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Local entrepreneur supporting immigrant workers

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

When more than a hundred Santa Monica restaurant employees opened their last paychecks they saw something extra from their boss: reassurance he will fight for them during the Trump administration.

A letter written in both English

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California weighs bills to protect immigrants under Trump

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

California lawmakers are planning to introduce bills starting Monday to help protect immigrants from an expected increase in immigration enforcement under President-elect Donald Trump.

SEE BILLS PAGE 6

NMS to lose control of local properties

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Southern California developer recently found to have committed of fraud and forgery will potentially face the scrutiny of City Hall concerning current and future projects in Santa Monica.

On Friday, a Los Angeles Superior Court Judge ruled local developer Neil Shekhter, founder and CEO of NMS Properties, committed a "broad variety" of fraud and forgeries, including providing a fabricated contract to the court, as well as destroyed evidence. The case surrounded a joint venture between NMS and hedge fund AEW and concerns seven properties in Santa Monica, one in Los Angeles and one in West Hollywood.

Because of the ruling, Shekhter will cede control of the nine properties. Judge Suzanne Bruguera also ruled NMS misappropriated funds when dealing with AEW and ordered NMS to pay AEW's attorneys' fees in the amount of $5,249,643 and suit costs totaling $784,284.

NMS currently manages more than 50 properties in Southern California with more scheduled for development.

In the wake of the ruling, Santa Monica City Councilmembers Kevin McKeown and Sue Himmelrich are urging city staff to look into all existing and pending

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TOURNAMENT CHAMPS

Morgan Genser

Santa Monica High School and Crossroads battled against each other in the finals of the St. Monica Catholic High School classic basketball tournament last week with Crossroads earning a 64-56 victory. Pictured are De'sean Allen-Eikens from Samohi hanging on to the rim after dunking the basket in front of Crossroads' Jacob Ray and Cole Thomas, Samohi's Antonio Holley III going for a layup, Crossroads' Shareef O'Neal hanging on the rim after a dunk, O'Neal jumping for a layup in front Cleon Gallien-Murphy from Samohi and Crossroads' DJ Houston shooting the basketball over Payton Moore and Antonio Holley III both from Samohi.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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Need help drafting your personal statement? Don't know where to start? Need assistance with editing your personal statement? Join the Pico Branch Library and the Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center for a 5-week workshop were all these questions will be addressed. Space is limited, registration is now open. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 – 8 p.m.

California String Quartet

California String Quartet: Katia Popov, violin; Luanne Homzy, violin; Zach Dellinger, viola; Rainer Crosett, cello. CSQ plays Mozart, Vivaldi, Piazolla and arrangements of contemporary film scores as well as a new commission. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, 6:30 – 8 p.m., RSVP at annenbergbeachhouse.com/beach-culture

Ocean Park Film Series

Film title: "Stardust Memories" (1980) Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this Woody Allen movie about a filmmaker who reminisces about his life and loves, the inspirations for his films. (Film runtime: 89 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Maker Tuesdays

A space to create STEAM projects at Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center Maker Space! Bring your ideas and use our materials (and Mac Lab) to create. Space is limited and on first-arrival basis. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park. For ages 6 & up. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Landlord/Tenant Forum: Legal Rights and Responsibilities

Free forum as part of the City's ongoing effort to increase public awareness of how local and state laws impact landlords and tenants. All Santa Monica tenants, property owners, property managers, and advocates are invited to attend. A continental breakfast will be served. Parking is very limited, so please consider carpooling or using public transportation. Please register early as spots are limited. If you have questions, please contact the Consumer Protection Division of the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office at (310) 458-8691. Register at http://www.smgov.net/departments/cpu. Thelma Terry Center in Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Planning Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Planning Commission, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 6 p.m.

The Great Gingerbread House Challenge

We'll provide you with the supplies to decorate a unique, eye-catching gingerbread house. Work in teams or on your own. A panel of judges will choose the winners of the gift card prizes. Grades 6 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 – 5 p.m.

Memory and Aging

Learn how the brain changes with age, what is and is not normal, and what you can do about it. Asa Hatami, Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research at UCLA, discusses the latest research surrounding brain health, offering practical tips to stay mentally focused and sharp. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Racing Extinction Film Screening

The film is free to Santa Monica residents, Sustainable Works members and High School/College students with valid ID. Register here for your free ticket: https://swracingextinction.eventbrite.com Not a Santa Monica resident? Buy your tickets online: http://fandan.co/2f1NPBt. A panel discussion will follow the screening. Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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SMC debate team wins first place in fall championships tournament

Santa Monica College has announced that an SMC student debate team has won first place at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association Fall Championships tournament held at Orange Coast College from Dec. 2-4. The SMC students on the team that won first place in the British Parliamentary debate division were Ben Kolodny and Matthew Linsky. They defeated two teams from UCLA and one from Point Loma Nazarene University in the final round.

