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Traffic study ranks Los Angeles as world's most clogged city

Associated Press

When it comes to getting stuck in traffic on the way to and from work, Los Angeles leads the world. Drivers in the car-crazy California metropolis spent 104 hours each driving in congestion during peak travel periods last year. That topped second-place Moscow at 91 hours and third-place New York at 89, according to a traffic

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Overlooked in 88 square feet, Santa Monica senior barely hangs on to home

BY KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

Jerry Linnett's Lincoln Boulevard apartment is about the size of a parking space. A bed, a television, a mini fridge and a toaster oven take up the entire 88 square feet.

The small quarters might feel cramped if it wasn't for the solitude. From the outside, there is little sign that 1441 Lincoln Boulevard even exists. The building is set far back

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City outlines probe of contracts with NMS Properties, Inc

BY KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

City staff has drafted an outline regarding internal scrutiny of contracts with NMS Properties, after the company's CEO, Neil Shekhter, was found to have forged documents in a Los Angeles Superior Court Case.

The contract review will focus on affordable housing requirements, development agreements, settlement agreements and future deals with Santa Monica's biggest developer, according to an outline

of the review obtained by the Daily Press. It's estimated Shekhter controls as many as 2,000 apartments on the west side of Los Angeles.

In the Superior Court case, a judge found Shekhter and his associates had presented a fake contract regarding a multi-million dollar investment deal with a Boston-based hedge fund. The judge granted ownership of nine NMS properties to the fund, AEW, as a result of the suit. AEW immediately sold the properties to a third party real estate investor in Northern

California. Shekhter has appealed the ruling and the buildings remain in limbo in the meantime.

Shekhter estimates the value of the nine properties at half a billion dollars. With their fate in question and the promise of ongoing litigation, City staff is anticipating NMS may have money problems.

"If NMS faces financial difficulties, two approved (development agreement) projects consisting of 164 housing units might not be

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PLAYOFF WIN

Santa Monica High School hosted J.W. North High School in the second round of the Southern Section Division 1AA boys basketball playoffs last week and won 71-61 to advance to the next round. Pictured are Melvin Walker from North High trying to block the three-point shot of Marcus Gee, Mason Westlake from North High blocking Rod Hunley II as he drives to the basket, De'Sean Allen-Eikens dribbling down the court, Daniel Schreier shooting as Leon Watsons tries to block the shot and LaShawn Jackson from North High School battling with Payton Moore.

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this organizational workshop. Esther
Simon shows you that there's a place
for everything, how to throw things
out, and techniques for creating more
space. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico
Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Dinah Berland Poetry Reading

Reading from 'Fugue for a New Life'
with Dinah Berland. Join Beach House
writer-in-residence Dinah Berland for
her second public event, a reading
from her chapbook of poetry, Fugue
for a New Life. Annenberg Community
Beach House, 415 PCH. 6:30 - 8 p.m.
<http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture>.

Scholarship Workshop: How to Get Free Money for College

Learn how to access scholarship
resources. This 5-week workshop is pro-
vided in collaboration with the Virginia
Avenue Park. Limited space, call 310-
458-8684 to register. Pico Branch
Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 22

Creative Vision Boarding

Create an inspirational vision board
for manifesting personal goals in the
new year! Amy Muscoplat helps you
design a personal vision board using
images and words to help clarify your
dreams and goals and keep you moti-
vated in achieving your aspirations
for 2017. Montana Avenue Branch
Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 - 8
p.m.

STEAM Program: Hour of Code - Minecraft

Develop code to create your own
Minecraft game. Limited space; call
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5 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

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Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

California Listens Screening

View the short videos created in last
summer's California Listens Digital
Storytelling Project and meet the story-
tellers. Try out the new Listening Station
app to record your story. Main Library,
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 - 5 p.m.

SMPL Apps for Android

An overview of the Santa Monica
Public Library APPs. Access the apps
in your device, learn to use Overdrive
to download free eBooks and
Audiobooks, Zinio for eMagazines,
and Hoopla for Music. The workshop
will focus on instruction for Android
smartphones and tablets. Pico Branch
Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 3 p.m.

Democratic Club Meeting

The Santa Monica Democratic Club will
host Senator Ben Allen. Senator Allen will
give a report on the latest from
Sacramento. Audience members will have
a chance to ask questions of the senator.
Additionally, the club will hold our annual
Executive Board Officer Elections and
make an endorsement for Chair of the
Democratic National Committee. For first
time and new members, the Executive
Board of the club will be available from
6:30-7:00 for an informal meet and greet.
The main program will start at 7 p.m. The
event is free and open to the public. Light
refreshments will be provided. Parking
available. Handicap accessible. Main
Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

For help submitting an event,
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

Dedication of Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument planned for Thursday, April 27

The Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument (VJAMM) Committee has planned the Dedication of the VJAMM for Thursday, April 27, 10 - 11:30 a.m. on the Northwest Corner of Venice and Lincoln.

The nine-foot six-inch tall solid black granite obelisk will commemorate the forced removal of persons of Japanese ancestry and their incarceration in the American concentration camp at Manzanar, so that such an injustice will never be perpetrated again. Warren Furutani, community activist and Manzanar Pilgrimage pioneer, has confirmed as keynote speaker. The VJAMM Dedication will be followed by the sixth annual VJAMM fundraiser at Hama Sushi Restaurant in Venice. Proprietor Esther Chaing will donate 100% of all pre-ordered bento lunch profits and 10% of all dinner sales to the VJAMM Committee.

