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Fake students scamming local residents

MATTHEW HALL
 Daily Press Editor

Scammers have targeted Santa Monica residents recently while posing as Santa Monica High School students soliciting donations.

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District issued a warning to local residents last week and said there a ways to identify legitimate fundraising by local students.

“We have learned that young people posing as Samohi students are going door to door asking for donations or selling magazine subscriptions allegedly supporting the Samohi Regional Occupational Program (ROP),” said the statement sent by the district. “This message is to inform you that the

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USOC to receive fixed amount in deal with LA

BY EDDIE PELLIS
 AP National Writer

The U.S. Olympic Committee and Los Angeles 2028 Olympic organizers have agreed to a revenue-sharing deal in which the USOC will receive a fixed amount over eight years instead of the 20 percent cut of gross revenues that had been agreed upon in the 2024 contract, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The joint marketing agreement had to be reworked when Los Angeles agreed to host the 2028 Games, with Paris staging the 2024 Olympics. The International

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Police but no protests at CRJ meeting

MATTHEW HALL
 Daily Press Editor

Following two months of escalating protests, the September meeting of the Committee for Racial Justice was notable for the huge show of support and unity, not racist disruptions.

The event drew a large, preemptive police response but a rumored crowd of far-right, anti-Semitic and racist protesters did not materialize leaving the park almost entirely to a boisterous group of locals and some bewildered spectators.

CRJ’s July meeting drew a small group of protesters, some of whom used anti-Semitic and racist language to disrupt the meeting. In response, CRJ focused their August workshop on confronting explicit racism and a conservative media organization expanded on the original protest with several dozen protesters attending. Both the Santa Monica incidents occurred prior to the huge protests in Charlottesville and

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CRJ: Turnout at the September meeting of the Committee for Racial Justice was overwhelmingly in support of the organization and in opposition to recent far-right protests.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, September 13

Planning Commission Meeting

Special Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Under the Midnight Sun

Two Japanese teenagers, Ryo and Yukiho, are irrevocably linked together as suspects during the search for the person who killed Ryo's father despite the case going cold 20 years prior. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St, 7 p.m.

Fairview Teen Advisory Group

Are you looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group and help improve teen services at the library! You can earn community service credit for participating. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Water Neutrality Training

This training is specific to review the general facts regarding Water Neutrality Implementation and Enforcement. Contractors, architects, developers, prospective property owners and the general public are welcome to attend this presentation. The purpose of this training is to review how to comply with water neutrality, tep-by-step instructions on the water neutrality calculator submittal process, offset requirements options including what is a water neutrality offset inspection. Registration is required. Limited space is available for each session. For more information on the water neutrality ordinance, please visit sustainable-sm.org/water. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 12:30 - 2 p.m. Registration available at <http://calendar.smgov.net/city/eventcalendar.asp>.

Thursday, September 14

Y Senior Open House

Come for a tour and receive a free Guest pass good for seven. Facility Tours 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Free UCLA Health Educational Seminars. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Stroke Update: Pamela Nye, RN, MS, Santa Monica UCLA Stroke Coordinator, will discuss how to react quickly if someone you know or love is suffering sudden stroke symptoms, as well as your personal risk of stroke. 12 - 1:30 p.m. Reversing Heart Disease with Lifestyle Medicine Experience first-hand how to implement lifestyle changes to prevent and reverse heart disease and improve longevity from the evidence-based UCLA Ornish Reversal Program by focusing on nutrition, exercise, stress management and group support. Providence St. John's Health Center Free Blood Pressure and BMI Screenings. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Senior Center. YMCA, 1332 6th St.

The Next Stage: Considerations for College-Bound Artists

Learn about the opportunities and requirements for those focusing on visual or performing arts education after high school. Presented by independent college counselor, writer and actor, Nick Soper. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Summer of Fitness: T'ai Chi

Discover the ancient Chinese tradition, T'ai Chi, a noncompetitive, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching. Instructor Pat Akers teaches the basic movements. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Midcity Electrical Emergencies Impact Santa Monica Neighborhood

On Monday September 11th, 2017 at 10:40 a.m. the Santa Monica Fire Department received multiple 911 calls in the "Wilmont" neighborhood of the City of Santa Monica reporting various emergencies including explosions, and electrical wires down in multiple locations. The preliminary cause of the incidents was determined to be the result of construction crews excavating the athletic field of Lincoln Middle School, located at 1501 California Ave, who dug into buried high-voltage electrical lines, causing an electrical short and subsequent explosion.

