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Santa Monica promises to be a leader in new regional energy partnership

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

In a few years, Santa Monica residents will have an option to pay more for their electricity in order to power their homes with renewable energy. The City Council unanimously voted to join an upstart regional public power agency made up of cities in Los Angeles County Tuesday.

"We believe that we can work in collaboration with other cities to ensure the environmental agenda is strong," said Garrett Wong, a senior sustainability analyst for the City. Wong advocated joining Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) partnership to save on overhead costs and increase negotiating power with utilities rather than going it alone.

Customers will not notice a tangible difference when they turn on the lights at home. Residents will still get their bill from Southern California Edison. However, they will be able to choose how much they are willing to pay for renewable energy on a sliding scale. SoCal Edison currently offers less than 30 percent renewable energy.

The move to partner with other cities to buy more clean energy is part of the City's overall goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. The new agency takes advantage of community choice aggregation (CCA) which allows local governments to buy and sell electricity in their own communities. Any revenue from sales can be used to invest in more renewable energy or

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In San Diego, homeless woes result in deadly outbreak

BY JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

For Christine Wade, the tent she shared with six children, pitched in an asphalt parking lot, was far better than their previous home — a shelter where rats ate through the family's bags of clothes.

"It's peaceful here," Wade, 31 and eight months pregnant, said in an October interview at the campground.

A tent, of course, is not a home. But for these San Diegans, it is a blessing.

Like other major cities all along the West Coast, San Diego is struggling with a homeless crisis. In a place that bills itself as "America's Finest City," spiraling real estate values have contributed to spiraling homelessness, leaving more than 3,200 people living on the streets or in their cars.

Most alarmingly, the deplorable sanitary conditions help spread a liver-damaging virus that lives in feces, contributing to the deadliest U.S. hepatitis A epidemic in 20 years.

"Some of the most vulnerable are dying in the streets in one of the most desirable and livable regions in America," a San Diego County grand jury wrote in its report in June — reiterating recommendations it gave the city over the past decade to address homelessness.

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Local officials prepared for fire emergencies



National Weather Service / NASA

SMOKE: Santa Monica schools will be open today but schools in Malibu will be closed following warnings about record fire conditions.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

With wildfires burning throughout the region and the danger expected to persist into the weekend, local officials are taking steps to prepare the city for any potential fire emergencies.

The local efforts come as the National Weather Service has extended their Red Flag Warning through Saturday and following a small brush fire near Malibu.

The Horizon Fire broke out at about 8 a.m. Thursday morning on the 5300 block of Horizon Drive. Firefighters called a second alarm due to the heavy brush and the flames were brought under control at about 9 a.m. with about a quarter acre burned. The Los Angeles County Fire Department said air units were able to make water drops on the fire and ground based firefighters worked to contain hotspots. No structures were lost to the flames and no injuries were reported.

Santa Monica firefighters were on alert throughout the night in anticipation an emergency situation.

"A team of firefighters were deployed overnight until early morning on Thursday conducting a safety patrol of the Santa Monica monitoring for fire and embers with the increased winds and the uncontained Skirball Fire," said SMFD Fire Captain Patrick Nulty. "This was a preventative measure and it's important that residents

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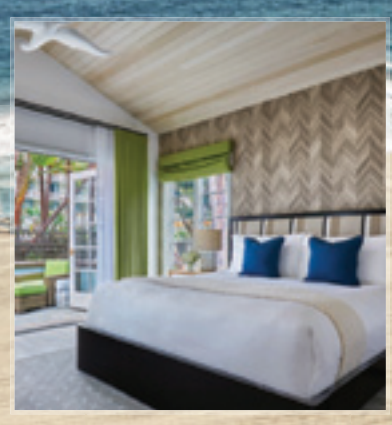
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, December 8

A Winter's Solstice
The feature shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m. As we head into the holiday season, find out about the history of ancient observances of the Winter Solstice, and take a look at a re-creation of the remarkable planetary conjunction in 2 BCE – a leading candidate for a scientific explanation of the Star of Bethlehem.
Second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Annual Holiday Concert
8p.m. Haesung Park, organ; The Chamber Orchestra at St. Matthew's; The Choir and Soloists of St. Matthew's Parish; Tomasz Golka, conductor. Bach: Keyboard Concerto in D minor; Corelli: "Christmas" Concerto; Handel: Messiah, Part I and "Hallelujah" Chorus (audience sing-along). St. Matthew's Church, 1031 Bienveneda Ave., Pacific Palisades. Tickets $35. Advance tickets and information: MusicGuildOnline.org, (310) 573-7422

Holiday Sing-Along
Celebrate the holidays by singing along to your favorite tunes! Santa Monica Youth Choir will perform, accompanied by a small orchestral ensemble. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Ages 4-10. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Get Crafty! DIY Photo Snow Globe
Bring a photo and an empty jar from home and turn it into a photo snow globe. For families with kids/teens ages 0-17. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 9

Santa Gets A Ride From Fire And Police
Santa Claus is coming to town with Santa Monica's police officers & firefighters leading the way as he makes his way around town. Santa and his public safety helpers will be distributing good cheer and thousands of candy canes as part of the 25th Annual "Candy Cane Drive." Everyone is invited to join in the annual Candy Cane Drive. 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. Douglas Park - 2400 California Avenue. 11:30-12 p.m. Christine Reed Park- 1133 7th Street, 1:30- 2:15 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park - 2200 Virginia Avenue, 2:30 -3:00 p.m. Marine Park – 1406 Marine Street, 3:15-3:45 p.m. Clover Park – 2600 Ocean Park Blvd. For more information, call the Santa Monica Police Department's Community Affairs Unit at (310) 458-8474.

