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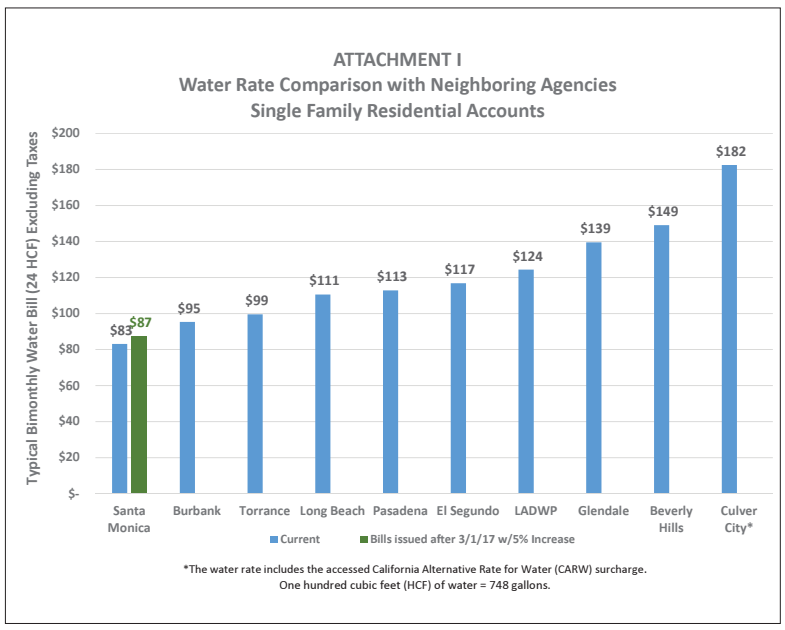
Water rates to increase by 5 percent

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Water rates will increase by five percent in 2017 resulting in an average increase of about $2 per month for the average residential user.

The increase is less than the nine percent initially scheduled for the year and Council chose to adjust the cost at their Nov. 22 meeting after hearing revenues increased this year while costs were below expectations.

Revenues for the water fund came in at about 2.2 million higher than the budget while expenses were about $16 million below expectations. The largest cost saving came from savings in infra-



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COST: Santa Monica's 2017 rates will be lower than several neighbors.



Matthew Hall

WELL TEST: A new well near City Hall will be part of the City's water future.



RECRUITS

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The Santa Monica Fire Department celebrated its 2016 Firefighter recruitment class last week. The department has 15 newly sworn in probationary firefighters who began working shifts on Nov. 21.

Trump drama rolls on: Disputes, falsehoods hit transition

BY JULIE PACE & CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

The drama, disputes and falsehoods that permeated Donald Trump's presidential campaign are now roiling his transition to the White House, forcing aides to defend his baseless assertions of illegal voting and sending internal fights spilling into public.

On Monday, a recount effort, led by Green Party candidate Jill Stein and joined by Hillary Clinton's campaign also marched on in three states, based partly on the Stein campaign's unsubstantiated assertion that cyberhacking could have interfered with electronic voting machines. Wisconsin officials approved plans to begin a recount as early as Thursday. Stein also asked for a recount in Pennsylvania and was expected to do the same in Michigan, where officials certified Trump's victory Monday.

Trump has angrily denounced the recounts and now claims without evidence that he, not Clinton, would have won the popular vote if it hadn't been for "millions of people who voted illegally." On Twitter, he singled out Virginia, California and New Hampshire.

There has been no indication of widespread election tampering or voter fraud in those states or any others, and Trump aides struggled Monday to back up their boss' claim.

Spokesman Jason Miller said illegal voting was "an issue of concern." But the only evidence he raised was a 2014 news report and a study on voting irregularities conducted before the 2016 election.

Trump met Monday with candidates for top Cabinet posts,

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, November 29

Movie: Amelie (2001)

In anticipation of the musical stage adaptation of this fanciful French romance, which opens at the Ahmanson Theatre next month, we take a look back at the film that started it all. Starring Audrey Tautou. (122 min.) 3 - 5 p.m., Main Library, 1685 Main St.

Teen DIY: No-Sew Candy Wrapper Pouch

Make a zippered pencil bag- no sewing skills required! Bring a large, empty candy wrapper. For grades 6 and up. 4 - 5 p.m., Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Dinner and a Deejay with SMPL and OPA

Enjoy the spinning of international music on the library's front lawn. Pick up dinner at the food trucks at the American Heritage Museum or from a Main Street restaurant and have yourself a picnic. 7 - 8:30 p.m., Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St.

How to Write a Winning UC Personal Statement

Need help drafting your personal statement? Don't know where to start? Need assistance with editing your personal statement? Join the Pico Branch Library and the Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center for a 5-week workshop were all these questions will be addressed. Space is limited, registration is now open. 7 - 8 p.m., Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

Wednesday, November 30

Excel II (MS Office 2013)

Go beyond the basics. Create more advanced formulas, perform multi-level data sorts, work with several worksheets, and more. 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., 6 – 7 p.m.

Baby Story Time

Story time series for babies 0-17 months. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Farmer's Market

The Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Arizona Ave. between 2nd and 4th. 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1

Lockwood Plays Lockwood: The Music of Normand Lockwood

Jazz and classical pianist Steve Lockwood directs a concert of the seldom-heard music of his distant ancestor, the studio arranger Normand Lockwood, who worked with Paul Robeson among many other artists. Pieces feature woodwinds, vocals, and piano. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 – 8:45 p.m.

