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ARB to hear multiple Lincoln Blvd. projects on Monday



File Photos

ARB: Several mixed-use developments will be up for discussion at Monday's meeting of the Architectural Review Board.

MADELEINE PAUKER

Daily Press Staff Writer

The popular Fritto Misto restaurant at 6th and Colorado could be replaced with a new mixed use development according to plans that will be presented at the next Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting.

On Nov. 19, The Architectural Review Board will also consider plans for a renovation of an office building at 3331 Ocean Park Blvd, a new a 50-foot building with 100 units at 1430 Lincoln Boulevard, a small live/work project at 1447 Lincoln Blvd. and a four-story mixed used project at 1618 Stanford St. in addition to the project

at 601 Colorado.

Because the Planning Commission has not yet approved the projects, the Board will conduct a preliminary review of two mixed-use buildings at 601 Colorado Avenue and 1618 Stanford Street. Both would be

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Santa Monicans stepping up for Malibu

ANGEL CARRERAS

Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monicans looking to help out our neighbors to the west won't have to travel far to do so.

Several people and places in the community are hosting events to help out in relief efforts to support those affected by the Woolsey fire.

Hiptique, Lilla Bello and more

Malibu Fire Fundraiser

"I'm a little emotional," a shaky voice said. "It just hit me hard today."

Christine Berardi, the owner of high-end clothing store Hiptique on Montana Avenue, was driving back from checking on her store Malibu store location when the Daily Press got in contact with her.

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Some demolition applications now require a landmark review

MADELEINE PAUKER

Daily Press Staff Writer

Developers seeking to demolish buildings more than 40 years old will have to request that the City of Santa Monica rule on whether the property qualifies as a landmark.

City Council approved an emergency zoning ordinance Nov. 13 that will require demolition

applications for older buildings to include a request for a review to determine if the property meets the criteria for a landmark or structure of merit status. After a developer files a demolition permit application, the Commission and the public will have 75 days to review the status of the building.

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NMS formally loses control of disputed properties

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

The much delayed and highly contentious sale of several Santa Monica apartment buildings continued recently with a judge officially handing control of the property to a new owner.

San Francisco based SPI Holdings is now in control of nine local properties that were once part of a joint venture between Neil Shekhter/NMS Capital Partners and a subsidiary hedge fund AEW. The dispute between Shekhter and AEW in the "Lincoln Studios" case had stalled the official transfer of ownership to SPI while the larger saga played out.

The properties involved in the litigation include the Lido at 1440 5th Street, Quonset at 829 Broadway, Lincoln Walk at 1447 Lincoln Blvd, San Marco at 1420 5th Street, Rapallo at 1430 5th Street, Luxe Broadway at 1502 Broadway and 1511 15th Street. One other property is in Los Angeles: 9901 Washington Blvd, and another is in West Hollywood: Luxe La Cienega at 375 N. La Cienega Boulevard.

The original partnership included a monetary investment by AEW but the two sides disagree on the terms that would allow Shekhter to repay that investment and buyout AEW. Shekhter tried to repay AEW its \$60 million investment plus interest and take sole ownership of the properties. AEW refused the buyout money and NMS filed a lawsuit over the ownership of the properties.

In December of 2016 a judge said Shekhter forged contracts, lied and destroyed evidence in the

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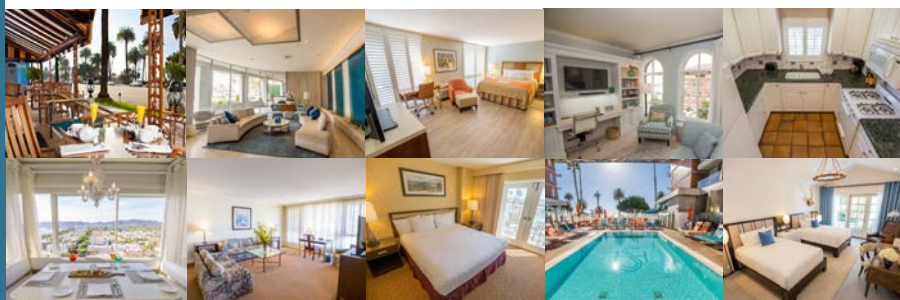
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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.

Aparna Sindhoo & Lisa Diane Wedgeworth; New Works

Join organizers for the culminating exhibition of studio residents Aparna Sindhoo 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-sindhoo-and-lisa-diane-wedgeworth-new-works-tickets-47573902824> or call (310) 458-2239.

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.

Sunday, Nov. 18

Guest House Open

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

Mt. Olive Lutheran presents "When the Saints"

Dixieland Jazz inspired worship service featuring Chris Dawson on piano, Corey Gemme on cornet and Gareth Price on drums. 9 a.m. Mt Olive Lutheran 1343 Ocean Park Blvd. Santa Monica.

Monday, Nov. 19

Task Force on the Environment Meeting

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

The Arts Commission Regular Meeting

The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of arts programs in the City, develop arts programs of innovative form, recognize and encourage the arts as a service of local government and enrich the lives of all citizens by exposure to art in its various forms. Meets on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street. 6:30 pm.

Toddler Time

Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd 10:30 - 10:50 am.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd 3:30 - 6 pm.

College Application Drop-In Services @ Main

Get free one-on-one assistance with college applications and essays. To submit your application, bring your transcript(unofficial is fine) and Social Security, DACA or Green Card number. Computers provided, or bring your laptop. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club's College Bound Program, Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling, and Nick Soper of Creative College Prep and TeenLAUNCH. Grade 12.Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor Main Library 4 - 6 pm.

Main Library Book Group

This long-running book discussion group, which is always welcoming to new members, alternates between fiction and nonfiction on a month-to-month basis. The November book title is Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor 7 - 8:30 pm. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd

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310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

Baked brie with jam or fruit is popular for good reason

By AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Baked Brie topped with jam or fruit is popular for good reason. When the cheese is warmed, it becomes rich and gooey, and pairing it with sweet fruit brings out the savory notes in the cheese.

