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Gerry Hall

STATUE: A new sculpture has been installed at the former Savings and Loan building (26th and Wilshire). See Page 4 for more information.

Study claims stricter housing demands could deter production

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Requiring developers to deed-restrict a larger share of new housing for low- and moderate-income households would bring development to a halt unless the city of Santa Monica allowed taller and denser buildings along commercial boulevards and around Bergamot Station, according to a recent report.

On Wednesday, the Planning Commission will discuss a study the city commissioned from HR&A Advisors, Inc. on the feasibility of changing the city's affordable housing requirements to incorporate a wider range of income levels. The study found that it would be cost-prohibitive for developers to set aside 20% of new units for a mix of

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New York joins states suing e-cigarette maker Juul

VERENA DOBNIK
Associated Press

New York has joined the ranks of states suing the nation's biggest e-cigarette maker, Juul Labs Inc., saying the company used deceptive marketing practices to reel in young users.

Attorney General Letitia James announced the lawsuit Tuesday against San Francisco-based Juul Labs Inc. It alleges the company contributed to a youth vaping epidemic using misleading sales tactics on popular social media sites. The suit also alleges that Juul advertising touted e-cigarettes, which contain nicotine, as a safer alternative to traditional cigarettes.

In a written statement, Juul Labs said it had yet to review the lawsuit.

"We remain focused on resetting the vapor category in the U.S. and earning the trust of society by working cooperatively with attorneys general, regulators, public health officials, and other stakeholders to combat underage use and convert adult smokers from combustible cigarettes," it said.

The company previously ended the U.S. advertising campaigns and shut down the social media accounts that are the subject of the lawsuit. It also stopped selling most flavors of its e-cigarettes after complaints that they were aimed at attracting young users, not just smokers looking for an alternative to cigarettes.

California sued the company on Monday and North Carolina in May. Illinois, Massachusetts and several other states are also investigating Juul, which James said represents 70% of the e-cigarette market.

In the latest government survey, one in four high school students reported using e-cigarettes the previous month, despite federal law banning sales to those under 18.

"Juul basically took a page from Big Tobacco's playbook," James, New York state's highest-ranking law enforcement officer, told a news conference at her Manhattan office.

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SMC details lessons of Getty Fire

MARTHA RAMIREZ
SMC Corsair / SMDP Staff Writer

SMC campus police chief Johnnie Adams was in the hot seat this month when SMC officials asked him to explain the initial decision to keep the school open during the Oct. 28 Getty Fire.

The Getty Fire broke out in the early hours of the morning on Monday, Oct. 28 near the Getty Center and the proximity of the wildfire to Santa Monica led all schools in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to close for the day. However, SMC initially remained open, with school officials sending out notices via email, phone, and text informing students that classes would continue as normal.

An official statement released on Twitter read, "For most, SMC remains accessible. Current air

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

RFP: # 247 CREATION OF PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT DATABASE
• Submission Deadline is December 16, 2019 at 3:00 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.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Memorial Park Expansion
SP2509

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30pm** on December 9, 2019, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

OPTIONAL PRE-BID JOB WALK: November 25, 2019

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $25,000,000

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a Class B license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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Wednesday, Nov. 20

Special Meeting Planning Commission
Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Till Death Us Do Part
The author of Helter Skelter reconstructs two murders from the mid-1960s, taking readers deep inside the facts of the case, and the mind of the jury—all the while exposing the marvelous intricacies of the criminal justice system in America. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Party Pajama Storytime!
Wear PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and get ready for a fun Party-themed storytime. For Families. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 21

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting
The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Movie: Amazing Grace (2018)
In 1972, director Sydney Pollack filmed two intimate Aretha Franklin concerts with L.A.'s New Bethel Baptist Choir, which were recorded and eventually released as the best-selling gospel album ever, Amazing Grace. Due to his lack of experience in documentary filmmaking, Pollack failed to create what is known as a click track to synch the live music to the film, and thus the film was pulled from release. Thanks to modern technology, the film has been rescued from the vaults and synchronized beautifully, (film runtime: 116 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

College Application & Personal Statement Workshop
Get free one-on-one assistance with your college application and your UC personal insight questions by attending this workshop series. Laptops provided or bring your own. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park, and Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling. Pico Branch Library, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Friday Nov. 22

Music and Movement Celebrates 50 Years of Sesame Street
Join organizers for this very special edition of our new Music and Movement story time series, where we'll be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Sesame Street. This party for Big Bird, Elmo, Cookie Monster, Grover and the whole gang will feature puppets, songs, dancing, games, and free giveaway prizes to the first 50 children to arrive. Space is limited. For ages 18 months-5 years. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Holiday Open House and New Members Welcome
Featuring Holiday Tree Decorating and Holiday Card Making to donate to local organizations including Upward Bound House, VA, UCLA Children's Hospital and Step Up on Second. All supplies provided. Free. 6:30 p.m. at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 Fourth Street.

Oral Care Hygiene Cleaning day
Burst Oral Care will partner with dentist Dr. Wade Banner to provide a free hygiene check up for the kids of the Santa Monica Boys and Girls club from 3 - 6 p.m. Call (310) 394-2582 for more information.

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California halts fracking permits in oil producer crackdown

ADAM BEAM
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom cracked down on oil producers Tuesday, halting approval of hundreds of fracking permits until independent scientists can review them and temporarily banning another drilling method that regulators believe is linked to one of the largest spills in state history.

The state Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources announced it will not approve new wells that use high-pressure steam to extract oil from underground. It's the type of process Chevron uses at an oil field in the Central Valley that leaked more than 1.3 million gallons of oil and water this summer.

