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Debate continues on Santa Monica's proposed minimum wage

Businesses, residents and workers are providing opinions in advance of a January decision by City Council

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Discussion about Santa Monica's proposed minimum wage ordinance continues to focus on the same thorny issues that derailed adoption of new rules earlier.

At a recent community workshop, attendees focused on union exemptions, compatibility with rules in Los Angeles, impact on hotel workers and legality of restaurant service fees.

The packed meeting was led by economic development manager for the City of Santa Monica, Jason Harris. The purpose for the meeting, as Harris put it, was to discuss outstanding issues that City Council is considering as the proposed minimum wage increase comes before them including service charges, seasonal work exception, paid leave, education and enforcement, hotel wage.

Harris explained that all the feedback that was given that night would be used when drafting a staff report to be given to council before they meet to discuss the matter in January.

Harris began the meeting with a short presentation explaining that, based on the City of Los Angeles' ordinance, the proposed increase is

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Small Business Saturday returns Nov. 28



Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

SHOP LOCAL: For many residents, the days after Thanksgiving are the official start of their holiday season and small businesses throughout Santa Monica are hoping to capitalize on holiday shopping this Saturday.

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Thanksgiving is the day set aside to be grateful for what we have and the days after Thanksgiving are set aside to get more stuff that you can be thankful for next year. The shopping frenzy now begins on Thanksgiving itself, moves through Black Friday and includes the online blitz known as Cyber Monday. With thousands of dollars to be spent over a handful of days, local retailers are hoping to capitalize on the season with participation in Small Business Saturday.

Held the Saturday after Thanksgiving, Small Business Saturday rose to prominence in 2010 thanks to a national promotion campaign by American Express. The intent is to motivate shoppers to keep their dollars within their communities and support community based merchants.

According to Santa Monica's Buy Local program, when residents and fellow businesses choose to shop local as much as 70 cents of each dollar stays in

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Serenade on the beach

Santa Monica residents experienced LA Opera simulcast on the Pier

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Back in October the LA Opera held their second annual Opera at the Beach performance at the Santa Monica Pier. And though the air has turned cooler since that balmy fall night, from how the performance went the opera is already considering next year's performance.

"Working with the Pier and Santa Monica has been fantastic," said senior director of production, Rupert Hemmings. "I'm quite sure we'll be back. I personally loved it. And it is all around a good experience I think."

On Saturday, Oct. 3 the LA Opera's final performance of "Gianni Schicchi" and "Pagliacci" was simulcast from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion to the Santa Monica Pier for free.

Plácido Domingo starred in "Gianni Schicchi," Woody Allen's staging of Puccini's comic masterpiece, conducted by Grant Gershon. The opera tells the story of greedy relatives who descend upon their kinsman's deathbed, and enlist Gianni Schicchi to rewrite the will to their benefit. But handed the opportunity, Schicchi turns the tables, securing the future happiness of two young lovers in the process. Plácido Domingo conducted the conclusion of the double bill, Franco Zeffirelli's production of "Pagliacci." Starring Marco Berti, Ana María Martínez and George Gagnidze, the opera is about a cuckolded husband who takes his revenge, and his desperate wife who must fight for her life in front of a cheering, oblivious audience.

Hemmings said that this being LA Opera's second year at the Santa Monica Pier he thinks the turn out was great, with upwards of 4,000 people in attendance for the event, which began at 7 p.m. with pre-event picnicking starting at 5 p.m. Hemmings said it is an event that shouldn't be missed, especially for those who have never experienced opera before.

But the logistics of pulling off this kind of event are extreme, with Hemmings and production and technical manager, Michelle Magaldi, having worked on the presentation for close to seven months.

"There is a downtown LA part of the logistics, the film unit of cameras, the Santa Monica based part of it setting up the venue. The screen. The sound."

