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Eric Uller found dead after facing child sex abuse charges

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Accused child molester Eric Uller was found dead Thursday morning in his apartment in what officials are saying is a possible suicide.

Uller, age 50, was accused of sexually abusing boys between the ages of 12 and 16 years old when he was a volunteer at the Santa Monica Police Activities League. The investigation was being conducted by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and Uller's home also falls under LASD jurisdiction.

"The City was notified this morning that Eric Uller was found dead in his apartment. Initial indications are that it appears to be a suicide," said a statement released by City Hall. "The City was shocked to receive this news. Mr. Uller had been expected to appear in court this morning on the criminal charges previously filed against him. The court was also advised of his death."

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Ferocious fires spark concern over major health consequences

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

Smoke masks. Eye drops. No outdoor exercise. This is how Californians are trying to cope with wildfires choking the state, but experts say an increase in serious health problems may be almost inevitable for vulnerable residents as the disasters become more commonplace.

Research suggests children, the elderly and those with existing health problems are most at risk.

Short-term exposure to wildfire smoke can worsen existing asthma and lung disease, leading to emergency room treatment or hospitalization, studies have shown.

Increases in doctor visits or hospital treatment for respiratory infections, bronchitis and pneumonia in otherwise healthy people also have been found during and after wildfires.

Some studies also have found

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Judge orders McDonald's to close overnight







Angel Carreras

CLOSING TIMES: The McDonald's in Downtown Santa Monica will be forced to end 24-hour service due to ongoing problems.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica announced Nov. 14 that it settled a complaint against the McDonald's on 2nd Street, which has become a hotbed for crime over the past two years.

Many McDonald's stay open 24 hours a day, including the one downtown. But locals will no longer be able to buy Big Macs between 12 and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday or between 2 and 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, an administrative hearing officer ruled.

"Calls for service and disruptive activities

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Supporters and critics say SM will be a deterrent to development

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Few, if any, projects are directly impacted by the passage of Measure SM this month but there's consensus that the measure will give developers pause before submitting some projects.

Voters approved Measure SM on Nov. 6 with about 71 percent of the vote and it will be in effect for the next 10 years. The measure will require five out of seven City Council members to approve requests to amend the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and Downtown Community Plan (DCP).

Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who co-sponsored the measure with Councilmember Himmelrich, said he thinks Santa Monica voters showed they are committed to limiting growth and protecting the existing character of the city's neighborhoods.

"Yes on SM means developers need not come to Santa Monica

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Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises
that engage the mind and condition the total body. tana Avenue Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17

Lego Club

Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Drop-In College Counseling

Do you need someone to review your college application, essay or have general college admission or financial aid questions? Diana Hanson of Magellan College Counseling will be available to assist and answer questions. For Grades 9-12 in the Annex Room. Pico Branch Library, 3 - 5:30 p.m.

Hansel and Gretel: an LA Opera Multimedia Talk

LA Opera Community educators present a multimedia talk on this holiday favorite. Main Library, 2 - 3:45 p.m.

American Stories Book Group

Title: The Beautiful Things The Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu
Novel focuses on the life of Sepha Stephanos, an Ethiopian immigrant living in Washington, D.C. after fleeing his country's revolution seventeen years earlier. Pico Branch Library, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Claiming Creativity, a discussion with LD Wedgeworth

What is pulling at your heart strings? Come, participate or simply listen as we identify our creative impulses and strategize on how to begin pursuing them. 1450 Ocean, Free. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68269 or call (310) 458-2239.

Aparna Sindhoor & Lisa Diane Wedgeworth; New Works

Join organizers for the culminating exhibition of studio residents Aparna Sindhoor and Lisa Diane Wedgeworth, showing new interdisciplinary and performance works. For her residency project, she is choreographing a new evening-length dance work with S.M. Raju and Anil Natyaveda on the theme of love. 1450 Ocean, 3 - 6 p.m. Free. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aparna-sindhoor-and-lisa-diane-wedgeworth-new-works-tickets-47573902824 or call (310) 458-2239.

Sunday, Nov. 18

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Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Monday, Nov. 19

Task Force on the Environment Meeting

2200 Virginia Ave. Park,
Patio Room 7 p.m.

The Arts Commission Regular Meeting

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MCDONALDS

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at McDonald's have been greater than at any other business in Santa Monica, including other 24-hour fast food restaurants," said Erika Aklufi, a Santa Monica Police Department sergeant. "The restaurant's operations created an unacceptable drain on police resources."

SMPD received 847 calls for service to the McDonald's in 2017 and 657 in the first half of 2018 alone, Aklufi said.

Residents may remember a July 2017 fight between a few people and a security guard at around 5 a.m. that was widely reported in local media. Video shows a security guard asking people who were drinking beer inside the restaurant but had not ordered food to leave. One of the men started repeatedly punching the security guard and another man hit them with a chair to try to break up the fight.

The police department and the City's Code Enforcement Division administratively charged Nicholas Lardas and Lardas Management Inc., who own and operate the McDonald's, and RBE 1540 Second Street LLC, which owns the property, for maintaining a public nuisance and initiated a week-long administrative trial.

In addition to ceasing 24-hour service, the hearing officer required the restaurant close the alley gate to its parking garage between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. and the gate accessible from 2nd Street between 12 and 6 a.m. McDonald's will also have to relocate its soda fountain behind the cashier counter to prevent people from stealing soda and pay administrative citation fines.

The hearing officer may adjust the opening hours in the future if the restaurant maintains decorum. If the McDonald's sees a 50 percent reduction in calls to SMPD for service by April 15, 2019, it may resume 24-hour service.

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ULLER

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He faced three counts of lewd acts upon a child, two counts of oral copulation of a person under 18 and one count of continuous sexual abuse. Uller was scheduled for a court appearance on Nov. 15 but his attorneys had previously entered a not guilty plea on all counts. He posted bail last week and had returned to his apartment in Marina Del Rey.

Uller had been employed with the City of Santa Monica's Information Technology department. Officials announced last week that he was no longer a city employee but did not elaborate on if he was fired or resigned.

Uller's death is unlikely to end a troubling chapter as several residents have accused City officials of failing to investigate past complaints about Uller. Santa Monica has hired an outside firm to conduct an internal review to determine what was known and that review is independent from the criminal case.

