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CHORUS PERFORMANCE

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A group of local singers were part of a multi-racial, multi-faith concert sponsored by the Los Angeles LDS Temple Visitors' Center on Dec. 6. The event called "Sing His Praises," featured choirs include the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Choir from Los Angeles, the multi-faith Korean Choir from Southern California, the Celebration Mass Choir of the California Missionary Baptist State Convention, and the Santa Monica Stake Relief Society Chorus of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The event included tours of the more than 450,000 Christmas lights on the adjacent grounds and nearly a dozen trees with ornaments made by children from the area reflecting the traditions of many different countries including Sweden, Germany, Jamaica, Liberia, Guyana, Tonga, Mexico and Turkey. Three of the trees were decorated by different religious denominations: St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, and Christ the Redeemer Church, as well those of the Mormon faith.

Trial begins in 2012 Santa Monica killing

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX COURTHOUSE A jury is hearing the case of a man who allegedly killed his best friend and roommate in a Downtown apartment in 2012.

Ryan Bright stabbed Jensen Gray to death at a party in the 400 block of Broadway, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney. Police found Gray dead when the arrived at the scene. He was 27 years old.

Bright, 28, is charged with his murder. Bright's attorney, Andrew Flier, is arguing that the stabbing occurred out of self-defense and that, "at worst, it should be manslaughter."

"They were best friends," he said. "They were both alcoholics. They fight sometimes amongst each other."

Flier intends to prove that the men were very drunk at the time.

"They were both drinking a lot of rum," he said.

He claims that Bright was trying to defend himself at the time of the killing.

"The victim was stabbed four times," Flier said. "Three times in the front area and one time in the back. But my guy was stabbed. So, I think it clearly could be a self-defense. But even if the jury thinks that maybe my client went overboard, I still think there's no way that's intent to kill. I don't want to minimize it. It just mitigates it. That's what the law says."

The prosecution has a witness who could refute some of Flier's claims, he said, but Flier questions her credibility.

"I believe she has a drug history, an alcohol history, she's lied to the police before," he said. "I mean, she's not the most credible person. I think that's what this case is really going to come down to."

Bright has been in custody for more than two years, Flier said.

"I told that to the jury," he said. "He's learned his lesson. At the worst this should be a manslaughter. He's been punished

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Metro bikeshare considered next month

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is moving forward with its own plans for a regional bikeshare program following Santa Monica's recent decision to advance its own program last month.

The Santa Monica City Council announced its bikeshare plan in November to capitalize on grant money that would have otherwise expired. Metro had asked Santa Monica to wait until Metro had a plan in place, so the two systems could integrate but city planners advised against any further delay and council agreed.

Now, Metro is looking for public input on good areas for bikeshare stations. A bikeshare implementation plan is scheduled to go before the Metro Board in January.

Bikeshares allow riders to check-out bikes from one station and drop them off at any other station within the system. The hope is that Santa Monica's and Metro's systems will be compatible, allowing users to ride from stations in one system to stations in the other.

Council selected CycleHop to operate a 500-bike system to be in place before the opening of the incoming Expo Light Rail stations in early 2016.

Laura Cornejo, deputy executive officer of Countywide Planning and Development, said that Metro's relationship with Santa Monica is still positive, despite the latter's decision to move forward.

"From the very beginning we've worked very closely with Santa Monica," she said, "and even now that they've selected a vendor, we've continued to coordinate with them. Being that they are a couple steps ahead of Metro, they are sharing whatever information they can share with us as decisions are being made and consulting with us and vice versa."

Santa Monica's decision to go with CycleHop - with whom Metro has "had previous conversations but not recently" - is not having a significant bearing on the process.

"We have to proceed with our own pro-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

December 10

Free workshop on Transportation Options for L.A. Seniors
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 Santa Monica Blvd. 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
TLC Senior Ride founder Kathy Macaraeg will present the many options for transportation available to seniors in Los Angeles - from city services to private options. Attendees will leave armed with information on the various options and how to utilize them together, or separately, depending on their needs. Advanced registration to the free workshop is required. Contact Lidia at the YMCA at (310) 393-2721 ext. 129 or lidiam@ymcasm.org.

Screening & Discussion: GMO OMG
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.
6:30 - 9 p.m.
In this timely documentary, director Jeremy Seifert searches for answers on how GMOs affect our children, the health of the planet and our freedom of choice. During the course of the film, the audience gains insight into a question that is of growing concern to citizens the world over: what's on your plate? The screening is followed by a discussion with the film's co-producer Jill Latiano Howerton and author Sharon Weil (Donny and Ursula Save the World).

Apps for your device workshop
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m.
Come and learn about the many free apps for your tablet and smart phones including SMPL apps to find e-books.

December 11

Holidays on Vinyl
The Georgian Hotel
1415 Ocean Ave., 6 - 9 p.m.
The Georgian Hotel is inviting residents to gather around the hotel's classical trumpet horn phonograph and spin back the hands of time to the sounds of contemporary crooners and modern day musicians on vinyl. The line-up includes the classics like Bing Crosby's White Christmas and Elvis' Christmas Album to more recent Christmas smashes like Kelly Clarkson's Wrapped in Red and Michael Buble's Christmas.

Ono'u International Street Art Exhibit
Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica
530 Pico Blvd. 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
The exhibition will offer a unique opportunity to discover the island of Tahiti through photos and time lapse videos revealing the amazing mural art walk created in the city center of Papeete by some of today's living legends of the worldwide street art scene.

Storybook reading and letters to Santa
Downtown Santa Monica
6 p.m.
Come listen to holiday tales and write a letter to Jolly Old Saint Nick. For more information call (310) 393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com.

Book into film discussion: "Emma"
Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St. 7 p.m.
Discussions of books that were adapted into films. The book discussions will be followed the next week by a screening of the movie by the same title.

