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SANTA VISITS THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Marina Andalon

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica hosted their annual youth holiday party that revolved around kindness. The event was sponsored by one of the board members and his wife, Larry and Stacey Kohl. Around 350 kids enjoyed the night eating In-N-Out, meeting SMPD officers, and played games all night long.

Ongoing efforts to ensure bike/ pedestrian safety

BY MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

As City Hall continues to encourage new mobility options in Santa Monica, a recent study regarding safety near some local schools raised concern among some parents and residents.

The study was conducted by research company 1Point21 Interactive and was released this month by the law firm Panish Shea & Boyle LLP.

1Point21 used a state database of traffic accidents to calculate the number of incidents within a 1/2 mile radius of every California school.

Three Santa Monica schools were within the top 400. McKinley Elementary ranked 247, Santa Monica Alternative ranked 277, and John Muir Elementary ranked 308.

Brian Beltz, Project Lead at 1Point21, said the figures reflect every accident within the radius and the study didn't breakout data by specific intersection or time frame.

"Our study did not pinpoint any specific intersection as dangerous, but the whole 1/2 mile area around each school," he said. "Overall the highest percentage of accidents occurred Monday –

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Cyclists count (officially) in Santa Monica

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Cyclists heading down Main Street in front of city hall will get a chance to see their numbers add up because of a new "Eco-TOTEM" installed near the bike line.

In real-time, a digital counter will keep track of daily and annual bike riders on a bright green LED display. Similar bike counters are already in use around the world, including sites in Portland, Oregon and Montreal, Canada.

"Our goal is to see how quickly we can get to a million cyclists," Mayor Ted Winterer said to a crowd of about a dozen cycling enthusiasts and environmentalists at Wednesday's unveiling.

Mayor Winterer rode his 20-year-old Specialized bike to the ceremony and proudly parked it in the mayor's designated parking spot, flanked on both sides by cars. He says his family-of-four has five bikes and just one car, underscoring his support for cycling in the city.

Over the past few years, the city has worked to encourage bicycling to ease traffic, decrease greenhouse gas emissions, and promote a health lifestyle. Six years ago, city leaders unveiled a "Bicycle Action Plan" to encourage locals to bike. In 2013, the City Council voted to expand green bike lanes on Main

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Longest Night service
The Church in Ocean Park will hold The Longest Night Service at 7 - 8 p.m. on Friday Dec. 23 at 235 Hill Street. We will share scripture, stories, special music, silent reflection and healing prayer. It's a time to recognize that Christmas can be a bittersweet time of the year for many. Everyone is welcome. Call (310) 399-1631 for more information.

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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Beach and Guest House closed
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Sunday, Dec. 25

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Monday, Dec. 26

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Tuesday, Dec. 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)
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, Dec. 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.

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China says it will cooperate with Trump but warns on Taiwan

BY GERRY SHIH
Associated Press

China warned Thursday that ties with the U.S. will likely see new complications and the only way to maintain a stable relationship is by respecting each other's "core interests."

Foreign Minister Wang Yi's remarks appeared to underscore that China's position on Taiwan is non-negotiable, weeks after President-elect Donald Trump suggested he could re-evaluate U.S. policy on Taiwan. It also mirrored Beijing's relatively measured posture toward the incoming U.S. administration despite signs of growing wariness.

Wang told the Communist Party mouthpiece, the People's Daily, that China will strive to boost cooperation with the U.S. but he foresaw "new, complicated and uncertain factors affecting bilateral relations" under the Trump administration.

China complained this month after Trump questioned a U.S. policy that since 1979 has recognized Beijing as China's government and maintains only unofficial relations with Taiwan. Beijing regards the self-governing island as part of China and has long used the "core interest" formulation to signal that any move by Taiwan toward formal independence could be met with military force.

Trump's comments on Taiwan, combined with his accusations that China is manipulating its currency and threats of imposing hefty tariffs against Chinese imports, have rattled relations between the world's two largest economies.

Trump's transition team announced Wednesday that Peter Navarro, who has accused China of effectively waging economic war against the United States, would head a trade policy council inside the White House.

Asked by reporters about Trump's appointment of an economist and author whose books include "Death by China," foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Beijing has been observing the incoming U.S. administration's transition and its policy direction.

"As two major powers with broad mutual interests, cooperation is the only correct choice," Hua said without naming Trump or Navarro.

Although Navarro — and Trump — have been heavily criticized in the Chinese press, including state media, Beijing has largely measured its official response to potential flashpoints. This week, China's military returned a U.S. underwater drone in the South China Sea that Trump had described as "stolen" on Twitter.

In the People's Daily interview, Wang said U.S.-China relations are generally trending toward stable cooperation and mutual benefit. He quoted a Chinese poem — previously cited by President Xi Jinping as a metaphor for U.S.-China ties — depicting a river that flows inevitably, regardless of mountainous obstacles.

"This is a historical trend that cannot be changed by an individual's will," Wang said.

After what he described as a turbulent year steered by the trend of "reverse globalization" and punctuated by terror attacks, Wang said China is now a mature nation that could act as a "stabilizer" in global affairs.

