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California lawmaker resigns following misconduct allegations

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California Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra resigned Monday following multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, making him the first lawmaker to leave office amid a spate of reports rocking the state Capitol.

The Los Angeles Democrat had previously said he wouldn't seek re-election and would leave office at the end of the next legislative session. But on Monday, Bocanegra said that he's decided to leave immediately following reflection over the Thanksgiving weekend and conversations with family, friends and supporters. Multiple women have accused him of kissing or groping them without consent.

In a statement released by his office, Bocanegra said he'd hoped he could clear his name.

"But clearly, the principle of 'innocent until proven guilty' has been temporarily lost in a hurricane of political opportunism among the self-righteous in my case - to the detriment of both the accuser and the accused," he wrote.

"While I am not guilty of any such crimes," he added, "I am admittedly not perfect."

Meanwhile, the Senate Rules Committee voted Monday to remove Sen. Tony Mendoza, another Los Angeles-area Democrat, as chair of the Insurance, Banking and Financial Institutions Committee following allegations of inappropriate behavior toward young women who worked for him. He is accused of inviting one woman over to his home, offering another alcohol when she was 19, and repeatedly holding one-on-one meetings with another over dinner

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Councilmembers ask for Huntley investigation

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

Nearly four months after a local hotel received one of the biggest fines in FPPC history for money it spent in Santa Monica elections, two City Councilmembers are asking for a City review of the case.

In August, the California Fair

Political Practices Commission (FPPC) fined the Huntley Hotel \$310,000 for 62 violations during the 2012 and 2014 elections. The state investigation found the Huntley supported candidates and causes that would oppose development plans at the neighboring Fairmont Hotel. The FPPC said the Huntley illegally channeled dona-

tions through employees and businesses totaling more than \$97,000 - money was then spent in support of several current City Councilmembers, including Terry O'Day, Gleam Davis and Ted Winterer, and the groups Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights and the Santa Monica Coalition

for a Livable City.

The Council has received letters from the League of Women Voters and Unite Here Local 11, among others, asking them to look into the violations. The League specifically requested an independent investigation into whether local enforcement

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Courtesy images

PROJECTS: Council will decide the fate of two housing projects at their Tuesday meeting. The pair combine for a total of 164 new units in the downtown area.

City Council to review major developments

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council will decide the fate of 164 new apartments in the downtown area Tuesday night when it reviews potential Development Agreements for two plots owned by NMS Properties and its offshoot, WNMS Communities. The developments are connected - both require the Council to sign off on excess parking spaces and will contribute to the construction to affordable housing on Colorado Avenue.

One of the lots, 1430-1444 Lincoln Boulevard, is part of a complicated land-swap with the City to build Fire Station No. 1. The mixed-use building will replace a parking lot across from Hi De Ho Comics and could have easily slid through the planning pipeline with just administrative approval if not for NMS's plan to construct nearly 300 parking spaces under the building. NMS says the spaces are obligated by an easement at 1337 7th Street, where the City will eventually build the

fire station.

The 5-story, 100-unit mixed-use development would bring at least \$1.13 million in community benefits. Those benefits include \$736,000 toward parks and recreation programs and \$180,000 to support cultural arts. The Planning Commission and City staff have recommended the Council increase the Parks fee and double the Transportation Impact Fee, which would bring the combined community benefits to over \$1.48 million, according to a staff report.

The applicant does not agree with the Planning Commission's recommendation to increase the fees.

The Council will also consider a Development Agreement at 1325 6th Street that would allow a 6-story, 64-unit mixed-use development. This development, also from NMS, will also include excess parking. The project is north of the Santa Monica Main Public Library and a half-mile walk from the EXPO light rail station at the corner of 4th Street and Colorado Avenue. The project

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Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 5:30 p.m.

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A Lego Building Afternoon

Join organizers for fun with Lego building. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Computer Class: Online Shopping

Introduction to how online shopping works, and how to shop safely online. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 1 - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29

GED/HiSET Prep Class at Main

Get prepared to take the Science subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 9 p.m.

DIY Crafty Cards and Gift Tags

Amy Muscoplat teaches participants how to make vibrant and attractive holiday cards and gift tags for the upcoming season. Supplies provided. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Just for Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop

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Thursday, November 30

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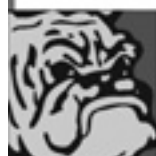


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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Happy Merry Chanusolchristmakwan

THE FINAL BITS OF THE TURKEY SHOULD by now be in a stock and the last of the pies scarfed down. As we glide into the end of the year, with people skating at the ICE rink, and shoppers threatening each other for parking spots, let's take a quick minute to think about the great depth of observances that are coming our way.

This is not about the "war on Christmas" - which truly is "Fake News" - it's about being aware of the wider society in which we live. As a very loosely defined Christian, I go to church about once a year, usually on Christmas Eve for Midnight Mass. My philosophical bent is Christian in nature in that I believe in the few words of Christ, the "red words" as it were, and leave most of the other religious commandments alone. I believe that we should treat others as we wish to be treated, be forgiving in all things and care for the downtrodden.