Forty institutions – comprising two-year and four-year colleges–were represented at the tournament; 13 teams of two students each competed in the British Parliamentary debate division. In addition to the team victory, several SMC students also competed and won awards in individual speech events.

Matthew Linsky won first place in varsity impromptu speaking in a field of 42 competitors; and Ashley Grace won first place in junior informative speaking in a field of 18 competitors. Garrett Parker, a new debater on the team, received a third-place individual award.

"All of our award winners joined our team this semester, but through intense dedication, commitment, and hard work, they were able to defeat teams that have many semesters–or even years–of experience," said Luis Andrade, SMC Communication professor. "The Santa Monica College debate team is stronger than ever and incredibly motivated to put in the work to succeed at nationals."



Courtesy Photo

DEBATE: The Santa Monica College student debate team of Ben Kolodny (right) and Matthew Linsky (left) won first place at the PSCFA Fall Championships Tournament, held on the Orange Coast College campus from December 2 - 4. They competed against colleges and universities including UCLA, Point Loma Nazarene University, and others.

The tournament featured four preliminary debates and a final debate, the topic of which was whether public protests should be peaceful or violent. The individual speech events division featured two preliminary debates and a finals speech round.

– SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH, SMC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Sustainability at what cost?

Editor:

In your recent article on November 28th, "City Hall Expansion Approved by Planning Commission" you missed mentioning one of the most important parts of the story, the exorbitant $86 million cost of this project to taxpayers.

The attempt to qualify for the "Living Building Challenge" level of sustainability for the new City Services Building project has become "financially" unsustainable. The City Council and Staff have not produced a cost-benefit analysis regarding the issue of "green sustainability" versus ultimate "financial sustainability" including a discussion of the long-term maintenance of the building's unproven and extremely complex subsystems and what taxpayers should be expected to pay for city staff office space.

This analysis should include costs of recently constructed "typical" city office space in other southern California municipalities. As a point of reference, let us compare the presently proposed City Services Building project to the recently opened LEED Gold - African American History & Culture Museum on the National Mall in Washington DC. This new Smithsonian building is built at a very high museum quality and cost $270 million for 350,000 square feet. This works out to about $771 per square foot. The Santa Monica City Services Building, at its current $86 million budget and 50,000 square feet will cost more than twice as much at $1720 per square foot.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Enjoy the holidays, be ready to work In 2017

I'M SITTING AT THE LOEWS HOTEL, watching the Ferris Wheel cycle through a holiday series of lights. There's the holiday lights on the pier that are in the shape of a tree and a light fog is creeping in off the water. Another gorgeous weekend is coming to a close and then I look out to see a parade of bicyclists on the bike path making their way up and down the coast. They were unmissable in their LED illuminated glory.

This is why the holidays and midwinter are such a wonderful time of year here. The chill of winter and the fun of a community coming together to celebrate life is what makes this is a remarkable time.

I wasn't at the tree lighting this year on the Promenade, I guess my invitation was misplaced, but I did have the opportunity this Friday to stroll and enjoy the holiday lighting and decorations. Another great job was done. This type of community decoration adds value to our lives not just in that reminds us of the time of year, but in creating a place that people want to visit, and that we enjoy. The maintenance of our city's attractions is one of the benefits we have by having a vibrant and active Chamber of Commerce, a Conventions and Visitors Bureau, Business Interest Districts and a forward-thinking city government.

Now I don't always agree with their decisions, although for the most part I think they do a great job of keeping this an attractive place to visit and live - I do wish they would give more thought to the traffic issues and traffic patterns - but in general they're doing their job.

I've spent the last quarter of the year travelling a great deal. I've been to big cities and small cities. From New York to Naples, Fla, I've seen how a thriving metropolis handles security, traffic and trash in Times Square. I've also seen how small towns with an engaged and active population keeps up their boulevards and plans for a future that is chock full of residents.

We need to have further discussions about the future of our city. They need to be productive and not just the name calling, victim blaming, development driven, anger fueled insanity that was the LV campaign. Both sides were engaged in rhetoric. Both sides probably crossed lines they shouldn't have. Both sides were coming from dug in positions of righteousness.

