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Employees to get more sick days in the New Year

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Sick days will start adding up for hotel and restaurant and workers in Santa Monica at the start of the New Year, but that doesn't mean employees will feel ready to cash them in.

Starting on Jan. 1, companies in Santa Monica with more than 26 employees will have to offer 5 days of paid sick leave. Smaller businesses are required to give 4 days, or 32 hours.

While the city is reaching out to businesses about the new ordinance, community organizers started talking to employees around the busy Third Street Promenade three months ago. At that time, few people had learned a new California law allowed them to call in sick when they're not feeling well or need to take care of a loved one.

"It's really been the norm in the service industry for workers to not have any time off. It's not only a policy change, but there's a cultural change," said community organizer Sophia Cheng who works with the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Los Angeles.

One of the challenges: restaurant employees typically get their schedules week by week, so there's a fear that taking a paid day off may result in a bad schedule in the future.

The new ordinance requires more paid time off than existing

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Cities, counties plan immigrant legal aid after Trump's win

BY SOPHIA TAREEN AND AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

Major U.S. cities and counties are beefing up legal services for immigrants to help them fight deportation and avoid fraudulent lawyers in the wake of Donald Trump's election and his hard-line immigration enforcement promises.

Tapping local government funds to represent immigrants in federal proceedings provides an early example of the type of push-back the Republican incoming president will receive in Democratic strongholds. Advocates call it a matter of justice and smart economics, but some question whether it's a fair use of taxpayer money.

Chicago has approved a $1.3 million legal fund. Los Angeles elected officials said Monday they are working with private foundations to set up a $10 million fund, while some California state lawmakers have proposed spending tens of millions of dollars to provide lawyers to immigrants facing deportation. New York is mulling a public-private legal fund, building on New York City's public defender program that's considered a national model.

"We need to be able to stand by people who are fearful," Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel, a former White House chief of staff, said after the measure passed the City Council last week.

Trump's pledges to build a border wall and deport the estimated 11 million people living in the country without legal permission

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SANTA'S VISIT

Courtesy Photos

Firefighters, and Santa from the Santa Monica Fire Department visited the children at UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica on Dec. 19. The firefighters buy and wrap the gifts themselves and spend quality time with each child on the floor. The group was lead by James Altman, President of Local 1109.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Soundwaves Concert: Terry Riley's "In C"

Musicians from across the LA area join to perform this minimalist classic. See SoundwavesNewMusic.com if you are interested in participating. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Montana Branch Book Group: All the Light We Cannot See

A blind French girl on the run from the German occupation and a German orphan-turned-Resistance tracker struggle with respective beliefs after meeting on the Brittany coast. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Family Movie Screening: Home Alone (1990)

An 8-year old troublemaker must protect his home from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation. Come watch this comedy for the whole family and enjoy some popcorn (115 min). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 – 8 p.m.

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Beach House Gallery

Gallery hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hours are subject to change; please call (310) 458-4904 to confirm. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Friday, Dec. 23

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. 9 - 10 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. www.annenberg-beachhouse.com/activities/classes.aspx

Saturday, Dec. 24

Certified Farmer's Market

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct by California's farmers at Virginia Ave. Park and Downtown.
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Sunday, December 25

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Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The site reopens 12/26 at 8:30 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

Monday, December 26

Library Closed

All Library locations are closed today.

Tuesday, December 27

Creative Holiday Therapy: An Anti-Stress Adult Coloring Program

Celebrate the season with some holiday coloring! Relax, color festive holiday patterns, unwind, and maybe sip a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider! Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Movie: Ghostbusters (2016)

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

DMV Reminds Motorists of New 2017 Laws

With the New Year just around the corner, the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) wants to inform the public of several new laws or changes to existing law that, unless otherwise noted, take effect on January 1, 2017. The following are summaries of some transportation-related laws taking effect.

Use of Electronic Wireless Devices (AB 1785, Quirk): Driving a motor vehicle while holding and operating a handheld wireless telephone or a wireless electronic communications device will be prohibited, unless the device is mounted on a vehicle's windshield or is mounted/affixed to a vehicle's dashboard or center console in a manner that does not hinder the driver's view of the road. The driver's hand may only be used to activate or deactivate a feature or function on the device with the motion of a single swipe or tap of the driver's finger, but not while holding it. The law does not apply to manufacturer-installed systems that are embedded in a vehicle.

Child Safety Seats (AB 53, Garcia): This law requires a parent, legal guardian, or the driver of a motor vehicle to properly secure a child who is younger than 2 years of age in an appropriate rear-facing child passenger restraint system, unless the child weighs 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches in height (3 feet, 3 inches).

Motorcycle Lane Splitting (AB 51, Quirk): This law defines "lane splitting" as driving a two-wheeled motorcycle between rows of stopped or moving vehicles in the same lane. The law authorizes the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to develop educational guidelines relating to lane splitting in a manner that would ensure the safety of motorcyclists, drivers, and passengers. In developing these guidelines, the law requires the CHP to consult with specified agencies and organizations that have an interest in road safety and motorcyclist behavior.

