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FOOTBALL:

Samohi seals landmark win

Vikings defeats Compton for first victory of Lambert era

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica High football team experienced a feeling Friday night that it hadn't experienced in nearly two years.

Victory.

After going winless on the field in their first season under coach Ramsey Lambert, the Vikings snapped their streak of futility by overpowering Compton 34-14 on the road in a landmark game for the program.

"It felt pretty good," Lambert said. "The kids have worked really hard. Especially for the kids who did endure last season, it meant a lot for the coaching staff for them to get a win under their belt. It showed them that they can do this, that the system works. It was pretty rewarding to get that one out of the way."

The win came at a seemingly pivotal point in the season for Samohi (1-2), which had struggled in losses to Santa Ana-Segerstrom and Cypress its first two games of the year. And it arrived a week before the Vikings play their home opener this Friday night against Dana Point-Dana Hills at Santa Monica College.

Lambert's squad secured the victory with a "smash and dash" combination in its ground game, where Tony Dancy's power and Antonio Holley's quickness overwhelmed Compton. Dancy took 31 carries for 224 yards and three touchdowns, while Holley added 154 all-purpose yards and two scores in what Lambert said was his first game of eligibility.

"He's a jet," Lambert said. "He

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Prop 55 attracts local support

Union, school board favor extension of taxes on wealthy

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
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During the recession, Chancy Jones saw the impact of state budget cuts on employee workflow at Santa Monica High School. The campus security officer said staffing reductions led to longer cafeteria lines, dirtier classrooms and task backlogs, among other problems.

"Any special project — even just a light bulb changed — had to be put on the backburner," he said.

Although state coffers have stabilized somewhat in recent years, Jones is hoping to avoid more cutbacks in the future by supporting Proposition 55.

He and other members of SEIU Local 99 praised the Santa Monica-Malibu Board of Education's recent adoption of a resolution in support of the measure, which would extend higher temporary income taxes on people who make more than $250,000 a year for a dozen more years to fund K-12 schools, state community colleges and healthcare programs. The taxes were previously approved by voters through Proposition 30 in 2012.

"I strongly support this proposition," school board president Laurie Lieberman said in a statement. "We know that its passage is critical to maintaining adequate funding of school districts throughout California."

Jones, Lieberman and the agencies they represent are among the many supporters of Prop 55 across the state.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents favored the measure in a poll released last month by the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, while close to 35 percent opposed it. Support ranged from 78 percent among Democrats to 46.2 percent among Republicans, according to the poll.

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PCH CONSTRUCTION

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Caltrans has announced plans for work along a southbound stretch of the Pacific Coast Highway near Big Rock Road. The shoulder will be closed and temporary lane closures are possible. See Page 11 for more information.

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Wednesday, September 14

Mystery Book Group: Death of a Red Heroine

Inspector Chen Must battle the political climate of Shanghai and seek the help of a former lover in order to solve the murder of a National Model Worker who was a celebrity of utmost probity. 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.

Movie: Endurance (1999)

Celebrate the Ethiopian New Year with a cup of Ethiopian coffee and a movie about Haile Gebrselassie, the Ethiopian distance runner who won gold at the 1996 Olympic Games. (83min.) Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

Thursday, September 15

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Oneida: From Free Love to the Well-Set Table

Author Ellen Wayland-Smith discusses her new book about the 19th Century free love commune Oneida that evolved into the nation's leading manufacturer of silverware and a coveted mark of middle-class respectability. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 16

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

AltCar & Transportation Expo

Alternative Car Ride and Drive/Conference. Civic Auditorium parking lot, 1855 Main St., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

HUSHfest: Santa Monica Pier

LA's finest DJ's spin with the sound transmitted directly to wireless headphones given to guests. Experience over the ocean the city's most unique dance party! For more information call (213) 465-3123 or visit www.hushconcerts.com. Santa Monica Pier, 7 – 11:30 p.m.

Concert: The Kaleidoscope Trio

USC-based classical guitar, clarinet, and violin trip play a lively concert of crowd-pleasers and audience requests. All ages welcome. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 – 5 p.m.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

Join us as we celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month with music, games and crafts. Enjoy folk music and folkloric dances, play Loteria, and learn to embroider Mexican servilletas (napkins). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Master Gardeners at the Market

Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 a.m. - Noon. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.



Your column here

Michael Folonis
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Housing is not the enemy

IN 1972 I MOVED TO OCEAN PARK IN Santa Monica to attend college and have lived here ever since. What struck me then were the numerous abandoned derelict storefronts on Main Street and the Third Street Promenade. There were very few restaurants, theaters, shops, or any cultural activities. The Pacific Ocean Park Pier was fenced of and had suffered a number of fires and lay in rubble. This was not the 'Sleepy Little Beach Town' I imagined or experienced.

Finally in the 1970's and early 1980's Santa Monica began to make urban design decisions that started the positive transformation of the city; the successful makeover of Main Street, the Third Street Promenade and Santa Monica Place. Ocean Park's Enterprise Fish Company and Santa Monica Place was opened and helped to launch positive changes to our urban landscape.

By contrast our city has come a very long way by thoughtful urban planning, a knowledgeable city planning director, an experienced planning staff and a council who have made development decisions that are practical, well-informed, and good for our city, the downtown residents and the city as a whole.

Housing is a critical part of the equation in a city's development and we need to be active participants in building work-force, affordable and market-rate housing. People like to live where they work and near one another. European cities have evolved like this over centuries. Most modern American cities were not conceived this way but many are now making urban design decisions to embrace this basic planning principle; Downtown Los Angeles is a prime example and it is thriving.

In the last ten years Santa Monica's downtown had virtually no housing. According to the Santa Monica Planning Department from 2010 to 2016 a total of four housing projects had been built; a total 271 units, including a project located at 1318 2nd Street, which has yet to be completed. That's an average of 45 units per year. We are told that our downtown core, which is much less than 4% of the entire city area, is being overdeveloped but this couldn't be farther from the truth.

