

Council to look at options to enforce local election laws

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Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council will debate whether to pursue legislation that would give the state's campaign finance watchdog power to enforce local election rules after the Huntley Hotel managed to funnel nearly \$100,000 in illegal contributions without local detection. After a two year secret investigation, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) hit the hotel with \$310,000 in fines in August 2017, stunning local officials who learned about the settlement only after it went public.

The FPPC investigation into the hotel's campaign finance violations in 2012 and 2014 operated completely under the radar of city officials, according to a new report by the City Attorney's Office. By the time the FPPC announced the penalties against the Huntley, the statute of limitations had run out on the city's chance to prosecute local violations. The investigation found the Huntley illegally channeled \$97,000 in donations through employees and businesses to several current City Council members, including Mayor Ted Winterer, Mayor Pro-tempore Gleam Davis, and Terry O'Day.

"Here, the FPPC may not have alerted local authorities based on a determination that a simultaneous local investigation would undermine its efforts," said the report. "The FPPC may have determined that local interests would be vindicated."

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California rain brings flooding streets, swelling rivers



WET: Rain rolled through Santa Monica and Southern California the past couple of days but the storm did not bring the kind of damage many had feared.

AMANDA LEE MYERS & JOHN ANTCAK
Associated Press

A powerful storm spread more rain across California on Thursday, swelling rivers, flooding streets and causing some mud and rock slides but, so far, sparing communities a repeat of the disastrous debris flows that hit during a downpour early this year.

The National Weather Service issued flood warnings along foothills on the western flank of the Sierra Nevada and there were numerous reports of street flooding in Central Valley cities including



Matthew Hall

Fresno and the nearby city of Clovis. On the south coast of Santa Barbara County, authorities kept a close watch on the community of Montecito, where a sudden downpour in January unleashed boulder-laden flash floods from a wildfire burn area, destroying or damaging hundreds of homes and

killing 21 people. With the storm just hours from fading away in that area, there had been no major problems.

"The south coast is doing just fine," Santa Barbara County fire Capt. Dave Zaniboni said.

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School District split proposal includes 50-year revenue sharing plan

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The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District has settled on an initial proposal that could eventually create a standalone Malibu School District.

At the March 20 special board meeting, the two sides seemed to agree to a 50-year revenue sharing plan that would allow the two districts to operate independently of each other with the possibility that Malibu schools could be reorganized into a semi-independent charter school program while the split is implemented.

In the agreed revenue sharing plan, the district would work with the City of Malibu on a framework built for: an equitable sharing of property between both districts, a potential sharing of discretionary or local revenues, a period of evaluating and/or adjusting the formula, a performance standard set so that any possible adjustments continue to be met, a guiding principle that stability and equity for all students in both districts is continuously met, and that the possibility of a charter configuration be used

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Friday, March 23

Citizenship Classes

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Annenberg Guest House Tours

Free tours begin at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Saturday, March 24

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Downtown)

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood, and offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park

Connected Families: Robot Playtime at Main

Bring your family to play with the robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges. Ages 4-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Airport ArtWalk

Explore art (including tape art!) and ceramic demonstrations, theater and art workshops, live music and food trucks amidst the airport's converted airplane hangars. Barkar Hangar, 3021 Airport Ave. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Poetry Loves Art with Dinah Berland

Following last fall's popular poetry workshop inspired by music, Dinah Berland invites poets at all levels to experience the pleasures of "ekphrastic" poetry—the practice of writing poems in response to visual art. Six session commitment required. \$90.00, drop-in \$20. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Screening of Breaking Through The Clouds

Meet the Producer. Free to women and girls. Celebrate Women's History Month. A documentary of the first Women's National Air Derby from Santa Monica Airport to Cleveland, Ohio. Actual footage of the 1929 race., 2 p.m. Adults \$10. Seniors/Students \$8. Museum of Flying, 3100 Airport Avenue, museumofflying.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide 2018 Sustainable Quality Award (SQA) Winners Announced

Celebrating its 23rd year, the Sustainable Quality Awards recognize local businesses that demonstrate excellence in sustainability. The annual awards ceremony and lunchtime event, which draws over 300 attendees from across the City, offers the Sustainable Power Hour, a top-notch, unique opportunity to network, enjoy gourmet small bites, and learn from fellow sustainably-minded businesses and officials. The awards event honoring this year's winners will take place April 26th, 2018, at Le Meridien Delfina Hotel. Tickets are on sale now. Opportunities to showcase your business are available now through April 9th; space is limited.

"The SQAs have honored 152 businesses since 1995 for their outstanding leadership in sustainability," states Alisha Auringer, LAcarGUY Manager of the Environment. "This event celebrates those leaders who positively impact the City of Santa Monica and motivate others through their innovative approach to business through sustainable practices.

"And don't miss the Power Hour at 11am! My favorite hour to connect business-to-business and green-to-green is infused with a diverse group of leaders focused on creating a sustainable and profitable business. I always learn something new, meet someone valuable and get to sample delicious organic bites from our local chefs. It's the perfect lead-in to the awards presentation."

The SQA Grand Prizes are given to businesses that excel in the areas of sustainable economic development, social responsibility, and stewardship of the natural environment. Excellence awards are given to outstanding achievements in any one or two of the three categories.