Writer in Residence Office Hours
Visit Sakae Manning during her public office hours. Ask about her work and Beach House residency, receive literary advice, and more. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Criminal complaint filed against scooter rental company

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office has filed a criminal complaint against Bird Rides, Inc. ("Bird"), a corporation that offers motorized scooters for rent in Santa Monica. The complaint alleges that Bird has repeatedly violated local laws by operating without a business license. Bird scooters are often found in the public right of way, including on sidewalks. The company has repeatedly refused to comply with City citations.

The City's Code Enforcement Division, in coordination with the Santa Monica Police Department and Business Licensing Division, investigated the case after receiving complaints from the public. The investigation disclosed that Bird has been operating a scooter rental business in the City without a business license. After refusals by Bird to cooperate, these law enforcement agencies jointly referred the case to the City Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution. Deputy City Attorney Eda Suh filed criminal charges against Bird on December 6, 2017. On the same day, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Tamara Hall, finding reasonable ground to believe that Bird had committed the offenses charged in the compliant, issued a summons to Bird requiring it to appear in court to answer the charges on February 1, 2018.

Bird employees, without required City authorization, flooded City public sidewalks with motorized scooters for rent on a daily basis. These scooters obstructed pedestrian access to public sidewalks, and blocked driveways and ADA Ramps. City staff repeatedly warned Bird against continuing their illegal business activities. The City also issued multiple citations directing Bird to obtain proper business licenses, to remove the scooters from the public sidewalks, and to cease storing scooters within the public right of way. However, Bird continued to disregard the City's warnings and even citations.

"Criminal prosecution is not the first remedy to be used in regulatory cases, but Bird's flagrant violations of City laws threaten public safety and require prosecution," said Deputy City Attorney Suh.

City law requires that businesses obtain City licenses before engaging in commercial activities, especially on public property, which must accommodate many competing uses. The City's public safety laws further require personal items not be abandoned on public property, especially for private commercial purposes.

California law also prohibits the riding of motorized scooters on public sidewalks and requires anyone operating a motorized scooter to possess a valid driver's license or instruction permit, and to wear a helmet. See California DMV website for further information at www.dmv.ca.gov. State law further bars riders from abandoning motorized scooters on the sidewalk or parking them in a manner that impedes pedestrian traffic.

Anyone with further information about such illegal activities should immediately contact the City's Police Department at (310) 458-8491 or Code Enforcement Division at (310) 458-4984.

SUBMITTED BY JOSEPH VANDENORTH SANTA MONICA PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR

Downtown

Community Boutique this weekend

On Sunday, December 10, the Santa Monica Service Club Alliance will host their 2nd Annual Santa Monica Community Boutique; An Alternative Gift Fair. This is a free community event and will be held at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club at 1210 4th Street from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will include over 25 local nonprofits, live music by the Samohi quintet, hot apple cider and mimosas.

The City of Santa Monica's Buy Local; Give Local program is promoting this event as a way for community members to support their local nonprofits. In addition to purchasing gifts from local businesses this holiday season, the community is asked to consider also making donations to local nonprofits as gifts as well!

This boutique invites members of the public to "shop" for the holidays, by making donations in honor of friends and family, to any of the 25+ participating nonprofits. Each nonprofit has a staffed table with information about their organization. As attendees learn about the nonprofits, they use the "shopping list" provided to designate the donations they wish to make. After making their selections, attendees then proceed to the "check-out," where they make just one payment. Each nonprofit then receives a check and an accounting of all their designated donations. The event has gift cards and even a calligrapher on site to fill them out.

Last year was the first time any local organization has attempted anything like this here in Santa Monica.

Upon paying just once at check-out for all the donations she wanted to make, musician and animal advocate Arielle Verinis said, "Now that I know what this is, I am going to tell everyone about it next year!"

Several nonprofits are participating this year. Cause for Celebration throws birthday parties for foster children and kids living in shelters. Angel Flight's volunteer pilots and drivers shuttle people in need to medical care. A Purposeful Rescue gives older shelter dogs a chance at a forever home. Meals on Wheels delivers over 80,000 healthy meals a year to homebound residents. Foundation for Woman Warriors is a support organization for female veterans. Beautify Earth sponsors murals throughout town. Heal the Bay helps keep our beaches safe, healthy and clean. And KCRW keeps the Santa Monica NPR listening audience informed and entertained. And there are many more nonprofits serving children, adults, those with special needs, animals and the environment.

The Santa Monica Service Club Alliance is a collaboration between the service clubs of Santa Monica, dedicated to supporting one another's missions and giving back to our city. Founded in 2015, the Santa Monica Service Club Alliance is made up of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, the Rotary Club of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Lions Club, the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, the Santa Monica Breakfast Club, the Santa Monica Jaycees, the Y's Service Group and the Soroptimist International Los Angeles West-Santa Monica Club. More information can be found at: www.facebook.com/SantaMonicaService/ or by emailing ServiceClubAlliance@gmail.com.