There is no doubt that there is traffic in downtown Santa Monica which is unmanageable. We have also been told that overdevelopment in downtown is to blamed, but this is another falsehood. With only 271 apartment units built in the last six years, where is all the traffic coming from?

Our City Manager, Rick Cole recently said the city estimates approximately 200,000 people come and go on a daily basis in and out of Santa Monica. Therein lies the answer to the traffic congestion, it is not overdevelopment. In fact if there were more housing in downtown it would actually help alleviate some of the congestion, but not completely solve the traffic problem.

In a recent national survey of all major metropolitan U.S. cities, Los Angeles has the distinction of having the nations worst traffic congestion on the 10 freeway between 20th Street in Santa Monica and Alameda Street in Los Angeles. This survey helps us understand the complexity; it will take original and creative urban design solutions to help relieve the problem.

Developers in San Francisco's downtown are not required to build parking for their apartment units. They can negotiate with the city to build limited parking. It stands to reason congestion is created because we build large parking garages, which brings more cars into the city. A single parking space in a subterranean garage takes approximately 450 square feet inclusive of the space, driveway, ramp isles, mechanical space, bicycle parking, fire exit stairs, elevators, the list goes on. 450 square feet of space which is mostly occupied between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 a.m., otherwise it empty. 450 square feet is the size of a small apartment unit. Similarly, the parking stall we use at work is an empty space overnight.

We can make better urban design decisions regarding density and traffic solutions in our downtown core.

Housing is not the enemy, it is the solution. It is the solution as proximity of uses that negates the need to use a car. It's how we create balance and social equity, it's a core community value of Santa Monica.

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SAMOHI turns 125!

MEASURE LV (LAND USE VOTER Empowerment) -- looks like a lot of big names are lining up against it. Even men of the cloth. Why? Oh, the reasons for that are the tangled web of Santa Monica politics. But don't be deceived, get the facts not the scare tactics.

Ask yourself who is standing up for the residents? Mega housing developer NMS, funding the opposition to LV to the tune of $225,000 (so far)? Just why do you think they're spending that kind of money? Come on now, think it through.

SATURDAY!

Busy day in Santa Monica. I'll give you just three events.

First, how old is our high school? 125! (How did you know?) That's history, that's tradition, and that's what they're emphasizing at this year's All Class Alumni Picnic and Awards, in the Quad from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Food, drink, Samohi swag, and the chance to meet alumni from way back and just graduated. This year the current students are invited, to emphasize the continuity of the fabric of the community that our high school embodies.

Who knows? You might bump into Sean Penn, Amber Tamblyn, Robert Wagner or Robert Downey Jr., Sandra Tsing Loh, astronaut Randolph Bresnik, Ry Cooder, Rick Monday, Tony Alva, Don Bluth, Ronda Rousey or someone who can whip her, no doubt, our state Senator Ben Allen. All grads. Tours, music performances, awards, but just go for the food. BBQ, yum. Not free but goes for programs the district won't finance.

Start your morning at the annual Lions Club pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Boys and Girls Club, 7:30 - 11 a.m., 1238 Lincoln. Only $5 for pancakes, sausage, eggs, OJ, coffee, milk, tea, and a good feeling of helping our kids. Kids games on site. Jump! Run! Look out -- urrp!

Then, that night, for the grownups of all ages, the Dream Orchestra presents its season opening concert at the Broad Stage, 8 p.m., performing two of my favorites, Sibelius' Symphony No. 2 and Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor, Daniel Suk conducting. We are really fortunate to have three fine symphony orchestras performing in our small city. Take advantage. Featured soloist Ray Ushikubo, veteran pianist of Carnegie Hall and the Tonight Show, will make you wish you practiced more when you were a kid. He's 14.

O HAPPY MUSIC DAY!

I guess I have to finally respond to the thousands who have besieged me to reveal my great day of music that I wrote about two columns ago. I knew I wanted to again go to the annual Venice Beach Art and Music Festival. This year it featured Willie Chambers, of the incomparable Chambers Brothers, the four-brother group going back 62 years. Their Baptist gospel upbringing took them into folk music, then rock, and now they are best known for their 11-minute 1968 psychedelic opus, "Time Has Come Today." A brilliant accomplishment, on many levels.

I knew Willie on his own would be a treat. Right in front of the stage, I got to sing along with Willie Chambers on "People Get Ready"! But the best was saved for last as he brought his brother Joe to the stage. At 74 he's Willie's kid brother, tall, trim and elegant. They did several numbers, obviously having a great time performing together, but when Joe picked up a cowbell I "uddered" a happy expletive because I knew what was next.

I wouldn't have predicted it, but by the time they finished at least 11 minutes of spot-on "Time Has Come Today," complete with those unique drum patterns and psychedelic effects and of course ending with the famous gospel grunt, I was in heaven.

I went to the side of the stage afterwards and introduced myself to Joe, and while shaking hands said, "Joe, I've been a music journalist most of my life and have been to more than 2,000 live shows, and that 'Time' was one of the best things I have ever heard!" He gave a big grin and leaned his head back and laughed heartily and said, simply, "Thank you!"

End it there? I decided to carry on to Burton Chace Park in Marina del Rey, to hear some of Eddie Palmieri and his big band. I'll admit I'm not big on Latin jazz, but legends are usually legends for a reason, he's almost 80 and I didn't want to miss this chance. The crowd was yuuuuge but I wormed my way to within 10 feet of the stage and I'm so glad I did. A percussion machine. His 12-piece band was so tight and fast they made the Stones or the Berlin Phil look lazy and loose.

