state. The game features a story line in which players capture Noriega, who then helps the game's villain.

"This was an absurd lawsuit from the very beginning and we're gratified that in the end, a notorious criminal didn't win," said former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who was part of the legal team that represented Activision in court earlier this month.

Giuliani had argued that Noriega's status as a public figure in the 1980s prevented him from suing over his inclusion in the game.

Activision, which has featured historical figures such as President John F. Kennedy and Fidel Castro in previous "Call of Duty" games, praised the ruling.

"Today's ruling is a victory for the 40 million dedicated members of our 'Call of Duty' community and global audiences who enjoy historical fiction across all works of art," Bobby Kotick, Activision Blizzard's CEO wrote in a statement.

Noriega was toppled in 1989 by a U.S. invasion and served a 17-year drug trafficking sentence in the United States. He later was convicted in France of money laundering, and that country repatriated him to Panama in December 2011. Noriega, 80, is serving a 60-year sentence for murder, embezzlement and corruption.

He has had health issues in recent months and has been treated for high blood pressure, flu and bronchitis. His family also has said he has a benign brain tumor and heart trouble. In a sworn declaration, Noriega wrote that he learned his likeness had been used in the game after his grandchildren played it and asked why one of the missions focused on captured the ex-dictator.

Noriega contended his appearance in the game boosted Activision's profits from "Black Ops II." The game earned more than $1 billion in sales within 15 days of its release. Fahey disagreed, writing that the marketability and economic value of "Black Ops II "comes not from Noriega, but from the creativity, skill and reputation of (Activision.)"

Activision has pointed out that Noriega appears in one mission in the game and he wasn't used in any of the marketing for "Black Ops II."



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA County supports police search of guest records

Los Angeles County will file a motion with the U.S. Supreme Court supporting an argument by the city of Los Angeles that police should be allowed to inspect hotel guest registries on demand without a warrant.

The Board of Supervisors passed the resolution on Tuesday.

The motion says Los Angeles police have used such warrantless searches to combat sexual exploitation of children at hotels and motels.

If business operators didn't allow police inspection of the guest registries, operators faced arrest and a fine of up to $1,000 under a nuisance abatement measure.

The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled last year that such non-consensual inspection was akin to a Fourth Amendment search and officers couldn't penalize business operators without allowing them a chance to contest the demand.

SAN GABRIEL

Pomona SWAT officer shot while serving warrant

Police say a Pomona SWAT officer has been shot and seriously wounded while serving a search warrant at a residence in San Gabriel, and a suspect has been arrested.

Pomona Lt. Mike Keltner says the officer, a 15-year law enforcement veteran, is in critical condition Tuesday following surgery for a gunshot wound to the upper torso.

Los Angeles County sheriff's spokeswoman Nicole Nishida says the shooting occurred as a multi-agency task force entered the home about 4 a.m.

She says officers took the suspect into custody without returning fire.

Keltner says the search warrant was related to a case involving a motorcycle gang, but he didn't say what officers were looking for.

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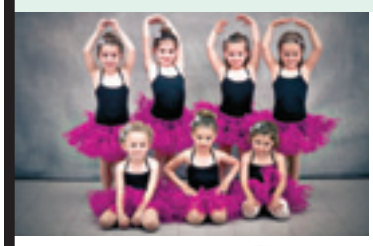
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Group wants court review of reactor license

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) An environmental group asked a federal court Tuesday to review its claim that California's last operating nuclear power plant is violating federal law and should be shut down at least temporarily.

In a petition filed in Washington with the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Friends of the Earth said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission violated its own rules when it altered the operating license for the Diablo Canyon reactors.

The petition marked the latest development in the dispute over potential danger posed by earthquake faults near the reactors.

In a statement, the group said the change, involving how risks from earthquakes are assessed, should have triggered a license amendment proceeding that would have involved public hearings. Instead, the change was made internally.

The petition asked that the change be overturned and that the court order a license amendment proceeding. It also wants the power plant to be shut down until those proceedings are completed.

"The NRC acted arbitrarily, abused its discretion and violated" federal laws by approving the change without seeking the required license amendment, the petition said.

The NRC and plant owner Pacific Gas and Electric Co. have long said the plant located near San Luis Obispo, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, is safe and in compliance with regulations.

The agency will review the court filing, NRC spokeswoman Lara Uselding said in an email.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. spokesman Blair Jones said Friends of the Earth continues to mischaracterize the facts.

The plant "is a seismically safe facility and is in compliance with NRC licensing requirements," Jones said in a statement.

The environmental group said the NRC and the company are trying to conceal that the reactors are vulnerable to strong shaking from possible earthquakes.

"It is now clear that these outdated 1960s-era reactors are not built to withstand the earthquake risks that surround the plant," group spokesman Damon Moglen said in a statement. "Instead of making them address these safety issues, the NRC worked with PG&E to change the rules."

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Meanwhile, General Fund expenditures were $5 million, or 1.8 percent, below budget. Nearly 70 percent of the savings from City Hall's different departments (an $8.3 million total savings) came from 116 vacant positions, according to the report.

