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Reed Park prepares for 'The MOVEMENT'

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Local residents of all ages are invited to join professional dancers, DJs and choreographers at Christine Emerson Reed Park this weekend for "the MOVEMENT," an event described by city officials as an afternoon of fun, music and community connections.

Occurring from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Reed Park, which is located at 1133 Seventh Street, the inaugural dance party was produced in conjunction with the City of Santa Monica's Department of Cultural Affairs in an effort to provide local residents the opportunity to connect with other community members while learning new dance steps and getting active

"It's the first time we've done something like this," said Justin Yoffe, the city's cultural venue supervisor. "We've been doing concerts over at Reed for some time and we wanted to add dancing because we thought people would really enjoy that."

Yoffe added, "There will be two different styles of dances, and — in a fun way — they'll teach you all the steps and get you in the mood so you can do the collective dances together in a community hip-hop flash mob."

Created, hosted and DJ'ed by Anacron, who has performed and competed internationally as a member of LA Breakers and Brickheadz dance crews, as well as choreographed dance pieces for television and theater, the Movement will also include a number of other special guests.



Courtesy photo

MOVEMENT: Reed Park will host a dance party this weekend.

THE CONTRIBUTORS

DJ Drtysoap — who is a resident DJ at Open House, an internationally recognized house dance session in Los Angeles, and co-founder of a mixtape podcast played around the world — is expected to guest DJ at least one set during Saturday's activities, according to an event flyer. "The

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Person with measles visited Erewhon Market

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Public health officials said a person with measles visited several businesses in Santa Monica, Culver City and Baldwin Hills last week and earlier this week.

The infected person visited a commercial building at 3756 Santa Rosalia Dr. in Baldwin Hills last Friday between 5:45 and 9:15 p.m., according to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Last Saturday, they went to Culver City Arclight Cinemas between 5 and 9:30 p.m. and AR Cucina Restaurant in Culver City between 7:30 and 11 p.m.

On Monday, they visited a commercial building at 3201 Wilshire Blvd. between 11:35 a.m. and 3:40 p.m. and Erewhon Market in Santa Monica between 3 and 5:30 p.m.

Officials said anyone who may have been at these locations at these dates and times is at risk of developing measles for up to 21 days after being exposed. Symptoms to watch out for include fever and/or an unexplained rash.

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City Council to review Memorial Park plan

MADELEINE PAUKER
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Santa Monicans can expect brand-new sports fields and better amenities at Memorial Park — but not until the mid-2020s.

On Tuesday, the City Council will review plans for the renovation and expansion of Memorial Park, which contains Santa Monica's most-used baseball and softball fields and the city's only public gym and skate park. The project will combine Memorial Park and the adjacent, 2.9-acre city-owned former Fisher Lumber site into a 13-acre park to meet an increasing demand for recreational activities, city staff said.

City Hall earmarked the park for redevelopment in 1997, but did not



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PARKS: Council will review plans for Memorial park next week.

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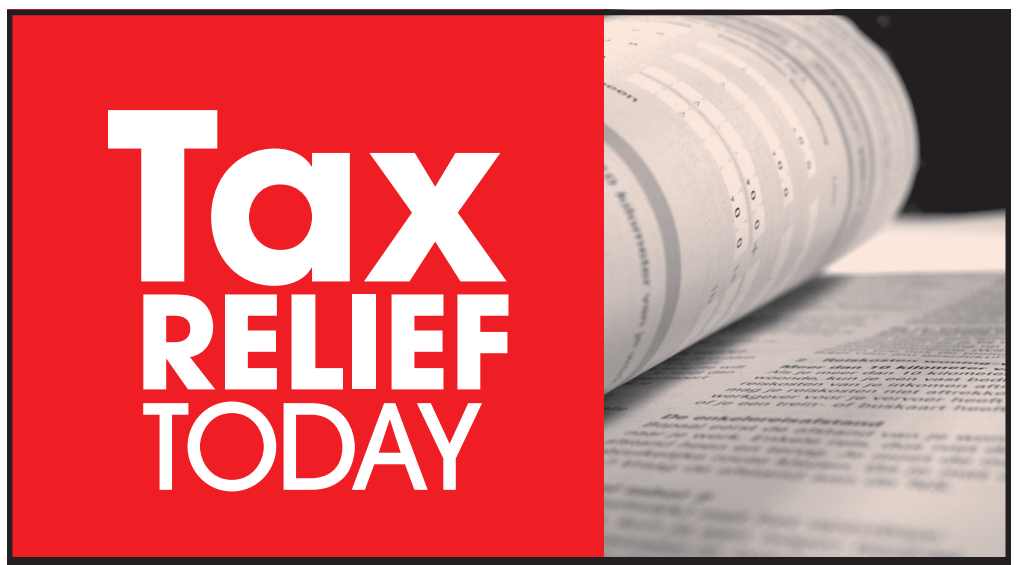
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, October 11

Bring Your Baby Book Club

A baby-friendly book club for parents and caregivers with young children and babies. Discuss books while the babies eat, sleep, or play. For adults and their babies. This week's title: "Masterminds & Wingmen: Helping Our Boys Cope with Schoolyard Power, Locker-Room Tests, Girlfriends, and the New Rules of Boy World," by Rosalind Wiseman. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Music and Movement at the Library

Develop early literacy skills in toddlers and preschoolers in this fun musical story time for ages 18 months to five years old. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

QuickLook Legal Research Class and Office Hours

October QuickLook Topic: Custody & Child Support. Many people can't afford a lawyer to handle their legal issues, which can make child custody and support problems daunting. In this class, learn how courts determine who gets child custody, who pays child support and how child support is calculated, plus where to go when you need help or further information.
Main Library, Multipurpose Room, 2nd floor, 1:30 - 2:15 pm. Drop-in office hours in Study Room 6 follow, from 2:30 - 5 p.m.