For sweet and creamy flavor in every bite, we reengineered the traditional whole wheel of baked Brie by trimming off the rind (which doesn't melt that well) and slicing the cheese into cubes. This allowed

our honey-apricot mixture to be evenly distributed throughout this deconstructed version of the dish, not just spooned on top.

Baking the cheese in a cast-iron skillet seemed like a no-brainer; since the skillet holds on to heat so well, it keeps the cheese in the ideal luscious, fluid state. We finished the dish with an extra drizzle of honey and some minced chives to reinforce the sweet-savory flavor profile.

Be sure to use a firm, fairly unripe Brie for this recipe. Serve with crackers or Melba toast.

MALIBU

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While her sister store was fine (aside from smoke damage) the damage the fires have caused her customers, community and loved ones is what's been echoing around in her mind.

"There are people with nothing now," she said, voice trailing in and out of trembles during her call with the Daily Press. "I truly respect everyone up there so much ... I just wanted to be able to do something to show them how much I appreciate them."

Berardi recently held a relief fundraiser in the back of her Santa Monica store to help those affected by the fires. The fundraiser sought new clothing to help those involved in the fires get back to a normal life.

Berardi says thus far, the community has been very generous. Vendors throughout LA and friends of the store have donated boxes upon boxes of clothes, with two vendors sending over 100 pairs of pants. "I'm blown away," Berardi said.

If you are from Malibu or know someone that could benefit from this and happened to have missed the event, Berardi says to contact the store directly and she'll find a way to assist you. Malibu residents with ID can still pick up free clothing.

Hiptique is located at 2727 Main Street 90405. Their phone number is (310) 399-6106.

WOOLSEY FIRE BENEFIT COMEDY SHOW

Local comedian Justin Wood wanted to help Woolsey fire victims but just didn't know how.

Then, it clicked. He could bring what he delivers best, laughter.

Wood and several comedians will host a night of comedy to bring smiles to the faces of Woolsey victims and collect donations for them as well.

While Wood usually performs at Bareburger's comedy night, his relief comedy show will be hosted by Dude's Brewery. Wood says the community-involved brewery was immediately receptive to the idea, as were the comedians on the show.

"The lineup is absolutely incredible," Callen says about his show, featuring names such as Bryan Callen and Laurie Kilmartin. "It will be an amazing night of comedy and giving back to people that need it."

The event will take place Tuesday, November 20, free of charge.

Donations are accepted and encouraged with all proceeds going to the Santa Monica Red Cross and CARE Rescue LA.

"If you can't afford a donation, that's fine," Wood says. "People just need laughs during all this."

Dude's Brewery is located at 395 Santa Monica Place #304

AIRBNB / PLÚS HÚS

AirBnB recently began its Open Homes Program to assist with relief efforts.

The program connects hosts who'd like to offer housing to displaced Woolsey fire victims.

Plús Hús, a soon-to-open Santa Monica-based Accessory Dwelling Unit (think micro-housing) seller, has been housing evacuees through the program since the fires began.

Erla Dögg Ingjaldsdóttir, founder of Plús Hús, said she's glad to help, having cycled through several evacuees now for short or long stays.

One such evacuee, Austin Daniels, is grateful for his housing there at the moment. Daniels, 25, lost his photography lab in the fire and has yet to get into contact with his father.

While concerned about family, friends and perhaps more environmental damage to Malibu via mudslides when he returns, he's happy to have his own for the moment, away

BAKED BRIE WITH HONEYED APRICOTS

Servings: 8-10
Start to finish: 30 minutes
1/4 cup chopped dried apricots
1/4 cup honey
1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 (8-ounce) wheels firm brie cheese, rind removed, cheese cut into 1-inch pieces
1 tablespoon minced fresh chives

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 400 F. Microwave apricots, 2 tablespoons honey, rosemary, salt, and pepper in medium bowl until apricots are softened and mixture is fragrant, about 1 minute, stirring halfway through microwaving. Add Brie and

toss to combine.

Transfer mixture to 10-inch cast-iron skillet and bake until cheese is melted, 10 to 15 minutes. Drizzle with remaining 2 tablespoons honey and sprinkle with chives. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 239 calories; 141 calories from fat; 16 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 57 mg cholesterol; 432 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 13 g sugar; 12 g protein.

For more recipes, cooking tips and ingredient and product reviews, visit <https://www.americastest-kitchen.com>. Find more recipes like Baked Brie with Honeyed Apricots in "All-Time Best Appetizers."

from the chaos he's experienced.

"It's nice to have some of my own space where I can not think about what happened and keep my mind off it and start working and start trying to move forward," Daniels said. "I'm very thankful. Taking it day by day."

For more info on AirBnb's Open Homes Program, visit <https://www.airbnb.com/welcome/evacuees/venturacounty>

24 HOUR FITNESS

The all-day gym is granting all first responders, residents, members and guests free entry to its 10 area clubs free of charge during the month of November, regardless of membership status.

Santa Monica's 2nd and 31st Street locations will be participating.

"This has been a trying time for local residents, which includes our members, employees and their families," said Chris Roussos, CEO, 24 Hour Fitness in a press release. "When tragedy hits, it's easy to set aside your health and wellbeing. We hope to offer residents and first-responders a place to work out, shower or just relax."

The Santa Monica participating locations are 415-1417 Second St. and 2929 31st St.

For more information about club locations, hours of operation and other area participating locations, visit www.24hourfitness.com

MICHAEL'S

Michael's on the Promenade will offer the MikeGriddle — their unique version of McDonald's egg McMuffin — for \$10 with proceeds going towards a relief effort for Malibu Canyon Farmers.

The restaurant's take on the popular breakfast sandwich has a rabbit sausage patty and Japanese-style egg housed between slices of Brazilian cheese bread.

