

Scooter rider injured in afternoon accident

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A woman was transported to the hospital with moderate head trauma on Tuesday after she rode a motorized scooter into a vehicle. Police officers and firefighters were called to the intersection of 6th and Idaho at about 2:20 p.m.

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City reaches settlement with eHarmony on auto-renewals

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Dating website eHarmony has agreed to change its website and sales practices after a \$2.2 million settlement with a task force of local prosecutors that included the city of Santa Monica, according to a judgement filed this week in Santa Cruz County Superior Court. The lawsuit alleged that

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Flu delays Landmarks Commission decision on historic Bungalows

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Landmarks Commission has delayed a vote on whether to support establishing an historic district on 11th Street after the flu benched two key members of a coalition to save the Mid-City neighborhood bungalows. On Monday, the Historic 11th Street Coalition asked for a postponement until February, but the delay will likely last longer because the commission's next few agendas are already packed.

"It's really been a horrible cold, flu, whatever it is," said a hoarse Diane Miller on the phone from her house Tuesday. Miller's co-chair on the board, Susan Suntree, also became ill this week (California officials are warning this could be the worse flu season in years). After a thirty-year effort to establish the district, the two women were devastated to become sick just before they were ready to make their presentation to the commission.

In the 1920s, California craftsman bungalows filled the stretch of

11th Street between Wilshire Boulevard and Arizona avenue as blue and white-collar workers set up house blocks from the beach. Nearly one hundred years later, only a small cluster remain amid large-scale apartment buildings and condominiums. Many of them have seen significant remodels and upgrades over the years as ownership changed hands. "They tell a story of a time that's gone by when the middle class and workers could actually

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RAINBOW

The rain cleared from Santa Monica on Tuesday afternoon creating a large rainbow over the city. The storm caused deadly mudslides in other areas. See Page 6 for more information.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, January 10

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Death in Brittany

From Jean-Luc Bannalec, After a hotelier is murdered in a small village on the Breton coast, Commissaire Georges Dupin identifies five possible suspects and uncovers disturbing secrets behind the village's calm exterior. 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 basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8 p.m.

DIY Handmade Decorative Art Journals at Fairview

Join instructor Amy Muscoplat to design, decoupage and embellish a handmade journal to record your visual and written ideas. All materials supplied. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Innovation Lab with Hacker Fund

Want to build a technology project that helps your community? Mentors from

the Hacker Fund incubator help you turn your idea into action by providing advice on how to get started as well as technology development, fundraising, and marketing. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, January 11

Still...Fighting for the Dream

Join organizers as they celebrate the legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a screening of The Perception Group's Still...Fighting for the Dream, a documentary on the struggle for voting rights, as told through the story of freedom fighter Fannie Lou Hamer, and how that struggle continues today. A discussion with former Santa Monica Mayor Nat Trives, film director Carla Dupree, Freedom Riders and former L.A. City Councilmembers Robert Farrell and Richard Tuttle, Santa Monica League of Women Voters President Barbara Inatsugu, and writer Larry Robinson follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

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INJURY

FROM PAGE 1

on Jan. 9 for report of a pedestrian vs. car accident and upon arrival, determined a woman in her 20's had been riding a Bird brand motorized scooter when she collided with a moving car in the intersection.

The woman was treated at the scene and then transported to the hospital with a moderate head wound. While the wound required treatment, she was expected to survive.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department the vehicle was traveling northbound on 6th Street toward Idaho and did not have a stop sign at the intersection. Many of the intersections in the neighborhood have stop signs in either the east/west or north/south direction but not both. The

scooter did have a stop sign but Lt. Saul Rodriguez said it appears the scooter did not stop, entered the intersection and struck the car.

According to Rodriguez, the driver was cooperative and there's no sign of impairment or excessive speed.

The Bird scooters are available to rent on a per minute basis. The electric vehicles can travel at up to 15 mph and are rented through a smartphone app. The City of Santa Monica has filed a complaint against the company citing a lack of proper permits but the company maintains it has the required paperwork to operate.

Rodriguez said the Tuesday crash was the first reported incident involving one of the company's scooters and a vehicle.

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STATE BRIEFS

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Microsoft stops fixing security flaw on PCs with AMD chips

Microsoft has temporarily stopped fixing a serious security flaw on personal computers powered by certain chips from Advanced Micro Devices because the repair is crippling the affected machines.

The suspension will delay efforts to protect the AMD machines from potential intrusions caused by security bugs known as "Spectre" and "Meltdown." The problem primarily threatens devices running on processors from AMD's larger rival, Intel, but also could cause trouble on devices running on other chips.