The 2018 Sustainable Quality Awards honor one Grand Prize winner and four Excellence Award winners.

SQA GRAND PRIZE

PS1 Pluralistic School is a small independent, non-profit, non-graded elementary school currently serving 230 students. PS1 was established in 1971 to provide excellence in academics coupled with joyful learning and a sense of community. Social Responsibility, Environmental Awareness and Stewardship are among the core values inherent in PS1's mission and curriculum. They believe the purpose of an elementary school is to uncover the genius within each child.

Joel Pelcyger, Head of School said, "As a member of the Santa Monica community for the past 47 years, PS1 Pluralistic School is proud to be part of the city's efforts to lead the way in this critical issue for our nation. We are thrilled and honored to have received our fourth Santa Monica Sustainability award, including this second SQA Grand Prize."

SQA EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Arthur Murray Dance Center: Excellence in Social Responsibility

Arthur Murray provides instruction in all styles of social and competitive ballroom dancing through personal sessions, group classes and practice sessions.

Global Green: Excellence in Social Responsibility

Global Green creates catalytic projects to serve as models for helping create sustainable communities and identifies policy and financial solutions to bring them to scale.

Groundwork Coffee LLC: Excellence in Economic Development and Stewardship of the Environment

Groundwork Coffee has been a certified coffee roaster since 1990 selling organic coffee, organic teas, and home brewing merchandise. They installed over 100 high-efficiency solar panels at the company's roasting facility.

Unitarian Universalist Community Church of Santa Monica: Excellence in Stewardship of the Environment

Unitarian is a community church that offers spiritual development as well as a community center offering rental spaces for a variety of programs from recovery to meditation.

In addition to being recognized at the ceremony by many peers and officials, the award-winning businesses are regularly included on Green Business Tours and in presentations, in the Sustainable Santa Monica newsletter and in media.

"My strong belief in the opportunity these awards offer to businesses and the greater community has been shaped through my work with 2011 SQA Grand Prize winner LAcarGUY, which champions innovation in automotive technology, and a passion for clean oceans and a greener future," continues Auringer. "As business owners and sponsors - LAcarGUY is very supportive of and enthusiastic about our relationship with these awards and their value."

GREEN EVENT

This zero waste event, lead sponsored by Morley Builders, LAcarGUY and Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, will showcase local restaurants highlighting Santa Monica's Farmers Market produce and businesses that excel in sustainable practices. Additional sponsors include Kaiser Permanente and Pacific Park.

Free bike valet will be provided and attendees will receive a raffle ticket for walking, biking or carpooling to the event.

EVENT INFORMATION

The SQA's will take place at Le Meridien Delfina Santa Monica Hotel in the Penthouse Ballroom. On April 26th, the event begins at 11 a.m. with an active networking and exhibitor hour (Sustainable Power Hour), showcasing local businesses and chefs with sustainable bites from Bareburger and Benny's.

SQA winners will be formally recognized during a special award presentation starting at 12 p.m. A sustainable plated lunch will be served.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.smsqa.com or by calling (310) 393-9825. Pre-paid tickets are \$60 for Chamber members and \$70 for non-members. For more information visit www.smsqa.com

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Profiles In Cowardice



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LEADERS?: Republicans have been scared to stand up to President Trump.

AS I WRITE THIS IT'S POURING OUTSIDE.

As I live in a high rise I often joke, "The concrete needs the rain." To fire-ravaged areas, however, the threat of mudslides is far from funny. Tragically, twenty people died during mudslides in January. Obviously, this intro is not exactly the stuff of "Laughing Matters." So, as I often do to bail myself out, I turn to Mark Twain who once commented, "Everybody complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it."

Speaking of "doing nothing," with another school shooting on Tuesday, I'm reminded of the continuing gun control controversy. One recent poll revealed 97% of the country wants universal background checks. You can't get 97% to agree the sun rises in the east. But maybe things will be changing.

Tomorrow will be the "March For Our Lives" in Washington, D.C. and in eight-hundred venues in the U.S. and around the world. In D.C. estimates are that 500,000 students will show up to demand results. Amidst these dark days, these courageous kids are a bright light of hope. As opposed to most politicians, you could say they're profiles in courage.

"Profiles In Courage" was the 1957 Pulitzer Prize-winning book written by then-Senator John F. Kennedy. (There's evidence that JFK conceived of the theme and supervised but the vast majority of the writing was the late Ted Sorenson's, JFK speechwriter.)

Reportedly, there was a joke that his Senate colleagues wished "Jack had a little less profile and a little more courage." This was also a reported comment of Eleanor Roosevelt who ultimately was charmed by JFK and gave him her endorsement.

Starting in 1990, Profile in Courage Awards are given each year at the Kennedy Library in Boston. The award is generally presented by Kennedy's daughter, Caroline Kennedy. Among past award winners is Senator John McCain whom Donald Trump infamously said was "No war hero."

Frankly, I don't see Trump as courageous. (Crazy, absolutely.) For example, at the White House, he mocked Senators and members of Congress for "being afraid of the NRA." Days later he had lunch with NRA officials and mysteriously dropped his raising the age limit for gun ownership and universal background checks. ("Profile in cowardice?")

