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New year, new school board member

MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Jon Kean has formally taken his seat as the newest member of the SMMUSD school board.

Kean along with re-elected members Maria Leon-Vazquez and Ralph Mechur took the oath of office for a four-year term last month and while Vazquez and Mechur were incumbents in the election, Kean is new to the leadership role.

Kean was the only challenger to qualify for a vacant seat on the board last year. He was appointed to the position and the district chose to cancel the 2016 election.

Kean is an active parent leader,



KEAN

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Storm floods vineyards, forces evacuations in Calif., Nevada

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER
Associated Press

A massive storm system stretching from California into Nevada lifted rivers climbing out of their banks, flooded vineyards and forced people to evacuate after warnings that hillsides parched by wildfires could give way to mudslides.

Los Angeles County health officials are advising swimmers and surfers to stay out of the ocean for at least three days because of heavy storm runoff.

The advisory issued Monday came as a massive storm system moved through Southern California with heavy rain and minor flooding.

Seawater bacteria levels can increase significantly during and after rainstorms as contaminants in storm runoff enter the ocean via storm drains, creeks and rivers.

The advisories are common customary following heavy rains. The current advisory is in place through Thursday morning.

Northern California's Russian River rose to its highest level since 2006, and schools and roads were closed across the wine-making region of Sonoma County, where thousands of people were without power.

Avalanche concerns kept some California ski areas closed for a second day Monday in the Sierra Nevada. Forecasters said more snow and rain was on the way.

In Nevada near Reno, Nevada National Guard high-water vehicles were deployed to help people evacuate from a town.

The Russian River is prone to flooding, but this year's flood has been particularly worrisome

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Tenants seek help after asbestos dust found in their apartments



Kate Cagle

LOCKED OUT: Gert Basson can't enter his longtime apartment due to asbestos contamination.

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A heavy padlock, a chain-link fence and green construction mesh separate long-time Santa Monica resident Gert Basson from his most treasured belongings.

The award-winning feature filmmaker doesn't have the key to his screenplays or photographs or notes vital to his work. His landlord keeps his assets locked away in storage because of asbestos contamination inside the apartment Basson rented for 20 years at 1242 10th Street.

At this point, getting to his things will involve untangling a complicated dispute between himself and the new owners of the Tenth Street Promenade. While he continues to pay rent, a relocation order from the City has Basson moving from room to room. Basson is receiving relocation fees while he is kept out of his apartment, although there is disagreement over whether those checks are being paid on



time.

"As a photographer, I have boxes full of prints and negatives that can never be replaced," Basson said of his items locked away from his access. "As a writer, I have pages written out in longhand. It's a life's work that I've done."

For decades, the 1950's era buildings at 1238

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What's Up Westside OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, January 10

Organizing Your Closets, Drawers, and Space

Get a clean start on the new year with this organizational workshop. Esther Simon shows you that there's a place for everything, how to throw things out, and techniques for creating more space. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8 p.m.

Beach=Culture: Plectrum concert

Plectrum is Mann-Lo Wen (violin) and Mak Grgic (guitar). Both advocates of traditional and popular music, they aim to present repertoire that is both artistically challenging from an academic standpoint but also enjoyable for a wide and diverse audience. Plectrum is a hip classical duo that takes the listener on a musical journey spanning centuries. Annenberg Community Beach House, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., 415 PCH, <http://annenberg-beachhouse.com/beachculture>

Kids' Writers Group

Join this group of kids who love to write! This month we'll go wild writing animal stories! Ages 8-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Write Away [Writers Group]

Support and encouragement for writers of all stripes. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11

Montana Mystery Book Group: Chain of Evidence

Hal Challis' sister summons him back to the small town where he grew up; his father is dying. While Challis' past comes back to haunt him, Ellen Destry is left to find a serial pedophile before he strikes again. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the concepts of mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8 p.m.

Big Kids' Table: Origami Edition

Looking to have fun, socialize and de-stress? Take a seat at The Big Kids' Table, the Main Library's monthly series of activities that invites adults to get in touch with their inner "big kid." This month, learn the basics of origami. Make the first of your 1001 cranes. Upcycle a greeting card into a gift box. Fold a dollar bill into a heart. Or relax by coloring or playing a game of Scrabble. Materials will be provided. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown)

The Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 3rd and Arizona.

Thursday, January 12

Rent Control Board Meeting

Regular Rent Control Board Meeting. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m. www.smgov.net/Current_Board_Meetings.aspx: Rent Control Board Agendas

College Affordability: Financial Aid and FAFSA

Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling will review the different kinds of financial aid and answer questions about how to make college affordable. She'll also go over the main sections of the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS profile. Grades 10-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown
Train clips car on Colorado

On January 8 at about 11:16 a.m., an SMPD officer was flagged down regarding a hit and run involving the Expo line at 7th/Colorado Ave. Witnesses reported a vehicle traveling westbound on Colorado made an illegal left turn in front of the train and onto 7th Street. The train struck the vehicle causing it to spin out of control. The driver ultimately gained control before accelerating southbound along 7th Street where he made an additional illegal left hand turn on Olympic and fled out of sight. The vehicle was reported to be a possible Volkswagen sedan, possibly gray in color.

