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Test scores reiterate SMMUSD achievement gap

Disparities persist along racial, socioeconomic lines

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The numbers are new, but the problem remains the same.

Vast achievement gaps linger along ethnic and socioeconomic lines in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district, according to recently released results from last year's state standardized tests.

About 71 percent of SMMUSD students who took the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress met or exceeded the standard in English and 60 percent passed the math portion of the exam. That's a slight increase over the numbers from the previous year, when 68 percent of local students reached the

English benchmark and 57 percent hit the goal in math.

But pass rates in the district varied dramatically across racial lines, according to the data. In English, they ranged from 50 percent for African-American students and 52 percent for Hispanic students to 82 percent for white students and 86 percent for Asians. Similarly, just 33 percent of black SMMUSD test-takers and 39 percent of Latino students met or exceeded standards in math, while white and Asian students' rates climbed to 74 percent and 82 percent, respectively.

"The achievement gap is pernicious and persistent and we all

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Ballerina leaps into Russian culture

Local student absorbs Moscow on summer training trip

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Mary Polhemus has an interesting story to tell to her peers about what she did this summer.

The Santa Monica High School student spent much of it in Moscow through a State Department program that aims to improve relations between the U.S. and Russia while providing youths with intensive ballet training.

Polhemus was one of 13 participants in the program, a joint effort of the U.S. government, the New York-based Russian American Foundation and the acclaimed Bolshoi Ballet Academy.

Known as the National Security Language Initiative for Youth, the program was launched in 2006 and "seeks to spark a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures among American youth," accord-

ing to a press release.

Through the initiative, high school students like Polhemus can earn merit-based scholarships to learn languages while living abroad. The program covers costs for travel, accommodations, educational activities and cultural outings, according to the release.

Polhemus, 17, and her peers were given the chance "to develop advanced linguistic skills and related cultural understanding" while building a positive international dialogue, the release reads.

Polhemus spent three weeks doing ballet in New York City before leaving for Moscow on a 6-week journey that began in July and wrapped up last month, when the 2016-17 school year began in the Santa Monica-Malibu school district.

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Santa Monica Police Sgt. receives "Hero Award"



Marina Andalon

SUICIDE PREVENTION: Santa Monica police officer Austin Brown was recognized for his work by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention this week.

BY MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

The topic of suicide remains an extremely uncomfortable one in American society but advocates are working to increase awareness including a recent award to a Santa Monica police officer.

First responders are often on the front lines of suicide prevention. Earlier this year, Sergeant Austin Brown showed his skills in a situation involving a suicidal subject holding a knife to his throat.

A man was sitting in his car parked in front of the Santa Monica Courthouse. Sgt. Brown responded to the scene and was the first negotiator to speak to the man. He was determined to talk the man out of committing a tragic action that would affect many people. He was eventually able to talk to the man into throwing the knife out of the driver's side window and convinced him to exit the vehicle. Due to Sgt. Brown's patience and care he was able to resolve the volatile situation without harm coming to the man.

AFSP honored Sgt. Brown on Sept. 6 for exhibiting dedication to the prevention of suicide.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and National Suicide Prevention week runs from Sept. 5 through 11.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. According to AFSP.org, each year 42,773 Americans die by suicide. On average, there are 117 suicides per day. Suicide in California is the second leading cause of death for people ages 25-34 and on average one person dies by suicide every two hours in the state.

Sgt. Brown continues to use several different ways to illustrate his dedication including education, being one of the founding fathers of the DARE program as well as a class room instructor to students throughout Santa Monica. For his lifesaving work, and longstanding dedication to suicide prevention education and train-

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Wednesday, September 7

Splitopia Improv Show

21 & over comedy show at M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater. Join author Wendy Paris as she reads from her just-published non-fiction book, Splitopia: Dispatches from Today's Good Divorce and How to Part Well (Simon & Schuster/Atria). Then watch improvisational comic actors take on the challenges of divorce and make them more . . . challenging? You'll laugh 'til you cry. (Oh, you're already crying?) Laughter is the best tonic for heartache, yours or someone else's. 1323-A 3rd St Promenade, 8 p.m., \$10.

The College Process from A to Z

Diana Hanson of College Mentors will discuss the entire college process, including high school academics and course planning, building your high school resume, forming a college list, standardized testing, the application process, college essay and financial aid. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle

A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Forks Over Knives Family - Book Release Celebration

Five years ago, the Forks Over Knives documentary was released and sparked a medical and nutritional revolution. Now, just in time for "back to school" season, husband and wife Drs. Alona Pulde and Matthew Lederman follow up their best-selling book The Forks Over Knives Plan with the family-friendly guide Forks Over Knives Family. Packed with delicious, kid-

friendly recipes, the book offers parents insights and tips for raising a whole-foods-loving child. Join us as we celebrate the book's launch with the authors. A book sale and signing follows the authors' presentation. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m.

Green Building - Sustainable Santa Monica Free Tour

On this sustainable building hard hat tour, you'll learn from industry leaders about the next frontier in environmental design. Morley Builders Site, 3330 Ocean Park Blvd. RSVP at SustainableSMTourGreenBuilding.eventbrite.com, 9 - 10 a.m.

