

Report finds cluster of 100-year-old bungalows lacks historical integrity



Courtesy photos

DISTRICT: Staff are arguing a cluster of homes around 11th Street lack the historic integrity to become a special district.

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Daily Press Staff Writer

The thirty-year effort to save a half-dozen bungalows by establishing a historic district on 11th Street will come before the Landmarks Commission Monday, Jan. 8, as the commissioners review a report that found the properties lack architectural merit, association with important people and historical integrity. In fact, a group of historical preservation consultants found just two of the bungalows may qualify as Structures of Merit, a California Craftsman at 1223 11th Street and a cottage at 1107 Arizona Avenue.

“Due to the lack of historical integrity of many of its components and compromised integrity of the neighborhood’s contextual setting, feeling, and association the 1200 Block of 11th Street Cluster does not appear to be a geographically definable area possessing a distinct concentration of historic properties,” the City-commissioned report by Ostashay and Associates Consulting found.

There are currently three historic districts in Santa Monica: a cluster of craftsman buildings on Bay Street, the Third Street Neighborhood and the San Vicente Boulevard Courtyard Apartments. The City Council has the ultimate say on whether an

area should be deemed historic, but it is up to the commission to start the process.

The group of neighbors asking for the fourth designation, the Historic 11th Street Coalition, is encouraging Mid-City residents to send letters to the commission and weigh in during the public comment portion of the discussion Monday night. Neighborhood groups have already submitted dozens of letters to try to protect the bungalows.

The small homes are associated with the first decade of the twentieth century, when a building boom brought the middle class

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Sessions ending federal policy that let legal pot flourish

SADIE GURMAN

Associated Press

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has rescinded an Obama-era policy that paved the way for legalized marijuana to flourish in states across the country, creating new confusion about enforcement and use just three days after a new legalization law went into effect in California.

President Donald Trump’s top law enforcement official announced the change Thursday. Instead of the previous lenient-federal-enforcement policy, Sessions’ new stance will instead let federal prosecutors where marijuana is legal decide how aggressively to enforce longstanding federal law prohibiting it.

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Trump moves to vastly expand offshore drilling off US coasts

MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

The Trump administration on Thursday moved to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans with a plan that would open up federal waters off the California coast for the first time in more than three decades.

The new five-year drilling plan also could open new areas of oil and gas exploration in areas off the East Coast from Georgia to Maine, where drilling has been blocked for decades. Many lawmakers in those

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A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fun-A-Day Hangout with Amy Bauer of Dreameco

The premise is simple: pick a project, work on it every day in January, then show your work the following month in a big group show! Join folks around the country who are making January their Fun-A-Day month: here led by Amy Bauer of Dreameco Crafts. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/fun-a-day-group-show-with-amy-bauer-of-dreameco-tickets-40911050052 or call (310) 458-2239.

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Citywide

Consumer Watchdog Urges Gov. Brown To Halt All CA Offshore Drilling In Response To Trump Move To Open Federal Waters Off Its Shores To Drillers

Governor Jerry Brown should immediately stop all offshore drilling in state waters in response to President Trump's decision to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic, including in federal waters off of California, Consumer Watchdog said today.

In 2016, Brown asked former President Barack Obama to permanently ban any new oil and gas leasing in federal waters off of California's coast to match California's long-standing ban on new drilling in state waters. Nonetheless, Brown's oil and gas regulators approved permits for 238 new offshore wells between 2012 and 2016 in existing leases within three nautical miles of shore.

"It is time for Governor Brown to draw a bright green line between California and the Trump Administration by keeping oil in the ground, which is the only way to avoid the worst effects of global warming," consumer advocate Liza Tucker said today.

"We urge the Governor to demonstrate his leadership by making his actions match his rhetoric on the need to stop burning fossil fuels to avoid an existential threat. Brown's record on oil drilling offshore and on shore is one of expansion. That is no longer acceptable. Brown should ban all drilling activity offshore, cut off any planned new oil and gas drilling on shore, and ban fracking outright."

Offshore oil production continues in existing state leases up to three nautical miles offshore in 1,366 active wells, according to Department of Conservation data provided last year. New drilling permits were issued for 238 wells since 2012, up 17 percent, for existing leases in waters off of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, according to analysis by the nonprofit FracTracker Alliance. Roughly 171 of them were active as of a year ago.

Onshore, the number of active oil and gas wells has jumped 23 percent from 53,825 in 2009, the year before Brown was elected Governor, to 66,516 onshore wells at the end of 2016, according to Department of Conservation data. On Brown's watch, the number of wells drilled and completed in 2014 jumped by 67 percent over 2011 to 6,896 from 4,636, according to the Department of Conservation.

For more information on Governor Brown and his green policies, see: http://www.consumerwatchdog.org/sites/default/files/2017-09/how_green_is_brown.pdf

LIZA TUCKER, CONSUMER ADVOCATE FOR CONSUMER WATCHDOG.

