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Los Angeles police open Weinstein sex assault investigation

BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

Los Angeles police say they are investigating a possible sexual assault case against Harvey Weinstein — the first involving the producer in the city.

Police spokesman Sal Ramirez says the department has interviewed a possible sexual assault victim who reported an incident that occurred in 2013.

He says the investigation is ongoing and he could not answer

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California won't make its attorney licensing exam easier

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

Becoming a lawyer in California isn't going to get easier after the state Supreme Court decided not to lower the minimum passing score on one of nation's toughest licensing exams for attorneys.

The justices on Wednesday acknowledged a drop in the percentage of people passing the test but said further study was needed to determine what might be behind the trend.

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Local policing challenges extend beyond homelessness

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

In the past year, Santa Monica has seen an increase in crime and a rise in its homeless population but according to figures from the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), crimes involving homeless individuals have not grown at the same pace as either standalone statistic.

In the first nine months of this year, SMPD responded to 98,421 calls for service and 20 percent (19,807) were related to homelessness. The department made 2,337 arrests and 62 percent (1,448) were reported as homeless. For the same timeframe in both 2016 and 2015 about 17 percent of the department's calls were related to homelessness and 59 percent of all arrests were homeless individuals. 2,399 individuals were arrest in the first nine months of 2016 (1,426 of them homeless) and police responded to 98,356 calls (16,512 related to homelessness). For that time in 2015, 2,384 people were arrested (1,417 of them homeless) and officers responded to 101,292 calls (16,811 related to homelessness).

The three percent increase in homeless related calls/arrests this year comes after the city saw an increase in crime citywide but particularly in the Downtown area.

According to SMPD, Part 1 crimes (including murder, arson, burglary, assault, and grand theft auto) increased 5.5 percent in the city, to a total of 4,515 incidents in

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PREVENTION WALK

The Greater Los Angeles Out of the Darkness Community Walk will be held at at 10 a.m., October 21 at the Santa Monica Pier. The event supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. See Page 5 for more information.

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Friday, October 20

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Saturday, October 21

Free Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling

The City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery & Recycling Division can help you safely dispose of your unwanted records and documents from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during a Free Paper Shredding event. The event is open to Santa Monica residents and will be held at the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave. Documents brought to the event will be commercially shredded – safely and properly – by the trained, licensed and bonded document destruction specialists of Confidential Data Destruction. For more information, visit Resource Recovery and Recycling online at www.smgov.net/r3events or call (310)458-2223.

Cardboard Mask Making workshop with Shannon Freshwater

Halloween is approaching! Studio resident Shannon Freshwater will guide participants through the process of making their own large head mask built from cardboard boxes. The workshop will be focused on building the structure and features of the head, leaving it optional to paint at a later date. Cost: $5. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/59087

Metro presents an artist talk with Walter Hood

Join artist Walter Hood for a guided walk along the Santa Monica Palisades exploring the natural and cultural points of inspiration for his future sculpture at the Metro Rail Downtown Santa Monica Station. 1450 Ocean, Walk 10 a.m., talk 11 a.m. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meet-the-artist-walk-and-talk-with-walter-hood-in-santa-monica-tickets-38164346588

Gardening with California Natives and Edibles

Lili Singer of the Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers and Native Plants shows you how to combine native and edible plants in the home garden. This program is part of the Santa Monica Eats! series. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 – 4 p.m.

2nd Annual College Summit

Join the Pico Neighborhood Partnership for a full-day college resource fair. Get college-ready by attending workshops on college prep topics. Plus, enjoy a special performance and food. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 9 a.m.

Annual Sweet Serenade

This unique musical fundraising event benefits Samohi's award winning choral music program. This concert under the stars features all our choral ensembles: Men's and Women's Choruses, Samohi Chorale, Madrigal Ensemble and Chamber Singers, as well as pieces from student-directed harmony and a capella groups, small ensembles and soloists. With delicious food, dessert, fun and a prize drawing, SWEET SERENADE is the special event of the season! General seating tickets are $20 each, and include dinner, beverages and dessert. Purchase advance tickets online at: www.biddingforgood.com/sweetserenade. Santa Monica High School, 601 Pico Blvd.

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ARRESTS: The homeless population has grown by 26 percent but arrests related to homelessness have increased by 3 percent.

HOMELESSNESS

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2016. Nearly 90 percent of those incidents are property related and the City's downtown business area reported the most concentrated problem accounting for 40 percent of all Part One crimes in 2016.

Homelessness has also increased throughout the region in 2016. Santa Monica reported a 26 percent increase in its homeless population while Los Angeles County reported an increase of 23 percent. SMPD said it is aware of the changing situation but the status of someone's living situation isn't their concern unless they actually commit a crime.

Lt. Saul Rodriguez said homelessness is not a crime and the department has to respect the rights of individuals, homeless or not, to use public space.

"The assumption is just because they are homeless we can do something about it," he said. "If they are not bothering anybody we really can't just remove them from the streets. Homelessness isn't just a problem in Santa Monica, it's a regional, countrywide problem. We're dealing with a societal issue. Can we solve it as a police department? No."

However, he said officers will pursue criminal behavior regardless of where someone lives and the department is aware of the growing community concern about quality of life issues and property crimes.

"We know that and are trying to address that," he said. "It gets discussed on a regular basis on how to address that."

