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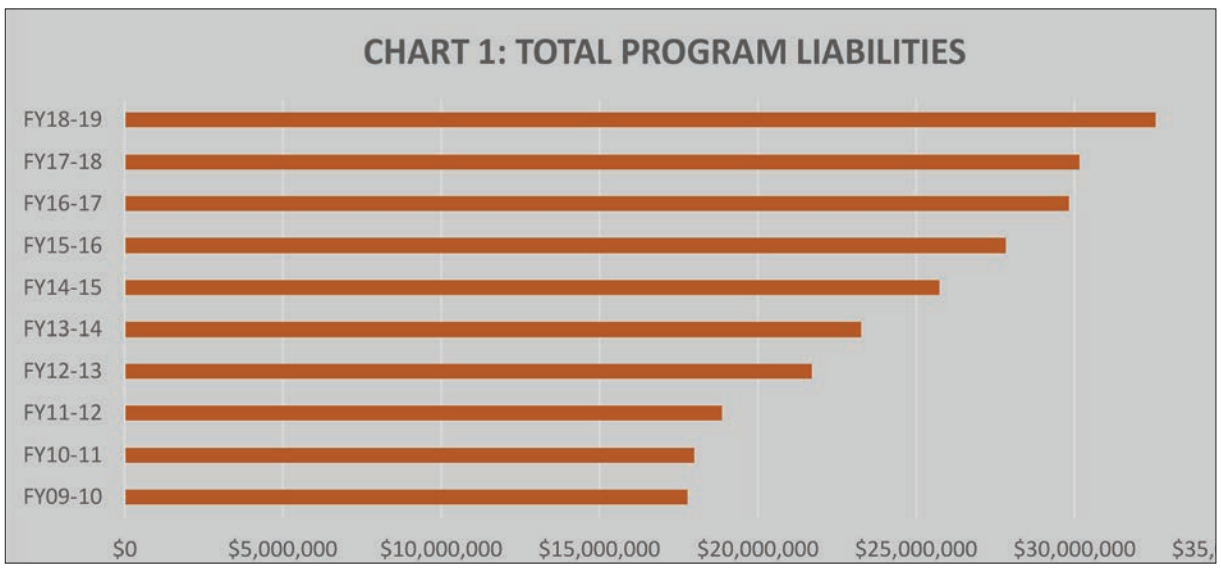
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City releases Workers' Compensation Annual Report



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WORKERS COMP: **The cost to the City for Workers' Compensation claims continues to rise.**

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

As it has every year since 2009, the city's Workers' Compensation Program once again saw an increase to its total program liabilities, according to a report recently presented to City Council.

The city's Risk Management Division compiles its Workers' Compensation Annual Report every year in an effort to provide local stakeholders with information and statistics related to the city's medical and indemnity payments, claim settlements as well as general claim and cost trends.

"In summary, in FY 2018-19, medical and indemnity payments increased 23% from the prior year, claim settlements were up 53% over

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ROSE PARADE: **Samohi Seniors Morgan Jarow (right), playing the Sousaphone and Ian DiMundo (left), playing the Herald Trumpet were part of 250 Students from Southern California accepted into the Tournament of Roses Honors Marching Band, the only band to be in the parade consistently since 1930.**

2020 brings higher labor costs for small businesses

JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
AP Business Writer

Small business owners have plenty of changes to deal with as 2020 begins — higher labor costs for many companies, and some owners will discover that they have to comply with new laws that aren't on the books in their own states.

As of Jan. 1, there are higher minimum wages in a quarter of the states, and new federal overtime rules. The IRS has new W-4 forms owners will need to get used to. Plastic bags are on their way out at stores and other businesses in a growing number of places around the country. And California has new laws on freelancers and consumer privacy that can affect out-of-state companies.

A look at a handful of the 2020 changes in federal, state and local laws and regulations:

MINIMUM WAGES GO UP

The minimum wage is higher in 13 states as of Jan. 1, including New York, where the minimum rose Dec. 31. The increases in California, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York are steps toward an eventual $15 minimum approved by state legislatures.

Increases are planned later in the year in states including Connecticut, New York, Oregon and Washington, D.C., and some counties and cities are raising their minimums as well.

While many businesses pay hourly workers above the minimum, when there's an increase in the wage, many owners give all their staffers a raise to stay competitive amid a tight labor market.

NEW OVERTIME RULES

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Jan. 3

Music and Movement at the Library

A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing as they learn important early literacy concepts. For ages 18 months to five years old. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Ocean Park Book Group

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. 'In the Midst of Winter' by Isabel Allende. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Ocean Park Branch Library

Saturday, Jan. 4

How to Make 2020 Your Best Year Ever!

Psychotherapist Ira Israel demonstrates how concentrating on loving, compassionate relationships and leading more balanced lives will create happiness for 2020 and beyond. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Preschool Explorers: Weather

Explore the weather with stories and hands-on exploration. Ages 3-6. Main Library, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 5

Gallery open

Gallery hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Exhibit 'Memories of Diaspora: Immigration Narratives of Los Angeles." Paying homage to the memories and narratives of those individuals who have made Los Angeles their new home, the exhibition features work by students and faculty from the Rampart District-based art organization Art Division. Memories. Annenberg Community Beach House.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety 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.

CRJ celebrates MLK

As the Committee For Racial Justice looks ahead to January celebrations of MLK day, questions come to mind. 51 years after his death, Dr. Martin Luther King has streets, schools, hospitals and even a national holiday named after him. He has become one of the most popular icons in American history. But is the popular Dr. King the real Dr. King—or is the popular Dr. King a comfortable counterfeit that serves all too often to lull the public into complacent satisfaction with the racial and socio-economic status quo? Thelma Terry Center in Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave 6 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 6

Get Organized for 2020!

