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New figures throw wrench into SMMUSD separation debate

Changes in state funding affect finance committee's findings

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Well, not so fast.

The already arduous process of possibly separating the local school district appeared to hit another snag last month as officials and community members debated the implications of new budget projections.

After analyzing data that reflected changes in state aid, the Santa Monica-Malibu school district's financial oversight committee concluded that splitting the district into Santa Monica and Malibu units is not fiscally viable.

The update, brought before the local Board of Education at its meeting Nov. 19, marked a clear departure from analysis of previous figures that led the committee to believe that there were no financial deal-breakers to separation.

A Malibu-only district would be stable, committee chair Joan Krenik said, but the remaining Santa Monica district's budget would be "significantly worse" by itself. She said the new numbers pointed to a projected $2.8-million loss in 2015-16 alone.

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Transparency Project prevails in complaint against former city manager

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Former City Manager Rod Gould has settled out of court with the Santa Monica Transparency project over allegations his employment with a consulting firm violates the city's anti-corruption laws.

While Gould did not admit fault, he agreed to resign his post-Santa Monica job, abide by the limitations of the Oaks Initiative and pay $20,000 to cover Plaintiff's attorney fees.

"Basically gave us everything we wanted," said attorney Bryce Gee who represented the plaintiffs alongside Fred Woocher, and Beverly Grossman Palmer of the law firm Strumwasser & Woocher, LLP.

The Oaks Initiative is supposed to prevent public officials from reaping personal gains based on their time working for the City. The law prohibits public officials from receiving a personal or campaign advantage from a person or organization that benefited from a decision made while that official was in office. Those provisions are in place for two years following the official's departure from their city position.

According to the complaint, Gould should be prohibited from working for the company because Management Partners was hired to provide several services to Santa Monica under Gould's tenure. Gould retired in January of 2015 and moved to Marin County. In May, Management Partners, Inc. hired him.

In a letter sent to the City Council, Gould said he was never informed that his future employment options would be subject to the law.

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Holiday events abound on the Westside

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The weather outside isn't frightful, but the City's holiday events are sure to be delightful. Every part of town from Montana Avenue to Main Street has something to offer in the way of a yuletide celebration.

The Third Street Promenade is going to be bustling with cheer this month, starting with the Downtown Santa Monica Community Tree Lighting and photos with Santa on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard. The Promenade will also be host to Menorah Lightings in the same location, starting at sundown from Dec. 6 - 13, with the Dec. 10 lighting featuring a special perform-

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Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

WINTER FUN: This week's events include Santa, tree lightings and holiday walks.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Preschool Story Time at Main

Story series for 3 to 5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Future of the Pier Community Workshop

Come join the discussion with the Pier Board, City staff and consultants as they look into the future and evaluate opportunities to improve the layout and visitor experience of the Pier. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m.

ACT Results Seminar with Kaplan

For students who took the November 21 ACT Practice Test with Kaplan at the Main Library, and their parents. Come to get your score report, and get some insider tips for improving your score on the actual test. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Schmooze

A monthly gathering for anyone interested in writing for children and young adults; includes a special discussion topic each meeting. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 7 - 8:45 p.m.

VA Master Plan Public Forum

The VA in partnership with Veterans Advocacy are hosting a public forum to discuss the Master Plan for the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 3

Files & Folders

Introduction to files and folders: store, organize, move, and backup your work more efficiently. Beginner Level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call Telephone Reference at 310-434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Homework Help @ Pico Branch

This drop-in program offers a separate study area, basic supplies, and friendly volunteers to assist with homework questions. For students in grades 1-5 only. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

City of Santa Monica Official Tree Lighting Ceremony

Bring your camera...Santa will be on hand for photos and also to help light the tree. For more information call 310-393-8355 or visit www.downtownsm.com. Third Street Promenade, between Arizona Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

GED Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch LIbrary, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Screening: "Miracle on 34th Street"

Start off the season with a free screening of the original "Miracle on 34th Street," the undisputed holiday classic about belief, compassion and what really matters at Christmas. Screening followed by a roundtable discussion with audience Q&A. 1308

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Or get some extra help paying for prescription drugs?

The National Council on Aging estimates that 40 percent of all Medicare beneficiaries are eligible for additional benefits but aren't aware of it. The Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) at WISE & Healthy Aging is hosting clinics at Virginia Avenue Park to aid older adults in identifying and applying for public benefits. The BEC serves anyone who lives in Los Angeles County who is 50-years-old or older. The services are entirely free. The clinics will take place Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Thelma Terry Building.

BEC assists by:

Providing a 20-minute screening.

Aiding in the application procedure, gathering documents and troubleshooting

Educating on the rules of the programs.

Reminding clients to renew benefits.

Stop by Virginia Avenue Park on a Thursday to find out how to apply or make an appointment by calling (310) 458-8688.

The Benefits Enrollment Center (BEC) of WISE & Healthy Aging clinics are located at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue, every Thursday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

- SUBMITTED BY CARRIE LUJAN

SMC

SMC number one in transfers to UC for 25th straight year

Santa Monica College maintains its hold as California's No. 1 community college in transferring students to the prestigious University of California (UC) system, for the 25th consecutive year. This finding came from recent 2014-15 transfer data released by the University of California Information Center. SMC also held the top spot for transfers to the UC and the California State University (CSU) systems combined.

SMC also topped in transfers for the number of African-American and Chicano/Latino students who headed to UC campuses: 43 African-American, and 184 who identified as Chicano/Latino.

In 2014-15, SMC transferred a total of 1,074 students to the UC, maintaining its hold as the number one transfer institution - by far outranking the No. 2 and No. 3 UC feeder schools, which transferred 816 and 800 students, respectively.

Other statistics for 2014-15 indicate why SMC is considered California's premier transfer institution:

SMC regained the top spot for transfers to the UC and CSU systems combined, transferring 2,269 students total to both of California's public four-year institutions. SMC ranked a close second in the previous year with 2,083 transfers, compared to the top feeder's 2,152.

SMC maintained its ranking as the top feeder for transfers to the University of Southern California (USC): 189 students transferred from SMC to USC in fall 2015 (USC reports transfers only for the fall). The next highest feeder to USC sent 95 students.

SMC was - again - number one in transfers to Loyola Marymount University. SMC is also the top feeder west of the Mississippi to the Ivy League Columbia University and is the second largest feeder nationwide.

The number of Chicano/Latino transfers from SMC to the UC has been on a steady climb: from 141 in 2012-13 to 150 the subsequent year. The number increased further to 184 in 2014-15.

"Santa Monica College is thrilled that we are - yet again - number one in transfers," said Jeffery Shimizu, SMC Interim Superintendent/President. "We are fully committed to preparing all our students for transfer to four-year universities and to equip them to excel, and this latest transfer data confirms our dedication to student success for all."

Dan Nannini, Transfer Center Faculty Leader called SMC's regaining the top spot for total transfers to the UC and CSU a "fantastic achievement."

"The CSU enrolled a record number of transfers statewide in 2014-15, which is great for our students and for the state of California," said Nannini. "We are excited to see the University of California accepting 5,000 additional freshmen and transfers - who are California residents - for the 2016-17 academic year. Helping students transfer is a top commitment at Santa Monica College, so it's wonderful when that also puts us on top with these great transfer numbers!"