Star Wars: Build a Galaxy with Code

Learn to program a droids and create your own Star Wars game in a galaxy far, far away. Limited space; registration starts 9/1. For ages 8 - 12. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 - 5 p.m.

Happiness Room

Come visit SMPL's mobile pop-up Happiness Room, dedicated to all kinds of resources, visuals and interactive features on happiness, joy, calm, positivity, flow, gratitude and meditation. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3 - 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 8

Rent Control Board Meeting

Regular Rent Control Board Meeting. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Smartphone Apps For Seniors Series

Apps can make our lives much easier. In each of these sessions, find out about apps that help seniors, their family and caregivers improve communication, health, and learning. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 2 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Virginia Ave. Park Teaching History As If Black Lives Matter

What do we know about our history? Too many textbooks used in US public schools are from an almost totally Eurocentric perspective. The September 11th Committee For Racial Justice workshop at Virginia Ave. Park will feature a panel of educators discussing the topic "Teaching History as if Black Lives Matter."

An update will also be given on a Federal Court case that just concluded in which a SMPD officer was found guilty of use of excessive force against an African American Santa Monica resident in a case that originated last year.

The panelists discussing Teaching History as if Black Lives Matter will be:

Jason David, The City School and AWARE-LA/White People 4 Black Lives;

Neva Wallach, USC School of Social Work (former high school history teacher);

Jennifer Macon, Grover Cleveland High School Humanitas Magnet Coordinator;

Rebecca Williams, Grover Cleveland High School Humanitas Magnet 11th grade Coordinator; and Tony Saavedra, Cleveland High School Humanitas Magnet Teacher.

There will be time for discussion of alternative approaches to teaching history and Q & A with the presenters. Join organizers for an interesting and informative evening.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice.

Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park.

The free workshop will be held on Sept. 11, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. (potluck supper at 6 and program at 6:30 p.m.) Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave. For more information, call (310) 422-5431.

- SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

Pico Blvd. Pico fitness crawl

Looking for a way to attract more customers to Santa Monica's Pico Blvd., the Pico Improvement Organization needed an idea that would get people to explore the entire boulevard, from the 10 Freeway to the beach. Since Pico Blvd. is too spread out for a pub crawl or street fair, the PIO decided to produce LA's first "Fitness Crawl."

Sixteen fitness businesses along 2.5 miles of Santa Monica's Pico Blvd. will hold 10-minute workouts, every 20 minutes on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 8 - 11 a.m. Crawlers will run, jog or walk from workout-to-workout, which includes traditional favorites, like CrossFit, Zumba, Pilates, Gyrotonic, yoga, and karate and "totally LA" workouts, like professional dance choreography onstage at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre, resistance training at the Original Muscle Beach, surf instruction on the sand at Santa Monica beach, belly dancing on the lawn at Virginia Avenue Park, virtual golf and virtual ski instruction. All crawlers will receive a free gift bag and giveaways. Tickets are \$5.

Santa Monica's Pico Blvd. is home to

some of the LA area's most prestigious fitness businesses. Altus Sports Institute has trained professional athletes from forty-seven countries. Several major studios send movie stars there to train for their action films. Sensei Vassie Naidoo, owner of Goju Ryu Karatedo Seiwa Kai USA, holds the highest rank in martial arts, an 8th degree black belt. He is only one of three such masters living outside of Japan. Long before Santa Monica was "Silicon Beach", Player's Club Golf was the first virtual golf course on the west side. PGA pros train members in their instruction academy. Sa'eeda teaches at Santa Monica Dance; she is a world renowned competition belly dancer, performer and teacher. World Champion freestyle skier Bob Salerno is in the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. He owns and operates Virtual Snow, an indoor training facility for pro skiers and newbies alike.

Participants include 34° North, Altus Sports Institute, Bands and Body Fitness (Resistance training, at the Original Muscle Beach), CLARE Foundation/NAAM Yoga, CrossFit Reflex, Goju Ryu Karatedo Seiwa Kai USA, Good Body Pilates, Gyrotonic (Core training), Learn to Surf, Morgan-Wixson Theatre (Choreography), Pilates on Pico, Players Club Golf (Virtual golf), Restore Muscle + Movement (Pilates), Sa'eeda (Belly dancing on the lawn at Virginia Avenue Park), Venice Family Clinic (Zumba) and Virtual Snow (Virtual skiing).

For tickets and reservations, go to: SantaMonicaPico.com/Pico

- SUBMITTED BY MATTHEW GIBBONS

Lincoln Blvd. Shots fired in Monday night fight

On Sept. 5, at approximately 6:34 p.m., the Santa Monica Police Department received multiple 911 regarding a fight involving several male subjects at 1865 Lincoln Blvd.

An investigation revealed, two men were chasing another man westbound in the 800 block of Pico Blvd. and when they caught up to the subject a fight ensued. As the subjects were fighting, two vehicles stopped adjacent to the fight and an occupant of one of the vehicles fired from a handgun toward the subject that was being chased. The subject did not appear to be hit and was able to flee the location.

The two men who had been chasing the subject entered one of the vehicles, described as a silver compact vehicle. The other vehicle, containing the shooter, was described as a burgundy compact vehicle.