"The City had initiated an independent investigation into allegations that the City previously knew or should have known of, but failed to address, Mr. Uller's alleged criminal conduct. The City remains committed to seeing this investigation through," said the City's statement. "The City has retained Irma Rodríguez Moises and Gabriel Sandoval at the law firm of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo to conduct an independent investigation of these allegations. The independent investigation is already underway, and will also review whether the City had in place sufficient procedures to encourage reporting of such conduct and to ensure that reports are acted on. The City continues to encourage anyone who has information relevant to the independent investigation to reach out directly to the independent counsel at https://www.aalrr.com/contact-cerritos or 562-653-3200."

City Hall has also said it will review all policies and procedures related to City-funded youth programs, including PAL.

"The City is in the process of retaining an outside consultant, Praesidium, Inc., to review the policies and practices of its youth programs and provide guidance on best practices for preventing any future incidents of abuse. Information about Praesidium can be found at its website, https://website.praesidiuminc.com/wp/," said the statement.

Some residents have called for more transparency and/or oversight of the internal investigations. Oscar de la Torre, a SMMUSD board member and director of the Pico Youth and Family Center, held a small protest Wednesday night criticizing the city's handling of the situation.

"Through criminal acts by some and negligent, irresponsible behavior by others, many children in our community have been permanently injured," he said. "The journey towards healing must include justice, accountability and transparency. So far, the elected and appointed leaders in the City of Santa Monica have set up road blocks and we hope that they will change."

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HEALTH

FROM PAGE 1

increases in ER visits for heart attacks and strokes in people with existing heart disease on heavy smoke days during previous California wildfires, echoing research on potential risks from urban air pollution.

For most healthy people, exposure to wildfire smoke is just an annoyance, causing burning eyes, scratchy throats or chest discomfort that all disappear when the smoke clears.

But doctors, scientists and public health officials are concerned that the changing face of wildfires will pose a much broader health hazard,

"Wildfire season used to be June to late September. Now it seems to be happening all year round. We need to be adapting to that," Dr. Wayne Cascio, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cardiologist, said this week.

In an overview published earlier this year, Cascio wrote that the increasing frequency of large wildland fires, urban expansion into wooded areas and an aging population are all increasing the number of people at risk for health problems from fires.

Wood smoke contains some of the same toxic chemicals as urban air pollution, along with tiny particles of vapor and soot 30 times thinner than a human hair. These can infiltrate the bloodstream, potentially causing inflammation and blood vessel damage even in healthy people, research on urban air pollution has shown. Studies have linked heart attacks and cancer with long-term exposure to air pollution.

Whether exposure to wildfire smoke carries the same risks is uncertain, and determining harm from smog versus wildfire smoke can be tricky, especially with wind-swept California wildfires spreading thick smoke hundreds of miles away into smoggy big cities.

"That is the big question," said Dr. John Balmes, a University of California, San Francisco, professor of medicine who studies air pollution.

"Very little is known about the long-term effects of wildfire smoke because it's hard to study populations years after a wildfire," Balmes said.

Decreased lung function has been found in healthy firefighters during fire season. They tend to recover but federal legislation signed this year will establish a U.S. registry tracking firefighters and potential risks for various cancers, including lung cancer. Some previous studies suggested a risk.

Balmes noted that increased lung cancer rates have been found in women in developing countries who spend every day cooking over wood fires.

That kind of extreme exposure doesn't typically happen with wildfires, but experts worry about the kinds of health damage that may emerge for firefighters and residents with these blazes occurring so often.

Whether that includes more cancer is unknown. "We're concerned about that," Balmes said.

Regular folks breathing in all that smoke worry about the risks too.

Smoke from the fire that decimated the Northern California city of Paradise darkened skies this week in San Francisco, nearly 200 miles southwest, and the air smelled "like you were camping," said Michael Northover, a contractor.

He and his 14-year-old son have first-time sinus infections that Northover blames on the smoke.

"We're all kind of feeling it," Northover said.

Classes were canceled Thursday in at least six universities in Northern California as smoke from the fire continued to blanket all nine counties of the Bay Area. Some were closing all buildings but others, including Cal State East Bay said libraries, health centers and dining halls would stay open.

At Chico State University, 11 miles from Paradise, ash was falling this week and classes were canceled until after Thanksgiving.

"It's kind of freaky to see your whole town wearing air masks and trying to get out of smoke," said freshman Mason West, 18. "You can see the particles. Obviously it's probably not good to be breathing that stuff in."

West returned home this week to Santa Rosa, hard hit by last year's wine country fire, only to find it shrouded in smoke from the Paradise fire 100 miles away. West's family had to evacuate last year for a week but their home was spared.

"It's as bad here as it was in Chico," West said. "It almost feels like you just can't get away from it."

Smoke has been so thick in Santa Rosa that researchers postponed a door-to-door survey there for a study of health effects of last year's fire.

"We didn't feel we could justify our volunteer interns going knocking on doors when all the air quality alerts were saying stay indoors," said Irva Hertz-Picciotto, a public health researcher at the University of California, Davis. The study includes an online survey of households affected by last year's fire, with responses from about 6,000 people so far.

Preliminary data show widespread respiratory problems, eye irritations, anxiety, depression and sleep problems around the time of the fire and months later.

"Conventional thinking is that these effects related to fires are transient. It's not entirely clear that's the case," Hertz-Picciotto said.

Researchers also will be analyzing cord blood and placentas collected from a few dozen women who were pregnant during the fire, seeking evidence of stress markers or exposure to smoke chemicals.

They hope to continue the study for years, seeking evidence of long-term physical and emotional harms to fire evacuees and their children.

Other studies have linked emotional stress in pregnant women to developmental problems in their children and "this was quite a stress," Hertz-Picciotto said.

It's a kind of stress that many people need to prepare for as the climate warms and wildfires proliferate, she said.

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Bone Spur Flareup or Mid-Term Meltdown?

It's wrong to kick someone when they're down. In Donald Trump's case, however, I'm willing to make an exception.

This past Veteran's Day marked the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. Honoring the Armistice centennial, leaders from 60 countries met in Paris. Trump sulked throughout the weekend. Clearly, maturity is not his strong suit. (Speaking of suits, I wish he'd replace that ill-fitting and worn out black one, not to mention that red tie, which is so humongous it could double as a tablecloth.)

Trump brags that he's the best POTUS ever for the military even though he once infamously said, "I know way more about ISIS than the generals." He loves the military so much (not) he dispatched thousands of troops to the border in a bogus mid-term political stunt that backfired. Now the soldiers will be away from home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, doing essentially nothing at an estimated taxpayer cost of $200,000,000. The troops could have been an enormous help during our horrific fires but Trump hates California. (Actually, it's mutual.)

