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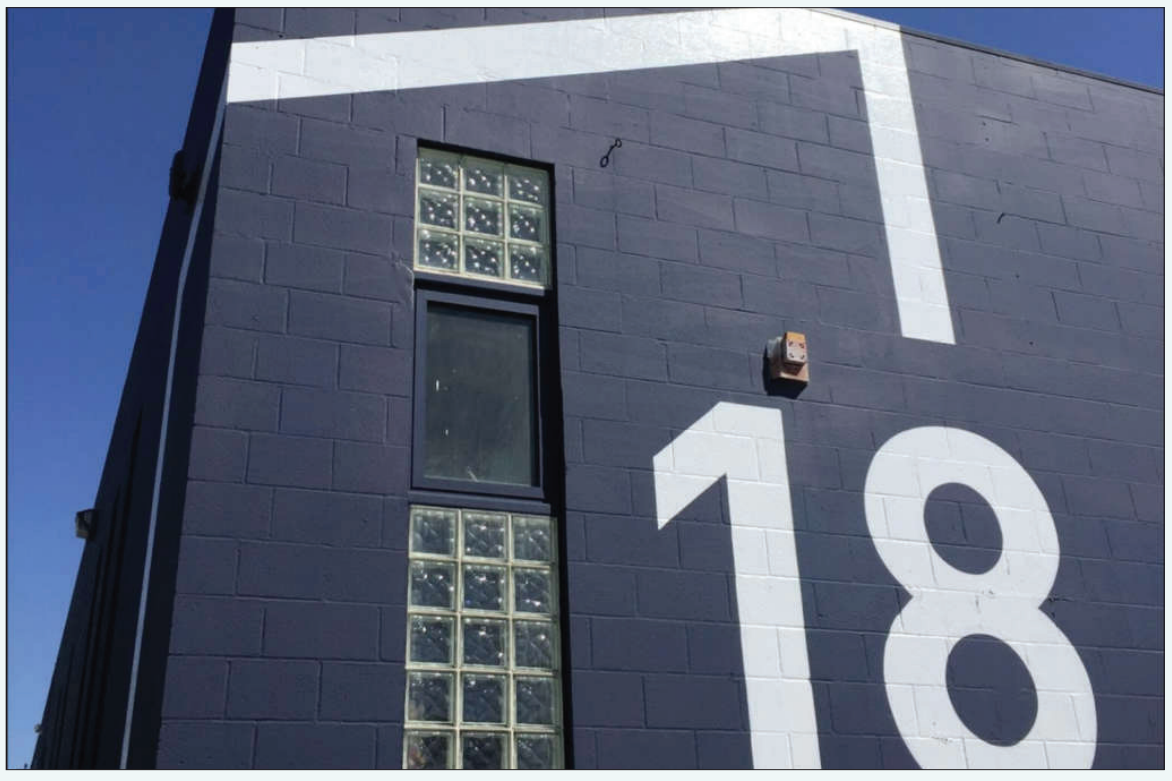
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18th Street Arts Center enters the fraught discourse around density with new exhibition



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ART IMITATES LIFE: **The 18th Street Arts Center has an exhibit on density opening this weekend.**

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Density is a divisive issue in Santa Monica — so much so that 40% of local voters supported a 2016 measure to put any new buildings more than two stories tall to a citywide vote.

Measure LV was ultimately rejected by 56% of voters, but it exposed a deep lack of consensus around density. While many residents feel that large new developments damage the character of their neighborhoods and contribute to higher rents, other residents, as well as policymakers and academics, say the city needs to densify to become more affordable and livable.

The 18th Street Arts Center is attempting to bring those perspectives into dialogue with one another through its exhibition DENSE-CITY: Housing for Quality of Life and Social Capital, which opens Saturday with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. and will run through Dec. 14. A public panel on the future of affordable cities will

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Police investigate gang shooting at the Pier

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department is investigating a gang-related shooting in the 1550 lot of the Santa Monica Pier.

According to SMPD, officers received a call for a shooting at the south end of the 1550 parking lot at 9:58 p.m.

"Officers arrived on scene and

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Conservancy invites SoCal to see the Sequoias

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Sequoia Parks Conservancy invites Southern California residents to a free program Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon in the state-of-the-art Moss Theater at New Roads School that will touch on topics pertinent to Sequoia National Park.

Using specialized goggles, attendees will be "transported" to the giant forest of Sequoia National Park — a place that is home to some

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Memorial Park redesign approved

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Plans to renovate the park that contains Santa Monica's most-used baseball and softball fields and the city's only public gym and skate park will go forward as proposed — with a few suggested tweaks from the City Council.

Over 4.5 to 6 years of construction, Memorial Park will be joined with an adjacent city-owned site to create a larger park with new sports fields and community amenities to meet an increasing demand for recreational activities, said city spokesperson Constance Farrell.

City Hall marked the park for redevelopment in 1997, but did not start work on the project until 2018, when it hired an architectural consultant to study the site and solicit community input before drawing up a master plan.

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

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NOTICE OF A STAKEHOLDER MEETING PROPOSED LOW-COST LODGING MITIGATION FEE UPDATE FOR HOTEL DEVELOPMENT

DATE & TIME: Monday, October 28, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Santa Monica Main Library, 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room (601 Santa Monica Blvd.)