That process is different from fracking, which uses water and other chemicals at high pressure to extract oil. California has 263 pending fracking permits but has not approved any of them since July. That's when Newsom fired California's top oil and gas regulator after learning the state had increased fracking permits by 35% since he took office in January, angering environmental groups.

Newsom, a Democrat, called the crackdown necessary to strengthen the state's oversight of oil and gas extraction "as we phase out our dependence on fossil fuels and focus on clean energy sources."

"This transition cannot happen overnight; it must advance in a deliberate way to protect people, our environment and our economy," Newsom said.

California has been a leader on environmental issues, with Newsom's Democratic predecessor, Jerry Brown, making climate change his signature effort. Brown was criticized for failing to ban fracking or oil drilling, arguing that the state needed to tackle demand before moving on to supply.

The oil industry called Newsom's changes "disappointing," with the Western States Petroleum Association saying California's environmental regulations already lead the world.

"Every barrel delayed or not produced in this state will only increase imports from more costly foreign sources that do not share our environmental safety standards," group president Catherine Reheis-Boyd.

California is one of the top five states for oil production, producing more than 161 million barrels last year. Fracking occurs in some of the state's largest oil fields, mostly in the Central Valley.

The steam method is less prevalent but accounted for 8 million barrels of the state's oil production in 2018, according to the Department of Conservation. But regulators believe it is linked to the oil spill at a Chevron well that began in May.

It was the largest oil spill in California since 1990, when a tanker unleashed more than 400,000 gallons of crude oil off the coast of Huntington Beach.

But despite its size, the Chevron spill has had minimal effects on the environment.

The oil spilled into a dry creek bed, and the company cleaned it up before rains could wash it into fresh water. It also did not significantly harm wildlife, with just a "handful of birds" needing to be euthanized, according to Jason Marshall, chief deputy director of the California Department of Conservation.

A second well at the oil field about 35 miles west of Bakersfield has been leaking intermittently since 2003. State officials ordered Chevron to stop the leak in April, and the company has been making progress, Marshall said.

Regulators have fined the energy giant $2.7 million for the leaks. A Chevron spokeswoman referred comment to the Western States Petroleum Association, whose leader said, "There is nothing more important than the health and safety of the communities where the women and men of our industry work, live and raise their families."

The moratorium will be in place while two national laboratories — Lawrence Livermore and Sandia — study the high-pressure steam process to see what regulations, if any, can make it safer. Other wells in California use the steam method and have not had any spills.

"These oil leaks cannot be the cost of doing business," California Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot said. "There needs to be a clear trajectory to eliminate them. Not reduce them in number, but fully eliminate them."

The moratorium will not affect existing wells, which will be assessed individually. Some existing wells have been using high-pressure steam for so long that stopping it could weaken the geology and cause more spills, Crowfoot said.

Officials said they would seek an independent audit of California's permitting process for fracking and other types of oil extraction.

In July, advocacy groups Consumer Watchdog and FracTracker revealed the state's fracking permits had doubled during the first six months of Newsom's administration. The groups said that of those permits, 45% benefited companies where state officials owned stock.

Jamie Court, president of Consumer Watchdog, called Newsom's new orders "an important step toward reining in the most high risk extraction techniques."

"The ultimate test of his tenure for climate change and the public will be simple math about how many fewer permits are issued and how many existing wells are closed," Court said. "Net zero wells should be his goal."

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

3030 Nebraska Avenue, Development Review Permit 16ENT-0117. Development Review Permit to allow a new three and four-story, 36-foot high, mixed-use development within the Mixed Use Creative District of the Bergamot Area Plan. The project includes 183 residential units, approximately 8,473 SF of ground floor commercial space, two subterranean levels of creative office space and residential amenities, three-levels of subterranean parking designed to accommodate 395 parking spaces, and 284 bicycle parking spaces located throughout the site. [Planner: Grace page] **APPLICANT: Michael W. Folonis Architects. PROPERTY OWNER: 3030 Nebraska NMS, LLC.**

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 at 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or to provide comments, please contact City Planning at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at planning@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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

ESPAÑOL
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Letter To The Editor

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

How naive

RE: BREEZE COULD GO DOCKLESS (11-18-19)
Editor:

And all this time we've been thinking City Council would see the wisdom of requiring designated docking for ALL rented scooters and bikes — along with hefty penalties for violators. Such a logical pedestrian and resident friendly solution to the problem of bikes and scooters left in dangerous awkward places — how naive of us! Perhaps a massive class action lawsuit, protests and recall petitions will get their attention. Anyone interested?

Francine Medeiros and Patrick Allaway Santa Monica

E-CIGARETTE

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The lawsuit was filed in state court in Manhattan. It requires Juul to stop targeting minors and pay fines for various alleged violations.

The suit comes as health officials have been investigating deaths and illnesses tied to some vaping products. Most who got sick said they vaped products containing THC, the high-inducing ingredient in marijuana. Officials believe a thickening agent used in black-market THC vaping products appears to be a culprit.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 42 deaths linked to vaping and 2,172 injuries, according to the federal agency's latest count.

Juul's products contain nicotine, not THC, but politicians have used the illnesses and deaths to hammer all e-cigarette makers.

James said the death of a 17-year-old boy in the Bronx, linked to vaping, spurred her to file the lawsuit.

"As a result of all of their advertising, a significant number of young people thought that e-cigarettes were safe," James said.

She said other companies that produce e-cigarettes may be targeted in the future.

"All individuals who are responsible for the destruction that has been caused in the state of New York, you can be assured this office will pursue those individuals and not be limited to any one particular company," James said.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued a statement saying that "it is undeniable that the vaping industry is using flavored e-cigarettes to get young people hooked on potentially dangerous and deadly products, and the predatory marketing practices used by these companies have no place in New York."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

26th and Wilshire

Art installation confronts homeless crisis

The statue, titled "In The Image" is by Ed Massey and the accompanying description says the Image is a portrait of a homeless man Massey encountered 20 years ago.

