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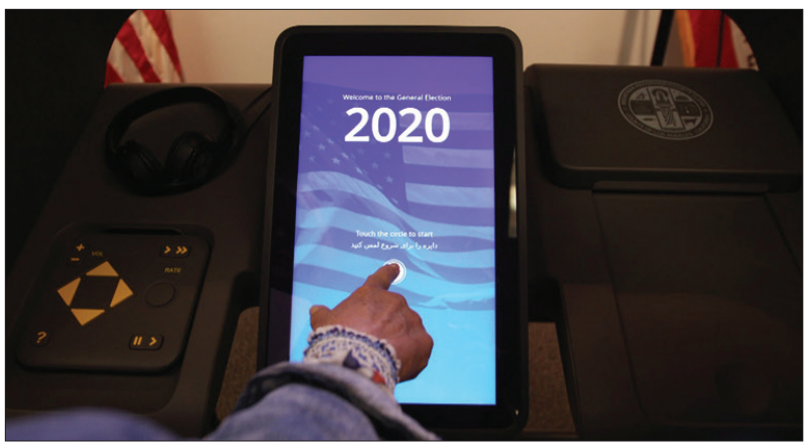
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LA County residents will be able to vote for 11 days



Courtesy photo

ELECTION DAY: The voting machines print a voter's touchscreen selections onto a paper ballot.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Los Angeles County is hoping to eliminate long lines at the polls and boost voter turnout in time for the most contentious Democratic primary in recent memory.

In the upcoming primary, Los Angeles County residents will be able to register to vote and cast their ballots at any vote center for 11 days, including election day. The vote centers will be equipped with machines that voters can use to vote electronically and print their paper ballots.

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Multiple Dia de los Muertos Celebrations in Santa Monica

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Halloween may be over but the fun doesn't have to be thanks to multiple Dia de los Muertos celebrations occurring Friday and Saturday throughout the city.

ROBERTS ART GALLERY

The students of Santa Monica High School invite the community to view altars and celebrate their ancestors at Friday's Day of the Dead Art Exhibition from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the school's art gallery.

Featuring food, music and dancers, the community event is sure to be a celebration you won't want to miss, according to teachers who created some of the stunning altars that will be on display Saturday.

"This has been going on for 15 years. It's a long tradition for the Santa Monica Art Department," said Tania Fischer, a Samohi teacher and longtime organizer of the event.

The department felt it was

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Courtesy image

DAY OF THE DEAD: Santa Monica will host several events this weekend related to Dia De Los Muertos.





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TRICK OR TREAT: Patients at UCLA Medical Center got a jump on their trick or treating this week.






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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public Hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

1531 Georgina Avenue, 19ENT-0281, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark/Structure of Merit Designation 19ENT-0281 for the property located at 1531 Georgina Avenue to determine whether the residential property, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark or Structure of Merit and, if designated as a Landmark, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider whether, based on written materials and public testimony presented, the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A), or criteria for Structure of Merit designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.080. Applicant & Owner: Real Santa Monica, LLC.

2009 La Mesa Drive, 19ENT-0350, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application for design approval of site alterations and improvements including but not limited to new landscape and hardscape materials, and front entry gates with related columns and fencing at the subject property, a designated City Landmark. Applicant: Gary Mason, Sanctuary Landscape Architecture. Owner: Otto Haselhoff.

129-135 San Vicente Boulevard, 19ENT-0392, Zoning: R2 (Low Density Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application for design approval of site alterations and improvements to an existing apartment complex including new perimeter fencing and entry gates. The subject multi-unit residential apartment complex is a contributing building within the San Vicente Boulevard Courtyard Apartment Historic District. Applicant & Owner: Sunshine Investment & Associates.

PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL REVIEW:

1527 17th Street, Zoning: R2 (Low-Density Residential) District. A preliminary Conceptual Review and discussion will be held for a proposed improvement project (Tentative Parcel Map 19ENT-0235 and Major Modifications 19ENT-0236) for the property located at 1527 17th Street consisting of the development of three condominium residential units in conjunction with preserving the Landmark residence located on the subject property.

WHEN: **Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Mizokami by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located 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).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Nov. 1

Dia de los Muertos: Exposicion Cultural
Acompañe a Familias Latinas Unidas (FLU) y a la biblioteca a celebrar el día de los muertos de una manera íntima y respetable. Habrá exposición de altar de muertos y documental filmado en México. Están invitados a traer una foto de sus familiares que ya no están con nosotros para que tomen parte del altar que se hará en honor a ellos. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Pico Branch Library

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or purchase package through Reserve Santa Monica. Parking included. Annenberg Community Beach House, Sand & Sea Room 9 - 10 a.m.
https://www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx

Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board Meeting
Virginia Avenue Park, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Read and Play
Spend the afternoon playing with family and friends in our indoor play space featuring a short family story time at 3:30 p.m., followed by play activities for ages 0-5 designed to cultivate key developmental skills. Fairview Branch Library

Costumed Still Life Drawing with Mimi Haddon
Using Mimi's 'Talmasque' series of ambiguously embodied images as a jumping off point, participants will work in groups to outfit studio mannequins with soft sculpture and costume elements to create spirited characters. Each participant will take a vantage point and make sketches of the narratively rich still life. Mimi may invite a live model in to do poses depending on availability. No drawing experience required. 1450 Ocean, 1 - 3 p.m. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/costumed-still-life-drawing-with-mimi-haddon-tickets-65330189355

AltCar Expo Santa Monica
For more information, visit https://www.altcarexposantamonica.com/. Santa Monica College, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 3

Adventures in Poetry with Dinah Berland
Taking pen to paper in the service of poetry can be an invitation to adventure - whether that means discovering new ways to use language or diving into unexplored depths of memory. If you're lucky, you may find something in the making that will surprise and delight you or even set you free. Drop-in $20. Palisades Park, 2 - 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers' Market
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market is a well-balanced blend of Certified California Farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, entertainment and children's activities as well as local retail. 2640 Main St, Ocean Park, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Open Gallery
Exhibit "Memories of Diaspora: Immigration Narratives of Los Angeles." Annenberg Community Beach House, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4

Special Meeting Architectural Review Board
The Architectural Review Board acts to preserve Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality. Civic Auditorium East Wing, 7 p.m.

