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## Gallery owners face uncertain New Year after Bergamot Station Sale

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Some gallery and creative business owners at the popular art destination Bergamot Station are starting the New Year on shaky ground.

Just two days before Christmas, tenants on the privately owned portion of the complex received invoices from their new landlord, RedCar Properties Ltd, a Los Angeles real estate investment firm based in Chinatown. The invoices did not raise rates, but passed along higher property taxes, insurance taxes, management fees and common area charges to tenants. Some gallery owners report their rents have effectively increased by nearly 70 percent with the additional taxes and fees.

The owner of Writers Boot Camp, one of about a dozen creative businesses on the two acres of privately owned land, says he will need to recruit 40 more clients to pay the difference on his bill. The new invoices were issued just eight days before their due date at the first of the year.

"The timing has been unfortunate because of the holidays," said Jeff Gordon, who has leased his space for 18 years and can count Oscar and Tony winning writers among his alumni. "Nobody is necessarily against the purchase, we just have no idea of their openness to support the arts."

RedCar Properties did not return our request for comment on the sale.

Bergamot Station opened in September of 1994 as a gallery

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# The Albright celebrates 40 years on the Pier




Matthew Hall

**BIRTHDAY:** The Albright is celebrating 40 years of business on the Santa Monica Pier.

BY MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

This month The Albright will not just be celebrating the New Year but also their 40th anniversary and owners Greg and Yunnie Morena are taking pride in their title as the longest running restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier.

When the restaurant opened in 1977 it was named Santa Monica Pier Seafood, and owned and by Yunnie's parents who emigrated to the U.S. from Korea.

Yunnie and Greg, both Santa Monica natives took over the family business in 2013 as Yunnie's mother felt it was her time to retire and pass down the family business. Since then the couple modernized the look, but still able to preserve the original atmosphere. They felt the need for a new name and decided on, The Albright, referring to the nautical Albright Knot, which symbolizes two generations of a local family business.

Greg and Yunnie both learned a lot from her mother, Mrs. Kim. Greg mentions that the restaurant is going on 40 years because of the solid foundation she formed and because of the family and friends who helped the restaurant grow.

This month The Albright will be paying homage to the year of the original opening of the restaurant, by offering $19.77 specials throughout the month. They will be offering their famous Spicy Seafood Soup to Fish n' Chips. Each dish has a unique take on the original recipe that was once on the menu in 1977.

"I recommend the Spicy Seafood Soup, it is a classic," said Greg. "Mrs. Kim made this soup back in the day when the restaurant was fairly new, and she is known for making this dish delicious and spicy so we are bringing some of those flavors this classic soup."

Yunnie and Greg both enjoy serving a delicious meal but also staying committed to sustainably caught seafood, and locally sourced ingredients. They serve daily caught fish as well as locally sourced and organic ingredients from the Santa Monica Farmers Market and Santa Monica Seafood.

"When I was at John Adams I

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## City Hall prepares for 2017 Homeless Count

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

City leaders will be carefully watching the numbers from 2017's upcoming homeless count to see how the new Expo Line is changing Santa Monica's homeless landscape.

The past few years, the City has been able to reduce the number of people living on the streets while the homeless population in Los Angeles County increased. The City has added beds, reuniting homeless people with their families and gotten them into mental health and rehab facilities.

But with the Expo Line bringing thousands of people into Santa Monica every day, both police and fire departments report an uptick in calls concerning the homeless.

"There's new people every day," said Sergeant Jeff Glaser with Santa Monica Police Department's homeless unit. "People come to Union Station from all over the country and then they come to Santa Monica. A lot of the time they've heard about the homeless services we provide. We're a victim of our own success sometimes.

Sergeant Glaser says officers have made an effort to connect people from out of town with homeless services where they are from.

"We cant' take care of everyone. I wish we could but we can't"

Sgt. Glaser will be one of the 250 volunteers who fan out across the city Wednesday, January 25th at 10:30 p.m. to count the homeless sleeping on streets and on the shore.

The 2016 numbers after the

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Tuesday, January 3

### New Year's Eve (2011)
A stellar ensemble cast celebrates love, hope, forgiveness, second chances and fresh starts, in intertwining stories told amidst the pulse and promise of New York City on the most dazzling night of the year. (113min). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

### Build Your Digital Armor
Computer gamers will learn how to make smart decisions that keep you safe and protect your privacy. Ages 6-10. Registration begins December 5, 2016. Call the Youth Services department at (310) 458-8261 or come by! Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3 p.m.