Certified Professional Organizer® Cary Prince will give a step-by-step seminar on how to organize your piles of paper for a more efficient, peaceful home and office. You'll learn how to manage the mayhem and leave with an action plan of how to review your own paper, save what is important and find what you need when you need it again. Pico Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Pico Teen Advisory Council Meeting

Have a voice at your library! Help plan programs and community service projects while earning volunteer hours. Meets once a month in The Annex Room. Grades 8-12. Pico Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

Just For Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop

Bring your smartphone or tablet and get help with learning how to use your device. Ocean Park Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Main Library.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

9th Annual Sustainable Innovation Awards Announced

At its 15th Green Gala, the Los Angeles Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC-LA) focused on "Community" as it presented the 9th Annual Sustainable Innovation Awards (SIA). The Project of the Year was awarded to the LADWP La Kretz Innovation Campus in downtown Los Angeles, followed by SIAs to seven more projects that went above and beyond in a range of categories. The USGBC-LA also presented Community Leadership awards, which included recognizing LA Metro, Liberty Hill, and the first ever Kevin Devine Award, presented to Shane Eaton of Brookfield Properties.

"USGBC-LA is about people, and using community as the theme of our Green Gala this year was not only a great way to honor that, but also to put our communities at the heart of the conversation around sustainability. Our members, who design, build and operate the environments where we spend nearly 90% of our time, do an amazing job of pushing each other to go further each year. These projects and the people who made them happen deserve to be honored to bring more attention to the work they are doing and to drive others to go even further," shares USGBC-LA Executive Director Ben Stapleton.

The SIAs affirm a project team's commitment to a sustainable built environment; honor projects that have already been envisioned, designed and/or built, recognizing exceptional achievement and innovation; and reflect the Chapter's emphasis on energy & water savings, air quality, good design, community engagement and equity. The SIAs are open to Southern California projects certified from the previous year under any sustainability rating system.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR – LADWP La Kretz Innovation Campus (Downtown Los Angeles, 90013).

ENERGY: Honor - Perlita Passive House (Los Angeles, Atwater Village-90039). Merit - The Arroyo (Santa Monica)

WATER: Honor - Matloff Family Home (Los Angeles, Windsor Square-90020). Merit - Gateway at Willowbrook (Los Angeles, 90059)

SOCIAL EQUITY: Honor - Coronel Apartments (Los Angeles, Los Feliz-90027). Honor - Paul Robeson Community Wellness Center (Los Angeles, 90044)

HEALTH & WELLBEING: Honor - LPA Design Studios (Irvine). Merit - Gateway at Willowbrook (Los Angeles, 90059)

SITES: Merit - Gateway at Willowbrook (Los Angeles, 90059)

In addition to the SIAs, the USGBC-LA honored the ongoing importance of Community to the USGBC-LA chapter and its goals by recognizing that spirit in eight people and groups. The Community Leadership Awards were selected by the Chapter leadership:

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Liberty Hill Foundation. Recognizing outstanding leadership in integrating the conversations around built environment, sustainability and equity.

KEVIN DEVINE AWARD: Shane Eaton, Chief Engineer, US Office Division, Brookfield Properties. Recognizes an individual who is truly leading in sustainable building operations, both in the day to day and by setting an example for others.

PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (LA Metro). Recognizes outstanding leadership in leveraging influence to increase the prevalence of sustainable business practices across the Los Angeles region.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD: Joel Cesare, Google (formerly City of Santa Monica), MESM, LEED AP BD+C, LFA, WELL AP. Recognizes outstanding leadership paving the way toward a more sustainable future.

RESILIENCY AWARD: J. Lopez, LA County Fire Department, Prevention Services Bureau, Forestry Division. Created this year to honor an organization or individual has made an extraordinary contribution to making our communities more resilient, especially in the face of climate change.

EMERGING LEADER AWARD: Kanika Sharma, Senior Sustainability Consultant, Integral Group. Recognizes an individual who is still early in their career but is demonstrating industry leadership in pushing us all forward to a more sustainable built environment

HEARTS OF THE CHAPTER: Eera Babtiwale (Inland Empire Branch Leader). Julie Jacobson (San Fernanda Valley Branch Leader) Recognizing two member volunteers who have gone above and beyond in representing their respective Chapter Branches.

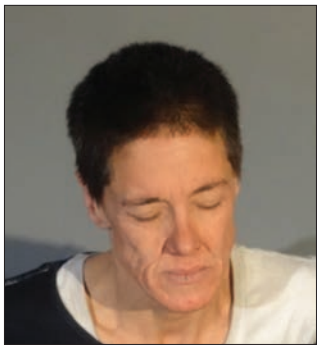
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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 9, 2019 AT 6:30 AM.

Officers from the Homeless Liaison Program were conducting periodic checks in the downtown business district when they observed a female lying in the doorway of the business located at 1533 4th Street. The business had a posted sign prohibiting the lying or sitting in the entrance between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Officers detained the female for the violation and asked for her identification. The female refused to provide any information to the officers. She was taken to jail for the municipal code violation. It was discovered she was on parole and in violation of her conditions. Melody Kay Mann 50, homeless, was arrested for obstructing an arrest, sitting in a posted entrance and a parole violation.



File photo

MELODY KAY MANN







CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

A discussion will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

321-415 Palisades Beach Road / Pacific Coast Highway, 19ENT-0467, Zoning: OS-BCH (Parks and Open Space w/ Beach Overlay) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application for design approval of the repair and rehabilitation of the pool tile including the in-kind replacement of deteriorated marble tile at the pool deck, replacement of mosaic pool tile, and rehabilitation of hand-painted tiles at the former Marion Davies Estate and current Annenberg Community Beach House, a designated City Landmark. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Architecture Services Division. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

633 21st Street, 19ENT-0372, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 19ENT-0372 for the property located at 633 21st Street to determine whether the residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A). Applicant: Diana Rothschild. Owner: Helen Lin Trust.

824 Woodacres Road, 19ENT-0329, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark/Structure of Merit Designation 19ENT-0329 for the property located at 824 Woodacres Road to determine whether the residential property, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark or Structure of Merit and, if designated as a Landmark, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider whether, based on written materials and public testimony presented, the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A), or criteria for Structure of Merit designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.080. Applicant & Owner: Gary Freedman.

