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SMC Men's Water Polo Wrap Up



Michael Waas

POLO: It's been a tough year for the SMC Men's water polo team.

JINEA COLE
SMC Corsair / Daily Press Staff Writer

This year Santa Monica College (SMC) men's water polo team falls to another hard season. Going 2-5 in conference, and 9-20 overall in the 2019-2020 season. The Corsairs went through a difficult season, trying to get over the hump, only having a couple of wins under their belt.

Two of SMC's freshman — Frederick Brown, and Ezequiel (Zeke) Ramirez — shared how they felt about this season. Brown, playing in his first year at SMC shared some thoughts. He stated, "As a player I felt that I received an unforgettable learning and bonding

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Man kills himself underneath Pier

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A man killed himself under the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday morning.

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to the 1600 block of the beach at about 6:30 a.m. on Nov. 21 and found a man had hung himself under the pier. The case was handed over to the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office who are handling the investigation.

The Coroner's Office said the identity of the victim was being withheld pending notification of the family and the investigation was

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Santa Monica invited to honor "The Dance Doctor"



Courtesy photos

DANCE: Known as Santa Monica's "Dance Doctor" for more than 30 years, John Cassese was a native New Yorker who first moved to Southern California in 1972 – long before he was a dance instructor coveted by Hollywood stars.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

After a career of working with celebrities and corporate powerhouses like Adam Sandler, U2's The Edge and Twentieth Century Fox, longtime dance instructor John Cassese was laid to rest last month.

Known as Santa Monica's "Dance Doctor" for more than 30 years, the native New Yorker first moved to Southern California in 1972 — long before he was a dance instructor coveted by Hollywood stars.

Whether it was for physical, emotional or mental wellbeing, Cassese was confident that the prescription for spiritual, mental, emotional and physical wellbeing was always a few (dance) steps away,

"He found dancing therapeutic," Cassese's daughter Karen Schwabe said in a recent interview where she discussed the colorful life of her father.

Prior to becoming the professional ballroom dancer he was known as, Cassese competed in a multitude of prestigious competitions and eventually moved to Manhattan, where he taught at Arthur Murray's studio.

At the same time, Cassese began dancing in off-Broadway shows and revues at the Tavern on the Green and the Drake Hotel, Schwabe said. "He was also into music and formed a rock band," while he worked on his artistic crafts and operated a nightclub with one of his brothers.

"But his real love was teaching," Schwabe said, mentioning her father moved to Los Angeles in 1972 to pursue a recording career. Once in Los Angeles, Cassese's cousin and Hollywood publicist Maria LaMagra "reinvented him

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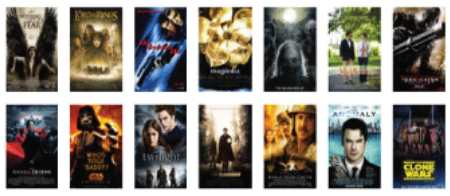
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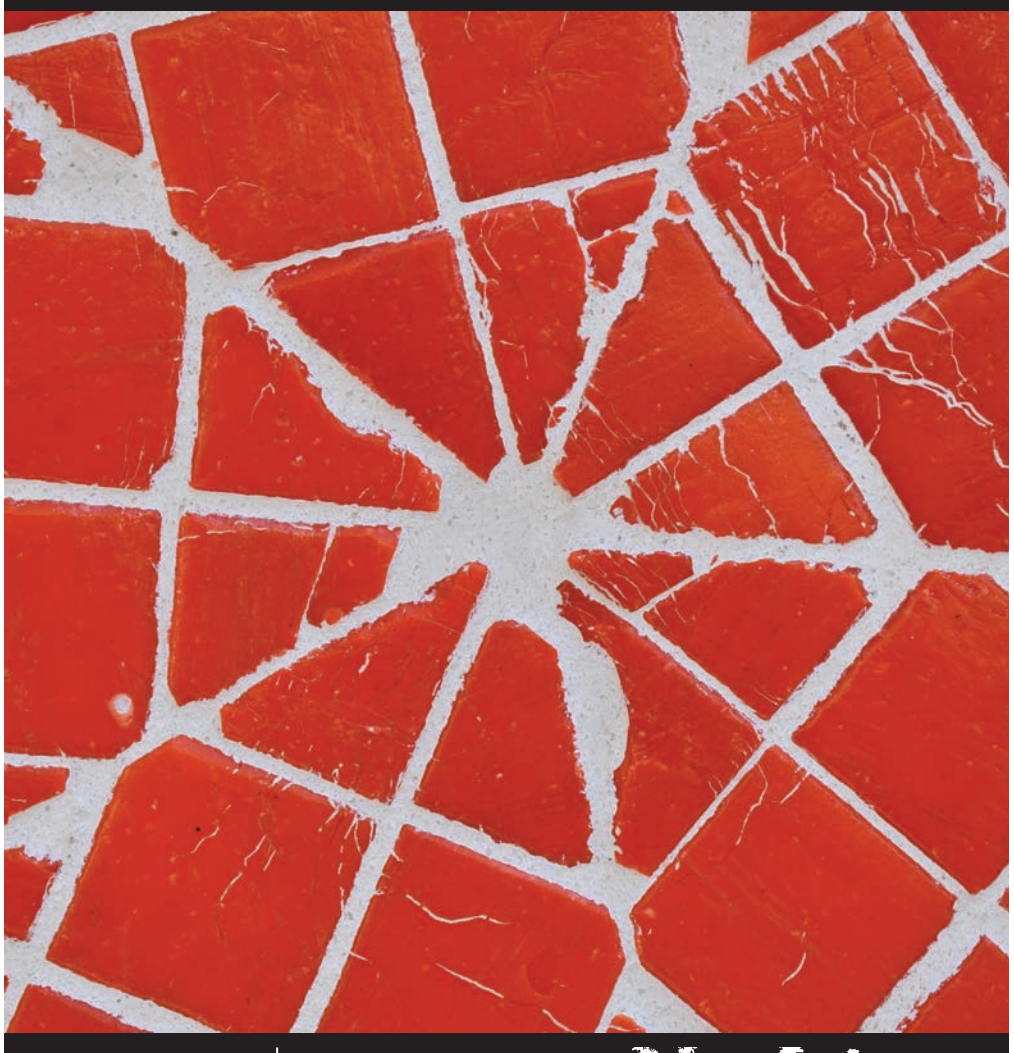
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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 - postponed