Free writing workshop: covering character

Find out how writers create characters, and take a stab at creating some of your own. All you need to bring is something to write with and a desire to learn. Part of a free series of lectures, discussions and exercises about writing. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6 p.m. For more information, call (310) 394-4178.

Saturday, October 12

Mask Making and Movement with Mimi Haddon

Create a mask with cardboard, paint, yarn, fabric and other objects. Although this workshop is for adults, participants are encouraged to cast off preconceptions of sophistication and perfection in favor of loose and free design, and an improvisational view of materials. As a group, invent a collaborative dance that responds to the architectural space of the Camera Obscura. Presented by Camera Obscura Art Lab. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register for free at santamonicaculturalaffairs.eventbrite.com

Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion + Craft Lounge

As always, participants are welcome to bring their own projects and mending, or work on collage and other crafts. The featured Sewing Rebellion project for September-December is 'Motifs, Migrations and Misappropriations,' a thoughtful dive into how fast fashion exploits traditional motifs and patterns - how those patterns cross borders while the people who created them cannot. The project guides participants in transforming T-shirts into caftan shirts. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Register for free at santamonicaculturalaffairs.eventbrite.com

Movement Meditation and Drawing

Guest Artist Sondra Au guides participants in a movement meditation. Following this, the group is led through illustrating the feelings in their bodies while maintaining a meditative state. Palisades Park, 4 - 5:30 p.m. Register for free at santamonicaculturalaffairs.eventbrite.com

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North of England: an Armchair Visit

Sheila Stone's multimedia journey visits the north of England, filled with ancient cities, cozy villages, historic castles, picturesque canals, and tales about her travels there. Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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California utility faces gripes over deliberate blackouts

BY BRIAN MELLEY AND JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

Even as the winds gusted dangerously just as forecasters predicted, California's biggest utility faced gripes and second-guessing Thursday for shutting off electricity to millions of people to prevent its equipment from sparking wildfires.

Gov. Gavin Newsom criticized Pacific Gas & Electric, and ordinary customers complained about the inconveniences caused by the unprecedented blackouts that began Wednesday, with many wondering: Has PG&E gone too far in its attempt to ward off another deadly fire season? And could the utility have been more targeted in deciding whose electricity was turned off and when?

PG&E, though, suggested it was already seeing the wisdom of its decision borne out. Gusts topping 75 mph (121 kph) raked the San Francisco Bay Area, and relatively small fires broke out around the state amid a bout of dry, windy weather.

"We have had some preliminary reports of damage to our lines. So we'll have to repair those damages before we can safely energize the line," spokesman Paul Doherty said.

Because of the dangerous weather in the forecast, PG&E cut power Wednesday to an estimated 2 million people in an area that spanned the San Francisco Bay Area, the wine country north of San Francisco, the agricultural Central Valley and the Sierra Nevada foothills. By Thursday, the number of people in the dark was down to about 1.5 million.

PG&E, California's largest utility, cast the blackouts as a matter of public safety, aimed at preventing the kind of blazes that have killed scores of people over the past couple of years, destroyed thousands of homes, and run up tens of billions of dollars in claims that drove the company into bankruptcy.

The fire danger spread to Southern California on Thursday as raging winds moved down the state. A blaze threatened homes in the community of Fontana, and Southern California Edison shut off electricity to about 12,000 people just outside Los Angeles, with wider blackouts possible.

Still, many of those affected by the outages, which could last as long as five days, were not so sure about the move.

Sergio Vergara, owner of Stinson Beach Market, situated on scenic Highway 1, on the Pacific Coast just north of San Francisco, operated the store with a propane generator so his customers could have coffee, milk, meat and frozen meals.

"I'm telling you as a plain human being, there is no wind, there is no heat," he said. "We never saw something like this where they just decide to shut off the power, but on the other side — preventing is a good thing, but it's creating a lot of frustration."

But in powered-down Oakland, Tianna Pasche said: "If it saves a life, I'm not going to complain about it."

Faced with customer anger, PG&E put up barricades around its San Francisco headquarters. A customer threw eggs at a PG&E office in Oroville. And a PG&E truck was hit by a bullet, though authorities could not immediately say whether it was targeted.

Sumeet Singh, PG&E's vice president of community wildfire safety, urged people to be kind to workers out in the field, saying the employees and contractors "have families that live in your communities."

"Let's just ensure their safety as well, as they are doing this work in the interest of your safety," Singh said.

Gov. Gavin Newsom said PG&E should have been working on making its power system sturdier and more weatherproof. "They're in bankruptcy due to their terrible management going back decades," he said. "They've created these conditions. It was unnecessary."

Experts say the big shut-off will yield important lessons for the next time.

Deliberate blackouts are likely to become less disruptive as PG&E gets experience managing them and rebuilds sections of the grid so that outages can be more targeted, said Michael Wara, a researcher on energy and climate policy at Stanford University.

Grids are built and operators are trained to keep the power on at all times, so the company and its employees have little experience with intentionally turning the electricity off in response to rapidly changing weather, he said.

"That's a skill that has to be learned, and PG&E is learning it at a mass scale right now," Wara said.

After a June shut-off in the Sierra foothills, PG&E workers reported repairing numerous areas of wind damage, including power lines hit by tree branches.

"That was worth it," Wara said of the deliberate blackout. "That could have prevented a catastrophe."

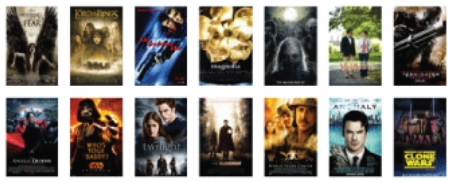
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MEASLES

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People who may have been exposed should also monitor themselves for illness with fever and/or an unexplained rash from one to three weeks after their exposure. If symptoms develop, they should stay at home and call a health care provider immediately.

