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THE POST VOTE ISSUE

Post Office swamped by campaign mailers

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift delivery of piles of campaign garbage.

Politicians and newspaper reporters aren't the only ones happy to see this election cycle come to a close. Postal workers delivered overtime and on Sundays to keep up with the reams of campaign mailers that have choked mailboxes across the city.

Millions of dollars were spent on local election this year and the political weapon of choice, as it has been in the past, are the mailers. On Sunday, in preparation for Tuesday's election, carriers made the rounds with only the campaign literature (and their normal Sunday package deliveries).

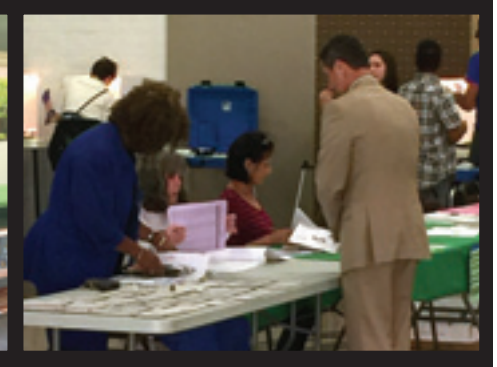
"It's pretty unusual," said U.S. Postal Service spokesperson Richard Maher. "This was a special case because of the high vol-

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VOTERS DECIDE

Ross Furukawa and Rob Schwenker

Santa Monicans took to the polls yesterday to cast their votes in several races. Absentee results were released at 8:10 p.m. and showed Kevin McKeown in first place in the race for City Council with 16.79 percent of the vote. Sue Himmelrich was in second with 15.37 percent and Pam O'Connor in third with 11.53 percent. Final results were not available at press time but complete results are available online at www.smdp.com. Outside Santa Monica, Republicans took control of the Senate, Governor Jerry Brown won reelection and Jim McDonnell won the race for Los Angeles County Sheriff. Prop 1 passed as did Prop 2. Prop 47 passed while Prop 46 was rejected.

Council to consider 500-bicycle bikeshare

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monica could be the first city in the region to approve a significant bikesharing program.

On Tuesday, City Council will consider authorizing a $10.4 million contract with CycleHop to add a 500-bike system in the city by the sea.

Bikeshares allow riders to check-out bikes from one station and drop them off at any other station in the city. City Hall's proposal would likely include 65 to 75 stations, all on public property.

Riders could pay $2 for every 20 minutes of use or buy memberships ranging from $15 to $25 per month.

Grant funding would cover about $2 million and rider fees would pitch in an estimated $1.26 million each year.

But even those two funding sources won't cover the cost of the whole system, city officials say. They recommended soliciting for bids from a corporate sponsor that would pay between $250,000 and $500,000 annually to display its messaging on the bikes.

"Additional revenue to augment user fees through corporate messaging is proposed to be consistent with Big Blue Bus advertising guidelines," city officials said. "Accordingly, messages may appear on the bikes and website, but not on fixed, permanent signs at the stations or elsewhere in the public right of way."

If all goes smoothly, the bikeshare could be in place before the opening of the Expo Light Rail next year.

There are advantages and disadvantages to jumping out in front of neighboring cities, including Los Angeles, in approving this bikesharing plan.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

November 5

Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.
www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission.

Green Living Workshop
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Join this Sustainable Works Workshop and learn how to save money, and positively impact your family, community, and ultimately the planet! Classes take place each Wednesday through November 12.

Medicare 101
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 6 p.m.
Join us for a free Medicare 101 workshop with a local Medicare expert to get the information you need to better understand the Medicare system. Programa bilingüe.

Native American Heritage Month kid craft
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m.
Make a dream catcher and learn about their significance in Native American culture.

Technology Fair
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 3 p.m.
Come and learn about new technology and resources, such as tablets, smart phones, and ebooks.

November 6

Sustainable Landscaping/Rain Barrel Event
SMC Parking lot #5
East of 1744 Pearl St. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sustainable Works along with the City of Santa Monica's Office of Sustainability and the Environment will be hosting a Sustainable Landscaping/Rain Barrel Event on Nov. 15 across the street from Santa Monica College. Pre-order Rain Barrels at RainReserve by Nov. 6 for pickup on Nov. 15. 50 Gallon Rain Barrels are free after $150 rebate from the City of Santa Monica.