The event has been postponed.

Saturday, Nov. 23

Movie and Discussion: The Public (2018)

In this film by Emilio Estevez, an act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when people experiencing homelessness in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold. A panel discussion follows the screening. (Film runtime: 119 min.) Main Library, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

American Stories Group

Book: There, There by Tommy Orange. Tommy Orange delivers a wondrous and shattering portrait of an America few of us have ever seen. A multi-generational, relentlessly paced story about violence and recovery, hope and loss, identity and power, dislocation and communion, and the beauty and despair woven into the history of a nation and its people. Pico Branch Library, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24

Guest House Open

Visit anytime between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Schedule subject to change, call Guest Services to confirm dates and hours. Annenberg Community Beach House

Monday, Nov. 25

The Social Services Commission Regular Meeting

The Social Services Commission works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Santa Monica residents through research, outreach, and advocacy. The Commission advises City Council and City staff on identifying needs, setting priorities, planning programs, and analyzing fiscal impacts on social services. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

Airport Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Airport Commission meets the 4th Monday of each Month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

First Nations: The Tongva in Santa Monica

Learn about First Nations group the Tongva through storytelling and hands-on crafts with special guest and Tongva tribal elder Julia Bogany. Co-sponsored by the Santa Monica History Museum. Ages 5-10. Ocean Park Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Toddler Time

Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library, 11 - 11:20 a.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Library

The Public: A Screening and Discussion

Santa Monica Public Library will present a screening and discussion of The Public (2018) on Saturday, November 23, at 1:30 p.m. in the MLK Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

In this feature film, directed by Emilio Estevez, an act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when people experiencing homelessness in Cincinnati, Ohio take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold. In the United States, California has the highest number of homeless residents, with more than 50,000 individuals in Los Angeles County alone. These statistics highlight the importance of shedding light on the housing crisis and the toll it has on our community, as well as providing services to those in need. Following the presentation, Stacy Allen from The People Concern, Library Social Worker Ilene Miner, and a Library Services Officer will discuss the film and share how the Library and community are addressing this sensitive issue.

Please join organizers to learn more about homelessness and available resources. This screening is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, R10 and 18. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

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LAGUNA BEACH

Man, 57, dies while scuba diving off Southern California

Authorities say a 57-year-old scuba diver died after being found unconscious floating in the water off Southern California's Laguna Beach.

The Orange County Register reported Wednesday that the coroner identified the man as Joseph Noah of Forestport, New York.

Noah was discovered by three other divers last Saturday in Shaw's Cove. He was taken to a hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The newspaper says the coroner ruled his death as a drowning, but also found evidence of coronary artery disease.

Noah is the second diver to die off Laguna Beach in the last seven weeks.

On Sept. 28, Ryan Huff, of Lakewood, California died while free-diving for lobster at Tortuava Cove. His wife said the experienced freediver likely died from shallow water blackout.

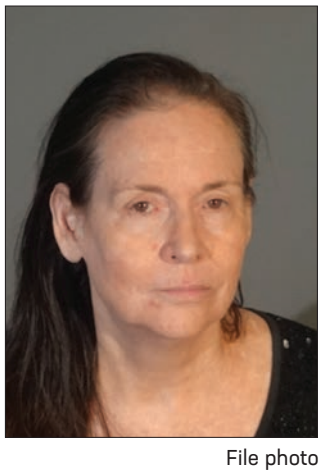
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON NOVEMBER 13, AT 5:10 P.M.

Officers were in the area of 3100 block of 5th Street to investigate a radio call about a suspicious vehicle. Officers observed a female sitting on the driver's side of a 2019 Dodge Journey. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Montana. Officers began to order the driver to exit the car. The driver, the sole occupant refused. Officers approached the car protecting themselves with ballistic shields and attempted to talk with the her. She refused to cooperate. The SMPD's Crisis Negotiation Team was called onto the scene and attempted to talk the driver into surrendering. The driver refused. After a period of time and failed negotiation attempts, officers broke out the front passenger window, unlocked the doors and removed the driver taking her into custody without further incident. Pamela Sue Marshall, 67, from Texas was arrested for grand theft auto and resisting arrest. Bail was set at $25,000.



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PAMELA SUE MARSHALL

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Former Trump adviser undercuts GOP impeachment defenses

LISA MASCARO, MARY CLARE JALONICK AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

A former White House official said Thursday that President Donald Trump's top European envoy was sent on a "domestic political errand" seeking investigations of Democrats, stunning testimony that dismantled a main line of the president's defense in the impeachment inquiry.

