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Calm days bring gains on giant Southern California wildfire

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A respite from powerful winds allowed firefighters to reach 50 percent containment of Southern California's enormous wildfire, but officials warned that potentially dangerous gusts would return.

Crews taking advantage of calm conditions were performing a controlled burn Tuesday to remove swaths of dry brush along the fire's northern edge.

"We're going to take a lot of that fuel out of there," fire Capt. Rick Crawford said. "That way when the winds come back there'll be nothing left to burn."

Residents near the city of Ojai could see new smoke from the controlled burn, Crawford said.

Hot, gusty winds that caused a huge flare-up and forced more evacuations last weekend are expected to whip up again Wednesday.

The fire northwest of Los Angeles has spread to about 423 square miles (1,095 square kilometers), making it the third biggest in the state since accurate records were kept starting in 1932. The largest, the 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego County, burned about 427 square miles (1,105 sq. kilometers).

Officials estimate that the Thomas Fire will grow to become the biggest in California history before full containment, which is expected by Jan. 7.

Some evacuations were lifted Monday, and Crawford said more residents are being allowed to return Tuesday.

However he cautioned that hillside homes are still threatened near the city of Santa Barbara, where



SANTA VISIT

A group of Santa Monica firefighters led by James Altman made their annual visit to UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica to deliver presents to young patients. The firefighters donate and wrap the gifts – and always bring Santa along to help with the deliveries. The children – as well as their families and hospital staff – appreciated the visit.

Courtesy photos

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Judge dismisses case challenging future of SMO

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

A U.S. District Court judge dismissed a lawsuit from a local pilot and pilot-in-training challenging a settlement agreement between the city and the FAA to shorten the runway at Santa Monica Airport and obtain control of the land in 2029.

Kate Scott and James Babinski alleged city leaders violated the Brown Act because there was no public hearing on the decree. However, the judge found the City Council and Interim City Attorney Joseph Lawrence followed state law when they publicly posted the discussion would be taking place in closed session at a special meeting early this year.

"The City did in fact hold a public hearing on the subject of the runway shortening on January 28, 2017 prior to going into a closed session; the City also held multiple other public hearings on this matter," Judge Philip Gutierrez said in the ruling. The City Council then publicly debated the merits of the decree before approving the deal in a 4-3 vote at the sparsely attended Saturday session.

The Brown Act allows elected leaders to discuss legal matters in closed session.

"This ruling reaffirms the validity of the historic agreement between the City of Santa Monica

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, December 20

Chasing the Last Laugh

A rich and lively account of Mark Twain's late-life adventures abroad. In 1895, at age sixty, Mark Twain was dead broke and miserable—his recent novels had been critical and commercial failures and he was bankrupted by his inexplicable decision to run a publishing company. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Soundwaves Workshop

An evening of graphic scores by various composers. All musicians are invited to participate in a one-hour workshop/rehearsal at 6 p.m. The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

The Commission for the Senior Community

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. 1:30 p.m. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

Thursday, December 21

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St).

Housing Commission

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 22

Drive-In Series for Kids

Bring your cardboard box car to our drive-in and watch some holiday favorites and discover new favorites! This double header features: How the

Grinch [1966]Unrated|26 Minutes] -AND- A Charlie Brown Christmas [1965]TV-G|25 Minutes] Ages 3 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

Design in 3D: Open Lab

Explore 3D printing possibilities at the Library. Prepare your own three-dimensional plastic objects for 3D printing. Staff will be available to help with basic troubleshooting. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Guest House open

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Pico Farmer's Market

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers. Parking for the market is available in the lot along Pico Blvd., at meters along Pico Blvd. or adjacent to Virginia Park in the parking lot on north/east corner of Pico and Cloverfield. 2201 Pico Blvd, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Downtown Farmers Market

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Sunday, December 24

Main Street Farmers Market

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NEW YORK

Los Angeles expansion MLS team to open March 4

Major League Soccer's expansion Los Angeles FC will play its first game on March 4 at Seattle and play its home opener at new Banc of California Stadium on April 29 against the Sounders.

MLS said Tuesday that the venues for D.C. United's first two home games will be announced later. Audi Field, the team's new home, is under construction. Portland's home opener is April 14 against Minnesota following renovations to Providence Park.

Defending champion Toronto opens MLS season against Columbus on March 3, Atlanta is at Houston, D.C. at Orlando, Salt Lake at Dallas, Chicago at Colorado, Minnesota at San Jose and New England at Philadelphia.

Other March 4 matches include Montreal at Vancouver, New York City at Kansas City and Portland at the LA Galaxy.