Teen Advisory Council
Join Teen Council and serve throughout the academic year, advocating for the library and working on special projects with your peers, in exchange for community service hours. We meet twice monthly, on Monday afternoons. For more information: 310-458-8621 and ask for Myleen DeJesus. High School students only. Main Library, Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 4 - 5 p.m.

Just for Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop
Bring smartphones or tablets and get small group help to get started with using these devices. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

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

More trick than treat as California fires disrupt Halloween

TERRY TANG
Associated Press

For tens of thousands of children in California, the biggest monsters this Halloween are wildfires that have thrown trick-or-treating into disarray.

Nancy Metzger-Carter and her family have been in a San Francisco hotel since Saturday when a blaze in Sonoma County wine country forced them to evacuate their home in the small community of Graton.

Every day, her 11-year-old daughter and 7-year-old son worriedly asked how they would still have Halloween because they left their costumes behind.

"We were like, 'No matter what, you're gonna have a Halloween. We're gonna figure it out,'" Metzger-Carter said Wednesday.

Her son, who was going to be a ninja, settled for a SWAT officer costume they found at Target. Her daughter and her 10-year-old friend, whose family also evacuated, went to the Love on Haight boutique in the city's famed Haight-Ashbury neighborhood to put together hippie costumes.

"The people were so sweet to them. They found pants that will fit them. They were helping to cut them," Metzger-Carter said.

Many families who live in and around wine country north of San Francisco have no neighborhood to bring their kids to collect candy because they're coming home to destruction, are still under evacuation orders or facing lingering power outages meant to prevent electrical equipment from starting fires in windy weather.

And kids on the other side of San Francisco Bay, southeast of the Sonoma County blaze, are seeing Halloween plans literally go up in smoke.

"Today at work, our lunch conversation was: 'What are you going to do for Halloween if the air is not good?" said Hillary Sardinas, a field biologist in the Bay Area city of Albany. "It's obviously not the biggest issue with the fires. You care about people being safe. But yeah, it's potentially a lot of disappointed kids."

Some parents like Sardinas may throw a Halloween party instead. She and her husband would host their daughters' preschool classmates with candy, a pinata and a movie if trick-or-treating isn't an option.

If the air quality is acceptable, the couple will take their children out, likely wearing masks and for a shorter amount of time close to home.

Smoke and poor air quality became too much for Traci Moren, an acupuncturist who lives in Berkeley. She decided to take her sons, ages 9 and 4, out of school and stay with a friend in Santa Barbara.

Last year, they left town around Thanksgiving because of a wildfire. This time, they left Wednesday to make it in time for trick-or-treating, which is a "much bigger deal" to her oldest son.

"He was pretty upset when I told him we might not be able to trick-or-treat. His best friend already left town," Moren said. "I just want to make sure there's a way to make it happen."

Moren's older son goes to a school with an annual Halloween parade. Around 400 costumed students walk around the playground and then around the block, Washington Elementary Principal Katia Hazen said. It ends with a dance party on the playground.

The school considered having the parade through the hallways and stairs because of smoke but decided to go ahead with the usual outdoor plans Thursday.

The so-called Kincade Fire in Sonoma County has burned 120 square miles, destroyed more than 140 homes and forced more than 180,000 people to evacuate at its height. It's more than halfway contained, and most people have returned home. Despite widespread blackouts by the state's largest utility, electrical equipment that wasn't shut off may have ignited the flames last week.

Strong winds also have whipped up wildfires in Southern California, destroying houses, forcing people to flee and leading utilities to cut power.

In Sonoma, which was hit hard by the fire, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sonoma Valley's main location will be open until 5 p.m. on Halloween, even to kids who aren't members. Clubhouse director Jonathan Antimo is expecting more than 100 children.

The clubhouse will host a mini Halloween carnival with a costume contest, a doughnut-eating contest, "spooky tag" and movies. They also will let kids trick-or-treat room to room.

"We're going to try to keep the Halloween spirit alive and keep the kids happy and the fire out of their minds," Antimo said.

Planning the festivities has kept his staff from feeling stuck at home and stressing about the wildfire.

"Our team is just really excited to help. They all jumped at the offer to come in and work," Antimo said.

Parents can go to Airnow.gov to look up the air quality index by city, said Mary Prunicki, director of air pollution and health research at Stanford University's Sean N. Parker Center for Allergy and Asthma Research. If it's above the yellow level of "moderate," which is still considered acceptable, children should stay indoors.

"If you still want to trick-or-treat, perhaps alternatives such as trick-or-treating at an enclosed apartment complex or senior facility or mall should be considered," Prunicki said by email.

Even children wearing masks shouldn't stay outside for too long, she added.

Metzger-Carter said she's grateful her children will still have a Halloween, even if it's trick-or-treating away from home.

"We're so fortunate to be able to be at a hotel and to be able to purchase a costume," Metzger-Carter said. "Honestly, these disasters hit vulnerable populations so much more than people like us who can choose to stay at a hotel another night."

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RFP – Professional Services
Construction Scheduling Consultant Services for the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP), SP2456

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing professional services for construction scheduling consulting services for the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP), SP2456.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide consulting services for construction scheduling of the subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted to **Jason Hoang** via email at: jason.hoang@smgov.net, no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 7, 2019.