"Good people – progressive to conservative, secular to religious – are confronted by the issue everyday," says part of the description. "Yet, few know the stories of the homeless with whom we come in contact. What don't we know of those we pass without a glance? What could be their potential contributions? What does the sculpture evoke or say about us?"

The Millard Sheets mural that used to sit on the front of the building was removed this year after the building lost its status as a landmark. While City Hall did designate the property and art as a landmark in 2017 the property owners filed a lawsuit. City Council settled the case in 2018 with an agreement that revoked the landmarking of the property and allowed the owner to move the mural off-site.

According to the description, the new work was originally planned as a piece of public art.

"The In the Image work was always intended for the public realm, so viewers and passersby could contemplate their views and elevate their discourse on the issue – one that has now come to affect us all where we work and live," it said.

SMDP STAFF

NEW YORK

Uber's chief product officer is latest executive to exit

Another senior executive is leaving Uber as the company struggles to turn a profit.

A company spokesman says Chief Product Officer Manik Gupta is stepping down after four years with the company.

San Francisco-based Uber says Gupta was the driving force behind some of its most ambitious products, including Uber Rewards and the company's push to offer more than just rides.

Uber lost its chief operating officer and chief marketing officer in June, less than a month after its rocky stock market debut.

It has laid off about 1,185 employees since the May initial public offering.

Gupta previously ran Uber's maps and marketplace product teams. He says he plans to spend more time with family.

For now, all employees who reported to Gupta will report directly to CEO Dara Khosrowshahi.

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Safety agency says distracted driver caused fatal Uber crash

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

The National Transportation Safety Board on Tuesday condemned the lack of state and federal regulation for testing autonomous vehicles before finding that a distracted human safety driver was the main cause of a fatal 2018 Arizona crash involving an Uber vehicle.

The board criticized the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government's road safety agency, for failing to take a leadership role in regulating tests on public roads. But it also said states need to adopt regulations of their own.

"In my opinion they've put technology advancement here before saving lives," NTSB member Jennifer Homendy said of NHTSA, after NTSB staff members called self-regulation inadequate.

NHTSA has issued voluntary guidelines including safety assessment reports from autonomous vehicle companies, but only 16 have filed such reports, the NTSB said. Yet there are 62 companies with permits to do testing in California. The agency has instead avoided regulations in favor of allowing the technology to move forward because it has tremendous life-saving potential.

NTSB staffers told the board that NHTSA has no mechanism to evaluate the companies' safety reports, and since they aren't mandatory, few are submitting them.

At a meeting Tuesday the board recommended that NHTSA require companies to turn in the reports and set up a process for evaluating them. NHTSA should make sure the companies have proper safeguards in place. Those include making sure that companies show that they are monitoring vehicle operators to ensure they are paying attention during the tests, the NTSB said.

In a statement, NHTSA said it welcomes the NTSB report "and will carefully review it and accompanying recommendations."

NHTSA said its investigation into the Tempe crash, which killed a pedestrian, is ongoing and a report will be made public when it's finished.

The NTSB also recommended that states, including Arizona, require autonomous-vehicle companies turn in applications to test vehicles on public roads that at a minimum require a plan to manage risk and operator inattentiveness. The plans also should set countermeasures to prevent crashes or mitigate their severity.

NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt said during the hearing that Uber had an ineffective safety culture before the March 2018 crash on a darkened street in Tempe that killed Elaine Herzberg, 49.

Sumwalt said Uber didn't continually monitor its operations and it had deactivated its Volvo SUV's automatic emergency braking system. Uber's own system also didn't have the ability to brake automatically, relying on a human backup driver to do the braking.

He said all companies that test autonomous vehicles on public roads need to study the crash to prevent future accidents.

The lessons from the crash don't just apply to Uber's Advanced Technologies Group "and they're not limited to 'something went wrong and now it's fixed,'" he said. "Something went wrong, and something else might go wrong unless it's prevented."

The Uber system detected Herzberg 5.6 seconds before the crash. But it but failed to determine whether she was a bicyclist, pedestrian or unknown object, or that she was headed into the vehicle's path, the NTSB said. The system also did not include a provision for detecting jaywalking pedestrians, the agency said.

Instead, Uber relied on a human operator to pay attention and stop the vehicle to avoid a crash. But the company's driver was streaming a television show on a cell phone and looking down just before the crash. The NTSB said Uber had cameras monitoring the drivers, but it didn't do spot checks to make sure they were paying attention.

It said Uber cooperated in the investigation, listened to criticism and has made many safety improvements since the crash, including activating the braking systems, better training of human backup drivers, adding a second driver and hiring a safety director.

Herzberg was impaired by methamphetamines at the time of the crash and crossed a road in the dark away from an intersection, according to the NTSB staff.



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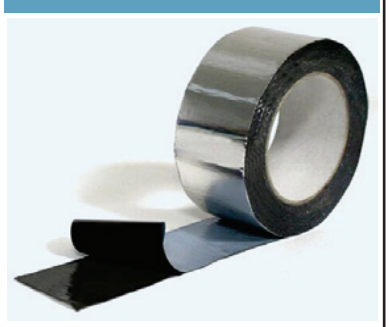
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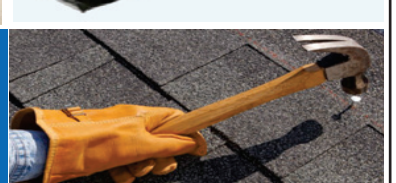
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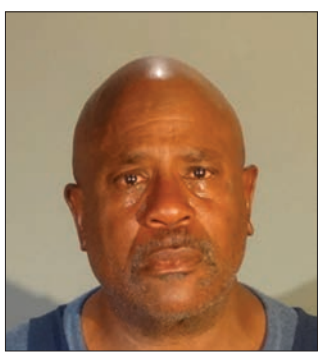


CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON NOVEMBER 4, AT 6:47 P.M.