Over several days in April, 1942, about 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu reported to this corner, literally, with only what they could carry. Civilian Exclusion Order No. 7 had given Japanese Americans only days to register their families, dispose of their property and possessions; their businesses, their vehicles, and their pets. They lined up along Venice Boulevard for bus transport directly to what would become the War Relocation Authority internment camp called Manzanar, deep in Inyo County off Highway 395. At the time, they did not know their destination, that the bus ride would take four hours, or that many of them would be imprisoned for over three years for the duration of World War II.

The dedication of the VJAMM will also mark the 75th anniversary of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's signing Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942. EO 9066 followed Japan's December 7, 1941 bombing of the U.S. naval base in Hawaii, and led to the detainment of persons living in the U.S. whose only offense was that they "looked like the enemy."

As the front side of the VJAMM reads, EO 9066 "empowered the U.S. army to declare areas of Washington, Oregon, and California militarily sensitive. EO 9066 forced the removal of 120,000 Japanese and American citizens of Japanese ancestry from the west coast to be imprisoned in temporary assembly centers at fairgrounds and race tracks. Months later, they were taken to ten American concentration camps under the War Relocation Authority. This forced removal and imprisonment, without any regard to due process or the writ of habeas corpus, violated their rights under the U.S. Constitution."

One side of the VJAMM features quotes from five former incarcerated at Manzanar.

BRIAN TADASHI MAEDA, WHO WAS BORN IN MANZANAR:

"My family reported to this very corner, before being sent to Manzanar concentration camp with only what they could carry. They, and many other families, lost everything: their homes, their businesses, their liberties."

ARNOLD TADAO MAEDA FROM SANTA MONICA:

"Instead of being worried about where we were going, I was obsessed with the fact that I had parted with my constant companion, my pet dog, Boy. For a fifteen-year-old, that was unforgettably traumatic."

MAE KAGEYAMA KAKEHASHI FROM VENICE:

"When the camp closed, we were given twenty-five dollars and told to leave. But we had nothing when we left camp - no home, no jobs, no prospects. It was very hard on all of us."

AMY TAKAHASHI IOKI FROM MALIBU:

"As a sixteen-year-old I didn't realize the injustice fully, but in time we learned how our rights as citizens were ignored. Thanks to the strength and resilience of our Issei parents, we were able to survive."

YOSHINORI TOMITA FROM VENICE:

"I was only five years old when we were imprisoned in Manzanar. I feel so grateful to the many Nisei and Sansei who worked successfully for redress and reparations with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. I feel extremely grateful also to all the people in the community who came together to make the VJAMM a reality."

Another side of the VJAMM permanently acknowledges its major donors for their support. These Major Donors include: Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program of the National Park Service (\$50,000 matching grant 2:1), Jung and Esther Chaing of Hama Sushi Restaurant in Venice (\$14,500 through April 2016); and those who have contributed \$5,000: former Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl of the 11th District, current Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin of the 11th District, former Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky of the 3rd District, current Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl of the 3rd District, current Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas of the 2nd District, former Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe of the 4th District, former California State Senator Ted Lieu of the 28th District, and the Santa Monica City Council.

The back of the VJAMM features a map of the route to the Manzanar National Historical site, north of Venice towards Bishop along Highway 395. The Manzanar Committee sponsors an annual Pilgrimage to Manzanar, and will convene its 48th Pilgrimage on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Furutani, a fourth generation Japanese American community activist who has served in various political offices, spearheaded the first pilgrimage to Manzanar in 1969. Furutani co-founded the Manzanar Committee with Victor Shibata and Sue Kunitomo Embrey to organize annual pilgrimages and to advocate for state and federal recognition of the Manzanar site. In 1985, Manzanar was designated a National Historic Landmark, and in 1992, Congress voted and President George H. W. Bush signed into law the establishment of the Manzanar National Historic Site.

The nine feet, six inch tall, black granite obelisk of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument echoes the fifteen foot tall, white concrete obelisk that stands in the Manzanar cemetery, erected by internees in 1943. The Manzanar cemetery's three kanji characters, "I Rei To," mean, "monument to console the dead." The VJAMM seeks to remind the living "to be forever vigilant about defending our constitutional rights. The powers of government must never again perpetrate an injustice against any group based solely on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race, or religion."

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Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 3/8/17 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification 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.

Mandatory Job Walk (attendance is required for all Prime Contractors): 3/02/17 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Malibu Middle & High School – 30215 Morning View Drive, Malibu CA 90265 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives outside the front entrance of the school to be escorted to the meeting location.

Bid Opening:
3/22/17 at 3:00pm

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

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The Library Lowdown

By Jennifer Ullrich

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Santa Monica Reads. We're reading it, are you?

HELLO, SANTA MONICA. IN THE OFF chance you've not stopped by the Main Library and met me, my name is Jennifer and I'm one of the newer Librarians at Santa Monica Public Library. I love my job and getting to interact with the community, so I jumped at the opportunity when I was asked to write this column and promote one of our most successful programs. But that's getting a little ahead of myself. Let me start at the beginning.