China under Xi is adopting an assertive leadership role on the world stage, Wang said, such as hosting the G20 summit and heading discussions at the APEC .

"The world is choosing between openness and conservatism, cooperation and closure, transformation and old ways," Wang said. "We will lead the way amid a shake-up in global governance, we will take hold of the situation amid international chaos, we will protect our interests amid intense and complex games."



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Beside a Warm Christmas Fire, Nearly Too Warm

Many holiday memories stay with us because of the joy we shared with family and friends. On the other hand, some memories stay with us because the holidays were a disaster. Or almost.

Though it was 1970, this is a tale from the 1960's, the decade of peace, love and plenty of pot. The location was Idyllwild, California situated high in the mountains above Palm Springs. (When I say "high," actually, there's a double meaning.)

We were 12 friends celebrating the holidays. One couple had rented a rustic cabin and that meant a place for all. While some were technically homeless no one felt that way.

Contrary to the notion that the sixties represented equality of the sexes, that was more myth than fact. For example, at this week-long Christmas/New Year's get-together, the girls did the cooking and cleaning and the guys the heavy chores. (Many weren't heavy but just had the image of being "manly.") One such chore fell to me with near calamitous results.

The task in question was gathering kindling and firewood to build, start and keep the evening fire going. Actually, it was more a late afternoon fire because in winter the sun went down early and, with snow on the ground, temperatures were barely above freezing.

The chore was informally rotated between the guys. In the morning I discovered that night it would be my turn. But that left plenty of time for me to prepare.

Prepare? The reason it was kind of a big deal to me is I grew up as a city kid in a Jewish family in W. Los Angeles and we didn't have a fireplace. If we were cold we just turned up the thermostat.

Back to Idyllwild where on a few nights before, a couple of the guys had struggled getting their fires going and wound up being the butt of jokes. All of this added up to, crazy as it sounds now, considerable nervousness on my part.

On the bright side, the kindling was plentiful with lots of dead branches on the ground. And the he wood itself wasn't a problem as it was already cut and stacked and only needed to be brought inside. Keep in mind, however, it was oak, not Presto logs. One match was not going to do it.

I was so worried that when I saw some charcoal lighter fluid in the storage bin, a terrible idea came over me. Why not just soak the kindling in lighter fluid just to give the fire a little "boost"? (If Smokey Bear were reading this he'd have a coronary.)

So, as the guys were watching TV and as the girls prepared dinner, I began nonchalantly placing the lighter fluid-soaked kindling into the fireplace. Naturally I did so without letting on my nervousness or ridiculous plan. While everybody was fairly stoned, I had only taken a few hits, serious as I was about the job before me.

I had watched others build their "kindling" base and crisscrossed a couple pieces of oak on top as they had. I stuffed newspaper under and around the kindling and now I was ready. But, for what followed, I was definitely not ready.

I casually put the match to the newspaper beneath the kindling and then... I can only say of what occurred is it was over quick. It wasn't an "explosion" as much as it felt like a giant flame thrower had been aimed at the fireplace. And, as I recall, there was a "woosh" sound that accompanied the orange and blue-tinged blast.

Watching TV, the guys snapped out of their stoned state and looked over at me, as if to say "WTF just happened?" Even a few of the girls came out of the kitchen. Adding to my embarrassment, there was also a telltale odor of lighter fluid hanging in the air.

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FILM REVIEW

PASSENGERS

Rated PG-13
116 Minutes
Released December 21

Passengers will immerse you in an exceptionally vivid world. Cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto, the art directors, the production designers, special effects and visual effects professionals who worked on this film have created an extraordinary environment on board the ship as well as in the cosmos surrounding it as it spins gracefully through deep space. You will feel as if you yourself are a passenger on this vessel. This world is incredibly imaginative and saturated with color and detail.

Within this environment the narrative develops, containing a moral dilemma and a love story. Jennifer Lawrence is at her best portraying great emotional and physical strength in her character "Aurora", an intellectual writer. In fact she is so strong that a vulnerability shown later seems a bit out of character. Chris Pratt's character is her polar opposite. His "Jim" is a blue collar, easygoing mechanic/ engineer who does his best to take everything in stride. Pratt gets the struggle between his character's natural ease and the moral decision he faces. He does not quite convey the level of angst that Jim would feel as he is thrown into the Expressionist predicament created in this story. Michael Sheen is the highlight of the film as bartender "Arthur". His comedic timing and nuanced expressions are all spot on. Lawrence Fishburne endows his character with depth in spite of having very little screen time.

Passengers made me squirm, though not because I was "on the edge of my seat". The narrative and dialogue were not of the same superb level of the visuals and the music. I felt as if I were watching two different movies. The story's premise has potential. However the characters do not use a manner of expression unique to their nature, and many of the lines are so contrived they are laughable. Perhaps it is because he is Norwegian that director Morten Tyldum, who did such great work with The Imitation Game, did not realize the dialogue needed work.