ICE grand opening
1324 5th St.
6 - 10 p.m.
Come celebrate the Grand Opening of ICE at Santa Monica, Downtown Santa Monica's premier outdoor skating rink. This is a free event and open to the public. There will be delicious food from local restaurants, music from DJ Kelly DLux and a performance by the California Gold Synchronized Ice Skating Team. There will also be an interactive photo booth and a special giveaway.

Movie: Road to Morocco
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
A classic film starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, and Dorothy Lamour as "Morocco-bound" stowaways on a North African adventure that includes a camel, a princess, and a marriage proposal. (83 min.)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

School Board seeks applicants for management panel

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District is seeking applicants for Personnel Commissioner.

The Personnel Commission is the mainstay of the merit system (a method of personnel management designed to promote the efficiency and economy of the workforce and the good of the public by providing for the selection and retention of employees, in-service promotional opportunities, and other related matters, on the basis of merit and fitness). It is an independent body composed of three persons appointed for three-year staggered terms. Commissioners are laypersons who must be known adherents of the merit principle. The Personnel Commission is responsible for maintaining a merit system for classified employees of the school system and for fostering the advancement of a career service for such employees. The Personnel Commission is responsible for recruitment, examination and selection activities, classification of positions, salary recommendations, disciplinary and dismissal appeal hearings, and the development and administration of Merit Rules.

Qualified applicants must be a registered voter, reside within the district's borders and believe in fair hiring practices. Applicants can apply online at http://www.smmusd.org/personnel_commission/index.html or in person at 1651 16th St., 2nd Floor.

- MH

Santa Monica

Atheists, agnostics, and freethinkers, converge on Santa Monica for AA Convention

In a development without precedent in the world of 12-step organizations, hundreds of recovering alcoholics and addicts from around the world who describe themselves as atheists or agnostics will gather in Santa Monica for the first ever We Agnostics and Freethinkers International Alcoholics Anonymous Convention (WAFT IAAC).

The event will be held Nov. 6 - 8, at the Unitarian Universalist Community Church in Santa Monica under the theme "Many Paths to Recovery" and will feature key-note addresses by the Rev. Ward Ewing, past chairperson of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, and Marya Hornbacher, noted memoirist and author of several works on addiction and recovery for nonbelievers.

"Freethinkers have constituted a significant presence in AA from the beginning," said Dorothy H., convention chairwoman. "Meetings founded by atheists and agnostics and dedicated to free expression have proliferated in recent years and now number some 150 worldwide. This convention will amplify their voice and strengthen efforts to maintain an inclusive Fellowship, one that assures nonbelievers that they can find sobriety without having to accept anyone else's beliefs or deny their own."

In addition to the speaker program, the convention features meetings, workshop, panels and social events. More than 350 attendees are expected, from 11 countries including the US, Canada, the Philippines, Costa Rica, Great Britain, Spain, France, and Australia.

Additional information (including information on how to register for the convention) can be found on http://www.waftiaac.org.

– MH

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Classic Film & Discussion Series: Witness for the Prosecution
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave. 2 - 5 p.m.
A man (Tyrone Power)is accused of murdering his wealthy woman friend in order to secure his inheritance. The defendant's mysterious wife (Marlene Dietrich) stuns the courtroom by giving damaging testimony against her husband.

Create a craft for kids
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m.
Event Type: Arts/Crafts
Create a fun fall craft to take home.

GLO 2014
The Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd. 8 or 2 p.m.
Four witty, funny, powerful one-act plays written and directed by Los Angeles-based women.

November 7

Navigating long-term care
Ocean Park Library Community Room
2601 Main St. 2 p.m.
RSVP to Debbie Debber or Patricia K.D. (310) 821-8121

The Last Night of Ballyhoo
Saint Monica Cantwell Auditorium
1039 7th St. 7 p.m.
The Saint Monica Catholic High School Performing Arts Department is proud to present this Hilarious Romantic Comedy from Alfred Uhry, author of the acclaimed "Driving Miss Daisy". Tickets available at the door. Parking entrance is on California Avenue. Admission: $10-15.

Wine tasting
Jeanie Madsen and Hamilton Galleries
1431 Ocean Ave. 7 - 10 p.m.
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Curious City

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A good haircut is easier to find than great stories

IT'S OVER, THAT BIG BAD ELECTION. NOW GET OVER IT. So your courageous candidate or your precious prop didn't win. So what? Life goes on. Get a life. Lick your wounds. Get up off the floor. You've got lots of extra time now to do something constructive.