"It's one of the most contagious viruses in the world and it is hidden, in a way, because you can infect a lot of people before you get sick yourself," said Dr. Wally Ghurabi, director of the emergency room at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica. "It can be up to a month before symptoms start to show."

Ghurabi said the elderly, children and infants are most vulnerable to measles and can develop complications such as pneumonia or encephalitis.

There have been 18 measles cases among Los Angeles County residents so far this year, in addition to 11 non-residents with measles that traveled through the county, officials said.

Most people who have been infected were unimmunized or did not know if they were immunized.

Officials have issued warnings regarding several other measles cases in or around Santa Monica in the last several months.

An individual with measles visited Groundwork Coffee in Venice, Frontrunners Shoe Store and CVS in Brentwood and American Beauty in Venice on July 14.

On July 15, they went to Comerica Bank in Brentwood, Groundwork Coffee in the Arts District and California Chicken Cafe in Santa Monica. They went to Equinox Gym in Santa Monica the following day.

People with measles visited Toscana Restaurant in Brentwood June 8, Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Santa Monica Mar. 6, and the Santa Monica Pier and Blue Plate Taco Dec. 26.

Last August, an international traveler infected with measles visited several restaurants and hotels in Santa Monica, including Urth Caffe, Chez Jay and Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel.

The Daily Press reported in July that local efforts to boost the historically low vaccination rates of many Santa Monica schools had steadily increased the proportion of students with all recommended immunizations between 2015 and 2018.

But in the 2018-2019 school year, vaccination rates at several schools began to erode. Three public and three private schools were not able to maintain the proportion of vaccinated students that they achieved the previous year.

Only six out of 14 Santa Monica kindergartens reported vaccination rates above 95% last school year, which is the threshold public health officials consider safe.

Public schools with vaccination rates below 95% include John Muir, Will Rogers, McKinley, Roosevelt and Canyon Charter elementary schools.

The private schools St. Anne, PS1 and Garden of Angels also have unsafe vaccination rates.

In neighboring Malibu, Pacific Palisades and Venice, kindergarten vaccination rates were much lower. Most schools reported rates between 75% and 90%.

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Broken Hearts and Empty Bank Accounts:

Romance Scams and Fraud are increasing

Pam is a widow with grown children who was living alone for the first time in decades. She was intrigued when a handsome stranger sent her a friend request on Facebook. Tom said he was an Army officer stationed in Afghanistan, and before long he and Pam were chatting online every day.

A few weeks later, Tom asked her to lend him $3,000 for an airline ticket and Pam immediately agreed. After all, he promised to pay her back, and she felt like she knew him better than some of her longtime friends. It wasn't until the flight Tom was supposed to be on had landed that Pam realized she had been played.

Romance scams are on the rise – a reported $143 million was lost to flirty fraudsters just last year, more than to any other scam reported to the Federal Trade Commission. The scammers contact potential victims on both dating sites and social media platforms. Most of these cyber criminals are located outside the US, and most of the money lost to them will never be recovered.

Cyber crooks aren't just interested in affairs of the heart – they also pilfer our cash with tech support scams, phishing schemes, grandparent scams, lottery frauds, rental scams, and a multitude of other deceptions.

Watch out for signs that someone you've encountered online is really a con artist:

The person claims to live in the US but is working overseas.

The individual pushes for fast involvement and quickly shifts communication away from the site where you met.

The person is unavailable to meet face-to-face.

The individual asks you to loan money for medical bills, travel, or another hard-luck situation.

The individual asks for payment for an otherwise legitimate expense, such as a rental deposit, using a wire transfer or gift card.

Fortunately, there are ways to help protect yourself from fraudsters:

Do your homework. Online searches for individual or company names and reverse-image searches of photos will help determine if the person you're talking to is legitimate.

Slow it down. Ask questions and keep the conversation on the site where it originated. Pay attention to red flags.

Don't send money to someone you've never met. If you're making a purchase, use a credit card, which may offer more protection. Never send money using wire transfers or gift cards for online transactions.

Talk to family and friends. Many people are so excited about a potential love interest or financial windfall that they don't pay attention to warning signs. A trusted confidant can give you perspective.

Never click on links or call numbers sent in emails, even if they appear to be from someone you trust. Verify the email by looking up the phone number or website yourself to ensure you're not contacting an impostor.

Don't answer calls from unknown numbers, even those with your same prefix and area code.

If you think you've fallen prey to an online scam, report it! Contact the Federal Trade Commission and the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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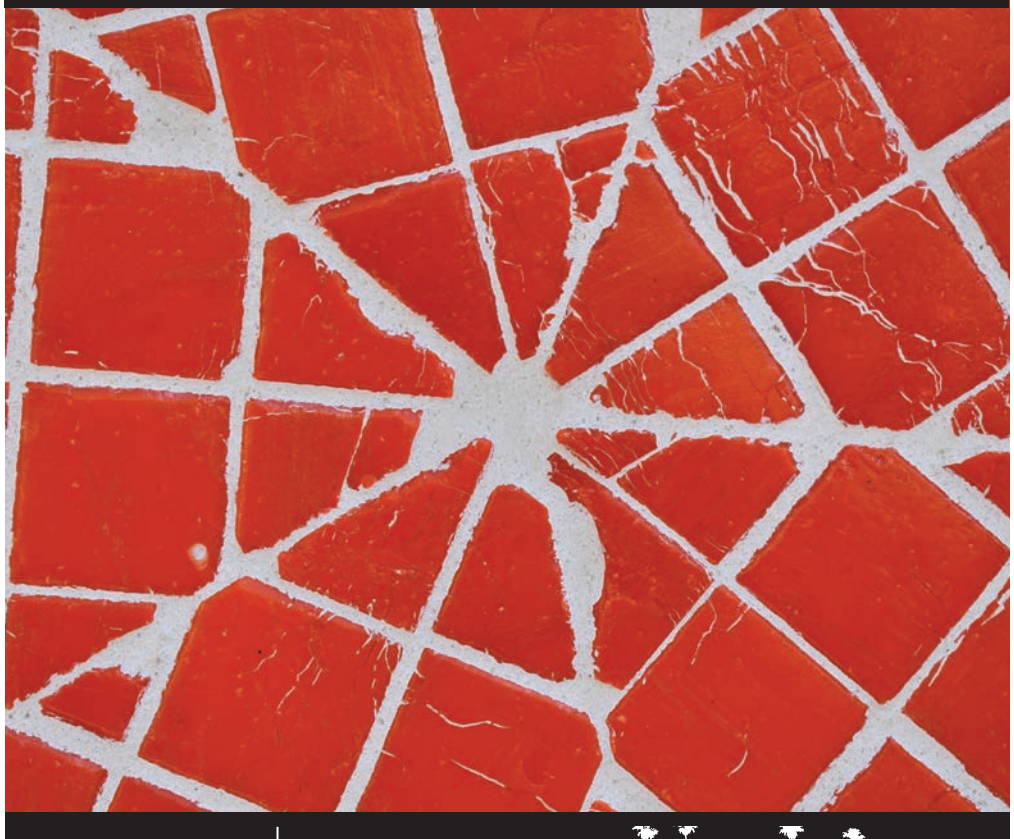
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PARK

