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'No clear path'

City officials grapple with who – and what – belongs on the beach bike path

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

For more than 40 years, Kurt Schwengel has lived on Ocean Front Walk and taken advantage of the bike path that runs along the beach.

He's not the only one.

Locals take it from Santa Monica down to Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach for weekend outings. Residents of Pacific Palisades and Venice use the path to get to Santa Monica Pier and other destinations in the city. For thousands of Southern Californians and tourists from around the world, it's an avenue for exercise and enjoyment.

But Schwengel has seen uses of the bike path change since its inception as a project to foster leisure activity along the Pacific Ocean coastline.

Schwengel is a member of Santa Monica's Recreation and Parks Commission, which advises City Council and city staff on issues related to recreation and the use of public space.

He is calling for an explicit ban on motorized vehicles on the bike path, and he would like the City to consider allowing pedicabs to operate along Santa Monica's section of the 22-mile path that runs from Pacific Palisades to Torrance.

Municipal code stipulates that only "unicycles, bicycles, bicycles with training wheels, wheelchairs,

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Meeting of the mindful

BY SARAH A. SPITZ
Special to Daily Press

An all-star line up of mindfulness teachers and practitioners will gather at the Broad Stage on Nov.15, celebrating birthdays and the mindfulness movement itself. "Living with a Joyful Spirit and Wise Heart" is hosted by, and will benefit, Insight L.A., a Santa Monica-based non-profit organization.

It's a meeting of the mindful, including some of the pioneers of

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FOOTBALL:

Section title 'a realistic goal' for St. Monica

Mariners to face Rancho Christian in first round of CIFSS playoffs

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

As he prepared for the 2015 season this past summer, St. Monica football coach Drew Shaw was perhaps more excited than usual.

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BREEZE LAUNCH

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

The City of Santa Monica officially launched Breeze Bike Share presented by Hulu on Nov. 12. The event included a brief press conference with city and state officials, ribbon cutting, and Breeze roll out where hundreds of bikes were ridden down Main Street in front of City Hall and off to destinations throughout Santa Monica. The system offers 500 bikes for rent. There will be 75 rental kiosks in Santa Monica and four kiosks in neighboring Venice. Through the end of the year, customers can become a "founding member" for $99. Membership includes an hour of rental per day for a year. Until Dec. 31, a yearlong membership which includes one hour of riding time per day, will cost $99. Monthly memberships are $20, a six-month student pass is $47 or the program offers rentals at $6 per hour. Users are not required to return the bikes to their original racks (although additional fees may apply if not returned) and officials hope the system will allow more residents to travel without a car.













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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Nov. 13

EXPLORE! STEM Storytimes

Storytime with a fun science, engineering or math twist. Ages 3-5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Introduction to Social Media

Overview of social media websites such as Facebook and Twitter, and how you can get started. Seating is first come, first serve. Advanced Level. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Family Movie Screening: "Cinderella" (2015)

Disney's 2015 live-action take on the classic fairy tale. (112 min.) PG. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Vroom, Vroom! Build Your Cars for the December Drive-In at Main

Decorate and accessorize your cardboard car to get ready for our Drive-In movie series in December. Bring a cardboard box large enough to sit in and transform it into your dream machine! Ages 3 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Gallery opening on Main Street

haleARTS S P A C E invites you to the opening reception of a group show featuring works by David Sosalla and Nancy Vescovo. The pieces in the show will be available for purchase through Nov. 24. Edgemar Arts Complex, 2443 Main St., 5 - 8 p.m.

SMC Samuel Fuller Film Series: "A Fuller Life"

Samantha Fuller's revealing documentary about her father - featuring newly discovered home movies and readings by a wide range of his collaborators and fellow travelers - follows the passionate individualist Samuel Fuller on his path from New York tabloid journalist to Hollywood director-producer. All screenings free to the public. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Fall Jazz Concerts: Dan Reckard and Bossa Zuzu

Saxman/pianist Dan Reckard and guitarist/vocalist Capital teamed up in 2011 to form Bossa Zuzu, a neo-Bossa Nova group of some of LA's brightest emerging jazz talent reviving the classic Bossa Nova sound for the 21st Century. (Tickets are $10.) The Edye, 1310 11th St., 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14

"Tis The Season" Shopping Event and Fundraiser Luncheon

Join the Santa Monica High School Viking Fund Athletic Booster Club for a holiday kick-off shopping and luncheon event for the whole community benefiting all Santa Monica High School athletics facilities and sports teams. $50 per ticket, $550 for a table of 12. Olympic Collection, 11301 Olympic Blvd., 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Carve Your Path: How to Create the Life You Truly Want Workshop at Main

This interactive workshop examines the changing landscape of the workplace and higher education, and helps you set your priorities and move toward a fulfilling life. Presented by academic life coach Hayden Lee, college counselor Nick Soper, therapist Kristine Tye, and special guests. Grades 9 and up, and parents. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Second Saturdays - Free Open Craft Lounge

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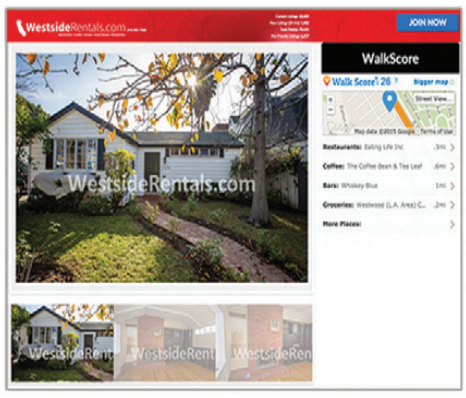
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Dogtown's Z-Girl

HAVING SPENT HER TEENAGE YEARS skateboarding, boogie boarding and surfing in Santa Monica, Margot Pepper went on to become an acclaimed author, poet, journalist and bilingual educator. A summa cum laude with an M.F.A. in creative writing, Margot's fiction, poetry, articles and translations have been published internationally. Among others, her books are carried by libraries at Harvard, Brown, Rutgers and Melbourne universities.