"Remaining supplies and expenses savings indicate more efficient energy use, decreased reliance on consultants, lower than projected training needs, and conservative spending on ongoing operations," city officials said.

Between the savings and the revenues, the General Fund is $22.3 million richer than city officials thought it would be.

"These surplus funds … will be used for expenditure control budgeting, the new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system to be purchased (this fiscal year), increased contributions to the Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund in order to maintain an appropriate funding level to cover liabilities, and to prefund and paydown (City Hall's) retirement benefit liabilities," city officials said.

All the other funds had revenues $2.6 million (1 percent) better than anticipated and savings $3.5 million (1.7 percent) below budget.

Only the Housing Authority Fund needed help from the General Fund this year.

"Funds historically requiring General Fund support, including the Pier, Airport, and Beach Funds, ended the year with a positive balance," city officials said.

Along with the news of the better-than-expected financial results, city officials are recommending some additional spending this fiscal year.

About $850,000 will go toward the Water Conservation Unit, aimed at cracking down on water waste during this drought.

City Hall will add the equivalent of four and half new workers this year.

All told, the General Fund would spend $4.1 million more than had previously been approved if City Council gives the go-ahead.

Another $2.6 million, not previously approved, would go toward capital improvement project throughout the city. These funds would go toward establishing a budget, for example, for the Santa Monica Pier safety barrier.

City officials are also proposing changes that could lead to an additional $10,000 in annual revenue from the Santa Monica Pier Carousel. They say council should agree to raise private rental rates, which were established in 2002. They also want the carousel to be available for rental during regular business hours, limited to six times a year.

"Depending on the type of rental and number of guests," city officials said, "the proposed rates would increase between 9 percent and 25 percent from the rates set in 2002."

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HUNGER WALK

Maddy Tenzer

The 24th annual Hunger Walk, held on Oct. 26, raised money for the Westside Food Bank

Marvel unveils slate of films through 2019

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES "Doctor Strange," ''Black Panther," ''Captain Marvel" and the "Inhumans" are joining the Marvel cinematic universe.

The studio unveiled the titles and release dates of its upcoming superhero films through 2019 during a Tuesday event in Hollywood. The schedule includes a mix of sequels featuring familiar faces and originals focused on Marvel characters that have yet to be introduced on the big screen.

The slate includes "Captain America: Civil War" and "Doctor Strange" in 2016; "Guardians of the Galaxy 2," ''Thor: Ragnarok" and "Black Panther" in 2017; "The Avengers: Infinity War - Part I," ''Captain Marvel" and "Inhumans" in 2018; and "The Avengers: Infinity War - Part II" in 2019.

The movies join next year's "The Avengers: Age of Ultron" and "Ant-Man."

"When we have information we want to reveal, we reveal it," Marvel Studios chief Kevin Feige told fans and members of the media on stage at the El Capitan Theatre. "Sometimes that's in a press release, sometimes that's in San Diego Comic-Con - if everything comes together well - and sometimes that's on a random Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the morning."

At the end of the event, "Get On Up" star Chadwick Boseman was announced as the actor who will portray Black Panther. He joined "Iron Man" and "Captain America" stars Robert Downey Jr. and Chris Evans on stage for the reveal.

"I'm blessed to be part of this Marvel universe," Boseman said. "I look forward to making magic together."

Feige said the character will make his first appearance in "Civil War," which will pit Captain America and Iron Man against each other. In the comics, Black Panther is the leader of the fictional African nation of Wakanda who becomes a member of The Avengers.

"He is definitively a big part of 'Civil War,'" Feige said. "We will see him for the first time in 'Civil War' in costume."

"Black Panther" and "Captain Marvel" will mark the studio's first films centered on black and female characters from Marvel comics. Feige said the big-screen iteration of the Captain Marvel character will be Carol Danvers, a U.S. Air Force officer whose adventures take her to space in the comics.

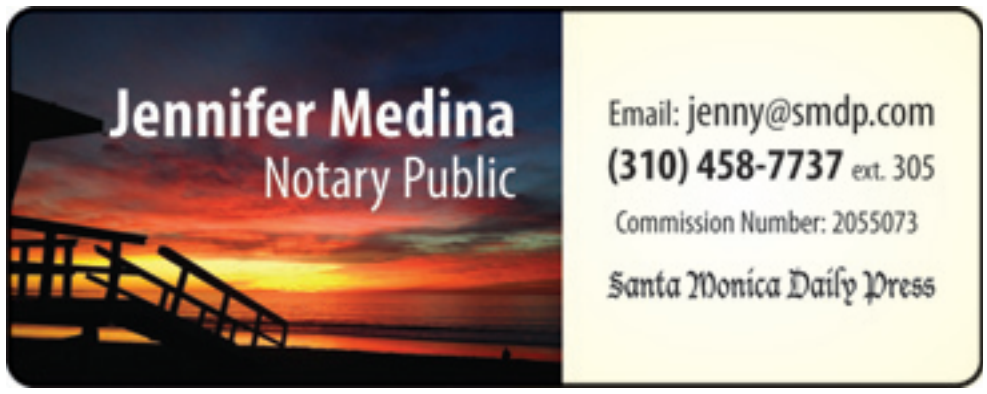
No casting announcements were made for "Captain Marvel," the sorcery-centric "Doctor Strange" or "Inhumans," which is about a race of superhumans.