As the Parkland students are about to descend on the White House, remember they've already persuaded the Florida legislature and Governor to make changes in their gun laws. No one thought it possible. Back in the oval office on Tuesday, Trump

inexplicably ignored National Security advisers' warning (in ALL CAPS) before congratulating despot Vladimir Putin's victory in a sham election. And not word one about the nerve gas poisoning on the soil of our oldest ally, the U.K. (What exactly does Putin have on Trump?)

Meanwhile, Stormy Daniels and approximately twenty-five other women are accusing Donald of sexual misconduct. (Ranking him second only to Bill Cosby.) Stormy passed a lie detector test in 2011 seemingly to validate her claims and yet Trump, "I don't even know any of these women." If the question is, "How stupid he think we are?" the answer is plenty.

The lie detector examiner said there was a 1% chance Stormy was lying. (I say every time Trump speaks there's a 1% chance he's telling the truth.) This Sunday, Stormy's "60 Minutes" interview will be aired. I'm guessing Americans will be left wondering, why have a Non-Disclosure Agreement with someone you supposedly don't even know?

On the other front, the Mueller-Russian probe, GOP congressman Trey Gowdy had advice for Trump's lawyers: "If your client is innocent why don't you start acting like it?"

Another person not fond of Trump is former CIA Director John Brennan, who worked in five administrations. "When the full extent of your venality, moral turpitude, and political corruption becomes known, you will take your rightful place as a disgraced demagogue in the dustbin of history." (Ouch!)

New York writer, Fran Lebowitz, who's watched Trump up close for forty years, commented, "You will never meet a person dumber than Donald Trump." (Yes, but how do she and Brennan really feel?)

Back to those who will never win a Profile In Courage, I include Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan. In June 2016, Trump's disparaged Indiana-born Judge Curiel, "He's a Mexican." Afterwards, Ryan called it, "Textbook racism." And yet, except for rare occasions, neither Ryan nor McConnell have criticized Trump since.

Reluctantly, I'm also calling out family values evangelicals who constantly give Trump a mulligan. Actually, twenty-six mulligans. Forgive me, but, given his behavior, doesn't Trump have all of the qualifications of an anti-Christ? (I wonder if it's ever crossed Melania's mind.)

Speaking of religion, all I can say is Godspeed to the kids tomorrow on their mission to raise the conscience of America. Twain would be proud.

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Discover The History: Indigenous Women In Our Community

On Saturday, March 24, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. the Santa Monica History Museum will host a free panel discussing the role of indigenous women in our community yesterday and today. Participants in the panel will include: • Julia Bogany (Tongva) - Tongva educator and cultural affairs officer for the Gabrielino/Tongva Band of Mission Indians. • Marissa Aranda (Tongva) - Student and next generation learning traditional Tongva culture and language. • Desiree Martinez (Tongva) - Tongva educator and indigenous archaeologist. • Theresa Ambo (Tongva) - Educator and researcher focusing on Southern California tribes.

The discussion is provided free of charge with free access to our galleries; including our current gallery "PEOPLE OF THE EARTH: LIFE AND CULTURE OF THE TONGVA" which focuses on the indigenous people of the Santa Monica Bay and greater Los Angeles area.

RSVP is suggested but not required. Please RSVP by emailing rsvp@santamonicahistory.org or calling (310) 395-2290.

This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. This event will be held at the Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401

The museum, and the current exhibit, are open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays noon to 8 p.m., and Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is closed Sundays and Mondays. General admission for adults is \$10 (\$15 for two) and \$5 for seniors & students. Veterans, active-duty military, children 12 and under, and Santa Monica History Museum members receive free admission. Please direct questions to John Klopping, Museum Manager, at (310) 395-2290 or info@santamonicahistory.org.

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Malibu

Malibu's Easter Hoppening Event Changed to March 30 Due to Expected Rain

The date for the City of Malibu's annual Easter Hoppening event at Malibu Bluffs Park has been changed from Friday, March 23 at 3 p.m. to Friday, March 30 at 3 p.m. The event offers fun springtime fun and activities for families and children ages 1-10.

Participants can purchase an Event Pass for \$5, or gain a free Event Pass by bringing a box of crayons to donate to Crayon Collection, a local non-profit dedicated to environmental consciousness and the infusion of art education in underfunded schools. The Event Pass gives attendees access to an egg hunt, bounce houses, an art activity with Makers Mess and photos with the Easter Bunny and a special character from Fairy Tale Entertainment. Event Passes are available for pre-sale at Malibu Bluffs Park and a limited number will be available for purchase the day of the event. Free activities include interactive class demonstrations with Parker Anderson Enrichment and Kidz Love Soccer.

For an additional cost, children can have their faces painted by Fancy Pantz Face & Body Art or wear a flower crown created by Cake & Punch. Delicious treats will be available for purchase from Armando's Food Truck and LA Donut Dessert Truck.

The egg hunt will follow a timed format where children may collect as many or as few eggs as they want and turn them in for a special prize. There are several egg hunts for children of different ages. Parents are only permitted to be on the field during the Parent & Me Egg Hunt for ages 2 and under.