Citywide

State Issues Directive to Better Protect Mountain Lions Rule change responds to 2017 legislation

Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) has announced that the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) has changed state policy for the issuance of mountain lion depredation permits to provide more protections for the animal in Southern California. The policy shift comes on the heels of legislation introduced in 2017 by Assemblymember Bloom to address the lack of flexibility available to game wardens as they try to manage and protect the state's apex predator at a time of increased human and wildlife interactions.

"The new policy, based on the most recent biological and scientific information, is a significant step forward as we continue to learn how to peacefully coexist with our mountain lions in an ever changing environment," said Bloom. "I applaud the department and other participating partners for their hard work over the last year in developing these best practices that will also serve as a foundation for minimizing future human-wildlife conflicts."

In 1990, California voters approved the Wildlife Protection Act, which prohibits the hunting of mountain lions. However, the act also authorizes owners of livestock that have been attacked by a mountain lion to seek lethal depredation permits. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is legally required to grant these permits and over the past several decades, thousands of mountain lions have been killed through the issuance of these permits.

In late November of 2016, a resident mountain lion in the Santa Monica Mountains preyed on livestock in two locations, apparently killing a dozen animals, including alpacas and goats. The livestock owner applied for a depredation permit through DFW which, in accordance with state law, issued a depredation permit that allowed for the shooting of the mountain lion despite the existence of other effective, non-lethal strategies.

The November incident sparked a debate on how best to manage and protect California's mountain lion population and prompted Assemblymember Bloom to introduce AB 8 which called for increased flexibility on how the state deals with protected wildlife that may pose a danger to livestock and property. The legislation led to the creation of the Predator Policy Working Group at the California Fish and Game Commission which developed the recommendations that DFW adopted in the new mountain lion depredation permit policy.

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Film Review

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Film Stars Don't Die In Liverpool

Rated R

105 Minutes

Released December 15

THIS IS THE STORY OF JUST A PART OF the life of actress Gloria Grahame, a fascinating figure who lived from 1923 to 1981, and whose life truly epitomized the mystery and drama that surrounded the life of a studio actress in the mid 20th century. Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool is based on a 1987 memoir by Liverpool native Peter Turner who was probably Grahame's closest friend in her later years. Grahame was known for her roles in 40's and 50's film noir classics, although one of her greatest scenes is memorialized in It's a Wonderful Life. She plays the girl with whom Jimmy Stewart falls in love. The moment they realize they're in love is one of the most touching moments ever filmed. Grahame's success did not come easy, and her personal life was complicated and full of tragedy. This movie focuses on her relationship with Turner, a much younger British actor, who respected her as an actress and loved her as a friend.

The panel that followed my screening was full of information about the making of the film. Producer Barbara Broccoli grew up in the film business as the daughter of famed producer Albert C. "Cubby" Broccoli. Barbara traveled with her father beginning in her teen years, as her Dad produced the James Bond franchise films and other works. Later she took over the producing reins of the James Bond movies, and she has an impressive producer's resume. She knew both Turner and Grahame, and often accompanied them when they were together. Peter Turner himself was on set with the

director and crew as a consultant. He is the youngest child of eight in a big happy family. Perhaps Grahame had been searching for that kind of loving environment. Her mother had been a successful British stage actress who had moved to Los Angeles and taught her daughter acting. Grahame went on to play mostly supporting roles in some 42 films and many television shows. Her work shows a mastery of dramatic arts, and an ability to play a great range of roles. Above all she was absolutely able to "light up the screen."

Director Paul McGuigan wanted the style of his film to echo 1950's film noir movies for which Grahame was famous, and has captured the mysterious lighting and the weighty rhythm of those films. Annette Bening actually resembles Grahame and truly gets her body language and vocal inflections. Bening had actually studied Grahame previously, at the suggestion of director Steven Frears, to prepare for her role as a sexy con artist in The Grifters (1990). Jamie Bell, who has continued to work as an actor since his debut as the star of Billy Elliot in 2000, is all grown up and does an excellent job portraying Turner. Although the plot jumps around a bit and the flashbacks tend to disrupt the narrative, this movie is worth seeing for the window it opens onto some fascinating lives.

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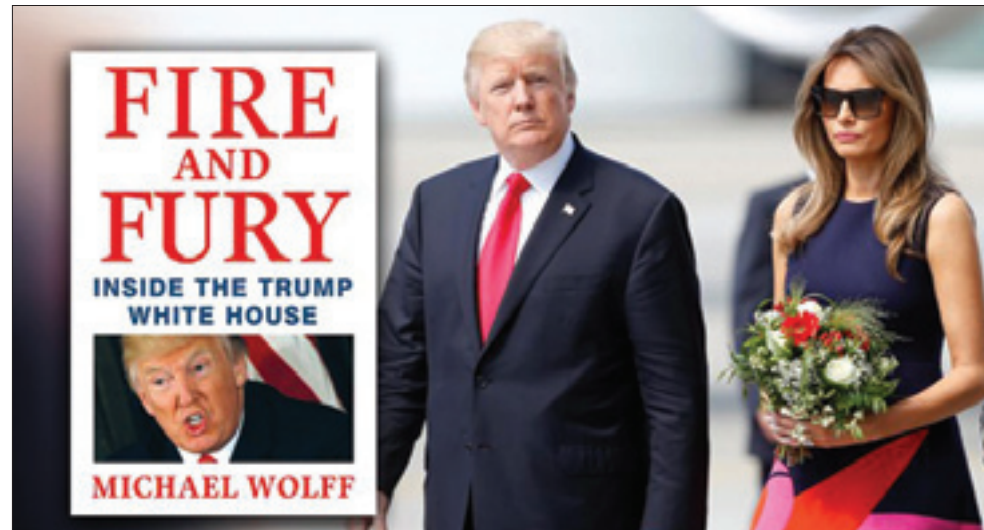
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Making or Breaking New Year's Resolutions