## Wednesday, January 4

### Create Your Digital Self
Create your own avatar and explore your online identity, including ways to be totally awesome with yourself and others online. Ages 6-10. Register by calling the Youth Services department at (310) 458-8261 or stop by. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3 p.m.

### Ocean Park Preschool Explorers: Dinosaurs
Explore a new science topic each month with stories and hands-on activities. Best for ages 3-5. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 10 – 10:45 a.m.

## Thursday, January 5

### Read a Play
Discover great plays while uncovering your inner actor. This new monthly group will read through a different play each month, with each in attendance taking part in the read through. January play: "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" by Tom Stoppard. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

### Make Anything with Code
Learn how to use simple, easy-to-understand HTML5 and CSS to create photos, music and videos to display online. No previous coding experience required. Taught by Joe Delaplaine. Grades 6-12. Space is limited. Registration required. Call (310) 458-8621 to sign up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4 p.m.

### Florence Foster Jenkins
Meryl Streep stars in this comedy as a spoiled heiress who dreams of an opera career, despite being a terrible singer. (111 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 5 p.m.

### Be Inspired Online at Main
Mix your own movie and find great images, sounds, and content to use in your projects. Learn how to tell whether something is fair to use and find the cool things you're looking for. Ages 6-10. To register, call the Youth Services department at (310) 458-8261 or stop by. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3 p.m.

## Friday, January 6

### Introduction to Finding Grants (for Nonprofits)
Introduction to the Foundation Center's database of U.S. foundations, corporate giving programs, and public charities. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Seating is first come, first served. Requires familiarity with using a mouse & keyboard. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Saturday, January 7

### Cuban Salsa with Kati Hernandez
Curious about salsa? Learn steps in a fun setting. Bring a partner or find partners here; all levels welcome. Register at the link below or call (310) 458-2239. Cost: $10. 1450 Ocean, 2 –

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# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

## Assemblymember Bloom Appointed Chair of Budget Subcommittee No. 3

Assemblymember Richard Bloom was re-appointed Chair of the Budget Subcommittee on Resources and Transportation, a position he has held since his first year in the legislature.

"Over the past four years, I have worked to protect California's natural resources and make this state cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable for all of its residents," said Assemblymember Bloom (D-Santa Monica). "I look forward to continuing that effort in the upcoming legislative session and thank Speaker Anthony Rendon for his confidence in my ability to do so."

The Budget Subcommittee No. 3 oversees California's budget on issues such as water resources, state parks, conservation, air quality, renewable energy, transportation, and greenhouse gas reductions. Over his tenure as Chair of the Committee, Assemblymember Bloom has played a key role in efforts to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions, improving access to renewable energy resources and significantly ramping up energy efficiency initiatives, renewing the state's commitment to ocean health in the face of climate change, and allocating drought relief funds to communities hit hardest by California's historically-severe drought. Assemblymember Bloom has also served as a conferee on the Budget Conference Committee, a small team of legislators tasked with negotiating the final budget with the Governor.

California has long been a leader on environmental protection and climate change; the Budget Subcommittee's work in the upcoming years will be vital as the State fights to protect that mission and legacy from a potentially hostile executive branch. As the Committee begins its work on next year's budget, it will be facing a dramatically changed national political landscape with a President and members of the controlling party in Congress having, at various points, called climate change a hoax, threatened to dismantle the Environmental Protection Agency, suggested the U.S's withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, and with climate change-deniers poised to lead important agencies in the administration.

"President-elect Trump and the Republican Congress appear to be hell-bent on dismantling U.S. policy on climate change, a position that is at odds with the views of a majority of Americans", said Bloom. He added "California has long been looked to for its thoughtful leadership on environmental issues and my Budget Subcommittee will continue that tradition. California's voice, rooted in science and steadfast in the face of difficult decisions, is more important now, than ever."

Richard Bloom represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

– SUBMITTED BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER BLOOM'S OFFICE

Pacific Palisades

## Theatre Palisades Presents "PICNIC" by William Inge

"Picnic" takes place on Labor Day weekend in the joint backyards of two middle-aged widows. One house belongs to Flo Owens, who lives with her two maturing daughters, Madge and Millie, and a boarder who is a spinster school teacher. The other house belongs to Helen Potts who lives with her elderly mother. Into this atmosphere comes a drifter by the name of Hal Carter whose animal vitality seriously upsets the entire group.