Easy for me to say. As I write this, because of deadlines, the election hasn't happened yet and I'm neither crushed nor elated. You, dear reader, know the awful truths of yesterday's election and are either practicing your Irish jig or packing your bags for the move to Santa Barbara. Or maybe you're headed south, for Manhattan Beach or Escondido, where they have height limits. Height limits? It's the law! What a concept.

Me, I'm sticking with Santa Monica, no matter what the results (are tomorrow) were yesterday. I believe a lot of complacent citizens opened their eyes in the last couple of years and didn't much like what they saw, and are not willing to sit down and shut up anymore.

We shall see.

Seems to me the mailers escalated their nastiness in the last week. It's too bad outright lying in a political campaign can't be outlawed and carry a stiff enough penalty to stop it. The way we run campaigns in this country, it's no wonder so few good people decide to put themselves and their families through it. And for that, we all suffer. You get what you pay for.

We'll see what we get/got. And now, enough of politics for a few years, I can go back to writing about real life.

PETE THE BARBER

Too bad I have to start off on a sad note, but I have to report that we lost a Santa Monica institution Oct. 15, with the demise of Peter Katsikides, or as almost everyone knew him, Pete the Barber.

Peter's funeral takes place at Oakwood Memorial Park in Chatsworth today, Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. Sorry for the short notice; I just found out a few days ago.

Pete the Barber. Not Pete, that barber Downtown, or Pete, who's a barber, but Pete the Barber. How many of us embody and become our lifelong passion and profession to the point where those few words say so much.

Peter felt that way too, and when illness forced him to close his shop on Fourth Street in early April, temporarily, we all thought (he left a handwritten note in the window: "Sorry, back next week, Pete"), that was a big blow. But when it became obvious he couldn't, at the age of 88 (or 89), keep doing what he loved and did every day (he was open for business seven days a week) for five decades (or four), it pretty much took the life out of him. On top of the recent loss of his wife, it was just too much for Peter to rise above, his son Jimmy told me.

If you want to know what I found out about this charming, bright, rascally icon while he was still with us, go to my "Curious City" columns online for April 22 and May 21 of this year.

Pete left us with many of my questions unasked, others asked but not really answered, so I was grateful to be able to dig into his son's memories.

Quite a few surprising things came up. Besides the "English, Greek, Italian and a little Spanish" Pete told me he spoke, Jimmy said his dad spoke six or seven languages, including also French and a couple others he wasn't sure about.

Peter Katsisikides was born on the Greek island of Rhodes in 1926. "Rhodes?" I asked. "I knew he was of Greek parentage ("mixed," Jimmy clarified) but wasn't he born on Cyprus?"

"No," Jimmy laughed, "he liked to pretend he had some Italian too, the mobster thing."

One friend/customer of his wrote me to ask if I knew about his military service in Greece, and I wrote back that I didn't. Jimmy didn't think so ("he was just a young teenager when the war started, 14 or 13") but he was a policeman in Greece, he said.

I have to explain again: Peter K was not a liar, nor an old man who couldn't get anything straight. He was a storyteller, in the grand old tradition. And being a barber, he wisely crafted his conversation to the client, keeping his own beliefs pretty close to the vest, to give people a good experience while sitting in his chair.

I loved it, and I'm sure most of his clients did too. The whole am I Pete or Peter, how old am I, where did I come from - it was a game we all enjoyed, and Pete was a master.

When he moved to the U.S., to Baltimore, he was a cabbie, and also got his real estate license. But when he moved to Venice he got his barber license in the early '70s and cut hair in Santa Monica for more than 40 years. "Almost 50 years on his feet," Jimmy said.

Peter loved his cats. And was "an accomplished artist" (pencil drawings), his son told me, and a musician. "I play guitar and have a few albums out," Jimmy said, "but dad could walk up to any instrument and within a few minutes figure out how to make it sound pretty good. He just played for his own pleasure, never with others."

Some of his celebrity customers (most regulars) - Bruce Dern, Don Ameche, Dean Jagger, Sargent Shriver, Dabney Coleman, "lots more," Jimmy said, "but I'd have to look them up."

Also Whitey Bulger (see April 22 column), hiding in plain sight, and Henry Hill, the guy who inspired Ray Liotta's Goodfellas character. It would seem that Mr. Hill may have murdered 19 people. But Pete didn't know that when he came in his shop to sell him his cookbook.

So if you got a haircut from Pete you sat in the same chair as Whitey Bulger and Bruce Dern and Sargent Shriver. But the real star in Peter's Barber Shop was Pete. I'd rather have known him than any of the others.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Friends help you move. Real friends help you move bodies." - unknown (and let's keep it that way, got it?)