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READING: A new book describes the President's first year in office.

FOR CENTURIES, THE FIRST DAY OF THE year has symbolized time for fresh starts and turning over a new leaf. (Assuming something's wrong with the old leaf.) Personally, I'm terrible at keeping New Year's resolutions. Apparently, I'm not alone.

Gyms nationwide report that January is their greatest month for recruiting new members. After partying and gorging their way through the holidays, everyone is suddenly "gung ho" to get their bodies ready for the beach. Except, in January much of the country is as warm as a freezer. By March gym statistics show that many of the newly converted stop coming altogether. In a few months, new members go from gung ho to ho hum.

I'm sharing my New Year's resolutions in the hope that if I put it in writing, I stand a better chance of keeping them. Top on my list is having my carpets steam cleaned. I know that sounds like no big deal but, trust me, it is. I could write an entire column on it. Be thankful that I'm not.

Suffice it to say, just the thought of moving all the furniture to get the apartment ready to have the carpets cleaned is enough to make me want to take a nap.

The other resolution is actually in response to emails I've gotten from readers during the past eleven months. The time frame should be a clue. Actually, it's more like sixteen months. Obviously, I'm talking about Donald Trump whom I've been railing about since that escalator ride in Trump Tower where he announced his candidacy.

Speaking of that infamous day, it's been documented that Trump paid unemployed actors \$50 a head to appear like rabid supporters. How fitting, if Trump engages us in a nuclear war of "fire and fury like the world has never seen," as he put it, that it all will have started with central casting. ("Fire and Fury" is the title of a Michael Wolff book authorized by Trump in which senior White House "day-care" staffers allegedly call him "Stupid, a dope, a moron and no more than semi-literate." And those were the nicer quotes.)

You'd think my anti-Trump rants would be cathartic. They're not. I've come to view Trump as the ultra-evil villain in a super hero movie who can't be killed short of a stake through the heart. And yet, in response to many reader emails I've resolved to try to be kinder toward Donald Trump, though he doesn't make it easy.

who emailed I "should give Trump a chance." In my opinion, the past eleven months has been eleven too many but will nonetheless summarize some of Vicky's views.

Before I do, I have a trivia question for her and other pro-Trump readers. In Obama's eight years, how many in his administration were: A. indicted B. Convicted C. Sent to prison? The answer ... NONE! (Obama is the first POTUS since Watergate not to have a single person indicted.)

Of course Richard Nixon holds the record with 76 indictments, 55 convictions and 15 prison sentences. Trump has a long way to catch up but with 4 indictments and two guilty pleas and Bob Mueller working tirelessly, he's off to an "excellent" start.

Among Trump's virtues, according to Vicky, is that he loves his family dearly. I suppose he loves his kids, though I'm not sure about Tiffany. He looks at her with a

"I know you from, where?" No so for Ivanka about whose beauty Trump infamously said on The View, "If she wasn't my daughter, I'd probably be dating her." (Eww!) When the audience gasped, Trump replied innocently, "Was that wrong?" Nauseous, Joy Behar asked, "Who are you, Woody Allen?"

More family, have you ever seen Trump hug poor Barron? As for Melania, I remember when she slapped The Donald's hand away as they arrived in Israel? Apparently, they have separate bedrooms so she can sleep and he can eat cheeseburgers and go on Twitter tirades.

Vicky also notes that Trump is "strong." Really? So strong he never admits a mistake? She also points out how much he loves the military. (Unless you get taken prisoner as he prefers his heroes "not captured.")

Anyone else notice that the two Gold Star families Trump insulted were of color? So much for Trump's self-serving declaration, "I'm the least prejudiced person you'll ever meet." The only place that might be true would be at a KKK rally.

As I'm writing, apparently Trump just tweeted to Kim Jung-Un, "My nuclear button is bigger than yours." That's not even remotely funny. (Which is how some may describe this column.)

I guess I already broke the "be kinder to Trump" New Year's resolution. I only hope I don't flake out on the carpet cleaning.

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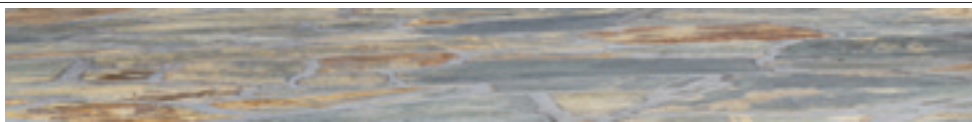
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Sessions' plan drew immediate strong objection from Republican Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado, one of eight states that have legalized marijuana for recreational use.