EGG HUNT SCHEDULE:

3 p.m.: Ages 2 & Under (Parent & Me)

3:20 p.m.: Ages 3-4

3:40 p.m.: Ages 5-7

4 p.m.: Ages 3-4

4:20 p.m.: Ages 5-7

4:40 p.m.: Ages 8-10

Parents are encouraged to bring a basket and a camera, since there will be lots of cute photo opportunities. The event is open to the public, with no RSVP required. There is limited parking onsite with additional parking on Malibu Canyon Road. Malibu Bluffs Park is located at 24250 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu CA 90265.

For more information, visit www.MalibuCity.org/easter or contact 310-317-1364.

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Sometimes the road to health is a runway

On Friday March 23, Angel Flight West, a Santa Monica-based charitable aviation organization, will mark its 75,000th flight.

Mark Donnelly will start up his Piper Meridian at Reid Hillview Airport in San Jose. His passenger will be 19-year-old Juan E.

Juan has a genetic disorder, familial hypercholesterolemia, which can lead to premature heart attacks or strokes. Once a month, the teenager sees a cardiology specialist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, with transportation provided by Angel Flight West (AFW) – for free.

Most of the flights are flown and paid for by AFW's volunteer pilots. But when weather keeps them grounded, Angel Flight West looks to its partners Alaska Airlines and JetSuiteX, a public charter air carrier. Alaska Airlines donates more than 900 tickets each year, and JetSuiteX donated more than \$25,000 in donated flights this past year.

Flight 75,000 will land at Santa Monica Airport, where Juan will be met by another AFW volunteer, Margot Bernal, who will drive him to Cedars-Sinai.

"Angel Flight West has not only helped me" says Juan, "but also helped my family. Angel Flight means a lot to me and I'm very happy that I found this amazing organization. I'm so thankful for Angel Flight and the amazing pilots who volunteer to fly people." Angel Flight West arranges free, non-emergency air travel for children and adults who need to travel long distances to access medical care and other essential services. AFW serves 13 Western states and expects to complete 5,000 free flights this year, reflecting the organization's impressive growth since it began in 1984, when AFW pilots flew 12 missions. Visit www.angelflightwest.org for more information.

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as an interstitial bridge to full independence, if requested by Malibu.

The agreement was made with conditional hopes that Malibu would withdraw their petition asking the Los Angeles County Office of Education to establish a standalone Malibu school district. Additionally, City Council would need to approve the next steps to be taken.

The successful agreement between Santa Monica and Malibu school districts marks a positive foot forward for both districts after years of separation talks.

Mayor of Malibu Rick Mullen and Malibu city Councilmember Laura Rosenthal were on hand for the public speaking portion of the board meeting to share their thoughts on the proposed plan. “We want to say we are cautiously optimistic and pleased by this proposal,” Rosenthal said. “It offers a genuine path for an independent Malibu. Local control is the number one priority to benefit our children.”

The city of Malibu echoed these statements in a later issued press release. Although the press release highlighted concern over the “extremely lengthy financial mechanism,” of the proposal, the city of Malibu says the proposal provides a “workable path to an independent MUSD,” which is why they wouldn’t decline the agreement.

“We’ll need to understand better the details of the proposal and how it does not create burdens that are more than what Malibu citizens would bear if the status quo were maintained,” the press release reads, “but we are open to understanding and, if need be, to finding creative ways to meet

both sides’ objectives and we will always keep the needs and the best interests of our children in the forefront.”

Kevin Shenkman, a Malibu lawyer and resident, was the only other public speaker at the meeting. Upset by the proposal, Shenkman called the proposal inclusion of charter schools to Malibu an unworkable solution that would be a potential “disaster for labor unions,” further adding the charter model wouldn’t allow a “system of governance that’s workable.”

Board reception to the proposal was positive, save for the possibility of including charter schools to Malibu, with Boardmember Craig Foster calling their inclusion, “problematic,” but a problem that could be solved by a committee to oversee the districts separation.

Jon Kean, Vice President of the Board, noted that the Charter option isn’t for Santa Monica to decide, that Malibu could choose that option as a pathway to quicker independence, adding that if they choose to do so – despite knowing “no appetites for Charter in Malibu” — Santa Monica would support the choice.

Craig Foster, the only Malibu representative on the Santa Monica Malibu Unified District board, was satisfied with the proposal. “When we started in 2010, people in Malibu wanted local control of their schools,” Foster said. “It was true in 2010 and its true now. From my point of view, that’s what we’re working for here and we’re doing that in a way that’s fair to both districts. For both communities, there are great benefits in reaching this conclusion.”

The measure passed 6 – 1. Boardmember Maria Leon-Vazquez was the only No vote.

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COUNCIL
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cated by the substantial fines imposed and public attention paid to its ultimate findings and penalties.”

In November, the City Council asked city staff to review the case in order to see whether a special counsel should look into Santa Monica’s enforcement of its own laws. The FPPC is still investigating complaints against former City Council candidate Armen Melkonians and the Yes on Measure LV campaign.

Local election code prohibits any person from contributing more than \$340 to a candidate or controlled committee of a candidate. It also requires committees raising funds to support or oppose an initiative or referendum to file financial disclosure documents with the City Clerk.