Rent Control Board
City Hall
1685 Main St. 7 p.m.
Regular meeting. Visit www.smgov.net/rentcontrol for more information.

Classic Movie: How to Marry a Millionaire (1953)
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 p.m.

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TRIAL
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enough."

The District Attorney's office provided a summary of the case but did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

Santa Monica police responded to the scene at 3:25 a.m. on a Wednesday in July of 2012, according to Daily Press archives. Officers heard a female screaming and found Gray on the living room floor of an apartment with multiple stab wounds.

Everyone at the party knew each other, police told the Daily Press at the time.

The killing occurred at the Archstone apartments on the corner of Broadway and Fourth Street.

The Archstone was built in 1931 as the Lido Hotel and was deemed a historical landmark in 2001 by the City Council for its use of Art Deco architecture and storied past, according to Daily Press archives.

"My argument is that my client, whether he did it or not, did not have the specific intent to kill his best friend that day," Flier said.

The trial began on Monday at the Airport Courthouse and is expected to last a week or two.

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Lauren Bacall, Betty Grable and Marilyn Monroe headline this fizzy 1953 comedy classic, in which a trio of New York models, tired of the cheap dates they usually get stuck with, hatch a plan to attract and marry millionaires. (95 min)

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Light Santa Monica
Palisades Park (Wilshire Blvd. and Ocean Ave.)
7 - 8 p.m.
Light SM will be held as part of the nationwide Gun Violence Memorial event being held at the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. Light SM will be a vigil where participants will light candles together and commit to taking simple steps to reduce gun violence.

December 12

Malibu choir performance
Bank of Books Malibu
29169 Heathercliff Road #109, 1 p.m.
Malibu High School Choir performs holiday music at the Point Dume Village Christmas tree. 20 percent of all sales from 1-3 p.m. goes to MHS choir.

It's a Wonderful Life Radio Stage Play
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St.
Times vary
Join the All Community Theater (A.C.T.) at First UMC for their encore rendition of It's a Wonderful Life. Done as a 1940s style radio stage play complete with commercials and even the Andrew Sisters, the classic story of George Bailey and how his guardian angel Clarence Odbody saves his life and wins his wings is retold with all the heart and warmth of the movie from which it is lovingly adapted. Tickets available at http://santamonicaumc.org/#/music-theater/theater-act. Performances are Dec. 12 at 7 p.m., Dec. 13: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Simkins Hall.

Kids on Stage
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 6:15 p.m.
Kids On Stage Teen Master Troupe Players Presents The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. The show centers on a fictional spelling bee contest where six quirky adolescents compete in a bee that is run by three equally quirky grown-ups. Suitable for audience ages 5 and older. Adults $10; Kids 16 & under $5; Lap sitters Free (2 and under).

Virginia Ave Park Community Posada
Pico Branch Library
2201 Pico Blvd. 5 - 8 p.m.
Join the Virginia Avenue Park Community for the annual Posada procession starting at 5 pm, followed by a performance of a Pastorela Play culminating with refreshments and piñata. Programa bilingüe.

Books for Cooks
Montana Avenue Branch library
1704 Montana Ave. 4 - 5 p.m.
Kitchen Kid presents winter stories and a lesson on cooking. Ages 4-8. Limited space. Call (310) 458-8682 to register.

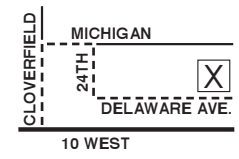
Word I (MS Office 2010)
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 12 - 1 p.m.
Introduction to using Microsoft Word 2010 to create and format basic documents. Intermediate level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Guest House Docent Tour
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 11 a.m.
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Central planning failure

Editor:

The essay by Santa Monica Architects is impressive for its rigor and research; however, central planning, the subject of the essay, has a history of incompleteness and failure on any scale imaginable. This is because individual choices may not be similar to the expectations of the planners. Some homeowners may view the current market demand as an opportunity to sell their single family homes at an advantageous price. Some may view the congestion as a bonanza to business. But the wealth effect is a very unstable conjecture, and since central planning guidelines are often imprecise and easily overcome by cooperative bureaucrats and politicians, either for gain or for belief. The adoption of a central plan for a city is often a crap shoot. Some cities, with a sophisticated citizenry, may avoid the pitfalls of congestion and unaffordable infrastructure requirements, but the City of Santa Monica is not such a one. There should have been a large turnover in staff and governance following a Grand Jury report two years ago, and a comprehensive review of all of the planning documents; but that has not happened. Like any quiet provincial town, the city, with its bloated and overpaid bureaucracy seems to be sleeping quietly while elite investors pillage the neighborhoods.

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Sports suck, but our symphony doesn't

I DON'T CARE MUCH FOR SPORTS AND have very little interest in following them. Yikes! What an un-American, un-guy thing to admit.

Except for basketball. Love basketball. To me it is the most skilled and beautiful to watch of any sport. (The way I play it? - another thing altogether.)

Every player on the court has to contribute, move constantly, see everything, every moment, and be ready for split-second moves that require instant reaction. Snooze, lose. My friend Greg used to tell me, during a discouragingly fruitless period of trying to make a decent player out of me, "if I get half a step on you, that's it, I'm gone, you're toast." In the NBA, that's the blink of an eye. Other sports have their moments of unbelievable athleticism, full of grace, but any decent game of pro hoops has dozens of them.

But the concept of organized, broadcast team sports is pretty lame. Never forget, folks, it's a business. Big, big billions business. You have collections of gladiators, bought and paid for by your city or school, in which you invest your identity and waste huge amounts of time watching on TV; assemblages of privileged, hyped student-athletes or multimillionaire pros you quickly grow to "know" and "love" (our team! the Baggywumps! go Baggywumps!! Kill … the other guys!), who will abandon you in a New York minute for another team, for a few dollars more.