A short time later, two stabbing victims arrived at a local hospital. Both victims matched the description of the subjects involved in the fight at 1865 Lincoln Blvd. Both subjects were treated for their injuries and the investigation on-going.

Anyone additional information is may contact Sgt. M. Sumlin at (310) 458-8437 or the Communications Center at (310) 458-8491.

- SUBMITTED BY LIEUTENANT SAUL RODRIGUEZ

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Curious City

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Dance to development

MUSIC SUCKS

Politics is inspirational, a joy, life affirming. — no, wait a minute, I think I've got that backwards.

Here's something else I've got backwards: too much politics in my life lately, need more music.

I had a great run of music week before last, to which I alluded in my last column, and if we're both lucky I'll get around to that in this column, because there's not much I like talking about more than great music. It's why I got into that biz and kept at it for four decades.

I got sucked in (great benefits, but low pay, I learned later), my sophomore year at UNM. After concluding that my double majors of Psychology and Political Science did not explain the world to me, I switched to Journalism. (Having esteemed journalist/mystery author Tony Hillerman as the department chair didn't hurt.) I immediately grabbed the desk of Arts & Media Editor at the UNM Lobo (fourth largest newspaper in the state). I got tons of free vinyl, great seats at great concerts, interviews with fascinating artists, and the daunting task of responsibly, knowledgeably, reporting and critiquing. I loved it. Turning people on to great music they might otherwise miss has been, in a way, my life's mission. I also produced a cable TV show right here in Santa Monica, 75 episodes, had an FM radio show, managed a band, ran a tour service to live music nightclubs and wrote for many local and national publications, in print and online.

I worked on my high school paper before that. Sports, mostly. But I always had an interest in current events. I "read" the newspaper with my Pop since before I could read, snuggled into his ample lap. The family watched the evening news every night during dinner. I knew that Democrats were good, Republicans not so good, socialized medicine was terribly bad, and FDR was a hero for the ages. (My views have changed on one of those.)

I got almost every question right on our weekly current events quizzes at school. I loved them. I knew where most countries were and their leaders and could name every member of the Cabinet. In grade school. Can you imagine? Now, most college students can't tell you who our Vice President is.

CIVIC DUTY

So it's no wonder that I grew into a political beast. I feel it's a civic obligation to be informed, but I don't love it, even less on the local level. I didn't start going to City Council meetings or even know for sure who the mayor was for my first quarter century in Santa Monica. Then about six years ago, I could no longer ignore the terrible ways in which my beloved adopted town was changing, and I wanted some answers, dammit.

I'm still looking for them, but I have, through literally countless hours of reading, watching boring broadcasts, attending all sorts of meetings and talking to all sorts of people here, come to some conclusions.

Nothing groundbreaking, folks, but the common sense seems to get lost in the noise of the warring factions here. And believe me, that's just the way the developers want it. It's no accident.

It kept nagging at me. How can I argue with good ideas I believe in? What's missing here? I approve of green and sustainable, I want people to be able to bike and walk safe-

ly and have true mass transit, I support unions, I cherish our traditional diversity here that gentrification is destroying. I know we need to prepare and build for the future.

But you can't isolate these good ideas, in a community already so densely packed. With a population of 94,000, we welcome more than 8 million visitors a year. That's crazy. You have to account for it all, before you consider adding more. The people with the good principles, I feel, are blinded by their enthusiasm and are not looking around and acknowledging what's already here, how strained our resources are. We can do it, just not so fast.

All the good arguments for overdevelopment ignore the elephant in the tiny Downtown condo. We are already jammed, we have so much in the pipeline, we have limited resources (especially water), our traffic is rapidly grinding to a standstill, we have a light rail now so those who work or play in Santa Monica don't have to live here. And yet the chorus rises up from throats paid to sing — We need more! — joined by well-intentioned futurists. Our City Council nods, and approves. And the voices of those who live here are not heard, many feel. And so, Measure LV becomes needed, desperately needed.

THE PLATINUM COAST

Real estate on the ocean is gold, no, platinum. Everybody on the planet wants a view of the ocean (exaggerating only slightly). And we are LA's beach town. Follow Wilshire to the sea and you'll be looking up at the statue of Saint Monica. A million people would move here tomorrow if there was housing. But only the well-off could afford it. The sales and rental prices of homes are not going to drop, even if you build 100,000 more units here tomorrow. Yet some people praise and back too-large projects because developers have thrown in a handful of "affordable" homes.

Here's the way it works. Some entity owns property here. The greatest return is to build as high and dense as possible. Said property owner reasons, I can't just come out and say I want to build inappropriately to Santa Monica so I can make millions, so what do I say? I say low flush toilets, I say no new car trips, I say whatever it takes to get the folks who do have great principles on my side, ignoring the immovable fact that more, even if it flushes less, is still more. Water doesn't grow on trees. We don't have the kind of regional mass transit yet that allows people to abandon their cars.

Look first at what's already here, build reasonably and truly sustainably while maintaining our low profile. Palm trees, not high rises and concrete canyons, against an open sky — that's Santa Monica.