GED Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Social Studies subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

Google CS First Club: Computer Science & Social Media

Learn computer science concepts while creating social media-style applications and games in this 8-week workshop. No prior coding experience needed. Limited space; registration now open. Grades 6 & up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 – 5:15 p.m.

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Wastewater Main Replacement Project

For the week of Nov. 28, the contractor will continue with replacement of the sewer main on Alta Pl. N. between 4th Street and 7th Street. During these operations, traffic control will be set up. Please use alternate routes when possible. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Tim Scheffer, Construction Manager (909) 376-0275.

Ishihara Park (Buffer Park) Project

As part of the construction of the new Buffer Park at 2909 Exposition Blvd, 'NO PARKING' signs will be posted along portions of Exposition Blvd to allow for the construction of sections of new curb and gutter. In addition, the sidewalk on the eastside of Stewart St. at Exposition Blvd. and along Exposition Blvd to Dorchester Ave. will remain closed. The closure of part of the northbound bike lane on Stewart Street at the intersection of Stewart St. and Exposition Blvd will also remain in effect. Directional signage has been posted alerting pedestrians and bicyclists of the impediments caused by the construction project. For more information, contact Sebastian Felbeck, Construction Manager, at (310) 434-2675.

Los Amigos Park Stormwater Harvesting And Direct Use Demonstration Project

For the week of Nov. 28, the contractor will continue work with the installation of the wet well, plumbing work to restrooms, and restoration of baseball fields. Construction for the first phase was completed and traffic control on 5th Street was removed. Hollister Ave. between 5th and 6th Streets will remain closed to through traffic. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Scott Neumann, Construction Manager (310) 525-0683.

Citywide Sidewalk Repair Project

For the week of Nov. 28, locations are within the area bound by Chelsea Avenue, Santa Monica Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard, and Wilshire Boulevard. Please use alternative routes when possible. Should you have any questions, please contact Craig Wheeler, Construction Manager, (951) 522-4505 or Jamie Atkinson, City of Santa Monica Project Manager, (310) 458-2201 ext. 5081

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica College

SMC stages "Blithe Spirit" December 2-11

The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to present "Blithe Spirit" December 2-11 at the Theatre Arts Main Stage on the SMC main campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

In one of Noel Coward's most delightful comedies, a séance goes awry, and novelist Charles Condomine – who had intended to research information for a book – instead finds himself dealing with spirits from the dead brought to life. The production is directed by Adrianne Harrop.

Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, and Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Matinees are at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, and on Saturday, Dec. 10, and Sunday, Dec. 11. A preview is scheduled at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.

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

– SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, SMC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Redondo Beach

Senator Ben Allen invites public to holiday open house

Senator Ben Allen has announced he will host a Holiday Open House and Toy Drive at his Redondo Beach office on Dec. 10. The public is invited to attend this free event.

Meet Senator Allen, his staff, and fellow community members, and learn about legislative issues for the coming year. Light refreshments will be served. Open House attendees may bring an unwrapped toy for the holiday toy drive benefitting local kids in need. Donations are not required to attend the event.

To RSVP for the Holiday Open House or for questions, call (310) 318-6994 or email James.Reina@sen.ca.gov.

Toys also may be donated at several locations throughout the community between November 21 and December 9. Unwrapped toys may be dropped off at any of the following places during regular business hours.

TOY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

- Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce, 9400 South Santa Monica Blvd., 2nd Floor, Beverly Hills
- El Segundo Public Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo.
- Hermosa Beach Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, 1007 Hermosa Ave., Hermosa Beach.
- Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, 7018 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles.
- Palos Verdes Chamber of Commerce, 707 Silver Spur Rd., Palos Verdes Peninsula.
- Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, 1234 6th St., #100, Santa Monica.
- Torrance Chamber of Commerce, 2300 Crenshaw Blvd., Building B, Torrance.
- West Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, 8272 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood.

TOYS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Upward Bound House, Santa Monica.
- Mar Vista Family Center, Culver City.
- South Bay Children's Health Center, Torrance.
- LACER Afterschool Program, Los Angeles.

Senator Ben Allen's Holiday Open House and Toy Drive, Saturday Dec. 10, 12 to 3 p.m. 2512 Artesia Boulevard, Suite 320, Redondo Beach.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Scotty Claus is back

SIX YEARS AGO I MET A MAN IN A 5-foot-long Santa hat with sparkly eyes at the Farmer's Market on Sunday with a revolutionary idea - he was renting live Christmas trees. His goal then was to help social engineer a new way of thinking about how we celebrate Christmas, and can reduce the environmental impact of killing trees.

Having an eye for talent, I followed up with him and interviewed him about the Living Christmas Tree (LCT) company (www.livingchristmas.com). His name is Scott Martin, but starting in September he's affectionately known as Scotty Claus. The Living Christmas Tree company has grown significantly from that first meeting I had with him. He's went on the entrepreneur's reality game show called Shark Tank. He was able to land a deal with Super Investor Mark Cuban. It's not really surprising that he was able to do what so few do. When you meet Scott you're drawn into his happy world with this infectious optimism and sense of social duty. He's one of the most charismatic people I've ever met.

Mark Cuban didn't just write a check and forget about this company either. There is regular contact from Cuban's company to provide support and assistance to keep the company growing. I was heartened to hear that. It's nice to know that the Sharks are not just in it for the short haul quick money - or at least this Shark isn't. Especially when you realize that what they're building is a forest.

