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Elderly man assaulted on Wilshire

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An elderly man was assaulted while walking in downtown Santa Monica Saturday morning, police said.

The man was walking near the intersection of Wilshire and Lincoln boulevards at 11:15 a.m. Saturday when a man punched him in the face, causing significant facial trauma, said Candice Cobarrubias, a Santa Monica Police Department lieutenant. A Nextdoor post sourced from an eyewitness identified the man as Dr. R. L. Wong, an 87-year-old resident of Santa Monica.

According to the Nextdoor post, Wong continued walking up Wilshire and turned north on 7th Street, where police responded to the incident at 12:25 p.m. Wong was admitted to a local hospital and is in stable condition. Cobarrubias said the suspect was later found by officers in Palisades Park and taken into custody without incident. The assault is under investigation, she said.

SMPD is not releasing the suspect's name or photo because he may be involved in additional crimes, Cobarrubias added.

However the Santa Monica Police Department website lists Joseph Gilbert as being arrested and charged with Elder Abuse at about 3 p.m. on Dec. 7. Gilbert is currently in jail on $50,000 bail. According to jail records he's been booked into the county jail ten times in the last year. Gilbert was previously arrested in Santa Monica in January of this year for bothering customers at a Starbucks.

Wong, a longtime Santa Monica resident, had coffee Saturday morning at the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf at the corner of 9th Street and Wilshire Boulevard and walked west on the north side of Wilshire, according to a post on Nextdoor that was sourced from an eyewitness. Wong had just crossed Lincoln Boulevard when a man punched him and fled the area.

The witness described the man as Latino or white, 5 feet 5 inches tall and dark-haired.

According to the Nextdoor post, the blow damaged Wong's teeth and dentures and split his upper lip, causing severe bleeding.

Anyone with information about this case may call the SMPD Watch Commander at (310) 458-2249.

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SMMUSD meets to discuss budget

BRENNON DIXSON
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With winter break a few weeks away for many Santa Monica students and teachers, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will meet this Thursday for its final board meeting in the month of December.

This week's meeting will be the first gathering of SMMUSD's board of education since Superintendent Ben Drati detailed the district's budget situation in a letter addressed to the community, and district leaders are wasting no time addressing the situation as they are expected to adopt a resolution to identify the amount of budget reduction needed in the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years.

BUDGET ITEMS

"In a letter dated September 13, 2019, from Los Angeles County Office of Education, our district is being required to reduce spending to retain fiscal solvency," the agenda states, adding: "Based on current projections, our district will need to reduce spending by a minimum of $3 million in 2020-2021 and $6 million in 2021-22 to meet its financial obligations, while also maintaining a minimum 3% reserve for economic uncertainties for the current fiscal year and the subsequent fiscal years."

With the adoption of Resolution No. 19-13, the district would begin to identify possible budget reductions for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years, according to the resolution's text. SMMUSD would also be required to formulate a list of the prospective budget cuts that will be included in the 2019-20 second interim report.

Staff anticipates that discussion on the item will only require a total of five minutes since many of the budgetary questions will be covered in the discussion on the approval of the First Interim Report, which is set to occur before the resolution is voted on.

"While these actions must be taken to maintain the fiscal stability of the district," the resolution reads. "The Board of Education will

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HOLIDAYS: Santa Monica celebrated the holiday season with several events last week. Downtown Santa Monica and Main Street held tree lightings while Montana Ave and Pico Blvd. hosted shoppers in stores.

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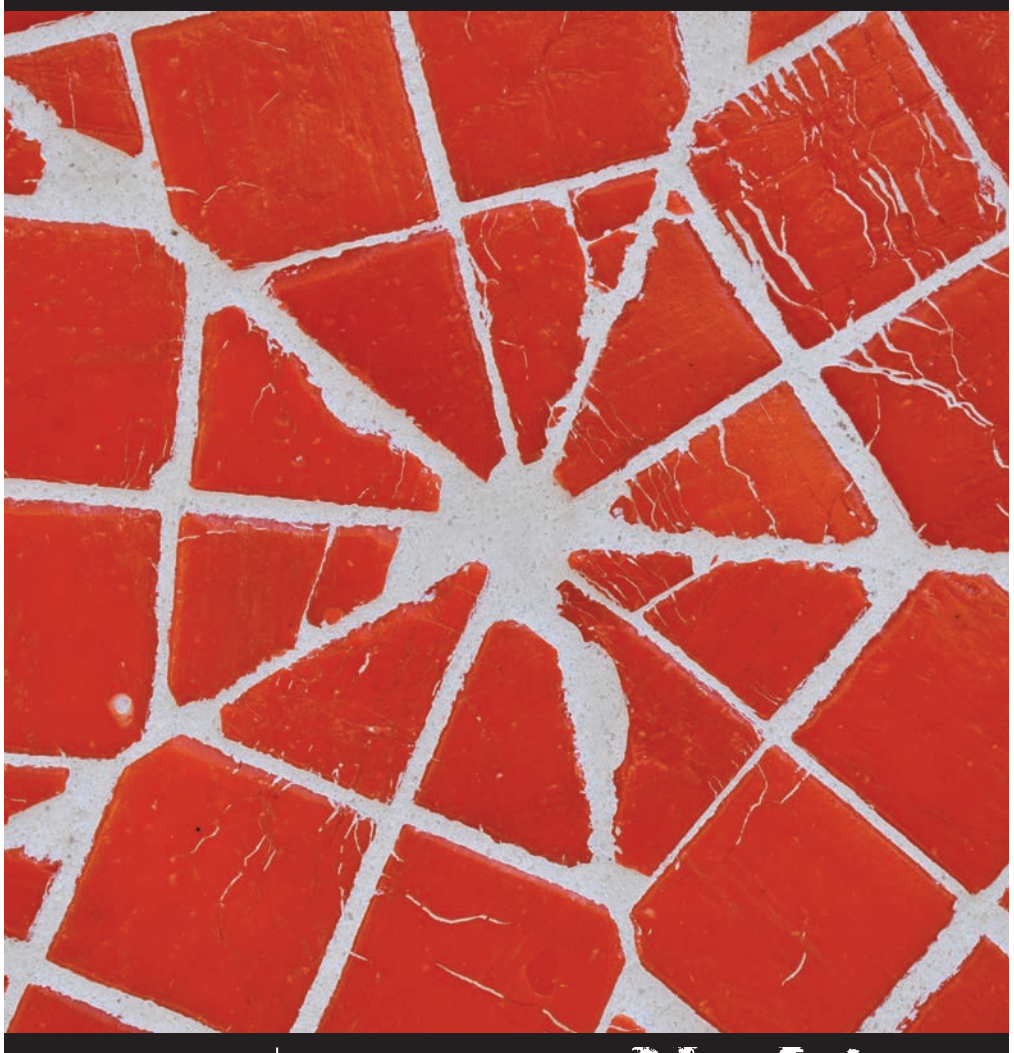
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Gingerbread House Engineering
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Get Started With 3D Printing