Microsoft began offering updates to its Windows operating system to address the flaw last week, but is withholding the repair from some AMD-powered machines that have been rendered inoperable by its fix. The company said in a Tuesday notice on its website that it's working with AMD to resolve the problem so the recommended repairs can resume.

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SACRAMENTO

New California Senate leader will take over March 21

San Diego Sen. Toni Atkins will take over as the California Senate's leader on March 21. Democrats picked the transition day Tuesday after announcing Atkins would be the next Senate president pro tem last month.

Atkins will become the first woman and the first lesbian to lead the Senate when she takes over from fellow Democrat Kevin de Leon of Los Angeles. De Leon is barred by term limits from seeking re-election and is running for U.S. Senate.

Atkins is a former Assembly speaker and health care executive who was first elected to the Legislature in 2010.

She takes over as legislative leaders face scrutiny over their handling of sexual misconduct allegations.

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SACRAMENTO

California officials say flu-related deaths up this season

Flu-related deaths in California are higher than usual so far this season and most victims were not vaccinated, state health officials said Tuesday in urging residents to get flu shots.

Dr. James Watt, chief of the state's division of communicable disease control, said flu season began about a month earlier than usual and it's too soon to know if it will peak sooner or get worse.

There have been 27 flu-related deaths among Californians under age 65, Watt said, adding that the state typically sees three or four such deaths by this time in the season.

"We might end up having one of the worst seasons in quite a long time, but we won't know until it is over," Dr. Gil Chavez, the state's epidemiologist, told reporters.

State health officials urged Californians to get vaccinated against the flu, saying about 70 percent of those who died in that age group were not vaccinated.

Much of the country is grappling with what could be a worse-than-usual flu season, state health officials said. In California, flu-related hospitalizations have already reached what are typically peak levels, and the most common strain of influenza is one that tends to be more virulent, Watt said.

California officials said they track flu-related deaths of those under age 65 to gauge the severity of the illness, but many more older patients are affected.

In Los Angeles County, officials reported 26 flu-related deaths this season through the end of 2017, while San Diego County's health and human services agency reported a total of 45, including a 12-month-old baby.

California health officials urged those with flu-like symptoms to stay home, rest, cover their coughs and seek medical assistance for more severe symptoms including chest pain, troubled breathing and dehydration.

They said they expect to release more updated figures Thursday.

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QUESTIONS DUE:

Monday, January 22, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Proposal Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/>. The Consultant is required to have a City of Santa Monica Business license at the time of bid submission. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.

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Mandatory Job Walk:

Monday, 1/22/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:

Webster Elementary School – 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu, CA 90265 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives outside the front entrance of the school.

Bid Opening:

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Tenant v. Tenant Disputes

TWO FAMILIES IN A SANTA MONICA

apartment building had a simmering feud for years. It started when the upstairs tenants, the Smiths, complained about the occupants of the downstairs apartment parking in the Smiths' spot. The downstairs tenants, the Johnsons, complained about late-night footsteps and television noise in the Smiths' apartment.

The quarrels escalated until each family was leaving notes on the other's door and complaining to the landlord nearly every day. Finally, the conflict reached a breaking point when the Johnson family banged on the ceiling late one night, and the Smiths responded by turning up the volume on their TV. The altercation turned into a shouting match in the building courtyard, and police were called. The next morning, each family called the City Attorney's Office to complain about tenant harassment.

Santa Monica's Tenant Harassment Ordinance only applies to misconduct by landlords against tenants. The law doesn't apply to tenant-versus-tenant disputes. Because of this, the City Attorney's Office was unable to intervene in the problems between these neighbors.

Many neighbor disputes revolve around parking, common-area use, animals, smoking, and noise. These types of conflicts often can be resolved without outside intervention, if the parties commit to communicating openly and treating each other fairly. Neighbors may not even be aware that their behavior is bothering anyone. Politely communicating with a neighbor about a potential problem may be all it takes to address the issue and keep it from escalating into a long-running dispute. If that fails, contacting the landlord (or the neighbor's landlord if they live at a separate property) may solve the problem.

However, if communication fails, there are resources for residents who are having problems with neighbors:

■ For emergencies (immediate threats to life, health, or safety) call 911.

■ For non-emergency police services, call (310) 458-8491.

■ For complaints about violations of Municipal, Building, Zoning, or Health and Safety Codes, call (310) 458-4984.

■ For complaints about pets, call (310) 458-8594.