You see? Once again, music gets squeezed out. That's not right. "Music is Life," not politics. But what are you going to do? I love this town too much to not try to do something to keep it livable and lovable.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "What you don't do can be a destructive force." — Eleanor Roosevelt

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Recruiting writers

The Santa Monica Daily Press is recruiting writers to participate in a new column series. The first batch of topics will be Santa Monica Airport, Rent Control, Homelessness, Transportation, Development, Sustainability, Public Safety and the local economy.

Anyone with an interest in those topics should send an email to editor@smdp.com that includes your name, contact information and the topic you'd like to address. Anyone is welcome to apply including residents, business owners and experts in the field.

We will select two authors per topic and provide them with more specific questions, submission guidelines and additional instructions.

— MATTHEW HALL, DAILY PRESS EDITOR

POLICE

FROM PAGE 1

ing, the American Foundation recognized Sgt. Brown for Suicide Prevention's Hero Award this week.

When presenting the award, Anne Marie Ankers, AFSP Greater Los Angeles Board Chair said, "Today we recognize a first responder who acted quickly during a moment of crisis, and who has shown a dedication to suicide prevention."

Sgt. Brown joined the departments Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), the position is a collateral one in the department and requires Sgt. Brown to voluntarily adjust his schedule to participate. He has been an active member for over eight years.

CNT was specifically designed to address incidents involving people in crisis such as suicidal subjects, barricaded persons, and other critical incidents. The purpose of the team is to attempt to resolve incidents using dialogue and de-escalation tactics.

Traute Winters, the Los Angeles Area Director of AFSP presented the award along with three of the board members.

She said, "This is our first year where we have a suicide prevention hero award, we received 12 nominations from LA County. The AFSP's Hero Award is given to a first responder personnel, such as paramedics, firefighters, police officers, or other emergency service workers who have demonstrated dedication to preventing suicide through conversation, education, and providing life-saving aid to someone in crisis. We are thankful for Sgt. Brown's actions."

Sgt. Brown said, "I am lucky enough to be part of the DARE program along with the CNT department. The chief and I both stand strong behind each, as it is important to the community. The CNT is such a team effort, whether it is the negotiator or the scribe, it is constantly a team effort to get the best result from the situation. I am very grateful for the award and the opportunity."

To bring more attention and awareness to this issue, the AFSP will be hosting the 2016 Greater Los Angeles Out of the Darkness Walk on Oct. 15, on 3rd Street Promenade at Wilshire Blvd.

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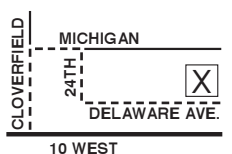
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DANCE

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The recent distinction is the latest honor for Polhemus, who has been active in a variety of programs throughout her childhood and time in SMMUSD.

At age 6, during her time at Edison Language Academy, the daughter of filmmaker Josiah Polhemus made her professional stage debut in the Venice-based Pacific Resident Theater production of “The Traveling Lady” by Horton Foote.

In 2011, while a student at John Adams Middle School, she won the grand prize in her age division of the annual Sustainable Santa Monica student poster contest, which drew more than 600 entries from 21 area schools.

Polhemus has also been a member of AYSO, participating on an under-12 girls soccer team that won a South Bay tournament five years ago, and Westwood Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

Earlier this year she attended a City

Council meeting to address the governing body, which was considering action on an item about a possible sports field at the Civic Center site.

That meeting was held just weeks before Polhemus left for New York City to train in ballet through the Bolshoi Ballet Academy’s summer program, which is in its ninth year. The academy, which has been around for 240 years, is one of the oldest classical ballet training schools in the world, according to the release.

While in Moscow, Polhemus and her fellow participants studied Russian language, history, arts and culture.

The summer program was organized in part by the Russian American Foundation, which was founded in 1997 “to encourage interest in and understanding of Russian heritage among all communities in the U.S., as well as to promote reciprocal interest in American heritage among global communities of the former Soviet Union,” according to the release.

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GAP

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need to work together to find solutions that help all groups rise, while narrowing the gap,” Tom Torlakson, the state superintendent of public instruction, said in a statement.

Torlakson has proposed an office within the state Department of Education that would be devoted to efforts that address the achievement gap. Indeed, disparities at the local level are mirrored by similar gulfs across the state, where ethnic and socioeconomic factors remain strong predictors of success rates.

For example, whereas 64 percent of white students met or exceeded standards in English, just 37 percent of Latinos and 31 percent of African American students reached the same benchmark.

Scores for students in all three groups jumped a few percentage points from last year’s numbers at both the district and state levels, meaning the gaps persist.

This year’s figures were released as SMMUSD works with educational reformist Pedro Noguera to implement strategies to improve equity across the district. Noguera, who was hired last year to address achieve-

ment gaps that have persisted for years in local schools, told district employees during his keynote speech at the Santa Monica High School convocation last month that SMMUSD administrators, teachers and staff must foster a system of mutual accountability to reduce the predictability of ethnic background on student success.

But the achievement gap exists beyond racial lines as well, as evidenced by the major disparities on state tests between wealthy students in the district and their poorer peers.

About 48 percent of district students deemed economically disadvantaged met or exceeded the English standard, far below the mark of 79 percent for their wealthier counterparts.

