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Snapchat billionaire CEO offers to save twilight concerts with $1 million donation

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's most beloved and bemoaned public event survived another battle this week, as the City Council unanimously voted against police and staff recommendations to put the Twilight Concert Series on hiatus over safety concerns. Over the past three decades the concerts have grown from a local event to promote The Pier to an iconic summer party that attracts thousands of regional tourists, traffic and trash.

The sponsor of the event, Snapchat, may have saved this year's series when its billionaire CEO showed up at City Hall Tuesday night and offered $1 million of his own money to cover the costs of policing the series.

"I worry about this conversation because what we're effectively saying is diversity and inclusion (are) really important unless it is expensive and inconvenient," Evan Spiegel said. "I

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STEM

Courtesy photos

Rogers Learning Community students were engineers this week as part of the annual STEM Expo and Caine's Arcade. Students came up with great solutions to various grade-oriented problems, along with the creation of amazing arcade games to spark the love of learning.

California will set more fires to try to stop wildfires

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

California's seemingly endless cycle of wildfires is prompting authorities to make plans to set more "controlled burns" to thin forests choked with dead trees and withered underbrush that serves as kindling to feed monster blazes that force entire communities to flee, destroy homes and take lives.

Fighting wildfires that burn out of control is extremely expensive and even when authorities make mammoth efforts to put out the blazes, they can still cause expensive property and infrastructure losses when the flames reach populated areas. In October, thousands of California homes burned and 44 people died from wildfires in the state's most renowned wine region north of San Francisco.

This week, while a fire northwest of Los Angeles still raged after destroying more than 700 homes, the U.S. Forest Service and the state fire agency warned that the threat will remain high even after that blaze is put out because of an estimated 129 million trees that died in California over the last year from drought and beetle infestation.

"It's fuel just waiting to go up in flames," said Daniel Berlant, assistant deputy director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The agencies are planning more aggressive use of so-called prescribed burns, when fire prevention experts identify areas with bone dry "surface fuels" and send in crews to burn it or clear it away using chain saws and heavy equipment.

The state since July 1 has burned 13 square miles (37 square kilometers) of surface fuels such as dry needles, leaves and bark that accumulated over the years and can easily ignite, turning forests into powder kegs, Berlant said. That's more than double the amount cleared three years ago.

The goal for 2018 is to burn at least 31 square miles (80 square kilometers) and for the clearing crews to clean up another 31 square miles. To protect population centers, state and local authorities are also increasing inspections to make sure residential and commercial property owners are maintaining cleared spaces required by law between their properties and forestland.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, December 15

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.

December Drive-In Series for Kids

Bring your cardboard box car to our drive-in and watch some holiday favorites and discover new favorites! This showing features: Santa Claus is Coming To Town. [1970|TV-G|48 min] Ages 3 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Saturday, December 16

Ed Asner & Ed. Weinberger: The Grouchy Historian

Ed Asner and his co-author Ed. Weinberger wade into the political debate with the new book The Grouchy Historian: An Old-Time Lefty Defends Our Constitution Against Right-Wing Hypocrites and Nutjobs. This event is ticketed. Free tickets for auditorium seating will be released one hour prior to program. Only one ticket per guest will be released, and guest must be present to receive a ticket. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 5 p.m.

Paint - Places, a COAST art exhibit by APC Fine Arts

Join organizers for work created by the Coast Flock of Plein Air Painters during the City's open streets festival, presented by APC Fine Arts. 1450 Ocean, 2 – 5 p.m.

Stay Alive While Driving

Loren Elmer, former race car driver and author of Stay Alive While Driving, shares the tips and techniques necessary to avoid collisions and to keep you and your loved ones safe. He also discusses TEEN DRIVING: why teens are distracted drivers, and what parents can do about it. In addition, he presents the topic of UNINTENDED ACCELERATION, and what to do if it happens to you. A book sale and signing will be available afterward. Montana Ave. Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Design in 3D: Open Lab

Explore 3D printing possibilities at the Library. Prepare your own three-dimensional plastic objects for 3D printing. Staff will be available to help with basic troubleshooting. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Citywide

Venice Man Charged with Deadly PCH Pursuit

A 22-year-old man has been charged with leading police on a pursuit and later crashing into a landscaper walking on Pacific Coast Highway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Seo said Kevin James Hicks (dob 6/22/95) faces one felony count each of vehicular manslaughter, fleeing a pursuing a peace officer's motor vehicle causing death and driving or taking a vehicle without consent with a prior and one misdemeanor count of driving when privilege suspended or revoked.

