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County buries 1,430 unclaimed bodies

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The County of Los Angeles will bury more than 1,400 individuals in a mass grave today as part of a somber, annual tradition to provide dignity and humanity to individuals who have died without anyone to handle their affairs.

A burial ceremony is held once a year for individuals who die within County borders and who are not claimed by family or whose families do not have the ability to pay for their funerals. The individuals might have been homeless at the time of their death or officials were unable to locate anyone who could handle their services.

When local authorities determine a death was the result of natural causes, they conduct an investigation to locate the victim's family. If no family are found or investigators are unable to identify the body, the deceased individual can become the responsibility of the Los Angeles County Office of Decedent Affairs/Morgue.

Following a search of public records, the unclaimed body is cremated and the morgue will hold the remains for three years before scheduling any unclaimed ashes for burial.

If no family steps forward before the three year waiting period expires, all the unclaimed ashes are placed in a single mass grave

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Law enforcement condemns letters threatening Muslims

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

Law enforcement officials condemned a hate-filled letter Monday directed at several California mosques that warned Muslims to leave the country to avoid being exterminated.

Los Angeles police are investigating identical letters received at two mosques in the city as a "hate incident," but not a crime because it does not pose a specific threat, Deputy Police Chief Michael Downing said.

Photocopies of a handwritten letter were sent by mail to at least six mosques in California and one in Georgia that was addressed to "the children of Satan" and referred to Muslims as "vile and filthy people." The letter called President-elect Donald Trump the "new sheriff in town" and said he would do to Muslims what Hitler did to Jews.

"He's going to cleanse America and make it shine again," said the letter, signed "Americans for a Better Way." ''You Muslims would be wise to pack your bags and get out of Dodge."

Trump's team did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Downing said he thinks the letter writer was emboldened by the current political environment. Police want to track the person down to see if any crimes were committed and find out more about what motivated it.

"Messages like that are written out of fear and uncertainty and the unknown," Downing said. "This is

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E-Bike Expo rides to the Pier



Courtesy Photo/ Marina Andalon

EXPO: Electric bikes will be the focus of a weekend event held next to the Santa Monica Pier.

BY MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer



A traveling roadshow focusing on electric bikes will be hosting a weekend event on the Santa Monica Pier from Dec. 2 – 4.

Santa Monica has earned a reputation as a hub for the emerging e-bike industry. The motorized bicycles function like a traditional bike but can legally go up to 20 miles per hour in California. Several stores have opened on Main Street specializing in e-bikes and the weekend event builds on the existing momentum.

The Electric Bike Expo is a way to promote the electric bike industry in the U.S., the expo is touring all over the country and hitting various cities. The expo teaches people about the technology behind the e-bikes and allows them to test various brands.

California has jumped to the 8th most bike friendly state, assessed annually by the League of American Bicyclist and they designated Santa Monica as a bike friendly community.

"The state's bike-friendly advocacy efforts have driven this region to become the base for so many electric bike manufacturing/distributors," said Ray Verhelst, Director of the Electric Bike Association. "Santa Monica offers a perfect location during this holiday season to reach thousands of locals and tourist from around the globe."

People are invited to join various cycling groups like Santa Monica Spoke, California Bicycle Coalition, Bosch, the Electric Bike Expo

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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

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.

Downtown tree lighting

Join Santa, Mrs. Claus and City officials as they light the Official City of Santa Monica Holiday Tree on the world-famous Third Street Promenade. Sing classic Christmas carols with some of Santa Monica's most talented vocalists while the little ones indulge in a kids' craft station where they can create their own letters to Santa. The Jolly One will be on hand for photos to help you design a holiday card. 1300 block Third Street Promenade, 6:30 p.m.

NOMA meeting

The North of Montana Association (NOMA) meets at Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. McMansionization and R-1 code, pedestrian safety, and ballot initiative for a 4th & Arizona Avenue park are among agenda items to be discussed. Meeting is open to the public at 7 p.m. with meet & greet at 6:30 p.m. For further information, go to www.smnoma.org.

Friday, December 2

December Drive-In Series for Kids

Bring your cardboard box car to our drive-in and watch some holiday favorites and discover new favorites. Ages 3 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 – 5 p.m.

Cinema on the Street

Cinema on the Street, Downtown Santa Monica's year-long outdoor movie series, is back once again for

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For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

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the holidays with a FREE screening of the comedy-horror film Gremlins in which a teen inadvertently breaks three important rules concerning his new Christmas pet and unleashes a horde of malevolently mischievous monsters on a small town on Christmas Eve. Rated PG-13.
Hot chocolate to be served to first 100 guests. 1300 block Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m.

Rotary meeting
Charles Fleming writes about cars, motorcycles and urban hiking for the Los Angeles Times. He is the author of the walking guides "Secret Walks," "Secret Stairs" and "Secret Stairs East Bay," as well as the novels "The Ivory Coast," "After Havana" and "The Studio Kill." A veteran Hollywood journalist, he has covered the entertainment industry for Newsweek, LA Weekly, Vanity Fair and others. A native of Pacific Palisades, he now lives in Silver Lake. Riviera Country Club, to attend please call Savi at (310) 917-3313 for further information.