Those discussions include more education for patrol officers regarding community concerns, changes in patrol patterns and continued effort to utilize police resources in a way that can help people get off the streets without violating their civil rights or running afoul of the court system.

"We are definitely revamping how we do stuff, meaning we're being more aggressive not only in outreach but identify people who may be out there on a frequent basis, what we can do to get them off the streets, find their way home or if they commit a crime get them off the streets," he said. "Our emphasis has changed to make this a number one priority. The community is getting very concerned about where this is leading."

Those efforts are not without their own challenges such as a problem finding enough qualified officers to fill its ranks.

SMPD is frequently unable to reach it's budgeted staffing level and Rodriguez said their problem is twofold: there's a constant cycle of departures and the department requires high standards for potential employees.

He said the department is starting from a position of unfilled vacancies and at the same time, they have to contend with individuals retiring, transferring or facing injury leave.

"It's been a concern regionally for some time, there a lot of retirements, a lot of people leave," he said. "We have a lot of new officers, we've been hiring a lot and we continue to do that. There's a cadre of officers who do nothing but recruit and try to hire."

However, he said SMPD won't implement mass hiring practices that waive the departments stringent requirements.

"When you lower your standards, you can get into severe issues, people can get into bad situations with controversy over use of force or violence," he said. "You have to have high caliber individuals and we are trying to get there."

He said there's also anecdotal evidence that changes to State law have done more to boost crime rates than the increase in homelessness.

In the past few years Californians voted to reclassify some drug felonies as misdemeanors and mandated misdemeanor sentencing options for a variety of crimes like theft, receiving stolen property, writing bad checks, and fraud if the amounts are less than $950. The states incarceration system was also altered to move more prisoners out of State control and into local jurisdictions.

Even if SMPD makes an arrest, they are sometimes unable to hold that individual. If a prisoner has a medical need or if they need to be held for an extended period of time, SMPD is required to transport the individual to the County facility. However, County jails are still overcrowded and will refuse to hold an individual if their bail is less than $25,000.

As a result, some criminals spend less, if any, time in jail. Rodriguez said while those kinds of criminals used to be off the streets for a while after an arrest they now can return to their old habits almost immediately. He said the lack of serious penalties also makes it harder to convince addicts to seek treatment because they know they will be released quickly and that kind of criminal is driven to return to crime to feed their habits.

"Before, they could be off the street for months but now they get a ticket or spend a night in jail," he said. "They have the ability to commit additional crimes, homeless or not homeless, whoever they may be criminals know they are not going to go to jail for a long period of time."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA hospital evacuated over report of gunman; no one found

Employees, visitors and patients in wheelchairs and on gurneys streamed out of a Los Angeles hospital as it was partially evacuated Thursday following a report of a possible person with a gun, sheriff's officials said.

A lengthy search ended without finding a suspect but authorities were still investigating, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said.

The initial report indicated that a staff member said she spotted a man with a weapon shortly after 9 a.m. at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center in the San Fernando Valley, Deputy Guillermina Saldana said. There were no reports of shots fired or of any injuries, she said.

Dozens of sheriff's deputies and police officers responded and searched room by room as they evacuated portions of each floor of the six-story building on the north edge of the city.

Hospital spokeswoman Lois Ramirez said other areas were ordered locked down.

Appointments were canceled and arriving ambulances were diverted to other hospitals, Ramirez said.

Some patients were transported to nearby medical centers, according to the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The 370-bed hospital in the Sylmar area serves much of the San Fernando and Antelope valleys.

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LOS ANGELES

Ridley Scott's Getty kidnapping film to premiere at AFI Fest

Ridley Scott's film about the kidnapping of John Paul Getty III will have its world premiere as the closing night film of the American Film Institute's annual festival in Los Angeles next month.

AFI Fest director Jacqueline Lyanga said in a statement Thursday that in addition to the Nov. 16 screening of the new film "All the Money in the World," the festival will also honor the prolific director's career.

"All the Money in the World" stars Kevin Spacey as John Paul Getty Sr. and Michelle Williams as the kidnapped teenager's mother. Mark Wahlberg co-stars as the wealthy family's adviser during the ordeal. The film is set to be released in theaters on Dec. 8.

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LOS ANGELES

Iridium to rely on used SpaceX boosters for next 2 launches

Iridium Communications says its next two launches of new-generation satellites will use refurbished SpaceX Falcon 9 first-stage boosters that have flown previously.

The announcement Thursday is another step in SpaceX's effort to reduce launch costs.

The company has launched a few used boosters and is trying to expand acceptance of reusability across the industry.

Hawthorne, California-based SpaceX has had successful landings of Falcon 9 first stages after launches from both coasts.

Iridium is in the midst of seven launches to replace its satellite fleet that provides global mobile voice and data communications.

The McLean, Virginia, company says insurers confirmed there is no increase in premiums for "flight-proven" rocket use.

Thirty new satellites are in orbit and the fourth launch is scheduled for Dec. 22 at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

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LOS ANGELES

Californians hold annual 'ShakeOut' earthquake drill

Californians practiced the "drop, cover and hold on" drill Thursday to prepare themselves for the violent shaking of earthquakes.

Organizers said 10.2 million people registered to take part in the "Great California ShakeOut," which occurred at 10:19 a.m.