Purpose: The City of Santa Monica City Planning Division and Economic Development Division are holding this meeting to hear from all who are interested in providing feedback on the process and assumptions for updating the City's Low-Cost Lodging Mitigation Fee in order to reflect the real cost of developing low-cost lodging in the context of new hotel development in the coastal zone. The meeting will feature a presentation by the City's project consultants, Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) and Q&A with both EPS and City staff.



Background: The City of Santa Monica is in the process of updating the Local Coastal Program, a State-mandated regulatory program applicable to the City's coastal zone that requires certification by the California Coastal Commission (CCC). The Council adopted the updated LCP Land Use Plan in October 2018 and it is currently pending a CCC hearing, anticipated to take place in December. A Coastal Zoning Ordinance will follow as the primary implementation of the Land Use Plan policies.

Another component of the Implementation Plan requires the City to update its Low-Cost Lodging Mitigation Fee, which was adopted on February 20, 1990, and has not been updated since. The fee, which fulfills a Coastal Commission requirement to mitigate for the loss of low-cost lodging opportunities in the coastal zone, applies to development that seeks to replace existing low-cost lodging with moderate- and high-cost lodging either, through new development or substantial remodel.

Contact: Please e-mail inquiries and RSVPs to: Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP at liz.bar-el@smgov.net.

Getting Here: The Main Library is an accessible facility. Bike, walk, carpool, take the bus! (Santa Monica Big Blue Bus #1, #5, #7 and #8). Parking is available at the Main Library with entrance on 7th Street.

With Grant Support From: California Coastal Commission; Ocean Protection Council

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 244 ON-SITE COMMERCIAL DRIVER MEDICAL TESTING SERVICES
- **Submission Deadline is, November 7, 2019 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time.**

 # 246 VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK ARTIST IN RESIDENCE
- **Submission Deadline is, November 8, 2019 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Oct. 18

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. 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Lawn bowling open house
The Santa Monica Bowls Club wants you to try lawn bowling and experience how much fun it is. A free session is being held at noon on Saturday Oct 19. Come as you are but wear flat, smooth soled shoes - they provide everything else. This is a very social sport that is easy to learn and you can play for a lifetime. They are located in Douglas Park at Wilshire Blvd and 25th Street in Santa Monica.

Walking Sticks and Magical Staffs with Mimi Haddon
Using wood, paint, fabric and fiber, create a staff that inspires a story, then spend some time writing that story down. With a survey of the significance of wands, staffs, and symbols of office, power, direction and divination, we'll consider the symbology and practicality of extensions of our bodies and how accessories create narrative. 1450 Ocean, 1 - 3 p.m. Free. Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-sticks-and-magical-staffs-with-mimi-haddon-tickets-60644895515

College Success Summit
Don't miss this free, full-day college-themed intensive that includes panels, workshops, speakers, lunch, a community resource fair, entertainment, and raffles. Event includes a College Student Panel, Parent Panel; workshops on applying to CSUs, UCs, and for financial aid; and special information for undocumented students. Registration is required; register via www.bit.ly/picocollegesummit. Presented by the Pico Neighborhood Partnership. For Grades 8 - 12 and Community College Students. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Sunday, Oct. 20

Pumpkin Decorating for children
Free pumpkin decorating for kids at the Santa Monica Main Street Farmers Market Sunday 25th. Locally grown, bright orange round pumpkins are the perfect canvas for glitter and googly eyes. Create a princess or ghoul, the choice is yours, so bring the little ones to decorate a pumpkin masterpiece that will be admired by all of the trick-or-treaters, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 21

ARB Meeting
The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." 7 p.m. Civic Auditorium East Wing

Main Library Book Group
This long-running book discussion group, which is always welcoming to new members, alternates between fiction and nonfiction on a month-to-month basis. The October title is Hitler in Los Angeles by Steven J. Ross. Main Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Creating a Supportive Work Environment Through Reflection & Self-Care
Learn how stress affects your interactions with those around you, in particular the children you work with. Learn what secondary traumatic stress is, how to identify symptoms, and strategies to manage your stress. Led by Connections for Children. Call (310) 458-8621 to register. Main Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

PARK

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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 up 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 that integrates their functions into one facility.

The City Council approved the first two phases of the master plan Tuesday, but said enhanced pedestrian entrances on 14th Street and across from the 17th Street/Santa Monica College Expo Line station would make the redesigned park more inviting to the public.

Mayor Pro Tempore Terry O'Day was the sole council member to vote against phases 1 and 2 of the master plan. He said ahead of the vote that he felt that the plan missed an opportunity to engage the streetscape by locating community amenities in a hub.

"Putting the hub in the center of the block feels to me like a central courtyard, which is something we've avoided in all our planning principles across the city ever since we learned that they're terrible," O'Day said. "We're fencing in this park with activities in the center rather than engaging the streetscape."

O'Day and other councilmembers also said the park should have barbecues and retain its dog run — potentially by taking over the portion of 16th Street adjacent to the park so the barbecues would not feel closed off in the center of the park.

"16th Street is a vacated street provides some flexibility in this plan," said Councilmember Greg Morena. "There's an opportunity to use that space. It's an opportunity we have now that once we start laying fields, we will not have the opportunity to take back."

City manager Rick Cole said Tuesday that the council should be cautious about adding amenities and features that would increase the cost of the project given the city's budgetary constraints.

The city's general fund is projected to fall millions of dollars into the red over the next decade as revenue from brick-and-mortar sales tax and parking erode and the city pays off a $448 million unfunded pension liability.