Vehicle Registration Fee (SB 838, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): This law increases the vehicle registration fee on every vehicle or trailer coach from $43 to $53 beginning April 1, 2017.

Environmental License Plate (SB 839, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): This law increases the fee for the issuance of Environmental License Plates from $43 to $53, starting July 1, 2017. This law also increases the fee for the renewal, retention, transfer, or duplication of Environmental License Plates (personalized) from $38 to $43, starting January 1, 2017.

Accident Reporting (SB 491, Committee on Transportation and Housing): This law increases the minimum financial threshold for property damage that is required to be reported to the DMV from $750 to $1,000 when a driver is involved in a motor vehicle collision.

Vehicle Safety Recalls (AB 287, Gordon): This law enacts the Consumer Automotive Recall Safety (CARS) Act, and requires the DMV to include a general advisory regarding vehicle recalls and needed repairs on each vehicle registration renewal notice. This law prohibits a dealer or a rental car company from renting or loaning a vehicle with a manufacturer's recall no later than 48 hours after receiving the notice—until the vehicle has been repaired. This law gives a limited exception for a licensed dealer or a rental car company with a fleet of 34 or fewer loaner or rental vehicles. The law authorizes the DMV to suspend or revoke a vehicle dealer's license if they violate the CARS Act.

Year of Manufacture License Plates (SB 1429, Nielsen): This law expands the Year of Manufacture (YOM) license plate program to include vehicles and license plates manufactured through 1980. This law benefits owners of vintage motor vehicles who obtain license plates from the year corresponding to the vehicle's model-year, and wish to use those vintage plates in lieu of regular license plates. Such plates are commonly found from different sources, including relatives, garage sales, estate sales, etc. The program will include the blue and yellow license plates issued for use on California motor vehicles from 1970 until 1980.

Background Checks of Drivers of Transportation Network Companies (AB 1289, Cooper): A transportation network company (TNC) will be required to perform a comprehensive background check of all their drivers. This law also specifies penalties for a TNC that violates or fails to comply with this requirement. A TNC will be prohibited from contracting with, employing, or retaining a driver if they are registered on the U.S. Department of Justice National Sex Offender public website, has been convicted of specified felonies, or within the previous seven years, has been convicted of a misdemeanor assault or battery, domestic violence, or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Any TNC in violation of the specified requirements is subject to a penalty of not less than $1,000 or more than $5,000 for each offense.

Installing Counterfeit or Nonfunctional Air Bags (AB 2387, Mullin): This law prohibits knowingly and intentionally manufacturing, importing, installing, reinstalling, distributing, or selling any device intended to replace an air bag system in any motor vehicle if the device is a counterfeit or nonfunctional air bag system, or does not meet federal safety requirements. The law also prohibits selling, installing, or reinstalling any device that would cause a vehicle's diagnostic system to fail to warn when the vehicle is equipped with a counterfeit, nonfunctional, or a case in which no air bag was installed. This violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a $5,000 fine and/or up to a one year in county jail.

– SUBMITTED BY THE DMV

Bergamot Station

Final Installation of Our Town Project

The City of Santa Monica with support from the NEA Our Town program, has installed a temporary artwork installation by local artist Renae Barnard at Bergamot Station. The artwork is located within People's Park at Bergamot Station Arts Center, and will be on view daily until Jan. 15, 2017. People's Park will not be accessible to the public for the duration of the installation, though the artwork remains visible and activates the park space. This project is the last of a series of six temporary projects funded by the National Endowment for the Arts and the City of Santa Monica as part of the City's Our Town program grant received in 2013.

Propagate Progress is a participatory community-building event that culminated with this sculptural installation. Barnard states that "the project explores and memorializes our community's diverse visions for society's future progress." According to Barnard, much of her work grapples with what progress means, including changes in our environment, as well as changes in equality for women, LGBTQs and people of color. This paper sculpture is not intended as a permanent monument. Rather, it is a "progressive" and, therefore, ephemeral gesture of community and will deteriorate with time and weather. In the same way "progress" today becomes history tomorrow, this sculpture is about transformation and change.

The NEA Our Town grant, which the City received in 2013, supports temporary public art interventions in and around the Bergamot Station Arts Center in celebration of the arrival of the Expo Line – a new, multimodal transit hub. Previous activities for the program included Amir H. Fallah's Perfect Strangers Art and Performance Festival and Kate Johnson's Everywhere in Between, an all-encompassing installation of video and light projections with live dance and music. Both projects were curated by 18th Street Arts Center. Two additional components of the Our Town program were Ed Moses, an installation by John Cerney, P2S, a projection piece by local artist Alia Malley, and most recently Because It Has A Peel, a sculptural installation by Joy Taylor.