Oddly that is very similar to many of the other world religions. It's funny how the big thinkers of spirituality all seem to come essentially the same conclusions on how to lead a happy and fulfilling life. Certainly there are those who twist, pervert and manipulate these teachings for their own ends, but that is nothing new. Humanity is inherently selfish and self-centered - it's a survival thing left over from the dawn of time. This vestigial sense of entitlement is hardwired and we have to overcome it with intentional action - hence the need for a set of spiritual principles.

Each year there is usually a concurrence of religious and spiritual activities from November to January and this year is no different. This Friday is the Prophet's Birthday for those who are Muslim. Some will celebrate it and some will not. Like all religions there is a great variance in the range of those who favor strict adherence to a text and those who want to expand and modernize. So some of my Muslim friends may celebrate and some may not, best to ask if they do before making any well wishes.

For the Hebrews in our midst, Chanukah begins on December 13th. Again there is great variance in observances from those who think it is a very religiously significant

event to those who use it as a way to share gifts and little else. Chanukah continues to the 20th, so expect to hear the Chanukah song from Adam Sandler a great deal...

When I've been asked if I am Jewish, Christian or Catholic, I've often answered that I'm a Druid. Mostly as a joke, but also it is rather close to what I believe. The 'Universal Forces' that run things seems to be a more loving and understandable way of approaching the world for me. Plus you get to have fun events like the upcoming Solstice on December 21, as the basis for a party that doesn't alienate people. I've always loved Thanksgiving for its inclusiveness (I know there's controversy but in general the concept is to be inclusive) and that is why I like the idea of Solstice parties.

Of course there's Christmas Eve and Christmas on December 24 and 25. If you know someone who celebrates it, say Merry Christmas, or Happy Holidays if you prefer.

In the African-American community the annual Kwanzaa week of celebration is growing in popularity and acceptance. The seven core principles that underlie the celebration are Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith. This "new" celebration began in 1966, and was created by an Africana studies professor named Dr. Maulana Karenga as a response to the trauma of the Watts Riots of 1965.

Year end is a cornucopia of cultural events, gastronomic choices and a great opportunity to get to know our friends and neighbors better in ways that we don't usually come across throughout the year. I suggest that we all embrace the spirit of the season, which really is about gratitude and joy, no matter what flavor of spirituality you do or do not practice.

So HAPPY MERRY CHANUSOLCHRISTMAKWAN to all, and to all a good night!

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Citywide

2017 Santa Monica Film Festival "Official Selections"

Santa Monica Film Festival (#SMFF) has announced the lineup for the 12th Santa Monica Film Festival #SMFF hosted by Laemmle Monica Film Center on Saturday December 9.

Each awards season, Santa Monica Film Festival presents new, compelling and innovative films to support the arts, culture and creative economy in the area. The 2017 Santa Monica Film Festival showcases 35 current award winning independent films from local, national and international filmmakers.

A filmmaker Q&A that gives the audience an opportunity to interact with the filmmakers accompanies each film screening block. The festival kicks off with at 10 a.m. with the Filmmaker Networking Breakfast that is open to the public with an All Access Pass. Films screen from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The festival concludes with an Awards Presentation and Awards Cocktail Reception at 9 p.m. The festival invites all Santa Monica area residence and tourists to attend the festival in support of the arts and help decide the award winners of the festival. The festival audience will vote on the films through social media by posting #santamonicafilmfestival and the "title of film."

Tickets prices are (\$10) All Screening Pass or (\$25) All Access Pass that includes (filmmaker networking breakfast, all screenings, filmmaker lounge, awards presentation and awards cocktail reception).

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Citywide

Santa Monica Police Department Receives Grant For Special Traffic Enforcement and Crash Prevention

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has been awarded a \$300,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for a yearlong program of special enforcements and public awareness efforts to prevent traffic related deaths and injuries. SMPD will use the funding as part of the city's ongoing commitment to keep our roadways safe and improve the quality of life through both enforcement and education.

"We are thankful for the continued support from the California Office of Traffic Safety. Our partnership has been instrumental towards promoting safety and mobility in Santa Monica," said Interim Chief Kenneth Semko. "The grant will assist the department in performing a variety of traffic enforcement campaigns; improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety."

After falling to a ten-year low in 2010, the number of persons killed on roadways has climbed nearly 17 percent across the state, with 3,429 fatalities in 2015. Particularly alarming is the rise in pedestrian and bicycle fatalities that now comprise nearly 25 percent of all traffic deaths, along with the growing dangers of distracting technologies and the emergence of drug-impaired driving. This grant funding will provide opportunities to combat these and other devastating problems such as speeding and crashes at intersections.

"Unsafe behaviors account for 94 percent of traffic crashes," said OTS Director Rhonda Craft. "This grant emphasizes the two most effective ways to change behaviors - education and enforcement. The Santa Monica Police Department, with assistance from the Office of Traffic Safety, will use these tools to help keep the Santa Monica streets safe."