WHEN: **Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Mizokami by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall and SMI. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL
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Happy New Year everyone. I'm hopeful that 2020 will be better than 2019. It almost has to be because last year was one of the most divisive in our country's history. Even something seemingly as trivial as whether 2020 is actually the start of a new decade or January 1, 2021 is the start causes conflict though I don't personally have an ax to grind. (Actually, I don't have an ax nor would I have the faintest idea of how to grind it.)

Apparently the vast majority insist we are days into the new decade. Others claim it makes no sense that the decade would start with a zero. Jokingly, I told friends, "If I wrote a book with 10 chapters, the first wouldn't be chapter zero." I got verbally pummeled. These days, especially on social media, it feels like every comment is potentially fighting words.

It feels like, these past three years have been the most contentious since the Civil War. Grim as it was, in that war approximately 850,000 soldiers died when the total population was 31 million. By today's population numbers 9 million would have died. (This column isn't exactly off to a hilarious start but please bear with me.)

The level of divisiveness is so great when Donald Trump says windmills cause cancer and that a wind powered household won't be able to watch football on TV if it's not windy outside, 40% of the country believes him. (Does he really not understand that solar and wind power are "stored" or does he simply enjoy rattling the cages of his base?

Or, when Trump claims the climate crisis is a hoax, that "It's just weather and we've always had weather," 4 out of 10 Americans believe him.. I actually heard him say that he thought "Climate change could reverse itself and I have a pretty good instinct for these things as my uncle was a nuclear physicist at M.I.T." (How the hell does his uncle figure into this?)

Actually, according to Trump, it was his uncle who explained to young Donnie the power of nuclear bombs. I assumed Donnie was 8 or so as his uncle sat him on his knee. Actually, Trump was 36, which apparently means the nuclear bombs at Nagasaki and Hiroshima didn't register with the Donald as powerful.

We're so divisive I guess we're lucky everyone agrees the sun rises in the east. That said, at one of his rabid rallies, if Trump said, "A lot of people tell me they think the 'sun/east bit is an Obama hoax," I wouldn't surprise if it became an applause line. If I tweeted "It's undeniable, the sun rises in the east," I'd likely get a tweet back calling me an "elitist." (I suppose it's possible we can agree that if Trump did in fact shoot somebody on 5th Avenue he wouldn't lose a vote.")

We could take some comfort that the House has passed over 400 bills, many of which were bipartisan, and sent them to the Senate. The problem is "Moscow Mitch" McConnell, who brags that he's "the grim reaper," has killed them.

As for the 2020 election. Trump has actually said that if he were to lose, the stock market would crash and there could be a civil war. (Is that all?) In suggesting what might happen if he lost in a close race, Trump said, "I can tell you I have the support of the police, the support of the military and the support of the Bikers for Trump – I have the tough people. (Oh that's comforting.)

For every bit of hopefully bipartisan cooperation such as when the House passed the USMCA, Trump's landmark North American trade deal by a whopping 385–41 margin, it came less than 24 hours after voting to impeach the president. The Republican-held Senate is expected to pass the agreement early next year but only following an impeachment trial that has yet to be scheduled.

That brings us to that likely impeachment trial in the Senate. Moscow Mitch is adamantly determined there will be no witnesses or documents. Good grief. What kind of trial is that? Answer: Like the kind they have in Russia.

Joe Biden said something that hinted at bipartisanship. He indicated, that if he were the Democratic Presidential nominee, he would consider a Republican as his V.P. Then he said he "can't think of one right now."

Maybe it's just me, but 2020 sounds so futuristic. It suggests an era of flying cars and teleportation. But in terms of political bipartisanship and unity, it seems like the only thing the country can completely agree on is...we can't agree on anything.

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Daniel R. Lal.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Rajkuari Lal in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
The Petition for Probate requests Rajkuari Lal be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
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Lion's Roar

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BAKING: Local Lions spent the holiday season baking to support the Fisher House.

The last two months of 2019 were busy ones for the Santa Monica Lions, bringing us together to help others and celebrate the holidays.

Starting the weekend before Thanksgiving, the Lions got into the holiday spirit by baking for the residents of the Fisher House in Westwood. Joined by friends who also enjoy baking, members showed up with plenty of home-made baked goods to cut and package for freezing, as well a goodies that were plated for the guests to enjoy that day and throughout Thanksgiving. Cookies, cakes and breads covered the kitchen island, with residents coming in to talk and grab a treat. This is a tradition we started in the spring, for Mother's Day, and hope to continue for years to come.

Next was the Lions holiday part at The Grill in Santa Monica. Under the direction of Gail Litvack, Pam Andrews and several willing elves, it was an evening of games, great food and gift exchange. Who knew a dancing Mickey Mouse plush toy could be so popular during the gift exchange??

The SM Lions were outside ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Bristol Farms once again. As one who does the first shift, starting at 7:30 AM, it always amazes me that it can get so cold in Santa Monica. I have learned to come prepared with gloves, scarf and a container of hot tea. At the counting party at the end of the day we were proud to come in second among the service clubs, raising $2267. Congrats to the Rotary Club for continuing their first-place streak, but a special shout out to the Kiwanis, Optimists and Elks for also participating in this classic holiday fundraiser.

Throughout the month of December various Lions went to Irwindale to work on the Lion's float for the 2020 Rose Parade. With a theme this year of "The Power of Hope," the Lions float focuses on one of the signature projects of Lions, saving vision, with a float titled, "Hope for 20/20." This 35-foot float was filled with flowers and whimsey as a lion cub reads a book with his new glasses and a help from his "friends."

As the SM Lions head into the new decade, we are looking for new members to help us continue our tradition of service and friendship. With a membership made up of women and men from their 30s through 80s, we are a diverse group who delight in serving the Santa Monica and Westside communities. With lunch and evening meetings, we try to accommodate everyone's busy schedules. If you might be interested, please contact Marilynn Schalit at marilynnschalit@yahoo.com or 310-903-8819 or Yoriko Fisher at yorikofisher@gmail.com or 443-883-1101, to learn more about becoming a Lion.

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the prior year and total program liabilities — the total value of all open claims from 1979 forward — grew to $32.6 million by June 30, 2019," Risk Manager Oles Gordeev said in the report. This was an 8.3 percent or $2.4 million increase from the prior year.