Renae Barnard is a multidisciplinary artist living and working in Los Angeles. Barnard's work has been shown at Harriet & Charles Luckman Gallery, Annenberg Community Beach House Gallery, Berkeley Art Center, SOMArts Gallery, Pete & Susan Barrett Gallery, Grace Albrecht Gallery, Los Angeles Municipal Gallery, Peggy Phelps Gallery as well as screened at U.S. and international film festivals. Barnard has been the recipient of many awards including but not limited to Outstanding Experimental Film, Sue Arlen Walker and Harvey M. Parker Memorial Fellowship, Armory Center for the Arts Teaching Artist Fellowship, Ahmanson Annual Fellowship, Christopher Street West Art & Culture Grant, Lincoln Fellowship Award and the Pasadena Arts Council Fiscal Sponsorship.

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Dear Editor and Community

Life and times do move on, as it should be, but that doesn't mean that you do not appreciate and savor those programs that are working for our community. Instead you work together to enhance them!

As a person who was born and raised in Santa Monica and as a previous President of the Board of Directors for the Santa Monica YWCA, I was saddened to hear that after 90 years they will be closing their doors to the community. But in that sadness, I also learned of a silver lining. Wise & Healthy Aging is proposing to the YWCA board to extend the WISE programming by building on the legacy of the YWCA with the creation of an intergenerational campus. WOW, that honors the legacy, moves the organization forward and answers the needs of the community.

Imagine, a day care with intergeneration support and interaction. Imagine a transition program for girls graduating from foster care and having the opportunity to interact and learn from their intergeneration interactions! Imagine our senior population once again being able to give back to the generations coming up.

This is an idea that merits strong consideration by our leaders to collaborate and look for a win-win scenario. If I have learned anything in my life, it is that given a good idea, bringing people together and focusing on a common goal can lead to a successful solution. In this case, that success would be for the legacy of the YWCA, provide a future for the girls in foster-care transition, ensure the children of childcare and the seniors benefit from the interaction and provide a long range solution for our community!

Please join with me in advocating for the best of minds to bring about the best of collaboration and a solution to create a brand new legacy!

Pam Brady
Former President of the YWCA of Santa Monica

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In this updated spin on the 1980s classic, a quartet of funny ladies led by Kristen Wiig and Melissa McCarthy band together to battle a paranormal invasion of New York City. (116 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 5 p.m.

Winter Family Story Time

Bring the whole family for stories, coloring fun and hot cocoa! For Families! Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 28

Movie: Finding Dory (2016)

In this sequel to Pixar's smash hit Finding Nemo, lovable amnesiac Dory (Ellen Degeneres) decides to venture off in search of her lost parents. (103 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:45 p.m.

Drum and Dance

Everyone can drum along in this energetic workshop! Ages 4 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 – 11:45 a.m.

Farmer's Market

The Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 29

The Secret Life of Pets (2016)

Ever wonder what your pets do when you're not home? This animated comedy, from the humans behind Despicable Me, reveals the lives pets lead after their owners leave for the day. (87 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:30 p.m.

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Boogie Woogie is what we need

STOP THE PRESSES!!!

Everyone who has ever worked at a newspaper or magazine or thought about it for even a second has fantasized leaping up, frantically waving a fistful of crumpled copy sheets and yelling that famous phrase filled with fabulous forecast. But you got that from movies, didn't you? Old movies. Few newspapers have their own presses on site anymore. STOP THE DIGITAL UPLOADS!!! -- it's just not the same, is it?

I might have had to yell something, somewhere, scare the squirrels in the back yard perhaps, and rewrite this column if the Electoral College on Monday had done the "unpresidented" and installed someone, anyone, even Little Marco, Mitt Romney or a squirrel, in place of Don the Con as President of these United Snakes. As much as I wanted that to happen, as much as it should have happened, according to the Constitution, the Federalist Papers and no less an authority than Broadway star Alexander Hamilton himself, it did not. So now we all are, yes, screwed.

Most of the people I know are still drifting in and out of shock, six weeks after the election, muttering, I can't get my head around this, not real, look at his appointments, horrible, impossible, this can't be happening to America. "It can't happen here," Frank Zappa sarcastically prophesied 50 years ago. The lunatics have taken over the asylum. Almost all of us will stay put and ride it out -- so long as it doesn't end in a 3a.m.-miff mushroom cloud -- but what to do next?

COFFEE WITH ED

Ed Munter is a moving songwriter and singer but more importantly he is a visionary, the guy who looks at a steaming pile of doggy doo and wonders what kind of beautiful flower is being nourished underneath. He fiercely wants to make a difference for good with his gifts, and while I would argue that he can relax, he already has, the seeker seeks ever more ardently when the doo-doo hits the fan.

So without either of us showing up with an agenda, the talk naturally drifted to our brand new dilemma, of artists in a suddenly unthinkably hostile world. What is our responsibility? What is the opportunity?

