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Los Angeles Marathon hopes for several record breakers in this year's race

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Runners crossing the finish line at the annual Los Angeles Marathon all look somewhat similar with an abundance of race shorts, t-shirts and sneakers gathering around the finish line. However, this year there might be a little more diversity as runners reach the Pier.

The Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon has partnered with the Guinness World Records organization to offer on-site verification of world records attempted during the marathon.

Among the hundreds of potential records are many costumes including the fastest marathon dressed as a landmark (current male record: 4 hr 54 min 02 sec), fastest marathon in film character costume (current female record: 3 hr 44 min 18 sec) and fastest marathon dressed as Elvis (current record: 2 hr 42 min 52 sec).

Non-attire records include fastest marathon carrying a 40 pound backpack (current female record: 4 hr 34 min 42 sec), fastest marathon dribbling a basketball (current male record: 3 hr 11 min 26 sec, current female record: 4 hr 28 min 11 sec), fastest marathon with two runners handcuffed together (no current record, minimum requirement for mixed pair: 4 hr 15 min) or fastest marathon run by three generations (no current record, minimum require-

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POSADA

On Friday Dec. 16, Familias Latinas Unidas hosted a Posada at Virginia Avenue Park. There were over 250 people who attended and celebrated the event. Chief Seabrooks along with a dozen Santa Monica Police Officers served food to everyone and socialized with the local community.

Marina Andalon

SMPD uses new Bike Index to fight theft

MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica is the bike mecca of Southern California and with so many bikes, means more opportunities for bikes to get stolen. The Santa Monica Police Department has recently introduced the Bike Index Program help track stolen bikes.

"If and when an officer encounters a potentially stolen bike, if it is not reported with the serial number then the police usually have no way of locating the bike to its rightful owner," said Neighborhood Resource Officer Marilyn Amiache.

It seems to be an on going issue for the police department. Many people do not register their bike, making it almost impossible to prove the bike was stolen and returning the bike is no longer an option.

Now the department is using Bike Index, an online database cofounded by Seth Herr and Bryan Hance in 2014. It is currently the nation's largest bicycle registration and recovery service and has 3,200 confirmed recoveries to date.

"I think there are two main aspects that make us unique. One, we are nation wide, meaning if a bike is stolen in state A and found in state B, it will still show up in the database," said Bryan Hance, cofounder of Bike Index. "Secondly, we are a bit more modern than other bike registries. On Bike Index, you can upload a photo of your bike making it easier to identify."

A database within the department can only track down bikes by the serial number. Now with Bike Index, the system allows officers to be on scene and type in any infor-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, December 20

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group

Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. December Title: "Devil's Bridge" by Linda Fairstein. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Teen Party

Celebrate the beginning to Winter Break with games, music, and refreshments! For ages 6 & up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

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Come enjoy Legos and Board Games. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

the whole family and enjoy some popcorn (115 min). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Beach House Gallery

Gallery hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hours are subject to change; please call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Friday, Dec. 23

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for \$15/class or sign up for series. 9 - 10 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. www.annenberg-beachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx

Saturday, Dec. 24

Certified Farmer's Market

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers at Virginia Ave. Park and Downtown. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Library Closed

All Library locations are closed today.

Beach and Guest House closed

Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The site reopens 12/26 at 8:30 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Sunday, December 25

Library Closed

All Library locations are closed today.

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

CORRECTION
On Friday we made a mistake with the phone number for Fork in the Road. The correct number is (310) 450-2244. SMDP apologizes for any inconvenience.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

UCLA breaks records with freshman applications

For the first time in UCLA history, freshman applications have surpassed six figures. According to preliminary data, more than 102,000 high school seniors applied for admission to UCLA for fall 2017. They represent the most economically, ethnically and geographically diverse pool of talent to ever apply to UCLA. Contributing to this success is a record number of applications from California high school seniors.

Overall, UCLA received 5.3 percent more freshman applications than last year. The largest portion of that increase came from California students. Applications from California residents surpassed 63,400, an increase of roughly 4,600, or 7.8 percent compared to last year. This growth marks UCLA's largest-ever one-year increase in applications from California residents.

UCLA received a total of more than 100,000 applications from prospective freshmen and transfer students, combined, in each of the past three years. Data for incoming transfer student applications are not available yet, because the deadline for transfer applications was extended to Jan. 3, 2017.

"We're pleased to see the response from California students from all across this great state," said Youlonda Copeland-Morgan, UCLA's vice provost for enrollment management. "Our admission, outreach and financial aid staff have worked hard to ensure that students throughout California had the information they needed to decide whether UCLA is the right place for them. And, overwhelmingly, they chose to apply."

