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Santa Monica sees 12 percent spike in crime



Matthew Hall

CRIME: Property crimes account for most of the reported increase in the last year but there has also been an increase in assaults.



KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Starr Writer

Santa Monica saw a 12 percent increase in serious crime in 2017, with 5,076 "Part 1" incidents, which include murder, arson, burglary, assault and grand theft auto. The spike follows a 5.5 percent increase in the same crimes in 2016.

"We hope that it's leveled out," said Lt. Saul Rodriguez with the Santa Monica Police Department, who attributed the increase to legislative changes like Propositions 47 and 57, which reduced sentences for petty theft and drug offenses and allowed parole for nonviolent felons. "We know what our problems are and how to continue to tackle these problems, like property crime."

Similar to the year before, property crime has driven much of the increase, with 86 percent of serious incidents related to theft. In many cases, items are stolen from cars parked on streets, in private garages or in public lots. Rodriguez said the city is in the process of improving the security cameras inside parking structures to deter smash-and-grab break-ins downtown but simply hiding items can help prevent thefts of opportunity.

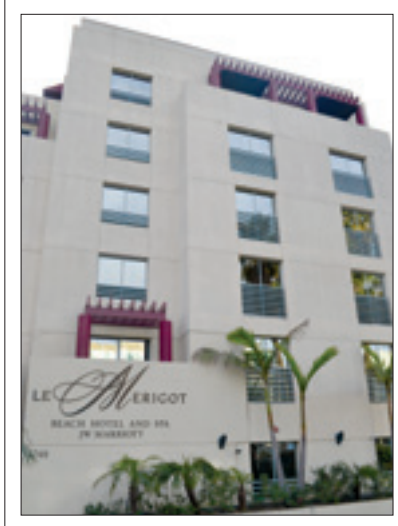
There was also a 3.8 percent increase in violent crime year over year, a statistic which includes homicide, rape, robbery and assault. Rodriguez said there were 407 assaults in 2017, up from 244 the year prior.

The department does not have a definitive reason for the increase.

"I don't know," Rodriguez said. While law enforcement continues to blame legislative changes on increasing crime rates,

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Union picketing JW Marriott hotel on Ocean Avenue



Matthew Hall

UNION: A local hotel has been accused of stifling union organization efforts.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The National Labor Relations Board has filed a complaint against J.W. Marriott Santa Monica Le Merigot Hotel on

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Lawsuit seeks to stop big California homeless camp shutdown

Associated Press

A religious organization that serves the poor in Southern California filed a lawsuit Monday to try to stop local governments from forcing homeless people out of a big encampment along a riverbed trail.

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One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Write Away at Fairview

Gain support and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to DJ with #DJZIBAZ

Learn how to lay some basic tracks with #DJZIBAZ who has 18 years of experience. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 6 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market

Many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Movie Screening: The Glass Castle

A young girl comes of age in a dysfunctional family of nonconformist nomads with a mother who's an eccentric artist and an alcoholic father who would stir the children's imagination with hope as a distraction to their poverty. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 6 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Innovation Lab with Hacker Fund

Want to build a technology project that helps your community? Mentors from the Hacker Fund incubator help you turn your idea into action by providing advice on how to get started as well as technology development, fundraising, and marketing. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, February 1

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Design in 3D: Heart-Shaped Box

Use Tinkercad to design a heart-shaped box for 3D printing. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 p.m.

Chrysalis Workshop: Resumes

Instructors from Chrysalis lead workshops to help you get on the right track to employment. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The Influencer Economy: Launch, Share & Thrive in the Digital Age

LA-based author Ryan Williams explains his step-by-step guide to telling your authentic brand story. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

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

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Southern California heat sets records

Southern California's midwinter heat wave has broken or tied more records.

The National Weather Service says Long Beach Airport reached 91 degrees Monday, toppling the 1992 record of 83 for the date.

Similar unseasonable heat baked the region and toppled records for a second day as a ridge of high pressure spawned dry, warm and gusty Santa Ana winds.

Meteorologists say the winds are fading but red flag warnings for high fire danger due to the strong winds and very low relative humidity won't be called off until 7 p.m.

Firefighters put out an early morning fire in Malibu before it could get out of hand.

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LOS ANGELES

Historic LA venue renamed United Airlines Memorial Coliseum

Historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum will be renamed United Airlines Memorial Coliseum.

University of Southern California President C.L. Max Nikias announced the new name Monday during a ceremonial groundbreaking for a $270 million renovation of the 95-year-old stadium.

The Coliseum is home to the USC Trojans football team and is now managed and operated by the university.

Opened in 1923, the stadium hosted the 1932 and 1984 Olympics and will see the games again in 2028.

It also serves as the temporary home of the NFL's Rams since their return from St. Louis and is a past home of the Los Angeles Dodgers, the former Los Angeles Raiders and the UCLA Bruins.

The Coliseum once seated more than 100,000 spectators and now seats 93,600. Renovation will reduce that to 77,500.

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SACRAMENTO

Dry winter means less water for many California districts

California is planning on doling out smaller amounts of water to cities and farms after a dry start to the winter.