Similarly, just 35 percent of economically disadvantaged students passed the math portion of the exam, while that figure jumped to 70 percent for the remainder of the test-taking population.

The district’s work to improve equity comes as it searches for a long-term superintendent to replace Sandra Lyon, who is now running the Palm Springs Unified School District. Chris King and Sylvia Rousseau are leading SMMUSD on an interim basis through the end of the calendar year.

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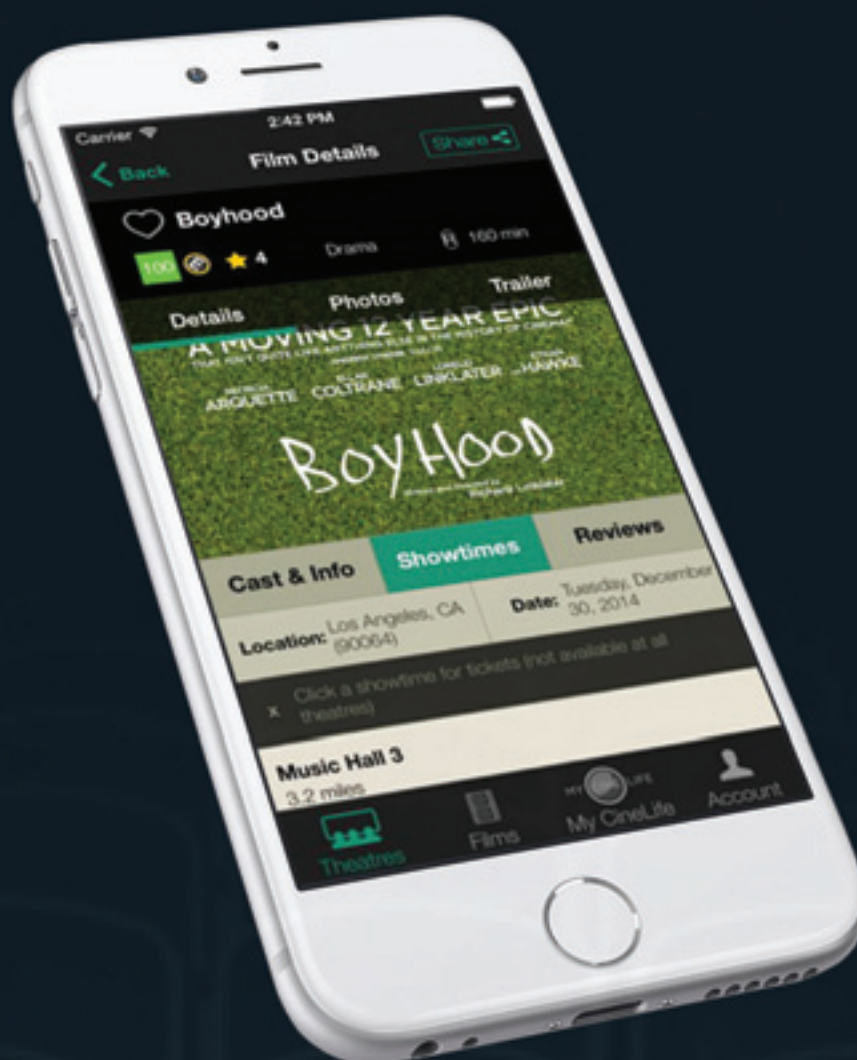
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON AUGUST 25, AT ABOUT 7:22 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service of a municipal code violation – encampment in the 2700 block of Ocean Park Blvd. Officers contacted a subject in the area. Officers attempted to identify the individual. The subject was evasive and provided several different names. The suspect provided the name and identification belonging to another person. Officers were not able to identify the subject. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was booked under “John Doe” and was later identified via fingerprints. Beno Allixander Flores, 28, homeless, was arrested providing false information and keeping lost property. Bail was set at \$5,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 317 calls for service on Sept. 5.

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

Assistance call Lincoln/ Broadway 12:01 a.m.
Lewd activity Main/ Olympic 12:38 a.m.
Battery 2900 block of Main 1:25 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1200 block of 3rd 2:03 a.m.
Suspicious person 7th/ Broadway 4:05 a.m.
Traffic collision 110/ Robertson 5:19 a.m.
Trespassing 500 block of Wilshire 5:20 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 300 block of Santa Monica PI 7:15 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2700 block of Main 7:33 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1700 block of Sunset 7:54 a.m.
Traffic collision 900 block of Olympic 8:03 a.m.
Loitering Euclid/ Montana 8:13 a.m.
Person Down 2300 block of Pico 8:43 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of 15th 9:10 a.m.
Threats investigation 2400 block of Arizona 9:32 a.m.
Indecent exposure 26th/ Broadway 10:03 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block of 17th 12:16 p.m.
Petty theft 1700 block of Ocean Park 1:04 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2300 block of Olympic 1:10 p.m.
Traffic collision 2300 block of Main 1:18 p.m.
Hit and run investigation 900 block of PCH 1:25 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 16th/ Washington 1:40 p.m.