ACTIVITIES THAT THE GRANT WILL FUND INCLUDE:

- Educational presentations
- DUI checkpoints
- DUI saturation patrols
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement
- Motorcycle safety enforcement
- Distracted driving enforcement
- Seat belt and child safety seat enforcement
- Speed, red light, and stop sign enforcement

While alcohol remains the worst offender for DUI crashes, the Santa Monica Police Department supports the new effort from OTS that aims to drive awareness that "DUI Doesn't Just Mean Booze." Prescription medications and marijuana can also be impairing by themselves, or in combination with alcohol, and can result in a DUI arrest.

Funding for this program is from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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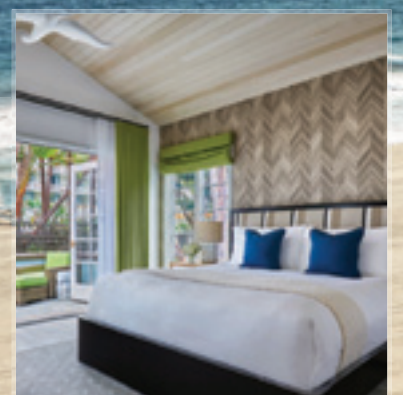
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of the Santa Monica Elections Code is called for regarding the Huntley’s misconduct.

Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Sue Himmelrich placed an item on tonight’s Council agenda asking the “City Attorney review recent correspondence ... regarding alleged violations of Santa Monica campaign finance laws and recommend avenues for further action, including the possibility of appointing special counsel.”

Both Councilmembers told the Daily Press they believe the Huntley case is past the statute of limitations for local prosecution. By the time the FPPC revealed the violations, it may have been too late for the City Attorney to do anything.

“The state is thorough but slow on election investigations, and we’ve been asked by several different entities whether that means our own local laws regarding campaigns can’t be enforced in the meantime,” McKeown said in an email to the Daily Press. “The Council is prohibited by the City Charter from directing enforcement, and properly so, but it is our job to write enforceable laws and amend them if they are ineffective.”

Himmelrich said she wants the City Attorney’s office to look ahead to future elections.

“I think we need to get this kind of money out of politics,” Himmelrich said. “I brought this forward to find out what we can to do regulate it in our city as opposed to on a state level and whether we have some leeway to fix it.”

Himmelrich, who largely self-funded her six-figure campaign for City Council in 2014, says she is most concerned about the bundling of checks and the ability to give to

both candidates and the independent expenditure (IE) committees that support them.

“I thought the IEs in the 2016 election were really exorbitant,” Himmelrich said. Individuals and groups are limited to giving \$340 directly to candidates’ campaigns.

The FPPC is still investigating complaints against Armen Melkonians and the Yes on Measure LV campaign alleging Melkonians improperly controlled multiple campaign committees during the 2016 election.

In January, the City Attorney’s office fined Councilman Terry O’Day for campaign contributions made during the 2016 election. The fine came after local organization, The Transparency Project, filed two complaints alleging O’Day accepted money from individuals who received contracts from the Council. Under the Oaks rules, candidates who have previously served on the council are prohibited from accepting donations from companies or individuals that have received material benefits from the City while they were in office.

The Los Angeles County district attorney’s office is currently looking into votes made by school board member Maria Leon-Vazquez that benefitted companies that had contracts with her husband, Councilmember Tony Vazquez. The district itself, SMMUSD, is also looking into the votes involving Keygent, LLC and TELACU. Neither Leon-Vazquez nor her husband disclosed his income from the firms on their Statements of Economic Interest submitted to the city. Vazquez told the Daily Press his wife was not aware who was receiving money from the contracts when she approved the items.

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was initially submitted in 2012.

Current plans for the project include a four-level subterranean garage with 138 parking spaces. A report by the City says 43 of those spaces fulfill a parking easement recorded on the property in 2012.

Two Planning Commissioners voted against the Sixth Street project because the CEO of NMS, Neil Shekhter, and his associates were found to have forged contracts and destroyed evidence by a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge. The ruling was part of a civil case involving separate properties developed and managed by NMS in Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Shekhter has appealed the ruling.

"I feel the City of Santa Monica has been at the behest of a giant shell game moving things around and that the City has been gamed," Commissioner Richard McKinnon said during the meeting in October where the Commission approved the DA. Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy

also voted against the DA based on her "memory of what this owner-operator has done in the past."

In the wake of the court case, Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Sue Himmelrich ordered an audit of NMS contracts, agreements and affordable housing requirements in Santa Monica. After a four-month probe, the developer was found to be in compliance with city contracts and requirements regarding all 23 buildings they own and manage in the city.

The projects will achieve a minimum LEED Platinum certification, use 15 percent less energy than required by state code, and include solar panels on the roof to power the building's common areas. Both projects will be among the first to comply with the City's water neutrality ordinance, meaning the developer must offset additional water use caused by the building.

Both developments will satisfy the city's affordable housing requirements by the construction of a senior housing project at 711 Colorado Avenue.