In the case of the Smiths and the Johnsons, the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Division let them know about mediation options, and both families agreed. Mediation is a process where a trained, neutral third party helps work out a solution that works for both sides. The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs offers free mediation services.

Mediation is confidential and risk-free. The parties don't have to agree to anything, and still reserve any legal rights they had prior to going into the process.

For the Johnsons and the Smiths, mediation was a big success. The Smiths agreed to take steps that would cut down on late-night noise, and the Johnsons agreed to never again park in the Smiths' spot.

If one of the neighbors involved in a dispute is the building owner or manager, the Tenant Harassment Ordinance may apply, if the disputed behavior is related to the neighbor's actions as a landlord. If that's the case, or if you have questions, contact the City Attorney's Office at 310-458-8336.

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Are you ready for 2018?

HOW CAN YOU RUFFLE FEATHERS

When you're writing about being optimistic, as I was in last week's column?

Well, I have certainly learned it doesn't take much. You'd think that folks who are pretty sure they're not going to like what's in a column would... not read it.

Then again, I can't plead innocence. I do know that in expressing my feelings and beliefs, it will provoke some who disagree. But I'm sometimes surprised when I provoke both sides of the aisle.

Last week I wrote, "Don't vote for a single Republican, anywhere!" (Optimistic advice, I say.) And a friend and loyal reader, a Republican, I believe, responded, "Not even for a non-partisan local office?" That seemed like a reasonable exception, but No! They've gone way over the line.

WHEN I WAS A KID

Growing up in a very Democratic family, there was not really rancor towards the GOP but it was understood that only Democrats did the right thing, consistently, for working people. Eisenhower was OK, he was a huge war hero, of the war my father served in — it's possible one or both of my parents may even have voted for him — but Ike was unlike any Republican we've seen for more than half a century. Locally, for state and city offices, I think my folks just pulled the handle in that voting booth that marks your ballot for everyone from one party.

It seems odd to remember it now, but on the playground at school even the 6- to 8-year-olds (boys, mostly) would participate in screaming-chasing rowdiness based on rival "gangs" of "Republicans and Democrats." It went strictly by parental loyalties. So once this minor mayhem cranked up, you knew whose parents were voting on the "wrong" or "right" side. It was also an indication that even in a relative backwater like Albuquerque, even the very young were aware of civics and current events, in school and at home.

At a slightly older age but still in elementary school, I used to eat up those lessons, and the weekly current events test that I usually aced. Can you imagine even college students today knowing who all the cabinet secretaries are, and the Supreme Court, and the Speaker and Majority Leader? We were expected to. Along with Governor, Lt. Governor, Senators and Representatives, Mayor, Sheriff.

BIPARTISANSHIP?

Of course you're not familiar with that word. It's only invoked now occasionally, for its absence. Nostalgically, even, as though we'll never see it again. The modern day Democrats are guilty too of not working with their rivals, but without going any more into this I will simply repeat my Eleventh Commandment: Thou shalt not use False Equivalencies in political or social discussions. Quite simply, IMHO, yes, the Democrats today are very very bad, but the Republicans have become horrid. Yet I get slammed for not hating equally on the Democratic party.

Don't tell me both sides are bad; that is a F.E. There are degrees, and words matter. Most long time Republicans with a brain and a soul know their party has gone off the deep end and that history will not treat kindly their shameful 21st century crimes against humanity and Mother Earth. And any Republican who remains silent (that would be almost all of them) is equally guilty and therefore not deserving of sympathy nor a single vote for any office.

Even though the axiom "all politics are local" is valid, the D-R split is fairly irrelevant in Santa Monica. We have only one political party, that has controlled everything for decades, and that is SMRR, Santa Monicans for Renters Rights. Because of so many ugly similarities I think of them as Republicans Lite. But that's just me.

I GET SLAMMED

For condemning the illegal election fundraising the Huntley did year before last, and then for pointing out the way those actions were distorted and used as a political football late last year. When I mock the futility of our City spending millions to fight an inevitable switch to district voting, noting that out of 24 cases that have surfaced for litigation recently in California, all 24 cities have either given up (and saved themselves millions, and avoided criminal charges against their representatives) or fought in court and lost, I'm criticized for imprecise language rather than presented with a cogent reason why the City is pursuing this course. I side with the long-suffering students and parents who were promised a much-needed playing field on the Civic Center grounds across from Samohi and feel the City is working against their cause, and hear City officials swear that such concerns are groundless, there will definitely be a field, then I have to report that the City hired a comfy bus to transport our bureaucrats to a Coastal Commission meeting to plead the case, against the parents, that nothing need be done about that field yet (hey, it's only been 12 years) but please quickly move along the insanely expensive City offices annex and the misplaced Early Childhood Education Center building, whose approvals may have the effect of squeezing out the field. A park? A civic plaza in the center of our Downtown? No, we need a 12-story behemoth hotel complex (union wages!) but don't worry, plenty of room for parks once we close the airport. Right. Or wait for parkland when we cover the freeway.