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Dr. Robert C Hamilton or: How I Learned To Stop Worrying And Love The Ebola Bomb

WHERE TO BEGIN WITH THE WHOLLY misguided, fear-based and racially tinged expressions vented by Dr. Robert C Hamilton in a recent Santa Monica Daily Press. Well, perhaps, with his enthusiasms - many of which clearly revolve around Africa. My God, the pleasurable shock of all of it, ladies and gentlemen! Dr. Hamilton actually knows Africans! According to him, "They are my friends and I know them to be a practical and pragmatic people." He continues, thoroughly satisfied with himself about the Great Noble and Wise People from the Dark Continent: "They get it." Dr. Hamilton, believe it or not, also actually talks on the telephone with them, these Africans - and even weekly!" He knows "many, many Africans personally" and he has even cared for them as a doctor. And so, with his racial credentials established, Dr. Hamilton can't possibly still be racially biased, condescending or patronizing about all those Africans, can he? Of course he is.

However the far more important and only truly relevant fact is that with regards to his almost hysterical call for a travel moratorium Dr. Hamilton is completely wrong. Dr. Hamilton in his letter exhibits a total ignorance of the risk factors in disease spreading where the odds of spreading Ebola (or any disease like it) actually increases with efforts such as travel bans and border closing. Why? Because international travel is far to complex an environment to regulate with such restrictions. And the gaps that result wind up exacerbating the disease spread effect and its intensity. The research and studies of this is voluminous, readily available and no longer controversial.

The only solid and long-term solution revolves around the aggressive and comprehensive deployment of resources into the field, deep into the interior of the host countries - as well as throughout the major cities - in order to stop transmissions at the source(s). The second front does revolve around continued stepped-up efforts to better equip our healthcare facilities, but, as Dr. Hamilton himself notes, the gaps here are exceptionally hard to fill. If only Dr. Hamilton, having clearly not read the research on disease spreading, had at least made the reasonable and accurate intellectual jump to see the obvious: priority of efforts have to be focused on the source not the possible transmission spots. Such a highly complex environment such as international travel can't be regulated by travel bans.

And so it's clear that the main panic case here is Dr. Hamilton himself. But I remain happy and optimistic about the good doctor's chances in this matter. After all he has such a lovely resource of people to call on in this, one of his most stressful times of need. I'm sure he'll gather the wherewithal to call one of his "many, many" black African friends to relax his racing heart and calm his spirit. After all, we all know that those Africans, being so "practical and pragmatic" as well as spiritual and grounded (right, Doctor?) will know exactly what to do. And so I leave this matter not at all worried about Dr. Hamilton. But I feel sorry for his patients.

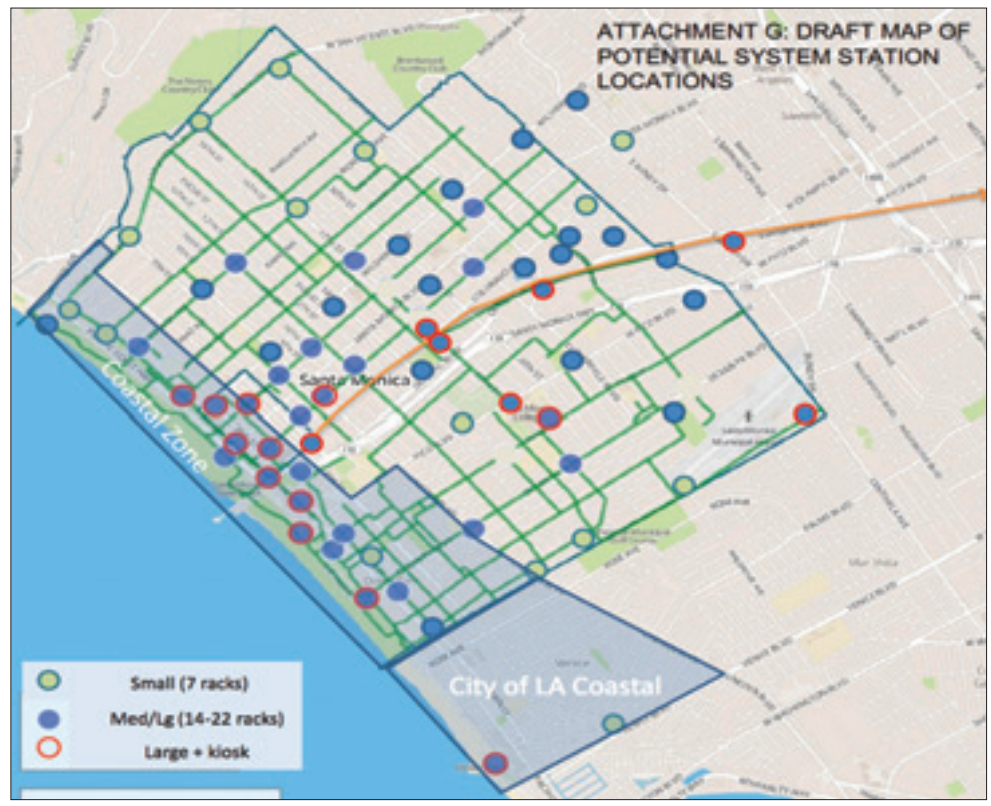
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SHARED: **Bikes could be available at several locations around Santa Monica.**