THIS APPEARED TO CAUSE A CASCADE OF OTHER EVENTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSES INCLUDING:

- 10:40 1600 Montana Ave. Transformer/Wires Down
- 10:43 1501 California Ave. Structure Fire
- 10:45 1433 14th St. Elevator Entrapment
- 10:52 1260 15th St. Elevator Entrapment
- 10:55 1225 15th St. (UCLA Hosp) Fire Alarm
- 11:35 1245 16th St. Public Assistance - Assist Evacuation of disabled person
- 11:45 1323 Montana Ave. Transformer/Wires Down
- 11:49 1260 15th St. Public Assistance - Assist Evacuation of disabled person

The Santa Monica Police and Los Angeles Fire Department provided valuable assistance to safely mitigate all of the emergencies. During this 90-minute event, the SMFD handled 18 total emergencies city-wide including those listed above.

Lincoln Middle School faculty safely sheltered all 1064 students and ended school early at 1:30 pm. Southern California Edison responded quickly to isolate power and render safe all of the effective areas. SCE crews worked for several hours to restore power to the affected areas. Despite potential, there were no injuries or severe damage reported.

- SUBMITTED BY CAPTAIN PATRICK NULTY, SMFD PIO

Coastal Region

Help Get Rid of Trash, Not Wildlife at the California Coastal Commission's 33rd Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day

On Saturday, September 16th, cleanups will take place at over 1,000 sites on California beaches, bays, rivers, creeks, parks, roadsides, and highways. The commission hosts an interactive map that provides exact locations and other site-specific information. For more details, go to: www.coastalcleanupday.org.

Tens of thousands of Californians will gather along beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways to pick up the trash that has accumulated over the past year. In 2016, almost 60,000 volunteers removed more than 700,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from 54 counties across the state. The event ranks as the biggest, single day volunteer event on the planet, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

Coastal Cleanup Day also marks the beginning of COASTWEEKS, a three-week celebration of our coastal resources across the country. The California Coastal Commission, the state agency that protects coastal resources and organizes the event, maintains a calendar of COASTWEEKS events on its website.

"Trash in our environment and in our ocean can cause enormous harm, even death, to wildlife, and plastic fragments are known to travel up the food chain and potentially end up on our dinner plates," said cleanup Director Eben Schwartz. "Coastal Cleanup Day is our opportunity to invite everyone in California, no matter where they may live, to help protect not just our communities and our environment, but all the animals - including us - that call it home."

Visit www.coastalcleanupday.org or call (800) COAST-4U for more information.

This event is made possible by the hard work of hundreds of local non-profits and government agencies throughout the state and tens of thousands of volunteers annually. The Commission is committed to protecting and enhancing California's coast and ocean for present and future generations. It does so through careful planning and regulation of environmentally-sustainable development, strong public participation, education, and effective intergovernmental coordination. The Coastal Cleanup Day Program is part of its effort to raise public awareness of marine and coastal resources and promote coastal stewardship.

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Judge rejects Los Angeles' efforts to join Trump suit

A federal judge has rejected Los Angeles' efforts to join a lawsuit by San Francisco over immigration restrictions placed on a major federal grant by the Trump administration.

U.S. District Judge William Orrick said Monday that allowing Los Angeles in the suit would open the door for cities across the country to join. The judge says that situation would upend rules about what courts cases belong in.

The Los Angeles City Attorney's office says it will file its own lawsuit.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in July cities and states can only receive Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance grants if they allow federal immigration officials access to detention facilities. They must also provide advance notice when someone in the country illegally is about to be released.

OLYMPICS

FROM PAGE 1

Olympic Committee will officially name the host cities Wednesday.

The AP learned specifics of the agreement from a person familiar with the negotiations who did not want to be identified because the details have not been made public. The IOC has not officially approved the new deal but in its report on the 2028 bid, it said it had "no major concerns" with the agreement.

The joint marketing agreement figures heavily into the USOC's ability to fund its athletes, and sorting out the deal was one of the biggest hurdles to clear heading into this week.

When a city is awarded the Olympics, it had also traditionally taken over its country's domestic sponsorship program for a six-year period leading into those Games. This reworked deal will last eight years, from 2021-2028. The idea is to prevent the country's Olympic committee and the host city from selling competing sponsorships for essentially the same product.

The sponsorship deals often reach into the tens of millions of dollars in the United States, making the negotiations complex. But early in the process of the 2024 bid, LA and

the USOC locked in their deal. It was a six-year agreement in which the USOC was to receive 20 percent of the revenue — worth somewhere around \$380 million — from the domestic deals that LA expects to negotiate.

The new number has not been revealed, though the person familiar with the negotiations said it would be add up to more than under the previous terms.