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ALLEGATIONS

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or drinks.

His behavior with two of the women was formally reported. Mendoza has denied offering a staff member alcohol and otherwise said wouldn't knowingly abuse his authority.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, who shared a Sacramento home with Mendoza until recently, has called Mendoza's behavior deeply troubling but hasn't called on him to resign. He left the committee meeting without commenting. A separate Senate panel will meet Tuesday to interview outside firms to take over all of the Senate's misconduct investigations, including the one into Mendoza. Fellow Democrats Sen. Toni Atkins of San Diego and Connie Leyva of Chino also left without commenting.

Allegations against Bocanegra first came to light last month, when legislative staff member Elise Gyore said she had reported him to Assembly investigators in 2009, when both were staff members, after he stalked her around a nightclub and put his hands down her blouse at an after-work event. He was told to stay away from her but documents do not indicate that he was otherwise disciplined by the Assembly Rules Committee.

The Los Angeles Times reported last week that Bocanegra is accused of groping or kissing numerous women without their consent over a period of years, even after he was reprimanded for his behavior toward Gyore in 2009.

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon had said he would expel Bocanegra if an investigator verifies the new allegations.

"Raul Bocanegra's resignation underscores the seriousness of the allegations against him," Rendon said in a statement. "One resignation, however, does not solve the problem."

An Assembly panel is scheduled to meet Tuesday for the first in a series of public hearings aimed at improving a Capitol culture that women say allows sexual misconduct to go unchecked. The panel is tasked with evaluating the Assembly's policies and recommending ways to strengthen them.

More than 150 women who work in and around the Capitol — including lawmakers, advisers, lobbyists and political consultants — signed a letter that has pointed a spotlight at what they called a culture of harassment.

Bocanegra was a veteran legislative aide and was seen as a rising star when he was elected to the Assembly in 2012. He lost to a fellow Democrat, Patty Lopez, two years later before defeating her in 2016. He was the majority whip, a mid-level leadership post in the 80-member Assembly.

Bocanegra will be replaced in a special election. Bocanegra's resignation temporarily leaves Assembly Democrats one vote shy of a supermajority. They are set to gain it back after a special election in December to replace former Assemblyman Jimmy Gomez, who is now in Congress.

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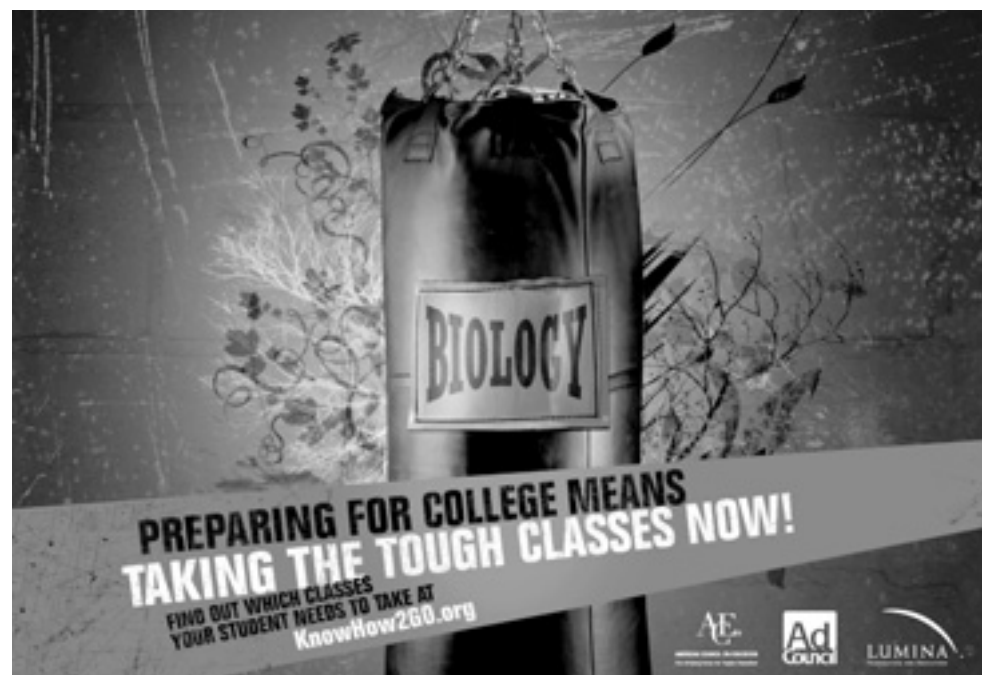
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CITY OF SANTA MONICA Housing Division

The City of Santa Monica announces it has committed funds in the amount of \$9,558,843 to Community Corporation of Santa Monica for the acquisition of property located at 1820 and 1826 14th Street and predevelopment activities regarding a future affordable housing development targeted to low-income seniors.



Notice of Community Meeting

Community Corporation of Santa Monica will hold a public information session for a future proposed new construction 100% affordable housing development at 1820 and 1826 14th Street in Santa Monica. This development will reserve 37 units for seniors over the age of 62 and one unit for the on-site property management. Community Corp. seeks initial input as the design of the development is currently underway. If interested, please RSVP by November 29th with Juan Galvan at jgalvan@communitycorp.org.