"We have to practice and be prepared," Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti told KTTV. "Every time you practice it makes muscle memory, it makes memory in your head so that you know instantly and instinctively where to go, what to do and how to protect your life and your loved ones."

Participants included more than 6 million K-12 students and nearly 2 million people at colleges and universities as well as governments, businesses, faith-based organizations and individuals.

An additional 42 million people have registered for other ShakeOut drills across the United States and its territories as well as from British Columbia to Japan, Italy and New Zealand.

The ShakeOut drills originated in California in 2008.

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Ten Million Reasons to Impeach Trump



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IMPEACH: There is a bounty for Trump's impeachment.

FOR FANS OF "SEINFELD" I'M REMINDED of the classic line Elaine delivered to Jerry. "Whenever I think you're the shallowest man I've ever met, you manage to drain a little more out of the pool." Replace "shallow" with "despicable," and that's how I feel about Donald Trump.

If some say Trump is his own worst enemy, I say, "Not as long as I'm alive." Conservative MSNBC TV host Joe Scarborough describes the Trump administration as "The Little Shop of Horrors." My only quibble is the word "little."

The latest Trump controversy involves the ambush deaths of four Green Beret soldiers in Niger on October 4. Apparently White House staff prepared a letter of sympathy for the families but Trump refused to issue it. Why? Did he view it as a "loss" and he hates losing? And why was one soldier's body left behind for two days? Or maybe Trump was too busy tweeting about NFL players. During that time, he also managed to play 54 holes of golf.

Finally Trump phoned the Gold Star widow of Sgt. La David T. Johnson and even in that sacred tradition, was heartless. He reportedly said to the grieving widow "He knew what he signed up for, but I guess it still hurts anyway." Who would say such a thing? Then again, who would mock a disabled reporter?

Trump didn't mention Sgt. Johnson's first name but rather said to his widow "Your guy" as though he didn't even know his name. (Honestly, can't you just see Trump not bothering to know the name of the dead soldier?)

Like a petulant middle-schooler, Trump tweeted, "I have proof of what I said." (Surprise, surprise, he hasn't offered it.) It's as though emotionally he's the same age as when he was shipped off to military school because he was incorrigible. Meanwhile he still refers to the widow as "that woman." Borrowing from Secretary of State Tillerson, moron, she has a name, it's Kanisha.

Kanisha has two small children and is six months pregnant with another daughter, all of whom won't have a father. Please, as Commander in Chief, take a break from tweeting and stare at Kanisha's photo, as she's bent over the flag-draped coffin of her late husband, weeping. It's heartbreaking, assuming one has a heart. I've said it for over a year, Trump lacks basic human empathy as he's evidenced over and over.

Thankfully, a lighter note. I was delighted to see a full page ad in the Washington Post last week, paid for by Larry Flynt, publisher of "Hustler Magazine" and fierce guardian of the 1st Amendment. (Trump has offered veiled threats to revoke NBC's license.)

Flynt is offering $10,000,000 cash to anyone who can produce information about Trump that would lead to his impeachment. I only wish "lack of human empathy" could be an article of impeachment. (Or being a bully, liar, narcissist, sociopath who grabs women's crotches to which he infamously said, "They let you when you're a star.")

Trump's record with Gold Star families is shameful. When the Khans criticized him, why did Trump need to attack back? He says it's because he's a fighter. I say it's because he's vengeful, has been his whole life and I view it as a mental disturbance and dangerous for the country.

Wouldn't the compassionate thing have been to say, "The Khan family have suffered the ultimate loss. I won't add to that suffering." Nah, that sounds way too presidential.

Or how about his twisted statement from July, 2015, "John McCain is only a war hero because he was captured. I prefer people who don't get captured." Trump refused to apologize and refused to apologize to Obama for five years of birther insanity.

And don't forget the Central Park 5 case in New York City where Trump advocated for the death penalty. Years later, when the group was exonerated via DNA evidence and the real rapist confessed, Trump never apologized. He's emotionally incapable.

Recently Senator John McCain received the distinguished Intrepid Freedom Award and gave a stirring speech. Though McCain is battling brain cancer, thin-skinned Trump responded on right-wing talk radio like a thug.

"I've been very, very nice," Trump threatened, "but at some point I'm going to fight back and it won't be pretty." Respected Republican political adviser, Nicole Wallace, responded, "Nothing you do is pretty."

Back to Seinfeld, the final episode featured Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer on trial for violating a "Good Samaritan" law in a progressive, small town in Massachusetts. The four witness a car jacking and don't bother to help. Convicted of essentially being shallow narcissists, in the last scene they're wallowing in jail.

Hopefully, life will imitate art, someone provides Flynt with $10,000,000 worth of illegal dirt and Comrade Trump winds up behind bars. A guy can dream, can't he?

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Downtown

Walkers take to the streets to fight suicide

More than 1,500 people from throughout Los Angeles are expected to participate in the Greater Los Angeles Out of the Darkness Community Walk at 10 a.m., October 21 at the Santa Monica Pier. This fundraising walk supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's local and national programs and its bold goal to reduce the annual rate of suicide 20 percent by 2025.

"Suicide affects one in five American families. I am walking to bring awareness to this leading cause of death and let people in the community know that they are not alone. There is help out there for those who live with a mental health condition and support for those who have lost a loved one to suicide," said Meghan Carvalho, AFSP Greater Los Angeles Volunteer.

