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TRASH: A rendering of the proposed waste facilities at the new City Yards.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's recyclable materials will be sent to a processing facility outside the city or redeemed for cash at a mobile buyback center under a new city of Santa Monica plan to adapt to the global collapse of the recycling market.

The city council voted in May to close the city's only buyback center and start sending recyclables to a facility outside Santa Monica after learning that the city's recycling program could no longer pay for itself because China had stopped accepting American recyclables the year prior on the grounds that the materials were too contaminated with trash. For the past quarter-century, the city had contracted with the Allan Company to process and redeem recyclables at City Yards and transfer them to a materials recovery facility (MRF).

On Tuesday, the council decided to keep processing recyclables outside the city and offer a mobile buyback program rather than build new processing and buyback facilities at City Yards, which is undergoing a four-year modernization project.

Council members said City Yards lacked the space for either facility and added that they would likely create adverse environmental and noise impacts for nearby residents and businesses. The council's decision aligned with the recommendation of city staff, who wrote in a report

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Student opens fire in Santa Clarita high school, killing 2

STEFANIE DAZIO AND JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

A student pulled a gun from his backpack and opened fire at a Southern California high school Thursday, killing two students and wounding three others before shooting himself in the head on his 16th birthday, authorities said.

The attacker was hospitalized in critical condition, officials said.

The gunfire began around 7:30 a.m. at Saugus High School in suburban Santa Clarita, where Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies responding to a torrent of 911 calls found all six students in a quad area.

Security video showed the last thing the attacker did was shoot himself with the final bullet in the .45-caliber handgun, sheriff's homicide Capt. Kent Wegener said.

The attack lasted about 16 seconds, and the attacker apparently fired at random because he had no known connection to the

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Downtown Big Blue Bus loop performed poorly, officials say

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

A downtown bus route the Big Blue Bus tested this summer did not attract nearly as many riders as anticipated, said BBB director Ed King.

From July 1 to Sept. 2, Route 45 traveled in a loop around Downtown Santa Monica, stopping at the Santa Monica Pier, Palisades Park, the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Place and the downtown Expo Line station. The bus departed every 12 to 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and charged the regular BBB fare of $1.10 with a TAP card, $1.25 with cash and $0.50 for a transfer.

When the route launched, King said it was meant to serve customers with disabilities, riders carrying bulky items and people who wanted to escape the summer heat on an air-conditioned bus. He also said it had the potential to relieve scooter and car congestion downtown during the busy summer months.



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ROUTE: The 45 was on a loop.

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DATE/TIME: November 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 19ARB:0401: 2901 Wilshire Boulevard: Medical Office
- 19ARB-0454: 1444 3rd Street Promenade: Virtual Reality Café
- 19ARB-0193: 1707 Cloverfield Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0488: 1425 5th Street: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0501: 1543 7th Street: Mixed-Use
- 19ARB-0502: 156 Fraser: Single-Unit Dwelling
- 18ARB-0539 & 19ARB-0306: 425 Broadway: Façade Remodel & Signs
- 19ARB-0307: 2729 Wilshire: Mixed-Use

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- None.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Nov. 15

Honing our Hearts on Housing and Homelessness
Hear how the county is addressing the Housing and Homelessness with Phil Ansell, Director of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative. Temple Beth Shir Shalom, 1827 California Ave, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Open Guest House
Visit anytime for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, November 16

Wellbeing Summit
The City of Santa Monica is hosting its inaugural Wellbeing Summit, a free one-day interactive event for the community at Santa Monica College Center for Media & Design. The Summit will feature interactive activities for all ages including fascinating speakers, art displays, hands-on activities, performance art, delicious food and fun all while promoting Civic Wellbeing.
Santa Monica College Center for Design and Media, 1660 Stewart Street, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For further details visit www.smgov.net/wellbeing.

Master Gardeners at the Market
Helping others to grow more of their own food, even in an urban setting! Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month. Virginia Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. - noon.

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. Join Dinah Berland this spring for the seventh in her series of poetry workshops and prepare to be amazed by where the adventure leads. Because writing starts with reading, the group will read and discuss poems by widely published contemporary poets, learn to read like writers by emulating their techniques, and every participant will have the opportunity to have their edited drafts work-shopped by the group. $90, drop-in $20. Palisades Park, 2 - 4 p.m.

Presentacion del Libro: Tu Momento Estelar por Luz Maria Doria
La vice-presidenta y productora ejecutiva de Despierta América (Univision) con su estilo único y personal, te llevara de las lágrimas a la risa. Luz María Doria nos cuenta qué ocurre justo antes de ese momento que cambiará tu vida. Pico Branch Library Annex, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group
This book group reads and discusses prize-winning fiction. The group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month. This month's discussion: "The Great Man" by Kate Christensen. Ocean Park Branch Library, 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

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

Marijuana, hemp cross-pollination a budding conflict

BART SCHANEMAN
Marijuana Business Daily

Outdoor marijuana growers are reporting an increase in cross-pollination from hemp farms, a development that could mean marijuana cultivators might lose upwards of tens of thousands of dollars if their plants become unmarketable as flower products.

As the marijuana and hemp industries increasingly share the same cultivation territory, the number of conflicts is likely to increase, particularly in areas with thriving outdoor cannabis cultivation.

Washington state is a case in point. In April, Gov. Jay Inslee signed Senate Bill 5276 into law, opening the state up to hemp production in response to the 2018 Farm Bill in part by removing the previous 4-mile buffer between outdoor marijuana grows and hemp farms.

At least one marijuana farmer has experienced firsthand the consequences of this change in the law.

"We took a big hit," said Robert Morf, who owns and operates Cheshire Creek, an outdoor marijuana cultivation operation in Waterville, Washington.

He estimated he will lose about $40,000 this year after his midsized, 600-plant farm was cross-pollinated by pollen from the male plants he said came from a neighboring hemp grower.

ALL TO EXTRACT

According to Morf, his flower is full of seeds, reducing the usable volume and overall quality and value of the crop.