The fact is that our wonderful city is changing, has changed and will continue to change further. The question we need to be asking is how will our leadership begin to demonstrate the unity and outreach they need to, in order to bring us together to find a future that allows for the high quality of life that we currently enjoy to remain, if not improve.

We didn't have a wholesale changing of the guard in this past election at the city level. In fact, we had no changes. This can be read to mean that most people are basically happy with the leadership, since they were re-elected. Or it can mean that we had poor turnout and those who are most disgusted with the political process have given up on participating.

Based on the Presidential election results, it's fair to say that there was a significant majority of our country that has given up. That played out as well in our city elections. We didn't have a large turnout. In order of popularity it was Terry, Tony, Ted and Gleam. Yet none of them took over 20,000 votes. When you consider that we have over 68,000 voters registered, that's a pretty sad turnout - especially in a Presidential Election year.

The truth is we have to re-engage people at all levels of our government. Not just engage in name calling, but we need to have discussions with people who come from all stations in life to craft solutions that will not, and cannot, satisfy all demands, but at least take into account and consideration all demands and concerns.

The No On LV people had wide support - maybe it was the right decision, maybe it wasn't. The Yes on LV people had a significant body of supporters - even if the legislation was poorly crafted, and I have no opinion on that, the fact is that there are many people who are upset and concerned about the way our city is going.

It's easy to sit back and just enjoy the city while it changes around us. Especially this time of year when it is so magical. And I want to encourage people to enjoy it today, but be ready to fight for it in January. Because the hard work of keeping it going, is up to us all.

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The Snide World of Sports

Jack Neworth

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The Bruins Are Back!

A FEW WEEKS AGO I WROTE A Snide World entitled, "The Power of Negative Thinking." I bemoaned the depressing decline in recent years of almost all L.A. sports teams. In my own superstitious way I was hoping the Sports Gods might have WIFI, read the column, take pity on our fair city and throw some wins our way. Crazy? You be the judge.

Since that column, USC football extended their win streak to eight and will meet Penn State in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 2! Not bad for a team that had three losses early in the season. The Lakers, while not a .500 team, are just outside the cutoff for the playoffs. Already, they're only seven wins from equaling the total number they had all of last year.

And the Clippers are firmly in the upper echelon of the Western Conference. The franchise is a far cry from just a few years ago when they had an owner with sentiments so racist it embarrassed the entire league.

But my favorite turnaround is the UCLA basketball team, which last year had its worst season since 1946, two years before Coach John Wooden arrived in Westwood. This year the revamped Bruins are undefeated and fresh off a spectacular upset win over #1 Kentucky! Clearly, hope is in the air. (I'm only saying "hope" because I've learned over the years, what the Sports Gods giveth they can taketh away.)

This year's squad is unselfish, intelligent and confident.(For me personally, I'd settle for two of the three.) Freshman point guard, Lonzo Ball, plays with the smarts and poise of a 25-year-old NBA veteran. His father, Lamar Ball, who reminds me of Richard Williams, the outspoken father of the tennis greats Serena and Venus Williams, is predicting UCLA will win the NCAA title. (If only!)

Frankly, I'd like to have a little of what LaVar is smoking. Then again, some said that jokingly about Richard Williams who predicted his daughters would both be #1 players in the world and dominate their sport. Guess what? As history turned out, if anything Richard understated the case. (And I'm quite certain neither man smokes anything, it's just a joke, otherwise here come the emails.)

I'm crazy about Bryce Alford, the son of coach Steve Alford, a relationship that can't be easy for either of them. Bryce is plays with grit and is clutch with the ball in his hand and seconds to go. He's also unbelievable at the free throw line and is second on the all-time UCLA 3-point shots made list.

As for his dad, last year was so awful, Coach Alford, in an unprecedented move, voluntarily gave back one of the years on his contract. When did you hear of a coach doing that last? And I'm also quite partial to Coach Alford's outgoing and animated wife Tonya who coaches from the seats and looks like she could take over at any minute.

J. T. Leaf, the 6'10 freshman forward plays his heart out and with a maturity of a senior. Thomas Welsh, the junior 7-foot center, is a tenacious rebounder and seems to make just about every shot at the crucial moment. Isaac Hamilton and Aaron Holiday go from solid to brilliant when needed most. Backup center Ike Anigbogu, who just turned 18, is ferocious under the boards and swats shots away like pesky flies at a summer barbecue.

Since John Wooden retired after winning the 1975 Championship, there have been nine Bruin coaches. That's about a four-year average or not exactly great job security. And wouldn't you know Alford is in his fourth year. But the way he has the starters and reserves working together and seemingly believing in their destiny, not to mention next year's recruiting class ranked #1 in the country, I think Alford is on very solid ground. (Meaning it's likely UCLA will give back that year and then some.)