Drunk driving Lincoln/ California 2:01 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 9th/ Broadway 2:15 p.m.
Traffic collision 9th/ Broadway 2:16 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block of Lincoln 2:19 p.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block of PCH 2:29 p.m.
Critical missing person 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 2:35 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/ Pico 3:06 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block of Stewart 3:21 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 3:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block of 5th 4:08 p.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of 11th 4:16 p.m.
Critical missing person 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 4:29 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400 block of Wilshire 4:48 p.m.
Fight 2300 block of Oak 6:19 p.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 2100 block of Santa Monica 6:50 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 7:09 p.m.
Audible burglar 3000 block of Wilshire 8:11 p.m.
Battery 1200 block of 3rd street prom 8:20 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block of Lincoln 8:22 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 2000 block of Cloverfield 9:54 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2500 block of Main 10:12 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1600 block of 9th 10:12 p.m.
Fight 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 10:47 p.m.
Missing person Barnard/ Ocean 10:49 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1500 block of PCH 11:06 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block of 10th 11:22 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 47 calls for service on Sept. 5.

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Smoke investigation 900 block of 10th 12:20 a.m.
EMS 4th/ Colorado 1:40 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of PCH 5:35 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 11th 5:44 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 6:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of San Vicente 6:51 a.m.
EMS 11th/ Arizona 8:23 a.m.
EMS 220 block of 24th 8:44 a.m.
Wires down 1200 block of 16th 9:14 a.m.
Illegal burning 900 block of 2nd 9:14 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 9:49 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Ocean Front Walk 10:37 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Euclid 10:53 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 5th 11:00 a.m.

EMS 2400 block of Wilshire 12:20 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 12:33 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Main 1:07 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Wilshire 1:12 p.m.
EMS 900 block of PCH 1:28 p.m.
EMS 300 block of 19th 1:50 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 2:15 p.m.
EMS 9th/ Broadway 2:16 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of Main 2:19 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/ Santa Monica Blvd 2:28 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Michigan 2:49 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide 800 block of Pico 3:28 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 3:56 p.m.
EMS 4th/ Olympic 4:12 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of California 4:41 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:42 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Euclid 5:09 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1000 block of 12th 5:19 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Ocean 6:15 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Oak 6:21 p.m.
EMS 400 block of PCH 6:55 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 7:43 p.m.,
EMS 100 block of Marguerita 8:22 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Expo Line 8:25 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 2nd 9:00 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Idaho 10:40 p.m.

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1900, U.S. Army Private William Dean became the first volunteer exposed himself to yellow fellow as part of the research carried out by Walter Reed at Quemados, Cuba. Dean allowed Mosquito No.12 to feed on his arm. Previous volunteers exposed to mosquitoes that had fed on infected persons had not developed yellow fever. James Carroll, a member of the Yellow Fever Commission, had received the bite of an infected mosquito (with a longer incubation period). He became severely ill with yellow fever, but it wasn't clear that Carroll hadn't acquired the disease from exposure of some other kind. When Dean, bitten by the same mosquito as Carroll, developed the disease, the mosquito theory of transmission was validated. Both Dean and Carroll recovered.

Self-Exam

■ Q: The smallest bone in the human body is roughly the size of:
a) The head of a pin
b) A grain of sand
c) A grain of rice
d) An eyelash
A: c) The stapes bone, part of the middle ear, is the size of a grain of rice.



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Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 101M



Draw Date: 9/3
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Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 32M



Draw Date: 9/5
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Draw Date: 9/5
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TODAY IN HISTORY

1901 - The Boxer Rebellion in Qing dynasty China officially ends with the signing of the Boxer Protocol.

1906 - Alberto Santos-Dumont flies his 14-bis aircraft at Bagatelle, France for the first time successfully.

1907 - Cunard Line's RMS Lusitania sets sail on her maiden voyage from Liverpool, England, to New York City.

1909 - Eugène Lefebvre crashes a new French-built Wright biplane during a test flight at Juvisy, south of Paris, becoming the first aviator in the world to lose his life in a powered heavier-than-air craft.

1911 - French poet Guillaume Apollinaire is arrested and put in jail on suspicion of stealing the Mona Lisa from the Louvre museum.

1916 - US federal employees win the right to Workers' compensation by Federal Employers Liability Act (39 Stat. 742; 5 U.S.C. 751)

1920 - Two newly purchased Savoia flying boats crash in the Swiss Alps en route to Finland where they would serve with the Finnish Air Force, killing both crews.

1921 - In Atlantic City, New Jersey, the first Miss

America Pageant, a two-day event, is held.

1921 - The Legion of Mary, the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church, is founded in Dublin, Ireland.

1922 - The Bank of Latvia established.

1927 - The first fully electronic television system is achieved by Philo Farnsworth.

1929 - Steamer Kuru capsizes and sinks on Lake Näsijärvi near Tampere in Finland. 136 lives are lost.

1932 - The Battle of Boquerón, the first major battle of the Chaco War, commences.

1936 - The last thylacine, a carnivorous marsupial named Benjamin, dies alone in its cage at the Hobart Zoo in Tasmania.

1940 - Treaty of Craiova: Romania loses Southern Dobruja to Bulgaria.

1940 - World War II: The German Luftwaffe begins the Blitz, bombing London and other British cities for over 50 consecutive nights.

1942 - First flight of the Consolidated B-32 Dominator.

WORD UP!