"The lion's share of this increase was attributable to the Police Department and reflects the impact of an aging workforce," Gordeev said. "Fortunately, first-quarter data from (this fiscal year) shows that total liabilities are again on the decline," and staff is hopeful this trend will continue.

The city settled 150 claims with a total value of about $4 million during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which was up from the 98 claim settlements that were worth a total value of $2.3 million the year before. City staff said the increased number of settlements in FY 2018-19 represented an improvement over the past year and reflects the city's commitment to resolving claims in a timely manner.

"Further, there were two significant and positive trends that emerged in FY 2018-19," the report states, before addressing the "impressive results" of the Big Blue Bus' Third-Party Administrator pilot program.

"In short, the TPA's efforts have resulted in a significant reduction in BBB's total program liabilities — the single most important financial performance measure for a workers' compensation program," Gordeev said in the report, describing how the three-year pilot program came to fruition back in 2017. Despite a 28% increase in claim frequency since its inception, the pilot has resulted in a reduction of total program liabilities from $7.44 million to $6 million.

OTHER NOTES FROM THE REPORT:

- The city spent approximately $12.8 million on medical treatment and indemnity payments for injured employees during FY 2018-19, which was up from $10.4 million in the prior fiscal year, according to staff.

- Medical costs comprised $4.8 million of the $12.8 million and reflected a $290,000 increase from the prior year. Indemnity payments were also up from last year's total of $5.9 million as this year's payments of $8 million made up the remainder of this fiscal year's balance.

- "The city's efforts over the last several years to rebuild the Workers' Compensation Self Insurance Fund reserves have been so successful that the FY 2019-20 contribution to the fund was lowered by approximately $4.7 million from the prior year," the report states.

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The Labor Department's long-awaited revamp of its overtime rules are now in effect, giving an estimated 1.3 million workers a raise. Workers earning under $684 per week or $35,568 must now be paid overtime, up from the previous threshold of $455 per week or $23,660 annually.

Retailers, restaurants and manufacturers are most likely to be affected, with shift supervisors and assistant managers among the positions that must now be paid overtime after 40 hours a week. While all employers are subject to the rules, the higher threshold is likely to have the greatest impact on small companies that lack the revenue cushion that larger businesses have against higher costs.

Employers are expected to limit the hours of some workers so they don't incur overtime, or raise some staffers' pay to a level above the threshold, making them exempt from the new rules.

More information about the overtime rules can be found on the Labor Department's website, www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/overtime/2019/index.

NEW W-4 FORMS

The IRS has issued new W-4 forms for 2020, changing the way tax is withheld from employees' pay. The new forms reflect changes required by the tax law that went into effect in late 2017; they do away with the allowances long used to calculate how much money should be withheld from paychecks. Instead, the new forms use information that can be found on employees' tax returns.

Current employees don't need to fill out new W-4 forms, but new staffers or employees who want to change their withholding do need to complete them. The IRS has created a calculator to help small businesses compute withholding for the new forms if they don't use automated payroll software or providers. It can be found on the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Search for "new Form W-4."





PLASTIC BAG BANS

A growing number of states, counties and cities have passed legislation prohibiting or restricting retailers and other businesses from giving customers single-use plastic bags to carry purchases. Oregon's ban went into effect Jan. 1, and Maine, New York state and Vermont have similar prohibitions going into effect later in the year.

There are variations among the laws and some exceptions — in New York, for example, pharmacies are exempt if the purchase is for a prescription drug, and restaurants can give diners bags for takeout food. Some of the laws also require a 5 cent charge if a customer wants a paper bag.

While the laws have been passed out of environmental concerns, small retailers might see a benefit from not having to buy and supply plastic bags. And those that sell reusable shopping tote bags could get a small revenue uptick.

CALIFORNIA CHANGE

A new California law gives consumers more control over the personal information companies collect and share with other businesses. While the law aims to exempt very small companies, those that do business with California residents, including out-of-state firms, can find themselves required to comply.

Under the law, companies must be able to tell consumers what information they have and what they do with it. Consumers must have the option to have their information deleted from companies' computer systems. Businesses that handle information collected by others — for example, payment processors — can also find themselves subject to the law.

Companies are subject to the law if they have worldwide revenue above $25 million, collect or receive the personal information of 50,000 or more California consumers, households or electronic devices; or those who get at least half their revenue from selling personal information. Small businesses can reach the 50,000 threshold for collecting or receiving information — an individual who has a phone, tablet, PC at home and one at work counts as four users, not one.

A separate law puts strict limits on who can work as an independent contractor or freelancer. The law is aimed at ensuring that workers in the gig economy like Uber and Lyft drivers get the protections that labor laws give employees. It will force business owners to decide whether to hire these workers as employees, even for temporary assignments, or look for help in other states.

The law also affects out-of-state companies if they have been using independent contractors or freelancers in California.

Changes in California laws are also noteworthy because the state can be a trailblazer when it comes to employee, consumer and environmental issues. The nation's first laws requiring paid sick leave for workers and banning plastic bags were enacted in California.



Sanders and Trump surge, Biden rebounds in fundraising race

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

Bernie Sanders announced Thursday that his campaign had raised an impressive $34.5 million in the final three months of last year, solidifying him as the quarter's top fundraiser in the crowded Democratic presidential field. Former Vice President Joe Biden rebounded from a summer slump to take in a respectable $22.7 million over the same period.

And, still looking to play political spoiler, businessman Andrew Yang collected $16.5 million in 2019's fourth quarter.

Each of the three candidates celebrated his latest fundraising for different reasons. Sanders' shows that a recent heart attack hasn't slowed him as primary voting looms. Biden trails the Vermont senator in the money race but topped his third quarter fundraising total of $15.2 million by nearly 50%. Yang's haul is enough to prove he remains very much in the race despite joining it as a political unknown.

The announcements came a day after the strong $24.7 million that Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, announced raising from October through December.

While notable, the amount of money pouring into Democratic campaigns could be a mixed blessing. It suggests the party's primary may feature a long and protracted fight at a time when some would like to see a clear front-runner emerge. The lead-off Iowa caucuses are barely a month out, and Sanders, Biden and Buttigieg have been among the leaders of the crowded field, along with Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the one top candidate whose latest fundraising may not be as strong.

