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California has ample weapons to fight Trump on drilling

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

In the decades since a 1969 oil spill near Santa Barbara tarred sea-life and gave rise to the U.S. environmental movement, politicians and environmental activists have built up ample ways to make it difficult but not impossible for the Trump administration to renew drilling off California's coast.

The Interior Department said Thursday it plans to open most federal waters off the United States to oil leases.

In California, where no new federal leases offshore have been approved since 1984, Gov. Jerry Brown joined governors of Oregon

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Federal pot policy change sparks confusion, crackdown fears

BY BRIAN MELLEY & SADIE GURMAN
Associated Press

The buzz kill long dreaded in the marijuana industry came just days after California opened what is expected to be the world's largest legal pot market.

The Trump administration announced Thursday that it was ending an Obama-era policy to tread lightly on enforcing U.S. marijuana laws. The declaration renewed anxiety, confusion and uncertainty that has long shad-

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National anti-union group takes aim at Unite Here Local 11





File photos

PROTESTS: Unite Here Local 11 has held multiple protests inside Santa Monica and is now coming under fire from a national organization.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A national interest group that criticizes labor unions has set its sights on Unite Here Local 11, the union that represents hotel workers throughout the Southland with thousands of members in Santa Monica.

The well-funded Center for Union Facts (CUF) launched a media campaign this week with a new website, eyeson11.com, which claims "Local 11 is California's Worst Union."

"We're really trying to expose the disconnection between the union's self-serving agenda and how it's at odds with the interest of the local residents in the place the union is organizing," Luka Ladan from the Center for Union Facts told the Daily Press in an interview. "It's a combination of many different things from the minimum wage issue to their development agenda."

The Center for Union Facts is an advocacy group founded by lawyer and former lobbyist Richard Berman. His other nonprofit organizations include the Center for Consumer Freedom and the Employment Policies Institute, a fiscally conservative think tank that focuses on employment issues. CUF, a 501(c)3, is responsible for anti-union advertising across the country that depicts unions as threatening organizations trapping members into paying dues ultimately spent on political issues.

"This is an extreme right-wing organization with a hateful, anti-worker, anti-environment agenda," said Danielle Wilson, research analyst for Unite Here Local 11. "An east coast Republican who likens himself to Donald Trump and runs multi-million dollar campaigns against living wage efforts has no place in Santa Monica politics."

The watchdog Charity Navigator has raised moderate concern over the CUF, citing the fact more than half of the charity's

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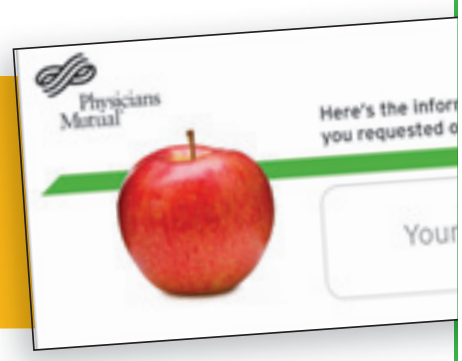
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Saturday, January 6

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Ocean Park Branch Book Group: Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf

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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"The Sixties: The Rolling Stones"

"The Sixties: The Rolling Stones" with Rock Historian Vincent Bruno at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vincente Boulevard at 2 p.m. Bruno's entertaining, interactive and informative lecture features the story of of rock's original "bad boys" during their formative years, early shows, personal and professional issues, with highlights from their post 60's work. Admission is free. (310) 575-8273.

Sunday, January 7

A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Join watercolorist and urban sketcher Timothy Kitz in a 6-week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels. Timothy will share tips about both medium and technique while going through weekly demo exercises to hone your compositional vision, principles of color values, color mixing and brush work. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost: $140. Drop-in participation is available for $35, cash only. (please bring exact change!) Call (310) 458-2239 to confirm drop-in availability if you are not bringing your own rig. Please note that this series requires a $20 cash fee to be paid to the instructor. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/62872

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

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

Monday, January 8

OPA Meeting

The Ocean Park Association's January 8 meeting will be held downstairs at the Ocean Park Library, 2601 Main St, beginning at 7 p.m. Guest will include SMPD and representatives of the CLARE Foundation. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Disabilities Commission Meeting

Special meeting of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Ava DuVernay, 'Get Out' to be honored by producers guild

The horror film "Get Out" and industry multitasker Ava DuVernay will receive special honors at the Producers Guild of America awards, the group announced Friday.