If you haven't already, check the Bruins out but don't blink. They score in waves. Currently, they are the highest scoring team with the highest field goal percentage in the country. Barring injury (biting my tongue) UCLA's only possible weak spot might be defense and lack of bulk in the front court.

Coming back to earth brings us to the Rams. At a dismal 4-8 record they've lost 7 of their last 8 games. And yet, amazingly, coach Jeff Fisher, only 1 loss away from having the most losses in NFL history, was given a two-year contract extension.

The surprise extension led former Ram and Hall of Fame running back Eric Dickerson to speculate as to why. "He must have some naked pictures of somebody." Actually, the mystery seems solved. It turns out Fisher's agent, Marvin Demoff, is the father of Rams Senior Executive Kevin Demoff.

To summarize, and with appreciative and respectful nod to the Sports Gods, the Lakers, Clippers, USC football and UCLA basketball are all thankfully on the upswing. That leaves the Rams being the Rams until further notice. What can I say? Four out of five ain't bad.

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BILLS

FROM PAGE 1

State lawmakers are expected to introduce a resolution committing California to protecting its immigrant population and bills to provide attorneys to immigrants in deportation proceedings and help public defenders weigh the immigration consequences of criminal convictions.

The moves come as the nation's most populous state — which is home to more than 10 million foreign-born residents — prepares for tougher immigration enforcement promised by Trump during the presidential campaign.

Immigrant advocates say state bills are also being considered to further limit federal immigration enforcement in the state and protect immigrants' information in state databases.

Both houses of the California Legislature have Democratic supermajorities, controlling two-thirds of the seats in the Assembly and Senate.

The state is home to nearly 2.4 million immigrants without legal status, according to estimates by the Washington-based Pew Research Center.

In recent years, California has passed a series of measures to assist and protect immigrants in the country illegally, for example, limiting the cases when local law enforcement can turn over immigrant arrestees to federal authorities for deportation.

California offers state-subsidized health care to children from low income families who are in the country illegally and issues driver's licenses regardless of legal status.

NMS

FROM PAGE 1

agreements with Shekhter, NMS, and associated entities.

"The situation is very volatile and fast moving, and we do not have all the facts," Himmelrich said.

Because of the ruling, residents living in the seven Santa Monica NMS buildings involved in the case now find themselves under new ownership.

"We need to know the actual facts involving many existing buildings as well as many pending developments to understand our situation with respect to NMS and Mr. Shekhter," Himmelrich said.

Shekhter's attorney, Skip Miller of Miller Barondess, LLP in Los Angeles, has already filed an appeal to the ruling. He defended his client in a statement to the Daily Press:

"Neil Shekhter didn't forge anything. The order is wrong. All he did was discard his personal home computer to protect his and his family's privacy," Miller said.

"Mr. Shekhter has spent ten years of his life and millions from his own pocket developing these properties, and we're not going to allow this East Coast hedge fund to take it all away based on this order."

Attorneys for AEW did not respond to our request for comment.

In September of 2015, a judge ordered NMS to freeze all electronic documents and submit computers and devices to the court for forensic examination. Evidentiary hearings took place over eight days in October of this year. During the hearing, an expert from the National Institute of Justice examined a contract Shekhter claimed he received in 2010, but found it had actually been printed three years later.

The ruling raises questions for affordable living advocates, including the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City. The group claims there are currently 18 NMS projects pending in Santa Monica that have not yet been approved. The coalition is urging the city to immediately drop all projects and negotiations concerning those projects.

Discussion items are scheduled for the end of the regular calendar. Council will meet on Dec. 6 beginning at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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SUPPORT

FROM PAGE 1

and Spanish and signed by local restaurant entrepreneur Mark Verge went out to employees at his four restaurants in Santa Monica last week: The O.P. Café, Ox & Son, Ashland Hill and Arts Table as well as employees at the Shore Bar and the Ocean Park Hotel.

It begins:

"As you know, Donald Trump was elected president earlier this month. One of his top proposals is the deportation of illegal immigrants."

Verge went on to make his own feelings clear on the issue.

"Immigrants made this county great. Immigrants made this city great. And immigrants have made this company great."

This publication received a copy of the letter. A few days after he sent it out, the food news website "Munchies" published an editorial by Verge supporting citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

"Basically I wanted to make my employees feel comfortable," Verge said. "We really want a path toward citizenship and I'm willing to pay for that."