Last stop, one of my favorite joints ever, the tiny Cinema Bar in Culver City (since 1951). The band featured that night looked promising from videos, but beyond the lead singer's great country voice (but too much stage patter), the band was disappointing. However -- the group preceding them, the Neighborhood Bullys ("I named the band before I learned to spell good," cracked leader Dave Meshell), was a relentless rock machine with four perfect parts, slightly countrified for the venue. I'm a fan. Mission accomplished, four hours, three great bands, all north of the Marina, west of Sepulveda and south of Ocean Park. I love LA.

Tomorrow night, Thursday, at the Cinema Bar, I highly recommend one of the best singer-songwriters in a country-folk vein you'll ever hear, Rick Shea. Doesn't often play this side of town.

LIGHTNING ROUND

Hillary's pneumonia is worth talking about, because it's the first time Republicans have cared about a woman's health. (-- from the Internets)

A reader, praising my column, also accused me of being goofy, sometimes, as a writer. I always thought of myself more as Daffy. But I must be cartoonish, because I am married to Daisy Duck. No, really, I am.

Phil Brock must be elected to City Council as a write-in, something no one's ever done before. But that's OK. This is the year of the Impossibles, both good and evil. Brock has done more good for Santa Monica, gratis but with countless hours put in, than most have any idea of, all his life. No one is more knowledgeable, more qualified to be on Council. But he hasn't decided yet to go that tough write-in route. Let him know you think he should. No, must.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Oh Donald -- why do you always treat me that way?!" -- Daisy Duck

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How To Avoid The Contractor Blues

IT BEGAN WITH DRIPS OF WATER UNDER the kitchen sink and ended in a tidal wave of debt. After spotting the small leak, Bob and Arlene Schuster, homeowners in Santa Monica and both in their eighties, called Kaley Plumbing. The Kaley plumber took a surprisingly quick look under their sink and then walked out the Schusters' back door. (All names and identifying details are changed in this composite story.)

"What the devil is he doing out there?" asked Bob. Restlessly fidgeting with Kaley's business card, Bob sat across the kitchen table from Arlene.

Arlene stood and peered out the window over their sink. "Not much," she said. "I think he's on the phone."

The plumber finally came back inside. "You have a plumbing emergency," he declared. "All of your pipes need to be replaced."

"All the kitchen pipes?" asked Bob.

"No, all the pipes. Here in the kitchen and everywhere else in the house." The plumber gestured at the door. "And outside, too. I'm checking on the availability of a backhoe."

"A backhoe?!" exclaimed Bob.

Kaley Plumbing gave a work estimate of $25,000 to the shocked couple – and demanded half the money down before they started work. On a fixed income, the Schusters had nowhere near that kind of money. But the plumber said they had little choice: if they did nothing, the "emergency" would only get worse. The Schusters used credit cards to pay the $12,500 deposit.

After the re-piping was done – and after paying the full $25,000 – the Schusters learned that Kaley's work was sub-standard and overpriced. It would cost them $13,000 more to fix Kaley's mistakes. They also had no way of knowing now if the job was even necessary.

Unfortunately for the Schusters and other California homeowners, especially seniors, not all contractors are fair or honest. But there are things you can do to protect your rights. The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office recommends:

Three bids: Get at least three written bids on every job. This will help confirm what actually needs to be done, and give you a better idea of a fair price.

Licensing: Confirm the contractor's license at www.checkthelicensefirst.com. A license is required by law for all jobs over $500.

Only 10% down/$1,000 max: Contractors can't require up-front payments of more than $1,000 or 10% of the total contract price, whichever is less. You should never pay more than this before work starts. Also, don't ever make your final payment until the job is complete and you are satisfied with the work.

Written contract: Be sure to get a written contract that's easy to understand and holds the contractor responsible for all permits.

For disputes with a contractor, you can file a complaint at cslb.ca.gov. If you or the contractor are in Santa Monica, you can also call the City Attorney's Consumer Protection Division.

In the Schusters' case, the City Attorney worked with the state contractor's board to make Kaley reimburse all their money, since the company had broken the law.

Remember that you have legal rights with contractors – but it's up to you to use them.

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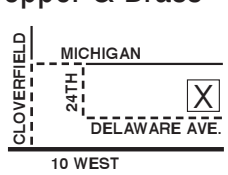
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Proponents say the measure would only affect the wealthiest Californians and could provide necessary funding that was lost during the recession. The San Jose Mercury News editorial board expressed support for the initiative, writing that it could soften the impact of a future economic downturn.

Opponents argue that Prop 55 would extend taxes that were meant to be temporary and could stifle small business owners. The San Francisco Chronicle, which endorsed Prop 30 four years ago, came out against the new measure, arguing that "California's essential services, most notably education, deserve a more stable funding source" than wealthy citizens' taxes.

The language in the resolution unanimously adopted by the SMMUSD board was suggested by the California School Boards Association. It mentions the cuts to education during the recession and cites the state's low ranking in per-pupil spending.

And the recent reductions negatively affected members of SEIU Local 99, which represents close to 40,000 workers in public and private organizations across Southern California.

"SEIU Local 99 members had a front-row seat on the devastating impact of state budget cuts to our schools and community colleges," union executive director Max Arias said in a statement.

Added Jones, the Samohi security officer: "We can't go back to that. We're only just starting to recover."

The resolution also notes that the district's plan to address longstanding achievement gaps depends on current funding levels. SMMUSD is in the process of working with education reformist Pedro Noguera to improve academic outcomes for minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged students.

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FOOTBALL

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came in and sparked us. ... We had speed with Holley, and our big guy was grinding away yards. They were a nice complement to each other."

The win seemed all the more impressive considering the departure of starting quarterback Dariush Sayson, who left the game after sustaining a shoulder bruise on a hit in the second quarter. Samohi sophomore Tee Barnes stepped in to manage the game in his stead.

