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Man charged with trying to kill girlfriend

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica Police officers arrested a man Friday for attacking his girlfriend in their home on the 1100 block of 6th Street.

The woman, Anna Koosmann, 38, is in critical condition and has

been unconscious since the attack, said SMPD Lt. Saul Rodriguez. Officers arrested Kevin Ferron, 43.

Ferron was charged with section 187(a) of the penal code that contains murder and attempted murder. His bail was set at \$1 million.

Arrest records show Ferron has

been arrested four times in the last year, most recently on a felony charge on Jan. 21, and Rodriguez said he has a prior history of domestic violence.

Santa Monica Fire Department received a medical call Friday and found Koosmann unconscious and apparently intoxicated. Firefighters

discovered she had suffered trauma to her head and called SMPD.

SMPD took Ferron into custody because of his history of domestic violence, Rodriguez said.

Koosmann and her previous boyfriend were arrested in 2018 for refusing to follow instructions from a flight attendant on a Delta flight

to Minnesota. Koosmann wanted to use the bathroom and became unruly when a flight attendant told her she wasn't allowed to.

She was charged a misdemeanor and sentenced to probation and 10 days community service.

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Crossroads hosted South Torrance on Saturday night in the 2nd round of the CIF Southern Section Tournament. The opponent came out on fire, scoring 25 1st quarter points. South Torrance continued to dominate in the 2nd quarter, taking a commanding 44-24 lead into halftime. After a couple of team defensive stops, Taylor Plummer sparked the comeback when she connected on a traditional 3-point play assisted by Mimi O'Neal. Mia Lafayette hit a 3 on the next possession and Crossroads continued to cut into the lead. O'Neal had a tremendous game, scoring 18 of her game high 26 points in the 2nd half. Crossroads clamped down defensively, with Lafayette, Kennedy Martin, and Leily Martin controlling the opponent's top scorers. Roads connected on a 3 by O'Neal to take their first lead since the 1st quarter with 1:16 to play. South Torrance came back to go up 1. Then O'Neal was fouled on a drive to the basket with 4.7 seconds left. She connected on both free throws and the final shot was no good from South. Crossroads finished with a 63-62 final score. This win sends the Roadrunners to Whittier Christian on Wednesday at 7pm for the quarterfinals. Pictured are Leily Martin, Mimi O'Neal and Coach Ryan Wilde getting the team fired up.

Tara Shima

California governor rebukes Trump in border troop withdrawal

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday he's withdrawing most of the state's National Guard troops on the Mexico border because he won't participate in the Trump administration's "absurd theatrics" on border security.

Still, he acknowledged some troops were doing good work fighting drug crime and said he plans to allow 100 of the roughly 360 state troops now deployed to keep working with the federal

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Murder arrest made in 2017 party bus shooting

MADELEINE PAUKER
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Santa Monica Police Department arrested a man Friday in connection with the murder of a 28-year-old woman killed in a party bus shooting in November 2017.

SMPD officers took Camron Lee, 22, into custody in Los Angeles as a person of interest in connection with the murder of De'Ommie de la Cruz. De la Cruz was celebrating a friend's

birthday on a party bus that stopped near the Santa Monica Pier at about 1 a.m. on Nov. 3, 2017. When she and her friends got out of the bus to go to the bathroom, some men in the parking lot got into a confrontation with one of her male friends and started shooting at the group.

De la Cruz was hit by several gunshots and the bus driver drove her to the Santa Monica Police Station. She was later transported to a hospital and died there.

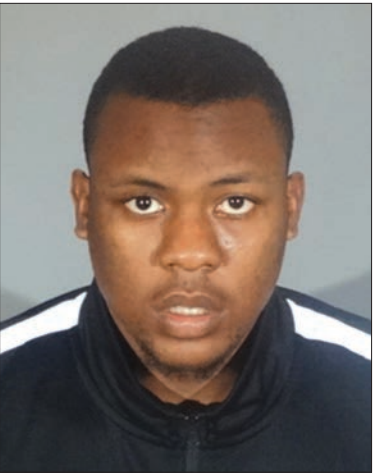
Relatives and friends of de la Cruz filed a lawsuit last November against the City of Santa Monica and the party bus company, Lion Limousine Corp., alleging that both entities were liable in her death. According to the lawsuit, de la Cruz and her friends told the driver they were reluctant to leave the bus because they saw men in the parking lot who appeared to be gang members, but the driver told them he would only let them use the restroom near the Pier.