The unique proposition that The LCT offers is that the trees are grown throughout the year in plastic buckets on land leased by them from a refinery in Torrance. Each tree is tagged and numbered so that you can rent the same tree each year. Delivery and pickup is done for you, so you all you have to do is remember to water the tree.

I met up with Scotty this past Sunday for lunch as the first trees were being delivered to hundreds of people across the city who are renting trees this year. For about the cost of buying a dying tree, a beautiful Aleppo Pine, Blue Spruce, a Leyland Cypress, Monterey Pine or a Serbian Spruce can be delivered to your home or office. Besides the joy of having a living tree in the house, it's nice to know that you're not contributing to the landfill waste, and in fact helping to offset your carbon footprint by supporting a tree throughout the year.

KCRW members, you can use your Fringe Benefits card for an additional discount and feel even better about the choices you're making this Christmas by supporting an eco-friendly company, your favorite public radio station, and the many employees who Scotty hires that are rebuilding their lives. LCT hires returning veterans, and partners with PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) to help end homelessness.

Lest you think that Scott is a do-gooder in a Santa hat who is on the naughty list the rest of the year, let me assure you he's



Courtesy photo

TREE GUY: **Scott Martin rents live trees.**

spreading good cheer all year long. He's a mediator who works with teachers and troubled youth to find resolutions to conflicts that could derail a youth's educational track, and ruin lives. His unique skill is being able to see through a situation and find the real problem and then craft a solution for everyone's benefit.

It's not just me saying that either, he was chosen by Rotary International to attend an all-expenses paid three-month training in Thailand on how to increase the peace process and improve his mediation and conflict resolution skills. This was a competition that he won based on his efforts and the amount of good he does. Once the rush of Christmas is over, he leaves for some intensive training in mediation and conflict resolution.

It's not often you come across a man who is so genuinely focused on doing good in the world, let alone a company. I'm personally very grateful that I had the good fortune to meet Scotty Claus six years ago - every time we get together I get a boost to my outlook on life, and what is possible in this world when we work for the good.

This Christmas season, if you're going to get a tree, I suggest you spread some good around and call the Living Christmas Tree company and have some life brought into your home.

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Service Season for the Lions

THANKSGIVING ALWAYS KICKS OFF A hectic season of parties, gift buying, volunteering and celebrating with friends and family.

This month the Lions celebrated Thanksgiving by helping the Culver City Lions Club serve Thanksgiving dinner to more than 150 seniors at the Culver City Senior Center. The Culver Lions have been hosting this event for 40 years, getting local vendors to either donate the food, such as the Sorrento Italian Market for the turkey; or sponsor items such as the pumpkin pies, green beans, yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce and rolls. It was the first time that the Santa Monica Lions participated and we had so much fun, it will become a yearly event. Even better some of our non-Lion friends joined us.

In December the Lions have four events where non-Lions are welcome to join us as we try to help out in the community.

Dec. 1 we are collecting pet food for PAWS/LA at the Best Western Gateway Hotel at 20th and Santa Monica Blvd. between Noon and 1:30 p.m. All dry and canned food for dogs and cats is welcome.

Dec. 11, as part of the Santa Monica Service Club Alliance, we are co-hosting the Santa Monica Community Boutique. This free event will be held at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 4th Street, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests are invited to browse the more than 20 participating nonprofits and make tax-deductible donations. These donations make the perfect gift for business clients, people on your list that are hard to shop for, hostess gifts and others with who you want to share your passion. The free event will include music, hot apple cider and mimosas.

Dec. 16th we will be bell ringing the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Day at the Bristol Farms in Santa Monica from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. You are welcome to help us ring for donations or stop by and make one.

Dec. 18 we will participate in the Viking Basket Packing at the Barker Hanger, 3021 Airport Ave, from 8 – 10:30 a.m. These baskets include a turkey and ALL of the fixings for a holiday meal. They are distributed to needy families.

Please consider joining the Lions as we celebrate the holiday season and give back to the people (and pets) that are so vital to our community. For more information or to help, contact Susan at SantaMonicaLion@gmail.com or (310) 442-9513.

Happy Holidays!

For more information about the Lions Club, visit www.facebook.com/smlions or http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/santamonica, call (310) 623-4499 or reach them at P.O. Box 3435, Santa Monica, CA 90408.

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The Request for Bids may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=15167. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit a Bid containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, December 8, 2016

A public hearing on the following topics will be conducted at the regular Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

Amendments to Rent Control Regulation 13007, addressing certification of rents, and Regulation 12070, addressing lapse of exemptions.

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

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California tallies snow, rain from weekend storms

BY JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

California had vital snow on Sierra Nevada peaks Monday and positive rainfall totals registered for many areas after a stormy autumn weekend up and down the state that hopes to avoid a sixth consecutive year of drought conditions.

In the Sierra, where the annual snowpack functions as a reservoir for much of the state's water supply, storms over Kings Canyon and Sequoia national parks dumped 19 inches of snow at Lodgepole and 16 inches at Grant Grove, the National Weather Service said.

Southern California mountains also saw snow accumulations, including 5 inches at Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino range, where two ski areas began limited operations. To the west, Mountain High ski area in the San Gabriel Mountains planned to open Tuesday.

"Not a bad way to end November," the Hanford weather office wrote on its web page.

When the 2016 water year ended on Sept. 30, the state Department of Water Resources characterized it as a "snow drought," with most of California's precipitation falling as rain and not much of it overall.

