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Amazon sweepstakes is narrowed down to 20 competitors

BY JOSEPH PISANI & CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Retail Writer

Amazon's second home could be in an already tech-heavy city, such as Boston, New York or Austin, Texas. Or it could be in the Midwest, say, Indianapolis or Columbus, Ohio. Or the company could go outside the U.S. altogether and set up shop in Toronto.

Those six locations, as well as 14 others, made it onto Amazon's not-so-short shortlist Thursday of places under consideration for the online retailing giant's second headquarters.

The 20 picks, narrowed down from 238 proposals, are concentrated mostly in the East and the Midwest and include several of the biggest metro areas in the country, such as Chicago, Washington and Los Angeles, the only West Coast city on the list.

The Seattle-based company set off fierce competition last fall when it announced that it was looking for a second home, promising 50,000 jobs and construction spending of more than $5 billion. Many cities drew up elaborate presentations that included rich financial incentives.

The list of finalists highlights a key challenge facing the U.S. economy: Jobs and economic growth are increasingly concentrated in a few large metro areas, mostly on the East and West Coasts and a few places in between, such as Texas.

Nearly all the cities on Amazon's list already have growing economies, low unemployment and highly educated populations.

"Amazon has picked a bunch of winners," said Richard Florida, an economic development expert and professor at the University of Toronto who helped develop that

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Local man faces attempted murder charges

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A 37-year-old Santa Monica man is facing attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon charges after allegedly firing a gun at his neighbor early Saturday morning on Stanford Street. No one was hurt when neighbors say the bullet flew into an outside wall of the apartment complex courtyard.

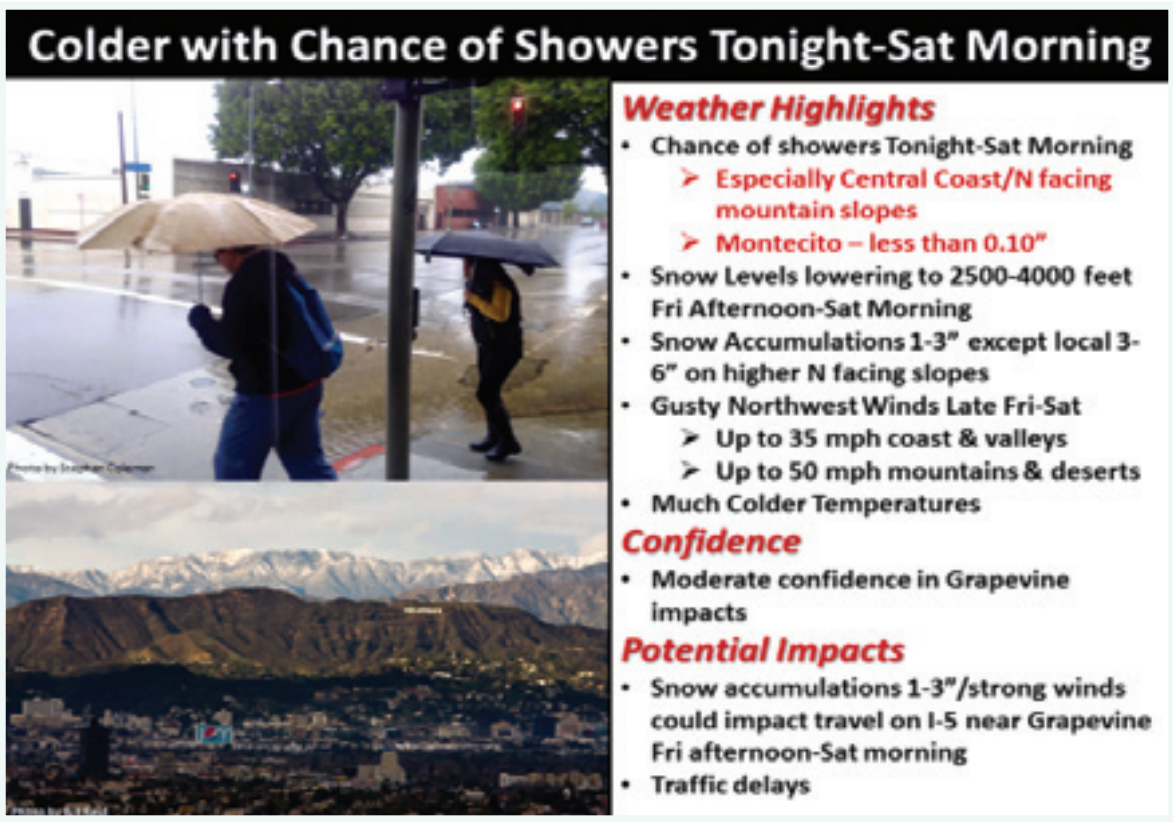
"The bullet flew past the front door where my husband and I live and went into the exterior wall (didn't penetrate into the apartment)," wrote neighbor Diane Dray, who is a news writer at KNX. "I've lived here since 1994 and never seen anything like this. I mean, I report on crime stories all the time but never ever did I think that could happen here."

Lt. Saul Rodriguez says the suspect, Michael Ferguson, has a history of mental illness and was violating the law by possessing a firearm in the first place.