Having a fixed number allows the USOC to plan more effectively than under a percentage deal that could be more volatile with an 11-year wait until the Olympics, instead of the usual seven. Under this deal, the USOC will also receive money right away instead of having to wait and secure a line of credit until the payments begin, as was the case under the old deal. This deal also has a provision for increased payments to the IOC if revenue projections exceed certain thresholds.

At stake is in the neighborhood of \$60 million a year, which totals up to about one-third of the USOC's typical budget over a four-year cycle. The USOC puts \$75 million or more each year into direct support to athletes and the governing bodies that run the sports. The USOC is in a unique position because it does not receive government funding to support the athletes, and thus, doesn't have an obvious way to make up any shortfall.

SCAMMERS

FROM PAGE 1

Samohi ROP program is not currently conducting a magazine fundraiser or seeking donations door to door, and we would like to caution you about this scam."

The message said student clubs and affiliated organizations do use magazine sales as a fundraiser but any Samohi student will have a photo identification available for proof. In addition local students are trained to provide information about their programs.

"People can also ask where they live and they should be able to recite a local address," said SMMUSD Community & Public Relations Officer Gail Pinsker. "This has been asked and I've heard it caused some of these scammers to run away when they can't answer questions about the school or their address."

She said Samohi house principal, Isaac Burgess can also verify student fundraisers via email at iburgess@smmusd.org.

SMMUSD's ROP program is a division of the district focused on vocational and technical training for high school students, out-of-school youth and adults. The program provides hands on education in several fields

including but not limited to automotive technology, business management, digital design, marketing, photography, dance and film/video production. Students can also participate in work experience and internship programs through ROP.

Pinsker said anyone wanting to make a legitimate donation to ROP can do so by contacting Burgess.

Scams of this type have come through Santa Monica in the last couple of years, often at the start of the school year and again in the spring.

Pinsker said anyone contacted with a suspicious offer should contact the local police department.

Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez said residents can call the dispatch center directly if they receive a questionable call or solicitation and he said calls about suspicious solicitations are not limited to scams targeting schools.

"We do get those type of calls on a routine basis," he said. "They should call the dispatch center immediately if they are suspicious. That's what we're here to do and we'll investigate."

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Poor sports on the playing field

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I don't want to point any fingers — yet — but something stinky almost slipped through the cracks only a few know about. And if it turns out to be what it appears to be, then I THINK it's high time you re-evaluated who your City government is working for. Here's a clue: it may not be you, dear resident of Santa Monica.

I'm going to go basic with the facts, for those who don't follow and obsess about the machinations of City Hall. Which is most of us. But thank goodness for those obsessive guardians who do.

Okay, there may be some opinion mixed in here. But you'll know, because I'll precede or follow it with an "I feel," "some say," "it seems." Got it?

When a proposed construction is close enough to the coast, the state Coastal Commission has to rule yea or nay. I know that from personal experience because before our two apartment buildings where I live could, through the TORCA program in the mid-'80s, be converted to individual owner-occupied condos, we had to go before the mighty Coastal Commission. It was a gamble. Had they said nay, that was it, no recourse, we would have been stuck with two apartment buildings that, because of rent control laws, would have cost us all (11 partners) a pretty penny each year to own.

COASTAL COMMISSION APPROVAL

We've got a few projects in the pipeline here that require it, and four are from the 2005 Santa Monica Civic Center Specific Plan:

- the renovation and re-opening of the historic Civic Auditorium;
- the Civic Center Sports Field (for use by adjacent Santa Monica High School);
- the City Hall addition (City Services Building);
- the Santa Monica College Early Childhood Lab School (ECLS, aka ECEC). which will be located in the Civic Center instead of somewhere many think more appropriate for dropping off rugrats, say in some residential area not in our extended downtown, say on the SMC Main Campus or on one of its many satellites. But that would be not nearly so convenient, many have opined, to City Hall staff with young'uns, and likewise Rand Corp. employees. Many years ago Rand contributed some half a million dollars to help finance that babysitting-babystudying building, just across the street from their headquarters, with of course the proviso that it be built there. It was so long ago that most people forgot or didn't even know about that contribution, but now that we do it explains a lot. We've heard a lot of "it's a done deal," usually uttered with a slight growl, end of discussion.

But instead of submitting all four of those projects to the Coastal Commission at once, only the last two are before the Commission (both were scheduled for Sept. 14 but the entire Consent Calendar for our district was postponed). Why?

Could it be that if both those projects are approved, with their required parking, that when it comes time to submit the playing field proposal to the Coastal Commission they will have to rule that there is no room left for parking for that field? The other two projects will have used it all up, and a bunch of it is in the current Civic Center parking lot where the playing field (desperately-needed, in the opinion of many residents, particularly parents and those involved in youth athletics) would be built.