But of all Margot's honors, what she might actually be proudest of is her 1980 Morey Boogie Board Surfing trophy. Margot won first place at the Zuma Beach event catching a wave standing on her head. How many other authors/educators can say that?

Margot is happily married with a preteen son. But, at this point, you're probably wondering, what is a "Z-Girl?" To answer that we have to go back to 1962, when Margot was born in Mexico City.

Essentially escaping the U.S., Margot's parents came to Mexico many years before as her father, George Pepper, was a blacklisted movie producer. Many other politically radical artists had sought refuge there, including, briefly, Dalton Trumbo, the storied screenwriter of "Johnny Got His Gun," "Spartacus" and "Papillion." (The movie of his life, "Trumbo," just opened Nov. 6.)

Unfortunately, when Margot was only 7, tragedy struck with her father's death from cancer. As an only child, for the next year she would live with Dalton and Cleo Trumbo in the Hollywood hills. (It was Cleo who taught Margot to stand on her head!) Later Margot's mother, Jeanette, remarried and they moved to West Los Angeles where Margot attended middle school and later Palisades High.

But, as kids can be cruel, at school Margot was frequently called a "beaner," and subjected to racist bullying. Additionally, Margot's stepfather was abusive. As a much-needed escape, Margot turned to surfing and skateboarding. (Interestingly, even though her parents were Jews born in the U.S., Margot identifies with being a Latina and jokingly refers to herself as a "Jewcana.")

Next we jump to mid-70's Ocean Park, which was rather rundown. In fact, it was known as "Dogtown." (Not for the residents' love of dogs.) The Ocean Park Pier was abandoned and decaying but was ideal for dangerous surfing exploits, primarily the art of dodging the many wooden pylons. In the afternoon, when the waves typically died down, a group of these surfers would hang out at Zephyr Surf Shop on Main Street.

Skateboarding was just becoming huge and even lucrative. And when Zephyr entered a highly successful team in skateboarding competitions the group would eventually become known as the "Z-Boys." But a few girls were also talented skateboarders, including Margot and her friend, Pandora Williams.

The two girls routinely skated after school with future Z-Boys, Tony Alva and Jay Adams. They skated (referred to as "carving") the cement slopes on the playground at Paul Revere Junior High. From the Z-Boys, Margot learned to do 180s to avoid smashing into the metal fence at the "top of the mountain," another skateboarder term.



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Due to a severe drought, many pools in the area were drained. As such, they made ideal skate parks for uninvited skateboarders to perfect their highflying skills. But Alva and Adams started doing the highly dangerous aerials. That's when Margot focused more on surfing at Bay Street and the guys went on to become members of the famed Z-Boys.

Just as Margot's life was touched by Trumbo, who's back in the news thanks to the movie, so it is that President Obama 's re-opening relations with Cuba has special meaning to her. From 1992-1994, Margot lived in Cuba as a freelance correspondent for various international publications.

Although filled with difficult living conditions, her time in Cuba was more than a challenging job. It was also a vindicating odyssey of self-discovery. Given her parents' radical politics and the price they paid (as did Margot, when you think about it) was it worth it? The answer for Margot was definitely.

Both critical and admiring of various aspects of Cuban life, Margot is optimistic now that the doors have finally been reopened to this amazing island nation. (She's excited more for U.S. workers than the Cubans.) Margot's Cuban experiences made for her historical memoir, "Through the Wall: A Year in Havana," a finalist for the 2006 American Book Award.

Earlier this year, Margot released a dystopian science fiction thriller "American Day Dream", which one reviewer compared to Orwell's iconic "1984." She's currently working on a book of short magic realism, "The Acrobat, and other Stories for Dark Times."

Living in the Bay Area, Margot's incredibly busy as an educator, writer, spouse, mom and caretaker for her ailing 97-year-old mother. But, weather permitting, she's been known to sneak in some boogie boarding. (And, knowing Margot, while riding the wave she might just stand on her head for old times' sake.)

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SMC Samuel Fuller Film Series: "Shock Corridor"
This satirical commentary on racism and other hot issues in 1960s America charts the uneasy terrain between sanity and madness with the tale of a Pulitzer Prize-seeking investigative reporter who has himself committed to a mental hospital to investigate a murder. All screenings free to the public. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., 1 p.m.

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This incisive satire of American culture is a bold and pulpy film about a former prostitute who relocates to a buttoned-down suburb and tries to fit in, but perverse secrets simmer beneath the wholesome surface. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Unitarian Universalist Santa Monica Holiday Craft Fair
Opportunity to shop for gifts made by local artists. Public is welcome and there is no admission charge. UU Santa Monica, 1260 18th St., 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

One Small Step Walk for Prader-Willi Research
Proceeds from this walk will go to research for a rare genetic disorder. For a $40 registration fee all participants can enjoy a petting zoo, face painting, crafts, a train ride, pony rides and join in the 5k. Clover Park, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Sidecar Donuts, Mendocino Farms, and Juice Served Here Family Fun Day
Kids and adults alike can enjoy menu samples with from all three restaurants, along with fun activities and entertainment for all-ages including a DJ, face-painting, arts and crafts, games, and more. Admission is free, but must RSVP at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/631-wilshire-family-fun-day-tickets-19326157056. 631 Wilshire Blvd., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Classical chamber music concert
The newly formed, New Chamber Ensemble, an 11-piece classical musical ensemble, will present a concert of chamber music. $15 suggested donation. Palisades Lutheran Church, 15905 Sunset Blvd., 3 p.m.

SMC Samuel Fuller Film Series: "Dead Pigeon on Beethoven Street"
Familiar themes of duplicitous identities and malleable allegiances invoke detective-film conventions in this not-so-serious film - complete with a gun battle in a nursery - that romps knowingly through an assemblage of international diplomats and underhanded scammers. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.