Performances are Jan. 13 – Feb. 19, 2017. Fridays/Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Theatre Palisades Pierson Playhouse is located at 941 Temescal Canyon Rd., Pacific Palisades, 90272.

Tickets are adults: $20, seniors & students $18. Visit www.theatrepalisades.org or call (310) 454-1970 for more information.

– SUBMITTED BY PAM SOMMER, THEATRE PALISADES PUBLICITY

Downtown

## The Big Kids' Table: Origami Edition

Santa Monica Public Library will present The Big Kids' Table: Origami Edition on Wednesday, January 11, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Looking to have fun, socialize and de-stress? Take a seat at The Big Kids' Table, the Main Library's monthly series of activities that invites adults to get in touch with their inner "big kid." This month, try your hand at origami, the Japanese art of folding paper. Make the first of your 1001 cranes. Upcycle a greeting card into a gift box. Fold a dollar bill into a heart. Or relax by coloring or playing a game of Scrabble. All materials will be provided. Just bring your creativity!

This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, 7, R7, R10 and 18. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

– SUBMITTED BY BARBARA CHANG FLEEMAN, PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Citywide

## Martin Luther King Celebration

Santa Monica College Superintendent/President Dr.

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### Wastewater Main Replacement Project

For the week of January 2, 2017, the Contractor will continue with removal and replacement of the sewer main on Marguerita Place North between 1st Court and 7th Street. The contractor will also continue cleaning and video inspection of the sewer main on Ocean Front Walk from Ashland Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier. During these operations, traffic control will be set up. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Tim Scheffer, Construction Manager (909) 376-0275.

### Ishihara Park (Buffer Park) Project

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

### Los Amigos Park Stormwater Harvesting And Direct Use Demonstration Project

For the week of January 2, 2017, the contractor will continue work with the installation of plumbing to restrooms, equipment pads, and restoration of baseball fields. Construction for the first phase was completed and traffic control on 5th Street was removed. Hollister Ave. between 5th and 6th Streets will remain closed to through traffic. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Scott Neumann, Construction Manager (310) 525-0683.

### Berkeley Street Improvement Project

For the week of January 2, 2017, the contractor will be working on new concrete medians and bulb-outs along Berkeley Street between Lipton Avenue and Stanford Street. The work includes the installation of landscaping, water lines. Traffic control will be set up. Should you have any questions, please contact Curtis Castle, City of Santa Monica Construction Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 5048.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Rebuttal needed

**Editor:**

I've been waiting for a City Council rebuttal to David Garden's letter of December 9 in the SMDP. Fortunately I didn't hold my breath.

His assertion that the budget for the impending expansion of City Hall will cost more than twice per square foot than the new LEED Gold African-American Museum in Washington, DC. illustrates why Santa Monica residents need a louder voice in the approval of such projects. The Luve initiative would have been a major step in that direction. Perhaps the barrage of negative press in the SMDP in the last days before the election contributed to its defeat. Perhaps also, if it is rewritten to address some of the concerns voiced, it may yet be approved. The need for active resident participation clearly remains.

**Robert Ragaini**
Bi-coastal, Santa Monica & New Yok

## LIST

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5 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/56307

### Retro Gaming

Spend an afternoon and play video, bored and card games from everyone's childhood! Ages 5 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 – 2:30 p.m.

### Teen Tech Workshops: Video Game & App Development Fundamentals w/ UNITY 3D

This hands-on class introduces students to the fundamentals of video game and app development. Bring a flash drive. See flyer for more details. Taught by Matt Fairweather, founder of Torrid Games. Grades 6-12. Space is limited. Registration required. Call (310) 458-8621 to sign up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 – 5 p.m.