Back when Trump was of draft age, he finagled 5 deferments, including one for a bone spur, though he still can't remember which foot. You'll recall during the 2016 campaign Trump proudly displayed a doctor's letter testifying to his "Amazingly great health." It turned out, however, Trump had dictated it. Dollars to donuts, the bone spur letter to the draft board was equally fraudulent.

Apparently, the "painful" bone spur made marching impossible (yeah, right) and thus Don the Con avoided Vietnam. Hundreds of thousands of Americans were killed or wounded there. My friend and Santa Monica native, Stewart Resmer, fought in Vietnam so, to him, and all who served and are currently serving, I tip my cap. As for Trump, on the Howard Stern Radio Show, he callously reflected that his "Personal Vietnam was avoiding sexually transmitted diseases." (#Disgraceful.)

Almost as repugnant, on 9/11, only hours after the World Trade Center buildings collapsed, Trump bragged that now that WTC was gone, his was the tallest building in lower Manhattan." (Can you say "narcissistic sociopath?)

Back to Paris, there were two solemn events that Trump completely ignored. On Saturday he was to lay a wreath and observe a moment of silence at the Aisne-Marne American cemetery. The White House cited rain as the reason Trump couldn't go and yet Bush and Obama both placed wreaths there in the rain. (Lately, Trump is blaming the Secret Service as it always has to be someone else.)

Nicholas Soames, Winston Churchill's grandson, tweeted: "They died with their face to the foe and that pathetic, inadequate Trump couldn't even defy the weather to pay his respects to The Fallen. #hesnotfittorepresenthisgreatcountry."

The next day Trump didn't join the arm in arm peace march of the other 60 leaders as they walked solemnly down the Champs-Élysées. Perhaps a bone spur flareup? Maybe they should have let him ride in a golf cart. The lone highlight for Trump in Paris was an enthusiastic thumbs up from diabolical Vladimir Putin, his seeming ally and puppet-master.

On Monday in the U.S., Trump inexplicably skipped the Veteran's Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Probably in his bathrobe (there's a nauseating image) he was too busy watching Fox and mean-tweeting the mid-terms were fraudulent. Sounding like he's watched too much Scooby-Doo he suggests actually said, after voting, people go to their car, change their hat and shirt and are able to vote a second time.

In 2006, when Democrats won the Senate and 30 seats in Congress, George W. Bush said, "We got thumped." In 2010,when the Tea Party turned Congress from blue to red, Obama admitted "we got shellacked." In 2018, with an estimated 34 seats flipped to the Democrats, Trump blames disguises. Good grief.

In the new Congress, the GOP caucus is 90% white male whereas the Democrats are 36%. Withdrawing into a lonely "cocoon of bitterness" inside the White House, Trump's seeing red about the Blue Wave.

Politics aside, it was a brutal Veterans Day in California, given the shooting in Thousand Oaks that claimed 13 lives and fires that have killed 60 so far. Only Trump would politicize forest fires as he tweeted, "Forest management is so poor. Remedy now or no more Fed payments!" He's just vile.

Outraged, the Association of Fire Fighters said Trump's tweets were, "Irresponsible, reckless and insulting." The California Professional Firefighters' president, Brian Rice, called Trump's remarks, "Ill-informed, ill-timed and demeaning to those suffering as well as the men and women on the front lines." Amen.

Back to Trump's disdain for rain and what it does to his hair. After the Parkland high school mass shooting, Trump boasted, "I would have run in there even if I didn't have a gun!" Apparently, that is, if it wasn't raining.

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Fire claims popular recreation spots in Southern California

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Southern California residents faced with the loss of lives and homes in a huge wildfire also are grappling with the destruction of a vast swath of public lands that are popular destinations for hikers, horseback riders and mountain bikers.

The Woolsey Fire has charred more than 83 percent of National Park Service land within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, where officials announced Wednesday that all trails were closed.

"We understand that folks are curious about how their favorite park spots fared. We promise to share that ASAP," the park service tweeted, warning that the blaze was still active after burning for nearly a week.

Three people have been found dead in fire zone, which spans 153 square miles (396 square kilometers).

The fire broke out Nov. 8 and quickly became one of the largest and most destructive in state history. Firefighters have made steady progress this week, getting it more than halfway contained, but warned many hotspots remain.

A massive burn scar encompasses more than 30 square miles (80 square kilometers) within the recreation area that stretches from beaches to inland mountains straddling Los Angeles and Ventura counties. It's the largest urban national park in the nation, with more than 30 million visitors every year.

Cyril Jay-Rayon, 52, watched the news with despair as flames engulfed what he called his "main playground" — a rugged area where he rode his mountain bike a few times a week. It includes the famous Backbone Trail, a 65-mile (104-kilometer) route that offers challenging terrain for bikers and hikers who are rewarded with soaring views of the Pacific Ocean.

"It's just devastating. Those trails are my sanity. It's where I ground myself," he said. "I love the city, but I also love how easy it is to get out into the wild."

People share their recreation areas with wildlife, including 13 mountain lions tracked by biologists via GPS collars. Park officials said two of the big cats were unaccounted for. Four monitored bobcats also were believed to have survived, but their habitats were burned, the park service said.

While the damage was still being assessed, officials confirmed that Paramount Ranch's "Western Town," a landmark film location dating to 1927 that included a jail, hotel and saloon, burned to the ground. The TV shows "Westworld," ''The Mentalist" and "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" were among the productions that shot there.

Officials took the loss of the film location especially hard, because it was a unique feature among all the national parks.

"It's so special to share the story of moviemaking that came out of Southern California," recreation area spokeswoman Kate Kuykendall said. "We're the only National Park Service site that interprets American film history."

There's been an outpouring of public support for rebuilding the site, she said, adding that at least three homes of park employees were gutted.

The fire also destroyed much of nearby Peter Strauss Ranch, which hosted performances by Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson in the 1950s and more recently was a wedding destination.

Jay-Rayon, 52, said customers at the sports nutrition store he owns were coming to terms with the fact that it could be months or longer before they can ride or hike in their favorite wilderness areas again.

Also charred was Cheeseboro Canyon, former ranchland featuring trails through rolling grasslands against the backdrop of peaks and canyons. After winter and spring rains, the area is awash in green, but vegetation quickly dries in the persistent sun, fading to yellow and then brown. Grasses and other plants were brittle in the weeks before the fire started.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke was touring the Woolsey burn area Thursday.

About 15 percent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area is National Park Service land. The remainder is made up of private property, California State Parks and other conservation lands.