Officers observed a male riding his bike on the sidewalk in the 300 block of Broadway. Officers activated their lights to conduct a traffic stop on the bicyclist for the municipal code violation when they noticed he removed an item from his front pant pocket and threw it into the street. Officers could hear the sound of glass breaking. Officers observed the discarded item to be a broken cylindrical pipe used to smoke narcotics. The suspect was on probation for property theft. He was taken into custody without incident. Kenton Nathaniel Brown, 57, Los Angeles, was arrested for destroying evidence, riding bike on sidewalk and a bike operated during darkness without front facing white light. Bail was set at $500.



File photo
KENTON NATHANIEL BROWN

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA police fatally shoot knife-wielding man

Authorities say police fatally shot a man who was wielding a knife south of downtown Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Police Department says Tuesday on Twitter that the shirtless man confronted a citizen in the Newton section of the city, "causing that citizen to run away in fear."

Police say they "made contact" with the man, who was not immediately identified. It was not immediately clear how police approached the man, how many officers fired at him or how many times he was struck.

Authorities say they were notified of the armed man around 8 a.m. and several officers and detectives responded. The knife was recovered, and the officers were not hurt.

A police spokeswoman did not have additional information.

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Wellbeing Is A Scooter?



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DANGEROUS: A friend of the author was injured when she fell over a parked scooter.

JACK NEWORTH

Wouldn't be caught dead writing about more than one topic in his "Laughing Matters" column, which has appeared in the Santa Monica Daily Press for more than 13 years.

I've always done it. Why not? There are a thousand things to write about and only one shot per week. Plenty of highly respected columnists do it.

But some of my readers get confused when I do. Even though I signal what's to come by the boldface lead-in paragraph marker. I love my confused readers, because without them who do I have? — but it's cruel to further confuse the already-confused.

So from now on, until I can think of something better, I will signal a new topic with the words, "New Topic."

NEW TOPIC: WELLBEING SUMMIT

People asked me last week if I was going. All the talk, the promotion, the excitement! With no desire to emit negative vibes in positivity-drenched Santa Monica, I responded, at the risk of seeming like a doom merchant with his cynical mind made up — no.

We all know the story of the boy who cried wolf. So let's just say that I have been to one too many forums put on by our City leaders for some grand purpose of gathering public opinion, to not believe that all such get togethers are suspect and a waste of time.

Determine public opinion and priorities? No, the agenda is to shape it. Very expensive consultants are hired to "moderate" but in fact what they do is steer the conversation and conclusions, ignoring or even shutting down any spoken notions that don't fit the back room agreed-upon narrative.

YOU WANT WELLBEING

For Santa Monicans? Worry less about the smaller steps and programs until your master plan addresses the root causes. Stop overdeveloping this already dense beach town into Century City West because that just makes all those problems much worse.

Stop trying to manage traffic until you stop building more offices, retail and housing that add to it. Drop the ridiculous notion that building next to transit will magically get everyone out of their cars. When LA and Santa Monica have something even approaching a real mass transit system, then we can talk. You don't buy a doghouse because you hope to someday maybe have a dog.

Perplexed by our unconscionable new crime rates? Plenty of studies show that urban densification is a big factor.

Concerned about making our precious water supply last? Have a realistic assessment of what all the new developments will use, combined, instead of telling us that installing low flush toilets at that new 350-unit building will mean no more water use than the one-story business it's replacing. Right. STOP BUILDING, ALREADY.

NEW TOPIC: A TOUCHING NOTE

Support for the Muir Woods mural has flowed in steadily since my column revealing its planned destruction appeared in March of 2014. Of all the messages received from literally all over the world, an email I got a few days ago from a student really touched me, and showed how much this wall art at a busy intersection means to so many people even beyond our borders. It was from a 17-year-old student at a Santa Monica high school, who lives in Venice.

"On my way to and from school I always see the painted forest mural on Ocean Park and Lincoln. I believe that the mural should stay and should not be painted over because it is a reminder of my community and many others.

"I am a firm believer that every community has a unique trait and ours in Venice is that beautiful mural. I am a nature enthusiast and I absolutely love the outdoors. The mural is a constant reminder every morning to appreciate the trees, air and life I have in Venice. Without this mural, I would be devastated and would lose that outdoor vibe I am so privileged to see and I am sure many of my community members would feel the same.

"Thank you for all your support and love in saving the mural."

It reminded me that I made a silent promise to my then-college age daughter that

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 20)