The MikeGriddle is available now and scheduled to be available through

Thanksgiving week, subject to change.
<http://www.michaelssantamonica.com>

SHOREBAR

This Santa Monica restaurant and bar will hold a fundraiser with all monetary proceeds and food and supply donations going to relief efforts.

\$200 a ticket for entry is required with table prices ranging from hightop seating (five guests entry) with a \$1500 minimum to booth seating (10 guests entry) with a \$2500 minimum.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-love-malibu-wildfire-relief-efforts-at-shorebar-tickets-52547432786?aff=erellivmlt>

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

The Santa Monica College Foundation has partnered with the SMMUSD to raise a targeted \$250,000 to raise funds for students, staff, families and more affected by the fire. They've raised a little over \$5,200 thus far.

<https://santamoniacollegefoundation.org/malibufirerelief>

HI HOSTEL

Hi Hostel on 2nd is opening their doors to the those that may need low-cost lodging options.

While the hostel typically doesn't allow county residents to stay, they have made an exception to their rule to help out and do "everything we can to assist in what [fire victims] need," according to Hi Hostel GM Kimberly Turner.

"There's a lot of options around but very expensive in Santa Monica, but our prices, in general, are quite low. We want to assist and make sure they have a bed to sleep in."

The hostel is currently hosting 10 evacuees.

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Library Facilities Masterplan SP 2578

Proposals shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services Division, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **January 17, 2019**, to be publicly opened and read aloud at 3:00p.m. on said date in Architecture Services Division – Small Conference Room at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401. Each proposal shall be in accordance with the Request for Proposals.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids>. Consultants wishing to be considered must submit Proposals containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Proposals.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee:

Three seats available for terms ending December 31, 2020.

Applicants shall be residents of Santa Monica.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

Appointment to be made by City Council, Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in positions on the Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's Office upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

Applications and information on Board/Commission duties are available on-line at <http://www.smgov.net/boards>. All current applications on file will be considered.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MALIBU

More Southern California fire evacuees return home

More residents were allowed Friday to return to homes they fled during the rapid spread of Southern California's huge wildfire.

Authorities reopened more areas in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, but kept some locations within the Woolsey Fire zone off-limits due to hazards ranging from burned power poles to compromised gas lines and destroyed roadways.

A boil water order for one part of Malibu was lifted, but disinfection of water was still required in other areas.

Utility crews worked to remove damaged equipment and bring in replacements, including numerous power poles.

Although walls of flame and towering columns of smoke were gone, firefighters continue to expand containment lines around the scorched area. Fire commanders said the 153-square-mile (396-square-kilometer) burn area was 69 percent surrounded.

With 57 percent of damage assessments complete, the count of destroyed structures reached 616. Another 183 structures were damaged.

Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives were investigating three deaths. Two adults were found in a gutted car last week, and the remains of a person were found Wednesday in the rubble of a home that had burned to the ground.

Firefighters were keeping an eye on unburned islands of vegetation within the perimeter and on torched structures to prevent smoldering material from reviving the fire.

Weather was cooperating. The strong, dry Santa Ana winds that fanned flames into a firestorm last week were gone, and forecasts called for a return of night through morning low clouds and fog to the coast and some valleys.

Long-range models were inconsistent, but there was a possibility of some rain Wednesday and Thursday, the National Weather Service said.

In another positive development, another large wildfire that broke out in Ventura County on Nov. 8, the same day as the Woolsey Fire, was declared 100 percent contained.

The 7-square-mile (18-square-kilometer) Hill Fire destroyed four structures and damaged two.

The cause of the Hill Fire remained undetermined, but Cal Fire said investigators had been able to rule out all potential causes other than human activity.

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LOS ANGELES

Arms dealer convicted in Los Angeles of conspiracy

Authorities say a black-market arms dealer who tried to buy anti-aircraft missiles and sell them to clients in the Middle East has been convicted in Los Angeles of conspiracy.

Rami Asad-Ghanem was convicted Thursday. He's facing 25 years to life in prison.

Authorities say Ghanem, who's a naturalized U.S. citizen, conspired to transfer missiles to customers around the world and in one case arranged the hiring of mercenaries to operate missiles for a Libyan militant group.

Following a tip from a Los Angeles military supply firm, authorities arranged a sting operation and Ghanem was arrested in Athens in 2015 after trying to buy sniper rifles and other military equipment.

Ghanem pleaded guilty last month to other federal crimes including smuggling and money laundering. He awaits sentencing on those charges.

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SACRAMENTO

California woman owes \$3.6 million in movie studio scam

A California woman has been ordered to pay more than \$3.6 million in restitution after admitting that she scammed investors with claims she had Hollywood backing to build a movie studio complex in Northern California.

Carissa Carpenter was sentenced Friday in federal district court in Sacramento to six years and six months in federal prison. The 55-year-old Carpenter, formerly of Malibu, was convicted of mail fraud and lying to a federal agent.

She claimed to have invested hundreds of millions of dollars of her own money in the studio project, and to have support from well-connected people in the entertainment industry.

Prosecutors say in fact the Hollywood figures had little or no involvement in the project. They say she used investors' money to fund an extravagant lifestyle.

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LOS ANGELES

Private funeral held for Stan Lee, more memorials in works

A small, private funeral has been held to mourn Marvel Comics mogul Stan Lee, and his company is making more plans to memorialize him.

"Stan was always adamant that he did not want a large public funeral, and as such his family has conducted a private closed ceremony in accordance with his final wishes," Lee's company POW! Entertainment said in a statement to The Associated Press on Friday.

POW! Entertainment has set up a memorial wall on Lee's website where friends, colleagues and fans can share thoughts, prayers and tributes to Lee, and messages from fellow creators and artists will be posted on Lee's social media pages in the coming days.

The company says further memorial plans are in the works, and hopes to share more details soon.

"The grandeur of Stan makes this a monumental task," the statement said.