In a riveting appearance on Capitol Hill, Fiona Hill also implored Republican lawmakers — and implicitly Trump himself — to stop peddling a "fictional narrative" at the center of the impeachment probe. She said baseless suggestions that Ukraine interfered in the 2016 election bolster Russia as it seeks to sow political divisions in the United States.

Testimony from Hill and David Holmes, a State Department adviser in Kyiv, capped an intense week in the historic inquiry and reinforced the central complaint: that Trump used his leverage over Ukraine, a young Eastern European democracy facing Russian aggression, to pursue political investigations. His alleged actions set off alarms across the U.S. national security and foreign policy apparatus.

Hill had a front row seat to some of Trump's pursuits with Ukraine during her tenure at the White House. She testified in detail about her interactions with Gordon Sondland, saying she initially suspected the U.S. ambassador to the European Union was overstating his authority to push Ukraine to launch investigations into Democrats. But she says she now understands he was acting on instructions Trump sent through his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani.

"He was being involved in a domestic political errand, and we were being involved in national security foreign policy," she testified in a daylong encounter with lawmakers. "And those two things had just diverged."

It was just one instance in which Hill, as well as Holmes, undercut the arguments being made by Republicans and the White House. Both told House investigators it was abundantly clear Giuliani was seeking political investigations of Democrats and Joe Biden in Ukraine, knocking down assertions from earlier witnesses who said they didn't realize the purpose of the lawyer's pursuits. Trump has also said he was simply focused on rooting out corruption in Ukraine.

Giuliani "was clearly pushing forward issues and ideas that would, you know, probably come back to haunt us and in fact," Hill testified. "I think that's where we are today."

Hill also defended Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, the Army officer who testified earlier and whom Trump's allies tried to discredit. A previous witness said Hill raised concerns about Vindman, but she said those worries centered only on whether he had the "political antenna" for the situation at the White House.

The landmark House impeachment inquiry was sparked by a July 25 phone call, in which Trump asked Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy for investigations into Biden and the Democratic National Committee. A still-anonymous whistleblower's official government complaint about that call led the House to launch the current probe.

After two weeks of public testimony, many Democrats believe they have enough evidence to begin writing articles of impeachment. Working under the assumption that Trump will be impeached by the House, White House officials and a small group of GOP senators met Thursday to discuss the possibility of a two week Senate trial.

There still remain questions about whether there will be additional House testimony, either in public session or behind closed doors, including from high-profile officials such as former Trump national security adviser John Bolton.

In what was seen as a nudge to Bolton, her former boss, Hill said those with information have a "moral obligation to provide it."

She recounted one vivid incident at the White House where Bolton told her he didn't want to be involved in any "drug deal" that Sondland and Trump's acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney were cooking up over the Ukrainian investigations Trump wanted. Hill said she conveyed similar concerns directly to Sondland.

"And I did say to him, 'Ambassador Sondland, Gordon, I think this is all going to blow up,'" she said. "And here we are."

Hill and Holmes both filled in gaps in previous testimony and poked holes in the accounts of other witnesses. They were particularly adamant that efforts by Trump and Giuliani to investigate the Burisma gas company were well-known by officials working on Ukraine to be the equivalent of probing the Bidens. That runs counter to earlier testimony from Sondland and Kurt Volker, the former Ukraine special envoy, who insisted they had no idea there was a connection.

Holmes, a late addition to the schedule, also undercut some of Sondland's recollections about an extraordinary phone call between the ambassador and Trump on July 26, the day after the president's call with Ukraine. Holmes was having lunch with Sondland in Kyiv and said he could overhear Trump ask about "investigations" during a "colorful" conversation.

After the phone call, Holmes said Sondland told him Trump didn't care about Ukraine but rather about "big stuff," meaning the "Biden investigation." Sondland said he didn't recall raising the Bidens.

During Thursday's testimony, the president tweeted that while his own hearing is "great" he's never been able to understand another person's conversation that wasn't on speaker. "Try it," he suggested.

Republicans continued to mount a vigorous defense of Trump. And the top Republican on the panel was undeterred by Hill's warnings about advancing "fictions" on Ukraine. GOP Rep. Devin Nunes of California said Russian interference in the 2016 election didn't preclude Ukraine from also trying to swing the election to stop Trump's presidency.

"That is the Democrats' pitiful legacy," Nunes. He called it all part of the same effort, from "the Russia hoax" to the "shoddy sequel" of the impeachment inquiry.

Hill, the British-born coal miner's daughter who became a U.S. citizen in 2002, left the White House before the July phone call that sparked the impeachment probe. She worked for both Republican and Democratic administrations

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A Texas Beauty Turns 100

On November 26, 1919, Lee Ray was born in the small Texas town of Glendale, estimated population 500. But Glendale did have occasional "big city" visitors, including a handsome young man from Santa Monica. Monte Ray was a General Motors employee sent there to "expand GM's base."

Soon the two met and fell in love. Lee was 18, gorgeous and, small town or no, she was elegant. This Tuesday, Lee turns 100 and, having visited her only days ago, I can attest she's still both. She's also upbeat, witty, intelligent and a voracious reader.

I know Lee because 8 years ago, out of the blue, she sent me an email responding positively to one of my columns. Thus began a long term Internet correspondence which invariably brightened my day.

A quick sidebar about my email. Given my "occasional" politically oriented columns, my in-box can be a cluttered mess of 100 to 150 daily. They can come from a Nigerian Prince willing to share his vast fortune when he returns to the throne if I will only send him $50. Or, I can receive a notification I've won a huge foreign lottery but they desperately need my bank's routing number to wire my untold millions. I delete almost all but I save Lee's for when I need some sunshine.