He won't be able to sell it on the wholesale or retail flower market and will take a financial hit by selling it all for extraction.

Morf has grown marijuana for three years "out in the middle of nowhere" with no other cannabis cultivators for 30 miles.

He didn't have any trouble with his neighbors until the buffer was removed under the new hemp law.

The hemp grower who leased the land from the farmers across the road assured Morf the plants would be grown from clones.

Since Morf was there first with his marijuana operation, it was up to him to give the OK, and he took it on faith the hemp growers would remove the male plants.

He thought "cross-pollination would have been worse for them than it would have been for me."

Morf contacted his local and state political representatives as well as his contact at the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB), but he found no recourse.

To prove it wasn't his own plants that pollinated his field, Morf pointed out that the LCB's tracking system will show that he planted from female clones.

"We've gone through three years of growing, and the most I've seen is a female plant with one bud herming off a stem last year," he added.

"Herming" refers to a cannabis plant developing both male and female flowers.

Morf has considered suing, but he figures it's not worth the cost.

"At this point, it's 'screw it' and move on," he added.

The hemp growers have left the plants cut down in the field and won't be returning next year to farm that land, Morf told Marijuana Business Daily.

CAREFULLY SOURCE YOUR SEED

A similar problem is shaping up in the bordering state to the south, Oregon.

Pete Gendron, a grower in Sunny Valley and president of the Oregon SunGrowers Guild, estimated the cross-pollination issue is impacting about 8% of the state's marijuana production.

In terms of total acreage affected by cross-pollination, it's an increase from last year, he added.

That's largely because the number of hemp acres has increased by about 500%.

According to Hemp Industry Daily, Oregon had 11,754 acres in 2018 and increased to 51,313 acres in 2019.

His advice to growers looking to avoid male plants showing up in their fields: Buy your seed from a reputable provider and try to make sure your hemp-growing neighbors are using feminized seeds.

Tell them, "if you pollinate me, you're going to be pollinating yourself, too," Gendron said.

"That being said, it won't save you from field walking," he added, meaning growers still need to check to ensure their plants haven't hermed or that no male plants have grown from seed.

"It really only takes one (male plant) to ruin your day," he said.

COLORADO CONCERNS

In Pueblo, Colorado, the area of the state with the largest amount of outdoor-grown marijuana, the county regulators have been working to allow both hemp and cannabis cultivators to coexist.

Steven Turetsky, managing director of Pueblo-based hemp grower Shi Farms, said hemp farmers have been asked to put their "best effort forward to not grow male plants."

That's in part because outdoor-grown marijuana has been a shot in the arm to the local economy.

The general sentiment is that hemp growers should all use clones to ensure the plants are females.

"Obviously, with cannabis, even if you plant from clones, there can be mutation," Turetsky said. "But it significantly decreases the risk."

He said he came to the realization that it's beneficial for his company to act in good faith toward marijuana growers.

By also only using clones, his company has avoided dealing with vendors who might be selling nonfeminized seeds.

"We don't want seeds, either," he said.

According to Wendy Mosher, president and chief executive officer of Fort Collins, Colorado-based seed company New West Genetics, a grower will lose about 1% of

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MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: Not Required

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Letter To The Editor

George Philip — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lawless attitudes

REF: YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT AN ELDERLY WOMAN INJURED BY TRIPPING OVER A SCOOTER.

I visited Santa Monica earlier this year and was appalled at the almost lawless attitude towards scooters, and sadly they are now appearing in Auckland, New Zealand, with the same problems. High speed on the sidewalks, total disregard of red traffic and pedestrian lights, and abandoned everywhere.

They have wheels, so for a start get them off the sidewalks and on to the road, if that is more dangerous for the riders, tough, their choice.

Preferably ban them entirely from the face of the Earth, they are a dangerous menace for both riders and pedestrians.

All strength to the woman who is suing Santa Monica council, I hope she wins, big time.

George Philip, Auckland New Zealand.

ATTACK

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victims, Wegener told a news conference. The motive remained unclear.

A 16-year-old girl and a 14-year-old boy died.

Two girls, ages 14 and 15, were each in good condition after being treated for gunshot wounds, according to Patricia Aidem, a spokeswoman for Providence Holy Cross Medical Center.

A 14-year-old boy was treated and released from another hospital, authorities said.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva said the shooter was a student at the school but did not identify him.

The sheriff said a biography on an Instagram account believed to belong to the teen contained the posting: "Saugus, have fun at school tomorrow."

The message was discovered Thursday morning after the shooting. It was unclear when it was made and by whom, the sheriff said.

It was later removed, and investigators do not know who made the change, Wegener said.

Investigators were searching the suspect's home. Wegener said the sheriff's department had not received any recent calls to the boy's house "that would indicate that there was turmoil" there.

"At this point in time, we have no indication of motivation or ideology," said Paul Delacourt, the agent in charge of the FBI's Los Angeles field office. Santa Clarita is a city of more than 200,000 about 30 miles (48 kilometers) northwest of downtown LA.

The sound of gunfire sent some students running while others and staff followed recently practiced security procedures.

Kyra Stapp, 17, was watching a documentary in class when she heard two gunshots. Panicked students ran in and reported the shooting.

Stapp's class and others were herded into a teacher break room where they locked the door and turned off the lights.

Kyra texted her mother and tried not make any noise. They exchanged messages as sirens screamed and helicopters and deputies carrying rifles and shotguns swarmed the campus. Then Kyra fell silent while officers escorted students out.

"She's been texting me and all of a sudden she's not," Tracy Stapp said. "That was like the worst 10 minutes of my life, I swear."

Shauna Orandi, 16, said she was in her Spanish class doing homework when she heard four gunshots that she initially mistook as instruments from a band class. She said a student burst into the room saying he'd seen the gunman, and her classmates were stunned into silence.

"My worst nightmare actually came true," she said later as she left a nearby park with her father. "This is it. I'm gonna die."

Freshman Rosie Rodriguez said she was walking up the library stairs when she heard noises that "sounded like balloons" popping. She realized they were gunshots when she saw other students running.