We might've made more progress if we were hitting shots of Jameson instead of espresso, but it was inspiring for both of us. Perhaps even finding some intersection. I'm beginning to get that feeling, that people are activating rather than collapsing in despair. When the going gets tough, the tough get going. We all can find our own way to make a difference, to shove back at the racism, misogyny and homophobia, to stand up to the power of the oligarchy this once-great nation has become. We've always come up big, here in America, when threatened by outside forces. Now we have our most dangerous threat ever, from the inside. As Pogo's crazy-wise buddy Albert Alligator once observed, the enemy is us.

BUT IT'S CHRISTMAS!

And we're all so weary of politics. What's the perfect antidote? You know what I'm a-gonna say: music!

I got such a shot of happy last Saturday, from a Santa Monica couple, Judith and Harry. They live just a few blocks from me, at the end of Ocean Park, and they used to give these holiday parties in their home where everyone would gather around the piano and sing the usual suspects, plus a few off-the-wall offerings.

Harry and Judith have lots of famous and talented friends and it outgrew the house, moved to Disney Hall, and has now settled into the more intimate confines of Largo at the Coronet Theater, on La Cienega. You missed a fantastic evening but they'll be back next year and I couldn't recommend it enough, mark your calendars now. It also raises funds for worthy causes, this year for My Friend's Place, an organization that helps youngsters who are living on the street. You can learn more and donate at myfriendsplace.org.

They call it Harry Shearer and Judith Owen's Christmas Without Tears, and I expected music and mirth, but the mirth took over. Owen was absolutely hilarious as the ironic sardonic queen of the stage/living room, bringing on a parade of guests that were ridiculously talented. It was a schtick she maintained that could have easily gone south, but she played it perfectly.

Fred Willard slayed (sleighed?) as an Elvis impersonator, with a 15-minute stand up to die for. Amy Heckerling ("Clueless," "Fast Times") went that long with a dark, comedically precarious obsession with the movie "Castaway," and I think that was my favorite of all the great acts. Peter Asher (Peter and Gordon) sang his '60s hit "World Without Love," John Michael Higgins (Christopher Guest mockumentaries) directed a stunning 12-piece vocal group he called the OK Chorale, there was a juggler, and an 8' tall mute clown, two dogs on stage, and Jane Lynch sang and gave away her Christmas CD to those waiting in the restroom line at intermission. But the musical shocker for me was Doña Oxford, a boogie woogie woman who destroys a piano and rocks and sings like few I've ever seen. Best part: I just found out she'll be doing a rare LA show this Friday, at Joe's Great American Bar and Grill in Burbank.But call to make sure (818-729-0805).

BILL BAUER MADE A DIFFERENCE

For 14 years, as a columnist shining his light into the dark corners of our labyrinthian local politics, and as a tireless volunteer in the city he loved. We lost him to cancer in October, but he will never be forgotten.

Before you spend all your year-end donations, keep in mind that a perfect memorial to Bauer is taking shape and you will want to contribute. I am helping establish the Bill Bauer Journalism Scholarship, for a local high school student who is serious about pursuing that wounded but crucial profession he and I both cherish as a pillar of our freedoms. There are hoops to jump through but I guarantee it will happen, as soon as possible.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How much is that doggy in the window?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "The demagogue is one who preaches doctrines he knows to be untrue to men he knows to be idiots." -- H. L. Mencken

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California law. The ordinance was passed with the city's new minimum wage law, which will give minimum wage employees are raise in July 2017, up to $12 an hour from $10.50.

Employees will accrue one hour for every 30 hours they work. The ordinance also allows those employees to carry over accrued days from year to year. Service workers can watch the days add up on their pay stubs.

In California, employees must get 24 hours, or 3 days, of paid sick leave. The State will also force businesses to give their minimum wage workers a dollar raise every year until the minimum wage reaches $15 an hour in 2023, three years after Santa Monica workers will already be making that amount.

"We have a City Council that really cares about improving the lives of Santa Monicans and city workers," said city spokesperson Constance Farrell regarding the city's aggressive new ordinance.

While community organizers like Cheng support the City's effort, she added that it's up to businesses and managers to make sure their employees feel comfortable calling in sick.

"I think it's helpful when management is proactive and I think it's helpful when more employees take it," Cheng said.

Paid sick leave is seen as a public health benefit, to discourage service employees who work with food from going to work when they could spread illnesses. Under the ordinance and the state law, employees do not have to provide a doctor's note nor find a replacement.

By 2018, Santa Monica employee sick days will go up again, nearly doubling from 40 hours to 72, for businesses with 26 employees or more. Smaller businesses will be required to allow 40 hours of paid time off.

The ordinance prohibits retaliation against employees who take time off under the minimum wage ordinance. Workers can complain to the city or file civil claims if they feel their rights are being violated.

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have triggered uncertainty in immigrant circles. He has since scaled back the deportee number, but not detailed his platform.