PROMISES, PROMISES

That playing field has been kicked down the road, ignored and even opposed by various factions (including school board officers) for some 12-15 years now. Why? Could it have anything to do with its proximity to the sacrosanct ECEC, which has "grow'd" like Topsy from its original dimensions?

There are many things about those two submissions to the Coastal Commission that seem suspicious. As set forth in a "request for removal and postponement of items on the consent calendar" submitted by seven local residents:

"(1) Applicants' failure to give notice of submission to the Coastal Commission and lack of public access to the Application files;

(2) Inappropriateness of the applications for consent calendar due to their controversial nature. The public overwhelmingly supports the Civic Center Field ("Sports Field"), which has been approved by City Council yet not submitted to the Coastal Commission. The public does not support the ECEC or CSB in general, and would oppose Applications for those projects that prevent the Sports Field from moving forward because its location is being used as mitigation for the parking demands of the ECEC and CSB;

(3) Failure to accurately determine parking usage of the ECEC and CSB and Civic Center parking capacity due to inaccurate and incomplete information provided by applicants; and

(4) Failure to consider the approved Civic Center Field project as a concurrently application along with other uses impacting access because the mitigation measures in the Applications eliminate the location of the Sports Field from the Civic Center Specific Plan ("CCSP")."

HOLIDAY WEEKEND

All this came down around the Labor Day weekend — coincidence, I'm sure — so reaction time by any opposition was severely limited. I was out of town and only learned of all this about 12 hours before my column deadline.

There's much that makes this whiff suspiciously. I think from a tactical standpoint it's pretty clever — make the Coastal Commission kill the playing field, not our own City leaders. Except once you see how it all went down, it seems pretty obvious to me that there is a plan being played out. You can only ascribe so many missteps in a row to incompetence or oversight rather than intent.

Because of the short notice all around I have not had a chance to hear the City's side of all this, but I do plan to request time with City Manager Rick Cole and Director of Community and Cultural Services Karen Ginsberg to hear their side of it, and will report that.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Spectrum/Time Warner couldn't, in six weeks, notify their customers who are paying for voice mail service every month, that they eliminated the 888 number you could call to get your messages? I guess that would have been pretty difficult.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Happy Birthday, Chris -- you are a great son and an amazingly loving and valuable human being who has blessed this earth gently. Long may you run." -- Charles Andrews, proud father

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California leaders pledge \$30M for young immigrants

BY SOPHIA BOLLAG

Associated Press

California Gov. Jerry Brown and top lawmakers announced Tuesday that they plan to spend \$30 million helping young immigrants with legal services and college financial aid.

The announcement comes in response to President Donald Trump's decision to end a program that gives temporary protection from deportation to people brought to the country illegally as children or by parents who overstayed visas. The proposal requires legislative approval this week before lawmakers head home for the year.

The Assembly and Senate acted on dozens of other proposals throughout the day, including criminal sentence reductions, lowering the voting age and barring employers from asking about applicants' salary history.

Both chambers will reconvene Wednesday for a full day of voting.

Of the \$30 million for immigrant aid, \$20 million would go toward legal services for participants in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program. Another \$10 million would go toward financial aid for participants in the program, with \$7 million for community college students, \$2 million for California State University students and \$1 million for University of California students.

More than 200,000 of the 800,000 DACA participants live in California.

The Trump administration plans to phase out the program over the next six months if Congress doesn't make it permanent. California is one of 19 states suing the Trump administration over the decision to end the program.

"We will not let one man with xenophobic tendencies undercut years of progress we have made in California to integrate these young adults

into our society and economy," state Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat, said in a statement. "California is their home and they are our future."

Other action taken by California lawmakers Tuesday included:

—Rejecting a proposed constitutional amendment to lower California's voting age to 17 in all elections, including presidential.

Supporters in the Assembly said it would instill a greater sense of civic duty among teenagers, but detractors questioned whether 17 year olds are ready for the responsibility of voting. It failed 46 to 23.

—Voting to bar employers, including state and local governments, from asking job applicants to disclose their salary history. The legislation passed the Senate and needs final Assembly approval before going to Brown.

It also bans employers from relying on an applicant's past salaries when deciding whether to hire them and what to pay them. That prohibition doesn't hold if an applicant willingly discloses his or her past salaries.

—Passing bills to ease criminal penalties on some offenders. The Assembly gave final approval to a bill that would eliminate allowing judges to impose an additional three-year sentence on repeat drug offenders.

Democratic Sen. Holly Mitchell of Los Angeles, a co-author, said officials should concentrate instead on prevention and rehabilitation.