Sometimes the pro teams offer better story lines than soap operas. (Don't get me started on the NFL.) Did you see the MLS pro soccer championship game this past weekend? Of course you didn't. Me either. I'm an American; I don't watch soccer. We need scoring, dammit. The flopping is ridiculous and we can't tolerate bad acting here in Hollywood. And that whole thing of deciding a championship by a penalty kick shoot out? Gimme a break.

But our - "our" - Galaxy have now won more titles than any other team, and our retiring star Landon Donovan claims six trophies, a record. Winning that championship, in overtime, in the last game of your career, is a Hollywood ending. (That's something I do love about sports - no happy ending guarantees. The team, or individual player, that by all rights, of might or sentiment, should win, doesn't always win. In any particular game, anything can happen, and David can beat Goliath.)

It was sweet vindication for Donovan, considered the best American player ever, for having been left off the U.S. World Cup team by its German coach, in favor of younger, very inexperienced players. (One was 18.)

It reminded me of the disrespect shown Pau Gasol, the man who brought two championships to L.A., benched by Mike D'Antoni, the Lakers horribly out-of-step, downright inept coach for two long years. Gasol is now tearing up the league and making a contender of Chicago, where he took his unrequited love. Also bye bye one-year Laker Dwight Howard, likewise having a banner year at now-contender Houston. Imagine how much fun the Lakers would be to watch with those twin towers and the amazingly recovered, rejuvenated old man Kobe Bryant?

Jerry Buss was a visionary owner who built the Laker franchise into absolute gold, but he made one terrible, final mistake: designating son Jim to be in charge after his death. Jim is clueless, despite decades of mentoring by his brilliant father, and in less than a year he destroyed the franchise, for many years to come.

A pox on you, Jim Buss - I love only one sport and one pro team in it, and you rip it to shreds like a spoiled brat. Go away and let your sister Jeanie run the team.

My last sports note: I can't believe that in recounting my Thanksgiving bowling injury in last week's column, I completely forgot about my klutz-in-arms, former Laker Andrew Bynum, whose bowling injury knocked him off the hoops court. I'm not the only one! But mine was a fluke, unpredictable, and his was wear and tear on already fragile knees. Not too smart to risk a career and a gazillion dollar contract on … bowling.

Know who reminded me of that bizarre incident, as soon as I mentioned my own bowling injury? My optometrist, of course. I've been going to Robert Dickey, on Montana, for literally decades because he is simply the best. The bonus is he's a personable guy who knows a lot about sports and even more about music. I popped in recently and it was lunchtime and the office emptied out and we had a chance for a good 20-minute chat about music, obscure and old and brand new. A lot about Fripp. King Crimson and Andrew Bynum - what more could you want from your ace optometrist?

HERE IN SANTA MONICA OUR FAVORITE SPORT IS POLITICS. So the annual holiday party thrown by former mayor Judy Abdo is like a Super Bowl after party, especially in an election year. The house is historic, the back yard large enough for a posse of running, screaming kids, the food yummy, the drinks plentiful and the atmosphere convivial, considering just a month ago many of these people were saying the nastiest things about each other. There are more mayors, ex-mayors and future mayors than you could shake a stick at, council members and wannabes and tried-to-bes. I heard reports of some awkward situations but Abdo's gathering seems to be the one where the lambs lie down with the lions. Who is our new mayor, chosen last night? I can't wait to find out, when I pick up this paper.

I went early and left early, missing some great conversations, I'm sure, but as usual in Santa Monica there's just too much to fit in, and I really wanted to catch at least the post-intermission Beethoven's Ninth at Barnum Hall, by the Santa Monica Symphony. Glad I did. It's one of the most monumental undertakings in classical music, and the Symphony players and singers delivered impressively. The players are volunteers but mostly pros. I heard from several that the opening part of the program was really good. Their next concert (always free), in their 70th season, is their annual MLK Day concert Jan. 17. I'll be there.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Always do right; this will gratify some people and astonish the rest." - Mark Twain

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5 Steps to End Your Year Right

AH, MAKING NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS. The surest way to lose respect for yourself quickly. You draw up an aggressive, indestructible plan for the coming year (this is it, man), vow to start things on January 1st (no, hold on, January 2nd), go strong for approximately a week and a half (the brand new me!), and by mid-February, find yourself in your kitchen with a gym membership you haven't used in a month and a half-eaten box of cronuts.

Instead of worrying about New Year's resolutions (while stumbling through the rest of December in a haze of sugar, alcohol and credit card debt), I thought we could end this year right.

IN FIVE EASY STEPS, OF COURSE! BECAUSE LIKE CRONUTS, EVERYONE LOVES STEPS.

Step 1: Make a list of 100 things that happened to you this year that you're grateful for. If 100 sounds like an insane amount to you, you're probably the person that will benefit most from doing this exercise. And you're forgetting that there are 365 days in a year. I know that one nice thing happened to you every three and a half days. Go about it chronologically: write down the wonderful (or at least mildly pleasant) things that happened to you around January of this past year, then February, then March … And these can be little, trivial things-I'm grateful that I got Netflix and can watch old Doctor Who episodes whenever I want-great! Or they can be significant-I'm so grateful that I finally got a job and moved out of my mom's house-good for you! I don't know a more effective way of getting out of a funk. You experience a complete shift from feeling like your life is lacking to realizing how hugely blessed you are. Hey 2014, you're alright, kid.