SMC's Transfer Center organizes the largest college fair in the state, conducts workshops, holds weekly visits from four-year institutions, and also has a close working relationship with the UC and CSU to make sure SMC students get credit for their classes.

UCLA continues to be by far the most popular destination for SMC students, with 44 percent of the UC transfers - 476 - going to the Westwood campus. UC Berkeley came in second with 128 transfers, followed by the Irvine and San Diego campuses.

Santa Monica College is a two-year community college accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

- SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

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2nd St., 7 p.m.

Comedy Show at Hi De Ho Comics

The show is free with a $5 suggested donation. Unwrapped gifts will also be accepted for the holidays to be donated to Toys for Tots. Hi De Ho COmics, 1431 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

December Drive-In Series for Kids @ Main

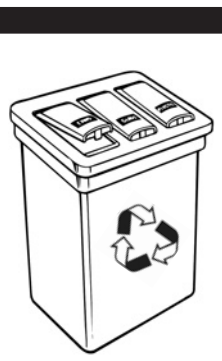
Bring your cardboard box car to our drive-in and watch some holiday favorites and discover new favorites! Ages 3 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 - 5 p.m.

Montana Avenue Holiday Walk

Find wonderful gifts, have your photos taken with Santa, listen to live music, indulge in great food and drinks! This is a fun night for all! Montana Avenue, 6th - 17th St., 4 - 9 p.m.

'The Santaland Diaries'

One-man play about the author's experiences as an unemployed writer taking a job as an elf at Macy's department store in New York City. General admission $29.50; discounts available for students, teachers, seniors, members of the military and groups of 8 or more. Toast the holidays with pre-show champagne or non-alcoholic eggnog, included in your ticket price. 1211 4th St., 8 - 9:15 p.m.

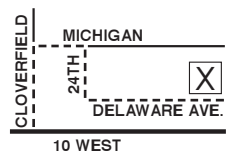


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Consumer Corner

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We are Santa Monica's Consumer Protection Division

MOST OF US HAVE HAD A FRUSTRATING situation with a business or a customer, or a landlord or a tenant, and thought, "Someone ought to do something about this!" The good news is that if you're in Santa Monica, there's an agency available to help with many of the vexing consumer and housing issues that happen every day.

We're the Consumer Protection Division of the City Attorney's Office. We're dedicated to promoting fairness in Santa Monica through education and enforcement of the law. Our attorneys and staff serve the community in these key areas:

Tenant Harassment - As long as tenants are paying rent on time and obeying the rules, they should be left in peace. Unfortunately, some landlords try to force out rent-controlled tenants so they can bring in higher-rent, market-rate tenants. We enforce Santa Monica's Tenant Harassment law, which makes it illegal for owners and managers to harass tenants in certain ways.

Fair Housing - We enforce laws that bar discrimination in housing on the basis of race, religion, disability, and other factors. Much of our work involves helping tenants with disabilities. The law says that landlords have to adjust their policies and sometimes make changes to the property itself, to assure disabled tenants have equal access. We've come up with some pretty creative solutions to help make this happen.

Consumer Protection - We use California's false advertising and unfair competition laws to make sure Santa Monica businesses follow the law and don't rip off consumers. We've brought cases against all kinds of businesses, from small local stores to huge national companies.

Smoke-Free Laws - We provide education and help enforce local laws on smoking in residential buildings and public places. We've helped Santa Monica pioneer many of the nation's leading smoke-free policies, including being the first American city to prosecute bars for allowing smoking.

Education - We help tenants, landlords, consumers, and business owners understand their rights and responsibilities. We can't represent people directly, but we can give referrals and information about the law. We also do community outreach, including a fair housing workshop every April and a landlord-tenant forum each December.

We also help enforce the labor laws in Santa Monica (including wage theft); we work to ensure that election rules are followed; and we collaborate with agencies throughout California on other issues, including statewide consumer protection cases.

The Consumer Protection Division serves the entire Santa Monica community - tenants, landlords, consumers and businesses. Visit our website at smconsumer.org, to learn more about what we do, how we can help and how to file a complaint.

Future columns in this space will focus on many of the issues we handle. We'll write about the topics that generate the most questions and complaints. Look for future columns about tenant harassment, rent payment, emotional support animals, security deposits and other issues of interest.

If you have a question or complaint, we want to hear from you! Call (310) 458-8336, or email to consumer.mailbox@smgov.net.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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El Nino and the homeless

Dear Rick Cole:

I am a long time resident of Santa Monica.

I've been reading articles about the impending El Niño and how both the County and the City of Santa Monica has been preparing. Those sandbags will be helpful for our stubbornly flooding garage.

However my main impetus in writing is to ask what options our Santa Monica homeless will have during long and heavy downpours.

My husband (primarily) and I have been assisting a particular homeless man, a senior. Polite and honest, we've known him over a year. We've gotten him on both his Social Security and Disability. This man has a dog who has been with him 12 years, all the way back when he was working on a ranch.

Now with our help he is inches away from getting on a waitlist for section eight. If waiting lists are even being accepted they are years long. I think our city can do better.

What emergency measures are being taken to help people like this? He is not mental nor a criminal. His mother died this year. With his cardio pulmonary syndrome living wet will be a huge danger to his life.

I am copying several local news sources because this is an important issue and they have already run several pieces regarding the homeless situation and the coming El Niño.

Looking forward to your reply.

Jim and Mara Thompson
Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

City releases first set of Breeze numbers

Breeze Bike Share presented by Hulu is off to a rolling start. To date, the City of Santa Monica owned bike share system has accumulated 2,128 members completing 8,760 trips. In total, members have traveled 17,887 miles, about the equivalent of three round trips from Santa Monica to New York City, logging over 3,900 hours of ride time. When compared to automotive travel Breeze has saved riders $11,260, reduced carbon emissions by 17,120 lbs., and riders have burned an estimated 776,591 an calories.

Holiday shoppers took advantage of this new mode of transportation to track down the best Black Friday deals in Santa Monica. Last Friday 130 new members signed up for Breeze Bike Share. On Black Friday there were 405 total trips equaling 1,087 miles traveled.

"The City of Santa Monica is proud of our community's long-term commitment to sustainability," said Mayor Kevin McKeown, who is currently in Paris as part of the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference. "Breeze Bike Share is just one facet of our City's plan to improve mobility while protecting our environment. We are proud to lead the Southern California region in adopting a bike share system and thrilled Santa Monicans are embracing Breeze Bike Share as an easy way to get around town, especially during this busy holiday season."

Since launching the full 500-bike system on November 12, the Ocean Ave. and Colorado station above the Santa Monica Pier has racked up the most users, followed closely by the station at Ocean Ave. and Olympic Drive near Tongva Park.

"It has been extremely exciting seeing the residents, visitors and tourists of Santa Monica embrace the accessibility of the bikes and enjoy the benefit of a fun and easy way to get around the city," said Ron Durgin, SoCal Regional Manager for Cyclehop, "We are encouraged by the early numbers, which show the system is off to a great start, and our expectation is for continued membership growth in anticipation of the Expo Line's spring arrival."