Still carrying a backpack laden with books, she ran across the street to a home, where a person she didn't know gave shelter to her and about 10 other students.

"I just heard a lot of kids crying. We were scared," Rodriguez said.

A huge crowd of anxious parents gathered in the park, waiting to be reunited with their children.

Undersheriff Tim Murakami tweeted an apology to the parents, saying investigators needed to interview the students before they could be released.

Orandi said she has heard about so many school shootings that she always assumed she'd panic. But she stayed calm with the help of her teacher, who locked down the classroom.

Saugus High's security is provided by one unarmed sheriff's deputy and nine "campus supervisors" who act as guards, said to Collyn Nielson, chief administrative officer for the William S. Hart Union High School District.

The campus is surrounded by a fence, and students enter through a limited number of gates each morning. There are a dozen security cameras but no metal detectors.

All district schools hold lockdown drills three times a year, including two in the fall that have already occurred, Nielson said.

"In speaking with staff and hearing reports, students reported they knew what to do and immediately went into lockdown mode," he said.

Antczak reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writers Christopher Weber, Brian Melley and Justin Pritchard in LA also contributed to this report.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

Grad student publicly accuses UC regent of groping

The University of California confirmed Thursday it is investigating a graduate student's allegations that a UC regent touched her upper thigh during a dinner five years ago.

Doctoral student Rebecca Ora made the claim during a public UC regents meeting Wednesday, saying Regent George Kieffer inappropriately touched her during a 2014 dinner.

"This persisted throughout the evening," Rebecca Ora said into the microphone. She said she felt "powerless to stop this figure of authority from putting his hands on my body. I told myself we were discussing the tuition of hundreds of thousands, and I should not make a scene."

Kieffer denied Ora's account to the San Francisco Chronicle. He declined to tell his side of what happened at the dinner and added he is cooperating with the UC's investigation of "this false allegation."

Ora, who is a student at the University of California, Santa Cruz, said she first tried to forget what happened, but couldn't, and reported the incident to the university a year and a half ago.

She told The Chronicle she was encouraged to resolve the dispute through "alternative resolution," in which no investigation is conducted, but complainants and the accused instead each meet with a mediator to achieve a settlement. After nearly a year, however, the sides could not agree on what to do.

UC spokeswoman Claire Doan said the university has hired an outside investigator.

"The University of California takes these allegations – as we do any allegations – seriously and is committed to maintaining an environment in which all students, faculty and staff are free from harassment and discrimination," Doan said.

Kieffer is the second regent in recent years who has been accused of sexual misconduct.

Regent Norman Pattiz resigned in early 2018, more than a year after a recording surfaced in which he is heard asking an actress if he could hold her breasts.

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California to overhaul insurance plan after wildfires

California residents who lost their home insurance because of the threat of wildfires could soon buy comprehensive policies from a state-mandated plan funded by the insurance industry.

Private insurance companies have been dropping policies of many people who live in fire-prone areas as wildfires continue to threaten the state.

Most turn to the California FAIR Plan, an insurance pool mandated by state law that is required to issue policies to people who can't buy them through no fault of their own.

But the FAIR Plan policies are limited. On Thursday, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara ordered the plan to begin selling comprehensive policies by June 1. He also ordered the plan to double homeowners' coverage limits to $3 million by April 1.

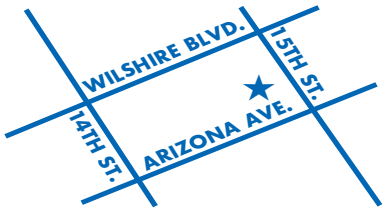
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RECYCLABLES

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that building an MRF would lock the city into a recycling plan that would make it difficult to respond to changes in environmental regulations and recycling technologies.

"Economies of scale can also be an issue — the MRF would incur high operating costs, have insufficient space and limited production capacity," staff wrote.

Transporting recyclables to an off-site facility would cost between $500,000 and $750,000 annually, staff said at Tuesday's meeting. The Allan Company's contract to process and transfer materials would have cost $1 million.

Staff recommended partnering with nearby cities like West Hollywood to operate a recycling truck that would redeem CRV bottles and cans. The truck would come to Santa Monica one to three days of the week and the city would also host pop-up recycling events every three months at public sites like Santa Monica College.

The council also voted to amp up education and outreach efforts around the city's zero waste by 2030 goal — although it may no longer be called "zero waste." Mayor Pro Tempore Terry O'Day said he feels the term creates a false sense of achievement, given the collapse of the global recycling industry and the fact that 30% of the materials put in the city's recycling bins are actually trash, according to a June staff report.

"There's a culture of lies around the way we're talking about this stuff," O'Day said. "I think we need to find a way to communicate more realistically about this work that we do."

City Manager Rick Cole agreed, saying the city can and will make progress in reducing waste, but will be unable achieve zero waste by 2030. The plastic industry and other industries are not yet subject to regulation that would cut down on the volume of waste created, and the United States has not yet built a domestic recycling industry, Cole said.