Step 2: Take inventory of your life. Stay with me on this - it's going to take some third-grade geometry. Draw a bicycle wheel with spokes. To each spoke, assign an area of life that matters to you: Family, Career, Health/Fitness, Romance, Finances, Spirituality, Emotional State, Creativity (feel free to add a couple more you value). Now rate each spoke on a scale of 0 to 10, and draw a dot accordingly on each spoke - 0 goes in the center of the wheel and 10 goes on the part where the spoke hits the rubber. Now connect the dots all the way around. The resulting wheel is a representation of how your life is going-and it's probably dangerously lopsided. The ideal "life wheel" consists of all 9's or 10's. Honestly, mine doesn't, and yours probably doesn't either. You might have 9's in some areas of your life and 3's in others, which is going to give you a wheel that's completely bent out of shape and can't go anywhere-feeling stuck, perhaps? Or you may have 4's in every area of your life, so your wheel is perfectly round, but it's also very small, so it can't carry much weight-are you comfortable but completely uninspired? Very revealing, isn't it? This exercise allows you to take an honest look at what's working - or not - in your life. And by quantifying the things that were previously abstract in your mind, you're less likely to be numbed to or overwhelmed by your goals. You now have a comprehensive, realistic assessment of where you are today, which is a springboard from which to make new choices. You also have a really cool wheel drawing you can show your friends.

Step 3: Start bringing those numbers up - now. Everybody runs to join the gym in January. But why don't you start working out (or writing your novel, or creating a profile on E-Harmony) right now? Pick your lowest numbers and write down actions that will elevate your sad 2's to proud 10's. "Work out more" is not an action step, by the way. Be specific -"Take three Zumba classes a week at the YWCA" is a specific, measurable action (310-452-3881 is the number to our front desk, by the way). I know this sounds suspiciously like making New Year's resolutions, but it's not an empty New Year's resolution if you're taking action in December! And by the time all your friends crawl out from under their regrets and begin to make lists, you'll be starting the year already feeling like a success.

Step 4: Call someone you haven't talked to in a long time. Humans run on relationships. Reconnecting with your old friend from college you used to do everything with but slowly stopped talking to after graduation, or a parent you've been avoiding for two years, will breathe new life into the final weeks of this year and will have you skipping around like Ebenezer Scrooge at the end of A Christmas Carol.

Step 5: Remember that even if you fail Steps 1 to 4, you're still okay in my book. I've spent so much of my life feeling disappointed with myself for not following through on my goals and resolutions, which only made me want to give up on them entirely. But I found freedom when I realized that not doing what you wanted to do doesn't mean you're a failure - it just means you didn't do what you wanted to do - that's it. Take away the emotional weight behind that and move forward. It's not about finding your identity in your failures - or your successes. These areas of your life that aren't working might be frustrating to you, and may be keeping you from your dreams, so that's why we draw wheels and follow steps to break habits that don't lead us where we want to go. But if you don't do them, or try and aren't perfectly successful at doing them, you're not bad or wrong - you're just not living the life you want. But you're completely empowered to do something about it at any moment you decide. And no need to wait until the first of the month - just commit or recommit to yourself exactly where you are. And independently of any external measurable, simply because you're a unique expression of a human being, decide that you're awesome.

5 steps later, you're glowing. Happy Old Year to you.

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Santa Monica Post Office expands retail hours to Sundays

Many larger Post Offices in the greater Los Angeles area, including Santa Monica's Post Office at 1653 7th St., will be open with full retail service on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 21, to make it easier and more convenient to get those holiday packages shipped.

The Postal Service is also expanding delivery operations to include parcel delivery on Sundays during December to make sure Priority Mail packages are delivered on time.

"We are ready to do what it takes to make the season easier and more convenient for our customers, getting holiday packages on their way and delivered on time," said Santa Monica Postmaster Robert Villa.

Many Post Offices also provide service after hours at self-service kiosks, where customers can weigh mail, ship packages and buy stamps with credit or debit card and officials said many postal services are available 24-hours a day at usps.com.

These locations are among the many offering full Sunday retail lobby service from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.:

Santa Monica Post Office - 1653 7th St., LA Airport Station - 9029 Airport Blvd., El Segundo Post Office - 2130 Mariposa Ave., Redondo Beach Post Office - 1201 N. Catalina Ave.

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The Broad Stage

Santa Monica Ballet performs Nutcracker

Now in its 5th decade of performances, Westside Ballet of Santa Monica, with live music by Santa Monica College Symphony, returns to present its holiday classic, The Nutcracker. After its 2013 inaugural performances at the Broad Stage at SMC Performing Arts Center, the company has announced its 2014 return to the Broad will include additional performances. A total of nine presentations are set for Dec. 13-21.

Martine Harley, Westside Ballet of Santa Monica Artistic Director said, "Last year was our first Nutcracker season at the Broad and it was an enormous success. We are proud to partner with them once again, offering the community a chance to see the world's most beloved ballet, which endures as an unforgettable holiday experience for the entire family. With the Santa Monica College Symphony playing Tchaikovsky's majestic score, it's also the perfect way to introduce children to classical music and dance."

Westside Ballet's The Nutcracker tells the story of Clara, a young girl who receives a Nutcracker for Christmas before being transported to The Kingdom of Sweets where she is entertained by dancing candies and childhood fantasy characters come-to-life.

Based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" and the Marius Petipa classic, Westside's rendition is the complete, traditional ballet, from the Victorian-style party scene to the glittering Sugar Plum Fairy.

Special effects include a growing Christmas tree, a firing cannon, and falling snow.

Westside Ballet has announced that three Westside alumnae will alternate as Sugar Plum Fairy with members of Westside's current company.

Joy Womack, in 2012, became one of the first American women to be invited to dance under contract with the Bolshoi Ballet Theater. Today she is principal dancer at the Kremlin Ballet Theater in Moscow, Russia.