Gardner said in a tweet that the Justice Department "has trampled on the will of the voters" in Colorado and other states. He said the action would contradict what Sessions had told him before the attorney general was confirmed and that he was prepared "to take all steps necessary" to fight the step including holding up the confirmation of Justice Department nominees.

Sessions rescinded the policy by president Barack Obama's Justice Department that has generally barred federal law enforcement officials from interfering with marijuana sales in states where the drug is legal.

"In deciding which marijuana activities to prosecute under these laws with the Department's finite resources, prosecutors should follow the well-established principles that govern all federal prosecutions," by considering the seriousness of the crime and its impact on the community, Sessions wrote in a one-page memo to the nation's federal prosecutors.

The move by Trump's attorney general likely is sure to add to confusion about whether it's OK to grow, buy or use marijuana in states where the drug is legal.

It comes just after shops opened in California, launching what is expected to become the world's largest market for legal recreational marijuana and as polls show a solid majority of Americans believe the drug should be legal.

While Sessions has been carrying out a Justice Department agenda that follows Trump's top priorities on such issues as immigration and opioids, the changes to marijuana policy reflect his own concerns. Trump's personal views on marijuana remain largely unknown.

Sessions, who has assailed marijuana as comparable to heroin and has blamed it for spikes in violence, had been expected to ramp up enforcement. Marijuana advocates argue that legalizing the drug eliminates the need for a black market and will likely reduce violence, since criminals would no longer control the marijuana trade.

The Obama administration in 2013 announced it would not stand in the way of states that legalize marijuana, so long as officials acted to keep it from migrating to places where it remained outlawed and keep it out of the hands of criminal gangs and children. Sessions is rescinding that memo, written by then-Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole, which had cleared up some of the uncertainty about how the federal government would respond as states began allowing sales for recreational and medical purposes.

The marijuana business has since become a sophisticated, multimillion-dollar industry that helps fund some government programs. Eight states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for recreational use, and California's sales alone are projected to bring in \$1 billion annually in tax revenue within several years.

But the Sessions Justice Department believed the Cole memo created a "safe harbor" for marijuana sales that are federally illegal, Justice Department officials said. Sessions in the memo called the Obama guidance "unnecessary."

Sessions' policy will let U.S. attorneys across the country decide what kinds of federal resources to devote to marijuana enforcement based on what they see as priorities in their districts. Officials couldn't say what the ultimate impact will be on the legal industry or whether it will lead to more pot prosecutions.

Nor is it clear how the memo might affect states where marijuana is legal for medical purposes. A congressional amendment blocks the Justice Department from interfering with medical marijuana programs in states where it is allowed. Justice officials said they would follow the law, but would not preclude the possibility of medical-marijuana related prosecutions.

Sessions and some law enforcement officials in states such as Colorado blame legalization for a number of problems, including drug traffickers who have taken advantage of lax marijuana laws to illegally grow and ship the drug across state lines, where it can sell for much more. The decision was a win for marijuana opponents who had been urging Sessions to take action.

"There is no more safe haven with regard to the federal government and marijuana, but it's also the beginning of the story and not the end," said Kevin Sabet, president and CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, who was among several anti-marijuana advocates who met with Sessions last month. "This is a victory. It's going to dry up a lot of the institutional investment that has gone toward marijuana in the last five years."

Threats of a federal crackdown have united liberals who object to the human costs of a war on pot with conservatives who see it as a states' rights issue. Some in law enforcement support a tougher approach, but a bipartisan group of senators in March urged Sessions to uphold existing marijuana policy. Others in Congress have been seeking ways to protect and promote legal pot businesses.

Marijuana advocates quickly condemned Sessions' move as a return to outdated drug-war policies that unduly affected minorities.

Sessions "wants to maintain a system that has led to tremendous injustice ... and that has wasted federal resources on a huge scale," said Maria McFarland Sanchez-Moreno, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. "If Sessions thinks that makes sense in terms of prosecutorial priorities, he is in a very bizarre ideological state, or a deeply problematic one."

A task force Sessions convened to study pot policy made no recommendations for upending the legal industry but instead encouraged Justice Department officials to keep reviewing the Obama administration's more hands-off approach to marijuana enforcement, something Sessions promised to do since he took office.

The change also reflects yet another way in which Sessions, who served as a federal prosecutor at the height of the drug war in Mobile, Alabama, has reversed Obama-era criminal justice policies that aimed to ease overcrowding in federal prisons and contributed to a rethinking of how drug criminals were prosecuted and sentenced. While his Democratic predecessor Eric Holder told federal prosecutors to avoid seeking long mandatory minimum sentences when charging certain lower-level drug offenders, for example, Sessions issued an order demanding the opposite, telling them to pursue the most serious charges possible against most suspects.