City leaders anticipate Breeze bike rides will continue to replace the short trips around town that used to require a car ride and they said biking is the ideal way to access Expo Light Rail when it arrives in spring of 2016.

In the coming months the City and Breeze Bike Share will be working to fine-tune the system to maximize the system's efficiency, customer usefulness, and safety for all users and bystanders.

December is the last month to join as a founding member. For just $99 you will receive a full year of bike share, which includes 60 minutes of use a day, and a special Breeze Founding Member gift pack! For more information go to www.breeze-bikeshare.com.

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SCHOOL

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Krenik's report set off a long and at times contentious discussion among school board members, who mostly supported the idea of creating a separate Malibu district as long as there are no negative fiscal consequences for the remaining Santa Monica district.

The board's subcommittee on separation, which is confusingly referred to as unification, planned to meet and return with suggestions for next steps.

An idea that has gained momentum in the district seemed stable in July, when the finance committee deemed separation to be feasible. But when district staff came forward in August with a new financial report on state funding, the committee was asked to revisit its analysis.

"Are both districts better off? The answer is, unfortunately, no," committee member Debbie Mulvaney said. "With what we know about district finances, sound analysis clearly demonstrates that unification does not make financially prudent sense at this time."

Committee member Tom Larmore said he's backed the concept of separation but added that the new data forced him to reconsider.

"I've said many times that if there were no adverse consequences ... it was a great thing to do, and I was for it," he said. "When we realized the current situation it was, frankly, a disappointment to me."

Parent activists turned out in large numbers to reiterate their support for a Malibu-only district, poking holes in the committee's new analysis.

Committee member Seth Jacobson, a Malibu parent, noted that the findings are misleading because they don't take into account several key factors, including ongoing litigation stemming from the discovery of toxins in the caulking at Malibu schools two years ago.

"There is no question in my mind that two parties negotiating together in good faith could work this out," he said.

Board member Craig Foster, the former president of a group that continues to advocate for a Malibu-only district, expressed frustration at the lack of Malibu representation on the district finance committee and said the desires of people in his community aren't being taken seriously.

"All the reasons Malibu needs its own school district are the same reasons it's so bloody hard to get our own school district," he said. "The road ahead is not as smooth as we had hoped."

Board president Laurie Lieberman said she understands the concerns of the Malibu community but added that she needs more clarity and assurance before moving forward.

"We were all happy to hear that report [in July], and now things have changed," she said. "It's not because people went out looking to change the facts or change the answer."

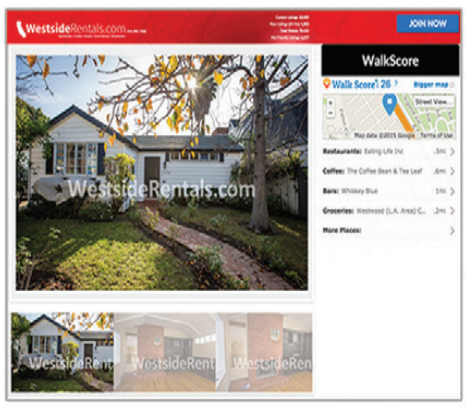
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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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RFP: #66 EXPO MARKETING SERVICES
- **Submission Deadline is December 18, 2016 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

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

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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BID #4230 FURNISH AND DELIVER FIVE (5) NEW AND UNUSED ELECTRIC VEHICLES, AS REQUIRED BY FLEET MANAGEMENT.

Submission Deadline is December 17, 2015 at until 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for bid package and specifications.



FAA: STOP YOUR STALLING ON SANTA MONICA AIRPORT

After four unexplained delays, Friday December 4, 2015 is the deadline for the Federal Aviation Administration to finally deliver an important ruling on Santa Monica Airport. The question before the FAA is simple – what is the expiration date of grant conditions between the FAA and the City of Santa Monica that require the City to operate the Airport? It has long been our position that our federal grant obligations to operate Santa Monica Airport expired in 2014, while national aviation interests have tried to assert that they remain in effect until 2023.

Why won't the FAA release their ruling?

The Santa Monica Airport dates to 1919 and was never designed to handle today's jet aircraft. Yet every day, corporate and personal jets fly just above the rooftops of family homes that are only 300 feet from the end of the runway. There is no dispute that the City of Santa Monica owns the airport. Still, the **FAA has repeatedly blocked the City from taking even the simplest and most sensible steps to protect the security, health, and safety of thousands of nearby residents** in Santa Monica and Los Angeles.

There's no excuse for the FAA's repeated delays. It's time for action.

Our message to the FAA is simple: #FAADoYourJob. If you support the efforts of the City and Congressmembers Ted Lieu and Karen Bass to get a decision, go to www.FAADoYourJob.org to sign our petition to the FAA. Post on Facebook and Twitter. Join our email campaign!

We all have jobs to do. It's about time the FAA does theirs.

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SETTLE

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"At no time before, during or after my five years of employment with the City of Santa Monica did I ever receive any advice from the City that my post-City employment could give rise to a violation of the Oaks Initiative," he said. "Moreover, the City Attorney has consistently taken the position that the Oaks Initiative likely does not apply to City employees, including the City Manager and suffers from Constitutional and drafting infirmities."

Gould said he was specifically told his part-time employment with Management Partners was not a legal violation by the City Attorney's office and the civil suit came as a surprise.

"That lawsuit has put me in the middle of a dispute between the City and the Charter proponents over enforcement of the Oaks Initiative Charter Amendment," he said. "Yet the City has refused to participate in the lawsuit or otherwise seek a judicial determination that its interpretation of the Oaks Initiative is correct and that the measure does not apply to employees. That puts employees like me, who relied on the City's prior position, in an untenable position.

"I do not have the resources to defend a lawsuit that carries with it the potential for significant penalties. Moreover, at this point in my life I do not believe it is appropriate for me to contest the Oaks Initiative since the dispute over the interpretation of this Charter provision is not mine. Consequently, I have entered into a settlement that involves my relinquishing a job that was meaningful and allowed me to use my skills to better local governments."

Under the terms of the settlement he will resign from the company and agree to restrictions on his employment through January 31 of 2017.

"This is an important victory for Santa Monica," said Mary Marlow, a Plaintiff and Chair of the Transparency Project. "It is about time that the law is enforced. Unfortunately, residents had to do the enforcing because the City Attorney has refused to do so. The City has much greater investigative powers and resources than we do. Now that we have shown Oaks is alive and well, we expect the City to do its job."

The settlement is the first result of any kind stemming from an Oak's complaint in Santa Monica. The Transparency Project previously filed a complaint against Councilwoman Pam O'Connor over campaign contributions but the Santa Monica City Attorney, County District Attorney and State Attorney General's office all declined to proceed with criminal prosecution of the charge.

The City Attorney's office has stated it would be a conflict of interest to pursue complaints against individuals that were or are its client. The City has also raised questions over the constitutionality of some Oak's provisions.

While the District Attorney agreed there might be constitutional concerns, both the D.A. and the Attorney General suggested the formation of a special prosecutor within the City Attorney's office could allow the city to proceed with complaints on its own.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie said establishing a special investigator within her office would be impractical due to the small size of her staff. Even if her office were to create such a position, Moutrie said residents would be unlikely to trust that anyone employed by her office could be completely objective when it came to prosecuting councilmembers or other officials.

