

FINAL PHASE IN PROGRESS

FINAL SECTION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK ON SANTA MONICA BLVD. UNDERWAY

By Casey Jacobs

BEVERLY HILLS—The final section of construction on Santa Monica Boulevard started on Monday, October 16. According to a press release Canyon News received from the city of Beverly Hills, construction on N. Santa Monica Boulevard is moving eastward. Workers started dismantling the south part of the roadway between Alpine and Doheny Drives last week.

Construction on the final segment is expected to be completed in phases, similar to the approach used during the last two previous segments. Until the end of December, four lanes of traffic will be open, two in each direction. Workers will be replacing curbs and gutters and bioswales and raised crosswalks will be built.

Starting at the end of December and after the holiday season ends, the road will be demolished and rebuilt. A detour plan similar to the two-lane phase of Segments 1 and 2 will be implemented at that time. The work and road closures have been arranged in order to decrease the overall duration of construction, which is now scheduled to be finished by spring 2018. The previous schedule was for a completion date in July 2018.

Bus Stops – Buses will continue to travel westbound on N. Santa Monica Boulevard with stops at Cañon and Camden Drives and Wilshire Boulevard. Buses travelling eastbound will be diverted onto S. Santa Monica Boulevard

in Century City. Buses will stop just west of Charleville Blvd and continue on S. Santa Monica Boulevard with stops west of Camden Drive and west of Crescent Drive. The eastbound buses will return to N. Santa Monica Boulevard by way of Doheny Drive.

Turn Restrictions – Left turns are restricted during the construction of this segment. In order to limit vehicles diverting into residential neighborhoods, traffic will be monitored and right turns restrictions could be implemented if necessary.

Intersection Work: Reconstruction of the intersections and construction of raised crosswalks. While this work is underway, intersections will be closed intermittently for both north and southbound traffic. Notice will be provided ahead of time.

Raised Crosswalks: Raised crosswalks will be built at unlighted intersections on the north side of N. Santa Monica Boulevard (Linden, Alpine, Foothill, Elm, Maple, Hillcrest, Arden, Alto and Sierra Drives). These striped, high-visibility crosswalks will connect the Beverly Gardens Park jogging/walking path where it pauses at the intersections. Crosswalks will be constructed at the same level as the curbs, allowing for a safe transition for pedestrians.

An extensive outreach program is currently being mapped to inform the community of the N. Santa Monica Boulevard

Reconstruction progress and ways to navigate streets during construction. Watch for mailers, social media messages, newspapers ads and signage.

Once completed, improvements to N. Santa Monica Boulevard will include:

- Rebuilt roadway with a rubberized asphalt surface to provide a smoother and quieter ride
- Upgraded drainage system
- New curbs and gutters
- Widening of the road on the south side between Cañon Drive and Wilshire Boulevard

- A standardized street-lighting system along the north side
- ADA compliant access upgrades
- New sidewalks
- Low impact drainage landscaping (grass swales) that comply with the urban water quality regulations
- Landscaping on the south side of the boulevard

The website www.beverlyhills.org/smbld will be updated for residents and businesses to be aware of ongoing construction. To sign up to receive emailed notifications via Ask Bev to www.beverlyhills.org/AskBev, or stay in touch via www.Facebook.com/CityofBeverlyhills and www.Twitter.com/CityofBevHills. For additional questions email smbld@beverlyhills.org, call the project helpline (424) 339-9033 or contact the Public Works Customer Service line (310) 285-2467.



WEEKLY UPDATE (Subject to schedule changes)

Traffic Alert – Two lanes open each direction with occasional lane closures. Expect delays.

Construction Activity – Removal and replacement of curbs and gutters between Alpine and Doheny drives.

Hours: Mon.-Sat. from 7am-9pm.

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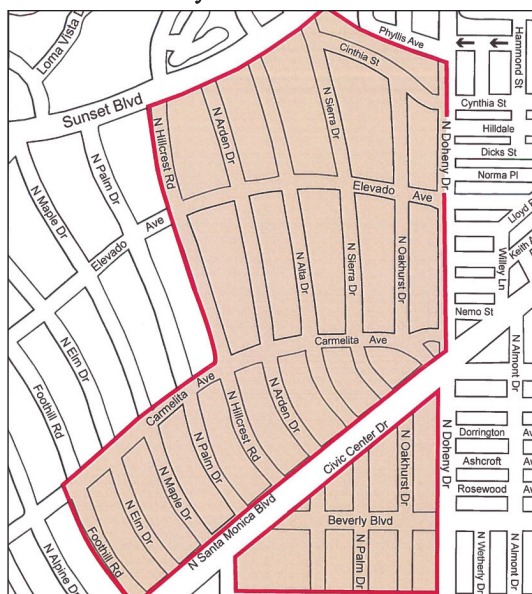
The final phase of construction on Santa Monica Boulevard started on October 16.