The 95-year-old was declared dead after being rushed to a Los Angeles hospital on Monday. No cause of death has been given.

He co-created the Incredible Hulk, Spider-Man, The Fantastic Four, and many of the other heroes in the Marvel comic and cinematic universes. He was a hero himself to fans who frenzied for his movie cameos and public appearances as he remained an ambassador for Marvel until the end of his life.

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LANDMARKS

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The Landmarks Commission previously filed applications to itself requesting that it review buildings marked for demolition. A recent court decision now prevents local government bodies from submitting applications to themselves, so the Commission has had to rely on individual citizens asking for review of potentially historic buildings since June.

“The June suspension of the Commission’s review of demolition permits has caused substantial disruption, given the Commission’s central role in safeguarding potential historic resources,” said Commissioner Barry Rosenbaum.

The city’s neighborhood associations and

the Santa Monica Conservancy reviewed demolition permits between June and November, he added.

Staff said the revised demolition process uses the Commission’s expertise to prevent the demolition of historically significant buildings and maintains community input.

The emergency ordinance will be in effect until Jan. 12, 2019, after which the City plans to request a one-year extension to monitor its outcome and make recommendations for permanent revisions to city code.

“We’ll have to see how it works in practice, but I imagine it’s going to work fine and will be the model we want to follow going forward, with perhaps some tweaks to the language in January,” Rosenbaum said.

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Tijuana mayor: Caravan influx to last at least 6 months

ELLIOT SPAGAT

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With about 3,000 Central American migrants having reached the Mexican border across from California and thousands more anticipated, the mayor of Tijuana said Friday that the city was preparing for an influx that will last at least six months and may have no end in sight.

U.S. border inspectors are processing only about 100 asylum claims a day at Tijuana’s main crossing to San Diego, creating long waits. Asylum seekers register their names in a tattered notebook managed by migrants themselves that had more than 3,000 names even before the caravan arrived.

Along the nearly 3,000 miles (nearly 5,000 kilometers) from the caravan’s origin in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, to this city on the Pacific Ocean, the migrants have stopped in most places for only a single night, with some exceptions.

That overwhelmed small towns in southern Mexico in particular — but only briefly. The migrants’ expected long stay in Tijuana has raised concerns about the ability of the teeming border city of more than 1.6 million to handle the influx.

Pleading for financial support from the Mexican government, Gastelum sternly warned migrants against criminal behavior, though authorities reported only seven arrests so far — five for drug consumption and two for disorderly conduct.

“Supposedly they are fleeing catastrophe, mistreatment in their countries of origin. How is it possible that they arrive here and, if they want, create disorder?” the mayor said. “It’s not right.”

His language linking the latest arrivals to crime underscores how the caravan is already testing Tijuana’s proud history as a melting pot for immigrants, a tradition that Gastelum also highlighted.

A municipal gymnasium and recreational complex that has been converted to a shelter was expected to register up to 1,000 people Thursday night but ended up housing more than 2,000, including more than 400 children.

Tijuana officials said they opened the shelter as part of an effort to keep migrants out of public spaces.

The city’s privately run shelters are meant to have a capacity of 700.

At the municipal shelter, long lines formed for showers and meals of tuna casserole or noodle soup with coffee. Outdoor canopies covered rows of mattresses and blankets.

A woman singing Mexican “ranchera” music on a loudspeaker drew a small crowd, while men congregated in circles to play cards. Eighteen new portable toilets on a grass field made bathroom lines disappear.

Migrant Ronald Calderon, who picked coffee beans back in Honduras, said he would seek asylum in the U.S. if he felt there was a 90 percent chance of success. But he figures the odds are long and doesn’t want to risk being deported, so he hopes to find work and settle in Tijuana.

“I see that Donald Trump talks about us as criminals and killers, and I don’t think an opportunity may present itself,” said Calderon, 23.

Andrea Ramirez, 42, said that her siblings were killed by gangs in Honduras and that she registered her name Friday to seek asylum in the U.S.

“The only thing we want is not to go back to Honduras,” Ramirez said.

Also Friday, another caravan set out from Mexico City heading toward the border.

Gastelum, the mayor, wondered why the migrants chose Tijuana instead of other Mexican cities on the U.S. border, vaguely suggesting a sinister plot without elaborating.

“There is an intention to do things badly. There is an intention to prejudice Tijuana, and we cannot allow that,” he said.

His comments marked a contrast to a more welcoming tone from other officials. Francisco Rueda, the top deputy to Baja California Gov. Francisco Vega de la Madrid, said Thursday that the state had 7,000 jobs available for any migrants who obtain legal status in Mexico.

Gustavo Magallanes, director of Baja California’s migrant attention agency, said Friday that the state is doing the best it can at a difficult time and that, nearing the end of the year, agencies at all levels of government lack funds.

The governor had also asked federal officials to speak to their U.S. counterparts about possibly accelerating asylum processing, he said.

Magallanes said the governor had not ordered that more migrants be prevented from arriving in Tijuana, but said state officials were telling people in the caravan they might get processed faster in the city of Mexicali because the list in Tijuana is so long.

Magallanes said it was “likely” the migrants could be waiting in Tijuana for four to six months. The state government plans to push them to regularize their immigration status in Mexico so they can be offered work.

He said he could not speak for Tijuana’s mayor but believed his comments had been misinterpreted.

“We are looking for the best way for these Central American migrants ... to be able to be in the best situation in this state,” Magallanes said.

Associated Press writer Christopher Sherman in Mexico City contributed to this report.

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California utility shares rise as regulator calms investors

JONATHAN J. COOPER

Associated Press

Shares of Pacific Gas & Electric Co. soared Friday after California's top utility regulator said his agency will help the company deal with potentially crippling liability costs from wildfires.

Stock prices soared 36 percent in midday trading after plunging 60 percent and losing \$15 billion in valuation in the week following the Northern California wildfire that is the nation's deadliest in a century.