This jump in in-state applications will help UCLA enroll a larger number of California students, part of the University of California's commitment to enroll an additional 10,000 California undergraduates over three years.

More modest gains were made in out-of-state applications, which rose by 1 percent from last year, and international applications, which grew by 1.8 percent.

There was a notable increase in applications from students from groups that have traditionally been underrepresented on campus. The number of prospective Pacific Islander freshmen jumped by 15.7 percent from last year, while the number of Chicano/Latino applicants increased by 9.4 percent. Applications from Native American and African-American students rose by 5.5 percent and 4.5 percent, respectively.

Applications from Asian-Americans increased by 5 percent, and applications from white students by 3 percent.

In its assessment of prospective students, UCLA uses a comprehensive holistic review process to ensure a thorough review is conducted and that each applicant's educational and personal experiences are considered.

"Even with our extraordinary volume, we are committed to reading and considering everything students might share with us in their applications," said Gary Clark, UCLA's

director of undergraduate admission. "We look forward to getting to know these students as we review their applications in the coming months."

UCLA will notify freshman applicants of admission decisions by April 1, 2017, and admitted students have until May 1, 2017, to notify the campus whether they intend to register.

Tables with systemwide application statistics and data for all nine UC undergraduate campuses are posted at the University of California Office of the President website.

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Citywide

Metro to Offer Special Holiday Free Fares Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve

Get home safely by letting Metro do the driving this holiday season. Metro will once again offer holiday free rides on all Metro Bus and Rail lines operating on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

BUS AND RAIL

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: Metro Bus and Rail will run a regular Saturday schedule with enhanced game day service on certain lines for the Rams vs 49s game at the Los Angeles Coliseum, which begins at 1:25 p.m. Rides will be free on the night of Christmas Eve from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Customers who board during those hours will receive a free ride to their destination.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25: Metro Bus and Rail will run on a Sunday/Holiday schedule.

Christmas Day Observed, Dec. 26: Metro Bus and Rail will run on a Sunday/Holiday schedule. This means bus lines that do not operate on Sundays will not run on Monday.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31: Metro Bus and Rail will operate on a regular Saturday schedule with overnight, 24-hour service on all Metro Rail lines, the Orange and Silver Line in addition to late-night owl bus service. Free fares will be in effect from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. After 2 a.m. please TAP to ride. Metro Rail and the Orange Line will run every 20 minutes from approximately 1 to 5 a.m. The Silver Line will run every 60 minutes from midnight to 4 a.m.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1: Metro will operate on Sunday/Holiday schedule with enhanced game day service on certain lines for the Rams vs Cardinals game at the Los Angeles Coliseum at 1:25 p.m.

New Year's Day Observed, Jan. 2: Metro will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule with enhanced Metro Rail service for the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl Game in Pasadena. The Gold Line will begin Pasadena-bound service at 3 a.m. and will be the best way to get to the Pasadena events as numerous Metro bus lines along the Rose Parade route will be

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Goals for 2017 and thank you for 2016

This is my last column of the year, I'll be back on Jan. 9 but until then I'm in Mexico on vacation. As I review the year just past I also plan for the future. Looking at what I accomplished this year that I wanted to get done, and what I didn't get done, I look to see why. I had goals set this year, financial, travel, personal and professional. Most of them were made, but some I let slide. Some I became complacent with less than achieving, as "good enough."

That's a mistake, a personal failing that I wish to rectify next year. I certainly am capable of reaching any reasonable goal that I set for myself. I qualify with that word reasonable, for two reasons. One, motivational speakers like to say that anything is possible - well, not always - the reality is that no matter what I did to train and practice I'm not going to get a \$10,000,000 annual contract to be on the starting lineup of the Lakers - ever. So a measure of reality is needed. Two, if I make a unreasonable goal for myself it's essentially building in an escape hatch on my efforts. An unreasonable goal can easily become an excuse to quit, to give half efforts and never make any progress towards a goal.

So why do motivational speakers say to set unreasonable goals? Certainly, they must know these things as well, I am not the only one to ever notice this. The benefit of unreasonable goals is to set a high-water mark, something to strive for so that you don't become complacent with less than you could really achieve. I see that, I'm not against setting big goals, bigger than you can imagine, but I think let's keep them in the realm of areas that you are at least capable of working towards.