With the game tied at 7-7 entering the second half, Holley gave the Vikings a burst of momentum with an 85-yard kickoff return to start the third quarter. Compton answered quickly, but Samohi took control on an ensuing drive featuring numerous running plays that was capped by a Dancy touchdown.

"We were able to slowly wear on them," Lambert said.

The Vikings turned in their best defensive performance of the season, recovering three fumbles and stifling Compton's double-wing offense as the evening wore on. Lambert noted that many opposing players were logging minutes on both sides of the ball, but he credited his team's cardio conditioning for its success late in the game.

"Our kids were gritty," Lambert said. "They were bigger than us, and they have two phenomenal running backs who were able to move the ball on us. But the defense was willing to sacrifice for the team."

Lambert said he told his players after the game that they could enjoy the victory over the weekend but that he expected them to return to school Monday with a focus on this week's challenge.

"We have 48 hours to get over a loss and 48 hours to celebrate a win," he said. "We have to come back ready to work to go 1-0 this week."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMMUSD Financial Oversight Committee Accepting Applications

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) is seeking qualified candidates who will bring a depth of business and/or financial expertise to the committee. It is anticipated that a vacancy on the committee will result from the Nov. 8, 2016 election.

Application forms are available through the Superintendent's Office or via the website: www.smmusd.org/fiscal/financialDAC.html.

FOC meetings are currently scheduled once a month at the District Office at 7 p.m. in the Testing Room. Following is the schedule of meetings (subject to change) remaining for the 2016-17 year:

Thursday, October 13, 2016
Thursday, November 10, 2016
Thursday, December 8, 2016
Thursday, January 12, 2017
Thursday, February 9, 2017
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
Thursday, April 27, 2017
Thursday, May 11, 2017
Thursday, June 15, 2017
TBD (July 2017)

The deadline for applications is Friday, Oct. 7, 2016. Applications can be mailed to the district office (1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404), faxed (310) 581-1138, or scanned and emailed to foc@smmusd.org.

– SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER, SMMUSD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER



NOTICE OF PREPARATION/NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 1828 OCEAN AVENUE AND 1921 OCEAN FRONT WALK PROJECTS

DATE: September 13, 2016

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, California 90407
Contact: Russell Bunim, Associate Planner
Phone: (310) 458-8341

The City of Santa Monica intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed 1828 Ocean Avenue (15ENT-300) and 1921 Ocean Front Walk (15ENT-0297) Projects (the proposed projects). In accordance with Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines, the City of Santa Monica has prepared this Notice of Preparation to provide the public, Responsible Agencies, and other interested parties with information describing the projects and their potential environmental effects. The EIR will address the projects' potentially significant effects in the following environmental issue areas: Aesthetics (including Shadows), Air Quality Cultural Resources, Construction Effects, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas, Emissions Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Neighborhood Effects, Noise Population/Housing, Public Services, Transportation/Circulation, Utilities, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Koning Eizenberg Architecture

PROJECT LOCATIONS: The project sites are located in the Oceanfront District of the City. The 1828 Ocean Avenue site is bordered by Ocean Avenue to the east, Vicente Terrace to the north, Shutters on the Beach Hotel to the west, and Pico Boulevard to the south. The 1921 Ocean Front Walk site is bordered by Ocean Way to the east, Hotel Casa del Mar to the north, Ocean Front Walk to the west, and Bay Street to the south. Regional access to the sites are provided from the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) and Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) via the California Incline. Local access is provided from Ocean Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS: The 1828 Ocean Ave project would remove an existing 127-space paved surface parking lot utilized by Hotel Casa del Mar and construct a 47-foot-tall mixed-use residential building with 83 residential units and 2,000 square feet (sf) of ground-floor commercial tenant space (including approximately 1,000 square feet of outdoor dining). This project would also provide approximately 277 vehicular parking spaces within a semi-subterranean/subterranean garage, including 127 spaces to replace the existing on-site parking spaces currently utilized by Hotel Casa Del Mar. The total floor area of the development (excluding subterranean/semi-subterranean, and outdoor dining sf), would be approximately 89,985 sf, resulting in a floor area ratio (FAR) of 2.0. The 1921 Ocean Front Walk project would construct a 47-foot-tall mixed-use building with 22 residential units and 4,000 sf of ground-floor commercial tenant space (including approximately 2,000 sf of outdoor dining) on a vacant 23,180 square-foot lot. The project would also provide approximately 62 vehicular parking spaces in a semi-subterranean/subterranean garage. The total floor area of the 1921 Ocean Front Walk Project (excluding subterranean/semi-subterranean and outdoor dining sf) would be approximately 45,489 sf, resulting in an FAR of 2.0

The projects include 16 deed-restricted affordable housing units (12 units for 1828 Ocean Avenue and 4 for 1921 Ocean Front Walk), with the affordable housing for 1921 Ocean Front Walk being provided either off-site at 1828 Ocean Avenue (Scenario "A") or on-site (Scenario "B").

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, this Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. Please go to the City's webpage http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/1828-Ocean-Avenue/1921-Ocean-Front-Walk-EIR/ for the NOP and associated project info. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016** and addressed to:

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City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, California 90407
Telephone: (310) 458-8341
E-mail: Russell.Bunim@smgov.net

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: A public scoping meeting will be held to describe the proposed project, the environmental review process, and to receive public comments on the scope of the EIR. The meeting will be held at the following date and location:

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 26, 2016
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St
Santa Monica, CA 90401

The City will consider all comments, written and oral, in determining the final scope of the evaluation to be included in the EIR.

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 30, 2016 AT ABOUT 10:51 A.M.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of 34th Street regarding a suspicious person loitering in the area. The reporting party indicated they were recently victim of a burglary and was concerned the subject had returned. Officers contacted the subject at 34th Street and Ocean Park Blvd. Officers were able to determine the subject had a warrant for his arrest for burglary charges and parole violation. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. During a search of the suspect, officers recovered a baggie containing a white substance which later tested positive as methamphetamine. Jeremy Mason Badeker, 40, homeless was arrested for a burglary warrant, parole violation and drug possession. Bail was denied.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 398 calls for service on Sept. 12.