What snowpack there was melted early in the spring due to record warmth and was substantially absorbed by soil before reaching the state's huge storage reservoirs.

Where it didn't snow over the long Thanksgiving weekend, the storms brought measurable rain almost everywhere, boosting hopes for a turnaround in the state's drought outlook.

San Francisco has now received about 4.5 inches of rain since the start of the new water year on Oct. 1, putting the city about a half-inch above normal to date.

"This is the greatest amount reported for the start of the water year since 2010," the local weather service office said.

In the agricultural San Joaquin Valley, Fresno, Madera and Merced were also at above-normal precipitation levels.

Some points, such as the far northwest coast, are extremely on the positive side. Eureka has received 17.51 inches of rain since Oct. 1, more than 10 inches above normal to date. A year ago the Humboldt Bay city had barely more than 6 inches by this time.

In the south, rainfall amounts so far this water year have also shown improvement.

Downtown Los Angeles has received 1.4 inches of rain, just .17 inch below normal but more than three times the .46 inch that had accumulated a year ago.

After five years of drought, November brought the unfamiliar sight of rain ponchos in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on back-to-back weekends for home football games by the NFL's Rams and the University of Southern California Trojans.

The rains came although forecasters have said the presence of a weak La Nina, the periodic cooling of the eastern and central equatorial Pacific Ocean, is likely to suppress precipitation in Southern California.

As of last week, the U.S. Drought Monitor showed most of the state still in various stages of drought, although the area with the worst conditions has shrunk and California's northwest corner is no longer in a drought.

Cold and dry weather is in the immediate forecast, with likely widespread overnight freezing in the San Joaquin Valley late this week, the NWS said.

Forecasters noted some possibility Thursday night into Friday for a Mono wind event — northeast winds that blast down the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada and into the foothills — as a low-pressure system moves over the Great Basin. The winds are known for toppling trees.

RATES

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structure projects.

Council previously approved five annual 9 percent rate increases in starting in 2015. While the first increase was at the full 9 percent, the 2016 increase was only 5 percent and staff said a smaller increase in 2017 would cover costs for the system.

"The recommended rate adjustment would be sufficient to allow the City to fund necessary operating and capital programs; to deliver potable water to Santa Monica customers reliably, safely and sustainably in compliance with federal and state regulations; and stay on track to achieve water self-sufficiency as planned by 2020," said the staff report.

Gil Borboa, Water Resources Manager at City of Santa Monica, said money from the increase will be used to facilitate repairs to the city's system, specifically, repair and replacement of water pipes.

Santa Monica's pipes have a lifespan of about 100 years and the industry standard is to replace enough pipe per year to ensure the entire system is replaced within the 100-year lifespan. The rate increase will support the repair schedule while also paying for improvements and upgrades that will focus on water self-sufficiency.

Santa Monica currently imports a portion of its water from Los Angeles and local officials want to end that arrangement by 2020.

Borboa said existing and future projects are on track to meet the need provided the city can maintain the water savings it has secured during the recent shortage.

"Due to the community's exceptional response to the mandated state drought water use restrictions and implementation of the city's own Stage 2 water shortage response plan, the citywide water demand has dropped substantially," he said.

According to Borboa, upgrades are needed to ensure the city not only becomes water independent, but is able to maintain that independence.

"As we work towards 2020 self-sufficiency we continue to address the longer term objective of remaining self-sufficient," he said. "In other words, when we get to self-sufficiency by 2020, that doesn't mean we're done and we stop there."

ATTACHMENT C

2017 Water Rate Options by Account Type, Tier and Meter Size

Tier	Full Suspension / 0% Adjustment (per HCF)	Partial Suspension +3% Adjustment (per HCF)	Partial Suspension +5% Adjustment (per HCF)	Usage Range per Billing Period (HCF's)
Single Family Accounts				
Tier 1	$ 2.87	$ 2.96	$ 3.01	0 to 14
Tier 2	$ 4.29	$ 4.42	$ 4.50	15 to 40
Tier 3	$ 6.44	$ 6.63	$ 6.76	41 to 148
Tier 4	$ 10.07	$ 10.37	$ 10.57	149+
Multi-Family Accounts				
Tier 1	$ 2.87	$ 2.96	$ 3.01	0 to 4 per dwelling unit
Tier 2	$ 4.29	$ 4.42	$ 4.50	5 to 9 per dwelling unit
Tier 3	$ 6.44	$ 6.63	$ 6.76	10 to 20 per dwelling unit
Tier 4	$ 10.07	$ 10.37	$ 10.57	21+ per dwelling unit
Non-Residential Accounts				
Tier 1	$ 4.07	$ 4.19	$ 4.27	Depends on meter size*
Tier 2	$ 10.03	$ 10.33	$ 10.53	Depends on meter size*
Recycled Water	$ 3.66	$ 3.77	$ 3.84	All usage

1 HCF = 1 Hundred Cubic Feet of water = 748 gallons

Each billing period is approximately 61 days (~6 billing periods per year)

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OPTIONS: The Council had three options, no increase, 3 percent or 5 percent for the 2017 calendar year.

The City is exploring construction of new wells, securing expanded or new treatment facilities, expanding surveys of existing water resources and planning new water storage projects as tools to meet the 2020 goal.