The Department of Water Resources said Monday it currently expects to provide customers of the State Water Project with just 20 percent of their requested amounts.

California has had a disappointing winter, with just a quarter of the normal snowpack in the Sierra Nevada by earlier this month.

The State Water Project provides drinking water to more than half of California's nearly 40 million people, as well as to farms. Allocations from the water system have dropped as low as 5 percent in 2014, at the peak of California's 5-year drought.

Water officials say this year's allocation could go up if more rain and snow falls.

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SACRAMENTO

California Senate approves medication abortion on campuses

California public universities would be required to offer medication abortion on all 34 campuses under legislation approved in the state Senate.

The bill now goes to the Assembly.

It would be the first such mandate nationwide and a vast expansion of a service that's rare on college campuses. None of the University of California or California State University campuses currently offer abortion services at their health centers.

The Tara Foundation of San Francisco, the Women's Foundation of California and a third anonymous donor have agreed to pay up to $20 million in startup costs such as ultrasound equipment and staff training.

SB320 would require all university campuses to offer medication abortion by 2022 assuming the money comes through.

The Senate voted 25-13.

JONATHAN J. COOPER, ASSOCIATED PRESS

SELMA, Ala.

Facebook says it will prioritize local news posts

Facebook plans to prioritize posts from local news sources in the news feeds of people who live in the communities served by those outlets, the company said Monday.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg told The Selma Times-Journal on Monday that the decision stems from a cross-country tour he took with his wife in which he spoke with people in communities of different sizes. They visited the small community newspaper in Alabama on last year's trip.

Zuckerberg told the newspaper people consistently told him they wanted more local news on Facebook. Zuckerberg said the prioritization of local news sources is part of an effort to help people engage with the communities where they live.

"There's a lot of research that suggests that people who read local news are more engaged in their community and they're more likely to engage in civic improvements," Zuckerberg told the newspaper. "The more informed you are about issues in your community, the more empowered you are to get involved and make a change."

The Menlo Park, California, company said in a news release that it identifies local publishers as those clicked on by readers in tight geographic areas.

"If a story is from a publisher in your area, and you either follow the publisher's Page or your friend shares a story from that outlet, it might show up higher in News Feed," the release said.

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Helping Haiti With A Humble Heart

JUST BEFORE 5 P.M. ON JANUARY 12, 2010 the earth shook Haiti with profound and devastating effects. Homes were destroyed, and life on the island was turned upside down, like a tropical snow globe.

The world responded with emergency aid. Presidents came together to bring awareness, money and support in an effort that was the proverbial 'feeding a person' with emergency services.

But eight years later, there have been many disasters in other locales. Life and the world have moved on, and except for a few anniversary news pieces, we don't hear much about the rebuilding efforts, how the country is coping, and what has been done to lift the affected back to some semblance of normalcy. For the most part, we have forgotten and moved on.

First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica has not forgotten though. Since 2012 they have been helping and rebuilding. This past Saturday they held a fundraiser at the Santa Monica Moose Lodge to support the team they are sending to Haiti to complete the medical clinic that they along with Hollywood United Methodist Church have been building in a small town two and a half hours from Port Au Prince.

As I entered the Moose Lodge, which is a classic old school social club, the first thing I noticed was the 140 or so individuals enjoying the evening's entertainment of steel drum musicians. I walked past the silent auction table and noted that many items had multiple bids – a good sign for sure. The goal of the night was to raise $8,000-9,000 so they could finalize a security wall around the medical clinic. The club itself is a very retro 1960's style with a large bar area.

My friend John Pfister was working the room, as he does so well. His blond good looks and charming demeanor make him a natural social butterfly. It was his post on Facebook that lead me to this event. He posted that he was seeking donations for his second annual trip to Haiti, and I was intrigued. I asked him how he got involved, "I'd been attending FUMC Santa Monica, and when I was asked to go last year, I said yes. I've been trained to just say yes and be of service. When I arrived in Haiti, the effect of helping was so overwhelmingly positive, I knew I was coming back this year."

I spoke with Reverend Robert English, who has been the associate pastor with FUMC Santa Monica for 10 years, this past Saturday, about the efforts. "One of the things I know is that mission work often fails when we come in imposing our ideas on the community. In Haiti we went in with a humble heart, and asked what they needed. First up was a medical clinic, then a well, and finally a school and a church. So we're just finishing up the clinic this year."

It all started four years ago when, "we partnered with Hollywood United Methodist at first, and then in 2014 we were able to send a full team, which is 10 people who pay their own way to Haiti. Once there, we use the funds we're raising to build the medical clinic, and to fund tradesmen for three weeks after we leave, to help rebuild the economy also. For every one person we send, we employ three people. There are cooks, cultural ambassadors and skilled tradesmen. We don't do any of the skilled work because we want to rebuild their skills, not take from them." English continued.