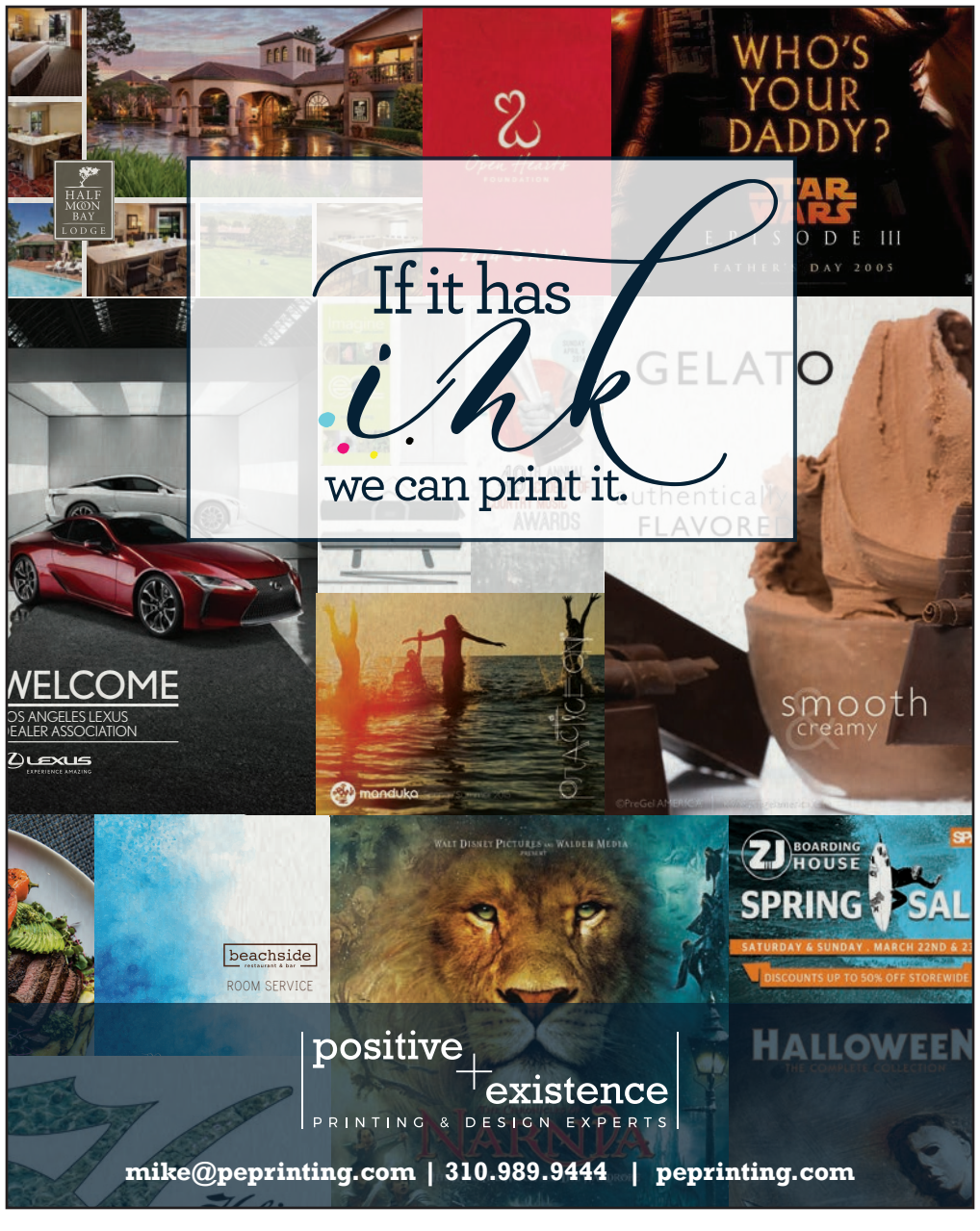
"I think on the one hand its admirable we have a zero waste goal, but it's unrealistic," he said. "It's a form of greenwashing that we don't mean to engage in, but we've fallen into not because we want to pretend we're doing this, but because we want to achieve this and right at the moment there isn't a chance to get there."

O'Day said the city should ask community organizations to handle education and outreach about how to recycle, and Councilmember Ted Winterer suggested the city put stickers on recycling bins that outline what can and can't be recycled.

The council asked staff to work with Ben Allen, the state senator representing Santa Monica, to advocate for legislation that would phase out nonrecyclable plastics.

"Let's see what we can help happen in California, and after the 2020 election, the country ... to see if we can solve this problem and stop capitalism from shifting all of these costs to the end of the production cycle," said Councilmember Kevin McKeown.

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Laughing Matters

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More Adventures with Wiseguys



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GOVERNMENT: Congress prepares for televised Impeachment Hearings

By the time you read this the historic televised House impeachment hearings will be in full force. I'm not writing about it because my deadline has been moved to Wednesday morning. (I didn't have the heart to break it to Adam Schiff.)

Actually, I confess that writing about Trump's madness, which hopefully provides some humor to readers, leaves me depressed. (My `next Trump column might be titled, "Wake Me When He's Gone.")

Instead, in response to reader emails about last week's "A Little Taste of Hoboken," here's a follow-up. You'll recall, as a favor to Matty, Hoboken's charming owner, I got Joey, an ex-felon and, I would learn, a gambleholic at the race tracks, an apartment at the Shores. (What could go wrong there?)

As we pick up the story, Joey's health had begun to deteriorate. He now needed a cane to walk and soon he would need oxygen to help his breathing. To my dismay, Matty solicited my help with a plan.

It seems Joey was eligible for an "In-Home Service Provider" to clean, do the dishes, and take out the trash, etc. At the time I was writing spec screenplays, inspired by the late William Goldman. ("Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and an Oscar-winner for "All the President's Men," though his version wasn't the one filmed, but that's another column for another day.)

So when Matty inquired if I could help Joey at basically minimum wage, my immediate reaction was, "Are you sure William Goldman started out this way?" However, Matty was so endearing I couldn't say no.

Working for Joey in that capacity was tough on my ego, plus he was perennially grumpy. On the other hand, I didn't have to work many hours, especially because Joey would get so crabby he'd send me home early. So that's how it went for close to a year. That is, until one day I got a call from Joey's social worker insisting I bring him in for a "review." By the tone of his voice I could tell it was trouble.

The meeting took place in a county building in Hollywood. A born finagler, I think for sympathy, Joey brought his walker. As we parked, he groused why couldn't I have gotten him out of this. I replied, "Joey this is the County, not the mob." I tried joking, "At least with the County nobody gets whacked." Not surprisingly, he didn't find it amusing.

Soon after the meeting started, the social worker brought out a computer print out detailing Joey's wagering at various Southern California race tracks. I was stunned. He looked at me critically but I explained I didn't know anything about it. (Though what would I have done if I did?) Joey's attitude, on the other hand, seemed to be, "So maybe I did, maybe I didn't."