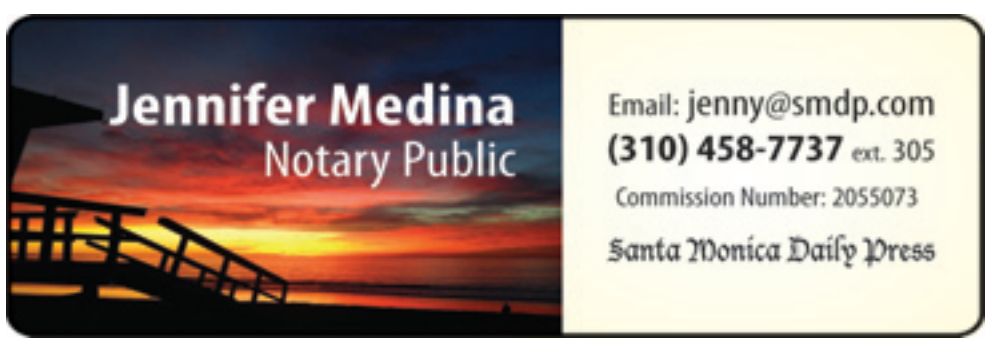
As part of long-term planning efforts, Santa Monica will be working with Beverly Hills and Los Angeles to evaluate and manage the local groundwater supply. The three municipalities are required to form a new agency under a state law that mandates better management of ground water resources. The agency will work with private well owners to understand how much water is being used for private projects, like golf courses, and to implement more stringent controls on the construction of private wells.

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Fireline Service Rates			
Meter Size	Full Suspension Fixed Charge per Billing Period	Partial Suspension +3% Adjustment Fixed Charge	Partial Suspension +5% Adjustment Fixed Charge
1-1/2" meter	$ 41.00	$ 42.23	$ 43.05
2" meter	$ 65.78	$ 67.75	$ 69.07
3" meter	$ 113.21	$ 116.61	$ 118.87
4" meter	$ 180.94	$ 186.37	$ 189.99
6" meter	$ 350.20	$ 360.71	$ 367.71
8" meter	$ 553.32	$ 569.92	$ 580.99
10" meter	$ 790.29	$ 814.00	$ 829.80

***Non-Residential Accounts - Tier Designations by Meter Size and Usage Range**

Meter Size	Tier 1 Usage (HCF's)	Tier 2 Usage (HCF's)
3/4" meter	0 to 210	211+
1" meter	0 to 210	211+
1-1/2" meter	0 to 465	466+
2" meter	0 to 870	871+
3" meter	0 to 1,700	1,701+
4" meter	0 to 2,550	2,551+
6"+ meter	0 to 5,280	5,281+





DRAMA

FROM PAGE 1

including retired Gen. David Petraeus, a new contender for secretary of state. Trump is to meet Tuesday with Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, who is also being considered more seriously for the diplomatic post, and Mitt Romney, who has become a symbol of the internal divisions agitating the transition team.

Petraeus said he spent about an hour with Trump, and he praised the president-elect for showing a "great grasp of a variety of the challenges that are out there."

"Very good conversation and we'll see where it goes from here," he said. A former CIA chief, Petraeus pleaded guilty last year to a misdemeanor charge of mishandling classified information relating to documents he had provided to his biographer, with whom he was having an affair.

Vice President-elect Mike Pence, who is heading the transition effort, is said to be among those backing Romney for State. Romney was fiercely critical of Trump throughout the campaign but is interested in the Cabinet position, and they discussed it during a lengthy meeting earlier this month.

Other top Trump allies, notably campaign manager Kellyanne Conway, have launched a highly unusual public campaign to warn the president-elect that nominating Romney would be seen as a betrayal by his supporters. Conway's comments stirred speculation that she is seeking to either force Trump's hand or give him cover for ultimately passing over Romney.

Three people close to the transition team said Trump had been aware that Conway planned to voice her opinion, both on Twitter and in television interviews. They disputed reports that Trump was furious at her and suggested his decision to consider additional candidates instead highlighted her influence.

Conway served as Trump's third campaign manager and largely succeeded in navigating the minefield of rivalries that ensnared other officials. Trump is said to have offered her a choice of White House jobs — either press secretary or communications director. But people with knowledge of Conway's plans say she is more interested in serving as an outside political adviser, akin to the role President Barack Obama's campaign manager David Plouffe played following the 2008 election.

The wrangling over the State Department post appears to have slowed the announcements of other top jobs. Retired Gen. James Mattis, who impressed Trump during a pre-Thanksgiving meeting, was at the top of the list for Defense secretary, but a final decision had not been made.

Trump was also considering former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani for Homeland Security secretary, according to those close to the transition process. Giuliani was initially the front-runner for State and is still in the mix. But questions about his overseas business dealings, as well as the mayor's public campaigning for the job, have given Trump pause.

Those close to the transition insisted on anonymity in commenting because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the private process.

Even as Trump weighs major decisions that will shape his presidency, he's been unable to avoid being distracted by the recount effort. He spent Sunday on a 12-hour Twitter offensive that included quoting Clinton's concession speech, in which she said the public owed Trump "an open mind and the chance to lead."

His final tweets challenging the integrity of an election he won were reminiscent of his repeated, unsubstantiated assertions during the campaign that the contest might be rigged. Those previous comments sparked an outcry from both Clinton and some Republicans.

Clinton lawyer Marc Elias said the campaign has seen "no actionable evidence" of voting anomalies. But the campaign still plans to be involved in Stein's recount to ensure its interests are legally represented.