Free screening of "Elf"
Start out the holiday season by stepping into Will Ferrell's XXXL curly shoes at a free screening and discussion of "Elf," the modern holiday classic also featuring James Caan, Zooey Deschanel and a host of comedy vets. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Writing & Revision Strategies with Jennifer Caloyeras
Come learn about revision strategies from novelist and short fiction writer (and former Annenberg artist-in-residence) Jennifer Caloyeras. She will guide you through the revision process from line edits to overall tone, as well as the next steps in the writing process: querying agents and publishers. Participants will leave with a roadmap for revising their drafts. Cost: $10. 12 – 1:30 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/55064
or call (310) 458-2239.

Saturday, December 3

Movie: Arthur Christmas (2011)
Santa's youngest son, old-fashioned, fuzzy-slippered Arthur, must use his father's high-tech operation to save the day in this animated treat from the creators of Wallace and Gromit. (97 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:45 p.m.

Paws to Read with Todd Kessler
Join us in a celebration of rescue dogs. Meet Todd Kessler, Blues Clues co-creator, who will discuss his new book, The Good Dog and the Bad Cat. A Paws to Read session follows for kids to practice reading to trained therapy dogs. For families. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Repair Cafe - bring your broken items to fix!
This event brings together community experts with folks seeking to learn how to repair common household items. Bring torn clothes, books, broken furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, computers, and toys. Volunteers will be on hand to help and offer advice on the best way to reuse and repair your most beloved possessions. Repair stations include: Archival book repair, Misc Gluing, Jewelry, Electronics/Computers, Knife Sharpening, Sewing, Plumbing, Bicycles, Furniture, and Small Appliances. Drop off larger items curbside right out front before parking. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/54200. 1450 Ocean, 12 - 4 p.m.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Chain Reaction Landscape Project
SP2338

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services Division, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30** p.m. on **December 21st**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00** p.m. on said date in the **Architecture Services Conference Room**. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
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PROJECT ESTIMATE: $75,000.00
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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **B or C-27** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

925 Montana Avenue, Conditional Use Permit 16ENT-0135. The applicant (Café Luxxe) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0135) to allow for the sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20) ABC license in conjunction with the operation of an existing 1,243 square foot café (Café Luxxe) within the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District. According to Section 9.31.040(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site or off-site consumption. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **Applicant: Café Luxxe. Property Owner: 923 Montana, LLC**

2627 Lincoln Boulevard, Conditional Use Permit 16ENT-0136. The applicant (Gelsons Market) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0136) to allow for the on-site consumption and service of alcoholic beverages (Type 41) within the operation of a café and a Type 86 (Instructional Tasting License) ABC license for the instructional tasting of alcoholic beverages at an existing 41,381 square foot market (Gelsons) with an existing Type 21 (Off-Sale General) alcohol license within the Mixed Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) District. According to Section 9.31.040(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site or off-site consumption. [Planner: Michael Rocque] **Applicant: Gelsons Market. Property Owner: Saravita Properties.**

1641-1645 Lincoln Boulevard, Tract Map 16ENT-0145. The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Tract Map (No. 74347) for a subdivision to create three airspace lots consisting of three levels of subterranean parking on Airspace Lot 1, ground floor commercial space on Airspace Lot 2, and 66 residential units for condominium purposes on Airspace Lot 3. The project consists of 66 residential units, 5,324 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and 131 parking spaces within a three-level subterranean parking garage on a property located in the MUB (Mixed-Use Boulevard) zoning district. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant: Cypress Equity Investments. Property Owner: Ideal Lincoln LLC & Lincoln 1641 LLC.**

111 Santa Monica Boulevard, Conditional Use Permit 16ENT-0148. Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0148) to allow an existing restaurant (Stout Burgers and Beers) to convert an existing Type 41 (On Sale Beer & Wine) alcohol license to a Type 47 (On Sale General Eating Place) alcohol license, increase seating from 49 seats to 57 seats, and extend existing hours of alcohol service to 12:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. According to Section 9.04.10.18.020 of the 1988 Zoning Ordinance (as amended), approval of a Conditional Use Permit is required for an existing alcohol outlet to upgrade its alcoholic license type. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant: 123 Broadway Partners, LLC. Property Owner: Belle Vue Plaza.**

Proposed Minor Changes, Corrections and Clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance Including Proposed Changes Related to Accessory Dwelling Units to be Consistent with Recent Changes in State Law. A public hearing will be held to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an Ordinance recommending minor amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that are considered minor changes, corrections and clarifications including proposed changes related to Accessory Dwelling Units to be consistent with recent changes in State law. [Planner: Tony Kim]

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, #10R, and #18 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).*

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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No Politics at the Movies

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT KEVIN POORE

And his cool documentary, "LongPlaying," that you can see at a free screening this Sunday afternoon (LA) or the following Friday night (Long Beach). Details below. You don't have to be a music buff to dig it, or a vinyl junkie, but if you are, you really will.