Alternate enforcement ideas have been discussed in the past including formation of an independent ethics commission, hiring outside lawyers or forming a partnership with the City of Pasadena. Santa Monica and Pasadena have both adopted the Oaks rules and the two could agree to investigate each other's complaints.

Marlow said the success of the civil suit shows the law can be enforced and should prompt the city to move forward with existing Oaks complaints.

"We hope the message to the city is you need to find a way to enforce Oaks or if you think it has a constitutional problem, bring it up and lets deal with it," she said. "I think it's unfortunate that private citizens had to bring a lawsuit in order to show the city that you can deal with these issues."

In his letter, Gould said the City has a responsibility to reconcile the Oaks wording with the interpretation that has been presented to city employees. He said council should make clear who is covered by the rule, train staff on the implications of the rules prior to when they are hired, clarify who is covered when contracts negotiated by others are approved by the city manager and adopt an enforcement mechanism that handles complaints administratively rather than through litigation.

Moutrie said Oaks clearly applies to elected officials but said she believes it is unclear as to the law's application to city employees.

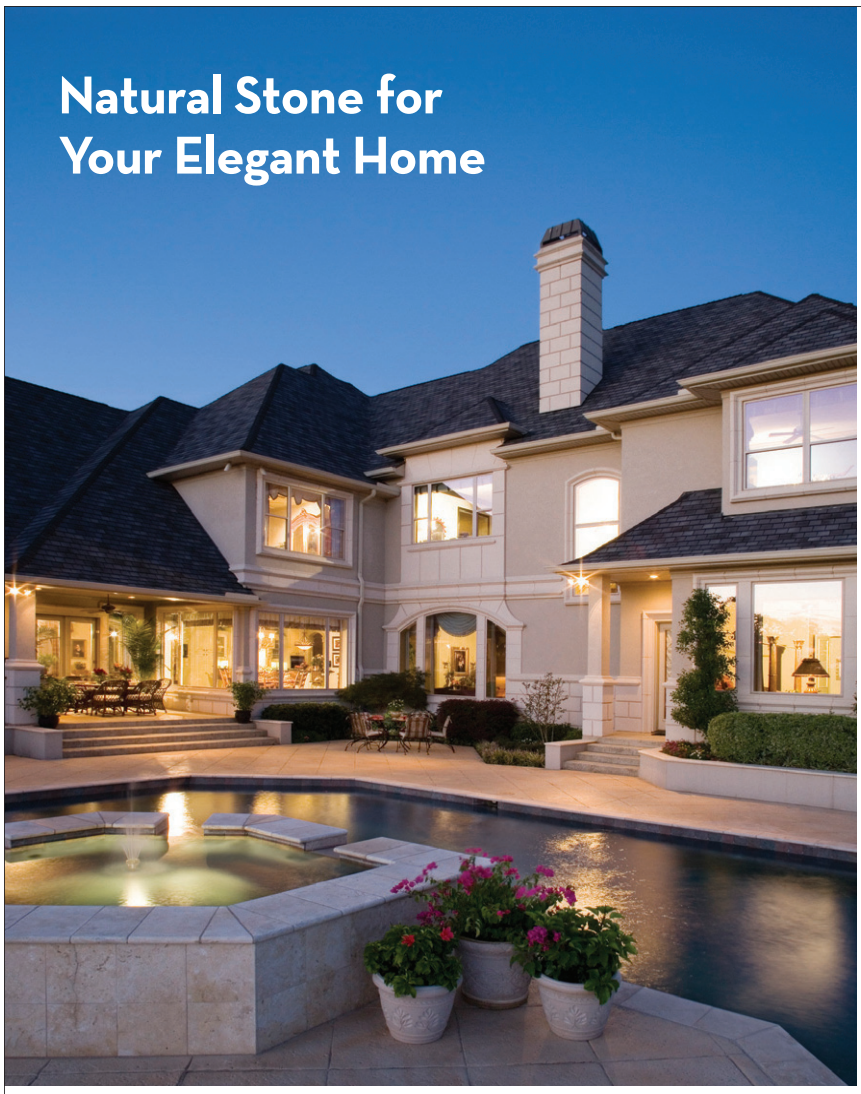
"I think the residents deserve to have that clarified," she said.

Moutrie said she agreed with the need to establish an enforcement mechanism and said it would be up to the City Council to use its authority to refine the rules and create a system of enforcement.

Mary Marlow, Elizabeth Van Denburgh and Nancy Coleman filed the civil suit against Gould earlier this year. The three are members of the Santa Monica Transparency Project, an all-volunteer organization that describes itself as concerned about openness and accountability in city government.

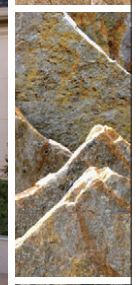
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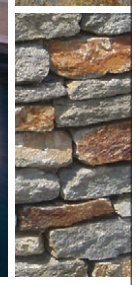
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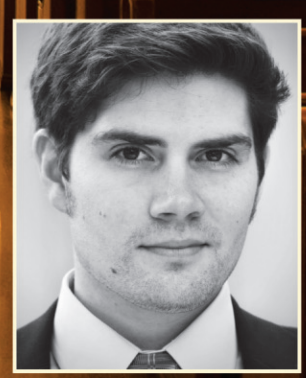
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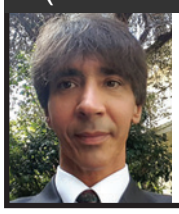
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ance by Klezmer Juice. And creeping closer to Christmas the Promenade will host a holiday movie night featuring a screening of the classic holiday movie "Home Alone" on Friday, Dec. 18. Hot cocoa and kids crafts at 6 p.m. will precede the screening at 7 p.m.

Main Street will be celebrating the season in style with their holiday event on Saturday, Dec. 5. The festivities begin at 5:15 p.m. when Santa Claus will be available for photos with the little ones on the lawn at the California Heritage Museum (2612 Main St.) Photos are free, but remember to bring your own camera. The Santa Monica High School choir will perform holiday classics at 6 p.m. Then the jolly man himself will preside over a countdown to the lighting of the holiday tree on the lawn, which will be followed by a candlelight walk to the iconic shopping cart tree at the Edgemar Center for the Arts. Off Their Jingle Bell Rockers will perform for the crowd until close at 7 p.m. Over 60 participating Main Street merchants will be hosting special holiday parties with the festivities taking place from 6 - 9 p.m.

Montana Avenue will be hosting its 30th annual Holiday Walk on Friday, Dec. 4 from 5 - 9 p.m. The walk is a yearly tradition during which stores on the street stay open late for shoppers who are hunting for holiday gifts. Santa will be present for photos and carolers will wander the avenue.