Learn the basics of 3D printing and design by completing a guided project during this 90-minute class. Register by email: ideashappen@smgov.net. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. 5:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

Holiday Card Craft Extravaganza

Drop in and create spectacular cards or gift tags for the holiday season using folding, coloring, glue, or pop-up construction. For All Ages. Ocean Park Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Zoning Administrator Meeting

The Zoning Administrator issues land use permits that are minor in nature and may adopt specific findings of fact to support the resulting decision, or require specific conditions. Some Zoning Administrator permits are administrative determinations, while others require a noticed public hearing. City Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Botanical Mystery Tour

Steve Hartman, California Native Plant Society Fellow, and long-time conservation advocate and board member, will entertain with a power point presentation that will cover his involvement with CNPS since he joined in 1974. 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica 1008 11th Street. Programs are free to the public, and non-members are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For more info go to WWW.LACNPS.ORG

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Soundwaves: Brendan White Plays Hindemith

Pianist Brendan White performs Paul Hindemith's "Ludus Tonalis," a set of 25 pieces from 1942 demonstrating his compositional techniques in all 12 major and minor keys (plus a prelude) as a modern answer to Bach's "Well-Tempered Klavier." Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women works to ensure that Santa Monica is a place where women and girls can fully realize their potential and have a strong voice in all aspects of the community. The Commission explores policy and issues relevant to women and girls, and supports leadership and career advancement opportunities. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

Special Meeting Planning Commission

The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Redemption Road

In a town on the brink and on a road with no mercy, a boy with a gun waits for the man who killed his mother, a detective finally confronts her troubled past, a good cop walks free after serving 13 years in prison and the unthinkable happens on the altar of an abandoned church. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Impeached in the USA: a Brief History of Presidential Impeachment

Santa Monica Public Library is excited to present a timely lecture on the history of presidential impeachment on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Jon Michaels, Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law, helps sort fact from fiction and provides a layman's guide to the impeachment process and an overview of its history in US politics. His lecture explains why The Founders included an impeachment provision in the Constitution, demystifies the mechanics of the impeachment process, and provides an impartial analysis of the US House of Representative's current impeachment inquiry.

Jon Michaels is Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law. His recent writings on constitutional and administrative law, national security law, bureaucracy, presidential power, and privatization have appeared in Foreign Affairs, the Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal, University of Chicago Law Review, Columbia Law Review, Penn Law Review, the Washington Post, the American Prospect, and the Los Angeles Times. His book, Constitutional Coup: Privatization's Threat to the American Republic, was published by Harvard University Press in November 2017.

Michaels is a graduate of Williams College, Oxford University, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and Yale Law School, where he served as articles editor for the Yale Law Journal. Michaels first clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and then for Justice David Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. Immediately prior to his appointment at UCLA, Michaels worked as an associate in Arnold & Porter's National Security Law and Public Policy Group in Washington, D.C.

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

SUBMITTED BY JEFF KAPLAN

Citywide

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Donated Approximately 100 Toys to Toys for Tots

The Santa Monica Wilshire and Santa Monica Montana offices of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage collected and donated approximately 100 new and unwrapped toys to the Toys for Tots.

"We are grateful to our clients, neighbors, affiliate agents and staff who donated new toys for children in need in our community," said Steve Manavi, branch manager of the Santa Monica Wilshire and Santa Monica Montana offices of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "We are happy to make a difference for these children."

Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve who distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

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Letter To The Editor

Bob Wolff — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Overpaid lawyers

EDITOR:

In a law suit filed by various SM airport groups against the city; improper documentation of loans by the city to the airport was found by the FAA. It is unbelievable that Santa Monica City did not have legal documents properly prepared as disclosed in the decision. What does our overstaffed, overpaid legal department do. Its spending totaled $15,769,099 in fiscal year 2018-2019 (city figures from this years budget) and yet it puts out "documents lacking signatures, no stated or documented interest rates" etc according to the ruling handed down last month.

Lawyers in the department are being paid over $200,000 a year and yet it seems they are playing at being lawyers. First year contract law teaches what a proper loan contract is, get rid of the incompetents who handled these documents. Someone in that department expects that a document that is not signed by proper parties will be enforceable? In what universe? This is not acceptable. Make the individuals responsible pay for any damages or costs of appeals.

Bob Wolff, Santa Monica.