The Greater Los Angeles Walk in Santa Monica is part of a national Out of the Darkness walk movement, consisting of Community Walks, Campus Walks and two Overnight walks each year. In 2016, AFSP hosted more than 500 Out of the Darkness Walks spanning all 50 states, uniting more than 240,000 walkers and raising millions for suicide prevention research, education and advocacy.

Proceeds from the walks support programs such as Talk Saves Lives™, an educational presentation on how to recognize the risk factors and warning signs of suicide, and a new film entitled It's Real: College Students and Mental Health that launched this spring. Through fundraising at the walks and other community and national events, AFSP has been able to fund 552 research grants totaling over $34 million dollars since 1987.

"These walks are about turning hope into action," said AFSP CEO Robert Gebbia. "Suicide is a serious problem, but it's a problem we can solve. The research has shown us how to fight suicide, and if we keep up the fight the science is only going to get better, our culture will get smarter about mental health, and we'll be able to save more people from dying from depression and other mental health conditions."

One of the speakers at the Greater Los Angeles Out of the Darkness Community Walk in Santa Monica will be Donna Jackson, mother of singer Simone Battle. Local AFSP sponsors include the Center for Discovery, GoGuardian, DeRubeis Fine Art of Metal, Beauty and the Bar and Talk to Michele.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health through education and community programs, develops suicide prevention through research and advocacy, and provides support for those affected by suicide. Led by CEO Robert Gebbia and headquartered in New York, and with a public policy office in Washington, D.C., AFSP has local chapters in all 50 states with programs and events nationwide. AFSP celebrates 30 years of service to the suicide prevention movement. Learn more about AFSP in its latest Annual Report, and join the conversation on suicide prevention by following AFSP on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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any questions about when the interview or incident took place.

Police in New York and London are also investigating the fallen movie mogul over allegations of sex abuse in those cities.

"Mr. Weinstein obviously can't speak to anonymous allegations, but he unequivocally denies allegations of non-consensual sex," his representative Sallie Hofmeister wrote in a statement.

Weinstein has been accused of sexual harassment or abuse by more than three dozen women, including several top actresses including Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie. Several of the incidents allegedly happened at hotels in Beverly Hills, which does not have an open investigation into Weinstein.

He was fired from The Weinstein Co., the film company he co-founded, earlier this month after several harassment incidents were detailed in The New York Times. Additional allegations, including from three women who said Weinstein sexually assaulted them, were included in a subsequent article by The New Yorker. Two of the women, including Italian actress Asia Argento, were named while the third accuser wasn't identified.

Argento told the magazine that in 1997 Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on her at a hotel in France when she was 21 years old.

Weinstein, 65, resigned from the board of directors of his former company earlier this week. He has not been seen in public since last week.

The Oscar winner has been expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and the Producers Guild of America has started the process of expelling him. On Thursday, the British Film Institute rescinded an honor it conferred to Weinstein in 2002 for his contribution to British cinema.

Quentin Tarantino, who has partnered with Weinstein on most of his films from "Pulp Fiction" to "The Hateful Eight" over the past 20 years, told the New York Times Thursday that he "knew enough to do more than I did."

Tarantino had heard first hand from his then-girlfriend Mira Sorvino about Weinstein's alleged sexual harassment, and had known about the settlement reached with Rose McGowan, he told the paper. He'd also heard stories from another actress who he declined to name.

He said it was impossible that anyone who was close to Weinstein had not heard about at least one incident. He also said he continued to hear stories second and third hand.

"I chalked it up to a '50s-'60s era image of a boss chasing a secretary around the desk," Tarantino said. "As if that's O.K. That's the egg on my face right now."

Tarantino went on to compare Hollywood's treatment of women to a "Jim Crow-like system that us males have almost tolerated."

He called on other men to "vow to do better by our sisters" and not just issue statements.

"What was previously accepted is now untenable to anyone of a certain consciousness," Tarantino said.

AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr contributed to this report.





EXAM

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"Examination of these matters could shed light on whether potential improvements in law school admission, education and graduation standards and in State Bar testing for licensure ... could raise bar exam pass rates," the justices said.

For James Dunworth, 52, the decision means a little less room for error on the bar exam he took in July — his third attempt to pass the test. If the court had chosen to lower the passing score, it could have applied to his exam.

"I wanted a little breathing room," Dunworth said.

The Supreme Court in February ordered the State Bar to review whether the passing score was appropriate for evaluating the minimum competence of prospective attorneys. The move came after law school deans said in a letter to the court that California's high score unfairly penalizes students who would have become lawyers in other states.

California's minimum score of 144 is the second highest in the country. Most states have a minimum passing score of 135 or lower, according to state bar staff.

The passage rate on the July test fell from nearly 62 percent in 2008 to 43 percent in 2016, mirroring a national trend that has alarmed law school administrators and officials responsible for licensing attorneys.

Oregon and Nevada lowered their passing scores this year amid a similar decline.

In California, the proposal to lower the minimum score ignited a broader debate about racial diversity among attorneys, the quality of law schools and their students, and the skills lawyers need most.

"The declining passing rate has become a proxy for so many issues in the legal field," said Derek Muller, a professor at Pepperdine University School of Law in Los Angeles who has studied legal education and standards.