On my first day as a Librarian at SMPL, the first thing I was met with was a short stack of new books at my desk with a post-it note that read, "For the new Public Services Librarian." Now, before I continue, let me just preface this with a full disclaimer: as a Librarian and a life-long bibliophile, there are few things in the world that excite me more than a fresh stack of books. I did not know why the books were there, nor what purpose they served, but I was most definitely intrigued. When my supervisor arrived, she told me I would need to read the books, as all of our Public Services Librarians serve on the selection committee for our Santa Monica Reads program. "The Santa Monica...what?" I asked. And so began my initiation into one of the most successful, continuously-running community reading programs in the country.

Some of the books were easier to read than others. I found myself quickly making my way through one, not particularly impressed with it, but I found it a pleasant enough read. Another I thoroughly enjoyed — so much so that I actually read it twice — and knew that it would be a contender. The third literally made my chest hurt to read, and it brought me to tears multiple times. The last was a chore for me to read, and I'm happy to say that I was not alone in that feeling. Truth be told, just the process of reading the books was a bit nerve-wracking. Every book I read, I spent a lot of time thinking about. I considered how much I was enjoying it; whether or not I would recommend it to a friend—let alone an entire city; if it was interesting and thought-provoking enough while still being accessible to a wide variety of readers; and how the community would receive it. I took copious notes, as I figured they would help me in the selection meeting.

When I arrived at the meeting, I was happy to find that the selection committee consists of incredibly smart, well-read, educated people, with a wide variety of work and life experiences. They would make a dinner party thoroughly fascinating and enjoyable, I'm sure. For a fairly new Librarian who is still in her first year at a new place of employment and would have to be explaining and defending her thoughts and decisions about books she had just read, it was slightly (read: highly) intimidating. It reminded me a bit of my first semester at college, when I was walking around campus thinking about the class I had just left and the conversations I was hearing people have. While I knew I was intelligent and had been admitted on my own strengths, I was paranoid that

some official would chase after me and say, "Ms. Ullrich, I'm afraid there's been a mistake."

As the meeting wore on however, much like that first semester, I felt more confident in my ability to hold my own. The conversation that ensued was invigorating, in every sense of the word. Committee members are fierce in defending their beliefs and reasoning behind their choices, incredibly passionate about choosing the best book for the community, and they're committed to staying in the meeting as long as necessary to make the best selection possible. They seek to find a "challenging, but not exclusive" book that encourages critical-thinking and fosters open-dialogue about the book and its themes. While their selection criteria may vary, the committee members consistently aim to choose a book that will appeal to many and offer the reader a wider world to explore. Each member has a chance to give their initial opinions about each book, then the free-wheeling discussion begins—and boy, does it ever! It was truly something to be a part of and witness firsthand. By the end of the meeting, the committee had come to a consensus and we're proud to finally announce the fifteenth anniversary selection for Santa Monica Reads 2017 is Alison Bechdel's graphic memoir *Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic*.

Once the book was selected, we got to work brainstorming programming ideas that would complement the biographical comic, and that was a lot of fun as well. Probably the most prestigious highlight this year is an afternoon with author Alison Bechdel—which coincidentally falls just as the Ahmanson Theatre debuts the Tony-winning Broadway musical version of *Fun Home*. Other highlights include a fast-paced visual lecture from bestselling cartoonist and comics theorist Scott McCloud (*Understanding Comics and The Sculptor*), a lecture by CSUN Professor and comics expert Charles Hatfield, a panel discussion feature five leading women comics writers and illustrators, another panel discussion by women filmmakers on *The Bechdel-Wallace Test*, plus many opportunities to discuss the book with your friends and neighbors.

Whether you've participated since the beginning of Santa Monica Reads, or are new to the program like me, I hope you'll find this year's selection to be powerful, provocative, and something you'll be excited to talk about with other readers. This year's program runs from February 25 through March 30, and is free and open to all. To find out how to participate, drop by any Santa Monica Public Library location and pick up a copy of the book. For more information on the book, the author, or any of this year's special events and book discussions, visit the Santa Monica Reads website at <http://smpl.org/FunHome>.

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Your column here

Elaine Golden-Gealer

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RUBS Resolution: Open Letter to Commissioner Todd Flora

ACTION REPRESENTS THE OWNERS and managers of thousands of units in Santa Monica. We read with interest your letter to the Editor of Santa Monica Daily Press printed on Feb. 15.

We welcome the opportunity to dialog about RUBS with the hope that a mutually satisfactory outcome may result from our conversations.

Initially, we note that you mention "newer buildings" that "have the infrastructure ready to take on sub-meters." We do not understand the term "newer buildings" in this context. All buildings constructed since 1990 have been built with sub-meters. So "newer buildings" with sub-meter ready infrastructure must be buildings that are over 27 years old. Do you agree? If not, what exactly do you mean by "newer buildings?"

Next, we are unfamiliar with the term "sub-meter-ready buildings." Could you provide us with the addresses of some such buildings in Santa Monica so we can take a look at them to see what you are talking about? Is this a term you coined or did you get it from a plumbing contractor? If so, we would like to meet with the contractor to learn how to make our buildings "sub-meter ready." Could you provide the names and contact information on your sources for the term?