No cause has been determined, but speculation has centered on PG&E, which reported an outage around the time and place the fire ignited.

Late Thursday, California Public Utilities Commission President Michael Picker sought to calm financial markets by indicating support for the continued viability of PG&E and other publicly traded utilities.

In an interview with the San Francisco Chronicle, Picker said his agency will soon implement a provision in a new state law that makes it easier for utilities to pass costs for past wildfires to their customers. He said additional legislation may be needed to ensure that provision applies to this year's fires.

"They have to be financially healthy to be able to provide those goods and services that ratepayers need," he told the Chronicle. "If they can't borrow money, if they have liquidity problems and they can't do

vegetation management, that's a problem. That's not good policy, to really let them get financially unstable."

He also said he will widen an investigation of PG&E's safety culture, which started following the regulator's investigation of a 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno that killed eight people.

Even with Friday's rebound, PG&E shares were trading about 50 percent lower than they were when the fire broke out.

Moody's and S&P downgraded the credit ratings for the utility and its parent company late Thursday and warned that further downgrades were possible. Another downgrade would likely drop their debt below investment grade, making it significantly harder and costlier for the company to raise money to operate its sprawling network.

PG&E drew down its lines of credit on Tuesday, borrowing \$3.3 billion in an unusual move that suggests the company is concerned about maintaining access to capital markets, Moody's reported.

It's unclear whether the Legislature and incoming Gov. Gavin Newsom will have the appetite to offer more help for PG&E after last year's legislation was blasted as a bailout.

"The fires are still burning, bodies are still being recovered. As a state right now we are focused on supporting the victims and the recovery of these communities," said Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat who wrote

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ARB

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constructed close to the Expo Line.

The Colorado Avenue project would be eight stories tall with 140 units, as well as 35 affordable units offsite at 1238 7th Street, and three commercial spaces on the ground floor. Residents would only need to walk a few minutes to get to the Downtown Expo Line station.

"The site is located in an area of Santa Monica downtown that has many similarly sized and scaled mixed-use projects," Albright said in the project report.

The Stanford Street project is planned a few blocks from the Bergamot Expo Line station and would add 47 units, including four affordable units, to the area. The lower floors will contain creative office and commercial space.

The Board will also advise the exterior renovation of a two-story office building at 3331 Ocean Park Boulevard. Staff said the proposal is a "needed update" to the 1973 building and achieves a "fresh and modern" appearance.

The ground floor of the 1430 Lincoln Blvd. building will house two commercial spaces fronted by floor-to-ceiling windows and a courtyard behind a gate. There will be 296 parking spaces in an underground parking garage for residents and visitors.

The building's facade features a long, bright orange stucco structure spanning the second and third levels. The rest of the facade is made up of textured metal that resembles shingles, as well as gray concrete blocks.

"The building form creates commercial space that enhances the pedestrian experience and residential units with high quality amenities to serve the residents, including attractive and usable outdoor living area," Senior Planner Scott Albright said in the project report.

Other items on the Board's agenda include the addition of three live-work units, one studio unit and office space to an affordable apartment building on the same block of Lincoln Boulevard. The internal courtyard of the building will enclose the new spaces.

The ARB meets on Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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UTILITY

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the most recent legislation. "The facts aren't in about the cause of these fires and it's too soon to speculate about future legislation."

Lynsey Paulo, a spokeswoman for PG&E, welcomed Picker's comments.

"Access to affordable capital is critical to carrying out safety measures and meeting California's bold clean energy goals," she said in a statement. "Recently passed legislation

recognized the importance of financially healthy utilities to California electric customers and implementing it quickly is important to achieve that goal."

The company was hit with a second lawsuit from fire victims on Friday. Kirk Trostle, the former police chief of Chico and Oroville near the fire, and his wife, retired school principal Patty Garrison, accuse the company of mismanaging its power lines.

A PG&E spokesman said the company is aware of the lawsuit and safety is its highest priority.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON NOVEMBER 7, AT ABOUT 4:04 P.M.
Officers responded to Walgreens at 1911 Lincoln Blvd regarding a male subject exposing himself. The reporting party advised that the male subject was in the parking lot following female customers as they were exiting the store and exposing his genitalia. The subject was located in the parking lot and taken into custody. Dershawn Dee Fowler, 35, homeless, was arrested for indecent exposure, lewd conduct and a probation violation. Bail was set at \$10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 385 Calls For Service On Nov. 15.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1500 block Stanford 1:02 a.m.
Battery 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 1:24 a.m.
Encampment 7th / Olympic 5:39 a.m.
Encampment 2200 block the beach 5:59 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block the beach 6:21 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block Oak 8:07 a.m.
Battery 1900 block 18th 8:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 4th 9:00 a.m.
Vehicle blocking 1800 block 10th 9:42 a.m.
Fraud 1200 block Chelsea 9:43 a.m.
Lewd activity 600 block California 9:47 a.m.
Lewd activity 1100 block 6th 9:48 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block Cloverfield 9:57 a.m.
Burglary 3200 block Olympic 10:04 a.m.
Traffic collision Centinela / Ocean Park 10:33 a.m.
Battery 400 block Pacific Coast Hwy 10:43 a.m.
Traffic collision 200 block Pacific Coast Hwy 10:57 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 19th 11:00 a.m.
Lewd activity 1900 block Pico 11:41 a.m.
Assault 1200 block 15th 11:47 a.m.
Petty theft 400 block Alta 11:57 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 12:06 p.m.
Burglary 900 block 9th 12:16 p.m.
Fight 300 block Santa Monica Pier 12:29 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 12:32 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 12:58 p.m.
Encampment 3000 block Expo Bike Path 1:04 p.m.
Battery Main / Marine 1:26 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block Berkeley 1:31 p.m.