The lawsuit also alleges that SMPD officers allowed de la Cruz to lie on the ground in front of the police station after she suffered gunshot wounds and did not offer help.

Arrest records show Lee has been arrested on felony charges three times and twice for misdemeanors.

SMPD could not provide additional information on Lee's connection to the murder.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Write Away

Gain feedback and encouragement in
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Fairview Branch Library 12:00pm-2:30
pm.

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Library Literacy Center 1:00pm-3:00
pm.

Beach Volleyball-Youth

Ages 7-15; all levels; in a semi-private
setting. Annenberg Community Beach
House 3:30pm-5:00 pm.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica
City Council City Hall Council Chamber
5:30 pm.

Black History Month Inspirational Movie Series: The Great Debaters

A drama based on the true story of
Melvin B Tolson., a professor at Wiley
College Texas. In 1935, he inspired stu-
dents to form the school's first debate
team, which went on to challenge
Harvard in the national championship.
(126 min.) Pico Branch Library 6:30pm-
8:45 pm.

Neha Choksi in conversation with Wally Rudolph

In 'Creating Art in Times of Strife,'
Beach House Writer-in-Residence
Wally Rudolph presents a series of
one-on-one conversations with social-
ly conscious artists across disciplines,
discussing how the current state of
socio-political polarization and envi-
ronmental crisis affect and inform
each artist's respective process and

practice. Rudolph's public events take
place 1/29, 2/12 and 3/26/19. Creating
Art in Times of Strife Annenberg
Community Beach House 6:30pm-
8:00 pm.

Downbeat 720 Teen Stage

Downbeat 720, now entering its 11th
year, is a FREE and fun open stage
for High School Performers. On the
2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
between September and June you'll find
us at the Miles Memorial Playhouse in
Santa Monica from 7:20 to 9:30 p.m..
Hosted by professional poets and musi-
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all skill levels and interests. Musicians,
actors, poets, filmmakers, dancers, and
other teen artists work on their expres-
sion live. Bring your friends! We wel-
come ages 13-19 especially (*parents
welcome to sit in the back!) For more
information please join us at facebook.
com/groups/downbeat720.

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Soundwaves Concert: Wayne Horvitz & Sara Schoenbeck

A set of original music for piano, bas-
soon, and electronics. Horvitz and
Schoenbeck have recorded as leaders
and with John Zorn, Bill Frisell, Anthony
Braxton, and many other artists.
Main Library : Martin Luther King, Jr.
Auditorium 1:00 pm.

Montana Mystery Book Group: True Confessions

When an unidentified murder victim
found cut in two is nicknamed The
Virgin Tramp, ambitious Monsignor
Desmond Spellacy of the Los Angeles
archdiocese and homicide detective
Tom Spellacy are among those whose
lives are affected. Montana Avenue
Branch Library 7:00pm-8:30 pm.

Soundwaves

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 7:30
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES
Woman drives car into police station lobby

Police are trying to determine why a woman crashed through the lobby of a police station with an infant in her car.
It happened around 4:45 a.m. Saturday at the Los Angeles Police Department's Harbor Division station in San Pedro.
LAPD video shows the woman maneuvering around barriers, crashing through the glass doors and pulling into the lobby. The woman then backs out, nearly knocking over an officer who had to dodge out of the way from her open car door.
The woman and the infant were taken to a hospital as a precaution.
Her name has not been released.

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LOS ANGELES
Film academy reveals which 4 Oscars will be given off air

The film academy has finally revealed the Oscar categories that will be presented during the commercial breaks of this year's broadcast.
A spokesperson for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said Monday that the awards for cinematography, film editing, makeup and hairstyling and live-action short will be presented off-air.
The winning speeches will air later in the broadcast and will also be live-streamed on Oscar.com and the film academy's social accounts.
The plan to hand out certain awards during commercials to achieve a three-hour runtime was announced in August. In future years, four to six rotating categories could be cut from the broadcast.
The 91st Oscars will air on ABC on Feb. 24.