Next, you state that "environmental organizations" attest that RUBS is "capricious and unscientific" and "does not lead to genuine water conservation." We would appreciate your identifying the environmental organizations to which you refer and any of their publications that state that RUBS is capricious, unscientific and/or does not lead to genuine water conservation. By the way, is "genuine" water conservation different than water conservation? Are you trying to make a distinction or is this just a rhetorical flourish? It sounds like you agree that RUBS leads to water conservation but not to a significant amount of water conservation in your opinion.

Next, we thought the agenda item at the February 9 meeting was for a discussion of your proposal but no one discussed it except you. When you were advised that RUBS was already outlawed in Santa Monica and asked why you were making this new proposal, you did not respond. Nor did any of your fellow commissioners. Perhaps you could respond now. We believe that you sought this resolu-

tion because you feel you are about to lose the RUBS lawsuit brought by ACTION and wish to frustrate the matter by creating an additional hurdle for landlords after they win the lawsuit by having to bring a new lawsuit against the City. What are your thoughts?

Next, in your discussion of RUBS you mention that in your opinion it is "rife with abuse." Although it lacks the precision of sub-meters, how is it rife with abuse? It is used in Los Angeles and many other jurisdictions in North America and Europe. Anything can be abused. We would not dispute that some landlords might try to defraud tenants by falsely representing the water billing being passed through to them but this can be easily prevented by requiring the landlords to send a copy of the master water bill to the tenants with their allocation. What other abuse do you have in mind? We should address the abuses. Creating a law because of the possibility of some abuses might be overkill. Tenants abuse their position as well as landlords. We have been told of tenants who deliberately run the garden hose and waste water as revenge to the landlord for some perceived offense. Should we pass a law that tenants are not allowed to use water? Of course not.

Finally, you have not addressed the landlords' main argument for RUBS – the tenants use the water but the landlords pay for it. If the tenants overuse water, the landlords are liable for civil and criminal penalties. If the tenants overuse water, the landlords must pay for it at the higher tier rates. When the City Water Administration increases the water rates, the landlords pay them – not the tenants. A 9% increase in the water rate is scheduled for 2017, 2018 and 2019. If the water bill was \$60 per month for a triplex (which is probably below average), a 9% increase is \$5.40 per month. But the cap on this year's general adjustment was \$7.00 or \$21 for a triplex. Thus, over 25% of the allowable general adjustment would be just for water!! What are your thoughts?

As a public servant, we thank you for conversing with us and trying to reach a mutually agreeable solution to the use of RUBS.

Sincerely,

Elaine Golden-Gealer is President Action Apartment Association

EDITOR'S NOTE

New email contacts

The Santa Monica Daily Press has two new email addresses for community submissions. Please send letters to the editor or guest commentaries to letters@smdp.com and be sure to include a name, address and phone number with each letter. Letters sent without a full name and address will not be accepted. We do not print the full address or phone number but letters are signed with the author's name and city of residence. Letters can be any editable file type. Letters sent as images or other non-editable formats will not be accepted.

Events for the What's Up Westside Calendar should be sent to events@smdp.com and be no more than 70 words in length. Listings should include a brief description of the event, the date, time, place and cost. The recommended deadline for submitting an event is seven days prior to the event itself. Submissions will be accepted up to the date of an event but items submitted seven days prior to the date are more likely to see print.

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SENIOR

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from the busy street, hidden behind a vape store and a doggy daycare. Someone once hastily spray painted the address on the bricks facing the back ally.

Inside the worn structure looks just as deserted. Up and down the hallway, plywood slats cover door frames punctuated with fire engine red “no trespassing” signs. On the other end of the hallway, there lives just one other tenant. At least Linnett does not have to share his bathroom anymore.

To Linnett, who is 64 years old and on disability, his meager home has provided shelter and stability. For \$500 a month, the space was supposed to be only temporary. For years, 1441 Lincoln served as transitional housing for the homeless lucky enough to get to the top of the list for Santa Monica’s highly desired affordable housing supply.

However, a paperwork error meant Linnett got off the streets but never into a permanent place. As long as he has a roof over his head he can afford, he has a slim chance of getting into a different building.

“There’s been fifty people in and out of here since I moved in,” Linnett said. “I’m just stuck. I kind of fell through the cracks.”

In 2012, NMS Properties purchased the building and businesses on the lot as well the one next door, and began plans to bulldoze the existing properties to make way for five stories of market-rate apartments. There will be underground parking and retail stores along the sidewalk. It is only one of about twenty NMS projects in Santa Monica.

“We don’t have a timeline to begin construction,” NMS spokesman Eric Rose said. “There are two tenants at the building and both tenants have expressed an interest in leaving.”

Designs for the building recently went before the Architectural Review Board. In a few months, they will go to the Planning

Commission. NMS cannot begin construction, however, until the rent-controlled tenants have left.

“The City requires tenant relocation assistance that the property owner is obliged to follow,” said City spokesperson Constance Farrell. “Any displaced tenants who qualify for affordable housing would receive priority on the master waiting list for available units.”