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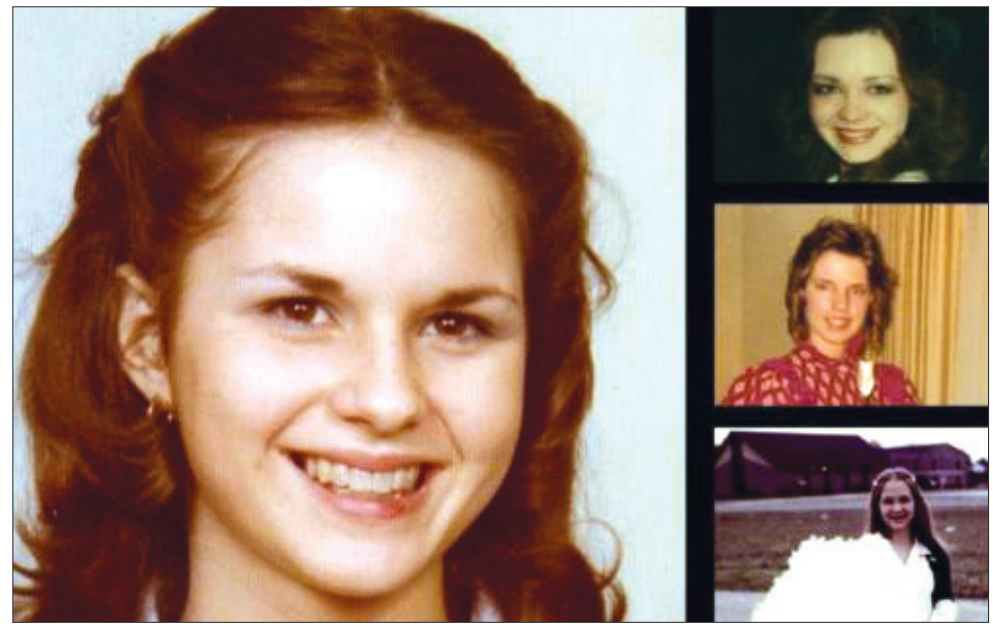
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ELECTION: Just some of Roy Moore's accusers.

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, HOPEFULLY the horrific wildfires in Southern California will be under control, though it's not promising until Saturday. Tuesday, at 5 a.m., I awoke amid so much smoke I panicked I'd left something on the stove. (I once left eggs boiling and two hours later I heard gunshots that were actually exploding eggs.)

In the ghastly world of politics, on Thursday Al Franken announced his resignation from the Senate because of allegations of "sexual misconduct" from seven women. He noted the irony that the current occupant of the White House has twenty women with allegations of his sexual behavior far worse.

Interestingly, Trump's accusers described his lewd actions almost word for word to those he bragged about to Billy Bush on "Access Hollywood." Now Trump is telling friends that it isn't his voice on the tape. (Can you say "delusional?")

"When you're a star, they let you," Trump boasted to Busy. "You can even grab them by their p***y!" And this is our POTUS? Lincoln, Ike and Reagan must be spinning in their graves.

I had a wacky idea, Franken would resign only if Trump would. Now the big hope is Robert Mueller's actions lead to Trump's impeachment or resignation. The sooner the better. Did you catch Trump's bizarre sniffling and alarming word slurring Wednesday during his ill-fated Jerusalem speech? What the hell was that? "Snifflegate," stroke or severe cotton mouth?

Joking aside, reversing seven decades of American foreign policy, in that speech Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital, which is already causing an uprising. One website called it, "Trump's Imperial Blunder." To think, Trump once boasted, "Middle east peace may not be as difficult as people think."

Back home, next Tuesday, December 12th credibly accused child molester, Roy Moore, will likely be elected to the U.S. Senate from Alabama. Once banned from a shopping mall for sexually harassing teenage girls, Moore will become a member of the exclusive upper chamber of government. (One of Moore's female defenders actually said, "What about all the girls Roy didn't molest?" Good grief!)

Moore should have been sent to prison, definitely not the Senate. Put another way, you'd think if you're not allowed in your local shopping mall because you're a perv, you might not be allowed in the U.S. Senate. Apparently, standards have lowered considerably. (Or maybe they've always been low and gone unreported?)

The GOP, the party of Lincoln, is now the party of "Look the other way, we need the vote." I'm referring to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who said emphatically he believed Roy Moore's many accusers. All were teenagers at the time of their alleged molestation with one girl being 14! In fact only weeks ago McConnell said of Moore, "He's unfit to be in the Senate." (Somehow he got fit fast.)

Standing up for traditional Republican family values, the RNC even cut off funding for the Moore campaign. Then on Monday, they reversed their decision with an infusion of $1million. Instead of "He's unfit to be in the Senate," McConnell now says, "Let's let the people of Alabama decide." That's family values? Sounds like Manson family values.

Originally Trump said he found the many allegations against Moore "disturbing." Evidently not too disturbing, however, because he's now all in, tweeting "Go get 'em Roy." (Assuming he means the election and not young girls.) Trump emphasizes that Moore denies the allegations. Trump knows about denying, he's been doing it his entire life.