Expanding world views and going global is valuable not just for the tradesmen of Haiti, but for the volunteers. When I asked Rev. English about what cultural lessons he learned in Haiti that apply in Santa Monica, he said "We have incredible resources in our community, but sometimes those resources are hard for people to navigate. So one of the ways the church helps with that is to partner with those organizations like The People's Concern, (The former OPCC), Step Up On Second and other organizations. Our church actually began a non-profit called Upward Bound House which provides transitional housing for homeless families. So because we have a good working knowledge of the agencies we're able to connect people with services, to build them up holistically rather than give them a band aid. Which sometimes is needed, in an emergency situation, but our goal is to direct people to the organizations that do this work day in and day out better than the church can."

If you want to help First United Method Church of Santa Monica in their Haiti efforts, you can donate here: https://santamonicaumc.cloverdonations.com/haiti/ and know that your donation is going to actually help people on the ground in Haiti.

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"This is a great opportunity for parents and community members to get involved with accountability of our two bond measures," said Melody Canady, assistant superintendent of fiscal services.

Applications can be mailed to the district office (1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404), faxed (310.581.1138), or scanned and emailed to boc@smmusd.org..

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CRIME

FROM PAGE 1

Rodriguez did not have statistics to support whether the same people are responsible for multiple incidents. Officers and victims both complain that jail has become a revolving door for offenders, who are sometimes released the same day they are sentenced.

"We see a lot of recidivism: the same people getting arrested in the daily log. We see it all the time, the same names pop up frequently," Rodriguez said. "It's a challenge. It's more difficult for us to make an impact."

While crime rates are on the rise, the department struggles to keep up with the number of officers entering retirement as the City seeks to increase patrols on the street while wrangling overtime costs. On Monday, the SMPD swore in five brand new officers, however, five had recently retired in December. The department has the budget for 235 officers but only employees around 215.

"We're battling with other departments in the area to hire good, quality candidates," Rodriguez said. "It's a challenge."

About a dozen cadets are in the training program right now to become sworn officers.

The department averages about 330 calls for service every day, thirty percent of those are homeless-related, according to Rodriguez. While the number of homeless people sleeping on Santa Monica streets has dramatically increased over the last year, Rodriguez said their proportion of police calls has stayed relatively consistent. Over the past three months, every officer has gone through mandatory training on how to properly deal with homeless residents and those just passing through.

While officers are retraining and the department is working to address the problems, police encourage residents to be more vigilant in the current climate, stashing away valuables when you leave your car and locking the front and back door to your house. Rodriguez said an outside camera and a sign for a home security system can go a long way to deterring home burglaries.

"We have to come up with better strategies on how we are going to educate people and prevent crimes," Rodriguez said.

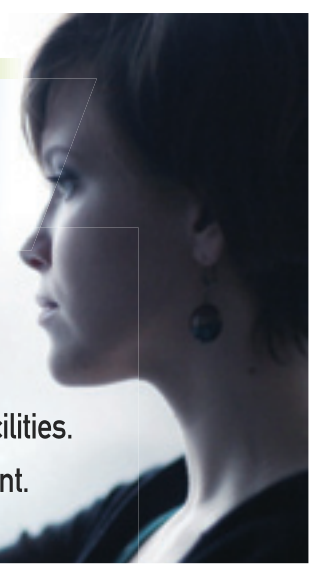
Mayor Ted Winterer and City Manager Rick Cole are expected to address the increase in crime at Thursday's State of the City Address.

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New editor expected in latest shake-up at Los Angeles Times

Associated Press

In another newsroom shake-up at the Los Angeles Times, veteran journalist Jim Kirk is expected to be named editor in chief to replace Lewis D'Vorkin, whose short tenure was marked by clashes with staff, the paper reported Monday.

Kirk, 52, would become the third top editor at the Times in less than six months. He was named interim editor of the paper on Aug. 21 after a management overhaul then stepped aside after D'Vorkin joined the paper in early November.

Kirk previously worked at the Chicago Tribune, Bloomberg News and Adweek.

He became publisher and editor of the Chicago Sun-Times after it was purchased in 2012 by Michael Ferro, who is now chairman of Tronc.

Kirk took the job at the Los Angeles Times just two weeks after being named interim editor of the New York Daily News.

Reporters at the Times have become alarmed by recent hiring of several news executives who reported to business executives — not to editors in the newsroom.

Those hires sparked fears that the business side would wield undue influence in editorial matters. Traditionally, the editorial and business sides of a paper work separately to maintain journalistic credibility.

Earlier this month journalists at the Times voted to unionize for the first time in the paper's 136-year history.

D'Vorkin, 65, will move into a new job as chief content officer for Tronc, developing content for digital and mobile consumers, according to company spokeswoman Marisa Kollias. He was chief product officer at Forbes until October.

"We are continuing to invest in high-quality journalism, which will always be the company's top priority," Justin Dearborn, Tronc's chief executive, said in a statement,

Kirk will report to Tronc President Tim Knight.

The Times has seen years of staff cutbacks and management changes. D'Vorkin's nearly three-month tenure as editor was marked by two combative newsroom-wide staff meetings.

Reporters and editors expressed concern that Tronc was building a shadow newsroom to blur the lines between news and advertising and boost revenue. Editors and reporters asked questions about the business-side operation, but D'Vorkin and other Tronc executives declined to discuss their plans.