Broadcast TV shut out of Globe nods, Netflix edges HBO

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AP National Writer

The Golden Globe TV nominations were most striking not for what they included, but what they didn't: The traditional broadcast networks were completely shut out in all 55 nominations.

It was a crowning moment for Netflix, and not just for the jeweled one on Queen Elizabeth's head. The streaming service, which dominated the Globe nominations overall, edged out HBO to win the most TV nods on Monday.

Netflix got 17 TV nods, to go with its 17 on the movie side. HBO was a close successor at 15. Two Netflix shows got four nods: "The Crown," in its new Olivia Colman incarnation, in the drama category, and "Unbelievable" in the limited series category, tying with HBO's "Chernobyl."

The shutout, believed to be for the first time, of the broadcast networks — ABC, NBC, CBS, Fox, The CW and PBS — made for a seemingly awkward situation for NBC, which will host the awards ceremony Jan. 5 and covered the nominations live on "Today."

"It's shocking and weird that NBC will still telecast the Globes even though voters decided that the network's programs aren't worthy to compete," said TV analyst Tom O'Neil of goldderby.com, adding that a similar scenario has gradually been playing out at the Emmys.

Perhaps the biggest snub went to the HBO behemoth "Game of Thrones," this year's big Emmy winner, which in its final season was nearly shut out, save a leading actor nomination for Kit Harington. Overlooked was Peter Dinklage, an Emmy winner, in the supporting actor category. Also left out: FX's "Pose," though star Billy Porter was nominated.

Another key snub was a rare bit of bad news for Netflix: Its acclaimed "When They See Us," about the exonerated Central Park Five, was shut out, despite taking two Emmys, including for actor Jharrel Jerome. Its much-admired director, Ava DuVernay, was left off the list, adding to a bad day for female directors — and for diversity in general — across the board.

And comedy titan Julia-Louis Dreyfus was bypassed for the last season of HBO's acclaimed "Veep," as was Sandra Oh in "Killing Eve," who not only won the Globe last year, but co-hosted the awards show. Her co-star Jodie Comer, who took the Emmy in September, was nominated for her role as a multilingual, chillingly off-kilter assassin in the BBC America drama.

The Globes again showed an abiding affection for movie stars who dabble in TV. Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon were nominated for the Apple TV Plus drama "The Morning Show," not a critical favorite despite its starry cast. The nominations handed Apple its first Globe nominations barely a month after the streaming service launched.

Other nominees in the best drama actress category included Oscar winners Colman ("The Crown") and Nicole Kidman ("Big Little Lies"). All-time Oscar champ Meryl Streep was nominated in the supporting actress category for "Big Little Lies," as was Helena Bonham Carter ("The Crown"), Patricia Arquette ("The Act"), Toni Colette ("Unbelievable") and Emily Watson ("Chernobyl").

Then again, Oscar winners Mahershala Ali ("True Detective") and Regina King ("Watchmen") were overlooked for TV nods, as was movie veteran Laura Dern ("Big Little Lies").

Among the network series snubbed were NBC's popular "This Is Us," as it was last year, and its star Sterling K. Brown, who won the 2018 Globe and the 2017 Emmy. NBC's "The Good Place" and "Will & Grace" and ABC's "black-ish" were other network nominees from recent years that didn't make the cut.

It wasn't just network shows that fell out of favor: Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale," a previous best drama series winner, was overlooked as it was last year.

Ricky Gervais will host the 77th Golden Globes ceremony.

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Amazon says Trump's 'improper pressure' doomed Pentagon bid

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Associated Press

Amazon says President Donald Trump's "improper pressure" and behind-the-scenes attacks harmed its chances of winning a $10 billion Pentagon contract.

The Pentagon awarded the cloud computing contract to Microsoft in October.

Amazon argues in a lawsuit unsealed Monday in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims that the decision should be revisited because of "substantial and pervasive errors" and Trump's interference.

Amazon and its founder Jeff Bezos are a frequent target of Trump. Bezos personally owns The Washington Post, which Trump has referred to as "fake news" whenever unfavorable stories are published about him.

Amazon said it lost the deal due to Trump's "personal vendetta against Mr. Bezos, Amazon, and the Washington Post."

Pentagon spokeswoman Elissa Smith said in a statement Monday the decision to select Microsoft "was made by an expert team of career public servants and military officers" and without external influence.

Formally called the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure plan, or JEDI, the military's computing project would store and process vast amounts of classified data. The Defense Department has said it will help speed up its war planning and fighting capabilities and enable the military to advance its use of artificial intelligence.

Amazon and Microsoft became the finalists after Oracle and IBM were eliminated in an earlier round of the contract competition. Oracle had also sued, arguing the bidding was rigged in Amazon's favor. Trump publicly waded into the bidding process over the summer, saying he heard complaints and wanted the Pentagon to take a closer look.

"The department is confident in the JEDI award and remains focused on getting this critical capability into the hands of our warfighters as quickly and efficiently as possible," Smith said.

The White House didn't return an emailed request for comment Monday.

Microsoft said in a statement it has "confidence in the qualified staff at the Department of Defense, and we believe the facts will show they ran a detailed, thorough and fair process."

Charles Tiefer, a government contracting law professor at the University of Baltimore, said it would be "an uphill battle" for Amazon to win the lawsuit.

The company must prove real influence by the president beyond his tweets and campaign speeches. Emails and other documents would have to prove that Trump's views toward Amazon were on the mind of officials in charge of awarding the contract.

"That's hard to show," Tiefer said. "But it's not impossible."

Amazon makes the case in the lawsuit that its cloud services were a better fit for the project because of its speed, efficiency and experience securely handling classified government data. It says the Defense Department made errors in the procurement process that make little sense without taking into account Trump's antipathy toward Amazon. Some of the lawsuit's details are redacted for proprietary or security reasons.