Following Trump's logic, which is never easy to do, apparently nine women, who don't know each other and have nothing to gain and only pain to re-experience, have come forward to lie about Roy. Maybe Trump identifies with Moore because he has twenty female accusers. (That we know about.)

Moore's recent statement, "I've never even met any of these women" caused the latest accuser, who dated Moore when she was seventeen and he was thirty-four, to come forward. He evidently attended her high school graduation and gave her a touching card (pun intended).

The handwriting appears to match the handwriting of the year book owned by the woman who was fourteen. She the one where Moore allegedly stripped down to his underwear to fondle her. (Yuck!)

Moore appears to be a proponent of "The Big Lie," which originated in Germany with the Nazis. Essentially the theory is the bigger the lie and the more you repeat it, the more it will be believed.

During the height of the Moore molestation allegations, Ivanka Trump commented, "There's a special place in hell for those who prey on children." And yet her father says "Go get 'em, Roy." Go figure.

If Moore does win and I see GOP after his name, for me the "P" will always stand for...well, you get the picture.

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Most people consider themselves good drivers, yet every day there are fatal collisions.

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LOS ANGELES

Southern California fire weather less dire than prediction

Southern Californians already dealing with a siege of destructive wildfires were warned to be ready for extreme fire potential early Thursday, but conditions turned out to be less dire than predicted even though strong Santa Ana winds were blowing.

Ken Pimlott, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, had said Wednesday that a color-coded danger scale had reached purple, which was never used previously, and winds could reach 80 mph.

Later, the California Office of Emergency Services transmitted a region-wide emergency alert to mobile phones in Los Angeles and six other counties: "Strong winds overnight creating extreme fire danger. Stay alert. Listen to authorities."

The purple that Pimlott referred to is part of the "Santa Ana Wildfire Threat Index " produced by the U.S. Forest Service, the National Interagency Coordination Center's Predictive Services and other collaborators to categorize Santa Anas according to fire potential.

The threat index uses a predictive model that incorporates moisture levels of dead and live vegetation and weather models, including wind speeds and atmospheric moisture, to produce a six-day forecast for potentially large fires. The result is then compared to climate data and the historical record of fires to create the rating.

On Thursday, the National Weather Service said there was a "burst" of winds Wednesday night but it subsided, and it appeared models may have "over forecast" Thursday's wind event. Nonetheless, parts of Southern California still were buffeted by strong winds, including 88 mph in San Diego County and 85 mph in Ventura County, where the largest fire is burning.

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ENERGY

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initiatives, such as the city's electric vehicle charging plan.

The Office of Sustainability has considered several options over the years, including creating Santa Monica's own CCA or joining with other environmentally conscious coastal cities, but ultimately recommended going forward with a County-wide partnership that will result in a powerful negotiating position with suppliers. However, other cities may push the LACCE toward decisions that emphasize lower costs to consumers over sustainability goals.

The Council appointed Councilmember Kevin McKeown to represent Santa Monica on the LACCE Board. McKeown promised to use his position to push the region toward greater sustainability overall. Councilmember Pam O'Conner will serve as an alternate.

"As members of the county CCA we will get to affect what happens for all of Southern California on this very important issue," McKeown said.

The City of Santa Monica has sought to be a leader on Climate Change as the federal government backs out of the Paris climate accord. On Tuesday, Mayor Ted Winterer signed onto the Chicago Charter, which commits dozens of cities to reduce greenhouse gases equal or more than the United Nations document.

"This is a very timely opportunity in front of us," McKeown said. "The Trump Administration is trying to elevate the nation's fossil fuel consumption and got a big boost with the tax bill in the senate this past weekend which weakened investment incentives for solar and wind."

A local task force recommended Santa Monica use its position in LACCE to immediately eliminate energy produced by coal, eliminate nuclear by 2030, and offer 100 percent renewable by 2030. A member of the task force told the Daily Press she supported joining with the rest of the county in order to nudge other communities toward greater sustainability goals.

"Santa Monica has spent years considering how to take advantage of community choice energy, and is in a good position to push the LACCE Board to realize its goals of delivering clean, local, and efficient energy," Amy Butte said. "There's a whole lot of innovation that's possible and necessary for LACCE, and continued attention from Santa Monica's stakeholders and leaders can make our participation key for achieving sustainability and wellbeing goals."

The County Board of Supervisors have allocated $10 million in funding to begin operation of LACCE, encouraging cities to sign on quickly by eliminating up front costs for cities that join within the first 180 days. Santa Monica's approval Tuesday allows the City to make it within the window. A financial analysis showed LACCE could make $6.7 million over ten years.

Nearly 90 cities and unincorporated areas are eligible to join the partnership.

"Joining LACCE would require vigilance and advocacy from the appointed Board member, staff and community stakeholders to ensure that Santa Monica's needs and goals are not diminished by the larger group of members," Garrett Wong wrote in a staff report. "As a Board member, the appointed Director and staff could work in concert with other like-minded cities to form a voting bloc that would advance shared interests in high renewable content and innovative distributed energy resource programs that support local solar energy and electric vehicles."