Theft recyclables 3000 block Delaware 1:33 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 2nd 1:50 p.m.
Hit and run 600 block Arizona 2:13 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 500 block Ashland 2:18 p.m.
Person down 600 block Broadway 2:25 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block 20th 2:30 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block the beach 2:38 p.m.
Encampment 2600 block Lincoln 2:38 p.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Ocean 3:05 p.m.
Hit and run 3300 block Barnard 3:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 3:13 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Olympic 3:28 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block expo bike path 3:30 p.m.
Identity theft 1000 block Alta 3:36 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block Raymond 3:48 p.m.
Traffic collision 3200 block Wilshire 3:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 4:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Ocean 5:04 p.m.
Auto burglary 2700 block Colorado 6:04 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 6:20 p.m.
Traffic collision 25th / Wilshire 6:41 p.m.
Grand theft 10th / Santa Monica 7:52 p.m.
Assault Cloverfield / Pico 8:01 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Lincoln 8:33 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 14th 9:13 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 300 block Santa Monica Pier 9:14 p.m.
Overdose 1900 block Pico 10:01 p.m.
Party complaint 1600 block Berkeley 10:18 p.m.
Domestic violence 1900 block 18th 11:18 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 30 Calls For Service On Nov. 15.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency 800 block 11th 12:46 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 2:50 a.m.
Emergency 2600 block Montana 7:08 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 6th 7:27 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3200 block Santa Monica 8:06:49
Emergency 600 block Pico 9:29 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block Olympic 9:58 a.m.
Emergency 2200 block Wilshire 10:11 a.m.
Emergency Avenida Mazatlan / Olympic 10:28:31
Miscellaneous outside fire Lincoln / Interstate 10 12:11:10
Emergency 1100 block 7th 12:34 p.m.
Emergency 500 block Olympic 1:02 p.m.
Emergency 1500 block 7th 1:14 p.m.
Emergency 1500 block California 1:33 p.m.

Emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 1:38 p.m.
Emergency 600 block Ocean 1:55 p.m.
Emergency 2300 block 23rd 2:19 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 10th / Colorado 14:55:44
Emergency 1400 block 16th 3:08 p.m.
Emergency 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 4:40 p.m.
Emergency 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 4:49 p.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 5:06 p.m.
Emergency 2100 block Ocean 5:38 p.m.
Emergency 2500 block Wilshire 6:15 p.m.
Emergency Lincoln / Wilshire 6:36 p.m.
Emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 7:02 p.m.
Emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:27 p.m.
Emergency 1900 block Pico 10:01 p.m.
Emergency 1100 block 7th 11:47 p.m.

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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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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell
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ACROSS

1 David Lee Roth's Van Halen successor
11 Personal hallmark
14 Visitor careful with footprints
15 Methuselah ancestor
17 Commodity reordered often
18 It can mean "not so"
19 @ neighbor
20 Bruins rival, in headlines
21 Second symbol
23 Early cameraphone maker
24 Major cranberry producer
25 What many *Survivor* contestants wear
28 Yoga class greeting
31 Mach, for example
32 *Prime Minister's Questions* airer
33 "About time!"
35 End for some advocates
36 Revival trend prefix
38 Rather rude reproach
39 Tech ____ (Silicon Valley stereotype)
40 Odin's heroic son
41 Completers of a showbiz kudos quartet
43 Key items in vaults
45 Prom icebreaker, maybe
47 Flags, with "out"
48 Prefix ultimately meaning "companion"
49 Sings the blues
51 Allows through
53 One end of a baster
54 Application placeholder

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1 Subsidiary order
2 Something MacDonald had
3 Non-compact disc designation
4 Topographical high pts.
5 "I asked for so little!"
6 *War of the Worlds* side
7 Poetic land of sand
8 Les Pauls favored by many artists
9 Meaningful gestures, for short
10 Maj. arteries
11 Their batteries can weigh 1,200 pounds
12 Destined
13 Close the gap
16 Address akin to *monsieur*
22 "Ask me anything"
23 Word on the Asian nation list
25 Theatregoer, quite possibly
26 "Take your time"
27 In good taste
29 Alerts to escapees, often
30 Figure seen on "people's currency"

32 First to circumnavigate New Zealand
34 Bronx, for instance
37 It might swell after a title bout
42 Reason for fault finding
44 USAF training program
46 Made light of
47 Female name akin to a gold-coated horse
48 Was on a losing streak
50 Gonzo
52 Goes on and on
54 Attention-getter starter
55 Inspiration for a field geologist's kit
56 Think tank, briefly
59 Empty parcel
60 Modern-day greeting

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17)

Your love will be the constant in many people's lives, and it doubles back to delight you in poetic and exciting ways. Other highlights of the next 12 months include travel to a balmy place, a distant correspondence that leads to closeness and a personal upgrade that brings you status. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 7, 33 and 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're on the path, and you could use a lift. Don't look to those people at the destination; they have already arrived and can't help you in practical ways. The help you need will come from one who's just a little further along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You're in the early stages of what will become a very significant piece of work. So pace yourself. Take the time to learn to do it right. This will set you up for future success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

One person can make a difference and play many different roles, helping in several capacities. But one person cannot fulfill every role. Avoid trying to be someone's "everything."

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Not all of the words and attitudes learned from authorities over the years have been helpful, and you're still unlearning a few of them. Today it will be easy to break a bad habit. Much hinges on one key realization.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

If you're alone, be active and get things done. And if you're in the mood to just hang out, do it with people. It will be relaxing, but you'll still be accomplishing something. Face time always counts for something!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Those who badmouth others are no better than the ones they disparage. But you learned that long ago. You're an excellent judge of character. Now it's just a matter of finding the people you want to be around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

'YOU' AND THE VENUS RETROGRADE

The top brain scientists have yet to find the place in the brain where the "you" is kept. Maybe it's not a location or anything with mass. Rather, "you" could be some kind of code, spirit, equation, musical tone, feeling, or all or none of the above. Whatever the nature of "you," now that Venus is retrograde, you'll notice it's made of flexible stuff.