Like Sanders, Warren has relied heavily on small donations coming primarily online. Her campaign raised $24.6 million in the third quarter, but it acknowledged in a recent fundraising email collecting around only $17 million with a few days to go — hoping to persuade supporters to open their wallets and improve the final totals.

Warren hasn't released her fourth quarter numbers but said while campaigning in New Hampshire on Thursday that they'd be out soon.

All Democrats, meanwhile, may need as much cash as they can get. President Donald Trump's reelection campaign announced Thursday that it had raised $46 million in the fourth quarter and had a campaign bank account of $102.7 million. How much cash those trying to unseat Trump have on hand likely won't be clear until federal reporting deadlines later this month.

Biden has generally relied on more traditional fundraising methods than Sanders and Warren have, including frequent events with large donors. But the former vice president's campaign said it invested almost $5.2 million in tech and digital outreach in recent months, which helped it double the amount of money raised online in the fourth quarter versus the third.

The campaign also said that 57% of Biden's fourth quarter donors were new and that it saw a bump in fundraising compared to previous weeks while impeachment proceedings against the president were being held in the House.

"Today's announcement is just the latest evidence of Joe Biden's growing strength and momentum heading into the early contests of 2020," Biden campaign manager Greg Schultz said in a statement, adding that the haul serves as "a constant reminder to Democratic primary voters that Trump is terrified by the idea of facing Joe Biden in a general election."

Sanders' campaign said its funds came from more than 1.8 million donations, including from 40,000 new donors on the final day of the year alone.

"Bernie Sanders is closing the year with the most donations of any candidate in history at this point in a presidential campaign," his campaign manager, Faiz Shakir, said in a statement.

Sanders' 2020 bid has now raised more than $96 million built on 5 million-plus individual donations worth an average of about $18. That's a testament to the senator's consistent campaign strength, despite facing questions when he started running about whether he could recreate the momentum from his unlikely rise to formidable primary challenger to Hillary Clinton in 2016 — and a serious health scare that might have derailed other candidates.

Sanders' campaign said that more than 99% of his donors have not reached federal donation limits, meaning they can contribute again. Its overall announced total does not include the $12.7 million Sanders transferred from other campaign accounts as part of his presidential run.

Sanders suffered a heart attack while campaigning in Las Vegas on Oct. 1. The 78-year-old has released three letters from doctors saying that he had suffered "modest heart muscle damage" but has since recovered well and is fit enough for the rigors of the presidential campaign and the White House should he win.

Sanders' campaign said its best fundraising month came in December, when it took in more than $18 million from 900,000-plus donations. It said that the most common occupation listed by its donors was teacher and that the five most common employers were Amazon, Starbucks, Walmart, the U.S. Postal Service and Target.

In an email to supporters, Sanders vowed that there will be more where that came from.

"Against Trump, I believe we will have 50 million individual contributions, at least. And at $27 a piece, that would be more than $1 billion," Sanders wrote. "It's absolutely obscene and outrageous that an election would cost that much money, but our campaign has proven we will be able to raise more than enough money to win."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 03)

You'll enjoy success in the form you determine to be most important. Any other form wouldn't feel like success at all – as you've already discovered. Perhaps the best cosmic gift of the year is your ability to trust your own version of what it means to be the best you. There's also a transportation upgrade. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 22, 18 and 10.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The first step to staying inside your own rules and feeling confident in your integrity is to consciously define and outline your plan for yourself on the daily.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The attitude of the day will establish a mood that carries through with a great momentum that might be difficult to interrupt. So it will be important to take a moment to set things right early on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Strength is developed through repetition that you make happen. Training isn't like real life, but it does build strength that will translate into real-life situations and sustain you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Healthy relationships often go unadvertised, as they are a private matter, reflected in the confidence of the two people involved not the hundreds of Facebook friends on the sidelines.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you don't need to forgive yourself so much as learn more about yourself. You expected something different than what you actually wanted to do in the moment. It's nothing more or less than good information to know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You learn to steal the moments of grace and execute loveliness wherever you can. Down deep you understand that life will always be complicated so the moment to take it in, or give it away, is always now and now and now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Kindness is better than coolness, but you've always known that. What may surprise you is that it's trending so strongly today along with the preference of happiness and integrity over conformity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You express your fearlessness differently these days. You're unconcerned with appearing powerful or right, or proving yourself in any way. Fearlessness allows for vulnerability.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're trying things, striving, acting, doing something new. Mistakes are the normal and natural outcropping of this. Mistakes are what successful people make more of than anyone else.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't always choose everyone you're going to be around. People come with other people. Luckily, one good egg will often be delivered with a dozen similarly good eggs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Stress is helpful but only in small doses. Recognize when you've been overdosed by your own vigilant mind, and put in an order for a lesser prescription of worry.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Not all exercise is created equal. There are exercises that energize you, calm you, build you and purify you. It's the same with food and work and relationships. Choose thoughtfully.