"The Los Angeles Times Guild would like to congratulate Jim Kirk on being named the next editor in chief of the Los Angeles Times," the steering committee said in a statement.. "We also look forward to working together in the future as one team — and we look forward to hearing his plans for the paper."

Just 10 days ago, Times' publisher Ross Levinsohn was placed on unpaid leave following revelations that he had been a defendant in two sexual harassment lawsuits while he worked at other media companies.

Tronc has hired a law firm to investigate the allegations against Levinsohn made in a detailed report by National Public Radio. The probe is ongoing.





UNION

FROM PAGE 1

Ocean Avenue alleging management threatened employees, reduced their hours and reprimanded them for attempting to organize.

According to the complaint obtained by the Daily Press, the hotel promised employees increased benefits and improved working conditions in October of 2016 if they refrained from organizing. The hotel allegedly pressured housekeepers to clean 15 rooms a shift and withheld holiday bonuses from eight employees who had engaged in union activity.

The hotel's manager, Columbia Sussex Management, LLC, has until Feb. 9 to respond to the complaint. The Daily Press contact both Marriott hotels and Columbia Sussex for comment but did not hear back.

Employees voted in November 2016 to join Unite Here Local 11, the union that represents thousands of hotel workers in Santa Monica and across the Los Angeles area.

"We've been trying to negotiate with Columbia Sussex managers, but it's hard to trust the process when they break the law," said housekeeper and Union Committee member Filadelfia Alcala in a press release from Unite Here. "After we won the vote for the Union the managers started writing up and firing my coworkers. Now, many housekeepers who first pledged for the Union have been fired, forcibly transferred from their job, or written up."

On Monday, about six Le Merigot employees joined a 7 a.m. picket line of two dozen Unite Here members outside the beachfront hotel. The union is still negotiating a contract with the management. Spokesperson Danielle Wilson says they have not voted to strike or boycott but those options remain on the table.

"The picket line is to inform guests and the community about the unfair labor practices that the NLRB is bringing against the hotel," Wilson said. "They are not allowed to discourage being affiliated with a labor organization.

Earlier this month, workers at the hotel filed claims with the California Labor Commissioner alleging thousands of dollars in lost wages and rest and meal break violations, according to Wilson. The press release from Unite Here included a statement from Santa Monica City Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who is running for reelection this year.

"These are the workers whose difficult daily labor enables our thriving hospitality sector, and Santa Monica supports their right to fair, dignified working conditions," McKeown said. "Both federal and state agencies have been notified of the workers' struggle, and the employees of Le Merigot are likewise under Santa Monica's protective wing."

Unite Here Local 11's picketing tactics recently drew the attention of the Center for Union Facts, a Washington, D.C. based advocacy group founded by lawyer and former lobbyist Richard Berman. Earlier this month, the interest group launched eyeson11.com, where local residents complained about early morning bullhorns. Tourists have complained on travel website like TripAdvisor about Unite Here picketing at Santa Monica hotels.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON JANUARY 18, AT ABOUT 8:53 P.M.

Officers were dispatched to the Youth Hostel at 1436 2nd Street regarding a radio call of subject trespassing on the property. Officers located the subject sitting on a bench in front of the entrance of the location. The subject consented to a search of his person and belongings. Officers located an Oklahoma identification belonging to another person. The subject stated he found the identification. The subject was placed under arrest for possessing the identification. Isaac Michael Camman, 21, homeless was issued a citation for misappropriation of lost property.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 352 Calls For Service On Jan. 28.

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

Trespassing 1100 block 7th 12:04 a.m.
Person down 100 block Broadway 12:14 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2900 block Main 12:31 a.m.
Defecating in public Barnard Way / Ocean Park 12:34 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Main 12:39 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd / Broadway 12:50 a.m.
Attempted burglary 2100 block Ocean Park 1:53 a.m.
Loud music 1400 block 9th 2:05 a.m.
Traffic collision 6th / Hill 2:27 a.m.
Prowler 1000 block 14th 3:38 a.m.
Transport prisoner 300 block Olympic 3:40 a.m.
Family disturbance 1200 block 2nd 3:57 a.m.
Graffiti 1400 block Wilshire 4:21 a.m.
Battery 1400 block Wilshire 4:29 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block 11th 5:08 a.m.
Shots fired 900 block 12th 7:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 15th 8:46 a.m.
Battery Ocean / Broadway 9:39 a.m.
Grand theft 3100 block Virginia 9:46 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Olympic 10:14 a.m.
Identity theft 1500 block 19th 10:19 a.m.
Hit and run 1300 block 2nd 10:30 a.m.
Grand theft 3100 block Virginia 11:27 a.m.
Encampment 3000 block The Beach 12:02 p.m.
Speeding 7th / Wilshire 12:16 p.m.
Grand theft 400 block Santa Monica 1:05 p.m.
Battery Berkeley / Santa Monica 1:11 p.m.
Stalking 500 block Raymond 1:38 p.m.
Arson 1300 block 20th 1:48 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Euclid 1:48 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1700 block The Beach 2:46 p.m.
Arson 1300 block 20th 2:48 p.m.
Petty theft Barnard/ Wadsworth 3:23 p.m.
Panic alarm 1200 block 5th 3:23 p.m.
Threats 1700 block Cloverfield 3:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block San Vicente 4:08 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1600 block 12th 4:09 p.m.
Injured person 6th / Wilshire 4:17 p.m.
Drunk driving 2400 block Pico 4:51 p.m.
Trespassing 1900 block Cloverfield 4:52 p.m.
Petty theft 3200 block Wilshire 5:12 p.m.
Defecating in public 1400 block Wilshire 5:18 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 3rd St Prom 5:41 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block 2nd 6:20 p.m.
Public intoxication 17th/ Michigan 7:42 p.m.
Public intoxication 17th/ Colorado 8:14 p.m.
Burglary Cloverfield / Santa Monica 8:46 p.m.
Traffic hazard 26th / Montana 9:55 p.m.
Counterfeit money 1400 block 4th 10:47 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 27 Calls For Service On Jan. 28.