"Basic justice requires reevaluation of proposals and a new award decision," the lawsuit says. "The stakes are high. The question is whether the President of the United States should be allowed to use the budget of DoD to pursue his own personal and political ends."

Amazon Web Services has been the industry leader in moving businesses and other institutions onto its cloud — a term used to describe banks of servers in remote data centers that can be accessed from almost anywhere. But Microsoft's Azure cloud platform has been steadily catching up, as have other providers such as Google, in both corporate and government settings.

Mike Hettinger, a tech industry lobbyist focused on federal contracting, said a strong case could have been made for either Amazon or Microsoft winning the contract but it is hard for an outside observer to know what went into the government's technical evaluations and whether Trump's comments or actions influenced the outcome. Amazon is likely to use the case to seek more internal documents from the government.

"I don't think anybody knows what happened behind the scenes," Hettinger said. "I think that's what this lawsuit is intended to find out."



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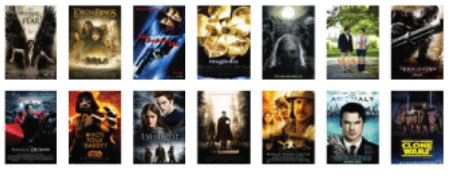
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What's the Point?

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The Legacy of Roy Cohn and his Best Student

The country is headed towards another of those pivotal moments when we see that history is being made. The President is in the middle of what will likely become the overarching comment on his administration – his impending impeachment. His behavior as President, and the actions taken on his behalf are likely to leave a stain on his name and add an asterisk to his entry in the history books as the fourth President to be realistically faced with impeachment, possibly only the third to have been impeached and potentially the only one to ever have been removed.

It is obvious to all observers that the impeachment – the allegation of behavior which would warrant his removal from office – is a foregone conclusion at this point. That is of course the first step, followed by a trial in the Senate – which given the current nose count of Republicans, Democrats and Independents pretty much means it is dead on arrival.

Which means the bar for acceptable behavior has been lowered again.

Who do we get to thank all of this for?

Roy M. Cohn, former aide to Senator Joseph McCarthy and bad boy attorney extraordinaire.

Cohn was the only child of a judge and an overly doting mother who gave free rein to Cohn's Ego, Id and unquenchable thirst for power and influence. He was the ultimate string puller according to the documentary "Where's My Roy Cohn" currently playing at the Laemmle Monica.

The documentary is an illuminating examination of a corrupting influence and an excoriating example of malevolent strategy. Cohn is pretty much called out as the force behind the plot to sacrifice the Rosenbergs in the 50s as examples of Communist influence and stealth. The movie stops just shy of saying that Cohn set them up as sacrificial lambs, allowing us to infer on our own that it was a conspiracy between Cohn and the judge (both Jewish) to prove how objective they were.

Cohn carved out a career as an aggressive, hardnosed attorney who burnished his reputation with ever more abusive tactics. Then along came a young developer who shared his thirst for fame, glory and power, and also lacked the same sense of civility – one Donald J. Trump.

The pairing of Trump and Cohn was a match made in heaven (or hell) but in any case they were birds of a feather and Trump learned the lessons of Cohn's ways to manipulate the media, attack his enemies and never give an inch. The documentary leaves much of the Trump training to the very end, which allows us to see exactly how corrupt Cohn was before he took on his, arguably, best and most famous client.

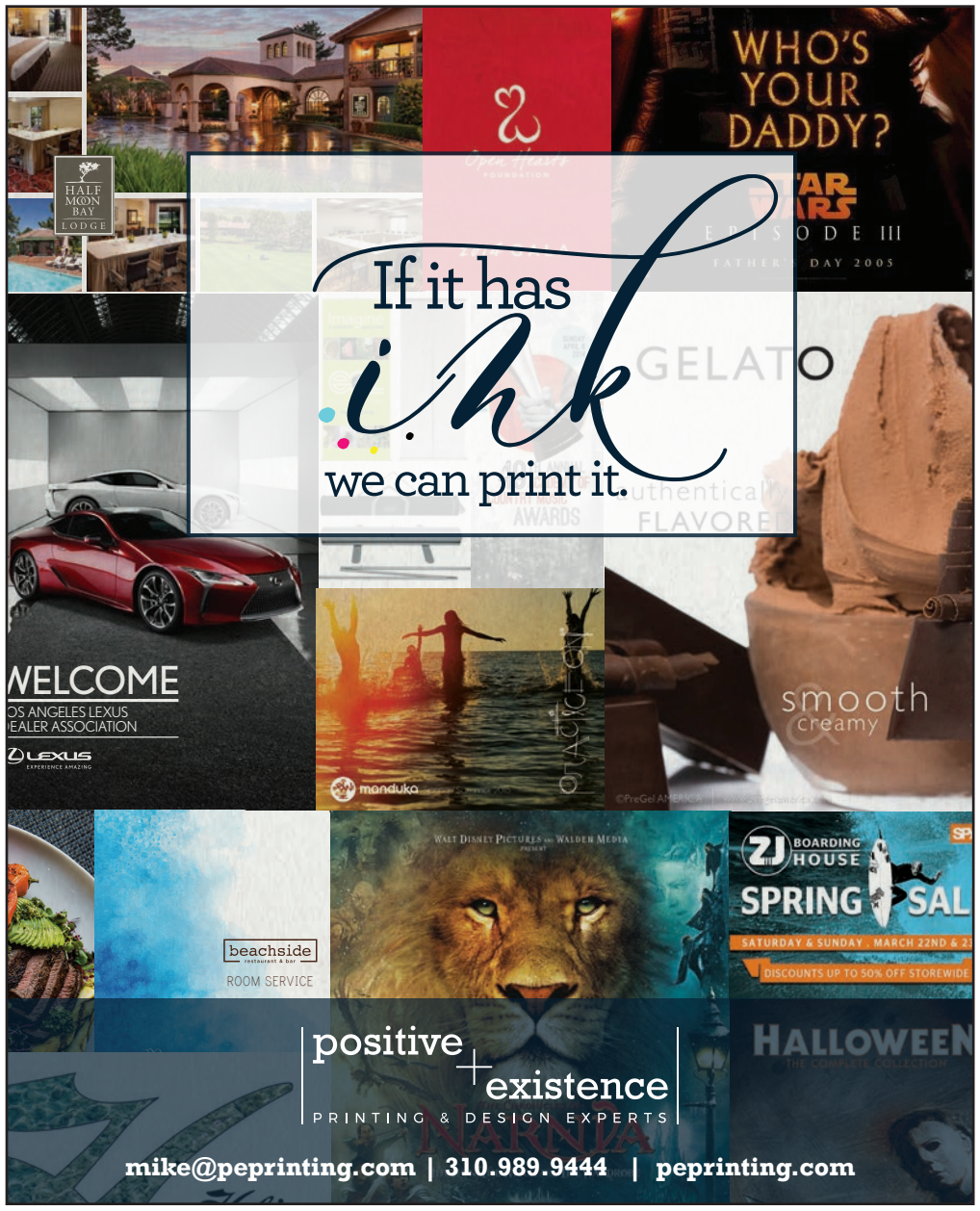
In a weird twist of humanity, Trump's current top attack dog, Santa Monica native Steven Miller has a scarily similar look and attitude to Cohn. Both demonstrate a pugnaciousness that is exceeded only by their rather obvious self-hatred. Cohn for his internalized homophobia and anti-Semitism, and for Miller in my opinion he is still wrestling with inner demons, probably anti-Semitism and self-worth, but as I'm a divorce lawyer not a psychologist I can only opine from my arm chair.