Law school deans in the state say California's higher minimum score is unjustified, does not produce better lawyers and disproportionately keeps African-American and Hispanic applicants from becoming attorneys.

Opponents of immediately lowering the score say law schools need to take a closer look at the caliber of their students and how well they are preparing them. The State Bar plans to study those issues.

Some experts say a dip in law school applications has forced institutions to accept applicants who have not done as well academically, and that might explain the drop in bar exam passing rates.

The State Bar of California last month gave the Supreme Court three options for the passing score.

One recommendation called for reducing the minimum score on an interim basis to a little over 141. A second called for a lower passing score of 139. The third option was to leave the score as is.

Modeling forecasts suggested the 141 score would have boosted the July 2016 pass rate by 8 percent, state bar officials said.

Desi Kalcheva, 26, who took the exam for the first time in July, said lowering the score made sense because law schools only give a brief introduction to many of the subjects on the exam, so students have a huge "knowledge gap" as they prepare for the test.

She said a lower passing score would have allowed every test taker to sleep "a little easier."

"But I guess we don't have the luxury," she said. Her results come out in November.



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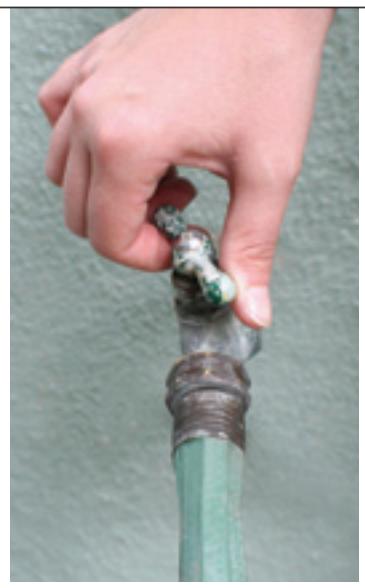
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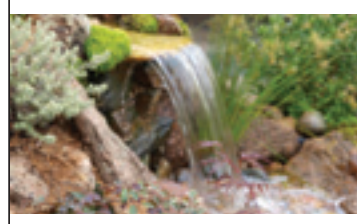
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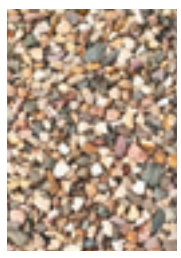












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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **68.2°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Primary SSW swell fades. Watching winds - NW flow expected.

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to waist high
Combo of old/easing SSW swell and holding NW swell, New South swell building in Saturday night.





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 17, 2017 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:40 P.M.

A pedestrian was utilizing the crosswalk in the mid-block of 1500 Colorado when he was struck by an Expo train that was traveling eastbound into the 17th Street Station. The victim lost consciousness for a short time. Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics responded and treated the pedestrian at the scene. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Colorado Blvd was closed to traffic from 14th Street to 17th Street for a few hours while officers conducted their collision investigation.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 355 calls for service on Oct. 18.

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

Lewd activity 1700 block Ocean 12 a.m.
Petty theft 3000 block Ocean Front Walk 1:58 a.m.
Indecent exposure 0 block Sea Colony Dr 3:28 a.m.
Battery 1500 block Lincoln 3:48 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block Michigan 5:19 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block the beach 6:23 a.m.
Fraud 3000 block 18th 6:43 a.m.
Encampment 2400 block Main 6:55 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block 4th 7 a.m.
Petty theft 3400 block Exposition 7:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 2200 block 20th 7:55 a.m.
Fraud 2500 block Broadway 8:07 a.m.
Petty theft 17th / Idaho 8:26 a.m.
Smoking violation 300 block Wilshire 8:34 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1100 block 5th 8:53 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 3rd 9:01 a.m.
Lewd activity 1500 block 4th 9:35 a.m.
Burglary 2600 block Santa Monica 9:45 a.m.
Traffic collision 11th / Broadway 10:14 a.m.
Burglary 2700 block Santa Monica 10:22 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 800 block 12th 10:24 a.m.
Out order traffic lights 20th / Olympic 10:27 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1800 block 7th 11:09 a.m.
Prowler 3100 block Highland 11:13 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500 block Ocean 11:20 a.m.
Traffic collision 2200 block Delaware 11:59 a.m.
Fight 1600 block Ocean 11:59 a.m.
Indecent exposure 900 block Montana 12:07 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd street Prom 12:09 p.m.
Traffic collision Neilson / Marine 12:23 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1500 block 2nd 12:50 p.m.
Petty theft 2700 block Ocean Park 12:50 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Montana 1:09 p.m.
Battery 1100 block 5th 1:34 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 1:38 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block 26th 1:39 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block 2nd 1:44 p.m.
Lewd activity 5th / Broadway 2:02 p.m.
Traffic collision 300 block Olympic 2:06 p.m.
Lewd activity 1900 block Pico 2:06 p.m.
Grand theft 300 block Olympic 2:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Kansas 2:17 p.m.
Lewd activity 1700 block Main 2:27 p.m.
Forensics request 2600 block Santa Monica 2:27 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 900 block 10th 2:28 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 2nd 2:43 p.m.
Burglary 600 block Broadway 2:47 p.m.
Assault w/deadly 15th / Colorado 2:50 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block Olympic 3:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Pico 3:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 3:09 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 800 block 18th 3:10 p.m.
Armed robbery 300 block Pico 3:13 p.m.
Indecent exposure 11th / Wilshire 3:17 p.m.
Identity theft 500 block Montana 3:19 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block Olympic 3:28 p.m.
Grand theft 2900 block Olympic 3:44 p.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 4:02 p.m.
Grand theft 1500 block 7th 4:06 p.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Ocean 4:11 p.m.
Hit and run 2300 block Virginia 4:39 p.m.
Traffic/vehicle stop 200 block Broadway 4:43 p.m.
Person down 300 block Arizona 4:47 p.m.
Battery 2nd / Arizona 5:17 p.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block 4th 6:01 p.m.
Battery 300 block Olympic 6:07 p.m.
Critical missing 1500 block the beach 6:09 p.m.
Identity theft 1200 block Idaho 6:17 p.m.
Identity theft 600 block Marguerita 6:37 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 32 calls for service on Oct. 18.