In the meantime, Linnett’s future is uncertain. NMS, which calls itself the City’s largest supplier of affordable housing, has offered to buy him out – included in the deal was an \$800 a month apartment on one of their other properties and a five-figure lump sum. The apartment’s rent alone would consume eighty percent of Linnett’s fixed monthly income. The lump sum was not enough to ensure stability for the remaining years of his life. An attorney from Legal Aid counseled him to turn down the deal.

In Santa Monica, NMS controls 615 units that have to be designated for low-income tenants, according to a recent audit by city staff.

“I love this City. I’ve been here since 1977,” Linnett said. “These people are like a cancer in the City.”

In the meantime, Linnett has become an expert on code compliance and seismic safety issues. He can proudly show-off a transcript for courses at UCLA in building codes and earthquake requirements. He believes the City missed his building on their recent list of properties requiring seismic retrofits. If he’s right, NMS will have two years to retrofit the building. He says it’s been a struggle to get repairs and earlier this year both tenants went a week without hot water when an old pipe broke.

In his lonely corner of Lincoln, Linnett is still grateful for the roof over his head that is keeping him off the streets. For now, there is no other way he can afford to stay in the city he has called home for decades.

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What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

That Jimmy’s Joint is jumpin’

EVERY GOOD MARKETING PLAN HAS A signature phrase that is used to create identity and awareness. I end my Men’s Family Law podcasts with the signoff “Guys, remember, a cheeseburger and a chocolate shake will get you through just about anything.” I use it as a way to give men some actionable advice for when they are feeling overwhelmed, and since most men don’t actually recognize feelings, it points them in a direction to do something for 20 minutes.

As a consequence of my affinity for the hamburger I like to know who around town makes a champion burger. I’ve dined at Steak N Shake, In N Out, Pono, Umami, Pier Burger, Big JO’s, George’s, Johnny Rockets and the usual suspects of fast food that need not be named. So last week when the PR firm for Jimmy’s Famous American Tavern asked if I’d like to come in and sample their wares I had to accept.

Yesterday, the trusty millennial sidekick and I race through the raindrops to the newest gastropub in town on Ocean Avenue across from the Loews Hotel. We arrived at 11:30 a.m. to avoid the lunch crowd madness and were promptly seated by the hostess. Within 2 minutes our intrepid server Josh came over with his 100 watt smile and bright eyes to ask for drinks and share recommendations from the menu. He quickly proved that he was not just a handsome hunk, but had an accomplished knowledge of the menu with solid descriptions and suggestions.

We started off with a selection of appetizers that would easily have sufficed for a meal. As a child, Brussel Sprouts in our home were overcooked, boiled to death mini-cabbages that were highly unpopular. Today, they are slow roasted, usually with bacon and some variety of spicing and I adore them. Jimmy’s delivers them perfectly roasted so they are crispy on the outside, and still al dente on the inside. They are paired with Applewood smoked bacon, pine nuts and maple syrup in what can only be described as a melding of harmonious flavors. The salty smoky bacon blends with the maple syrup and the nuts provide a delightful crunch. The portion was tremendous. I seriously would expect to see a portion this size on a family table for four people.

Anytime there is shrimp on the appetizer menu, it will be ordered, and Jimmy’s did not disappoint with their Whiskey Shrimp. A mélange of Cajun spices, mustard and cream coated these sweet, juicy shrimp. Served in a cast iron to keep them warm, with basil flavored olive oil toast they would easily have been a main if served with a side salad.

But the star of the appetizer parade was

the Buffalo Style Meatballs. Starting with a golf ball size meatball that was well spiced and not overcooked as they so often are, the five meatballs come in a buffalo sauce with red jalapeno and a honey-garlic dipping sauce. These were the boss call of the menu. Absolutely my favorite item and I could see having them with a green salad for dinner.

The millennial had the Famous Cheeseburger and it is big enough to split between two people. The housemade ground Certified Angus beef was shiny with the juices still running under the slowly melted high quality American Cheese. Good American cheese has a glistening sheen to it, bad looks like melted plastic and this was no melted plastic.

I tried the French Dip to see how it stacked up against the pride of Los Angeles – Phillippes. This was a strong contender in the fight for a good French Dip. Soft bread encased a pile of super thin sliced prime rib under a cover of melted Swiss Cheese and crispy onions. The horseradish sauce that accompanied was mild and tangy and over all this was a good sandwich – not as good as the original downtown, but I didn’t have to drive downtown either! This would certainly satisfy a craving.

The chef sent out their signature fried chicken on mashed potatoes over green beans smothered in sage gravy. The phrase “winner winner chicken dinner” may take on a new meaning with this one. I was very impressed with the presentation and the flavor profile of the deep brown fried chicken that was still tender and juicy accented by the herbiness of the creamy gravy.

The restaurant itself is set in a darkened interior with black padded booths, warm lighting and the feel of the restaurant was very hospitable. The general manager Chris La Cava and I had a great chat about where we both started, many moons ago – the Hamburger Hamlet. I was a young waiter there in the 80’s and have fond memories of that original “gourmet” burger joint.

Jimmy’s is definitely in the running to be one of the great burgers in town, and I look forward to going back there and trying the rest of menu soon, even though they don’t have chocolate shakes on the menu.

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TRAFFIC

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scorecard compiled by Inrix, a transportation analytics firm.