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LOS ANGELES
Convicted ex-LA sheriff nears end of appeals to avoid prison

Former Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca could face time behind bars after a federal court on Monday rejected the appeal of his conviction on corruption charges.
Baca, who is 76 and has Alzheimer's disease, was sentenced to three years in prison for obstructing an FBI investigation into abuses at the nation's largest jail system. He was also convicted of conspiracy to obstruct justice and lying to federal authorities.
In his appeal, Baca's attorneys argued the verdict should be reversed because it was tainted by rulings from U.S. District Judge Percy Anderson during the trial. They focused on Anderson's decision to bar the jury from hearing testimony about Baca's Alzheimer's diagnosis and about a conversation he had with an aide about the FBI's investigation.
Either piece of information could have helped sway the jury in Baca's favor, defense lawyers argued.
A three-judge panel from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected those claims, ruling that the trial was fair and the conviction legally sound.
The Los Angeles Times said Baca's lawyers have a few last-ditch options available, including asking the full 9th Circuit court to hear the case.
Baca was convicted nearly six years after he learned that a jail inmate caught with a contraband cellphone was working to provide the FBI with evidence of brutal beatings by guards.
Prosecutors said at trial that once the FBI investigation was exposed, Baca met with other brass in the department to stall that probe and mislead their federal counterparts. But the plan backfired. Federal investigators turned their attention to taking down higher-ups who conspired with the longtime sheriff to kill the civil rights investigation.
He was sentenced in May 2017.
Baca, who spent nearly 15 years as sheriff, initially pleaded guilty to a single count of lying to federal investigators. He withdrew the plea after Anderson rejected a sentence of no more than six months as too lenient.
It is not known how much Baca's cognitive health has deteriorated, if at all, in the 18 months since he was sentenced and how his illness could play into any attempts at leniency, the Times reported.

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SAN FRANCISCO
Report: Fewer trees died off in California in 2018

Federal forestry officials say the die-off of trees in California forests slowed in 2018 thanks in part to the state receiving more rain.
But the U.S. Forest Service warned Monday that dead trees continue to pose a hazard to people and infrastructure, especially in the central and southern Sierra Nevada regions

where they can serve as fuel for wildfires.
A survey found 18 million trees died in 2018, compared to 27 million the previous year. More than 147 million trees have died in California since 2010, the start of a five-year drought.
Officials declared an end to the drought in 2017 after a wet winter that drenched the state in rain and snow. But California has seen some of its worst wildfires in recorded history since then.

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LOS ANGELES
Major downtown LA development project underway

Architect Frank Gehry, billionaire philanthropist Eli Broad and civic leaders have held a ceremonial groundbreaking for The Grand, a long-delayed massive development on Grand Avenue in downtown Los Angeles.
Broad told attendees Monday that the project stems from a vision of Grand Avenue becoming the arts, cultural and civic district for the region.
The mixed-use development with residential, retail, entertainment and hotel space around a public plaza will rise near the Gehry-designed Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Music Center, the Museum of Contemporary Art, The Broad Museum and The Colburn School of Music.
Advocates say it will generate 10,000 jobs.
The project is being developed by New York City-based Related Companies and CORE USA, a joint venture of China Harbour Engineering Co. and CCCG Overseas Real Estate.

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LOS ANGELES
Ex-California senator de Leon eyes Los Angeles City Council

Former Democratic state Sen. Kevin de Leon has set his sights on Los Angeles City Hall.
The Los Angeles Times reports that De Leon said Monday that he plans to run to replace Councilman Jose Huizar. The announcement comes three months after he unsuccessfully tried to unseat U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein in November's election.
Huizar, whose district includes downtown Los Angeles, is being forced out by term limits.
The 52-year-old De Leon first served in the Assembly and then the state Senate, where he was president.
During his 12 years in office, De Leon represented either a portion or all of Huizar's district.
De Leon says "it would be an absolute honor to continue that work at the local level."
The election is set for March 2020.

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LOS ANGELES
Missing man dies after being found off Southern California

A Coast Guard helicopter crew searching the ocean off Southern California recovered a man who had been heading to Catalina Island on a personal watercraft but he was later pronounced dead at a hospital.
The crew of the MH-65 Dolphin helicopter located 20-year-old Jean Carlos Cheryl south-east of the Long Beach lighthouse Sunday night, hoisted him aboard and flew him to shore.
A friend had reported Cheryl missing hours earlier and his personal watercraft was located around 2 p.m. near Long Beach.
The Coast Guard says he was pronounced dead at Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

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BATON ROUGE
Governor releases NFL head's response about missed penalty