Witnesses called 9-1-1 to report a disturbance and possible shooting just after midnight early Saturday morning near the corner of Stanford Street and Broadway. Police say Ferguson barricaded himself inside his own apartment with his family members before he eventually surrendered and was taken into custody.

"Several witnesses said he had been acting odd over the last several weeks," Rodriguez said. Police are unsure of the motive behind the shooting.

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COLD FORECAST National Weather Service

In addition to cooler temperatures, the National Weather Service has issued a high surf advisory through Saturday.

Prosecutor: Parents who tortured children were 'depraved'

BY AMY TAXIN & BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A California couple tortured a dozen of their children for years, starving them to the point that their growth was stunted, chaining them to their beds for months at a time and forbidding them from showering more than once a year or using the toilet, a prosecutor said Thursday.

"The victimization appeared to intensify over time," Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin said in announcing

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Elderly resident dies days after break-in at The Shores



AIKIN

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A 90-year-old tenant at The Shores apartment complex has died just days after a homeless man broke into her apartment while she was sleeping. A neighbor, who just happens to be a retired Los Angeles police officer and defense attorney, interrupted the break-in when he heard banging in the middle of the night.

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Main Library Docent Tours
Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard., 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Finance Fridays at the Malibu Senior Center Presents "Mainstreet Mortgage"
The Malibu Senior Center's Finance Friday continues with "Mainstreet Mortgage" on Friday, January 19, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Malibu City Hall in the Zuma Room. The President Broker, Jon Mallett from Mainstreet Mortgage will be the presenter. The presentation will focus on acquiring new ways to optimize your assets and keep money in your pocket longer. The Malibu Senior Center hosts guest speakers each month to provide financial information on a variety of topics. Increase your financial literacy in a casual and educational setting. All are welcome to attend. Participants must RSVP to (310) 456-2489 ext. 357.

Saturday, January 20

Ship of Fools (1965)
When an eclectic group of passengers boards a cruise ship bound for prewar Germany, they form a microcosm of 1930s society. Based on the novel Ship of Fools by Katherine Anne Porter and starring Vivien Leigh, Simone Signoret and José Ferrer. (149 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Sunday, January 21

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Guest House
Free tours begin of the Marion Davies Guest House begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Monday, January 22

Airport Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Airport Commission meets the 4th Monday of each Month in the City Hall Council Chambers. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting
Special meeting of the Santa Monica Architectural Review Board. 330 Olympic Dr., 7 p.m.

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city's bid. "It really reflects winner-take-all urbanism."

Among those that didn't make the cut were Detroit, a disappointment for those excited about progress since the city came out of bankruptcy, and Memphis, Tennessee, where the mayor said the city gave it its "best shot." San Diego also failed to advance.

"Getting from 238 to 20 was very tough," said Holly Sullivan, who oversees Amazon's public policy. "All the proposals showed tremendous enthusiasm and creativity."

Amazon said it will make a final selection sometime this year.

Besides Austin, another Texas city made the cut: Dallas. In the South, Miami and Atlanta are being considered.

Officials in cities that made the shortlist took the opportunity to further tout their locations, with Philadelphia's mayor noting "all that Philadelphia has to offer" and officials in and around Pittsburgh citing the region's "world-class talent pool" and other advantages.

Other contenders among the 20 include Denver; Montgomery County, Maryland; Nashville, Tennessee; Newark, New Jersey; Northern Virginia; and Raleigh, North Carolina.

"It's a long list for a shortlist," said Jed Kolko, chief economist at job site Indeed.

He said Amazon may use the list to pit the locations against each other and get better tax breaks or other incentives. Two metro areas, New York and Washington, have more than one location on the list, increasing the competition there, he said.

"It's hard to say whether all these places are in play or Amazon wanted to encourage continued competition," Kolko said.

Amazon did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether locations would be able to change their proposals or offer better incentives, but said in a statement that it will "work with each of the candidate locations to dive deeper into their proposals."

State and local governments played up the amenities they think make their locations the best choice. Some pulled off stunts to stand out, such as New York, which lit the Empire State Building in Amazon orange.

Some gimmicks didn't work: Tucson, Arizona, which sent a 21-foot cactus to Seattle, did not make the list. Neither did Birmingham, Alabama, which installed giant replicas of Amazon's Dash buttons.

The company had stipulated that it wanted to be near a metropolitan area with more than 1 million people, and nearly all of those on the shortlist have a metro population of at least double that.

Amazon also wanted to be able to attract top technical talent; be within 45 minutes of an international airport; have direct access to mass transit; and be able to expand the headquarters to as much as 8 million square feet in the next decade.

But Amazon also made it very clear it wanted tax breaks, grants and any other incentives.

Boston's offer includes $75 million for affordable housing for Amazon employees and others. Before leaving office Tuesday, Gov. Chris Christie approved a measure to allow New Jersey to offer up to $5 billion to Amazon. Newark is also proposing $2 billion in tax breaks.

But many of the state and local governments competing for the headquarters have refused to disclose the financial incentives they offered. Of the 20 finalists, 13, including New York, Chicago and Miami, declined requests from The Associated Press to release their applications. Toronto's mayor said Thursday that the city offered no financial incentives to woo Amazon.

Several said they don't want their competitors to know what they're offering, a stance that open-government advocates criticized.

Amazon plans to remain in its sprawling Seattle headquarters, and the second home base will be "a full equal" to it, founder and CEO Jeff Bezos has said.