The criminal complaint alleges Hicks was convicted earlier this year of grand theft auto in Kern County.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch. Case LA087357 was filed on Dec. 7.

On Nov. 29, Hicks is charged with driving a stolen Mazda 6 on PCH and then leading police on a pursuit after initially pulling over near Ramirez Mesa Drive. Police allegedly stopped pursuing the defendant as he drove at a high rate of speed soon before crashing into Juan Castillo, 28, who was walking on the right shoulder, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged, Hicks faces a possible maximum sentence of 12 years and 10 months in state prison. Bail is set at $180,000.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lost Hills Station.

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Citywide

California wildfires prompt tougher rules for utilities

Devastating California wildfires this year — and expectations of more to come under the extremes of climate change — prompted regulators Thursday to toughen rules for utility companies to keep power lines clear of brush and tree branches that can easily spark into flames.

Public Utilities Commission president Michael Picker called the regulations adopted unanimously by the board "a major rewrite" of the state's fire-prevention rules for utilities as climate change drives up wildfire risks in much of California.

The board's action comes as fire officials look for the causes of wildfires currently burning in Southern California, including a 380-square-mile (980-square-kilometer) fire that has become the fourth-largest in state history. The Los Angeles Times on Thursday quoted a witness as saying she saw arcing power lines throwing sparks at the scene of one of the fires in the San Fernando Valley.

Fire officials also are looking at any role that sparks from wind-whipped power lines played in October's wildfires in Northern California, which killed 44 people and caused more than $9 billion in property damage, more than any fire recorded in the United States, according to insurance industry figures.

The new state rules for utilities, power lines and vegetation concentrate on areas deemed of higher fire risk. The changes increase the minimum space among power lines and between power lines and vegetation, and speed up timetables for patrols and repairs in areas of higher fire risks.

The agency first began considering the issue after a series of Southern California wildfires in 2007. Those fires were tied to swaying and arcing power lines, some of which fell during heavy winds.

Currently, a redrawing of California's fire-risk maps is more than doubling the area that officials consider at heightened risk of wildfire, from 31,000 square miles (80,000 square kilometers) to 70,000 square miles (180,000 square kilometers), or 44 percent of the state's land.

State officials and climate experts point to increasing extremes of weather in California, which last winter swung from five years of drought to near-record rain.

The U.S. Forest Service this week reported a record 129 million trees have perished, raising fire risks, in the state since the drought began. They were killed by hot, arid weather and forest pests that are thriving in the warmer conditions.

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The Predator Has No Clothes

IN 1837, DANISH AUTHOR HANS Christian Andersen published "The Emperor's New Clothes." (Commonly known as "The Emperor Has No Clothes.") Translated into 100 languages, the famed fable brought joy to children world-wide. The story's villain is a narcissistic, buffoon of an emperor who insists on having the finest clothes in all the land. (Narcissistic buffoon? Sound familiar?)

Two scheming weavers promise the dim-witted emperor they will make him a suit spun from pure gold but caution it will be invisible to stupid people. Thus, the foppish emperor leads a parade wearing only his underwear. As townspeople are silent for fear of being deemed stupid, a young child cries out, "But he isn't wearing anything at all!"

The "underwear" reference reminds me of Judge Roy Moore, the credibly-accused pedophile who just lost Alabama's special U.S. Senate election despite Donald Trump's enthusiastic endorsement. As an anonymous Republican official put it, "If you wanted to create two people to ruin our party, you couldn't do better than Donald Trump and Roy Moore."

A USA TODAY editorial said, "Trump isn't fit to clean toilets." I disagree. He IS fit to clean toilets, but with all the taco bowls and KFC buckets he consumes, I'm doubt he could bend down.

The stunning upset in Alabama is credited to African-Americans, who turned out in record numbers and women. (Especially mothers with daughters under 18, Roy Moore's favorite dating demographic.) For his part, Moore is refusing to concede, saying, he's "waiting on God." I hope he's holding his breath.

Allegedly, Moore drove his 14-year-old victim to his house in the woods before stripping to his underwear and sexually molesting her. And Trump is accused by twenty women of non-consensual kissing and grabbing genitals, which he actually bragged about doing on Access Hollywood.