The Marvel films represent an important chunk of the Walt Disney Co.'s portfolio. Feige said the first 10 Marvel films, which kicked off in 2008 with "Iron Man" and "The Incredible Hulk," have made over $7 billion.

Tuesday's unveiling of the so-called "phase three" of Marvel's film schedule comes two weeks after Warner Bros. announced a slate of 10 films based on DC Comics characters, including "The Flash," ''Aquaman," ''Cyborg," ''Wonder Woman" and "Shazam."

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MONEY
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action committees (PACs) can't collude with the candidates they're supporting.

The PAC supporting Measure D is largely financed by aviation groups, like the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), which has spent $279,049 on the campaign to date. AOPA is based in Maryland. The National Business Aviation Association - based in Washington, D.C. - has spent $225,000 on the campaign.

Tens of thousands of dollars were spent on mailers and robocalls in support of the measure in the last two weeks. Tens of thousands of dollars were also spent with the law firm Reed & Davidson. Flora Yin, who filed the initial Measure D ballot initiative and serves as the treasurer on the pro-Measure D campaign, is a partner at Reed & Davidson.

A group formed to oppose the measure and support Measure LC, which would retain some of council's control over the land, has raised $108,000 and spent $87,000 to date. Most of the contributions are from Santa Monica residents. Much of the cash has been spent on mailers. Some was spent to support a street fair, which raised more than $1,000 in support of the measure.

SMRR

Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the city's largest political party, has raised $129,505 to be spent on its candidates and causes. The Huntley Hotel, which has actively opposed the expansion of its neighbor, the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, contributed $10,000 last week.

Attorney Michael Soloff contributed $10,000 earlier this month. He is married to Planning Commissioner Sue Himmelrich, who is being supported by SMRR - along with incumbent Kevin McKeown and Planning Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy - in her race for council. No council candidates were selected by the SMRR membership this year. Six of the seven SMRR Steering Committee members who did not recuse themselves voted to back Himmelrich late last month.

Former Santa Monica Mayor Denny Zane did not vote, because he is Himmelrich's campaign manager, but he did lobby members of the committee on her behalf.

Kennedy, who was previously SMRR's only paid employee, gave $500.

At the time of their selection by the SMRR Steering Committee, both Himmelrich and Kennedy employed Roger Thornton as their treasurer. Thornton, who is still the SMRR treasurer but no longer represents Himmelrich and Kennedy, was an active Steering Committee member and voted to support them.

Santa Monica College Board of Trustee incumbent Andrew Walzer was also given support from the SMRR Steering Committee and he contributed $1,000 to SMRR earlier this month. Incumbent Louise Jaffe, who was selected by the committee, contributed $2,000 to SMRR's PAC from her campaign.

Board of Education incumbent Ralph Mechur, who was selected by the membership, gave $400.

SMRR endorsements go a long way. Six of the seven current council members and six of the seven Ed Board members were backed by SMRR during their campaigns.

SANTA MONICA DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Since June, almost every contribution to the Santa Monica Democratic Club has come from a candidate or their relative. In September, after Himmelrich and McKeown were endorsed, Soloff gave $10,000 to the club.

The Dems have spent $23,400 in support of candidates this year.

SMCLC

Santa Monica Coalition For a Livable City (SMCLC) has raised $35,735 in support of its favored candidates - McKeown, Himmelrich, and Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon - and in opposition of Mayor Pam O'Connor.

It's hard to trace the origins of the organization's largest contribution of $12,500 because it comes from SMCLC's own nonprofit.

SMCLC Steering Committee member Diana Gordon told the Daily Press that the money comes "a couple dozen people" who had previously contributed cash to cover legal fees of the organization's lawsuit challenging the development agreement of the controversial Hines project. These contributors were asked, according to Gordon, if they'd be willing to use the leftover cash to fund SMCLC's PAC. They all agreed, she said.

The Daily Press asked Gordon, given that it was only a couple dozen contributors, why they didn't itemize the contributions individually for the sake of transparency.

Gordon claims the organization is legally unable to do so and said SMCLC does not accept money from hotels or developers. At this moment, given the lack of specificity in the campaign disclosure statement, the Daily Press can't independently verify if that's true.

RESIDOCRACY

When Residocracy launched a referendum earlier this year successfully toppling the controversial Hines development agree-

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DONATIONS
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ment it was expected that they would be highly influential in the upcoming election. The group hosted a well-attended candidates' forum and ultimately - through an online membership vote - endorsed Recreation and Parks Chair Phil Brock, McKeown, and Himmelrich.

But City Hall has not yet posted any campaign disclosure reports from the new group on the block.

The Daily Press reached out to the City Clerk to see if the statements have been filed but did not hear back by press time.