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has told Louisiana's governor there was an error in the officiating that helped the Los Angeles Rams go to the Super Bowl instead of the New Orleans Saints, but there's nothing he can do about it.
Goodell wrote to Gov. John Bel Edwards saying a penalty should have been called. But reiterating earlier comments, Goodell said he's not authorized to overturn game results because of an officiating error, and clubs haven't supported replays to review penalty calls or non-calls.
Edwards released a copy of the letter Monday.
Goodell said the league will consider whether rule or procedure changes could prevent similar problems going forward.
Edwards says that's cold comfort to Saints fans, but he applauds Goodell's willingness to review the error.
Edwards wrote to Goodell Jan. 22. Goodell said it apparently arrived while he was away at the Super Bowl. Goodell's reply was dated Feb. 6.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra

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Loews Spa Is No More

The aestheticians, the stylists and the massage therapists are gone. The staff has been cut down to a few lone survivors who are seeing the remaining members into the great unknown, like diligent hospice workers they try to make the best of a sad state of affairs. The final members are shuffling through the hotel, murmuring to each other in depressed voices, "Where are you going?" "Last Sunday" "Last Monday."

Tomorrow the Loews Santa Monica Beach hotel will close the doors on their spa for the last time. I will leave there a better man than when I started, but deeply saddened at the loss of what has become a community for those of us who were regular attendees.

Over the past 17 years I have been a member of the spa. A refuge for many of us who would enjoy the upscale environs, relax in the hot tub and regularly dine there. Many weeks I had breakfast and lunch at the hotel restaurant as I used the hotel for a second office.

For 15 years I would walk my dog Dudley through the lobby down to the beach boardwalk at least 4 times a week. We, well he, became so well known that I am still asked about him from the staff who do not know my name. But alas, the hotel management decided that they would try and cut their costs and shut down the spa in a vain attempt to stop the bleeding of their poor fiscal management. Rumor has it that the spa has lost over \$100,000 last year.

As someone who has done a fair bit of business coaching over the years, and a good bit of financial analysis as a divorce lawyer, to be told that the spa lost money was shocking to say the least. There were over 350 members each paying an average of \$150 a month, that equals over \$600,000 a year, not including the costs of facials, massages, haircuts and colors. Frankly, I'm appalled that they could lose money.

Somehow the other hotels on the beach manage to maintain their spas. Le Merigot, Shutters, Casa Del Mar, all have spas. The Fairmont has a spa and gym membership. So the decision by the Loews Santa Monica Hotel to close what should be a profit center is shocking. Not to mention the poor way the shutdown was handled. I had been a member for 17 years, and did not even merit the courtesy of an email. I had to hear about the closure from other members. Perhaps that lack of attention to detail is what caused the gross mismanagement that led to the purported losses?

The hotel remains for sale by its current Chinese ownership. Rumors are swirling

about a sale to "the Japanese" or a "planned conversion by a development group into condominiums". I don't know what the future holds for the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. Maybe the heyday of good management and proud ownership will return and they'll bring back the pricey membership and our community will rebuild itself.

For the moment we are scattered to the winds of Le Merigot for some, Casa Del Mar for others. I'll be at the Bay Clubs over on Colorado at Water Garden. Some are headed to Tri-Fit. Some of our members will be gym-less for while.

Our long time professional trainers and cardiac rehabilitation team, State of the Heart Fitness will land somewhere I'm sure, but they too were given the same short six weeks notice of a closure. Imagine having to relocate your business in six weeks? Appalling. Cold, Heartless, and Inconsiderate is what comes to mind. They were part of the fabric the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel for over 17 years and to be summarily thrown out on six weeks' notice? That's not good business.

"Change is good" is what I've been trying to remember. I will make new friends at the new gym. I will hold onto some of the old friends. But the comfort of a well-known, beloved, community is gone. We had a menagerie of characters at "our gym" and it was "ours" in that we loved it. The yoga instructors who were beloved, the staff that we saw grow up as they moved from "new in town" to attending SMC and then getting married and having babies, these were all part of a community. A community that was thrown out like yesterday's coffee grounds.

I am not sure how the current hotel management plans on being competitive with their neighbors who have spas. It makes no sense to me that a hotel which aspires to be a 3 or 4 star hotel could survive without a spa. But what do I know? I just watched it all happen for 17 years.

Maybe the rumors of new ownership are true, and better management will resurrect what was a great spa, and a wonderful community, and make a ton of money doing so.