Since his win, a lack of legal representation for immigrants has become a growing concern. It was the top issue raised by a Chicago task force of leaders, including Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin, convened after the election. Los Angeles County supervisor Hilda Solis said she's especially worried about the fate of unaccompanied minors and young immigrants who filed personal information with the federal government to obtain work permits under the Obama administration.

In Los Angeles, officials want the fund set up before Trump becomes president in January. About half the money will come from the city and county and half from private donations.

"We don't know how far the new administration will go when it comes to our nation's immigration policy, but we've all heard the rhetoric, the dangerous rhetoric of the election," said Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. "And we are ready to support people who can't afford or who don't realize they might need a lawyer."

Immigrants aren't guaranteed a lawyer in immigration court and only about 37 percent of those in deportation proceedings have legal representation, according to a September American Immigration Council report.

Democratic state lawmakers in California have proposed legislation that could cost up to $80 million for immigration attorneys and other legal training. Santa Clara County is looking into the idea and San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee added $1.5 million to a fund for immigrant legal services.

In Chicago — where an estimated 150,000 people do not have permanent legal status — the money will be divided among two nonprofits. One will focus on poor immigrants facing deportation. The other will employ 200 "community navigators" who will network through churches, schools and community events to find immigrants who are in the country illegally and help them figure out if they have avenues to stay.

"People are nervous," said Esperanza Villalobos, who already does the job in Mexican-heavy Chicago neighborhoods. She reports a surge in immigrants seeking her out since the election.

In Chicago, which has some of the most immigrant-friendly laws in the nation, the debate over the fund had tense moments, highlighting how contentious the issue is outside Democratic strongholds. Chicago set aside money only for one year and is banking on private donations to keep it going.

Three aldermen representing neighborhoods with strong Trump support voted against it, including Nicholas Sposato. He dismissed it as "the legal defense fund for the illegals" and said Chicago should consider the money for other issues. The cash-strapped city diverted the funds from a little-used homeowner rebate program.

"I'm not a hater," Sposato said during the vote at full the council meeting. "Any given day, 1,000 homeless veterans out there. What are we doing for them?"

Another reason cited by local governments for creating the funds is the economy, because immigrants, regardless of legal status, work and pay taxes. In addition, children of immigrants who are deported may end up needing publicly-funded services such as foster care and health care, said Avideh Moussavian, a policy attorney with the National Immigration Law Center in Washington.

"There's the due process issue, but there's actually quantifiable economic impact," she said.

In 2013, New York City tested a program to infuse public defender offices with money for attorneys dedicated to representing detained immigrants. The program has grown from $500,000 in its initial year to roughly $6 million. Attorneys have represented more than 1,500 immigrants from 2013 through late last year, the most recent statistics available. About 70 percent of attorneys won their cases, according to the nonprofit Vera Institute of Justice.

In Chicago, another goal is to help immigrants avoid fraudulent services, something 24-year-old Jose Lopez knows firsthand.

The college student, brought to the country illegally as a child, qualified for a work permit under the Obama administration. Twice he sought out attorneys who advertised on Spanish-language radio stations.

However, the paperwork they filed was unnecessary, his case stalled and he lost nearly $2,000. He's since obtained the permit and has a graphic design job, but hopes others can avoid his mistakes.

"I had to stall a career. I had to stall school," he said. "I had to stall life."

Taxin reported from Santa Ana, California. Associated Press writer Christopher Weber contributed to this report from Los Angeles.





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The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 338 calls for service on Dec. 19.

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Battery Report 2900 block of Main 12:05 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2400 block of Main 12:32 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation 1600 block of Appian 1:02 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 200 block of Broadway 7:41 a.m.
Encampment 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 8:09 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 600 block of Grant 8:54 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block of Lincoln 8:59 a.m.
Grand theft 2200 block of Georgina 9:00 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 3100 block of Highland 9:12 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Michigan 9:33 a.m.
Person down 1100 block of 11th 9:36 a.m.
Traffic collision 20th/ Colorado 9:38 a.m.
Encampment 3100 block of Frederick 9:59 a.m.
Petty theft 1200 block of Franklin 10:31 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of 26th 10:50 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2900 block of 25th 10:53 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2000 block of 20th 11:01 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1400 block of 25th 11:35 a.m.
Battery Olympic/ 26th 11:56 a.m.
Fight 1400 block of Olympic 12:02 p.m.
Person with a gun 100 block of Ocean Park 12:19 p.m.
Injured person 700 block of Santa Monica 12:20 p.m.
Traffic collision Franklin/ Bristol 12:42 p.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of Princeton 12:59 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Hill 1:13 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 400 block of Wilshire 1:28 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block of Ocean Park 1:34 p.m.
Person with a gun 1500 block of Ocean 2:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block of PCH 2:39 p.m.
Trespassing 1900 block of Cloverfield 2:55 p.m.
Encampment 1400 block of 9th 3:01 p.m.
Auto burglary report 1500 block of PCH 3:46 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Ocean Park 3:52 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 7:51 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block of Pearl 7:56 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 17th/ Wilshire 8:05 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 8:32 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block of Lincoln 9:20 p.m.
Trespassing 1700 block of 9th 9:45 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block of 2nd 9:58 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1000 block of 20th 11:54 p.m.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **56.5°**

Wednesday – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Knee to thigh high
Small WNW swell. New S swell creeps up in the PM.