New Martian Manifesto

When you want to know where a person stands, understanding words, thoughts or even ideology will be interesting, but perhaps, in the end, irrelevant. People will ultimately find it very difficult to do anything other than what the heart dictates. And what the heart dictates is shown by one thing – action. So sayeth Mars in his first Sagittarian moments.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Beautiful outdoor spaces make the best date spots. TAURUS: Of the hundreds of thousands of people on this earth, you would be compatible with (more like millions but don't let it overwhelm you) none is perfect. Hopefully, this perspective will liberate you. GEMINI: You're the best at making people feel their best. CANCER: You know you really dig a person when you're as excited to see this person as you are to see your favorite meal at your favorite restaurant. LEO: Don't sacrifice too much. Relationships are only happy if both people are happy. VIRGO: You'll experience love as a verb and prefer it this way. LIBRA: There's no need to keep score around someone who already makes you feel like a winner. SCORPIO: Don't overlook or overestimate the power of handholding. SAGITTARIUS: Fit has to go both ways. The shirt fits you and you fit the shirt. It's the same with people. CAPRICORN: A test of the relationship's health: move furniture together. How did that go? AQUARIUS: People treat their friends differently than they treat their partners. It's something to be aware of before you make the leap. PISCES: If you don't feel you can or should be vulnerable with someone, there's probably a good reason worth looking into.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Not only do Taurus and Capricorn have their usual earth sign compatibility working for them this weekend, they also have the benefit of a lucky trine to bring them together in harmony. Money will be spent in the name of this love affair, as fine taste meets a celebratory mood and a desire to impress. The feelings are so mutual as each would move mountains to please the other. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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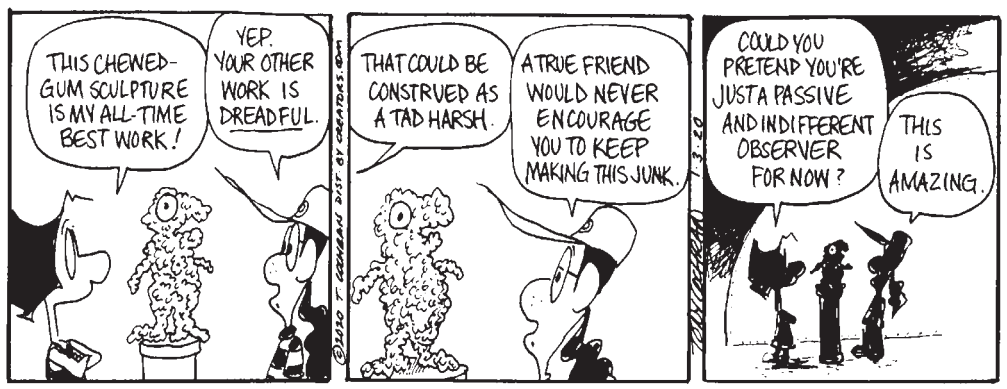
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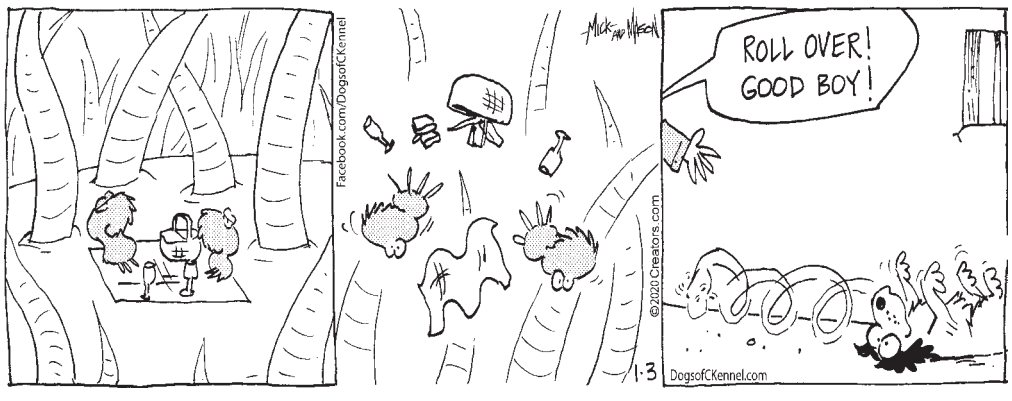
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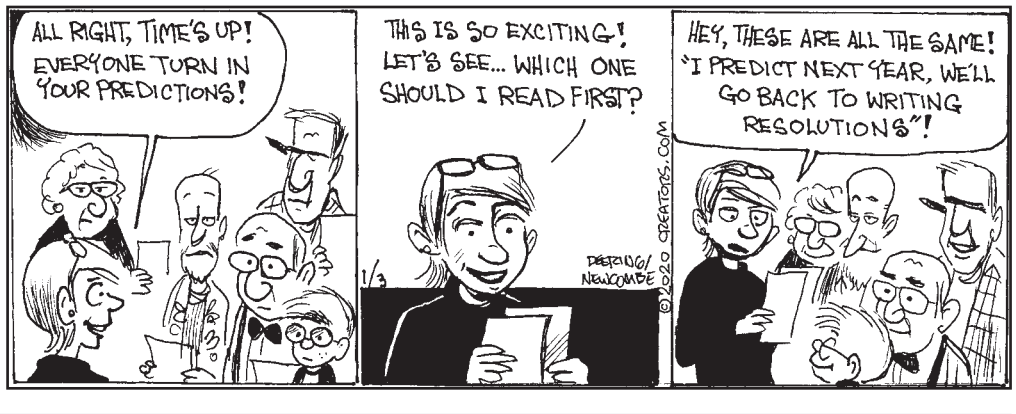
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Local Weather

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
FRIDAY NIGHT: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. West northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northeast in the morning.
SATURDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.
SUNDAY NIGHT: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

MONDAY: Sunny, with a high near 48.
MONDAY NIGHT: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

TUESDAY: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.
TUESDAY NIGHT: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.7°