BIKE
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For one thing, that $2 million in grant funding expires relatively soon. If council decides to wait, they could lose that cash.

Secondly, they could set the precedent for the region, causing other cities to adopt a bikesharing program that's compatible with Santa Monica's.

On the other hand, Metro is currently working on a model for a regional bikeshare system. It's possible that their system won't integrate easily with Santa Monica's. Metro has asked City Hall to delay its contract until they've made a selection. City Hall is recommending against that.

CycleHop currently has systems in Phoenix, Tampa, Orlando, Atlanta, and Ottawa.

City officials estimated that 370,000 trips would be taken on the bikes each year.

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DUAL WINS!

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Santa Monica United (G-17) advanced to the round of sweet sixteen in the League Cup tournament after earning back-to-back victories on Nov. 1 in San Bernardino. Midfielders Joanie Howe and Raleigh LeMiere-Barnes led the attack against the Nitemares in the first match, combining for three goals and an assist. Chloe Kleinman and Violet Selznick each had an assist, as well. Francine Rios-Fetchko stepped up as goalkeeper and allowed only one goal in on eight shots. Later in the day, Joanie Howe struck again on a set-piece in the second match to net the game's only goal in a hard-fought 1-0 victory over the Riverside MGFM Fusion. Midfielder Zoe Davidow picked up the lone assist and Kara Beshay had a clean sheet in goal with seven saves. SMU travels to Irvine for their next round match-up on Nov. 15 against Corinthians SC in what will likely be a battle of biblical proportions.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **67.1°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small SSW swell; small new NW swell mix; touch of SE tropical swell for select spots; offshore morning winds

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Small SSW swell; small NW swell-mix; touch of SE tropical swell at select spots; favorable morning winds

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest new SSW swell; shorter-period WNW swell-mix; favorable morning winds

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Modest SSW swell; small shorter-period WNW swell-mix

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **October 30, 2014**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 6
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: SIMA, Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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.	A	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.	A	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..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	A+
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.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	D	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.	B	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of ONW 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

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

MAIL
FROM PAGE 1

ume of political mail in Santa Monica. When you use the mail for advertising or for messaging, it's very targeted. Mailers target certain demographics and Santa Monica had a higher volume of political mail than some of the other cities."

All last week, carriers were working extra hours to keep up, he said.

"It will be current," Maher said. "Mailers like to wait til the last minute to get the last word in so that's one reason why we delivered on Sunday to make sure we were ahead of the game."

And as the political campaigns scramble to get their messages to voters, voters are sending a message of their own.

"With vote-by-mail, too, it can be heavy the whole political mail season because you really don't know when someone is going to vote," Maher said.

A few candidates and campaign leaders, all of whom did not want their names printed, reached out to the Daily Press to say that some mailers seemed behind schedule.

"We make every effort to get these delivered as fast as possible," Maher said, "but when we get hit with mailings from everybody all at once, and have this huge amount of mail plus the regular amount of mail that we're delivering, we have to take the steps necessary to make sure that everything's delivered in a timely manner."

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8 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

Dear White People 1:48 (R)
11 p.m.

Horns 2:03 (R)
8 p.m., 10:55 p.m.

Saw 10th Anniversary 1:43 (R)
8:15 p.m., 10:45 p.m.

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7:45 p.m.

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8 p.m., 11 p.m.

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7:45 p.m., 11 p.m.

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Nightcrawler 1:57 (R)
7:55 p.m., 10:45 p.m.