Other local jurisdictions have run into issues enforcing their own campaign finance laws because of the inherent conflict of interest between a city attorney’s office and elected officials. In Santa Monica, the Clerk is responsible for reporting local violations to the Criminal Division of the City Attorney’s Office who then determines whether they or the Los Angeles County District Attorney should investigate, depending on the potential for conflict-of-interest concerns.

Three local jurisdictions including San Bernardino County, Stockton, and Sacramento have authorized the FPPC to act as the civil prosecutor to enforce their local

ordinances. The jurisdictions reimburse the cost of those investigations. Sacramento decided to outsource enforcement as part of a plan to save money and increase oversight last year since the FPPC already specializes in campaign investigations.

The Council could also decide to support legislation that would allow any local entity to contract with the FPPC.

“Such legislation has been previously introduced in the Assembly and Senate but has not passed,” the report said. “No such bill is currently pending.”

As a final option, the Council could formally send a request to the FPPC asking them to communicate and coordinate with local agencies in sufficient time to allow for local prosecution.

Earlier this month, the FPPC reported a record year of enforcement with 340 cases with proven violations generating over \$1.1 million in fines. The agency’s annual report touted the Huntley case, which uncovered a scheme where employees and friends made contributions to various slow growth candidates with the promise of being reimbursed. California state law prohibits making contributions in the name of another person.

The Huntley investigation resulted from a data review rather than a complaint or tip. The enforcement division used a spreadsheet to identify patterns in the flow of funds, such as multiple contributions from the same employer or address or from a group of unemployed individuals.

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RAIN
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No debris flows had occurred, creeks were flowing well and debris catch-basins were functioning, he said.

Over three days the rain had gone through cycles of intensifying and then decreasing, but there wasn’t a huge amount of rain in a short period of time, he said.

Santa Barbara County officials planned to discuss the situation at a late afternoon press conference.

Thousands of people fled Montecito and neighboring communities in advance of the current storm, just as they had during previous rains and last year during a wildfire that became the largest in state history as it destroyed more than 1,000 buildings, mostly homes.

Carolyn Potter, 59, evacuated from her home in Casitas Springs in Ventura County on Wednesday — the fourth time since September — and planned to sleep in her car in a grocery store parking lot to avoid hotel costs and the bustle of an evacuation shelter.

Meanwhile her husband Alan was staying

home, just like he had the other three times Potter has evacuated because of fires or storms since September.

“I feel better not being under the cliff in my sleep,” Potter said. “If he feels OK that’s his problem. If something happens maybe I’ll zip on down and dig him out.”

In Los Angeles County, authorities canceled some planned mandatory evacuations because of a projected decrease in rainfall but kept others in place because of debris flows in one canyon area stripped bare by wildfires.

A large chunk of a hillside fell away in a Los Angeles canyon that burned last year, but no one was hurt.

The storm came ashore earlier in the week as a so-called atmospheric river, a long plume of Pacific moisture that is also known as a “Pineapple Express” because of its origins near Hawaii.

Forecasters said the plume was finally shifting to the east but there would be a chance of thunderstorms through Thursday evening as a cold front moved down from the central coast, so the “concern for significant flash flooding and debris flows has lessened but not gone away completely.”

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FRIDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft Knee to waist high
WSW swell mix due to ease. Small S/SSE swell for exposures. Watching for lighter AM winds.

SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-3 ft ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Easing WSW swell mix, NW windswell builds. Small S/SSE swell for exposures.

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 MARCH 14, AT ABOUT 7:14 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the 900 block of Pico Blvd. regarding a battery that just occurred. The suspect was last seen walking westbound on Pico Blvd. Officers located the victim and suspect near the intersection of 6th Street and Pico Blvd. Officers learned the victim was walking her dog eastbound on Pico Blvd. as the suspect was walking from the west. As they approached each other, for unknown reasons and unprovoked, the suspect kicked the victim in the leg above her knee. The victim followed the suspect a short distance until officers arrived. The victim was desirous of prosecution. The victim suffered swelling and pain to her leg. She refused medical treatment. The victim was desirous of prosecution. The suspect was taken into custody. Alaric Warren Tolbert, 39, from Los Angeles was arrested for battery. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 303 Calls For Service On Mar. 21.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Trespassing 600 block Santa Monica 12:22 a.m.
Burglar alarm 600 block Palisades 1:43 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 3:07 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 2nd 4:30 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block 5th 6:42 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 2nd 7:10 a.m.
Trespassing 2900 block Main 7:19 a.m.
Indecent exposure 700 block Broadway 8:07 a.m.
Rape 600 block Palisades 8:35 a.m.
Rape 700 block Broadway 8:45 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2500 block Cloverfield 8:52 a.m.
Fraud 1200 block 19th 9:00 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 6th 9:21 a.m.
Petty theft 2200 block Main 9:27 a.m.
Battery 2600 block Santa Monica 9:57 a.m.
Burglary 900 block 4th 10:43 a.m.
Petty theft 400 block Wilshire 11:06 a.m.
Fraud 1100 block Harvard 11:07 a.m.
Illegal weapon 1500 block 2nd 11:56 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Wadsworth 12:07 p.m.
Threats 3100 block Neilson 12:30 p.m.