Exasperated, the social worker noted that it's not appropriate for someone on county assistance to be wagering large sums on money at sporting events. I couldn't exactly counter, "Well you see, Joey here spent 5 years in the slammer and as part of the deal the boys give him dough to bet at the tracks."

To my amazement, the printouts of Joey's winnings were in the $5,000 to $20,000 range. In his defense (and completely missing the point) Joey observed, "It doesn't show how much I lost, does it?" I just rolled my eyes, wishing I was somewhere else. Anywhere else.

In the end, Joey's "assistance was not revoked," but the agreement was that there was to be no more betting at the tracks. Immediately realizing that Joey would never keep his part of the bargain, I saw the whole fiasco as my exit to being his care-giver.

As we walked backed to the car I diplomatically explained to Joey that maybe he should find another worker. The truth was, he was as tired of me as I was of him. I asked if he'd square things for me with Matty, and perhaps the nicest thing Joey ever said to me was, "Don't worry about it."

As I helped Joey get into the car, no easy feat, he was still puzzled, however. "What I can't figure out is, I once won 30 grand at Santa Anita. Why the hell wasn't that on any print out?" I rolled my eyes again, shut Joey's door and drove home.

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CONFLICT

FROM PAGE 3

total cannabinoid content if a field is cross-pollinated.

While Colorado is considered generally favorable to hemp compared to other states with marijuana programs, cross-pollination also is happening to hemp-based CBD farms in Colorado, she added.

When a hemp farm is cross-pollinated, the farmer can thresh the crop to try to salvage some of it.

Mosher said one male in a field a mile away can pollinate a crop, and it can be very difficult to determine the source.

"It's just impossible to tell where it's coming from," she added.

USDA TRYING TO HELP

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) acknowledges the cross-pollination issue and has set aside money to address it.

In October, the agency awarded $500,000 to a Virginia Tech research team to get better data on pollen drift.

The goal is to predict how and where pollen grains travel.

Researchers will use drones to track pollen, hoping results can inform regulations on how far growers should keep hemp and marijuana apart to prevent damaging cross-pollination.

"Having a validated and reliable long-distance transport prediction model for wind-dispersed pollen is critical to establishing appropriate isolation distances," plant sciences professor David Schmale said in a Virginia Tech statement announcing the grant.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRENTON

New Jersey seeks $640M from Uber for misclassifying workers

New Jersey is seeking more than $640 million from Uber in taxes and penalties, saying the ride-hailing company misclassified its drivers as independent contractors.

The decision by New Jersey's labor department is the latest in a string of developments as governments around the country grapple with how to classify workers in the so-called gig economy.

Companies such as Uber and Lyft rely heavily on contract labor to deliver the services at the heart of their popular apps. But worker advocates say that hurts the laborers and the states where they live, which miss out on tax revenues.

The state's decision was first reported Thursday by Bloomberg Law. Uber disputed the state's findings.

New Jersey has among the strictest tests for determining whether a worker qualifies as an independent contractor.

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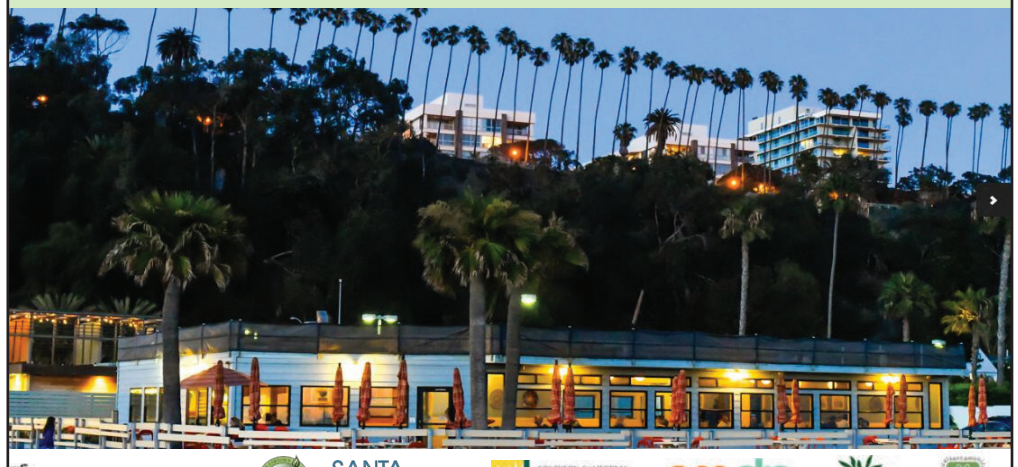
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Though you can be proud of your foundational habits and values you can be even more proud of the fact that you are willing to keep questioning, checking and building them to suit who you are becoming. This is the work that brings you love, passion, meaning, money and honor this year. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 30, 33, 38 and 2.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't care who gets credit, you just want the thing done. Because of this practical, egoless approach, you'll be quite effective in executing the action that propels things forward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The same actions will take on different qualities than they once had. Taxing work becomes exciting opportunity. Tensions transform to attractions. Irritations become action items.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't need much persuasion to do the things you enjoy. When you find yourself struggling to maintain the discipline to complete an action, maybe it's not discipline you really need to look for. Look for the pleasure instead.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Filmmakers turn money into stories. Songwriters turn it into music. Investors turn it into jobs, or, perhaps just into more money. For you, it's not about the dollars but what you can do with them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will be interesting and fun to solicit ideas about your work and routines. Most of what you get will be unusable, more amusements than practical advice. Yet they'll still build a bond that's well worth the price of admission.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). One thing about you that doesn't get acknowledged nearly enough is your bravery. Recognizing what little control any person really has in this big world, you go forward regardless, handling things all the way. Good on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While every circle could use outside influences, today's main enjoyment will be connecting with people who know the same references, history and culture and have a few similar opinions about it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you always did whatever the group was into at the moment, you'd make no impact and have no lasting legacy. The same would be true if you never did it. You'll be on trend today, though you can easily drop off at any time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Most people want to improve, though it's unlikely that everything will change simultaneously. As for you, the one thing you choose to work on will bring you luck and success in other areas as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). With your many talents, you sometimes hold back, making sure others get their chance in the sun. It will feel quite refreshing to have the attention on someone else for a while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You won't mind the hubbub of a crowd today, perhaps because you correctly sense there's an opportunity to find what you're looking for in a group of strangers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What would you plan for the future if you knew you would arrive there much improved? Such things don't always happen in a straightforward way with a cumulative effect. But consistent movement makes progress inevitable.