The U.S. had half the cities on Inrix's list of the top 10 most congested areas in the world and was the most congested developed country on the planet, Inrix found. U.S. drivers averaged 42 hours per year in traffic during peak times, the study found. San Francisco was the fourth-most congested city, while Bogota, Colombia, was fifth, Sao Paulo ranked sixth and London, Atlanta, Paris and Miami rounded out the top 10.

Being stuck in traffic cost the average U.S. driver \$1,400 last year and nearly \$300 billion for all drivers nationwide, Inrix said.

Study authors said a stable U.S. economy, continued urbanization of big cities, employ-

ment growth and low gas prices all contributed to increased traffic and congestion worldwide in 2016, lowering the quality of life.

It's not likely to get better anytime soon, wrote Bob Pishue, senior economist at Inrix.

"The demand for driving is expected to continue to rise, while the supply of roadway will remain flat," he said in a statement.

Pishue suggests that governments use traffic data and technology to make traffic move more smoothly while they consider additional road projects.

Of 240 U.S. cities studied by Inrix, drivers in Parkersburg, West Virginia, spent the least about of time stuck in traffic during peak hours at three hours per year.

Inrix said it analyzed 1,064 cities worldwide across 38 countries to come up with its rankings. Since Inrix doesn't gather its own data in either China or Japan, cities in those countries were not ranked.

CONTRACTS

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built, potentially leaving vacant properties in need of maintenance," the staff outline says.

It is not clear how a recent split in the company affects the probe. In January, NMS announced it was forming a new company, WNMS Communities, to take over all pending and future developments. A former NMS executive vice president is running the spin-off company. NMS Properties will continue to manage existing buildings.

The transfer to WNMS includes approximately twenty projects in some phase of development in Santa Monica, according to City estimates.

A spokesman for both companies says NMS does not have a problem with the City's investigation.

"We are confident that all affordable housing requirements are properly fulfilled," Eric Rose said. "There are no financial difficulties and therefore no reason to think per-

formance may be impacted. The fact AEW is trying to take our profit should not raise a question of 'financial difficulties.'"

The City is in the middle of negotiations with NMS regarding a land swap to build Fire Station 1. When the City Council first approved the deal back in Aug. 2012, the combined land was estimated to be worth \$16 million dollars. While the design of the fire station has been approved, the contract with NMS Properties has turned out to be much more complicated. Four and a half years after the first approval, negotiations between NMS and the City are still going on.

In an email to the Daily Press, Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who asked for the probe back in December, called the effort by staff "deep and comprehensive."

"We are giving special scrutiny to inclusionary housing fulfillment, ensuring accuracy of all documents, and to the ten pending Development Agreement applications NMS had filed in the City," McKeown said.

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SURF FORECASTS

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TUESDAY – FAIR TO GOOD – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high occ. 5ft

More reinforcing short to mid period West-WNW swell builds in - watch for plus sets to rise up later in the day. Minimal South-SW swell energy. Possible light/variable offshore wind in the AM.

WEDNESDAY – FAIR – SURF: **4-7 ft** shoulder high to 2 ft overhead

Short to mid period West-WNW swell looking to bump up some - STAY POSTED. West-NW wind - becoming breezy for the day. Early for lightest wind - cleanest for the right points.



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The City of Santa Monica is soliciting bids for construction quotes for a multi-phased project with incremental utility undergrounding and excavation for a term not to exceed two (2) years. Parties shall submit one construction cost proposal with line item costs for each phase specified in the bidding instructions. 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 Monday, March 27, 2017, to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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Bidders must meet City staff at the Northwest Corner of 17th Street and Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA on February 23, 2017 at 8:00 am for the mandatory pre-bid job walk. City staff will take all those in attendance to all locations mentioned in the bidding documents. Submission of the Bid by the Bidder shall be conclusive evidence that the undersigned has made such examinations and included all costs associated with preparing the Sites for the intended Work. The engineering drawings for the Work show conditions as they are supposed or believed to exist. The conditions shown do not constitute a representation or warranty express or implied by the City or its officers that such conditions actually exist.

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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 FEBRUARY 7, AT ABOUT 11:44 A.M.

Officers were flagged down by the victim of a theft at a local park, 1810 Stewart Street. The victim pointed out the suspect who was riding a bicycle. Officers attempted to stop the suspect in the 2600 block of Pico Blvd. The suspect resisted but was eventually taken into custody. According to the victim, the victim and suspect are acquaintances and entered the park bathroom to smoke marijuana. The victim removed his wallet and placed it on a counter to retrieve his lighter. The victim noticed his wallet missing and confronted the suspect. The suspect denied taking the wallet and walked out of the bathroom. The victim's wallet was recovered from the suspect. Brandon Michael Williams, 25, from Los Angeles, was arrested for petty theft, resisting arrest and a probation violation. Bail was set at \$10,00.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 302 calls for service on Feb. 19.