### Making Prints with Patricia Mitchell

Have you taken a class with Patricia or Zeina and made a block - but haven't had time to print with it? Join this class to make an edition from your artwork. All relief printing techniques accommodated: linoleum and wood blocks, collograph, etc. Cost: $25. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/56037

## Sunday, January 8

### Family Field Trip Beach Walk

Recommended for ages 5 and up, with parent or guardian in attendance. Join the Audubon Society to explore slimy seaweed, sand crabs, beach hoppers, grebes and more. Register at https://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/public-events.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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Synchronized Swimming course. $83/session (3 classes incl parking); $37/class. SUN 1/8-1/22. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 10 – 11:15 a.m. www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx

### Aqua Aerobics at Beach House

This shallow and deep Aqua Aerobics program includes the use of jogging belts and water barbells to increase strength and cardiovascular fitness. Each class is an hour in length and includes stretching, cardio, and strength training. These classes are geared toward each participant's fitness level and beginners are encouraged to attend. $10 per class. Register at www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 – 19 a.m.

## ALBRIGHT

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remember the school putting in the blue trash cans. Obviously at first we joke around about the color of the trash cans but in reality it was the city's leadership that began to teach me about being eco-conscious," said Greg. "I grew up around the ocean and it has become instilled in me to be aware of what is happening to our ocean, and being able to serve people fresh and sustainable food."

The Albright is the only business on the pier to achieve a Green Business Certification and he family's commitment to sustainability extends beyond their own business. They are part of the Sustainable Committee working to make the entire Pier more eco-friendly.

"The 40 year anniversary is exciting and we are truly thankful for everyone's support and we want to use this as a platform to not only serve delicious, and fresh food but also preach about sustainability," said Greg.

For the future, the company looks to build on its current success. After securing the rights to use Popeye, also a Santa Monica native, in their marketing, the restaurant hopes to launch a new Popeye summer apparel collection and the family would like to expand the business beyond Santa Monica's borders.

The Albright 40th Anniversary Throwback Menu:

Jan 1-10: Spicy Seafood Soup with fresh clams, mussels, cod, langoustine, squid, shrimp and jasmine rice $19.77

Jan 11- Jan 20: Calamari Appetizer with spicy chipotle aioli & New England Clam Chowder in our sourdough bread bowl $19.77

Jan 21- 31: A Cup of New England Clam Chowder, Fish n' Chips Special, Small Fountain Soda, Fresh Homemade Cookie $19.77

For more information you can call The Albright (310) 394-9683 or visit http://thealbright.com.

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## BERGAMOT

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complex where owners can benefit from large, formerly industrial spaces and relatively low rents. While Santa Monica owns 5 acres of the property, the other two were until recently owned by Wayne Blank, a developer and co-owner of the Shoshana Wayne Gallery.

Two years ago, Blank publicly split from the City over plans to redevelop Bergamot Station into a mix of galleries, apartments and office space. In a release, Blank called the plans "fatally flawed" and said they could "result in the death of Bergamot Station as a world-renowned arts district." Ever since the split, gallery and creative business owners have worried revitalization plans may push out existing tenants who cannot afford to pay escalating rents or survive prolonged construction.

"For the past three years, we've been questioning the ability to survive," Gordon said of the City's plans to dramatically develop the Bergamot area around the new Expo Light Rail stop on 26th Street. "It's been overly politicized because they've been focused on out-of-scale development."

Many of the tenants who received the new invoices rent on a monthly basis. It's not clear how many will be forced to leave because of the higher costs or where they will be able to go. It is clear that the art haven is already starting to change amid plans to make room for more businesses and residents. For example, the Santa Monica Museum of Art left the complex in 2015 and will reopen in downtown L.A. this year with a new name.

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## BRIEFS

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Kathryn E. Jeffery will be the keynote speaker at the birthday celebration for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, January 16, at the Soka Gakkai International (SGI) Auditorium, 525 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica.

The free event – one of the largest and most diverse celebrations of its kind in Southern California – is scheduled for 9 a.m. The event is presented by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition, a nonprofit coalition whose mission is consistent with King's legacy. Event co-sponsors are the City of Santa Monica, SGI-USA, Santa Monica College, the SMC Associates (www.smc.edu/associates), the RAND Corporation, CityTV-Santa Monica, and a variety of other organizations, individuals, and corporate contributors.

This year's celebration marks the event's 32nd anniversary and embraces the theme "Stand Against Injustice." The multi-ethnic, interfaith program will include inspirational readings, speakers, music—including a performance by the SMC Emeritus Gospel Choir—and the Education Awards. Immediately following the program, a Community Involvement Fair offering refreshments and informational displays by a variety of community organizations will be held nearby at the Grand Pavilion of St. Monica's Church, 701 California Ave., Santa Monica.