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



Courtesy image

PARK: Memorial Park's master plan.

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.

Cole also said that Memorial Park stakeholders already expressed strong support for the master plan as proposed and may not reach the same consensus on the council's changes to the project.

"We might have mutually exclusive and/or expensive design choices that we push down the road and we'll end up having to come back and have another really difficult challenge when we've already spent a whole lot of time and money thinking that a brilliant designer is going make all of these problems go away," Cole said.

City staff will return to the council in January to approve design and pre-construction services for phases 1 and 2 of the master plan.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 41 CALLS ON OCT. 16

Automatic alarm 1500blk San Vicente Blvd 12:58 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:06 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:20 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:44 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Marine St 1:49 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:21 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 5:46 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 16th St 6:45 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:48 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 9:54 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:10 a.m.
Alert 2 - serious 3300blk Donald Douglas Loop N 10:53 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 12:14 p.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:24 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 12:27 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 12:48 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:02 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:59 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:01 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 3:41 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:51 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:56 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:39 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:59 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Ocean Ave 5:08 p.m.
Assist LAFD Rennie / Rose Ave 5:36 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 6:06 p.m.
EMS 100blk California Ave 6:20 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:39 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Pico Blvd 6:50 p.m.
Elevator rescue 200blk Wilshire 7:04 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Main St 8:00 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 200blk Idaho 8:50 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 9:03 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 9:08 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:27 p.m.
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EMS 300blk 10th St 10:27 p.m.
EMS 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:34 p.m.

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The City of Santa Monica announces it has committed funds in the amount of $295,747 to Community Corporation of Santa Monica for capital improvements at an affordable housing development located at 502 Colorado Avenue targeted to low-income households.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at **1717 4th Street Suite 250,** Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

BID #4392 Q'POD RETROFIT AS REQUIRED BY THE BIG BLUE BUS.

Mandatory Job Walk October 23, 2019 3:30 pm at BBB Maintenance Training Room 1620 6th St Santa Monica, CA. 90401

Submission Deadline is November 6, 2019 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: October 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 19ARB-0054: 1260 15th Street: Sign Adjustment
- 19ARB-0300: 1802 Santa Monica Boulevard: Automobile Dealership
- 19ARB-0403: 2929 Pico Boulevard: Sign Program
- 19ARB-0149: 711 Colorado Avenue: 100% Affordable Housing Mixed-Use Project

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- None

More information is available on-line at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail russell.bunim@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).



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SEQUOIAS

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of the largest trees in the world, including the General Sherman Tree, which is the largest tree by volume on Earth and stands 275 feet tall and over 36 feet in diameter.

During the virtual tour, guests will learn about the effects that climate change is having on the nearly 200-foot tall trees and what park scientists are doing to manage the ancient sequoias in a rapidly changing environment, according to event organizers.

"The development of the virtual reality experience prompted us to put this event together," said Tamara Marks, director of philanthropy at the Sequoia Parks Conservancy. "I think we also wanted to do this because climate change is such a hot topic right now. No pun intended, but it really is so relevant with the effect it's having on California, the state's national parks and the planet in general."

Giant Sequoias are a large, long-lived pioneer species found on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California, Marks added in an email Thursday. The trees need fire to open their cones and create the mineral soil and high sunlight conditions that are necessary for seedling germination.

"Mature giant sequoia trees can live to be thousands of years old, and until recently their primary cause of death was falling over. However, today, giant sequoias face three major threats: burning up in high severity fires; being killed by drought-mediated insect attack (over 30 monarch sequoias have died this way within Sequoia National Park); and death due to other climate change-related impacts, such as moderate levels of winter snowpack," Marks said.

Kylie Caraway, creator of the virtual reality project that will be showcased Sunday, said the upcoming program is less of a lecture and more of an art project mixed with science. After all, the "Mother of the Forest Virtual Reality project" was her Master of Fine Arts thesis project in college.

"I was interested in exploring how can we communicate environmental information using different types of media," Caraway said in an interview Thursday. "I've always loved trees so I really wanted to work on the Sequoia Trees, because they're this magnificent species. I read they were heavily impacted by climate change so it made sense to explore that."

Caraway said the project highlights the experiences of the different species who reside in the national park.

"It's about seeing the forest from different species' perspectives, how they interact with the trees and how the behaviors are impacted by climate change," Caraway said, describing the program as an introduction to the area's ecology. "We're going to have the 360-degree footage where people can download it on their phone and see the Sequoia forest in the park, and then we'll have a virtual reality setup with a couple species' perspectives — probably the squirrel and sequoia trees."

The conservancy selected the Moss Theater at New Roads School to host the coming lecture partly because of the school's emphasis on environmental education in their curriculum, according to Marks. "They were excited to partner and I think it's a fulfilling and robust partnership that will continue beyond this one event."

Along with Caraway, Sunday's featured speakers also include Christy Brigham, the chief of resource management and science at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and Savannah Boiano, the conservancy's executive director.

Marks said residents who are unable to attend Sunday's program can still get involved in the fight to protect the trees by volunteering at the park or by donating to the Sequoia Parks Conservancy's Sequoia Monitoring and Conservation Fund.