But first, a word from my righteous, resolute anger.

BAD IN SM, HORRIBLE IN DC

What to do, what to do, about the recent elections, both national and here in Santa Monica?

Everyone I know is aghast, agonizing, angry, confused, fearful, in denial, despairing, devastated, at best highly skeptical over the ascent of the Orange One; some are motivated toward resistance, and a few are cautiously hopeful, that Donald Trump will become a less scary president than he was a candidate.

Ain't gonna happen. We've had three weeks since the election and he's more Trump than ever. His appointments have been horrible. His top advisor runs a neo-Nazi "news" site. He skips security briefings but calls heads of state off the cuff. He lies to the press so he can have a clandestine business dinner. Former KKK Imperial Wizard David Duke loves him. He will not disclose his financial holdings nor put them in a blind trust, letting his kids run the empire and requesting top security clearances for them (handy when negotiating for a new hotel in Abu Dhabi), and sternly reminds us that the President is not subject to conflict of interest laws.

Mixing his business with his new political power, he is already acting like a two-bit autocrat of a third-world nation who uses his position to engorge his own bank account. He is deftly structuring a kleptocracy. (Ivanka, where again can we buy that $10,000 bracelet you're flashing on "60 Minutes"? Oh, I see, you just sent a press release…)

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Locally, was LV defeated because $1,300,000 buys an avalanche of big fliers, a heap of lies and the opposition endorsements of an impressive list of formerly reputable organizations whose boards, not their rank and file membership, line up with big money developer interests? Were four City Council incumbents re-elected because their campaigns have access to those same vaults? No one can say for sure. But I've got a feelin'.

I try to think the best of all people. I'll talk with anyone, about national or local issues, keeping an open mind. I believe everyone really wants to do good (though some are very misguided). I believe in giving a second chance, sometimes even a third. But giving extra chances to those who show they have absolutely no interest in compromise or modifying their ways or beliefs is a fool's errand. Ask Obama.

This is not just, I don't like Romney, or George Bush. This is recognizing an attempt to fundamentally subvert our democracy, for personal gain. So much about Donald Trump as candidate and now President-elect is unprecedented, in very dangerous ways. I think many believe our democratic institutions can resist even Trump, but many of the things I mentioned are traditions not laws, that every President until now has respected.

TRUMP SHREDS

Trump arrogantly shreds those conventions. He has shown that there's not a line he won't cross. Not because he's an outsider who wants to make America great again by draining the swamp, but because he envisioned the path for his own incredible enrichment, and he acted his way to that top prize. No matter who got hurt. And many did. I know the arguments, the economy (which the GOP torpedoed), but the truth is, he conned the nation.

I believe in our nation and the Constitution. Futile as it may seem, we must resist, and not cut him an inch of slack. No waiting to see how it might go. He has shown us. We must demonstrate, protest, stay on the backs of our representatives to work with him on things good for the country but resist tooth and nail any concessions otherwise. They can start by denying him his horrible appointments.

And slim as the possibility may be, we do have an out. Reread "The Federalist Papers (68)," probably penned by Alexander Hamilton. He wrote that the Electoral College was designed to weed out those not fit to become the commander in chief of the United States. The Electoral College votes Dec. 19.

BACK TO K. POORE'S "LONGPLAYING"

Screening just twice: 3 p.m. Sunday at Cinefamily in LA, and 9 p.m. next Friday (12/9) at the Art Theater in Long Beach. Free but you need tickets through Eventbrite. If you can't get the link here, write me for it. But they still need money for odds and ends, so if you can pitch in 10 bucks, that would be greatly appreciated.

Writer/director/editor Kevin L. Poore is one of the most interesting people I've ever known. A cool cat, but very passionate. Beneath that slow-talking, laid back exterior is a dynamo of talents and accomplishments. He's whip smart and into everything. He's a film, music video and stage director, a screenwriter and playwright (9, 4 produced), a novelist (4), musician and songwriter, producer, jingle composer, host of the fun podcast "Nights At The Sound Table" (6 years), and one of the best music critics on the planet.

I found him through my worldwide search for a very special kind of critic whose work would be its own art form, when I was regrouping the music department for a major audiophile website some years ago. Poore hooked me with a review of a Michael Nesmith (Monkees) album that never mentioned the album until near the end; instead he told a tale of a kid at his high school and how Nesmith, heir to the Wite-Out fortune, was probably just like that privileged brat who got all the girls.

His "LongPlaying" doc about music on vinyl is bound to be highly entertaining, and a little controversial. See ya there (Long Beach).