The movie co-produced by Jordan Peele is also among 11 film nominees. It was picked for the guild's Stanley Kramer Award. DuVernay, a producer, director and screenwriter, will receive the Visionary Award, according to a guild statement.

Other nominees for the top film producer category: "The Big Sick"; "Call Me by Your Name"; "Dunkirk"; "I, Tonya"; "Lady Bird"; "Molly's Game"; "The Post"; "The Shape of Water"; "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"; and "Wonder Woman."

Nominees for dramatic TV series are "Big Little Lies," Season 1; "The Crown," Season 2; "Game of Thrones," Season 7; "The Handmaid's Tale," Season 1; and "Stranger Things," Season 2.

Animated film nominees are: "The Boss Baby"; "Coco"; "Despicable Me 3"; "Ferdinand"; and "The Lego Batman Movie."

In the TV comedy series category, nominees are: "Curb Your Enthusiasm," Season 9; "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," Season 1; "Master of None," Season 2; "Silicon Valley," Season 4; and "Veep," Season 6.

The awards ceremony will be held Jan. 20 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

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SANTA CLARITA

4 found shot to death in Los Angeles County suburb

Four people were found shot to death in a Southern California home early Friday, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

The dead found in a residence in the city of Santa Clarita included a man, two women and a male juvenile, a department statement said.

All four were pronounced dead at the scene. The residence is in a neighborhood of modern, two-story homes in a development below foothills of the Angeles National Forest about 35 miles (56 kilometers) north of downtown Los Angeles.

No identities or indications of the circumstances were released. Homicide detectives responded to the scene.

"The investigation is ongoing and there is no additional information available at this time," the statement said.

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LAS VEGAS

Bleak forecast for Colorado River supplies; 20% snowpack

The first forecast of the year for Colorado River water supplies is a bleak one.

The river that serves as a key source of water for seven states including California, Colorado, Utah and Nevada is expected to flow at only about 54 percent of its average volume during the key runoff period from April to July.

The National Weather Service's Colorado Basin River Forecast Center in Salt Lake City released a report Wednesday showing December snow totals as low as 20 percent of average in some areas.

The Las Vegas Review-Journal reports that the discouraging forecast comes on the heels of some welcome news for the drought-stricken and overdrawn river.

Lake Mead ended 2017 almost 2 feet higher than a year ago, as use of Colorado River water by Nevada, Arizona and California hit its lowest level since 1992.

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SANTA BARBARA

Attempt to sell stolen surfboards leads to 3 arrests

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office says an attempt to sell stolen surfboards led to the arrests of two men and a woman.

Deputies were called Wednesday on a report that a man was attempting to sell the surfboards to a store that offers used sporting goods.

Authorities learned that the surfboards had been stolen from a parked vehicle near a beach in Santa Barbara earlier in the week. The investigation led to another man and a woman sitting nearby in a pickup truck that had been stolen in Santa Maria last month.

The Sheriff's Office says a search of the stolen truck revealed suspected stolen property, including laptop computers, cellphones, mail and credit cards as well as a credit card "skimming" device.

All three were jailed on various charges.

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LOS ANGELES

Southern California to finally get rain next week

Months of withering weather could be coming to an end in Southern California.

The National Weather Service says widespread rain is expected Monday into Wednesday, with possible downpours and debris flows in recent wildfire burn areas.

Recent rain so far along the California coast has generally come no farther south than Point Conception on the Santa Barbara County coast.

But forecasters say Southern California should get its first major rainfall of the season next week, starting on the Central Coast Monday morning and then moving into Ventura and Los Angeles counties in the afternoon.

Peak rainfall rates will range from a half-inch (1.27 centimeters) to 1 inch (2.54 centimeters) per hour. The weather service says that's likely to create debris flows in burn areas such as the huge Thomas Fire.

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LONG BEACH

Gunman fatally shot in Long Beach hotel lobby

A man who reportedly was holding someone hostage in a Long Beach hotel lobby was fatally shot by police early Friday.

Police spokeswoman Nancy Pratt says an employee of the Holiday Inn called police about 12:50 a.m. and said he was being held hostage by an armed man.

Arriving officers saw the armed man in the lobby with employees and at some point during that contact he was shot.

The man was pronounced dead at a hospital. A gun was found at the scene.