Proposers shall provide one (1) electronic version of their proposal to **Jason Hoang** via email at jason.hoang@smgov.net, no later than **4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2019. Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

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City of Santa Monica

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

DATE/TIME: Monday, November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 19ARB-0315: 2029 Dewey Street: Accessory Dwelling Unit
- 19ARB-0441: 1235 17th Street: Multi-Unit Residential
- 19ARB-0314: 1929 12th Street: Multi-Unit Residential

STUDY SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Streamlining the Architectural Review Board Process (Continued from 9/25/19)
- Design Review Principles

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 james.combs@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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California endures more wildfires, 1 sparked by a hot car

BY BRIAN MELLEY AND MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ
Associated Press

A stolen car sparked a wildfire in a bone-dry field Thursday as two of Southern California's quintessential themes — car chases and gusty Santa Ana winds — collided with potentially devastating consequences.

The hot car ignited dry grass in a field in the city of Jurupa Valley east of Los Angeles and strong winds that have menaced the region quickly spread the flames, burning homes and forcing residents to flee.

The frightening scenario was among the latest to erupt as exceptionally dry conditions and vicious gusts have contributed to destructive fires that forced tens of thousands of evacuations across the state while other Californians endured dayslong deliberate power outages aimed at preventing electric lines from sparking fires.

Several blazes broke out in the heavily populated inland region east of Los Angeles as the strong, seasonal Santa Ana winds continued to gust up to 60 mph (96 kph) were predicted to last until the evening before they fade away.

Riverside police were chasing suspected car thieves after midnight when the driver tried to shake them by plowing through fields and lots, Riverside Police Officer Ryan Railsback said. The damaged vehicle pulled to a stop in a field in Jurupa Valley, where the driver and passenger bolted.

The two men, both wanted on outstanding warrants, were caught as heat from the vehicle caused grasses to combust. Authorities plan to charge them with arson.

"We put that burden on the crooks," Railsback said, explaining the criminal charge. "They're the ones leading this chase."

The blaze spread to 300 acres (121 hectares) and destroyed three homes and two outbuildings, the Riverside County Fire Department said. Evacuations were ordered.

The fire came as another broke out in neighboring San Bernardino County and the day after several other blazes forced evacuations in the region, including one that circled the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley and another in Jurupa Valley that forced the evacuation of two mobile home parks and a psychiatric nursing care facility.

Elderly patients wearing breathing masks and wrapped in blankets were taken out of the Riverside Heights Healthcare Center in wheelchairs and gurneys as smoke swirled overhead. The blaze grew to 200 acres in size before it was stopped.

"There was one moment when I could see nothing but dark smoke and I was like, 'We're going to die,'" said Qiana McCracken, assistant director of nursing.

California has been under a fire siege for several weeks as strong, dry winds out of the desert have fanned flames at both ends of the state and prompted widespread power outages to prevent electric lines from sparking infernos.

Electrical equipment has caused some of California's worst wildfires, including last year's fire that destroyed the town of Paradise and killed 85 people.

More than 350,000 Californians statewide remained without power as part of an effort by utility companies to prevent trees and vegetation from blowing into powerlines and causing fires.

The waves of dayslong outages have been angrily condemned by state officials and consumers.

In the Northern California city of Novato, at least 20 seniors with wheelchairs and walkers were essentially trapped in the dark in a low-income apartment complex during a two-day power shut-off.

PG&E Corp. CEO Bill Johnson acknowledged hardships but said outages will be necessary in the future as seasonal fire threats increase.

"As long as they remain the best tool that we have to keep people safe, and our communities safe, they're the tool we will use," he said.

PG&E equipment that wasn't de-energized may have ignited a massive blaze in Sonoma County wine country that has destroyed 141 homes.

Firefighters reported making significant progress as high winds in that area eased Wednesday and the fire was 60% contained.

Electrical equipment may have also ignited the fire that started early Wednesday in Simi Valley, west of Los Angeles, which prompted evacuation orders for about 30,000 people.

The cause of that fire was not yet determined, but Southern California Edison filed a report required by state regulators to say it began near its power lines. SoCal Edison had not cut power in the area at the time this fire started.

As winds died down in Northern California, the utilities were inspecting power lines and working to restore power following a fire that forced the evacuation of 180,000 but is now mostly contained. Many children fretted as the wildfires threw their trick-or-treating plans into disarray .

Some families who live in and around wine country north of San Francisco have no neighborhood to bring their kids to collect candy because they're coming home to destruction, are still under evacuation orders or face the lingering power outages.

The Santa Ana winds that blow in fall and winter in Southern California and have fanned the region's most destructive wildfires prompted quickly spread flames into the northern neighborhoods of the city of San

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON OCT. 30

Haz mat - level 1 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:35 a.m.
Outside fire Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 4:15 a.m.
EMS 800blk 9th St 5:05 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk Ocean Ave 7:17 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 8:23 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 27th St 8:43 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2800blk Colorado Ave 10:58 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 800blk Georgina Ave 11:07 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 10th St 11:47 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:52 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 12:35 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 2:58 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 3:11 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:33 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:50 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 14th St 4:42 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2800blk 2ND St 4:51 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:14 p.m.
EMS 14th St / Colorado Ave 5:29 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / California Incline 6:12 p.m.
Transformer fire 800blk 9th St 7:00 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Colorado Ave 7:02 p.m.
EMS 100blk Kinney St 7:11 p.m.
EMS 26th St / Broadway 7:43 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 7:47 p.m.
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EMS 1300blk 2nd St 8:28 p.m.
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EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:55 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Stanford St 9:08 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1400blk 7th St 9:50 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 10:58 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Yale St 11:12 p.m.

WILDFIRES

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Bernardino.

Six homes and two outbuildings were destroyed or damaged in the 200-acre fire that forced about 1,300 people to evacuate, San Bernardino County Fire Department Fire Chief Don Trapp. The cause was under investigation.

Weary firefighters may have some relief on the horizon as the vicious winds were expected to die around sunset. Forecasters do not expect a return of the Santa Anas next week.