Thursday – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New S swell creeps up as small WNW swell continues. Larger peaks for focal points out west.

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 9, AT ABOUT 11:59 P.M.

Officers conducted a traffic stop at Main Street and Pier Street for a vehicle with no headlight on at darkness. The driver of the vehicle was found to have an outstanding warrant with full extradition from the state of Virginia. The driver was taken into custody without incident and transported to SMPD Jail. Edgar Alonso Amaya-Cuellar, 25, from Ontario, CA, was held without bail.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 40 calls for service on Dec. 19.

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

EMS 4th/ Santa Monica 3:27 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 23rd 4:04 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of Franklin 4:20 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of 26th 6:13 a.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 7:04 a.m.
EMS 3200 block of Pico 8:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of 14th 9:13 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 11th 9:36 a.m.
EMS 20th/ Colorado 9:40 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of 7th 9:45 a.m.
Wires down 1500 block of 18th 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 10:30 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of 28th 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1200 block of 3rd St Prom 11:51 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Santa Monica 12:18 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Olympic 12:22 p.m.
EMS Franklin/ Bristol 12:38 p.m.
Public Assist 2000 block of Yorkshire 12:52 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Cloverfield 1:10 p.m.
EMS 200 block of Bicknell 1:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of 7th 2:02 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 2:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2600 block of Main 3:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 2nd 3:06 p.m.
EMS Lincoln/ Ocean Park 3:63 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Civic Center 5:03 p.m.
EMS 700 block of Santa Monica 5:05 p.m.
EMS 2200 block of Santa Monica 5:12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 5:28

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p.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block of 11th 5:57 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 7:22 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pl 7:37 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Bay 7:57 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Olympic 8:23 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 400 block of Santa Monica 9:02 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Lincoln 9:22 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Pico 9:43 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 4th 9:56 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1400 block of 2nd 10:21 p.m.
EMS 500 block of California 10:51 p.m.

WORD UP!

humbuggery

noun
1. pretense; sham

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Med School

■ Q: What is the highest recorded body temperature in a human (who survived)?

■ A: Willie Jones, 52, of Atlanta, Ga. was admitted into a local hospital in 1980 with heatstroke and a fever of 115.7 degrees Fahrenheit - almost 20 degrees above normal. He was hospitalized for 24 days. Typically, a body temperature above 104 degrees F is considered life-threatening.

Body of Knowledge

■ Your lungs are the only internal organs that float.

Phobia of the Week

■ Phronemophobia: fear of thinking

MYSTERY PHOTO

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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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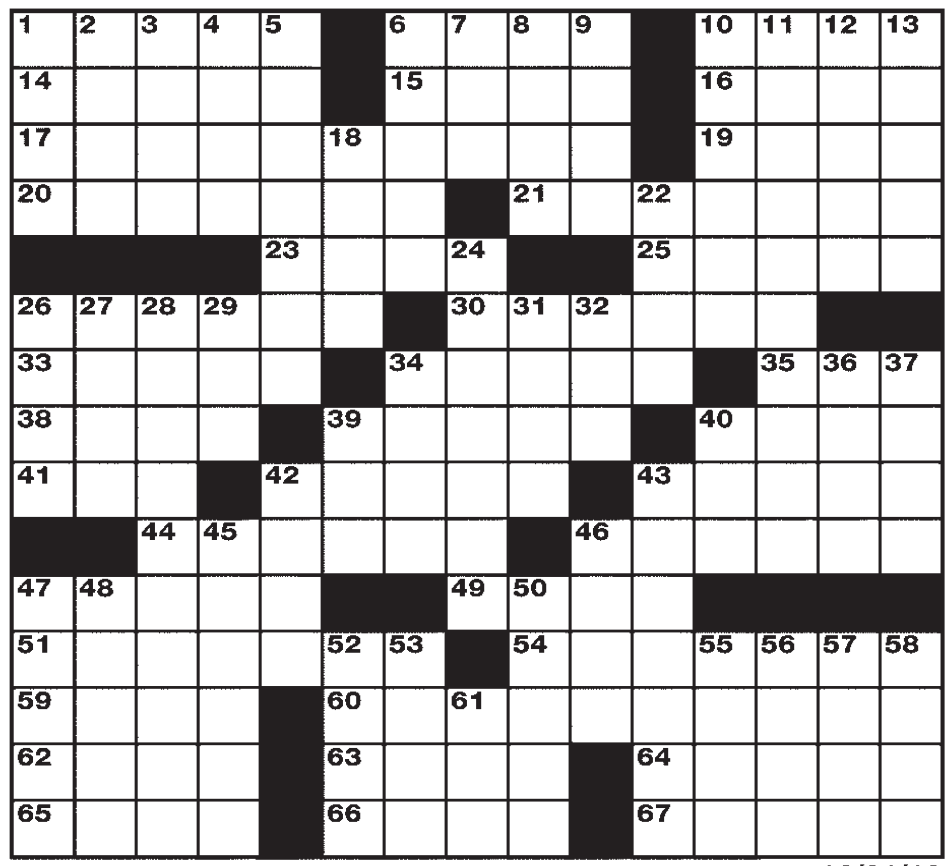
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Newsday Crossword