No injuries were reported by the train conductor or any other parties. No damage to any street signs, lights, or any other city property was noticed. The train sustained minimal damage. Trains continued to run on a single track in the area and all normal service was resumed about 40 minutes later.

— DAILY PRESS STAFF

Ocean Park Blvd.
Santa Monicans Against the Trump Agenda hold first meeting

A group calling itself Santa Monicans Against the Trump Agenda will meet for the first time on Sunday, Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (1343 Ocean Park Blvd). This community meeting is one of many across the country being organized by MoveOn, the largest independent, progressive organizing group in the United States.

The purpose of the meeting is to come together to support shared values of tolerance, and social and economic justice. Organizers said they will make plans for what they can do on a local level to protect communities, defend democracy, and build an America that works for all.

Residents of Santa Monica, as well as nearby communities, are welcome. Coffee and cookies will be provided. Attendees may bring additional snacks to share. Suggested donation of \$5 to cover the cost of the meeting space. For more information, call (310) 392-6252.

— SUBMITTED BY ISABEL STOREY CO-HOST, SANTA MONICANS AGAINST THE TRUMP AGENDA

Downtown
Two bus stops in Downtown close for construction

Due to construction, the following northbound bus stops in Downtown Santa Monica will be closed for up to six weeks beginning Monday, January 9th:

Northbound 4th St. at Colorado Ave. (Routes 1, 3, Rapid 3, 9 & 18)

Northbound 4th St. at Broadway (Routes 2, 7 & Rapid 7)

A temporary stop will be placed on 4th St. at Broadway at the northeast corner, across the street from the existing bus stop. Updates will be provided at bigbluebus.com about the specific reopening date for these stops once this information becomes available. Southbound service on 4th St. will not be affected.

— SUBMITTED BY BBB

Citywide
Deadline to sign up for Covered California coverage in 2017 nears

Affordable and invaluable health care is available for uninsured Californians in 2017. But the deadline to enroll is drawing near: Covered California's open enrollment ends on Jan. 31. Those who enroll by Jan. 15 will have their coverage begin on Feb. 1. Those signing up between Jan. 16 and Jan. 31 will have coverage starting March 1.

While rising rates are a real concern, Covered California members who are renewing their coverage now are finding real savings by shopping around within their health plan's metal tier. (Plans are available in four metal tiers, also known as coverage levels.) Covered California found that renewing members who have switched their plan, but remain within the same metal tier, have saved an average of \$38 per month or \$456 per year.

In addition, more than half of all Covered California consumers, 59 percent, are eligible to choose a Bronze plan for less than \$10 per month. Bronze plans offer three visits to a primary care physician or specialist that are not subject to a deductible. Also, nearly half of all Covered California consumers, 49 percent, can get a Silver plan for less than \$100 per month. None of the outpatient services included in the Silver plan – such as primary, urgent and specialist care – is subject to a deductible.

For someone like Adam Kuns, 27, of Camarillo, the financial impact is secondary to managing his diabetes. Kuns was on his parents' insurance plan until age 23, but he was depleting their retirement fund paying the \$10,000 deductible for all of his needed care. That was until Covered California began offering coverage in 2014.

"I can get the care I really need without going bankrupt," Kuns said. "I've been on both ends of the stick. I've gone from having no health care and draining my parents' retirement to having health insurance that actually works for me. I'm willing to pay a higher premium to get a lower deductible."

As a small-business owner, Kuns said it can be tough paying more than \$340 a month for coverage, but it certainly is better than the alternative. Along with diabetes, Kuns also has ulcerative colitis. He now has an insulin pump and sees an endocrinologist regularly to help him manage his conditions.

There are many more stories like his throughout the state, since more than 2.8 million Californians have purchased health insurance through Covered California. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the uninsured rate has fallen from 17 percent in 2013 to 7.4 percent in the first half of 2016.

Covered California has built a competitive market where the consumer is in the driver's seat and health plans are fighting for their business. More than 90 percent of Californians have a choice between three or more carriers, and all will have at least two to choose from in 2017. Having coverage can also protect individuals and their families from spending tens of thousands of dollars on an unexpected emergency room visit.

Those interested in enrolling online can do so on CoveredCA.com. Free and confidential in-person assistance, available in a variety of languages, can be found by clicking on "Free Local Help to Enroll." Consumers can find a nearby enroller or have a certified enroller contact them through the "Help on Demand" feature. They can also enroll over the phone by calling Covered California at (800) 300-1506.