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Film Review

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The Greatest Showman

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THE GREATEST SHOWMAN IS FAR FROM the greatest show. This musical biography of one of the most eccentric and talented marketing men of show business lacks complexity and fire. The talented cast has performed heartfelt renditions of somewhat unremarkable music. Hugh Jackman really "gets" his role as P.T. Barnum, a kind of "Walt Disney" of the 1800's. However the screenplay is so disjointed that the story seems to be a series of musical numbers strung together by a mundane narrative. It is no surprise that the experience of first time director Michael Gracey lies mostly in commercials and music videos. There is an art to establishing a driving force that moves a big story forward and endowing your characters with fascinating personalities that comes with experience working on feature films. The screenplay that Gracey was given did not have those components. The movie starts immediately with a musical performance by Jackman, before we have even become acquainted with his character well enough to believe that his emotions have inspired him to burst into song.

There were six editors who worked on the film – not good for continuity of style and rhythm. Producers must have realized there was trouble. Veteran director James Mangold was brought in a few weeks before the release to do reshoots and more post-production, which also portends dysfunction of style.

The story could have had much more depth. P.T. Barnum was born in 1810 and began his multi-faceted and colorful career in the early to mid 1800's, in New York City, a city that was just finding its boisterous personality. He introduced spectacle at a time when the public believed that "morality" was the accepted aspiration. Rather than the simple son of a tailor that this movie describes, Barnum had relatives who were some of the original European transplants to our country. His favorite grandfather was a "legislator, landowner, justice of the peace, and lottery schemer." He was much more complex than the character depicted in this screenplay. Jackman "got" him, the screenwriters did not. I would love to have seen the circus characters depicted with some insight into what their fascinating backstories must have been.

The actors do a wonderful job with the script they've been given. Stand-outs are Keala Settle as the "Lettie Lutz, the Bearded Lady" and Zendaya as Trapeze Artist "Anne Wheeler." Zac Efron seems to be searching valiantly for some spark of conflict to light up his portrayal of "Phillip Carlyle." Rebecca Ferguson does the best she can with "Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale." The film's depiction of this legendary soprano from the 1800's is jarring. Today's audience is not so naïve that an 1800's artist needs to be depicted as a contemporary pop star.

There could have been a great rhythm established to the music and the story. The film does not achieve what it should have – suspending our belief and letting our imaginations go free. P.T. Barnum would probably have done that had he directed the movie.

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DRILLING

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and Washington in vowing to do "whatever it takes" to stop that from happening off the West Coast.

State officials, environmental groups and oil-industry analysts say California has solid regulatory and legal means to try to make good on that threat.

For one thing, oil companies know that even if the federal government sells leases in federal waters, California and other coastal states by law control the 3 miles (5 kilometers) nearest to shore, all along the coasts.

That means California decides on permits for any oil pipelines that would connect oil platforms to land, along with any transport centers, refineries or holding stations once the crude makes it ashore.

"Operators don't tend to operate (off) states that don't want production," said Kevin Book, an analyst with ClearView Energy Partners in Washington, D.C.

There are ways around California's 3-mile (5-kilometer) lock on shore — such as using ships to transport oil from platforms in federal waters instead of pipelines, he said.

But considering all the potential financial, regulatory and legal problems oil companies would face in drilling off California, oil prices would have to go far higher to make that enticing, Book said.

"At today's crude oil prices, the way companies look at political risk ... when you do the math on paper it doesn't add up," Book said.

Brown joined both U.S. senators and other state officials last year in appealing unsuccessfully to Obama to ban California offshore drilling before he left office, and polls show most Californians opposed to offshore drilling.

Californians vividly remember the 1969 oil spill and a 2015 Southern California spill from a pipeline serving a platform in federal waters that blackened more than 100 miles (160 kilometers) of public beaches and closed two state parks.

"You walk on the beach and see oil in the sand and the water and washing up, and there's dead birds and dead fish," said Kristen Hislop, with the Environmental Defense Center, a Santa Barbara environmental group formed in response to the 1969 oil spill. "You very much remember why we fight so hard to protect our coastline."

In California, "we do have plenty of opportunity to fight these new oil developments and we will pursue all those avenues," said Linda Krop, legal counsel for the same group.

For example, a 1972 federal coastal act gives California extensive input on federal actions along the coast, including the granting of federal oil leases.

"Nothing galvanizes bipartisan resistance in California like the threat of more offshore drilling," said Dayna Bochco, chairwoman of the California Coastal Commission, which would have the authority to oppose offshore leases under that act. "We've fought similar efforts before, and we will fight them again."

Robert Jablon in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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POT

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owed the bright green leafy drug still forbidden under federal law but now legal in a majority of states as medicine and in a handful of those for recreational purposes.