At 5'5" 180 pounds and 50 years old, the likelihood of my being a professional athlete in the NBA, NHL, MLB, or NFL is zero no matter what I do. But does that mean that I couldn't set a goal of being the best I can be in a non-professional sport - absolutely not. And that's the point. I can see myself improving in weightlifting, yoga, bike riding, scuba diving, snow skiing, and swimming.

There are other physical activities I can see myself participating in, such as taking dance classes at either Santa Monica College or The Dance Doctor John Cassese's Dance Academy on 4th street. I could take up Brazilian Jiu Jitsu or karate, or Krav Maga. these are all high goals, and achievable.

So this coming year I am setting goals of being more physically active. I also want to do more public speaking, with the goal of making it a sizable portion of my income and increasing my travels throughout the world. I have just spoken in Mexico for the Open Circle Society in Ajijic and I am going to set a goal of speaking in three other countries for 2017.

As part of the research I did for this inspirational speech I gave, I found Tao Porton-Lynch. She is inspiration personified. Her life has taken her from colonial India, where she protested with Mahatma Gandhi as a young woman, to war-ravaged Europe where she was rescuing Jewish refugees, to being a movie actress under contract to MGM in the 50's. She led a full and amazing life, but that was just the first 50 years of her life. In her 80's she has recovered from a broken hip, returned to India to practice yoga in front of the Taj Mahal, taken up ballroom dancing where she has won over 700 1st place awards with her 20something dance partners. In her 90's she has been named a Guinness Book of World Records holder for oldest active yoga instructor at age 93 and today, at age 97, she still teaches yoga instructors and has classes, workshops and retreats planned through the second quarter of 2017.

Goal setting is important in that it keeps up focused, directed and motivated. When we have tangible goals, they are easier to achieve, because we can see the progress we make. When we share the fact of our goals with people who support us, they keep us accountable. If you want to set a goal, and are serious about making it a reality, you have to announce it, share the progress you are making towards it, and keep it top of mind. This is why having a goal board is useful, but even if you simply just write your goals list and put them on your bathroom mirror so that you see them each day and recite them to yourself, you are more likely to achieve those goals than if you simply just mentally set a list, and don't share it, don't bring it into the physical world and are not accountable to anyone.

We can achieve more than we think we can, if we set and then continually strive towards a goal. I encourage people to set their 2017 goals, and then share them with a trusted friend or partner so they can have the needed accountability, support and encouragement in times of doubt and weakness.

Happy Chanukah, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy New Year, and I look forward to a prosperous and fulfilling 2017. Thank you for reading and sharing your thoughts with me throughout 2016 and I can't wait to see what 2017 brings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Re: Keeping the airport open

Editor:

I would like for Mr. Worden the describe the "careless and reckless assaults" on our airport that the voters requested to be closed. I see it as the city actually listening to its citizens and doing something.

Nothing careless or reckless about that!

Roy Persinko

Santa Monica

BRIEFS

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detoured or split into two segments at Colorado Boulevard until streets are reopened. There are multiple stations that serve the parade route in Pasadena, including Del Mar, Memorial Park, Lake and Allen. Residents of the San Fernando Valley are encouraged to consider Line 501, which travels between North Hollywood Station and Old Pasadena. Line 501 will run every 30 minutes on Jan. 2 and fare is \$2.50. To access the free bus shuttles from the Parsons parking lot to

the Rose Bowl, use Memorial Park Station.

While free fares are in effect, fare gates will be unlatched and anyone who accidentally taps their TAP card will not be charged. Metro's one-way fare is \$1.75 with two hours of free transfers. If you purchase a Metro Day Pass, it is valid until 3 a.m. the following day.

BIKE SHARE

From Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, 2017, walk-up users can enjoy Metro Bike for just \$1 per 30-minute ride. Use your credit/debit card to check out a bike and enter the promo code 112017 to receive the discount.

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Wastewater Main Replacement Project

For the week of Dec. 19, the contractor will begin removal and replacement of the sewer main on Marguerita Place North between 1st Court and 7th Street. The contractor will also continue cleaning and video inspection of the sewer main on Ocean Front Walk from Ashland Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier. During these operations, traffic control will be set up. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Tim Scheffer, Construction Manager (909) 376-0275.



Ishihara Park (Buffer Park) Project

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

Los Amigos Park Stormwater Harvesting And Direct Use Demonstration Project

For the week of Dec. 19, the contractor will continue work with the installation of plumbing to restrooms, equipment pads, and restoration of baseball fields. Construction for the first phase was completed and traffic control on 5th Street was removed. Hollister Ave. between 5th and 6th Streets will remain closed to through traffic. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Scott Neumann, Construction Manager (310) 525-0683.