Verge had watched the election results with friends at Baltaire steakhouse in Brentwood. He was shocked by Donald Trump's victory and then shocked again when he left the restaurant and saw the valet parking attendant was crying. Later at his hotel in Santa Monica, Verge noticed some of the maids were crying.

While many Californians felt uneasy after election night, it became clear to the entrepreneur that many service industry employees were hit particularly hard.

"I think at the end of the day we all think about ourselves first," Verge said.

"When you're waking up at night worried that you're going to be deported it's a lot harder."

Verge began drafting the letter with the help from his general manager the day after the election. It's the first time he's ever written a personal note to his many employees. Verge says he just wanted to make them feel safe at work and at home and hopes more business owners take similar actions to put their workers at ease.

"I think they have to," Verge said. "If you have a lot of Hispanic employees I would recommend it to let people know that things that they're worried about are not going to happen and that we're going to stand up for them."

In the letter, Verge characterizes Trump's campaign promises as "vague" and casts doubt that the State of California will become unfriendly toward immigrants during his administration.

"Mr. Trump is, after all, a businessman himself who has employed legal and illegal immigrants throughout his long career" Verge wrote.

During the campaign, Trump promised to round up and deport all 11 million undocumented immigrants in the United States but he has recently softened his stance, promising to focus on those who have committed crimes. He has reiterated, however, there will be no amnesty for those living here illegally.

So far employees have reacted positively toward the letter, according to Verge. While the letter was meant for employees worried about deportation, he has been surprised by the reaction from the rest of his employees who are not worried about their immigration status.

"People love it," Verge said. "I'm impressed with the empathy. My employees who were like 'oh my god, I never thought of it that way.' They didn't realize what other people are going through."

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **59.2°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Mix of NW windswell and easing NW swell, with minimal SSW swell mixing in. Light/variable AM wind.

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON NOVEMBER 23, AT ABOUT 7:11 P.M.

Officers were patrolling the area of 3rd Street and Santa Monica Blvd observed a pedestrian walking in the street against the controlled intersection signal. Officers detain the subject. The subject was not completely forthcoming with his personal identification to issue him a citation. The subject was transported to SMPD Jail to obtain his identity via fingerprints. The subject's true identity was gathered at the jail. Joshua Bruce Wade-Hunt, 19, from Los Angeles was issued a citation.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 373 calls for service on Nov. 4.

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

Drinking in public 300 block of 21st 12:06 a.m.
Trespassing 500 block of Colorado 12:31 a.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 2400 block of Virginia 12:42 a.m.
Person down 200 block of Pico 12:46 a.m.
Battery 3100 block of Main 1:42 a.m.
Public intoxication 3rd St Prom./ Wilshire 1:45 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block of Pico 1:59 a.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of PCH 2:21 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of Euclid 3:16 a.m.
Person down Main/ Ashland 3:41 a.m.
Trespassing 2500 block of Wilshire 6:19 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block of Civic Center 7:01 a.m.
Death investigation 2500 block of Wilshire 7:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 23rd 7:57 a.m.
Public intoxication Main/ Pico 8:15 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2600 block of Lincoln 8:34 a.m.
Drinking in public Appian/ Seaside 8:56 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block of Santa Monica 9:39 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 100 block of Broadway 9:52 a.m.
Fight 600 block of Santa Monica 10:20 a.m.
Grand theft auto 800 block of Ashland 10:47 a.m.
Person down 300 block of Civic center 11:13 a.m.
Fight 20th/ Delaware 11:34 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block of Hart 11:39 a.m.
Auto burglary 10th/ Pearl 12:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block of 4th 12:54 p.m.
Hit and run 6th/ Santa Monica 1:11 p.m.
Public intoxication Lincoln/ Ocean Park 2:13 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1100 block of Marine 2:17 p.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block of Appian 2:58 p.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of 5th 3:28 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of PCH 3:39 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block of Colorado 4:12 p.m.
Trespassing 2800 block of Wilshire 4:21 p.m.
Fight 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:37 p.m.
Encampment Ocean/ Montana 5:04 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block of 20th 5:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 4th 5:40 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1300 block of 26th 6:48 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block of 14th 8:21 p.m.
Public intoxication 1800 block of Lincoln 8:31 p.m.
Person with a gun 1700 block of Main 9:55 p.m.
Encampment 1200 block of 14th 10:26 p.m.
Hit and run 3100 block of Pico 10:30 p.m.
Battery 500 block of Colorado 10:37 p.m.
Fight 1200 block of 3rd St Prom 10:57 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of 2nd 11:03 p.m.
Battery 1500 block of Ocean 11:42 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls for service on Nov. 4.