The chamber also approved a bill allowing juvenile offenders to ask a judge to seal records of crimes committed before turning 17, sending it to the Senate. Supporters of SB312 say more than 2,000 youthful offenders are currently barred by a 2000 ballot initiative from sealing the records of crimes they committed after they turned 14.



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CRJ: Community members came out to protest recent acts of racism and anti-Semitism this past weekend. While some individuals wore masks, they were not associated with masked men that had disrupted past meetings and several were there to provide support for CRJ organizers.

CRJ

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rumors had circulated that hundreds of individuals from the far-right would attend the September CRJ meeting.

In response to those fears, SMPD prepared for a large-scale conflict and meeting organizers retooled to handle potential conflict.

Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez said the department's goal was to allow CRJ to hold a meeting that was safe, in an environment where all the participants felt safe but that also provided a safe space for anyone to exercise their first amendment rights to protest.

"There was a heavy police presence due primarily to several things that have occurred," he said.

He said the department evaluated similar events that have been held in other Southern California cities and combined that information with its own evaluation for potential violence at the Santa Monica event to determine how many officers to have on site and in reserve.

"We decided not to downplay this and have enough resources available in case a large group showed up," he said. "We had more resources available that we didn't have to use but we did show a heavy police presence and nothing significant occurred."

Police established two zones in the park and while no-one was required to stay in any one location, Rodriguez said the defined lines allowed both sides to have a safe space for expression.

For much of the evening one of the zones was outright empty or occupied by a single individual wearing a red pro-Trump hat. A small group wandered the crowd with a microphone questioning attendees about racism and expressing support for conservative values for about an hour but left before the conclusion of the workshop.

CRJ supporters had their own strategies for the event. Many gathered at the park hours before the actual workshop in a show of support and the Thelma Terry building was at capacity long before the 6:30 p.m. start time. Several attendees had undergone specific training to handle any potential disruptions.

"We had during the course of last week, we had de-escalation trainings for people that wanted to come and support because we wanted people to come and not only be



peaceful but have some thoughts about how to deal with folks," said CRJ Steering Committee member Joanne Berlin.

She said the mood inside the building was tremendous with a strong sense of unity.

"Everybody was aware that there were a couple of hundred people outside supporting us," she said. "It was really very nice and the workshop presentation went very well on raising racially conscious children. It was a terrific evening for all of us that were inside."

She said the strong community support and very visible police activity could discourage future disruptions but regardless, CRJ is going to focus on its mission of education and won't perpetually be reacting to potential protests.

She said the October meeting will focus on ways to support the school district.

"We're going to do what we had planned to do last winter at the beginning of the school year," she said. "Go over a vision statement that some of our education people have worked up for the schools and kind of launch the campaign that CRJ has been planning for to support Dr. Drati's goal of getting every school in the district to have parent groups for the various groups that feel they are not getting equity."

For more information on CRJ, visit <https://www.facebook.com/committeeforracialjustice>.

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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 AUGUST 31, 2017 AT ABOUT 7:21 P.M.

Officers responded to Thrifty Coin Car Wash – 2537 Lincoln Blvd regarding a subject that entered the victim/callers car and was refusing to leave. Officers arrived and located the suspect seated in the front passenger seat of the car. The subject did not comply with officers’ commands to exit the vehicle. Officers were able to remove the suspect from the vehicle. Officers determined the victim was vacuuming his car when the suspect for unknown reasons entered the passenger’s side of his car and sat in the seat. The victim removed the keys from the ignition fearing the suspect would try to steal the car. The victim yelled at the suspect to exit the car but did not comply. The victim called the police. The victim was desirous of prosecution. The suspect was taken into custody. Randy Kelso, 41, homeless was booked and later issued a citation for malicious mischief to a vehicle.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 315 calls for service on Sept. 11.

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

Domestic violence 800 block of Broadway 12:15 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1900 block of Santa Monica 12:20 a.m.
Fight 200 block of Broadway 12:48 a.m.
Burglary report 1000 block of 4th 1:36 a.m.
Public intoxication 900 block of Ocean 2:00 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of 19th 5:30 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1900 block of Santa Monica 8:03 a.m.
Auto burglary 2500 block of 2nd 8:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 2100 block of Delaware 8:28 a.m.
Drinking in public 1600 block of 7th 9:16 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 600 block of 9th 10:13 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 6th 10:19 a.m.
Indecent exposure 400 block of Colorado 10:33 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1600 block of Montana 10:44 a.m.
Public intoxication Stanford/Wilshire 10:46 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block of Lincoln 11:05 a.m.