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start work on the project until 2018, when it hired an architectural consultant to conduct a feasibility study and solicit community input before drawing up a master plan.

Construction on the 13-acre park is projected to take 4.5 to 6 years in total and cost between $100 and $116 million, or about $7.7 million to $8.9 million per acre.

The 6.2-acre Tongva Park, which opened in 2013 after two years of construction, cost $42.3 million, or about $6.8 million per acre. The park came in $7 million under budget.

After an estimated 2.5 to 3.5 years of construction, Memorial Park will have seven new diamond sports fields and four will be able to accommodate simultaneous games. Of the six fields currently located at the park, only two allow teams to play at the same time.

Those first two phases of construction will also add a walking loop with exercise stations, a larger skate park, 49 new parking spaces in a covered parking lot for a total of 128 spaces, tennis and pickleball courts and a central community hub with a children's play area, restrooms, concessions, storage and a small office.

Trees, landscaping and a bike path will be added along the perimeter of the park, which would be expanded into portions of 16th Street and Colorado Avenue, resulting in the loss of 37 metered street parking spaces.

In the third and final phase of construction, which would take 2 to 2.5 years, existing buildings that house the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL), the Memorial Park gym, community meeting rooms, staff offices and a small fitness gym will be replaced with a community recreation center.

The two-story building will integrate the functions of the existing buildings into one facility.

The Recreation and Parks Commission unanimously supported the proposal for the renovation and expansion of the park, but asked that the design team consider keeping an off-leash dog run at the park, adding more trees and incorporating shade elements for the playground.

The commission also asked that the design team examine how sun and shade will affect players' vision in determining the position of the diamond sports fields and add bullpens, warm up areas, dugouts, seating, public address systems and score booths at the fields.

Residents who use the dog run have also advocated to keeping a dog run in the expanding park because dog parks do not exist in Santa Monica north of the I-10 freeway.

Locals also said during the community outreach process that the redesign should prioritize safety, particularly in the park's bathrooms and perimeter. Little League teams have reported finding excrement and syringes in the park and seeing people living or prostituting themselves in the park's bathrooms.

The City Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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What Trump Should Do With His "Blank" Strap

Editor's Note: this column contains profanity as was used in President Trump's tweets.

Lately there have been numerous comparisons of Richard Nixon and Donald Trump. For starters, both Republicans faced impeachment inquiries and both appeared to have mental health issues. Nixon, for example, in his final days as President, drank excessively. Trump shuns alcohol but once admitted, "I'd be the world's worst if I drank."(He's pretty close, as is.)

Back to Nixon, on August, 7, 1974, the inebriated president begged Henry Kissinger to kneel and join him in praying to the paintings of former presidents. Reluctantly, Kissinger complied. (Imagine Nixon's reaction if suddenly Henry had begun rocking back and forth, davening.)

Ironically, Trump's many incoherent ramblings seem exactly like an obnoxious, loud drunk at the end of the bar. Last week Trump hosted the Finnish President, Sauli Niinistö, who witnessed a Trump tantrum firsthand.

Niinistö, had to endure Trump's rambling and vicious attacks on the press. Niinistö was cool and collected, though, at times, he looked like he longed for it all to be over. (Boy, can I relate.) However it only got worse and ended with what seemed like Trump's doing Robert DeNiro in "Taxi Driver."

The target of Trump's unbridled wrath was Reuters White House reporter, Jeff Mason, who refused to be bullied. "What favor did you want from the President of Ukraine" "Are you talking to me?" Trump responded, barely able to contain his anger.

In a tone resembling Travis Bickle, the violent Vietnam War vet taxi driver, Trump all but ordered Mason to ask Niinistö a question. It was obvious he did so to dodge the question directed at him. (For Trump supporters name one other POTUS who has ever engaged in these tantrums, which, in this instance, ran 17 very painful and embarrassing minutes.)

Of course, Niinistö may have already had a rather unfavorable opinion of Trump who, in November, 2018, claimed the Finish President counseled him that to avoid forest fires in California "We should sweep the forest floors." Naturally, it's beyond absurd to compare the two climates as Finland extends all the way to the Arctic Circle. In addition, Niinistö, who would seem to have no ax to grind, no pun intended, adamantly said no such conversation took place.

This week's column title is in reference to when Trump tore into Congressman Adam Schiff for disrespecting Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "You know, there's an expression, 'he couldn't carry his 'blank' strap." Keep in mind, minutes earlier Trump had tweeted "BULLSHIT."

