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New NFL stadium would play key role in 2024 LA Olympics

By The Associated Press

Organizers trying to land the 2024 Summer Olympics for Los Angeles would include a new football stadium in the games' ceremonies.

The NFL stadium being built in Inglewood near Los Angeles International Airport would be used for ceremonies along with Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum as part of the committee's concept to create a "new games for a new era," LA2024 announced Monday.

The opening ceremony would be held July 20, 2024, and begin with a torch relay down the row of columns of the Coliseum, which hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics.

The stadium is expected to seat 70,000 spectators for a Hollywood-produced spectacle of musical performances and a live viewing and virtual reality experience of all ceremonies at the NFL stadium.

The torch relay would pass landmarks on the streets of Los Angeles until it reaches the NFL stadium, which would hold 100,000 spectators. The Inglewood stadium would host the opening ceremony, including the parade of

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Election violation solicits $500 fine

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City Attorney's office has issued a $500 fine to Councilman Terry O'Day over campaign contributions made during the 2016 election.

Local watchdog organization, The Transparency Project, filed two complaints against O'Day alleging he accepted money from individuals who received contracts from the Council while O'Day was behind the dais.

The complaint accused O'Day of accepting money from Marc Luzatto and Dan Emmett. Both campaign contributions were for $340 and both were ruled a violation of the law because O'Day had previously voted to approve contracts with the companies owned by Luzatto and Emmett. Under the Oaks rules, candidates who have previously served on the council are prohibited from accepting donations from companies or individuals that have received material benefits from the City while that councilperson was in office.
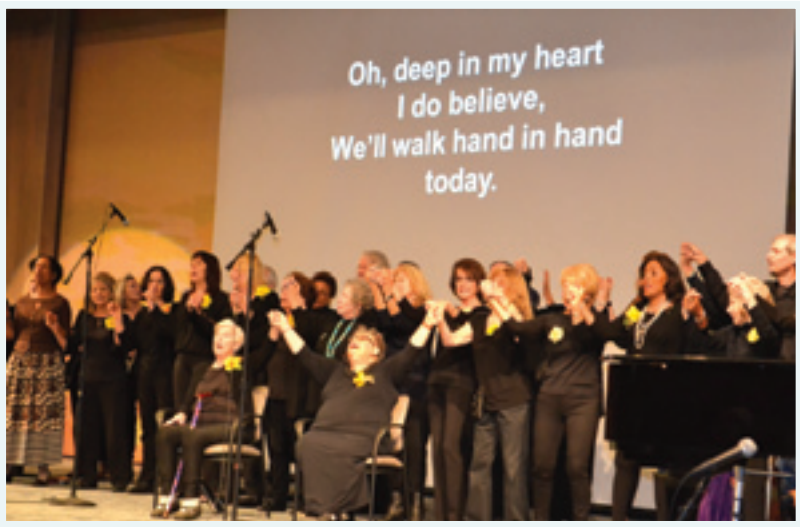
O'Day acknowledged receiving the money and returning the contributions but the law stipulates donations must be returned within 10 days of receipt and O'Day took too long to return the money in question.

In his letter explaining his decision, Deputy City Attorney Terry L. White said O'Day had agreed to pay a $500 fine over the two contributions.

"This violation appears to be the first violation of the Oaks Initiative by Councilman O'Day, who clearly did not exercise due diligence in his initial receipt of the contributions and the subsequent failure to return them promptly within ten days of receiving the contributions," said White.

"I do not believe the most severe penalty of misdemeanor criminal prosecution is appropri-

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MLK CELEBRATION

Kate Cagle kate@smdp.com

Santa Monica marked Martin Luther King Jr. Day with its annual event on Monday. The Westside Coalition hosted Santa Monica College President Katheryn Jeffery at the SGI-USA Community Center on Wilshire and the audience was then invited to walk several blocks to St. Monica's church for a community involvement fair following the presentations.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, January 17

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group
Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. January title: "The Memory Man" by David Baldacci. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Legos and Games
Come enjoy Legos and Board Games. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 – 5 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 18

Soundwaves Concert
New music performance. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting
The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center (1527 4th St). The public is welcome to attend.

Thursday, January 19

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St).

Pico Branch Book Group
The Pico Branch Book Group reads a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles throughout the year. See print calendar for upcoming book titles being discussed. This group is open and welcoming to all newcomers. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

GED Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting
The Housing Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Main Library, located at 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, California.

Fairview Teen Advisory Group
Are you looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group and help improve teen services at the library! You can earn community service credit for participating. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
Discuss the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 – 2:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Philippe Friedlich Named Division Chief at Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Philippe Friedlich, MD, MSEpi, MBA, has been selected as division chief of Neonatology and director of the Center for Fetal and Neonatal Medicine (CFNM) at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In this role, he will oversee the Division's clinical, training and research efforts. The Division's integrated team is part of the CFNM, along with the CHLA Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and the Institute of Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

This multi-institutional collaboration led by CHLA brings the hospital together with the LAC+USC Medical Center, Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, Providence Tarzana Medical Center, Providence Holy Cross Medical Center, Providence Saint John's Health Center and Good Samaritan Hospital—including the expertise of more than 25 pediatric medical, surgical and radiology divisions.