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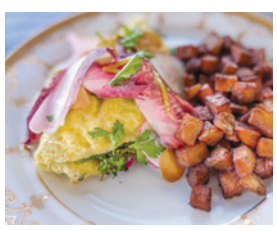
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Library

Library hosts, 'Fact or Fake? Science Looks at Paranormal Phenomena'

The Santa Monica Public Library will welcome veteran investigator James Underdown for "Fact or Fake? Science Looks at Paranormal Phenomena" on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in Main Library's MLK, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Paranormal tales and beliefs are common in our culture. TV shows feature psychics speaking to the dead, hairy humanoids in the woods, ghost hunts and visitors from space. Are any of these stories true? And if they aren't true, why are so many people convinced these phenomena exist? In this program James Underdown explains why people believe paranormal claims and shows the audience how other paranormal stories are faked. Bring your cameras for live demonstrations.

James Underdown has spent over 14 years investigating and testing extraordinary claims. He is the executive director of the Center for Inquiry-Los Angeles, and the founder of the Independent Investigations Group (www.IIGHQ.org).

This free event is presented in collaboration with the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. This is an event of The Living Room ...a place for adults program series. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration (310) 458-8606 one week prior to the event. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

- SUBMITTED BY JUDITH S. GRAHAM, PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Citywide

New data shows community operations are reducing alcohol sales to minors

The Westside Impact Coalition, a community group committed to reducing alcohol-related harms in Santa Monica and Venice, says its "Recognition and Reminder" pseudo-decoy operations, which check if alcohol retailers are carding minors, are having a positive effect on Santa Monica liquor stores. This week the coalition announced the results of its fall operations, which resulted in 100 percent compliance; all 10 stores visited asked for ID before selling alcohol.

Modeled after law enforcement's Minor Decoy Operations, the coalition's Recognition and Reminder program sends a young-looking volunteer over-21 into a liquor store or market to purchase a pack of beer. Clerks who ask for ID to verify legal age before the sale are given a recognition card, while clerks who do not ask are given reminder cards. Each business visited receives a follow-up letter detailing the outcome of the store visit and notifies store owners that the Santa Monica Police Department is doing real Minor Decoy Operations, which carry actual legal consequences for sellers.

The coalition has conducted over 80 Recognition and Reminder operations at liquor stores and markets around Santa Monica since June 2014. Project representatives say they have seen the number of stores who regularly check ID trending upward.

Officials said they are excited to see each time they go out, that more stores are consistently asking for ID before completing the sale. They said this tells them people are aware of current enforcement and are being mindful of sales practices, which is extremely beneficial to the community.

The Project also notes there are exemplary stores who have consistently received recognition each visit. Bill's Liquor on Lincoln Boulevard is one of those model stores. Bill's has been visited over five times in the past year, and has successfully carded the decoy each time.

"It's important for us to be good community partners, and we're careful to card anyone who looks under 30," said Tilly Ruiz, owner of Bill's Liquor. "We think the Recognition and Reminder operations are very positive for the community, and a good reminder that the police department is enforcing the laws."

The Westside Impact Coalition will continue its Recognition and Reminder operations into next year. In addition, over the next six months the Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting real Minor Decoy Operations at alcohol establishments throughout Santa Monica.

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The 'Nation's Defenders' and the West LA Veterans Campus

PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE IS justifiably remembered for little; however, in his acceptance speech for the presidential nomination, he memorably said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten."

Remembering the service and sacrifice of veterans, 388 acres in West Los Angeles were given to veterans. Through the years, the city of Los Angeles grew, UCLA was founded, and surrounding cities bordered the previously spacious area.

Today, California is home to 1.8 million veterans and 24 percent of all homeless veterans in the U.S. These defenders should not be forgotten.

The Veterans Administration has recently proposed a draft master plan for enlarging and modernizing the West Los Angeles VA facility. Last week Vets Advocacy organized a meeting for leaders of Southern California veterans' groups to discuss and present ideas about the draft plan. Admiral Mike Mullen, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and now a strong advocate for better providing for homeless veterans spoke to the group.

There is strong support for increased and improved medical facilities including both in and out patient facilities. These facilities should include some non-traditional, out-of-the-box projects.

For example, some veterans with PTSD are simply not comfortable living in traditional residential apartments or houses. Several VA centers in other states, such as Arizona, have built areas where veterans can pitch tents and live outside of brick and mortar buildings. Included in these areas would be central toilets and showers so that the vet-residents could maintain their hygiene.

Other outside-the-box thinking is needed in assessing and implementing the eventual plan that is adopted. For example, how about recruiting some of the pre-eminent developers in Southern California such as Caruso Affiliated (developers of The Grove, Pacific Palisades Village Project) or Lowe Enterprises (developer of Teranea) to review, comment and possibly manage on a cost or pro bono basis the development of the new campus. These groups have the experience in developing attractive, successful projects.

But a new, effective VA campus will require dedicated space for: a) legal services, b) career counseling, c) arts and entertainment, and d) classrooms for tutoring veterans returning to colleges and universities.

Classrooms are particularly important because I have found from my work with student veterans that most need tutoring to provide an effective transition from the military to educational institutions because they have been away from academia for five, ten, fifteen or more years.

Questions have been raised about some of the uses of the land and facilities at the West LA VA campus. For example, UCLA currently leases Jackie Robinson Stadium for its baseball team at a cost of $5,000 per month. This area occupies approximately nine acres, and some question if this is the best use of this land and if the current rent is too low.

The future of the campus is uncertain; however, one thing is certain: those who have served in the military and who have therefore agreed to risk, and if necessary to give, their lives for their fellow citizens deserve the support of those whom they have defended. And, an opportunity to think about and ultimately to make available the best services possible is provided by the remodeling of the West LA VA campus.

Comments on the draft master plan by veterans and non-veterans alike are open until Dec. 7. As President Coolidge reminded us, our defenders need to be remembered.

Dan Caldwell is distinguished professor of political science and the chair of the committee on student veterans at Pepperdine University and served for three years on active duty in the Navy.