And then there's the pace of the film. In the beginning the story evolves slowly as life aboard the ship is established. Later as problems arise, the action picks up speed suddenly. Details seem to be skipped over. The characters' attempts to fix some complex problems are too simplistic to be believable. A fireball in one scene is so intense it could not have been survivable and yet…

Bottom line: See this movie for the stupendous work of the filmmakers who have created the visual and tonal environment. Don't hang on the dialogue. Watch some astonishing scenes of Lawrence swimming in a pool on board the ship when systems go awry. Enjoy the ballet of the starship dancing through space, to the great music of Thomas Newman. It's worth seeing for the artistry that went into those scenes, and of course a must-see for Jennifer Lawrence fans.

FENCES

Rated PG-13
138 Minutes
Released December 25th

Fences is a type of film I sometimes find annoying. It's a powerful award-winning play by August Wilson. Normally I would say I would rather see a play on stage than have it transposed to film. However the performances are so brave and heartfelt in this piece that I could feel an intimacy with the characters through the medium of film – an intimacy probably even more pronounced than it would have been viewing the stage production. The play opened on Broadway in 1987 and generated Tony Awards for Best Play and Best Actor (James Earl Jones) and Best Featured Actress. In that same year Wilson won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama for this play. Its revival in 2010 won Best Revival Tony and a Best Actor nod for Denzel Washington and Best Actress for Viola Davis. Both reprise their roles in this film.

The setting is 1950's Pittsburgh. Wilson takes an honest and fearless look at the hardships and triumphs of the black experience in that city at the time. Many of the conflicts, relationships and human flaws portrayed in this story are universal to all of us. However the "black experience" can magnify many of these struggles ten times over.

Denzel Washington directed the movie. He had the sensibility to get out of the way of the material and to let it be an intimate theatre piece. He also has the strength and dramatic chops to portray the noble yet misguided quest for heroism of his lead character "Troy", and the disappointments that this quest triggers. Viola Davis is remarkable as Troy's wife "Rose" who in spite of being named for a flower is really the rock beneath her family. Also notable are Mykelti Williamson as "Gabe", Russell Hornsby as "Lyons", Stephen Henderson as Troy's friend "Bono", Saniyya Sidney as "Raynell" and a great turn by a young actor relatively new to the business, Jovan Adepo as "Cory".

Viola Davis puts it best in an interview about "black life" as represented in the film. She says "I think sometimes what people miss about black people is that we're complicated, that we are indeed messy, that we do our best with what we've been given. We come into the world exactly like you. It's just that there are circumstances in the culture that are dictated and put on our lives that we have to fight against."

Fences is worth seeing as great drama and also as an up-close and personal look at a very important chapter in the history of our country.

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By Francie Stefan

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Investments in Safe Routes for everyone

Santa Monica is a diverse city of neighborhoods, boulevards, commercial areas, parks, and many more destinations. While distinctly local in character, Santa Monica is a part of the busy, urban core of west Los Angeles where dense traffic mixes with people walking, biking, and taking transit. Our vibrant city includes schools located on busy streets, which may present safety challenges for students, families, school staff, and the community overall. The health and safety of students and school staff is a top priority for the City and Santa Monica-Malibu School District. Because of this, the Santa Monica City Council and SMMUSD have strategically invested in measures to improve safe routes to school.

Collisions of all kinds are serious incidents whenever they occur. This week, an article was published about a recent report from Panish Shea & Boyle LLP, a personal injury law firm with offices in west Los Angeles, chronicling accident reports that occurred within a half mile of 6,000 California schools (there are more than 10,000 overall).

The report used the SWITRS database – the reputable statewide incident reporting system – to identify school areas with the highest number of vehicle, pedestrian, and bike collisions. McKinley Elementary and John Muir/SMASH are in the top 400, of the schools evaluated. The SWITRS database for Santa Monica shows 938 crashes for 2015.



Three walking and three biking crashes involved a person 16 or under. Half of all the incidents occurred after 8 p.m., well outside of school hours. The City regularly evaluates local and SWITRS data, recently evaluating 12 years of data to create the Pedestrian Action Plan.

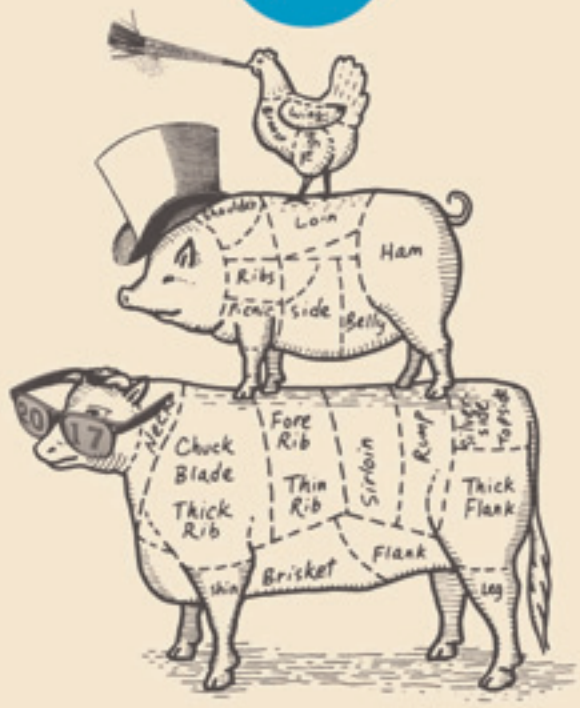
Students are walking and biking to school in increasing numbers. This helps kids be ready to learn and to adopt active habits that will serve them for a lifetime. In 2014, the City Council created a Safe Routes to School program that includes events and physical improvements. This move built on the inspiring leadership of Samohi students who created the first Bike It! Walk It! events in