After the endorsements, the group's founder Armen Melkonians told the Daily Press that Residocracy would be accepting campaign contributions, which would be used to support its candidates.

Realtor Kate Bransfield, a member of the Residocracy Advisory Board, has run numerous advertisements in the Daily Press this month with a side-bar that promotes the Residocracy slate. Prior to that, throughout September, her ads promoted Residocracy more generally. According to a post Bransfield made on Facebook, she's also printed flyers to promote the Residocracy slate.

Numerous campaign finance disclosure deadlines have come and gone since the first Residocracy ads started showing up.

The Daily Press reached out to both Bransfield and Melkonians but did not hear back by press time.

Bransfield, it should be noted in the interested of full disclosure, is one of the Daily Press' biggest advertisers.

HOTEL-BACKED PAC

Money is coming in for a developer-backed PAC headed by Mayor Pro Tempore Terry O'Day.

Responsible Leadership for a Better Santa Monica has raised $130,000 in support of former Planning Commissioner Frank Gruber and Mayor Pam O'Connor.

On Oct. 5, The Edward Thomas Management Company, which owns Shutters on the Beach Hotel and Hotel Casa del Mar, gave $25,000 to the group. On Oct. 21 they gave $15,000 more. In 2012, City Council approved the sale of the City Hall-owned vacant beach lot at 1920 Ocean Way to the Edward Thomas Management Company for $13 million.

Ocean Avenue LCC, which seeks to rebuild the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, replacing the current 10-story edifice with - according to the most recently released designs - a 21-story tower, 280 hotel rooms, 120 luxury condominiums, and 40 affordable housing units, gave another $25,000 to O'Day's campaign.

Century West Partners, which was approved to move forward with a housing project last year, gave $25,000 last week.

Kilroy Reality, which owns four office buildings in Santa Monica, did the same.

CEPS

Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) has brought in nearly $70,000 on behalf of its candidates. While the group supports Board of Education candidates Mechur (whose given $500 to the group), incumbent Laurie Lieberman (whose given $5,000), SMRR co-Chair Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein (whose given $1,000), and Malibu schools advocate Craig Foster

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(whose given $5,000), they also endorsed council candidates Gruber and O'Connor. CEPS supports incumbents in the race for Santa Monica College Board of Trustees (Walzer contributed $5,000).

The largest contributor is Daniel Greenberg ($25,000), president Electro Rent Corporation, which rents and leases equipment like oscilloscopes, signal generators, and world-pattern-arbitrary generators, according to the company website.

Edward Thomas gave $5,000 and Ocean Ave, LLC gave $2,500.

CEPS has spent $26,000 thus far mostly on mailers and newspaper ads.

UNIONS

The Santa Monica Police Officer Association for a Better Community has spent $65,400 on behalf of O'Connor, Gruber, and McKeown. Dozens of police officers have contributed $150 to the pot.

Unite Here Local 11, a hospitality workers union, spent $15,400 in support of its candidates Gruber and McKeown this month.

The Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees PAC has spent $16,500 in support of McKeown, O'Connor, and former Mayor Michael Feinstein.

MEASURES H AND HH

The California Association of Realtors is spending big money in opposition to measures H and HH, which, if passed, would raise taxes on the sale of homes over a million dollars and, in theory, set the money aside to fund affordable housing.

They've dropped $159,000 into a group opposing the measure. So far, only $46,000 has been spent, with most going to mailers.

Meanwhile supporters of H and HH have raised $87,000 and spent $21,828.

The Edward Thomas Company, Century West Partners, NMS Properties, the Georgian Hotel, Felcor (which seeks to redevelop the Wyndham Hotel), and attorney Dale Goldsmith each gave $5,000 to the pro-H group this month.

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Google working on pill that searches for illnesses

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AP Technology Writer

LAGUNA BEACH Google is working on a cancer-detecting pill in its latest effort to push the boundaries of technology.

Still in the experimental stage, the pill is packed with tiny magnetic particles, which can travel through a patient's bloodstream, search for malignant cells and report their findings to a sensor on a wearable device.

As many as 2,000 of these microscopic "nanoparticles" could fit inside a single red blood cell to provide doctors with better insights about what is happening inside their patients.

The project announced Tuesday is the latest effort to emerge from Google's X lab, which has been trying to open new technological frontiers to solve nettlesome problems and improve the quality of people's lives. The same division is also working on several other outlandish projects that have little to do with Google's main business of Internet search and advertising: Self-driving cars, a computer called Glass that looks like eyeglasses, Internet-beam balloons and contact lenses that can measure glucose in tears.

Some investors frustrated with the costs of financing X's projects ridicule them as expensive flights of fancy, but Google CEO Larry Page likens them to moonshots that could unleash future innovation and money-making opportunities.

It could be a decade before Google's nanoparticle research pays off, according to the Mountain View, California, company.

At this point, Google believes the cancer-detecting nanoparticles can be coated with antibodies that bind with specific proteins or cells associated with various maladies. The particles would remain in the blood and report back continuously on what they find over time, said Andrew Conrad, head of life sciences at Google X, while a wearable sensor could track the particles by following their magnetic fields and collecting data on their movement through the body.