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

72 hour psychiatric hold 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 12:04 a.m.
Pubic intoxication 1000 block of 4th 1:35 a.m.
Loitering 800 block of Broadway 3:44 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1400 block of 6th 5:38 a.m.
Person down 2800 block of Santa Monica 5:39 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block of Bicknell 6:29 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block of 6th 7:08 a.m.
Trespassing 2400 block of Wilshire 7:16 a.m.
Lewd activity 300 block of Olympic 7:26 a.m.
Hit and run 1600 block of Cloverfield 8:20 a.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 16th 8:45 a.m.
Assault 600 block of Wilshire 8:57 a.m.
Battery 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 9:16 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1600 block of California 9:26 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of Main 10:18 a.m.
Petty theft 2000 block of Wilshire 10:22 a.m.
Battery report 200 block of Palisades back 10:24 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of 9th 11:03 a.m.
Loitering 1700 block of Appian 11:08 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of 10th 11:35 a.m.
Grand theft 300 block of Colorado 11:35 a.m.
Missing person 300 block of Olympic 11:56 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1700 block of Berkeley 12:08 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/ California 12:10 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2400 block of Wilshire 12:50 p.m.
Grand theft 500 block of 12th 12:51 p.m.
Identity theft 200 block of Broadway 12:54 p.m.
Trespassing 100 block of 7th 1:21 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 900 block of Marine 2:00 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600 block of The Beach 2:16 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/ Pico 2:18 p.m.
Battery 2900 block of Wilshire 2:41 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 26th 2:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of Wilshire 2:53 p.m.
Trespassing Lincoln/ Pico 3:09 p.m.
Missing person 2500 block of Pico 3:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 2700 block of Pico 4:05 p.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of 32nd 4:08 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of 7th 4:37 p.m.
Traffic collision 300 block of Idaho 4:56 p.m.
Public intoxication 1600 block of Ocean 5:27 p.m.
Traffic collision 700 block of Adelaide 5:35 p.m.
Identity theft 300 block of Olympic 6:32 p.m.
Elder abuse 400 block of Ocean 6:49 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th/ Strand 7:45 p.m.
Urinating in public 2400 block of Pico 8:06 p.m.
PCH 1100 block of PCH 9:02 p.m.
Hit and run 2400 block of Pico 10:18 p.m.
Fight 900 block of 11th 10:55 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block of 16th 11:03 p.m.
Auto burglary report 2900 block of Lincoln 11:26 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 41 calls for service on Sept. 12.

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

EMS 1300 block of 3rd St. Prom 12:02 a.m.
Assist LAFD 0 block of Dudley 12:10 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 12:14 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 4th 1:34 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3300 block of Barnard way 1:49 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of 15th 4:00 a.m.
EMS 2800 block of Santa Monica 5:39 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of 4th 6:51 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Ocean 9:17 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean 9:23 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Santa Monica 10:35 a.m.
EMS 2300 block of Santa Monica 10:52 a.m.
Flooded condition1200 block of 15th 11:29 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Broadway 11:42 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 12:09 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of Arizona 1:06 p.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 1:18 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 21st 1:52 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/ Pico 2:19 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Main 2:21 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 6th 2:41 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Beverley 2:45 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Main 3:02 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 3:36 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Santa Monica 3:46 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Santa Monica 4:03 p.m.
EMS 400 block of 21st Pl 4:56 p.m.
EMS 3rd St Prom/ Wilshire 5:12 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of 16th 6:13 p.m.
EMS 2900 block of Neilson Way 7:49 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Expo Line 7:57 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Lincoln 8:00 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Virginia 8:02 p.m.
Transformer Fire 200 block of San Vicente 9:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of Ocean 9:45 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of California 9:54 p.m.
EMS 11th/ Washington 11:01 p.m.
EMS 6th/ Colorado 11:32 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Washington 11:41 p.m.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for flautas is 65 in 10 minutes, held by Ben Monson. The fact that you've probably never heard of Monson's achievement indicates his desire not to flauta it.

Best Medicine

■ Q: What's the most commonly misspelled blood group?
■ A: Typo

Observation

■ "Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon. -- American humorist Doug Larson

Medical History

■ This week in 1888, a baby incubator was first used in the United States to care for 2-pound, 7-ounce Edith McLean at State Emigrant Hospital on Ward's Island, New York. Originally called a "hatching cradle," the device was three-foot square, four-foot high box designed to increase the survival rate of premature infants. Sixteen years later at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis, the incubators were still quite novel, with a display featuring nurses caring for real endangered infants from orphanages and poor families. The care of the infants was paid for by the exhibit admission fee.



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 9/10
3 17 49 55 68
Power#: 8
Jackpot: 222M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/9
1 34 43 44 63
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 122M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 9/10
10 29 30 37 44
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 34M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/12
11 12 16 20 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/12
MIDDAY: 1 5 5
Draw Date: 9/12
EVENING: 5 6 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/12
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:40.84

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1958 – The first two German post-war rockets, designed by the German engineer Ernst Mohr, reach the upper atmosphere.

1959 – The Soviet probe Luna 2 crashes onto the Moon, becoming the first man-made object to reach it.

1960 – The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is founded.

1960 – Congo Crisis: With CIA help, Mobutu Sese Seko seizes power in a military coup, suspending parliament and the constitution.

1969 – The US Selective Service selects September 14 as the First Draft Lottery date.

1975 – The first American saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is canonized by Pope Paul VI.

1979 – Afghan President Nur Muhammad Taraki is assassinated upon the order of Hafizullah Amin, who becomes the new president.