FRIDAY - **FAIR to GOOD** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
Long period WNW swell eases. Wind is looking favorable at this point.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
WNW swell continues to ease. AM winds looking favorable so far.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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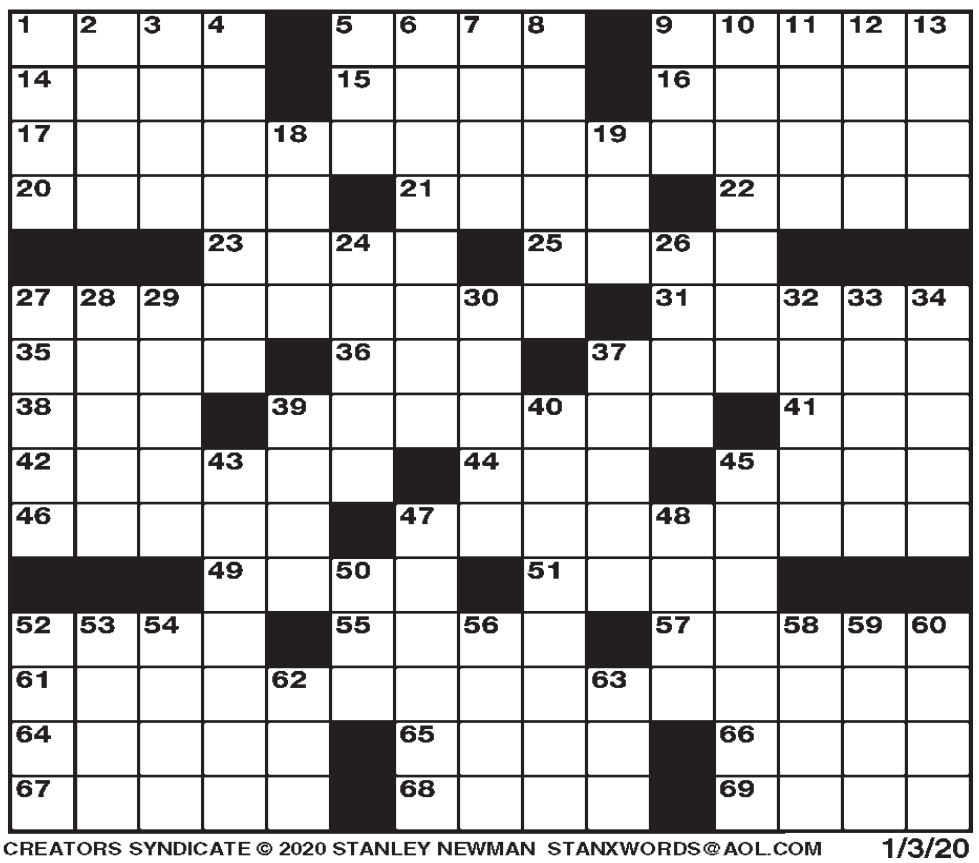
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Newsday Crossword

SHINING EXAMPLE by Bruce Venzke
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Essential part
5 Starchy side dish
9 Where *Lost* was aired
14 Comics canine
15 Surfing mecca
16 __ Lama
17 Start of a quip
20 Plaintive poem
21 Frat letters
22 Female rabbits
23 Natural successor
25 Reheat, perhaps
27 Part 2 of quip
31 Very: Mus.
35 It means "height"
36 Half of *dos*
37 Gives voice to
38 Small
39 Unsuccessful, as batters
41 Small, in rap artists' names
42 Dunce
44 Foamy fare
45 Monopoly pair
46 Slowpoke
47 Part 3 of quip
49 Something sought at sinks
51 Ink cartridge color
52 Pasture portion
55 "__ ever so humble . . ."
57 Be noncommittal
61 End of quip
64 Be an omen of
65 Voice quality
66 Voiced
67 Gets, as profits
68 Gymnast Korbut
69 DC team, in headlines

DOWN
1 Quince or pear
2 Pastoral poem
3 Precious resource
4 *Snow White . . .* song
5 Put down grass
6 Canine identifier
7 Syllables of concern
8 In the course of
9 Spots of a sort
10 Least disguised
11 Muse of history
12 Point of view
13 Goes head-to-head
18 Tatiana's turndown
19 Frankfort sch.
24 Alaskan native
26 Kit __ (candy bars)
27 Croquet venues
28 Trap during winter
29 Legal analyst Van Susteren
30 Video-game pioneer Bushnell
32 Former baseball commissioner
33 "If I Were __ Man"
34 Dot on a globe
37 Medicine bottle phrase
39 City near Mauna Loa
40 Deciding upon
43 Sees the light, perhaps
45 Ate
47 Accepting of
48 Grandstand shouts
50 Legal org.
52 Way off
53 Inform, with "in"
54 Music of India
56 Fan favorite
58 TV toon explorer
59 Summertime pest
60 Otters' prey
62 Time-sheet abbr.
63 Mad Hatter's serving



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Prowler escapes despite helicopter search

The Santa Monica Police Department is searching for a suspect who entered a back yard on New Year's Day.

The Santa Monica Police Department received a call of a prowler on the 400 block of Adelaide Dr. at about 9:08 p.m. on January 1. According to SMPD, officers issued a shelter in place warning for nearby residents and asked for assistance from the Los Angeles Police Department helicopter. After about an hour, SMPD called off the search and was unable to locate the suspect. Residents of a home in the area posted footage of the suspect captured on their home security camera and said their young children were home at the time of the search.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Text of Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.07.030 to Clarify Parcel Coverage Limitations for Existing Structures with Additions in the R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance amending the text of Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.07.030 to clarify the R1 parcel coverage limitations for existing structures with new additions.

On December 18, 2019, the Planning Commission adopted a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council make the proposed amendment to SMMC Section 9.07.030 clarifying the parcel coverage limitations for existing structures with new additions.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: R1 Clarification
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ross Fehrman at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at ross.fehrman@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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. 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). Bike racks are provided.

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

ESPAÑOL

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of $10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.
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Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.
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The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court, County of Orange, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701
The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Thomas J. Stolp, Esq. 114211 Rogers, MacLeith & Stolp, LLP, 10061 Talbert Avenue, Suite 390, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 (714) 847-6041
DATE (Fecha): 06/19/2019
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(SEAL)

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HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 45 CALLS ON JAN. 01

EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:24 a.m.
EMS 16th St / Colorado Ave 12:28 a.m.
EMS 700blk Wilshire Blvd 12:40 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Main St 1:29 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Ave 1:40 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 2:20 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 300blk 18th St 2:44 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:58 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 5:53 a.m.
EMS 3300blk Barnard Way 6:05 a.m.
EMS 900blk 17th St 6:25 a.m.
EMS 500blk Euclid St 8:40 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 8:43 a.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:01 a.m.
EMS 700blk Grant St 10:09 a.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1500blk 7th St 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 11:09 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 11:52 a.m.
Lock In/Out 400blk 20th St 12:37 p.m.
EMS 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:53 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Ocean Front Walk 12:56 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:02 p.m.
EMS 500blk Euclid St 1:21 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:26 p.m.
Lock In/Out 400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:38 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 1:39 p.m.
EMS 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:40 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 2:37 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 4:08 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:13 p.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Barnard Way 4:14 p.m.
Flooded Condition 2600blk Main St 4:15 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 4:20 p.m.
Structure Fire 1500blk 7th St 5:39 p.m.
EMS 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 6:37 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 22nd St 7:08 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 16th St 7:43 p.m.
EMS 00blk Pico Blvd 7:58 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 8:35 p.m.
EMS 900blk Ocean Ave 8:40 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Olympic Blvd 8:46 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:58 p.m.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 248 CALLS ON JAN. 1