The goal is to get a fuller picture of the patient's health than the snapshot that's obtained when a doctor draws a single sample of blood for tests that aren't comprehensive enough to spot the early stages of many forms of cancer.

"We want to make it simple and automatic and not invasive," Conrad added. Like Google is doing in the contact lens project, the company is here looking for ways to proactively monitor health and prevent disease, rather than wait to diagnose problems, he said.

Data from the sensor could be uploaded or stored on the Internet until it can be interpreted by a doctor, he said. That could raise questions about privacy or the security of patient data. But when asked if Google could use the information for commercial purposes, Conrad said, "We have no interest in that."

The effort to develop a better way to detect cancer was inspired by the experience of Google engineer Tom Stanis.

After getting hit by a car while bicycling, Stanis wound up in a hospital emergency room where a medical scan looking for internal bleeding alerted doctors that there was a tumor growing in his kidney.

The diagnosis probably wouldn't have been made at such an early stage if Stanis hadn't been seriously injured, prompting Google's X lab to explore better ways for doctors to keep watch for early warning signs. Stanis, who is now cancer-free, is part of the team working on X's nanoparticle technology.

Conrad described the project during an appearance at a tech industry conference organized by the Wall Street Journal. He said the team working on the nanoparticle project includes a cancer specialist and other doctors, as well as electrical and mechanical engineers and an astrophysicist who has been advising on how to track the particles through the body.

Google is looking for partners who would license the technology and bring products to market. "Our partners would take care of all that stuff. We're the inventors and creators of the technology," Conrad said.

AP Technology Writer Michael Liedtke in San Francisco contributed to this story.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	B	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	C	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

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

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

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No. 25 UCLA's Jack tries living up to expectations

DAN GREENSPAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES UCLA linebacker Myles Jack is on pace to set new career highs in tackles and tackles for loss. He has rushed for two touchdowns, and was named one of 15 semifinalists for the Butkus Award as the best linebacker in college football.

Yet it's tough to shake the feeling that Jack's second season with the No. 25 Bruins (6-2, 3-2 Pac-12) is a disappointment because he has yet to live up to the enormous expectations that followed winning both the Pac-12 offensive and defensive freshman of the year awards.

And that makes Jack the living embodiment of the Bruins' season so far, where the results on the field have not matched the hype off of it.

While a spot in the inaugural College Football Playoff is all but out of the question, UCLA can put itself back into the thick of the Pac-12 South race with a win over No. 14 Arizona (6-1, 3-1) on Saturday night.

"There have been tight games, but we have pulled through in a lot of them, and (we) understand that we still have the opportunity to do what we need to do and to get to where we want to go, which is the Pac-12 championship," quarterback Brett Hundley said. "We can still do it."

Despite needing double overtime to beat Colorado in a game in which UCLA squandered three different 17-point leads, receiver Jordan Payton insisted that the outcome "labeled us as a resilient and tough team."

"From the outside, it looks like, 'Oh, they are struggling," Payton added. "'They are barely winning these games.' But guys are fighting over here."

UCLA has spent nearly all season fighting criticism, having put together only one complete game. Hundley and his offensive line took most of the blame for UCLA's initial struggles, but Jack and the defensive front have struggled to stop the run lately.

The Buffaloes rushed for 233 yards, becoming the third opponent with at least 200 yards on the ground in the Bruins' last four games.

Jack blamed too many attempts at trying to deliver a big hit instead of sure form tackling for much of the yardage the Buffaloes were able to accumulate, noting that those kinds of errors in the open field are what make the Wildcats' spread offense so dangerous.

"We can't have a lapse against them, or it is going to be a high-scoring game and we're going to be very embarrassed at the end," Jack said. "We are going to have to come out guns blazing and maintain that throughout the whole game."

Arizona has actually leaned much more heavily on the pass this season than during Rich Rodriguez's first two seasons, throwing the ball 53 percent of the time. That should play to Jack's strengths, having established himself as one of the best linebackers in coverage in the nation with 17 career pass breakups and two interceptions.

But Jack showed a new dimension against Colorado when he was called on to blitz. Jack nearly had two sacks, which would have doubled his career total, but was unable to bring down quarterback Sefo Liufau.

Jack acknowledged he is very raw as a pass rusher and spends extra time before and after practice to develop those skills.

"It's just something that I never really worked on or never really focused on in high school or even getting here," Jack said. "It's not really a natural thing that I do and that's something that I have to work on. I'll get better at it."

Whether UCLA as a whole can show the necessary improvement to save its season is still unclear. For his part, Jack has no doubt the Bruins will hit their stride "when it really matters," pointing back to the dominant win at Arizona State.

"The defense was on point, the offense was on point, and you didn't see those big plays against us," Jack said. "I think we got to put together another one of those games."

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Ordinance Numbers 2450-2451 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances Number 2468 through 2471, which were adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of October 14, 2014.