Burglar alarm 2600 block Washington 12:33 p.m.
Grand theft auto 200 block 16th 1:09 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Lincoln 1:54 p.m.
Public intoxication 1600 block Ocean Front 2:09 p.m.
Traffic collision Stewart/ Olympic 2:48 p.m.
Threats 1700 block Main 3:05 p.m.
Hit and run 600 block Wilshire 3:37 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 2nd 3:38 p.m.
Traffic collision 100 block I-10 4:11 p.m.
Elder abuse 400 block Montana 4:42 p.m.
Loitering 1300 block Wilshire 5:33 p.m.
Battery 14th / Santa Monica 5:34 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1400 block 3rd St Prom 6:36 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd St Prom 7:14 p.m.
Stalking 1400 block 15th 7:25 p.m.
Public intoxication 2000 block Lincoln 7:25 p.m.
Battery 11th / Broadway 7:41 p.m.
Person with a gun 1400 block Ocean 8:53 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 7th 9:22 p.m.
Disturbance 100 block Colorado 9:32 p.m.
Trespassing 2700 block Santa Monica 9:41 p.m.
Burglar alarm Main / Strand 9:50 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 5th 9:52 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Ocean 10:25 p.m.
Drinking in public 1100 block Lincoln 10:35 p.m.
Vehicle stop Berkeley / Wilshire 10:44 p.m.
Prowler 600 block 15th 10:59 p.m.
Civil dispute 2100 block Lincoln 11:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 17 Calls For Service On Mar. 21.

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CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Electrical fire 200 block Broadway 12:24 a.m.
Emergency Medical Services 3000 block Delaware 1:56 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 2:40 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 8:27 a.m.

EMS 1600 block of Wellesley 10:24 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Marine 11:12 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 19th 5:29 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 6:49 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Washington 6:51 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 7:25 p.m.
Flooded Condition 1700 block Montana 7:25 p.m.
EMS 800 block 21st 8:00 p.m.
EMS 0 block Village Parkway 8:06 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 8:14 p.m.
EMS 400 block Ocean 8:28 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Main 8:30 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 11:23 p.m.

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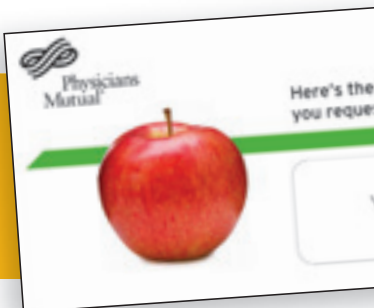
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■ Q: When it debuted in 1886, Coca-Cola was sold as a therapeutic beverage. What did it do?
■ A: The soft drink was first marketed as a nerve tonic to relieve exhaustion, thanks in part to ingredients like caffeine and cocaine (9 milligrams per glass). The latter was removed in 1903. Original Coke was also alcoholic.

Observation
■ “Neurotics complain of their illness, but they make the most of it, and when it comes to taking it away from them, they will defend it like a lioness her young.”
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Doc Talk
■ Diplopia: Double vision

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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

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- 1 Shorts supports
5 Equivocate
10 Bruins' school
14 Apropos of
15 Commendable quality
16 Shoot up
17 Valet accessory
19 Frozen princess
20 Upper extremity
21 Optical device
23 Flu.gov agency
24 Jargon ender
25 Platter, for instance
29 Corroded
30 Put a strain on
31 Retired NFLer Boomer
32 Totally change
34 Cause to fret
36 Public spectacle
37 Seafood category
41 Vivacity
44 Salon supply
45 Animals in hieroglyphics
49 Seminole Wars chief
52 Spa treatment, for short
54 *Schindler's* ___ (basis for a Spielberg film)
55 Strapped
57 Setting for some schools
58 *I Ching* concept
59 ___ speak (in a way)
60 "Calm down"
62 Some PC magazine reviews
64 Inclined to pretension
68 Scottish soup staple

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70 Balm ingredient
71 Small vortex
72 Ending for snub
73 Baseball great Sandberg
- DOWN**
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4 Have the appearance of
5 Insurance grp.
6 What the Grinch is "as charming as"
7 It could take a little bit
8 Supermodel Bündchen
9 Group with a common culture

- 10 "Miracle on Ice" team
11 Wasting no words
12 Reaches, as in Monopoly
13 Weaver of myth
18 Irritant
22 Carl Jung's nationality
24 Metaphor for attention
26 Privileged one
27 Maneuver on ice
28 Russian retreat
33 Mixer maker
35 Big size, for short
38 Expresses disapproval
39 Potato topping, in Greek cuisine
40 Travails
41 Pass its prime

- 42 How many magnets are made
43 Served, as strawberry
46 With brass
47 Tries to con
48 Calypso derivative
50 Relax
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65 Petite
66 Not expected
67 Part of a snicker

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 23)

It's the wonderful matches that make this solar return sing – the people who get you, the jobs that reward you at a deeper level and the lifestyle that curls supportively and securely around the core of who you are. Your outstanding work in August will build up both your reputation and your bank account. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 28, 4, 14 and 7.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

While the boundaries you establish may simply be policy to you, there are some who will experience them as a personal affront. But as long as you're respectful, your boundaries won't be challenged.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The times are changing. You're dipping your foot into the new normal. It still scares some people, but that's why they need you to be strong. Do you. Get to know as many people as you can. And keep growing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You can enhance your life by changing something simple, such as your diet or something logistical. Take, for instance, the time you spend getting to and from places. There's a way to make the commute pleasurable or shorter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