Split Moon and Relationships

The lunar transit from Gemini to Cancer recalls the different stages of relationships and life and how each requires a unique approach. Young relationships have time to meander whimsically, explore and dance around fear to find touchpoints. Mature relationships tend to be more direct about getting to what needs doing.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: People with lots of friends are likely to be good friends. TAURUS: Starting a relationship in the right way is much easier than improving a relationship that's already underway. GEMINI: Of all the things you can have in common, a shared sensibility is the one that will bring the most ease and harmony. CANCER: You'll learn more about people by what questions they ask you than by how they answer yours. LEO: Clever tactics won't be necessary. Just show up with a willing heart. VIRGO: Instead of worrying about whether the other person will like you, think about finding out whether you like them. LIBRA: Everything starts with genuine curiosity and the courage to move imperfectly forward. SCORPIO: Your cosmic gift is a boomerang-style power: You don't underestimate anyone. SAGITTARIUS: Because you remember how it felt to experience new love, you're empathetic with those who are currently falling and can practically relive the emotions vicariously. CAPRICORN: Just because a person isn't great at talking about self and life in an exciting way doesn't mean they don't have an exciting life. Extend the benefit of the doubt. AQUARIUS: If you dare to ask them, your friends will have some accurate and useful insights about your personal life. PISCES: You're all manners and class, and you're seeking the same.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

The spiritual connection between the water signs of Cancer and Scorpio has the capacity to run strong electricity as well as a raw vitality that arcs beyond what their shared experience could possibly produce. It's as though there are more layers and lifetimes involved in their relationship than can be experienced in this realm. Their love will be difficult to put into words, though music gets closer to it. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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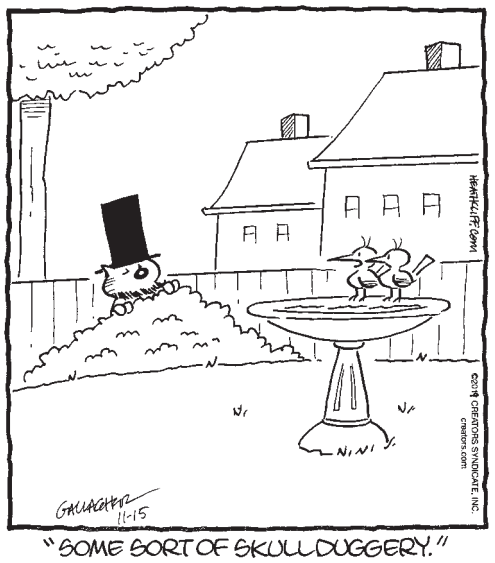
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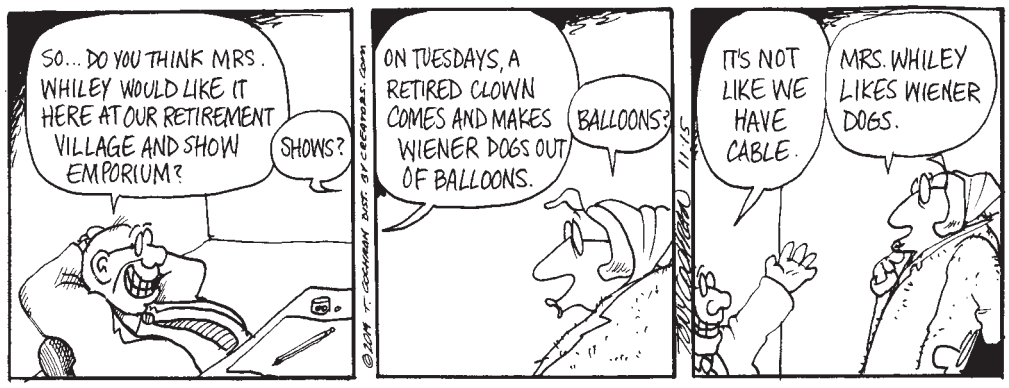
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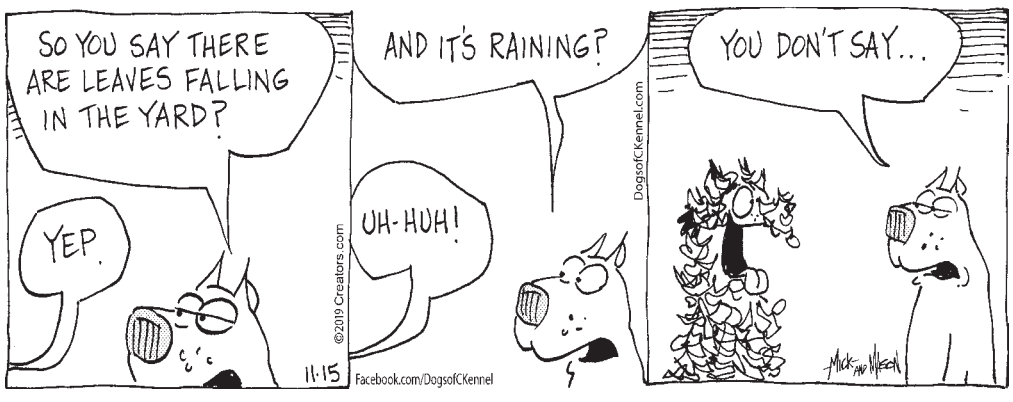
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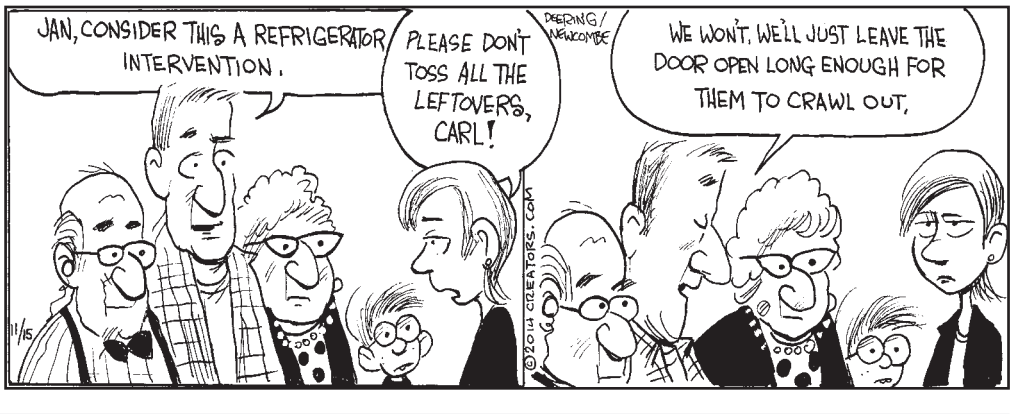
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.1°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
New, long-period NW swell builds in all day. S/SW swells fade.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
Long-period NW swell peaks. Minor Southern Hemi swell.