MUSIC NOTE — The new Stones album (first new album in 10 years), "Blue and Lonesome," out Friday, is a total surprise, a return to their earliest blues roots. Lots of slide guitar and Mick blowing harp. Funky and mighty fine.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Autocratic governments are masters of self-contradiction. They say one thing, do another." — Alastair Reynolds

CHARLES ANDREWS has lived in Santa Monica for 30 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Palisades-Malibu YMCA annual Christmas tree lot opens December 1

A community tradition since the 1970's, Palisades-Malibu YMCA will proudly open its Annual Christmas Lot on Thursday, December 1. Offering a plentiful selection of fresh cut fir trees ranging from 5' – 12' tall, all tree sale proceeds will benefit the Palisades-Malibu Y's camps, youth and afterschool programs.

"We've worked really hard to ensure we have a great inventory of beautiful and healthy trees," said Palisades-Malibu YMCA's Jim Kirtley. "The Tree Lot is more than a fundraiser for us, as it really fulfills our mission of strengthening communities by bringing so many of our neighbors together in celebration of the holidays."

To celebrate the Tree Lot opening, the Y will host a one-day only Holiday Glass Sale on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. With tree decorating activities scheduled throughout the day, the evening will conclude with a special tree lighting ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Open Monday-Friday (3 – 8 p.m.) and weekends (11 a.m. – 8 p.m.), the Palisades-Malibu YMCA Tree Lot is located at Simon Meadow Field 15551 Sunset Boulevard, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272; (310) 454-0283.

Tree delivery is also available for an additional fee. For employment and volunteer opportunities at the Y's Christmas Tree Lot, please contact Oscar Rodriquez of the Palisades-Malibu YMCA at (310) 454-5591 or OscarRodriguez@ymcaLA.org.

Palisades-Malibu YMCA is one of 26 branches of the YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles, a non-profit organization that serves more than a quarter million families each year. Welcoming individuals of all ages, religions, genders and socio-economic backgrounds, the Y is committed to nurturing everyone's potential in spirit, mind and body through programs that promote youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. To learn more about the Palisades-Malibu YMCA, visit ymcaLA.org/palisades-malibu or call (310) 454-5591.

– SUBMITTED BY ERIN KANE, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, YMCA OF METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES

Citywide

89.3 KPCC-FM boosts signal coverage

Southern California Public Radio (SCPR) station 89.3 KPCC-FM has added a signal booster to improve its coverage of the west side of Los Angeles. Listeners west of the 405 Freeway, including those in Santa Monica, Pacific Palisades, Sawtelle, and Brentwood, should now experience a stronger signal with less static interference from other stations on the same or adjacent radio frequencies.

The project began nearly two years ago in an effort to enhance the 89.3 KPCC-FM listening experience for their west side audience, who live and work in that area. The signal improvement will also benefit commuters who cross the Sepulveda Pass and travel along Pacific Coast Highway between Santa Monica and Malibu.

The state-of-the-art engineering required to boost the signal was a joint effort of the 89.3 KPCC staff and talent from National Public Radio Labs. Doug Johnson, SCPR vice president operations, noted, "Our engineering staff insists on premium sound quality and continuously strives to make improvements. We expect to apply the advances we gained on the Westside to improve our signal for listeners in other parts of the Los Angeles area."

According to Bill Davis, SCPR president and chief executive officer, "This important project was funded by a gift from members of our Board of Trustees. As the most listened-to public radio news service in Southern California, we have a responsibility to provide the best possible service to our listeners. Our board and membership help make this all possible."

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COUNTY

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with a marker listing the year of cremation. A non-denominational, interfaith burial ceremony is held annually in November/December at the L.A. County Crematory/Cemetery in Boyle Heights at the corner of 1st and Lorena Streets.

The ceremony includes representatives from Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths and conducts prayers in several languages.

When families are located, the office works with them to retrieve their loved one's ashes prior to the burial and the cost of cremation can be waived for families with financial difficulties. Public records of individuals placed in the mass graves are available for anyone to inspect.

The county has conducted burials for unclaimed individuals since 1896 and this year, the ashes of 1,430 individuals will be buried. The number of individuals buried in the mass grave has remained relatively stable. In the last 10 years, the lowest number of individuals was 1,379 in 2015 compared to the high of 1,798 in 2009.

Supervisor Don Knabe requested a moment of silence in honor of these individuals at the Nov. 29 Board of Supervisors meeting.

"This holiday season many of us are reminded of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by our loved ones. Sadly, not everyone shares this blessing," he said in a statement. "On Wednesday, the County will bury the remains of 1,430 individuals in a mass grave. These are individuals who, for one reason or another, have no one but the County to provide them with a respectful and dignified burial. Some are homeless. Many are poor. Some have no families to grieve for them. Regardless of what their status in life was, each one of them mattered. We take the opportunity tomorrow to honor their lives."