The Center for Fetal and Neonatal Medicine is home to the 58-bed Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation Newborn and Infant Critical Care Unit at CHLA. Here, infants have access to Level IV, state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment services and consultations from faculty of virtually all existing pediatric subspecialties. CHLA is ranked among the top hospitals in the nation for neonatology care in the latest U.S. News & World Report Best Children's Hospitals survey. For 2016-2017, the CFNM was ranked the top neonatal center in California and seventh nationally.

"Dr. Friedlich is a longtime and highly respected member of the CHLA family," says Paul S. Viviano, president and CEO of Children's Hospital Los Angeles. "We look forward to Philippe's ongoing leadership of the Center for Fetal and Neonatal Medicine, which provides advanced care for more than 2,000 critically ill newborns and infants and mothers-to-be in the Greater Los Angeles area each year."

Friedlich, a Malibu resident, is also a professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Surgery at the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California (USC). A fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, he holds memberships with the Society of Pediatric Research and the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Perinatal Pediatrics. He is also a member of the California Children's Medical Services/California Children's Services NICU Technical Advisory Committee.

After earning his medical degree at USC, Friedlich completed his pediatric residency and internship at CHLA. He also completed a fellowship in neonatal and perinatal medicine at the USC Women's and Children's Hospital before joining the faculty of the Division of Neonatal Medicine in 1998. In 2004, he completed a Master of Science in applied biostatistics and epidemiology at USC and earned an MBA in medical management from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 2006.

Friedlich's research interests include the epidemiology of congenital malformations and neonatal health care delivery and outcomes. He directs the Epidemiology Research Program, which provides guidance for neonatal fellows and other investigators interested in epidemiology and outcomes research in newborn infants. He has published over 150 abstracts, peer-reviewed articles and book chapters and supports strong research collaborations between surgical, medical and health care-related disciplines in areas of clinical, translational and basic science.

"Under Dr. Friedlich's direction, education and training will continue to be priorities for the Division, providing an environment that supports the care of critically ill neonates and the educational experience for the largest neonatal fellowship program in Southern California," says Roberta Williams, MD, interim chair of the hospital's Department of Pediatrics. "The division will also focus on training for neonatal nurses, respiratory therapists and others dedicated to saving and improving the lives of our most vulnerable newborns."

– SUBMITTED BY OWEN LEI, SENIOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER MARKETING COMMUNICATIONS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL LOS ANGELES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Water and climate change

Editor:

In your coverage of water issues, you have a responsibility to address climate change as it is one of the largest factors impacting our water supply.

Sincerely,

Christina Singleton
Pacific Palisades

OLYMPICS

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nations, the Olympic oaths, the official opening of the games and the lighting of the flame.

On Aug. 4, 2024, the Coliseum would host the closing ceremony, including the parade of athletes, the Olympic flag handover and the extinguishing of the flame. At the same time, the Inglewood stadium would host spectators for live viewing and high-tech entertainment.

"Hosting Olympic ceremonies across two iconic stadiums has never been done," LA204 CEO Gene Sykes said. "But LA's wealth of stadiums and technology mean we can think about 'What's next?' instead of just asking what has been done before."

The new NFL stadium is expected to open in 2019, when it will be the home of the NFL's Rams and Chargers. It already has been named as host of the 2021 Super Bowl.

The Los Angeles bid committee said the Coliseum would host the track and field competition in 2024 using a temporary track deck. Starting next year, the Coliseum is set to undergo a $270 million renovation funded by the University of Southern California, whose football team plays there.

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What's the Point?

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Changing Of The Guard

THE CURTAIN FALLS ON THE OBAMA ERA this week. It's been a tremendous run in our country's history. Eight years of positive economic growth. We started the era with a crisis that could have taken down the global economy, but with the hard work of President Obama, and many other leaders, we avoided a cataclysmic implosion.

2008 was rough year for many. Economically the country was frozen. Socially we were moving backwards with a movement to outlaw gay marriage and personally, well I was taking on the Mormons – they won – for a while. Obama came to power on the strength of his ideas, oratory and a social media organization that mobilized youth in a way that they hadn't been previously.

This week we have a new administration coming in to take up the reins of power and to guide us through choppy waters as we face continued assaults on our humanity. One look at Syria, Israel, and the continued atrocities in Afghanistan, Iraq and large swathes of Africa will show you that humans, don't like humans very much.

We find myriad ways and reasons to point the finger of condemnation, and "otherness" so that it becomes easier to hate, disenfranchise and in far too many cases, kill. Humanity has always had a problem being humane. Today for good or bad, we have an easier time in both seeing the inhumanity, and of fostering the hate.

The breadth and depth of social media in our lives has made it possible to easily learn how the Hutus and the Tutsis have engaged in a genocide, but also why the Kentucky coal miners feel so ignored in our country. It is this ability to reach a mass audience with lightning speed has changed the way we handle politics in our country.

As we all live more and more of our lives online, it becomes easier to react, in support or condemnation, to each political statement. The time for reflection and deep thought has become shortened. Emotions enflame, poorly chosen words fly and people flee to their respective corners as they prepare to defend their positions.