Before arriving at Santa Monica College, Dr. Jeffery served as President of Sacramento City College; as President of Hennepin Technical College in Minneapolis, Minnesota; and as Provost/Chief Campus Administrator at the College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas. She was also Vice President of Columbia College in the Yosemite Community College District; Dean for Faculty and Staff Diversity/Development; and Dean for Student Services at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

With more than three decades of experience in the field of education – as a professor, counselor, and administrator – Dr. Jeffery is a passionate advocate for higher education with a focus on a student-centered approach to leadership and decision-making. She is a classical musician, with a Bachelor of Music Education from Oklahoma State University (OSU), where she majored in piano, and minored in voice. Dr. Jeffery has earned a Ph.D. in Educational Administration with an emphasis in Community College Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin.

For more information about this special event, please call (310) 941-9172 or (310) 434-4003.

– SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, SMC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Citywide

### New Laws for 2017

Motorcycle "lane splitting" if officially legal in California but the CHP will be looking into guidelines for motorists to safely share lanes.

All forms of nonconsensual sexual assault may be considered rape.

A new law redefines "assault weapon" to close the so-called bullet button loophole. It is believed the loophole allowed the type of assault weapons used in the San Bernardino massacre.

Beauty salons and barber shops can serve limited amounts of complimentary beer and wine without an ABC license.

Possession, purchase, sale and use of powdered alcohol is now against the law.

Texting while driving is officially banned.

Animal shelters can no longer sell or transfer animals to research facilities for testing or experimentation.

University of California schools are allowed to study the efficacy and safety of medical marijuana, including studies looking at the drug's effect on motor skills.

BY KATE CAGLE, DAILY PRESS STAFF WRITER




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## COUNT

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annual count found homelessness in Santa Monica was down 20 percent since 2009. No children or families were found unsheltered. Santa Monica Mayor Ted Winterer hopes to see the trend continue.

"Our numbers have actually gone down the last few years, but we'll have to see," Winterer said. "It does seem anecdotally that there has been an uptick. We have to get a handle on what's going on. The best way to do that is through metrics."

The City is now dealing with the challenges of helping an increasingly mobile homeless population. Last year, half of the homeless people surveyed said they came from elsewhere in Los Angeles. Nearly 30 percent came from out of state.

Mayor Winterer says the numbers show homelessness is clearly a regional issue. Neighboring Los Angeles has the largest number of chronically homeless people in the United States. A November report from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development found nearly 13,000 people living on the streets or in their cars in Los Angeles.

"Santa Monica has really done a good job with various services," Winterer said. "We need to get our neighboring agencies on board with similar services."

More help is on the way. In November, Los Angeles voters approved Proposition HHH, allowing the City to borrow up to $1.2 billion over ten years for affordable housing. In March, Los Angeles County voters will decide whether to pass a quarter-cent sales tax to fund homeless programs. Experts predict the tax will raise an additional $355 million a year.

Organizers say they have about half the volunteers they need for this year's homeless tally. Interested volunteers have until Wednesday, Jan. 18 to sign up.

It typically takes a few hours to complete the overnight count, with some counters working until 3 a.m. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and able to walk up to 2.5 miles unassisted. Parents may bring children ages 16 to 17 to participate on their team but no one younger.

For more information about the count, visit www.smgov.net/Portals/Homelessness.

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# SMC police protect, serve and give

**BY GRACE SMITH**
Special to the Daily Press

Raising money to support cancer research, collecting clothing and toiletries for foster children, and collaborating on a new play may not be the first things that come to mind when you think about law enforcement, but they are all part of how the Santa Monica College Police Department (SMCPD) serves the college and its community.

SMCPD officers have a long history of community involvement, for both personal and professional reasons.

"If we're doing something to make our community a better one, then maybe we're also going to make this a safer place for everyone," said SMC Police Chief Johnnie Adams, who has spearheaded an expansion in the department's community outreach.

The commitment is one that extends to the entire department. Officer Steve Hearn invited his colleagues to join the Pink Patch Project, a collaborative effort among law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles County to raise money each October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Some 17 years ago, Sergeant Mark Kessler launched SMC's participation in another important cancer fundraiser: Relay for Life. Today, Sergeant Jere Romano has taken the lead on the relay project, as well as the department's initiative to help veterans returning from deployment. And many SMCPD officers volunteer their time after hours at a variety of community organizations such as the Boys and Girls Club.