The extra space will give the rapidly growing company room to spread out. It had nearly 542,000 employees at the end of September, a 77 percent jump from the year before. Some of that growth came from Amazon's nearly $14 billion acquisition last year of the Whole Foods grocery chain and its 89,000 employees.

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The Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday that a few of the less fanciful ideas include a shuttle to ferry visitors to trails near the sign and an aerial tram to offer birds-eye views.

And the report by consulting firm Dixon Resources Unlimited suggests a Hollywood sign visitor center to teach tourists about its history.

The newspaper says many of the ideas are much more mundane — including adjusting parking restrictions and installing signs to guide pedestrians.

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LOS ANGELES

Delta jetliner makes emergency safe return to Los Angeles

A Delta Air Lines flight safely returned to Los Angeles International Airport after it developed a hydraulic problem shortly after taking off for Detroit.

The Federal Aviation Administration says Flight 1594 landed safely at LAX shortly before 2:30 p.m. Thursday after the pilot reported a "flight control issue" involving hydraulics.

The Boeing 757 had 125 passengers and six crew members on board.

Delta says the plane is being checked out at a remote parking area and passengers will take another plane to Detroit later in the day.

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Laughing Matters

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Celebrating a Life Well Lived



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CELEBRATION: There will be a celebration of life for Don Kidson this Sunday.

FOR FIFTY-FOUR YEARS, DON KIDSON WAS the proud proprietor of the famous Busy Busy Hardware in Santa Monica. (Even stars like Jerry Seinfeld visited, as you'll see below.)

Don's ownership spanned from 1963 until his passing in August of 2017 at age 85. So strong was his spirit, family, friends and customers are still mourning. This Sunday, however, the sadness will be replaced by a joyful celebration of Don's rich life.

To enter Busy Bee, with its small aisles and shelves lined with tools and supplies, was like stepping into the Twilight Zone. It felt like a bygone era when a shop owner courteously helped customers. (Many of Don's customers did view him as a friend and vice-versa.)

Other than family, faith and so many friends, what brought Don the most joy was helping people solve their fix-it problems. Outgoing and soft spoken, Don could have been a minister, or in the Peace Corps, or a singer in a church choir. (Which he actually did for many years.) Don was a gentle soul but with a twinkle in his eyes and an inspiring self-confidence. Ahead of his time, he had beautiful long hair in a pony tail, was an avid vegetarian, and shopped at the Co-Op on Broadway.

In fact, Don often prepared delicious raw food meals for friends. He also hosted a public access TV show, "Hardware Humanitarian," encouraging viewers to eat healthier for themselves and the planet. (Apparently Donald Trump never tuned in.)

Don always had a ready smile and time to help his customers get the right part, fixture or tool. Once he spent so much time with me and the item I ultimately bought was only $5, I wondered how he could afford to do that. His satisfaction was clearly not just dollars and cents.

At today's hardware warehouses, much of the time you can't even find a salesperson. And if you do, they're always running in the opposite direction. (At Busy Bee they ran to you.)

At the hardware super-stores, if, God forbid, you don't know the exact item or the exact tool, the impatient salespersons' eyes invariably glaze over. They look at you like you're an idiot. (Which, with mechanical things, I often am.)

Everyone I interviewed had praise for and wonderful memories of Don. And this even includes someone Don fired. The man acknowledged he deserved it, but added that Don was especially sensitive in the way he handled it.

Don's childhood was difficult to say the least. Born in 1932 at the height of the Great Depression, after his dad's untimely passing, he was raised by a single mom who struggled financially. And then, when Don was 16, his mother passed away. He and his two sisters were placed in various foster homes.

Hard times make some people bitter but for Don it seemed it gave him compassion. He graduated from Venice High School in 1950 and two years later, he married his sweetheart, Sally Higgins. The two had a combined "nest egg" of $50.

Don soon joined the Navy where he was a gifted "pattern maker," designing Naval equipment. After his honorable discharge he went to work for Douglas Aircraft but in the early 1960's there were layoffs. In fact, in 1963, Don found himself temporarily unemployed. That's when maybe fate stepped in.

Sally's father, a successful hardware salesman, knew of a store owner in Santa Monica who was looking to retire. The store's name... Busy Bee! That's how Sally's father, Don and Sally went into business. And the subsequent fifty-four years became a part of Santa Monica history.

As his childhood was challenging, as an adult, Don had his share of tragedy. In 1987, Sally, his wife of thirty-five years, passed as did his son, Jeff, in 2007. Don endured both with grace.

In politics Don had strong opinions, including a lack of fondness for Hilary Clinton. He shared that at the Co-Op with my staunchly liberal friend, Alison, who agreed but for different reasons. When Don speculated Hilary was a Communist, Alison joked, "If she were, I might vote for her." To his credit, Don laughed heartily.

In the area of self-improvement, as his daughter, Laura, noted, "Dad didn't believe in limitations." In his 80's and having always felt his reading and writing skills were lacking, he spent months studying and markedly improved both! (I kidded Laura about my writing, "So you're saying there's still hope for me?")

The celebration of Don's life will be Sunday at Twentieth Church of Christ, Scientist, Los Angeles in Venice at 132 Brooks Avenue from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. RSVPs are required at: clerk20cs@gmail.com.