In the past, things Trump has tweeted were "bullshit" include: Robert Mueller's report, climate change, the Oscars and a New Yorker story about the late and disgraced Roger Ailes. (Which, was 100% true.) But this was the first time Trump has tweeted BULLSHIT in all caps.



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PRESIDENT: Trump Temper Tantrum.

And yet, a suddenly prudish Donald refused to say "jock strap." Go figure.

This brings me full circle to the comparison of Trump to Nixon, who despite his criminal behavior, revered the office and history of the presidency. Proudly, it seems, Trump doesn't read and the only history he knows is what he sees on Fox News. Nixon knew what was expected of the president, knew he had fallen horribly short and thus tried to cover it up. Trump, it appears, could care less about what's expected of an American President. Nixon tried to deny his criminal behavior in a cover up, whereas Trump seems to say in public, "Yeah, I did it. So what?"

Nixon was raised in near poverty, worked hard and served in the Navy during WW2. Trump was born with a silver spoon in his butt, never worked unless you call coning people work and dodged the military with what was in all likelihood a fictitious bone spurt, so bogus he couldn't remember on which foot he supposedly had it.

And now Trump is on a made-up anti-corruption mission and is asking foreign nations, including our adversaries to help in this contrived cause. Remarkably, in the entire world, the only supposed corruption he's found is that of a political rival. Go figure.

But every once in a while Trump, the self described "chosen one," and "stable genius" who has "great and unmatched wisdom," tells the truth. Keep in mind he paid $25 million to settle the fraudulent Trump University case, it's fitting he recently said, "I'm all about corruption."

As of a few days ago, Trump is subjecting our allies, the Kurds, to being massacred by the Turks. Apparently, his reason is, "They didn't help us at Normandy." Say what?! So do we abandon Japan, Italy and Germany?

Trump's disastrous withdrawal from Syria is receiving vehement bi-partisan castigation. Even a Fox News poll reveals "51% of the country want him removed from office." Poor, little Donnie. It seems the least he should be allowed to do is say "jock strap."

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California voters may be asked to steer homeless to services

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE
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California voters could decide next year whether to create new county courts to steer homeless people to mental health and drug addiction treatment programs.

Former Assemblyman Mike Gatto, a Democrat, proposed a ballot measure on Thursday aimed at providing services to people who commit crimes like defecating in public or using drugs.

"When someone breaks the law, it should be enforced. However, certain criminal acts should be treated not as something meriting harsh punishment, but as a 'cry for help,'" the introductory text to his proposed ballot measure reads.

The text still needs approval from the state for Gatto to start gathering signatures, and it would need signatures of roughly 620,000 Californians to make it onto the ballot. As of now, Gatto has no large donors willing to bankroll a signature collection campaign, but he hopes to attract some.

His proposal comes as California is in the throes of a worsening homeless crisis, with a growing number of people living on the streets in cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles, where Gatto is from.

Gatto's bill would require every county with more than 100,000 people to set up a specialized court that can steer people to services. Anyone arrested for committing crimes ranging from indecent exposure to defecating on public transit could be sent through the court if their behavior is determined to be a result of economic hardship, mental health or drug addiction.

The courts would then help people access housing, counseling and treatment or mental health services and prescription drug help.

Gatto said he views the measure as primarily targeting people who are suffering from mental illness rather than people who are on the streets for other reasons, like economic hardship.

He's proposing taking funding from the "millionaire's tax" that Californians approved in 2004, which taxes income of more than $1 million at 1%, sending the money toward mental health programs. Twenty percent of that money would go to the county courts under his proposal.

The state has faced criticism in part for being slow to deploy money under the Mental Health Services Act, which brings in well over $1 billion annually. Gatto said he believes many of the services people need already exist and that this ballot measure would help people access them.

Many California police officers are struggling to enforce laws affecting people living on the streets, he said.

"A lot of these police forces are demoralized," he said. "They want to do something about the problem but it's a matter of giving them the resources and the place to put those individuals."



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 11)

You interact beautifully with your crew. You're a leader in your family and a pillar of your community. There's another part of you that gets a closer look this solar return – your inner world – an emotional landscape calling you to explore. You'll touch on feelings you were afraid of. There's liberation, too. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 4, 20, 48 and 1.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You could use a few connections that will nurture your talent, and you'll find them by joining a group, signing up for a class or just generally aligning yourself with our own interests in a more public way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whatever you do that's good for your confidence, from getting a haircut to taking a social risk, will make your loved one treat you better. It's as though they will sense your new elevation and meet you there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The selfless nature of true love allows you to appreciate who a person is without requiring that person to be like you or even to be fully understood by you. The connection still has requirements, but they're minimal.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The group dynamic will serve you well. Someone will be good at the things that you are not good at, and you will be able to help people who have entire different sets of skills than you can contribute.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Persistence can be a character trait, but it can also just be a habit. So if you're feeling a little low on determination and grit, focus on making it easy for yourself to do the thing you need to do. How can you clear the way?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fearlessness isn't attractive, because it's not very relatable. Most people know fear. They admire those who come up against it and try to go on in spite of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People who either don't possess or have given up the need to be right all of the time have a lot more energy and are 10 times more charismatic than anyone holding on to that impossible and annoying standard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Wherever you go, you gravitate to people you can learn from. In today's case, you'll learn that your friendship is valuable and your service is appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Regret is a form of rejection. If you regret, you reject the person you were and the choices you made. What if you could accept that you did your best back then? Would that make it easier to move forward?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's not too late. It looks like it's too late because a lot of people did things long ago, but later, today will seem like an early hour. Anyway, it's the best hour you've got. Proceed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You set out to learn a thing in order to achieve a different result. If you're still getting the same result, you either haven't implemented what you learned, or it wasn't the lesson you were looking for and you need to look elsewhere.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's actually easy to be cool when you're oblivious and self-focused. Those who are sensitive and hyperaware will find it hard to be cool; however, they'll be something else – maybe warm or curious – and that will matter more