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

Automatic alarm 3100 block Main 1:06 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 2:34 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Santa Monica 3:33 a.m.
EMS 3100 block Urban 8:22 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Main 9:06 a.m.
Structure fire 2200 block Montana 9:33 a.m.
EMS 11th / Broadway 10:15 a.m.
EMS 800 block 11th 10:29 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 11:03 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 20th 11:42 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 11:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Lincoln 12:01 p.m.
EMS Neilson / Marine 12:24 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 12:53 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Lincoln 1:44 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 2:36 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 3:15 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Ocean Front Walk 3:28 p.m.
EMS 400 block Ocean 3:44 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 3:54 p.m.
EMS 800 block 6th 4:18 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 4:37 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 5:10 p.m.
EMS 400 block California 5:11 p.m.
EMS 300 block Wilshire 6:01 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 6:54 p.m.
EMS 900 block 7th 7:32 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Oak 7:45 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block 17th 8 p.m.

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Draw Date: 10/17
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Jackpot: 20M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 10/18
5 10 24 33 35
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 24M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/18
1 12 20 25 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/18
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DAILY DERBY
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2. Archaic. guilty.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for huevos rancheros is 7.75 pounds in 10 minutes, held by Richard "the locust" LeFevre. Warning: Most of these records are held by professional eaters with apt nicknames; the rest by people who really should find something better to do.

Best Medicine

■ A medical school professor is giving a lecture, using slides to discuss different patient cases. He brings up an x-ray image and says, "As you can see, class, this patient limps because his right fibula and tibia are radically arched."

■ A student stares at the x-ray, ponders for a moment and then says, "I suppose I would limp, too."

MYSTERY PHOTO

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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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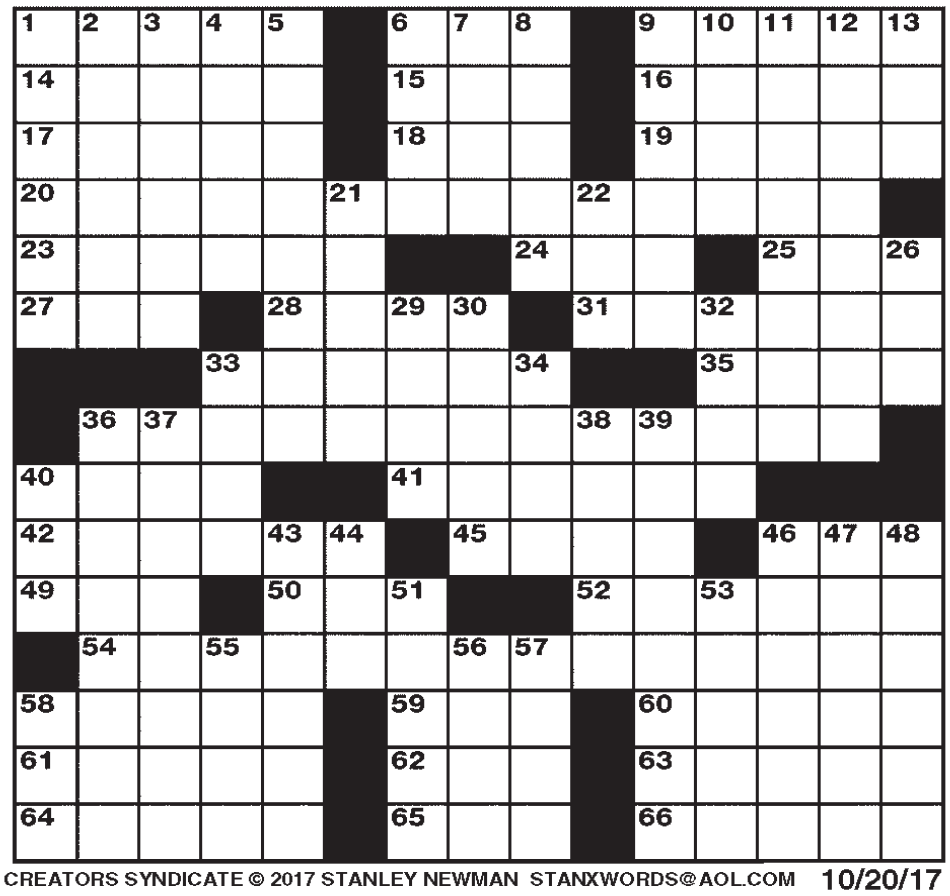
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Guitar-neck devices
6 Houston, for example
9 Muslim ascetic
14 Concert venue
15 What crunches build
16 __, Marla, Melania
17 Metaphor for 15 Across
18 Paintball equipment
19 Airhead
20 With 54 Across, rule out an eventual return?
23 In an unimaginative way
24 Abridge
25 Administrative branch
27 Sweetie
28 Chicken wings, egg rolls, etc.
31 Check payee, perhaps
33 Scrape together
35 Sweet-talk
36 What 20/54 Across is
40 Hatcher of TV
41 Benefit (by)
42 Attend to
45 "Doctor" specialty
46 Tampa or Pittsburgh athlete
49 Slip-__ (some shoes)
50 Nutrition Facts datum
52 Sources of silicone
54 See 20 Across
58 Alfredo alternative
59 Favoring
60 Reached in total
61 Barnyard sound
62 Before today
63 Mormon priest
64 Shade of gray
65 Introspective movement
66 Vocally omit