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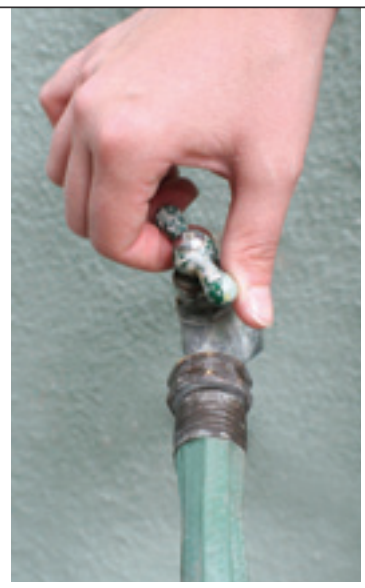
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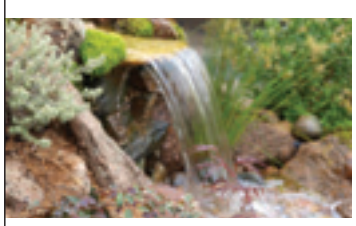


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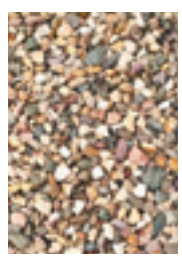
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The bike counter will now allow the city to keep track of the popularity of the Main Street route.

"It's part of the long-term procedure we've undergone to give people more options," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said. "You don't have to get out of your car but now there's an opportunity that you can."

Eventually, the counter on Main Street will be connected to a website where the public can see the numbers for themselves. For now, you'll have to head over to city hall to get a glimpse at LED display.

"It's huge," said Cynthia Rose, director for Santa Monica Spoke, a bicycle advocacy group that works to improve biking.

"It's a symbol of the city's dedication to biking and multi-modal transportation. It's all party of this synergy that's building."

The manufacturer of Eco-TOTEM claims the aluminum frame and polycarbonate coating are shock-resistant and graffiti proof. They have placed more than 100 bike counters around the world, with the busiest locations in Denmark and France, each tracking well over 1.5 million bike trips so far this year.

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FIRE

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The good news is, the oak fire took hold. Actually, how could it not, given the lighter fluid inferno. But the fire was roaring so quickly I thought it had to be obvious that something had been fishy. And yet, through the evening, and as I added log after log, somehow no one commented. I guess they were just glad to be warm. Naturally, I never told anyone the truth, that is until now.

Much to my Jewish mother's chagrin, I wound up living in the mountains for years and even worked for the U.S. Forest Service. All that time in the rugged woods definitely "de-citified" me and I even got proficient at building fires and without any "booster" agents.

In fact, if you had me over now, and you had a fireplace, I'd be happy to build the holiday fire. However, after reading this, my guess is you'd probably hide any lighter fluid. Marry Christmas, everyone!

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SAFETY

FROM PAGE 1

Friday from 3-6 p.m. followed closely by 12 – 3 p.m. then 6 a.m. – 9 a.m."

Beltz said listing only traditional commute times could ignore relevant incidents.

"There are a various reasons and alternate time frames that children travel to and from school for sports, and extracurricular activities. Many kids that bike, and or walk to school usually live within a mile of the school," said Beltz.

Local officials said the results shouldn't be interpreted to mean all accidents within the half mile zone involve students and that the City has several ongoing programs to address traffic safety.

Gail Pinsker, Spokesperson for the Santa Monica – Malibu Unified School District said the methodology the company used does not tell the full story of the city's densely populated community.

"Santa Monica has a higher concentration of cyclists and walkers sharing the roads with cars and public transit," said Pinsker. "The City performs traffic studies regularly and also determines and provides crossing guards for our families to be as safe as possible."

City Hall programs regarding traffic safety include crossing guards, the Safe Routes to School program and the recently adopted Pedestrian Action Plan.

Crossing Guard Supervisor, Rick Luna said, "Each school has a crossing guard, but sometimes there are just so many parents who want to drop their kid off and get going to work during a particular time frame, making the streets congested."

Safe Routes to School is a partnership to help ensure the safety of the students and the staff both inside and the surrounding area of each school. The program provides education and encouragement to residents of all ages who want to walk/bike to school. Events include bike festivals and the annual Bike It! Walk It! Bus It! Event.

This past year McKinley Elementary had the highest level of participation Safe Routes programs.

City Staff said there are several ongoing efforts to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety.

"The City has been actively creating safer walking conditions, and recently the Pedestrian Action Plan went into effect earlier this year," said Mobility Division Manager, Francie Stefan. "We are constantly looking a ways to improve walking conditions, visible crosswalks, and ways to organize the flow of traffic."

The city is currently working on school improvements for Edison Elementary for 2017 and physical improvements at Lincoln Elementary, John Adams Middle School, Roosevelt, and Franklin Elementary. As for McKinley, the city has been in contact with the school to plan on making the school zone safer. The City plans on doing more school site visits, particularly field observations and engaging the parents and administration to get their input and develop a plan to improve the school zones.