Lee's very first email to me had a subject line, "From a devoted reader." I knew she wasn't young because she lived at Brookdale Ocean House on Ocean Avenue across from the beach, a luxurious senior living facility. But I had no idea she was 92.

In addition to singing my praises, she spoke highly about Brookdale's longtime exercise instructor whom she described as"Always glamorously fashionable and always gets us moving." I soon realized she was describing a friend of mine, Cordula Ohman. I immediately checked with Cordula who was delighted by the coincidence and who admires and adores Lee.

In subsequent emails, Lee would often check to see what subject I was working on for my upcoming column or discuss current events of the day. From time to time, she also shared about her background.

After marrying Monte and dropping out of high school (the latter she still regrets), in the 1930's she moved to Santa Monica, for which she's forever grateful. Get this, at one time, she was a singer with Benny Goodman! One could say that Goodman and the likes of Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey (who owned the swanky Casino Gardens club in Ocean Park) were the Beatles and Rolling Stones of the Big Band era.

When Lee's singing career subsided she explained, "I had a daughter to raise and needed work." Ever resourceful, she got a secretary's job with Art Linkletter, host of House Party, on CBS radio and TV for 25 years and People are Funny on NBC radio and TV for 19 years.

Over the years, through hard work and intelligence, Lee advanced to Art's assistant. Later she was promoted to "show-runner,"



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100: Lee Ray turns 100 on Tuesday, the 26th.

which was a huge job and quite rare for a woman in those days. (Perhaps even more so for a single mom from Glendale, Texas.)

Generally speaking, a show-runner is someone who handles the daily operations of a TV show and ensures the episodes are delivered on time and in accordance with budget restrictions. Suffice it to say, in the TV world, it's a big deal and Lee is justifiably proud. All total, she worked for Linkletter for over 40 years!

Lee's daughter, Jean, a folk singer/songwriter and recording artist, was as stunning and talented as her mom. She rose to national prominence in the duet Jim and Jean. (Jean's "Honey, Can I Put on Your Clothes?" was recorded by Barbra Streisand!)

Jim and Jean were featured in the critically-acclaimed 2013 Cohen Brothers movie, Inside Llewyn Davis, about the folk scene in New York's Greenwich Village in 1962. (For interesting context, the plot ends just as the Bob Dylan character arrives.) Oscar-nominated Carey Mulligan played Jean and Justin Timberlake played her husband, Jim.

Over time, as typing became difficult for Lee, her emails finally ended. It was a sad development for both of us but we can still visit. Also, over time, Lee has lost many friends and family, the worst being Jean's tragic death in 2007. As small consolation, Lee has access to numerous YouTube videos of Jean's beautiful songs.

As in her whole life, Jean remains busy. She never misses her exercise classes which she says leave her "invigorated." She enjoys meals with friends in Brookdale's beautiful dinning room and reads constantly.

Making me blush, Lee says Friday, the day of my column, is still a special day for her. I dare say this Tuesday is a special day for Santa Monica. Happy #100 Lee, my centenarian, Texas beauty!

If asap, you can still mail a birthday card to Lee Ray, c/o Brookdale Ocean House, 2107 Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90405. Jack is at: jackdaily-press@aol.com

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WeWork cuts nearly 20% of workforce in restructuring effort

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AP Business Writer

WeWork is slashing nearly 20% of its workforce, embarking on a painful restructuring of its money-losing operation that doomed its stock market debut and left the office-sharing company on the brink of bankruptcy.

WeWork said it has laid off 2,400 of its approximately 12,500 employees to "create a more efficient organization." The job cuts began weeks ago in regions around the world and continued this week in the U.S, the company said in a statement Thursday.

WeWork said the employees who lost their jobs "are incredibly talented professionals," but gave no details about which roles were cut.

In an email to employees earlier this week, executive chairman Marcelo Claure said jobs would be eliminated in areas that "do not directly support our core business goals," referring to WeWork's main office-leasing operations.

Additionally, about 1,000 cleaning and maintenance jobs in the U.S. and Canada are being outsourced to another firm that will contract the workers back to WeWork for the time being.

The New York-based company is scaling back the explosive growth that put its sleekly designed shared office spaces in 122 cities around the world while racking up massive losses that ultimately put off Wall Street investors and doomed its IPO.

WeWork is shedding side business and dumping or scaling back projects started under the grandiose but scattered vision of ousted co-founder Adam Neumann, including a Manhattan elementary school and the shared residential offering WeLive.

Claure plans to lay out a five-year turnaround a plan at company-wide meeting Friday amid employee anger over the mismanagement of a company that until recently had been the darling of the startup world, valued at $47 billion by private investors.

WeWork was saved from financial collapse with a $9.5 billion bailout from Japanese tech conglomerate Softbank, which now owns 80% of the company. That bailout reportedly valued WeWork at around $8 billion, devastating for many employees facing a reduction in the value of their stock options. Resentment grew following a $1.7 billion payout to Neumann, whose controversial corporate governance practices contributed to skepticism in Wall Street about WeWork.

In a letter to management last month, a group of WeWork employees said the unraveling of the IPO revealed "deception, exclusion and selfishness playing out at the company's highest levels." The group, calling itself the WeWorkers Coalition, asked that laid off employees be fairly compensated for lost equity, and that those who remain being given a bigger voice in the future of the company.

Of Neumann's compensation package, the workers said, "we are not asking for this level of graft."