Venusian Mystery Embrace

As much as we want to embrace the mystery, at this point in the Venus transit, it's more of an uncomfortable hug. If it were filmed in a drama, the camera would pan to a face over the shoulder that showed our pained look suggesting a feeling that's not exactly mutual. We give mystery it's due while looking over its shoulder for answers.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Be flexible and ready to pivot because the best relationships are always changing. TAURUS: Success isn't defined by one date, conversation or event. Love is a process. GEMINI: If you're not sure what to say, don't say anything and let life show you the way. CANCER: When you believe in yourself, it makes it easier for the other person to support you. LEO: To raise your attraction quotient, do some subtraction. Remove everything that takes away from your ability to feel attractive. VIRGO: You remain interesting in your own right because you make it a point to stay out of other people's drama. LIBRA: The ability to multitask is a myth. One secret to your attractiveness is that you're present and fully engaged in the moment. SCORPIO: You like people who give you something to think about and you'll meet just the type. SAGITTARIUS: You're aware of your own patterns in love and now you just have to learn the other person's. CAPRICORN: There are some kinds of fun that seem more enjoyable in retrospect than they ever were at the time. AQUARIUS: Environment will be the biggest factor affecting your love life. Go where people are open and enjoying themselves. PISCES: To give someone your trust is always a risk. If you're not risking anything, you're not really giving your trust.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Aries and Libra know how to upset each other. This sounds like a recipe for disaster, and it certainly can be, but it can also be a signal of intimacy. You have to know someone pretty well to really upset them. Not only do you have to know where the buttons are, you have to be willing to push them. It's precisely because they dare to challenge one another that they share a bond unlike any other. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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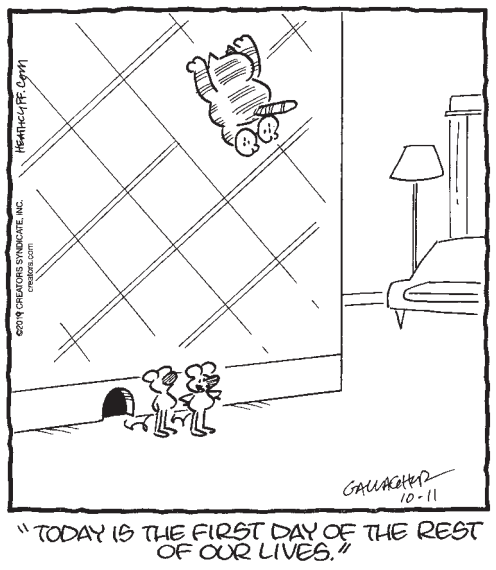
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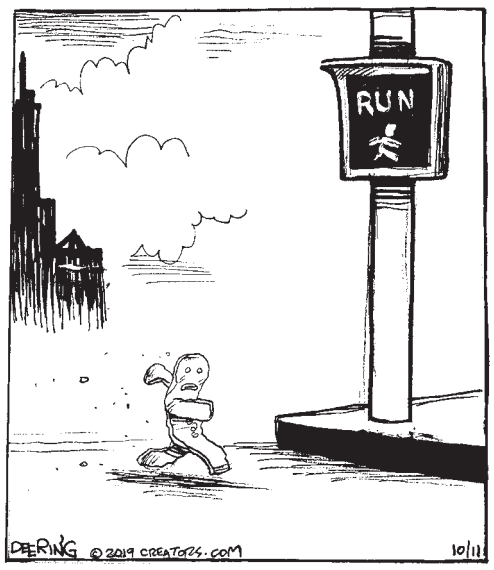
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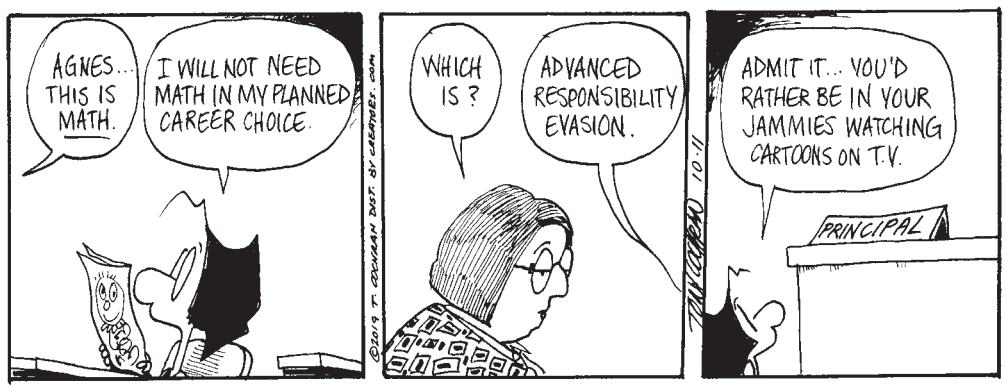
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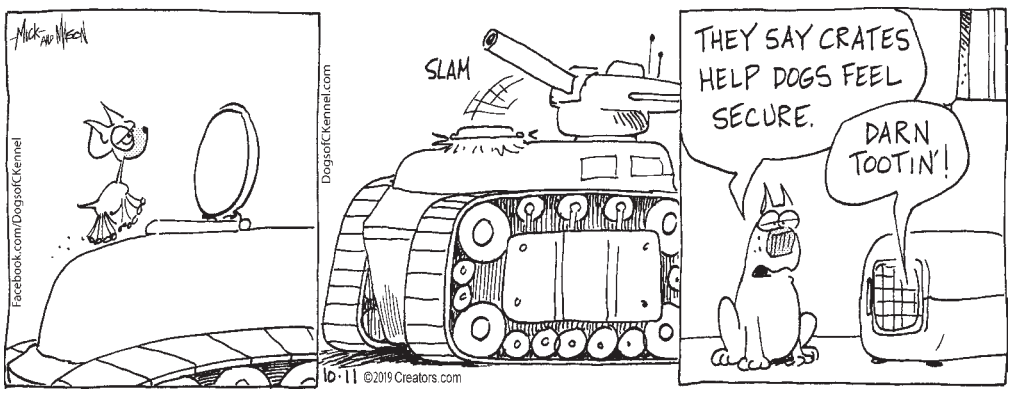
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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.2°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Small S swell blend. Clean, but weak.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft ankle to knee high
Minor swell mix. Clean, but weak.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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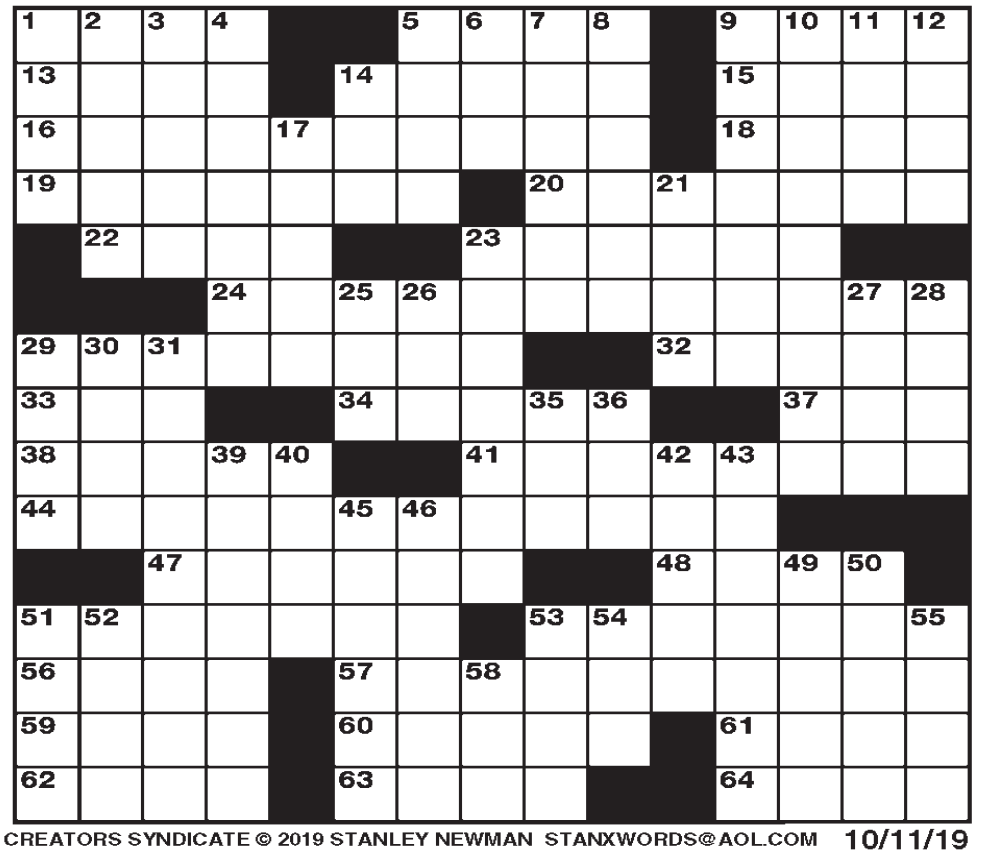
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Newsday Crossword