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You don't like to put on airs, and you've an aversion to pretense. Your easy open manner makes people feel safe enough to show you who they really are, and this puts relationships on solid ground from the start.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You'll feel more successful when you narrow the day's ambitions down to one important task. As soon as you finish that one, interesting new options open up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

An honest connection is important to you in these times of enhanced pictures and canned responses provided by talking robots. You know the truth when you feel it. It comes with a certain intensity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Generic advice – like "relax!" "walk it off!" or "smile!" – can seem demeaning, which is why you refrain from giving it and also make a point not to be around people who give it. That said, the fix for today may be a little generic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

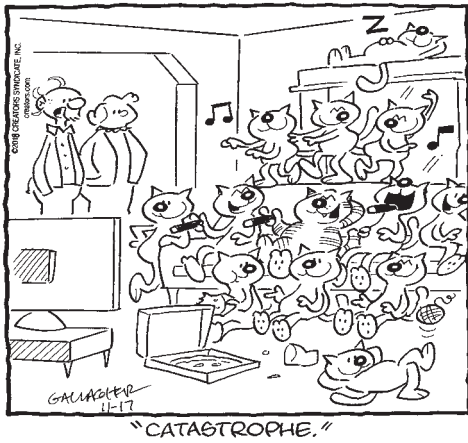
While some fear that people will laugh at their work, comedians fear the opposite. Whatever your strength or your fear, there is always someone who embodies the flip of it. Reach out to that person today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

More than 50 years ago, the celebrated wit James Thurber commented, "Nowadays men lead lives of noisy desperation." It's even more true today. Someone making a big fuss, possibly on social media, needs help that you can give.

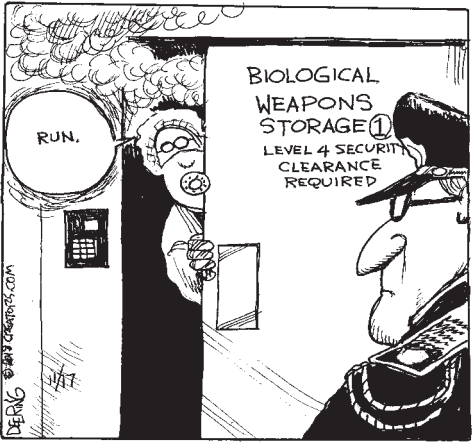
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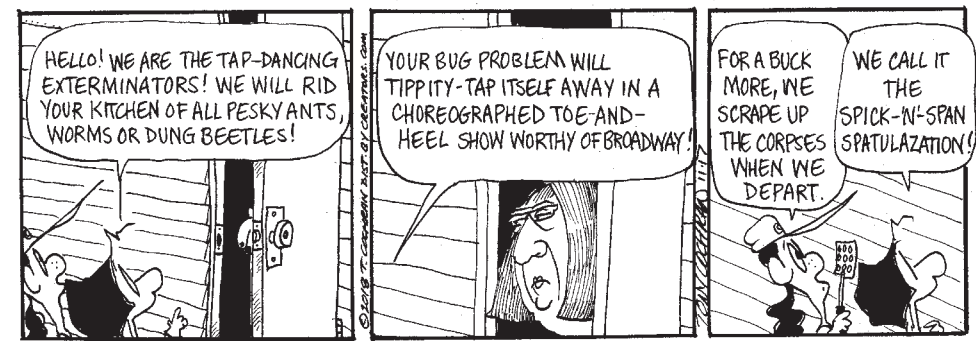
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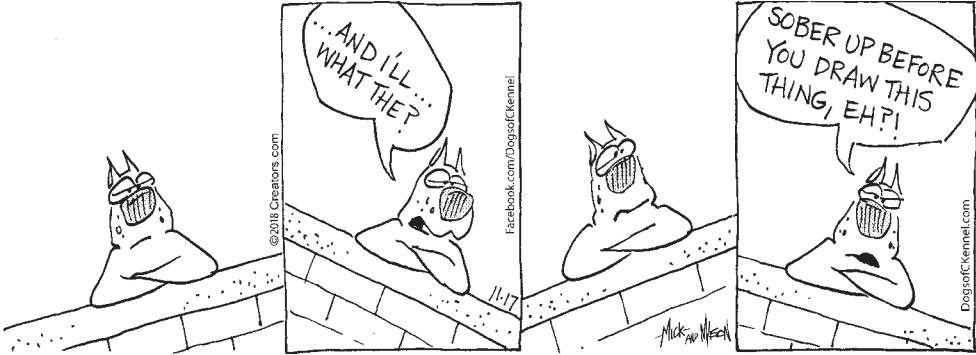
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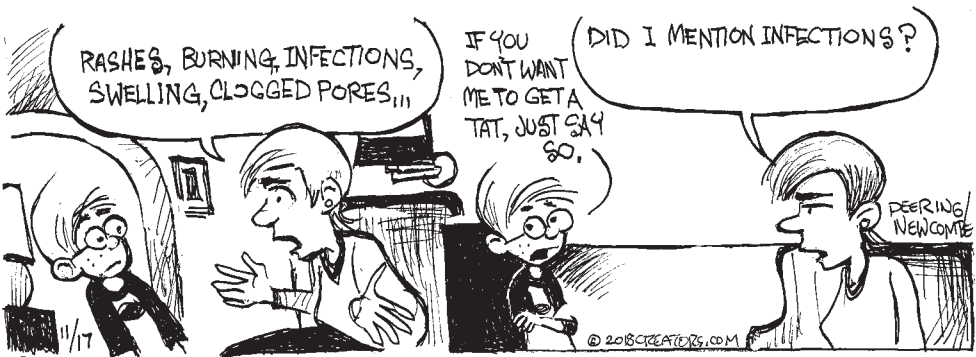
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NMS

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lawsuit over the buyout. The judge gave AEW full control of the properties and the hedge fund quickly sold them to San Francisco developer SPI Holdings for about \$430 million. SPI is owned in part by Dennis Wong a part-owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Shekhter appealed the ruling, but the properties were held in escrow while the case progressed. The courts ruled against Shekhter in his final appeal in September of last year and on Nov. 15, a judge formally ruled that SPI could take possession of the buildings.