Ouija 1:29 (PG-13)
8:15 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

St. Vincent 1:43 (PG-13)
8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

The Book of Life 1:35 (PG)
8:10 p.m., 10:35 p.m.

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

BE RESPONSIVE TONIGHT, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the morning to move a heartfelt project forward. You also might want to squeeze in a little shopping, as you seem to be in tune with what would make another person smile. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could feel off until midafternoon, when you suddenly might perk up. A call to or from a very special friend will energize you. Before you know it, you'll make plans that please both of you. Tonight: Act on a far-out idea.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ In the first part of the day, you could be having several key conversations in a meeting. A friend or loved one might be involved somewhat. Be careful, as you won't want to cause a problem here. Tonight: Choose a favorite stressbuster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision involving an older relative or someone you must answer to. What felt right previously might not hold true any longer. A misunderstanding could be brewing if you are not careful. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. Confusion is likely to surround your words, and what you say might not mean the same thing to someone else as it does to you. By midday, an older person or an associate could be asking a lot from you. Tonight: A late-night appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to figure the best solution for you and a partner this morning. Though the topic could be finances, the issue will have a lot to do with the balance of power between you. A suggestion made later in the day is likely to work. Tonight: Where there is great music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You will feel as if you're on top of a problem, but a statement will let you know otherwise. You could be in the position of having to renegotiate an agreement. Though you might be snippy at first, a resolution will emerge with ease. Tonight: With a favorite person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might have to do more than your fair share with a project or planned get-together. You could become a bit sarcastic if you feel as if someone else involved is not willing to take on more responsibility. Tonight: Be responsive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A loved one might demand more of your time. Somehow, you will make it your pleasure to indulge this person. Pressure revolving around an important meeting or get-together could be building. Tonight: Know when to call it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You are very conscious of what must be done on the homefront. A family member might need to have a long-overdue conversation. Have it, as you can't avoid it much longer. Your imagination will produce an interesting solution and/or idea. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make an important call. You might have to deal with a situation that forces you to take on more responsibility. Many different ideas coming in from different people could confuse you. Tonight: Happily at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Keep your thoughts to yourself, unless your perspective will help resolve a problem. The other party involved could be confused about where you seem to be coming from. Reach out to someone who knows a lot about the subject in question. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

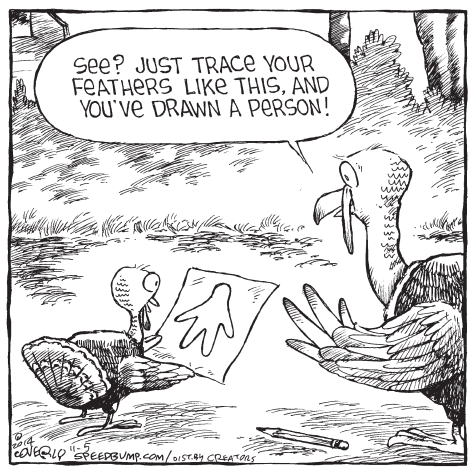
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you go back and forth between being very assertive and being extremely docile. This polarity could make many people around you a little crazy; they never know what you are going to do! If you are single, you are more likely to meet a person of significance in the second half of your birthday year. This person might appear to be your opposite in many ways. Both of you seem to be faced with the same issues, but you'll have different solutions. If you are attached, your significant other might need to be more flexible with you than in the past, and vice versa. TAURUS often challenges you -- not with words, but by how he or she lives life.