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Emergency Medical Service 100 block Broadway 12:21 a.m.
EMS 4th / Broadway 1:06 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Expo Line 2:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000 block Delaware 4:51 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 6:29 a.m.
EMS 7th / Colorado 10:13 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Olympic 10:14 a.m.
EMS 3000 block Santa Monica 10:32 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Pico 11:09 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 21st 12:42 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1300 block 6th 3:02 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 3:25 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 15th 3:27 p.m.
EMS 0 Block of Village Pkwy 4:28 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Wilshire 5:17 p.m.
EMS block Idaho 6:42 p.m.
EMS block 15th 7:27 p.m.
EMS 400 block Santa Monica 7:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block Ocean 7:31 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:54 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 10th 8:10 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1300 block 2nd 8:47 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 14th 8:49 p.m.
EMS 3300 block Donald Douglas Loop 8:55 p.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block Palisades Beach 11:34 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 1/27
17 21 26 47 54
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 127M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 1/26
10 16 27 38 43
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 89M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 1/27
5 8 19 40 45
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/28
12 16 20 25 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/28
MIDDAY: 4 3 2
Draw Date: 1/28
EVENING: 4 7 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/28
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:45.43

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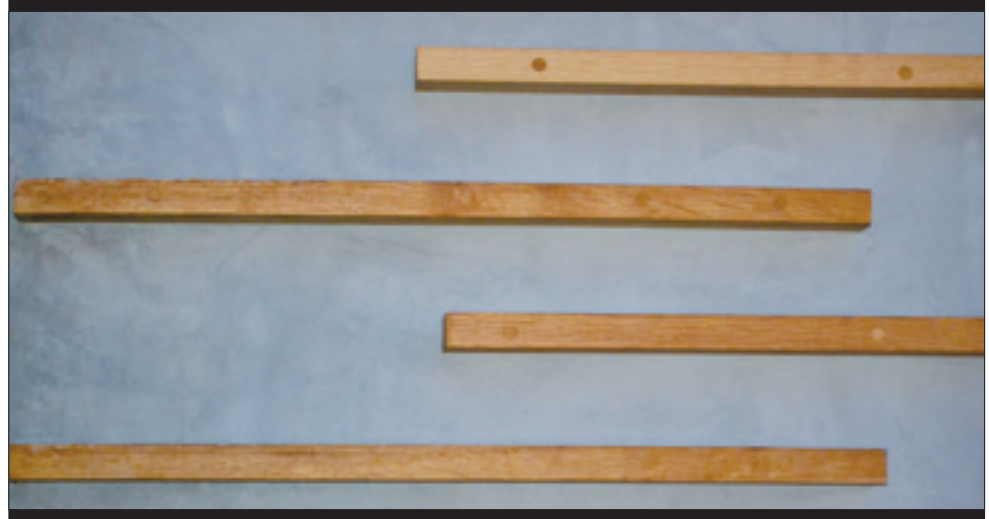
■ One square inch of skin contains, on average, four yards of nerve fibers and 100 sweat glands.

D for Don't Know

■ For a long time, it's been debated whether taking vitamin D supplements during pregnancy provide particular health benefits. Advocates, backed by some studies, say vitamin D reduces the risk of preeclampsia and gestational diabetes. Others, backed by some studies, say there's no convincing proof. A new analysis of 43 randomized, controlled trials on vitamin D found that, well, the debate will go on. The analysis concluded that many past studies were too small or flawed to produce reliable findings one way or another.