So you made a wrong turn back there. That's a rare thing, but it happens to everyone. Review the mistake or misperception, because you're about to get another chance – and this time you're likely to nail it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Though you can relate to the lives of others, saying so won't help. The best way to support others is through careful, attentive listening. Make it all about the other person: No anecdote, advice or interjection will be necessary.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The work will only feel worthwhile to you if it's bringing you money, happiness or the chance to markedly improve yourself. If you can't readily see how the endeavor fits into one of those categories, bail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

While trials and tribulations are an inevitable part of the growth cycle, they shouldn't be the norm. Someone who always seems to be at the heart of drama has the potential to snarl you into his or her orbit. Resist. You've better things to do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

It doesn't matter how many friends you have; you will still always be better off when you are also your own friend and champion. Also note: A person who cares for deeply for you will not side with a person who doesn't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You may choose to forgive someone now – not because that person deserves mercy but because you no longer want to be mentally tied to a piece of history and therefore need to let it go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

People seek your company and attention. The venue, dining and entertainment aspects don't matter all that much, so don't stress over such details. As long as it's not too loud to hear conversation, all will be well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Love, peace, magic, joy – you can have all of that. You'll have to give up other things, though. What do you think they are? For some it's a false belief, e.g., that love is about suffering or that drama is better than happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your internal voice may not make a peep detectible by microphones, but it can be deafeningly loud to you. It carries to far reaches of your internal universe. That's why it's so important to stay supportive when talking to yourself.

Planetary Public Service Announcement

All relationships are uncontrollable. This is because there's so much about every relationship that happens inside our minds. We cannot control another person's mind, and we only have limited control over our own. To accept this and still do your best is the heroic journey of love. This message was brought to you by a square of Venus and Pluto.

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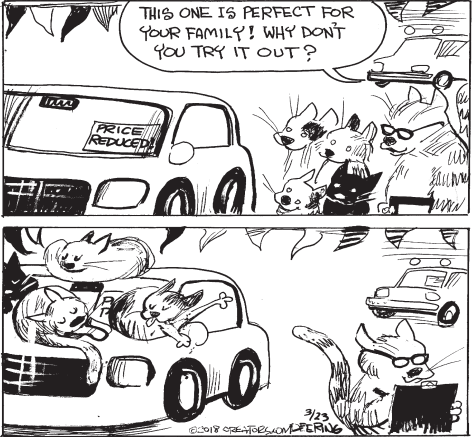
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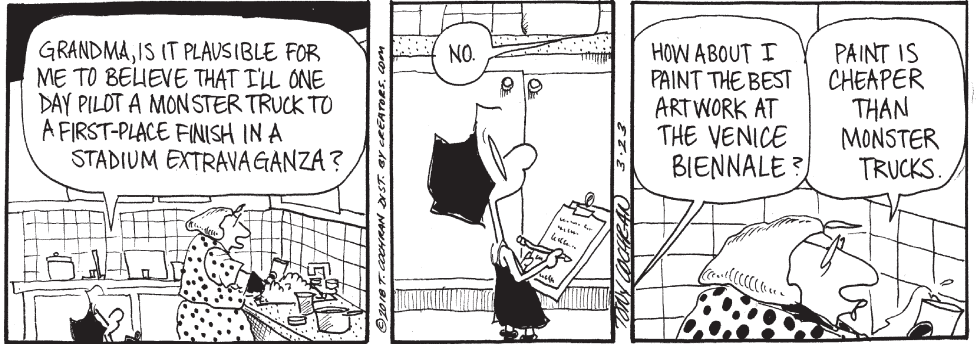
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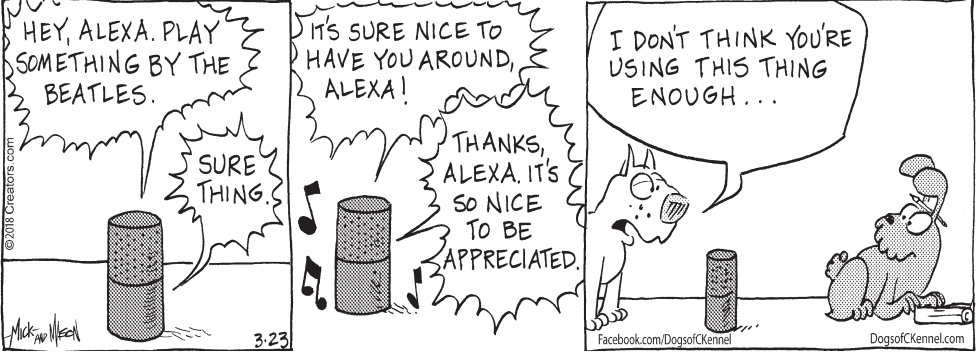
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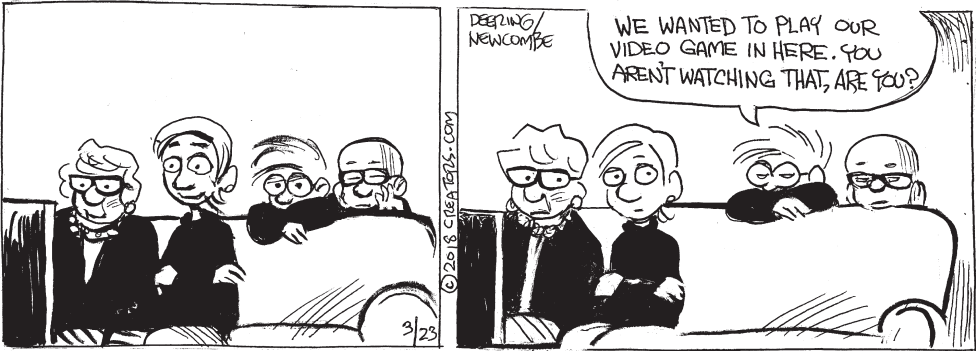
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Fed up with Facebook? Here's how to break it off