"Everybody is super worried. My phone has been going off the hook," said Terry Blevins, who runs a security firm and is part-owner of a marijuana distribution company in Southern California. "They are all, 'What does this mean? ... Is the federal government going to come into California" to raid businesses?

Officials wouldn't say if federal prosecutors would target pot shops and legal growers, nor would they speculate on whether pot prosecutions would increase.

The action by Attorney General Jeff Sessions was not unexpected given his longtime opposition to pot, but comes at a heady time for the industry as retail pot sales rolled out New Year's Day in California.

In 2013, President Barack Obama's attorney general advised prosecutors not to waste money targeting pot growers and sellers that were abiding by state laws, but to go after flagrant violations such as trafficking across state lines or selling to minors. Under this policy, several states legalized recreational pot, growers and sellers had begun to drop their guard over fears of a federal crackdown and the business blossomed into a sophisticated, multimillion-dollar industry feeding state government programs with tax dollars.

Sessions and some law enforcement officials blame legalization for a number of problems, including trafficking black market weed. Authorities are also concerned about stoned drivers and fear that widespread acceptance of the drug could increase its youth appeal.

Advocates for the drug that is classified in federal law in the same category as heroin have argued that it has medicinal qualities and causes less harm than alcohol. They have said the government needs to focus on rampant opioid abuse and allow a regulated marijuana market that will reduce crime by eliminating the need for a black market.

Pot proponents along with some members of Congress, including Sessions' fellow Republicans, roundly condemned the change in direction Thursday and said it was an intrusion upon the rights of states whose voters had approved use of the drug.

"If ... Congress allows the Department (of Justice) to crack down on individuals and state governments, it will be one of the biggest derelictions of duty I will have witnessed," said U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska. "Congress is the voice of the people and we have a duty to do what is right by the states."

Some sheriffs in California welcomed the news, particularly in the northern part of the state where the majority of weed has been grown illegally for decades and enforcement of laws largely falls to rural authorities with limited budgets.

Yuba County Sheriff Steve Durfor said he's hopeful Sessions' actions signal a new willingness of federal authorities to help the impoverished region enforce marijuana laws. His department outside Sacramento has struggled to slow a large and growing influx of illegal operations setting up shop in the region. Officers destroyed a record 30,000 plants last year, surpassing the previous record of 8,800 plants destroyed in 2016.

Colorado's U.S. attorney, Bob Troyer, said his office won't change its approach to prosecution, despite Sessions' guidance. Prosecutors there have always focused on marijuana crimes that "create the greatest safety threats" and will continue to be guided by that, he said. In Oregon, U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams said he would maintain the same level of enforcement and focus on unlicensed production of marijuana and smuggling out of state.

Before the Obama administration put the policy in place, the feds sent shivers through the medical marijuana community by threatening landlords and operators with property seizure notices, resulting in many shops shutting down in cities where they were considered a nuisance.

Federal prosecutors also sued and prosecuted some nonprofit dispensaries that were raking in money or dealing to people with no medical need, though the latter was hard to prove in a state like California, where regulations were loose at best.

It was not clear how Thursday's announcement 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' decision led to a skid in prices for marijuana-related stocks that had surged for weeks surrounding California pot sales.

Officials denied the timing of the announcement was connected to California sales, which are projected to bring in $1 billion annually in tax revenue within several years.

In addition to stock market losses, the change in policy in the short-term could chill investments in a burgeoning industry that will also see Canada and Massachusetts begin to allow recreational sales in July, experts said. However, many suggested that a large-scale crackdown was unlikely given the industry's size.

"Legal marijuana has become so entrenched in the U.S. — it's a multi-billion-dollar industry," said Don Morse, director of the Oregon Cannabis Business Council. "I don't see the people who are behind this, people like myself, rolling over for the Justice Department."

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said the state, which along with Colorado in 2012 were the first to allow retail pot sales, would continue marijuana operations.

"We should, in my book, not push the panic button on either your individual lives or your businesses," Inslee said.

At Harborside in Oakland, one of California's largest shops, founder and CEO Steve DeAngelo said it was business as usual and he wanted to assure customers not to fear shopping there.

"We've been targeted by the federal government before and we stand up and we fight for our rights," DeAngelo said. "Six months from now if U.S. attorneys have not taken Jeff Sessions up on this crazy offer, then I think that it absolutely makes no difference to anybody."