Lyrica Blankfein, a 2014 Mae L. Wien Award recipient, recently completed her studies at the prestigious School of American Ballet and is currently performing in Susan Stroman's Little Dancer on Broadway.

Lucia Connolly, who grew up performing in Westside's Nutcrackers, is now studying at The School of American Ballet on a full scholarship.

Also visiting and appearing as Her Cavalier is Luke Willis, formerly with San Francisco Ballet.

Westside also welcomes back resident guest artists Evan Swenson (formerly with Houston Ballet), and Johnny Zhong (formerly with Classical Ballet of Guangzhou).

Since its inception, Westside Ballet of Santa Monica has offered affordable performances and donated thousands of tickets to deserving community organizations. Following in this tradition, Westside will open its doors to its Dec. 17 dress rehearsal performance to members of Westside Children's Center, Neighborhood Youth Association, Kids In Sports, Everybody Dance, Venice Family Clinic, Santa Monica Police Activities League, Virginia Avenue Park, and more.

For the second consecutive year, approximately one thousand 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will be treated to a private, abbreviated, presentation of the Nutcracker held on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Children will hear a narrated version of the Nutcracker story and see excerpts from the ballet followed by Q&A with the dancers.

The Nutcracker will be performed with the Santa Monica College Symphony at the The Broad Stage at Santa Monica College Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th St. Show dates and times: Dec. 13 -14 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Dec. 18 - 19 at 7 p.m., Dec. 20 at 11 a.m., and Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. All tickets are $40. For more information and tickets, visit www.westsideballet.com.

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BIKE
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curement process and for us the scope would be a little bit grander because we are looking at an entire region," Cornejo said. "So I think for us we have to really stick to the procurement process and make sure that the integrity of that process stays intact."

The same is true of the speed of the process - Metro is not speeding up or slowing down based on Santa Monica's move.

"We were already working on a pretty expedited timeline," Cornejo said, "so we continued to do that and expedite the implementation and roll out of bikeshare."

Metro hopes to have parts of its bikeshare system up and running by the spring or summer of 2016.

Metro has identified "bikeshare ready" communities in North Hollywood, the Hollywood area, Westlake, Marina Del Rey, Pico Union and East Los Angeles.

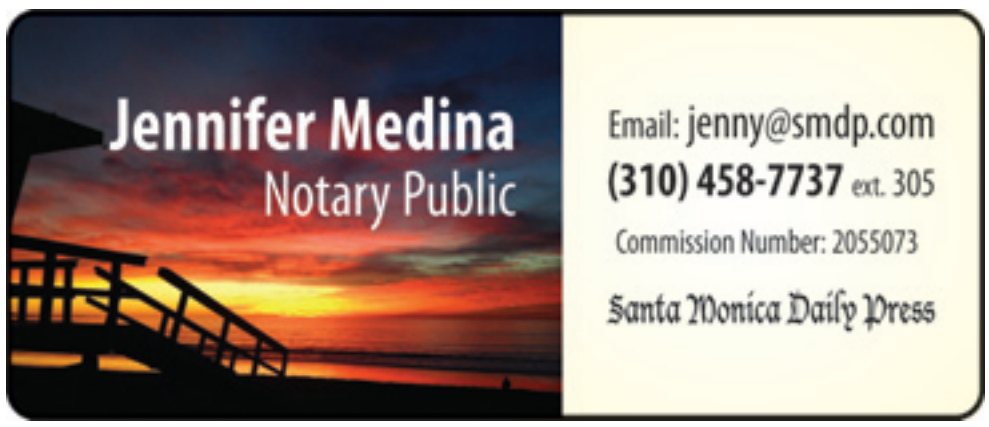
They've asked residents to suggest areas for bike stations through an online map (available here: http://www.metro.net/interactives/html/bikeshare/) in anticipation of the January meeting, during which Metro will present its plan.

"The plan will include business models that identify how user and advertising fees, corporate sponsorships, and/or grant funding can support bike share operations," Metro said in a release. "Metro will then move to contract and administer the bikeshare program."

Metro will solicit bids from all bikeshare vendors so it remains possible that CycleHop, or a vendor compatible with CycleHop, will be selected.

"I think it's just really important that we continue to coordinate with them (Santa Monica)," Cornejo said, "and leave open the possibility that it could still be an integrated system and we're hoping that's the case."

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WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
BIGGEST IN THE PM; Reinforcing West-WNW swell moves in and tops out in the PM with occasional bigger sets for standout spots; Best wind conditions in the AM; Incoming tide for early to mid morning

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
West-WNW swell holds fairly steady all day; Lightest wind/best conditions early before prefrontal southerly wind gradually rises up through the day

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **5-8 ft** head high to 3 ft overhead occ. 9ft
Potential for an even larger pulse of West-WNW swell to show; Unfavorable wind/weather conditions lining up at this point

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **5-8 ft** head high to 3 ft overhead
BIGGEST EARLY; Easing West-WNW swell; Possible WNW-NW wind all day

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 3, 2014**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 4
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 5
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / 19

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

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

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

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

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

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Drew Butera goes from Dodgers to Angels

BY TONY CAPOBIANCO
Special to the Daily Press

SAN DIEGO On Tuesday, Major League catcher Drew Butera became one of the few players in baseball to be traded, but not have to leave town. He was traded from the Los Angeles Dodgers to the Los Angeles Angels for a player to be named (usually low level minor leaguer) and cash.

The trade took place at the Baseball Winter Meetings shortly after the Dodgers claimed backup catcher Ryan Lavarnway off waivers from the Boston Red Sox and designated Butera for assignment as a corresponding move in order to make room on the 40-man roster.