"In Sequoia National Park, volunteers monitor sequoia growth over time to help park managers understand if trees are growing more slowly or dying more quickly as our environment changes," Marks said, mentioning 90% of donations directly support "the critical and crucial work being done at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks to ensure giant sequoias stay healthy and given the opportunity to mature."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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4th Annual College Success Summit at Santa Monica College

The Pico Neighborhood Partnership presents their Fourth Annual College Success Summit and Resource Fair on Saturday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Santa Monica College. 1900 Pico Blvd.

Middle, High School, and Community College Students are welcome for a full-day college resource fair. Get college-ready by attending educational workshops on college prep topics, fill out your FAFSA application through the Cash for College program and have your personal statement edited by UCLA's Writing Success Program. Plus, there will be raffles, free food and entertainment! This program is done in collaboration with: Pico Branch Library, Virginia Avenue Park, Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica, Providence St. John's Health Center, 18th Street Art Center, Pico Partnership Program at Santa Monica College, St. Joseph's Center, and Santa Monica High School. Register online at www.bit.ly/picocollegesummit.

This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Santa Monica College is wheelchair accessible. Santa Monica College is directly served by Big Blue Bus route 7. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library. Free parking is available at Santa Monica College, Parking Structure 4.

SUBMITTED BY JAIME S. CRUZ, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM COORDINATOR, VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

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Study: California's big July quakes strain major fault

HOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

The earthquakes that hammered the Southern California desert near the town of Ridgecrest last summer involved ruptures on a web of interconnected faults and increased strain on a major nearby fault that has begun to slowly move, according to a new study.

Ruptures in the Ridgecrest earthquake sequence ended a few miles from the Garlock Fault, which runs east-west for 185 miles (300 kilometers) from the San Andreas Fault to Death Valley.

The Garlock Fault has been relatively quiet for 500 years. It now has begun a process called fault creep and has slipped 0.8 inch (2 centimeters) since July, the research found.

The study by geophysicists from the California Institute of Technology and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory was published in the journal Science on Thursday, coinciding with the implementation of a statewide earthquake early warning system for the general public.

Southern California's largest earthquake sequence in two decades began July 4 in the Mojave Desert about 120 miles (190 kilometers) north of Los Angeles.

A magnitude 6.4 foreshock was followed the next day by a magnitude 7.1 mainshock and then more than 100,000 aftershocks.

Zachary Ross, assistant professor of geophysics at Caltech and lead author of the paper, said in a statement that it was one of the most well-documented earthquake sequences in history.

Ross developed automated computer analysis of seismometer data to detect the huge number of aftershocks with precise location information, Caltech and JPL said in a press release.

The JPL scientists mapped surface ruptures of the faults with data from Japanese and European Space Agency radar satellites.

"I was surprised to see how much complexity there was and the number of faults that ruptured," said Eric Fielding, a

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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON OCTOBER 10 AT 11 A.M.

Officers were called to the Santa Monica Library because a woman was dancing topless in the rear parking lot of the Library. The subject was known to library staff for causing disruptions and recently served with a suspension notice and not allowed to be on the library grounds. When staff found her in the rear parking lot exposing herself, they grew concerned due to the children's activities that were going on nearby. The suspect was arrested without incident. Alexis Ann Rivers, 28, homeless, was arrested for indecent exposure and violation of a library suspension. Bail was set at $10,000.

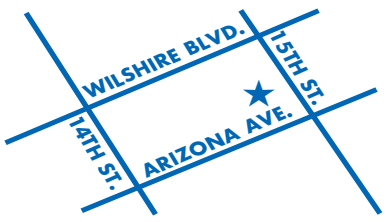


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All the President's Thugs



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CRIMINALS: Parnas and Fruman (aka Mutt and Jeff) arrested on federal charges.

When Donald Trump campaigned for president he issued so many outrageous statements, be grateful I'm only mentioning a few. Given America's mass shooting epidemic (historically worse under Trump) how could a normal person boast, "I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and not lose any voters?"

Two things come to mind. One, Trump would likely lose the vote of the person he shot. And two, Trump is not only not normal, I've long contended that he's mentally ill. Given his daily outbursts, it seems undeniable that he has a narcissistic personality disorder, is without a conscience and lacks basic human empathy. (Is that all?)

This is why Trump can shamelessly mock the disabled and attack Gold Star families. I admit my theories don't fully explain why he sniffs so much and also why he wears a helmet-head hairdo. (It's documented Trump sees baldness as a weakness.)

I can just hear some of my beleaguered readers, "Jack's writing about Trump again?" Given the president's dangerous meltdowns,worse now than ever, I feel compelled to write about him, but I promise next week I won't. (Unless Trump actually does go out on 5th Avenue with a gun.)

Among Trump's campaign edicts were "I only hire the best people," and "I alone can fix the problem." As for "best people," Michael Cohen, Trump's decade-long personal attorney, is in prison. So is Paul Manafort, Trump's former campaign manager who might spend the rest of his life behind bars.

The list continues with retired Lieutenant General, Michael Flynn, Trump's first of four National Security Advisers in less than three years. (Is that a record?) Flynn infamously led the GOP convention chant, "Lock her up" and may himself eventually be locked up after pleading guilty to lying to the FBI. Flynn was lectured by U.S. District Court Judge, Emmet Sullivan, "Arguably, you sold your country out!"