The Los Angeles Times maintains an online database (http://www.latimes.com/projects/la-me-unclaimed-dead-2016) of individuals buried in the mass graves and lists the name, sex, age, birth date and date of death. Anyone searching for a the name of someone who might have been part of the process can also contact the L.A. County Office of Decedent Affairs/Morgue (Estela Inouye, 323-409-7161, einouye@dhs.lacounty.gov) or the Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office (323-343-0512).

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LETTER

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a sickness. It's a cancer we cannot allow to metastasize."

The news conference was held at the Islamic Center of Southern California, where Muslim leaders and clerics were joined by the FBI, police and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Muslims urged the letter writer to come forward to discuss Islam and debate the views espoused in the letter.

"Bullies feel bolstered, emboldened in dark alleys," said Salam Al-Marayati, president of the Muslim Public Affairs Council. "So we're telling this person, come out in broad daylight. Be a man and stand up for what you believe in, and let us discuss."

The FBI is monitoring the situation and Special Agent Stephen Woolery asked people to come forward if more letters are received because they often go unreported. The FBI is not investigating at this point because the language, while awful, intimidating and harassing, does not pose a specific threat.

"Folks that are intent on doing harm of this nature never give us warning, never give us a heads up," Woolery said. "So based on past experience, the likelihood of there being an attack based on these letters is pretty minimal."

The letter was received by at least four mosques in Southern California, one in San Jose, one in Fresno and another in Savannah, Georgia, according to the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

The group asked the FBI to investigate and said it was reaching out to other mosques nationwide to find out if they had received similar letters.



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Courtesy Photo

TEST RIDES: Several kinds of e-bike will be available for test rides during the weekend event.

E-BIKE

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and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition during this event and gather information and tips on safe riding.

"For Santa Monica, biking is in the cities DNA. Currently Santa Monica is one of only three communities in LA County ranked as Silver by the League of American Bicyclist. The city and community advocates are committed to reaching gold and beyond," said Cynthia Rose, Director of Santa Monica Spoke, and Board Member of the California Bicycle Coalition

Santa Monica has achieved a 356% growth in biking and counting which seems to be the reason why Rose will lead a group ride. There will also be a presentation by the California Bicycle Coalition and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition.

After the presentation attendees can learn more about the specific e-bike brands being represented at the expo, like Blix, BMW, Bulls, Raleigh, Yuba, and the latest electric drive systems from Bosch and plenty more. Many of these brands are new to the U.S. and are here to be tested out on the track.

Participants are asked to come at least a half an hour early so they can get you set up with the right bike. The test track is a fully fenced track with variety and terrain to that will enable you to get a feel for each bike. The terrain offers a hill like structure, straight away, and corners to help determine the perfect e-bike for the attendees.

Tempo Bicycles will be raffling off one of their Carmel or Santa Barbara hybrid electric bicycles worth $4,000 to a lucky winner. All proceeds from the raffle will go to the local bike advocacy group, Santa Monica Spoke.

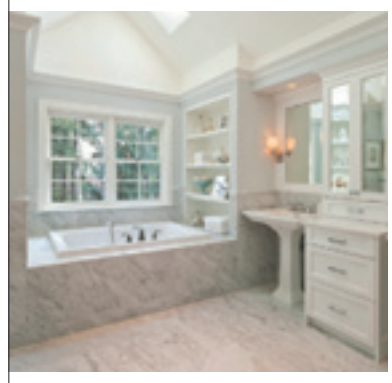
"With the improved bike specific infrastructure that's been rapidly put into place here in Santa Monica, and is now connected to the Expo Line, and you've got a recipe to create the kind of mode share for bicycling in Santa Monica we see in cities like Amsterdam and Copenhagen. Add electric bicycles to the mix and choosing a bike over a car for short trips becomes the easy and fun solution," said Charlie Gandy, Vice Chair or the California Bicycle Coalition Board of Directors.

The Electric Bike Expo will be at the Santa Monica Pier parking lot. Hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Steep NW swell mix. Deep AM high tide slows most breaks early.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 373 calls for service on Nov. 28.