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MARATHON

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ment aggregate time: 10 hr).

To attempt a certified record, potential runners can visit the Guinness website <https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com> where they will find a list of 200 marathon related records. After selecting a category, potential runners will receive a list of rules, regulations and procedures related to that record.

Kristen Ott, a PR Manager with Guinness said all records are standardized so someone attempting to run a marathon in a Chef's costume will be required to utilize hats, aprons and accessories of a specific size/weight or someone running while dribbling a basketball will be required to use a ball with specific measurements and materials.

During the race, Guinness adjudicators will be present throughout the course to ensure competitors adhere to the rules at all times.

"If the person has followed all the rules and beats the current record, they become the new record holder," said Ott.

Runners who have an idea for record not already listed can propose their concept to Guinness. The proposed record must be measurable, verifiable, standardized (or able to be) and replicable worldwide.

The organization gets about 1,000 requests per week and the normal process can take up to 12 weeks. Due to the partnership with the Marathon, Guinness will be expediting applications for record attempts during the race. And Ott said the process would be complete in about a week.

Guinness has been verifying marathon

records on site for about 10 years but this will be the first time the organization has worked with a marathon in America.

"Partnering with Guinness World Records is a natural fit for the Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon, and we're thrilled to present runners this opportunity to exceed extraordinary limits and make their race experience even more special," said Tracey Russell, Chief Executive of Conquer Endurance Group, the organizer of the Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon. "The annual race reflects Los Angeles' signature style and vibrancy, and adding a record-breaking element further enhances the race as one of the most unique, fun and world-class endurance events in the US and around the world."

Marathon organizers might be hoping some runners attempt a specific record. Two of the existing records are for the fastest marathon dressed as a Skechers Performance shoe (female 4:40:56) and fastest marathon dressed as a Skechers Performance shoe (male 4:14:18).

Runners can find the full list of existing marathon records and learn more about how to apply for their record-breaking moment at the 2017 Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon at <http://www.lamarathon.com/event-info/guinness-world-records>.

Hopeful participants must be entered in the Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon event before visiting the Guinness World Records website to apply to break or set a new record.

Registration for world records is now open online and will remain open through February of 2017.

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Prosecutor claims Baca knew of abuse

BY BRIAN MELLEY

Associated Press

The former head of the nation's largest sheriff's department was the driving force behind a conspiracy to thwart a federal investigation into abuses at the Los Angeles County jail system he ran, a U.S. prosecutor told a jury Monday.

The conspiracy by ex-Sheriff Lee Baca and his aides deprived inmates who were beaten of justice and allowed deputies to escape accountability, Assistant U.S. Attorney Brandon Fox said in his closing argument.

"This was Mr. Baca's conspiracy," Fox said. "This was dirty from the beginning."

The longtime lawman is charged with conspiracy and obstruction of justice for acts his subordinates carried out in August and September 2011, when his deputies discovered an inmate with a smuggled cellphone was an FBI informant using the device to document abuses.

Baca abruptly retired in 2014 after more than a dozen deputies were indicted. His defense lawyer said prosecutors failed to prove he was part of an elaborate effort to hide the informant from the FBI and intimidate a rookie agent working on the investigation by threatening to arrest her.

Defense attorney Nathan Hochman said Baca was seeking information because federal authorities would not answer questions.

Hochman pointed to Baca's second-in-command, Paul Tanaka, as the ringleader. He displayed a log of 60 phone calls between Tanaka and co-conspirators and only one between Baca and those people.

Tanaka was convicted of obstruction charges at an earlier trial and sentenced to five

years in prison.

"If Sheriff Baca is the heartbeat, the driving force, the leader of this conspiracy, it should be flipped," Hochman said.

The jury began deliberating Monday.

Baca had long denied any role in the efforts to undermine the FBI, though he had spoken publicly about resenting the agency's intrusion into his jails and said his department policed itself.

Andre Birotte Jr., who was U.S. attorney in Los Angeles at the time of the investigation, testified at trial that Baca, who was known for his cool demeanor, was outraged by the FBI probe.

Birotte, now a federal judge, said that when he told Baca the investigation would continue whether he liked it or not, Baca said he was the sheriff and they were his jails. Birotte also said Baca had declared he was willing to "gun up," or go to war with the FBI if he needed.

Earlier this year, however, Baca pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of making false statements to federal authorities.