I'M NOT COMPLAINING

Really. Though some think that's all I do. It all goes with the territory. But I'm an optimist, and I'm telling you, warning you, as bad as 2017 may have been, 2018 is sharpening its claws. What shall we do now? Why, optimism, my friends. Optimism, as we dig out the truth and the backroom deals and the master plans for the ruination of a once-great little city by the sea and try to keep a step ahead of those who see us only as their next fortune. We can do it, you know. We shall prevail.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: (Repeat of last week, because I think it's a good Pollyanna notion and I didn't get enough response yet) — What is one thing you — yes, you!! — can do to make Santa Monica a better place? This week! Will you commit to doing it? Will you let me know, please? (email at bottom)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "There is no such thing as 'keeping out of politics.' All issues are political issues, and politics itself is a mass of lies, evasions, folly, hatred and schizophrenia." — George Orwell

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Non-Mandatory Job Walk:

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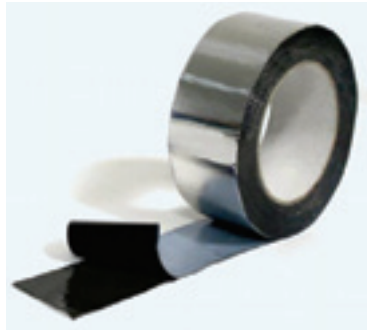
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13 dead in Southern California as rain triggers mudslides

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER & DANIEL DREIFUSS
Associated Press

At least 13 people were killed and homes were torn from their foundations Tuesday as downpours sent mud and boulders roaring down hills stripped of vegetation by a gigantic wildfire that raged in Southern California last month.

Rescue crews used helicopters to pluck people from rooftops because trees and power lines blocked roads, and firefighters pulled a mud-caked 14-year-old girl from a collapsed Montecito home where she had been trapped for hours.

"I thought I was dead for a minute there," the girl could be heard saying on video posted by KNBC-TV before she was taken away on a stretcher.

Most deaths were believed to have occurred in Montecito, a wealthy enclave of about 9,000 people northwest of Los Angeles that is home to such celebrities as Oprah Winfrey, Rob Lowe and Ellen DeGeneres, said Santa Barbara County spokesman David Villalobos. At least 25 people were injured and others were unaccounted for.

The mud was unleashed in the dead of night by flash flooding in the steep, fire-scarred Santa Ynez Mountains. Burned-over zones are especially susceptible to destructive mudslides because scorched earth doesn't absorb water well and the land is easily eroded when there are no shrubs.

The torrent of mud early Tuesday swept away cars and destroyed several homes, reducing them to piles of lumber. Photos posted on social media showed waist-deep mud in living rooms.

"I came around the house and heard a deep rumbling, an ominous sound I knew was ... boulders moving as the mud was rising," said Thomas Tighe, who discovered two of his cars missing from the driveway in the middle of the night. "I saw two other vehicles moving slowly sideways down the middle of the street in a river of mud."

In daylight, Tighe was shocked to see a body pinned by muck against his neighbor's home. He wasn't sure who it was.

Authorities had been bracing for the possibility of catastrophic flooding because of heavy rain in the forecast for the first time in 10 months.

Evacuations were ordered beneath recently burned areas of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Los Angeles counties. But only an estimated 10 to 15 percent of people in a mandatory evacuation area of Santa Barbara County heeded the warning, authorities said.

Marshall Miller, who evacuated his home in Montecito on Monday with his family, returned to check for damage and found his neighborhood devastated. He never reached his home because two of his neighbors, an elderly woman and her adult daughter, needed a lift to the hospital after being rescued by firefighters.

The pair had left their house before it was inundated with 6 feet (1.8 meters) of mud, but they got trapped outside in the deep sludge.

"It was sobering," Miller said. "I saw them covered in mud and shaking from the cold."

The path of the deluge was graphically illustrated on the side of a white colonial-style house, where a dark gray stain created a wavy pattern halfway up the front windows.

Cars were washed off roads, and one was deposited upside down in a tangle of tree limbs. In Los Angeles, a police cruiser got swamped in tire-deep mud.