Associated Press journalist Brian Melley contributed to this report.

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed proposals from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **RFQ #19.20.ES - DSA#03-119039, John Adams Middle School – Performing Arts Center Lease-leaseback (LLB) Project at John Adams Middle School which includes a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) in accordance with Education Code section 17407.5**. This scope of work is **estimated to be between $30,000,000 - $35,000,000** and includes a new 2-story 35,000 SF performing arts center which includes a 750 seat hall, stage, back of house spaces for storage, dressing rooms, restrooms, and choir classroom. Included in the Project is a separate rehearsal room with supporting spaces for ticket sales and an exterior hardscape terrace and landscaping. The Project also includes modernization and seismic upgrade of the adjacent 5600 SF music building, Building J and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All proposals must be submitted to the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 12/19/18 no later than 3:00 PM. Each proposal must be sealed and marked with the RFQ name and number. All interested firms must attend the Mandatory Pre-Response meeting to be held at the SMMUSD FIP Office on 11/27/18 at 9:00 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumping (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project RFQ #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 12/5/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the SMMUSD FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx under the "Contractor" section of the website.

Mandatory Pre-Response Meeting (attendance is required for all Prime Contractors):
Tuesday, 11/27/18 at 9:00 AM

Pre-Response Meeting location:
SMMUSD FIP Office – 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Submittal Due Date:
Wednesday, 12/19/18 no later than 3:00 PM

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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

RFP: # 204 COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

• Submission Deadline is December 3, 2018 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

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

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RFP: # 201 COMMUNITY CLASSES, CAMP, CREST ENRICHMENT
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MEASURE SM

FROM PAGE 1

with plan-busting projects unless they're confident the benefits are so spectacular that five, not just four, Councilmembers will agree," he said. "That won't stop great projects, but it will avoid unnecessary battles over mediocre ones."

Jing Yeo, Planning Manager, said no projects in the pipeline are trying to amend the LUCE or DCP, nor have any developers attempted to in the past. There are three projects planned for Downtown Santa Monica that exceed the city's typical height and density limits but the City provided specific exemptions for those sites in the DCP, which was approved last July.

The Fairmont Miramar hotel, a hotel designed by Frank Gehry and the Plaza at Santa Monica, all range between 119 and 130 feet tall and do not require amendments to either the LUCE or DCP.

Nor does SM apply to Development Agreements that allow projects to exceed zoning rules in exchange for specific guarantees from the developer.

Though it's unlikely that the measure will affect many future developments, some believe it will deter developers from even trying to build in the city. Michael Manville, an urban planning professor at UCLA, said he believes the campaigns for SM and 2016's LV have also made residents more suspicious of new development.

In 2016, 44 percent of residents supported Measure LV, which would have put any plans to construct a building higher than two stories to a citywide vote. The measure failed, but it demonstrated that many Santa Monica voters are already wary of development.

"The message that gets sent is that new housing is a problem and a burden," Manville said. "That's not a healthy message to send in a region that desperately needs new housing. Measure SM and the rhetoric of (its supporters) undermine that reality."

Santa Monica and many other cities allow developers to get around building limits if they contribute money to public services, hire local workers or use sustainable building materials, Manville said. He added he thinks residents lose trust in their local governments when they subvert their own rules.

"Cities like Santa Monica … understand that development provides them with a way to finance a lot of local goods that would otherwise be financed with taxes. But … to get those benefits, they have to let the developer "break the rules"," he said. "One purpose of (Measure SM) is to say "hey, we hear you and we don't take doing this lightly, and we will only do this if a lot of us agree it's in the public interest to do so."

McKeown maintained the Measure SM is not an anti-housing initiative.

"Measure SM applies only to proposed projects that would exceed adopted land use plans, which already accommodate generous housing production and make special allowances for 100 percent truly affordable housing," he said. "Further, earning one additional Council vote remains an option for worthy projects."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Golden Globes group gives $300,000 to wildfire victims

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association is giving $300,000 to help the victims of California's deadly wildfires.

The organization best known for creating and organizing the Golden Globe Awards on Thursday announced the donation to four organizations that also include money for victims and families of last week's mass shooting in Southern California.

The funds will go to the victims of the fires in Northern and Southern California. The fires started last week and together have killed at least 59 people, destroyed thousands of homes and prompted the evacuation of hundreds of thousands.

The association formed in 1943 and started the Golden Globes a year later.

It frequently hands out grants, usually to organizations related to the entertainment industry.

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LOS ANGELES

After arrest, Michael Avenatti denies LA domestic violence

Michael Avenatti, the lawyer for Stormy Daniels, has denied allegations of domestic violence after his arrest near his ritzy Los Angeles skyscraper apartment.

"I have never struck a woman, I never will strike a woman," Avenatti told reporters Wednesday after being booked and posting $50,000 bail.

Avenatti said he has been an advocate for women's rights his entire career and is confident that he will be exonerated.

Police didn't immediately disclose details about the arrest incident but Officer Tony Im, an LAPD spokesman, said the victim has visible injuries.

Earlier, he released a statement through his law firm slamming the allegation as "completely bogus" and intended to harm his reputation.

Avenatti became famous representing Daniels, the porn actress who alleges she had an affair with Donald Trump in 2006 and has sued to invalidate the confidentiality agreement she signed days before the 2016 presidential election that prevents her discussing it. She also sued Trump and his personal attorney, Michael Cohen, alleging defamation.

Avenatti, who has said he's mulling a 2020 presidential run, pursued the president and those close to him relentlessly for months, taunting Trump in interviews and baiting him and his lawyers in tweets.

The Vermont Democratic Party canceled events planned for Friday and Saturday, where Avenatti was scheduled to speak, and is refunding ticket sales.

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WATER TEMP: 65.3°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Smaller leftovers from the S, modest SSW swell builds. Some NW swell also shows for exposures.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
NW swell due to fade. Small SSW swell.

DO YOU HAVE COMMUNITY NEWS?

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

DATE/TIME: November 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 18ARB-0394: 1430 Lincoln Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0324: 3331 Ocean Park Boulevard: Office
- 18ARB-0465: 1447 Lincoln Boulevard: Commercial

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 601 Colorado Avenue: Preliminary review of a proposed Tier 2, eight-story, 90,000 square foot mixed-use residential and commercial building with three levels of subterranean parking.

- 1618 Stanford Street: Preliminary review of a proposed Tier 2, four-story with basement, 33,947 square foot mixed-use residential, commercial, and creative office building with two levels of subterranean parking.