DOWN
1 North African Arab quarter
2 Sandoval of jazz
3 Look through a window
4 Upturned
5 Salton Sea, e.g.
6 Viking epic
7 Neighbor on
8 Comcast channel
9 Not unlimited
10 Extremely eager
11 Wallaby relative
12 Balance center
13 Bit of light
21 Played up big
22 Cookout coating
26 Unidentified guy
29 Stately ceremony
30 Litigants
32 Otto's octet
33 Go offstage
34 Muscle car roof
36 Have honorable intentions
37 Isle of Man's locale
38 Extremely eager
39 Symbol of Maine
40 Not very many
43 Worth mentioning
44 Roll-call response
46 Five-gold swimmer at Seoul
47 Cohesive
48 Gas station adjunct, for short
51 Yellow gem
53 Antonym of "expedite"
55 Hollande's state
56 Push along
57 Keep at it
58 Only 50-state TV network



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Bipartisan Senate bill aims to prevent Western wildfires

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

As wildfires rage across California and the West, Democratic and Republican senators have joined forces to help rural communities better prepare for and prevent catastrophic wildfires.

A bill introduced Thursday by senators from three Northwestern states would authorize more than $100 million to help at-risk communities prevent wildfires and create a pilot program to cut down trees in the most fire-prone areas.

Under a streamlined approval process, forest managers would "thin" pine forests near populated areas and do controlled burns in remote regions. The bill also calls for detailed reviews of any wildfire that burns over 100,000 acres.

Sen. Maria Cantwell of Washington state said the bill would "create new tools to reduce fire risk and help better protect our communities," especially those in the Northwest near fire-prone pine forests.

Cantwell, top Democrat on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, co-sponsored the bill with Democrats Patty Murray of Washington state, Ron Wyden of Oregon and Republicans Jim Risch and Mike Crapo of Idaho.

Risch, who also serves on the natural resources panel, said the nation needs to "actively manage our forests to reduce the fuel available for fires to burn."

The bipartisan bill is a compromise between Republicans eager to make it easier for federal land managers to thin overgrown woodlands and Democrats dubious of allowing timber companies greater access to harvest federally owned forests.

The bill comes as lawmakers from both parties push to rework a federal funding formula that makes it hard for officials to budget for extreme wildfire seasons such as the one ravaging the West this year. The formula ties spending to a 10-year average for wildfires even as fires burn longer and hotter each year and forces officials to tap money meant for prevention programs to fight wildfires.

Western lawmakers are seeking to ensure that Congress includes a fix to the "fire borrowing" problem in disaster-aid legislation being considered in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

"Congress must continue to pursue efforts aimed at reducing the risk and severity of wildfires and end the 'fire borrowing' that takes funds from other Forest Service maintenance priorities," Crapo said.

A $36.5 billion disaster aid bill passed by the House includes nearly $577 million to fight wildfires, but does not address the fire-borrowing issue.

The forest-management bill won praise from a range of timber industry, firefighting and conservation groups, including the National Wildlife Federation, the American Forest Resource Council and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 20)

Something quiet and small turns into a very successful and perhaps even famous venture. There's big love coming your way in the weeks to come. Through 2018 make your life easier by dealing with honest people -- and, it goes without saying, being one yourself. Travel brings luck, especially a road trip next month. Cancer and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 20, 14, 7 and 30.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You'll slip into your zone. The frame of mind that comes with this allows you to be quick, masterful and impervious to any obstruction that would stop a less powerful operator.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Trust isn't an all-or-nothing game. It's about learning a person's nature to know what you can expect. Observation is the way. You'll ask a seemingly innocuous and open-ended question and then back off to see what's revealed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
There's a relationship that's taking your focus now. The two of you are like porcupines in the snow. You need warmth but must keep a certain distance. You'll find the balance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You have no agenda and are not looking for what you can get out of a situation. You're simply there to help in whatever way you can, and because of this, you will be able to help many.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Remember when you experienced an instant attraction to someone you didn't know, and then you got to know the person and watched the attraction erode? It could go another way this time, though. You'll have to say hello and find out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
New aspirations will form in your mind and heart. Bits of brainstorms will align. Disparate ideas will bond to make plausible ones. All that chaotic, random energy bouncing around crystalizes into a real thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Since you already know what you think, you'll try other people's opinions and viewpoints on for size. This will increase your capacity for empathy and your power, too, since it's easier to influence those you truly understand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
There are those who will give before you ask, and in ways you never expected. It's not really a favorable dynamic now, as some contributions come with too much attached to them. Besides, you want to make your own way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
If there were a multiple-choice test on your life right now, you'd be bubbling in a lot of answers like "None of the above" and "All of the above," as big groups of events seem to be either happening or not happening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It happens all of the time. Smart people do dumb things. Enlightened people do petty things. Simple people do complicated things. Maybe we should stop labeling people and just accept them and what they do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Excitement and boredom are both states of mind that are inextricably linked to their impermanence. You'll relax into a deeper understanding of life as you accept what cannot be maintained indefinitely.