"This is a constant issue, and these plans were already in action before the research came out. Vision Zero is the ultimate goal for the city," said Stefan referring to the idea that the city should try to eliminate all pedestrian/bike accidents.

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California puts brakes on Uber's self-driving car rollout

BY SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press

California has put the brakes on Uber's weeklong experiment with using self-driving cars on the streets of San Francisco.

Regulators revoked the registrations of the self-driving cars Uber had been using after the failure of a week of talks between the state and the company.

Hours after Uber launched the service, the state's Department of Motor Vehicles threatened legal action. The cars need the same special permit as the 20 other companies testing self-driving technology.

Uber maintains it does not need a permit because the cars are not sophisticated enough to continuously drive themselves, although the company promotes them as "self-driving."

The DMV said the registrations for the vehicles were improperly issued because they were not properly marked as test vehicles. It invited Uber to seek a permit so their vehicles could operate legally — an offer the company said it did not plan to accept.

Uber said in a statement that it remained 100 percent committed to California and would redouble its efforts "to develop workable statewide rules."

San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee said he was "pleased to hear that the DMV took enforcement action."

"I have always been a strong supporter of innovation and autonomous vehicle development and testing, but only under conditions that put human, bicyclist and pedestrian safety first," he said in a statement.

Uber says the cars must constantly be monitored by a human driver trained to take control at any time, so they don't fall under California's permitting requirements for "autonomous vehicles."

Parsing the definition of an autonomous vehicle is the latest example of Uber testing legal boundaries. In recent years, the company has argued with authorities in California and elsewhere about how to check the criminal backgrounds of its human drivers and whether those drivers should be treated as contractors or employees.

Operating without a permit arguably gives Uber a competitive advantage. Companies with one must report all crashes to the state and every instance in which a person takes control during testing. All that information is public.

Waymo, a self-driving company created by Google that has a state permit, has disclosed 29 accidents involving its vehicles on public streets since 2010.

In Pittsburgh, Uber has not been required to release any information about crashes.

Waymo CEO John Krafcik declined to discuss Uber specifically when asked last week about California's permitting requirements for testing self-driving cars. But, he said, "If there is a competitor taking unnecessary risks, that could be a bad thing."

Associated Press writers Justin Pritchard in Los Angeles and Michael Liedtke in San Francisco contributed to this report.

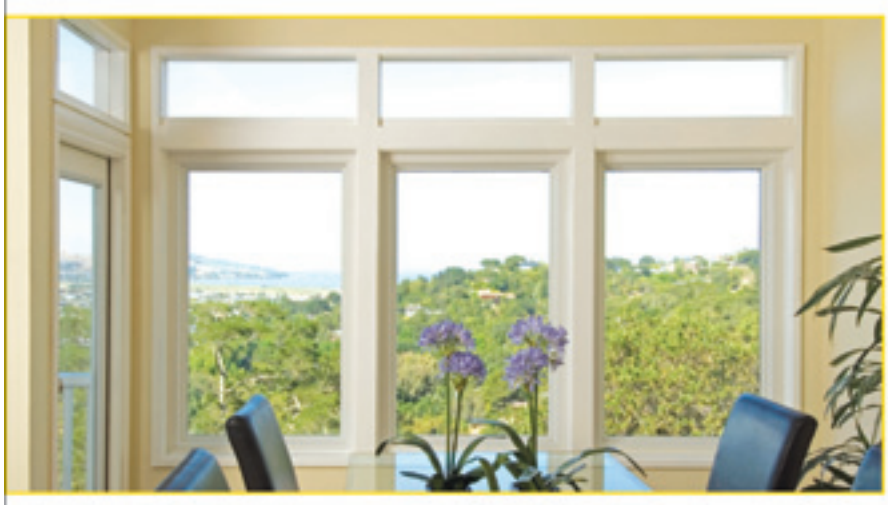
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **57.4°**

Friday – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
WNW swell comes up slightly. S swell continues for exposures - larger sets out west. Winds expected to deteriorate through the day.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4+ ft** Waist to shoulder high
Rise in WNW swell mix - could offer more size. Lingering S swell for exposures. Winds and conditions looking problematic.

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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 13, 2016 AT ABOUT 5:59 P.M..
Officers responded to a radio call for service at See's Candies – 1227 Wilshire Blvd regarding a petty theft that just occurred. As officers were responding, a second call was received of an assault that just occurred involving the security guard at Vons- 1311 Wilshire Blvd. An investigation revealed the suspect entered the See Candies and selected several boxes of candy and exited the store without paying for the merchandise. The suspect then went to the Vons and selected several items from the sales floor. The suspect attempted to exit the store and was confronted by the security guard. The suspect got into a fighting stance. The security guard pepper sprayed the suspect. The suspect broke a bottle of alcohol in front of the security guard. The suspect picked up a jagged edge of the bottle and swung it towards the security guard/victim. The security guard pepper sprayed the suspect a second time. The suspect was taken into custody in front of the Vons without incident. Damian Che Wilkins, 40, homeless, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. Bail was set at $30,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 326 calls for service on Dec. 21.