Cohn's life of infamy and abuse was repaid in the end with a horrible, lonely death as his "friends" abandoned him in droves and his death from AIDS at a time when that was extremely shameful. They say Karma is a B*7ch – he certainly proves that.

One only wonders what Mr. Miller will reap.

The movie "Where's My Roy Cohn?" is an excellent documentary and I suggest that you see it if you have a chance. I'm not sure we could find a better looking glass than this as a window into the soul and psyche of the current President.

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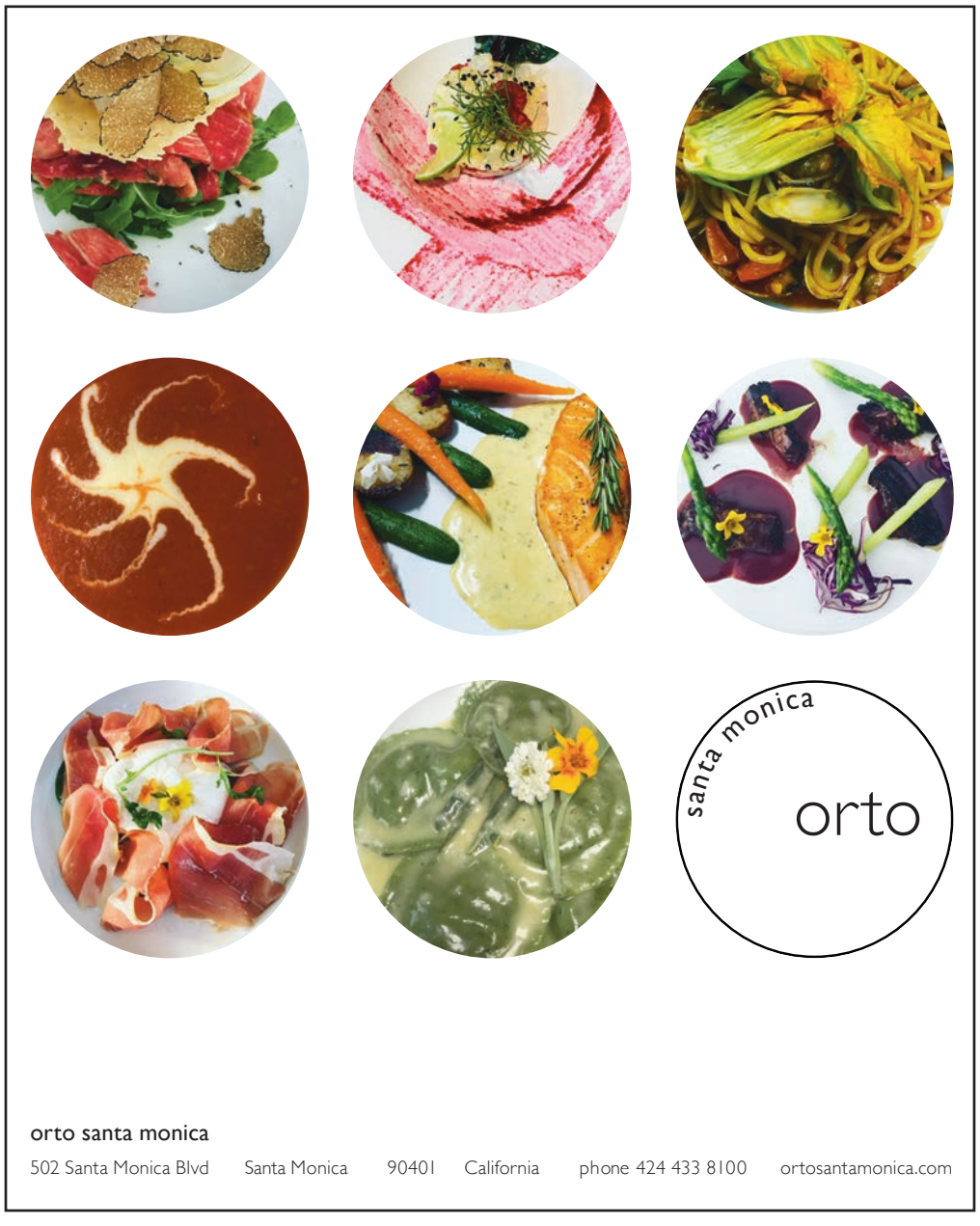
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (DECEMBER 10)