Seven home openers are set for the following weekend. The March 10 schedule has Montreal at Columbus, Colorado at New England, Los Angeles FC at Salt Lake, Portland at the New York Red Bulls and Kansas City at Chicago. On the following day, D.C. is at Atlanta and the LA Galaxy at New York City.

There are three home openers on March 17, when Toronto is at Montreal, Houston at D.C. and Chicago at Minnesota.

Each team plays 34 games, and the entire schedule is to be announced next month.

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The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25

City services closed

Buses will operate on a holiday schedule.

Tuesday, December 26

City Council Meeting cancelled

Write Away

Gain support and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 27

Wacky Winter Adventure Puppet Show

Luce Puppet Co. presents the story of Pepe the dog and Freezey the snow girl, who travel to the North Pole to find the Gingerbread Princess. Limited space; free tickets available at 2 p.m. For Families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

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Fresh seasonal produce sold direct from California farmers. The inaugural Santa Monica Farmers Market opened Wednesday July 11, 1981 in Santa Monica's downtown retail district with goals of providing reasonably priced, high quality produce to the city's population, and bringing more foot traffic into the area. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Thursday, December 28

Movie & Author Discussion: The Graduate (1967)

Author Beverly Gray (Seduced by Mrs.

Robinson: How the Graduate Became the Touchstone of a Generation) screens and discusses this sexy 1960s classic about a disillusioned college graduate (Dustin Hoffman) who finds himself torn between his older lover (Anne Bancroft) and her daughter. A book sale and signing follows. (Film runtime: 106 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

New Year's Craft Countdown

Ring in the New Year with your own handmade wearables and noisemakers. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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Curious City

Charles Andrews

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This is my last column

...OF THE YEAR

Because the SMDP next week, the last week of the year, will be printing mainly re-runs, a Best Of selection, if you will.

I lost track of the dates so it caught me by surprise as I sat down, quill pen in hand, inkwell balanced on my knee, to write this. But subconsciously part of me must have known last week, because that "Curious City" column, titled "Call It What You Want," was "a broadside of what troubles so many of us about the way our City is being run" (at least according to the QUESTION OF THE WEEK).

Yes, I focused on some of the "evil and corruption" that are starting to see the light of day because of the deposing of all our City Council members in the course of the lawsuit to bring district voting to our City, as mandated by state law, to replace our current at-large voting that is being labeled discriminatory towards minorities. But there's so much more. Think Malibu attorney Kevin Sherkman with the subpoena and deposition power, locally, of Robert Mueller in DC. Once you start asking those questions under oath, there's no telling where the trails may lead. Who ever thought they'd have to tell the truth? Or even be asked? Former Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford is currently being investigated for allegedly receiving some \$200,000 in illegal fees as a consultant while in office, which came to light because of depositions in 2013 over that city's voting rights lawsuit (which they lost).

Our SMMUSD board member Maria Leon-Vazquez is currently being investigated following an LA Times report that she voted to approve contracts from firms who have or had her husband, Santa Monica City Council member and former Mayor Tony Vazquez, on their payrolls as a consultant, without disclosing those relationships. (He is currently running for the Board of Equalization, which decides literally billions of dollars in tax disputes for California individuals and corporations.)

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That voting lawsuit challenging Santa Monica is almost certain to be successful. Similar ones in recent years have all been decided against California cities with at-large voting — 24 - 0 — yet our City, probably driven by Council members fearful of having to run again in their own neighborhoods in order to retain their seats and their power and influence, is willing to give the hopeless a shot and waste an estimated \$7-8 million on the effort. Perhaps not considering the lessons of Palmdale.

All this focus on discrimination in voting has seemed to inspire City Council member Gleam Davis to be much more assertive about her Latina background, a well-kept secret from most Santa Monica voters, it appears. During depositions, Sherkman said, Davis acknowledged she always identified herself as white, "even in the height of affirmative action" when there were benefits to being categorized as a minority. If acknowledged as Latina, that would bring to two the number elected to our City Council in the last 71 years.

See how interesting deposing elected officials can be? Sherkman, like Mueller, is only

part way through the process. Stay tuned. He said he is confident a decision will be handed down before next year's Council elections and, if the plaintiffs prevail, he plans to file an injunction if the City proceeds with the election.

BUT IT'S THE MONEY

Our City staff and elected officials throw around so willy-nilly that bothers many here. Ever since at least Reagan, the GOP strategy has been to run up the deficit, then claim we have to eliminate the programs they don't like — like school lunches, job assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, the arts, Social Security, you know, all those things the rich don't see any reason to contribute to. Even if people will die without some of them.