LOOK IT UP by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Range of view
6 With skill
10 Direction on some doors
14 Snake venom, e.g.
15 Rug-making machine
16 Not fooled by
17 Controlled by semiconductors
19 Yields a profit
20 Retiree's income
21 Fit for purchase
23 Gear teeth
25 Made a typo
26 Pool-table hole
30 French-speaking Pacific island
33 Keep clear of
34 Hay bundles
35 Defective firecracker
38 Big party
39 Ovenware glass
40 Folklore monster
41 Right-angle shape
42 Toy balloon material
43 Prolonged attack
44 Pencil end
46 Blended
47 Lawn trimmer
49 Gyrate
51 Pub patron
54 Slow tempo
59 Bearded farm animal
60 Word that follows 17 Across and 11 and 28 Down
62 Start the pot
63 Natural soother
64 Loosen, as laces
65 Clarinet insert
66 Part of 9 Down
67 Is abundant

DOWN
1 Escalator part
2 __ slaw
3 Yoked beasts
4 Photos, for short
5 Drew in
6 Go __ (agree)
7 Good, in France
8 Lane of the Daily Planet
9 Community exercise ctr.
10 Warhol's creations
11 Full-length
12 Fashion sense
13 Rinsed, as a driveway
18 Show team support
22 Neckwear at luaus
24 Rude observers
26 Signal via beeper
27 Running-track shape
28 Of higher education
29 Korean automaker
31 TV emcee Trebek
32 Witch's spell
34 Computer storage measure
36 Suggest strongly
37 Heroic act
39 Faux __ (minor mistake)
40 Frying medium
42 Carefree adventure
43 Mail off
45 On a lease
46 Short skirt
47 __ Allan Poe
48 Remote-control aircraft
50 Tops of heads
52 Wax-coated cheese
53 Annoy
55 Novelist Rice
56 __ the Great (kid-lit sleuth)
57 Quick haircut
58 Observes
61 Run a scam on

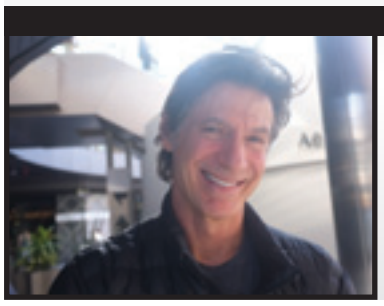


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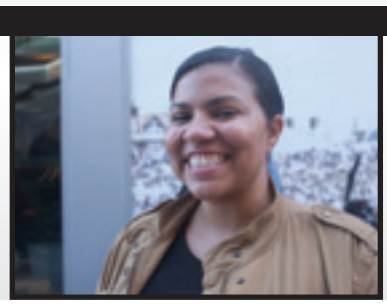
Man on the Street

by LEA YAMASHIRO

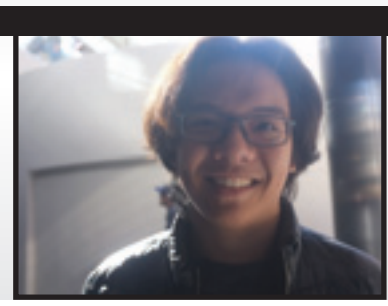
Q: How much time and money will you spend on presents this year?



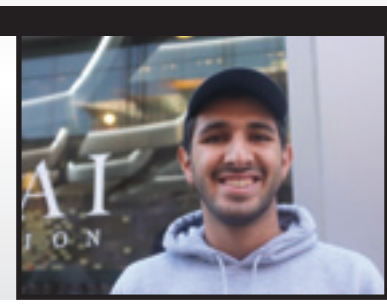
ROBERT STEPHENSON :
I don't know, maybe a couple thousand dollars, and way too much time. I love buying a gift for someone I love – it's fun. It can be a challenge sometimes, but it's a lot of fun thinking about what they like and how they'll react when they get it.



KIM CLAGGETT:
I'm cheap. I don't know. Time-not very much. I'll spend maybe $300 or $400. I like the giving part, to my nieces and nephews, because they get really excited about it, and it kind of makes me feel like a kid again to see how happy they are.