Trump narrowly won Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Michigan. All three would need to flip to Clinton to upend the Republican's victory, and Clinton's team says Trump has a larger edge in all three states than has ever been overcome in a presidential recount.

Pace reported from Washington. AP writer Jon Lemire contributed to this report.

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The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 325 calls for service on Nov. 27.

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Suspicious vehicle 1900 block of Main 12:10 a.m.
Traffic stop 800 block of Wilshire 12:18 a.m.
Petty theft 2700 block of Santa Monica 1:17 a.m.
Traffic collision 100 block of I-10 1:24 a.m.
Suspicious person 1100 block of Yale 1:26 a.m.
Trespassing 100 block of Broadway 1:34 a.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 1200 block of California 2:03 a.m.
Trespassing 2000 block of Ocean 2:09 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 600 block of Georgina 6:07 a.m.
Traffic collision Main/ Colorado 7:51 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block of Santa Monica 9:20 a.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/ Santa Monica 9:30 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 16th 9:35 a.m.
Traffic collision 900 block of 6th 10:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of Ocean 11:21 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 12th 11:58 a.m.
Encampment 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:00 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block of Virginia 12:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block of 25th 12:19 p.m.
Battery 2000 block of Ocean 12:24 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block of 4th 12:50 p.m.
Trespassing 1200 block of Wilshire 1:14 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/ Wilshire 2:03 p.m.
Person down 1800 block of Lincoln 2:07 p.m.
Trespassing 2100 block of Navy 2:50 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 3:54 p.m.
Auto burglary 500 block of California 3:43 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 23rd/ Ocean Park 4:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd St Prom 5:41 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1100 block of Wilshire 6:39 p.m.
Battery 1300 block of Montana 6:41 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 15th/ Georgina 7:13 p.m.
Burglary 800 block of Maple 7:39 p.m.
Loitering 900 block of 7th 7:52 p.m.
Encampment 300 block of Olympic 7:57 p.m.
Attempt burglary report 1000 block of Chelsea 8:13 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1200 block of 25th 8:14 p.m.
Traffic stop 1900 block of 10th 9:33 p.m.
Loud music 800 block of 10th 9:55 p.m.
Traffic hazard 10th/ Washington 10:14 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 14th/ Santa Monica 11:16 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 2300 block of 14th 11:17 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 26 calls for service on Nov. 27.

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EMS 100 block of I-10 1:26 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Cloverfield 2:11 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Chelsea Pl 4:10 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of Wilshire 8:23 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1300 block of 2nd 10:10 a.m.
Flooded condition 1200 block of 21st 10:16 a.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block of 16th 10:17 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1400 block of 2nd 11:51 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 11:53 a.m.
EMS 5th/ Arizona 12:43 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of Lincoln 12:57 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 2:09 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 11th 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 12th 3:09 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of 16th 3:27 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of PCH 4:48 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 11th 5:52 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Franklin 6:01 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 2nd 6:10 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/ Pine 6:19 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 6:36 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 29th 9:08 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 2nd 10:04 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 14th 10:37 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Main 10:46 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2800 block of Santa Monica 10:54 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date: 11/26
17 19 21 37 44
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 40M

Draw Date: 11/25
44 47 49 69 75
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 25M

Draw Date: 11/26
1 16 21 22 39
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 56M

Draw Date: 11/26
16 23 30 31 34

Draw Date: 11/27
MIDDAY: 4 2 4
Draw Date: 11/27
EVENING: 7 2 6

Draw Date: 11/27
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:44.47

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1. Informal. clothes; garments; togs.
2. Chiefly British. a clothing shop.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Phobia of the Week

■ Logophobia: fear of words (I'll say no more.)

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for asparagus is 12 pounds, 8.75 ounces in 10 minutes, held by Joey Chestnut. The feat is undisputed, though witnesses at the event say something stank.

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Hilda Weiss correctly identified the photo as the wall of Hi De Ho Comics on Lincoln Blvd. She wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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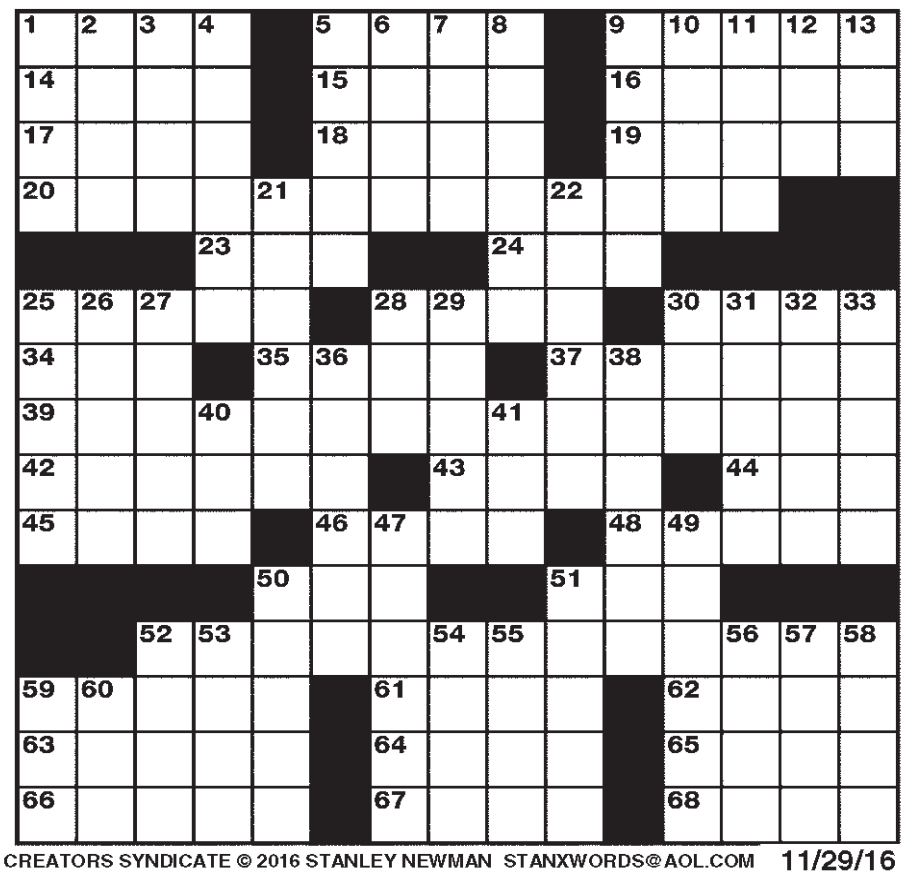
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Newsday Crossword