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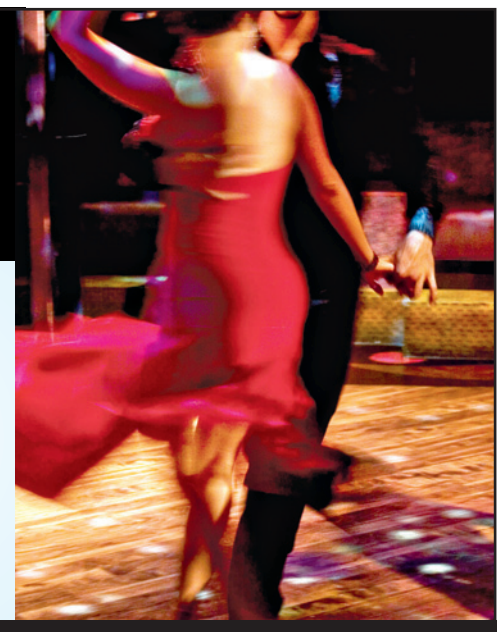
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FOOTBALL

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The program had won just three games two years earlier, and the team he inherited as a first-year coach last year mustered just five victories. But he could sense there was more progress on the horizon.

"I just felt really good about it," he said. "I felt we had the chance to do something special."

That chance has arrived.

After a phenomenal regular season during which the Mariners went undefeated in conference play, they are now in the hunt for postseason success. The journey begins with a game against Temecula-Rancho Christian at 7 p.m. Friday at Santa Monica College in the first round of the CIF Southern Section's East Valley Division playoffs.

Boasting a combination of offensive firepower and defensive grit, St. Monica (9-1) has already won more games this season than in the previous two years combined. The squad has outscored its last nine opponents by a combined margin of 373-114, eclipsing the 45-point benchmark five times.

It didn't start out as a dream season for the Mariners, who were crushed by Pasadena-Maranatha in their opener before scraping past Palm Desert-Xavier Prep in a 12-10 victory a week later.

But then they soundly defeated Anaheim-Fairmont Prep on Sept. 18, and it seems they've never looked back.

"I thought we had a chance to be really special because I knew who we had coming back," Shaw said. "I just knew it would take a little time to get the kids to believe and to get the kids to understand what I wanted them to do."

St. Monica will first have to get past Rancho Christian (7-3), the second-place team from the South Valley League. The Eagles have won their last four games by a combined margin of 201-31.

Shaw is convinced the Mariners have the skill and collective psyche to reach the section finals. If his team wins Friday, it will face either Riverside-Sherman Indian or Huntington Beach-Brethren Christian in the second round.

"I think we have a realistic shot at going to the championship game," he said. "I think we have the talent, we have the coaching staff, we have the experience and we have the mental toughness. We have everything we need, but if you don't play well, you can get upset or beat by a good team."

St. Monica enters the playoffs a week after crushing North Hollywood-Campbell Hall 50-12 in its regular-season finale.

Senior quarterback Cameron Nuslein threw for 177 yards and three touchdowns, two to senior Caleb Raymond and one to junior Cole McPherson. Junior running back Justin Thomas took nine carries for 101 yards and two scores, while junior Carlos Fuller and freshman Nate Davis each added one rushing touchdown.

An interception by McPherson, his fourth of the season, highlighted a defensive effort by the Mariners that also included five sacks, four caused fumbles and a blocked field goal.

Shaw hopes this year's standout plays are remembered as part of something much more enduring.

"We talk about winning a championship every day," he said. "We've had a good season, but the goal is to win a championship. That's what we're working towards, and that's a realistic goal."

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mindfulness and meditation in the U.S., the teachers who brought these practices from Asia in the late 60s and 70s and communicated them to the masses.

They make up some of the top bestselling authors and individuals who have established retreat centers, where people from all walks of life practice in either a secular or Buddhist environment.

Among those sharing their wisdom are Jon Kabat-Zinn who created the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction program now used by clinicians and people all over the world; Ram Dass, an influential American spiritual leader whose "Be Here Now" brought mindfulness and meditation into popular culture; and mindfulness practitioner Congressman Tim Ryan, who wrote "A Mindful Nation" and sent it to every member of Congress in hopes of improving their performance in service to the nation.

The day will feature insightful teachings, compelling personal stories, practices and a special celebration honoring the 70th birthdays of Trudy Goodman, who founded Insight LA 13 years ago, and Jack Kornfield, a renowned Buddhist teacher and best-selling author, who have actively shared their knowledge, teachings and practices with the world. Kornfield is the author of "Full Catastrophe Living" and "Wherever You Go, There You Are."

In addition to others still to be announced, confirmed participants include Tara Brach, a clinical psychologist and found founder of the Insight Meditation Community of Washington, who leads professional workshops and retreats, and is the author of "True Refuge" and "Radical Acceptance."

Also participating is Joseph Goldstein, who's been leading Insight and Loving-Kindness retreats worldwide since 1974. He is co-founder of the Insight Meditation Society where he is one of the organization's guiding teachers, and an author of numerous books.

"Living with a Joyful Spirit and Wise Heart" takes place from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 15 at the Broad Stage, 1310 11th St., Santa Monica. Details and reservations at https://www.insightla.org or call (310) 450-1821.

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BEACH

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and single-person tricycles" are allowed on the beach bike path, but Schwengel said he regularly sees people riding Segways, hoverboards, motorized scooters and electric bikes that he believes make the path unsafe.

City code also prohibits pedicab operations on Santa Monica's portion of the bike path.

"It has evolved into something different," he said. "As someone with decades of experience observing the bike path, I can tell you the number-one danger is speed. ... You have never seen anything more dangerous than a child on a Segway using a selfie stick at 13 miles per hour."

'A FUZZY AREA'

Regulation of Santa Monica's 8.5-mile portion of the beach bike path is a tangled endeavor because it's a county entity that the City of Santa Monica has agreed to monitor.

"Everyone has something to do with it, but no one has complete control of it," Planning Commission member Richard McKinnon said. "There's no one overlord. It all comes back to this congestion factor. This bike path is so popular, and not just for those who live here. ... It's a key part of Santa Monica. It's an exciting and wonderful part that everybody loves, not just in an abstract way. This brings a huge pressure on it. It's hard to resolve. It's a fuzzy area, and no one has real control. There's no clear path. There are so many different thoughts about how you should travel along it."

Officials agree that the potential hazards along the path are numerous. There are people on foot traveling slowly as cyclists, inline skaters and law-skirting Segway riders zip past in both directions at varying speeds. There are also beachgoers who don't always pay attention to oncoming traffic as they cross.