The LACCE Board will hire an executive director and form an advisory committee early next year, as well as set environmental goals.

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FIRE

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stay vigilant and take measures to dispose of combustible material around their homes and stay alert of the current conditions."

Officials said the nearby fires are a reminder to residents to have an emergency plan, be in contact with neighbors that might need help and to monitor news outlets for emergency information.

"We ask that residents and visitors closely monitor updates and avoid the fire areas to allow emergency responders the access they need," said Lindsay Barker, Chief Resilience Officer for City of Santa Monica. "Take this time to prepare your home, build a kit of supplies, and have a plan with your friends and family."

No evacuation orders have been issued for Santa Monica/Malibu but officials have plans in place.

City Hall said the first step would be to issue an evacuation advisory to residents within a specific area. The plan, referred to as Ready, Set, Go, is:

"Ready entails disposing of combustible material around your home and trimming trees and bushes.

■ Set consists of preparation measures such as putting together a "Go-Kit" (medication, documents, supplies), creating an action plan with family and neighbors, including practice exit plans, and signing up for emergency notifications and alerts via social media.

■ Go means go. Get your Go-Kit and leave well before the threat approaches. Stay aware of the situation and stick to your plan. Cooperate with local authorities, including the re-entry process."

In the event of an evacuation, City Hall would use its automated SMAlerts system to issue orders via phone, text message and email to registered users. Law enforcement officers would also notify residents of evacuation orders. Locals can visit www.smalerts.net to register for automated messages.

Officials said there is no immediate threat from flames in Santa Monica and the most significant danger is from smoke drifting over the city.

"Safety of Santa Monican residents, visitors and staff is our top priority," said Katie Lichtig, Assistant City Manager for City of Santa Monica. "Our main concern for Santa Monicans at this time is air quality. We are monitoring air quality reports closely and recommend that individuals reduce outdoor activity."

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health said the air quality bad throughout the county but especially in the San Fernando Valley, Lake View Terrace, Sylmar and surrounding areas as well as coastal areas such as Malibu and Santa Monica.

"It is difficult to tell where ash or soot from a fire will go, or how winds will affect the level of dust particles in the air, so we ask all individuals to be aware of their immediate environment and to take actions to safeguard their health," said Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, Interim Health Officer for Los Angeles County. "Smoke and ash can be harmful to health, especially in vulnerable individuals, like the elderly, people with asthma or individuals with other respiratory and heart conditions."

Residents should avoid unnecessary outdoor activity if they see or smell smoke. Air conditioners that recirculate air can filter out some harmful particles but those that draw air from outside should be avoided. Pets should also be kept inside.

Santa Monica has compiled a list of online emergency resources at:

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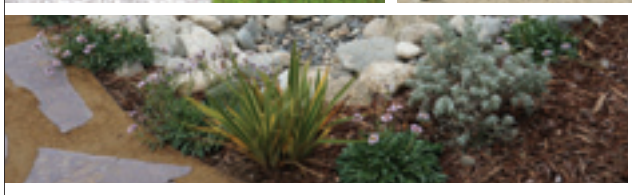
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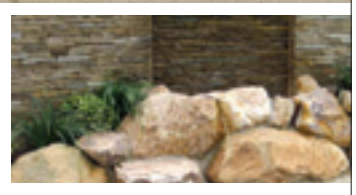


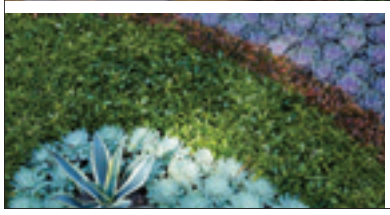




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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON DECEMBER 2, AT ABOUT 1:18 A.M.

Officers were in the 2600 block of Main St. when their attention was drawn to a commotion. The victim was holding onto the suspect and the officers detained the suspect when they arrived. In the course of the investigation, the officers determined the victim was the driver of a limo/party bus. The suspect attempted to board the bus along with the group that chartered the bus. The suspect was denied entry onto the bus. The suspect then went to the front of the bus and broke off a section of the front grill. Pranav Venkatraman, 22, from New Jersey was arrested for vandalism.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 336 Calls For Service On Dec. 6.