Ordinance Number 2468 amends the Santa Monica Municipal Code provisions on affordable housing to establish minimum occupancy standards for affordable housing, which mirror federal standards for publically funded affordable housing.

Ordinance Number 2469 makes two changes to the City's anti-smoking laws: it would include electronic smoking devices within the definition of smoking, and it would add electronic smoking devices to the definition of tobacco products for purposes of the City's tobacco retailer licensing law. The main impact of this law would be to make "vaping" illegal in Santa Monica wherever cigarette smoking is prohibited, but the two existing vaping lounges in the City would be exempted from the prohibition.

Ordinance Number 2470 adds a new provision to the Municipal Code establishing a fee on commercial development to fund affordable housing needed because of the new development. The fee would range from $3.07 to $11.21 per square foot, depending on the type of commercial use.

Ordinance Number 2471 adds a new provision to the Municipal Code stablishing a fee on development to fund park facilities needed because of the new development. The fee would range from $4,138 to $7,636 per residential unit and $1.27 to $3.11 per square foot for nonresidential development, depending on the land use.

Ordinance Numbers 2468 through 2471 will become effective 30 days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

No movie

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

The Best of Me 1:57 (PG-13)
1:30 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:35 p.m.

Dear White People 1:48 (R)
1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:10 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

Dracula Untold 1:32 (PG-13)
12:15 p.m., 2:35 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

The Judge 2:22 (R)
12 p.m., 3:10 p.m., 6:20 p.m., 9:30 p.m.

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Day 1:21 (PG)
11:50 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

Fury 2:14 (R)
11:30 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 9:55 p.m.

Gone Girl 2:29 (R)
11:40 a.m., 3 p.m., 6:25 p.m., 9 p.m.

John Wick 1:41 (R)
11:10 a.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:40 p.m.

Ouija 1:29 (PG-13)
11:55 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 5:10 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

St. Vincent 1:43 (PG-13)
11 a.m., 1:35 p.m., 4:05 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

The Book of Life 1:35 (PG) 3D
1:55 p.m., 6:15 p.m.

The Book of Life 1:35 (PG)
11:20 a.m., 4:20 p.m., 9:20 p.m.

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SAY "YES" TONIGHT, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ What starts out as a shakeup might not end as one. Do not get upset; instead, follow your instincts. There are some key facts that could be misrepresented. Tap into your logic, and you will discover what is missing. Tonight: Bounce some ideas off a dear friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Though you have the strength to proceed how you want, you would be well-advised to hold off right now. Unexpected elements seem to be at work, and you might have a stunning revelation as a result. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ A partner might insist on controlling a situation. An element of confusion and misinterpretation of messages will distinguish today from other days. Be open when someone is trying to distance him- or herself. Try to root out the problem quickly. Tonight: Opt to be a duo.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Resist getting sucked into a control game, as you are likely to lose. Change your style, but know that it could come as a shock to some people. Don't assume that you have the whole story. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your focus allows you to be efficient, but it could cut out some enjoyment of the process. Nevertheless, you might want to clear out as much as possible, as you'll have other plans in mind. Do not minimize your priorities. Tonight: Stay anchored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Allow your ingenuity to take the lead, especially in the face of a partner's lack of follow-through. A conversation about money could be a problem if you each don't try to see where the other is coming from. Listen to your gut. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You will need to focus on a personal matter. You could see a situation differently from how many of your friends see it. Your ability to soothe hurt feelings might be more important than you realize. Tonight: Get down to basics.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be direct in how you handle a relative or neighbor. You can be optimistic and positive while also establishing boundaries. In general, you'll make quite an impression today. Someone you respect lets you know how much he or she appreciates your efforts. Tonight: Out the door.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to deal with someone differently, especially if you are financially involved with this person. You might not like how you relate to each other right now. Aim for much more of what you desire with the help of someone who is similar to you. Tonight: Say "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You seem to be changing a lot. For some of you, it might be an internal transformation; for others, it might be a change in your social circle. Listen to a chatty relative or friend who typically offers important nuggets of information. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to take some time off from the many responsibilities in your life, or perhaps just a break from your normal routine -- even if it is just for a day. Don't be surprised if you notice a change in your perspective. Tonight: Do something just for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Whether you're in a meeting or in a conversation with a friend, you will be able to zero in on what you desire and expect from different situations. Use caution with your funds, as there could be a wild-card factor at work. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

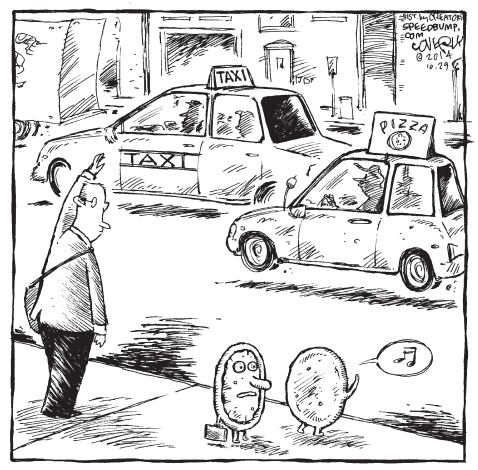
Wednesday, October 29, 2014

This year many opportunities will present themselves. You are goal-oriented, and you understand how to succeed. Sometimes, you are so into the future that you have difficulty being present in the here and now. If you are single, you might have a lot of daydreams about potential suitors and about where you are heading. You will know when you meet the right person. If you are attached, please recognize that your significant other could be adjusting slowly to the new you. Indulge this person, and give him or her some time. CAPRICORN has a tendency to test your endurance.