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OIL

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states support offshore drilling, although the Democratic governors of North Carolina and Virginia oppose drilling off their state coasts.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican, also opposes offshore drilling near his state, as do the three Democratic governors on the West Coast.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced the plan Thursday, saying that responsible development of offshore energy resources would boost jobs and economic security while providing billions of dollars to fund conservation along U.S. coastlines.

The five-year plan would open 90 percent of the nation's offshore reserves to development by private companies, Zinke said, with 47 leases proposed off the nation's coastlines between 2019 and 2024. Nineteen sales would be off the coast of Alaska, 12 in the Gulf of Mexico, nine in the Atlantic and seven in the Pacific, including six off California's coast.

"This is a draft program," Zinke said in a conference call with reporters. "Nothing is final yet, and our department is continuing to engage the American people to get to our final product."

Industry groups praised the announcement, which would be the most expansive offshore drilling proposal in decades. The proposal follows President Donald Trump's executive order in April encouraging more drilling rights in federal waters, part of the administration's strategy to help the U.S. achieve "energy dominance" in the global market.

"To kick off a national discussion, you need a national plan - something that has been lacking the past several years," said Randall Luthi, president of the National Ocean Industries Association. Former President Barack Obama blocked Atlantic and Pacific drilling under a five-year plan finalized in 2016.

A coalition of more than 60 environmental groups denounced the plan, saying in a joint statement that it would impose "severe and unacceptable harm" to America's oceans, coastal economies, public health and marine life.

"These ocean waters are not President Trump's personal playground. They belong to all Americans and the public wants them preserved and protected, not sold off to multinational oil companies," read the statement, which was signed by leaders of the Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, League of Conservation Voters and other environmental groups.

"This extreme proposal is a shameful giveaway" to the oil and gas industry, which supported Trump in the election campaign, the groups said.

The proposal comes less than a week after the Trump administration proposed to rewrite or kill rules on offshore oil and gas drilling imposed after the deadly 2010 rig explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The accident on BP's Deepwater Horizon rig killed 11 workers and triggered the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The Trump administration called the rules an unnecessary burden on industry and said rolling them back will encourage more energy production. Environmentalists said Trump was raising the risk of more deadly oil spills.

The Obama administration imposed tougher rules in response to the BP spill. The rules targeted blowout preventers, massive valve-like devices designed to prevent spills from wells on the ocean floor. The preventer used by BP failed. The rules require more frequent inspections of those and other devices and dictate that experts onshore monitor drilling of highly complex wells in real time.

Nearly eight years after the BP spill, the Gulf of Mexico is still recovering, said Diane Hoskins, campaign director for the marine conservation group Oceana.

"Americans have seen the devastation that comes from offshore drilling," she said. "Will we allow Florida's white beaches or the popular and pristine Outer Banks to share a similar fate? What about the scenic Pacific coast or even remote Arctic waters?"

Zinke's announcement "ignores widespread and bipartisan opposition to offshore drilling," including from more than 150 municipalities nationwide and 1,200 local, state and federal officials, Hoskins said.

Scott, the Florida governor, said in a statement he has asked for an immediate meeting with Zinke to discuss his concerns. "My top priority is to ensure that Florida's natural resources are protected," Scott said.

Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson said Florida cannot afford a spill like BP's. "Every Floridian remembers what happened to us when the beaches of Pensacola Beach were blackened with tar and oil, and we lost a whole season of our guests, our tourists who come to this extraordinary state," Nelson said, vowing to "do everything I can to defeat" Trump's plan.

California was the site of the first offshore drilling in the U.S. more than 120 years ago, but the region was tarnished by one of the worst spills in U.S. history in 1969, when more than 3 million gallons of oil poured into the ocean near Santa Barbara.

Thousands of sea birds were killed, along with dolphins, elephant seals and sea lions. Virtually all commercial fishing near Santa Barbara was halted, and tourism dropped dramatically.

Public outrage generated by the spill helped spark the modern environmental movement, and no federal leases have been granted off the California coast since 1984.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **60.3°**

FRIDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to waist high
WNW swell continues. Watching winds/weather.

SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to chest high
WNW swell continues. Watching winds/weather.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUEST FOR APPLICATION NOTICE MEDICINAL CANNABIS RETAILERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Medicinal Cannabis Retailer applications for two retailers to operate within limited areas of the City of Santa Monica.

Applications for a Medicinal Cannabis Retailer must be submitted in accordance with the requirements and procedures outlined in the Request for Applications issued December 21, 2017.

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 12:00 noon PST

For more information and to download a Medicinal Cannabis Retailer Request for Applications package, please visit the City's Business Licensing website at:

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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 30, AT ABOUT 9:54 P.M.