— ANGIE BLANCHETTE, COVERED CALIFORNIA COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS REGIONAL MANAGER

STORM
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because it threatened to topple trees weakened by six years of drought.

Jeff Watts, an artist, spent an anxious night listening for the sound of falling trees on his land. On Monday, he found his drive to work blocked by a tree that had fallen on a car. Emergency crews were working to extract the vehicle.

"I couldn't get past the tree, so I turned around and I'm doing this," said Watts, who had pulled over to photograph oak trees and their reflections in the floodwater.

Over the weekend, toppled trees crashed against cars and homes and blocked roads in the San Francisco Bay Area. Stranded motorists had to be rescued from cars stuck on flooded roads.

A giant tree fell across a highway in Hillsborough to the south of San Francisco, injuring a driver who couldn't brake in time and drove into the tree. And a woman was killed Saturday by a falling tree while she took a walk on a golf course.

To the south near Los Angeles, commuters were warned of possible highway flooding and mudslides in hilly areas.

Emergency workers in Nevada voluntarily evacuated about 1,300 people from 400 homes in a Reno neighborhood as the Truckee River overflowed and drainage ditches backed up.

Schools were also canceled in Reno and Sparks, and Gov. Brian Sandoval told all nonessential state government workers to stay home Monday after he declared a state of emergency.

The back-to-back storms that have hit

California and Nevada since last week are part of an "atmospheric river" weather system that draws precipitation from the Pacific Ocean as far west as Hawaii. Such systems pose catastrophic risks for areas hit by the heaviest rain.

In California's Calaveras Big Trees State park, a well-known giant sequoia tree known for the huge tunnel carved through its trunk that cars once passed through came toppling down, The San Francisco Chronicle reported.

Park volunteer Joan Allday said the tree had been weakening and leaning severely to one side for several years. "It was barely alive. There was one branch alive at the top," she told the newspaper.

Meanwhile, rescue teams mobilized in and around Forestville on Monday. A helicopter circled overhead after emergency crews spotted a vehicle submerged on a flooded road.

Rescuers also removed about 15 people from a youth probation camp near the river, Fire Chief Max Ming said, adding that authorities rescued a homeless man trapped by the river overnight.

Michelle Wolfe, a substitute teacher who lives in Forestville, evacuated from her mobile home park Sunday along with others, taking her RV to a parking lot on higher ground.

On Monday, she returned to see gray-brown floodwater covering where her home had been.

"It was odd, seeing what it looked like," Wolfe said. "We're all safe, and that's the most important thing."

Associated Press writers Christopher Weber in Los Angeles and Rebecca Boone in Boise, Idaho, contributed.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: 16ENT-0068 (Appeal of Planning Commission Decision 15ENT-0304)
144 Fraser Avenue
APPLICANT: Justina Baskauskas
APPELLANT: Maud Orwitz
PROPERTY OWNER: Justina Baskauskas Trust

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal 16ENT-0068 of the Planning Commission's approval of Variance 15ENT-0304 to amend a previously approved Variance (03VAR-014) to allow for a 126 square foot third floor balcony along the rear building elevation of an existing single-family residence located at 144 Fraser Avenue.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, January 24, 2017, AT 6:45 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: 16ENT-0068
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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 Michael Rocque at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at michael.rocque@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. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. 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).

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

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra

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Now that you've blown your resolutions, get busy with them

WE ARE NOW WELL INTO THE NEW YEAR, and for most of us, we've made and broken those New Year's resolutions. It's a common experience for people to set themselves up with dreams and goals for the New Year, they start out all excited, go buy a new workout wardrobe, swear to start that diet and loudly proclaim "THIS is the year I FINALLY lose that 20 pounds!" Then comes January 2.

The leftovers, and the bowl of chocolates is still out. There's Panettone just stale enough to be made into French toast, and of course, there's the Rose Parade. And all those best laid plans, so sincerely made, fall apart. The self-recriminations start, and we say, what's the use? Pass the turkey and gravy.

Okay so that was last week.

But this week's it's down to business. Most of us are back at work, there should be no leftovers and hopefully we've put away the holiday decorations for whatever holiday you celebrate.

People are about to get serious about making the changes they want in their lives, I know because this is the week that our phone rings off the hook with "just a couple of questions about a divorce." Some people made it through the holidays gritting their teeth for "one last holiday with THEM" but are now ready to start their lives over as divorcees.

That also means it's time to get serious about your health and losing that gut, since if you're going to be dating, you want to be looking your best. This is the week that many people try to go it alone, they sign up for their gym, and jump in to a 45 minute treadmill workout, lifting weights that are well beyond their fitness level and trying a crash diet with no support network in place. That's pretty much a recipe for failure. Which is why most people fail to make any lasting changes in their fitness routine.