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 346 Calls For Service On Nov. 14.

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

Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pl 12:05 a.m.
Bike theft 2800 block Arizona 1:10 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 200 block Georgina 7:42 a.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Lincoln 8:40 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1300 block Berkeley 8:42 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Santa Monica 8:43 a.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block 7th 8:45 a.m.
Elder abuse 1700 block Ocean 8:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block Hill 8:49 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 700 block Adelaide Pl 9:01 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100 block Wilshire 9:03 a.m.
Encampment 400 block Santa Monica Pier 9:11 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 11th 9:17 a.m.
Traffic collision Stewart / Pico 9:18 a.m.
Suicide attempt 3100 block Neilson 9:19 a.m.
Burglary 800 block Broadway 9:30 a.m.
Missing person 1400 block Harvard 9:36 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block Ocean 9:39 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900 block Wilshire 9:43 a.m.
Petty theft 1000 block Hill 9:44 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 2nd 9:48 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1800 block 10th 10:26 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 4th 11:07 a.m.
Grand theft 1900 block Ocean 11:32 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Ocean Park 12:11 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Idaho 12:19 p.m.
Hit and run 9th / California 12:19 p.m.
Threats 1300 block 23rd 12:35 p.m.
Petty theft 18th / Pico 12:58 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block 4th 1:24 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 8700 block Beverly 1:33 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 200 block 26th 1:38 p.m.
Traffic collision 1900 block 20th 1:42 p.m.
Elder abuse 1900 block 17th 2:03 p.m.
Vehicle blocking 800 block 15th 2:08 p.m.
Overdose 1000 block Pico 2:15 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1100 block Bay 2:46 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 2:49 p.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 800 block Washington 3:14 p.m.
Fight 2nd / Broadway 3:27 p.m.
Hit and run 2800 block Pico 3:34 p.m.
Assault 1300 block Wilshire 3:51 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block 6th 3:53 p.m.
Threats 1100 block Olympic 4:02 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 14th 4:11 p.m.
Bike theft 700 block Palisades Beach Rd 4:12 p.m.
Petty theft 3200 block Pico 4:19 p.m.
Silent robbery 2000 block Wilshire 4:25 p.m.
Fraud 2000 block Main 5 p.m.
Auto burglary 300 block Santa Monica Pier 5:05 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 5:07 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Ocean 5:10 p.m.
Threats 1000 block 7th 5:20 p.m.
Sexual assault 900 block 5th 5:36 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Ocean Park 5:57 p.m.
Petty theft 3rd Street Prom / Arizona 6:18 p.m.
Prowler 300 block 20th 6:24 p.m.
Encampment 1500 block Ocean 6:32 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Ocean Park 6:37 p.m.
Battery 2200 block Wilshire 6:39 p.m.
Grand theft 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 7:04 p.m.
Loitering 900 block Ozone 7:08 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 2nd 7:08 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln / Olympic 7:12 p.m.
Out order traffic lights 1100 block Ocean Park 7:17 p.m.
Indecent exposure 15th / Arizona 7:25 p.m.
Grand theft 2nd / Strand 7:59 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 8:19 p.m.
Fraud suspect 1700 block Ocean 9:02 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Pico 9:30 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 26 Calls For Service On Nov. 14.

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

Emergency Medical Service 2700 block Neilson 2:55 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 3:14 a.m.
EMS 2700 block Neilson 5:39 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 7:08 a.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica Pier 8:12 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 10:39 a.m.
Structure fire 1400 block 15th 11:12 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 11:40 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Lincoln 12:11 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:33 p.m.
EMS 800 block Marine 1:40 p.m.
Broken gas main 1200 block 22nd 1:40 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 2:15 p.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 3:58 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pl 5:16 p.m.
EMS 700 block Santa Monica 6 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Main 6:04 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Montana 6:09 p.m.
Smoke investigation 2500 block Broadway 8:04 p.m.
Vehicle fire 1800 block Cloverfield 8:25 p.m.
Odor investigation 400 block Bay 9:13 p.m.
EMS 400 block Santa Monica 10:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 9th 10:22 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Grant 10:24 p.m.
EMS 800 block 11th 10:34 p.m.

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Draw Date: 11/13
34 46 57 65 69
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 122M

Super Lotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/14
6 25 32 39 44
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/14
15 17 21 25 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/15
MIDDAY: 9 4 4
Draw Date: 11/14
EVENING: 2 8 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/14
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:49.88

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2. of, relating to, or characterized by preoccupation with luxury and sensual pleasure: voluptuary tastes.

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Counts

■ 120: Documented cases of Ebola virus in ongoing outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
■ 80: Fatality rate of Ebola infection, as a percentage
■ 80: Number of confirmed and probable deaths so far