Butera played in 61 games as the backup to A.J. Ellis in 2014. He posted a measly .188/.267/.288 slash line with three homers and 14 RBIs but caught Josh Beckett's no-hitter against the Philadelphia Phillies on May 25th. He was originally obtained by the Dodgers at the 2013 non-waiver Trade Deadline from the Minnesota Twins for Minor League pitcher Miguel Sulbaran.

Angels general manager Jerry Dipoto came into the Winter Meetings looking to add defensive depth to his club. Looking for a backup catcher to give Chris Iannetta extra down time and not have it be a defensive detriment to his pitching staff was a top priority for the Angles going in.

Dipoto said after the trade that loves the way Butera is defensively and how he calls a game for his pitchers, as well as having the experience catching pitching staffs similar to the Angels' caliber.

"He has a tremendous defensive reputation that certainly out distances his offensive reputation," Dipoto said.

With the acquisition of Butera, the Angels now have five catchers on their 40-man roster going into spring training. Butera will go into Tempe to compete for the main backup catcher job with prospects Jett Bandy, Carlos Perez and Jackson Williams. Butera does not have any minor league options left - hence being designated for assignment by the Dodgers in the first place - so if he will have to make the roster out of spring training or risk being out of a Major League roster.

It's the deepest the Angels have been in the catcher position since Dipoto took over as general manager, and he's fine with that.

"Some combination of Drew Butera and that group of three guys are going to make up the games in the big leagues that Chris does not catch for us," Dipoto said, "and we feel comfortable with that."

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VISIT WITH A LOVED ONE, CANCER

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ A friend could be hot under the collar as of late, particularly today. A vague sense of confusion surrounds a project, yet someone you respect adds clarity. This person is full of ideas; brainstorm with him or her more often. Tonight: Midweek break.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Venus, your ruling planet, changes signs and helps you see the big picture. Travel could be part of your life in the next few weeks. Do not get yourself into a rigid situation or become involved with an unusually controlling individual. Tonight: Head home early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You'll choose the right words and naturally say the right thing. Nevertheless, someone might decide to poke holes in your logic. Be gracious and willing to debate the pros and cons of this person's position. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take some time today to do some shopping. You will enjoy yourself, as you're likely to find several special gifts. A difficult friend might have you wondering what is going on with him or her. Listen to what he or she has to share. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You'll feel great interacting with others. Your attitude is likely to be more caring toward people you might not know well but who play a key role in your daily life. Conversations could go beyond the usual "hello/goodbye" exchange. Tonight: Act as if the world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be sensitive to the changes happening around you. You might want to take a nonreactive stance for a few days. Your intuition will be in high gear, so give yourself time to verify these impressions. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to create more of what you want. You understand the art of diplomacy and of saying the right thing to build up others' confidence. Tonight: Join a friend for some holiday eggnog.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take charge of a responsibility, even if it means having to avoid a family member. Your understanding marks your interactions. Someone close to you will admire the way you handle this matter and will let you know in his or her own way. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You will want to approach a matter differently, as you suddenly might be able to see the whole issue in a new light. It's possible that you won't be able to convince someone else of the usefulness of your plans. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might enjoy being closer to a loved one. A family member or domestic situation could add some stress to your interactions. Worry less, and go forward. You'll be able to handle this matter in a creative way. Tonight: Make time for a close friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You could be unusually assertive, and others might be having a strong reaction. Understand that you are triggering these reactions; they are not occurring from out of the blue. Use caution with funds when your mind is elsewhere. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ "All work and no play" could be a difficult goal to accomplish. In fact, it might be impossible to rein in your imagination today. Your effectiveness could be enhanced if you opt to give yourself a healthy break. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

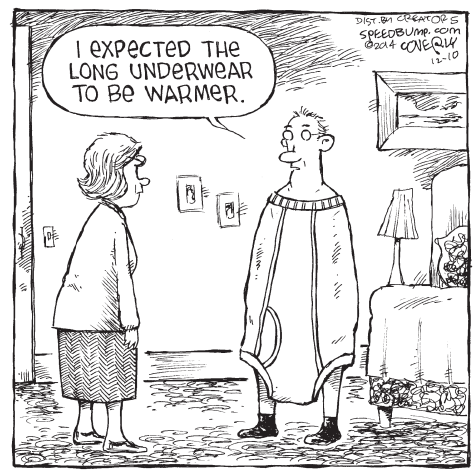
Wednesday, December 10, 2014

This year you open up to more adventure, which allows your creativity to surge. You easily could become known as an "idea person." You always seem to land on your feet, even if you give in to your innate impulsiveness. If you are single, you will have your pick of suitors. Your biggest dilemma will be choosing whom to date. If you are attached, your sweetie might be taken aback at times by your spontaneity. Indulging him or her with tokens of your affection will help. LEO makes a delightful playmate.