Partisan politics has grown to a fever pitch with little room for discussion, let alone compromise, allowed. Our country has moved from the "We Can Do It!" mindset of the 1940's sense of camaraderie, to the Hatfield and McCoy's mentality that leads to decades of anger, hurts and insults.

The incoming administration speaks of the need for us to come together as a country after a bruising election – time will tell if they are uniters or dividers. The challenges faced by our country, let alone the planet, are many. We have a second industrial revolution going on and no one seems to know how to handle it. The loss of jobs to automation is creating record levels of functionally unemployed and it will not likely reverse course any time soon.

There are infrastructure problems galore, with dilapidated roadways, a too heavy reliance on fossil fuels and a population that needs education, healthcare and hope. There is a tremendous wave of job seekers in the millennials. They are at the cross-hairs of our needs: more contributors are needed to sustain the Social Security system, at the same time that we have less actual need for productive workers.

Historically we are due for another recession right about now. The indicators are that the economy has been growing and should be ready for a break, maybe it will happen and we'll have a soft landing. Maybe we'll have another freeze up like 2008. Maybe the economy will continue to grow.

No matter what happens, we will have a new administration, a new Congress and the road forward will continue for the American Experiment. Some people don't like change, some people thrive on it.

Americans are resilient, we come from scrappy people. Most of us are of immigrant stock, one way or another, and that is our strength. These are anxious times when there is a changing of the guard. It will take a few months for the changes to shake out, and for us to find a new normal – and I have no doubt though that we will.

Because we have done it 44 times before.

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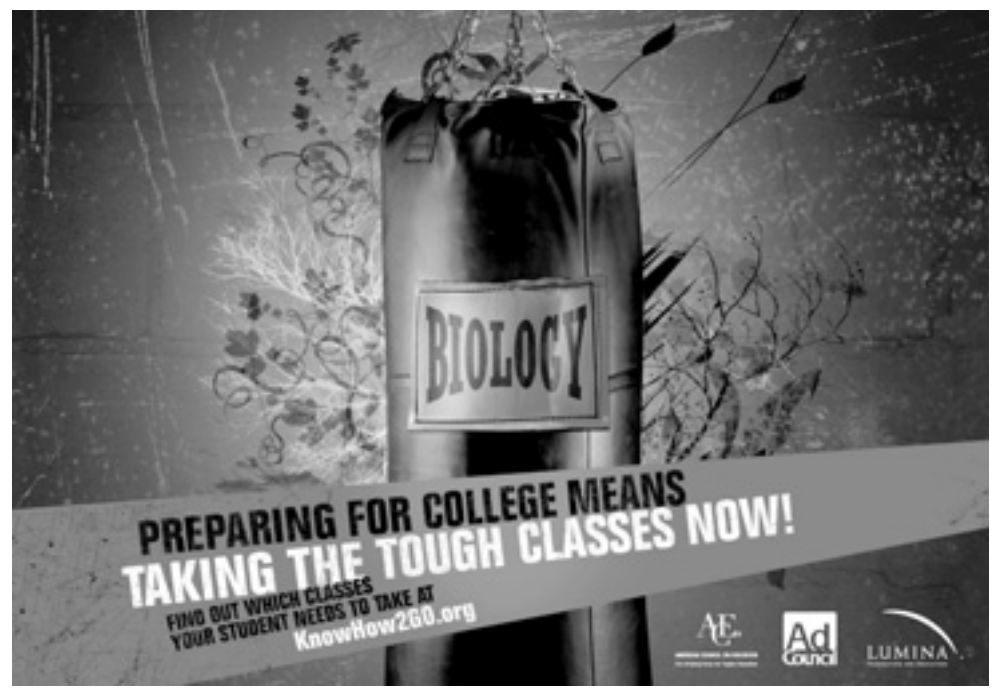
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

UCLA doctor joins advisory board

LUNGevity Foundation, a national lung cancer research foundation, has announced that Edward Garon, MD, has joined LUNGevity's Scientific Advisory Board, a group of 19 scientists and researchers who guide LUNGevity's scientific strategy and research program. The Scientific Advisory Board is integral to the Foundation, overseeing the scientific approach and ensuring that grants are awarded to the researchers whose proposals demonstrate the greatest potential for finding lung cancer at its earliest, most treatable phase, as well as extending and improving lives for lung cancer survivors.

LUNGevity is the only lung cancer organization with programmatic focuses on early detection and Career Development Awards. LUNGevity-funded researchers are working on finding a better way to detect lung cancer, and to better diagnose, treat, and prevent its recurrence. The research program is a crucial factor in moving the science forward to improve outcomes for people living with lung cancer.

ABOUT LUNG CANCER

- 1 in 15 Americans is diagnosed with lung cancer in their lifetime
- More than 224,000 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year
- About 60%-65% of all new lung cancer diagnoses are among people who have never smoked or are former smokers
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- Only 18% of all people diagnosed with lung cancer will survive 5 years or more, BUT if it's caught before it spreads, the chance for 5-year survival improves dramatically

Dr. Garon is the Director of the Thoracic Oncology Program at the Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center at UCLA and Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology-Oncology at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He has been the principal investigator of peer-reviewed grants from various funding organizations, including the National Cancer Institute. His focus is on clinical research and biomarker development. He has served as the principal investigator on national and international phase I, II, and III clinical trials. Among these are trials that have led to the approval of drugs for the treatment of non-small cell lung cancer, including ramucirumab (Cyramza) and the immunotherapy pembrolizumab (Keytruda).