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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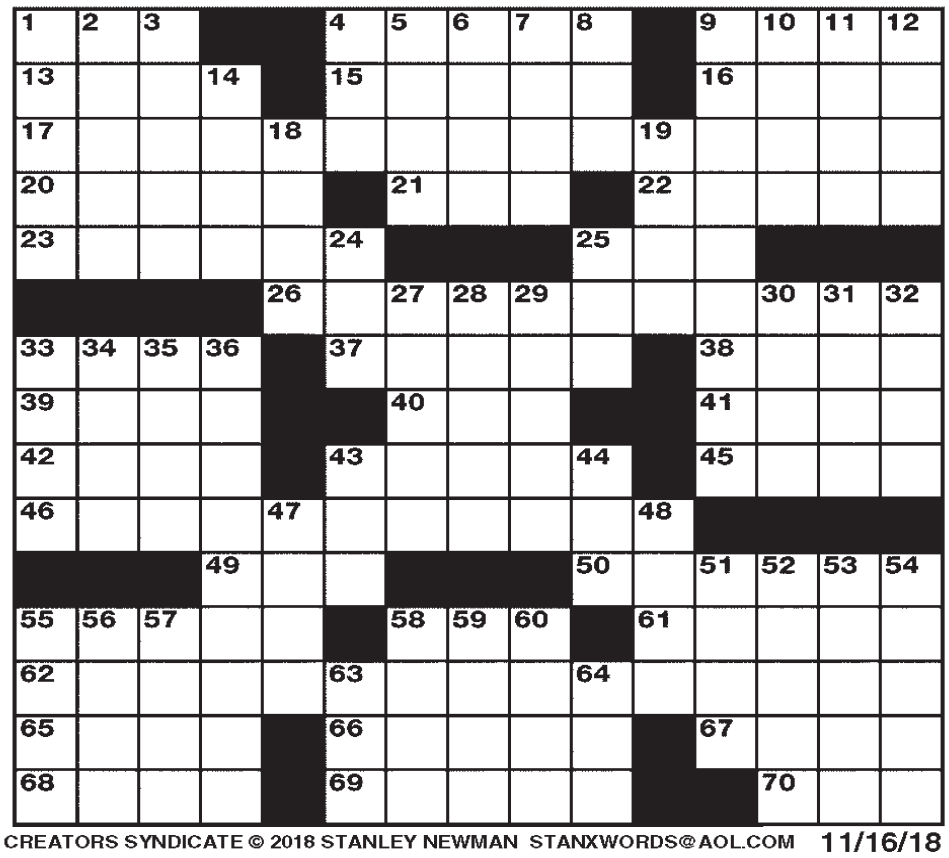
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Purge (of)
4 Seated patrons, for short
9 Pinch hitters
13 Regretful comment
15 Japanese terse verse
16 Egypt, in part
17 Leave *Messiah* in a hurry
20 Tot's outdoor game
21 Brief call for help
22 Performed poorly
23 *Where the Wild Things Are* author
25 DVD player brand
26 Study the *Surprise Symphony*
33 Old Testament prophet
37 Capture suddenly
38 Successor of Claudius
39 Suppose
40 Up-point connector
41 __ the wiser
42 Long-term reserves
43 Pacing
45 GI offense
46 Perform better than *Hungarian Rhapsodies*
49 Monitor closely
50 Bicycle seat
55 Captivate
58 Personal ad letters
61 Unaccustomed to
62 Throw out all your fugues
65 Stone of films
66 Northern Israeli city
67 Home for a sloth
68 Paper quantity
69 Former Postal Service mascot
70 2014 Burns miniseries subject

DOWN
1 Whole bunch
2 "That's amazing!"
3 Six-Day War hero
4 TV band of old
5 Certain admissions exams
6 Kermit's greeting
7 Squeaks (out)
8 "Well, obviously!"
9 Alamo attacker
10 ORGANIC seal bestower
11 Well, to Juan
12 Polio conqueror
14 "You've got a deal!"
18 Moving part on some mailboxes
19 Novelist Sholem
24 10-counts on canvas
25 Common sushi filling
27 Undercover acquisition
28 Wynonna's mom
29 Hidden hazards
30 Comics cry
31 First 007 film
32 Seasonal refrain
33 Tighten, as text
34 "The big doughnut"
35 Pick peppers, perhaps
36 Heineken's headquarters
43 Where a hole begins
44 Parts of pts.
47 Song of praise
48 Zesty taste
51 Subtraction to obtain net worth
52 Doc, for one
53 Tied together
54 Clear sky
55 Meryl's mom in the *Mamma Mia!* sequel
56 Word before free or front
57 __ mater
58 Center symbol on a Scrabble board
59 Virtuoso
60 Generic poodle name
63 Measure that sounds like a mantra
64 Quick break



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 16)

Give a little, and suddenly you have a fan club. Popularity feels exciting, but it's also tricky. It's your year for finding effective ways to manage this big life of yours. Highlights of the next 12 months include a meaningful new friendship, the attainment of a symbol that holds great significance and a happy reunion. Virgo and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 4, 44, 41 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Needing to be right is a human instinct related to processing. No one can proper functionally without a little of it. And a little goes a long way. Needing to be right all of the time is a sign of emotional and intellectual immaturity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
It can be challenging to keep your energy vibrant when your domestic situation is complicated. Whatever you can do to lift, smooth or heal your home environment will positively change who you are out in the world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Naivety has its advantages. Functionality is in the hands of the user. She who doesn't see a thing as broken won't be bothered with the prospect of fixing it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Spiritual wonder and faithful decision-making will contribute to your success. This is outside the realm of religion or any school of thought. It's an instance of magic that you have to be looking for to find.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
On earth, red is hot and blue is cold. In other places in the galaxy, red is among the coldest of heat colors and blue is extremely hot. Consider the larger context. Matters of scale will color decisions of the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
After a series of intellectually clear days, cleanly pointed toward their purpose, this day will be shrouded in a dreamy mist of unreason that obscures all goalposts and destinations. This challenges you to see without your eyes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A sure sign of intelligence is being able to look things from multiple angles. It follows that a tolerance for different views, customs, appearances, tastes, etc., is typically a function of higher intellect, and one you'll gravitate toward at that.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You're generous in most regards; you're only greedy for the best things in life: pure love, pristine beauty and naked truth. Hoard these rarities when you find them, as you don't know when you'll come across them again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Achieving Earth's escape velocity takes tremendous energy. But if you go 7 miles per second, you'll soon be out of gravity's influence. Or you can escape with your mind; it's easy, fun, free and necessary for sanity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
To be stuck in one way of thinking is to be stuck in one way of living. Your efforts to open your mind on certain matters, while still maintaining the core of who you are, will also open new opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
No matter how you try to capture what you've learned today you won't be able to pin it down. It's application is too broad, it's meaning too meandering across a spectrum of potentials. It's poetry; it's jazz.

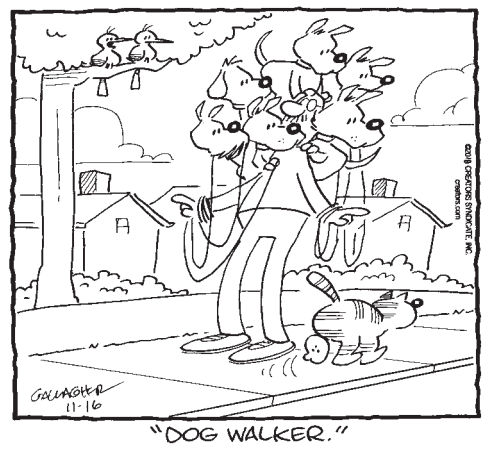
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Love changes, as you've noticed. You might think of love as an action, a story, a mood, a time or even an ingredient. All these ways of thinking about it will work their way into how you attract and enact love.