I know from whence I speak. I've tried it all, and failed at it all. Which is why last August as my 50th birthday was approaching I took a different approach. I met with a nutritionist, a fitness expert, did a physical and met with my cardiologist to clear me. Then I took pictures. Embarrassing, unflattering pictures of myself.

I met with Stacey Whittle my nutritionist weekly to talk about my diet, and the changes I needed to make. Then Lisa Brisse from State of the Heart fitness did a bodyfat analysis (that's fun! Not.)

Living on a modified paleo diet, which is

essentially no rice, pasta, bread and grains, helped me to lose about 20 pounds in a few months. I also had to increase my cardio and weight training, which is increasing the muscle that helps with the fat burning.

Having the support of professionals, along with going public on Facebook about my journey, helped me to succeed. Then came the holidays in Mexico so I took a break, but I'm back at it this week.

If you want to get the support you need to reach your goals, this weekend there is an Open House / Health Fair at the Loews Hotel being put on by State of the Heart Fitness (www.StateOfTheHeartFitness.com) from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. on Saturday the 14. This is your chance to meet Lisa Brisse (Exercise Physiologist, Wellness Coach & Founder of State of the Heart Fitness), Gigi Sutila (Fitness Coach), & Stacey Whittle (Registered Dietitian & Medical Nutrition Therapist) and get your blood pressure checked and experience some of the fitness classes they offer.

There will also be 15 minute mini lectures on various health/ fitness/ nutrition topics, discounts on State of the Heart Fitness services (personal training, wellness & nutritional programs), raffles for fitness and spa services, and complimentary 10 minute therapeutic stretch sessions with Gigi.

If you're serious about your health, and want to move forward in the new year, stop by the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel on Saturday. There's both street parking and a valet. Don't let the failures of the past hold you back from a successful future. All you need is a little support, some dedication on your part to living a healthier life, and a game plan that is designed for you and your strengths.

As for me, even with my holiday break, I'm down about 20 pounds, and starting yesterday I'm back on the modified Paleo diet. I was in the pool at 7:30 a.m., and took more progress pictures of myself to post on Facebook. So no matter what you want to accomplish this year, whether it's a divorce or a diet, it's time to get started. If I can do it, you can do it.

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By Joyce Mann

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What Is the Santa Monica YWCA Board Missing?

OVER THE PAST NUMBER OF WEEKS, I have been reading the many open letters from the community about the Santa Monica YWCA. In this era of constrained government budgets, the role of nonprofits and the vital services they deliver are essential to the well-being of a city's most vulnerable residents. The Santa Monica YWCA has a strong history of serving youth and families in troubled situations through its transitional housing, life and work skills programs.

The story that has unfolded over the past year poses some questions:

1) When community nonprofit agencies have challenges that threaten their sustainability, they often look to other nonprofits with similar missions to find ways to continue their vital services. For example, WISE & Healthy Aging was formed when the Center for Healthy Aging joined with Wise Senior Services. Similarly, OPCC united with LAMP Community to form The PEOPLE Concern. Why isn't the Santa Monica YWCA board talking to other nonprofit agencies? Specifically, why isn't the Santa Monica YWCA board exploring how WISE & Healthy Aging, a longstanding community agency, can help carry on the legacy of the YWCA's 90-year history of community service?

2) There is clearly mounting community support, especially from those who know the Santa Monica YWCA best, to have the current board consider a charitable transaction that would keep the property in use for a diversity of community residents. In particular, Sally Young's letter to the editor in the weekend edition (Jan. 7 & 8) of "The Santa Monica Daily Press" is very powerful. Why is the Santa Monica YWCA board ignoring the voice of this past executive director, who is well-respected and who played a leading role in shaping the YWCA for 18 of its strongest years? And what about the voices of past presidents of the YWCA board, key volunteers, and past presidents of the Soroptimist Club and Kiwanis? These women gave their leadership, time and monies in support of the YWCA.

Why is the Santa Monica YWCA Board not at least exploring options with WISE & Healthy Aging, which has expressed interest in leveraging its service delivery know how to support innovations in intergenerational programs that would carry on much of the YWCA's mission? The agency is an excellent

example of leadership, financial stability and growth.

3) To move to selling the property to the highest bidder is coming across like a quick "money grab" by the current YWCA board. Are there conflicts of interest among those currently involved on the YWCA board as to where the monies will be going, and who will be managing such funds? Are there pet causes that could potentially receive grants from the sale's proceeds? Or perhaps is their realtor unduly influencing the process to steer the sale to the highest bidder with its accompanying higher commission? After 90 years, is it really fair and just to have a few people decide what is to be done with the assets of this community nonprofit? Where is the community's input in this?

4) The current Santa Monica YWCA board may be unintentionally falling short in its governance and foresight. Why not take the added time — especially after all these years and with the community's growing concerns — to step back, re-evaluate, and at least open discussions with other nonprofits? Is that really too much to ask?