It's hard to find many fervent Republicans in Santa Monica, and we don't have a deficit, yet, and nobody's dying here, yet, from such policies, but why is it taking more than a dozen years to get the athletic playing field promised by City Council and so desperately needed by Samohi students? Some say it could have been thrown up anytime for under a million. At one point the City was telling us it might cost as much as 90 million! Yet their proposal for a building for needed additional City offices came in a resume-enhancing beyond state-of-the-art structure that is dangerously close to nine figures and may not even be legal.

Speaking of the Civic Center, is that location really any place for toddlers, in the proposed, and approved, Early Childhood Education Center connected to Santa Monica College (SMC)? Not only are we giving it away for \$1 a year land rental (costing the City tens of millions in market value income), we're contributing millions to its construction, most users will likely be from RAND Corporation, which contributed money years ago to its construction, and from City Hall employees — many of both do not live in Santa Monica. This largesse for SMC, which is gobbling up land all over our town (there are other places this could be built) and has about a billion dollars of our bond money sitting in the bank. Don't roll your eyes. Some folks still don't know these things. And there's so much more.

I'M JUST SO TIRED OF IT

What a lousy, horrible year. I've always thought giddy celebrations of New Year's were pretty mindless. All those people cursing the year just passed and thrilled to welcome the new one in — year after year after year. I've always tried to appreciate the good of each year, but this past one was monstrous. We're seeing shameless efforts to destroy our democracy every day in every way, so much so that it's impossible to keep up or be sufficiently appalled. I never, ever thought it would come to this. I thought our institutions were stronger than this but it turns out they're not. Greed and power plow through without resistance.

Maybe the only good thing? The problems we're experiencing here by the sea seem like child's play. We're only losing our cherished, historic, city different. At least nobody is dying. Yet.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Consultants to complete and submit proposals for:

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House member offices paid \$342k in settlements over 4 years

JULIET LINDERMAN,
Associated Press

Newly-released statistics show taxpayers paid more than \$342,000 to settle workplace discrimination disputes at House lawmakers' offices between 2008 and 2012, including nearly \$175,000 for eight settlements related to sexual harassment and sex discrimination accusations.

The new numbers were released Tuesday by the House Office of Compliance, the taxpayer-funded office that handles the often-secret payouts to House employees. The information reveals three previously undisclosed settlements for sexual harassment. It does not identify the lawmakers' offices involved or name the accusers. It was not clear whether the cases involved accusations against a lawmaker or their staff.

The Office of Compliance previously released more recent statistics that revealed a single \$84,000 sexual harassment payment on behalf of Rep. Blake Farenthold. Before announcing that he won't seek re-election, Farenthold pledged to pay back the amount of his settlement.

The new data show payouts totaling \$342,225.85 for member-led offices, including roughly \$115,000 paid to settle three sexual harassment complaints in the four-year period. About \$53,000 was paid to settle five cases involving sex discrimination.

The statistics also show an additional \$12,240 was paid to settle an age and race discrimination and retaliation claim for a non-member led office on Capitol Hill.

In the past month, six lawmakers have

been forced to resign, retire or abandon plans to seek re-election after each was accused of sexually inappropriate behavior: Reps. Farenthold, Ruben Kihuen and Joe Barton have said they won't run again, while Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota and Reps. Trent Franks of Arizona and John Conyers of Michigan announced their resignations.

As Congress grapples with how to reform what has long been known as a "boys club" environment, both chambers have agreed to adopt mandatory sexual harassment training programs for all members and their staffs. Additionally, bills have been introduced that would eliminate mandatory confidentiality clauses attached to mediation and require members to repay any settlements made with taxpayer funds.

On Tuesday, the Committee on House Administration adopted regulations to implement the training, which will be at least one hour long, cover the prevention of harassment, discrimination and retaliation, and occur in person, or via interactive webinar or video conference for employees in district offices outside of Washington. In addition, every office will be required to post a sign outlining protections provided to employees under the Congressional Accountability Act, and participate in a climate survey.

The statistics released by the Office of Compliance don't include every harassment payout from members and their offices. In Conyers' case, the lawmaker paid a former aide \$27,000 from his own congressional office budget, raising questions about how often such payments are made.

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Non-Mandatory Job Walk:

Thursday, 1/4/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:

Pt. Dume Elementary School – 6955 Fernhill Drive, Malibu CA 90265 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives outside the front entrance of the school.