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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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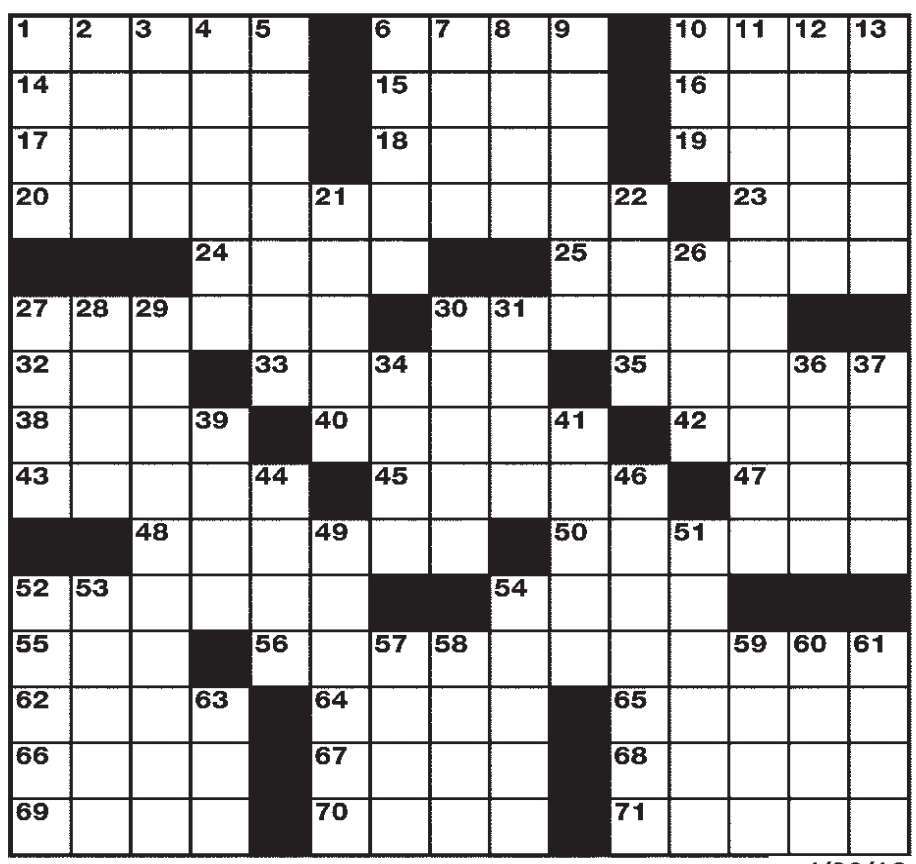
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Newsday Crossword

LEAKLESS by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Fried chicken piece
6 Segments of a play
10 Karate blow
14 "Do ya __ bet?"
15 Ark builder
16 Walk back and forth
17 Equally distant
18 "Me, neither"
19 Metallic rocks
20 Spectacular performance
23 Flying mammal
24 Sailor's greeting
25 Sour fruits
27 Alloy used for mugs
30 Cry of dismay
32 Big fuss
33 Untrustworthy one
35 Rosters
38 Glowing gas in store signs
40 Lustrous fabric
42 Jump
43 Brought to a close
45 Be worthy of
47 Tire contents
48 Blackboard accessory
50 A bit cold outside
52 Indicate
54 Throat-clearing sound
55 Dog registry org.
56 World traveler's electrical gadget
62 Cleopatra's river
64 Brother of Cain
65 Elk's cousin
66 Part of a tied tie
67 __ fish sandwich
68 Selling point
69 Omelet ingredients
70 Approximate takeoff hrs.
71 Impolite looks

DOWN
1 "__ the night before Christmas . . ."
2 Corned beef concoction
3 Useful facts
4 Chew on, as a dog with a bone
5 More severe
6 Irritate
7 Hens' home
8 Waterproof covering
9 Police officer's badge
10 Navy noncom: Abbr.
11 Coastal aquatic mammal
12 Whale's habitat
13 Bothersome ones
21 Bulls, in Spain
22 Rod and __ (fishing gear)
26 Postal delivery
27 Window glass
28 Genesis paradise
29 Traditional Dutch shoe
30 External
31 Crown prince, for example
34 Monopoly or Clue
36 Tip of a kite
37 Agile
39 Infamous Roman emperor
41 Specialized retail market
44 Facts and figures
46 Heat-retaining, as blankets
49 Calm and quiet
51 Levy, as a tax
52 German word of gratitude
53 __ out a living (making do)
54 Book of maps
57 Border on
58 Await approval
59 Misplace
60 __-friendly software
61 Obtains
63 UFO pilots



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 30)

You'll find the place where your talents are most needed, wanted and appreciated — and you'll have financial proof of this, too. The exceptional progress of a project will catch the public eye. Your curiosity is strongest in April, which is why you wind up in a remarkable setting. Love promises will be made in May. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 1, 18 and 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You'll decide quickly and execute just as fast. This is the kind of behavior that makes some people fall in love with you, others want to hire you and still others feel a little afraid of you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
As the sign of luxury items you have more than the usual tendency for shiny-object syndrome. Today, once again, things that catch the light will beckon you nigh and have you reaching for the wallet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You can't do everything, but you can do something — and do something you will. And you'll probably be surprised by what a small accomplishment can begin.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
To think a person or idea is either totally right or totally wrong — that kind of mental laziness would make today's dilemma easy for you. But of course you see every shade of gray, and so it's not an option.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Going the extra mile once will put you a mile ahead of the competition. Going the extra mile every day will put you ahead seven miles in a week. A month and the competition will be... well, no longer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Technicalities might hang you up, and there's an opportunity in this. Don't wish for fewer problems. Get more skills. Getting better at solving one issue will help you with many more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
The difference between external and internal wealth is that inner wealth makes external wealth irrelevant. With inner wealth a person can be financially rich or poor, yet always rich.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Normally you would do some thinking as to whether or not you're doing the right thing, the smart thing or the most important thing. Not today. Today needs a lighter touch. Just do the thing that occurs to you to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Whatever it is you feel that you lack, chances are very strong that you either have it and don't realize it or don't need it at all. Anyway, success isn't about having it all; it's about getting comfortable with what is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It's true there's a potential for getting your feelings hurt or losing something. If there weren't there would be no risk and therefore no reward. Go on. This is worth taking a chance on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're about to go into something new, and you still have time to find out more about the situation. Study up. You won't be sorry. The more you learn the better your chances will be for a positive result.