If Al Franken agreed to resign isn't it time for hearings for Trump's accusers? On The Howard Stern show Trump once boasted how he spied backstage on semi-nude contestants in the Miss Teen USA pageant. (No wonder Trump endorsed Moore, the two share a common perversion, teenage girls!)

Trump continuously degrades the presidency by tweeting hate and vitriol. I'm reminded of the question posed to Joe McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" Hopefully, Doug Jones' Alabama election marks a return to decency.

Trump recently tweeted that U.S. Senator Kirstin Gillibrand is a "total flunky," saying she "begged" him for a campaign contribution and "would have done anything" to get it, inferring sexual favors. (Gillibrand called for Trump to resign. If only.)

The loss to a democrat in ruby red Alabama is a major blow for the White House. This marks twice in three months that Alabamians rejected Trump-backed candidates. First it was Luther Strange in the primary and now "Raunchy Roy." Add the November elections in Virginia and that makes Trump a "three-time loser!"

A political rally for Moore the night before the election might have been a bad omen. In defense of her husband, Moore's wife told a right-wing audience that her husband was NOT a racist, saying, "One of our attorneys is a Jew!"

The strange look on her face while she said "Jew" was like she drank sour milk. The audience at Morning Joe's show, in Alabama for the election, laughed at her hysterically. (Moore infamously admitted that he was first drawn to his wife when she was 15!)

Election day also got off to an ominous start for Moore. He and his wife, as is their custom, rode their horses to the polling place. Only Moore revealed himself as an incompetent horseman. As he pulled cruelly on the reins, it looked like the pained horse was contemplating bucking Moore to the ground. (The NY Daily News headline mocking Moore read, "Screw You and the Horse you Rode in On.")

The Alabama election was also a monumental loss for Trump's one-time top political strategist, Steve Bannon. He's also accused of being anti-Semitic as divorce court documents revealed his comment, "Jews don't know how to raise their kids." The day after the election, Congressman Steve King (R-NY) said of Bannon, "He looks like a disheveled drunk." Others say he looks like he's slept in his car.

Typically, Trump, with his historically low 32% approval ratings, blamed everyone but himself for Moore's loss. Meanwhile he spent Wednesday touting his immensely unpopular tax plan, which benefits the super-wealthy, gives crumbs to the middle class and adds 1 ? trillion to the debt. And, oh yes, includes a loophole for golf course owners! Shamelessly, Paul Ryan says next on their agenda is reducing entitlements, defining "reverse Robin Hood," robbing the poor to give to the rich.

In Andersen's beloved fable it was an innocent child who awoke the townspeople that the horrible and hateful emperor was a complete fraud. Where is that child now, when we need him most?

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By Mayor Ted Winterer

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Doubling Down on Homelessness

IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HASN'T BEEN a day in which at least one Santa Monica resident expressed to me concerns about our homeless population, whether by email, a phone call or stopping me on the street to chat. My colleagues on the City Council and I are paying close attention to this issue – we see and feel the impacts of a substantially larger street population every day, just like everyone else, and reducing homelessness has become our top priority at City Hall.

The data is daunting. After reducing our homeless population by roughly a quarter over five years, we saw all that hard work undone in our 2017 count of unhoused individuals. At the same time, the County of Los Angeles experienced a 23% uptick in its street population so that now there are 58,000 homeless persons in our region. And despite the application of proven strategies to get people off the streets and into housing and services, an estimated 13,000 new people become homeless in LA County every month. Simply put, local and regional resources have been overwhelmed by this crisis.

There are many reasons for this dramatic surge in homelessness. Foremost is the steep increase regionally in housing costs at a time when wage growth has stagnated, so that many have had to make difficult choices between food, medicine, clothing and rent and thus have been left without housing. Redevelopment in downtown Los Angeles has pushed many former residents of Skid Row into other communities. There are other underlying causes for this tragic epidemic. We estimate 30% of our homeless population suffers from some form of mental illness, in many cases left untreated for years during a life on the streets. And the methamphetamine and opioid epidemics have taken a toll on too many.

There is, however, reason to believe that our City and the County can turn the tide. Voters in LA County approved Measure H in March, a sales tax increase which yields an additional $350 million per year for homeless services on top of historic spending. Those resources are now being deployed to a suite of strategies to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment, temporary and permanent housing and other support services. Likewise, voters in Los Angeles last year approved a $1.1 billion bond measure to house the homeless while our voters supported Measure GS/GSH to finance more affordable housing.