A three-word motto will turn this into one of your most varied and interesting years to date: Just show up. Your willing attitude opens doors and hearts to you. It allows your curiosity and intellect to flow to worthy outlets about which you would not otherwise have known. Love and leadership are in store for 2020. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 22 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People who love what they have are unlikely to take risks. It's why marketers push on "pain points" to sell their solutions. The restless and dissatisfied need you. Find them, and solve their problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You would feel silly telling yourself how great you are. Self-esteem is a state of being, not a collection of phrases. It grows out of healthy living, routines that support you and an overall plan that fits you well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's better to say nothing and believe in yourself than to say anything from a place of not believing in yourself. Low confidence is repellant. Do what it takes to feel better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll feel like being alone so you can fully give your attention to a personal matter or some kind of challenge that requires a new approach. You'll be amazed at how quickly you can sort things out in silence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The day goes very differently when you consciously set out to make it all about you, your fun and your enjoyment. Of course, you very seldom take such an approach. If ever there were a time to live for your own amusement, this is it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one ever got happier by measuring up to someone else's rating system. Your own is the one that counts. You'll blow off someone's attempt at control and start doing what matters to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you lose objectivity and can't quite fully understand what you're putting into the world, look for cues in what you're attracting. It will be a day to make adjustments in the spirit of experimentation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You know what it's like not to have what you really need, and because of this, you'll now help someone with a profound lack of resources. This act of selflessness lifts all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a positive attitude in a world that doesn't always make it easy to see the good. Furthermore, you're equal opportunity in your positivity, which makes you a magnet for a wide array of interesting personalities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a place of grace beyond opinions, politics and subjective morality. This is where you'll meet someone very different from you and easily find the humanity you share.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is no time to let the small stuff get under your skin, as there are defining qualities to scale. Pettiness has a way of claiming those who dabble in it, as does generosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you start to feel like an actor delivering a stereotyped performance of the role of yourself, that's some profound noticing and the first stage in your next incarnation.

Venus and Saturn Favor Assessment

There's a profound difference between assessment and judgment. Assessment comes with a set of feelings like curiosity, honesty, reflection and productivity. Judgment comes with a harshness and the extremes of award or punishment. Venus and Saturn move together to root for you to be kinder wherever possible. Stick to assessment.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

"Should I pursue a photography business? I was born Jan. 6, 1952. Also, will he ever marry me? He was born March 28, 1956. This is my second time around, but oddly enough, he has never been married. Is there a reason for this that I'm not seeing? I feel like if he would finally commit, we'd have an amazing time together. So far it's been a warm attraction, no fireworks, but there's real potential there. We've been seeing each other for two years." Potential is always a gamble. As much as you like those Aries, it's very difficult to build a solid relationship on a gamble. If you knew that things would continue at this same level of excitement or lower, would you still want to be with him? Because you may very well have already seen all the "amazing" this connection has to offer. If that's something you'd like to build a life on together, then go for it. Since you're in the mood to take a risk, the photography business prospect looks hot. Born under a Scorpio moon, you have the intensity it takes to create compelling art. Mercury in Pisces brings imagination to your work – also empathy. Are you drawn toward ethereal themes? Consider using digital manipulations and enhancements as a cornerstone of your style.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

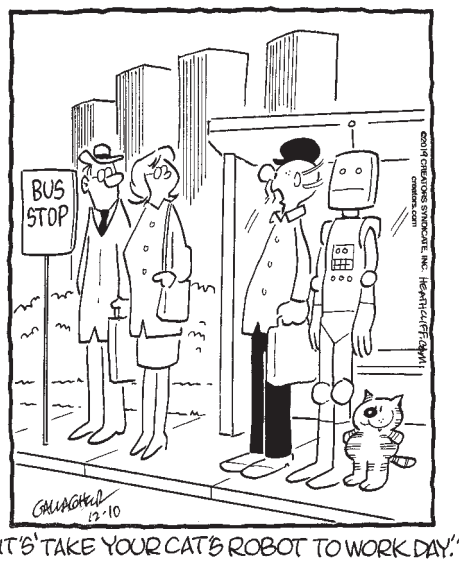
Superstar chef Bobby Flay is a fiery Sagittarius whose travels have inspired him to share the flavors he's culled from all over the world. Sagittarians are passionate adventurers, but for those who like to stay home, tasting the food and drink of a region is one way to journey without a plane ticket. Flay's natal Mercury and Mars in Earth signs indicate strong personal drive and a tireless work ethic. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

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Noun
Cheap and pretentious display..

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"IT'S 'TAKE YOUR CAT'S ROBOT TO WORK DAY.'"