He backed out of the plea deal after a judge rejected a sentence of no more than six months as too lenient. Prosecutors then hit him with the more serious obstruction charges.

Baca did not testify at trial. A pair of former County district attorneys took the stand as character witnesses for him, saying he had an above-board reputation as a lawman.

Prosecutors said the character witnesses only showed that Baca had good friends. Fox also said it was clear the former sheriff had not sought their legal counsel before sending deputies to intimidate the FBI agent and threaten her with arrest.

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Trump cruises to Electoral College victory despite protests

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

There were many protesters but few faithless electors as Donald Trump won the Electoral College vote Monday — ensuring he will become America’s 45th president. An effort by anti-Trump forces to persuade Republican electors to abandon the president-elect came to practically nothing and the process unfolded largely according to its traditions. Trump’s polarizing victory Nov. 8 and the fact Democrat Hillary Clinton had won the national popular vote had stirred an intense lobbying effort, but to no avail.

Even one of Trump’s fiercest Republican rivals, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, said it was time to get behind the president-elect. “We want unity, we want love,” Kasich said as Ohio’s electors voted to back Trump at a statehouse ceremony. Kasich refused to endorse or even vote for Trump in the election. With Hawaii still to vote, Trump had 304 votes and Clinton had 224. It takes 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency. Texas put Trump over the top, despite two Republican electors casting protest votes. Befitting an election filled with acrimony, thousands of protesters converged on state capitols across the country Monday, urging Republican electors to abandon their party’s winning candidate.

More than 200 demonstrators braved freezing temperatures at Pennsylvania’s capitol, chanting, “No Trump, no KKK, no fascist USA!” and “No treason, no Trump!” In Madison, Wisconsin, protesters shouted, cried and sang “Silent Night.” In Augusta, Maine, they banged on drums and held signs that said, “Don’t let Putin Pick Our President,” referring to Russian President Vladimir Putin. Despite the noise outside state Capitols, inside, the voting went pretty much as planned. In Nashville, Tennessee, one audience member tried to read out some Scripture before the ballots were cast, but was told he could not speak. “We certainly appreciate the Scripture,” State Election Coordinator Mark Goins said from the podium. “The answer is no.” With all Republican states reporting, Trump lost only the two electors in Texas. One voted for Kasich, the Ohio governor; the other voted for former Texas Rep. Ron Paul. Clinton lost four electors in Washington state — three voted for former Secretary of State Colin Powell and one voted for Native American tribal leader Faith Spotted Eagle. Several Democratic electors in other states tried to vote for protest candidates but they either changed their votes to Clinton or were replaced. The Electoral College has 538 members, with the number allocated to each state

based on how many representatives it has in the House plus one for each senator. The District of Columbia gets three, despite the fact that the home to Congress has no vote in Congress. Republican electors were deluged with emails, phone calls and letters urging them not to support Trump. Many of the emails are part of coordinated campaigns. In Baton Rouge, Louisiana, elector Charlie Buckels reached out to Trump’s opponents after the New York businessman got all of the state’s eight votes. “For those of you who wished it had gone another way, I thank you for being here,” said Buckels, the state GOP finance chairman. “I thank you for your passion for our country.” There is no constitutional provision or federal law that requires electors to vote for the candidate who won their state — though some states require their electors to vote for the winning candidate. Those laws, however, are rarely tested. More than 99 percent of electors through U.S. history have voted for the candidate who won their state. Of those who refused, none has ever been prosecuted, according to the National Archives. Some Democrats have argued that the Electoral College is undemocratic because it gives more weight to less populated states. That is how Clinton, who got more than 2.8 million more votes nationwide, lost the election to Trump.

Some have also tried to dissuade Trump voters by arguing that he is unsuited to the job. Others cite the CIA’s assessment that Russia engaged in computer hacking to sway the election in favor of the Republican. “When the founders of our country created (the Electoral College) 200-plus years ago, they didn’t have confidence in the average white man who had property, because that’s who got to vote,” said Shawn Terris, a Democratic elector from Ventura, California. “It just seems so undemocratic to me that people other than the voters get to choose who leads the country.” A joint session of Congress is scheduled for Jan. 6 to certify the results of the Electoral College vote, with Vice President Joe Biden presiding as president of the Senate. Once the result is certified, the winner — almost certainly Trump — will be sworn in on Jan. 20.