1982 – President-elect of Lebanon, Bachir Gemayel, is assassinated.

1984 – Joe Kittinger becomes the first person to fly a gas balloon alone across the Atlantic Ocean.

1985 – Penang Bridge, the longest bridge in Malaysia, connecting the island of Penang to the mainland opens.

1992 – The Constitutional Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina declares the breakaway Croatian Republic of Herzeg-Bosnia to be illegal.

1994 – The Major League Baseball season is canceled because of a strike.

1998 – Telecommunications companies MCI Communications and WorldCom complete their $37 billion merger to form MCI WorldCom.

1999 – Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga join the United Nations.

2000 – Microsoft releases Windows ME.

2001 – Historic National Prayer Service held at Washington National Cathedral for victims of the September 11 attacks. A similar service is held in Canada on Parliament Hill, the largest vigil ever held in the nation's capital.

2003 – In a referendum, Estonia approves joining the European Union.

2007 – Late-2000s financial crisis: The Northern Rock bank experiences the first bank run in the United Kingdom in 150 years.

WORD UP!

chimerical
1. wildly fanciful; highly unrealistic: a chimerical plan.
2. unreal; imaginary; visionary: a chimerical terrestrial paradise.

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. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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9	3	7	1	2	8	6	4	5
6	1	5	2	4	3	8	7	9
4	8	9	6	5	7	1	2	3
2	7	3	8	9	1	5	6	4

Crossword

By STANLEY NEWMAN

Stanley Newman crafts a fresh and challenging puzzle every day of the week! Stay sharp and challenge yourself to solve each and every one.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

Answer to previous puzzle

A	M	I	S	S		P	F	C	S		S	A	A	B
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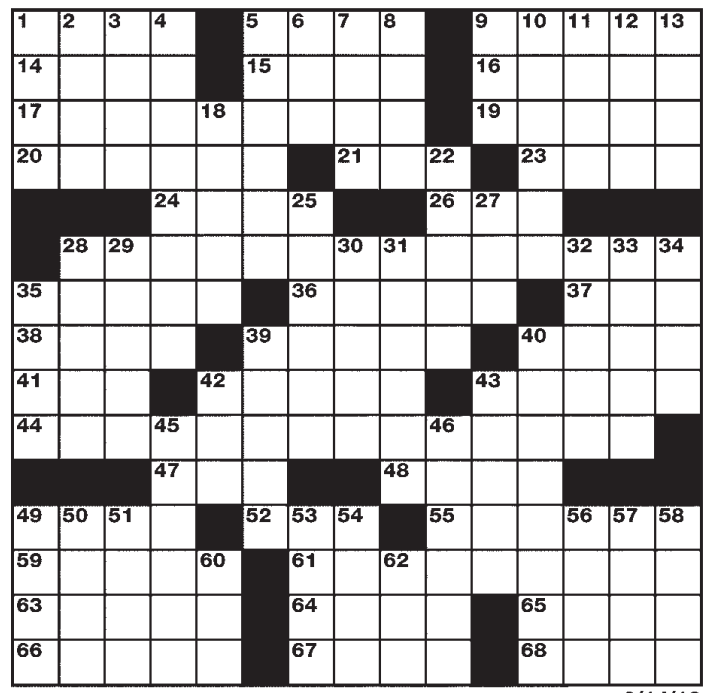
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Newsday Crossword

SLOW DOWN by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Insignificant
5 The Stars and Stripes
9 Prepares acres for planting
14 "__ sesame!"
15 Fishing cord
16 *Casablanca* star, familiarly
17 "Slow down"
19 Taco chip dip
20 Obedient child's response
21 Invite
23 Sneaker inserts
24 Toward Spain
26 Rhyming tribute
28 "Slow down"
35 *Raiders of the Lost Ark* hero
36 Biblical song
37 '70s Chinese leader
38 Was in the red
39 Sharpens, as an appetite
40 Oregano, e.g.
41 Ruckus
42 Butcher's wares
43 Pharmacy stock
44 "Slow down"
47 Talk too much
48 Thumbs-down votes
49 Go a few rounds
52 Brother or sister, for short
55 Keep from progressing
59 Purple flower
61 "Slow down"
63 Silly
64 Aluminum wrap
65 Frozen desserts
66 Green sauce
67 Formerly
68 He and she

DOWN
1 Melville's *__-Dick*
2 Olympics sword
3 Workout count, briefly
4 Coated, as some cookware
5 Easily broken
6 Polygraph detection
7 Author Quindlen
8 Understands
9 *Downton Abbey* airer
10 Do-nothing
11 Stare at
12 In the know
13 Bench or chair
18 Warty hoppers
22 Competitor of Target
25 Accessory for Mr. Peanut
27 Suffix for free or fan
28 Folksy greeting
29 Result of a leadoff single
30 Of __ (helpful for)
31 Informs against
32 Refine metal
33 Too soon
34 Sheds tears
35 *The Grapes of Wrath* surname
39 Sheds tears
40 Temper tantrum
42 Marketing deg.
43 Words on a check
45 Dictator
46 Give grief to
49 Minor error
50 Cone-bearing tree
51 Word of regret
53 Facts and figures
54 Timely benefit
56 __ 1 (speed of sound)
57 "Understood"
58 Online crafts store
60 Boardroom VIP
62 __-tac-toe



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Man on the Street

by MARINA ANDALON

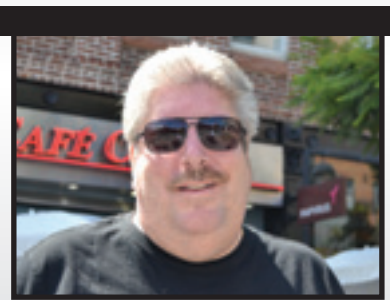
Q: What lifestyle change have you made to conserve water?