For those who are ready to jump right into the season there is the Holiday Hop Along Pico hosted on Pico Boulevard on Saturday, Dec. 5. During the event, local residents and businesses alike will gather together from 12 - 4 p.m. to enjoy refreshments, entertainment, shopping specials and art displays. There will be red bows adorning merchants' doors signaling they are offering holiday specials. The center of the activity will be at the Venice Family Clinic (2509 Pico Blvd.) where there will be live music by bands like The Lads, children's activities and refreshments from Gilbert's El Indio, Unurban Coffeehouse and Z Garden. Santa Claus will be holding court from 12 - 3 p.m. and photos may be taken free of charge. Entertainment along the boulevard will include strolling Samohi carolers and live music at Acapillow, Animal Kingdom, El Texate, Kronovet Realty and McCabe's; as well as the "Pico elves" that will hop along the boulevard with lists of specials and additional info for the holiday activities. Donations of canned goods will be accepted at the event for the Westside Food Bank.

And at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows the holiday season will be celebrated with the annual Meet Me Under the Fig Tree Event on Sunday, Dec. 6. The free event, hosted by the hotel and MSD Capital, will run from 2 - 5 p.m. and the whole family is invited. There will be entertainment provided by Grammy-award winning pianist Bill Cunliffe and the Santa Monica High School orchestra, photo ops with Santa Claus, gingerbread houses, seasonal crafts and a complimentary raffle with prizes donated by local businesses and the Miramar Hotel. There will be a bounce house, cotton candy, a petting zoo, mural painting and more for the kids. Visitors are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items, which will be donated to OPCC.

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CENTURY WEST PARTNERS

1320 2nd Street, LLC is accepting applications for qualified personnel for the construction of the mixed use apartment building in Santa Monica.

Resumes can be submitted via mail to 12121 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 720 Los Angeles, CA 90025 Attn: Jobs at 1320 2nd Street.

City of Santa Monica

**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
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BID #4227 FURNISH AND DELIVER NEW AND UNUSED URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE APPARATUS.

Submission Deadline is December 16, 2015 at until 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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Facebook CEO, now a father, will give away most of his money

BRANDON BAILEY
AP Technology Writer

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife say they'll devote nearly all their wealth — roughly $45 billion — to solving the world's problems in celebration of their new baby daughter, Max.

Zuckerberg's wife, Priscilla Chan, gave birth last week. But the couple didn't put out the news until Tuesday, when Zuckerberg posted it on Facebook, of course.

In the same post, Zuckerberg said he and Chan will, over time, commit 99 percent of their Facebook stockholdings to such causes as fighting disease, improving education and "building strong communities." The couple had previously pledged to give away at least half their assets during their lifetime, but hadn't provided specifics.

They are forming a new organization, called the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, that will pursue those goals through a combination of charitable donations, private investment and promotion of government-policy reform.

"Like all parents, we want you to grow up in a world better than ours today," the 31-year-old social media mogul and his wife wrote in a letter to their daughter, which they also posted on Facebook.

The announcement stunned the charity world. "It's incredibly impressive and an enormous commitment that really eclipses anything that we've seen in terms of size," said Phil Buchanan, president of the nonprofit Center for Effective Philanthropy.

By comparison, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has an endowment of just over $41 billion, which includes wealth donated by the Microsoft founder and his friend, the businessman Warren Buffett.

The new initiative will be organized as a limited liability company, however, rather than as a nonprofit foundation. "They want the most flexibility and they are going to use a wide variety of activities to achieve their mission," Rachael Horwitz, a Facebook spokeswoman, said via email. "So in that way this is not a foundation nor is it entirely charitable."

Zuckerberg has shown a previous interest in influencing public policy. He led other prominent Silicon Valley figures in forming a group, FWD.us, that lobbied and gave donations to congressional candidates in an unsuccessful effort to promote immigration reforms. Depending on how much of the new effort is devoted to lobbying, it could raise new questions about the influence of money in today's politics, some experts said.

In the letter to their daughter, Zuckerberg and Chan described their goals as "advancing human potential and promoting equality." They added: "We must make long term investments over 25, 50 or even 100 years. The greatest challenges require very long time horizons and cannot be solved by short term thinking."

While Zuckerberg promised to release more details in the future, he said the couple will transfer most of their wealth to the initiative "during our lives." The couple will be in charge of the initiative, although Zuckerberg won't be quitting his day job.

"I have a full time job running Facebook," he told The Associated Press in an interview last month, during which he discussed the couple's approach to philanthropy. Of his job at the social network, he added, "I'm going to be doing this for long time."

The Facebook co-founder is one of the world's wealthiest men. He and Chan, a 30-year-old pediatrician, have previously donated $100 million to public schools in Newark, New Jersey, and pledged $120 million to schools in poor communities of the San Francisco Bay Area. They've also given $75 million to the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where Chan did her medical training.

In a statement, Facebook said the couple's plan to transfer their shares over time won't affect his status as controlling shareholder of the company. The company said Zuckerberg has committed to dispose of no more than $1 billion of Facebook stock every year for the next three years.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Text Amendment 15ENT-0315**

LOCATION: Mixed-Use and Commercial Districts
APPLICANT: Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant requests an amendment to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Table 9.11.020, Specific Limitations #17 and #19 which currently require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for any individual tenant space in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) District that is more than 7,500 square feet of floor area and/or exceeds 50 linear feet of ground floor street frontage and for any individual tenant space in the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL), Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB), and General Commercial (GC) Districts that is more than 12,500 square feet of floor area and/or exceeds 75 linear feet of ground floor street frontage. The proposed text amendment would modify these limitations so that the requirement of a CUP applies to retail tenant spaces only.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2015, AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica 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. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Tony Kim, Acting Special Projects Manager
Re: Text Amendment 15ENT-0315
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or to provide comments, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at tony.kim@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 made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now runs on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to the Colorado Esplanade construction.

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
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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:

1644 Cloverfield Boulevard: Conditional Use Permit 15ENT-0316. The applicant (Ralphs Grocery Company) requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (15ENT-0316) to allow a Type 86 (Instructional Tasting License) ABC license for the instructional tasting of alcoholic beverages at an existing grocery store (Ralphs) with a Type 21 (Off-Sale General) alcohol license. According to Section 9.31.040(B) of the Zoning Ordinance, a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on-site or off-site consumption. [Planner: Ariel Socarras] **Applicant: Ralphs Grocery Company. Property Owner: Kenmore Rohnert LLC FTB Civic LLC.**

3008 Santa Monica Boulevard: Development Review Permit 15ENT-0314 to allow a new four-story (36-foot) 24,825 square-foot mixed-use project consisting of 26 residential units, 3,450 square feet of ground floor commercial space, and 64 parking spaces within a two-level subterranean parking garage. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **Applicant: VDM Limited LLC. Property Owner: Albinas & Vita Markevicius Trust.**

Proposed Amendment to the Official Districting Map for 1419 19th Street;
A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider recommending to the City Council the adoption of a Resolution amending the Official Districting Map for 1419 19th Street changing the zoning from Low Density Residential (R2) to General Commercial (GC). The following amendment is proposed:

Address	APN	Existing LUCE Designation	Existing Zoning	Proposed Zoning Change
1419 19th St	4275009018	General Commercial	Low Density Residential (R2)	General Commercial (GC)

[Planner: Tony Kim]

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, 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 additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail at firstname.lastname@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center. "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2 and #8 now run on Ocean Avenue instead of Main Street due to Colorado Esplanade construction. 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.