If the YWCA Board moves forward with a standard sale, and gives away the proceeds to other like causes, what's left after all the monies are given away? It's short-sighted and indeed shameful to be benefactors in the short term, and not work now to ensure a longer-term investment for community residents. Where is the longer term gain in the current strategy of selling the property to the highest bidder? Why not try to ensure a visible legacy for the Santa Monica YWCA?

5) Some have mentioned the possible interests of Santa Monica College in acquiring the property. The College is a source of pride in Santa Monica, but as a number of residents have mentioned, isn't SMC's footprint with its five campuses big enough? Why would a community nonprofit board — the Santa Monica YWCA board — do that to the very community residents and neighbors, MANY who so willingly gave their support, donations and participation for nearly a century of our city's history?

What is the Santa Monica YWCA board missing?

JOYCE MANN is a 26-year Santa Monica resident

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BOARD

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and has served as PTA president at Roosevelt Elementary and Lincoln Middle School. With school back in session, Kean is eager and determined to create a positive and cohesive plan for all schools in Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District.

“My priority coming in as a school board member is to provide quality governance for our school district,” said Kean.

Kean specifies that his job is to oversee the work of the district and to be the voice of the community to the administration and the voice of the district back to the community.

Kean is looking forward to working with Dr. Ben Drati who was recently named new superintendent of SMMUSD (his term became effective Jan. 1). Kean also believes that Dr. Antonia Shelton, new principal for Santa Monica High School will contribute to improving the school district for the better and that everyone understands school improvements are a long-term process.

“These plans for improve SMMUSD are not going to happen overnight. We are not going to look at test scores next year and say we have done it or we have failed,” said Kean.

ASBESTOS

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and 1242 10th Street remained quiet. Tenants benefited from rent control and many stayed for decades. When a major Santa Monica developer purchased the building in 2015, everything began to change.

When extensive remodeling began, the contractor, WDR Contracting, filed permits with the South Coast Air Quality Management District verifying the existence of asbestos in the acoustic ceilings, transite pipes, vinyl flooring and debris. Because asbestos is a known carcinogen, there are strict local and federal requirements involving construction on older buildings. While WDR Contracting is licensed to perform asbestos abatement, Basson began expressing concerns about their tactics when he came home from a trip to South Africa and says he saw debris dust floating through the air and into open apartment windows. Dust is the most dangerous form of asbestos because it can be inhaled into the lungs and cause serious damage or even cancer over time.

Three separate tests for asbestos appear to confirm Basson's suspicions: a test in August from the SCAQMD showing asbestos inside one of the units under construction, tests by a certified environmental consultant showing asbestos inside several occupied units and a test funded by the City that showed asbestos in three units that were supposedly cleaned after earlier positive tests.

But the building's new owner is shedding doubt on those tests, even going so far as to accuse tenants of planting the asbestos.

“One of the tenants at the property is extremely uncooperative and has done everything possible to cause problems, including theft of debris material and we believe a tenant planted asbestos in his unit,” spokesperson Eric Rose wrote in an email to the Daily Press.

A company linked to Santa Monica's biggest developer, Neil Shekhter, 1238th 10th Street, LLC, owns the buildings. The deed to the property is signed by Shekhter himself and lists his NMS office as a return address. The Santa Monica City Council has promised to scrutinize Shekhter's dealings in the City after a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge found he submitted forged documents to the court. Shekhter's attorneys are in the process of appealing the ruling.

It is true that Basson has had a contentious

“We need to have a plan, believe in the plan and commit to the plan. I think we have the makings of being a great school district, especially with the addition of Dr. Shelton and Dr. Drati.”

Kean said he will use his position on the board to forward complaints he hears to whichever staff member is responsible for specific issues and he said it's his job to oversee, not micromanage specific programs or policies. Kean said his job is to make sure staff are on the right path and make sure the board sticks to its plans.

Kean strongly believes the school board has to lead the way by establishing the big picture goals.

“If seven people understand the definition of what we are trying to do for the community and the kids then we will see good things happen, and that is the direction we need to go to,” said Kean.

Not only will Kean be working on plans to better the school district but he will also be focusing on the budget.

“In a city that gives us 45 million dollars a year, we still have structure deficit,” said Kean. “I want to focus on creating a way where we don't have a deficit and have the ability to be a sustainable school district.”

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relationship with his new landlord since he began raising concerns about the asbestos more than six months ago. He and another tenant have filed a Landlord Harassment Petition with the City. Basson claims ownership has threatened to “Ellis” the building while offering him ever increasing buy-outs to leave his rent-controlled home of 20 years. He also expressed concern over the security cameras that point at the building's inner courtyard, reminding the few who have resisted buyouts they are being watched.

Eric Rose, who represents both NMS and the LLC that owns the Tenth Street Promenade, says they take safety seriously.