On Sunday there will be singing of hymns, warm remembrances and amusing stories about Don. My guess, however, is if they're any tears, they'll be tears of joy.

To see Seinfeld at BBH: https://fyc.crackle.com/programs/comedians-cars-getting-coffee/videos/champagne-cigars-and-pancake-batter OR Google: Seinfeld, Waltz, Busy Bee Hardware.

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BREAK-IN

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"She was scared to death," said Mike McCowan, in an interview with the Daily Press shorty before attending Florence Kaufman's funeral Thursday.

Officers responded quickly to McCowan's 9-1-1 call early Saturday morning, pulling up to The Shore around 5 a.m., Jan 13, according to police records of the evening. Lt. Saul Rodriguez said they found the suspect, Anthony Aikin, walking around the property when they arrived.

Rodriguez said Aikin told police he had indeed entered Kaufman's apartment, but said it was because he heard someone calling for help. He did not take anything. Rodriguez said he might have been hallucinating. McCowan believes Aikin may be crazy.

"The guy was yelling and running back and forth by the time I saw him," McCowan said. A loud banging on his neighbor's door had awoken him in the middle of the night. The 84-year-old former cop looked through his peephole and immediately called the police when he saw the man busting through the widow's door.

Once help was on the way, McCowan went to get his gun. While the former officer owns a few firearms, he discovered that night he was out of bullets. He reached for a golf club instead before walking into the hall and confronting the man.

"I'm so upset about this because I knew I saved her life but to see that this carried on and killed her hurts me a lot," McCowan said. At 90-years-old, Kaufman slept through the break-in and had no idea what happened until McCowan and detectives filled her in. McCowan said she became more and more distraught over what happened in the following days. While the two neighbors had always been friendly, they became close in the days leading up to her death.

"I would always say 'hi' to her. We knew each other," McCowan said, "but after that night she was with me all the time. She was frightened. She thought I saved her life but she was still frightened."

"She was scared to death," McCowan repeated.

McCowan, who notably served as Sirhan Sirhan's defense attorney after the Kennedy assassination, has been deeply impacted by the break-in and Kaufman's subsequent death. He says he plans to visit Aikin in jail with one of Kaufman's children to tell him she died.

"He murdered her," McCowan said. "He killed her with his actions. I know he's crazy."

The District Attorney referred the case back to the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office and did not file any charges. The City Attorney did not return the Daily Press's inquiries on the status of the case by press time.

Lt. Rodriguez said detectives did not know about the victim's death until the phone call from the Daily Press to verify the incident but said he would tell investigators and prosecutors. He said it's not clear how Kaufman's death would impact Aikin's case.

Connecting the dots between the two "would be very, very difficult," Rodriguez said.

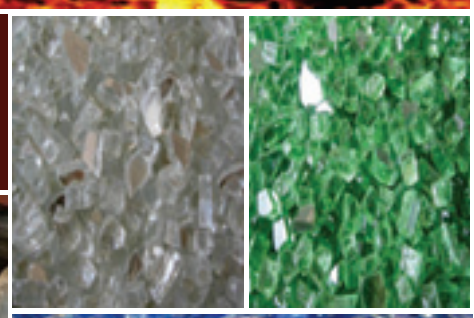
Kaufman lived at The Shore with her late husband, Bill, for decades, according to Daily Press columnist Jack Neworth who knows the family well. Neworth said the couple maintained a college scholarship fund in honor of their son who was a teacher and died from AIDS.

The Shore is a luxury apartment building with 24 hour concierge service. Management did not return the Daily Press's request for comment.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JANUARY 12, AT ABOUT 4:26 P.M.

While patrolling the area of 1400 block of 4th Street, officers saw a subject riding his bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of a municipal code. Officers performed an enforcement stop on the subject. Officers learned the subject was on active probation with search conditions for grand theft. A probation search was conducted on his person. Officers discovered two knives including one switchblade knife, methamphetamine, a methamphetamine smoking pipe, a credit card and identification belonging to another person, were all found on his person. Paul Robert Jaeger, 36, from Santa Monica was arrested possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotics paraphernalia, possession of a switchblade knife, misappropriation of lost property and riding a bicycle on the sidewalk. Bail was set at $1,000.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On Jan. 18.

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

Emergency Medical Service 2700 block Neilson 12:51 a.m.
EMS 200 block of San Vicente 01:08 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 04:12 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 04:44 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 14th 05:05 a.m.
EMS 900 block 11th 05:21 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 05:37 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block 26th 05:55 a.m.
EMS 2300 block Santa Monica 07:36 a.m.
EMS 900 block Montana 08:33 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 09:58 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 10:11 a.m.
EMS 900 block 7th 11:11 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 3rd 11:44 a.m.
EMS Ocean / Broadway 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 4th 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 12:06 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 1:36 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Wilshire 2:58 p.m.
EMS 2nd / Broadway 3:25 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1300 block Wilshire 3:32 p.m.
Traffic collision Berkeley / Santa Monica 4:08 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 4:37 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 5:56 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Cloverfield 6:28 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3300 block Barnard 7:05 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 14th 7:51 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 21st 8:36: p.m.
EMS 1700 block 18th 9:32 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Yale 10:20 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 11:49 p.m.
EMS 300 block Colorado 11:18 p.m.