Bid Opening:

Wednesday, 1/31/18 at 2:00PM

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San Diego County sees slowdown in Hepatitis cases

San Diego County is seeing a slowdown in the number of cases of Hepatitis A from an average of 84 per week this summer to only two in the first three weeks of December.

The county's public health officer, Dr. Wilma Wooten, said Tuesday that the death toll of 20 also has not changed since October.

San Diego County has had 571 cases since November of 2016, the worst such US outbreak in 20 years.

Health officials have vaccinated more than 100,000 people, installed 159 hand-washing stations and cleaned streets with a bleach solution in an effort to contain the liver-damaging virus that lives in feces.

The city also is opening tents to house homeless people, the most affected population. Wooten says the efforts appear to be working.

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LOS ANGELES

Leak shut off at Los Angeles natural gas facility

Southern California Gas Co. reported a gas leak at the Los Angeles natural gas storage facility that was the site of a gigantic methane leak that forced thousands from their homes two years ago.

The company said in a community alert that the leak occurred shortly before 5 p.m. Monday at the Aliso Canyon underground storage field during a routine operation to pressurize equipment after maintenance. SoCal Gas said the leak was shut off within 50 minutes and didn't pose any health risks – though it did produce a noticeable odor.

Residents were notified about 7:40 p.m.

A leak in a well at the field in October 2014 lasted nearly four months and caused the largest single release of methane in U.S. history.

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CITY

FROM PAGE 4

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Whose deposition will yield the most dirt? Place yer bets.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that

have never been." — Rainer Maria Rilke (note: this is intended to be hopeful, I'm sure — at this moment in history I find it terrifying)

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SMO

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and the FAA, entered as a Consent Decree by the U.S. District Court," Mayor Ted Winterer said in a statement. "Reducing flights by large jets will improve the lives our residents and neighbors living adjacent to SMO. This is another victory for Santa Monica."

The news of the legal victory was marked by silence at the airport, where the runway has been closed since Dec. 13 while construction crews repaint the runway to 3,500 feet. The runway is scheduled to reopen by the end of the year but will no longer be long enough for certain large jets.

"A reduction in jet aircraft operations will minimize overall air pollution and noise exposure for the neighborhoods surrounding the airport," said airport advisor Suja Lowenthal. "This construction project also provides more adequate safety areas at the ends of the runway."

Even with one lawsuit dismissed, the legal fight over the fate of the airport will continue. The National Business Aviation Administration is challenging the settlement agreement in the U.S. Court of Appeals. The NBAA maintains the shortening of the run-

way will have a major negative impact on nearby residents, business, general aviation and the flying public.

"Should NBAA prevail in court, the city of Santa Monica is gambling with more than \$3 million of airport funds for this potentially temporary runway shortening, which mostly involves changes in runway markings and lighting, taxiway configuration and relocation of nav aids," said Alex Gertsen, the NBAA's director of airport infrastructure.

A recent report found the runway shortening will effectively shut down business charter jet operations at SMO, but most corporate and private jets will still be able to take off and land. Owners of large jets were asked to remove their aircraft from SMO before construction began to shorten the take off area to ensure their safe departure.

The City Council has passed a resolution to close the airport to aviation once the city gains control of the land Dec. 31, 2028. In the meantime, the settlement agreement also allows the city to pursue its municipal takeover of airport services and allows for SMO to develop a pilot program for the sale of unleaded fuel.

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FIRE

FROM PAGE 1

firefighters mounted an aggressive air attack on stubborn flames.

The fire churning through brush in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties has burned more than 1,000 structures, including at least 750 homes.

Firefighter Cory Iverson, 32, died Dec. 14 of burns and smoke inhalation while battling the flames. The blaze is also blamed for the Dec. 6 death of a 70-year-old woman who died in a car crash on an evacuation route.

More than 8,000 firefighters from nearly a dozen states are battling the blaze.

The cause remains under investigation. So far, firefighting costs have surpassed \$130 million.

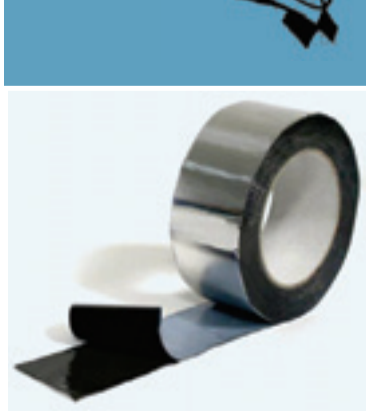
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DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 00 Calls For Service On Dec. 00.