WAIT FOR IT by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Be dressed in
5 Lower leg
9 Response to "Who's there?"
14 Muscle soreness
15 Pillow covering
16 Belonging to 17 Across
17 Those other people
18 Supposedly wise birds
19 Largest Greek island
20 Burger topping in a bottle
23 Salesperson, for short
24 Install, as a carpet
25 Had one's say
28 Service charges
30 Inquires
34 Span of history
35 Scrabble square
37 Sovereign's chair
39 What may delay a commute
42 In full agreement
43 Look __ (visit briefly)
44 Toward the stern
45 Untidy place
46 "Yeah, right"
48 Takes a risk
50 Important "numero"
51 Grab a chair
52 Prelude to some TV watching
59 Get off a chair
61 Clock reading
62 Prefix for freeze
63 Wallpaper adhesive
64 Sharpen
65 "Cut it out!"
66 Stage performer
67 Bad mood
68 Male cats

DOWN
1 Light-bulb measure
2 Cave sound
3 "Excuse me . . ."
4 Make a comment
5 Ice-cream utensil
6 Falcon cousin
7 Small dot of land
8 Cuddle up
9 Needing to scratch
10 Drive-__ window
11 Ooze
12 Sch. near Harvard
13 Before, in poems
21 Grow molars
22 Fidel of Cuba
25 Vaccine fluid
26 Trim back, as a shrub
27 Haven in the desert
28 Winter ailment
29 Spine-tingling
30 Rover's remark
31 Up till now
32 Steak eater's utensil
33 Splinter groups
36 Antiseptic liquid
38 Deliver, as a test to a teacher
40 Elevations: Abbr.
41 Explosive letters
47 Enclosures for voting
49 "Finally!"
50 Milking machine attachment
51 Sugary
52 Very spacious
53 Turn __ (become)
54 Pop singer Céline
55 Prefix meaning "all"
56 Not fooled by
57 Nuclear energy source
58 Quick swims
59 Health club
60 Tic-__-toe



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■ **Biking:** Assuming you've already got the basics, go for a bike basket, a cup holder, or multi-purpose tool. Encourage spontaneous bike trips by giving gift cards for Breeze.

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Your self-assurance is your ticket to a fun ride before the year is up. The bonds of love will be strengthened in 2017 through many enjoyable times with those who share your humor and taste. Your family will have new reason to celebrate, and you'll be proud of the developments in your family tree. Pisces and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 39, 22 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are entitled to project your own sense of order on this beautiful chaos. Why accept other views as the way it's supposed to be done? That's their way, and this is yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Do you believe in psychic gunk? Because sometimes when you go out in the world, you actually feel like there's a film of bad energy getting transferred to you. Look for tools to help you brush off the accumulated residue of karma.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
To be thoughtful and kind is the most important goal. This one goal, in the front of your mind, will organize the rest of your thoughts. It will make the complications align into simple problems to be systematically solved.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
When you're in your fan mode, you are dazzled by what's popular, selling and being supported and acclaimed. When you're in competition mode, you know that these things only signal: "It's on!"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Are you feeling what's outside you or what's inside you? This can be confusing for one as empathetic as you are, and that goes double when there are people close to you feeling intense emotions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You've come to consider synchronicity as more than something that happens to you on a regular basis; it's an aspect of who you are. You'll experience a most favorable coincidence today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Figure out what you need, and ask for it. Don't wait on this one. You may find yourself lacking certain resources and this, if left unchecked, will take a physical and emotional toll. Get what you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
People will gather in tight circles to gab about what's wrong. Seldom do they assemble in such a way to express what's wonderful. Be the one to bring people together to celebrate all that's going right.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Cook food. Walk the earth. Put your hands in dirt. Get grounded. Otherwise, this sense of lightness you're experiencing can cause you to float up emotionally and disconnect from people who need your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The focus will go to a relationship in its early stages. Whether the relationship is oriented toward business or pleasure, the heart connection is what will matter. It needs to feel right -- forget what it looks like on paper.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Character development often happens through hardship, though it's harder to be strong in good times. You'll manage such a remarkable feat of grace.