"We are honored that Dr. Garon has joined our Scientific Advisory Board," said Andrea Ferris, President and Chairman of LUNGevity Foundation. "His expertise and advice will be invaluable to furthering LUNGevity's goal to improve outcomes for lung cancer patients."

For more information on LUNGevity Foundation, visit www.LUNGevity.org.

– SUBMITTED BY AUSTIN COURTNEY

VIOLATION

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ate for this first-time violation of the statute. When Councilman O'Day became aware of the violation, he quickly returned the contributions and acknowledged his error in accepting the contributions. There is no evidence to indicate this conduct was a 'knowing and willful' violation by Councilman O'Day which would justify proceeding with a misdemeanor criminal prosecution."

Mary Marlow filed the complaint on behalf of the Transparency Project.

"It is a very positive step that the City has finally recognized its responsibility to uphold Oaks and sanction a public official for violating it. Many residents have worked long and hard to reach this result. But we are quite concerned that after all the City Council sessions discussing the importance of Oaks last year and public officials' responsibilities under it, Councilmember O'Day would so soon afterwards violate the law," said Marlow, in a statement. "The rest of us are required to follow the law. Senior government officials and developers can be no exception. They have been given more than ample notice."

O'Day said he was glad the issue was resolved.

"I'm pleased to conclude this minor matter and wrap up the administration of the 2016 campaign," he said. "Thanks to the broad support of the voters, I look forward to continuing to serve our city."

For years, the anti-corruption rules were on the books locally but not enforced. Former City Attorney Marsha Moutrie had previously argued the rules were a conflict of interest for the City Attorney's office and past complaints were not pursued.

Council made revisions to the enforcement procedures last year following recommendations from an outside investigator looking into actions by Councilwoman Pam O'Connor. Those changes included establishing a dedicated individual within the City Attorney's office and White, who heads the Criminal Division of the office, received the assignment.

Following the administrative revisions, voters approved additional regulations strengthening the provision in the November election.

Additional accusations of illegal behavior were levied against candidates and campaigns during the election season.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission is still investigating complaints against Armen Melkonians and the Yes on Measure LV campaign alleging Melkonians improperly controlled multiple campaign committees during the election. No ruling has been made on those cases.

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Trump, in flap with civil rights icon, meets with MLK's son

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE
Associated Press

Days before taking office, President-elect Donald Trump attempted to navigate the fallout of his flap with a civil rights leader and colleague of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while also losing a member of his incoming administration to accusations of plagiarism.

Trump on Monday met with one of King's sons on the holiday marking the life of the slain American icon just days after the president-elect attacked Rep. John Lewis on Twitter. Lewis and the elder King were among the Big Six leaders of the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Trump accused Lewis, D-Ga., for being "all talk" after Lewis questioned the legitimacy of Trump's election. The president-elect also advised the veteran congressman to pay more attention to his "crime ridden" Atlanta-area district. Trump's comments drew widespread criticism and have done little to reassure those uneasy about the transition from the nation's first black president to a president-elect still struggling to connect with most nonwhite voters.

Martin Luther King III downplayed the slight, saying that "in the heat of emotion a lot of things get said on both sides." King, who said he pressed Trump on the need for voting reform to increase participation, deemed the meeting "constructive." King said that while he disagreed with the president-elect's comments, he believed "at some point in this nation we've got to move forward."

"He said that he is going to represent all Americans. He said that over and over again," King told reporters in the lobby of Trump Tower after the nearly hourlong meeting. "I believe that's his intent, but I think we also have to consistently engage with pressure, public pressure. It doesn't happen automatically."

Trump, who struggled for support from minority voters on Election Day, briefly joined King in the lobby but ignored reporters' shouted questions about his comments about Lewis.

Lewis had suggested that Trump's November victory was delegitimized due to Russian interference and said he would boycott Friday's Inauguration. More than two dozen Democratic members of Congress have said they will sit out the Trump ceremony. Among them is Tennessee Rep. Steve Cohen, who said Monday that "this president 'semi-elect' does not deserve to be president of the United States. He has not exhibited the characteristics or the values that we hold dear."

The Martin Luther King holiday is meant to honor community service and volunteerism, and many Americans, including President Barack Obama, spend part of the day doing a service project of some kind. Trump, who cancelled a planned trip to Washington, spent the day inside the Manhattan skyscraper that bears his name.

Meanwhile, conservative media commentator Monica Crowley will not be joining the Trump administration following accusations of plagiarism, according to a transition official.

Crowley, a frequent on-air presence at Fox News Channel, had been slated to join Trump's National Security Council as a director of strategic communications. On Monday, she withdrew her name from consideration after CNN reported last week that several passages in a 2012 book Crowley wrote were plagiarized. Publisher HarperCollins then pulled the book.

Crowley's retreat was first reported by The Washington Times. The transition official confirmed the decision on the condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Trump has continued to lash out at his critics in the intelligence community and questioned whether the CIA director himself was "the leaker of fake news" in a Sunday night tweet.