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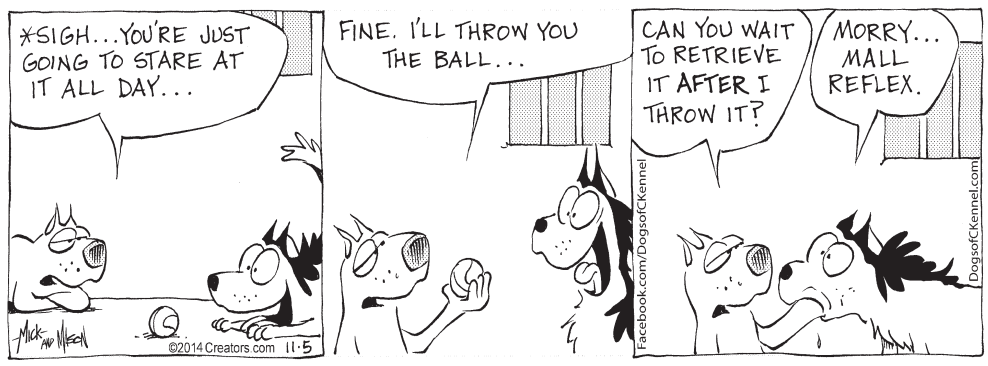
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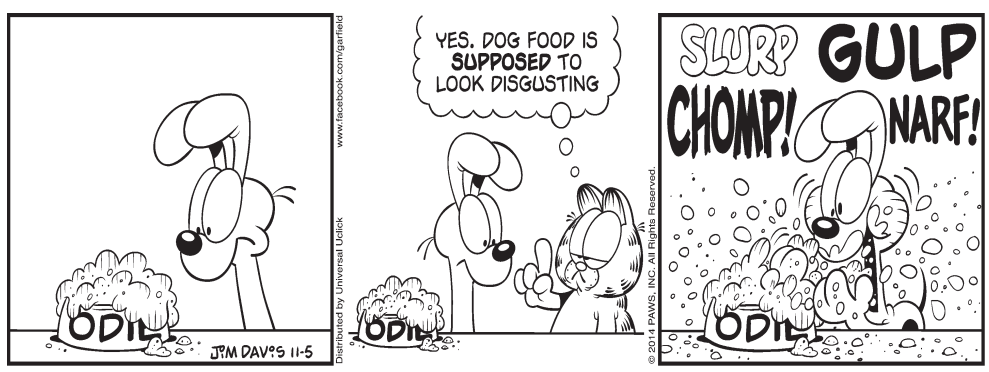
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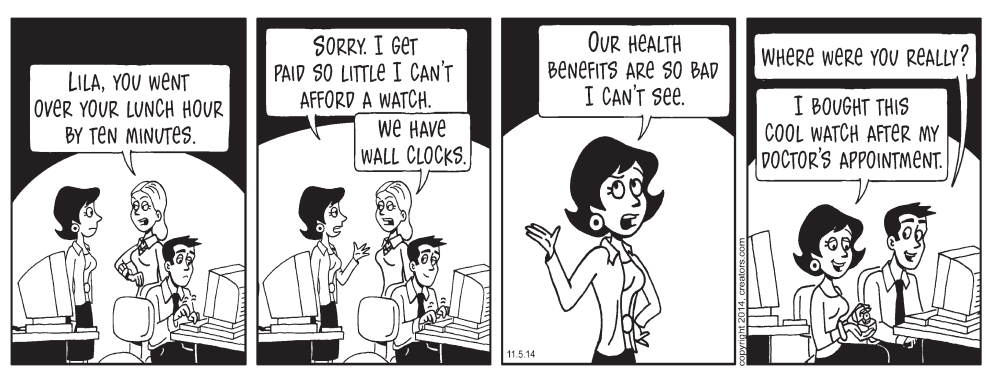
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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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 ★★★

		9		6		1		
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1								2
	5	6	8	1	3	4	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

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 318 calls for service on Nov. 3.

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

Burglary on the 800 block of Euclid St. at 12:53 a.m.
Burglary on the 2200 block of Colorado Ave. at 4:36 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 800 block of 7th St. at 5:49 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 1200 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 7:45 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1900 block of Colorado Ave. at 7:56 a.m.
Grand theft auto on the 200 block of Montana Ave. at 9:03 a.m.
Battery on the 2800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 9:32 a.m.
Grand theft on the 1400 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 9:37 a.m.
Identity theft on the 700 block of Ashland Ave. at 10:54 a.m.
Trespassing on the 300 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 10:58 a.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 10:59 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1400 block of 24th St. at 11:37 a.m.
Fraud on the 2000 block of 6th St. at 12:19 p.m.
Trespassing on the 3000 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 12:23 p.m.
Burglary on the 500 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 1:18 p.m.
Petty theft on the 2700 block of Main St. at 2:18 p.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 900 block of Grant St. at 2:42 p.m.
Trespassing on the 2500 block of Pico Blvd. at 3:04 p.m.
Battery on the 1300 block of 26th St. at 3:53 p.m.
Runaway on the 1700 block of Pico Blvd. at 4 p.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon at Ocean and Broadway at 4:02 p.m.
Strongarm robbery on the 300 block of Olympic Dr. at 4:19 p.m.
Identity theft on the 2400 block of Beverly Ave. at 4:29 p.m.
Fight on the 1500 block of 15th St. at 4:29 p.m.
Fraud on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 5:02 p.m.
Battery at 10th and Wilshire at 5:07 p.m.
Theft on the 200 block of Broadway at 5:30 p.m.
Missing person from the 1100 block of 12th St. at 5:38 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 2400 block of Olympic Blvd. at 6:21 p.m.
Grand theft auto on the 1400 block of 6th St. at 6:32 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 6:38 p.m.
Burglary on the 1300 block of 26th St. at 6:44 p.m.
Traffic accident at Appian and Pacific at 7:14 p.m.
Assault on the 1800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 7:54 p.m.
Sexual assault on the 1400 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 8:11 p.m.
Person with a gun on the 1200 block of PCH at 8:17 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