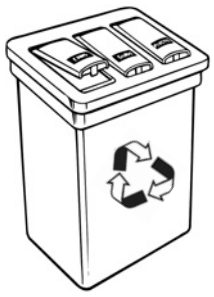
But Hemmings said since their first event last year things are going

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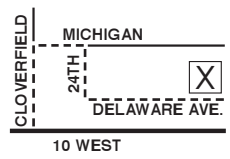


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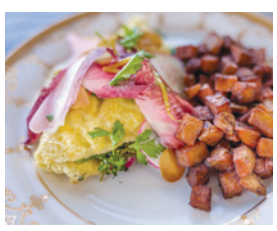
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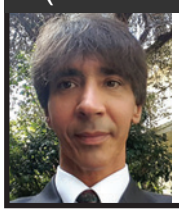


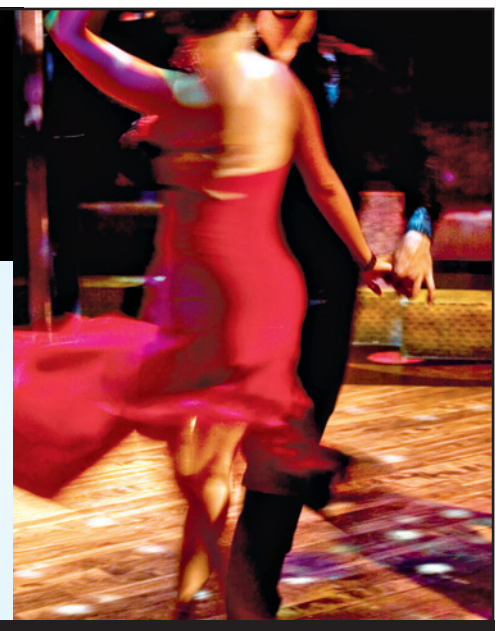
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'Tis the Season to Troll?

Abraham Lincoln once said, "You can please some of the people, some of the time and all the people some of the time, but you can't please all the people all the time." With these columns I seem to "annoy" some of the people all the time. And it's generally the same people.

A troll is someone who sows discord on the Internet by posting inflammatory, extraneous, or off-topic messages. For their own amusement, the intent of a troll is to insult and or provoke.

During the past almost 9 years, I've been trolled more than a few times. Fortunately, they can provide a little humor for a column. Like the time, years ago, when I labeled George W. Bush the worst two-term president in history. (Ironic because W. currently calls his father, Bush 41, the best 1-term president in history.)

The next week someone posted that my columns were only good for use as toilet paper. (Actually, I cleaned up the language.) Rather than respond in kind, I posted that while his "personal hygiene practices" were his business, I questioned if using my columns for such a purpose wasn't a bit "tough on the tush." I added, "After all, how expensive is Charmin?"

Then there was the time I noted that J. Edgar Hoover frequently blackmailed homosexuals and yet he frequently wore a pink chiffon dress. For that I received an email from a woman accusing me of being a "closet cross dresser." I emailed back, given my stocky build, a photo of me in woman's lingerie could be used as a visual aid in "celibacy classes."

She posted my "excuse" as "exactly something a cross-dresser would say." She added that I ought not be ashamed because "cross-dressers are exceptionally high achievers." (With all his documented criminal behavior how is Hoover still the name of the FBI Building?)

But those trollings pale compared to the one I received just prior to Thanksgiving, an email, unsigned and with no phone number. The screen name was "SantaMonica4HumanRights," (I'll shorten to "SM4HR"), " which I'm afraid gives the pursuit of human rights a bad name.

The e-mail was in response to last week's column about the "1934 Night" at the Galley Restaurant, which just took place Wednesday. SM4HR claims that invitations to 1934 Night were rigged and suggests my column was "criminal." (I admit I've written some lame columns, but criminal's going a little far, don't you think?) He even copied his email to the Santa Monica Police apparently to demonstrate how far he's willing to take this. No offense, but to me it demonstrates how far he's gone... bonkers, that is.

His email ended, "I will see what future action the Newspaper, The Columnist and the Police take to prevent any crimes from occurring stemming from the printing of this Column. Respectfully, Pro Se." (Can you say cuckoo?)

As I digress for a moment, comedian Louis C.K. observes that people, when behind the wheel, can say the most vile things. Someone veers into your lane on the freeway and you might yell, "I hope you die, you a**hole!"

The same is true on the Internet. Frequently, when I write a column with strong opinions, I'll get an email with an epithet, i.e. "you ignorant liberal, you." (And that could be one of the nicer ones.)