Date: Monday, December 4th, 2017

Time: 6:00-7:30 PM

Location: Virginia Avenue Park, Patio Room, 2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Local

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 374 Calls For Service On Nov. 26.

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

Auto burglary 16th / Santa Monica 12 a.m.
Sexual assault Ocean / Broadway 1:34 a.m.
Battery 100 block Wilshire 2:24 a.m.
Battery Ocean / Broadway 2:29 a.m.
Encampment 400 block Santa Monica Pier 2:39 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block 11th 3:18 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block 2nd 3:44 a.m.
Arson 2400 block Colorado 4:28 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block 27th 4:41 a.m.
Drunk driving 1500 block 2nd 4:45 a.m.
Vandalism 1800 block Stewart 5:37 a.m.
Found senile person 1400 block 19th 6:06 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block Santa Monica 8:25 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 6th 9:36 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block California 10:13 a.m.
Speeding 14th / Washington 11:04 a.m.
Injured person 2500 block Main 12:07 p.m.
Lewd activity 27th / Pico 12:28 p.m.
Theft recyclables 200 block Montana 12:37 p.m.
Auto burglary 2nd / Arizona 12:57 p.m.
Traffic hazard Centinela / Pico 12:57 p.m.
Grand theft 2300 block Ocean Park 1:14 p.m.
Theft recyclables 800 block 15th 1:23 p.m.
Encampment 2300 block Ocean 1:27 p.m.
Vandalism 800 block Bay 1:46 p.m.

Threats 1700 block Cloverfield 1:52 p.m.
Theft suspect 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 2 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block 14th 2:39 p.m.
Threats 800 block 10th 2:43 p.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 2nd 3:22 p.m.
Found person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:26 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Cloverfield 3:56 p.m.
Fight 1700 block Cloverfield 3:56 p.m.
Speeding 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica 4:14 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block 14th 4:16 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block Main 4:22 p.m.
Injured person 20th / Santa Monica 4:41 p.m.
Vandalism 2500 block Santa Monica 4:44 p.m.
Drunk driving Ocean / Arizona 5:20 p.m.
Hit and run 5th / Ocean Park 5:23 p.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 5:32 p.m.
Petty theft 2300 block 26th 6:40 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 7 p.m.
Vandalism 1200 block 2nd 7:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 7:25 p.m.
Grand theft 1000 block 21st 7:25 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 7:43 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 8:07 p.m.
Threats 2300 block 28th 8:41 p.m.
Theft recyclables 2600 block 34th 8:50 p.m.
Burglary 1800 block California 8:51 p.m.
Suicide 2700 block Neilson 9:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 9:25 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 9:27 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block Delaware 9:53 p.m.
Auto burglary 300 block Olympic 10:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 10:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 11:03 p.m.
Bike theft 300 block Olympic 11:32 p.m.

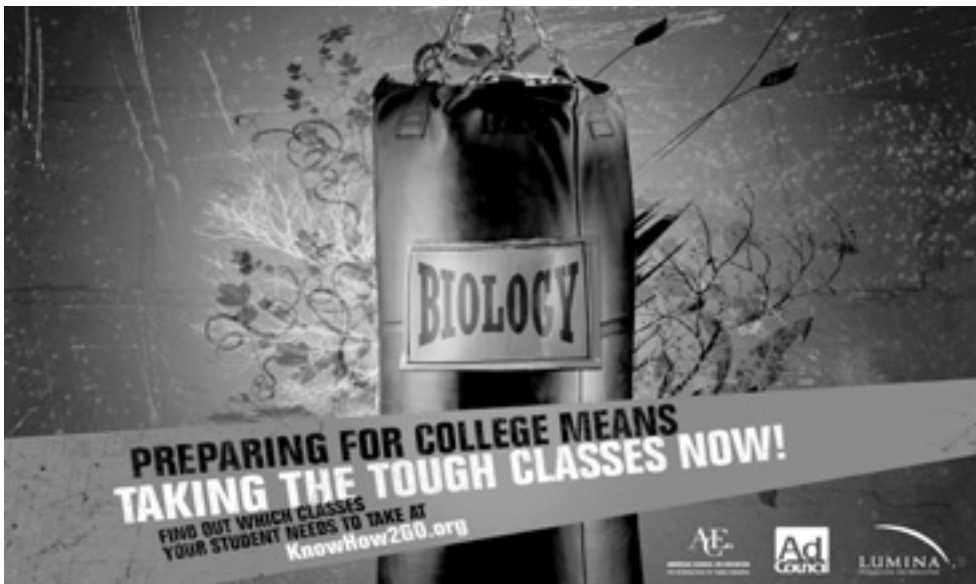
DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 24 Calls For Service On Nov. 26.


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CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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EMS Ocean / Broadway 1:40 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 1:53 a.m.
EMS 800 block Ocean 2:53 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 3:52 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 2400 block Colorado 4:20 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 6th 4:40 a.m.
EMS 3100 block Main 6:21 a.m.