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Your column here

By Dr. Mehran Movassaghi, M.D., MBA

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New Cancer treatment at John Wayne Cancer Institute

John Wayne Cancer Institute (JWCI) at Providence Saint John's Health Center is once again breaking new ground to benefit cancer patients. It has become the first medical center in the country to acquire Focal One – the world's most advanced high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU) technology. This technology is available for men diagnosed with localized prostate cancer. JWCI will begin using this technology to complement its therapeutic toolkit for prostate cancer patients in the coming months.

Focal One HIFU technology offers doctors pinpoint precision—there is no other system on the market as accurate. Now urologists can treat the patient's cancer, preserve his prostate, and enable him to maintain his quality of life.

The technology fuses ultrasound images with MRI images and biopsy findings to identify and treat only the areas harboring cancer in the prostate. Urologists view integrated 3D images on a large monitor while conducting the outpatient HIFU procedure. This technology makes it possible to clearly distinguish between diseased and healthy tissue, target the exact location of a suspicious tumors within the prostate and destroy it, sparing the remainder of the gland. The move from whole-gland therapy

to focal therapy represents a significant paradigm shift in the way the hospital approaches prostate cancer. For decades men suffering from prostate cancer have had two primary choices for treatment – radiation therapy or radical surgery to remove the entire prostate – while both offer lifesaving therapy, each come with significant side effects which can affect a patient's quality of life leading to impotence or incontinence.

Focal One HIFU minimizes these potential side effects and can be repeated as many times as necessary, whereas radiation or prostatectomies are final.

The acquisition of Focal One honors the commitment by the family of John Wayne to support pioneering cancer research in memory of their father, who died of cancer. For more than 30 years, researchers at JWCI have made groundbreaking discoveries that have changed the way cancer is detected, diagnosed and treated around the world.

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By Dr. Mehran Movassaghi, M.D., MBA, Assistant Professor of Urology and Director of Men's Health at Providence St. John's.

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government.

"I'm trying to acknowledge there are some legitimate concerns but I'm not going to play into the hype and the politics," he told reporters before signing an executive order changing the troops' mission.

Former Gov. Jerry Brown agreed in April to deploy up to 400 troops to the border in response to a request from the Trump administration made to four border states. Brown made it clear then that California troops couldn't aid in immigration enforcement, but Newsom said there's been a "gray area" in their duties.

Maj. Gen. David Baldwin of the California National Guard said the troops have not participated in immigration detention but some are conducting camera surveillance that could inadvertently aid in immigration enforcement.

Newsom's rebuke of Republican President Donald Trump's administration came on the eve of Newsom's first state of the state address as governor of the nation's most populous state and frequent foil to Washington. In announcing his decision to withdraw troops, the governor ratcheted up his rhetoric against the president.

"This whole thing is the theater of the absurd and California has had enough," he said.

The Trump administration hasn't commented. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence held a meeting Monday on border security with sheriffs from around the country. Sheriff Donny Youngblood of California's Kern County was in attendance, according to the White House.

The drawdown of California's troops will

begin immediately but may not be completed until March 31, when the state's current agreement with the federal government is set to end.

Newsom has reassigned roughly 110 of the troops to beef up California's fire preparation efforts ahead of the next wildfire season and to expand the guard's counterdrug task force program. The expansion requires approval from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Newsom made clear during his campaign that he did not support the use of California Guard troops at the border. He took action about a month into his governorship because he wanted to responsibly review the issue, he said.

He initially wanted to pull all of California's troops back but said he was convinced by Guard officials that good work is being done related to combating drug trafficking.

If the Trump administration does not agree to Newsom's new terms "we'll bring the rest back," he said.

Newsom's move came on the heels of a decision by New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, also a Democrat, to pull back her state's troops from the border.

Newsom's Monday order said the increase in Central American migrants crossing the border is the result of a desire to escape violence and repression fueled in part by the activities of transnational crime organizations. The California Guard's resources are best spent tackling those activities, he argued.

Texas and Arizona still have troops on the border.

The 360 troops are a fraction of the roughly 14,000 that have been deployed throughout California for various operations since 2016, according to Newsom's office.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Repeal or reform Ellis Act

Editor:

In her letter to the editor February 7th ("Supporting our rights to hold government accountable") Maria Loya repeats the assertion she has made elsewhere that "the current City Council has been responsible for the destruction of thousands of rent control units in the past ten years."