I have a reader in Orange County, a lifelong Republican, we'll call Joan. (Not her real name.) She hates Obama and Hillary, calls them corrupt and says I'm crazy. While she might be right about me, facts are stubborn things.

As for corruption, Nixon and Agnew

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resigned in disgrace. And yet, amazingly, more Republicans went to jail during the Reagan administration what with Iran-Contra. The GOP spent 80,000,000 taxpayer dollars investigating Bill Clinton but all they came up with was Monica's dress.

Perhaps, not surprisingly, Joan is enamored with Trump. The Donald recently said he saw on television "thousands upon thousands" of Arabs in New Jersey celebrating 9/11 but can't remember where. And yet he claims he has "the best memory in the world." Trump wants to build a wall at the border but recent studies show more Mexicans are leaving the U.S. than coming in. (Will the wall be to keep them here?)

Trump also wants a database, registration of Muslims and water boarding. He thinks climate change was a Chinese plot and wants Sarah Palin in his cabinet. Married 3 times, he's against gays and lesbians getting married. No presidential candidate ever has bragged this much about his personal wealth and yet Trump companies have declared bankruptcy 4 times.

You know who else loves Trump? ISIS! (He's an ideal recruiting tool.) But that's another column for another day. That is, assuming SM4HR doesn't have me arrested first.

When he isn't too busy dodging trolls, Jack is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jnsmdp@aol.com.

WAGE

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to start July 1, 2016 with annual increases of $10.50 in 2016, $12 in 2017, $13.25 in 2018, $14.25 in 2019 and $15 in 2020.

"Overall council's intent and direction is to generally mirror city of Los Angeles minimum wage and City of Los Angeles hotel minimum wage," Harris said.

Harris said for profits and nonprofits with 25 or fewer employees will be able to delay the increase for one year, reaching $15 by 2021, and nonprofits that help the disadvantaged or receive most of their funding from government grants can apply for an extra year delay. Harris also said that indexing to inflation (20-year rolling average) will begin in 2022.

The meeting then turned into breakout sessions where attendees could go to feedback sheets posted throughout the room to write comments and questions about each of the outstanding issues.

Once the meeting reached public comment two topics came to the front of the discussion: service charges and the wages of hotel workers.

Several attendees stated that most people don't understand what a service charge goes toward and that there needs to be more transparency in what establishments, mainly restaurants, use that service charge for. Attendees also said if the service charge is not being used as a tip they need to know what exactly it is being used for. Some restaurateurs were in attendance and said they backed the minimum wage increase; but need to use service charges to cover the costs of paying, not only the increased wages, but also the taxes that go along with that wage; not toward tips for their employees.

On the matter of hotel workers' wages, several hospitality industry employees said workers in Santa Monica work as hard, if not harder, than those in Los Angeles and deserve to make the same minimum wage. One attendee had done research to show that most young workers in the hospitality industry use part of their paychecks to support their families and have to deal with erratic schedules based around their employers needs and therefore should be earning more.

Some attendees had more fundamental issues, questioning the vale of any minimum wage that failed to pay workers enough to live in town. One attended said that people can't live and support a family, let alone themselves, in Santa Monica on a minimum wage salary. But a small business owner stated that the minimum wage was never created to support a family and wasn't meant for those pursuing a career. The business owner said the rules could hurt her ability to retain workers because starting at a higher wage would remove her ability to provide raises in the future.

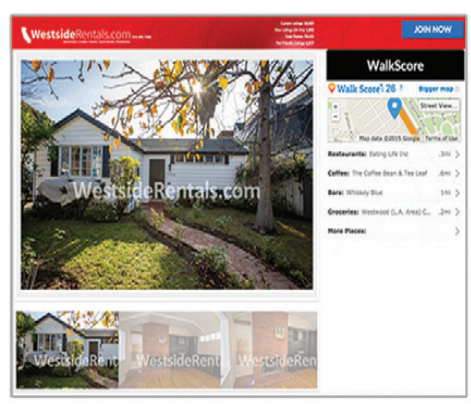
The council asked for more study and research into the issue when they took their first shot at the topic earlier this year. Harris said the opinions presented at community forums would be presented to the council when they rehear the issue in January.

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SHOP LOCAL: Costumes and sets being prepared for the production of "M. Courage" at Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Main Stage Dec. 4-13.