EMS 700 block 23rd 7:02 a.m.
EMS 900 block 11th 8:00 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 9:32 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Main 12:04 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 4th 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 16th 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Lincoln 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Euclid 3:57 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 4:08 p.m.
EMS 800 block Ashland 4:11 p.m.
EMS 5th / Ocean Park 5:23 p.m.
EMS 26th / Colorado 5:39 p.m.
Flooded condition 5th / Broadway 6:12 p.m.
EMS 2nd / Santa Monica 9:31 p.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 10 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 23rd 11:21 p.m.




DAILY LOTTERY




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Power#: 4
Jackpot: 163M




Draw Date: 11/24
16 36 54 61 64
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 132M




Draw Date: 11/25
13 17 21 25 46
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 35M



Draw Date: 11/26
11 14 17 30 39



Draw Date: 11/26
MIDDAY: 7 8 5
Draw Date: 11/26
EVENING: 1 2 4



Draw Date: 11/26
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:47.22

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Salad Days

■ Iowa State scientists say adding a bit of soybean oil to your salad boosts the body's ability to absorb seven different nutrients in salad vegetables, such as vitamin E and K. That's good news for dieters worried about the added calories of salad dressing, though researchers still cautioned restraint. U.S. dietary guidelines recommend about two tablespoons of oil per day. Another reason not to go overboard: The study was small, just 12 participants.

Body of Knowledge

■ A knee jerk reflex takes about 30 milliseconds, or 30 one-thousandths of a second.

MYSTERY PHOTO



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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Fishhook attachment
5 Bite noisily
10 "Take ___ a compliment"
14 Start a poker pot
15 Entangle, as yarn
16 Dinner plate
17 Flower stalk
18 Very angry
19 Honolulu's island
20 Everyday sources of joy
23 Money in Spain
24 Embarrass
25 Gain knowledge
28 "Cold" or "warm" weather region
31 Frosty
32 Taking a nap
35 Doing nothing
39 Ideal in every way
42 Mix, as a salad
43 Morocco's continent
44 Pea container
45 Social event
47 Sounds frightened
49 Beatles' drummer
52 No longer happening
54 Chance event that only seems planned
61 Nest-egg plans: Abbr.
62 Rhyme writers
63 Cozy corner
64 Recedes, as the tide
65 Away from port

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- 66 Fairy tale brute
67 Mediocre
68 Has stamina
69 Freight weights
- DOWN
- 1 Low singing voice
2 Prefix meaning "against"
3 News article
4 Tendency to anger
5 Town ___ (colonial news source)
6 Silent Marx Brother
7 Egg-shaped
8 Dole (out)
9 Cry for help
10 "That's unlikely"
11 Princess' crown
12 Campfire residues
13 "Quiet!"
21 Of the moon
22 ___ Diego, CA
25 Itemize
26 Bouncing sound
27 Affirmative votes
28 Short-distance commuter boat
29 Modified mortgage, for short
30 Fuel cartel initials
33 Practice punching
34 Exited
36 Short swims
37 Air show stunt
38 Finales
40 Strong coffee in a small cup
41 Enclosed, as a canary
46 Rainbow shape
48 "Am so!" reply
49 Secret agents
50 Engine supercharger
51 Most Saudis
52 Group of eight
53 Endorsements on a passport
55 White gem
56 Tiny bit
57 Loch ___ monster
58 Canceled, to NASA
59 Cob vegetable
60 ___ out a living (barely manages)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide
City Announces first minimum wage prosecution

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has announced the successful prosecution of JW Marriott LA Boutique Gift Shop ("LA Boutique"), a local hotel-based retail business, for failing to pay numerous employees their Santa Monica minimum wage and retaliating against an employee who attempted to exercise her minimum wage rights. This is the first conviction under the City of Santa Monica's Minimum Wage Ordinance.

Prior to referring the case to the City Attorney's Office, the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer & Business Affairs - contracted as the Wage Enforcement Division of the City - received numerous complaints from LA Boutique's employees regarding wage violations and undertook a multi-month investigation. The investigation uncovered egregious violations of the City's Minimum Wage Ordinance. No employee at LA Boutique was being paid the Santa Monica minimum wage, and when one employee asserted her rights under the City's wage laws, she was terminated.

On November 21, 2017, City Prosecutor Melanie Skehar took the "no contest" plea of the owner of LA Boutique to three misdemeanor counts of failing to pay employees the City of Santa Monica minimum wage and one misdemeanor count of unlawful retaliation against an employee for exercising rights protected by the City's minimum wage laws. Under a plea agreement with the City Attorney's Office, the owner was placed on 36 months of probation and ordered to:

- Pay approximately \$11,000 in back wages to all affected employees.
- Pay approximately \$3,000 in investigative costs to the City.
- Perform 150 hours of community services.
- Comply with all applicable laws, including the City's minimum wage laws.