Gurman reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Michael R. Blood in Los Angeles; Paul Elias in San Francisco; Terence Chea in Oakland; Becky Bohrer in Juneau; Andrew Selsky in Salem, Ore.; Sally Ho in Olympia, Wash.; and Nicholas Riccardi and Kathleen Foody in Denver contributed to this report.

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File photo

UNION: Critics say the union is more focused on financial gain than the welfare of its members.

GROUP

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functional expenses were paid to Berman's own for-profit management company, Berman and Company, to staff and operate day-to-day activities. In response, the CUF said independent officers and directors review and approve the arrangement and management of the charity.

Ladan says the group has been watching Local 11 for years, arguing the union's primary goal is increasing membership rolls and, thus, dues revenue. He criticizes Local 11's support for new hotel development in Long Beach and Santa Monica, specifically The Plaza, a proposed 280 room hotel at 5th and Arizona. Landon claims the vast majority of Santa Monicans are against projects that exceed local height limits.

"Local 11 supported developing The Plaza at Santa Monica, which at nearly 130 feet would be the second largest project under the city's new Downtown Plan, and among the largest developments in the city," the website says. The site references information provided by Residocracy, the anti-development group behind 2016's controversial Measure LV.

Ladan says the union's membership has doubled in size since 2006 and now must rely on new developments to continue to build membership rolls.

"The increased membership changes the union in the sense that it gives them more money to pursue broader advocacy efforts," Ladan said. "It's a self-reinforcing cycle. It sort of snowballs from there."

Wilson, the analyst for Local 11, denies the union gives widespread support to hotel developments. She says the number of union hotels in Santa Monica has doubled over the last year.

"We work with our members and the community to promote responsible development that reflects the interests of the people who live and work in Santa Monica," Wilson said. "Historically, we have opposed more projects than we have supported."

This is the second public relations attack against the union in two months. In November, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce began circulating a petition to reject a proposal to require a Labor Peace Agreement (LPA) in leases at city-owned property at the Santa Monica Airport, the Pier and downtown. Critics say the LPA requirement would give unions the upper hand at the bargaining table.

"This is the first time Local 11 is being held accountable and we're making it a mission of ours to make sure the people of Santa Monica and beyond know what the union is really up to," Ladan said.

He says he hopes the new website will become a platform for residents and union members to share their stories about Unite Here.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **60.6°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Small WNW swell continues - Largest surf found out west.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** Knee to waist high
Fading WNW swell.



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, WHILE PATROLLING THE AREA OF 3RD STREET AND WILSHIRE BLVD.

Officers observed a subject that matched the description of a suspect involved in an aggravated assault a few days prior. Officers stopped the subject in the 1300 block of 3rd Street Promenade. Officers investigated his possible involvement in the assault. A computer check revealed the subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest from Culver City PD. The subject consented to a search of his person and belongings. Officers located several debit/credit cards belonging to other persons. A search of his backpack led to the recovery of additional debit cards, credit cards and checks belonging to others. The suspect was taken into custody. Kenneth Perkins, 31, homeless, was arrested for identity theft, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and warrants. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 363 Calls For Service On Jan. 4.