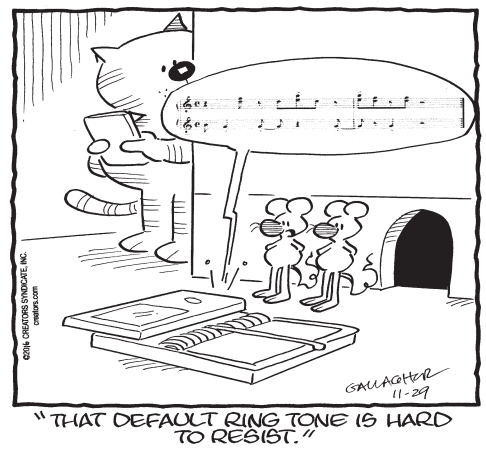
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You connect to others, raising their spirits and your own in the process. If it's all you accomplish today, count yourself among the most accomplished people there are.

Quirky New Moon

The new moon usually represents a fresh start, but this one is so quirky that it may feel more awkward than fresh. Don't let that fool you. This is the beginning of something good. The Neptune influence on this situation will add a surrealistic twist. You might feel like you're living in a highly stylized, odd version of your world. Have fun with this.

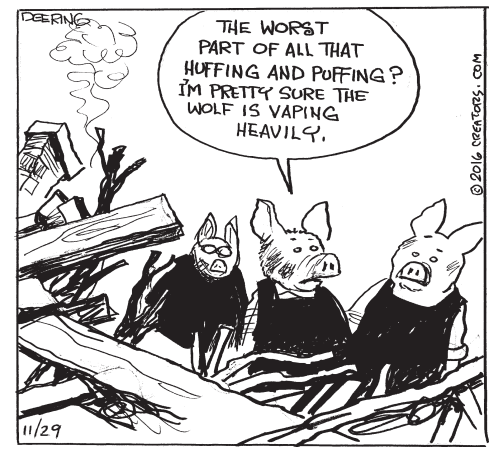
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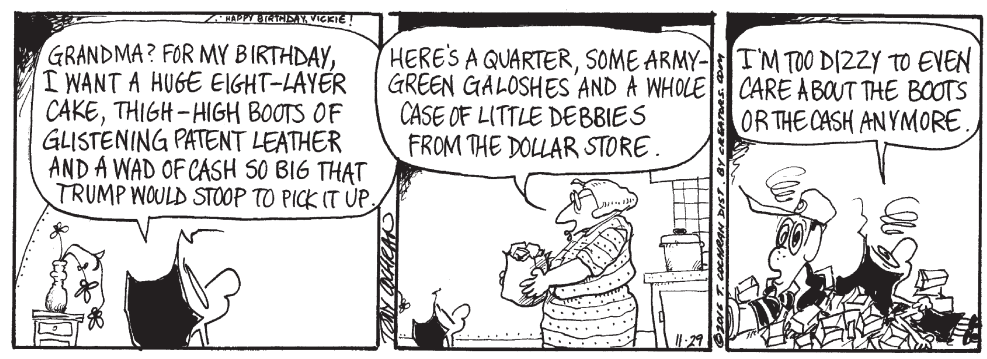


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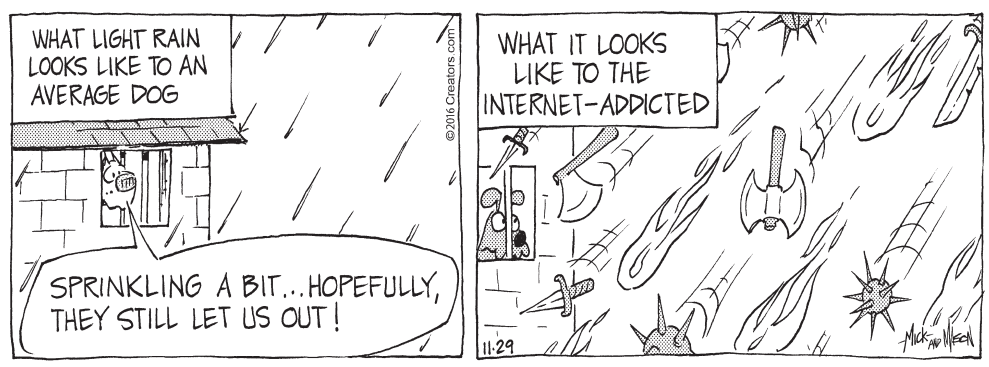
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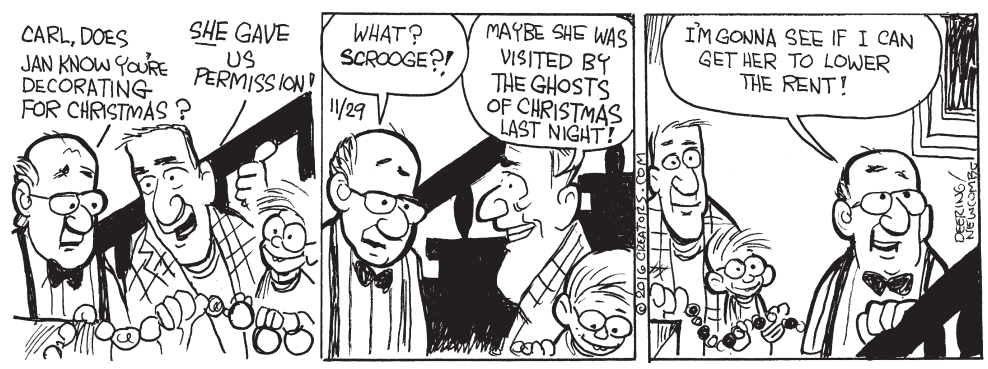
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