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

Battery 2400 block Lincoln 2:29 a.m.
Vandalism 1300 block 5th 6:34 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Broadway 6:56 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block 2nd 7:13 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block the beach 8:15 a.m.
Traffic collision 10th / Michigan 8:48 a.m.
Grand theft 1100 block Yale 9:05 a.m.
Burglary 100 block Ocean Park 9:09 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block Yale 9:33 a.m.
Threats 2600 block Highland 9:53 a.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block 7th 9:56 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block Pico 9:57 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 18th 10:04 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 10:11 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block Ocean 10:31 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1500 block Franklin 10:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block San Vicente 10:55 a.m.
Hit and run Ocean / Pico 10:59 a.m.
Fraud 1500 block 10th 11:09 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block Lincoln 11:26 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1400 block Oak 11:42 a.m.
Sexual assault 1300 block 15th 12:14 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:35 p.m.
Grand theft auto 400 block Arizona 1:15 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Pico 1:17 p.m.
Armed robbery 1400 block Wilshire 1:21 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Princeton 1:25 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2400 block Ocean Park 1:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 1:31 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2900 block Wilshire 1:36 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Ocean Front Walk 1:37 p.m.
Vehicle parked 1300 block 19th 1:38 p.m.
Hit and run 2300 block Kansas 1:59 p.m.
Fight 1800 block 9th 2:02 p.m.
Fraud 2000 block Wilshire 2:11 p.m.
Missing person 1900 block Pico 2:14 p.m.
Theft recyclables 1400 block 17th 2:17 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Colorado 2:17 p.m.
Burglary 1900 block 22nd 2:18 p.m.
Person down 4th / Colorado 2:19 p.m.
Battery 2400 block the beach 2:23 p.m.
Assault 6th / Santa Monica 2:28 p.m.
Out order traffic lights 4th / Santa Monica 2:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 21st / Washington 2:54 p.m.
Death 2200 block navy 2:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block Berkeley 3:31 p.m.
Assault 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 3:38 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 1300 block 5th 3:41 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 2nd 4:26 p.m.
Arson 1000 block Olympic 4:59 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block Lincoln 5:30 p.m.
Fight 1800 block 7th 6:38 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1300 block Ashland 7:51 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln / Wilshire 8:58 p.m.
Death 3300 block Delaware 9:03 p.m.
Grand theft 100 block Colorado 9:57 p.m.
Vandalism 2900 block 4th 10:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 700 block Olympic 10:03 p.m.
Bike theft 1800 block Euclid 10:04 p.m.
Drunk driving Ocean / Colorado 10:36 p.m.
Shots fired 2nd / Broadway 10:46 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 29 Calls For Service On Dec. 6.

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

Automatic alarm 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:16 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block 7th 12:20 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Lincoln 2:31 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 10th / Michigan 8:45 a.m.
EMS Main / Hill 9:08 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 12th 9:52 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 27th 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 6th 12:49 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 1:25 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 21st 1:31 p.m.
EMS 4th / Colorado 2:19 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Ocean Front Walk 2:27 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Navy 2:57 p.m.
EMS 11th / Pico 3:31 p.m.
EMS 800 block 3:34 p.m.
EMS 16th / Santa Monica 3:38 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 2nd 4:36 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1000 block Olympic 5:01 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 5:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of 6th 5:35 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Hill 5:36 p.m.
EMS 400 block Santa Monica Pier 6:04 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1500 block 6th 7:05 p.m.
EMS 3300 block Delaware 8:50 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 9:05 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 800 block Pacific Coast Hwy 9:33 p.m.
Arcing wires 800 block Bay 11:22 p.m.
EMS 2nd / Santa Monica 11:42 p.m.

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Draw Date: 12/5
14 15 37 42 67
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 176M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 12/6
1 2 7 12 24
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 38M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/6
6 7 11 12 15

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/6
MIDDAY: 7 4 8
Draw Date: 12/6
EVENING: 9 8 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/6
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:41.03

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WORD UP!

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1. Archaic. to make a joke; jest.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1848, the Boston Female Medical School, the first medical school in the world exclusively for women, opened its doors to 12 students. It was founded by Samuel Gregory, who disapproved of male doctors attending childbirth. Its early curriculum focused on midwifery. In 1850, the school was renamed the New England Female Medical College and expanded to include a full medical curriculum. Later, the school merged with Boston University School of Medicine to become one of the first co-ed medical colleges in the world.

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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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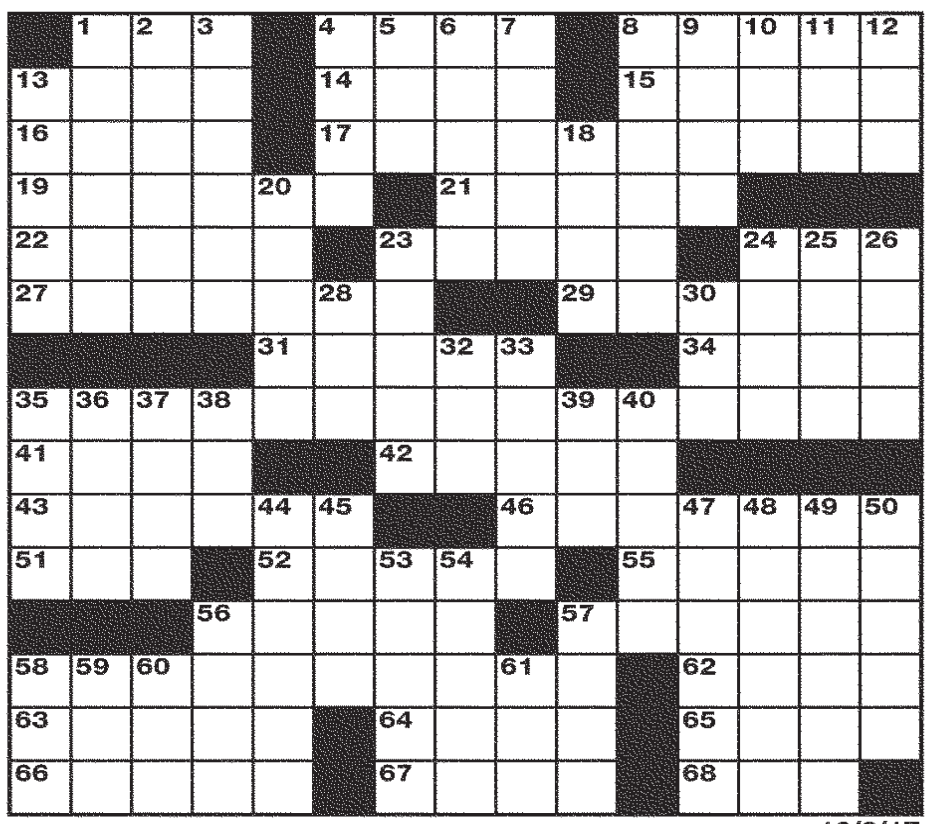
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Newsday Crossword