After kicking off with a barbecue fundraiser, "the Pink Patch Project just took off," said Captain Ray Bottenfield, who was awarded a 2013-14 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor by President Barack Obama for heroism in the line of duty.

"It's really brought our SMC community together," Chief Adams said. "One thing the police department did turned into an entire college effort—where the SMC Foundation, the Associated Students, and other campus groups got involved." (SMC raised more than $6,000 for the Pink Patch Project; 82 agencies raised roughly $300,000 in total).

Many of the SMC Police Department's philanthropic projects address needs relevant for the students they protect and serve. For instance, in November and December, the department partnered with the Santa Monica Police Department, the Manhattan Beach Police Department, the Santa Monica Police Activities League, and the SMC Management Association on a donation drive to support Hope in a Suitcase, a nonprofit that collects new and gently used clothing and supplies for children entering foster care. SMC provides educational and other support services to current or former foster youth enrolled at the college through its Guardian Scholars Program.

"The SMC Police Department is breaking down barriers through its philanthropic work," said Debra Joseph-Locke, the senior student services specialist who oversees the Guardian Scholars Program at SMC. "It gives the officers the opportunity to forge a connection with students."

She adds that several Guardian Scholars signed up to participate in the Hope in a Suitcase drive, to write notes of support that went into the bags being assembled. "They see themselves in those younger foster children," she said, "and they like that they have a chance to pay it forward."

This December, the SMC Police Department also collected toys for families of veterans, as well as canned goods to stock local food pantries.

"People don't realize how much some of our students sacrifice trying to get their education," adds Captain Bottenfield, speaking of students struggling with homelessness, "or how hard they struggle trying to make a future for themselves."

To help those who are hungry on campus, the department plans to "host events where if you bring donations for the food pantries, you can get free tacos," said Chief Adams. "Or, if you're a homeless student, you can just come by and have a meal. These interactions build a stronger campus community for all of us."

The SMC Police Department's outreach can be creative as well. The department brought a new play on domestic violence and sexual assault to the attention of the award-winning SMC Theatre Arts Department, which will produce the play's California premiere next spring. The SMC Police Department is also seeking sponsors for the production, which is told from the perspectives of three children, three college-age students, and three older adults. Chief Adams says he hopes to support panel discussions and other outreach efforts on the subject for the greater campus community. "A play is a really good medium to educate, and to encourage a dialogue," he adds.

Fostering those types of conversations is fundamental to the department's role. "Our environment allows us to get out, walk around, and engage with staff and, especially, students," Sergeant Kessler said. "Our goals are to make contact and be high-profile and approachable, so we're heading off something before it happens. We're not enforcers; we're preventers."

The department is also engaging in dialogues with students on such vital societal issues as the relationship between police and minorities. "There's so much controversy, as you see in the media, where it's almost like an 'us versus them' mentality," Chief Adams says. "We're all part of the human race."

In October, the SMC Police Department met with the SMC Black Collegians—a unique academic and student support program tailored for students of African descent—for an open forum discussion on how they could work together to foster understanding and empathy. "The power of the students, collectively, needs to be leveraged," Chief Adams said, "so we can build bridges of understanding here, and extend them nationwide."

For more information about the SMC Police Department's many philanthropic and bridge-building efforts, please contact Chief Johnnie Adams at Adams_Johnnie@smc.edu or (213) 304-8417.