TUGCE YAM:
I think sometimes people think that water is every where when in reality we are quickly running out. I have cut down my shower time significantly, but I will admit I don't tell many people that. That is the one change I have made in my life that has really stuck.



JENNIFER HERNANDEZ:
My family and I have cut down on water when it comes to faucet, we make sure we never leave it running, and when it does run we let the water go into buckets. That way if we need water for other things such as cleaning a spill or anything small we have a bucket already ready.



ROY CECCHETTI:
California is in a drought, we need as much rain/ water as we can get. What my family and I have done to help conserve waster is take out our yard. We do not use water for our lawn or flowers; it not only saves water but saves money as well.



DESTINY WILLIAMS:
After learning about how much we should save water I was able to change two aspects of my lifestyle. I turn off the faucet when I brush my teeth or wash my hands. Basically whenever I don't really need the water. Since that was working I turn the water on and off when I am in the shower, it might not seem like a lot but I am sure it is saving a lot of water.



TILLY RIMKIM
As much as I might not want to completely say this, I take less showers. There is no need to shower twice or three times every day; it is ridiculous how many people do that. Water is super important especially right now. I hand wash my clothes after learning how much water is used in the washer. Those are a couple of my lifestyle changes that I have done.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14)

Something you didn't even see as a problem has been holding you back. This year you'll come to an awareness and then blossom in a blink. Embracing the new way will be easy. In January you will demonstrate what years of practice and study have given you and be chosen for a position. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 2, 24, 31 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Are you just making the best of the way things are turning out or are things really turning out for the best? It's hard to say, because with your stellar attitude you continually spot opportunity and turn potential into reality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Nothing in life is created apart from others. The extent to which you depend on your crew is pretty remarkable today, and even more remarkable is the way they meet and then exceed your highest expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's the same way with people as it is with fruit: When they're squeezed, you find out what kind of juice is inside. The pressure is on today and this will work in your favor as people find out the powerful potion of zesty vitality you're made of.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You're in an extraordinarily selfless mood today and anyone lucky enough to join forces with you will experience your loyalty. Their interests will become your interests, their goals your project, their obstacles your mission.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The bad news is that you are definitely your own worst enemy. The good news is that you have no others today. So reason with yourself. Go easier. Call off the fight if you can. If not, do try and win yourself over.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
On whom can you depend? As emotionally close as you may feel to someone, practical matters must be assessed in practical terms. Reassess your support system, based on the evidence of recent behavior.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your reputation stirs up a sense of wonder, anticipation and expectation. What do they know about you before you enter the room? How can you tweak this early information to be seen in the best light?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
This project could drag on for years, or it could be done in a few weeks. Go for the short route. Get more people involved, invest more money and concentrate more time. The power of momentum is on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Some things can't be bought. What you need today can be. However, the greater the emotional connection is for those involved in making it happen, the smaller the dollar amount will be needed to fund the effort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
To receive help you don't need only keeps you from working at the level that will allow you to attract the help you do need to grow. The more you can do to become self-sufficient, the better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There will be something of a competition involved in acquiring today's goods. It will boil down to who got there first and how aggressively this person tries to pursue the spoils.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
If you didn't set up your deal in the early stages of the plan, now that you're at the end there's a tough decision to be made about how to split up the credit and the profit.

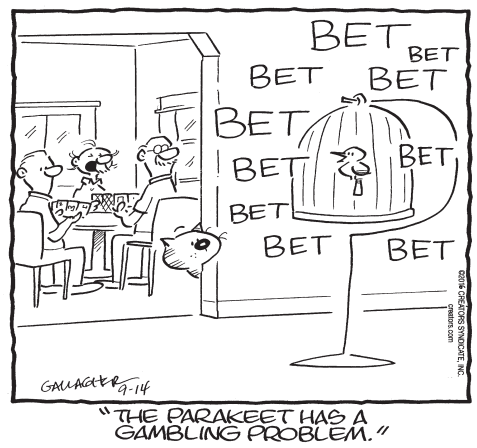
Aquarius Moon Quandary

The social-minded Aquarius moon has high hopes for humanity that will be tempered by the Virgo sun. The first step in saving the world is to take care of yourself. When you improve, the world improves. Don't get discouraged looking at the scope of what needs to happen. Chances are, you're making more of a difference than you think.

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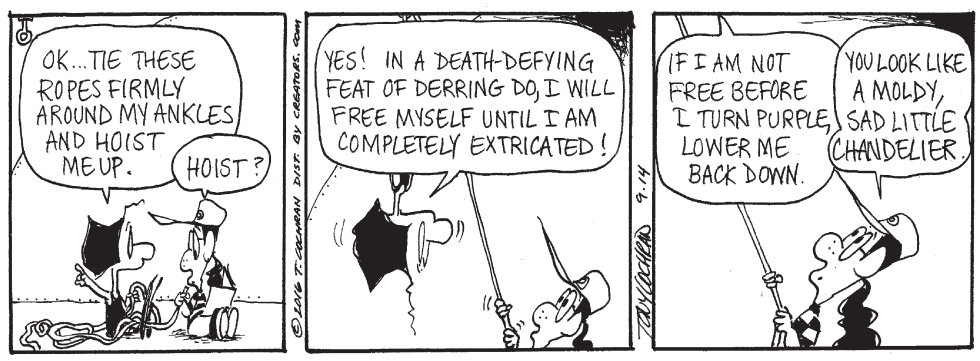
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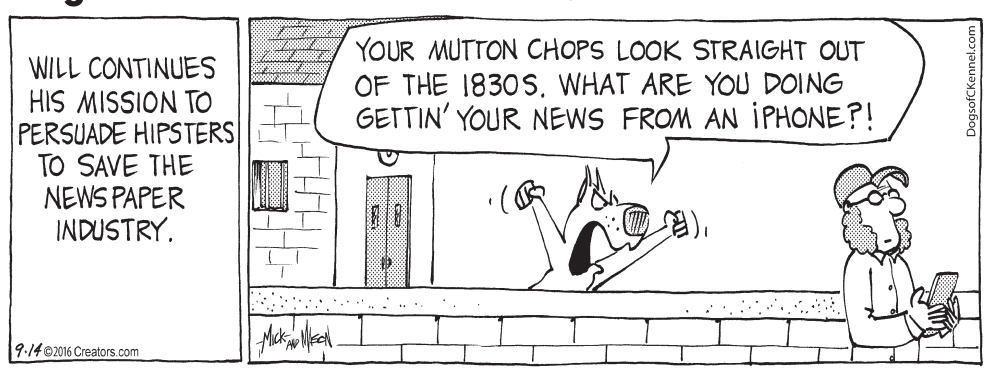
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Prosecutor reaches $4M settlement with utility for gas leak