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

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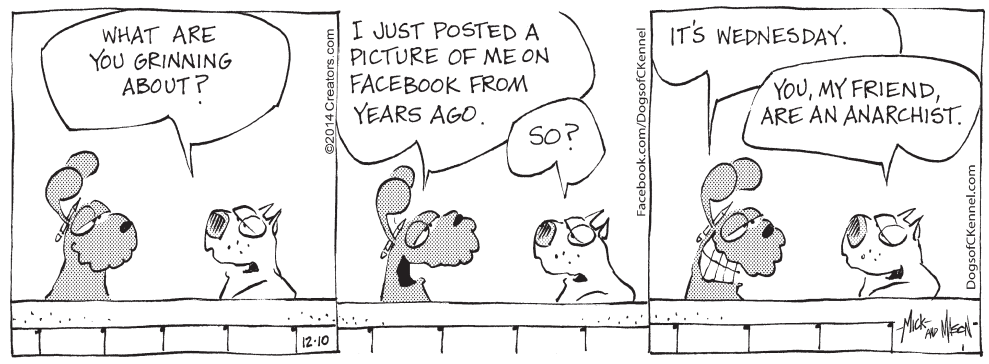
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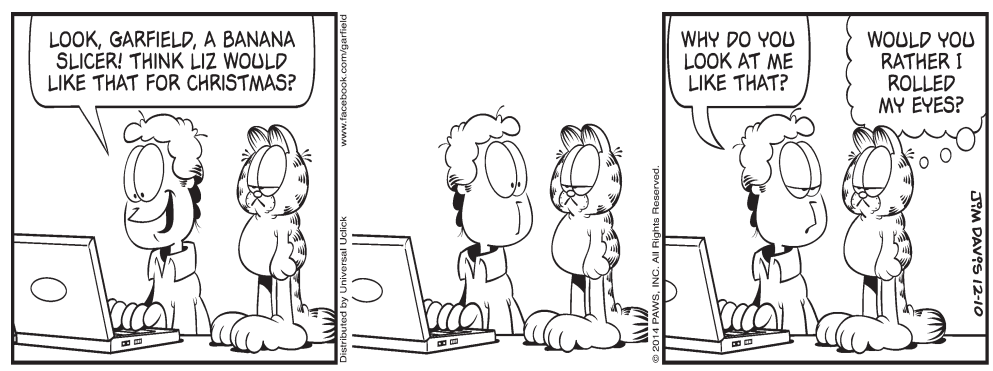
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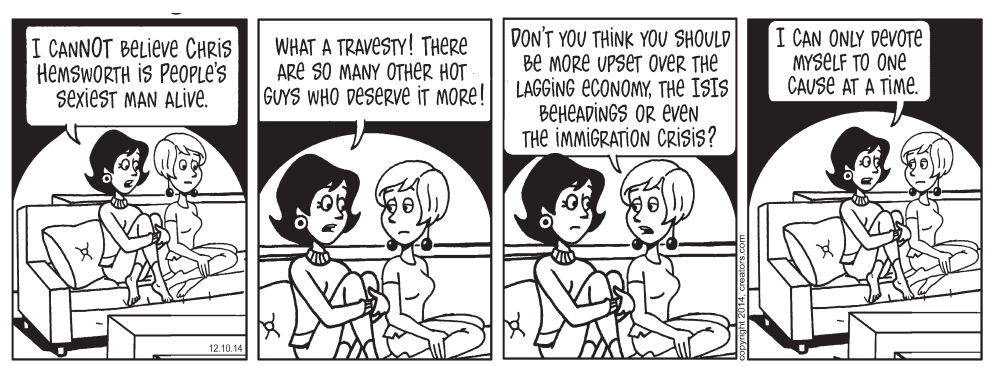
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 299 calls for service on Dec. 8.

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

Battery on the 1900 block of 18th St. at 12:03 a.m.
Petty theft at 4th and Palisades Ave. at 1:01 p.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 700 block of Navy St. at 1:07 a.m.
Battery on the 1500 block of PCH at 1:47 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2400 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 6:13 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 1200 block of Princeton St. at 6:13 a.m.
Domestic violence on the 800 block of 23rd St. at 7:22 a.m.
Trespassing on the 2500 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 8:08 a.m.
Vandalism on the 100 block of Strand St. at 9:25 a.m.
Petty theft on the 200 block of 23rd St. at 9:28 a.m.
Identity theft on the 100 block of Bicknell Ave. at 10:13 a.m.
Lewd activity on the 600 block of Broadway at 10:23 a.m.
Burglary on the 2000 block of Delaware Ave. at 10:52 a.m.
Grand theft on the 3200 block of Colorado Ave. at 11:33 a.m.
Trespassing on the 1400 block of 4th St. at 12:18 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1400 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 12:20 p.m.
Person with a gun on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 12:40 p.m.
Fraud on the 1500 block of 17th St. at 1:42 p.m.
Traffic accident at Cloverfield and Olympic at 2:07 p.m.
Battery on the 1500 block of 2nd St. at 2:22 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 2:29 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 2:53 p.m.
Person with a gun on the 2000 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 3:15 p.m.
Sexual assault at 5th and Santa Monica at 3:20 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1400 block of 3rd St. Promenade at 3:38 p.m.
Traffic accident at Main and Bay at 4:01 p.m.
Traffic accident at the 400 block of 19th St. at 4:22 p.m.
Harassing phone calls on the 800 block of 23rd St. at 4:58 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 6:36 p.m.
Identity theft on the 1500 block of 6th St. at 7:03 p.m.
Trespassing on the 2200 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 7:28 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1600 block of Franklin St. at 8:28 p.m.
Drunk driving at 2nd and Broadway at 10:15 p.m.
Drunk driving on the 1400 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 11:21 p.m.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Hint: the photo was taken east of 20th Street. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Ship poles
6 River of Arizona
10 Like draft beer
11 Saudi Arabia neighbor
12 Overly theatrical
13 City-based
14 Train units
15 Make happy
16 Fall mo.
17 Take in
18 — Moines
19 University of Arizona team
22 Some bucks
23 Annoys
26 Youthful indiscretions
29 Holds
32 Diner dessert
33 Tear
34 Recently
36 Tortoise's rival
37 Prolonged attack
38 Sculptor Henry
39 Cornered
40 Invited
41 Jazz club units
42 Poor