The extraordinary criticism from the incoming president came hours after CIA chief John Brennan charged that Trump lacks a full understanding of the threat Moscow poses to the United States, delivering a public lecture to the president-elect that further highlighted the bitter state of Trump's relations with American intelligence agencies.

"Now that he's going to have an opportunity to do something for our national security as opposed to talking and tweeting, he's going to have tremendous responsibility to make sure that U.S. and national security interests are protected," Brennan said on "Fox News Sunday," warning that the president-elect's impulsivity could be dangerous.

Trump shot back in a Twitter post Sunday, saying: "Oh really, couldn't do much worse - just look at Syria (red line), Crimea, Ukraine and the buildup of Russian nukes. Not good! Was this the leaker of Fake News?"

Additionally, European Union nations bracing for Trump's ascension showed defiance Monday in the face of the president-elect's stinging comments on everything from NATO and German cars to the crumbling of the EU itself.

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Defiant EU nations ready themselves for Trump presidency

BY RAF CASERT & KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

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"I'm personally going to wait until the American president takes office, and then we will naturally work with him on all levels," she told reporters.

French President Francois Hollande was even more outspoken in his defiance.

Europe "has no need for outside advice to tell it what to do," Hollande said at a ceremony for outgoing U.S. ambassador in Paris Jane Hartley.

"Europe will always be willing to pursue trans-Atlantic cooperation, but it will base its decisions on its interests and its values," he added.

Some EU officials fear Trump's frequent, often acerbic Twitter postings might be the prelude to a caustic presidency after Friday's inauguration.

"We are going to move away from, I guess, a kind of Twitter diplomacy, and then into a reality," said Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen, adding that reality could be "perhaps more difficult than what is going on on Twitter."

EU foreign ministers were already worried what Trump might do beyond their continent. They came out against any plan by Trump to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem and warned that it could ratchet up tensions with the Arab world.

"It is very important for us all to refrain from unilateral actions," EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said. "We hope that there can be reflection on consequences of any move that is taken," she said.

Although Trump had made similar statements about NATO during his election campaign, his recent comments still came as a bit of a surprise since his choice for defense secretary, retired Marine Gen. James Mattis, stressed his support for the NATO military alliance in his U.S. congressional confirmation hearing last week.

Trump's views, in an interview published Monday with German daily Bild and The Times of London, contradict Mattis, Steinmeier said.

"If one compares the positions of the designated president and the future foreign and defense ministers, then one can't discern a common foreign policy line among the new U.S. government," he said.

There have even been fears the U.S. military commitment to Europe would wane under Trump. A German newspaper group reports that Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite has urged Trump to continue meeting the U.S.'s financial obligations toward the alliance.

"Since World War II, the presence of U.S. troops has been a prerequisite for rebuilding the continent, safeguarding peace and ensuring security," she told the RND network of some 30 German papers.

"We expect continuity from the new U.S. administration. Trump must maintain this leadership role, to ensure security, stability and peace," she was quoted as saying.

Trump indicated he was indifferent to whether the EU stays together or not, a sharp break from the Obama administration, which encouraged British people to vote to remain in the EU in the June referendum.

"I believe others will leave ... I do think keeping it together is not gonna be as easy as a lot of people think," Trump said in the interview.

The British exit from the EU would "end up being a great thing," he said.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said it's "very good news that the United States of America wants to do a good free trade deal with us and wants to do it very fast."

Trump was less kind to German industry officials, saying car manufacturers including BMW could face tariffs of up to 35 percent if they set up plants in Mexico instead of in the U.S. and try to export the cars to the U.S.

Such tariffs would make the American auto industry "worse, weaker and more expensive," Sigmar Gabriel, Germany's economy minister, told Bild.

Gabriel suggested Europeans should exhibit more self-confidence in dealing with Trump. "We're not weak and inferior," he said.

Whatever his goal, Trump's comments were strong enough to make him the talk of the town in European capitals.

"It is clear that we are discussing this issue all the time," Czech Foreign Minister Lubomir Zaoralek said at the EU meeting in Brussels.

Grieshaber reported from Berlin. David Rising and Frank Jordans in Berlin, Lorne Cook in Brussels and Sylvie Corbet in Paris contributed.











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WATER TEMP: **58.8°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
Easing WNW swell for exposures. Largest in the AM.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Slow fade in WNW swell for exposures.



CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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JANUARY 5, 2017 AT ABOUT 11:52 P.M., officers patrolling the 500 block of Colorado Blvd saw two subjects near the front door of a closed business. Officers contacted the subjects and determined one of the subjects, Atwood, was on parole for robbery. Officers conducted a search of Atwood and discovered several credit cards belonging to others. Officers contacted an owner of the credit card and discovered it was stolen from a vehicle several weeks ago. The subject was taken into custody without incident. Jonathon Atwood, 29, homeless, was arrested for receiving stolen property and a parole violation. He was denied bail.

Ivanka Trump lays groundwork for policy role in Washington

BY CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

She may not be working in the White House, but that doesn't mean Ivanka Trump is staying out of politics.