While patrolling the 1100 block of Pico Blvd officer observed a bicyclist riding his bicycle with no lighting equipment. Officers conducted an enforcement stop for the violation. Officers discovered the subject was on probation for forgery with active search conditions. The subject consented to a search to his hotel room at the Holiday Hotel. During a search of the subject's room, officers located several unprocessed checks belonging to various businesses in Los Angeles. Officers contacted the owner of one of the checks and stated he did not know the suspect. The victim was desirous of prosecution. The suspect was placed under arrest. A search of the suspect led to the recovery of methamphetamine that was concealed in his front waistband. David Weinhardt, 34, from San Palo, was arrested for Identity Theft, Possession of Methamphetamine and no lighting equipment. Bail was set at \$50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 350 Calls For Service On Jan. 3.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 12:21 a.m.
Person with a gun 1300 block 4th 2:00 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block 11th 2:18 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 2nd 6:53 a.m.
Prowler 2000 block 19th 7:01 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Lincoln 7:55 a.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Ocean 8:07 a.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 2nd 8:11 a.m.
Grand theft 800 block Harvard 8:43 a.m.
Encampment 800 block 6th 8:59 a.m.
Encampment Lincoln / Hill 9:29 a.m.
Burglary 3200 block Wilshire 10:12 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 4th 10:12 a.m.
Hit and run 1000 block Wilshire 10:49 a.m.
Stolen vehicle 3200 block Pico 11:24 a.m.
Bike theft 15th / Broadway 11:44 a.m.
Encampment 800 block 9th 11:49 a.m.
Burglary investigation 2300 block 27th 11:53 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block Centinela 12:05 p.m.
Speeding 2900 block Kansas 12:05 p.m.
Auto burglary 3100 block 3rd 12:08 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block Broadway 12:29 p.m.
Petty theft 20th / Santa Monica 12:33 p.m.
Burglary 800 block 11th 12:36 p.m.
Burglary 2900 block Olympic 12:41 p.m.

Grand theft 2500 block Michigan 1:08 p.m.
Grand theft 1900 block Broadway 1:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 2200 block Lincoln 2:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block Pico 2:09 p.m.
Speeding Cloverfield / Olympic 2:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block Pico 2:40 p.m.
Encampment 15th / Olympic 2:51 p.m.
Grand theft 1200 block 5th 2:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Pacific Coast Hwy 3 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block Ashland 3 p.m.
Speeding 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 3 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block Ocean 3:02 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block Lincoln 3:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 5th / Arizona 3:47 p.m.
Grand theft 2600 block Pico 3:51 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block the beach 4:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 2nd 4:26 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 4:49 p.m.
Speeding 20th / Pico 5 p.m.
Battery 5th / California 5:06 p.m.
Fraud 900 block 20th 5:08 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 2nd 5:10 p.m.
Battery 1200 block Lincoln 5:57 p.m.
Encampment 4th / Pico 6:51 p.m.
Battery 600 block Santa Monica 7:12 p.m.
Person down 12th / Michigan 7:13 p.m.
Found senile person 1400 block 16th 7:16 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Colorado 7:23 p.m.
Petty theft 7th / Wilshire 7:25 p.m.
Vandalism 5th / Ocean Park 7:31 p.m.
Child endangerment 300 block Olympic 8:29 p.m.
Vandalism 800 block 10th 9:08 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Broadway 9:10 p.m.
Encampment 4th / Pico 10:08 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 44 Calls For Service On Jan. 3.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Emergency Medical Service 1400 block 2nd 2:16 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 2:38 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Bryn Mawr 4:14 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 21st 5:28 a.m.
EMS 1900 block 19th 6:52 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 5th 7:25 a.m.
EMS 800 block Woodacres 7:30 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Santa Monica 9:13 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 2nd 10:06 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 10:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2800 block 2nd 10:54 a.m.
Wires down 500 block San Vicente 11:10 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 11:24 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 10th 12:16 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 12:17 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Broadway 1:22 p.m.

EMS 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 1:40 p.m.
EMS 300 block 16th 2:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2900 block 28th 2:31 p.m.
EMS 16th / Wilshire 2:36 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 2:50 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Lincoln 3:49 p.m.
Wires down Margaret / Marine 15:54:41
EMS 800 block Pacific 4:57 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 5:59 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Neilson 6:35 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 18th 6:56 p.m.
EMS 300 block San Vicente 7:08 p.m.
EMS 12th / Michigan 7:12 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Montana 7:28 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Euclid 7:34 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 23rd 8:02 p.m.
Smoke investigation 600 block Ocean Park 8:07 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 4th 8:10 p.m.
EMS 2300 block California 8:27 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Cloverfield 8:37 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 7th 9:27 p.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block 20th 10:06 p.m.
EMS 800 block pearl 10:21 p.m.
EMS 2300 block 33rd 10:48 p.m.
EMS 11th / Wilshire 11:06 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 1/3
2 18 37 39 42
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 550M



Draw Date: 1/2
1 42 47 64 70
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 445M



Draw Date: 1/3
18 24 27 31 35
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 12M



Draw Date: 1/3
5 12 15 29 37



Draw Date: 1/3
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Draw Date: 1/3
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Draw Date: 1/3
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 05 California Classic
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1. (among ancient Greeks) a person's fate or destiny.