When I speak with our residents, most feel great compassion for those who live on our streets, in our parks and on our beaches and they want us to do more to help those less fortunate than many of us. Others are less forgiving, as they see our public spaces as having been taken hostage by undesirables with bad intentions, and would like City Hall to employ punitive measures which push the limits of civil liberties. The truth likely lands somewhere between these two perspectives: many on our streets have fallen through a frayed and inadequate social safety net, but there's no denying that the tenor of interaction with a portion of our homeless has become increasingly intimidating. Just recently at one of our community meetings a father tearfully told us of having to intercede to protect his young son from an attempted assault by an unstable homeless man. While the data shows most homeless persons do not commit crimes and those who do generally perpetrate offenses against other homeless, these sorts of incidents have created widespread fear and anxiety among many residents.

So, our response at City Hall is to relentlessly engage our homeless population in both a compassionate and a constitutional manner. Every police officer, firefighter or social worker who encounters someone living on our streets will seek to guide that person into proven supportive services: while offers of assistance may be denied multiple times, we know that persistence will eventually pay off and individuals will accept help. And we will use data about the outcome of these interactions to measure the success of strategies. At the same time, we are committed to making all of the public once again feel safe in public spaces in a legal manner which respects individual rights. In short, we will try to shelter those who need homes while making our streets safer for both the housed and the unhoused.

So what are the details of this plan?

First, we're shifting our policing strategy. Every SMPD officer will be trained to engage with homeless persons and every call to dispatch about homelessness will be addressed, whether a crime is reported or not (being unhoused is not in itself a crime, of course). And we've increased the number of officers and hours of the SMPD's Homeless Liaison Program, whose fulltime focus is our street population. Two new Library Services Officers will be hired to ensure safe and respectful use of our libraries while a fulltime social worker will be deployed at the Main Library. And the City Council recently allocated budget savings from the last fiscal year to hire a dozen outreach workers to respond to calls in our public spaces and to connect unhoused persons with services or with their families in other areas.

In February, we will announce a new Senior Advisor on Homelessness to coordinate both our City's interdepartmental efforts and to collaborate with the County and other cities, as homelessness is a regional crisis that can't be solved without other agencies doing their fair share in addition to our local endeavors. We've formed a Homelessness Steering Committee to coordinate and develop community-wide actions to address the impacts of homelessness. And we've engaged the County Department of Mental Health to find ways they can bring their services into the field in Santa Monica.

Of course, the greatest need for the homeless is housing. All sorts of research prove it costs taxpayers much less to provide temporary and permanent housing than to incur the burden of emergency room hospitalizations, calls to police officers and firefighters and other services. To that end, City Hall offers rental assistance to those in our community in the direst need, so we can keep Santa Monicans in their homes. And we will continue to produce housing for lower income individuals while encouraging our neighbors to build affordable housing at a pace commensurate with ours.

That said, the City of Santa Monica can't end homelessness on its own. We'll need the help of all cities in the region and the County. Most of all, we'll need the active help of residents and businesses in our community. We are not powerless in the face of this crisis. You can be a part of the solution, by donating generously to the agencies that provide housing and services (smgov.net/volunteer). Volunteer for our annual homeless count January 24, 2018, as the data collected helps to inform solutions (santamonicahomlesscount.com). And advocate for efforts to increase housing and services for the homeless.

Finally, those of us who have lived in Santa Monica for a while will recall the last epidemic of homelessness during the 1990s, when the scourge of crack cocaine swelled our street population. The public's concerns about homelessness were just as intense as they are today, but we overcame that challenge. It will take time and patience, but we will likewise prevail again.

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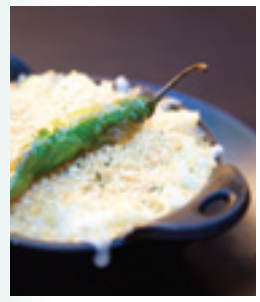





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WILDFIRES

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square kilometers) that would be cleared is far smaller than the 1,560 square miles (4,040 kilometers) of land that have been burned by California's wildfires so far this year.

The fire prevention measures will save money in the long run when compared to the huge costs of fighting fires — especially those near communities because so many aircraft and firefighters are rushed in to protect property and lives. The cost over just 11 days to fight the largest wildfire in the Los Angeles-area this month reached $74.7 million on Thursday and was still going up.