TORTURE
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charges. "What started out as neglect became severe, pervasive, prolonged child abuse."

David Turpin, 56, and Louise Turpin, 49, were charged with multiple counts of torture, child abuse, dependent adult abuse and false imprisonment. David Turpin was also charged with performing a lewd act on a child under age 14.

The litany of physical and emotional abuse was enough to invoke a house of horrors that apparently went unnoticed for years in California and Texas until Sunday, when a 17-year-old girl managed to escape and call 911.

The girl and her siblings had plotted the escape for two years, Hestrin said. Another girl who escaped out a window with the teen turned back out of fear.

Hestrin did not say what finally triggered the girl to act.

When deputies arrived at the four-bedroom, three-bathroom house on a dead-end street in Perris, about 60 miles southeast of Los Angeles, they were shocked by what they found.

Malnutrition was so severe that it was consistent with muscle wasting and had led to cognitive impairment and nerve damage, Hestrin said. The oldest child, a 29-year-old woman, weighed 82 pounds. A 12-year-old was the weight of a typical 7-year-old.

Some of the 13 children had been isolated so long they did not know what a police officer was.

The victims range in age from 2 to 29. The torture and false imprisonment charges do not include the 2-year-old, who was not malnourished. All the children's names begin with the letter J, according to court documents that didn't provide their full names.

The parents were jailed on $12 million bail each after pleading not guilty Thursday at their first court appearance. If convicted, they could be sentenced to life in prison.

David Turpin's lawyer, deputy public defender David Macher, had only begun to investigate the allegations, but said the case was going to be a challenge.

"It's a very serious case," he said. "Our clients are presumed to be innocent, and that is a very important presumption."

Judge Michael B. Donner rejected Macher's request to ban cameras from the courtroom, saying he didn't see how news coverage of a case already so highly publicized could harm the Turpins.

"I am told that coverage of this case literally spans the globe," the judge said.

David Turpin's father, James, the grandfather to the children, said from his home in Princeton, West Virginia, that he did not believe the reports about the abuse.

"I'm going to talk with the children, find out the real story on this as soon as I can get a call through to them," James Turpin told The Associated Press.

The charges date to 2010, when the couple moved to Riverside County from outside Fort Worth, Texas.

The abuse began in Texas with the children being tied to beds with ropes and then hog-tied, Hestrin said. When one child was able to wriggle free, the couple began restraining them with chains and padlocks — for up to months at a time, Hestrin said.

At one point while the couple lived in Texas, the parents lived in a separate house from most of the children and dropped off food to the others from time to time, Hestrin said.

When not restrained, the children were locked in different rooms and fed little on a schedule.

Punishments included being beaten and choked, Hestrin said.

On Sunday, three children had been shackled to beds, though the parents freed two of them — ages 11 and 14 — when officers knocked on the door, Hestrin said. Deputies found a 22-year-old chained to a bed.

Evidence of human waste on the floor indicated the children were prevented from using the toilet. Sheriff's deputies said the stench in the house was overwhelming.

The children never received dental care, and they had not seen a doctor in more than four years. When the girl who escaped was asked if any pills were in the home, she did not understand what medication was.

The children, who were schooled at home, were rarely seen outside the house, though the parents posted photos of them smiling together at Disneyland and in Las Vegas, where the couple renewed their wedding vows.

In addition to raising them largely in isolation, the parents may have been able to hide the abuse by functioning while other families slept. The children were reared on the graveyard shift, with the family staying up all night and going to bed shortly before dawn, Hestrin said.

While the children were deprived of food, the parents ate well and even taunted the children by putting apple and pumpkin pies on the kitchen counter, but not letting them have any, Hestrin said.

Similarly, the children were not allowed to play with toys, though many were found throughout the house — in their original packaging.

"This is depraved conduct," Hestrin said. "It breaks our hearts."

One of the only things the children were allowed to do was to write in their journals.

Investigators were combing through hundreds of journals found in the home, Hestrin said. They are expected to provide powerful evidence against the parents.

Melley reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Michael Virtanen in Pittsburgh and Michael Balsamo, John Antczak and Christopher Weber in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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Jackpot: 78M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/16
3 11 23 29 59
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 55M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/17
3 8 18 31 36
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 16M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/17
2 5 32 33 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/17
MIDDAY: 8 6 9
Draw Date: 1/17
EVENING: 5 1 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/17
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:47.01

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2. Chiefly Scot. cheerful; spirited.

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■ "Is it not meningitis?"