BEN NGUYEN:
I'll usually spend $200 and about a day. I usually give people sweaters, but it is more of something I have to do.



PHILIP NEMAN:
I spend about $200 and I've been here for two hours and I'm almost done. My favorite part about it is the look on their face when you give them your present.



JEN ALBAUGH:
I'll spend probably less than $300 and a couple hours. My favorite part is finding the right gift for the right person.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 21)

You'll put a great deal of yourself into your friendships, and one special relationship will create many opportunities for adventure and financial gain throughout 2017. You'll win a contest in February. There's a chance to change your family karma for the better in March. June and August bring the financial opportunity. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 17, 20, 31 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Unlike bears, cougars and sasquatches, humans are social animals who are best suited to spending time in groups. This is where you'll find the greatest satisfaction today -- among a small number of kindred spirits. Enjoy!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
To adopt the disguise necessary for "fitting in" is to deny the real you. So don't worry about fitting in or not. Honor who you are and you'll find you can get comfortable in many different situations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Not all stress is harmful, especially if you don't think of it as such. You can make stress work for you today. That's what it's there for, after all. When you hit that tense moment think: "This is happening so that I can ..."

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The direct route to making friends is often, oddly, not as effective as other ways. But as you decide what else you want in your life and act on that, you'll get human contact as a bonus side effect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You believe in the value of what you're doing. Hold on to that as you go. Sometimes your action will be popular, sometimes it won't. Don't worry about how you're being seen or thought of or experienced by others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Hypothetical scenarios rarely play out like real life. To get the twists, turns and thrills, you have to throw your whole self in, not just your mind and imagination. It is only through interacting with others that you'll find out who you are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Remember when you didn't afford someone the benefit of the doubt, and you turned out to be wrong? This memory will play into today's scenario. Anyway, now you'd rather be wrong and kind than right and unkind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
In general, you just want to lighten up, and this can be accomplished in a number of ways. Take the pressure off of your to-do list. Get more help. Take breaks to visit and laugh. It's the practical things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
As much as you try, there are no guarantees that you can control your experience so you won't suffer. And yet, it is often the case that when you don't try, you don't suffer, either. It's more like a ride. You let go and enjoy it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
It's easy to point out how things could have been done better. But to initiate an action and follow through, this is the proof. You'll show your integrity and strong character at every turn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The time for thinking about it is over. Decide. Are you willing to take the risks necessary to getting what you want? In order to get the fruit, you have to go out on the limb.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You work in the world of the mind, and you play in the world of the heart. One person brings these two worlds together for you, and that's a beautiful relationship, certainly one to be appreciated and celebrated now.

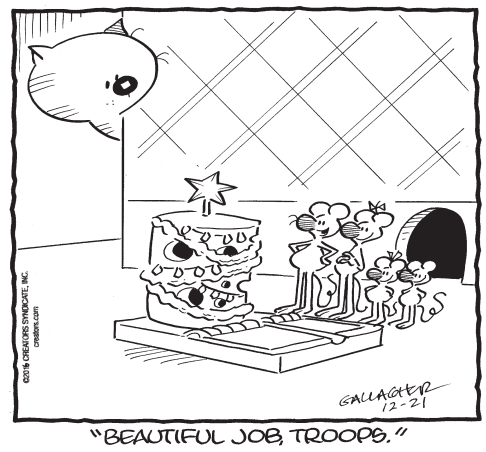
Long Night of Winter Solstice

Despite all the lights, colorful decorations and merry singing designed to lift the spirits (or perhaps because of these things), there is a part of the general population who becomes sadder around the winter solstice. With this in mind, stock a little extra love in your heart for those who need it. After the longest night, things will start to look up again.

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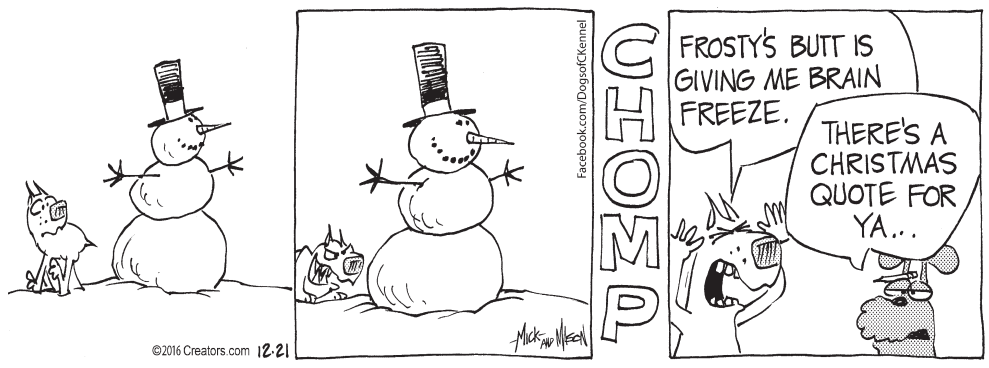
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