“1238th 10th Street, LLC has fully complied with the law regarding asbestos abatement, and 1238 10th Street, LLC does not believe that any tenant will have potential health effects since they have taken the proper precautions to ensure the containment of asbestos at all times,” Rose said in a statement to the Daily Press.

Yet Basson still cannot return home until his apartment is thoroughly cleaned. Normally, asbestos contamination after construction would trigger what's called a Procedure 5 Plan to clean up the units. On Sept. 23, an independent inspector with GW Environmental Consulting Company submitted a report to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) detailing asbestos in air samples and settled dust inside several Tenth Street Promenade apartments. The expert, Greg Whitney, recommended extensive cleaning of Basson's unit and several of his neighbors' by certified professionals. However, the SCAQMD rejected the report, saying the samples did not meet their standards.

The SCAQMD also requires the tenants to sign a waiver allowing their items to be destroyed if they cannot be cleaned of the contamination. The letter sent to Basson by his property manager went a step further, releasing the building owner and the SCAQMD from any future liability concerning the asbestos. So far, Basson refused to sign.

Without a Procedure 5 Plan, it's not clear how Basson will get his things back or when he can return home. He has reached out to every agency he can think of and the City for help, so far no resolution can be reached.

“I'm in limbo,” Basson said.

“I put a value on my time and the trauma that they've put me through. I'm not going to waive it away.”

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT:

Appeal (16ENT-0200) of Development Review Permit 16ENT-0140 and Amendment of the Civic Center Specific Plan

New City Services Building at Santa Monica City Hall and Amendment to the Civic Center Specific Plan

ADDRESS:

1685 Main Street

APPLICANT:

City of Santa Monica

PROPERTY OWNER:

City of Santa Monica

The City Council will hold public hearings to consider the following requests:

1. Appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a Development Review Permit to construct a new 45-foot high, three-story, 50,200 square-foot City Services building addition to City Hall. The new City Services Building would consolidate City service counters and departmental staff at City Hall. City Hall (and parcel) is a designated City Landmark. The building is being designed to achieve certification under the Living Building Challenge of the International Living Future Institute (www.living-future.org).

2. A proposed amendment to the Civic Center Specific Plan to change the City Services Building's location from frontage along Main Street to the rear of City Hall, increase the maximum allowable building size from 40,000 to 55,000, require bike parking for the project and other small site adjustments.

The above will be agendized separately but the agenda may be adjusted to hear both items together.

DATE/TIME:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017, AT 6:30 PM

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: City Services Building and CCSP Amendment
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

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 Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at liz.bar-el@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance and Civic Center Specific Plan are 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. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. The Metro Exposition Line Downtown Santa Monica Terminus Station, Santa Monica “Big Blue” Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8 and #9 service City Hall and the Civic Center. 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

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON DECEMBER 30, 2016 AT ABOUT 5:35 P.M.

Officers were on foot beat patrol noticed a subject with an open bottle of an alcoholic beverage and was trying to conceal the bottle. Officer spoke with the subject and noticed he was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. The subject was also in possession of a UPS box containing newly purchased merchandise. The package was addressed to another person in Santa Monica. Officers contacted the resident and determined he was expecting the package and had not received it. The subject was placed under arrest without incident. Christopher Michael Hicks, 36, from Sacramento was arrested for receiving stolen property and public intoxication. Bail was set at \$1,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 310 calls for service on Jan. 8.

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

Burglary 1600 block of Franklin 12:34 a.m.
Battery Berkeley/ Santa Monica 12:48 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1300 block of Wilshire 2:08 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block of 4th 2:14 a.m.
Person down 1500 block of PCH 2:53 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of 10th 6:19 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of 10th 6:45 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold Chelsea/ Santa Monica 7:39 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1900 block of Santa Monica 7:59 a.m.
Public intoxication 800 block of Broadway 8:04 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1300 block of 9th 8:48 a.m.
Trespassing 2300 block of 4th 9:18 a.m.
Person down 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 9:49 a.m.
On foot 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 11:00 a.m.
Hit and run 7th/ Expo Line 11:16 a.m.
Unknown trouble 2000 block of Wilshire 11:35 a.m.
Trespassing 3000 block of Bentley 12:35 p.m.
Traffic collision 200 block of Palisades 12:37 p.m.
Armed robbery 1500 block of PCH 1:22 p.m.
Public intoxication 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 1:31 p.m.
Trespassing 1200 block of 4th 2:03 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block of PCH 2:05 p.m.
Encampment 3100 block of Frederick 2:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 1600 block of Appian Way 2:16 p.m.
Trespassing 2000 block of Santa Monica 2:43 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1900 block of Colorado 2:29 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 2600 block of 4th 3:01 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block of San Vicente 3:21 p.m.
Hit and run 1200 block of 20th 3:33 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block of Pico 3:44 p.m.
Person down 7th/ Colorado 4:23 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/ Bay 4:35 p.m.
Hit and run 800 block of Ashland 4:57 p.m.
Traffic collision 100 block of Fraser 4:58 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/ Pico 5:03 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 800 block of Santa Monica 5:31 p.m.
Person down 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 5:51 p.m.
Public intoxication 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 7:33 p.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block of 3rd St Prom 7:33 p.m.
Encampment 1500 block of The Beach 10:05 p.m.
Grand theft auto Ocean/ Bay 10:30 p.m.
Domestic violence 2000 block of Olympic 10:45 p.m.
Traffic stop Lincoln/ Arizona 11:21 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1900 block of Santa Monica 11:22 p.m.
Public intoxication 14th/ Wilshire 11:55 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 40 calls for service on Jan. 8.