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SMC Stages "M. Courage"

The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to present "M. Courage" Dec. 4-13 at the Theatre Arts Main Stage on the SMC main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

In this game of war – based on Bertolt Brecht's "Mutter Courage und ihre Kinder" ("Mother Courage and Her Children") – a true business woman who sells supplies, provisions, and liquor from her canteen wagon for a vigorous profit plays the armies on both sides of the conflict. To preserve her capitalistic spirit, she will pay a heavy price. The SMC production is directed by Terrin Adair.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec 4 and 11, and on Saturday, Dec. 5 and 12. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, and on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12 and 13. A preview is scheduled at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3.

Advance tickets range from $12 to $15 ($8 for preview), plus a service charge, and can be purchased by going to www.smc.edu/mainstage or by calling (310) 434-4319 or (310) 434-3005 Monday through Friday. Tickets are $3 higher at the door. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends.

– SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

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Samohi students with cash for test preparation

C2 Education (C2), a nationwide network of test prep centers, has awarded $2,000 to Santa Monica High School as part of a nationwide giveaway totaling $50,000.

On October 10tstudents in nine regions had the chance to compete for a $1,000 prize, totaling $44,000 by obtaining the highest score on one of four practice tests. The tests included the SAT, new SAT, PSAT, or ACT; challenges were held in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Orange County and San Francisco.

Santa Monica High School, Wayne Hills High School and Freemont High School were awarded $2,000 each for having the most student representatives attend the Challenge. Parents also had a win, while students were testing, parents had the opportunity to attend workshops on important academic topics such as the new SAT, college admissions, and financial planning.

Visit the company's website at www.c2educate.com to learn more about the company and the multiple community programs offered.

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Broad Stage

Westside Ballet performs The Nutcracker

Lavish costumes and exuberant choreography mesmerize audiences in Westside Ballet of Santa Monica's rendition of this holiday classic.

Take a trip with Clara to a magical world of dancing snowflakes, Spanish chocolate, and a dashing prince. From the Victorian-style party scene to the glittering Sugar Plum Fairy, it's the traditional full-length ballet in two acts set to Tchaikovsky's majestic score as performed live by the Santa Monica Symphony Orchestra.

A holiday tradition since 1973, Westside Ballet's Nutcracker is the longest running in Los Angeles history.

Kids 2 and under sit on Mom's lap for free.

The Nutcracker will be performed at The Broad Stage at Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Nov. 29 at 11 a.m., Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

All tickets are $40. Tickets can be purchased online at www.westsideballet.com, or by phone at (800) 595-4849.

- SUBMITTED BY LIVIA SQUIRES

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OPERA

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smoother.

"I mean there's definitely a learning curve. It's always tricky to present opera in this way. It's designed to be done without any amplification. Especially in a venue that has no reflective surfaces. But Michelle and I are a lot more confident this year, though last year didn't go bad either."

Though both Magaldi and Hemmings hope to be back at the beach next year, Magaldi said the scheduling will play into their planning decisions.

"We like to get there while the weather is still good," Magaldi said. "The first year we did it, it was a week night, and we decided that a Saturday night would be a better night for something like this." Magaldi said the Opera would never do their opening night of a production because there would be too many logistics involved.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **73.1°**

MONDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
Holding blend of SW-SSW (primary) and SSE (secondary) South Hemi swells. Modest WSW Jimena swell holds as well. Small SSE Kevin swell may be fading out.

TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
Holding blend of SW-SSW (primary) and SSE (secondary) South Hemi swells. Modest WSW Jimena swell holds. Minimal NW windswell.

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 **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

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BUSINESS

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the community. Keeping that money in the local economy supports local schools, local residents, local youth sports and charities.

In Santa Monica, the Buy Local Committee is partnering with the Montana Avenue Association to promote Small Business Saturday on November 28.

"Small Business Saturday is a wonderful nationwide campaign that Santa Monica welcomes each year to support buying local at our small businesses," said President & CEO of Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, Misti Kerns in a statement. "It's a great way to remind ourselves of the importance of supporting our incredible local business so that our destination is able to maintain the sense of community that our locals value so deeply."