"Once we get past that, all bets are off," weather service meteorologist Kristen Stewart said.

Associated Press writers Stefanie Dazio, Christopher Weber and John Antczak in Los Angeles, Juliet Williams in San Francisco and Janie Har in Novato contributed to this report.

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Paleontological, Architectural and Native American monitoring services for the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP), SP2456

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The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide monitoring services for Paleontological, Architectural and Native American resources during the excavation and grading of the subject project.

RFP questions to be submitted to **Jason Hoang** via email at: jason.hoang@smgov.net, no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 7, 2019.

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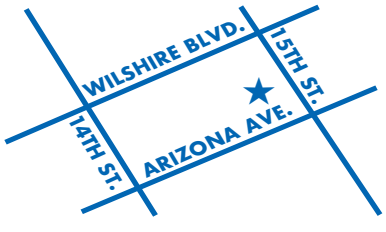
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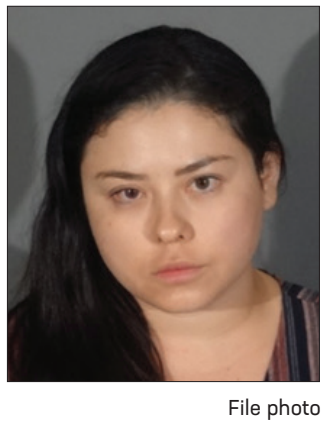
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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 23 AT APPROXIMATELY 4:03 P.M.

Officers were flagged by SM Place security regarding two intoxicated women seen with a child. Officers responded to the 3rd level of SM Place and found one woman on the ground extremely intoxicated. Another woman, who was also intoxicated, was observed with her baby in a stroller as they were headed to structure 7. The woman with the baby was stopped prior to driving intoxicated with her baby. She was later arrested for child neglect and public drunkenness. The father of the baby arrived and took custody of the baby. The woman found drunk on the ground was picked up by her sister and taken home. Tiffany Richardson, 32, of Granada Hills was arrested for child endangerment and being drunk in public.



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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Ed Asner Turns 90!

Famed and beloved actor, activist and humanitarian, Ed Asner, will officially become a nonagenarian on November 19. However, he's celebrating his birthday this Sunday evening, November 3, with a star-studded celebrity roast and fund raiser at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. All proceeds will go to Ed's charity The Ed Asner Family Center whose mission is: "To promote self-confidence in differently abled individuals and bring balance and wellness to those individuals and their families." But first, let me explain how I crossed paths with Ed over 15 years ago.

It came about because I had written a screenplay, "The Amazing Mr. Z" about 80-something Polish immigrant, Irving Zupperman. Irv lived in Miami in a welfare Alzheimer's facility but had been misdiagnosed as he was perfectly sane, except for one tiny detail...he insisted he was a super hero.

Oddly enough, Irv seemingly could do "super hero" feats like bending steel in his bare hands and seeing through walls. But they were written off as "tricks" he learned from his teenage days as the strongman in the Warsaw Circus billed as "The Amazing Mr. Z."



Courtesy photo

ASNER: Ed is almost nauseous as he judges the "talent."

No one believed in Irv, except Joey, the 8-year-old son of Michael, a reporter driven to become famous. Over a corned beef sandwich and pickles, Irv and Joey bonded and, over time, Michael learned valuable life lessons

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DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

FROM PAGE 1

important to expose students to the culture and allow people a safe place to honor those who have passed away, Fischer said, mentioning she worked with the school's Spanish teachers and the Pico Youth and Family Center when organizing the community artists.

Attendees will also have the ability to view artwork created by the students of John Adams Middle School and Samohi, Fisher added, stating: "Anyone is welcome because we've really worked hard to make this a community event."

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Residents are also invited to attend the "Dia De Los Muertos: Exposicion Cultural" at Virginia Avenue Park.

Organized by Familias Latinas Unidas, the event will kickoff at 5:30 p.m. and run until 8 p.m. on Friday, according to Library Assistant Jesus Cordero, who said, "We're going to have an altar here and people from the community can come to view a documentary that was filmed in Mexico that will speak about the true origins of Dia de los Muertos and how it really is celebrated down in Mexico."

The documentary is going to be 30 minutes and chairs will be placed in front of the library so residents can be comfortable while they watch the film, Cordero said. Following the documentary, attendees will have an opportunity to speak about their loved ones and we will perform the ritual and celebrations as a community.

"Then we will pass out champurrado and sweet bread after the little celebration," Cordero said.

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

The festivities continue Saturday with the Woodlawn Cemetery's 8th annual Día de los Muertos Celebration.

Running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, this free family-friendly event will feature a new format, which is the result of a multi-year community engagement project that allowed local residents the opportunity to provide input on what the celebration will consist of.

"One of the primary recommendations that came out of that was a desire to keep the more sacred events of the celebration in the cemetery and the secular events outside on the street," said Shannon Daut, the city's cultural affairs manager.

Delaware Avenue will be closed to traffic, and the day's festivities will spill out onto the street that connects directly to the cemetery.

Altars, musicians, dancers, craft workshops and food trucks are only part of the day's scheduled activities, Daut said, describing the different workshops and exhibitions that will also be on site.

"The opening ceremony is aways powerful and we have a lot of new bands performing this year," Daut added. "I think it will be a completely different atmosphere with the community on the street and we're really looking forward to an enjoyable day honoring loved ones with the community."