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

EMS 1500 block of PCH 2:55 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Pier 4:40 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Olympic 8:14 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Broadway 8:21 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of 18th 8:27 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 11th 8:27 a.m.
EMS 700 block of California 8:55 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Ocean 9:13 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 9:13 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 2nd 11:09 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Lincoln 11:38 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Chelsea 11:43 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Wilshire 11:45 a.m.
Haz-Mat Level 1 100 block of Ocean Park 12:10 p.m.
Public assist 1500 block of PCH 12:39 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Santa Monica 12:53 p.m.

Fire out investigation 00 block of Pico 1:05 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 1:23 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Montana 1:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block of 11th 2:16 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of Virginia 2:17 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 2:21 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 2:26 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 2:30 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 3:19 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Wilshire 3:21 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 3:28 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 12th 4:10 p.m.
EMS 7th/ Colorado 4:26 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Fraser 4:57 p.m.
EMS 26th/ Broadway 5:18 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 5:52 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Broadway 6:51 p.m.
EMS Centinela/ I-10 6:37 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block of 4th 7:22 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Lincoln 8:14 p.m.
EMS 3400 block of Ocean Park 9:23 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 17th 10:08 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of 14th 11:04 p.m.
Flooded condition 4th/ Montana 11:39 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY



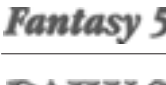
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Jackpot: 106M



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Jackpot: 126M



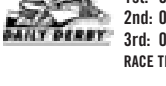
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Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 68M



Draw Date: 1/8
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Draw Date: 1/9
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 1/8
EVENING: 5 3 8



Draw Date: 1/8
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:44.82

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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

- ACROSS
- 1 Taper off, as wind
- 6 Slight remnant
- 11 List-ending abbr.
- 14 From the sun
- 15 Grown-up girl
- 16 Vote like "aye"
- 17 Terrifying
- 19 Conclusion
- 20 Having a sharp flavor
- 21 Letters before F
- 22 Oahu and Ireland
- 25 Israel's region
- 28 Pretty and delicate
- 29 Cowboy's rope
- 30 Sugar amts.
- 31 Person from Houston
- 32 Tax expert: Abbr.
- 35 Donkey
- 36 Ship's course, or alternate puzzle title
- 38 Sizzling
- 39 Place to exercise
- 40 Designer Perry
- 41 Humdingers
- 42 Plane-flying guys
- 44 Senator Sanders
- 46 Triumphant result
- 48 Sandwich meat
- 49 Deep black
- 50 Coins in Spain
- 51 91, in Roman numerals
- 52 Amazing
- 58 Utensil for frying

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- 59 One more time
- 60 Spooky
- 61 Fuel economy stat.
- 62 Takes it easy
- 63 Window covering
- DOWN
- 1 Barbecue residue
- 2 "Constrictor" snake
- 3 __ Baba
- 4 Kilt patterns
- 5 Moving aimlessly
- 6 Tiny tree branches
- 7 Optimistic
- 8 French friend
- 9 Is able to
- 10 Country in the UK
- 11 Attention-getting
- 12 Is likely (to)
- 13 West Point student
- 18 Raggedy doll
- 21 "Don't __ stranger"
- 22 Conventioneer's badge
- 23 Smart-alecky
- 24 Very tasty
- 25 Long skirts
- 26 Teheran's nation
- 27 Small bell's sound
- 29 Saw to a seat
- 31 "Tall" stories
- 33 Visit briefly
- 34 Between ports
- 36 "The buck stops __"
- 37 Shade trees
- 41 Do well financially
- 43 Frosty
- 44 Brooklyn or Manhattan, for short
- 45 Ran off to wed
- 46 Evening TV news time
- 47 Open, as a toothpaste tube
- 48 Overcooks
- 50 Spruce up an article
- 52 Jelly container
- 53 Era
- 54 Used to be
- 55 Keogh alternative
- 56 Small bite
- 57 "Wow!"