"We are asking to be treated with humanity and dignity so we can continue living life while searching to make a living elsewhere," the letter said.

About 275 employees are participating in the coalition's private slack channel, said Alan Friedman, a senior software engineer who started the group with colleagues in New York last month.

In its statement, WeWork said the laid off employees will "receive severance, continued benefits, and other forms of assistance to aid in their career transition."

Over the weekend, the WeWorkers Coalition raised a number of concerns regarding the future of the cleaning and maintenance employees who are being transferred on Dec. 9, including what would happen to their stock options and employer's contribution to the 401(k) retirement savings plans for 2019.

The employees were sent the new job offers last week and were given until Monday to accept, although the outside company, JLL, said any employees who had not responded would be personally contacted to make sure they had seen the letter.

Workers who declined the offer would be considered to have voluntarily resigned, forgoing severance payments. The WeWorkers coalition objected to that requirement, saying workers were not given enough time to understand their new jobs.

Arik Benzino, WeWork's managing director for the U.S. and Canada, told the affected workers in an email last week that their pay would remain the same and they would keep their shift assignments "for the time being." The email did not address benefits or stock options. In a statement released this week, WeWork said the employees would receive a one-time lump sum payment equal to what they would have received as a 401(k) plan for the year.

WeWork faces a steep road to transform itself into a self-sustaining operation with a path toward profitability.

Spending ballooned as it geared up toward its doomed IPO, resulting in a record $1.25 billion in losses in the third quarter of 2019, eclipsing $934 million in revenue. It added 103 new office-sharing locations during that time period, meaning it is now saddled with the costs of building out many of those properties.

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LOS ANGELES

Teen used 'ghost gun' in California high school shooting

The teenager who shot five classmates, killing two, at a Southern California high school used an unregistered "ghost gun," Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva said Thursday.

Villanueva told media outlets Thursday that 16-year-old Nathaniel Tennosuke Berhow's .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol was assembled from gun parts and did not have a serial number.

Berhow pulled the gun from his backpack on Nov. 14 – his birthday – in an open-air quad at Saugus High School in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita and in 16 seconds shot five students at random. At one point, the gun jammed but he quickly cleared it and continued shooting.

Berhow counted his rounds, Villanueva has said, saving the last bullet for himself.

Sheriff's Lt. Brandon Dean of the homicide bureau said in a statement that authorities do not know who assembled the pistol or bought its components.

The sheriff said Berhow's motive remains a mystery, even after investigators searched his home and interviewed 45 people. Berhow's mother – who packed him corndogs, grapes and homemade cookies for lunch that morning – had no idea what was coming, Villanueva said.

Authorities said Berhow had shown no signs of violence and didn't appear to be linked to any ideology or terrorist group.

The sheriff's department is working with federal authorities to unlock Berhow's cellphone, Villanueva said.

Berhow's father was an avid hunter who died two years ago. He had six registered guns in the family's home but they were seized in 2016.

Officials found several unregistered firearms in the home after the shooting and are working to determine where those and the weapon used at the high school came from.

Authorities have identified the dead as 15-year-old Gracie Anne Muehlberger and 14-year-old Dominic Blackwell.

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LOS ANGELES

Jet safely returns to LA airport after mechanical problem

An official said a Philippine Airlines jet returned to Los Angeles International Airport shortly after takeoff because of a mechanical problem.

Airport spokesman Heath Montgomery said Flight 113 departed at 11:15 a.m. Thursday for Manila and landed again around noon.

Montgomery said the pilot of the Boeing 777-300 reported a "mechanical issue." He didn't have additional details.

A call and email seeking information from the airline were not immediately returned.

Montgomery said the passengers will be put on another flight.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is said that if we enter by the gate of pleasure, we must leave by the gate of sorrow and vice versa. Forget the spectacular start. The best impressions involve a big finish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whether or you realize it or not, you belong to a bigger picture than you can see. You wouldn't guess who is thinking about you, nor would believe what opportunities are coming your way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though there's an advantage in being first if you can swing it, there's no benefit to forcing the matter. If it's not happening naturally, sit back and take notes so you can deliver something better than the early model.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Because there's very little any single person can do about the larger contexts of life, it's so important to exert your influence over the smaller ones that actually can be, to some extent, controlled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's good to get things off of your chest, though only if you won't be worried later about what you've revealed. If you don't have a close friend you can trust with your skeletons, the next best thing is a friend with a bad memory.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Many have no interest in participating in the larger mysteries. You have devoted a great deal of life to finding purpose, understanding beauty and knowing truth. The quest will connect you to similar thinkers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To stay firmly rooted in any practice at all requires not only self-discipline but also self-awareness. Know what motivates you and what discomfort you are willing to face to achieve it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The physical effort you make to feel good, healthy and relaxed will be well worth the time and money, as will any and all measures of self-care. It's not indulgence so much as prevention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your longings are universal longings, your quests age-old, and your desire is matched by the flame that burns in the heart of every stranger you pass. You belong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Manners are learned, but the drive to use them is either in there or it isn't. You appreciate the kindness shown to you today, perhaps by those who don't know quite the right way to do it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A person can change hairstyles, dress or accessorizes for effect, but when it comes to one's soul, the only tonic to make it shine is right action.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are many worlds in the world. It would be easy to assume they were all like the ones you know, but they're not. This must be experienced firsthand. No amount of media consumption can reveal it.