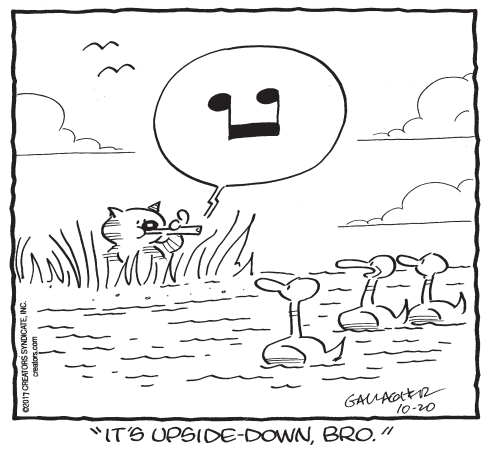
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Learning is always forward movement, even when what you are learning seems to stop you from going further. Ask a different question. One good question may very well be all it takes to change everything.

Scorpio Moon Guides the Hand of Fate

It's decision time, and the Scorpio moon consults with Jupiter then Mercury, and finally there's a dance with Neptune. When something big hangs in the balance, the decision will seem easier -- almost like fate is guiding your hand and you cannot help but point in any other direction but the one that is your heart. Small decisions will be harder.

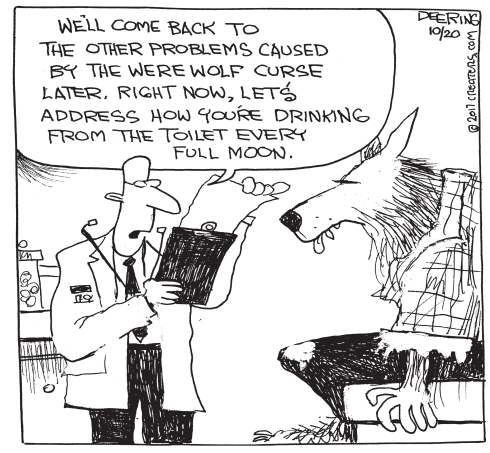
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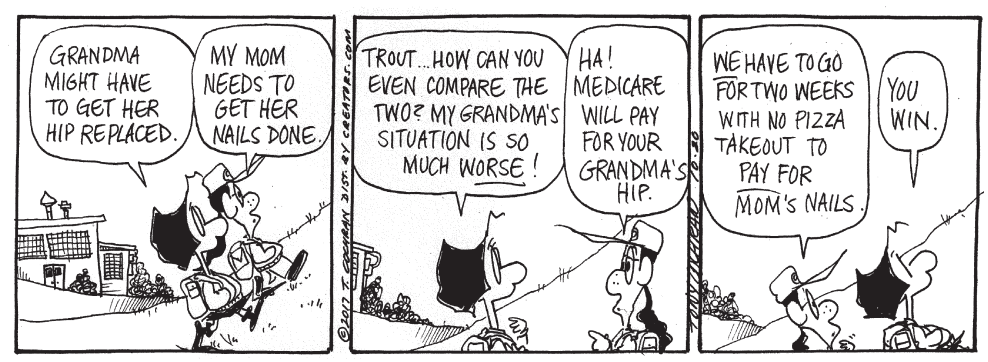


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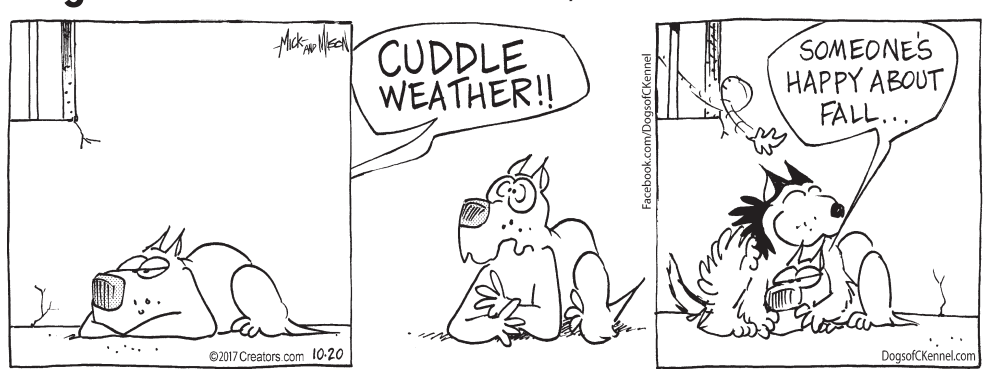
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