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

Fight Ocean/ Colorado 1:58 a.m.
Person with gun 1800 block of 7th 2:25 a.m.
Trespassing 2300 block of Ocean Park 2:29 a.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block of Washington 4:18 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 200 block of Santa Monica Pl 4:41 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 5:04 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 4th 5:23 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 2nd 6:59 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 100 block of Broadway 7:18 a.m.
Urinating in public 400 block of Bay 7:25 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block of 17th 7:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 700 block of Idaho 8:17 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block of 12th 8:39 a.m.
Traffic collision 17th/ Broadway 8:56 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 600 block of Raymond 9:40 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block of PCH 9:44 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 500 block of Marine 9:47 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block of PCH 9:51 a.m.
Identity theft 500 block of Broadway 10:09 a.m.
Hit and run 3000 block of Arizona 10:22 a.m.
Loitering 1400 block of Lincoln 10:34 a.m.
Traffic collision 600 block of PCH 11:16 a.m.
Domestic violence 200 block of PCH 11:21 a.m.
Traffic collision 900 block of Arizona 11:23 a.m.
Person down 2900 block of Pearl 11:26 a.m.
Person down 1500 block of 4th 11:34 a.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block of Wilshire 11:54 a.m.
Traffic collision 17th/ Broadway 12:44 p.m.
Grand theft 800 block of 2nd 1:23 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 21st 1:42 p.m.
Rape report 400 block of Colorado 1:49 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block of 3rd St Prom 1:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 6th 2:36 p.m.
Grand theft 2400 block of 4th 3:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of 6th 3:02 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of Wilshire 5:32 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:42 p.m.
Traffic collision 1700 block of Ocean Park 5:45 p.m.
Hit and run 14th/ Pico 5:53 p.m.
Fight 1400 block of Harvard 6:33 p.m.
Battery 2nd/ Santa Monica 6:42 p.m.
Fight Main/ Ocean Park 7:30 p.m.
Fight 1500 block of Lincoln 7:35 p.m.
Trespassing 2400 block of Main 10:18 p.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 1400 block of 20th 10:57 p.m.
Person with a fun Stewart/ Exposition 11:11 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 34 calls for service on Nov. 28.

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

EMS 1400 block of Broadway 12:02 a.m.
EMS 200 block of San Vicente 12:21 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Montana 4:09 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1200 block of 20th 8:46 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 8:49 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:56 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1500 block of 12th 9:04 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of PCH 9:46 a.m.
EMS 200 block of San Vicente 10:28 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Ocean Front Walk 10:50 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 2nd 11:05 a.m.
EMS 9th/ Arizona 11:23 a.m.
EMS 2900 block of Pearl 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 4th 11:33 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of Ocean Park 11:42 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 5th 12:18 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1900 block of Ocean Way 12:40 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 500 block of Santa Monica 2:20 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of 18th 2:25 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of 32nd 3:20 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 4:05 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Broadway 5:57 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Santa Monica 6:11 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 6th 6:26 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Wilshire 6:47 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Wilshire 7:10 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 18th 7:17 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 7:20 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1400 block of 4th 7:26 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Hill 7:41 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 4th 8:16 p.m.
Arcing wires 1500 block of 15th 9:46 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 10:08 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Wilshire 10:12 p.m.

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

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

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/28
4 6 28 36 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/28
MIDDAY: 6 4 0
Draw Date: 11/28
EVENING: 4 5 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/28
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:46.01

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WORD UP!

quinquennium

1. a period of five years.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Observation

■ "We are happier in many ways when we are old than when we were young. The young sow wild oats. The old grow sage." --Winston Churchill

Medical History

■ This week in 1876, Albert Hook was given a patent for the first U.S. cigarette manufacturing machine, though practical commercial use was delayed until 1872. The Hook machine produced a continuous cigarette that was cut into specified lengths. According revenue collection figures at the time, the number of cigarettes manufactured in 1875 was 50 million. In 2015, more than 264 billion cigarettes were sold in the U.S., mostly American-made.

MYSTERY REVEALED!

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



Hilda Weiss who 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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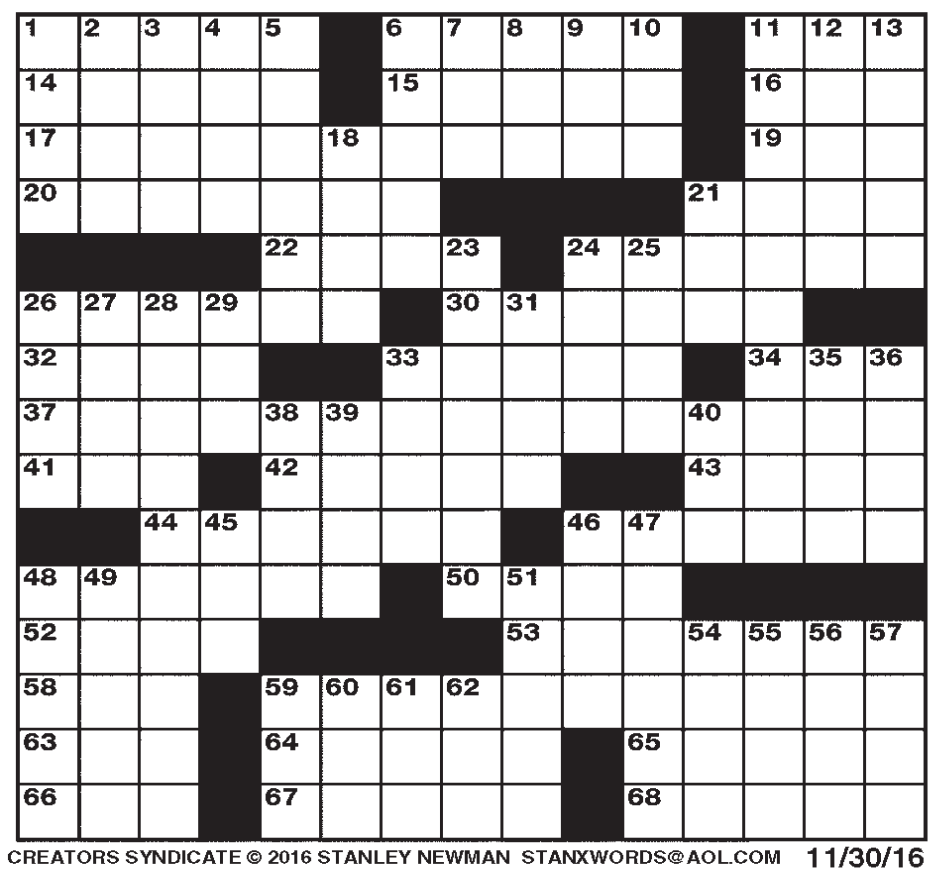
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Newsday Crossword