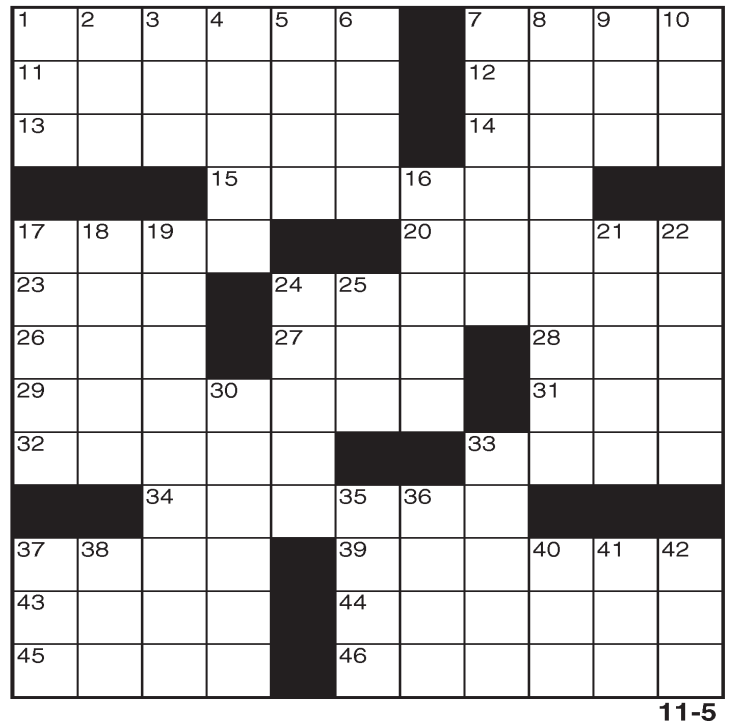
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18 Antlered animal
19 Experiencing a bad situation
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22 Use the gym
24 Less common
25 Quarterback Manning
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33 Like bar beer
35 Largest amount
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38 Flatfoot
40 Lawyer: Abbr.
41 Petite
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Yesterday's answer

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11 29 36 58 67
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Draw Date: 11/1
3 12 21 24 42
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $11M

Draw Date: 11/3
5 10 15 22 25

Draw Date: 11/4
MIDDAY: 5 9 2
EVENING:

Draw Date: 11/3
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2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:45.57

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A Duck With Issues: After days of looking weary and walking lopsidedly, "Ducka," the pet muscovy, finally gave owner Vicki Hicks of Sydney, Australia, a clue to its behavior by coughing up a nail. Veterinarian Hamish Baron of the Avian Reptile and Exotic Animal Hospital ordered an X-ray, which revealed a small toolbox's worth of nails, screws and washers in Ducka's belly. The items had to be removed, one by one, in surgeries totaling five hours. Dr. Baron told Sydney's Daily Telegraph in October that though birds are attracted to shiny objects, Ducka's case was severe.

■ Two men ran out the door of a closed-for-the-night Houston Family Dollar store on Oct. 7 -- empty-handed, after a failed theft attempt. According to the surveillance video, one man had removed items from a bottom shelf while the store was still open, and crawled behind the shelf space just before his partner came by and restocked the shelf (thus hiding his buddy). The partner then made a purchase and left. After the last employee had closed up around 11 p.m., the "hidden" (and extremely patient!) man crawled out, surely intending to let his partner in and start snatching things, but the "hidden" man was only able to take a few steps before a motion-detector sounded an alarm, and both men fled on foot (not even bothering to grab an item or two on the way out).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1912 – Woodrow Wilson is elected to the presidency of the United States.

1913 – King Otto of Bavaria is deposed by his cousin, Prince Regent Ludwig, who assumes the title Ludwig III.

1914 – World War I: France and the British Empire declare war on the Ottoman Empire.

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