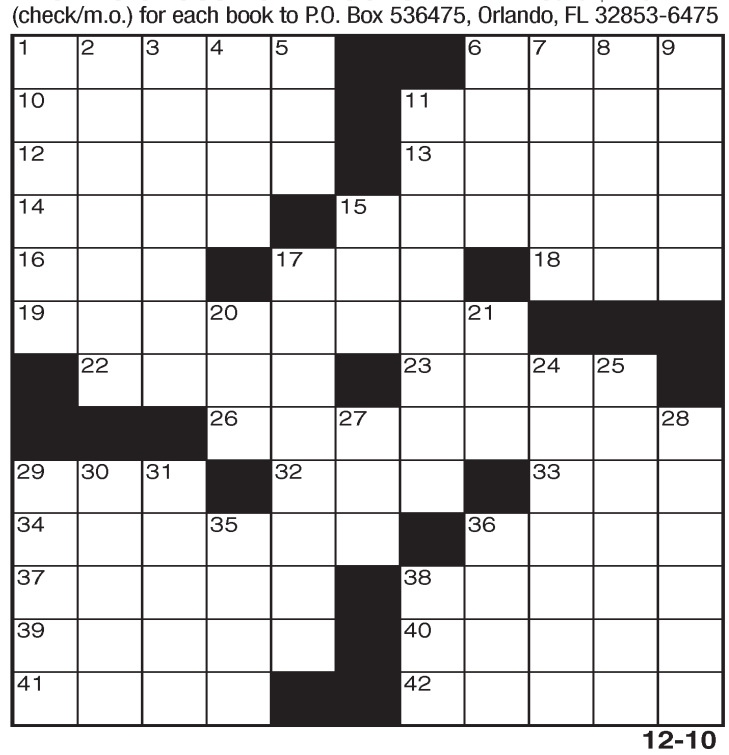
DOWN

1 Kremlin setting
2 Tummy relief
3 Take by surprise
4 Price holders
5 Mole, e.g.
6 Richard of "Chicago"
7 Michael Jackson lyric
8 Renter's paper
9 Queen — lace
11 Christmas season
15 Pod item
17 Like most movies
20 Grass drops
21 Hit show letters
24 Sing-along music
25 Mixed, in a way
27 Tell tales
28 Swift
29 Party givers
30 Burning
31 Winter weather
35 A long time
36 Radiator part
38 "Oh, wow!"

V	E	G	A	S	■	R	I	G	U	P
A	V	A	S	T	■	A	L	O	N	E
P	A	S	S	I	N	G	L	A	N	E
O	D	E	■	F	O	E	■	H	E	W
R	E	S	U	L	T	S	■	E	R	E
■	■	■	N	E	E	■	R	A	V	E
S	E	M	I	S	■	B	I	D	E	S
C	L	O	T	■	B	O	O	■	■	■
R	E	D	■	S	U	L	T	A	N	S
A	G	E	■	P	R	O	■	P	O	I
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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date: 12/6
12 15 22 43 49
Power#: 14
Jackpot: $60M

Draw Date: 12/5
4 5 11 51 59
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: $91M

Draw Date: 12/6
20 30 38 44 45
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $21M

Draw Date: 12/8
9 17 22 25 28

Draw Date: 12/9
MIDDAY: 0 4 1
EVENING:

Draw Date: 12/8
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:47.96

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Cry for Help: Mr. Jenya Bolotov, 26, a Russian, became an Internet sensation in November (on Facebook, YouTube and several news sites) by releasing photographs showing a seven-year obsession with modifying his face to resemble that of a platypus. He has stretched eight parts of his face to effect a duck-billed look, with holes on the sides of his nostrils and plugs extending his lips. "I can eat, talk and speak on the phone like everyone else," he insisted, but is happier now that he can "live differently." (Some Internet commenters complained that, while Bolotov's face is certainly "creepy," they cannot quite conjure up "platypus" from the look.)

■ The Creative Class: To spark interest in the new leisure center opening in spring 2015 in Selby in North Yorkshire, England, the management company WLCT sponsored a contest to name the center, with the prize a year's free membership. On Nov. 5, General Manager Paul Hirst announced that Steve Wadsworth was the winner, proclaiming, "Well done to Steve on winning the competition." The winning entry: "Selby Leisure Centre."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1906 - U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt wins the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the mediation of the Russo-Japanese War, becoming the first American to win a Nobel Prize.

1909 - Selma Lagerlöf becomes the first female writer to win the Nobel Prize in Literature

1927 - The phrase "Grand Ole Opry" is used for the first time on-air.

1932 - Thailand becomes a constitutional monarchy.

WORD UP!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 317347 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/06/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as WORLD ON A RED STRING. 128 NORTH OAK KNOLL AVE. #316 , PASADENA, CA 91101. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MARIA PAPADAKIS 128 NORTH OAK KNOLL AVE. #316 PASADENA, CA 91101, ALEXANDRIA D. PAPADAKIS 1050 SOUTH FLOWER STREET APT. #335 LOS ANGELES, CA 90015. This Business is being conducted by: Copartners. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:MARIA PAPADAKIS. MARIA PAPADAKIS, ALEXANDRIA D. PAPADAKIS. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/06/2014. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 326188 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/14/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as BLESSINGS FAMILY DAYCARE. 5536 LAKEWOOD BLVD. , LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: TINA M. RIKE 5536 LAKEWOOD BLVD. LAKEWOOD, CA 90712. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:TINA M. RIKE. TINA M. RIKE. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/14/2014. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2014 319754 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/07/2014 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as LENSWORKS RENTALS. 13428 BEACH AVE. , MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: WORKS CAMERAS LLC 13428 BEACH AVE. MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292. This Business is being conducted by: a Limited Liability Company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:STEPHEN GELB. WORKS CAMERAS LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/07/2014. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/03/2014, 12/10/2014, 12/17/2014, 12/24/2014.

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Jacob Teitelbaum Please contact the undersigned immediately (but not later than December 11th, 2014) if you are, or have any information regarding the present status, condition or whereabouts of, Jacob Teitelbaum, formerly of 3761 Veteran Ave. in Culver City. His sister is here from Israel and is trying to reach him regarding an important legal matter. Gene Moscovitch (310) 392-7174

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