The Montana Avenue merchants will host a street-wide celebration from opening to closing. The event will include live entertainment, special promotions and sidewalk sales between 6th and 17th Streets.

""Buying local not only supports the local businesses on Montana Avenue and throughout the city, but keeps dollars in Santa Monica to support our local schools and essential city services, such as police and fire, parks and libraries," said Jane Walker, Chair of the Montana Avenue Merchants Association and a Santa Monica resident for 37 years. "When you chose to buy local and not on the Internet, it makes a huge difference to our Santa Monica community."

Local businesses are key supporters of local schools.

"Shopping locally makes a difference. Last year, purchases made at Santa Monica businesses raised over $7.5 million for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. When you're making your holiday purchases in Santa Monica, you're also giving back to our schools and to our community," said Linda Greenberg Gross, Executive Director of the Santa Monica Malibu Education Foundation and a member of the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee.

While Montana merchants are organizing entertainment, the value of shopping locally extends citywide.

"We have many wonderful businesses located in Santa Monica and we want to encourage everyone to support their favorite local businesses for their holiday shopping and holiday preparation needs, said Jennifer Taylor, Chair of the Buy Local SM Committee. "From Montana Avenue to Main Street, Pico to Ocean Park Boulevard and throughout Downtown Santa Monica, you can find unique and fun gifts for everyone … and have fun at the same time, as you see your friends and neighbors."

Buy Local Santa Monica was created by representatives of the Santa Monica business community and the City of Santa Monica to support local businesses and encourage local buying. Buy Local creates an annual Perfect Gift Guide to promote local holiday shopping. The Guide is distributed as an insert in the Daily Press and is available online at buylocalsm.com/perfectgift.

UPCOMING BUY LOCAL EVENTS

Pajama Jam Locals Only Holiday Party on Monday, November 30th from 5:30-8:30 pm at Loews SM Beach Hotel's pool deck, kicks off this year's Extra Bedroom program. Dress in your favorite holiday PJs and get ready for food and refreshments, family activities, photo booth fun, giveaways and more. The participating 2015 Extra Bedroom hotels will be there to promote their various offerings such as holiday menus, spa treatments, and other special programs and amenities available to guests. Organized by the SMTT.

The Buy Local for Holidays Sidewalk Sale on Main Street, Montana Avenue and Pico Boulevard is taking place the weekend of December 4th -6th and includes free family festivities and exciting events for Santa Monica locals and visitors alike to enjoy the holiday season in each of Santa Monica's neighborhood commercial districts, including:

Montana Avenue Holiday Walk will be held on Friday, December 4th from 5-9pm. Join the shops on Montana Avenue, from 6th to 17th Street for specials, holiday festivities, live music on every block, treats, Santa and merriment! This event is organized by the Montana Avenue Merchants Association.

Pico Holiday Hop is on Saturday, December 5th, 12-4pm along Pico Boulevard, from 34th Street to the ocean. Attendees can enjoy kids' art and craft activities, entertainment, treats and "selfies with Santa" at the Venice Family Clinic parking lot (2509 Pico) along with open-door parties, holiday shopping specials, treats and live music at participating Pico shops and restaurants! Look for the red bows for participants, and keep an eye out for carolers, Santa and more. Organized by the Pico Improvement Organization.

Main Street Holiday Celebrations will take place on Saturday, December 5th from 6-9p.m. Come to the tree lighting on the California Heritage Museum Lawn at 6pm, and follow a procession to the famous shopping cart tree at Edgemar Center. Parties will be held at participating Main Street businesses, including live music, treats and holiday shopping opportunities, organized by the Main Street Business Improvement Association.

Buy Local for the Holidays on Ocean Park Boulevard takes place on Saturday, December 12 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. with special holiday sales and treats at participating businesses on Ocean Park Boulevard, between 16th to 18th Streets. Organized by the Ocean Park Boulevard Merchants.

WinterLit Holiday Festivities in Downtown Santa Monica include the popular ICE at 5th and Arizona, brings outdoor ice skating under the palm trees to all ages throughout the holiday season (until January 20). In addition, there are tons of fun activities for all ages being hosted throughout downtown and at Santa Monica Place, including a Tree Lighting with Santa on Thursday December 3, 5:30-8:30 p.m., and a Menorah Lighting from December 6th-13th at sundown, both on Third Street Promenade. Organized by Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.