You'll direct your powerful imagination well, turning hopeful visions into realities that benefit many. You'll lead a group, assigning tasks that keep everyone productive and on purpose. Love is the main event of 2020. The effort you apply to projects will pay off financially. June brings a decision in your favor. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 21, 13, 8 and 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll find yourself in a position to give an impromptu speech or pitch. Your quick wit, good manners and some training you picked up along the way will come to your aid. You'll impress!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The curtain opens on a new venture. Go cautiously forward. Destiny will be cast in early stage decisions. At the very least, you'll be setting a tone for future involvement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you know your reasons, the next move will be rather obvious. When you don't know your reasons, do some brainstorming in a notebook. Your pen will reveal to you the secrets of your heart and mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be given a stage and an audience that feels safe to you. You're free to express ideas in a more concentrated, imaginative and colorful way than before.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It will not be enough to do a thing one time. Repetition will bring you new insights, ideas and meanings. It will be a good seven to 10 repetitions before you start to see benefits and revelations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's a day to share. Don't be shy. Speak up with your suggestions. Give others a chance to show you why their ideas are better or to see the merit of your ideas and make revisions accordingly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Strong, clear motives will drive you. People can tell what you want and why. You'll come across as understandable and likeable. If they can help, they will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day requires you to deal more than the usual amount in emotional weather. You'll interpret faces and moods quite well and do justice to the poetic potential inside of a moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What could be interpreted as a rejection could also be interpreted as inopportune timing – or opportune timing, all proverbial bullets dodged. Much boils down to how two people's needs and wants align.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It doesn't matter if the work will be received by a top client, a shaky prospect, an enemy or no one at all. Your sense of responsibility dictates that you do the job right no matter who will be on the receiving end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are comfortable with intimacy and will derive a great deal of pleasure and strength from being around your close friends today. Also, it will be easy for you to get to know new people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're so quick to volunteer, it's as though your hand is metal and the ceiling is a magnet. Just don't take on too much. Limit yourself to one or two projects at a time.

The Forward March of Mercury

The Mercury retrograde ends today. A few lingering effects are to be expected – an abandoned obligation here, an unanswered phone call there – but things will soon resume their typical momentum. It's safe to make plans, put money down for the deposit, send the letter, sign the contract, return the favor and generally keep on keeping on.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

THREE KINDS OF LOVE: (part 3 of 4) The brand of love that the ancient Greeks referred to as "philia" refers to the friendships, brotherhoods and sisterhoods that makes the world go 'round. It's an affection and respect that builds trust throughout society and makes for excellent teams of all sorts from families to companies to armies. This sort of love was often assessed by three qualities: utility, pleasantness and goodness. Relationships that are useful are certainly easy to appreciate as daily life flows through them. If that utility can be executed in a manner that produces pleasant feelings while aligning with our values, then all three categories have been fulfilled for philia to thrive. It's notable that rules of phila are similar to the rules of rapport. Rapport is said to be built with people we know, like and trust. If there is one sort of love at the heart of the human network, arguably philia is an obvious choice. It is possible for daily life to roll along without the fever of eros or the grace of agape, but it would be a bleak existence indeed without the heartening stability of philia.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

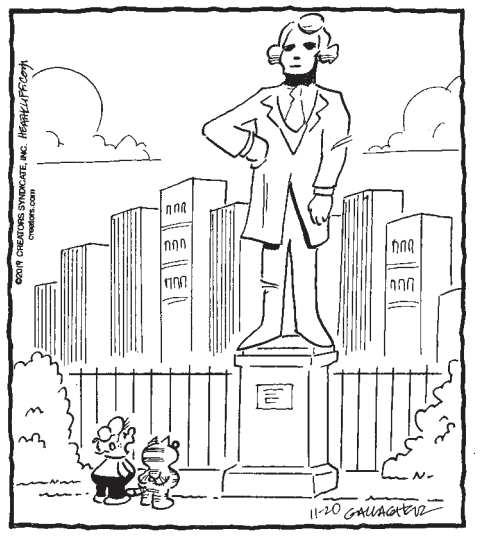
Astronomer Edwin Hubble opened minds to the vast and complex nature of the universe. The observations of this star-visionary were key in the advancement of 20th-century cosmology. Three strong Scorpio influences run through the scientist's astrological chart. Though he was a man of logic, it could be that his studies confirmed a deeper intuition about the nature of the universe. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Simony
Noun [sahy-muh-nee, sim-uh-]
The making of profit out of sacred things..

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"THEY SAY HE INVENTED GARBAGE NIGHT."

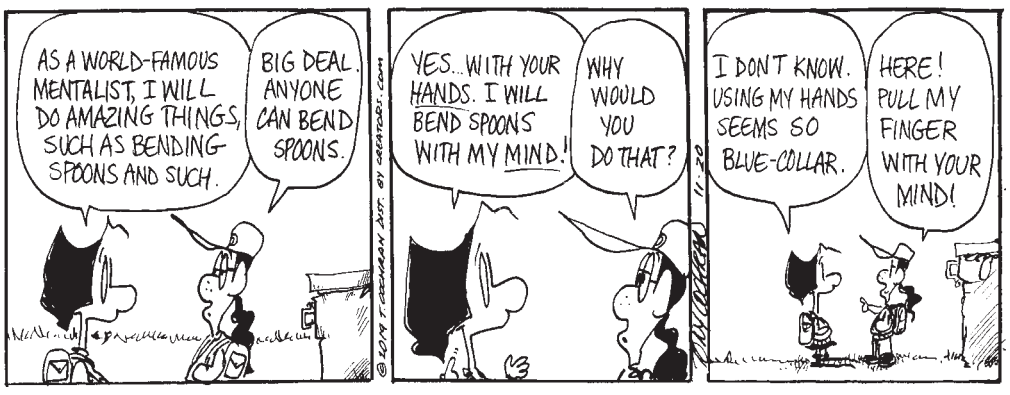
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MEGA MILLIONS calottery
Draw Date: 11/15
12 19 34 35 68
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 192 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 11/16
10 22 40 41 43
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 11/18
1 4 5 28 32

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 11/19
Midday: 5 8 2
Draw Date: 11/18
Evening: 6 9 8

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 11/17
1st: 3 - HOT SHOT
2nd: 7 - EUREKA
3rd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
RACE TIME: 1:41.84