Hit and run 200 block of Georgina 11:22 a.m.
Lewd activity 700 block of Palisades Park 11:55 a.m.
Drinking in public 800 block of Broadway 12:12 p.m.
Person down 1800 block of Wilshire 12:30 p.m.
Bomb threat 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:38 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1300 block of Michigan 12:44 p.m.
Fraud report 1800 block of 17th 12:46 p.m.
Drinking in public 1600 block of Santa Monica 12:55 p.m.
Person with a gun 700 of Broadway 12:59 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Kensington 1:41 p.m.
Fight 1600 block of Ocean 3:11 p.m.
Encampment 700 block of Pine 3:21 p.m.
Hit and run 21st/Ocean Park 3:21 p.m.
Sexual assault 1200 block of 16th 3:24 p.m.
SCAR investigation 800 block of 20th 3:30 p.m.
Hit and run 22nd/Michigan 3:40 p.m.
Encampment 800 block of Santa Monica 3:46 p.m.
Traffic collision 1900 block of Pico 4:40 p.m.
Traffic collision 18th/Pico 4:41 p.m.
Person down 1800 block of Wilshire 5:38 p.m.
Grand theft 1700 block of Delaware 5:54 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of Princeton 6:52 p.m.
Trespassing 2100 block of Lincoln 7:41 p.m.
Trespassing 1000 block of California 10:13 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Santa Monica 11:00 p.m.
Person down Beverley/Hollister 11:04 p.m.
Prowler 2400 block of Oak 11:04 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 39 calls for service on Sept. 11.

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EMS 200 block of Broadway 12:51 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:21 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 1:33 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Appian 6:53 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Ashland 7:32 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:22 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 8:50 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 4th 9:21 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 28th 10:15 a.m.
Wires down 1600 block of Montana 10:40 a.m.
Transformer fire 1600 block of Montana 10:40 a.m.
EMS Stanford/Wilshire 10:51 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Pico 11:29 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 600 block of 17th 11:44 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of Arizona 11:46 a.m.

Wires down 1300 block of Montana 11:46 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 6th 12:38 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Wilshire 12:57 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:16 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 2:12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 2:18 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Broadway 2:20 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 3:37 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Olympic 3:41 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 3:48 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Wilshire 4:00 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of 20th 4:08 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Princeton 4:29 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Palisades Beach 5:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 5:54 p.m.
EMS 900 block of California 6:20 p.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of 17th 6:46 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 7:35 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Lincoln 7:51 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block of Colorado 10:20 p.m.
Water heater rupture 1400 block of Harvard 10:23 p.m.
EMS 900 block of 10th 10:46 p.m.
EMS Beverley/Hollister 11:04 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 11:10 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY



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6 20 29 57 59
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 115M



Draw Date: 9/8
4 5 14 26 73
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 76M



Draw Date: 9/9
14 15 22 36 46
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 13M



Draw Date: 9/11
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2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:45.39

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2. an ecclesiastical benefice without cure of souls.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Smells Good, No Smell Bad

■ It makes sense that foods that smell great are associated with gaining weight. Our sense of smell is a key to our eating enjoyment, and a dish that is enticingly aromatic will tend to induce us to overly consume.
■ But a series of experiments at UC Berkeley puts a twist on these assumptions. Researchers found that mice modified to possess super abilities to smell got fatter than normal mice, though both ate the same diet. The findings, if translatable to humans, suggest that the odor of what we eat may play a role in how the body burns calories. If you can't smell your food, you may burn it rather than store it.
■ This has relevance for people who have lost their sense of smell due to age, injury or disease. Often, they become anorexic. Part of the reason is loss of pleasure in eating, which can lead to depression, which is itself an appetite depressant. The new study points to a neurological cause as well, and perhaps a new path for treatment.

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

MULTITASKERS by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Letterhead illustration
5 Flying mammals
9 Fragrance
14 Teheran's country
15 ___ vera (natural soother)
16 Backless sofa
17 Suburban shopping center
18 Lose one's temper
19 Keep from happening
20 Two-job baseballers
23 Summer zodiac sign
24 Sea: Fr.
25 Knitted blanket
29 ___ Lanka
31 Works with needle and thread
35 Golf-shoe gripper
36 Overflowing (in)
38 By way of
39 Stone Age foragers for food
42 Yoko ___
43 Tries to slim down
44 Freeway divisions
45 Approve of
47 Orthodontist's deg.
48 "Who goes there?" asker
49 Leave speechless
51 Follower of Attila
52 Self-employed truckers
60 Railroad nail
61 Book sheet