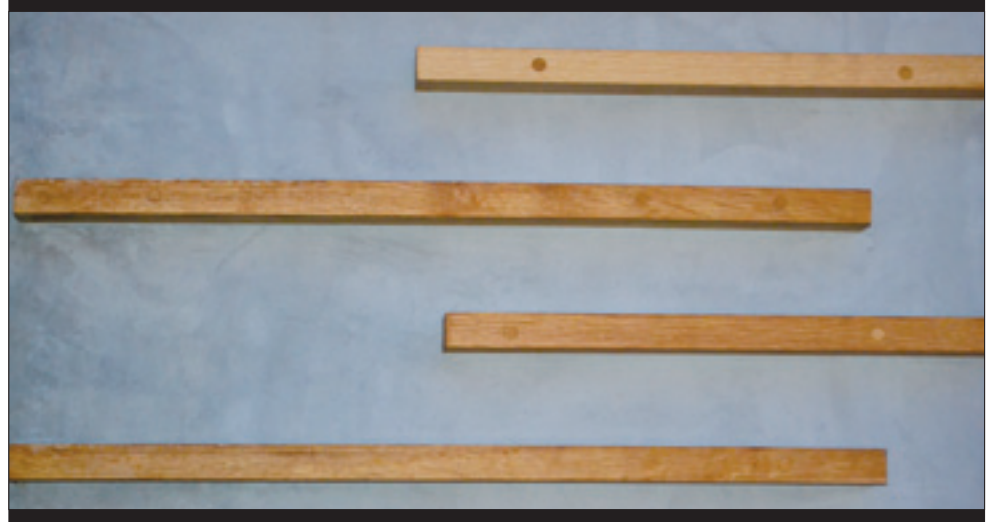
■ —American novelist Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888). The writer of "Little Women" and its sequels, Alcott had suffered chronic ill health for many years. She did not have meningitis, but may have died from mercury poisoning, the consequence of an earlier treatment for typhoid fever.

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for mince pies is 46 in 10 minutes, held by Sonya Thomas. Warning: Most of these records are held by professional eaters with apt nicknames; the rest by people who really should find something better to do.

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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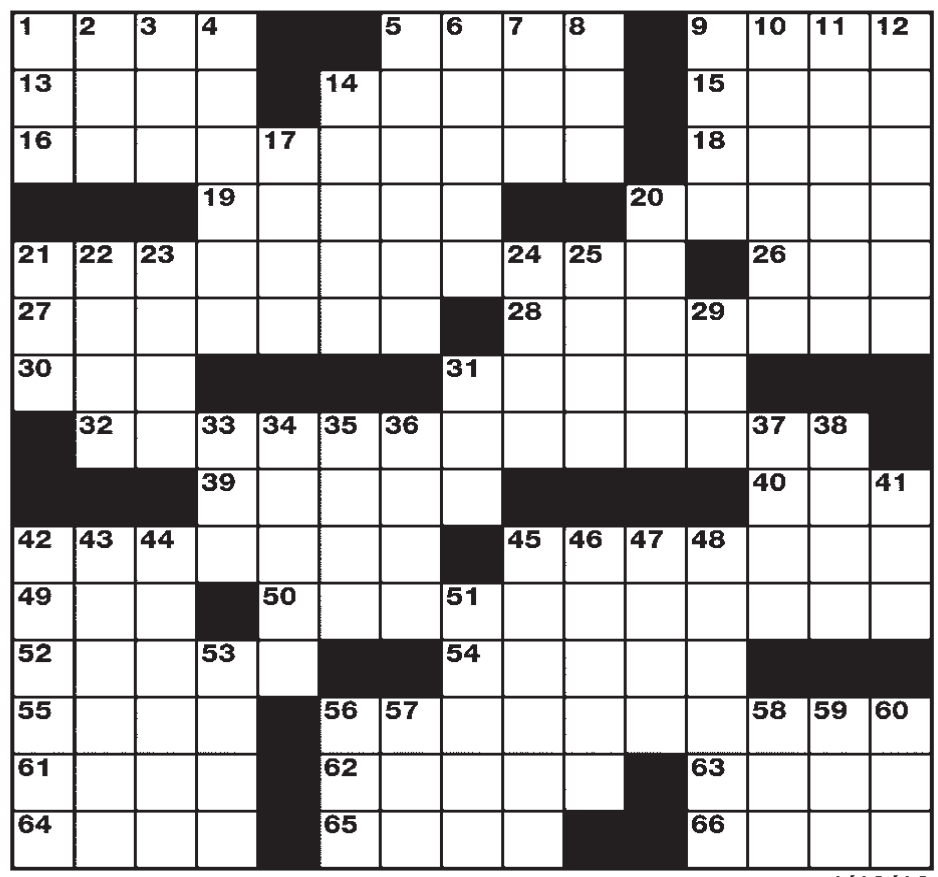
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Newsday Crossword

SEE 56 ACROSS by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS
1 Soft mineral
5 Tricky play
9 Chem lab procedure
13 Way out there
14 Back with bucks
15 Lock opener
16 Landmark e. of Naples
18 Rock climbers' challenge
19 Lofty story
20 Far from eager
21 What a house is worth
26 Delay, with "off"
27 Board member of a sort
28 Fires up
30 Remote control button
31 In the dark
32 Certain Appalachian
39 Colonial pamphleteer
40 AL East team
42 Erupted
45 Frozen desserts
49 Brink of an event
50 Orchestral VIP
52 Team Olympic event
54 Crunchy sundae topping
55 Once again
56 Retro title for the puzzle
61 Mandolin ancestor
62 Exert no effort
63 Mention
64 Proof of ownership
65 Stumbles
66 Boarded up