"SPI has waited patiently for this legal process to play out," said Elliot Peters, a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Kecker, Van Nest & Peters, which represented Wong's SPI Holdings. "The misconduct of NMS has been confirmed. SPI is now the unquestioned owner of these terrific properties."

AEW is represented by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and the firm said the courts have consistently found in favor of AEW throughout the process.

"We are obviously pleased with today's ruling, which recognizes the reality that NMS' challenge to the sale is barred by the Lincoln Studios judgment against NMS," said Partner James Fogelman. "AEW will now vigorously pursue its claims against NMS and its affiliates for their fraudulent misconduct."

Wong said he's glad the process is coming to a close.

"I am thrilled that Judge Rosenberg has put an end to the baseless litigation

against us," Wong said. "These are premier properties and we look forward to taking control of them and delivering an outstanding residential experience, which our tenants expect and deserve."

Sasha Frid, with Miller/Barondess LLP, is representing Shekhter in the case and downplayed the significance of the recent ruling.

"With respect to the November 15 decision in the Wong case by Judge Rosenberg, the ruling merely allows for a change in management of these properties," he said. "It does not affect, in any way, the very serious claims for fraud and rescission, and for recovery of compensatory and punitive damages, that our clients are pursuing against AEW and the so-called new buyer of these properties."

Frid said they have amended their complaint to include a fraud charge against AEW.

According to Frid, Shekhter included five of his personal properties in the joint venture with promises from AEW that he would be able to buy them out of the deal. Frid said AEW had no intention of allowing Shekhter out of the joint venture and their refusal to honor the terms of the contract is the basis for the fraud claim. They are seeking the return of the original five properties.

Attorneys for AEW say the fraud claim has no merit and it's just a legal tactic to prolong the final decision.

AEW has filed a separate action against NMS and its affiliates in federal court alleging violations of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO).

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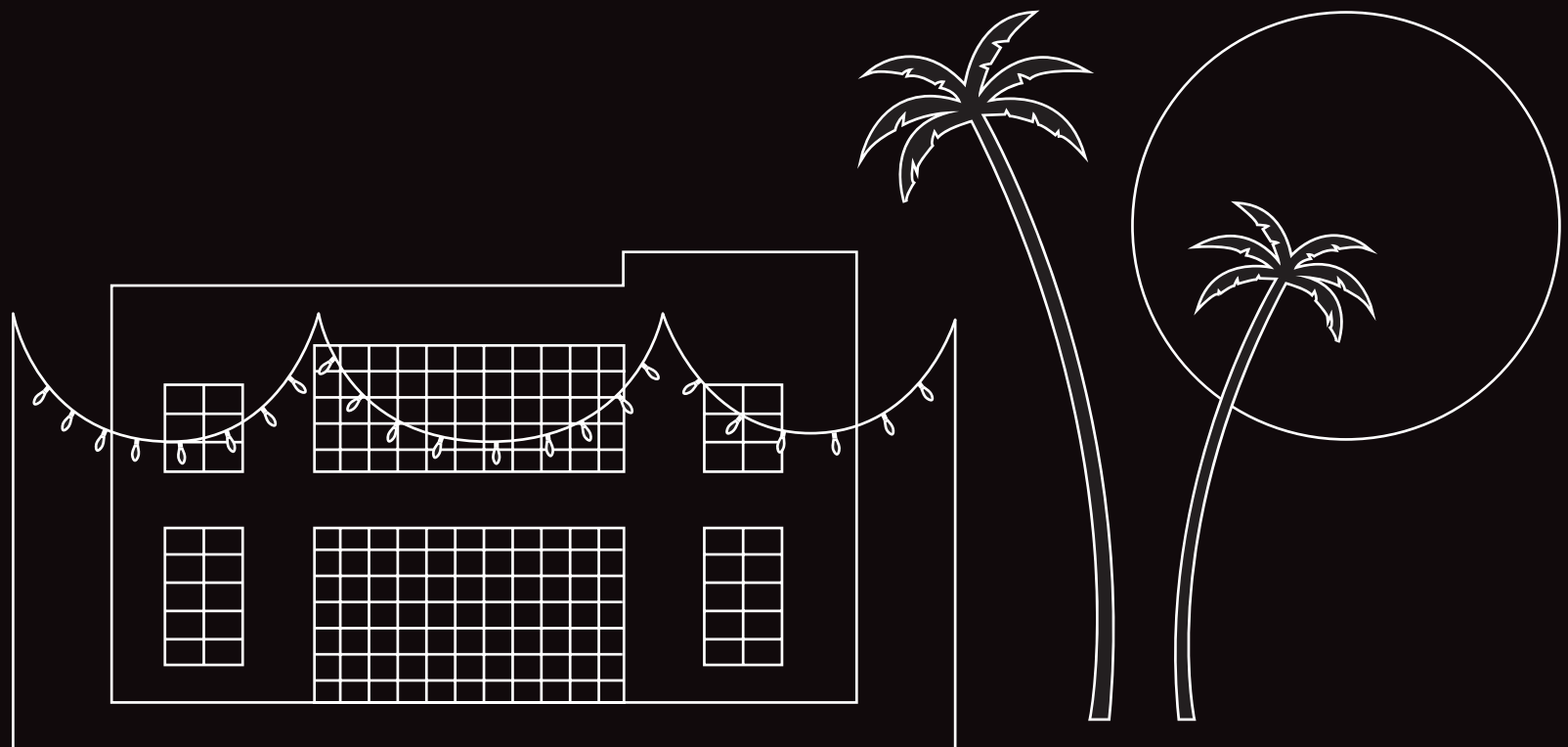


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