A look at the most recent Annual Report by the Santa Monica Rent Control Board reveals a net loss of 1,948 rental units since 1986 due to the Ellis Act –hardly "thousands...in the past ten years."

The City Council has long sought the repeal or reform of the Ellis Act, a state law which allows owners of rent-controlled properties to evict tenants and to pursue other uses of their properties provided they don't re-enter the rental market for at least five years. Every loss of controlled rental stock is painful to a Council which has made the affordability of housing for low and moderate income households a priority, but unfortunately state law preempts local authority

37% of those Ellised units were redeveloped for multifamily housing, either apartments or condos. The rest were converted to other uses such as single family homes, owner occupancy of the existing structure, or non-residential uses.

Those rental units which were redeveloped as multifamily housing were generally reviewed and approved not by the Council but by the Planning Commission, which under state law cannot deny an application for zoning compliant housing. And the last time the City Council approved a condo project was a decade ago, when the Waverly and Seychelles buildings across from City Hall were entitled in a deal which yielded hundreds of rental units affordable to low income households and millions of dollars for affordable housing elsewhere in the city.

Furthermore, the Council's land use policies direct new housing development to commercial zones downtown and on the boulevards rather than in our traditional residential neighborhoods to avoid displacement of those who are already housed. And to deter the redevelopment of rent controlled housing in residential neighborhoods the Council has taken many steps such as reducing the buildable envelope for new construction and increasing the relocation benefits to be paid to tenants evicted by use of the Ellis Act.

The Council continues to seek ways to stem the loss of rent-controlled housing given the limitations imposed on us by state law and the inexorable market pressures on our city. To claim we are responsible for the loss of "thousands" of these apartments in the last decade is at best a mischaracterization of the facts.

Councilman Ted Winterer

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.3°

TUESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3 ft waist to stomach high

Easing combo of primary WNW-NW swell and secondary SSW swell. Favorable AM wind, onshore in PM.

WEDNESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3 ft ankle to knee high

Minimal mix of WNW-NW and SSW swells. Looking stormy.

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 31, AT ABOUT 6:34 A.M.

While checking the area of Lifeguard Tower #10 in the 1000 block of the beach, officers saw a large campsite on the tower. Officers saw the subject in the encampment and spoke to him about the violation. Officers asked the subject to pack up his belongings and asked him to leave. The subject refused to leave and indicated he had the right to be there. A computer check revealed he was reported missing out of New York. Officers contacted the family and the local police jurisdiction. The subject continued to not comply with officer's request. The subject was placed under arrest for the violation. Emelyne Joseph, 36, homeless, was arrested for camping in public. Bail was set at \$500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
THE FOLLOWING CALLS WERE SELECTED BY SMDP STAFF FROM 259 CALLS ON FEB. 10

Traffic/Vehicle Stop 14th St / Pico Blvd
12:00: a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Hill St
12:10: a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 14th St / Wilshire Blvd
12:49: a.m.
Fight Main St / Hill St 1:45: a.m.
Fight 3100blk Main St 2:08: a.m.
Party Complaint 1400blk Yale St 2:08: a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 1500blk The Beach
2:25: a.m.
Petty Theft Now 700blk Marine St 2:54: a.m.
Rape Report 2700blk Main St 3:12: a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2100blk Ocean
Park Blvd 3:16: a.m.
Sexual Assault 1100blk 11th St 3:23: a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Cloverfield Blvd /
Santa Monica Blvd 4:32: a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 300blk Olympic
Dr 4:43: a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 4th St / Santa
Monica Blvd 6:04: a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2700blk Pico Blvd
8:03: a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk 6th St 8:38: a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave /
Idaho Ave 9:47: a.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Wilshire Blvd
10:49: a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation
200blk Pacific St 11:54: a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation
2600blk 31st St 12:19: p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 200blk Arizona Ave
12:33: p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 600blk Santa
Monica Blvd 1:05: p.m.
Petty Theft Report 600blk Santa Monica