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

- Emergency Medical Service 1300 block 15th 12:22 a.m.
- EMS 1800 block 16th 12:32 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 6:13 a.m.
- EMS 900 block 12th 6:25 a.m.
- EMS 1000 block 20th 7:03 a.m.
- EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:39 a.m.
- EMS 1300 block 2nd 7:54 a.m.
- Miscellaneous outside fire 1700 block 22nd 7:55 a.m.
- EMS 14th / Michigan 8:03 a.m.
- EMS 1300 block 20th 8:33 a.m.
- EMS 400 block 10th 8:45 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 700 block Santa Monica 8:48 a.m.
- EMS 3000 block Glenn 10:06 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 300 block 19th 10:11 a.m.
- Automatic alarm 2600 block Wilshire 10:34 a.m.
- Traffic collision with injury 1300 block Chelsea 10:55 a.m.
- EMS 1400 block 10th 11:06 a.m.

- Trash/dumpster fire 500 block Santa Monica 11:20 a.m.
- EMS 2800 block Santa Monica 11:52 a.m.
- EMS 300 block Bay 11:57 a.m.
- EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:49 p.m.
- EMS 300 block Bay 1:02 p.m.
- EMS 2500 block Pico 1:22 p.m.
- EMS 1000 block Wilshire 1:42 p.m.
- Fire out investigation 2400 block Main 2:55 p.m.
- EMS 3100 block Colorado 4:24 p.m.
- EMS 500 block Olympic 4:25 p.m.
- Traffic collision with injury 2200 block Pier 4:27 p.m.
- EMS 2200 block Colorado 4:37 p.m.
- EMS 900 block 26th 4:38 p.m.
- Miscellaneous outside fire 2200 block Virginia 5:03 p.m.
- EMS 2500 block Main 6:00 p.m.
- EMS 1000 block 3rd 6:11 p.m.
- EMS 1300 block 20th 6:33 p.m.
- EMS 2300 block 32nd 6:36 p.m.
- EMS 600 block Raymond 7:49 p.m.
- EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 8:25 p.m.
- EMS 500 block Montana 8:46 p.m.
- EMS 1400 block 4th 9:18 p.m.
- EMS 1300 block 17th 9:28 p.m.
- Request fire 800 block 17th 10:09 p.m.
- Request fire 800 block 17th 10:09 p.m.
- EMS 800 block 17th 10:10 p.m.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 362 Calls For Service On Dec. 18.

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

- Auto burglary 800 block Bay 12:08 a.m.
- Vandalism 3000 block Main 12:09 a.m.
- Missing person 1100 block California 12:44 a.m.
- Theft recyclables 600 block San Vicente 3:11 a.m.
- Missing person 1100 block California 3:34 a.m.
- Party complaint 2100 block Stewart 4:08 a.m.
- Suspicious person 2700 block 4th 4:09 a.m.
- Burglary investigation 1800 block Pico 5:44 a.m.
- Harassing phone calls 2000 block Broadway 7:03 a.m.
- Burglary 1800 block Pico 7:15 a.m.
- Arson 1700 block 22nd 7:54 a.m.
- Traffic collision 14th / Michigan 8:02 a.m.
- Speeding 700 block Pico 8:18 a.m.
- Auto burglary 800 block 6th 8:18 a.m.
- Grand theft 2600 block Wilshire 8:33 a.m.
- Death investigation 400 block 10th 8:44 a.m.
- Burglary 2400 block Colorado 8:51 a.m.
- Encampment 1600 block 5th 9:00 a.m.
- Petty theft 2600 block 22nd 9:29 a.m.
- Burglary investigation 1600 block Berkeley 9:30 a.m.
- Threats investigations 1600 block Main 9:40 a.m.
- Fraud 200 block Santa Monica 9:40 a.m.
- Grand theft auto 1700 block Oak 9:40 a.m.
- Lewd activity 16th / Santa Monica 10:03 a.m.
- Petty theft 2200 block Colorado 10:17 a.m.
- Auto burglary 500 block Hollister 10:52 a.m.
- Petty theft 700 block Ocean Park 10:58 a.m.
- Traffic collision Chelsea / Arizona 10:59 a.m.
- Strongarm robbery 700 block Ocean Park 11:02 a.m.
- Person with a gun 5th / Colorado 11:16 a.m.
- Traffic collision Lincoln / Pico 11:49 a.m.
- Attempt burglary 100 block Fraser 11:52 a.m.
- Fight 1900 block Pico 12:09 p.m.
- Auto burglary 800 block 10th 12:40 p.m.