DOWN
1 Symbol of Scotland
2 Away from the bow
3 Washroom, so to speak
4 Floorboard sounds
5 Bring back, as a fashion
6 City east of Syracuse
7 Insignificant amount
8 USCG rank
9 Crunchy munchie
10 Mesmerized, maybe
11 It may be a bust
12 Aerialist's attire
14 Grand Canyon feature
17 Editor's mark
20 *Pravda* founder
21 Cable debut of 1981
22 In __ (aligned)
23 Precept
24 Suffix for sap
25 Jamaican citrus
29 "That's __ quit!"
31 Script suffix
33 Hotel amenity
34 Sticky sweet
35 Sundial numeral
36 Type of vb.
37 Genesis 4 arrival
38 Formal denial
41 Bank acct. datum
42 Announce in advance
43 Means of access
44 Strike out
45 Highlight
46 Plain as day
47 Barrel of laughs
48 Ship officers
51 Tracking system
53 Bowled over
56 Water cooler
57 ". . . __ iron bars a cage"
58 Crotchety cry
59 Green-egg layer
60 Unchangeable



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 19)

This solar return brings an increased spiritual awareness. You'll sense the vibrations of the places, objects and people. This sensitivity will lead you to places where there's the most potential for connection, exuberance and the deep satisfaction that comes with service to a higher cause. Your Cancer and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 11, 45 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Yours will be the last word — just how you like it. What you may not like is how long it takes for all of the other words to get spoken, bandied about, hashed and rehashed. That's relationships!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Etiquette allows for you to make the rules when it's your party and follow their rules when it's their party. The trouble arises when no one can agree on whose party it is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
What you're doing may be a little similar to what another person is doing. People can compare forever, but the two of you are not the same person. You're unique and becoming more unique the longer you do you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It's much easier to hear things than it is to say them. It's easier to read words than it is to write them. It's easier to observe than it is to do. How much easier? They won't really know until they say, write and do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Even when you're being extremely clear with your communication you can't make another person understand. And if said "other person" happens to be the sort who doesn't listen well, you'd be advised to move along.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Creativity isn't always about art. In fact, it most often comes in other styles, forms and fields. It's an approach and a mindset. It's a way of being open to the world around you. You'll have tons of creativity tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You feel a kinship with a person that goes beyond the amount of time you've spent together or what you really know about one another. It's partly chemistry and partly something spiritual. This kind of thing doesn't happen every day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
They'll ask for your opinion when they want something else entirely — for instance, your attention, your business, your love or your approval. You're wise to this, of course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The old world had gatekeepers and quality-control managers. The new world has done away with them. As a result, you've become discerning and better at making decisions based on your personal values and taste.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'll be as unflappable as James Bond. You'll maintain your composure when the heat is on and when the deadliest thing around is boredom. In your constancy you'll achieve the higher levels of grace.

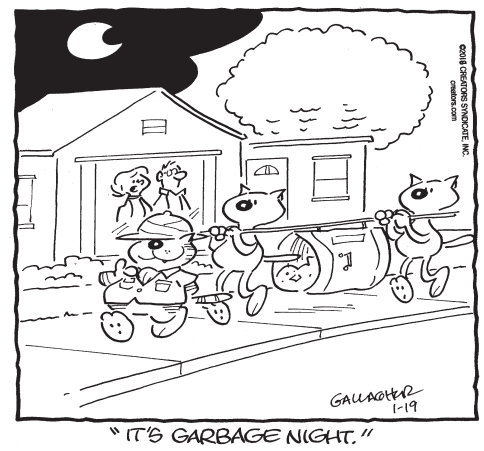
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It may seem as though you are just one person competing among millions of similar people. But no one is you. When you do what only you can do, you have no competition.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Truth doesn't really change, but the rules will. The ones that held yesterday may fall apart today. Also, there are different guidelines for different people. Get comfortable with the relativity of limits.

Here Comes the Aquarius Sun!

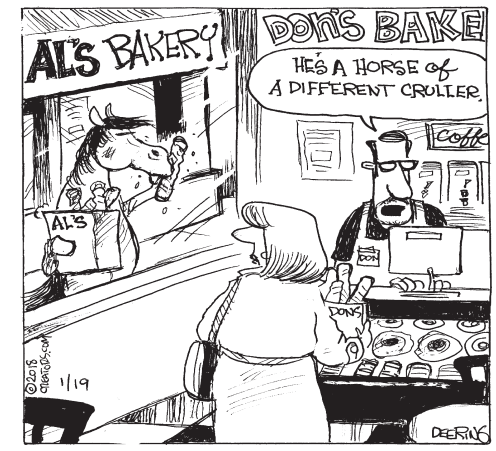
Every great innovation, invention and marvel began in the same way — with a problem. Problems are gifts. Problems are teachers. Problems are opportunities, games, unifiers. Problems are the glue of society. The sun moves into Aquarius, and some of the problems are about to find very exciting solutions.

Heathcliff
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"IT'S GARBAGE NIGHT."

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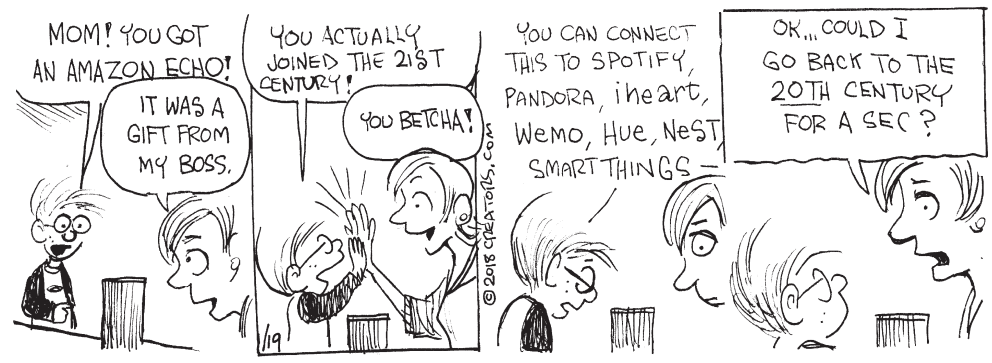
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The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 357 Calls For Service On Jan. 18.