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# Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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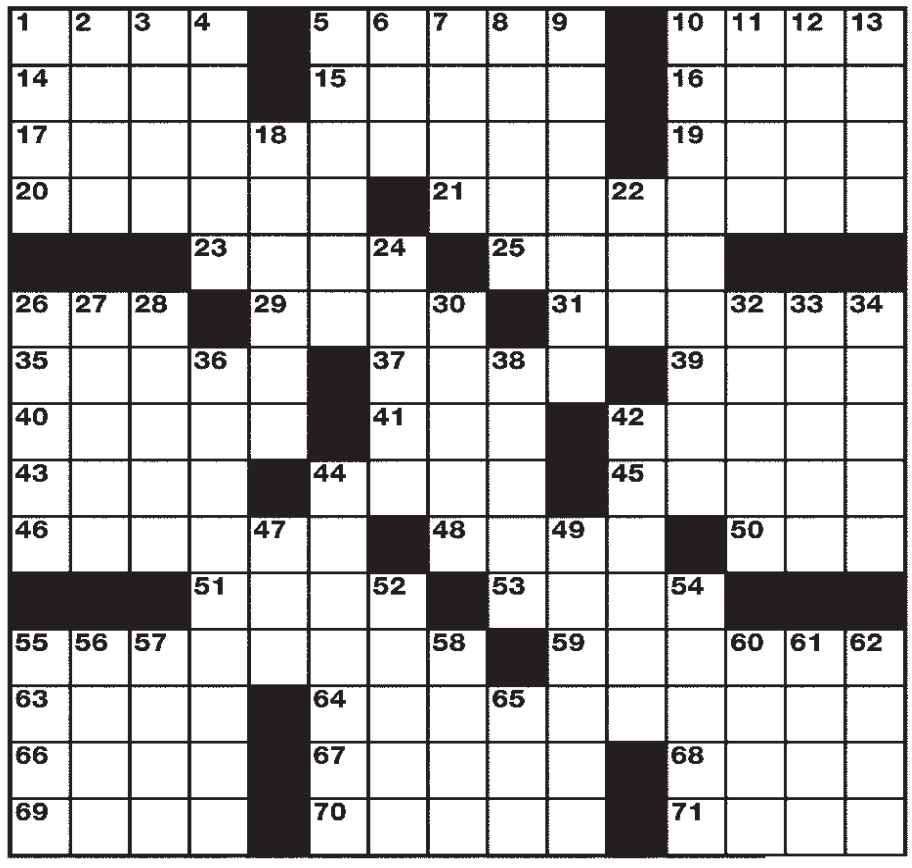
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# Newsday Crossword

**LOOK HERE** by Billie Truitt
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**ACROSS**
**1** Wild guess
**5** Get clean in the tub
**10** Messy person
**14** Hard work
**15** Impressive grouping
**16** Daddy
**17** Call attention to
**19** Cameo shape
**20** Has some success
**21** Revealing, as a remark
**23** Flower's holder
**25** Leave port
**26** __ Beta Kappa
**29** At the pinnacle of
**31** Sales pitches
**35** Indy 500 entrant
**37** Eeyore's bear friend
**39** Strong adhesive
**40** Foe
**41** Historical period
**42** Be unselfish
**43** "Chicken noodle" course
**44** Tributes in verse
**45** Speak
**46** Draining tool
**48** Omen
**50** Letter before tee
**51** Sedan or coupe
**53** Talk back to
**55** Legislative periods
**59** Grade-school playtime
**63** Play's beginning
**64** Call attention to
**66** Expert
**67** Smooth-tongued
**68** Make coffee
**69** Sight for __ eyes
**70** Guiding principle
**71** Swiss peaks

**DOWN**
**1** Small earring
**2** __ avail (useless)
**3** Office assistant
**4** Bestow good upon
**5** Open-top laundry holder
**6** Rainbow shape
**7** Jog
**8** Rabbit relatives
**9** Place for mascara
**10** Call attention to
**11** Molten rock
**12** Iridescent gem
**13** Hay package
**18** Community service club
**22** Cup rim
**24** Sulked
**26** Use an iron
**27** Vietnamese capital
**28** Freeze over
**30** Skin openings
**32** Make happy
**33** Entices
**34** Fortune-tellers
**36** Call attention to
**38** Desert caravan stop
**42** Twilight time
**44** With browned bread
**47** French "yes"
**49** Deep-red gem
**52** Perfectly timed
**54** Diver's gear
**55** Wood-cutting tools
**56** Stairwell sound
**57** Mix with a spoon
**58** Read, as a bar code
**60** __ Grey tea
**61** Dance move
**62** Stitches together
**65** Cain's mother






## TRANSPORTATION TUESDAYS: #GoSaMoResolutions

Are you pondering your resolutions for 2017? If you are like us your resolutions include things like saving money, getting in shape, spending more time with your friends and family, lowering your stress levels, and being happy. Making significant changes to our already over-prescribed schedules can be a challenge. So why not make your commute and other trips do double-duty?

Re-thinking how you get to work can save you a lot of money when you consider how much you are spending for parking, gas, and wear and tear on your vehicle. And depending on where your work your employer might cover the cost of transit, vanpools, and other commute options – making the savings add up even faster!