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

Battery 1400 block 4th 12:26 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 0 block Ocean Park 12:40 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block 14th 12:54 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hart 1:55 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block 14th 2:29 a.m.
Prowler 1800 block 10th 2:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block Michigan 4:02 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Santa Monica 5:14 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block Lincoln 5:48 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Santa Monica 6:29 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block 5th 6:47 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block the beach 6:58 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Ocean 7:03 a.m.
Person with a gun 300 block Santa Monica Pl 7:09 a.m.
Theft recyclables 600 block Ocean 7:16 a.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block Santa Monica 7:46 a.m.
Domestic violence 400 block Colorado 8:21 a.m.
Encampment 4th / Pico 9:03 a.m.
Grand theft 2800 block Montana 9:16 a.m.
Petty theft 3000 block Ocean Front Walk 9:31 a.m.
Panhandling 600 block Wilshire 9:37 a.m.
Oversize vehicle 300 block Santa Monica Pier 9:43 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block Ocean 9:47 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Ocean 10:06 a.m.
Encampment Appian / Pacific Ter 10:32 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block Lincoln 10:49 a.m.
Encampment 1000 block Broadway 10:50 a.m.
Speeding 4th / Interstate 10 10:53 a.m.
Encampment 100 block Broadway 11:05 a.m.
Fraud 1500 block 7th 11:06 a.m.
Burglary attempt 2200 block La Mesa Dr 11:08 a.m.
Hit and run 2100 block Pier 11:30 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1900 block Pico 12:01 p.m.
Battery 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:09 p.m.
Auto burglary 2900 block 4th 12:42 p.m.
Auto burglary 700 block 10th 12:59 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 300 block Colorado 1:23 p.m.
Traffic collision 26th / California 1:29 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 1:58 p.m.
Encampment 2600 block 34th 2:02 p.m.
Burglary 2000 block Ocean 2:39 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block Appian 2:47 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block 19th 3:09 p.m.
Child endangerment 900 block Lincoln 3:19 p.m.
Hit and run 2900 block Neilson 3:26 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 10th 3:28 p.m.
Burglary 2400 block Chelsea Pl 3:37 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block Ocean 3:47 p.m.
Encampment 1500 block 11th 4:05 p.m.
Panhandling Lincoln / Interstate 10 4:15 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 4:42 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Santa Monica 4:51 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th / Idaho 4:58 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 4th 5:49 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block Palisades Park 5:51 p.m.
Identity theft 2600 block 24th 5:52 p.m.
Traffic collision Stewart / Pico 6:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Lincoln 6:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 2900 block Pico 6:39 p.m.
Hit and run 2100 block Santa Monica 6:44 p.m.
Panhandling 800 block Montana 6:46 p.m.
Traffic collision 2900 block Pico 6:49 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 6:59 p.m.
Encampment 2000 block 19th 7:12 p.m.
Encampment 2600 block 34th 7:24 p.m.
Speeding 5th / Broadway 8:01 p.m.
Fraud 900 block 6th 8:32 p.m.
Assault 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 8:36 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 26 Calls For Service On Jan. 4.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1200 block Olympic 12:13 a.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block Olympic 1:06 a.m.
EMS 500 block Raymond 3:24 a.m.
EMS 26th / Santa Monica 5:16 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 6:33 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 9:33 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 10:45 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 11:42 a.m.
EMS 2900 block Colorado 11:54 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block Main 12:45 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 26th / California 13:27:04
EMS 0 block Village Pkwy 1:59 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:24 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 2:26 p.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 4:24 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 5:21 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 2nd 5:34 p.m.
EMS Stewart / Pico 6:07 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 2400 block Lincoln 18:26:36
EMS 800 block Pico 6:49 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2800 block Neilson 9:03 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 9th 9:08 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Pico 9:42 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 5th 9:48 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/3
2 18 37 39 42
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 570M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/2
1 42 47 64 70
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 450M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/4
8 15 22 26 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/4
MIDDAY: 9 5 6
Draw Date: 1/4
EVENING: 2 2 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/4
1st: 02 Lucky Star
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:48.20

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WORD UP!

turncoat

1. a person who changes to the opposite party or faction, reverses principles, etc.; renegade.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Get Me That, Stat!

■ The Centers for Disease Control says the average weight of an American adult male has jumped from 180 pounds (based on data from 1988-1994) to 195 pounds (2011-2014). According to the website weigh-tandthings.com, that works out to 884 blueberry muffins, 32,753 ping pong balls or 1,768,707 drops of water.

Best Medicine

■ Two psychiatrists are riding bikes along a woodland path. One loses balance in some loose gravel and falls, hurting himself badly. The other psychiatrist races back, hops off his bike, his face a mask of concern and asks: "Do you want to talk about it?"

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Benjamin Steers correctly identify where this image was captured. The image is part of a utility box located at the intersection of Lincoln and Ocean Park Blvd.