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.5°

WEDNESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+waist to stomach high
Lingering SSW swell. Rise in WNW swell-mix. Winds/conditions look dicey but there may be a window in the PM for south facing spots.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
WNW swell-mix holds early. Small SSW swell. Watching for improving winds.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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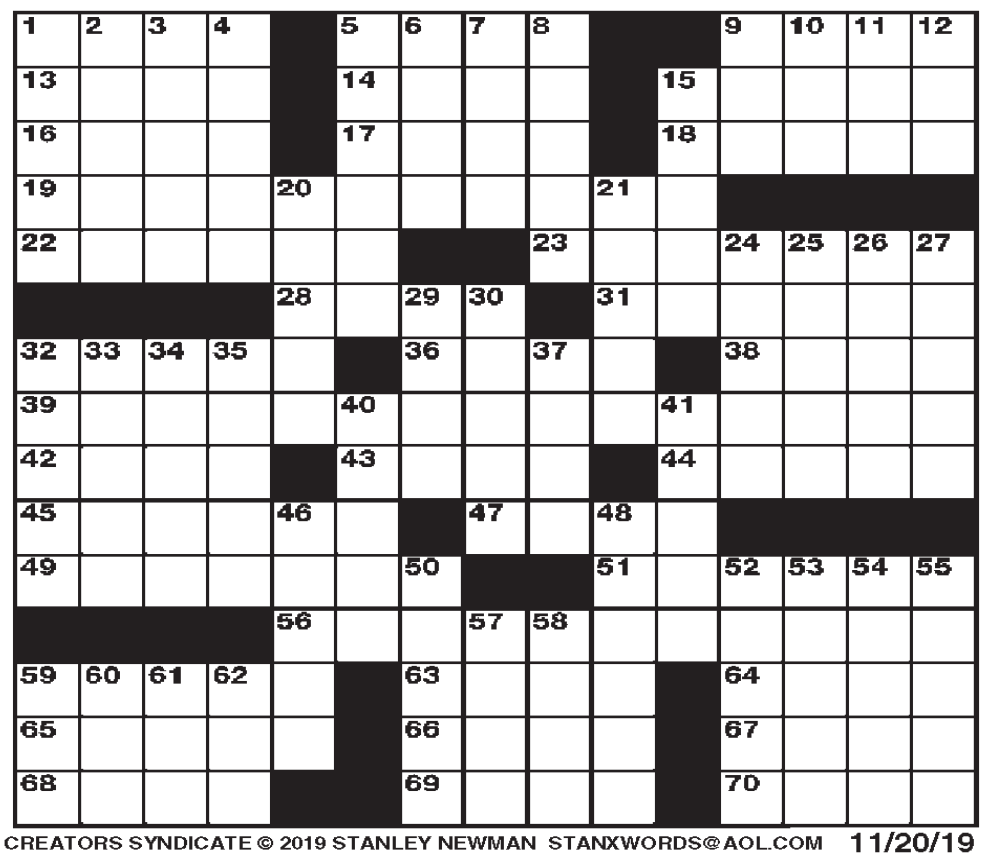
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Newsday Crossword

CHOICE WORDS by Carolyn Stewart
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Football arbiters
5 Ones easily fooled
9 Huck Finn's transport
13 ". . . one small step for ___ . . ."
14 Was sure of
15 Trial's site
16 ___ Lee cakes
17 Volcano of Sicily
18 More than required
19 Cash in at the track
22 Part of a jacket
23 "Inner" private retreat
28 Makes a blunder
31 Tranquil
32 State trooper's device
36 Natural skin balm
38 Leave the premises
39 What poll voters do
42 Canoe or kayak
43 Landlords' income
44 Funnel shapes
45 Infuriate
47 Reusable bag
49 Sessions with a teacher
51 Baby bottle measures
56 Get married
59 Improvise one's words
63 Large coffee dispensers
64 Caesar's rebuke
65 With lots of lather
66 Bit of film dialogue
67 Untrue stories
68 Part-time worker
69 Heavy metal
70 Gets it

DOWN
1 Speaks hoarsely
2 Some cellphone messages
3 Absurd comedy
4 Cobra or python
5 Barbecue rod
6 "Opposed" prefix
7 Ivy school in Philly
8 Graceful waterbirds
9 T. ___ (*Jurassic Park* beast)
10 Hill-building insect
11 Cat's coat
12 Beverage brewed from bags
15 Sci-fi pioneer Jules
20 Keep from happening
21 Slackened off
24 Brief statement of belief
25 Galvestonian, for one
26 Bring together
27 Parcels (out)
29 Tour de France, for instance
30 Journalistic angle
32 Nonconformist
33 Unrivaled
34 Beloved folks
35 Have the role of
37 Not fooled by
40 Sports event site
41 Become frozen, as a windshield
46 Barely made ends meet
48 Threw out
50 Pirate flag symbol
52 Christmas seasons
53 Adorable tot
54 Lauder of lipstick
55 *Green Eggs and Ham* author
57 Lake near Niagara Falls
58 *Frozen* princess
59 Toward the back of a boat
60 Fawn's mother
61 On the ___ (fleeing)
62 Unruly child



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FIRE

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quality is not in the unhealthy range. As long as the college is accessible & air quality does not present a health risk, normal operations continue."

The decision drew outcry from students, many of whom voiced their frustration on social media.

"The air outside is almost unbreathable. Shame on you, SMC," Ciara Morgan wrote. She later added, "Just close the school! So many students will be unable to make it to class. You're robbing those people of their education."

Other students posted images of their mobile devices, which showed the weather condition as smoky, rather than the usual rainy, cloudy, sunny, or windy.

Dr. Zab Mosenifar, a lung specialist who also serves as executive chair of the Department of Medicine at Cedar-Sinai, said, "Even if you cannot see the smoke and particles, be aware that they are still there and still harmful."