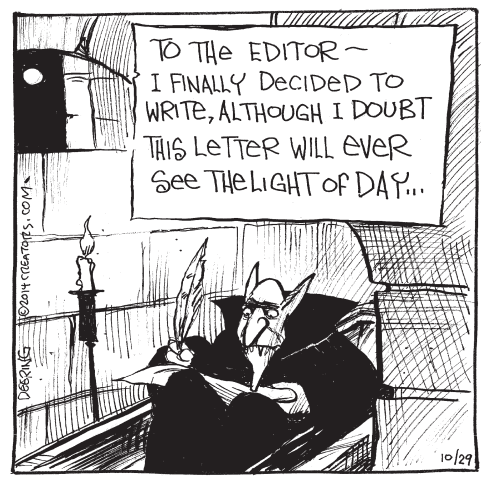
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



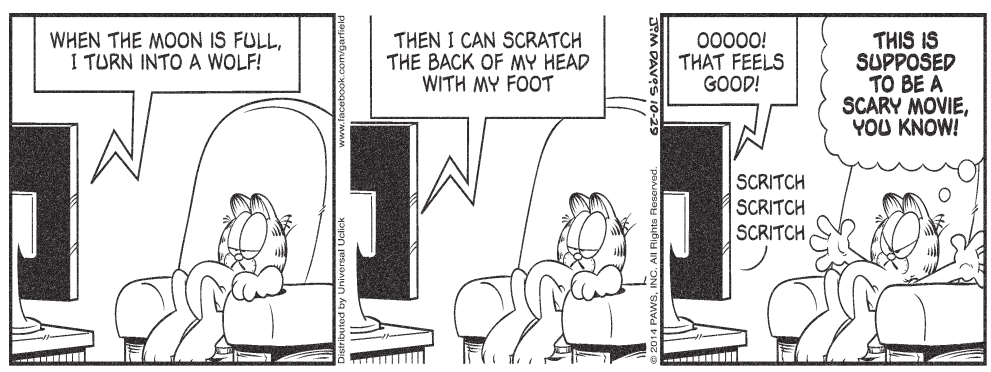
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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	5						3	
		8				9		
		3	8		6	5		
			3	1	9			

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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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 389 calls for service on Oct. 27.

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

Trespassing on the 1000 block of Colorado Ave at 12:20 a.m.
Drunk driving at Cloverfield and Colorado at 12:51 a.m.
Trespassing at 14th and Olympic at 1:28 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1000 block of Colorado Ave. at 2:46 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2000 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 6:58 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2200 block of Colorado Ave. at 8:28 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 8:43 a.m.
Fraud on the 1000 block of Broadway at 8:55 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 2800 block of 28th St. at 9:14 a.m.
Burglary on the 200 block of Arizona Ave. at 9:31 a.m.
Elder abuse on the 800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 9:35 a.m.
Petty theft on the 2200 block of Colorado Ave. at 9:40 a.m.
Fraud on the 2000 block of 6th St. at 10:25 a.m.
Vandalism on the 900 block of 15th St. at 10:52 a.m.
Burglary on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 11:15 a.m.
Burglary on the 3200 block of Nebraska Ave. at 11:58 a.m.
Petty theft on the 1600 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 2:19 p.m.
Trespassing on the 800 block of 26th St. at 2:58 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1600 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 3:03 p.m.
Petty theft at 2nd and Colorado at 3:37 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1600 block of Broadway at 4:50 p.m.
Bike theft on the 200 block of Santa Monica Pier at 5:11 p.m.
Death investigation on the 1300 block of 15th St. at 5:53 p.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 800 block of Bay St. at 6:56 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1200 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 7:30 p.m.
Prowler on the 100 block of 17th St. at 8 p.m.
Hit and run at Lincoln and Ocean Park at 8:20 p.m.
Petty theft on the 3000 block of Linda Lane at 8:25 p.m.
Fight on the 600 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 8:54 p.m.
Grand theft auto on the 1500 block of 12th St. at 9:26 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1700 block of Ocean Ave. at 11:11 p.m.
Rape on the 2300 block of 2nd St. at 11:43 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Resorts for the pampered
5 Dagger handle
9 Back biter?
11 Moon-based
12 Fester, to Morticia
13 Bicker
14 Carnival city
15 Spell caster
17 Horse's leg joint
19 "— Misérables"
20 Feed the fire
21 Gangster's gun
22 "Otello" composer
24 Toronto-to-D.C. dir.
26 Old poets
29 Shark's home
30 Shuttle compartment
32 Nuptial knot
34 Supply with crew
35 Ice cream parlor choice
36 Banish
38 Brawl
39 "Walk Away —"
40 Mid-month day
41 Puts in turf