Mike De Lasaux, a forester with the University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said the state ideally would burn hundreds of square miles of land with surface fuels annually, but he praised any efforts to reduce dangerously overgrown forests. The current plan moved forward following a recent agreement between state and federal agencies along with environmental, logging and recreational interests.

De Lasaux estimated the risk of the controlled burns running wild and burning homes at less than 2 percent.

But some have turned catastrophic, including a 2000 fire set by U.S. Park Service officials in New Mexico's Bandelier National Monument. High winds whipped the blaze and flames raced through the community of Los Alamos — home to Los Alamos National Laboratory, a nuclear facility and the birthplace of the atomic bomb. More than 400 families lost their homes.

A 2012 burn set by the Colorado State Forest Service southwest of Denver ignited a 6-square-mile (16-square kilometer) wildfire that killed three people and damaged or destroyed more than two dozen homes. Colorado suspended prescribed burns by state agencies for five years and the ban was lifted in October.

Opponents of the burns by authorities contend the fires release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, put lives and property at risk and kill wildlife and old trees that may never grow back. They also question their efficiency because the wildfires are on the rise even though controlled burns have increased.

"Well it's been policy for decades and we still have catastrophic fires worse than ever," said Arthur Firstenberg, a member of the New Mexico-based anti-controlled burn group Once A Forest.

De Lasaux counters that controlled fires produce significantly less smoke than wildfires like the one currently burning in California's heavily populated Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, "destroying all growth in its path" and prompting warnings about unhealthy air.

California officials only send out crews to conducted controlled burns when conditions are considered safe so that fires won't go out of control, Berlant. That means weather conditions with cooler temperatures, high humidity and calm winds, he said.

"Any time there's cooler temperatures we try to get our crews out there," he said. "What we get is a low-intensity fire that's not gonna burn everything in its path — just the grass and ground fuels. It leaves bigger trees safe."

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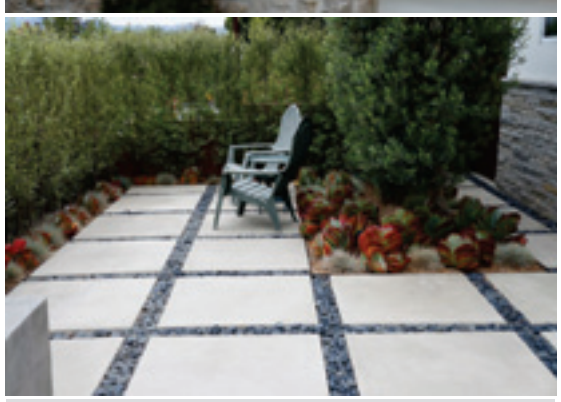



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think we can do better."

While the show will go on, the Council gave the Pier Corporation and staff broad authority to take measures that will reduce crowd size. In 2018, the concert series will span no more than six nights after Labor Day when children have gone back to school and the summer tourist season has ebbed. The Council dedicated just $400,000 for public safety (which cost over a $1 million last year) with the mandate to suspend the series when the money runs out.

After years of experimenting with ideas to deter attendance, it is unknown whether staff will be able to keep fans from turning out to the beach.

"The reality is, it's going to take real effort to stop the momentum," City Manager Rick Cole said. Cole's office is still deciding whether to take Spiegel up on his million dollar offer.

Santa Monica's interim police chief says the department can safely police The Pier; it's the tens of thousands of people on the public beach that cause the most concern. There is no way to control entry and check bags south of The Pier, much less install metal detectors. In the past, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department sent in resources to help police the beach.

In the wake of terrorist attacks and mass shootings, the current head of SMPD says the event fills him "with dread and foreboding."

"In its current form … we cannot safely police that event even if we doubled our current resources," Interim Chief Kenneth Semko said. "To get to the middle of the crowd when something occurs before it swells to something catastrophic…I can only imagine. It keeps me up at night. People running. Running in a sea of humanity like that. The injuries and carnage that would occur, if that were to happen..."

The Pier Corporation will consider removing the speakers that face the beach and moving the stage to take away the view from the sand. However, TCS crowds already extend far beyond the point where attendees can reasonably hear the music playing. Both Semko and Fire Chief Bill Walker said the traffic impact of the high attendance adds to the complexity of responding to an emergency on the beach.

"Fall is a good start but it's 80 degrees today," Semko said. "It's hard to imagine what it's going to look like."