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You get scientific about your happiness, and this measured approach works wonders. Practical steps repeated will be the magical formula for changing your life in a very positive way. Your domestic scene gets upgrades in April. Close relationships take you on an adventure in July. October brings a windfall. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 16, 44 and 3.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You can prevent future discomfort by asking more questions about an upcoming social event. After all, if you don't know exactly what the occasion is, it's hard to dress for it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You recognize that look when you see it -- like they've been tricked before and they're not about to be again. The thing is, you're not out to trick anyone. You're the real deal. You'll earn trust, in time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
People you don't know have something valuable to offer, even if you never so much as talk to them: Social osmosis is real! Spending time in a public or shared space will lead to good fortune, so make it happen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Give second chances. You may be disappointed yet again, but you'll never regret making the more compassionate choice. In fact, you'll feel better regardless of how the other person responds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You give your love in such a big-hearted way that it's hard for you to imagine withholding attention or affection to gain a certain affect. However, such tough-love tactics may serve an important purpose now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
There's nothing hard about having happy relationships today. Your sunny attitude attracts people who casually give you exactly what you need, and if they want anything in return, it will be something that's easy for you to give.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You see things others don't, which is why the solution that is so clear to you is not being produced. Take the lead. Gently point out what's missing. Use the diplomacy and charm that is your birthright.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
When you operate inside a group of people who are already very tight with one another it could make you feel like an outsider. With subtle intention, you'll be able to penetrate defenses and get as "inside" as you want to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
No matter how busy you get, if there's time to do a thing, there's time to do it right. Today's odd luck: The right way will also happen to be a rather quick fix.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Hitting the right tone will be important. If you're strictly rational, the others will think that you don't care. If you're too emotional, they'll be uncomfortable with how much you care. A moderate investment is what's needed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There's charm in the mundane! It takes a soulful, curious eye to see it. Go on and make a big deal out of small things. You'll love the conversations you get into.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
As you focus on executing a job very well, other seemingly unrelated aspects of life will improve. Power dynamics are shifting. You're starting to get a sense of your influence, which is growing.

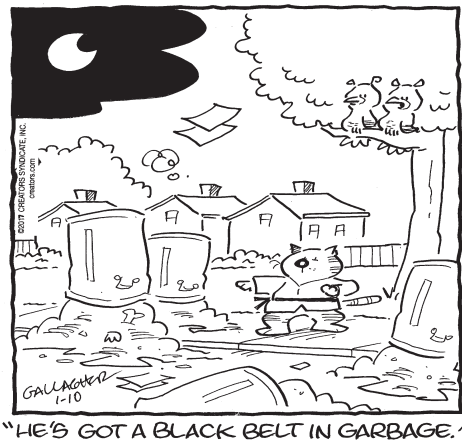
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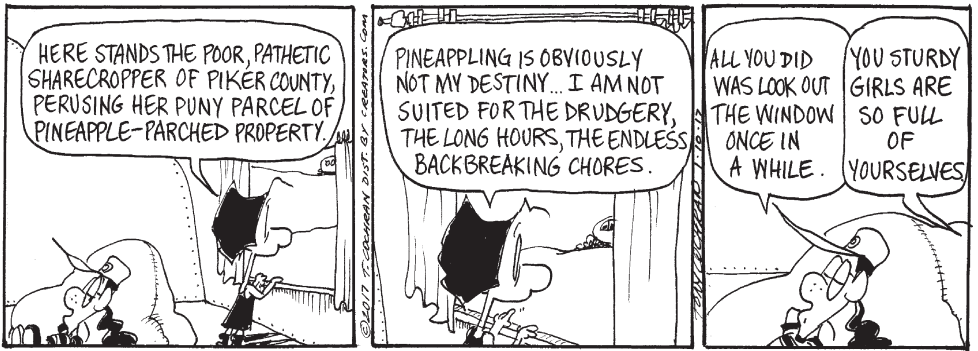
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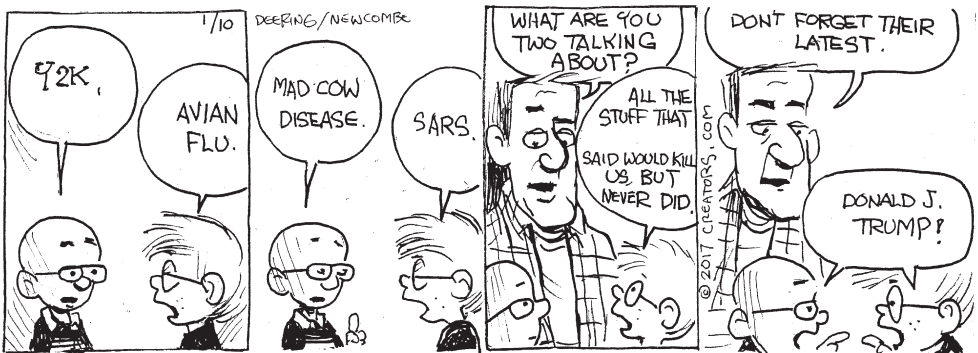
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