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mation about the bicycle such as color, model, and serial number. If and when results appear the officer will know if the bike is in the right ownership. “What is great about Bike Index is the fact that the program is very user friendly, and it is nationally updated,” said Officer Amiache. “People should still use precautions so their bike is less likely to be stolen.” When a bike is registered with Bike Index, the information including detailed descriptions is stored into the database. This information is made available to hundreds of partners across the U.S. Some local partners include LAPD West, SMPD, Bike Attack, Helen’s Cycles, Performance Bicycle and Raleigh Bikes. At Raleigh the employees will not only inform you about the Bike Index program but also help you register your newly purchased bike. According to www.bikeindex.org, over a

million bikes are stolen every year in the United States. To make sure you are not part of the statistic the best thing to do is follow a couple of tips the Bike Index has provided.

1. Use a U-Lock, cable locks should never be used as a primary way of locking a bike in a city.
2. Aim to have the hardest bike to steal on the rack. Two U-Locks or one U-Lock with a heavy duty cable to be the minimum required in a large city.
3. Don’t rely on foot traffic to keep your bike safe. Thefts act under the cover of crowd activity. Don’t rely on the presence of cameras to keep your bike secure.
4. Many bikes are stolen from garages and store rooms. Lock your bike securely to an immovable object even if in a secure place.

The Santa Monica Police Department are now strongly encouraging everyone and or businesses that have a bike to register the bike at <https://bikeindex.org/users/new>.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **56.8°**

Tuesday – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Knee to thigh high
Small WNW swell.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small WNW swell. New S swell creeps up in the PM

Lilly McHugh Dowler

September 1, 1928 – December 15, 2016

Lilly McHugh Dowler. September 1, 1928 to December 15, 2016. She died of complications of terminal stubbornness.

She was born in the small town of Mohil, County Leitrim, Ireland. At age 15 she left her small town to go Dublin for work and adventure. In 1947 she took the long boat ride from Ireland to New York. Once here, she never looked back! During her nearly 70 years in the United States, Lilly lived the American Dream. She worked as a nanny, bar-maid, butcher’s assistant and seamstress. She worked day and night, saving every penny she made. With that savings she and her husband bought a home and income property in Santa Monica. Over the years she bought an additional eight income properties in her adopted home town of Santa Monica. Hard work and thrift was her way of life. She was strong, focused and driven.

Lilly had three kids, sons David and Danny and daughter Dorit. She was



preceded in death by her son Danny in 2013 and her ex-husband Gene in 2015. In addition to David and Dorit, she leaves behind a son-in-law and a granddaughter.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY ASKS THAT YOU TAKE A SENIOR CITIZEN TO LUNCH AND ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR LIVES.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON DECEMBER 8, AT ABOUT 2:53 P.M.

Officers responded to the Apple Store at 1415 3rd Street Promenade regrading a subject being detained by Loss Prevention for fraud. Officers determined the suspect entered the store and attempted to upgrade two cellular telephones. The clerk noticed the suspect was acting suspicious and discovered the victim was unaware of the transactions. The suspect was able to complete the transaction valued at over \$1,900 and was detained by Loss Prevention until Police arrival. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. Damien Lamont Hawkins, 35, from Detroit, MI, was arrested for grand theft, identity theft and fraud. Bail \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 361 calls for service on Dec. 18.

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

Battery 1600 block of Ocean Park 12:45 a.m.
Public intoxication 17th/ Colorado 12:52 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block of Maple 1:33 a.m.
Battery Neilson/Kinney 1:49 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1600 block of Wilshire 3:19 a.m.
Person down 1500 block of Stanford 4:06 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 500 block of Santa Monica 4:44 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of Wilshire 6:21 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2400 block of 6th 7:29 a.m.
Missing person 1700 block of Ocean 7:58 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 9th 8:41 a.m.
Public intoxication 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 8:51 a.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of 21st 9:24 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 9th 10:26 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block of Bicknell 10:51 a.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of 21st 11:02 a.m.
Trespassing 200 block of Montana 11:03 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 6th 11:21 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block of Lincoln 12:39 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 12:48 p.m.