"This is a positive and fair result," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen. "It is paramount in each of our wage enforcement cases that the affected employees receive full restitution for their back wages and that the employer is educated about the City's wage laws. This prosecution successfully achieved both results."

"The Santa Monica City Council reaffirmed its longstanding commitment toward combating growing income inequality and improving the welfare of the City's workers when it adopted the City's landmark minimum wage law last year," said Shen. "I am pleased that the City's prosecutorial team, in cooperation with our Los Angeles County Wage Enforcement partners, successfully prosecuted this case. Of course, there is much more work to be done."

To report violations of the Santa Monica Minimum Wage Ordinance, please contact the Santa Monica Wage Enforcement Program of the Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at 800-593-8222, online at <http://dcba.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dca/main/home/wageenforcement> or in person at 500 West Temple Street, B96, Los Angeles, CA, 90012.

For more information on Santa Monica minimum wage, visit smgov.net/minimumwage.

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 28)

The exceptional way you've handled difficult circumstances in the past will open rare opportunities to you. A kindhearted influence comes into your life early in 2018. What you see in February will change your mind and set you on a new trajectory. Excellent investments will call out to you in March and April. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 44, 1 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Loyalty doesn't happen in the room: That's just diplomacy. Loyalty is what happens behind people's backs when there's every opportunity to be disloyal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You have faults. Everybody does. To pretend faults don't exist only invites attention to them. Plus, it denies you the chance to find and exploit the asset that's inside every fault.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

An emotional wind change will happen. The dynamics shift, and you'll have to adjust to get comfortable. It's a rush if you don't resist it. Let it carry you like a ride.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

The obstacle falls away. Suddenly your domestic needs are not in competition with your professional needs, and you are able to freely commit to the projects that will take you where you want to go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your vantage point is optimal. Your powers of observation are strong. Your assessment about what you see is very accurate. You cannot be deceived, unless you choose to deceive yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Love is often accidental. You don't mean to develop feelings, but they grow without any help from your intentional mind, and suddenly you're there thinking about someone else more than you think of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The one standing in your way isn't an enemy but a trainer whose opposition gives you all the practice you need to overcome resistance and grow into your strongest, best self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Don't stick with what's comfortable. It won't bring the results you're looking for. Get a little more ambitious, assertive or even aggressive about creating and seizing opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If you have to ask, "Is this enough?" it means it isn't. But where does more come from? It wouldn't be fair for you to have to give when so many around you don't bother, but "fair" never was a hard-and-fast rule in this world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Every personality revolves around its own story. You'll give thought to yours, and you'll probably evolve it to the next level of telling it, too, as you realize there's much more than one way to look at this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A change of opinion isn't always the sign of a fickle mind. It could in fact signify growth and intelligence. But if the change was made strictly to gain the approval of another, that's not a good sign.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

If you let another person encourage you and push you to the next level you'll get there much faster than if you would have merely nudged yourself on. So enlist a coach, mentor or other helper.

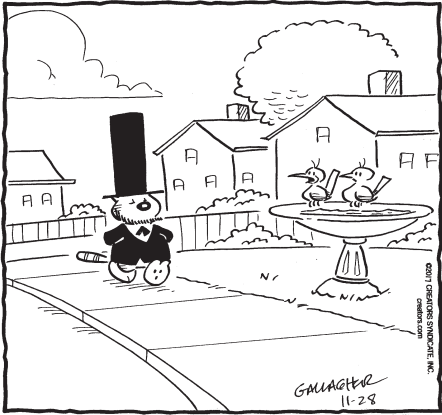
Mercury, Saturn and Habits of Thought

Mercury and Saturn align to point out that some of your thinking is purely habit. You've opinions and notions that keep popping up for no other reason than because they are next in an established pattern. Now ask: Is this helpful? And if the answer is no, you can break this habit with the same efforts you'd use to break any other habit.