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

EMS 200 block of Pico 12:47 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Ocean 1:21 a.m.
EMS 3100 block of Main 1:43 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 3:06 a.m.
EMS Main/ Ashland 3:43 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Oak 6:12 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1600 block of Cloverfield 7:15 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 7:19 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Wilshire 7:36 a.m.
Broken water main 20th/ Idaho 8:05 a.m.
Structure fire 1300 block of 23rd 9:06 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Pearl 9:07 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 9:29 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Barnard 9:41 a.m.
EMS 7th/Olympic 9:42 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 10:10 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of 19th 10:20 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Santa Monica 10:33 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Wilshire 12:51 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of 3rd 12:55 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Michigan 1:24 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Virginia 2:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Montana 2:13 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Santa Monica 2:24 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Lincoln 2:41 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Wilshire 2:54 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 7th 3:25 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Stewart 4:04 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 4:09 p.m.
Flooded condition 100 block of Colorado 4:35 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1700 block of Ocean 4:59 p.m.
EMS 800 block of Ocean 5:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Georgina 5:35 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 6:17 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1300 block of 23rd 6:27 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of California 6:48 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Arizona 8:07 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 7th 8:22 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 8:32 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 8:34 p.m.
EMS 3000 block of 3rd 10:04 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Princeton 10:52 p.m.

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/3
8 10 26 27 33
Power#: 22
Jackpot: 67M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/2
3 33 35 49 51
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 35M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 12/3
3 13 20 44 47
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 58M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/4
1 3 4 11 15

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/4
MIDDAY: 3 4 3
Draw Date: 12/4
EVENING: 7 4 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/4
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:45.20

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1. the principles or art of making bells, bell ringing, etc.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Stories for the Waiting Room

■ Former pro wrestler-turned-actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is famous for both his physique and the regimen he maintains to keep himself massively buff. Johnson (6-foot-5, 260 pounds) works out 2.5 hours a day, six days a week (1 hour of cardio, 1.5 hours of pumping iron). He consumes more than 5,000 calories a day (more than twice the recommendation for average men), primarily cod, eggs, steak, chicken, vegetables and potatoes -- about 10 pounds of food per day. One-fifth of the total is cod. In a year, Johnson consumes more than one-third of a ton of cod alone.

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Brian Frates correctly identified the image as part of the John Wayne Cancer Institute. He wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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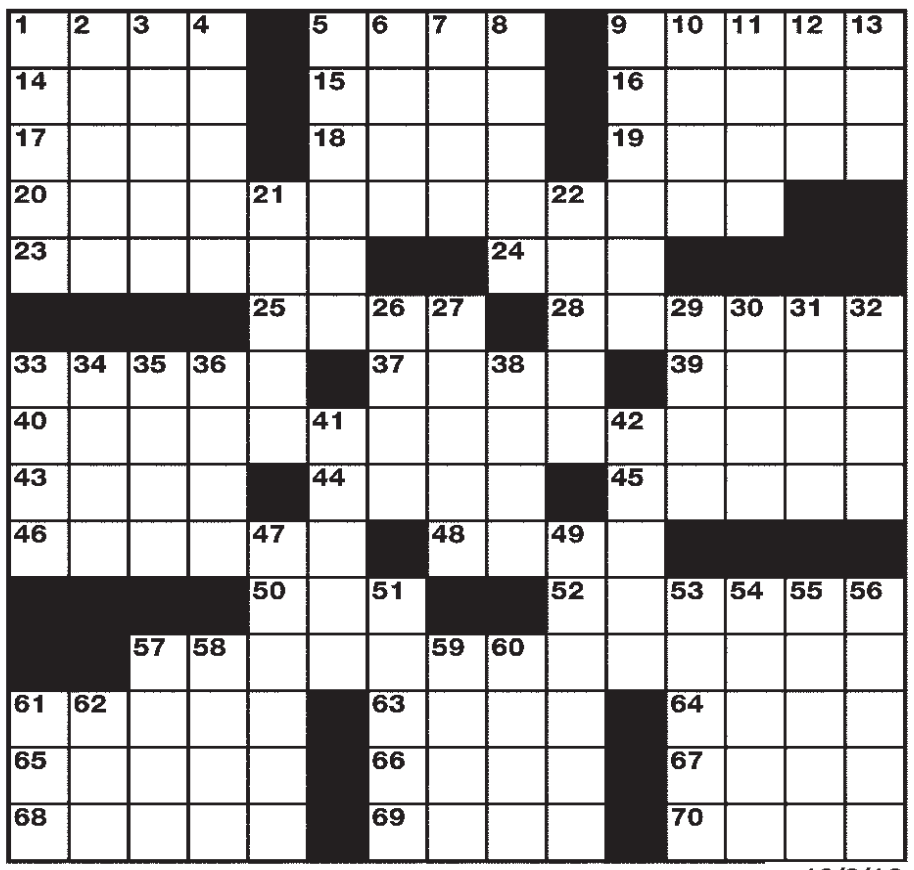
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Newsday Crossword