- Petty theft 2200 block Colorado 12:47 p.m.
- Public intoxication 4th / Colorado 12:55 p.m.
- Petty theft 2600 block Centinela 1:34 p.m.
- Identity theft 300 block 17th 1:53 p.m.
- Grand theft 1000 block 10th 2:09 p.m.
- Grand theft 200 block Wilshire 2:14 p.m.
- Found person 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:04 p.m.
- Traffic collision 23rd / Dewey 3:27 p.m.
- Fight Lincoln / Michigan 3:29 p.m.
- Petty theft 1500 block 12th 3:40 p.m.
- Theft recyclables 700 block 12th 3:40 p.m.
- Petty theft 1000 block 19th 3:48 p.m.
- Encampment 1500 block the beach 3:52 p.m.
- Traffic collision 2900 block 23rd 4:17 p.m.
- Injured person 3100 block Colorado 4:23 p.m.
- Petty theft 600 block Broadway 4:24 p.m.
- Found property 1600 block Wilshire 4:29 p.m.
- Vehicle blocking driveway 800 block 11th 4:54 p.m.
- Auto burglary 500 block Hollister 5:00 p.m.
- Found property 4th / Colorado 5:03 p.m.
- Assault 1500 block 12th 5:03 p.m.
- Grand theft 2600 block Centinela 5:25 p.m.
- Encampment 800 block Bay 5:51 p.m.
- Person with a gun 300 block Santa Monica Pier 6:07 p.m.
- Attempt burglary 100 block Fraser 6:15 p.m.
- Assault 1700 block Ocean 6:17 p.m.
- Traffic collision 34th / Pico 6:29 p.m.
- Burglary 1500 block 12th 6:32 p.m.
- Burglary 800 block 2nd 6:34 p.m.
- Battery 1100 block 9th 6:42 p.m.
- Petty theft 200 block Broadway 6:44 p.m.
- Grand theft 1500 block Ocean Park 7:00 p.m.
- Hit and run 2300 block 4th 7:04 p.m.
- Petty theft 2400 block Pico 7:08 p.m.
- Encampment 2200 block Lincoln 7:11 p.m.
- Encampment 2000 block 20th 7:54 p.m.
- Encampment 1100 block 5th 9:08 p.m.
- Fraud 300 block Olympic 9:15 p.m.
- Traffic collision 1400 block 4th 9:16 p.m.
- Missing person 300 block Olympic 9:17 p.m.
- Grand theft 2400 block Oak 9:27 p.m.
- Battery 1400 block 7th 9:38 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 9:52 p.m.
- Auto burglary 10th / Pico 10:01 p.m.
- Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 10:30 p.m.
- Encampment 500 block Santa Monica Pier 10:44 p.m.
- Battery 1100 block 9th 10:59 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON DECEMBER 5, AT ABOUT 5:20 A.M.

Officers were conducting a periodic check around the area of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium - 1855 Main Street regarding ongoing encampment issues. Officers located two subjects camped out on the north side of the property. Officers informed them of the camping ordinance and attempted to identify both subjects. Both subjects were uncooperative and evasive in providing any identifiable information. Both subjects were taken into custody. William Rafael Mackorty, 38, homeless was issued a citation for camping and providing false information to a police officer. Marlon Esquivel, 19, homeless was issued a citation for camping and providing false information to a police officer.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Self Exam

■ Q: How old is your body?
 ■ A: This seems like a trick question, either obvious or somehow beyond response. The answer is in between. Whatever your age, your body is many years younger. In fact, much of it may be, on average, 10 years old or less. That's because most cells have a lifespan and are constantly replaced. Stomach lining cells last only a few days; skin epidermal cells a few week; red blood cells a few months. Other cells last for years. One researcher found that the average age of rib muscle cells in people in their late 30s was 15.1 years.