Looking ahead to the 2028 Summer Olympics, staff may also look at infrastructure to provide more security at larger scale events. Staff will engage outside resources to develop an assessment.

The Council also approved the Pier Corporation's budget and work plan as well as an update to their bylaws. The work plan includes continuation of several other marquee programs at the Pier, including Front Porch Cinema, Paddleboard Race and Ocean Festival, STEAM Machines, LA Opera and other arts and education programming.

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SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: December 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: **Santa Monica Institute Training Room, Second Floor of the Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica, CA 90401** Entrance on Olympic Drive (wheelchair accessible) directly across from the Public Safety & Police Department Building

PROPERTIES:

- 15ARB-0088: 1330 Colorado Avenue: Automobile Service Center
- 17ARB-0335: 2941 Main Street: Restaurant
- 17ARB-0358: 101 Santa Monica Boulevard: Restaurant

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S): None

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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 DECEMBER 6, AT ABOUT 3:49 A.M.

Officers responded to the 2700 block of Broadway regarding two subjects trying to break into a Honda CRV. The reporting party reported hearing sawing noises and one of the subject was on the ground using a flashlight. Officers arrived and noticed several bolts and a butane lighter underneath the car. Officers determined the catalytic converter had been removed. As other officers were responding to the area, an officer conducted a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle in the area. Officers recovered a catalytic converter from the vehicle and determined it belonged to the Honda CRV. The owner of the Honda CRV was desirous of prosecution. The suspects were taken into custody. Matthen Andrew Munns, 26, from Los Angeles was arrested for Possession of stolen Property, Conspiracy and Driving on suspended license. Bail was set at $1,000. Teren Christopher Hampton, 29, from Los Angeles was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property and 182 PC – Conspiracy. Bail was set at $1,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 402 Calls For Service On Dec. 13.

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

Fight 400 block Broadway 1:31 a.m.
Encampment 1300 block 4th 2:36 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block Euclid 4:02 a.m.
Battery 900 block Montana 4:37 a.m.
Theft recyclables 300 block San Vicente 4:48 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block 5th 6:06 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 12th 7:03 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block the beach 7:53 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 7:58 a.m.
Illegal weapon 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8 a.m.
Burglary 400 block Broadway 8:03 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1500 block 4th 8:06 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Broadway 8:27 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 2nd 10:20 a.m.
Vehicle parked in an alley 900 block 20th 10:21 a.m.
Hit and run 2500 block 7th 10:32 a.m.
Hit and run 2300 block 31st 10:38 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 16th 10:50 a.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1600 block Cloverfield 10:57 a.m.
Battery 2nd / Broadway 11 a.m.
Person with a gun Ocean / California Incline 11:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 11th 11:29 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1900 block 14th 11:33 a.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 11:37 a.m.
Bike theft 2600 block Ocean Park 12:12 p.m.
Hit and run 1800 block Pico 12:35 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 19th 12:37 p.m.
Hit and run 1600 block Appian 12:56 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block 6th 1:00 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Cloverfield 1:29 p.m.
Traffic collision 300 block Olympic 1:41 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block California 1:59 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1700 block 22nd 2:01 p.m.
Fight 1600 block Cloverfield 2:09 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Olympic 2:24 p.m.
Grand theft 100 block Santa Monica Pl 2:49 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Montana 3:02 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th / California 3:21 p.m.
Hit and run 2800 block Santa Monica 3:27 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block 28th 3:29 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Euclid 3:32 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block PCH 3:54 p.m.
Hit and run Stewart / Olympic 4:02 p.m.
Identity theft 1900 block 11th 4:09 p.m.
Hit and run 1800 block Main 4:15 p.m.
Hit and run Main / Pico 4:22 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Euclid 4:32 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 4:36 p.m.
Burglary 400 block Broadway 4:41 p.m.
Fraud 2500 block 24th 4:46 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 4:56 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2200 block Main 5:30 p.m.
Encampment 1500 block 9th 5:46 p.m.
Hit and run 18th / Colorado 5:49 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 5:52 p.m.
Burglary 2200 block 29th 6:18 p.m.
Lewd activity Yale / Santa Monica 6:38 p.m.
Missing person 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 6:39 p.m.
Assault 2nd / Santa Monica 6:50 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 7th 6:55 p.m.
Encampment 2500 block Main 7 p.m.
Encampment 2600 block Barnard 7:38 p.m.
Sexual assault 300 block Olympic 8:10 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block 14th 9:09 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 27 Calls For Service On Dec. 13.