DOWN

1 No longer fresh, as lettuce
2 Face-to-face exam
3 Lavish party
4 Merely
5 Devoid of vegetation
6 San Antonio landmark
7 Julius Caesar garment
8 Looked at
9 Maxim
10 Potomac and Nile
11 Higher than
12 Fourth planet
13 Pantry invader
21 On cloud nine
22 Pennsylvania sect
25 Sneeze sound
26 Get an F in a class
27 Port of Italy
28 Fedora, for instance
29 Sharp blows
30 Lab-maze runners
32 Major happening
33 Cable installer, at times
34 Fresh-mouthed
36 Matured
37 Montana's capital
40 Passenger
41 Sought office
46 Civil War soldier
48 Used a Web browser
50 Overgrown with dandelions
51 Throw with force
52 Whitish gemstone
53 Self-control
54 Soccer stadium shouts
55 Church bell sound
56 Bills picturing Hamilton
57 Roundish shape
58 Ready to harvest
59 Picnic side dish
60 Healthful resort

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A third of wells shut down at site of troubled gas facility

BY BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

The largest gas storage facility in the West halted using a third of the wells pumping methane underground at high pressure just weeks after it resumed operations following a blowout that crippled it for nearly two years.

Southern California Gas Co. said Monday it notified state regulators last month that 13 of 39 injection wells at Aliso Canyon were shut down after detecting a pressure buildup.

State regulators and the company said there were no risks to public health or safety and no release of gas into the atmosphere. But the revelation raises questions about how such a problem could crop up so soon after SoCalGas upgraded equipment, passed rigorous tests and began operating under stricter rules at the aging facility.

The state Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources said the real-time pressure readings that were required after the October 2015 blowout had led to a prompt response by SoCalGas that showed new safety requirements worked.

But Anneliese Anderle, a former inspector and supervisor at the state oil and gas division, called it an incredible failure that indicated a systemic problem.

“It’s a very high failure rate when you wouldn’t expect any,” said Anderle, who has consulted for a law firm suing the gas company. “It’s really an incredible number. Each of the 39 wells had gone through a lot of study and remediation. These were the 39 out of 114 that were their best. ... It’s not good.”

SoCalGas resumed pumping gas July 31 into deep underground caverns that once contained oil in the Aliso Canyon field that sits atop a mountain overlooking the San Fernando

Valley on the outskirts of Los Angeles.

The field was knocked out of commission when a blowout lasting nearly four months released the largest-known amount of methane in the nation’s history and drove thousands of families from their homes.

Many residents complained of ailments ranging from headaches and rashes to nosebleeds and nausea.

The cause of the blowout has not been determined, though a state engineer said it happened 895 feet below ground in a well more than 60 years old.

The pressure anomalies reported by the company in late August were discovered between a pipe used to inject the gas and a protective steel casing that surrounds it.

The state said pressure in that space increased to 700 pounds per square inch, which is a fifth of what it is tested to. The state said the reason for the pressure changes was that seals

known as packers need to be readjusted.

Two of the wells shut down last month have since been repaired and put back in service, the state said.

SoCalGas spokesman Chris Gilbride said the other wells won’t resume operating until the problem is identified and addressed.

Many of the residents who lived peacefully near the facility before the blowout want to see it permanently shuttered, though state and utility officials say it is needed to provide gas for home heating, cooking and to fuel gas-fired power plants.

Activists who want it shut down seized on the latest development to further their cause.

“This strongly reinforces what we and community leaders have said repeatedly, which is that Aliso Canyon will never be safe and needs to be immediately closed,” said Alexandra Nagy of Food & Water Watch.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 13)

If this year were a musical score, it would have the soaring melodies of a John Williams action/adventure piece. You’ll make friends who up your game. The financial infusion next month will be well-invested in education or travel. The end of the year will bring a merging of families. May is the most romantic month. Pisces and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 36, 2, 28 and 31.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There may be legitimate reasons for futile pursuits. As impossible as the standard of perfection may be, there are excellent near-perfect findings along the way to make such a quest worthwhile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Not every appetite is an indulgence. More often than not, what you crave will point you to what your body and soul know will nourish you. Follow an interest into the deeper and more nourishing levels.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Of course you stand for something: You stand for a lot of things, in fact. That being the case, there’s no need to go out of your way to find new things to stand for. This is a day to relax and just be who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
In the case where the boss is away, inept or nonexistent, someone has to lead. You’ll be good at it. You’ll call some key shots, in a manner that is necessary and beneficial to you and all involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You refuse to give a mood too much sway over your schedule. Moods come and go. You prefer to make decisions based on your overall vision of your life, not the moment-to-moment minutiae of feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Repetition makes for ease... that is until it makes for weariness and exhaustion. Practice until you get good -- but then know when to quit. Recognize the point of diminishing returns.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
The competition isn’t always coming at you from an opposing side. Often it’s your nearest and dearest who are the most competitive with you, which adds complications to the scene today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You want something that scares you. The prospect of having what you want is even more frightening than the possibility of never having it, but you’re brave, so you’ll go for it anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You’re a hard worker today, with deeper wells of self-discipline than usual. Take advantage of these focusing powers while they last. Also look for ways to apply more of your talents to the task at hand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It will be important to separate your identity from your opinions. Your opinions -- even your beliefs -- may change as you come to understand more about the world. Who you are is much deeper than one worldview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
People connect in the soft parts of their hearts. Those are also the vulnerable parts. You cannot make that connection without leaving yourself somewhat vulnerable. On some level you have to agree to get hurt.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
If relationships were emotional weather, some would be a gentle wind through the mind and others would put you on tornado watch. Then again, you can be a bit of a storm chaser these days. It’s one way to fight the ennui.