For more information on more of Santa Monica's holiday events, including Bergamot Station's Annual Holiday Open House, Saturday December 12th from 12-4pm with live music, holiday drinks and bites, food trucks and more; as well as the return of the 7th Annual SANTA Monica Pub Crawl, also on December 12th at 5 pm, visit www.buylocalsm.com/events.

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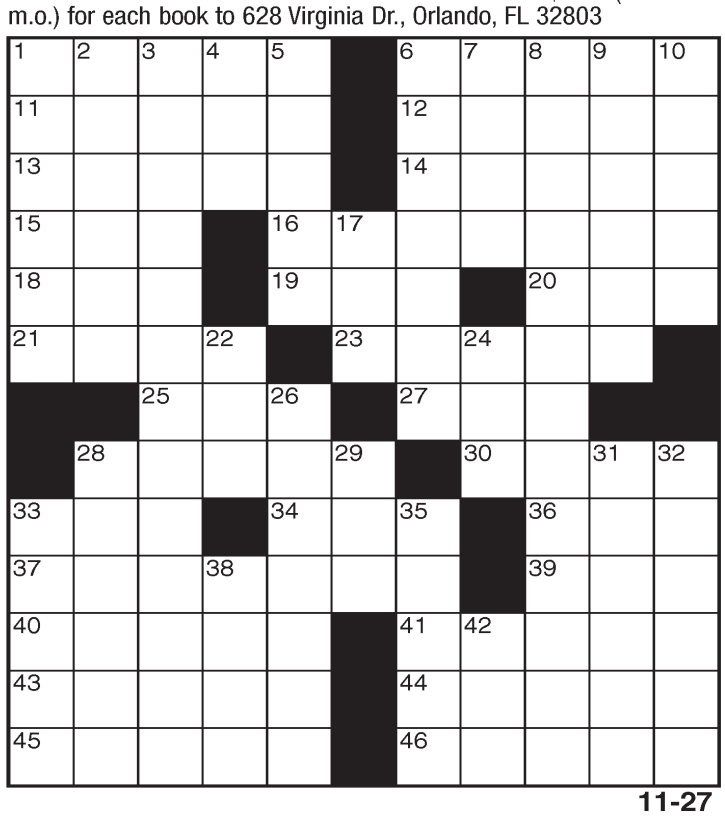
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Yesterday's answer

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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

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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1989 – Avianca Flight 203: A Boeing 727 explodes in mid-air over Colombia, killing all 107 people on board and three people on the ground. The Medellín Cartel will claim responsibility for the attack.

1991 – The United Nations Security Council adopts Security Council Resolution 721, leading the way to the establishment of peacekeeping operations in Yugoslavia.

1992 – For the second time in a year, military forces try to overthrow president Carlos Andrés Pérez in Venezuela.

1999 – The left-wing Labour Party takes control of the New Zealand government with leader Helen Clark becoming the first elected female Prime Minister in New Zealand's history.

2000 – In the Canadian federal election the Liberal Party of Canada wins its third consecutive election with a gain in the number of its members.

2004 – Pope John Paul II returns the relics of Saint John Chrysostom to the Eastern Orthodox Church.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Lowering the Bar in Zero Tolerance: The 6-year-old son of Martha Miele was given an automatic three-day out-of-school suspension at Our Lady of Lourdes in Cincinnati in October after, emulating actions of his favorite Power Rangers characters, he pretended to shoot a bow and arrow at another student. Principal Joe Crachiolo was adamant, insisting that he has "no tolerance for any real, pretend or imitated violence." An exasperated Martha Miele confessed she was at a loss about how a 6-year-old boy is supposed to block out the concept of a super-hero fighter (and instead imagine, say, a super-hero counselor?).

■ Cavalcade of Fetishes: (1) Among the approximately 100 arrests Seattle police made in an October drug sting were of a man, 63, and woman, 58, accused only of retail theft of $150,000 worth of goods -- including about 400 pairs of jeans. Police said the couple "ordered" items from shoplifters and seemed to have an "insatiable appetite for denim." (2) In November, police in Bethel, Connecticut, arrested Nelson Montalvo, 50 -- accused of taking about 30 items of underwear from one particular home. Montalvo's motive is being investigated, but police said his modus operandi was to remove items, cut holes in them and return them to the home.