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Fed up with Facebook? You're not alone. A growing number of people are deleting it, or at least wrestling with whether they should, in light of its latest privacy debacle — allegations that a Trump-linked data-mining firm stole information on tens of millions of users to influence elections.

Even before that, users have considered dumping Facebook after growing tired of political disagreements with friends and relatives. And studies have shown that the mindless scrolling that Facebook is so good for can leave us feeling depressed.

While Facebook has tried to address some of these problems, it's not enough for some users. If you are one of them, there are options. Hard as it might seem to quit, especially for those entwined with it for years, it can be done.

Mostly.

GOODBYE FOREVER

Before deleting your account, rescue your posts and photos. Facebook lets you download the data you've shared with Facebook since you joined. This includes your posts and photos, as well as the "activity log" — the history of everything you've done on Facebook, such as likes and comments on posts, use of apps and searches. The download also contains your profile, messages, list of friends, ads you've clicked on and IP addresses you've used to connect to Facebook.

This process should give you a good — perhaps scary — idea of what Facebook has on you.

What you won't get are photos other people shared with you, even if you've been tagged. You need to save those individually. And some stuff will remain, including what others have posted about you, your chats with others and your posts in Facebook groups (though your name will be grayed out). To delete all this, you'll need to sift through your "activity log," accessible through your profile page, and delete each item individually.

Once you've saved everything and gone through your activity log, sign in one last time. Go to <http://bit.ly/198wloI> and click on the blue button. You can't get that from the settings page, as Facebook, it may seem, doesn't want you to leave. Facebook says the process could take a few days. Your delete request will be cancelled if you log back in during this time. Facebook says it may take up to 90 days for all the data associated with your

account to be wiped, but you can't change your mind after the first few days are up.

If you used your Facebook account for third-party apps and sites, you'll need new usernames and passwords for each.

TRIAL SEPARATION

If you're not quite ready for a divorce, deactivating your account is an option. To do this, go to your account settings.

Deactivating means other people won't be able to see your profile, but if you log back in, the whole thing is canceled and you are "active" again. Ditto if you log into an outside app or site using your Facebook account.

FOMO (FEAR OF MISSING OUT)

Depending on whether you were a full-time Facebook addict or an occasional lurker, the psychological separation could prove harder or easier than the physical one. Facebook has become a one-stop shop for so many things. You can keep up with friends and family, find out about or create local events, buy and sell stuff, keep up with the news, raise money for a cause or join groups of like-minded people such as parents, porch gardeners and people with a rare disease.

There are other places to do many of these things, though likely not all at once. There's Eventbrite for events, Letgo for buying and selling stuff, Peanut for moms to connect, Meetup to find and meet like-minded people, GoFundMe for raising money and Twitter, or, gasp, your local newspaper's website for the news.

If you find your mind wandering back to Facebook as you go through your day, thinking how you might craft a post about a thought you've just had or an article you came across, it's OK. Let it go. It's all part of the breakup process.

And while you may not see updates about near-forgotten schoolmates or that random person you met six years ago, the people who matter most will stick around. For them, there's email, the phone, and meeting in person for coffee.

ABOUT THOSE OTHER APPS

If your boycott of Facebook has more to do with your view of the company than with tiring of the Facebook service, you might consider deleting Instagram, WhatsApp and Messenger as well — they are all owned by Facebook. Deleting your Facebook account won't affect your Instagram or WhatsApp account. If you want to keep using Messenger, you can create an account using your phone number instead of your Facebook profile.



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SUBJECT Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

435 Georgina Avenue, 18ENT-0011, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 18ENT-0011 for the property located at 435 Georgina Avenue to determine whether the two-story Craftsman residence (single-unit), in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the designation request based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A).

133 Wadsworth Avenue, 18ENT-0024, Zoning: R2 (Low Density Residential/Beach Overlay) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 18ENT-0024 for the property located at 133 Wadsworth Avenue to determine whether the two-story Dutch Colonial Revival-style residence (single-unit), in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the designation request based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A).

302 Colorado Avenue, 18ENT-0060, Zoning: TA (Transit Adjacent) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for site modifications to the former Sears Department Store property at 302 Colorado Avenue. The proposed scope of work consists of exterior site improvements including a new outdoor refuse enclosure within the surface parking lot of the subject property in conjunction with an adaptive reuse of the former Sears building, a designated City Landmark.

When: Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 pm

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

Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401, by phone (310) 458-8341, or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information

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Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia pública para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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