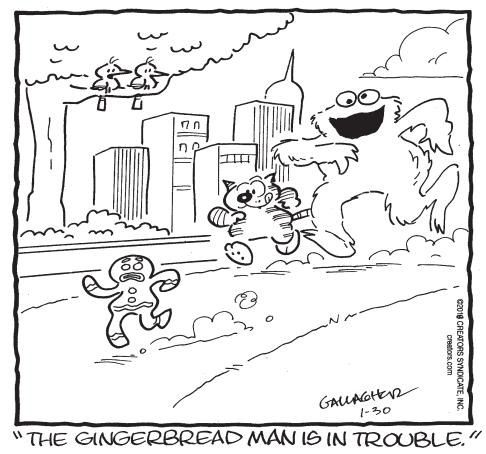
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
When two people who don't deal well in emotional territory get together, there's a great potential for cringe-worthy, if not disastrous, scenarios. You're emotionally mature, which comes with the onus of handling people who aren't.

Midday Moon Change

Some scientists think humans are evolving faster due to our larger population. Other scientists think we're evolving slower for the same reason. Maybe you can relate to the confusion on the matter, especially under this changing moon. Personal evolution seems to go in spurts with our mixed reaction to the stimulus of the big wide world.

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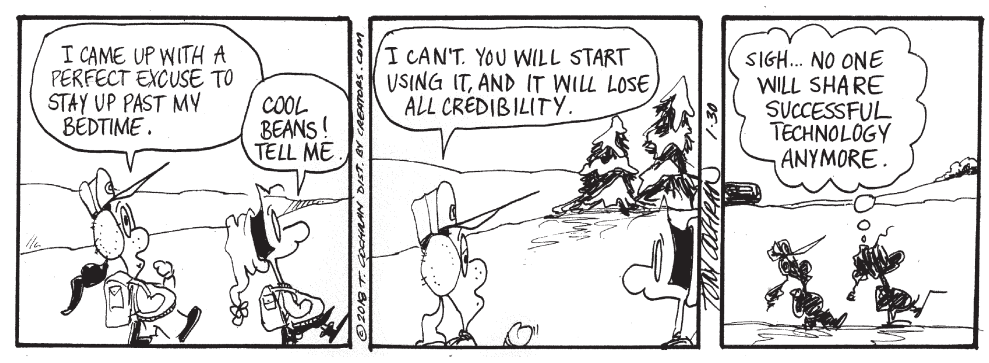


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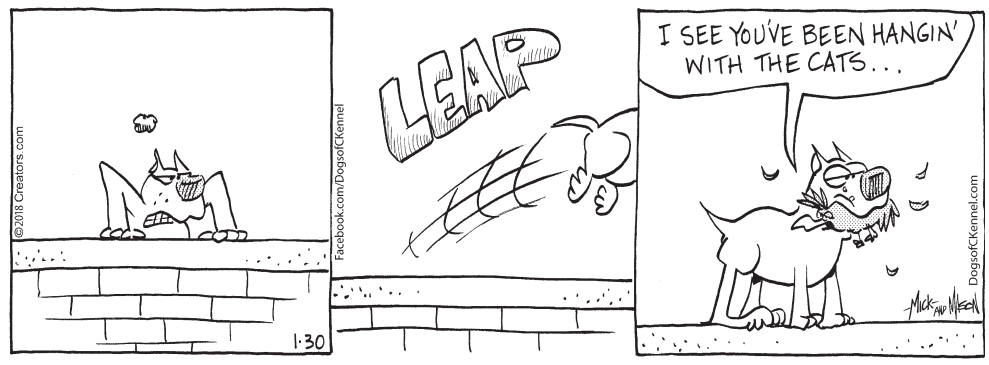
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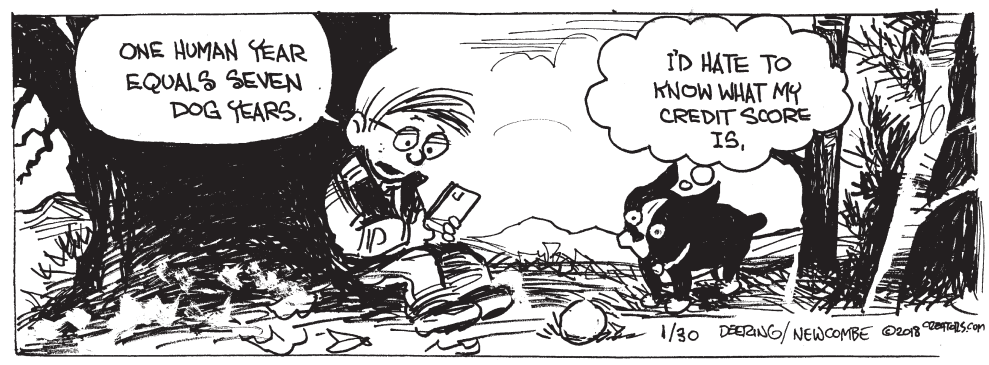
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Plane makes emergency landing on Southern California freeway

Associated Press

The pilot of a small plane that made a nighttime emergency landing on a Southern California freeway said as soon as the engine died he knew he'd never make it to a nearby airport.