SPECIAL OCCASION by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 FDA's department
4 Laughter, so to speak
8 Eastern European
13 Hummer forerunner
14 Confess
15 Sparrow relatives
16 Spanish stewpot
17 Dojo move
19 Freshens, as for stamping
21 Verdi's love
22 Gourmet mushroom
23 Big Apple athlete
24 Life of the party, perhaps
27 Cowpoke in action
29 Adidas alternative
31 Gaming floor array
34 Place to spend a 23 Down
35 Exemplars of bad puns
41 Take a fancy to
42 Frightfully bizarre
43 Turbulent state
46 Slow symphonic movements
51 Apology starter
52 Lively, as prose
55 Astronomical sightings
56 M&M's exterior
57 Many-acred abode
58 City on the Mississippi
62 From here __ (hence)
63 Math graph component
64 Mil. mail centers
65 Build-it-yourself retailer
66 Loses altitude
67 Rink feint
68 Pine product

DOWN
1 Capital northeast of Boise
2 Greek sun god
3 Punishes Junior, old-style
4 Won't shut up
5 Hoops rival of Duke
6 Sacred text
7 Hindu honorific
8 Law firm staffers
9 Something stored in a shed
10 ". . . __ quit!"
11 Breed recognition org.
12 Exclamation of repudiation
13 Superman's dad
18 Metronome sound
20 Mall hall stall
23 Coin of Northern Europe
24 Erstwhile Tide competitor
25 Key, for example
26 Possessive often seen near "lo mein"
28 Yellowstone grazer
30 Seek favor from
32 Sandal's lack
33 Deep-six
35 *America's Got Talent* judge
36 End of a think-ahead adage
37 Pickling candidate
38 Capital of Colorado
39 Be facetious
40 27 Across attire
44 Go downhill fast
45 No walk in the park
47 "Get started!"
48 First daughter after Malia
49 More grainy, in a way
50 "I've Just __ Face" (Beatles tune)
53 Venerable war story
54 Inclination or declination
56 Take a pass on
57 Move very slowly
58 Elizabethan dramatist
59 Tenor's talent
60 Nonwinning game line
61 Braising vessel



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HOMELESS

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San Diego has struggled to do that. Two years ago, Mayor Kevin Faulconer closed a downtown tent shelter that operated for 29 years during winter months. He promised a "game changer" — a new, permanent facility with services to funnel people to housing.

But it wasn't enough.

The result? Legions of Californians without shelter. A spreading contagion. And an extraordinary challenge to the city's sunny identity that threatens its key tourism industry.

For now, San Diego again is turning to tents. The campground where the Wades lived served 200 residents but was only temporary; this month, officials are opening three industrial-sized tents that will house a total of 700 people.

There are plans afoot to build housing. But to deal with the immediate emergency, the city had to take $6.5 million that had been budgeted for permanent homes to operate the giant tents.

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"The people of San Diego need to decide what they want the city to look like," said Gordon Walker, the head of San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless. "San Francisco has essentially given up its streets to the homeless. It could go either way here. The real issue is we don't have enough housing."

Last year, the number of people living outdoors in San Diego jumped 18 percent over the previous year, according to an annual count taken in January. More than 400 makeshift shelters covered downtown sidewalks alongside new apartment high-rises.

In October, Faulconer teamed with the homeless services provider, Alpha Project, to open the Balboa Park campground where the Wades found shelter. The city installed public washing stations, opened 24-hour restrooms and scrubbed streets with a bleach solution.

Police also cited people. Within weeks, the nearly 400 tents and tarps downtown disappeared.

Meanwhile, the number of encampments along the banks of the San Diego River doubled.

The San Diego River Park Foundation — whose mission is to preserve the river that feeds into the Pacific — spent $115,000 removing 250,000 pounds of trash left by the homeless camps this year.

Director Rob Hutsel said potential donors ask him when he talks about plans for a 52-mile-long river park and trail system: "What about the homeless? Don't build a park. It'll just bring in more."

"There shouldn't be any thought about building a park," he said. "That's so unfortunate."

The mayor has earmarked more than $80 million to reduce homelessness over the next three years.

"Ultimately the goal is to put everyone in a home who wants to be," Faulconer said.

But units need to be built, and the temporary solution is expensive. At a cost of $1,700 per person per month, $6.5 million will cover seven months, but the tents may need to remain open for up to two years, according to the San Diego Housing Commission's head, Rick Gentry.

Meanwhile, San Diego County has spent $4 million to contain the hepatitis outbreak that has killed 20 people and sickened more than 560 in the past year.