Fight Lincoln/ Pico 12:51 p.m.
Hit and run 1100 block of 21st 1:42 p.m.
Traffic collision 1800 block of Santa Monica 2:01 p.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 700 block of Pico 2:41 p.m.
Trespassing 500 block of Olympic 2:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 2800 block of Exposition 3:03 p.m.
Traffic collision 1700 block of 4th 3:12 p.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of 5th 4:10 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1000 block of Pico 4:49 p.m.
Critical missing person 1400 block of Berkeley 4:53 p.m.
Traffic collision 5th/ Colorado 6:09 p.m.
Burglary 200 block of Santa Monica 6:14 p.m.
Burglary 1600 block of 12th 6:57 p.m.
Fight 2700 block of Santa Monica 6:58 p.m.
Domestic violence 200 block of Wilshire 7:05 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1100 block of 18th 7:07 p.m.
Person down 1500 block of Palisades Park 7:29 p.m.
Drunk driving 1500 block of Santa Monica 7:30 p.m.
Battery 2000 block of Pico 7:49 p.m.
Drunk driving Moomat Ahiko Way/ Ocean 9:15 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block of Santa Monica 9:44 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 200 block of Arizona 10:56 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 200 block of Arizona 11:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th/ Broadway 11:17 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 36 calls for service on Dec. 18.

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

Miscellaneous Outside Fire 100 block of I-10 12:32 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Kinney 2:05 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of Santa Monica 2:50 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block of Pico 3:52 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Lincoln 4:16 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of 18th 4:31 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2200 block of Ashland 6:35 a.m.
Elevator rescue 300 block of Civic Center 6:54 a.m.
EMS 3000 block of Delaware 8:06 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 9th 8:28 a.m.

EMS 2100 block of Navy 8:38 a.m.
EMS 3300 block of Barnard 9:07 a.m.
EMS 3000 block of Airport 9:32 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 10:06 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2900 block of Ocean Park 10:11 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of 6th 10:50 a.m.
EMS 600 block of San Vicente 11:28 a.m.
EMS 200 block of San Vicente 11:59 a.m.
Lock In/Out 1100 block of Idaho 12:30 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 1:11 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1300 block of 10th 1:47 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Dewey 2:16 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 2:45 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of 11th 3:26 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Lincoln 4:26 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 4:33 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2000 block of Ocean 4:50 p.m.

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Automatic alarm 1200 block of 14th 4:54 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide alarm 800 block of Broadway 5:25 p.m.
EMS 7th/ Wilshire 5:52 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 5th 7:44 p.m.
Trash/ Dumpster Fire 1400 block of 5th 7:59 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:16 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 19th 8:37 p.m.
EMS 20th/ Santa Monica 8:54 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 23rd 10:24 p.m.

WORD UP!

cordate

heart-shaped: a cordate shell.
(of leaves) heart-shaped, with the attachment at the notched end.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Medical History
■ This week in 1989, Dr. Christoph Broelsch and team at the University of Chicago Hospitals implanted part of a woman's liver in her 21-month-old daughter in the world's first successful living donor liver transplant. The liver is the only human organ capable of fully regenerating, often growing back to near-original size in both recipient and donor.

Last Words
■ "If any of you have a message for the Devil, give it to me, for I am about to meet him!"
--LAVINIA FISHER (1793-1820), HANGED FOR MURDER WHILE WEARING HER WHITE WEDDING DRESS GOWN.

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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.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

MUSICAL ACCESSORIES by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 Health clubs
5 On the ocean
10 Very spacious
14 Tra ___ (singing syllables)
15 Clipped, as a sheep
16 "Yes, that's clear"
17 Merely
18 Chopped down
19 Unlock
20 Keyboardist's accessory
22 Green citrus fruit
23 College or academy
24 Most stylish
26 Turkey or duck
29 Was victorious
30 Egg on
34 With 52 Across, big name in dictionaries
36 Batting game for tots
40 Grizzly, for one
41 Spherical roofs
43 Three-layer cookie
44 Wash thoroughly
46 Nimble
47 Gets married
48 World Series org.
50 ___ of the time (occasionally)
52 See 34 Across
56 Ziti and spaghetti
61 Frequently
62 Strummer's accessory
65 "___ lay me down . . ."
66 Labels on desk mail trays

- 67 Suffix for kitchen
68 Monumental in scope
69 V-shaped indentation
70 Hint
71 Try to locate
72 Having a twisty path
73 Didn't throw away
- DOWN**
- 1 Spills (over)
2 Extreme fright
3 Islam's Almighty
4 Refuse a request
5 Light hair color
6 "My country, 'tis of ___"
7 Scattered, as seeds
8 Standing tall
9 "That's for sure!"
10 Fiddler's accessory
11 Easy ___ (simple)
12 Appears to be
13 Principle of faith
21 Comics cry of distress
25 Forget-me-___
27 Tries to win over
28 End-table lights
30 TV network with pledge drives
31 ___ room (play area)
32 Rower's blade
33 Percussionist's accessory
35 Tubular sandwich
37 "Roses ___ red . . ."
38 Showed the way