"A lot of people just don't know the rules," McKinnon said. "Who gets to enforce them? Who's allowed to ride, and under what circumstances? You wonder why the United Nations never does a peacekeeping role. Everyone's got a finger in the pie."

PEDICAB PUZZLE

Local pedicab riders feel left out of the equation.

A 2013 city ordinance banning pedicabs on the beach path notes that the path "is particularly unsuitable for pedicab operations" because one pedicab could impede oncoming traffic.

John Berry, owner of Awesome Pedicab, said size shouldn't be a problem. Each of his vehicles is 49.5 inches across at its widest point, he said, and the bike path is always 78-plus inches wide.

The ordinance also notes that pedicab operations could "cause unnecessary consumer confusion regarding fares," but Berry contends that his company's rates are clearly posted.

"Just banning us seems draconian," said Berry, adding that he often picks up passengers where the path intersects with the boardwalk near the Casa Del Mar hotel. "If the rate scales are too confusing, let's fix that problem. Don't make it so we can't make a living."

Berry said his business relies on opportunity sales and that his inability to ride on the beach path limits his access to potential customers.

"It's sad that we haven't been embraced," he said, noting the eco-friendly nature of his company. "Everyone's saying, 'Go green,' but meanwhile we're being kept down."

Schwengel said the City could allow pedicabs while limiting the size of the vehicles and the number of issued permits.

McKinnon said he'd rather focus on improving the connections between the beach bike path and the rest of Santa Monica, which he believes might alleviate congestion on a bike path that garners ample attention.

"It's a source of contention, but it's a good source of contention because it shows that a lot of people want to use it," he said. "It's a loved-to-death feature of Santa Monica. People come to town with bikes on their cars so they can use the beach bike path. It's fantastic. Who wouldn't want to be down there?"

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DATE/TIME: November 16, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
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PROPERTIES:

- 15ARB-0375: 631 Wilshire Boulevard: Commercial Retail/Office
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FILM REVIEW
SPOTLIGHT

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"How do you say 'no' to God?" asks one of the victims in the film "Spotlight." This movie is the story of a team of investigative reporters for the Boston Globe, a team known as "Spotlight", who in the mid 1990's began intense research into recurring stories of sexual abuse by local priests. These were stories that seemed over time to surface and then disappear for years. This film recreates in detail the work of this investigative team to bring down what we now know was just "the tip of the iceberg" of a history of sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests.

The story is not a condemnation of the Catholic religion or the Catholic Church. This abuse is an evil that exists within the Church. The shocking accounts portrayed in this film were a result of hubris in the name of religion. This film reinforces the fact that priests are not God - they are human. The film presents this question: Is it possible that the Catholic doctrine of celibacy for priests is unnaturally restrictive? The priests portrayed are like alcoholics "falling off the wagon". Once they cross over the line, they slip again and again, as there is no longer a line to cross. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of young lives were affected by lapses in judgment of many priests. One priest alone, John J. Geoghan, had 130 victims come forward to talk with the Spotlight reporters. In 2002, attorney Mitchell Garabedian of Boston obtained a $10 million settlement for 86 of Geoghan's victims. His firm is still working to this day to obtain more resolutions. Stanley Tucci superbly portrays this eccentric and tenacious lawyer in the film.

Although built on detailed historical narrative, the film gains momentum that doesn't stop. Writer/director Tom McCarthy, who is a talented multi-hyphenate actor/writer/director to watch, has done a great job with a sensitive piece full of factual information. Cinematographer Masanobu Takayanagi and editor Tom AcArdle skillfully establish the key scenes. The all-star cast who portray the Spotlight investigative team live up to expectations: Rachel McAdams, Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton and John Slattery are believable and intense. Liev Schreiber as the incoming new editor is perfect. Also noteworthy are Billy Crudup as an unethical attorney who believes his own embellished stories, and Richard O'Rourke as a priest whose childlike mind does not comprehend the impact of his sins. Ruffalo's character singlehandedly carries the impetus of the second half of the film on his shoulders with his frenetic and obsessive race through Boston's neighborhoods to gain timely evidence.

The Spotlight investigative team won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for public service for its stories on clergy sex abuse. In spite of the impact of the transgressions by the priests, I believe the worst sinners are those who knew and turned a blind eye - many, many people over the years who knew and did nothing. I'm sure they rationalized any troubling thoughts by saying, "It's not my problem." "Spotlight" is a film of great import well worth seeing and will generate worthy conversation.

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Morning offshore flow, but surf is slow with the high tide.

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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

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 -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

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

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.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:40 A.M.

Officers heard a broadcast of a hot prowl which had just occurred in the 1400 block of Lincoln Boulevard. The victim stated that she had gone to visit a friend upstairs for ten minutes, and upon her return she did not notice that anything appeared to be altered in her apartment. When she walked past her bathroom she heard someone say something; yet she was still not sure where the noise came from. As the victim reached inside the bathroom to turn on the light, she heard the voice of the subject, later identified as Jesus Ramirez, 29 year old transient, yell that "gangsters were chasing him" and he ran out of the apartment. The victim provided a description of the subject as a male wearing all back clothing and that he fled on foot toward the alley. As officers approached the alley, they apprehended Ramirez as he matched the suspect's description. Ramirez seemed as though he was out of sorts when he was interviewed, he went on to tell officers that he ran into the apartment because he was being chased by hundreds of gang members. Ramirez was arrested for residential burglary. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 309 calls for service on Nov. 11.