THANKS ALLOT by Fred Piscop
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ACROSS
1 Tendencies
6 Cozy inn, for short
11 Empty space
14 In the know
15 Martini garnish
16 Roth plan, briefly
17 Ice-cream parlor order
19 Wine, in France
20 Glossy paints
21 Annoying one
22 Eagle's nail
24 Goes to a lot of trouble
26 Settle up in advance
30 Spain's peninsula
32 Volcanic flow
33 From Israel or India
34 Beaver's handiwork
37 Investor's cost calculation
41 Japanese money
42 Danger
43 Person from London
44 Walk softly
46 Fern leaves
48 Daredevil's feats
50 Hard to find
52 Furniture wood
53 Update the décor
58 Night sch. class
59 Significant difference
63 100%
64 Mexican money
65 Puts in the bank
66 Could possibly
67 Try for a job
68 Italics feature

DOWN
1 Baseball great Ruth
2 McGregor of *Star Wars* movies
3 Granny
4 Disney World shuttle
5 New York lake
6 __ nova (Brazilian dance)
7 Yodeler's perch
8 Zilch
9 506, to Caesar
10 Play the horses
11 Cares
12 Crop up
13 Jeans and khakis
18 Friend in battle
21 Tire-pressure meas.
23 Thinner, as clouds
24 Phobia
25 Caterer's coffeepots
26 Stage production
27 Four-star review
28 Sooner or later
29 Golf course standard
31 Actress Jessica
33 Prefix for dynamic
35 Dry as a desert
36 2015 World Series team
38 Datebook entry: Abbr.
39 Comprehends
40 New *Sesame Street* channel
45 Cartoonist's liquid
46 Astaire or Flintstone
47 Neglecting one's duties
48 Fulton's power source
49 Electric car company
51 Pretentious
54 Locket shape
55 Prima donna
56 Biblical paradise
57 "__ we forget!"
59 Dean's List fig.
60 Good name, briefly
61 Medium's claim
62 "You've got mail" service



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FILM REVIEW

LION

PG-13
120 Minutes
Released November 25th

The story in the film Lion is so well told and beautifully acted that you will feel you have become part of this extended family of extraordinary people, people who have been drawn together by chance and by will. The true story behind the movie is so full of drama and so moving in itself, that first-time director Garth Davis did not need to do much embellishing. Lion is his first full-length feature and he has done a fantastic job with it.

In this tale the characters are not separated by walk of life, color of skin, education or continent. All of those definitions evaporate during the telling of the arduous experiences endured by the main character, "Saroo". Exquisitely brought to life by Sunny Pawar, Saroo is a four-year-old child who has known constant danger. He must do heroic things just to get a meager meal. However, as children do, he takes it all in stride, and is able to see fun and beauty in his daily adventures. There are many types of heroism in this story, which is all the more remarkable because it is true. It was no surprise to me to find out that some 4000 boys auditioned for the role of Saroo. It is another credit to the director that he was able to pick out talented children for these important roles.

Saroo and his older brother "Guddu" played by Abhishek Bharate, dominate the first few minutes of the film and are so good that you don't want to take your eyes off them. These two children had never worked on a film before and did not speak a word of English. Most of their scenes are spoken in Bengali or Hindu, and many have very little dialogue. Yet there is never a sense that you are not an immediate part of the thoughts and actions.

The real Saroo was forced to spend weeks alone on the streets of Kolkata. Davis has handled these scenes with a fluid sense of time passing and has added touches that provide realism. The sound "design" by Volker Bertelmann and Dustin O'Halloran adds extraordinary richness to the tapestry of environments, both geographical and emotional, that define this movie. Note that both of these supremely talented musicians are "outside the box" of the usual film composer's background.

In a post screening Q&A, Nicole Kidman, who plays "Sue Brierly" in the film, noted that Lion was a low budget production, which makes the beauty of the film all that much more remarkable. She bonded with Sunny by playing cricket with him – a common language for the two of them. Dev Patel, who plays Saroo as an adult, considers the script for Lion the best he's ever read. He worked out daily to develop a tougher physique and learned an Australian accent for the role – he spent eight months on preparation. Indeed, he is almost unrecognizable in this role from his previous work.