"Small particles in the air can travel hundreds of miles. While the immediate danger is within a 25-mile radius of a fire — depending on the winds — particles travel and float in the air for up to two weeks after the fire is out ...When inhaled, smoke and small particles — which consist of water vapor, carbon monoxide and ash — can cause both short-term and long-term damage to the airways and lungs," Mosenifar added. The distance between the Getty Center and SMC's main campus is approximately nine miles.

"So on this fire like any disaster that occurs or natural disaster, we're always learning. And I think that's the important thing, you know, we had lessons learned and we debriefed some of the things internally on how to deal with things," Chief Adams said.

The decision to cancel classes is not made unilaterally. According to Grace Smith, SMC's Public Information Officer, "the decision to close campus is made by members of senior staff — the Superintendent/President or her designee with the counsel of Chief Adams and others under his leadership who are monitoring the situation actively."

Chief Adams explained the process that goes into monitoring conditions during disasters. "Usually enough, I'll get up around three o'clock in the morning and start looking at the news so that we can get the information to Dr. Jeffery and the rest of the team by 4:30, so that we can make a decision by 5:30, six o'clock," Adams said, "which is very important because we know that a lot of people are travelling around."

Adams also provided a brief overview of the metrics that the school uses to decide whether or not campus should close.

"We've now worked with looking at air quality, we've looked at wind speed, wind direction because that's very important on which way the wind will go and depending on the projections of that, how we look at things within the college," Adams said.

Shortly after 9 a.m., SMC sent out another round of notices, this time informing students that campus would indeed close for the day. At the time, many students were already on campus.

Trustee Barry Snell pressed Chief Adams on his knowledge of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's decision to close their schools hours earlier and that many SMC students had to travel from much further out.

"We also looked at that as well," Adams said. "When the 405 closed, that was another indicator that we had to look at things, we also look at the 5." In addition, Adams said that he is now following CHP and LADOT on Twitter to stay up to date on road closures that may affect students.

Chief Adams stressed that this was a learning experience.

"We learnt from that that it was very important to communicate not only with the City of Santa Monica and the Unified so that we could stay consistent in our message to everybody because when one institution closes down it does affect the others," he said.

"I think on this incident itself we learned a lot," Adams said, "and I thought that we made some good decisions as well."

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Petitioner (Employer)
Case Number: BS161232
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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
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Name: Paychex, Inc.
Lawyer for Petitioner (if any for this case);
Name: Tuan V. Uong State Bar No.: 272447
Firm Name: Reed Smith, LLP
Address: 355 S Grand Ave Los Angeles, CA 90071
Telephone: 213-457-8000
Employee: (Protected Person)
Full Name: Karendeep Uppal, et al
Address: N/A
Respondent (Restrained Person)
Full Name: Millind Thacker
Address: N/A
Court Hearing
The judge has set a court hearing date.
The current restraining order stays in effect until the end of the hearing.
Hearing Date: 12/17/19 at 8:30 a.m. Dept ST-2C Room: 243
At the hearing, the judge can renew the current restraining order for up to another three years. You must continue to obey the current restraining order until the hearing. At the hearing you can tell the judge if you do not want the order against you renewed. If the retraining order is renewed, you must obey the order even if you do not attend the hearing.
If you wish to make a written response to request to renew the restraining order, you may fill out form WV-720, Response to Request or Renew Restraining Order. File the original with the court before the hearing and have someone age 18 or older -not you- mail a copy of it to the petitioner's attorney at the address above at least 5 days before the hearing. Also, file form EV-250, Proof of Service of Response by Mail, with the court before the hearing.

Probate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: Shirley Ann Dixion
CASE NUMBER: 19STPB09292
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Shirley Ann Dixion.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Luke D. Dixion in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
The Petition for Probate requests Luke D. Dixion be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 11/15/19, Time: 8:30 a.m Dept.99. Room - Address of Court: 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
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Attorney for Petitioner: Zakeya L Brookins, ESQ 3314 W. Manchester Inglewood, CA 90306
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Emergency Medical Service 1200blk Michigan Ave 1:21 a.m.
Automatic alarm 500blk Euclid St 3:26 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 2nd St 4:15 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 6th St 5:30 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:55 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1200blk 16th St 7:04 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 7:06 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 7:12 a.m.
EMS 1700blk 18th St 8:02 a.m.
Flooded condition 800blk 14th St 9:29 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 9:50 a.m.
Haz mat - level 1 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 10:01 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 10:12 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 10:30 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600blk 11th St 10:42 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 11:05 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:11 a.m.
EMS 00blk Sea Colony Dr 11:24 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 11:57 a.m.
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EMS 700blk Ozone St 12:47 p.m.
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EMS 500blk Ashland Ave 2:32 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 2nd St 2:53 p.m.
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EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 4:45 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 5:29 p.m.
EMS 800blk Adelaide Pl 5:33 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 5:57 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 6:04 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 6:14 p.m.
EMS 2500blk 3rd St 6:22 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 6:57 p.m.
EMS 200blk San Vicente Blvd 7:15 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 7:21 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 7:26 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Beach St 8:10 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Pico Blvd 8:49 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 10:15 p.m.

STUDY

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low- and moderate-income households — as the city council proposed in March — under the city's current development regulations.

The city requires developers to deed-restrict between 10% and 30% of units in new buildings to households earning 50% or 80% of the Los Angeles area median income, which is about $73,000 for a family. A project taller than 39 feet must include a high percentage of affordable units.

Until March, developers could also reserve 5% for 7.5% of the units for households earning 30% of the area median income. The city council suspended that option because developers discovered it was more profitable to include a very small amount of extremely low-income housing and therefore began to overproduce housing for households earning 30% of the area median income.