LET'S GET CRACKING by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Caesar's words of surprise
5 San ___ Obispo, CA
9 Purchase for a kids' party
13 Sushi bar selections
14 '70s music
15 Would-be lawyer's hurdle
16 CBS NFL broadcaster
18 Beastly
19 Delight's opposite
20 Unable to maneuver
22 False undertaking
23 Slogan
24 Coffeehouse gadget
29 Plays to another's vanity
32 Flared skirt
33 Letters of gr8 amusement
34 Winning smile, for instance
37 Energy source
38 Presses for a cause
41 Attractive companion
44 Half-barrel barbecue cooker
47 Harness part
48 Other than that option
51 Bicontinental region
53 "Stylish" menu phrase
56 Turkey neighbor
57 Alternate puzzle title
59 Sudden foray
60 Russian Revolution leader
61 Long period
62 "Goodnight Poor Harvard" singers
63 Pristine place
64 Newbie

DOWN
1 "That being the case . . ."
2 Donut shape
3 Enforcement power, so to speak
4 18th pres.
5 Vitamin C source
6 Flash drive port
7 Waterproof soother
8 Parting comment
9 More than two
10 Electron loss, to chemists
11 Artist from Catalonia
12 "True, true!"
14 Excavated
17 Full range
21 Additional, in ads
23 Fable's moral, e.g.
25 Leaves in a pantry
26 ___ Peacock (Clue suspect)
27 City west of Tulsa
28 Lean (on)
29 Screw up
30 Greek mythology, e.g.
31 HS math class
35 Botch
36 "No more deets, pls"
39 What aides may be running
40 Certain boot attachments
42 Immaculate
43 Hot-dog package phrase
45 OK to eat
46 Looked defiantly
49 Waterlogged
50 Trimming device
51 Word on euros with harps
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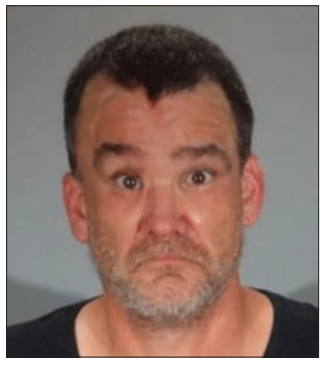
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EMS 1000blk 11th St 3:02 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk Franklin St 3:26 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 3:34 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 3:47 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Arizona Ave 3:53 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 3:54 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:06 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 20th St / Broadway 4:55 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 5:32 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 2700blk Main St 5:50 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 17th St / Montana Ave 5:51 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Kansas Ave 5:58 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Ocean Ave 8:29 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:30 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Airport Ave 8:37 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 9th St 8:57 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:15 p.m.
EMS 900blk 7th St 11:21 p.m.