Rounding out the Trump "I only hire the best people," Hall of Shame are Rick Gates, former Deputy Campaign Manager, and George Papadoupolis, formerly on Trump Foreign Policy Advisory Panel both of whom plead guilty. Last (for now) is Roger Stone, a longtime Trump friend and adviser who was indicted for obstruction of justice, making false statements and witness tampering. (Like Trump, the bombastic Stone was a protegee of the late Roy Cohn, the infamous disbarred attorney who was Senator Joe McCarthy's "red scare" hatchet man.)

That bring us to Rudy Giuliani and his charming-looking associates Lev Parnas and Igor Fruman, whom I affectionately refer to as "Mutt and Jeff." With one-way tickets, the two were the first arrests in the ever burgeoning Ukraine scandal prior to boarding a flight to Vienna taking off from Dulles International Airport. (Reportedly, Rudy was to meet them in Vienna.)

The Soviet-born pair allegedly laundered foreign money through shell companies in order to spend it on Republican campaigns. Reportedly, they were involved with Giuliani, helping Rudy pressure Ukrainian officials to investigate Hunter Biden's business dealings in their country. (And once again use a foreign country to influence our elections!)

The 21-page indictment also includes various additional allegations. "The defendants further concealed this aspect of the conspiracy by, among other things, making and causing others to make false statements to the [Federal Election Commission]." As they say on late-night infomercials, "And there's more"

Rudy who was known as "America's Mayor," is now "America's Bagman." He's acknowledged receiving $500,000 from Parnas and a company named "Fraud Guarantee." I couldn't make this stuff up, folks.

In fact the allegations are so complicated and the defendants' seemingly so corrupt and sleazy, by comparison, I'm starting to think Watergate was just a 3rd burglary. (Given Trump's historic abuse of power, let us not forget that in the White House Obama once wore a tan suit.)

Another of Trump's infamous campaign claims was, "I alone can fix the problems."

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Twice this solar year, you'll be on the receiving end of an expansive gesture from the universe – a prize, or money in the mailbox. Even so, it's small treats along the way that make you happiest. Highlights include delightful social plans, a game you stumble into and time in gorgeous scenery. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 15, 9, 37 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If it's difficult to find things to appreciate in those around you, then you might be in the wrong crowd. There is no good reason you shouldn't be around people whose qualities you admire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Get some altitude; you'll learn a lot when you go where the view is. Once you see a problem from the top, you'll know how to solve it. But you can't do it from there. You have to go back down and solve it on the ground.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Life is messy. So when you embrace life, don't be surprised when you come away with a few stains on your shirt. This is just evidence that life embraced you back.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Those who act the most confident may be the most insecure. The truly secure don't usually see the point in drawing attention to themselves, as they're too busy just doing what comes naturally.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A secret is a powerful thing that, like all powerful things, has an impact. Keep it to yourself with a sparkle in your eye and its impact is charismatic. Keep it to yourself with shame and its impact is a gravitational pull on your spirit.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of trying to force yourself to be nicer, find more reasons to be cheerful. And when you succumb to negativity, you'll find reasons to be there, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Get in the mix however you can – as a volunteer, an intern or just as an unqualified person doing a job for free. Even if you mess up a lot, you'll be better off than you would be paying for a class or experience.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Focus your attention on the one area of your life that, if changed, would favorably touch every other area of your life. Tonight will be a particularly fantastic time for introspection and planning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know what you want, and you've already committed, but when it's time to actually put this in motion, your brain will object with the most interesting excuses. Don't give it the chance. Act first; think later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A sentimental mood makes the passage of time a little blurry. And, if so inclined, you'll find that you can move fluidly to a feeling you had in the distant past.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you feel it's not as important to air your feelings as it is to reconcile them within yourself, much will depend on your company. Only your nearest and dearest will get the full picture and even then, only in small doses.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Repairs will be necessary. Don't waste time with amateurs including yourself. Likely, this is beyond your scope of expertise, and you probably don't have the tools to do it the right way. Use the best professional you can afford.

Emotional Sky Rollercoaster

The Gemini lunar trip incites a wide array of emotions as it angles Neptune, Mercury, Pluto and Jupiter along its way. It would be a shame to let moods define us. Try and see emotions for the temporary visitors they are. While some are more charming than others, all deserve a welcome. Invite them in and even the surliest will relax.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Romance and friendship are not so far apart from each other. They enact many of the same activities, just in a different tone. TAURUS: The unlikely love interest actually makes a lot more sense when you consider your deep history. GEMINI: Building your attractive qualities is never a waste of time. Everything else about the relationship is easier when you're working from strong attraction. CANCER: Eat together. Food is a meaningful boding experience. LEO: You feel pretty solid in your footing as a person and will exude a comfort level for who you are as well as a caring attitude toward others. VIRGO: You have no obligation to share. Don't allow yourself to be persuaded to open up past the level you want to. LIBRA: Trust is the basis for relationships. Once it's broken, it's irreparable, so proceed carefully. SCORPIO: People are always more vulnerable in transition, and you'll help to see someone through. SAGITTARIUS: In the name of high character, you'll cut the moody people some slack and hope they do the same for you someday. CAPRICORN: Does knowing your romantic principles will set the standard for others affect your choices? AQUARIUS: You're not sure how much you want to know about a person, but you're about to find out a little more. PISCES: Intelligent discussion will be a treat, especially on matters philosophical or artistic.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