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SURF REPORT



SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **63.5°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high
WNW swell-mix to ease. Steep SSE swell continues.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell leftovers. New WNW swell shows in the PM. Small SSW swell.

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
New WNW swell mix tops out. Small SSW swell. Watching the winds.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2015**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Los Aliso creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	F	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	ns	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	F
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	F
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card℠ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

EARLY IN THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 18

Multiple officers responded to the 2900 block of Main Street in response to reports of an assault with a deadly weapon that just occurred. According to witnesses, a female wearing dark clothing and a white baseball cap assaulted a male with a bottle while both were inside a bar. Security officers at the business flagged down the officers and pointed out the suspect, Hani Farah, who was detained during the ensuing investigation. Using the statements of witnesses, both patrons and employees, and surveillance footage that captured the incident, the officers established the following: at about 1:11 a.m., Farah is dancing with an unidentified female when she is approached by the victim and an animated discussion ensues. Farah is holding a bottle in her hand and the victim appears to grab at it, trying to take the bottle from her. He then walks away. A few minutes later, Farah approaches the victim from behind and strikes him on the left side of his head with the bottle, shattering the bottle and spilling its contents on the floor. Out of sight of the cameras, the victim grabbed Farah and dragged her to the front door and leaves her. The victim, who was never identified, left the business without speaking with police. He has still not been located. Farah was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. Hani Ahmed Farah, 25, of Venice, had bail set at $30,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 333 calls for service on Nov. 30

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

Disturbance of the peace 6th/Hollister 12:49 a.m.
Public intoxication 1000 block of 5th 2:37 a.m.
Fight 300 block of Pico 2:57 a.m.
Battery 2600 block of Main 2:58 a.m.
Suspicious vehicle 2100 block of Ocean 3:31 a.m.
Battery 2600 block of Lincoln 6:32 a.m.
Fraud 1000 block of Pacific 6:53 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2000 block of Olympic 8:10 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block of Wilshire 8:14 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block of Franklin 8:38 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1800 block of 20th 8:44 a.m.
Public intoxication Lincoln/Pico 8:54 a.m.
Identity theft 1600 block of Berkeley 8:55 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block of Ocean 9:55 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1500 block of Princeton 9:59 a.m.
Traffic accident 2200 block of Wilshire 10:13 a.m.
DUI 20th/Pico 11:05 a.m.
Person down 500 block of California 11:27 a.m.
Identity theft 3100 block of 4th 11:35 a.m.
Fraud 900 block of 12th 11:54 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:43 p.m.
Traffic accident Cloverfield/Santa Monica 12:48 p.m.
Traffic accident 24th/Santa Monica 12:48 p.m.
Traffic accident 2300 block of Santa Monica 12:58 p.m.
Hit and run 1800 block of Colorado 1:10 p.m.
Family disturbance 1200 block of Ocean 1:13 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of 6th 1:26 p.m.
Traffic accident 2nd/Wilshire 1:28 p.m.
Vandalism 500 block of Olympic 2:21 p.m.
Traffic accident 5th/Wilshire 2:22 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Bay 2:24 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of 4th 2:47 p.m.
Fraud 1700 block of Cloverfield 2:49 p.m.
Traffic accident Stewart/Pico 2:58 p.m.
Vandalism 300 block of Georgina 3:03 p.m.
Battery 1700 block of Ocean 3:28 p.m.
Death 2000 block of Ocean 3:58 p.m.
Critical missing person 2300 block of 14th 4:05 p.m.
Vandalism 500 block of Olympic 4:21 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2600 block of 22nd 4:41 p.m.
Traffic accident 1100 block of Colorado 5:37 p.m.
Traffic accident 1700 block of Santa Monica 5:50 p.m.
Traffic accident 1100 block of 14th 5:55 p.m.
Hit and run 4th/Colorado 6:28 p.m.
Hit and run 2200 block of Wilshire 7:18 p.m.
Traffic accident 3100 block of Santa Monica 8:18 p.m.
Battery 1200 block of 25th 8:52 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 44 calls for service on Nov. 30.

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

Automatic alarm 300 block of Civic Center 12:25 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 1:19 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Pico 3:28 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block of Santa Monica 6:31 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 15th 7:22 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 7:59 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of Arizona 8:21 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block of Arizona 8:39 a.m.
EMS 1000 block of Maple 8:52 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Virginia 9:15 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Pacific 11:03 a.m.
Broken gas main 2900 block of Colorado 11:21 a.m.
EMS 500 block of California 11:27 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Lincoln 11:32 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Ocean 12:01 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1000 block of Chelsea 12:12 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/Santa Monica 12:49 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/Santa Monica 12:59 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 1:31 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Idaho 1:34 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Santa Monica 1:43 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Pico 1:52 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Olympic Dr 1:56 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 2:04 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 2:59 p.m.
EMS Stewart/Pico 3:00 p.m.
EMS Stewart/Pico 3:00 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 20th 3:13 p.m.
EMS 200 block of San Vicente 3:56 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Ocean 3:58 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of 28th 4:16 p.m.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Boston cager
7 "Let's go!"
11 Exaggerate
12 Sushi need
13 Sovereign state
14 Concerning
15 Skirt features
17 Corny performers
20 Old photo tint
23 Boxing great
24 Stifle
26 USO audience
27 Bullring call
28 Braying beast
29 Sit out the vote
31 Stage signal
32 Turn red, maybe
33 Sharpen
34 Preposterous
37 Pleads
39 Carter's successor
43 Spur on
44 Dojo doings
45 Baseball's Willie
46 Did salon work

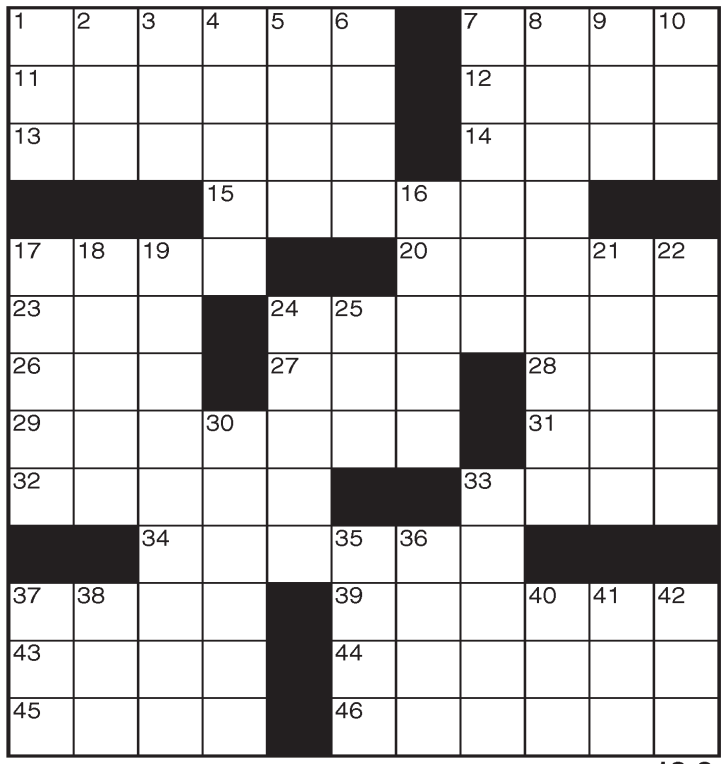
DOWN

1 Take in
2 Juan Perón's wife
3 Rent out
4 Journeys
5 Pop star
6 Volcano shape
7 Lunar sight
8 Mell Lazarus comic strip
9 Halloween mo.
10 "The Matrix" hero
16 Rockies resort
17 Comics Viking
18 Innocence indicator
19 Colleague of Kermit
21 Magazine unit
22 Useful skill
24 Speckled horses
25 Yale rooter
30 Past and future
33 Exhausted
35 Sacred chests
36 Orderly
37 Worthless
38 Pitching stat
40 Guy's friend
41 Had something
42 Homer's neighbor