A stretch of U.S. Highway 101 looked like a muddy river clogged with trees and other debris and was closed between Ventura County and Santa Barbara County. A kayak was marooned in the flotsam, and a Range Rover was buried up to its bumpers.

Some of the worst damage was on Montecito's Hot Springs Road, where the unidentified girl was rescued and residents had been under a voluntary evacuation warning. Large boulders were washed out of a previously dry creek bed and scattered across the road.

A rescuer working with a search dog walked among the ruins of a house as the yellow Labrador wagged its tail and scrambled into a destroyed building, looking for anyone trapped inside. Its belly and paws were black from the mud.

The worst of the rainfall occurred in a 15-minute span starting at 3:30 a.m. Montecito got more than a half-inch in five minutes, while Carpinteria received nearly an inch in 15 minutes.

"All hell broke loose," said Peter Hartmann, a dentist who moonlights as a news photographer for the local website Noozhawk.

"There were gas mains that had popped, where you could hear the hissing," he said. "Power lines were down, high-voltage power lines, the large aluminum poles to hold those were snapped in half. Water was flowing out of water mains and sheared-off fire hydrants."

Hartmann watched rescuers revive a toddler pulled unresponsive from the muck.

"It was a freaky moment to see her just covered in mud," he said.

Hartmann said he found a tennis trophy awarded in 1991 to a father-son team his wife knows.

"Both of them were caught in the flood. Son's in the hospital, dad hasn't been found yet," he said, declining to name them.

The first confirmed death was Roy Rohter, a former real estate broker who founded St. Augustine Academy in Ventura. The Catholic school's headmaster, Michael Van Hecke, announced the death and said Rohter's wife was injured by the mudslide.

Montecito is beneath the scar left by a wildfire that erupted Dec. 4 and became the largest ever recorded in California. It spread over more than 440 square miles (1,140 square kilometers) and destroyed 1,063 homes and other structures. It continues to smolder deep in the wilderness.

The storm walloped much of the state with damaging winds and thunderstorms. Downtown San Francisco got a record 3.15 inches (8 centimeters) of rain on Monday, smashing the old mark of 2.36 inches (6 centimeters) set in 1872.

Weber reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers John Antczak, Michael Balsamo and Brian Melley in Los Angeles and Alina Hartounian in Phoenix contributed to this report.

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EHARMONY

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eHarmony failed to provide copies of contracts to subscribers and disclose their right to cancel.

Under the settlement, eHarmony will reimburse California subscribers enrolled in automatic renewal or continuous service plans between March 10, 2012 and Dec. 13, 2016 who were either charged without their consent or after they tried to cancel. District attorneys from Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Napa and Shasta counties were involved with the lawsuit.

"Automatic renewal is one of the critical areas in consumer protection today," said Santa Monica Chief Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky, head of the Consumer Protection Division, in a statement to the Daily Press. "Consumers always have the right to know where their money is going."

The lawsuit also alleged that eHarmony engaged in false advertising. In an email to the Daily Press, eHarmony's vice president and general counsel said the company settled without admission to avoid the distraction and expense of protracted litigation.

"In collaboration with the government, eHarmony has implemented a new industry standard when disclosing terms in order to make the user experience even better," Ronald N. Sarian said. "With the settlement now behind us, we look forward to continuing the important work of helping singles find enduring love."

In Aug. 2017, the same division in the City Attorney's Office obtained a \$3.6 million settlement with Beachbody over auto-

renewals. The settlement included a requirement to include a separate box that consumers must check to consent to a rolling membership.

"The separate check-box is key," Radinsky said. "Otherwise, it's too confusing. Companies have too many ways to hide the auto-renewal terms."

California's auto-renewal law requires companies to clearly reveal terms and get consent before charging a customer's bank account. An update to the law going into effect July 1 outlined stricter guidelines on free-trials that end with a paid subscription and required companies to provide a way to cancel online, not just on the phone or by mail.

"Recent lawsuits suggest that businesses are pushing the envelope with what is lawful, and consumers are continuing to face hurdles in cancelling agreements or fully deciphering what the terms of those agreements are," a recent legislative analysis of California's laws found. More than twenty states now have laws concerning auto-renewal policies.

A clinical psychologist launched eHarmony from its Santa Monica headquarters in 2000, becoming the first algorithm-based dating site. The website is now headquartered in Los Angeles. While the dating service swelled to millions of users in the beginning, it has since faced tough competition from mobile-based apps like Tinder and Bumble. Last year, Business Insider reported the number of paid subscribers on eHarmony has hovered around 750,000 people for the last five years. To compare, Tinder claims to set up a million dates every week.