MERCURY RETROGRADE ESCAPE HATCH

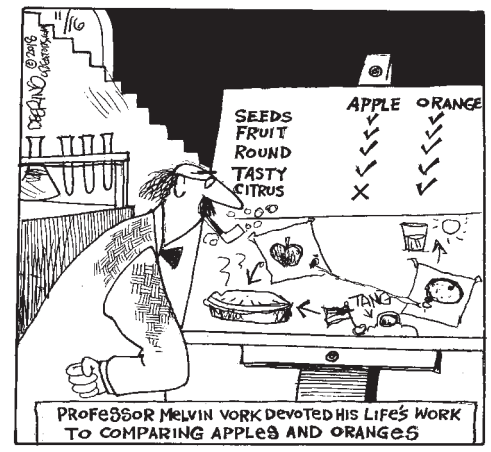
In simpler times, with fewer entertainment options, popular music was melodically complex with patterns that took great attention to follow. Today's popular music follows simpler patterns, offering a reprieve from the world's complexity. This Mercury retrograde, people will reach for the escape that contrasts with the functions of daily life.

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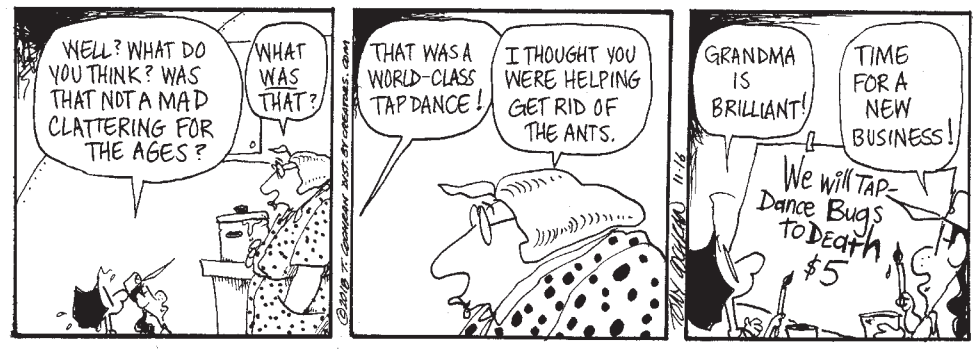
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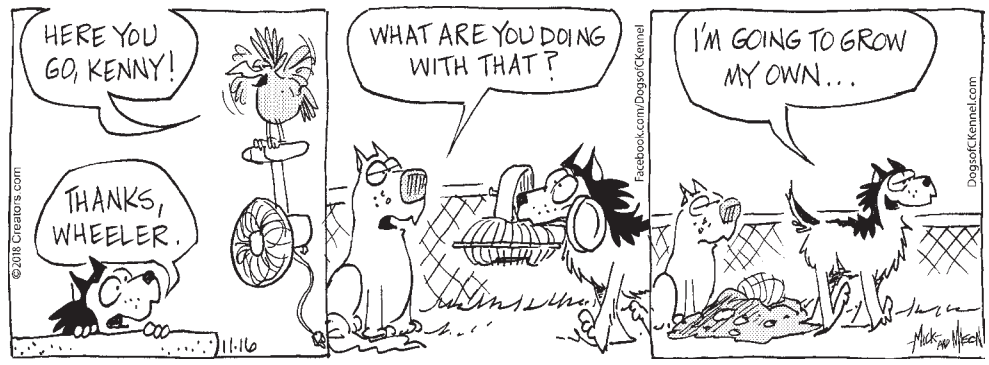
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Want a crisp and moist turkey with mahogany skin? No sweat

By AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Unless you have access to multiple ovens, only a very large turkey will do when you've got a crowd coming to dinner. But finding a container large enough to brine a gargantuan bird can be tricky, and turning the bird in the oven (our usual method for evenly cooked meat) can be tricky.

We wanted the Norman Rockwell picture of perfection: a crisp, mahogany skin wrapped around tender, moist meat. And it had to be easy to prepare in a real home kitchen. We chose a Butterball turkey, which has already been brined for juicy flavor (a kosher bird, which has been salted, works well, too).

A combination of high and low heat produced a tender, juicy bird with deeply browned skin. We boosted the savory flavor with the addition of onion, carrot, and celery, and a quartered lemon added bright, clean flavor.

After roasting, we allowed the turkey to rest so the juices could redistribute. If you are reluctant to rotate the turkey, skip the step of lining the V-rack with foil and roast the bird breast side up for the full time. Serve with Make-Ahead Turkey Gravy (recipe follows).

ROAST TURKEY FOR A CROWD

Servings: 20-24
Start to finish: 3 hours 30 minutes (plus 30 minutes for resting)
3 onions, chopped coarse
3 carrots, chopped coarse
3 celery ribs, chopped coarse
1 lemon, quartered
2 sprigs fresh thyme
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1 (18- to 22-pound) turkey, neck and giblets removed and reserved for gravy, if desired
1 cup water, plus more as needed
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper

Adjust oven rack to lowest position. Heat oven to 425 F. Line large V-rack with heavy-duty foil and poke several holes in foil. Set V-rack in large roasting pan and spray foil with vegetable oil spray.

Toss half of onions, carrots, celery, lemon, and thyme with 1 tablespoon melted butter in medium bowl and place inside turkey. Tie legs together with kitchen twine and tuck wings behind back. Scatter remaining vegetables into roasting pan.

Pour 1 cup water over vegetable mixture. Brush turkey breast with 2 tablespoons melted butter, then sprinkle with half of salt and half of pepper. Place turkey, breast side down, on V-rack. Brush with remaining 2 tablespoons melted butter and sprinkle with remaining salt and pepper.

Roast turkey for 1 hour. Remove pan from oven; baste with juices from pan. Using dish towel or 2 large wads of paper towels, rotate turkey breast side up. If liquid in pan has totally evaporated, add another 1/2 cup water. Lower oven temperature to 325 degrees. Return turkey to oven and continue to roast until breast registers 160 F and thighs register 175 F, about 2 hours longer.

Remove turkey from oven. Gently tip turkey up so that any accumulated juices in cavity run into roasting pan. Transfer turkey to carving board. Let rest, uncovered, for 35 to 40 minutes. Carve turkey and serve.

Make-Ahead Turkey Gravy

You can't serve turkey without gravy (and if you ask us, the same goes for mashed potatoes and stuffing, too), but this key part of any holiday feast is often left to the last minute, frantically cobbled together once the bird emerges from the oven.

Our make-ahead gravy relieves some of the stress of holiday hosting and even boasts bigger turkey flavor than your typical gravy recipe. Good gravy comes from good stock, so we started by roasting turkey parts with chopped carrots, celery, onions, and garlic.

Once the meat was deeply browned and the vegetables caramelized, we transferred everything to a Dutch oven. Chicken broth and white wine plus some sprigs of thyme promised flavorful, savory complexity.