Blvd 1:40: p.m.
Bike Theft Report 1300blk Euclid St 2:38: p.m.
Petty Theft Report 3100blk Wilshire Blvd
3:05: p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1500blk 17th St
3:53: p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation
1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:54: p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1200blk 4th St
4:44: p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 6th St / Washington Ave
4:55: p.m.
Burglary Report 2800blk Neilson Way 5:00: p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1600blk The Beach
5:12: p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2100blk
Cloverfield Blvd 5:18: p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2100blk Santa
Monica Blvd 5:18: p.m.
Attempt Auto Theft Just Occurred 1600blk
12th St 5:39: p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1600blk Wilshire
Blvd 5:55: p.m.
Encampment 900blk 7th St 6:15: p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 19th St
6:18: p.m.
Grand Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl
6:30: p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation
1200blk 4th St 7:53: p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2500blk 23rd St
8:03: p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast
Hwy 9:36: p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1500blk Pacific Coast
Hwy 10:00: p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1400blk 4th St 10:59:
p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
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Vehicle fire 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 12:17 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Main St 1:07 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 1:43 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 4:31 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 7:00 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:00 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1400blk 17th St
9:28 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 9:46 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 11:33 a.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 11:51 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 11:56 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Pier Ave 12:22 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 12:39 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 1:04 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 1:50 p.m.
EMS 100blk Montana Ave 2:04 p.m.
EMS 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:15 p.m.

Elevator rescue 1100blk 4th St 2:28 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 3:42 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:18 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 5:51 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Expo Line 6:10 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:18 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Pico Blvd 6:29 p.m.
EMS 800blk 21st St 7:03 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 7:08 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Arizona Ave 7:17 p.m.
EMS 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:00 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400blk 16th St 8:10 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Franklin St 8:30 p.m.
EMS 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:41 p.m.
EMS 100blk San Vicente Blvd 9:30 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:05 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 10:10 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 10:30 p.m.

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14 24 31 42 48
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 173M



Draw Date: 2/9
8 22 31 33 47
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 18M



Draw Date: 2/10
2 14 17 24 28



Draw Date: 2/11
MIDDAY: 8 7 0
Draw Date: 2/10
EVENING: 5 3 7



Draw Date: 2/10
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:42.48

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WORD UP!

marvy

adjective [mahr-vee]

1. Slang. marvelous; delightful.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Body of Knowledge

Recent magnetic resonance imaging studies suggest that all of a person's neural connections have formed by age 3.

Get Me That, Stat!

According to a study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health, the greater the percentage of smokers in a peer group, the greater the chance a non-smoker will become a smoker. For example, if the share of smokers in a group rises to 30 percent from 20 percent, the probability of a person becoming a smoker increases 25 percent.

Phobia of the Week

Peniaphobia: Fear of poverty

MYSTERY PHOTO



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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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Newsday Crossword

ABE'S BIRTHDAY by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Useful facts, for short
5 Sound of a raindrop
9 Boston-area seafood
14 Neighborhood food shop
15 Rant and (show anger)
16 Got up
17 Face-to-face exam
18 Above
19 Tale from Aesop
20 Lincoln's first residence
22 Shooting star
23 Rocks from a mine
24 Looking ill
25 Clark of *Gone with the Wind*
28 Fictional wizard Potter
30 Battleship letters
33 Rectangular shape
35 Weep audibly
36 Prefix meaning "against"
37 Lincoln's log-chopping nickname
40 Supervisor
41 Hive dweller
42 100% complete
43 Many mos.
44 Spotted-coat horse
46 Legal claims
47 Pretzel seasoning
48 Verse writer
50 Leisurely walk
53 Lincoln's birth state
57 Produce a portrait

DOWN

1 Much-admired celebrity
2 Infamous Roman emperor
3 Stars and Stripes
4 Portraitist's purchases
5 Thorough investigation
6 Abundant
7 Kitchen hot spot
8 Miles __ gallon
9 In a careful manner
10 Wooden shipping box
11 Judge's garment
12 Norway's capital
13 Buck or doe
21 Sports stadium
22 Stone used by sculptors
24 Support, with "up"
25 Squeaked through
26 Despise
27 Wish well to
29 Item of value
30 Loosen, as a shoe
31 Back of a boat
32 Fathers of foals
34 Legislation that helped WWII vets
36 Mindsets
38 Pre-Easter season
39 Arm of the sea
44 Meager
45 First game of a series
47 Submarine detector
49 Standing upright
50 Restful resorts
51 Bath powder
52 Tequila cocktail, for short
53 Leg joint
54 Sheltered harbor
55 Was sure about
56 Cravings
58 Barbecue residue

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 12)