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

Traffic collision with injury 1300 block 17th 6:53 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 7:20 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:29 a.m.
EMS 4th / Colorado 8:03 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 9:27 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1200 block 2nd 9:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 6th 10:08 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 10:13 a.m.
Smoke investigation 600 block 14th 10:51 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 11:23 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Wilshire 11:35 a.m.
EMS Lincoln / Colorado 1:07 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 1:25 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Stanford 2:37 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 2:50 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 4th / Montana 3:03 p.m.
Commercial vehicle fire Yale / Santa Monica 3:32 p.m.
EMS 300 block Civic Center 5:11 p.m.
EMS 700 block Hill 5:33 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 300 block Olympic 5:51 p.m.
EMS 100 block Marguerita 5:57 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 11th 7:05 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Neilson 8:07 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 19th 8:20 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 8:25 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 4th 9:20 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Santa Monica 11:44 p.m.

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11 14 15 19 39
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 40M

Fantasy 5
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Draw Date: 12/13
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3rd: 11 Money Bags
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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16 What 11 is made of
17 Court selection after Sonia
18 New Marine
19 Many Wall St. hires
20 "__ me!"
23 Become tiresome
24 Excellent
25 Heart of an H-P
27 Toaster's center
28 Proposal no.
31 Append
33 Washington suburb
36 Turned dim
37 "__ me"
41 This and that
42 TripAdvisor listings
43 Ready for freighting
45 YMCA class
46 Unfilled as yet, for short
49 Sound of bafflement
50 Certain boar or bear
52 They're debatable
55 "__ me . . ."
59 Verb like *exister*
60 End of some sonatas
61 Banded stone
62 Irritant
63 Divine sign
64 Playlist makeup
65 Destructive Olympian
66 Org. that previews films
67 Earliest stages

DOWN

1 Wall-busting tool
2 Auras of sanctity
3 Catalysts
4 "Send in the Clowns" tempo
5 Fish commercially
6 Dictionary notation
7 Tie up, as a tug
8 "I rule!" exclamation
9 None the worse for wear
10 Spanish equivalent of 49 Across
11 Prepare to leave a plane
12 Lyrical colleague of Kerouac
13 Beast in a pack
21 *Island of the Blue Dolphins* author
22 "C'mon, help me out"
26 Counteract
29 Jimmy's *Late Night* successor
30 It's west of Carson City
32 Smartphone features
33 Sail support
34 Voice of King Harold in *Shrek 2*
35 Ends up with
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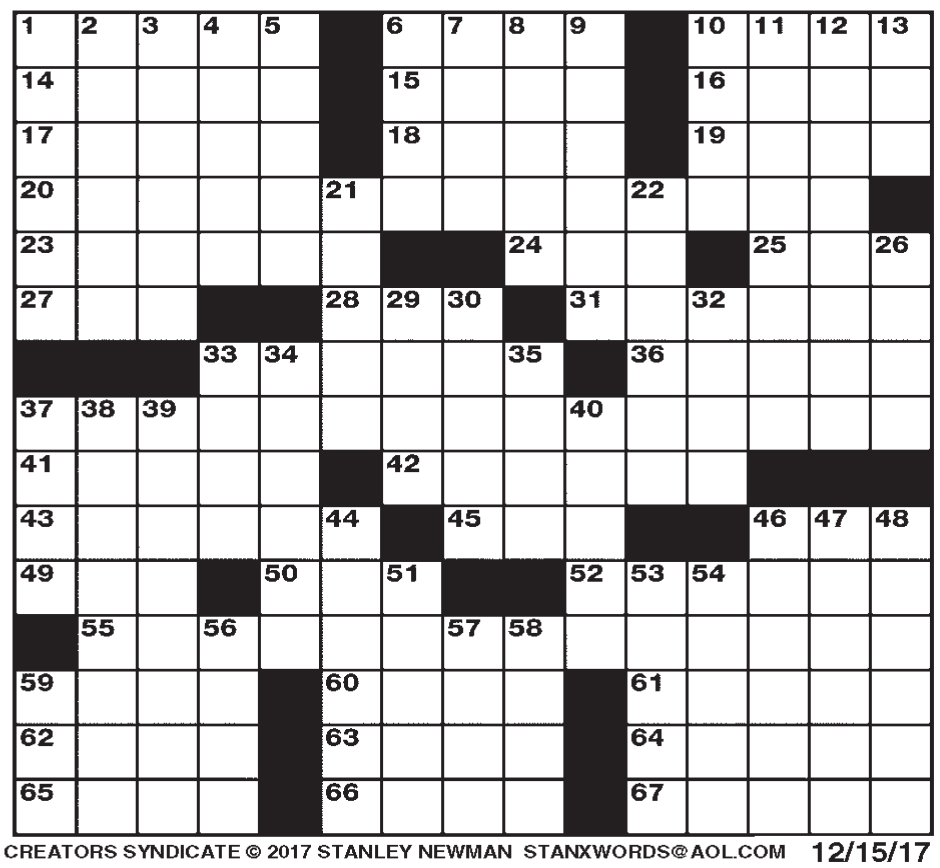