"I saw an opening on the highway and I went for it right away," Israel Slod said after safely guiding the single-engine Beech G33 onto State Route 55 in Costa Mesa on Sunday night.

Fire Capt. Chris Coates said it was a "complete miracle" that traffic was light and the plane didn't hit any cars or cause a collision. No injuries were reported. Fire officials described Slod as an experienced pilot.

Passenger Daniel Gross said he and Slod were over the ocean flying from San Diego to John Wayne Airport in Orange County when the engine suddenly stopped.

"I didn't think we were going to die, but I had no idea where we were going to end up," said Gross. "We had about a minute and a half from when we lost power to when we were on the ground. It happened really quickly. You don't think about that when you're falling from the sky."

All northbound lanes were closed as crews towed the small aircraft off the freeway.

The Federal Aviation Administration will investigate the incident, which occurred just a few miles from the fiery crash last summer of a small plane on Interstate 405. The pilot and his wife spent weeks in a hospital being treated for injuries that included spinal fractures. Nobody on the ground was hurt.

Gross said he was still a little bit in shock.

"It's crazy. I mean we landed in the middle of the freeway. I don't want to do that ever again," he said.

HOMELESS

FROM PAGE 1

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court by the Orange County Catholic Worker group and seven homeless people claims a broad range of violations of constitutional protections by the governments of Orange County and the cities of Anaheim, Costa Mesa and Orange.

The filing came a week after sheriff's deputies went tent to tent telling people the encampment was being closed down.

The lawsuit alleges the defendants forced homeless people from those jurisdictions into an area along the Santa Ana River and that the county is now trying to force those people back into surrounding areas without a plan for shelter or housing.

"The failure, if not the outright refusal of Orange County and its cities to adopt positive measures to address the housing crisis and the willingness to criminalize the mere act of existing in public spaces takes a toll on the County's most vulnerable people," the lawsuit said.

It added that "the County and its cities have invested in enforcement instead of housing, blaming other entities for the problem, and leaving unhoused people nowhere to turn, nowhere to live, and nowhere to sleep."

In a statement, Orange County Counsel Leon Page said there would be no comment on the merits of the litigation, but "we look forward to discussing positive solutions that will benefit all stakeholders, including the population encamped in the Santa Ana Riverbed."

The 2-mile-long (3.2-kilometer-long) camp lies along a bike trail paralleling the Santa Ana River, which flows at a trickle until storms bring it to life. The lawsuit estimates 800 to 1,200 people live along the trail, which passes by Angel Stadium of Anaheim, home of Major League Baseball's Los Angeles Angels.

It's one of the latest crisis points as cities up and down the West Coast grapple with a surge in homelessness caused in part by soaring housing costs, rock-bottom vacancy rates, drug addiction and need for mental health services.

In addition to the issues of people living on sidewalks, authorities have had to deal with problems ranging from the hepatitis A epidemic that hit San Diego for nearly five months and the threat of wildfires ignited by homeless camp fires in Los Angeles.

The lawsuit seeks restraining orders and permanent injunctions against closing the bike path, citing individuals for trespassing or nuisance, citing or arresting people for violations of municipal camping and loitering ordinances, among other things.

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RFP: #156 WORKPLACE MODERNIZATION AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- **Submission Deadline is February 9, 2018, at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., February 13, 2018**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0247, 414 California Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a fence and hedge height modification to allow a hedge along the front property line ranging in height from 6'-0" to 6'-6", a wall with a lattice fence ranging in height from 6'-3" to 6'-7"along the east side parcel line, and a 6'-6" high hedge and a 6'-10" high wood gate along the west side parcel line within the front yard setback. The subject property is located in the Medium Density Residential (R3) zoning district. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.21.050, fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback. [PLANNER: Ivan Lai] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Diane and Dorian King.

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0282, 717 Raymond Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a hedge height modification to allow for a 18' high hedge parallel to Raymond Avenue within the front yard setback area and a 18' foot high hedge along the west side property line within the side yard setback. The subject property is located in the Ocean Park Low Density Residential (OP2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050, fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42" within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the hedge, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 12' within the required side setbacks as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback and side yard setback. [PLANNER: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Paulus Zemaitis/Raymond Arms HOA of Santa Monica.

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0287, 2621 25th Street. The applicant requests approval of a hedge and fence height modification to allow an 8' high hedge and 45" high iron fence located along the front and side property lines within the front yard setback. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050, fences, walls, and hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback. [PLANNER: James Combs] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Richard Rogers.

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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).

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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