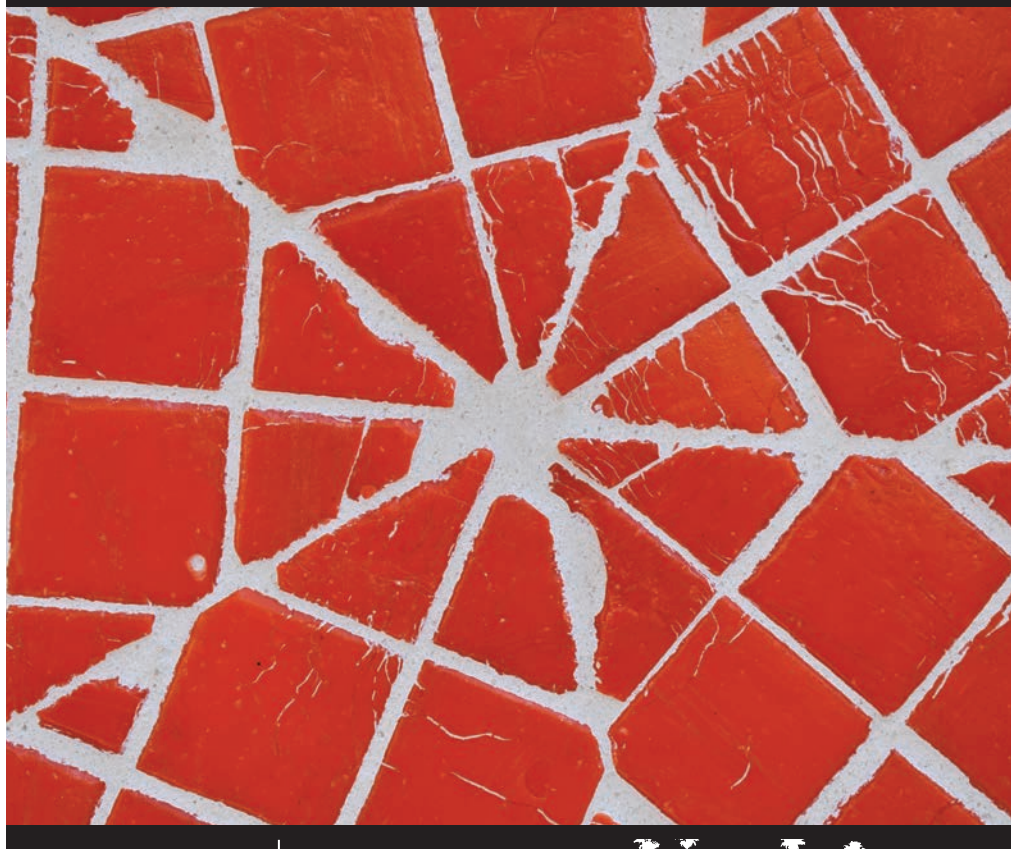
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 1)

One of your cosmic talents is a sensitivity to the pain of others. You could make money alleviating it. With a deft combination of risky and sensible moves, you'll create future stability for you and yours. The important part is that you trust yourself and don't let anything get in the way of acting on your intuition. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 39, 45, 16 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your present will play out according to how you see your past. It's never too late to change that story. Of course, the facts will remain, but what they mean to you can always change to better support you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Suffering is caused by overidentifying with some part of your experience. This could come in the form of clinging too tightly to a role or letting an activity define you. Try to see yourself as separate from what you are doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have certain expectations of yourself. Love yourself whether or not you reach them. The more unconditional love you give, the more you'll attract. And unconditional love is high-octane spiritual power.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Part of being proud of what you do is showing it in its best light. It's worthwhile to put time, thought, effort and money into the presentation because this helps others understand both the work and you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People should know when they're happy, but somehow they don't always. That's why it's so important to notice it, point to it, talk about it, exclaim it, dance it, or just whisper it to yourself. Life is mighty fine.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's uncomfortable to know that someone has given more than they intended to give you. Maybe they didn't know it would take so long or cost so much. Regardless, you would do the same in those circumstances, so just relax.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you give a recommendation and the other person doesn't take it, does that feel like a slight? A disappointment? This is why you need to take your own advice. It's a self-respect and self-love thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It does seem you have to unlearn in order to learn today, to clear before you can build, to change the water before you can clean, to drop your beef with someone before you can love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Silence will be the social skill you'll find most useful. It's not that other people will think you've misspoken or said too much; it's just that you might, and your re-play of conversation could trigger unnecessary self-criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To force things is not only ineffective; it's a bad look. Take a breath. To let the true value of a thing show itself to you, all you have to do is stand by and wait for it to emerge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's tempting to go on as if nothing happened. However, even just a half-hour spent processing the past will make a world of difference. Think of it as a spiritual stretch to keep you limber and open to life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People tend to ask you the wrong questions because they want to be close to you and they're not sure how. Decide what you'd like them to have asked and then answer that way regardless of what they really asked