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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803



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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	3	4	5	6	1	8	9	2
6	8	9	4	2	7	3	1	5
1	2	5	8	9	3	4	7	6
3	7	1	9	8	6	5	2	4
9	4	8	7	5	2	6	3	1
2	5	6	3	1	4	9	8	7
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King Features Syndicate

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL (calottery)
Draw Date: 11/28
2 6 47 66 67
Power#: 2
Jackpot: 110M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/27
16 20 39 56 59
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 39M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 11/28
9 16 20 21 31
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/30
7 13 15 36 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/1
MIDDAY: 8 3 5
Draw Date: 11/30
EVENING: 1 2 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/30
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:47.28

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WORD UP!

winkle

1. British. Informal. to pry (something) out of a place, as winkle meat is dug out of its shell with a pin (usually followed by out).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1970 - The United States Environmental Protection Agency begins operations.

1971 - Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Fujairah, Sharjah, Dubai, and Umm al-Quwain form the United Arab Emirates.

1975 - Laotian Civil War: The Pathet Lao seizes the Laotian capital of Vientiane, forces the abdication of King Sisavang Vatthana, and proclaims the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

1976 - Fidel Castro becomes President of Cuba, replacing Osvaldo Dorticós Torrado.

1980 - Salvadoran Civil War: Four U.S. nuns and churchwomen, Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan, and Dorothy Kazel, are murdered by a military death squad.

1982 - At the University of Utah, Barney Clark becomes the first person to receive a permanent artificial heart.

1988 - Benazir Bhutto is sworn in as Prime Minister of Pakistan, becoming the first woman to head the government of an Islam-dominated state.

1991 - Canada and Poland become the first nations on earth to recognize the independence of Ukraine from the Soviet Union.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Queens (New York) Redbird Tourist Information Center was finally ordered to close in July following an extraordinarily unsuccessful seven-year run in which, possibly, not a single tourist ever walked through the door. The New York Post, interviewing neighbors in Kew Gardens, found no one who ever saw a visitor, and the center's lone staff member said she recalled only lunchtime drop-ins from jury duty at the criminal court building down the block.

■ Marshall University (Huntington, West Virginia), seeking a "star free agent" for its medical faculty, hired neurosurgeon Paul Muizelaar in July despite controversy from his previous work at the University of California, Davis. There, Dr. Muizelaar and colleagues, in a daring experiment, introduced live bowel bacteria into the brain -- on lab rats -- supposedly to stimulate the immune system when other remedies had faltered. However, Dr. Muizelaar, emboldened, also introduced the bacteria into brains of a man and two women who had highly malignant glioblastoma tumors (each patient having consented). However, two died within weeks, and although the third survived more than a year, UC Davis found numerous protocol violations. Dr. Muizelaar's new supervisor told the Associated Press that he nonetheless felt lucky to land him because "not everybody wants to move to Appalachia."

Call it a day, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Focus on the details, even if you are distracted or are going over a certain scenario in your mind. Check what you do twice in order to avoid a problem. Tension develops over a potential trip or opportunity. Someone else will be envious. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Despite present pressure, there are many ways to accomplish your goals. You tend to see what others don't. Your creativity works continuously on an issue until you find a good solution. A partner could be challenging you. Tonight: Be nice, even if someone is grumpy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You have a lot to discuss, but unfortunately your preferred audience is not available. You might feel as though you have hit an obstacle. Work with someone who can give you feedback right now, even if his or her comments seem critical. Tonight: Happy to cocoon.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You share much more than you realize just with your expressions. How you deal with this matter could change radically if you would just relax. Understanding is likely to evolve to a new level. You also might see a new path. Tonight: Share your vision with others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Curb a tendency to worry too much. Sometimes, when you push as hard as you can, you lose your perspective. Recheck whatever you are doing, as a lot of confusion surrounds you. A new friend could be the cause of some distraction, even if it is pleasant. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You can determine more of what you desire. Maintain your detail-oriented perspective, even if your mind begins to wander to bigger ideas. A family member whom you don't often see weighs heavily on your mind. Tonight: Speak with this person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Listen to your inner voice, and you'll know what needs to happen. You might feel as if you don't want to discuss a certain a situation, and you could become much more irritated than you realize. The other party also might be closing down. Tonight: Think before jumping to a conclusion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Zero in on what must occur and/or be completed. You might have several meetings, in which your priorities will become clearer. You could feel as if your reserves are not as strong or dynamic as you want them to be. Time is on your side. Tonight: Catch up on friends' news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds to an unanticipated level, and you easily might feel overwhelmed. Make it OK to dive right in and clear out as much as possible. You will feel better once you accomplish what you can. You could be crankier than you realize. Tonight: Could be a late one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take an overview, and you'll be pleased with the results. You could be working through details in your head. You hardly will even notice others. Spending could get wildly out of control if you are not careful. Tonight: Treat your mind to a game or a favorite TV series.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating seems to be fraught with hazards. You might put your foot in your mouth and say the wrong thing. Remain as sensitive as you can to others' needs, but don't bankrupt yourself and give everything away. Tonight: Opt to be with a favorite person.

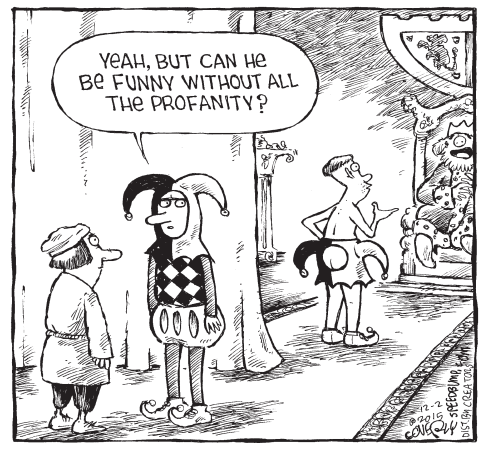
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others seem cranky, and you probably are right. You could witness a lot of fussing and changes happening around you. You also might not feel that you are getting the complete story from someone. This person is relating as much as he or she is aware of. Tonight: Call it a day.