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Observation

■ “Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday. Lying in hospitals, dying of nothing.” —Comedian Redd Foxx (1922-1991)

Hurt Blocker

■ If you plan on slicing a finger or scraping a knee anytime soon, try to make it during the day. Scientists report that the time of day when you’re injured may impact healing rate, based upon the circadian rhythms of skin cells.

■ Looking at a database of persons recovering from burn wounds, they found that people injured during the day took 17 days to heal compared to 28 days on average for those injured at night.

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Sudoku

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

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Comic-strip bark
- 4 Did the backstroke
- 8 Deep sleeps
- 13 Building-safety regulations
- 15 Unexpected victories
- 17 If a bargain seems __, . . .
- 19 Is beholden to
- 20 Cozy room
- 21 Rural hotel
- 22 Atlas page
- 25 Unsophisticated person
- 27 Numerical data
- 29 Hold responsible
- 32 Luxurious
- 34 “So what __ is new?”
- 35 Unshakable poise
- 37 Customary practices
- 39 . . . if you’re smart, you’ll __ . . .
- 41 Tickled pink
- 42 Word of honor
- 46 Topmost point
- 48 Stop, as a flow
- 50 Went wrong
- 51 Camel’s South American cousin
- 53 High-school math
- 55 “I’d be glad to!”
- 56 ATM ID
- 57 Misfortune
- 59 Praise enthusiastically
- 62 . . . and immediately __

- 68 Prepare to play poker
- 69 What not to say to the bargain offer
- 70 Greenish blues
- 71 Ancient legend
- 72 Secret agent
- DOWN
- 1 Toward the stern
- 2 Brazilian resort, for short
- 3 Move to and __
- 4 Trash barge
- 5 Romantic hopeful
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- 7 Bumped into
- 8 Shape of some sugar
- 9 Unseals

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- 11 TV antennas of yore
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- 14 Swelled head
- 16 Hearing or sight
- 18 Ukrainian port
- 22 Finance deg.
- 23 Swiss skiing spot
- 24 Chum
- 26 Large rock
- 28 Walk unsteadily
- 30 Koran reader
- 31 Stone of *La La Land*
- 33 Large stringed instrument
- 36 Makes a wager
- 38 High wind
- 40 Bit of a monogram
- 41 Flow out (from)
- 43 Arid
- 44 “That’s amazing!”
- 45 Mag. execs
- 46 First Greek letter
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- 49 Very powerful
- 52 Horrible
- 54 Talk-show visitor
- 58 Comment after a spill
- 60 Former ruler of Iran
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- 66 Once around a track
- 67 Cunning

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LANDMARKS

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buy a home,” Miller said. The designation of an historic district would preserve the small houses for future generations. The coalition see their preservation as part of the fight against the “mansionization” of Santa Monica amid skyrocketing real estate prices. They even commissioned their own 100-page report supporting the district.

“There is no other extant cluster of the city’s original bungalows built by the first middle-class residents of the original city of Santa Monica,” the report says.

While Miller and Suntree recovered from the flu Monday night, the commissioners heard the opposite viewpoint: a city-commissioned report found the properties lack architectural merit, association with important people and historical integrity. The report by Ostashay and Associates Consulting found just two of the bungalows may qualify as Structures of Merit, a

California Craftsman at 1223 11th Street and a cottage at 1107 Arizona Avenue.

After a lengthy discussion, the commissioners continued the item to allow further research into the importance of other resources on 11th Street. Commissioner Rush Shari told the Daily Press they also felt it was important to hear from Miller and Suntree before voting on the item.

“Staff informed the Commission that upcoming agendas are full at this time, and it will take some time to put together the additional information requested,” said design and historic preservation planner Stephanie Reich. “It may be a few months before this comes back before the Commission.”

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

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

RENO, Nev.
Storm dumps 18 inches of snow, heavy rain in Sierra Nevada

A winter storm that killed several people in California dumped more than a foot (0.3 meter) of snow and an inch (2.5 centimeters) of heavy rain on the Sierra Nevada.

The National Weather Service in Reno reported Tuesday that 18 inches (46 centimeters) of snow fell on the top of Mammoth Mountain south of Yosemite National Park.

About 5 inches (13 centimeters) of snow was recorded at Sugarbowl ski resort near Truckee, California, and 3 inches (7.6 centimeters) at South Lake Tahoe and the Mount Rose ski resort near Reno.