Cosmic Call to All Saints

Venus enters Sagittarius on this Hallowmas. As we celebrate the bond between the dead and the living, Venus, quite appropriately, moves into the sign of Sagittarius, the sign of other worlds. In this realm, she's a translator, a concierge and an ambassador whose work and pleasure is to assist in the communion of souls, embodied and not.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: It's unhelpful to return to the past. Keep it fresh. Fight the urge to call an ex. TAURUS: When in love, it's difficult to also keep your composure, but the best decisions will be made from a cool head, if you can manage it. GEMINI: Your loyalty in all kinds of relationships will be celebrated and rewarded. CANCER: Give the underdog a chance. One date doesn't obligate you in any way. LEO: You're attractive to many. The less interested you are, the more attractive you'll be. It's a funny conundrum you've stumbled into here. VIRGO: You don't need to react immediately to everything the other person lobs out there. Buy time. LIBRA: You'll be let in on secrets, some of which you'll love to know, others not so much. SCORPIO: Fabulous results will have little to do with how much you paid, mainly because you're creative. SAGITTARIUS: What can you do to energize your body and relieve your pain? Anything to help you feel better physically will improve relationships. CAPRICORN: You deserve your own focus. You shouldn't have to talk yourself into this or apologize for taking care of yourself. AQUARIUS: The memory is made of sensations and the meaning we assign to them. Don't forget that second part. PISCES: Your priorities have shifted but this may not be the case for others. Express yourself, but gently.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Capricorn and Scorpio are two intense energies who, once aligned, can meld into an unstoppable power couple. As long as they commit to presenting a united front, the relationship thrives inside the impressive things they build together. Their success secrets will include clearly defined roles, excellent communication and a vow not to tangle over the steering wheel. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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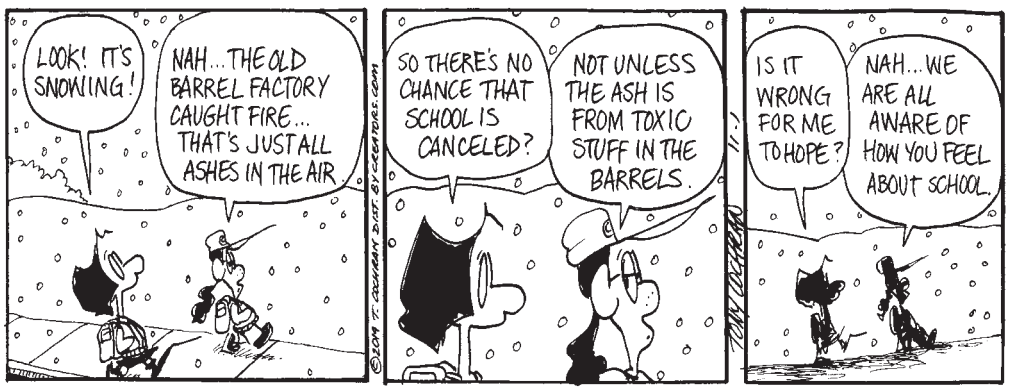
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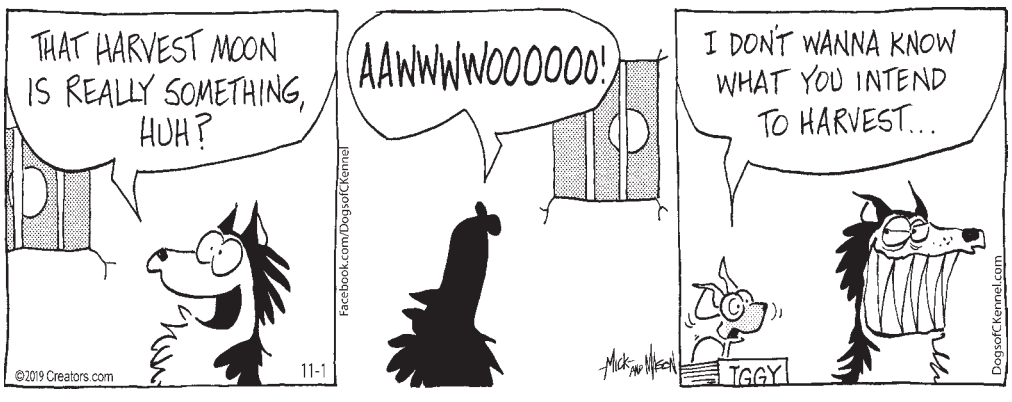
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.6°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Leftover NW swell eases. S swell gets reinforcements. Most size for combo breaks through western half of the region.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
S swell lingers. NW swell leftovers.

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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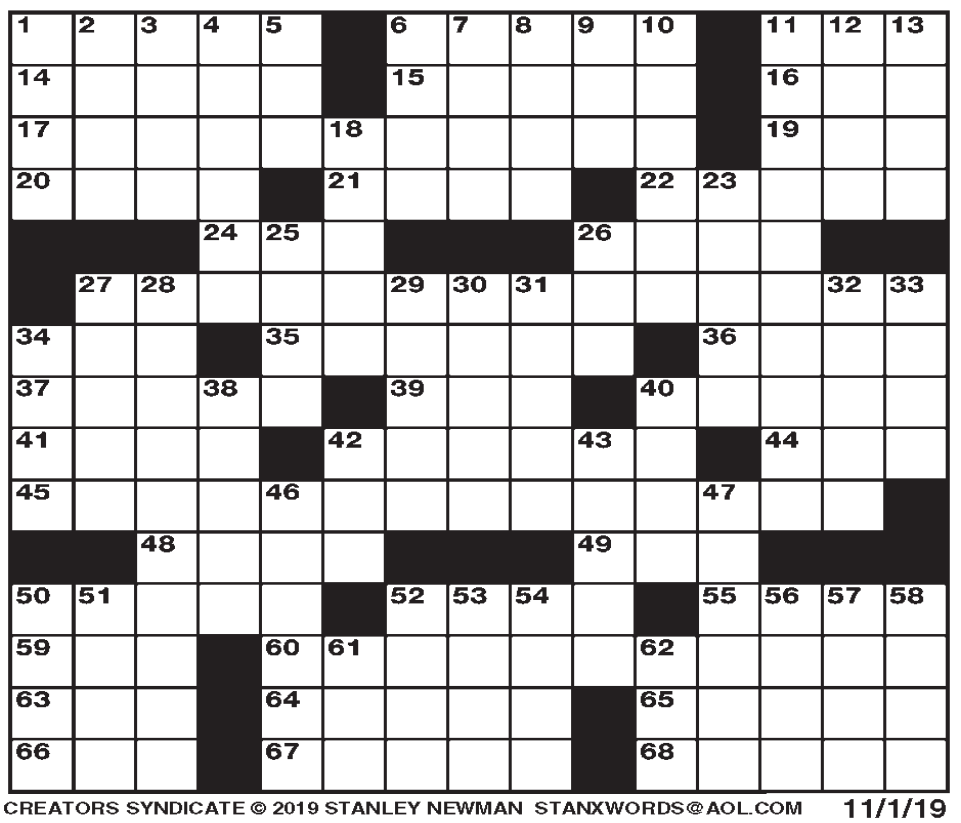
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1 Discourage by finger-wagging
6 Military tech development agcy.
11 Pennzoil rival
14 Bronco show
15 Established, as a habit
16 Hoo preceder
17 Give __
19 "If you ask me" shorthand
20 Battler circa 1901
21 Certain Rockies people
22 Civil War general Doubleday
24 Gig fraction
26 YouTube tutorial series, e.g.
27 Give __
34 Prefix meaning "revived"
35 Travels like a flying squirrel
36 Throw out or threw out
37 Overdone but amusing
39 Comics "Ouch!"
40 Trio times three
41 Picasso's passion
42 Optimistic offer
44 Federal snoop group
45 Give __
48 Capital of Portugal
49 It's over your head
50 Most-spoken language of India
52 Think carefully
55 Field with figures
59 NL team named for a snake
60 Give __
63 Alternative nickname to Beth
64 eBay seller's upload
65 Polite title
66 Jargon suffix
67 Alaskan souvenir
68 Street market booth