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

Battery 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:47 am
Drunk driving investigation 3000 block of Santa Monica 1:56 am
Indecent exposure 600 block of Wilshire 2:05 am
Indecent exposure 400 block of Wilshire 2:40 am
Shots fired 2400 block of Centinela 3:10 am
Battery 1400 block of 4th 3:40 am
Hit and run 1500 block of Lincoln 4:16 am
Speeding Main/Pico 5:49 am
Auto burglary 400 block of Adelaide 6:14 am
Auto burglary 400 block of Adelaide 8:30 am
Lewd activity 500 block of Wilshire 8:52 am
Vehicle with excessive tickets 100 block of Ocean Park 9:51 am
Attempt burglary 2100 block of 20th 10:49 am
Fight 3rd Street Prom/Wilshire 11:04 am
Defrauding innkeeper 2300 block of Ocean Park 11:23 am
Burglary 2300 block of 34th 11:41 am

Person down 1000 block of San Vicente 11:42 am
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1500 block of 10th 11:43 am
Traffic collision 200 block of Wilshire 11:48 am
Panhandling 1500 block of Broadway 11:59 am
Traffic collision 1900 block of Colorado 1:56 pm
Fraud 1400 block of Broadway 2:24 pm
Grand theft 900 block of Lincoln 3:06 pm
Petty theft 300 block of Colorado 3:32 pm
Paparazzi complaint 0 block of Marine 3:50 pm
Petty theft 1300 block of Wilshire 4:02 pm
Traffic collision 1200 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 4:56 pm
Battery 1500 block of 14th 5:07 pm
Vandalism Ocean/Colorado 5:16 pm
Petty theft 1500 block of Wilshire 5:18 pm
Theft suspect in custody 1300 block of Wilshire 5:21 pm
Traffic collision Main/Pico 7:08 pm
Person with a gun 2nd/Broadway 7:17 pm
Battery Cloverfield/Virginia 7:39 pm
Party complaint 800 block of 4th 8:01 pm
Party complaint 2600 block of 30th 9:15 pm
Drunk driving investigation 1300 block of 2nd 10:42 pm
Shots fired 26th/Colorado 10:44 pm
Party complaint 1800 block of Ocean Park 11:28 pm

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 34 calls for service on Feb. 19.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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EMS 900 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 12:33 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1800 block of 9th 12:37 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 1000 block of 3rd 12:56 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Franklin 1 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 5th 1:03 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 1:38 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 4:22 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Pico 4:30 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 5:37 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Expo Line 5:52 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 6:45 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Montana 7:43 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 9th 8:12 a.m.

EMS 900 block of Pico 8:14 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:34 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Berkeley 8:36 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Ocean Park 8:42 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 8:52 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 10:47 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of San Vicente 11:42 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Pico 12:12 p.m.
Electrical fire - no fire visible 2200 block of Colorado 12:41 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Arizona 1:53 p.m.
EMS 2nd/Pier 3:14 p.m.
Assist LAFD 0 block of E. Ozone 3:51 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block of Colorado 5:31 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3200 block of Wilshire 6:48 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson 7:12 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 9:17 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Montana 9:26 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Strand 10:47 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 11:06 p.m.
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Draw Date: 2/19
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Draw Date: 2/19
MIDDAY: 1 0 6
Draw Date: 2/19
EVENING: 3 4 9



Draw Date: 2/19
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2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 07 Eureka
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Epitaphs
"174517"

■ Primo Levi (1919-1987) was an Italian chemist and writer who opposed the Fascism movement and was sent to the German concentration camp at Auschwitz at the beginning of World War II. He survived. The numbers on his tombstone were his identifying numbers at Auschwitz.

Get Me That, Stat!

■ Almost one in five general surgery residents changes career tracks before actually finishing their programs, according to a study published in JAMA Surgery. They usually opt for a more lifestyle-friendly specialty, such as anesthesia or family medicine.

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

FIX IT by Sandy Fein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Speak indistinctly

5 Monogram of Reagan's successor

9 Norway's capital

13 Look after

14 ___ Grey tea

15 Informed about

16 Mythical "golden touch" king

17 Soprano's song

18 Adjust, as an engine

19 Needing repair

21 Poems of praise

22 Prefix meaning "earth"

23 Indent key

24 ___-portrait (type of painting)

26 Big galoot

27 At an earlier date

31 Fly like an eagle

34 Midterm, for one

37 Operagoer's shout

38 Apportion, as a time

40 Mother sheep

41 Unsuccessful 1950's Ford

42 Lizard in GEICO ads

43 Char, as a steak

45 Make simpler

46 Things of value

48 ___-do-well (rogue)

50 Opposite of "yeses"

52 Relaxing resort

53 Scooby-___ (toon dog)

56 Herringlike fish

59 Needing repair

DOWN

1 River through Paris

2 Resulted in

3 Great Salt Lake's state

4 ___ the occasion (met a challenge)

62 Matador's opponent

63 Plumlike fruit

64 Bellybutton

65 All over again

66 Diabolical

67 Totally silly

68 Lima or garbanzo

69 "The Farmer in the ___" (kids' song)

70 Be inclined (to)

5 Car transmissions

6 Mata ___ (legendary spy)

7 Judicial orders

8 Bright fires

9 Needing repair

10 Potato, informally

11 ___ Star State (Texas)

12 Change for a \$5 bill

13 Urban pollution

20 Unnerve

25 Earring site

26 Needing repair

28 Astronauts' org.

29 Nights before holidays

30 Actor's character

31 Lengthy story

32 Spanish cheers

33 World Series prelude: Abbr.

35 Astonish

36 Has good intentions

39 Wizard of Oz dog

44 Bank takeback, for short

47 Had a feeling

49 Merit a reward

51 Figure out

53 Backless sofa

54 For days ___ (nonstop)

55 Gape at

56 Wild guess

57 Make sharper

58 Neighborhood

60 Work strenuously

61 Citizen ___ (Welles film)

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TRANSPORTATION TUESDAYS

Why are traffic lights flashing at Montana and 7th Street?