VEGGIE VARIETIES by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Port on Hawaii
5 Apple's tablet
9 Sheriff's group
14 Unknown auth.
15 Prime-time hour
16 Theater seat finder
17 Wise person
18 Greek cheese
19 Dish that holds dinner
20 Identical pair
23 Overly agreeable guy
24 U-turn from NNW
25 Hollywood headliner
28 How sprinters move
33 Pretentious
37 Doorframe part
39 Enjoy doing
40 Calm and composed
43 Money in Spain
44 Metallic rocks
45 Cowboy's rope
46 Act as a substitute
48 Apartment payment
50 US soldiers
52 Fortune-teller
57 People glued to the tube
61 Mall tenant
63 Start of a counting rhyme
64 Back muscles, briefly
65 Fond wishes
66 Sneaker closer
67 Apex
68 Toys on strings
69 Worry (about)
70 Females

DOWN
1 Overly quick
2 Amazed
3 Corporate symbols
4 Latish lunch hr.
5 Newborn baby
6 Pizzeria orders
7 Prefix for freeze
8 College officials
9 Marionette, e.g.
10 Norwegian capital
11 Herringlike fish
12 Sink, as the sun
13 Poet's "before"
21 School class that's simple
22 Simple __ (not difficult)
26 Slightly open
27 Marathon entrant
29 __ mater
30 Barbecue servings
31 Hawaiian instruments
32 Infamous Roman emperor
33 High poker pair
34 Landslide victory
35 Ripped apart
36 Pigs' dinner
38 Meditate
41 Sound-related
42 Prefix for violet
47 "If you say so"
49 "Wait a little longer"
51 Bookcase part
53 Geographical reference
54 Football team director
55 "I'll do that for you"
56 Letters before tees
57 Make a duplicate of
58 Black-and-white cookie
59 Bartlett or Bosc
60 "__ upon a time . . ."
61 Bashful
62 In addition



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Changes to Most Metro Bus Stops in Downtown Santa Monica

Beginning December 11, 2016, Metro is making several changes to bus service in Downtown Santa Monica to improve the efficiency of your bus service and provide better connections to the Expo terminus on Colorado at 4th St. Changes will impact three Metro Rapid Bus lines in Santa Monica (704, 720, and 733) and the three parallel 24-hour local owl lines (4, 20, and 33). As a part of the service changes, routes will be moved, streamlined and simplified, and bus stops will be consolidated to improve travel time and convenience into and out of the area. Both Rapid and local lines will now use the same routes and stops in Santa Monica between Ocean Ave. and 6th St.

Please see the map depicting the new route and stop changes and for more details and revised timetables visit metro.net or look for updated information on buses during December. To stay up-to-speed with real-time changes, improvements, delay and rider tips like these for Metro bus and rail services follow @metrolaalerts on twitter.



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 6)

You'll enter an arena ripe with potential this year. The first decisions you make will set a tone and you could even be paid or friended based on the dynamics of the first few days. February brings a transformation; June brings travel. Joyful family events will serve as markers reminding you just how far you've come. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 3, 22 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There's so much on the agenda, and if you write it out and attack the items one by one you'll get through most of them on this incredibly productive, high-energy day.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
To be concerned about what an attractive person thinks of you is a trap. You are most attractive when you base your thoughts, feelings and motivations on your own self-respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You wouldn't readily categorize today's task as "fun," but since you have to do it anyway, you'd do well to try to find some novel aspect to it. While looking for something fresh here, you'll accidentally delight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It's becoming clearer that in order to effectively complete the job, you need the right tools. Timeliness is crucial now. Invest in the knowledge and resources you need to be successful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You want to help your loved ones, and yet, if you do it all for them, you'll rob them of the pride of accomplishment. Settle back and watch a while. Only help when they're really and truly stuck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's one of those days when you find it easy to appreciate your bountiful life. There's no reason to reach out for more because as you tend to what you have, more reaches out for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You want to know what people are thinking, and you're not afraid to ask. What you learn will help you get yourself or your product aimed for maximum popularity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The temptation exists to let hype replace action. Don't let the talk get ahead of you. Too much talk and you feel you've already done the thing. The task becomes boring in comparison to the talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Before you take it too seriously or accept it as the truth, think of social media as a performance, and one that most people deliver in the most flattering of theatrical lighting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
There's something in this day that makes you nervous, and that, while uncomfortable, can be turned into a big plus for you. This is just the right level of challenge to strengthen your emotional resolve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You want the new chapter to start, but it can't yet. These ideas haven't been explored to their natural conclusion. Go for closure. The others involved need it just as much as you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The lasting impression won't be about what you wore or how you did your hair. The lasting impression is the one that causes the other person to feel. The deeper the feeling, the more indelible the impression.