About 1.3 inches (3.3 centimeters) of rain fell at Alpine Meadows southwest of Tahoe, 1.2 inches (3 centimeters) at Donner Lake near Truckee and one-third inch (.8 centimeter) in the foothills around Reno.

The weather service canceled a winter weather advisory for the area but said an additional 1 to 2 inches (2.5 to 5 centimeters) of snow was possible Tuesday evening above 8,000 feet (2,438 meters).

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're not always in control, and that's part of what makes your life so magical. In your highest hopes you wouldn't have come up with some of these great twists and turns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

How are you taking care of yourself now? If you were to take 10 percent better care of yourself, what would that look like? Ten percent may not seem like much, but it's more than enough to land you in a completely better circumstance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

With your powers of visualization augmented by the cosmic climate, imagining the best for yourself opens doors in your psyche. You also currently have access to far greater wisdom than you ever knew was inside of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Responsibilities won't be assigned, and responsible people don't need them to be. They step in and handle what needs to be done like a boss, knowing that the dutiful are also the ones with the most influence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

If you're going to measure yourself, you'll use your own standards of excellence for the comparison. You're relatively unconcerned with the competition, which is one of the secrets to your success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

History is written by the winners. Losing the battle is often also losing your chance to tell the story your way. Knowing this, you'll look back and wonder what else there is to learn. The concept will apply both personally and globally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You've been through hard times, and it's why you're so compassionate with those who are going through it now. It's also why you're so frustrated with those who harden their hearts and turn away from need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

At the end of the day you will owe your success to a flexible manner of thinking. It won't go according to plan, but it will go, because you had a plan and a goal that you kept moving toward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Even when you're subject to the will of others and immutable laws of nature you're still perfectly aware of what can be used to your advantage. This keen consciousness will benefit all around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Strong choices are definitive. They cut you off from the other options. There's beauty in this if you accept it. A decision will be required of you. Once you make your choice, own it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Writing matters. Writing can reveal the message of your heart you didn't even know. One way to galvanize your inner forces is to channel them through the ink of a pen and let them bleed purposefully onto the paper.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your time is too valuable to waste on trying to figure out things that have long been perfected by others. Pony up for the expert work so you can spend your hours taking projects you care about to the next level.

Mercury Changes Under Scorpio Moon

While Mercury transits Capricorn, we'll want the pertinent information and only that. Edits are appreciated. Small talk is good; miniature talk is better. The Scorpio moon aids in the effort to preserve the sanctity of private things. As George Orwell said in his futuristic classic "1984," "If you want to keep a secret, you must also hide it from yourself."

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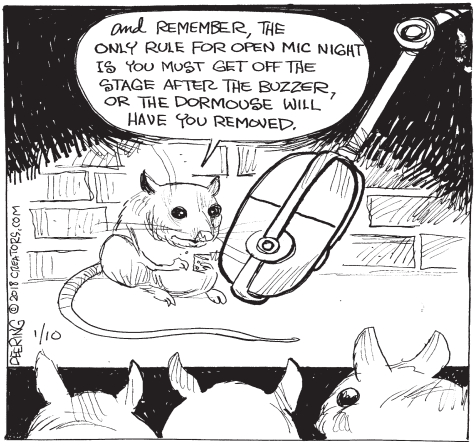
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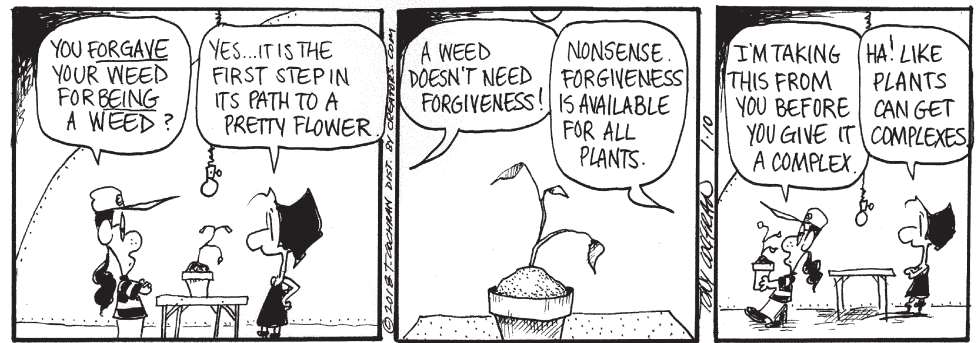
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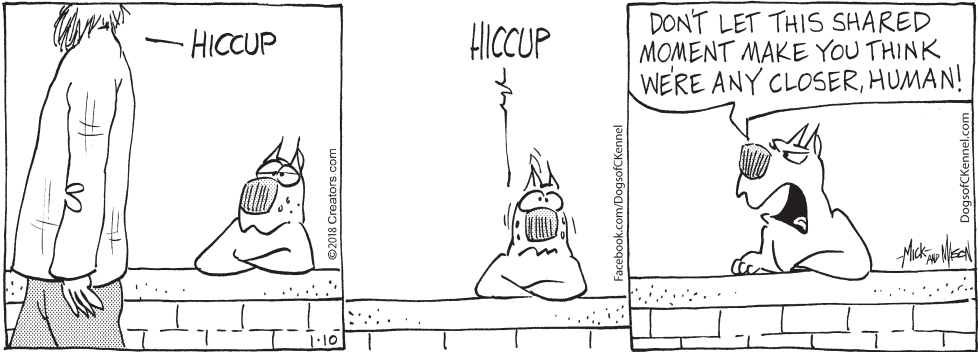
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REVISED NOTICE OF PREPARATION/NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT AT 1242 20TH STREET