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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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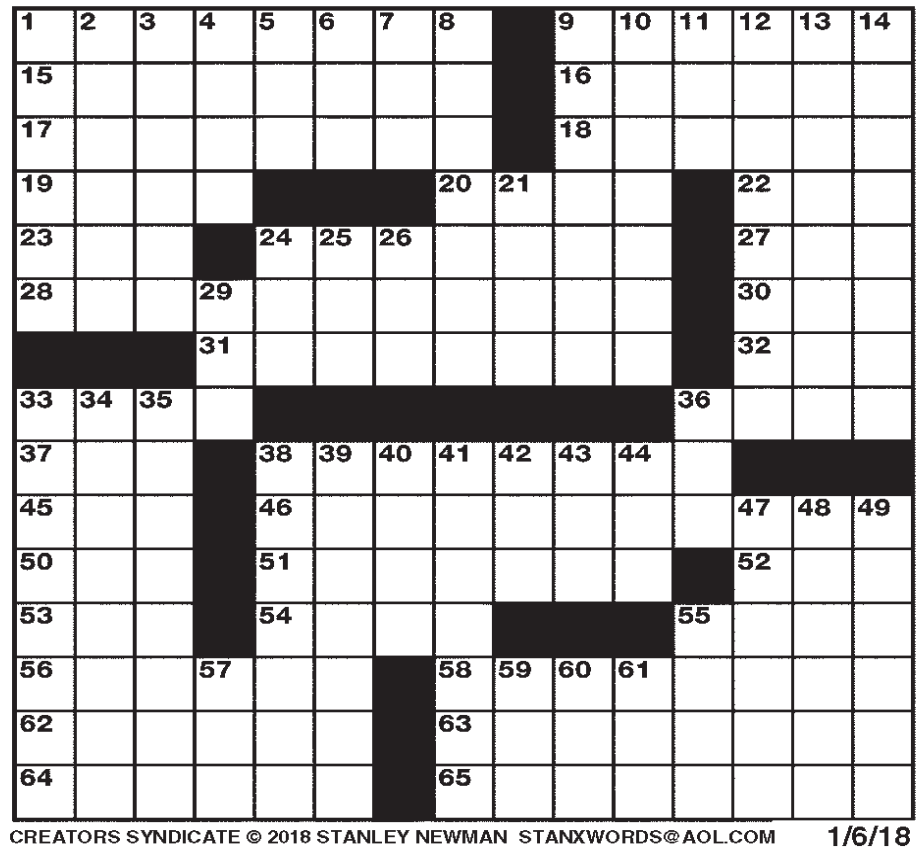
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Crib successor
9 Respites from trouble
15 Colonists' quest, perhaps
16 Something shouted at plates
17 Witless, as some writing
18 Onetime *Apprentice* boardroom judge
19 Sets seen at radioatticarchives.com
20 Lack of pressure
22 Hazel cousin
23 Half an "arty" synonym
24 Becomes clear to
27 Prompter's query
28 Sport for 2000+ years
30 Paper product
31 Pay for play
32 Slot's space holder
33 *Monday Night Countdown* airer
36 Step toward a JD
37 __ double
38 Prompter's query
45 Habitual birdwatcher
46 Word from the French for "stir up"
50 Viperine beast
51 Obtain uncombined, in a lab
52 Carbon-fiber propeller
53 Contents of a tin type
54 Spiritless
55 It's northwest of Frankfurt
56 Certain space seller
58 Unequivocal turndown
62 Lead voice in *The Lorax*
63 Cameron blockbuster three years before *Titanic*
64 Previously, in the past
65 Downscale in the extreme

DOWN
1 High point of many towns
2 Chief
3 Antonym of "enhance"
4 Limelight lovers, supposedly
5 Grammy-winning name in the *Training Day* cast
6 Condition introduction
7 __ Bucks (Ivy Leaguers' dining certificates)
8 "Common" quality
9 Selection indication
10 It's behind many whodunits
11 OPEC's biggest customer
12 Who you know
13 Mars pet food brand
14 Change nothing
21 Assuming
24 Place for reading or writing
25 "The child of Nature," per Longfellow
26 Cold __
29 Former title for four of the last seven VPs
33 Audacious adventure
34 Beach bum, for one
35 Common clue for "flea"
36 Seashell souvenir
38 Text, essentially
39 Flips
40 100-picometer thing
41 Performer's résumé listing
42 Seventh frat chapter
43 Studio property
44 Start an action
47 Trademark of the Royal Canadian Mint
48 They're brought to Renaissance Fairs
49 Next Literature Nobelist after Winston
55 Home of most of Indonesia's Hindus
57 Mark, as some boxes
59 Many an oxide or silicate
60 Oral trigger
61 Pronominal contraction



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Westside Food Bank's Look Ahead for 2018

BY GENEVIEVE RIUTORT
Westside Food Bank

Westside Food Bank is grateful to the community for its support throughout 2017 and we are looking forward to another year of providing food for anyone in our service area struggling with hunger and food insecurity. In 2018, we plan to continue our expansion of service to college food pantries - we are now regularly providing food to sites at UCLA, Santa Monica College, Mount Saint Mary's University and West Los Angeles College. Food insecurity is a growing problem on college campuses and we are working with our partners to make sure that local college students are able to concentrate on their work, and not on finding their next meal. We will also continue our focus on combating childhood hunger by working with our member food agencies, local schools, and other programs serving children to identify needs and support food distribution. We expect to once again expand our Summer Supplemental Food Bags program, which in 2017 boosted summer food access and nutrition for over 4,500 school-age children. This year will also see us providing more food to veterans through our weekly produce distribution at the West LA VA campus, bagged lunches for veterans throughout Western LA County, and the 40+ garden beds we maintain at the VA. As always, we will continue to focus on providing food that supplies a full range of nutrients, in accordance with our Nutrition Policy and strive to distribute 5 million pounds of food for local people in need during 2018. We hope you will join us by donating food or funds, volunteering in our warehouse, or being an ambassador for our cause. Find out more and find us on social media by visiting wsfb.org