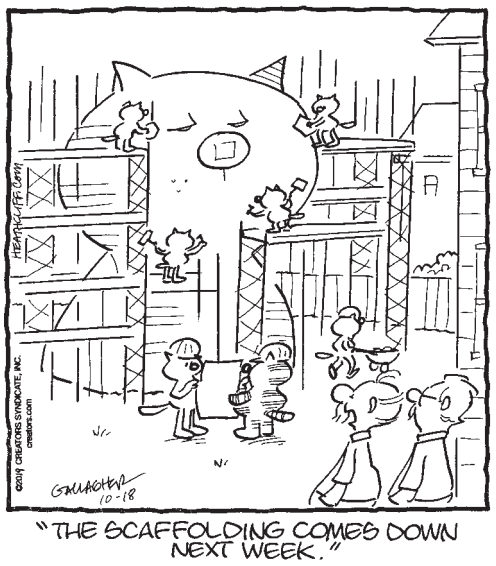
Cancer moon glows with Libra's solar love light this weekend to form a glad union for this couple. What these signs have in common is excellent taste and a respectful approach to partnership. Libra motivates Cancer to get out in the world to connect, as one person can't be the end-all-be-all for another. Cancer helps Libra appreciate the sanctity of home, which will become a temple to their love. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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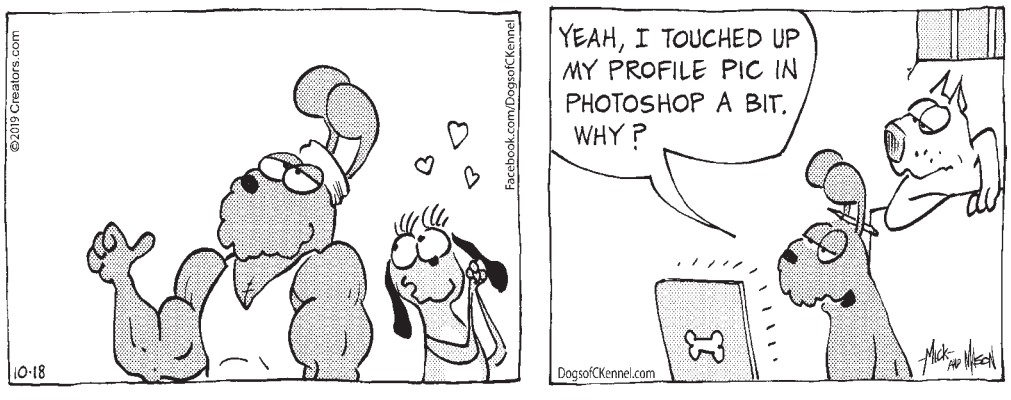
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4 12 14 35 70
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 71 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 10/16
7 18 28 41 44
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 20 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/16
12 14 28 29 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/16
Evening: 0 3 0

Draw Date: 10/16
Midday: 7 9 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/16
1st: 02 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
RACE TIME: 1:40.26

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WATER TEMP: 65.8°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
SSW swell and steep NW swell-mix.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
SSW swell easing. Holding NW swell-mix. Beachbreaks peaky.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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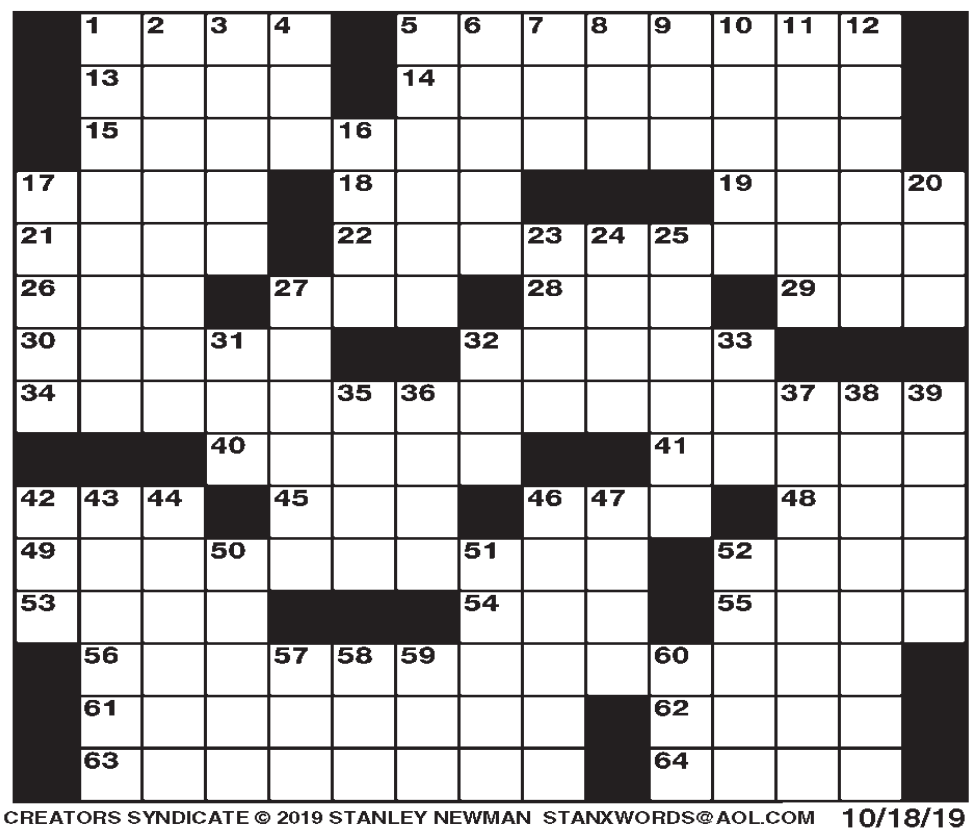
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ACROSS
1 Meir foreign minister
5 Old-style baloney
13 Falafel holder, often
14 Gives, as a license
15 Start of a quote
17 Shell game
18 Alias intro
19 __'acte
21 Some drs.
22 Source of quote
26 Floral keepsake
27 Massive amount
28 Sorority letter
29 RNs' workplaces
30 They may be for play
32 Exploration acronym
34 Part 2 of quote
40 Second-longest human bone
41 Long-legged wader
42 Physics department concern
45 Bylaw, in brief
46 What Apple phones run on
48 One of the Golden State's Santas
49 Part 3 of quote
52 Crop, reword, etc.
53 Medicare issuance: Abbr.
54 Major ATM maker
55 Green spaces
56 End of quote
61 What M. may mean
62 "Plus unnamed others"
63 Common athlete endorsements
64 Dawn lawn descriptor