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1 It's a shore thing
2 Railroad car stowaway
3 Not functioning
4 Diary page intro, perhaps
5 Geologic time measure
6 Water conduit
7 Connors contemporary
8 Isn't proud of
9 Water off WA
10 High-pH compound
11 Disco's '30s ancestor
12 Weighty reading
13 Far below fine
18 Passover casserole
23 Chocolate syrup brand
25 Envelope-pushing
26 DVD preceder
27 Joins forces
28 Do a dairy job
29 Under-the-chin instrument
30 Fan favorites
31 Batter to an ump's right
32 Start of an exercise admonition
33 Diminutive ending in music
34 College World Series org.
38 Of lofty dignity
40 Mock-laugh sound
42 Solemn "yes"
43 Comfortable bed of metaphor
46 Second-guesser's question
47 Regular exerciser
50 Robust
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52 Defensive trench
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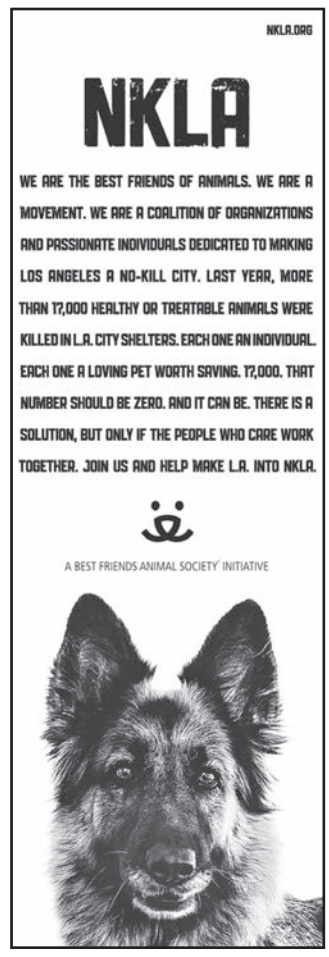
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LAUGHING MATTERS

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from Mr. Z.

So it was that one day I was somewhat startled to get a phone call from Ed whom I'd never met. In his rather gruff, Lou Grant voice, he got right to the point, "I read your script and I want to play "Super-Jew." He had received "Mr. Z" from my neighbor, actress Susan Anspach. Seeking an option from me, he said enthusiastically, "Your script will be my last hurrah." I responded, "That would be great Ed, because I don't think I've had a first hurrah."

And Ed would have been a great Irving Zupperman. But, even though the dynamic in "The Amazing Mr. Z" of a cantankerous old man and a young boy who believes in him was very similar to the characters in the animated movie "Up," which grossed ¾ of a billion dollars, apparently Mr. Z wasn't meant to be.

However, I saved in my heart a remark about my writing from Ed who's not given to false praise."Jack, you're so talented, it's an honor to know you." I told everybody I knew, and many I didn't, what Ed had said.

In the meantime, during the option year, Ed's assistant, Patty, would keep me informed when Ed was going to be on TV. For example, Ed was on Jay Leno's Tonight Show in a reoccurring guest appearance entitled, "Can you impress Ed Asner?"

Looking very dignified in his tuxedo, Ed would come out on stage and sit in a tall director's chair. Much like the Gong Show, three contestants would come out one after another and do their "act" as Ed would seemingly be nauseous at the parade of ineptness. (Trust me, the bit was funnier than I'm describing it.)

The last contestant that night was an obese 30-something rather disheveled man whose "talent" was that he could remove his boxer shorts from underneath his baggy walking shorts without taking the walking shorts off. (To this day, I don't know how he did it, and don't really want to know as you'll soon see why.)

One other thing, when the man held up his boxer shorts to the audience's applause, the shorts were all stretched out. The whole thing was a combination of funny and gross. But, when Jay asked Ed his opinion of the man's act, Asner shrugged and shook the contestant's hand, "What can I say, you're so talented it's an honor to know you." I was floored! That's what Ed said to me!

Surely Ed had been sarcastic or just trying to be nice to the man. And yet, embarrassing as it is to admit all these years later, it haunted me. Finally I went to bed but slept fitfully, dreaming about the schlemiel with the shorts.

Against my better judgment, in he morning I called Ed's office. Patty put Ed on the speaker. "Jack," he said reassuringly, "I felt sorry for the tubby guy. You, I meant it. Besides, you're not tubby." As I laughed, I felt much better. (And yet, I'm writing about it two decades later.)

As Ed's momentous birthday approaches I note he's won 7 Emmys (the most performance Emmys than anyone in Emmy history) 6 Golden Globes, a Lifetime Achievement Award and numerous Humanitarian Awards. But, as I wrote in a column about him, "Walking the Walk," other than his family, Ed's greatest achievements are fighting for the causes he believes in, no matter the personal cost. The truth is, it's been an honor to know him.