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 6)

Your solar return begins with a flurry of activity in your personal life. You'll be making an important commitment, too. You'll find it easier to make money with what you learn in April. If you need a fresh start, May brings renewal and a clean slate. You'll acquire property or a new vehicle for a great price in July. Virgo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 48, 1, 13, 33 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Doing things right takes twice as much time as doing them wrong, except when you take into account all the time you'll spend fixing and redoing. When you include that part in the calculation, doing things wrong takes three times longer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You'll be entertained by your own subconscious. The ideas that pop into your head will surprise and delight you. Your wild imagination is a talent that the best people around you will celebrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You want to focus on the basics — work and relationships — but the non-essentials seem so much more fun. Why resist? There are silly adventures to be had and bits of ridiculous fun to grab.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Usually when the tug of war is over, someone has been dragged through the mud. When you feel the first resistance, consider bowing out of the game. You may not win, but you'll stay clean.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Poor communication is never the problem of one person. The "co" in "communication" gives it away. It's as much about what's expressed as it is how that expression is received.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's more fun to visit places you've never seen with people you know well. The shared excitement of exploring builds bonds. If this dynamic isn't in your immediate future, plan something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You know a lot. You also know not to say all you know, because as interesting as your wealth of knowledge is, people prefer it in brief doses. Instead you'll focus on listening and encouraging others to play along.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Here's a counterintuitive remedy to stress that will actually work today: Increase your task load. That's right: Take on even more responsibility. Everything will magically fall in order, and you'll get it all done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Someone wants to leap into your world, but don't let it happen. It will be far more effective to slowly envelop them. Create a journey you both can enjoy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
When it comes to love, today you're dangerously unguarded, opening your heart based on nothing but an intuitive notion. Ultimately the rewards will more than match your risk.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It will feel really good to handle what isn't working. Get repairs. Mend the tears. Fix whatever needs it. And if it still won't go, it will feel even better to cut your losses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
When two people have more or less the same conversation over and over again without understanding each other's needs any better than when they started, this is an illustration of poor communication.

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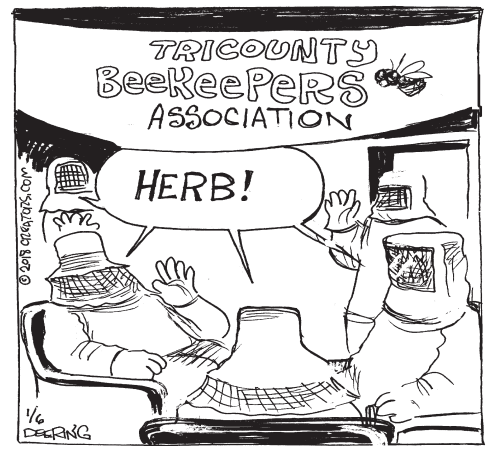
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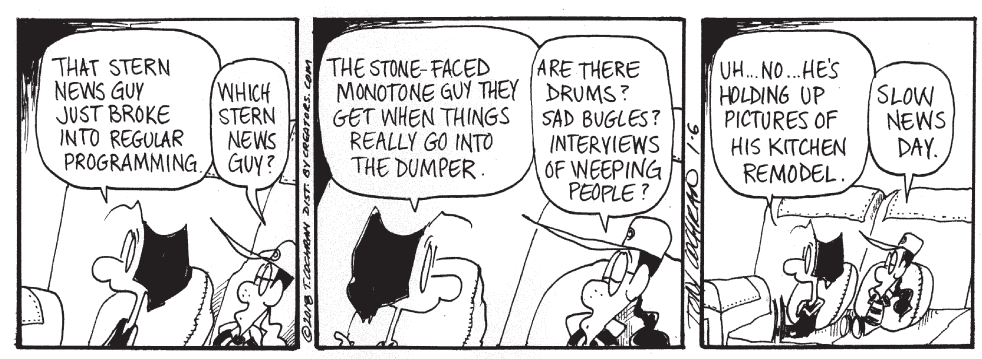


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