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Sudoku

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

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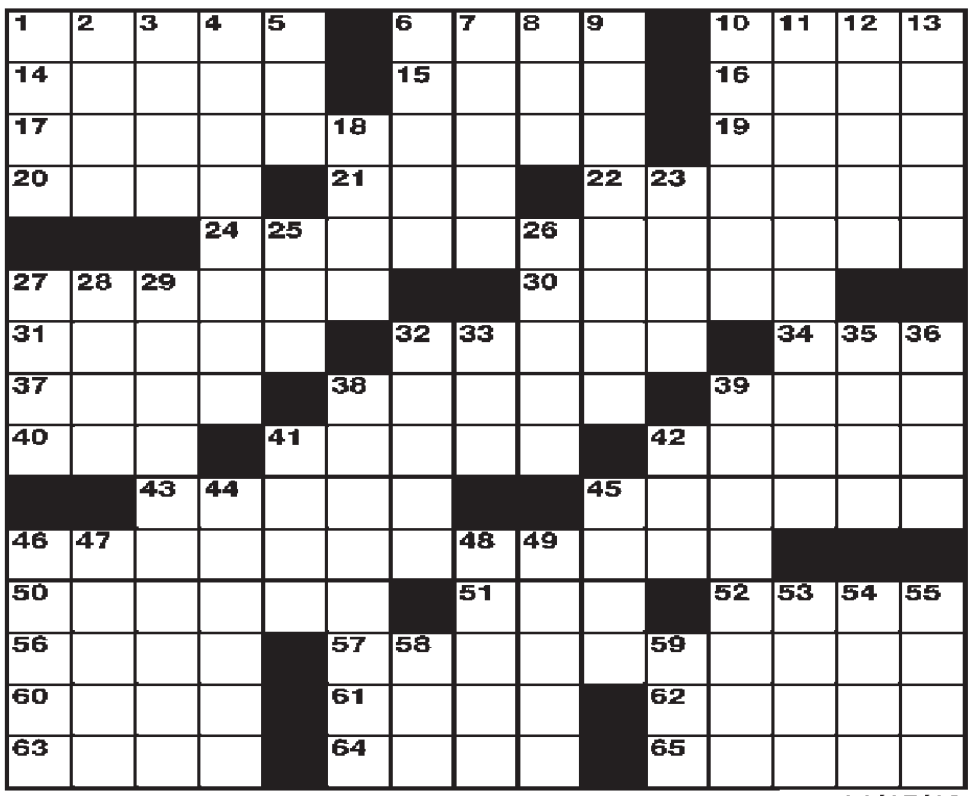
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ACROSS
1 Dresses to impress, with "up"
6 Drudgery
10 Hieroglyphics bird
14 *Wheel* purchase choices
15 Autobahn auto
16 Point of convergence
17 Previous portrayer of 57 Across' role in 46 Across
19 Common pledge-drive giveaway
20 Common-interest org.
21 As mentioned by
22 Examine
24 With 38 Across, 57 Across' lament in 46 Across
27 Pompeii art
30 Invert
31 Praise much
32 Banyan's family
34 Post-op area
37 About 11,000 yds.
38 See 24 Across
39 What 1 W = about 3.4 of
40 "What happened next?"
41 King Arthur's mystical kin
42 Wharton character
43 Affleck role of 2017
45 One relaying tidings
46 2005 film about a disastrous success
50 Took another card
51 Destiny
52 Grates on
56 Two-Oscar film for Affleck
57 Star of 46 Across
60 *Frozen* reindeer
61 Gothic novel governess
62 Up and about
63 Fortune 500 oil company
64 Appointment on a campus
65 Expressed amazement

DOWN
1 City southwest of Jerusalem
2 *1776* family
3 Snobby manner
4 Outing for Armstrong
5 Aggregate
6 50,000 volt weapon
7 Bizarre
8 Halogen compound suffix
9 Fictional land of little significance
10 Back from vacation
11 Publishing profession
12 Class reunion handout
13 Handle expertly
18 Qatar left it in 2019
23 Works of Wordsworth
25 Very popular number
26 Luxembourg, for one
27 Cleverly self-referential
28 Heavy haulers
29 Tools for traps
32 Emulated a *Spirit of '76* guy
33 Small-town grocery chain
35 Phi Bete's pride
36 Cellist, vis-à-vis cellos
38 Eminent
39 2016 Olympics football city
41 Harp cousin
42 Chemin de ___ (casino game)
44 *Top Chef* apparel
45 Preliminary app
46 Something to take out
47 Villechaize of *Fantasy Island*
48 It means "beyond"
49 Borat portrayer
53 Outpouring
54 Hamstring locale
55 Dismiss, with "off"
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Probate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Shirley Ann Dixion
CASE NUMBER:
19STPB09292
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Shirley Ann Dixion.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Luke D. Dixion in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
The Petition for Probate requests Luke D. Dixion be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 11/15/19, Time: 8:30 a.m Dept.99. Room - Address of Court: 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.
Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250.
A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner:
Zakeya L Brookins, ESQ 3314 W. Manchester Inglewood, CA 90306
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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 43 CALLS ON NOV. 13.