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

Drunk driving investigation 6th/ Broadway 12:55 a.m.
Battery report 2000 block of 14th 1:19 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block of Santa Monica 1:47 a.m.
Drunk driving 29th/ Pico 4:10 a.m.
Public intoxication 1000 block of 4th 4:16 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 400 block of Wilshire 4:25 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of Broadway 6:25 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 700 block of Palisades Beach Rd 7:10 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 2nd 7:20 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 400 block of Wilshire 7:56 a.m.
Auto burglary report 900 block of 23rd 8:04 a.m.
Trespassing 200 block of Colorado 8:05 a.m.
Burglary now 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk 8:06 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block of 18th 8:08 a.m.
Pedestrian stop 400 block of Santa Monica Pier 8:26 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of Wilshire 8:36 a.m.
Traffic collision 5th/ Colorado 8:41 a.m.
Hit and run 7th/ Marine 8:46 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 300 block of 24th 9:30 a.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 2400 block of Main 10:00 a.m.
Grand theft 900 block of 23rd 10:43 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 400 block of Wilshire 11:01 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2600 block of Main 11:13 a.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Olympic 11:41 a.m.
Burglary 1800 block of 18th 11:42 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 400 block of Wilshire 12:03 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1200 block of 2nd 12:32 p.m.
Person down 1400 block of 4th 12:42 p.m.
Trespassing 1200 block of 5th 12:47 p.m.
Traffic collision 12th/ Arizona 1:57 p.m.
Trespassing 1000 block of 19th 1:58 p.m.
Fire 800 block of 3rd 2:10 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block of Olympic 2:13 p.m.
Grand theft 2300 block of Santa Monica 2:28 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:02 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block of 3rd St Prom 3:23 p.m.
Death investigation 1500 block of 6th 3:36 p.m.
Loitering 1500 block of 7th 5:15 p.m.
Traffic collision 1900 block of 20th 5:32 p.m.
Assistance call 1300 block of 2nd 5:42 p.m.
Hit and run 2300 block of Wilshire 6:52 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block of 20th 7:06 p.m.
Traffic collision 10th/ Idaho 7:06 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean/ Pico 7:17 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1700 block of Pico 7:27 p.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block of Pico 7:59 p.m.
Trespassing 1100 block of 5th 8:04 p.m.
Domestic violence 1600 block of Lincoln 8:46 p.m.
Trespassing 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 9:20 p.m.
Person down 100 block of Broadway 9:52 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block of 4th 10:26 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 700 block of Palisades 10:48 p.m.
Traffic collision 2900 block of Lincoln 10:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 42 calls for service on Dec. 21.

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

EMS 500 block of Pier 12:43 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of Colorado 12:44 a.m.
EMS 2700 block of Neilson 12:47 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 17th/Colorado 7:35 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Georgina 8:00 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 23rd 8:24 a.m.

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FIRE LOGS

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EMS 100 block of 21st 8:42 a.m.
EMS 2200 block of 26th 8:42 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block of Woodacres 9:53 a.m.
EMS 800 block of Lincoln 9:55 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of Bryn Mawr 11:42 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 11:50 a.m.
EMS 3200 block of Ocean Park 12:28 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 4th 12:43 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Ocean 1:11 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 1:14 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of California 1:32 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 6th 1:34 p.m.
EMS 12th/ Arizona 1:56 p.m.
Structure fire 800 block of 3rd 2:08 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 2700 block of Arizona 2:35 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 5th 2:35 p.m.
EMS 300 block of Pico 3:47 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 3:50 p.m.
Haz Mat- Level 1 1200 block of Montana 4:29 p.m.
EMS 1700 block of Ocean 4:37 p.m.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Virus Non-Desirous

■ Before Zika, there was Ebola, SARS, the bird and swine flus -- all of which gripped the world's attention and, to varying degrees, fueled fears of epidemics. If past is prologue, there is a new virus looming, which may or may not be known to science.

■ The health news site STAT recently spoke with Evin Olival of EcoHealth Alliance about what might be the next SARS or Zika-like disease to emerge. By calculating factors like the number of animal species that a virus can infect and the number of vectors able to transmit it (the higher the numbers, the more worrisome), Olival said to keep an eye out for flaviviruses, a family that includes Zika, dengue and yellow fever.

■ In particular, he mentioned Usutu, Illheus and Louping ill viruses, none of which are currently household names and, with luck, won't be. These viruses are problematic because they occasionally infect people, but also because they infect a number of other animals, which suggests they have the capacity to jump species. Virologists describe them as "promiscuous."