Although she has said she will have no official role in her father's administration, Ivanka Trump has been quietly laying the groundwork for an effort that could make her perhaps the best-connected policy advocate in Washington. Trump, who has made clear she wants to push for policies benefiting women and girls, last week sought the advice of a group of female executives and media stars in New York City. And transition aides have reached out to congressional staff on child care policies, an area she has urged President-elect Donald Trump to prioritize.

In a Facebook post detailing her next moves, Ivanka Trump thanked people who had reached out on such issues and added that she is determining the "most impactful and appropriate ways for me to serve our country."

It is not clear if Trump will establish herself independently or if she will eventually enter the White House. But operating from the outside may take her into uncharted territory, as there are few recent examples of a first family member without a White House office advocating for policies. The closest model is the first lady, who has an office in the East Wing.

For now, the businesswoman has said only that she is stepping away from executive roles at the Trump Organization and her lifestyle brand and is moving her family to Washington so that her husband, Jared Kushner, can take a job as a senior adviser. She has also stressed that she wants to focus on settling her three young children in a new home.

But Ivanka Trump is also thinking beyond that.

On Thursday, she attended a dinner with female executives at the home of her friend Wendi Deng, ex-wife of media executive Rubert Murdoch. The dinner was put together by Dina Powell, a Goldman Sachs partner who is joining the Trump administration as an assistant to the president and senior counselor for economic initiatives. Powell has been advising Ivanka Trump and is expected to continue working closely with her.

Other guests included MSNBC "Morning Joe" co-host Mika Brzezinski, model Christy Turlington Burns, former White House press secretary Dana Perino, Xerox Chairperson Ursula Burns, Deloitte CEO Cathy Engelbert, Glamour Editor-in-Chief Cynthia Leive and Time Managing Editor Nancy Gibbs. Another attendee, Pattie Sellers, executive director of Fortune's Most Powerful Women Summits, wrote on Fortune.com that Ivanka Trump "explained that she wanted to learn from the efforts of leaders in their fields."

Also there was Sheila Marcelo, founder of www.care.com, a website that connects families with caregivers, said an attendee who spoke on condition of anonymity because it was a private dinner. Marcelo spoke about the high cost of caregiving, both for children and adult family members.

The attendee said the group also discussed the Trump transition team's recent outreach to the House of Representatives' Ways and Means Committee staff about Trump's child care proposals. Asked about news reports about the outreach, Ivanka Trump noted that these were priorities for the president-elect, the attendee said.

A Trump Transition spokesperson declined to comment on the event.

Ivanka Trump's interest and influence on these issues was clear during the campaign. Encouraged by his daughter, Donald Trump offered a child care plan in September, which includes guaranteeing six weeks of paid maternity leave for new mothers, as well as some incentives to encourage employers to provide child care to workers.

The policy would require congressional approval — a considerable hurdle. Such proposals are not a high priority for Republican leadership and it's not clear how well they'll be received by conservatives in the GOP-controlled Congress.

Ivanka Trump has already made some outreach to lawmakers, including meeting with Republican women back in September. But it is not clear if, moving forward, she will lobby Congress directly.

There is little precedent for a president's adult child seeking to have that sort of influence, said University of Minnesota law professor Richard Painter, who served as ethics counsel for President George W. Bush.

The closest comparison would be the policy work by first ladies, like Michelle Obama's "Let's Move" campaign. Painter said that first ladies are generally not subject to conflict of interest laws, though in the past they complied voluntarily like past presidents.

But Painter said to avoid conflicts, Ivanka Trump should, like her husband, follow federal ethics laws. For example, he said she should not offer her father advice on international trade if she continues to have a financial stake in her clothing business. He said he did not think Ivanka Trump would need to register as a lobbyist if she was a policy advocate if she was not paid.

Ivanka Trump has said she will take a "formal leave of absence" from her executive positions at the Trump Organization and her lifestyle brand — which offers shoes, clothes and messages of female empowerment. Her company will be run by the current president and a board of trustees.

The Trump team has said Ivanka Trump will divest some assets and will receive fixed payments rather than a share of the profits from the Trump Organization. No details have been released on her financial arrangement with the lifestyle brand.

DAILY LOTTERY

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Jackpot: 150M

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Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 70M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/15
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Draw Date: 1/15
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Draw Date: 1/15
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2. correctness: rectitude of judgment.
3. straightness.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

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■ Two of the biggest remedies for diabetes are diet and exercise, so one would presume that persons at risk for the condition would be most likely to engage in one or both healthful behaviors.

■ University of Cambridge researchers conducted a randomized controlled trial of 500 healthy adults who were given either personalized genetic information on their diabetes risk or merely general information about the disease. Two months later, they were asked to wear a fitness tracker for six days.

■ Persons who had the personalized genetic information about their diabetes risk didn't exercise any more -- or eat any better -- than their peers. The only difference was they had a better understanding of their diabetes risk at the end of the study.