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

Disturbance at a business, 700 block of Broadway, 12:32 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public, 1700 block of 17th, 12:52 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 200 block of Montana, 12:53 a.m.
Suspicious circumstances, 2900 block of Delaware, 1:11 a.m.
Fight, 1500 block of 16th, 3:05 a.m.
Loud music, 1400 block of 14th, 3:48 a.m.
Burglary, 2300 block of Ocean Park, 5:33 a.m.
Traffic accident, 26th/Colorado, 8:04 a.m.
Burglary, 900 block of 3rd, 8:33 a.m.
Battery, 500 block of Olympic W, 8:45 a.m.
Traffic accident, 19th/Wilshire, 8:52 a.m.
Vandalism, 1300 block of Pacific Coast Hwy, 9:15 a.m.
Burglary, 500 block of California, 9:31 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 2200 block of 30th, 9:32 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public, 1900 block of Lincoln, 10:07 a.m.
Grand theft auto, 2300 block of 28th, 10:08 a.m.
Threats, 1300 block of Ocean, 10:15 a.m.
Vandalism, 1800 block of 11th, 10:28 a.m.
Hit and run, 300 block of Olympic Dr, 10:34 a.m.
Assault with a deadly weapon, 1100 block of Lincoln, 11:11 a.m.
Battery, 500 block of Olympic W, 11:29 a.m.
Vandalism, 1500 block of 26th, 12:25 p.m.
Traffic accident, 300 block of Civic Center, 12:37 p.m.
Person down, 500 block of Olympic W, 1:06 p.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1800 block of Lincoln, 1:16 p.m.
Fight, 1600 block of Ocean, 1:25 p.m.
Traffic accident, Lincoln/Santa Monica, 1:48 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 1700 block of Santa Monica, 1:50 p.m.
Suspicious person, 2800 block of Wilshire, 1:59 p.m.
Fraud, 1000 block of Wilshire, 2:11 p.m.
Person down, 2600 block of Pico, 2:12 p.m.
Lewd activity, 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk, 2:31 p.m.
Hit and run, 1500 block of 4th, 3:06 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 3000 block of 2nd, 3:12 p.m.
Arson, 1200 block of 4th, 3:22 p.m.
Domestic violence, 1000 block of Ocean, 3:27 p.m.
Burglary, 800 block of 2nd, 3:37 p.m.
Armed robbery, 1200 block of The Beach, 3:54 p.m.
Battery, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 4:54 p.m.
Traffic accident, 26th/Santa Monica, 5:14 p.m.
Traffic accident, 23rd/Wilshire, 5:15 p.m.
Domestic violence, 900 block of 2nd, 5:24 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold, Stanford/Wilshire, 5:27 p.m.
Burglary, 900 block of 3rd, 5:29 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 32 calls for service on Nov. 11.

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

EMS, 1200 block of Bay, 12:44 a.m.
Odor of natural gas, 1400 block of 11th, 2:21 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Cloverfield, 2:44 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block of 14th, 3:07 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1300 block of Ocean, 3:28 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Cloverfield, 5:41 a.m.
EMS, 2800 block of Lincoln, 7:16 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 17th, 7:26 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Olympic, 7:46 a.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Colorado, 8:02 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 8:35 a.m.
EMS, 1200 block of Franklin, 9:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1900 block of Ocean Way, 10:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 200 block of Arizona, 10:27 a.m.
Injuries from assault, 1100 block of Lincoln, 11:12 a.m.
EMS, 500 block of Olympic, 11:15 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 4th, 11:37 a.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Ocean, 12:49 p.m.
Flooded condition, 2600 block of 29th, 1:35 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Pico, 2:12 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of Ocean Park, 2:38 p.m.
EMS, 900 block of 5th, 3:08 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block of 7th, 3:57 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 300 block of California, 4:01 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 1400 block of 4th, 4:51 p.m.
EMS, 1700 block of Cloverfield, 5:02 p.m.
EMS, 23rd/Wilshire, 5:16 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom, 5:28 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 900 block of 7th, 7:06 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Confronts
6 Magic Johnson, once
11 Minimal amount
12 "Thereby hangs —"
13 Pretentious
14 Doles (out)
15 Homer's bartending pal
16 Guidebook feature
18 Cain's mother
19 Flow out
20 1040 org.
21 Chess pieces
22 Bear, perhaps
24 Gum flavor
25 Checked the books
27 Secret society
29 African grasslands
32 Compass trace
33 — de mer
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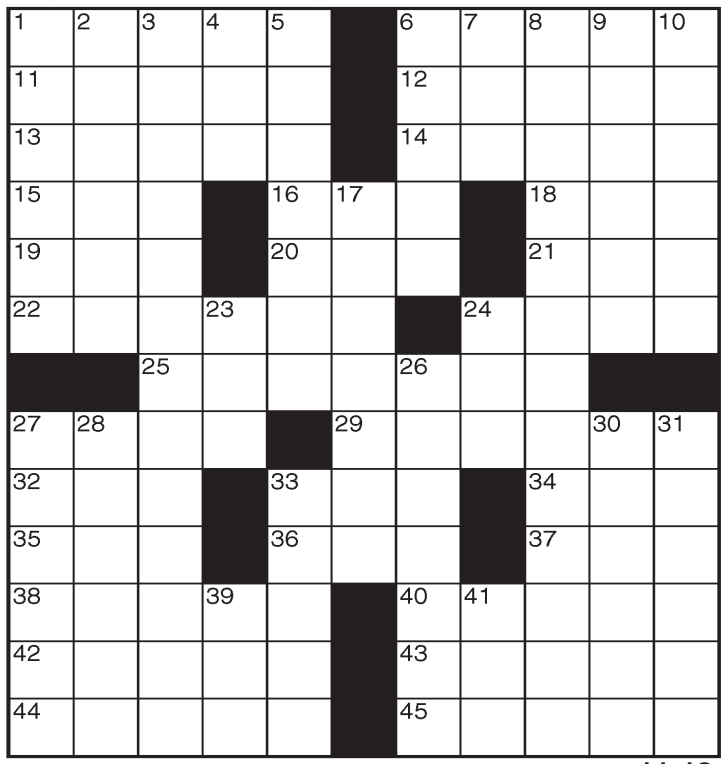
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1 Calgary team
2 Oxygen-thriving organism
3 "Elizabeth" star
4 Twisty turn
5 Thwarted
6 Reading aids
7 Finished off
8 Bride of April 2011
9 Football team
10 Bristle at
17 Airport announcement
23 Galoot
24 Singer Tillis
26 Historic satellite
27 Ankle bone
28 Answer source
30 Natural gift
31 Church toppers
33 Paris subway
39 Constant complainer
41 Frothy brew

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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



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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 ★★★★

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

8	5	6	9	3	2	4	7	1
7	9	1	4	5	8	6	3	2
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King Features Syndicate

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL (calottery)
Draw Date: 11/11
4 26 32 55 64
Power#: 18
Jackpot: 60M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/10
8 17 20 45 71
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 200M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 11/11
5 9 22 36 44
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 15M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/11
1 11 12 16 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/11
MIDDAY: 0 3 2
Draw Date: 11/11
EVENING: 6 5 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/11
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:41.97

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WORD UP!

saporific
1. producing or imparting flavor or taste.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1966 - In response to Fatah raids against Israelis near the West Bank border, Israel launches an attack on the village of As-Samu.