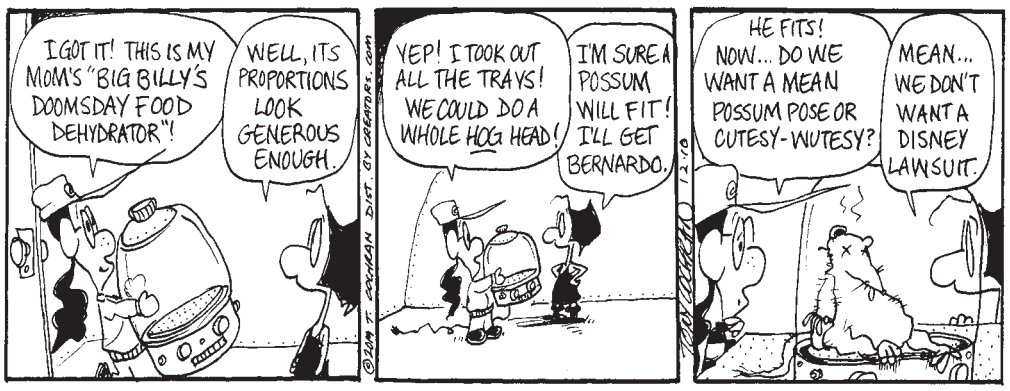
Strange Brew

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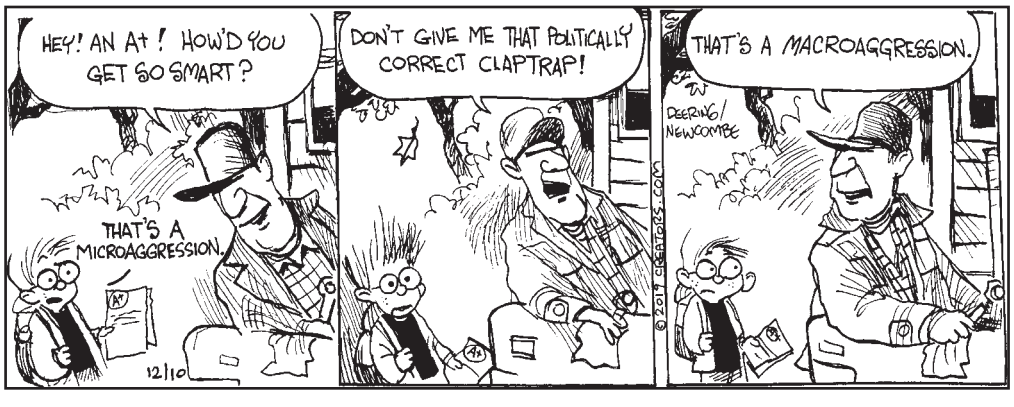
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POWERball
Draw Date:12/07
18 42 53 62 66
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 140 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/06
20 31 40 46 61
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 314 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 09/21
4 8 31 44 45
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 10 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/08
2 9 12 30 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 12/09
Midday: 3 1 7

Draw Date: 12/08
Evening: 4 0 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 12/08
1st: 07 - EUREKA
2nd: 08 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
RACE TIME: 1:45.73

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.7°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Smaller leftovers from the WNW. Deep morning high tide, afternoon low.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Modest new WNW swell mixes with small SSW/S swell. Deep morning high tide, mid afternoon low.

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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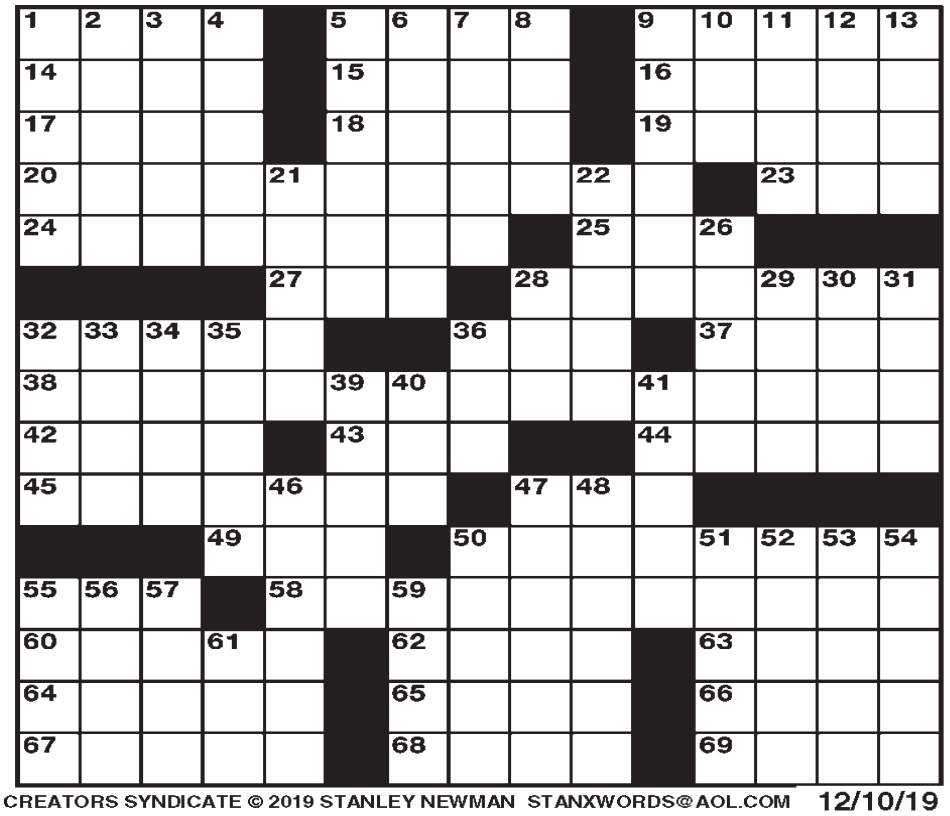
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Newsday Crossword