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At Perkins Elementary School, the student body is more than a quarter homeless, up from 4 percent three years ago.

Shawnni Wade was a straight-A student as a third grader. But when her family's troubles escalated, she left the school; now, she's returned as a seventh grader.

"It's weird to be back," said the girl with bright green eyes and a sly smile.

But then, little about this 12-year-old girl's life has been normal.

Christine Wade blames her ex-husband's drug addiction. After they divorced, he let Wade care for his two daughters. She rented a kitchenette. But then she lost her job, and Wade discovered she was pregnant.

She could find space only in the rat-infested shelter, where the family lived before landing in the campground.

Then, a few weeks ago, Wade was hospitalized with an infection. She could not return to the campground, so the family moved into yet another shelter.

A caseworker is now helping her find a home. She hopes to have one before next month, when she expects to give birth to a son.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 8)

You don't shy away from goals just because they push you into uncomfortable territory. You know what's worth doing, and that will be the guiding principle of this solar return. There's a favorable change in February bonding you with another. You'll continue along a path of beautiful vistas and beatific scenery. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 3, 8, 38 and 4.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Q: Who tries things a thousand unsuccessful ways before getting one winner? A: Winners. You're attempting something that's not guaranteed, and easy results are not a part of this endeavor, but keep going anyway.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The aim is to make decisions based on your vision for your life, not the moment-to-moment minutiae of moods. This is made much easier when it's a strong, juicy vision. You'll work on that today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Some will be very aware of rank and order and who's coming in first place and last place, etc., but you can be assured that your gut feeling on the matter is 100 percent correct: It's not about all that. It's about the work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Though you'll be tempted to take on a task that is as challenging as it is ridiculous, consider this wise saying first: Don't teach a pig to sing; it frustrates you and annoys the pig.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Even though you're the cat of the zodiac — i.e., the top predator and, it follows, king of the jungle — you have a merciful side. That's what will come into play today as you walk out of your house more the shepherd than the lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Everyone has a secret — something to remember when you're bored with social interactions. Persist. Guaranteed, there is something interesting to know here if you hang in and pay attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Though it's not wise to measure your progress by someone else's standards, it's also the way the world works, more or less, in the practical order of things. Think about what they'll be judging, and gear up for it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Are you getting the feeling that the perfectly right moment you're waiting for is never going to happen? Well, you're right about that. It's information that could also be your golden ticket to move forward regardless.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Since you have baggage around being socially accepted today, you can act out (without trying, because it's just who you are), and you can enjoy the way it pushes everyone's boundaries, including your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

To notice then react — this is how an awake world operates. To notice and not react — well, that's the usual. You're different. Prove it today. There's a lot at stake, actually.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're not so worried about becoming something these days. It's more about un-becoming those things that were imposed on you. Things that served other people's interests, not yours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You've mined the gold in your mistakes before, but this vein is deeper than you imagined. It's a good time to look back and consider how you might have done it differently, and how you'll do it next time.

Leo and Virgo Lunar Feud

The moon shifts from Leo to Virgo in a swirl of energetic intention. Leo energy wants attention. Virgo vibes only want to do the work — though, unfortunately, there will be no work if the Leo moon of publicity and entertainment doesn't bring it into being. It's the time to think about the symbiosis of practicality and theatricality in your life.

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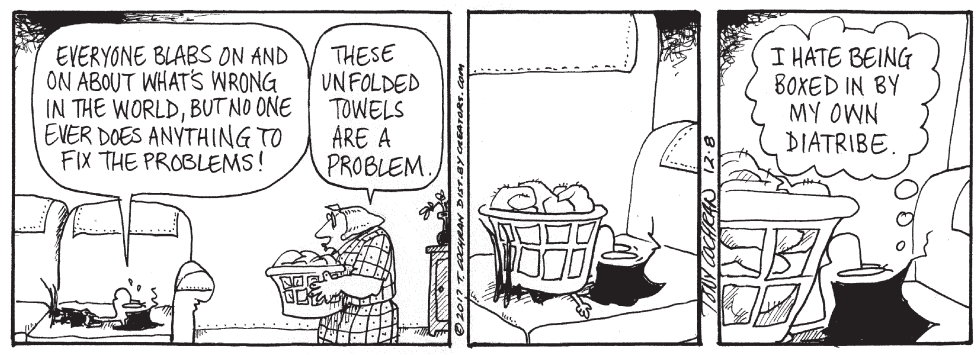
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MEET ME UNDER THE FIG TREE

Join us for our annual community gathering under the historic Moreton Bay Fig Tree to celebrate the Holiday Season. It's an afternoon for the entire family and will include live entertainment, pictures with Santa, seasonal crafts, a bounce house, petting zoo, games, and snow!

The event benefits The People Concern (formerly OPCC and Lamp Community) and the Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL). Please bring nonperishable food items to contribute to the largest food drive on the Westside. Your donations will go to those in need.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH 2PM-5PM

Locals are invited to staycation at Fairmont Miramar Hotel and Bungalows the month of December with discounted rates.

To make a reservation please dial 1-800-441-1414 and mention "The Fig Tree". A portion of your room rate will be donated to PAL.
Rate is subject to availability at time of booking.

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