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 SEPTEMBER 24, AT 12:40 P.M.

Officers responded to Perry's Pizza in the 2600 Ocean Front Walk for an assault with a deadly weapon. Officers met with the victim who informed them, he was checking his cellular phone east of the beach bike path, when another male asked him for a cigarette. When he was denied a cigarette, he became enraged and swung a rubber coated chain at the victim. The victim used his bike to protect himself but he was hit in the chest and back. The suspect was later found in the area of Main and Hill St where he was taken into custody without incident. Michael C Alexander, 48, from Los Angeles was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, possession of methamphetamine and a Santa Monica Bench Warrant. He was denied Bail.



File photo

MICHAEL C ALEXANDER

MOVEMENT

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DJ has lived and performed in Japan, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Hawaii and the Bay Area; and has performed throughout Asia and Australia. He can also be found performing monthly at the monthly dance party, Soul Source, in Downtown Los Angeles."

The event's flash mob-style choreography lessons will be led by actor and dancer Nikki SooHoo as well as dancer and choreographer Knicole Haggins.

SooHoo is a professional film and television actress who is best known for her roles in "The Lovely Bones", "Stick It," and "Bring It On: Fight to the Finish", event organizers said. "Dedicated to finding ways to positively impact the community," SooHoo founded the philanthropic project, #PASSTHETAG and is passionate about helping people live to their fullest potential.

Haggins has been featured on everything from world tours, award shows, television, film and theater to commercials, and music videos, according to event organizers. Haggins has also worked as a dancer for countless artists, most notably Prince, Lady Gaga, Usher, Ariana Grande and Chris Brown.

"It's a true community dance party," Yoffe said. "They are professional instructors who can work with all ages, and it won't be anything too strenuous so it's open to all levels and everybody who's interested," but, people can also sit out and enjoy watching the invited dancers show off their rhythmic tricks.

'The MOVEMENT' is free and open to the public, and more information about the event can be found online at bit.ly/theMOVEMENT.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 317 CALLS ON OCT. 9

Fight 1300blk 14th St 12:23 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation 1200blk 16th St 12:42 a.m.
Petty theft 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:23 a.m.
Bike theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:12 a.m.
Auto burglary 400blk Marine St 7:16 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 400blk 15th St 7:29 a.m.
Fraud 1300blk Hill St 7:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000blk Ashland Ave 8:00 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk 12th St 8:04 a.m.
Battery 400blk Broadway 8:22 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1600blk Stanford St 8:43 a.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 1500blk 7th St 8:59 a.m.
Counterfeit suspect there now 400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Grand theft auto 9th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Expired registration 900blk 14th St 9:47 a.m.
Found senile person 7th St / Colorado Ave 9:59 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 1500blk 7th St 10:35 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 800blk Grant St 10:51 a.m.
Fraud 800blk 21st St 11:19 a.m.
Sexual assault 1400blk 4th St 11:32 a.m.
Petty theft 1000blk 7th St 11:36 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 300blk Wilshire Blvd 11:42 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 20th St / Broadway 12:05 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 300blk Olympic Dr 12:32 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Neilson Way / Ocean Park Blvd 1:07 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2800blk Wilshire Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 1:21 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 18th St 1:24 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 23rd St / Arizona Ave 1:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 500blk Colorado Ave 1:55 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 300blk Marguerita Ave 1:56 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2300blk 4th St 1:58 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 2700blk Highland Ave 2:01 p.m.
Lewd activity 2400blk 22nd St 2:01 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:43 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk Euclid St 3:05 p.m.
Petty theft 1200blk 4th St 3:06 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1000blk Georgina Ave 3:10 p.m.
Bike theft 1300blk 2nd St 3:29 p.m.
Battery 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:29 p.m.
Stakeout 700blk 16th St 3:30 p.m.
Hit and run felony investigation 20th St / Arizona Ave 3:54 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Montana Ave 3:56 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 4:01 p.m.
Lewd activity 100blk Wilshire Blvd 4:15 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 100blk Idaho Ave 4:19 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 20th St / Broadway 4:55 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 100blk Santa Monica Pl 5:17 p.m.
Arson 1400blk 23rd St 5:27 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:34 p.m.
Battery 400blk Colorado Ave 5:43 p.m.
Speeding 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:43 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 2700blk Main St 5:50 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 17th St / Montana Ave 5:51 p.m.
Violation of restraining order in progress 900blk 10th St 5:54 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 20th St / Montana Ave 6:00 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1400blk 2nd St 6:01 p.m.
Traffic hazard 22nd St / Arizona Ave 6:21 p.m.
Bike theft 1700blk Appian Way 6:23 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2300blk 26th St 6:25 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1800blk 9th St 6:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 7:21 p.m.
Found property 1500blk the beach 7:23 p.m.
Speeding Main St / Hollister Ave 7:27 p.m.
Sexual assault 1400blk 4th St 8:15 p.m.
Grand theft auto 24th St / Alta Ave 8:29 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:30 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 20th St / Montana Ave 9:08 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 16th St / Pico Blvd 9:20 p.m.
Burglary 2100blk Pearl St 9:48 p.m.
Fraud 200blk Broadway 9:57 p.m.
Encampment 2nd St / Hill St 10:06 p.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries 2100blk Neilson Way 10:14 p.m.
Encampment Lincoln Blvd / Washington Ave 10:30 p.m.
Burglary 2300blk Kansas Ave 11:18 p.m.



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