Risk and the Sagittarian Sunburst

Perhaps there are those born wise, but most people develop the quality through trial and error... mostly error. Nothing produces wisdom faster than sizable mistakes. We're rolling into the solar era of Sagittarius and several weeks in a row that favor the risk. There is really nothing to lose. We either acquire good fortune or wisdom.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

ARIES: You make someone feel safe and that's a wonderful gift to provide. TAURUS: Apply the advice of family; positive results will be immediate. GEMINI: The person who seems to have it all together is struggling in ways you wouldn't imagine. CANCER: You'll live in the moment like you know it's going to be a great memory someday. LEO: Showing up most of the time isn't enough. You're good for your word and should settle for no less. VIRGO: Someone new is listening to you, and it feels good to be held in such high regard. LIBRA: Don't worry about what's meant to be and what isn't. If you want it, then go for it. Do what it takes. SCORPIO: Your ideal partner will find your ambition exciting and won't doubt you for a second. SAGITTARIUS: Even practical people like to be spoiled sometimes and this is the moment to deliver. CAPRICORN: Believe the best and someone will live up to it. AQUARIUS: There are those who are incapable of graciously processing criticism. It's not worth it to offer them your opinion. PISCES: Even when you go out of your way to be kind, your presence will intimidate some because they want so much to impress you.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Sagittarius and Libra make a statement together with the current sun and moon position. They may even argue or kiss in public due to the solar vibes emboldening Sagittarius, much to Libra's dismay. Their differences are the exciting flint that sparks ideas for these two. It will take months to build up enough trust to followthrough on some of these adventures. Ultimately, the results will be worth it. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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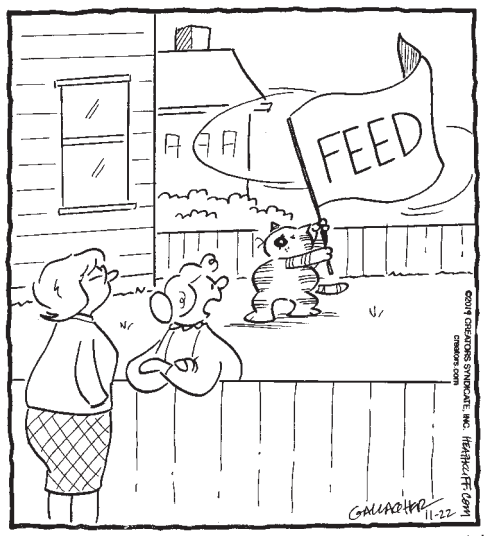
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Something a person does in addition to a principal occupation, especially for pleasure; hobby: Our doctor's avocation is painting.

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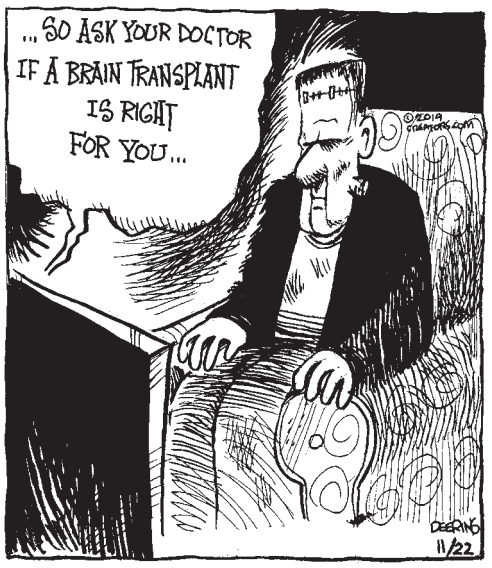
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/19
22 43 44 47 66
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 208 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 11/20
1 7 9 14 25
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 9 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/20
6 9 12 17 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/20
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Draw Date: 11/20
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/20
1st: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
2nd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
3rd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
RACE TIME: 1:47.87

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.0°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Leftover WNW swell-mix. Small SSW swell.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Old SSW swell leftovers. Fresh NW swell for exposed breaks. New S swell due to start creeping in late.