Intuition Moon

Don't fret about whether or not to do things, what to do, or exactly how to do things -- just do things. To consciously know what is going to happen as a result of your action is a rarity. The others don't know either, even though they pretend to. Intuition runs deeper under the Pisces moon, though, so trust your subconscious leanings.

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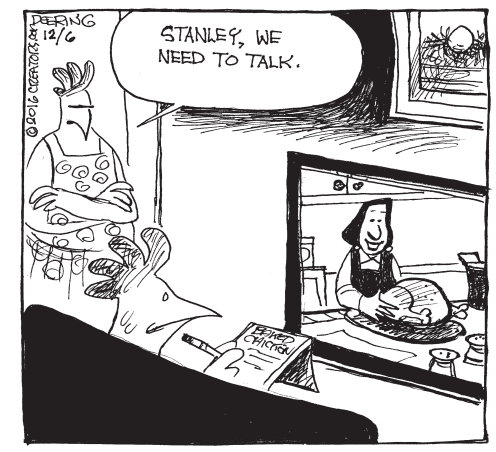
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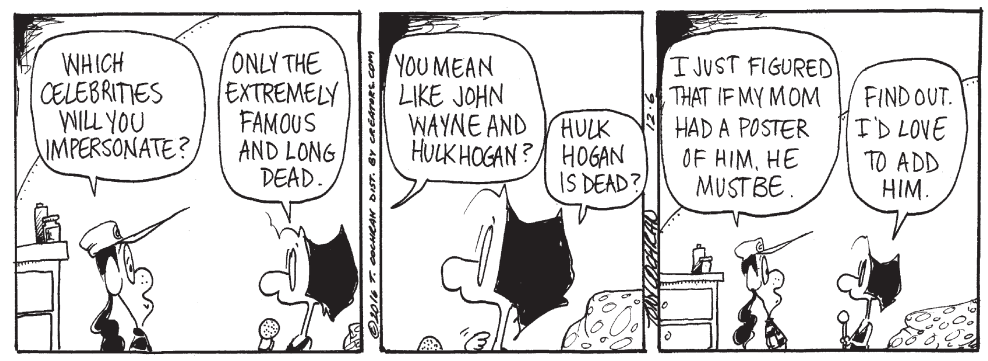
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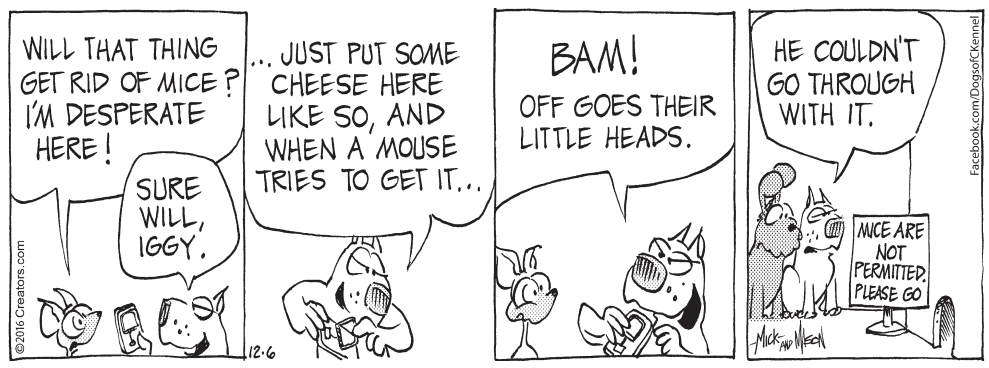
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(Family Law)
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Petitioner's name is: (Nombre del demandante): Samantha Jade Soriano

CASE NUMBER (NÚMERO DE CASO): SD035065
You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

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Tiene 30 dias de calendario despues de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citation y Peticion para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefonica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerio.

Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar ordenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte tambien le puede ordenar que pague manutencion, y honorarios y costos legales.

Notices

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