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A utility that owns a well that leaked massive amounts of natural gas and drove thousands of families from their Los Angeles homes pleaded no contest to a criminal charge Tuesday as part of a $4 million settlement with prosecutors.

The deal requires Southern California Gas Co. to adopt a leak-monitoring system at its Aliso Canyon facility that goes beyond federal and state requirements, Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey said.

"The protections put in place by this agreement create a safer facility for its employees, the environment and the surrounding communities," Lacey said in a statement.

The company pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor count of failing to immediately report the gas leak to state officials when it was discovered Oct. 23. The utility waited three days before notifying the state Office of Emergency Services, prosecutors said.

The well that wasn't plugged until February led more than 8,000 families to move out of their homes in the Porter Ranch area of the San Fernando Valley. Many experienced headaches, nosebleeds and nausea during the event that scientists said was the largest known release of climate-changing methane in U.S. history.

Health experts attributed the maladies to an odorant added to methane to make it detectable and, possibly, to trace chemicals included in natural gas.

SoCalGas issued a statement saying the settlement was "another important step in our efforts to put the leak behind us and to win back the trust of the community."

The settlement includes the maximum fine of $75,000, plus a penalty of $232,000 and more than $245,000 for a hazardous materials investigation by Los Angeles County firefighters.

The financial brunt of the settlement, though, will come from the installation and maintenance of an infrared leak-detection system that will cost more than $1 million and require more than $2 million to staff and monitor with six full-time employees over the next three years.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Construction Begins Along Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) To Prevent Slope Erosion

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin applying steel fiber-reinforced sprayed concrete (shotcrete) to an ocean-side slope near Big Rock Road along Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) to prevent additional erosion to the slope supporting the highway and to help protect utility lines. Work is expected to start on Wednesday, Sept. 14. The project is expected to finish in late-October.

The work will require a shoulder closure on southbound SR-1. Temporary lane closures may occur on southbound lanes. Construction crews will work Monday through Friday. Tidal influences will require crews to adjust work schedules. Construction noise and vibrations may occur when crews operate construction equipment.

Caltrans asks motorists and cyclists to share the road in the work zone and be alert.

The sea wall will be 20-foot tall and 150-feet wide. The contractor will insert steel rebars into the slope, spray shotcrete onto the exposed slopes, and rearrange rocks that are already on the beach to help protect the bottom (toe) of the slope.

Union Engineering, Inc. of Santa Maria, California was awarded this $291,000 contract that is funded by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

– SUBMITTED BY PATRICK CHANDLER, CALTRANS PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER,

Citywide

Minimum wage agreement with Los Angeles County

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to approve an agreement between the County's Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) wage enforcement program and the city of Santa Monica. The DCBA wage enforcement program will provide wage enforcement services to the City of Santa Monica to ensure that businesses are complying with Santa Monica's new minimum wage law.

Brian Stiger, Director of DCBA, said, "The County's Wage Enforcement team brings established resources and structure to the region's wage enforcement efforts. As new minimum wage laws are implemented in other County cities, educating the business community and compliance are of tremendous importance."

County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, added, "I hope that other municipalities will follow Santa Monica's lead and utilize the fine skills of the County's crack wage enforcement team. It's very important to ensure compliance with this important new law which is designed to help working families thrive."

– SUBMITTED BY BARBARA OSBORN, COUNTY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL'S DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Citywide

RAND Corporation Marks Death of Ed Edelman, Former Senior Fellow and LA County Supervisor

The RAND Corporation has noted with profound regret the passing of Edmund D. Edelman, who joined the RAND Corporation as a senior fellow in 1995 after nearly 30 years as an elected official in Los Angeles. At RAND, he contributed to projects on homelessness, policing, and the governance of local water agencies, among others, and educated the staff about the complexities of local government.

"Ed Edelman was a strong believer in measuring the effectiveness of government-provided services," said Michael D. Rich, president and chief executive officer of RAND. "Much as he strived to make Los Angeles County government better meet the needs of the public, he helped RAND make its research more relevant and useful, not only for public officials but for the citizens they serve."

Edelman, a former member of the Los Angeles City Council and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, said he viewed working at RAND as an extension of his long career in public service. He planned to use RAND's "great resources to reach out to the community," he told the Los Angeles Times in 1994.

He initially made a one-year commitment to the Santa Monica-based research organization, but his contributions were so valued his tenure was extended several times. He stayed for seven years, leaving in 2002.

Edelman was also an accomplished amateur cellist who performed at RAND's 50th anniversary celebration in 1998 and at commencement ceremonies at what is now the Pardee RAND Graduate School.

– SUBMITTED BY WARREN ROBAK

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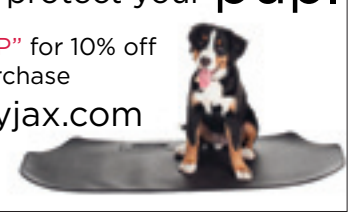
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