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Pedestrian stop 1500 block Broadway 12:22 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block 2nd 12:50 a.m.
Party complaint 800 block Cedar 12:59 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block Ocean1:12 a.m.
Burglar alarm 100 block Santa Monica 2:54 a.m.
Missing person 1300 block 15th 3:27 a.m.
Suspicious person 900 block 11th 5:10 a.m.
Encampment 2900 block Olympic 6:57 a.m.
Burglary report 3200 block Wilshire 7:21 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1800 block Lincoln 7:23 a.m.
Battery report 1800 block Michigan 7:24 a.m.
Encampment 800 block Palisades 7:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block Lincoln 8:06 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 8:25 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block San Vicente 8:38 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 5th 8:49 a.m.
Battery 2500 block California 9:20 a.m.
Grand theft 1800 block Main 9:30 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1400 block Olympic 10:05 a.m.
Battery 1700 block Cloverfield 10:09 a.m.
Trespassing 1000 block 25th 10:14 a.m.
Grand theft 2200 block 23rd 10:24 a.m.
Hit and run 200 block Palisades Beach 10:48 a.m.
Threats 3400 block Airport Ave 10:54 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Lincoln 11:20 a.m.
Overdose 1000 block 3rd 11:45 a.m.
Bike theft 1300 block 2nd 11:56 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block Broadway 12:09 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 11th / Idaho 12:40 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:59 p.m.
Stalking 1500 block Euclid 1:04 p.m.
Missing person 00 Block of Ocean Park 1:19 p.m.
Assault 7th / Santa Monica 1:30 p.m.
Hit and run 700 block Broadway 1:55 p.m.
Sexual assault 800 block 11th 2:49 p.m.
Suspicious person 800 block Maple 3:04 p.m.
Prowler 2200 block Broadway 3:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block Idaho 3:19 p.m.
Senile person 1500 block 2nd 3:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 3100 block Santa Monica 4:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 14th / Ocean Park 4:15 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block Lincoln 4:56 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block of 5th 5:14 p.m.
Panic alarm 300 block Euclid 5:29 p.m.
Fraud 1500 block 10th 5:41 p.m.
Hit and run Centinela / Ocean Park 6:27 p.m.
Drinking in public 2500 block Main 6:33 p.m.
Lewd activity 400 block Wilshire 7:28 p.m.
Drunk driving Berkeley / Santa Monica Blvd 8:25 p.m.

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Bid Opening:
Tuesday, 1/30/18 at 2:00PM

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.org directly.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Big Blue Bus – Fuel System Modification
SP2371

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30** p.m. on **Wednesday, January 31, 2018**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00** p.m. on said date in the **City Hall Council Chambers**. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
Monday, January 24, 2018 at 10:30AM

Location:
BBB Security Shack at 6th Street and Colorado Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90401**

****Please Note: All prospective bidders are required to bring their own safety vests to enter the BBB Facility.**

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,228,001.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 75 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $2,500.00 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a Class **B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at **1717 4th Street Suite 250**, Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

BID #4306 FURNISH ELECTRICAL SUPPLIES VIA IN-STORE PURCHASES.

Submission Deadline is February 1, 2018 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: January 22, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: **Santa Monica Institute Training Room, Second Floor of the Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica, CA 90401** Entrance on Olympic Drive (wheelchair accessible) directly across from the Public Safety & Police Department Building

PROPERTIES:

- 17ARB-0067: 2341 20th Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 17ARB-0280: 1649 Centinela Avenue: Multi-Family Residential
- 17ARB-0499: 2419-2421 Michigan Avenue: Retail/Commercial
- 17ARB-0541: 2504 11th Street: Multi-Family Residential

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S): None

More information is available on-line at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail rathar.duong@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) Inviting Bids

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"C-20"** license, on the following: **Bid #18.12.ES-DSA 03-118434 Santa Monica High School – HVAC Project at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$4,800,000 - $5,200,000** and includes construction of, the Samohi HVAC Retrofit Project incorporates replacement and retrofit of certain existing a/c equipment, replacement of selected package units, roof work, duct cleaning of existing ductwork, preparation of equipment pads/enclosures for new equipment and certain interior finish work related to new equipment locations. There will also be limited demolition/removal and abatement involved with this project and other associated improvements. All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 3/6/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 1/25/18 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 2/20/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for pre-qualification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Job Walk:
Thursday, 1/25/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:
Santa Monica High School – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives at the school access gate which is located on Olympic Blvd. at 6th Street

Bid Opening:
Tuesday, 3/6/18 at 2:00PM

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.orgdirectly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

MASER CONDO SALES

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515 OCEAN AVE., N. PENTHOUSE C SANTA MONICA

Sale Price: $6,550,000 ($2,062 per sq. ft.)

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