2. Classical Mythology. (initial capital letter) a. the personification of fate. b. Moirai, the Fates.

3. (initial capital letter) a female given name.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Med School

■ Q: What is the most common surgical procedure in the United States?

a) Cataract removal

b) Caesarean section

c) Joint replacement

d) Circumcision

■ A: Any of these answers would be reasonable. Each year, roughly 3 million Americans undergo surgery to remove cataracts. Almost 1.3 million pregnant women have their babies by C-section annually. More than a million Americans have joint replacement surgery, the vast majority involving knees. And doctors perform almost as many circumcisions on newborn boys in the U.S. every year.

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

VOWEL PLAY by Mark McClain
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ACROSS

1 "Not a chance"

5 Queeg's creator

9 Inspected closely

13 Family nickname

14 Köln coin

15 Bar graph element

17 Take advantage of the Free Space

19 The nearest ones

20 *In Search of Lost Time* author

22 Green cooler

25 West African currency

26 Territory

27 Densest natural element

30 Air marshals' org.

31 College beginner

33 Basketball great Baylor

35 Produced like some olive oil

39 Misty-eyed

40 Temple scroll

43 Largest US union

46 Treats for horses

49 Roman moon goddess

50 Off the track

52 Hostile acquisitiveness

54 Leader of a flock

57 Stage play device

58 With humility

62 Slot machine arm, e.g.

63 "Count on me!"

64 Intention

65 Ruby and cherry

66 Did a number

67 Teapot cover

DOWN

1 Tennis "out" caller

2 Evil computer of sci-fi

3 Ethan Hawke ex

4 Fodder source

5 Eccentric one

6 Parts of a cup

7 Press strongly

8 "With it," in rapper names

9 Zealot

10 Verizon buy of 2017

11 Shakespearean stage direction

12 Puts down

16 ___ precedent

18 Barnyard noise

21 Power connections

22 ___-di-dah

23 Credit union offering

24 Former Ford make, for short

28 Oscar winner as Margaret

29 Castaway's *résidence*

32 Housekeeping solutions

34 Stone Age period

36 Poolside number

37 Extremely softly

38 Medicinal formulation

41 Lee of the Shakers

42 Grasps

43 Everest sharer

44 School supply with felt strips

45 Become successful

47 Add to a draft

48 Start of a "show me" maxim

51 Made oneself useful

53 Certain ID

55 Frat letters

56 Arthur C. Clarke's *Rendezvous With ___*

59 Tumult

60 ___ Percé Tribe

61 Word before trip or trader

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REPORT

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to Santa Monica. The quaint and affordable houses filled former empty lots east and south of the downtown area and throughout the southland outside of city limits. It was a time when both blue and white-collar workers could afford a charming home walking distance from the beach, a thriving downtown and good schools. At the time, the stretch of 11th Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona Avenue was no exception.

“By 1918, the block was fully developed with Craftsman bungalows infilling the empty lots,” the report by Ostashay says. “Like much of the surrounding neighborhood, this block of 11th Street was also built

for the middle class with moderate incomes. Because of their relative economy, bungalows answered a growing need for affordable housing during the 1910s and 1920s.”

However, after World War II, the block underwent significant redevelopment that focused on large-scale apartment buildings and condominiums. A century later, only a cluster of bungalows remains, many of which have seen significant remodels and upgrades.

“The result is a varied residential development pattern lacking unity, cohesiveness, and a distinct concentration of resources,” says the report. “The extensive loss of historic fabric on some of the older extant homes along the 1200 block of 11th Street have further compromised the collective historical integrity of the small assemblage of properties that were once

identified as part a potential thematic grouping.”

However, several neighborhood groups are encouraging the Landmarks Commission to ignore the preliminary assessment and submit an application to designate the district as historic anyway. To them, the bungalows represent a remedy, thought not a cure, to the modernization and mansionization of Santa Monica as property values continue to climb.

“We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to save this cultural and historic treasure by establishing an historic district here that honors and protects for generations to come the architectural expression of affordable, well-built and designed middle class housing,” said Stacy Dalgleish, president of Mid City Neighbors in a letter to the commission.

The influential group Santa Monicans for Renter’s Rights also wrote to encourage the commission to save the bungalows before they are further altered or lost, calling them a “testimony to those in the community who actually did the work it took to create this city.”

The Landmarks Commission will review the report and hear from the public and then direct staff on next steps, which could include reaching out to property owners and having more meetings before ultimately deciding whether to file and application asking for a historic district designation.

The Commission meets Monday, Jan. 8, at 7:00 p.m. inside City Council Chambers, Room 213, 1685 Main Street.