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 15)

Your unsinkable attitude is what will make this a remarkable year. Setbacks will happen, and you'll keep bobbing back up and moving forward. Gorgeous additions to your environment happen in early 2018. A twist in your professional world will allow for a fresh approach to finance. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 44, 48, 30 and 12.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The person you imagine your admired someone to be and the person that someone actually is ... well, of course they can't be one in the same — unless you're a fiction writer inventing a person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
This conflict embodies the same source of all conflicts. Both sides believe they are doing what's best; they just have drastically different ideas and definitions of what that entails.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Think about the problem as if it were your own, whether or not that's the case. Of course, solving problems that aren't yours always comes with the added problem of getting others to adopt your solution.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Accepting someone's story is often a matter of convenience over plausibility. We all believe what we'd rather believe. Remember this, because you'll be in a position to convince someone of the truth.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The good thing about your cosmic mindset is that it limits the amount of time you're willing to spend on trivial, personal minutia. There are much, much bigger things with which to concern yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
When good taste prevents a person from getting involved with good people, that's called snobbery. The division is bad for everyone. You'll fight this in yourself and you'll call it out in others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
When you're not sure what to do next, a small voice inside you will chime in: "Is this really what the world needs now?" Your focus on what's missing in the world (instead of what's missing in you) will light the way.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Loved ones don't always agree on how to get things done, but today you'll at least agree on the goal. Focus on this and unify your efforts. You'll prevail on the collective strength of the group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Purge your stuff and your soul gets purged, too. Release the old; let go of the tired; get rid of the rubbish. It will help you take advantage of opportunities that will come with next week's new moon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Sleep is what you long for when the alarm clock goes off in the morning and yet still resist in the wee hours of a fun night. For optimum health and vitality through the end of the year, guard your sleep this weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
When the environment is neat and orderly, you feel that all is right with the world. It's why you'll work so hard today to straighten things up and organize what you have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The mirror isn't enchanted; the tomb isn't cursed; the artifacts don't come with power beyond what they're given. But some things really ought to be given power. Make a thing sacred. Do this by giving it sacred attention.

Bird's Eye View from Mercury and Venus

This Mercury (retrograde) and Venus alignment in Sagittarius will be a real challenge to people who like things the way they are. Restlessness and boredom are like chickens coming home to roost. Those birds are nice enough, but do you really want to live in the same coop with them? Spread your wings. Change is inevitable.

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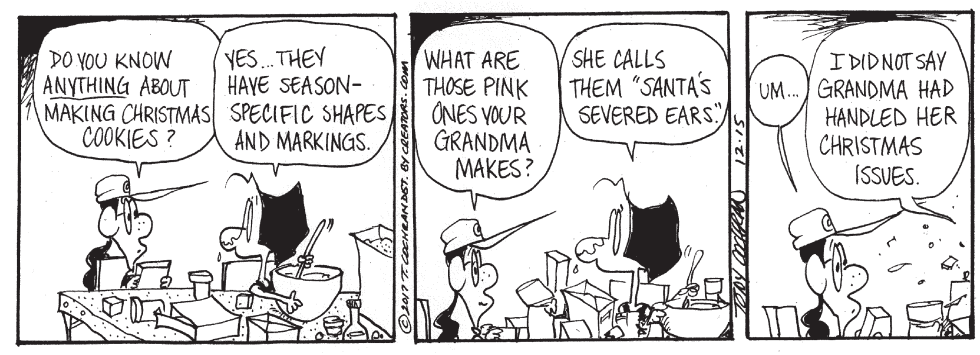

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