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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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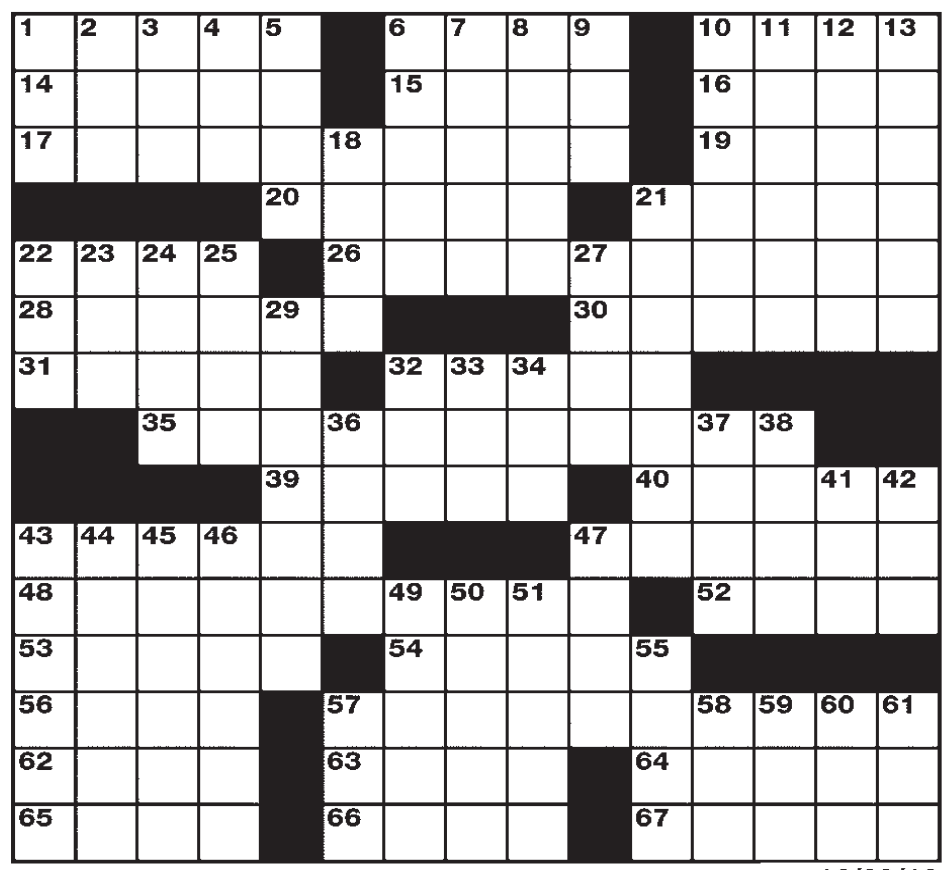
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Newsday Crossword

TOUGHIES by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Lay out
6 6 Down pub regular
10 Army spin-off of '47
14 Pastoral pun on 39 Across, perhaps
15 Persian poet
16 Sponge opening
17 Composure
19 Web spot
20 Laudatory versifier
21 Seriously stuck
22 Shy of dry
26 Sand dollar or starfish
28 Michener's "Spanish Travels" book
30 What some jacks have
31 Taunt
32 Shower organizers, maybe
35 Working as desired
39 Not previously mentioned
40 Smog component
43 Places for speakers
47 Midwest grain storage ctr.
48 Papal letter
52 Common software icon
53 Lay up
54 Annual Santa tracker
56 Cantina snack
57 High spirits
62 Outspoken
63 Part of a pulley
64 Are upcoming
65 Home for wasps
66 Breaks open, perhaps
67 Frat letters

DOWN
1 Initiate litigation
2 Straightaway, for short
3 Academic domain
4 Cultural funding org.
5 Sixth 007 novel
6 Newspaper feature
7 Low-tech sect
8 Broadway's first Evita
9 Wield a lever
10 Profit potential
11 Evening event
12 Outgoing vessel
13 What "Meow!" might mean
18 Plan of action
21 Large-scale sea breeze
22 Search deeply
23 Rushmore nickname
24 Hand (out)
25 Lecture hall VIP
27 Formal refusal
29 Operational, as a policy
32 Austrian's "Alas!"
33 Country in OPEC
34 Big ATM maker
36 Proofreading mark
37 Action film props
38 Pop from a can
41 When DST ends
42 Scrape (out)
43 Use for a nap
44 Preserved, pre-CD
45 *Inherit the Wind* inspiration
46 Ogre at the office
47 Mideast carrier
49 Email receiver
50 Kind of car
51 Van Gogh venue
55 Third-billed voice in *Shrek*
57 Significant period
58 It sounds just like you
59 DC ballplayer
60 *Patriot Games* org.
61 SAT developer



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INVESTMENT

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2007.

Much is in store for Safe Routes to School. Expansion of Bike It! Walk It! continues as it includes Bus It! Skate It! to adopt student preferences. This is the first school year for students to enjoy new Samohi bike lanes, signalized crossings, and Michigan/7th as a one-way street, to name a few. Upgrades to Edison Language Academy will start construction in 2017. Safe Routes will bring special events and learning opportunities to five schools in 2017-18 with grant funds to expand student engagement. Council-funded physical improvements will start to be installed at Lincoln and John Adams middle schools as well as Franklin and Roosevelt elementary schools.

We will begin installing 15 miles per hour zones this year, a measure made possible by a new state law. This will reduce speeds in school zones by ten miles per hour. Another example of our longtime commitment to school zone safety is crossing guards. Santa Monica Police Department oversees a trained group of dedicated guards at many school sites, including McKinley Elementary and John Muir/SMASH.

Concerns raised by this survey provide another reminder about how parents and community members should obey all traffic laws and drive responsibly around schools.