OFTEN TIMES by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 "Listen!," in a Christmas carol
5 Conks on the head
9 Nebraska's largest city
14 Pizzeria appliance
15 Concerning, in memos
16 Ignore distractions
17 Trip in a car or bus
18 Designer Christian
19 Golf course's 18
20 *Jeopardy!* betting situation
23 Admiral's org.
24 Being aligned lengthwise
25 Antiquated
27 No longer damp
28 Unoriginal person
32 Taste or hearing
36 Have a gabfest
37 The Dalai __
38 Where to read about small-town events
42 Prefix meaning "opposed to"
43 Three letters in "nanny"
44 Motionless
45 Where Albany is capital: Abbr.
47 Devoured
49 Take a chair
50 Sewing work
55 Sound of disapproval
58 Apartment renter's obligation
60 Suspect's story
62 Add ice cubes to
63 Overly highbrow
64 Unpromising, as a situation
65 "You can count __"
66 Have the opinion
67 Golfer's club movement
68 Fortune-teller
69 Grow weary

DOWN
1 Unruly crowd
2 Pertaining to birds
3 Decorated anew
4 Prepared to propose
5 Auction participant
6 Tasting like scallions
7 __ as a peacock (vain)
8 Certain Eastern European
9 Useful
10 Bovine sound
11 Rights advocacy grp.
12 Color variations
13 Special interest org.
21 Swiss Alps song
22 Appears (to be)
26 Bob who wrote "Blowin' in the Wind"
28 Crow's cry
29 __ Cod, MA
30 The "A" in USA: Abbr.
31 Sour-tasting
32 Graceful water bird
33 Start of a counting rhyme
34 Tennis court dividers
35 Variety show sketches
36 "Permission granted"
39 "The best is __ come"
40 U-turn from SSW
41 Devoutness
46 Pointing at a target
47 In for the evening
48 Ground-cultivating machine
50 Pebble or boulder
51 Artistic skill
52 "Ready or not, __ come!"
53 Go inside
54 Fashion flair
55 Shades of brown
56 Not very speedy
57 Fuzzy brown fruit
59 Cpls. and sgts.
61 Recycling container



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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 249 CALLS ON DEC. 8

Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 20th St / Broadway 12:05 a.m.
Party Complaint 1000blk Hill St 12:13 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 2000blk Arizona Ave 12:14 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1500blk Olympic Blvd 12:26 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 10th St / San Vicente Blvd 1:34 a.m.
Fight 2800blk Main St 1:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 2:23 a.m.
Suicide Now Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 8:30 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:45 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1500blk Broadway 9:19 a.m.
Lewd Activity 200blk Santa Monica Pier 9:38 a.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 700blk Ocean Ave 9:40 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk Ozone Ave 9:44 a.m.
Construction Noise 500blk Pico Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 700blk Broadway 9:58 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 900blk 7th St 10:12 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1200blk 23rd St 10:17 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 700blk Ocean Ave 10:37 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 3000blk Airport Ave 11:02 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 11:18 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:51 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk 20th St 12:06 p.m.
Identity Theft 400blk 11th St 12:39 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 700blk Pico Blvd 12:44 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1200blk 23rd St 1:21 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Maple St 1:29 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / Colorado Ave 1:56 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 900blk 14th St 2:11 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 900blk Montana Ave 2:35 p.m.
Death Investigation 1200blk Georgina Ave 3:20 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 4:01 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:11 p.m.
Expired Registration 100blk Hollister Ave 4:15 p.m.
Bike Theft Report 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:25 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:45 p.m.
Death Investigation 2600blk Centinela Ave 4:50 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2100blk Idaho Ave 4:51 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:41 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:45 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 2nd St 6:01 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 19th St 6:28 p.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:34 p.m.
Fight 1500blk 4th St 6:56 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:00 p.m.
Identity Theft 3rd St Prom 8:21 p.m.
Person With A Gun Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 9:18 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:46 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 24 CALLS ON DEC. 8

Traffic Collision With Injury 20th St / Broadway 12:05 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 2000blk Arizona Ave 12:26 a.m.
EMS 900blk 6th St 2:49 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Ocean Way 3:47 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 4:35 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 6:36 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 7:26 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:49 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 9:49 a.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:14 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk Pico Blvd 11:25 a.m.
EMS 600blk Pico Blvd 12:40 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Georgina Ave 1:42 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:38 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Georgina Ave 3:20 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:02 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 4:12 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 4:24 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:44 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:46 p.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 7:02 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:37 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:58 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 11:21 p.m.

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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 28, AT 11:17 A.M.

Officers were conducting vehicle burglary suppression patrol in the Downtown parking structures. While in Structure 6, located in the 1400 block of 2nd Street, they encountered a male subject who was seated in the stairwell. Officers made contact with the subject who was not in need of medical assistance nor did he have a vehicle or any purpose inside the structure or stairwell. He did not have any identification on his person, was arrested for the municipal code and transported to the jail for processing. Clinton Brough, 40, homeless, was arrested for loitering in a Parking Structure. Bail was set at $500.



File photo

CLINTON BROUGH

MEETING

FROM PAGE 1

continue to make every effort to sustain a high-quality education program for our students."

BOARD ELECTIONS

Thursday's meeting will also serve as the district's annual organizational meeting, so it's recommended that attending board members elect a president and vice president of the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, the agenda states. "It is also recommended that Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent, be designated as the Secretary of the Board of Education for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District."

Jon Kean and Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein currently serve as the board's respective vice president and president, and both are expected to be recognized during the beginning of Thursday's meeting for their efforts this past year.

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS:

Interdistrict Attendance: A Major Discussion item on the agenda will allow the Board of Education an opportunity to discuss interdistrict attendance and the various categories under which families can apply for an interdistrict permit to attend SMMUSD.

Student Performance: Staff will review data related to cohort graduation rates, College and Career Readiness benchmarks, suspension and expulsion rates, as well as the Early Development Instrument results.

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