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Mayor Winterer invites you to join him on a short, casual monthly community ride. Come meet your mayor, share your thoughts and enjoy a fun ride. Come see the City in a new way! The next ride is February 25, 2017 to celebrate "Parks Day, Come Play." Bring your own bike and helmet and meet us at Gandara Park at 11:15 a.m. (formerly Stewart Street Park) for a fun, 3 mile ride to Los Amigos Park. No bike? No problem! Just grab a Breeze Bike. Optional RSVP at www.smgov.net/MayorsRide. Special thanks to our event partner Santa Monica Spoke!



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21)

A few stellar choices will carry you up this year. Happiness is having a pure strong love in your life. You'll put quite a lot of effort into establishing a habit over the next 10 weeks. After that, living the way you prefer will be nearly automatic. There's intense competition in March and September; get serious. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 5, 33 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Not only is it natural to feel defensive around people who have a history of socking you when you're not expecting it: It's advisable. Likely this has to do with the soft jabs of a loved one. Arms up; protect your head; duck and cover.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

There's a point at which too much conversation clouds the meaning of things instead of making it clearer. While some seem committed to talking things to death, you jump in and fix it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

It takes a confident person to risk being misunderstood and maybe that's partly why you'll do it. Plus, you'll learn more from people who are dissimilar to you than from people with whom you have a great deal in common.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

When things get a little more colorful and dramatic than is comfortable, be grateful for it. Were you to be limited to a very confined and unvarying society, you would be quickly bored to tears.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Discipline is just not something you easily come up with on your own right now. Enlist the help of a coach, a champion or a supportive friend. Not only will you get results; you'll feel loved in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Before you get into the mix, remind yourself of your purpose. While you're at it, revel for a few minutes in what you're all about. Because if you're not sure of this, someone will come along and fill in the blanks for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Your big dream of the day may not be anything too spectacular; rather, it's a small personal accomplishment or meaningful exchange that drives you to work deliberately and connect warmly with others today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Don't be surprised if, when you sit down to make a positive plan of action, negativity comes first. Work through the grievances. Once you give them airtime, they'll go away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Fun-loving people are the best when fun is chief on the agenda. What about when it's not? If their love of fun is stronger than their love of doing the job at hand, trust your instincts and get the right person for the job.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're an artist. This doesn't always present itself in the way some people think about creativity, but there are so many ways to turn life into a beautiful experience. That's what you'll chase today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Sameness leads to staleness. Seek variety and diversity. It takes an effort to mix things up, and you'll probably meet with resistance from those more fearful than you. Do it anyway. Everyone will be better for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

It's a day to read and learn. Social topics, in particular, will be lucky to know about. They'll also be as exciting to read up on as any fiction, because this learning paves the way to new adventures.

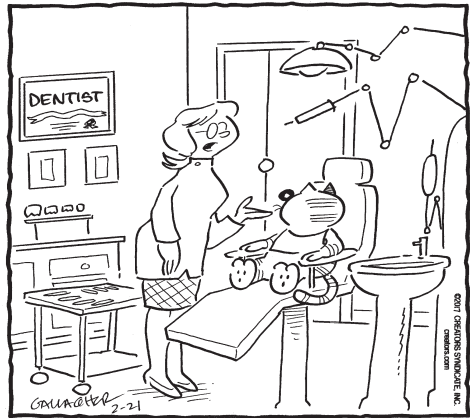
Power Moon

The Capricorn moon of power structures will help us find the social order. We're not like ants, born to understand our roles and built to naturally fall into them. We each must find our own way. We have to learn to understand one another and work at listening. To become powerful, become a listener. To become more powerful, become a better listener.

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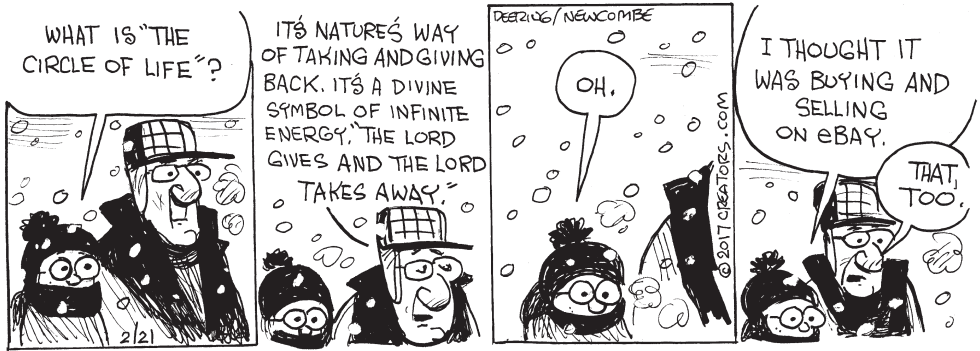
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