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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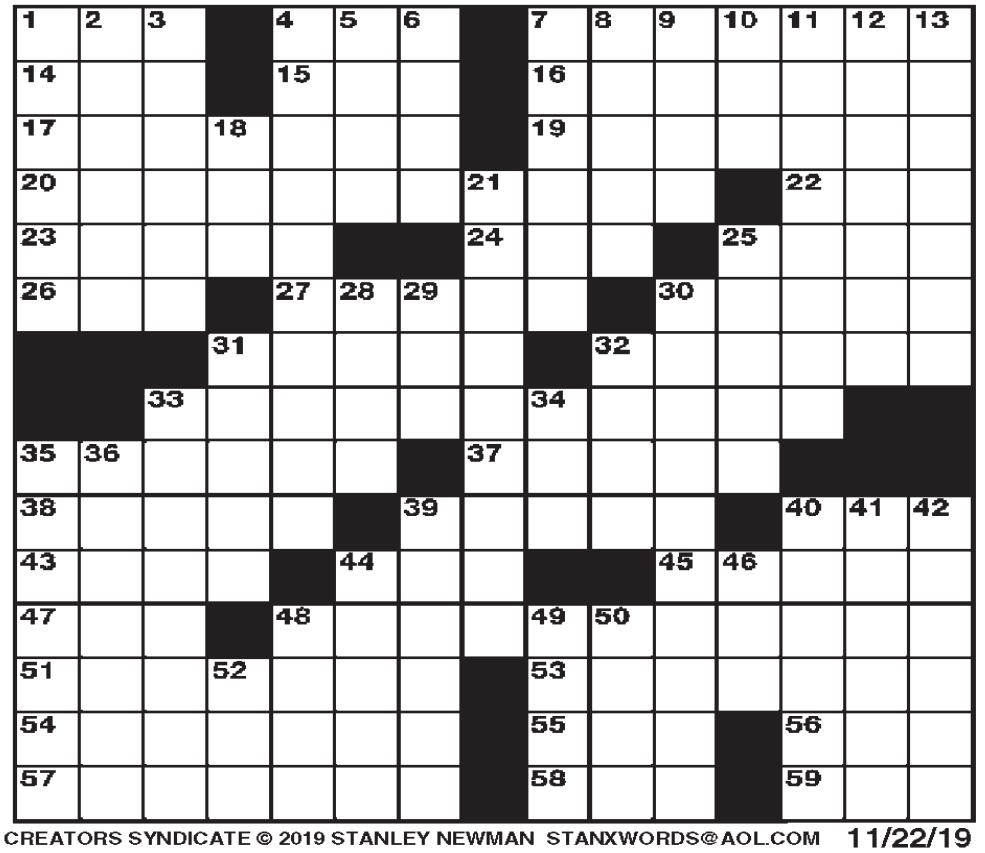
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ACROSS
1 Corn holder
4 One of George's brothers
7 Metaphor for progress
14 Need to deal with payback
15 Corn holder
16 Eminent escapologist
17 Dictionary directive
19 Stat in hockey, baseball and basketball
20 Novel by 33 Across
22 Get somewhere fast
23 Aptly named cooler brand
24 Edible vine seed
25 Snoozer of a speaker
26 Biopic role for Benicio (2008)
27 Goes marketing
30 Chicken choice
31 Rapid round of activities
32 Palm's appendages
33 Giant of Victorian lit, born 200 years ago today
35 Be sympathetic
37 Move away abjectly
38 Neural transmitters
39 Giraffe's head
40 Cool down
43 "Any ___?"
44 Produced
45 Figure skating figure
47 Top performer
48 Novel by 33 Across
51 Machine with a rotor
53 Public face
54 Engorged oneself
55 Underground resource
56 With 59 Across, unwanted photo effect
57 Doctor's prescription, perhaps
58 Loose-leaf purchase
59 See 56 Across

DOWN
1 Immeasurably extended
2 Naval song's rhyme for "hooray"
3 Heckle
4 Molded party servings
5 Unburden
6 Ichabod Crane rival
7 Apportions
8 Puccini opera
9 High-priority
10 Forest's Oscar role
11 Come apart
12 Popped in
13 The Muses, for instance
18 Fuss and noise
21 Drink from Goya
25 Tolerate
28 Contract with
29 uso.___
30 Where reception is spotty
31 Withdraws, with "from"
32 Move like a bird
33 Looked mighty angry
34 Yuletide gift wrapper
35 Needed to deal with payback
36 Sign, as a contract
39 Saying nothing
40 Say nothing to
41 Gore's successor
42 Online broker
44 Bedrock City gift shop dolls
46 It's got a "Refund Status" webpage
48 Webpage
49 Diamond defect
50 Too minor to matter
52 Word following snack or space



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WATER POLO

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experience with the team and the sport itself. Everyone on the team had really friendly personalities and believed in the idea of pushing each other to our very limit."

Ramirez, also new to this team added, "The season went well, definitely a lot of learning and I respect Spencer as a coach."

Brown and Ramirez, being new players, saw that their team had commitment issues.

"We had a lackadaisical attitude and I know that was a big thing for Spencer and we saw how it made us lose, and no one likes losing. We hated it. I definitely want to change that next season and I know we will," said Ramirez.

Although commitment played a role in how the season turned out, one player saw it as a learning experience.

"What I've learned from this season is that in the moment you must make a choice, never hesitate. In order to have a better season next year the team simply has to work on being at every practice," Brown added.

The Corsairs were able to hang with some of the best teams in the league, which showed on the scoreboard.

"We were able to face off against some really strong teams and do well, but we would have done significantly better if everyone was committed to coming to practice every day," said Brown.

Although the Corsairs came up short this season, they hope they can make a splash next year.

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SUICIDE

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ongoing.

Several individuals have taken their own lives in public locations in the past year.

Four individuals died between September 2018 and August of 2019. SMPD prevented a fifth death in October when they were able to talk an individual out of jumping from a downtown parking structure.

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DANCE DOCTOR

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as The Dance Doctor."

Offering private in-home dance instruction, Cassese's business became so popular he eventually was able to open a studio in Santa Monica that would serve as home to several instructors — some of which still teach a variety of genres including ballet, hip-hop, salsa, tango at the studio.

Although Cassese's clients varied in age and experience levels, he was probably best known for training couples who are preparing for their wedding, according to Schwabe.

"He could teach and dance anything, but I know he really enjoyed helping couples prepare for their wedding," Schwabe said. "He was very passionate about giving people confidence so they could have a memorable first dance at their wedding."

When describing her father, Schwabe said, "He was your typical difficult New Yorker — fast moving, creative and very passionate — but he was so very kind to everyone. He didn't judge others or distinguish between status. He treated everyone alike — with kindness — and he wanted to help them reach their dreams."

Schwabe added it was her father's vibrant, kind and helpful spirit that impressed people the most.

"He touched lives with his kindness, sense of humor and he really just wanted to help others through his dance and music and production," Schwabe said. And it's evident he did because there have been many clients and old acquaintances who have reached out asking about Cassese since they haven't heard from him.