- 39 ___ Angeles, CA
42 Feeling of compassion
45 Crunchy sandwich, for short
49 Starts
51 Have a good ___ for music
52 Subsides
53 Marry on the run
54 Knife named for an Alamo soldier
55 Talk endlessly
57 Dot of dirt
58 Car owner's document
59 Be bratty
60 Clay-target shooting
63 Tiny amount
64 Robin Hood's friar friend

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 20)

Your commitment to a goal will be steadfast, and by March you'll have it in your hot hand. You and a love will be bonded in victory in January. Relationships take a lot more work in February but it's worth the effort. A big sale will happen May. Work takes a new trajectory with training you get over the summer. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 44, 28, 32 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

"Why?" is a question for rookies. You know better. You're a pro. Pros don't ask why; they just go in and fix it. You'll spend most of the day in this mode: Go in. Fix it. Repeat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You've danced around it, they have, too, but the bottom line is that you need someone, and this person needs you. Realizing the situation and talking it out will be the best (and bravest) thing you both do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Much will center on the idea of time wasting. What's a waste, and what isn't? Your decision about this will shape your days and your character, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Some people just like being angry. Too bad for them, though, because your calm communication and diplomacy will allow you to work most problems out before anyone even has a chance to get too frustrated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It's said that you shouldn't give a party if you're the most interesting person there. Of course that is totally absurd. You're such an interesting person that, if you followed that rule, you'd never have a party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your best intentions, well, that counts for something even when intentions aren't enough to get the outcome you were hoping for. However it works out for you today, it can still lead somewhere good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You'll be putting your life to a good soundtrack, and that will make everything about it a little bit better. Choosing the songs that make you happy will be a very specific kind of process.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You're ready to know more. You'll ask the good questions. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing; drink deep or taste not the Castalian spring." -- Alexander Pope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

There is no need for friction. The world is big. There will be plenty of room for everyone to do what he or she needs to do. Spread out. Claim an independent space.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You won't be able to totally please them, so you may as well totally please someone: How about you? It's as fair as anyone else you could choose today. You can always try compromising again tomorrow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Your instinct will be to entertain. Sometimes it's done by making things up -- fanciful stories, exaggerated ideas -- but none of that is necessary now. The small plain truth is the most engaging entertainment there is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Experience has taught you what to do, and you could automatically slip into the next step. Hit the pause. This way will work, but another way will work better. Call on your higher powers of reason.

Solstice Prep Time

There are many who can't help but get sadder around the winter solstice. Stock up on compassion and empathy: You'll need a hefty supply to meet the demand. And while it will buoy the spirits to have good friends around, remember that there are times when, in order to be a good friend to yourself, you need to be alone with your thoughts.

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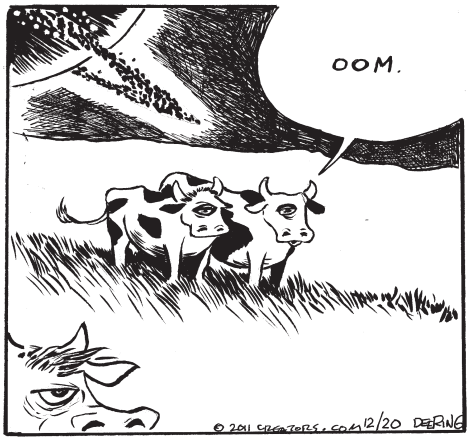
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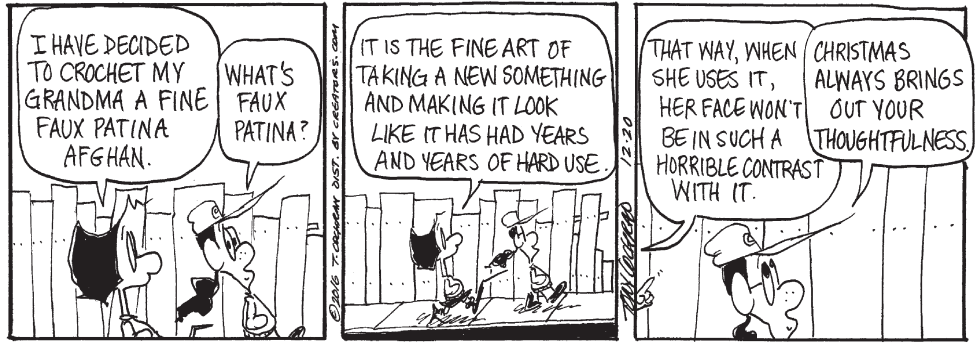
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