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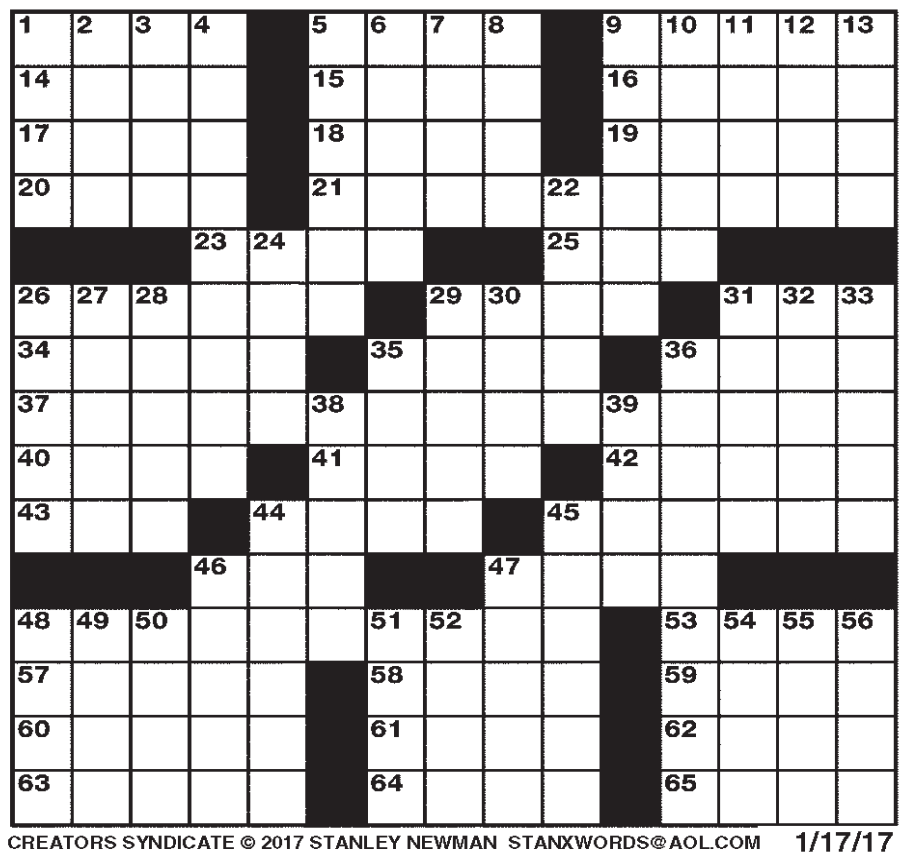
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1 Informal talk
5 Talks and talks
9 Embarrass
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19 Pacific or Atlantic
20 Loch __ monster
21 Breakfast potatoes
23 Short golf stroke
25 Japanese money
26 Postpones
29 Football arbiters
31 Furniture to sleep on
34 Ram of the zodiac
35 Singing star Lady __
36 Competent
37 Small citrus fruits
40 Takes advantage of
41 "That's too bad"
42 Unable to move
43 Pay-__-view movie
44 Unruly kid
45 San Francisco baseballers
46 Take to court
47 Fly high
48 Veggies in minestrone
53 Movie excerpt
57 School attendee
58 Ensnare
59 Sandwich fish
60 Atmospheric layer
61 Urgent
62 Laundry appliance
63 Vocal inflections
64 Offer for purchase
65 Copper-coated coin

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1 "Hurry up!"
2 Honey source
3 Great poker cards
4 Racing bikes
5 Billionaires' boats
6 G sharp alias
7 Players who are paid
8 Second-year student
9 Likes a lot
10 Side order with eggs
11 All over again
12 Read electronically
13 Barnyard cacklers
22 Overwhelmingly
24 __ Major (Big Dipper locale)
26 Block, as a river
27 Remove chalk from
28 More elegant
29 Charged towards
30 Swelled heads
31 Pellet shooter
32 Vote in
33 Classroom furniture
35 __ monster (Arizona lizard)
36 South Pole's region
38 Less common
39 Japan's continent
44 "Taps" instruments
45 Sacred music genre
46 Backbone
47 Traffic tie-up
48 Get a glimpse of
49 Greek liqueur
50 "Once __ a time . . ."
51 When planes should leave: Abbr.
52 A Great Lake
54 Entice
55 Drop __ (visit briefly)
56 Huff and puff



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 17)

Your best strategy is to come up with one single goal for the year. Commit yourself and tell everyone. The more public pressure the better. Next month brings a wealth of helpful people. In June you will be called by the energy of a place; opportunities await. Your family will grow in the late summer. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 14, 29, 47 and 8.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
What if you believed that there was nothing wrong with you and you don't need to improve a single thing about yourself? In that case, all efforts are optional -- a fun experiment. Any resulting benefits are a stroke of felicity!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The game is on, and there is an unconventional and imaginative prize at stake. This bit of whimsy is more motivating to you than money or validation from a VIP. For reasons you cannot explain, you simply need to win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
There are a lot of questions you could ask yourself to spur the situation in a better general direction. The very best question today just might be: "How can I have the most fun with this?"