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1. characterized by vagaries; erratic; capricious:
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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. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

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.

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Crossword

By STANLEY NEWMAN

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

Answer to previous puzzle														
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Cowpoke's chow
5 Wearing sneakers or heels
9 Stands up to
14 Sneaky trick
15 Gift wrapper's roll
16 Silly
17 34 Across in wrongdoing
18 Mineral deposits
19 White heron
20 Sorts of saltines
23 Stow, with "away"
24 Approves
25 Military methods
29 Hurricane, for one
31 Cross home plate
33 Besides
34 Help out
36 Likely
37 Cat's comment
38 Breaded seafood order
42 Smart-alecky
43 Cow's comment
44 Thanksgiving veggie
45 Tavern mugful
46 Antic
48 Negotiation goals
52 Police informer
54 Mex. neighbor
56 Ignited
57 Hospital volunteer
60 Manages adversity

- 63 Honolulu's island
64 Long African river
65 Pen name
66 Escaped
67 Be sure of
68 Lincoln's coin
69 Government agents, for short
70 Stitches up

DOWN

- 1 Fully understands
2 Erase
3 Formerly did
4 Phi ___ Kappa
5 Heron cousin
6 Bother steadily
7 Oil cartel
8 Office computers
9 Intensely competitive
10 Fearful feeling
11 Elevator compartment
12 Compass pt.
13 Full collection
21 Joke teller
22 Coarse, as humor
26 Newspaper piece
27 Hen's home
28 Piglet's mother
30 Mesmerized
32 River craft
35 Royal territory
37 Silent performer
38 Attack with snowballs

MOVIE TREATS by Carolyn Stewart

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- 39 Three-layer treat
40 Kept separate, as a VIP section
41 29 Across tracker
42 Faux ___
46 Posh
47 Wasted no time
49 Skiing style
50 Go into hiding
51 Scatters
53 Briny body
55 Small earrings
58 New Haven school
59 Printer's supply
60 Top of a mushroom
61 Spanish cheer
62 Bowling target

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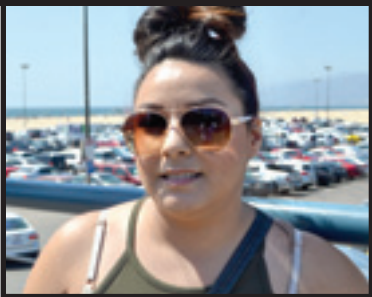
by MARINA ANDALON

Man on the Street


Q: With the Rams coming to Los Angeles, are you going to become a Rams fan or stick with your original team?




ERNEST “MVP” WASHINGTON
“I am a Rams fan, I always have been and I always will be. I was a Rams fan since they were out here in Los Angeles, and it is a good feeling to know they are coming back to their hometown. There will probably be more Rams fans but I am not worried, just means more people in the same area cheering for the same team.”




KISHA
“I am not a Rams fan, or football fan in general. Although I do live in the Los Angeles area, so I am not thrilled with the fact there is going to be a bunch of traffic now. Guess you can say I am not a fan of traffic or football.”



FRANCISCO
“I will openly admit I will never be a Rams fan. Just because they are coming to Los Angeles I already know there are going to be people who claim to be die hard Rams fans. I will always stay with my team and not change just because the Rams are close now.”



RODNEY
“I am not a Rams fan, and I don't think they will get a ton of fans just because they are moving to LA. I think the facility will get a lot of people but I don't think the franchise will be able to convert fans. Everyone will still root for their team, that how people in Los Angeles are. I am definitely curious to see how things play out in the new stadium.”



MIKE
“I think the Rams will gain the fans that have been neutral and haven't really had a team to cheer for. The one thing I am not looking forward to with the Rams being here in LA is the traffic. It is already bad now, when people start heading to the games, freeways and streets will be terrible.”

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 7).

You've dedicated yourself to mastering a skill and your expertise will earn you respect and special privileges this year. The next 10 weeks feature heart-swooning magic. Also, you'll get well-deserved credit for a victory. Publicize your work in October and you could double your money through the end of the year. Aquarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 9, 17, 42 and 37.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).
It gets old, this accommodation of life's inconveniences and distractions. How you've longed for a day that includes nothing unnecessary or obligatory. This is it! Your day for straight-up business -- finally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).
You've a charm that inspires devotion in others, and at times this has actually frightened you; you don't always want so much attention. However, right now, you could use some help. Work it!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
You feel like you couldn't do the job without your special helper, and in some ways this is true. The job certainly wouldn't get done in the same way without this person. Acknowledgement is in order.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
As for the people who aim for greatness and fall short again and again, they are the ones to watch, align with and partner with because that kind of courage will get it right eventually and win big.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).
Give yourself time to reach your goals. Success trick: lower your expectations of what you'll be able to accomplish in a day, but raise your expectations of what you'll accomplish in 60 days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).
You've come to a door. If you knock once or twice and no one lets you in, don't walk away. Keep knocking until you get your answer. The world on the other side of the door will be worth it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).
The world may fall short of your vision today, but your focus on appreciating the reality you're in will cause a change in your wants and needs. In the back of your mind and the center of your heart, a new vision is forming.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).
Sure, life can be unfair. However, it's also possible that the idea of justice we have in our head isn't as complete as the one the universe has in mind. Perhaps this thing unfolding before us is as perfect as it is complex.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
When you made up those rules to keep you on track, you were winging it -- everyone is, in the beginning. Now you see that some of the restrictions were unnecessary. It's safe for you to change the rules now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
Who has made a positive difference in your life and why? You will set a goal that is similar to one that this person has pursued, and you will soon possess some of the same qualities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
You're putting out a top-quality effort. Just know that you could be the sweetest peach in the world and there would still be a certain (albeit very small) percentage of the population who don't prefer peaches. Never mind them!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
When you get your first right result, try for another and another so you can know and practice what it takes to succeed. The method is the true gold. The method is worth way more than the prize.