Creating safe walking and biking routes is part of our DNA in Santa Monica – especially when it comes to schools and our beloved parks and social spaces. Our continued efforts can reduce injuries to people in crashes by calming speeds, creating comfortable and protected places to walk and bike, and encouraging people to be part of the movement for a more active and connected community. Are you ready to help create safer ways for your friends and family to get around Santa Monica? Be part of GoSaMo to show your support for Santa Monica mobility, and get involved in your school's Bike it! Walk it! Bus it! Skate it! events.

Francie Stefan is Santa Monica's Mobility Manager

FIRE

FROM PAGE 2

Thursday, Dec. 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. (87 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:30 p.m.

LEGOS and Games at Main
They provide the Legos, you provide the fun! New for December, easy family board games! Ages 4 and Up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 4 p.m.

Friday, December 30

Kubo and the Two Strings
A young boy named Kubo must locate a magical suit of armor worn by his late father in order to defeat a vengeful spirit from the past. Featuring the voices of Charlize Theron and Matthew McConaughey. (101 min) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 – 4:45 p.m.

Crafternoon! Make it Noisy!
Make crafts to help ring in the new year! Ages 3 and up. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

Certified Farmer's Market
Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

Beach and Guest House Closed
Guest House Closed Today for the Holiday. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 23)

The big life questions can only be answered by you. You'll research, gather ideas, get advice -- bottom line, your heart already knows. Execute with confidence. February will bring something interesting to take care of. Responsibilities only make your life richer. March and June offer business advances. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 41, 28, 3 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Sharing the same sensibility isn't necessary to a productive relationship. Align yourself with people who are very different from you, because you'll work great together now and mesh in interesting ways.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Put serious attention into what you'll wear, who you might see, what you'll talk about. Forethought will lead you to make a wonderful impression. Your upbeat and confident mood will make all of the difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
If you go seeking inspiration, you may come up dry. Seek connection instead. This aim will prompt you to bring more of yourself to interactions, and you'll be met in kind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
If you try and calm yourself by making life a little more predictable, you will achieve a level of predictability somewhere between delightful spontaneity and mild chaos. Save your energy; embrace the unknown.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
It may feel like a game of limbo in which you're being asked to bend backward to the furthest extent you can without falling down. You're emotionally and practically flexible, but should they really be asking this of you?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Happiness depends on your ability to reduce the self-critical voice inside your head. The praiseful voice is equally unnecessary. Focus on tasks; eliminate the commentary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Relationships reach new comfort levels. This might change the whole game, inspiring you to go for a deeper commitment, or maybe it's just something that will happen naturally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You know the social secret: People who feel accepted are way more fun. That's why you strive to be easygoing, project tolerance and eschew pretentiousness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You warmly try to include everyone, make introductions and promote togetherness. You can feel good about the efforts you make in this regard, and you're likely to have extremely successful results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
An unexpected twist -- your act of humility accidentally draws attention to you. So much for the spotlight you were trying to avoid. The more you run, the more it shines on you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The beautiful and elusive Marlene Dietrich suggested, "It's the friends you can call up at 4 a.m. that matter." You have so many friends like this, and it will be good to be around them now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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The Moon, Mars and Wordless Love

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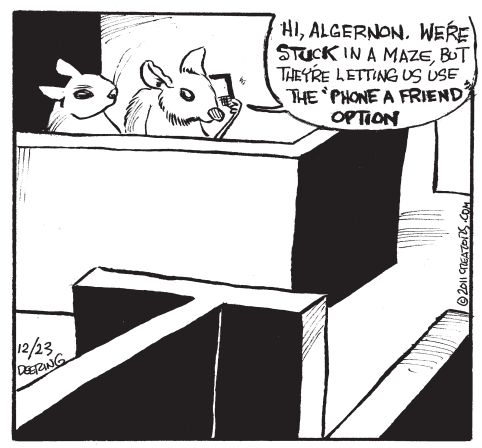
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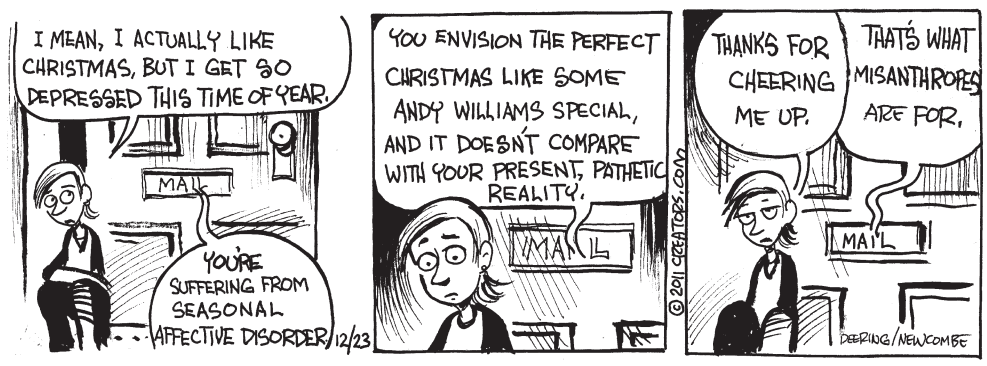
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