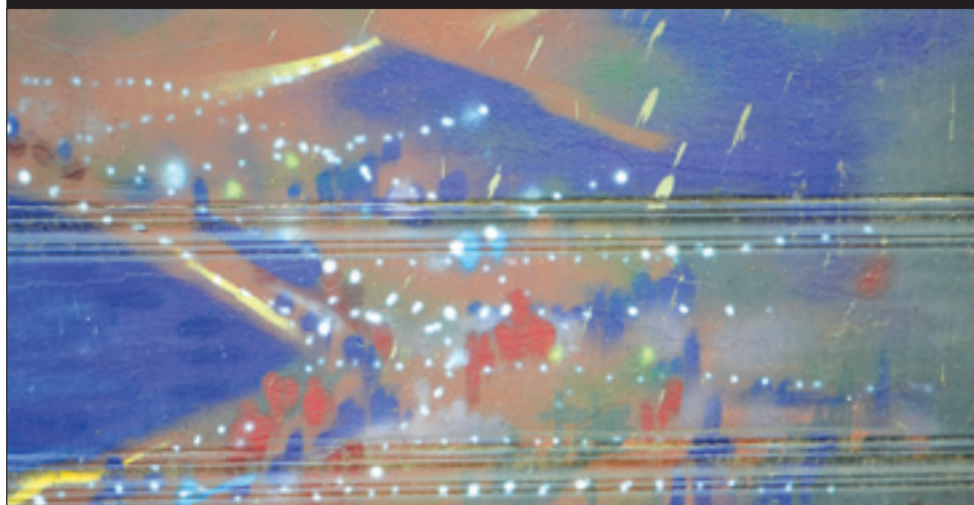
Phobia of the Week

■ Omphalophobia: fear of belly-buttons

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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

GO THE DISTANCE by Greg Johnson
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ACROSS

- 1 Raindrop sound
- 5 Blacken in a broiler
- 9 Dish for a dinner
- 14 Four-star review
- 15 Very hard to find
- 16 Desert spot with water
- 17 At any time
- 18 Barge ___ (disturb)
- 19 ___ Peak, CO
- 20 Pay-at-curb side machines
- 23 Droop, as a mattress
- 24 On vacation
- 25 Actress Thurman
- 28 Kitty's cry
- 30 Courtroom break
- 35 Legendary jazz trumpeter
- 39 Marathon, for one
- 40 Drained of color
- 41 Relatives
- 42 Fairy tale monster
- 43 List-shortening abbr.
- 44 Unseen character flaw
- 47 Place for a pedicure
- 49 Sharer's pronoun
- 50 Air quality org.
- 51 High in calories
- 54 Touch on the shoulder
- 56 Trains' storage facilities
- 62 Big name in ketchup
- 64 Red Muppet

DOWN

- 1 Get ready, for short
- 2 Volcanic flow
- 3 Above
- 4 Fringe benefits
- 5 Recoiled in fright
- 6 Put up, as artwork
- 7 Fragrance
- 8 Extend a subscription
- 9 Sailor of cartoons
- 10 Dragon's retreat
- 11 Requests
- 12 Suit accessory
- 13 Curvy letter
- 21 Purina competitor
- 22 Repairs, as a road
- 25 Called balls and strikes
- 26 Sporty Mazda model
- 27 Lessen, as fears
- 29 Start the day
- 31 Gator relative
- 32 National bird
- 33 Metal to be recycled
- 34 "I'm outta here!"
- 36 Slithery swimmers
- 37 Compete
- 38 A big fan of
- 44 Be unsuccessful
- 45 Suitable for the lawn or patio
- 46 Start to unravel
- 48 Raffle offerings
- 52 Statement of belief
- 53 ___ up (in hiding)
- 55 Creditor's demand
- 56 Barrel of laughs
- 57 Poker ritual
- 58 Arsenal supply
- 59 Oboe insert
- 60 Copenhagen native
- 61 Steer clear of
- 62 Garment border
- 63 Australian bird

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Long-term wildfire evacuees face holidays away from home

AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

Ray and Curry Sawyer's Christmas tree is up, still waiting for their grandkids to decorate it. The presents are hidden away in closets, waiting to be wrapped, the ingredients for gingerbread men are sitting in cupboards, and the kindling for the fireplace has been chopped.

A monster of a wildfire burning in Southern California froze the Sawyers' plans for a big family Christmas and has forced the couple from their Santa Barbara home for nearly two weeks.

Even if their beloved home of five decades survives the next predicted onslaught of winds, the Sawyers are preparing for Christmas in yet another hotel.

"This is getting ridiculous," said the 82-year-old Curry Sawyer from her hotel in Goleta on Tuesday.

"My husband has the feeling, 'Why aren't

they letting us back in?' but they've got hot spots up there and if we get more Santa Ana winds, we're going to be back to square one," Sawyer said. "I'm not sure we're out of the woods."

The Sawyers are among dozens of evacuees who've been away from home for days and weeks, living out of hotels or evacuation shelters, or staying with friends or family. Some have no home to go back to while others are just hoping theirs survive.

The Sawyers were planning a big family Christmas with their sons, who each are married and have a daughter, and live in Los Angeles and Amherst, Massachusetts.

If their home doesn't make it, or if a mandatory evacuation remains in place come Christmas, Sawyer said the family will make do in Los Angeles. Her son's home can accommodate her other son's family, but Sawyer and her husband would have to stay in a hotel.