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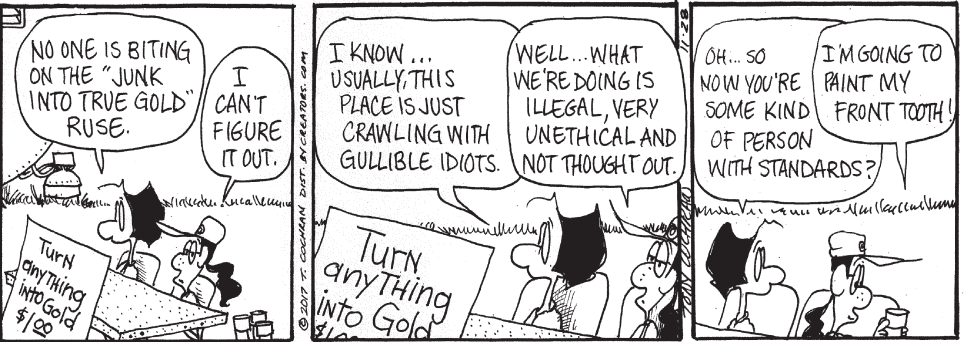
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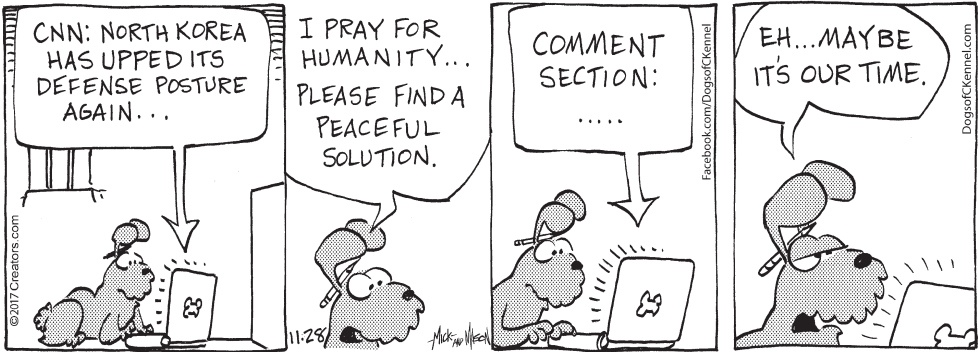
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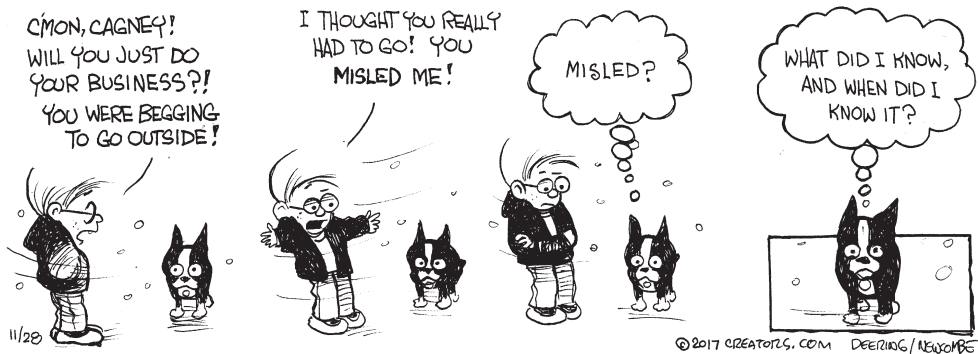
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., December 12, 2017

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

MINOR USE PERMIT, 17ENT-0236, 1514 7th Street. The applicant requests approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to allow for a temporary off-site contractors' construction yard until September 2018 on a 7,500 square foot vacant parcel in the Transit Adjacent (TA) District within the Downtown Community Plan area. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.370(C), the applicant may request to operate an off-site contractors' construction yard for greater than 45 days with approval of a MUP. [PLANNER: James Combs] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** James Smith (MAS Construction Group, INC)/1514 7th Street, LLC.

MAJOR MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0237 and MINOR MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0238, 754 Navy Street. The applicant requests two Major Modifications to allow a 20 percent (7") reduction of the required west side setback from 3'-0" to 2'-5" and a 20 percent (3'-0") reduction of the required front setback from 15'-0" to 12'-0". Additionally, the applicant requests two Minor Modifications to allow a 2'-0" reduction of the required minimum two-car garage interior width dimension from 20'-0" to 18'-0" and a 2.6 percent increase in parcel coverage from 55 percent to 57.6 percent. The subject property is located in the Ocean Park Single Unit Residential (OP1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.43.030(B)(1), the applicant may request a Major Modification of up to 20 percent or 5'-0", whichever is less, of both the required front and side setback standards. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.43.020(B)(3) and (6), the applicant may request a Minor Modification to increase parcel coverage up to 5 percent of the maximum amount and to reduce the dimensional standards of parking spaces as long as it does not result in a reduction of required parking. [PLANNER: Ross Fehrman] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Edmond and Kathlene Wang.

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0209, 603 25th Street. The applicant requests approval of a hedge height modification to allow a 5'-6" high hedge within the front yard setback parallel to the front property line and 6' high within the front yard setback along the north side property line; hedges ranging between 16' – 22' high along the north side property line in the side yard setback and ranging between 16' – 22' high along the south side property line in the side yard setback; and hedges 18' high along the rear property line. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050, hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42" within the front yard setback and twelve feet within the required side and rear yard setbacks as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to these height limitations in the front, side, and rear yard setbacks. [PLANNER: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Gautam Srivastava & Neelam S. Amin.

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0227, 708 Raymond Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a height modification for an existing wall within the front yard setback. The wall is 5'-5" high along the front property line parallel to Raymond Avenue and scales back in height along the side property lines in the front setback area as the property slopes up towards the rear of the parcel. A new required 42" high guardrail is also proposed to be positioned on top of the wall. Additionally, a 4'-7" high concrete planter is proposed as part of a tiered walkway to access the single-unit dwelling. The subject property is located in the Ocean Park Low Density Residential (OP2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050, fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback. [PLANNER: Ross Fehrman] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** Jeannette Architects, Alison Young/Jonathan Flint and Alison Shaw.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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).

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