DATE: January 9, 2018

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
City Planning Division
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A Notice of Preparation/Notice of Scoping Meeting was originally sent out for the project on January 3, 2018. However, there was an inadvertent error on the notice regarding the applicant of the project. Please note that the applicant is 1925 Arizona, LLC. This revised notice also extends out the public comment period to February 8, 2018.

The City of Santa Monica (City) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Wellness Center Project at 1242 20th Street (the proposed project) at the corner of 20th Street and Arizona. In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide the public, Responsible Agencies, and other interested parties with information describing the proposed project and its potential environmental effects. The EIR will address the proposed project's potentially significant effects in the following environmental issue areas:

- Aesthetics and Shade/Shadows
- Air Quality
- Construction Effects
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Land Use and Planning
- Noise
- Transportation/Circulation
- Utilities
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

PROJECT APPLICANT: 1925 Arizona, LLC

PROJECT LOCATION AND EXISTING ONSITE USES: The approximately 45,009 square-foot (1.03 acre) project site is addressed as 1925 Arizona Avenue, 1234 20th Street, and 1242 20th Street, in the Health Care Mixed Use District of the City. The project site is comprised of two parcels, Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 4276-013-033 and 4276-013-032. The site is bordered by 20th Street on the northeast, Arizona Ave to the southeast, 19th Court alley to the southwest, and a daycare to the northwest. The project site consists of an approximately 45,009 square foot (sf) lot that is currently improved with a two-story funeral home facility, a one-story chapel structure, two two-story residential structures, and a surface parking lot.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Wellness Center Project ("project") would involve the adaptive reuse of approximately 7,965 sf of the existing funeral home/chapel building along with the construction of a new addition building for use as a Wellness Center. As part of the project, approximately 1,313 sf of the ancillary portion of the existing funeral home/chapel building, composing mainly of the rear alley facing garage section of the building, and both of the vacant residential structures would be demolished. The project would include the construction of a new 3-story, 45 foot tall addition building on-site, comprising approximately 59,548 sf. With the adaptive reuse of existing floor area and new construction, the project would be approximately 67,513 sff comprising of 53,091 sf of research & development uses, 17,702 sf of clinic/office uses, and 8,239 sf of ancillary meeting/conference room space. The Wellness Center is envisioned to accommodate a range of traditional to cutting edge medical research activities, providing spaces for laboratory modules, specialized equipment, medical archives, and both private and collaborative office spaces for staff. Medical clinic and office functions such as outpatient care are also anticipated, and would require flexible spaces for patient treatment and administration. To accommodate on-site hosting of educational programming on topics of healthcare and wellness, there will be flexible meeting and conference space.

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a minimum 30-day review period. Please go to the City's webpage <https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/1242-20th-Street-Wellness-Center-Project> for the NOP and associated project info (including project location map, site plan, rendering). The City welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on February 8, 2018** and addressed to:

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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: A public scoping meeting in an open house format will be held to describe the proposed project, the environmental review process, and to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR. The meeting will be held at the following date and location:

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday January 18, 2018
Auditorium, McKinley Elementary School
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90404

The City will consider all comments, written and oral, in determining the final scope of the evaluation to be included in the EIR.

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso de que la Ciudad está preparando un informe que describe los posibles efectos ambientales de la construcción propuesta de un centro de salud, que puede ser de su interés. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez al 310 458 8341.

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