"We'll be more just trying to cramp our-

selves into a small space," she said. "But at least we'll be together."

As of Wednesday, 432 people were still staying at evacuation shelters run by the Red Cross, agency spokeswoman Georgia Duncan said.

The shelters are preparing to stay open for Christmas and many agencies are donating toys so that the children there have presents to open.

One company already donated more than 100 bicycles, mostly for children. And Christmas came early for one 5-year-old boy who was handed a Mickey Mouse doll.

"He just grabbed it and cried because he had lost all of his toys and just thought there would be no Christmas," Duncan said. "To him, yesterday was Christmas."

Marolyn Romero-Sim, her husband and their 9-year-old daughter have been at an evacuation shelter in Ventura for two weeks after they watched their home of four years, an RV, burn in the wildfire, along with their

beloved dog, their Christmas tree and a few presents.

The family is trying to save money for another RV but know they'll probably be in the shelter for Christmas.

"I try not to let my daughter know, but I feel horrible," the 34-year-old Romero-Sim said through tears Tuesday. "She's being so understanding. She's just thankful we're going to be together for Christmas."

The devastating fire that began on Dec. 4 is responsible for two deaths, has destroyed at least 750 homes and burned about 423 square miles (1,095 square kilometers), making it the third biggest in the state since accurate records were kept starting in 1932.

Officials estimate that the Thomas Fire will grow to become the biggest in California history before full containment, expected by Jan. 7.

Associated Press writer Christopher Weber contributed to this report from Los Angeles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 20)

You're just beginning to get comfortable with being more powerful. Deals go down next month, and you bring on the new year with confidence and cash. You'll be swept into a loved one's world in March. A job will have you trying out an alter ego. Love and lifestyle improvements busy you in the spring. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 22, 13 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

All the glory will go to the one who got into the mess of it and started racking up the mishaps, lessons and successes. So don't worry about whether or not it's too late. This is as good a start time as any.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Rumors travel in exciting ways. Usually they fly. Sometimes they leak. Rumors never plod along. What plods along isn't juicy enough to be considered a rumor, nor will it qualify as news. Consider this in your PR strategy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You would rather come up with a successful plan than have one presented to you. You would rather solve a problem then memorize the solutions of others. It's because learning is a process, not an answer.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You won't really find the time to work on the things you want to work on, but if you make the time - carve it out, declare it, keep it sacred - then you'll have just as much as you willfully dedicated to the pursuit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Remember the times when your thoughts, plus time and effort, resulted in altered reality, materialization and transformation? Today those thoughts will be harder to rein in, but you must, because thoughts become things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Don't worry about how to do it. You're smart. The "how" won't be a problem once you get the truly important questions answered, the most relevant one being "Why?"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The easy road will be uneventful and boring, so choose something with more texture and pitch to it, though not so challenging as to cause you to become stuck or disheartened. Some difficulties are more desirable than others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Inventing yourself is much easier than reinventing yourself. Once people have an idea about you, it's difficult to overwrite that. But new people will accept what you show them, and you may as well have a little fun with this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Even though you come into the world with a certain framework, much of your story is a co-creation between you and the outside world. Never forget your ultimate free will. This is a day to exercise it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A relationship will get on your nerves if you let it. No one is trying to irritate the other, but there are sticking points - friction that comes up again and again until someone's resistance is rubbed away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Gossip is dangerous. Steer clear of it. Make your mind up about people based on what you experience, not what you hear. Truly, people can poison your judgment with their opinions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

In your current ambitious mood you believe that if it's not getting better, it's getting worse. That's why yours is a path of constant improvement and study, which will be easily accommodated with the free resources you find today.

Pre-Solstice Advice

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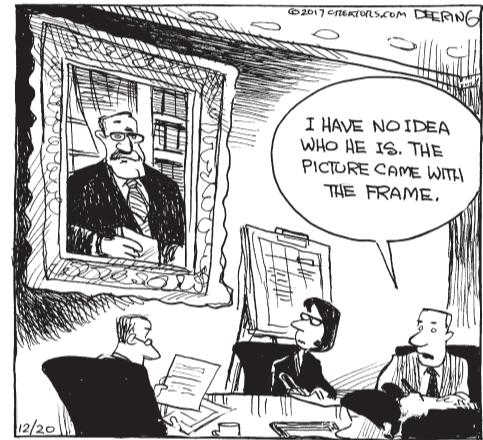
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Notice of Hearing: Date: 01/19/18, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room: A203 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 12/12/2018

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