DOWN
1 Aeneas, for instance
2 Say "Farewell"
3 Minute quantities
4 13 Across' Indian cousin
5 Heckle
6 Joseph's grandfather
7 Ukraine, in the '50s
8 Peach or petunia
9 Bench near stained glass
10 Rick __ (good name for a cowboy)
11 Mother of the Madonna, for short
12 More in demand
16 Snack with a shell
17 Extend awkwardly
20 LJ Silver's creator
23 Maritime predator
24 Kin of a carp
25 *Of Mice and Men* characters
27 Type of pullover
31 __.com (phone service site)
32 Reggae relative
33 Get Ready for Kindergarten Mo.
35 "Sure, dude"
36 Approaching, in odes
37 Global mediator's expertise, perhaps
38 In a subservient manner
39 Part of 57 Down, in Montréal
42 Letters re the 2018 Super Bowl
43 First American woman Peace Nobelist
44 Chocolate-covered sphere
46 Becomes liable for
47 Veggie favored by *Southern Living*
50 Whom emperors answer to
51 "We have it __ power to . . ."
52 Uplift
57 Most populous NATO member
58 __-Tok (wind-up Baum character)
59 Cowpoke's "haw" preceder
60 Talking bear of 2010s films



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DENSE-CITY will consist of models of 12 buildings designed by the architecture collective Brooks + Scarpa, which has designed multiple affordable apartment buildings in Santa Monica.

The models will be accompanied by graphics explaining how Brooks + Scarpa approached density in each building and a panel that outlines how density has changed over time in communities across America, said 18th Street artistic director Anuradha Vikram.

The exhibition will also showcase Brooks + Scarpa's Nest toolkit, which provides a set of customizable parts that affordable housing providers can use to construct housing quickly and cheaply.

"Density is a bit of a dirty word, and that largely comes out of fear of the unknown," said Lawrence Scarpa. "When the supply of housing is low, the cost is high — and that means unaffordable cities need to densify. What we're trying to do is show how buildings can fit into the fabric of a city or neighborhood, not impose on it."

DENSE-CITY is part of 18th Street's Commons Lab, a series of five artist commissions and live events that consider how architecture and policy affect American communities, using the rapidly gentrifying Pico neighborhood as a case study.

Vikram said 18th Street has become increasingly concerned about affordability and gentrification in the neighborhood and across the Westside in recent years.

Artists struggle to find affordable housing in the area after they complete their live-work residencies at the center, she said. The same real estate forces have displaced many of the Latino, black and low-income families that lived in Pico when the 18th Street first opened in 1988.

Vikram said the center has worked to record fading memories of the neighborhood, provide grant funding for the longtime residents that remain and introduce the newer residents of Pico to its cultural history. But density has to be a part of the conversation around gentrification and affordability, she said.

"As an institution, we're able to draw an audience that's representative of the "old" and "new" Pico and we're trying to foster a conversation between those communities through art," she said. "With this exhibition, the goal is to get a lot of different people talking about equity issues in housing and design."

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STUDY

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co-author of the study from JPL.

About 20 previously unknown crisscrossing faults were involved.

Ross said the 6.4 quake simultaneously broke faults at right angles to each other, which he characterized as surprising.

It was a commonly held idea that major earthquakes are caused by rupture of single long fault, but that has been reconsidered since a 1992 quake in the desert near Landers, California, ruptured several faults.

The Ridgecrest sequence adds evidence of a more complex process.

"It's going to force people to think hard about how we quantify seismic hazard and whether our approach to defining faults needs to change," Ross said. "We can't just assume that the largest faults dominate the seismic hazard if many smaller faults can link up to create these major quakes."

The study was published on the 30th anniversary of the deadly magnitude 6.9 Loma Prieta earthquake that badly damaged the San Francisco Bay area.

Gov. Gavin Newsom marked the occasion by formally announcing the launch of the nation's first statewide earthquake early warning system.

Alerts previously were made available to schools, government agencies, industries and industries but not the general public, except in Los Angeles County where an app-based system has been in use since January.

The ShakeAlert system that has been under development by the U.S. Geological Survey and science institutions for years will now push alerts to cellphones through an app developed by the University of California, Berkeley, and the Wire Emergency Alert system.