1969 - Vietnam War: Anti-war protesters in Washington, D.C. stage a symbolic March Against Death.

1970 - Bhola cyclone: A 150-mph tropical cyclone hits the densely populated Ganges Delta region of East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), killing an estimated 500,000 people in one night. This is regarded as the 20th century's worst natural disaster.

1974 - Ronald DeFeo, Jr. murders his entire family in Amityville, Long Island in the house that would become known as The Amityville Horror.

1982 - Ray Mancini defeats Duk Koo Kim in a boxing match held in Las Vegas. Kim's subsequent death (on November 17) leads to significant changes in the sport.

1982 - The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. after a march to its site by thousands of Vietnam War veterans.

1985 - The volcano Nevado del Ruiz erupts and melts a glacier, causing a lahar (volcanic mudslide) that buries Armero, Colombia, killing approximately 23,000 people.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Drivers who blindly follow their vehicle's satellite navigation with disastrous results are almost No Longer Weird, but a truck driver's mishap in Ashton, England, in October still seemed worthy of reporting -- in that he was working for a company called Dachser Intelligent Logistics when his tractor-trailer got stuck in a narrow alley (directed there by the sat-nav, in violation of all common sense). (Bonus: It was not the first time sat-nav had misdirected a vehicle into the same alley; the town had even placed a formal traffic sign at the approach to the alley: "Do Not Follow Sat Nav Next Left.")

■ In October, the federal government finally unloaded the two New Hampshire properties it seized in 2007 from dentist Elaine Brown and her husband (after a nine-month standoff following their vow to die rather than pay their back taxes to the IRS). Their 100-acre "compound" became a magnet at the time for an array of "sovereigns" and tax-resisters, who were rumored to have booby-trapped the property to ward off law enforcement -- and the 2015 auction only partially guaranteed that the property was free of hidden explosives. (News of the Weird's 2007 story included Dr. Brown as one of three U.S. dentists who, independent of each other, had become obsessed about federal taxes. The Browns are serving 30-year prison terms.)

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Model says don't be a poser



by Megan Tambio

Last week, model Essena O'Neil posted a 15-minute video dismantling her own seemingly picture- perfect life on Instagram. The 19-year-old, a social media star with thousands of followers, admitted that the seemingly normal pictures she posted were often paid product placements that took hours to shoot. She tearfully spoke about how she was an insecure kid who always thought if she could look 'perfect', she'd be happy, and how her career didn't make her feel any better.

The overwhelming Internet response was predictable: What is she complaining about? Yes, this may seem like very First World problems, but that's missing the point.

Numerous studies have shown that with the advent of social media, we've become a lot more full of ourselves. This may not seem like a big deal, but when researchers find that an entire generation is more focused on material gain than anything else, there's a problem. We're the generation that allowed the Kardashian Klan to be a thing.

After a fairly clear-eyed criticism of the emptiness of her career, Essena then asked fans to give her money so that she could .... eh, she'll figure out what exactly later. The last-minute plea is bizarre and contradicts the rest of the video, but it shows that living on a screen affects your sense of entitlement.

All hope is not lost though. The solution is frustratingly simple – go outside. Talk to someone. Volunteer and connect with human beings in real time, and real space. Search the Causes directory at giive.org for nonprofits in your area that help you live outside your Instagram.

GET THE WHOLE STORY@ GIIVE.ORG/BLOG/

Head home early, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Be spontaneous, and make choices accordingly. You have the ability to come up with the correct response or gain the traction you desire. You could be a bit sensitive if you overthink a situation. Your responses attract many people. Tonight: TGIF! Treat a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Relate to others directly; they will appreciate the eye contact, the caring and the attention. You could voice a complaint, but it probably will be a while before the other party really registers what you have said. Tonight: With a favorite person, christening the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others will make an effort beyond the call of duty. Smile and get into weekend mode as soon as you can. You will be very happy to let go of problems and join a friend or loved one early. Tonight: Let someone else choose, so you can go along for the ride.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might have a lot to do, especially as someone could drop some errands or extra responsibilities on you. You'll want to say "no," but you probably won't. Don't make this gracious attitude a regular happening, for your own sake. Tonight: Head home early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You have a sense of the good life, more than many other signs do. Today it kicks in, which allows you as well those around you to really get into the moment. You could have a great time at work, on the bus or wherever. It is a question of attitude. Tonight: Opt for more passion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others have expectations that involve your home and domestic life. You might want to take off and do what you want before you have to get back. Tension is high, and tempers could flare. You'll want to defer to others or eliminate this situation. Tonight: It is your call.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your ability to have a conversation and get to the bottom of a disagreement will be important. Nevertheless, you'll need the other party to want a resolution as well, rather than having his or her way. You know what you want. Why not make it so? Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Watch what is happening within your immediate circle, and take your cue from a friend. You might not be aware of how much frustration you seem to be sitting on. The unexpected plays a big role in what goes on. Understand where others stand. Tonight: Play the night away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be beaming from ear to ear and not even realize it! Others seek you out, as they have not seen you like this for a while. You'll need to stay anchored when dealing with a family member who can be very emotional. Tonight: Put your best foot forward.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have an opinion that others might not want to hear, especially a superior or older relative. It probably would be a good idea to avoid a collision by saying nothing. Keep communication flowing, even if you have to stay quiet. Tonight: Try a new night spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Remain expressive of your feelings. Let friends know where you are coming from. A partner will appreciate some insight. Your fun nature comes out. Don't push a loved one too hard, as he or she could have a strong reaction. Tonight: Enjoy your friends.