Even a month after his passing, it's still hard for Schwabe to break the news.

"It was very hard to digest. I went to see him Monday, (October) 14th and Friday the 18th he was gone," Schwabe said. "He was very health conscious, but little did he know or did we know that he had cancer. It wasn't until September that he was diagnosed," which was only weeks before he passed.

Cassese always believed he'd live until 100, "and I thought he'd outlive me," Schwabe said, mentioning her 74-year-old father was still optimistic that he would recover and teach again up until the moment he passed. "He definitely wasn't prepared for the end, but he fought — you know. He had such a strong heart."

Cassese's family has already held a funeral service, "but he touched so many people," Schwabe said, the family will hold another service at 11 a.m. Feb. 1, 2020, at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery, located at 6000 Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles.

"I don't know how to reach the masses to let them all know of his passing," Schwabe said, "but I invite anybody who wants to honor his legacy and what he's done to attend."

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IMPEACHMENT

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and said she joined the Trump White House because she shared the president's belief that relations with Russia needed to improve.

Still, she was adamant that Russia is gearing up to intervene again in the 2020 U.S. election, declaring: "We are running out of time to stop them."

She warned that political chaos in Washington plays into Moscow's hands.

"This is exactly what the Russian government was hoping for," Hill said. "They would pit one side of our electorate against the others."

Associated Press writers Colleen Long, Laurie Kellman, Zeke Miller, Matthew Daly, Andrew Taylor and Jill Colvin contributed to this report.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 312 CALLS ON NOV.20

Speeding 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:25 a.m.
Hit and run 20th St / Arizona Ave 12:28 a.m.
Person with a gun 1800blk Pico Blvd 1:25 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 7th St 1:43 a.m.
Critical missing person 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:49 a.m.
Vandalism 3000blk Wilshire Blvd 3:16 a.m.
Battery 2100blk Colorado Ave 6:22 a.m.
Burglary 600blk Idaho Ave 6:32 a.m.
Grand theft auto 600blk Idaho Ave 6:33 a.m.
Encampment 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:44 a.m.
Petty theft now 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 7:15 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:30 a.m.
Strongarm robbery Pico / Gate Way 7:31 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 8:04 a.m.
Encampment 2800blk the beach 8:07 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk 2nd St 8:39 a.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries 23rd St / Pico Blvd 8:49 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2300blk Kansas Ave 9:25 a.m.
Violation of temporary no parking signs 800blk Broadway 9:28 a.m.
Petty theft 2700blk Main St 9:32 a.m.
Burglary 2100blk Main St 9:35 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2300blk Oak St 10:18 a.m.
Encampment 3400blk Pico Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 800blk Montana Ave 11:35 a.m.
Petty theft 300blk Olympic Dr 11:37 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Montana Ave 11:44 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1800blk 19th St 11:48 a.m.
Burglary walk through 1000blk Franklin St 11:54 a.m.
Burglary 800blk Pacific St 12:01 p.m.
Petty theft 3200blk Pico Blvd 12:06 p.m.
Battery 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:45 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:57 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1300blk 6th St 1:33 p.m.
Failure to pay parking fee 2600blk Barnard Way 1:55 p.m.
Battery now 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:56 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1200blk 16th St 2:26 p.m.
Drunk driving 300blk Pico Blvd 2:42 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries city prop involved 200blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 2nd St 3:24 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1300blk 2nd St 3:25 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Main St 3:47 p.m.
Fight 12th St / California Ave 4:03 p.m.
Vandalism 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Elder abuse 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:24 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 700blk 10th St 4:28 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 2nd St 4:43 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 600blk 21st St 5:02 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 17th St / Arizona Ave 5:11 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 6th St 5:33 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 5:43 p.m.
Speeding 1900blk Pico Blvd 6:00 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Ocean Ave 6:07 p.m.
Hit and run 2200blk 29th St 6:07 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2400blk Oak St 6:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Centinela Ave 6:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk Montana Ave 8:11 p.m.
Fraud 1100blk 21st St 8:56 p.m.
Petty theft 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 8:59 p.m.
Battery 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:33 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:39 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk the beach 9:44 p.m.
Loud music 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:47 p.m.
Fight 1200blk Princeton St 9:58 p.m.
Fight 2700blk Arizona Ave 9:59 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 700blk 10th St 10:00 p.m.
Loitering Lincoln Blvd / Montana Ave 10:22 p.m.
Drunk driving 2000blk Pico Blvd 10:25 p.m.
Fight 1000blk 14th St 11:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 36 CALLS ON NOV.20

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 600blk Bay St 2 a.m.
EMS 3200blk Broadway 4:11 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 6:51 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Arizona Ave 7:09 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 6th St 7:31 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 8:06 a.m.
EMS 200blk Arizona Ave 8:43 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 23rd St / Pico Blvd 8:49 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 8:59 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 9:20 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Arizona Ave 9:54 a.m.
EMS 1600blk 26th St 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 10:57 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 11:18 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 11:28 a.m.
Arcing wires 2000blk Oak St 11:49 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 12 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2000blk Idaho Ave 12:05 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 1:48 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Broadway 2:22 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200blk 24th St 2:53 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 3:19 p.m.
Automatic alarm 200blk San Vicente Blvd 4:08 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 4:43 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100blk 4th St 5:18 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:26 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 5:40 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1200blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:10 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 7:19 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 12th St 7:49 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Main St 8:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:09 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:33 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:38 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2100blk 4th St 11:10 p.m.

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