Battery Just Occurred 2600blk Main St 12:09 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:15 a.m.
Overdose 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:24 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2600blk Main St 12:26 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 16th St / Colorado Ave 12:27 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 200blk Georgina Ave 1:03 a.m.
Party Complaint 2000blk San Vicente Blvd 1:14 a.m.
Fight 1300blk Ocean Ave 1:24 a.m.
Injured Person 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:59 a.m.
Sexual Assault 100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:01 a.m.
Party Complaint 1000blk 21st St 2:20 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 2:25 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1900blk Ocean Way 3:00 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:38 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 4th St 6:13 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk 5th St 6:49 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 9th St 7:16 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 10th St 7:31 a.m.
Fight 4th St / Colorado Ave 8:25 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 9:21 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1900blk Pico Blvd 9:22 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 700blk Broadway 9:35 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 500blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:39 a.m.
Death Notification 1200blk Franklin St 10:16 a.m.
Construction Noise Glenn Ave / Marine St 10:50 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 1300blk 4th St 11:03 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:10 a.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 11:13 a.m.
Death Notification 1200blk Franklin St 11:36 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 3200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:42 a.m.
Person Down Ocean Ave / Broadway 11:52 a.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk 20th St 12:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Main St / Kinney St 1:18 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk 6th St 1:39 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pl 2:03 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 800blk 3rd St 2:24 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 2:54 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk 20th St 3:20 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:35 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 100blk Wadsworth Ave 3:56 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 4:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1500blk Ocean Ave 4:08 p.m.
Construction Noise 800blk 18th St 4:23 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 2nd St 4:25 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:31 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Montana Ave 5:02 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 800blk 14th St 5:08 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 2000blk 20th St 5:33 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 6:47 p.m.
Vehicle Out Of Space 1100blk 4th St 6:57 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 7:22 p.m.
Public Intoxication 00blk Pico Blvd 7:34 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 500blk Pacific St 8:07 p.m.
Prowler There Now 400blk Adelaide Dr 9:08 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 100blk Santa Monica Pl 9:16 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 9:30 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 2200blk Colorado Ave 10:25 p.m.
Party Complaint 1000blk Pearl St 11:35 p.m.

Golden Globes will serve plant-based meal at awards ceremony

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AP Entertainment Writer

The Golden Globes, known as the "party of the year," is going with a meatless menu for its 77th annual awards show.

Guests will be served a 100% plant-based meal just ahead of showtime Sunday. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association said Thursday that it wants the initiative to raise environmental awareness about food consumption and waste.

"If there's a way we can, not change the world, but save the planet, maybe we can get the Golden Globes to send a signal and draw attention to the issue about climate change," HFPA president Lorenzo Soria said. "The food we eat, the way we grow the food we eat, the way we dispose of the food is one of the large contributors to the climate crisis."

The annual awards ceremony will air on NBC from The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California.

Soria said there was some initial push back about changing the menu just about two weeks before the show, but the hotel eventually agreed on the new menu.

"People were basically saying it's too late, we're ready with all the orders, the holidays and all that," he said. "But after we began discussions, meeting for one or two days, (the hotel) accepted the change completely. They started to experiment with how to do plant-based meals that was not just their symbolic steps, but also something that guests will enjoy."

Matthew Morgan, executive chef at The Beverly Hilton, called the menu change initially surprising. But he ultimately understood it would send a positive message.

"It was a little shocking when first mentioned, because of being very close to the actual Globes and having already decided on a menu," he said. "But once we thought about it and the message that it sent, we were really excited about it. That's something I stand behind myself."

Items on the main entree include king oyster mushrooms scallops and wild mushroom risotto, along with roasted baby purple and green Brussels sprouts and carrots. A chilled golden beet soup will be served as an appetizer.

HFPA partnered with Icelandic Glacial, a naturally alkaline and sustainably-sourced natural spring water. The water will be served in glass bottles to eliminate plastic waste in the ballroom and red carpet, which is reused at other events throughout the year.

Soria called the food "excellent" after a recent taste-testing.

Morgan said making the change wasn't too difficult. He said the first course was already vegan and the main course was a vegan alternate in which they enhanced the dish to add some "pop and color to the plate."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Soundwaves concert

On Wednesday January 15, at 7:30 p.m., The Soundwaves new music series at the Santa Monica Public Library presents a concert of the music of Daniel Rothman in the Main Library Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Venice-based composer Daniel Rothman introduces two major works: "The Long and the Short of It," performed by internationally recognized classical guitarist Mak Grgic, and "Park Bench," played by the Los Angeles Saxophone Ensemble, led by virtuoso experimentalist Ulrich Krieger.

Rothman's music has been recorded by artists ranging from Quatour Bozzini to Wadada Leo Smith. In addition to composing, he has taught at CalArts and organized new music concerts at venues including Beyond Baroque, UCLA's Fowler Museum, and LACMA. He was also a co-founder of the Soundwaves series.

Soundwaves is a concert series featuring composers and performers who appear on the DRAM (Database of Recorded American Music) streaming service. The Santa Monica Public Library is the first public library to offer this service to its cardholders. Listings of past and upcoming Soundwaves shows as well as sound and video recordings are at SoundwavesNewMusic.com

Admission is free and all are welcome. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For other disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

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LOS ANGELES

Man rescued from deep construction site hole in Los Angeles

A man who fell into a deep hole at a Los Angeles construction site was rescued by firefighters Thursday morning.

The man was being evaluated by paramedics but did not appear to have life-threatening injuries, Fire Department spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said.

Firefighters responded to the site in East Hollywood shortly after 8:30 a.m. and set up a ventilation system to ensure the man had fresh air approximately 40 feet (12 meters) down the hole.

A hoisting rig was set up and the man was brought to the surface shortly after 9:30 a.m.

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