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### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Feel scattered? Think of it as a prolonged state of brainstorming. You're searching for one small new thing to add to your life to brighten your mood and enhance the impression you make on the world.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Some of the good questions have answers. But most of them just hang their, ripe, overhead and will continue to do so for many lifetimes, scenting the air with their sweetness, drawing our imaginations up and up and up.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Give yourself a wide margin for error. You won't need it, but this will keep you at the low stress level that allows for maximum poise and charisma to spare. You'll like whom this attracts.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Laughter usually bonds people, but be aware that it can also alienate people. Not everyone has your stellar sense of humor, especially when it comes to kidding that's a little too close for home. Sensitivity required.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
From Hitchcock to Shakespeare, the best storytellers know to leave the most intense scenes off the stage and let the audience fill in the blanks with imagination. You'll benefit from doing the same. Say nothing. Let them fill in the blanks.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The social technology that is supposed to facilitate human connection often has the opposite effect, drawing us into a social fantasy while we ignore those who actually exist at an arm's length. Don't let it happen to you and yours.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Greatness and inner strength go hand in hand. You develop it the same way you do physical strength -- by doing hard things over and over. It's why you choose to stick to this job until it's done.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The animals have an effect on you, and you'll be more keenly aware of this. Whether you care for an animal or just admire the natural world, you'll be enriched by other lifeforms today.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Being in control of a small part of your environment will make you feel in control of your whole world. To extend the idea, what you do for your body, you'll do for your life.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
When it comes to "getting over it," there's no time limit. Take as long as you need. Just know that until you're "over it," it will be hard to get "on with it," so it's in your own best interest not to wallow.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The concept of one person not being good enough for another person is truly false. There are better matches and worse matches, but no one is inherently better than anyone else.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Life doesn't usually offer closure in any kind of neat form. Endings often aren't. And even when they are, they can be so long and drawn out, you might as well say "so long" instead of "goodbye."

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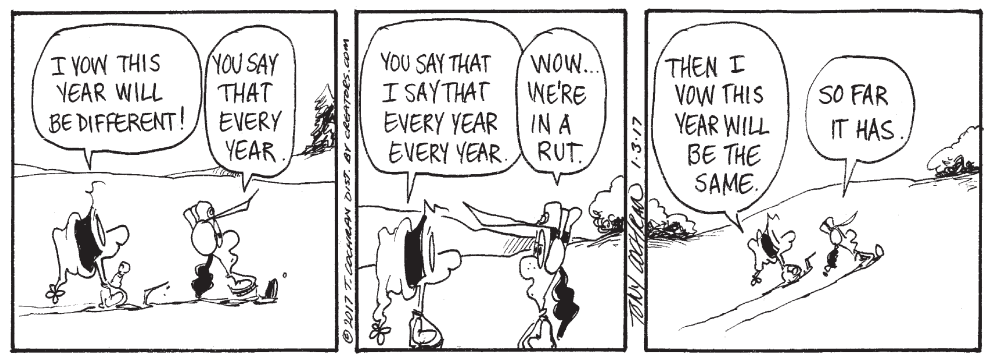



"WE'RE GOING AFTER SHRIMP, CAPTAIN?"

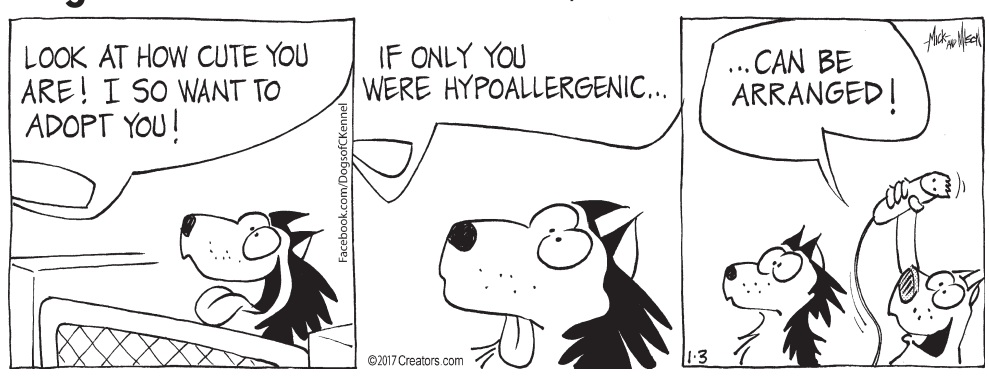
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