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5)

The big, beautiful life that’s unfolding is something you couldn’t have predicted or controlled. Your interests will multiply, which will have a similar impact on your social life. In February, your trust and friendship change a life. Your work will be immersive and fascinating in April beginning a financially bountiful trend. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 27, 9, 33 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Observation is your cosmic gift of the day. No one will accuse you of missing the forest for the trees. You’ll see the trees, the forest, the continent, the curve of the planet...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

How far should you take an idea? Should you put your money behind it? Test the concept first. See what you can do without investing much. If it’s a good idea, you’ll get a sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

All subtlety will be lost, and you’re not in that kind of mood anyway. Use your loud, clear voice; write in big letters. You’ll be dealing with people who can take anything you have to give, so give is straight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Like an athlete building toward being a contender, you’ll dedicate yourself to consistent, daily work. You’ll sweat through the discomfort, through the inconvenience, through whatever mood descends. This is what it takes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

When facts come to light or memories resurface, there’s a reason. Don’t discount anything. If you don’t know the purpose, make a detective note of what happened. It might help you later. This is all part of the case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You love your people, but you don’t always want to talk to them. You need time to yourself. If you don’t get enough alone time you’ll feel resentful of those who “stole” it from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

An extroverted introvert is a person who is proactively outgoing to avoid being rude though they prefer plenty of time to themselves to recharge and enjoy the hours however they please. Can you relate?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The pile of paperwork needs your attention. Same with a pile of emotions. There’s nothing too awful in either pile, so reach in and deal with it one item at a time. In a few concentrated hours you’ll be free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

When you know it’s for you, you really know. You dive right in. You commit yourself without an ounce of regret or reservation. Your confidence will attract friends and followers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Oddly enough, knowing what needs doing is more important than doing it today. You’re wise not to start on anything without a plan. It may take several hours to plot out the journey ahead, and this will be time well spent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Empathy has no words. It’s receptive. It holds open an emotional catcher’s mitt. It receives with eyes of kindness, an encouraging face and open body language.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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Cosmic Agenda: In With the New

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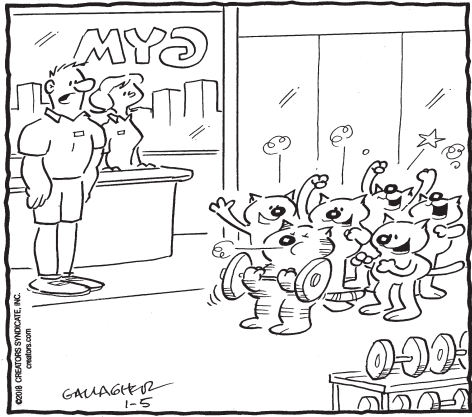
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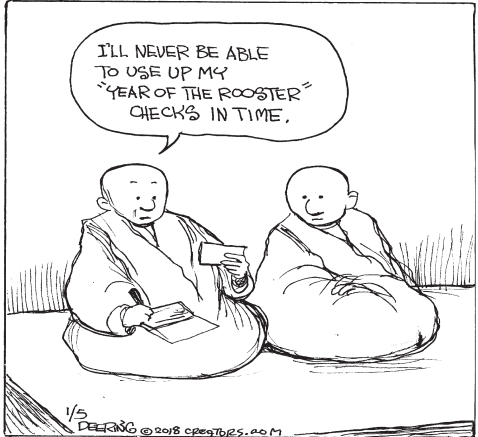
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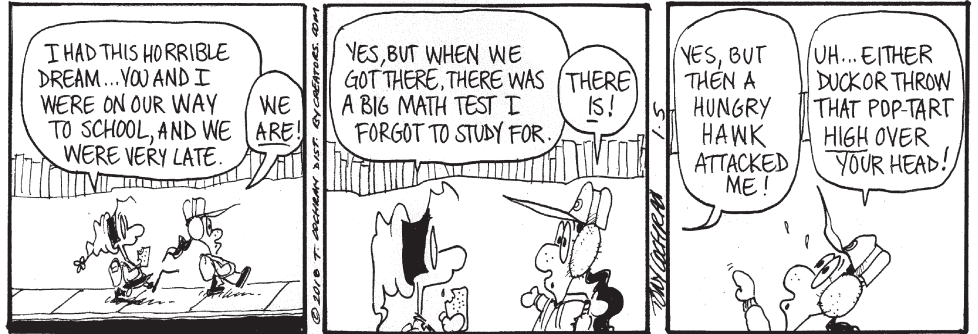
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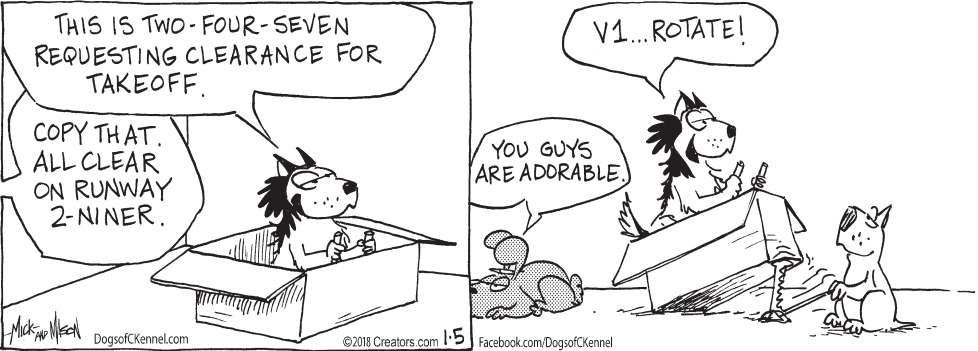
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