The Cosmic Lip Zip

There are those who claim free speech as their right; then there are those who regard it as more of a continuous obligation. Between the trine of the sun and Pluto, Mercury's introverted tendencies of late and the private nature of the Scorpio moon, fortune will favor those who share their thoughts softly, thoughtfully and infrequently.

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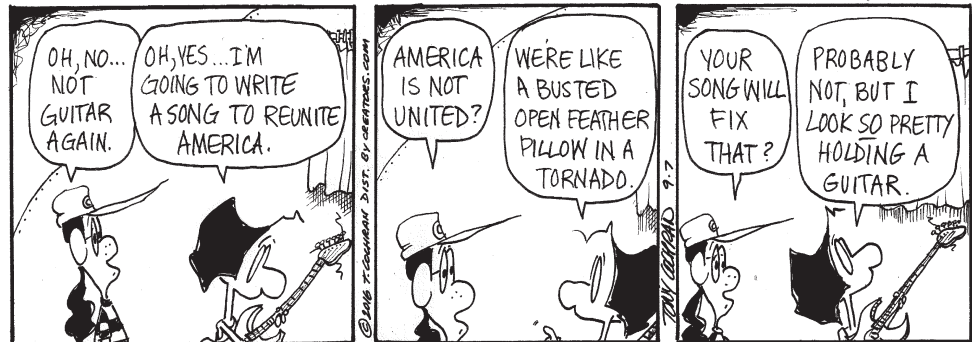
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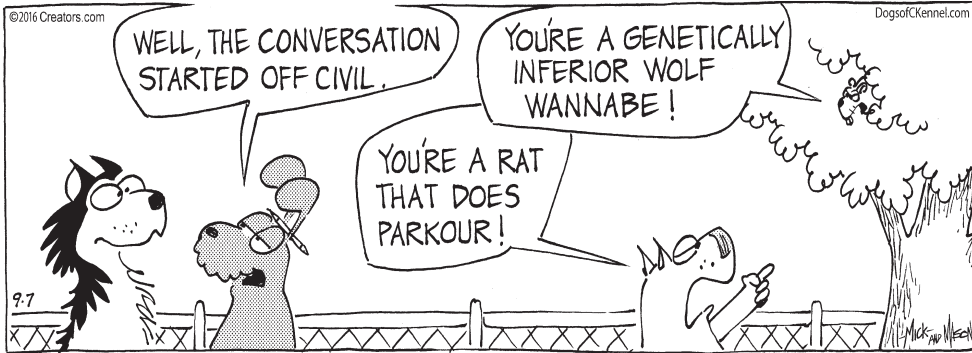
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

1641-54 Lincoln Boulevard, Development Review 16ENT-0058. Development Review Permit 16ENT-0058 to allow a new five-story (50 feet) 47,030 square-foot (2.5 FAR) mixed-use project consisting of 66 residential units, 5,324 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and 131 parking spaces within a three-level subterranean parking garage on a property located in the MUB (Mixed-Use Boulevard) zoning district. According to Section 9.40.020 of the Zoning Ordinance, a Development Review Permit is required for any project exceeding the maximum Tier 1 limits of 3 stories/39 feet in height and a 1.5 FAR for a property in the MUB zoning district. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant: Lars Johannson, KFA Architects. Property Owner: FSTAR 1613, LLC.**

1670 Lincoln Boulevard, Conditional Use Permit 16ENT-0079. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application to establish a new 5,316 square-foot, 24-hour, full-service restaurant and to all the on-site service and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 41) in conjunction with the proposed Mel's Drive-In Restaurant located within the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) district. **Applicant: Jack Goldfinger. Property Owner: Brodrick Dunlap.**

395 Santa Monica Place #323, Conditional Use Permit 16ENT-0091. Conditional Use Permit to allow the on-site sale and consumption of alcohol (ABC License Type 41 or 47) in conjunction with the operation of a new full-service restaurant (Curious Palate). (Planner: Michael Rocque) **Applicant: Mark Cannon. Property Owner: Macerich.**

436 Pier Avenue, Tract Map 16ENT-0089. A Vesting Tentative Map to create three residential condominium air parcels on a single parcel as part of a new two-story, multi-unit dwelling with a semi-subterranean garage in the OP-2 (Ocean Park Low Density Residential) District. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Applicant: 436 Pier, LP. Property Owner: Betty Lunnam Storm (Trustee).**

WHEN: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

MORE INFORMATION

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

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

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