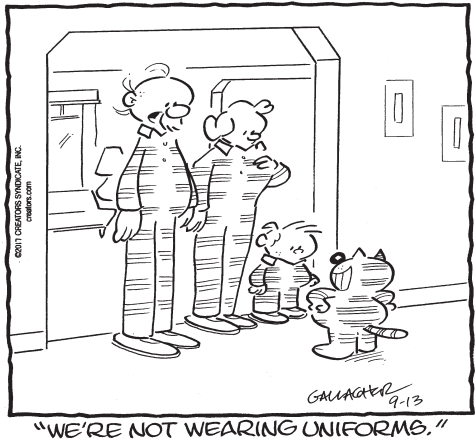
Solar Square to Saturn

People think they’re being smart by quickly summing up the situation, but that may not be the case. There will be many factors at play today, and you’re wise to wait and see which ones cancel each other out. Avoid assuming knowledge and you’ll also avoid mistakes. This advice is brought to you courtesy of a difficult solar position to Saturn.

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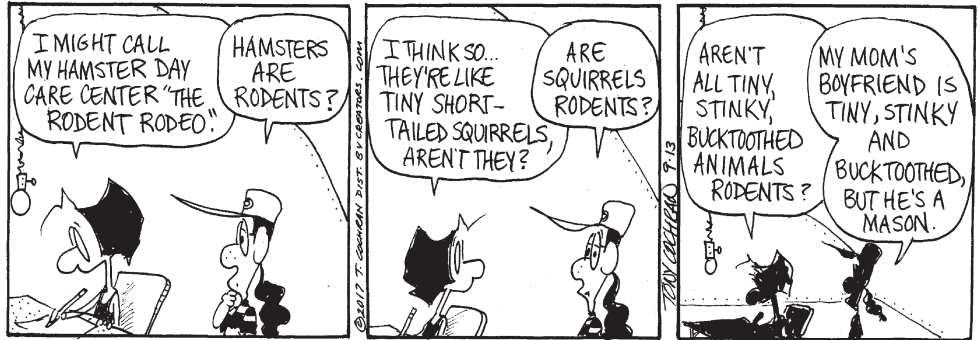
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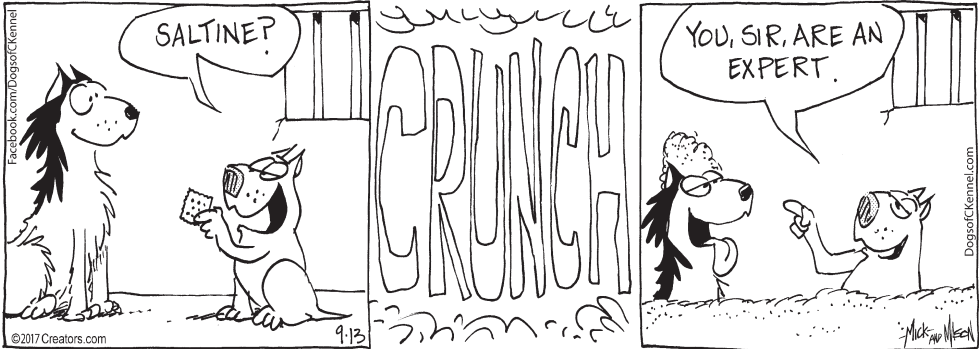
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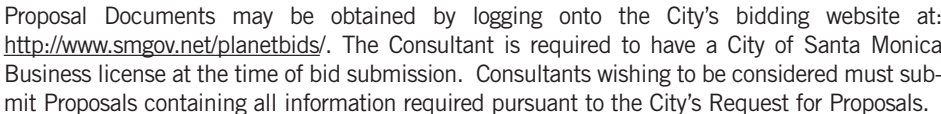


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