Google "Jackson Browne headlines Ed Asner's 90th birthday." Ed's terrific website is at: https://www.officialedasner.com/ Jack is at jackdailypress@aol.com.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 314 CALLS ON OCT. 30

Encampment 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 4:44 a.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 4th St 4:51 a.m.
72 Hour psychiatric hold 1500blk Arizona Ave 5:05 a.m.
Found property 300blk Olympic Dr 6:39 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 2600blk Main St 6:43 a.m.
Indecent exposure 600blk Wilshire Blvd 7:49 a.m.
Fight 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:55 a.m.
Trespassing 800blk Pico Blvd 8:55 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 9:07 a.m.
Hit and run 1600blk Delaware Ave 9:09 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2000blk 19th St 9:18 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:48 a.m.
Missing person 1800blk 9th St 10:11 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 300blk Ocean Ave 10:13 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 500blk Olympic Blvd 10:19 a.m.
Trespassing 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:51 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Palisades Beach Rd 10:51 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:55 a.m.
Trespassing 2400blk Main St 11:04 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 400blk 7th St 11:07 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk the beach 11:28 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:31 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2900blk 4th St 11:36 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:37 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1200blk 2nd St 12:01 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Montana Ave 12:11 p.m.
Trespassing 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 12:14 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 600blk Broadway 12:21 p.m.
Trespassing 800blk Arizona Ave 12:24 p.m.
Person with a gun 1200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:35 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 800blk 3rd St 12:49 p.m.
Trespassing 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:09 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 300blk Euclid St 1:37 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 400blk Adelaire Dr 1:59 p.m.
Person down 100blk Colorado Ave 2:36 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2400blk 14th St 2:59 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Appian Way 3:33 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 100blk Santa Monica Pl 3:33 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:37 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1200blk 14th St 3:43 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400blk 18th St 3:44 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 3:48 p.m.
Petty theft 2000blk Virginia Ave 3:57 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk 4th St 4:04 p.m.
Stakeout 600blk Broadway 4:10 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:11 p.m.
Threats investigation 500blk Olympic Blvd W 4:14 p.m.
Stalking 200blk 25th St 4:16 p.m.
Grand theft auto 300blk Santa Monica Pl 4:18 p.m.
Fight 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 4:45 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2000blk 21st St 4:51 p.m.
Fight 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 5:04 p.m.
Battery 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:14 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 100blk Colorado Ave 6:30 p.m.
Found property 300blk Santa Monica PIER 6:36 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400blk 26th St 6:55 p.m.
Person down 1500blk 4th St 7:04 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1200blk 7th St 7:25 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 7:48 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1400blk Ocean Ave 7:53 p.m.
Battery 1500blk Palisades Park 7:58 p.m.
Encampment 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 8:04 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:20 p.m.
Overdose 1300blk 2nd St 8:28 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 15th St 8:35 p.m.
Trespassing 900blk 4th St 8:46 p.m.
Bike theft 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 9:40 p.m.

VOTE

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"The months-earlier presidential primary means that California will have a bigger and more significant say in determining who will try to fret back the White House next fall," said Genise Schnitman, communications coordinator for the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder has not yet announced where the vote centers will be located because it is still soliciting input from residents as to their preferred sites. In Santa Monica, potential centers include familiar polling places like schools, libraries, churches and parks, as well as less traditional locations like Barker Hangar and Santa Monica Place.

Across the county, one voter center will serve every 30,000 registered voters for the 10 days prior to the election. On election day and the three days prior, 1,000 vote centers will be open around the county — one for every 7,500 registered voters. Flex voting centers will also be set up at places like homeless shelters and senior living facilities, Klein said.

"You'll no longer have to cast your ballot near your home," he said. "If you live in Santa Monica and work in Long Beach, you can vote your Santa Monica ballot after work."

Before going to a vote center, voters will have the option to receive an electronic sample ballot, said Jeff Klein, manager of voter education outreach for the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder.

"You'll be able to use the electronic ballot to make all your selections ahead of time," he said. "It generates a QR vote you can bring into the vote center, scan it into the device and it instantly transfers your selections over."

The voting machines, which are not connected to the internet, will print a paper ballot with their selections.

"You can think of it essentially as a giant printer," he said. "There's no internet connection, there's no WiFi, nothing is saved by the device, nothing is uploaded by the device. Everything is tabulated directly off the paper."

Schnitman said some members of the Santa Monica Democratic Club are concerned that the touchscreen might force voters to flip back and forth between long lists of candidates or ballot measures.

"An issue of particular salience in Santa Monica — the problem where there are more candidates for an office than can be fit on a screen, as of course is the case in our elections — remained with no satisfactory solution in sight and we will be looking for better approaches," she said.

If a voter is registered to vote by mail, they can cancel their mail-in ballot using the voting machine, Klein said. If they still wish to vote by mail, they can mail their ballot without postage or drop it off at a vote center or 150 drop boxes spread throughout the county.

The county chose to develop the Voting Solutions for All People (VSAP) system after the California State Legislature adopted the California Voter's Choice Act in 2016. Just five counties made the switch to a Voter's Choice Act model for the 2018 midterms: San Mateo, Sacramento, Napa, Madera and Nevada.

Researchers found those counties saw a 3% boost in turnout compared to the 2016 election and made progress in getting underrepresented groups to the ballot box, although a 2017 poll found that most voters wanted to cast their ballots at their neighborhood polling place rather than a vote center.

Klein said he can't say definitively whether the voting centers will increase turnout, but they will make voting more accessible and save the county money. VSAP will also eliminate 90% of provisional ballots, speed up the process of tallying votes and simplify audits and recounts.

But he did say that research indicates that allowing voters to cast their ballots over a period of several days does eliminate many of the most common reasons people choose not to vote, such as that they were too busy on election day or had to work late.

"It's a system that really reflects how people live their lives now," he said. "We're a very mobile society and people don't ever take care of anything on one specific day or time."

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