You reconnect with your telepathic nature in the months to come, relying less on words and instead letting your heart do the communicating. Relationships heal. Your path sorts itself out before you. You let go of a tendency to worry and are filled with peace. June's big project reflects your lighter state of being. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 2, 29, 15 and 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're not going to change things by arguing with reality or fighting what's going on here. This is what's happening. Accept it, and then get to work building the new reality that renders this one obsolete.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Love's healing power is immeasurable. Though, because it also can't be bottled, it's rather easy to forget to take. You need love. Double your dosage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You have goals that you don't know how to forward. The first step is to understand better where you are and where you're going. Thought energy can flow to and through you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

When it's hard to be strong, you might be focusing on the things that are making you feel weary instead of focusing on what you want. Your strength grows in direct relation to your desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Liking a person a lot has consequences. It means you'll probably be communicating more and spending time together, and there's a learning curve to consider among other things. How will you make it work? Automatically. Inevitably.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

If a purpose is right, it must be pursued, regardless of the odds of success. This is a theme in every action movie you've ever seen, and it's a theme in your life lately, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

To know what's worth doing is a wisdom that not everyone has. People around you may be confused or inexperienced in this regard and you can help them out. Keep it light and friendly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

If your house is untidy, it's probably because you're living so much life lately that it's challenging to keep up with. Take it as a good sign, and then devote some time to catching up with yourself in all the ways that matter to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

This day will either become a fond memory or it will be forgotten. Much depends on whether you choose to do the daring or new thing (which will be memorable) or to stay forgettably comfortable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Wishes cannot change the facts. That's how we know they are facts; they're stubbornly impervious to influence. And though you can't change facts, you can find more pleasant facts to focus on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

We come in and out of this world the same way – powerless. In between those points, power ebbs and flows, cyclically. Nurture others when you have the influence to do it, and then let them go, knowing everything has a season.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The saying goes, "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em." Much depends on what sort of fight it is, how close you are to winning and what's at stake. The important thing is that you have more than one option to consider.

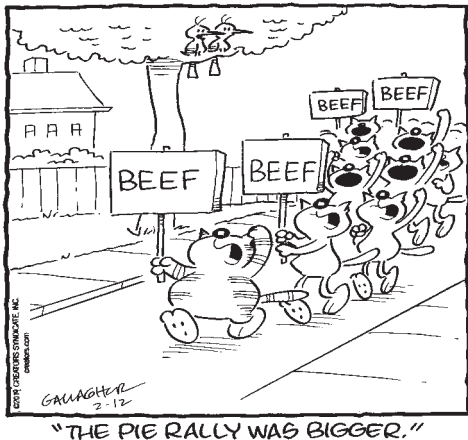
Mars Endangers Romance

Since romantic ideals have only been a part of human culture for around 250 years, it's quite possible there are those who wouldn't fall in love if they hadn't heard about it. What about you? Are you comparing a relationship to movie-level ideals? Mars heats up with an alignment to Uranus to suggest such comparisons can cause conflict.

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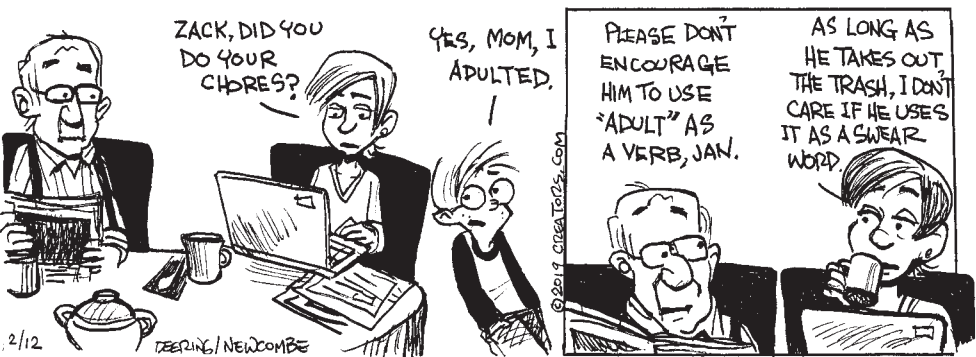
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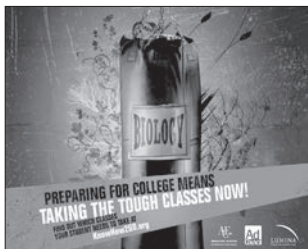
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