Automatic alarm 1300blk 2nd St 12:40 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 1:05 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:36 a.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 1:56 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 2:07 a.m.
EMS 800blk 10th St 2:10 a.m.
EMS 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:55 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 3:55 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:55 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 5:17 a.m.
EMS 500blk Montana Ave 5:47 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Kansas Ave 7:59 a.m.
EMS 25th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:32 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 10th St 9:26 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 9:32 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Airport Ave 9:49 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 23rd St 9:56 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 10:21 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 23rd St 11:02 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 12:09 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 17th St 12:59 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400blk 4th St 1:12 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:02 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 5:03 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:04 p.m.
Wires down 1700blk Appian Way 5:14 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 6th St 5:32 p.m.
EMS 600blk Pico Blvd 5:47 p.m.
EMS 3100blk 5th St 5:53 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 6:16 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Bay St 6:38 p.m.
EMS 1400blk California Ave 6:44 p.m.

LAUGHING MATTERS

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So that was Joey, may he rest in peace. With the space I have left, I do have a classic "Trump" moment that personifies how, for him, loyalty is a one way street. On Monday, Trump tweeted to his 60 million followers to vote for Sean Spicer, his former Press Secretary, who was in the quarterfinals of "Dancing With the Stars." When Spicer lost, however, Trump went back and deleted the tweet.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 298 CALLS ON NOV. 13.

Living in a vehicle 2100blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:06 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900blk 3rd St 12:46 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 400blk Expo Line 1:07 a.m.
Public intoxication 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:53 a.m.
Sexual assault 1200blk 16th St 5:01 a.m.
Grand theft auto 800blk 2nd St 6:00 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk Palisades Park 6:06 a.m.
Trespassing 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:21 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 2100blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:39 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk 16th St 7:56 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1000blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:43 a.m.
Trespassing 1100blk 6th St 8:43 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:56 a.m.
Battery 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:01 a.m.
Grand theft 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:20 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 400blk Wilshire Blvd 9:28 a.m.
Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 9:29 a.m.
Battery 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2000blk 5th St 9:39 a.m.
Grand theft 1200blk Bay St 9:47 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 1300blk 16th St 10:04 a.m.
Attempted auto theft 400blk Montana Ave 10:28 a.m.
Battery 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:43 a.m.
Disturbance at a business Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 10:47 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1400blk 17th St 10:56 a.m.
Fraud 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:00 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1100blk Washington Ave 11:26 a.m.
Vandalism 1500blk Yale St 12:10 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 12:34 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk 3rd St 12:35 p.m.
Attempted auto theft 1200blk 19th St 12:37 p.m.
Vandalism 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Family disturbance 1000blk 5th St 1:20 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Palisades Park 1:34 p.m.
Sexual assault 700blk Wilshire Blvd 1:43 p.m.
Trespassing 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2500blk Washington Ave 1:55 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:02 p.m.
Lost property 800blk Montana Ave 2:47 p.m.
Public intoxication 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:50 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered Euclid St / Hill St 3:07 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:08 p.m.
72 Hour psychiatric hold 1200blk 4th St 3:10 p.m.
Found property 1600blk 9th St 3:38 p.m.
Identity theft 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 300blk Santa Monica Pl 4:37 p.m.
Suspicious vehicle 3100blk 5th St 4:51 p.m.
Hit and run 1700blk Appian Way 4:55 p.m.
Battery 1300blk California Ave 4:59 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1200blk Bay St 5:05 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk Main St 5:09 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:33 p.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Person down 5th St / Bay St 6:38 p.m.
Vandalism Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 6:39 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1100blk 19th St 6:44 p.m.
72 Hour psychiatric hold 400blk 19th St 6:55 p.m.
Grand theft 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:58 p.m.
Family disturbance 1100blk 5th St 7:26 p.m.
Found property 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:48 p.m.
Trespassing 1100blk 19th St 8:03 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk Pacific St 8:11 p.m.
Hit and run 900blk Marine St 8:15 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 8:18 p.m.
Trespassing 1200blk 5th St 8:24 p.m.
Petty theft 2500blk Kansas Ave 8:31 p.m.
Family disturbance 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:01 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:30 p.m.
Battery 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:36 p.m.
Trespassing 1400blk 7th St 9:40 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 700blk Pacific St 10:39 p.m.
Injured person 2nd St / Ocean Park Blvd 11:18 p.m.

BIG BLUE BUS

FROM PAGE 1

But the route — which operated as a pilot program — only attracted about 2.5 to 3 passengers per revenue service hour, King said. The goal BBB set for the route was 10 passengers.

"The feedback we received from customers and staff was that congestion downtown during the summer months is such that people like to walk, and they can walk around downtown just as quickly as they can ride a bus or drive," he said.

King also said the funds allocated to the route prevented it from running more frequently or covering a larger area.

"We've talked about whether more frequent service or a longer route would have made the route more viable," he said.

King said the route was recommended by BBB drivers who felt a route that carried customers from the downtown Expo Line station to the Santa Monica Pier or the beach would be useful. He said BBB decided to test the route as part of its larger strategy to address declining ridership and the rapid growth of ridesharing apps and dockless scooters.

"We're going to have to try more of these pilot programs in the future, because the traditional transit model that serves Pico, Santa Monica or Lincoln boulevards may not work in some places," he said. "We wanted to try this loop to see how people would react, and it was not a positive reaction, but it was something we learned from."

King said BBB will be looking at other pilot programs that could be launched next fall.

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