At home tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You'll want to get a lot done, but someone seems to need your attention. Squeezing everything in with this person's request simply won't work. Use your imagination to make plans with this person and allow more fun in. Attitude makes all the differences. Tonight: At home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You will speak your mind. You are determined that others will listen to you more carefully. Reach out to a loved one at a distance before your join several friends or squeeze in some shopping. You could be amazed at how much you can get done. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could go overboard with shopping this Black Friday. Know that you don't need to do everything all at once. Take a stand with an older relative who may want to follow a certain pattern that you no longer enjoy. Say "no" if you can. Tonight: Out till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be in a situation where you want to socialize more. Invite others over for leftover turkey or a get-together for a fun day at the movies. Some of you will insist on doing some shopping. Conversation happens naturally. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take a deep breath, and understand your limits. A partner will be more than willing to charge in and handle a problem for you; however, you might not like the results. You probably will need to have a private conversation with the people involved. Tonight: Dinner for two.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Be smart and include your sweetie in whatever plans you are making. Enjoy this moment, and keep your eye on a long-term desire. Feedback you get could indicate whether you are on the right path. Take any criticism as constructive. Tonight: In the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be in a situation where a friend makes strong demands. You know what works best here, and you need to follow through accordingly. Recognize your priorities. A party or get-together brings people together that you rarely see. Get into the moment. Tonight: Being eyed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Consider a last-minute trip to see someone special. If you can't do it now, try to fit it in during one of the next few weekends. A change of scenery will be helpful, no matter what happens. You'll gain a new perspective on your life. Tonight: Put on some holiday music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Decide to spend some time with a special person. Sometimes this individual can be critical, which might worry you. Let it slide off your back for now. Center yourself by taking a walk, and you will be OK. Feelings could be intense at the moment. Tonight: Be a duo.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you have no alternative path other than the one you currently are following. Be open with a close loved one. A partner could be demanding and set in his or her ways. Be careful. Make it OK to walk away if need be. Tonight: Follow the fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pace yourself, and follow through on what needs to be done. You could feel out of sync with a friend with whom you spend a lot of time. Make a point of getting together before the weekend ends. You will be happier as a result. Tonight: Think rather than react.

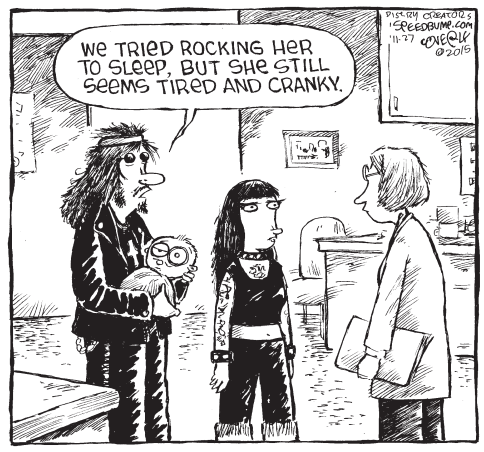
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★★★★ You could be more in touch with your feelings than you have been in quite a while. A parent, boss or friend might mar the carefree nature of the day by making a demand. Your imagination triggers some fun and interesting plans. Tonight: Answer and return calls.

Friday, November 27, 2015

This year you seem to work well with individuals on a one-on-one level. You might find groups to be somewhat problematic. You can express yourself better when dealing with just one person. By opening up and revealing your authentic self, you develop a group of very loyal friends. If you are single, you will notice that others' feelings toward you are quite intense. Ask yourself if you ready for this type of interaction. If you are attached, the two of you relate naturally and with great depth. Make a point of indulging your significant other. CANCER might be too emotional for you.