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You're safe -- safer than most of humanity that has ever lived. The biggest threat to you is in how you interpret what's going on. Is it stressful? Sure. But not too stressful. It's doable. You can handle it, and you will prevail.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
It really doesn't matter where the blame properly belongs. Step up, assess the situation and begin repairs. If the broken thing is a relationship, you'll be especially speedy and adept at fixing this.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your contentment generates joy in others. Your smile melts hearts. Who knew it was possible to make such a difference in the world just by being genuinely happy?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Today the passion you feel for a cause or a kind of work is more powerfully energizing than romantic fervor. One action will lead to the next, and soon you'll be swept into a dizzying momentum.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Even the most ordinary, worn-in topic can be made riveting by a skilled speaker, a phenomenon you'll experience today when a certain intriguing someone speaks the plainest, most sparkling words to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
One source of encouragement is not enough, especially if it's a source that's very familiar to you. You need more support, and you'll get it when you branch out and tell new people what you're up to.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Everyone feels fragile sometimes. When it's them, you have compassion, telling them to take it easy. Do the same when it's you. Sure, you're tougher than most, but you are also every bit as deserving of compassion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
How can you feel more at ease in a situation? Part of it is just getting to know people better. It takes time, and it's worth it. When you're comfortable, the charisma kicks in. You get 'em laughing and loving you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
In the case of public praise, it's good to know you're appreciated. On the other hand, acknowledgement can kindle unexpected feelings in you, such as embarrassment. For this reason you're driven to do low-key or anonymous work.

Mars and Saturn Challenge
To anticipate the needs of another before those needs are expressed in words is to earn trust, admiration and affection in one fell swoop. On the other hand, to assume needs inaccurately and try to fulfill them will not only be perceived as overbearing; it could also start conflict. Those are the stakes as Mars and Saturn do some terse positioning.

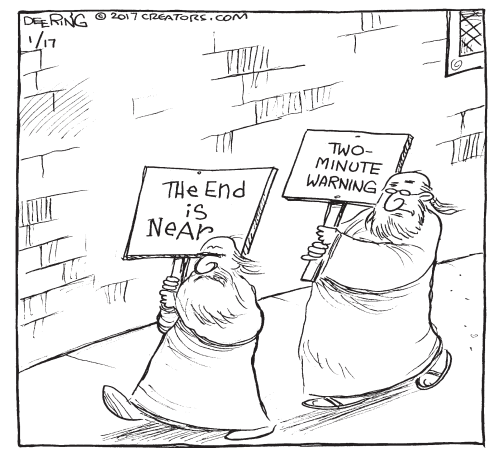
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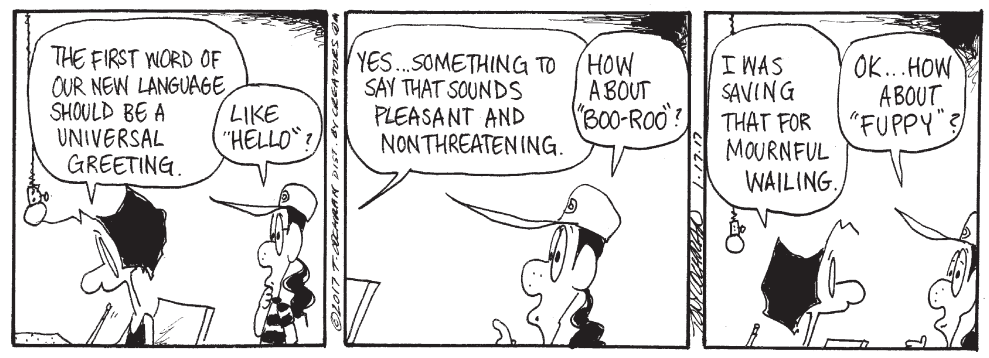


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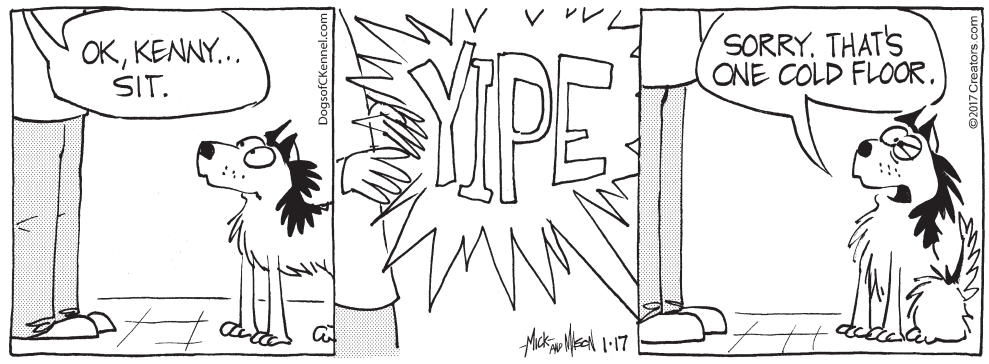
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Case No. 17STP800139

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and other persons who may otherwise be interested in the estate of LUANNA ELLIS DEVENIS
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LUANNA ELENA DEVENIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LUANNA ELENA DEVENIS be appointed personal representative to administer the estate of decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on February 9, 2017 at 8:30AM in Dept. No. 79, located at 111 N. HILL STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90012.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice Form is available from the court clerk.
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS026706
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of OMAR DWIAT for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: OMAR DWIAT filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: OMAR MOHAMMAD DWIAT TO OMAR ZAIN DWIAT.
The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: FEB 24, 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room: ANNEX
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN ST., SANTA MONICA, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: DEC 27, 2016



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