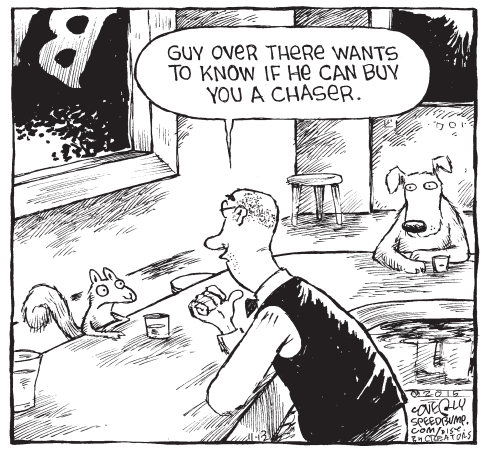
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will feel pressured to show your best side. You could be left holding the bag at work. Are you ready for that? Perhaps you are frustrated that you can't join your friends more quickly. A partner seems to want your time and attention. Tonight: A must appearance.

Friday, November 13, 2015

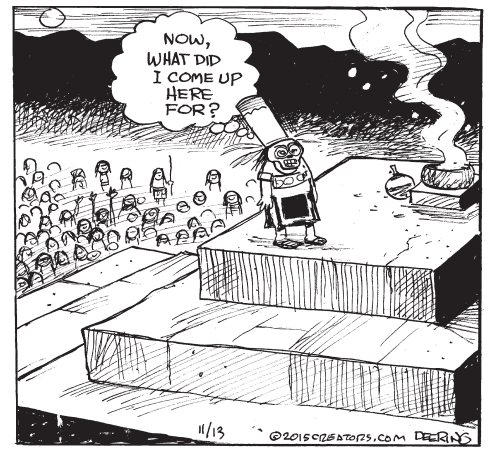
This year you can't seem to hold back your expressiveness. You seem to be more open and willing to share. Your personality melts barriers and boundaries. Still, be careful about others crossing over boundaries. You could feel as if you need more money to supplement your lifestyle. If you are single, you meet people with ease. You possess an innate charm and desirability that draw in many people. Trust in your magnetism. If you are attached, the two of you will decide on a major expenditure this year. You will be even happier once you get past this point. SAGITTARIUS encourages you to take risks.

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

Speed Bump By Dave Coverly

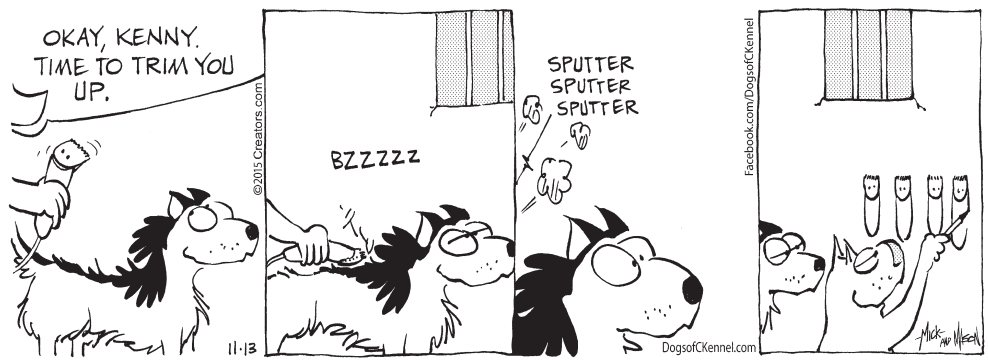


Strange Brew By John Deering



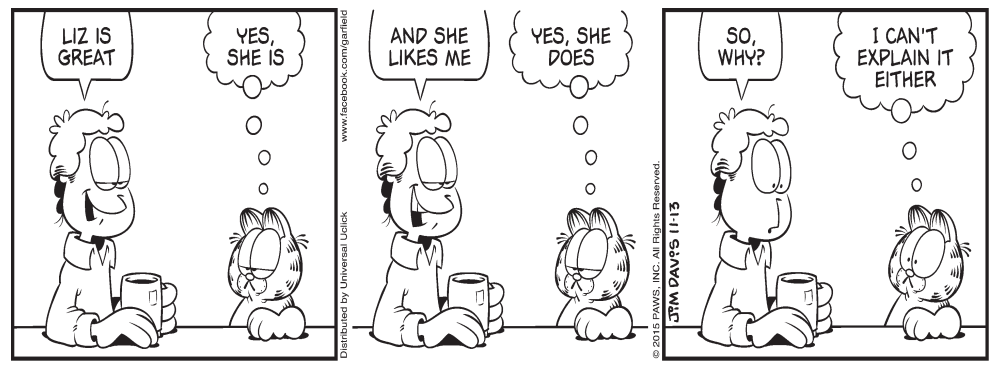
Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



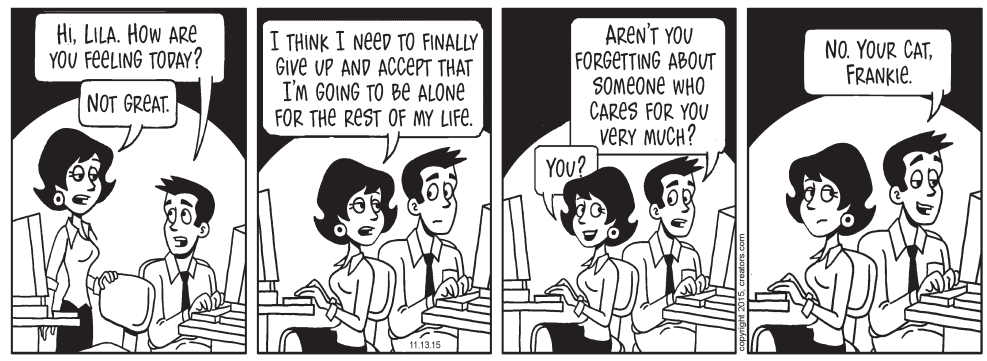
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