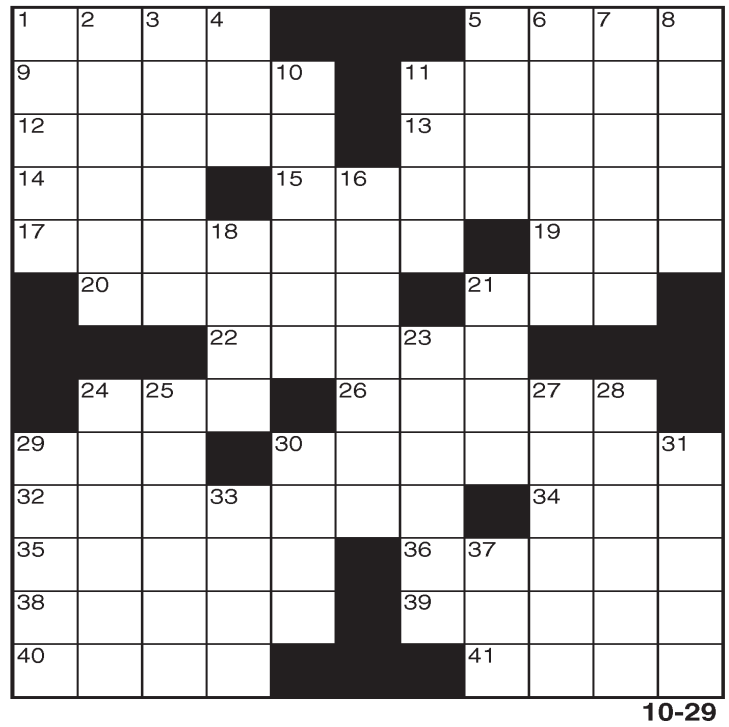
DOWN

1 Blue character
2 You can bet on them
3 "Little Women" writer
4 Pitcher Maglie
5 Fling
6 Namibia neighbor
7 Tap
8 Hard journeys
10 Came to again
11 Escapade
16 Biting
18 Valentine word
21 Young woman
23 Gloomier
24 Removed pits from
25 Riding need
27 Spotted tile
28 Climbed
29 Wise teacher
30 First-rate
31 Patellae places
33 Tall tales
37 Marks a ballot

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Yesterday's answer

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10-29

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 10/25
6 10 51 54 57
Power#: 12
Jackpot: $142M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/24
2 14 21 28 55
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $252M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 10/25
1 18 22 38 44
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: $9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/27
13 18 22 25 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/28
MIDDAY: 4 7 9
EVENING:

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/27
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:46.11

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Walter Morrison, 20, a United Parcel Service baggage agent at Phoenix's Sky Harbor airport, apparently intended only to swipe random parcels, but inadvertently came upon, in one package, a diamond (later found to be worth about $160,000). Police charging him in September said he traded the diamond to a friend for a gram of marijuana (around $20, retail).

■ Surreal Estate: Sixty-two percent of the 12 million people of Mumbai, India, live in slums, but the city is also home to Mukesh Ambani's 27-story private residence (60,000 square feet, 600 employees serving a family of five), reported to cost about $1 billion. According to an October (2010) New York Times dispatch, there are "four-story hanging gardens," "airborne swimming pools" and a room where "artificial weather" can be created. Ambani and his brother inherited their father's textile-exporting juggernaut, but notoriously spend much of their time in intra-family feuding. A domestic-worker neighbor told the Times that she makes the equivalent of about $90 a month.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1955 – The Soviet battleship Novorossiysk strikes a World War II mine in the harbor at Sevastopol.

1956 – Suez Crisis begins: Israeli forces invade the Sinai Peninsula and push Egyptian forces back toward the Suez Canal.

1956 – The Tangier Protocol is signed: The international city Tangier is reintegrated into Morocco.

1957 – Israel's prime minister David Ben-Gurion and five of his ministers are injured when a hand grenade is tossed into Israel's parliament, the Knesset.

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As promised, I will remind you, twice a year, to take care of these important safety issues:

Interior:

- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Sump system should be checked several times during the rainy season (if applicable).
- Vacuum refrigerator condensing coils.
- Inspect shower, tub & sink caulking for deterioration.
- Inspect all plumbing fixtures and supply lines for leaks.
- Pour bleach down every drain in your home.
- Upgrade washing machine hoses to stainless steel jacketed hoses to help prevent failure.
- Lubricate and service the garage door hardware and openers.
- The fire sprinkler system needs to be inspected periodically (if applicable).
- Termite inspections should be performed every 3 years.

Exterior:

- Survey all vent openings for compromised screening or other deterioration.
- Remove all dead trees & keep healthy trees & shrubs trimmed & away from utility wires.
- Remove dead leaves and all debris from your gutters and downspouts.
- Repair driveway & walkways that are cracked, broken or uneven to provide a level surface.

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