Wednesday, December 2, 2015

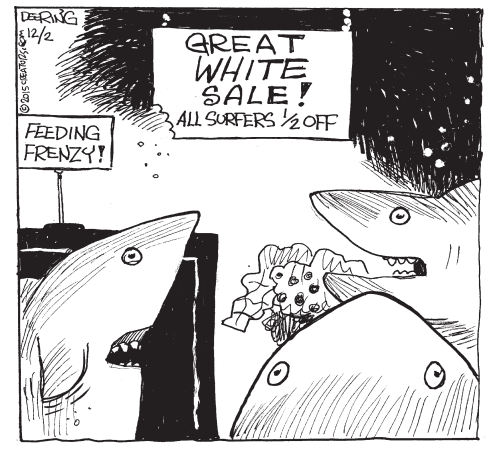
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you tend to be the source of your own problems. Often you worry too much and create scenarios that aren't set in reality -- they have more to do with what you fear. You will be in the limelight more often than not. Others will judge your performance often. If you are single, you meet people with ease. Be careful before criticizing someone, as a similar quality lies in you. If you are attached, make time for your significant other. Your sweetie's presence makes a big difference in your life. VIRGO is fussy and not necessarily complimentary to you.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



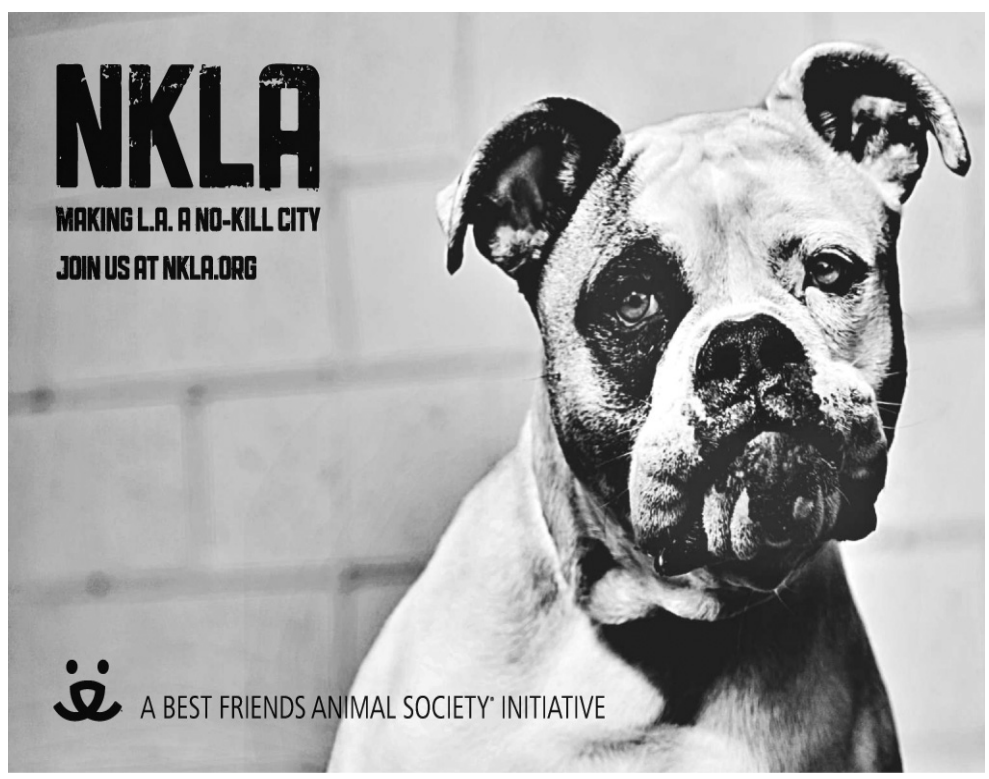
Garfield
By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose







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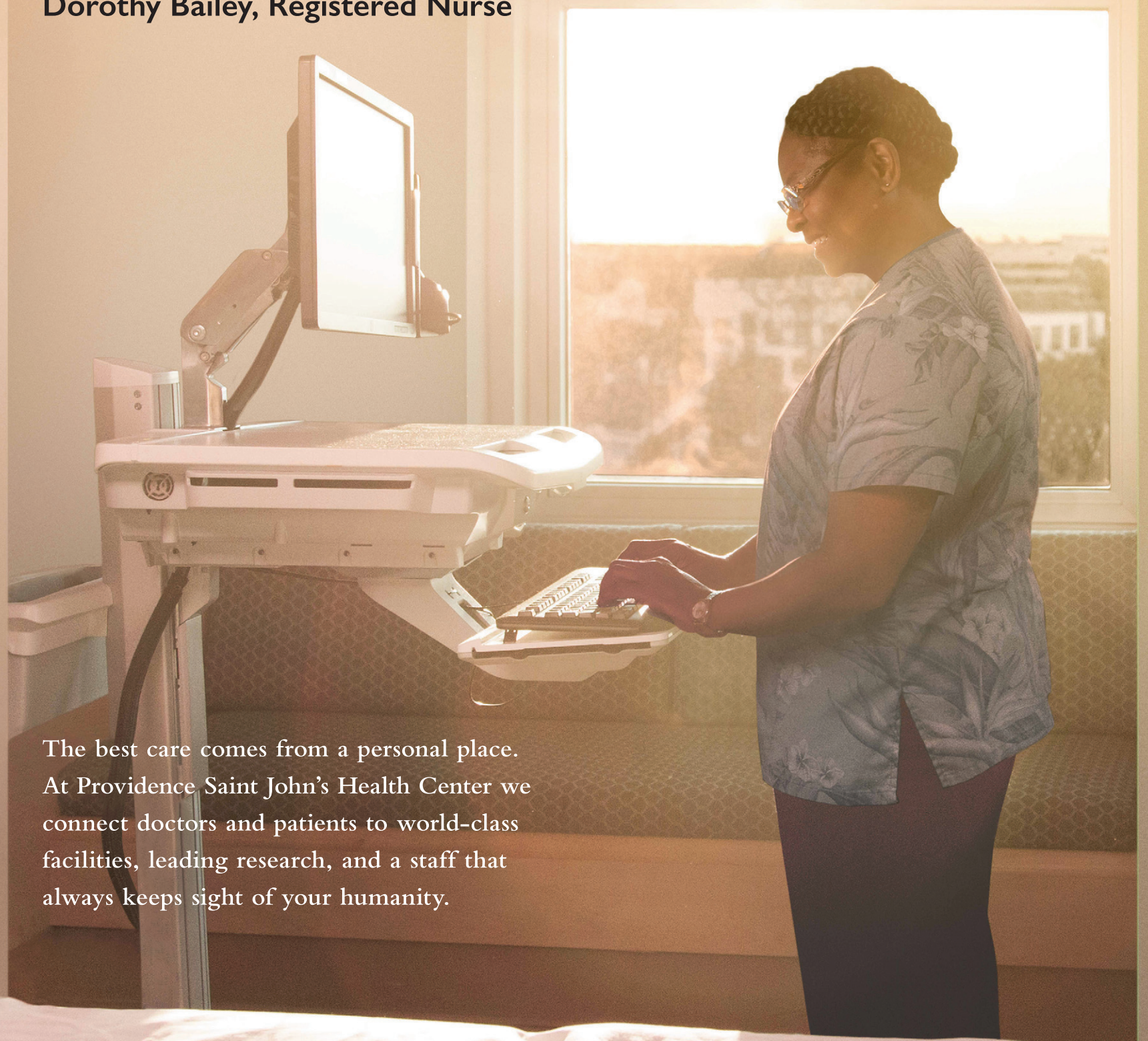
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