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

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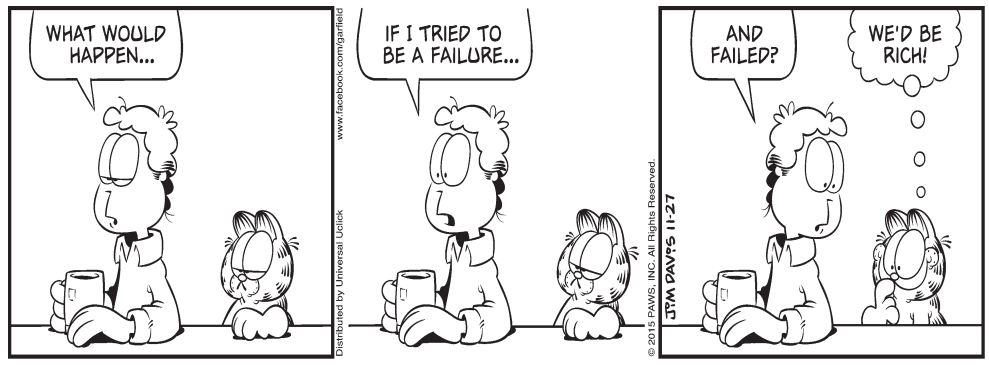
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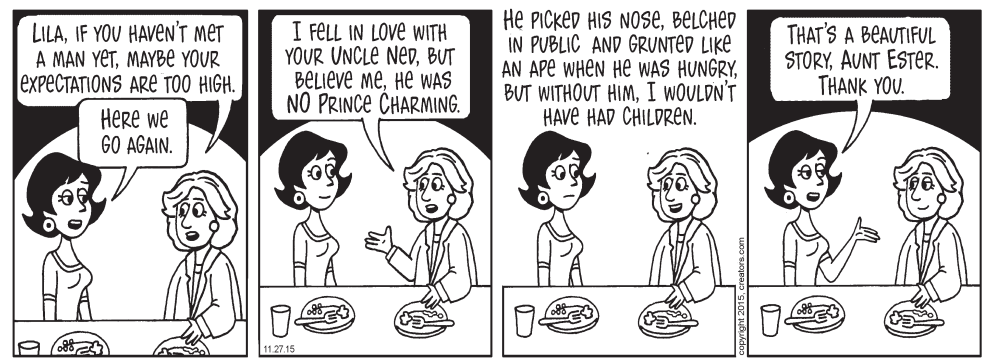
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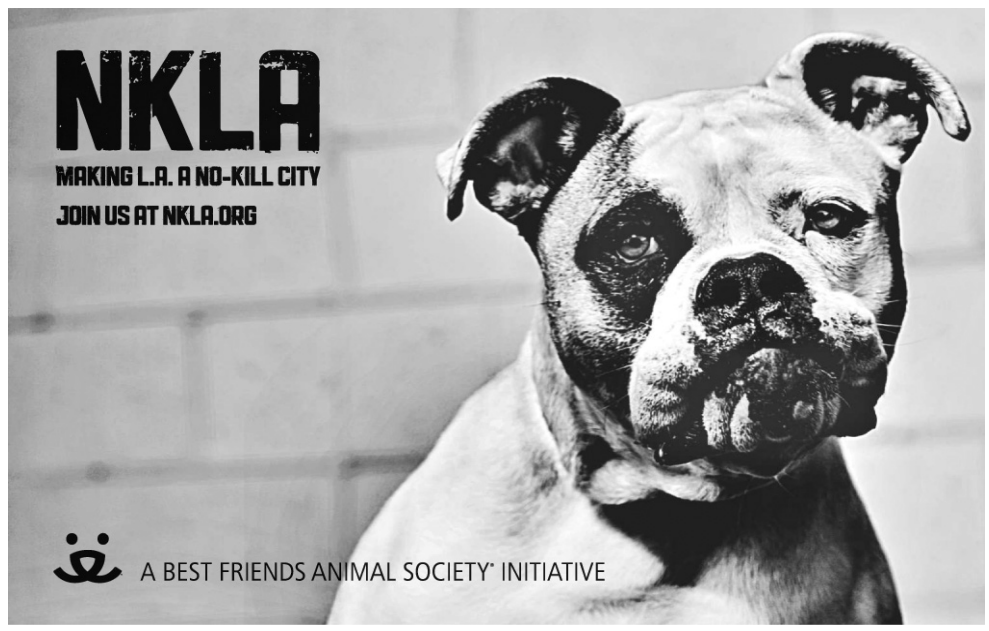
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