Lion is without question a worthwhile film to see - one of the best of 2016.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Life is not a reality TV show where you're either "in" or you're "out." Relationships often go along indefinitely, a little up-in-the-air, with various degrees of involvement. Don't be in a rush to categorize where you're at with people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Keeping yourself safe from harm includes controlling the distance between you and people you love or could possibly love. It might help to think of yourself as a scientist, collecting data.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're willing to fall in love with an idea, and you're just as willing to step back and say, "This is not the right choice for me." From this position you'll make stellar decisions that favor your long-term happiness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
To make an emotional investment today will be riskier than other kinds of investing. It will also be more difficult to recover from if it doesn't go right. That's why what you're doing is mighty brave. Give yourself more credit for taking the risk.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You may not like the notions being brought to the table, but let them air anyway to discover how strong they really are. The censor will lose in the end because strong ideas find the fuel to keep the fire alive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You're not here to close the deal at all costs. You're here to make the deal that's right for you. This should include the higher good, but don't get overly wrapped up in the other person's side of it today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
It would be fun to have certain people for friends, but alas, there are appropriate friendships and inappropriate friendships, and those who can't figure out the difference are asking for trouble.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
There's no time for critique or complaint today. If you're walking around lamenting all that's wrong with society, you'll be distracted from the fact that you get to choose how to make this world better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Someone will make you proud to be a leader and mentor. You don't ask anyone to be perfect; you just ask them to show up and try. When they knock it out of the park, you'll beam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Nothing you experience will go to waste. Your mind will be keen to pick up on the kind of details you can use to solve a problem. You'll be a regular Sherlock Holmes!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You haven't always been able to say that you like your life, but now you can, and this will be reflected in your activities of the day. You'll agree to propositions that look, sound and feel "so you."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
There's more being asked of you, so some of your usual self-care activities might slip through the cracks now, but the sacrifices you make will be worthwhile. Besides, you can catch up tomorrow.

Sun and Neptune Square

You deserve consideration and attention, and you shouldn't have to perform for it, buy it or beg for it. You may, however, have to strategize for it while the sun and dreamy Neptune square off to distort our sense of how we fit in. Consider leaving the ones who take you for granted for a spell so your absence can help them appreciate your presence.

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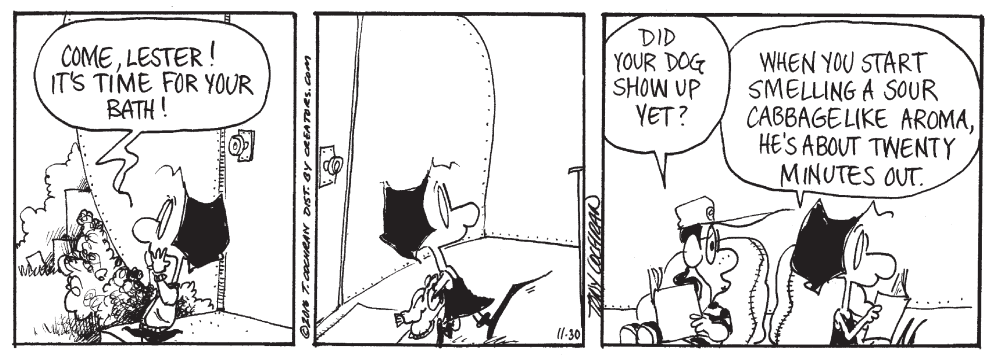
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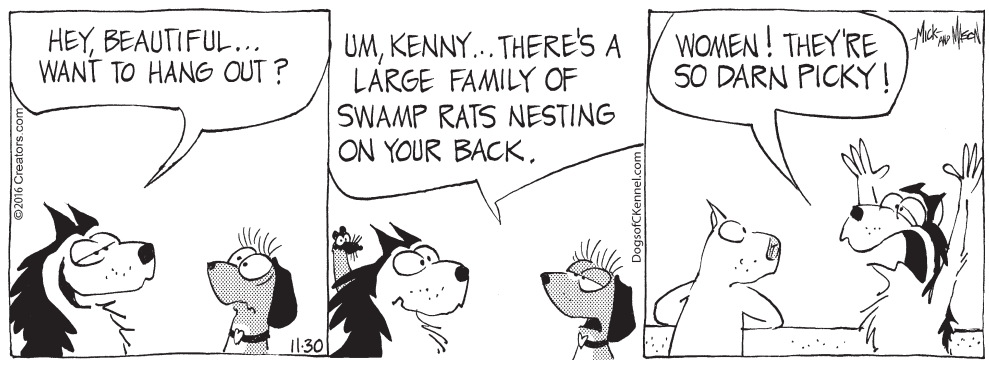
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