Affordable requirements differ in Downtown Santa Monica. New projects must deed-restrict 20% of their units at a variety of income levels: 20% for extremely low-income households, 20% for very low-income households, 30% for low-income households and 30% for moderate-income households.

When the council voted to suspend the extremely low-income option citywide, it also commissioned a study on whether downtown's affordable housing requirements could be extended to the rest of the city.

The council was trying to boost affordable housing production to ensure compliance with Proposition R, a local law voters approved in 1990 that requires 30% of all new units built in the city to be affordable. But some council members, including Mayor Gleam Davis, said requiring more affordable housing could make development financially impossible under the city's current development standards — a conclusion the study supports.

The study evaluated the effects of applying the downtown requirements along Santa Monica's main corridors, such as Wilshire, Santa Monica and Lincoln boulevards, and around Bergamot Station. It also evaluated the feasibility of deed-restricting 15% of units for very low-income households or 7.5% of units for extremely low-income households. (The latter was the option the council voted to remove.)

The study found that requiring developers to use the downtown requirements would result in a profit and return on cost below the industry standard — in this scenario, 12.5% and 5.7%, respectively — and would deter developers from building in Santa Monica.

The study authors and city staff said height and density limits would limit the profitability of new development with higher proportions of affordable units. The city's 2015 zoning ordinance caps new buildings on the boulevards at three or four stories and the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) removed four out of five activity centers that offered height and density bonuses.

"The boulevards and Bergamot area feature lower FARs and building heights as compared with downtown, and hence less achievable floor area and dwelling units that can be accommodated," the study said. "Although development costs and land costs are lower, the combination of relative differences adversely impact financial feasibility for most of the retail/apartment prototypes."

The study also found that lower rents outside downtown would also impact the feasibility of development along the boulevards and in the Bergamot area, particularly if they were subject to downtown's affordable housing requirements.

The Planning Commission discussed last month the possibility of increasing height and density limits in those areas in order to satisfy a forthcoming state mandate that would require Santa Monica to zone for 9,000 new units.

The commission will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 283 CALLS ON NOV. 18

Grand theft auto 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 2:12 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 2200blk Delaware Ave 2:13 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 500blk Ocean Ave 2:45 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 100blk Marguerita Ave 3:23 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1500blk 2nd St 4:04 a.m.
Lewd activity 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 5:21 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 2nd St 6:52 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 6:56 a.m.
Identity theft 300blk Pacific St 7:26 a.m.
Fraud 2100blk Colorado Ave 8:07 a.m.
Drinking in public 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1200blk Palisades Park 8:51 a.m.
Petty theft 2200blk Delaware Ave 9:04 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1600blk 19th St 9:32 a.m.
Attempt burglary 2600blk 33rd St 9:47 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 10:08 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1600blk Franklin St 10:13 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1200blk 7th St 10:14 a.m.
Trash dumping 1400blk 18th St 10:24 a.m.
Information received 3200blk Donald Douglas Loop S 10:26 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 11:11 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2400blk 33rd St 11:51 a.m.
Animal related incident 900blk Montana Ave 12:01 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 5th St / Bay St 12:02 p.m.
Fraud 2400blk Virginia Ave 12:13 p.m.
Burglary 1300blk 2nd St 12:33 p.m.
Bike theft 100blk Hart Ave 12:33 p.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 12:45 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 1:14 p.m.
Extortion 100blk Hart Ave 1:17 p.m.
Domestic violence now 15th St / Broadway 1:27 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:41 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1700blk Franklin St 2:07 p.m.
Identity theft 800blk Bay St 2:39 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1400blk 18th St 2:58 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 900blk Ozone Ave 3:16 p.m.
Panhandling 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 3:25 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1100blk 17th St 3:38 p.m.
Attempt burglary 400blk 11th St 3:49 p.m.
Bike theft 2600blk 31st St 4:25 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk 24th St 4:26 p.m.
Domestic violence 1700blk 18th St 4:29 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Broadway 4:42 p.m.
Battery 100blk Wilshire Blvd 4:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 2900blk 28th St 4:55 p.m.
Drunk driving Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 5:00 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:15 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 20th St / Broadway 5:46 p.m.
Identity theft 300blk 22nd St 6:10 p.m.
Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 6:39 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 200blk San Vicente Blvd 7:15 p.m.
Petty theft 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 7:39 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1200blk 20th St 8:12 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400blk 2nd St 8:48 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1900blk Pico Blvd 8:49 p.m.
Encampment 2000blk the beach 9:17 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1800blk Main St 9:17 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2000blk 20th St 10:50 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 700blk Lincoln Blvd 10:54 p.m.
Runaway 500blk Pacific St 10:58 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Colorado Ave 11:27 p.m.
Assault Yale St / Wilshire Blvd 11:44 p.m.

CURIOUS CITY

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I would save this historic mural. It's for the ages.

NEW TOPIC: TAKE THE SCOOTERS

You do know that the lawsuit against Lyft and the City of Santa Monica filed by an 88-year-old SM woman who was severely injured after tripping over scooters where they should not have been parked (wouldn't that be everywhere, some of us would ask?) was challenged by our City and Lyft, but allowed to proceed by an LA Superior Court?

My former neighbor, of a similar age, suffered a similar fate about a year ago and was forced to move from her rent controlled apartment of 40-some years into a full-care facility. Forced to leave her friends, church and neighborhood that she loved. Another friend of mine in Ocean Park tripped and broke his leg and very nearly lost it.

How many other cases like that are there? Maybe if this one is successful, we will start to find out. Find out the human cost of the way our City leaders allowed the scooter companies to come in and dump on us with no oversight or regulation.

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