ShakeAlert uses hundreds of seismic sensor stations to detect the start of an earthquake, calculate its location and strength and generate alerts that the app and WEA system send to phones in areas that are expected to have significant shaking.

The intent is to provide seconds or tens of seconds in which people can protect themselves before shaking arrives at their location.

LAUGHING MATTERS

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What no one could foresee is that Trump would cause the problems. Take Turkey. (Please.)

Trump was totally played by Turkey's ruthless dictator and thus gave him a green light to attack the Kurds. On Wednesday, Trump wrote Erdoğan a letter that looked like it was written by a 3rd grader, begging the dictator to let Pence and Pompeo meet with him to negotiate a cease fire to a crisis "stable genius" Trump caused.

Meanwhile, the House voted 354-60, including 129 Republicans, rebuking Trump's withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria. In addition to pleasing puppet-master Putin, the impulsive move has already lead to the slaughter of Kurds and likely the escape of 10,000 ISIS prisoners. Remember, it only took 19 Saudis on 9/11.

Rudy is now officially the subject of a counter-intelligence investigation by the Southern District of New York, an office of which he was once in charge. After all, Trump hires "only the best thugs."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 388 CALLS ON OCT. 16

Armed robbery report 3000blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:02 a.m.
Encampment 2200blk Virginia Ave 1:10 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk 16th St 1:13 a.m.
Fight ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 1:49 a.m.
Fight 2nd St / Colorado Ave 2:29 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 600blk Palisades Ave 4:59 a.m.
Battery 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:46 a.m.
Encampment 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:03 a.m.
Oversize vehicle violation 2200blk 29th St 6:38 a.m.
Hit and run 500blk Raymond Ave 6:50 a.m.
Auto burglary now 1500blk 6th St 6:58 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2200blk Ocean Ave 7:03 a.m.
Burglary 2000blk Main St 7:04 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 8:19 a.m.
Fraud report 1700blk 12th St 8:24 a.m.
Battery 2600blk the beach 8:33 a.m.
Burglary report 300blk Bay St 9:19 a.m.
Indecent exposure now 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 9:35 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:46 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 10:01 a.m.
Encampment 1300blk the beach 10:16 a.m.
Indecent exposure now 2900blk Olympic Blvd 10:31 a.m.
Public intoxication 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:40 a.m.
Burglary report 1000blk 9th St 10:57 a.m.
Fraud report 1400blk Montana Ave 11:27 a.m.
Harassing phone calls report 1300blk 7th St 11:27 a.m.
Hit and run 1400blk 4th St 12:04 p.m.
Speeding Euclid St / Alta Ave 12:05 p.m.
Missing person 2400blk 4th St 12:15 p.m.
Hit and run 1300blk 2nd St 12:21 p.m.
Bike theft report 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:43 p.m.
Burglary report 900blk 3rd St 12:46 p.m.
Grand theft auto report 1500blk Ocean Ave 12:48 p.m.
Speeding 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Elder abuse 1300blk 15th St 1:07 p.m.
Elder abuse 2000blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:08 p.m.
DUI 10th St / Washington Ave 1:23 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Hit and run 4th St / Civic Center Dr 2:40 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:01 p.m.
Domestic violence 100blk Hart Ave 3:12 p.m.
Identity theft 2500blk California Ave 3:27 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 300blk Olympic Dr 3:33 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 17th St / Broadway 3:47 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 900blk Pico Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Parked in alley 1400blk Stanford St 4:01 p.m.
Hit and run 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 4:11 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:19 p.m.
Burglary 300blk Montana Ave 4:26 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:30 p.m.
Bike theft report 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 4:35 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:38 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1100blk Hill St 4:42 p.m.
Hit and run 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:47 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:48 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:50 p.m.
Petty theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 4:54 p.m.
Panhandling 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 4:55 p.m.
Hit and run 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:03 p.m.
Person with a gun 1700blk Dewey St 5:25 p.m.
Person with a gun 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 5:35 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 5:43 p.m.
Death 1900blk Stewart St 5:53 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 2600blk 30th St 6:03 p.m.
Burglary report 400blk Broadway 6:30 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2000blk Pico Blvd 6:43 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:44 p.m.
Speeding 10th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:49 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:07 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1800blk 22nd St 7:11 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd St / Idaho Ave 7:21 p.m.
Speeding 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 7:23 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:56 p.m.
Burglary report 3100blk Neilson Way 8:59 p.m.
Malicious mischief 1100blk 10th St 9:00 p.m.
Report of shots fired 300blk Santa Monica Pier 9:58 p.m.

SHOOTING

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found a male subject who had sustained a single gun shot wound to his lower leg. The victim was transported to a local hospital for a non-life threatening injury," said SMPD Lieutenant Candice Cobarrubias in a statement. "Officers were able to ascertain the suspects to be group of male Hispanics, possibly gang members in their early 20's. The suspects were last seen leaving the parking lot in a small sedan or smaller SUV. Officers canvassed the area and were unable to locate the suspects."

She said the incident appears to be a spontaneous gang related encounter. Cobarrubias said both parties became involved in a verbal altercation on the pier, resulting in the shooting in the southern portion of the lot.

"Detectives are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspects or for any information that may be useful to the investigation," she said.

Anyone with information can contact the Robbery/Homicide Division at 310-458-8451 or the Watch Commander at 310-458-8427.

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