Following a lengthy simmer, we strained out the solids and proceeded with our gravy making (though the stock can be refrigerated or frozen for later use). We used the stock's fat to build a roux, browning a cup of flour in the heated fat before whisking in the stock.

The finished gravy boasted all the body of a traditional preparation, but it was ready with time to spare and offered incredible meaty depth. If you wish to make this gravy at the same time as your turkey, you may add the giblets and neck along with the thighs or wings. Discard the strong-tasting liver before using the giblets.

For more flavor, after roasting the turkey, skim the drippings from the pan and slowly add them to the gravy (tasting as you go so the gravy does not become overly salty).

Makes about 2 quarts
Start to finish: 4 hours 30 minutes
6 turkey thighs, trimmed, or 9 wings, separated at the joints
Reserved turkey giblets and neck, optional
2 medium carrots, chopped coarse
2 medium celery ribs, chopped coarse
2 medium onions, chopped coarse
1 head garlic, halved
Vegetable oil spray
10 cups chicken broth, plus extra as needed
2 cups dry white wine
12 sprigs fresh thyme
Unsalted butter, as needed
1 cup all-purpose flour
Salt and pepper
Defatted turkey drippings, optional

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 450 F. Toss thighs; giblets, if using; carrots; celery; onions; and garlic together in large roasting pan and spray with vegetable oil spray. Roast, stirring occasionally, until well browned, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours.

Transfer contents of roasting pan to Dutch oven. Add broth, wine, and thyme sprigs and bring to boil, skimming as needed. Reduce to gentle simmer and cook until broth is brown and flavorful and measures about 8 cups when strained, about 1 1/2 hours. Strain broth through fine-mesh strainer into large container, pressing on solids to extract as much liquid as possible; discard solids.

Let strained turkey broth settle (if necessary), then spoon off and reserve 1/2 cup of fat that has risen to top (add butter as needed if short on turkey fat). Heat fat in Dutch oven over medium-high heat until bubbling. Whisk in flour and cook, whisking constantly, until well browned, 3 to 7 minutes.

Slowly whisk in turkey broth and bring to boil. Reduce to simmer and cook until gravy is very thick, 10 to 15 minutes. Add defatted drippings, if using, to taste, then season with salt and pepper to taste, and serve.

Nutrition information per serving of turkey: 567 calories; 287 calories from fat; 32 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 215 mg cholesterol; 500 mg sodium; 3 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 66 g protein.

Nutrition information per serving of gravy: 92 calories; 39 calories from fat; 4 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 4 mg cholesterol; 69 mg sodium; 7 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 2 g protein.

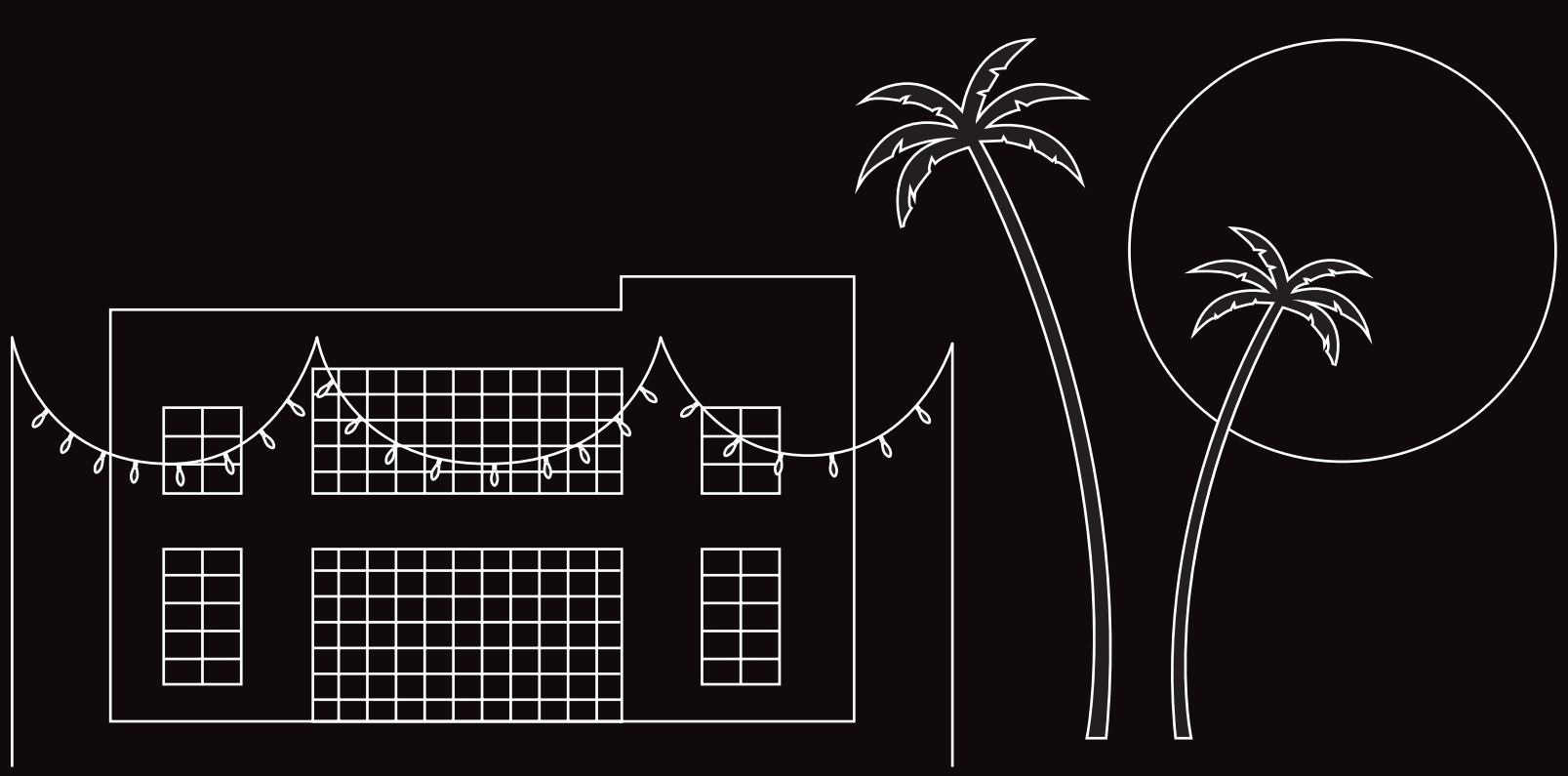
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