NO PARKING EXCEPT BY PERMIT ON HALLOWEEN IN BH

By Donald Roberts

BEVERLY HILLS—The Beverly Hills Police Department announced that in response to resident requests they are establishing “No Parking, Except by Permit” and tow-away zones on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, on residential streets impacted by the West Hollywood Carnival. Parking restrictions will be in effect from 4:00 p.m., October 31 through 2:30 a.m., November 1.

In general, all parking regulations throughout the city will be enforced on Halloween. Additional restrictions for the neighboring streets bordering the city of West Hollywood (see attached map) will be posted



Map of parking restrictions throughout the city of Beverly Hills from October 31 thru November 1.

with temporary signs indicating: “Tow-Away No Parking, Except by Permit.”

Residents affected by the temporary parking restriction will receive three parking permits for use during the restriction. If additional permits are required, they can be requested through the Department of Public Works by calling (310) 285-2467 or on line at AskPW@beverlyhills.org. A maximum of seven permits will be granted per household.

For any parking related issues that may arise during Halloween night, the parking exemption line will be operational until 1:00 a.m. at (310) 285-2548.

BURGLARY NEAR KANYE AND KIM KARDASHIAN WEST HOME

By Dylan Gera

BEL AIR—An intruder trespassed onto the property of reality star Kim Kardashian West and her husband rapper Kanye West on Friday, October 20, TMZ first reported.

According to reports, the suspect snuck onto the property at around 4 a.m. near the home's driveway. He broke into a vehicle and stole a mobile phone belonging to one of the couple's staffers before being chased by armed security staff. An accomplice of the thief was spotted nearby, but fled the scene when security arrived.

The intruder went next door to comedian Kathy Griffin's home, where he broke into another vehicle



A burglar attempted to gain access to the home of Kim and Kanye West in Bel Air.

and stole a purse before fleeing. Surveillance footage captured a still of the suspect, which was submitted to the Los Angeles Police Department for their investigation. This is not the Kim Kardashian has been the

target of a crime. Kardashian West was tied up and robbed at gunpoint in October 2016 while at Paris' Rue Tronchet hotel. Her husband was performing at a concert in the city. The thieves stole more than

\$9 million worth of jewelry from the reality star. Several people were arrested and in connection to the armed robbery. The investigation and potential prosecution are still ongoing.

Friday's burglary is the latest in a string of break-ins and thefts that have taken place throughout the Los Angeles region. On Wednesday, October 18, singer Mariah Carey's home was burglarized where over \$50,000 worth of handbags and sunglasses were taken from the star's home. In March, thieves stole over \$150,000 worth of jewelry from “Shameless” actress Emmy Rossum's Benedict Canyon home.

PINK'S HOT DOGS GOES BLUE FOR THE DODGERS

By Macee Binns

WEST HOLLYWOOD—The legendary Pink's Hot Dogs stand on the corner of Melrose and La Brea in Hollywood is changing its colors for the first time in 78 years to support the Los Angeles Dodgers during the 2017 World Series.

The famous Hollywood staple announced on Sunday, October 22 via Twitter that Pink's Hot Dogs will be going blue in celebration of the Dodgers making it all the way to World Series for the first time in 29 years. Photos posted on the restaurant's Twitter account show that a new blue banner supporting the Los Angeles Dodgers now covers the front of the infamous pink building.

The restaurant's co-own-



Pink's Hot Dogs is going blue to support the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2017 World Series.

er, Richard Pink, stated that the “blues” will go until “the Dodgers win the 2017 World Series” Pink said in a statement released on Twitter.

Richard Pink went on to note that this is the first time in 78 years that Pink's has made such a significant change to their storefront.

The organization is selling a new menu item in honor of the Los Angeles Dodgers called “Blue Hots.” Blue Hots consists of a hot dog wrapped in bacon, covered in cheese and chili, and topped with mustard and onions. This limited time menu item will be sold throughout the duration of the World Series for \$4.89, and the proceeds will go to support the L.A. Dodgers Foundation. They will also be selling t-shirts featuring the Pink's logo with words of encouragement for the Dodgers printed on them.

BRUCE PADDOCK ARRESTED OVER CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

By Dylan Gera

LOS ANGELES—The older brother of Las Vegas mass shooter Stephen Paddock was arrested in Los Angeles on Wednesday, October 25 for possession of images of child pornography.

Bruce Douglas Paddock, 58, was detained and taken into custody by authorities at the Valley Village nursing home in North Hollywood where he is a resident.

The nursing home provides short and long-term care. Before moving into the nursing home, Paddock was homeless, residing il-

licitly in businesses throughout the area.

According to police, Paddock left behind evidence of child pornography consumption at a Sun Valley business where he had been known to squat and where he was evicted. Authorities began their investigation of Paddock after obtaining evidence and tracking him to the North Hollywood facility.

Los Angeles County Superior Court documents reveal that Bruce is accused of possessing more than 600

pornographic images of children. Ten or more of the images are believed to depict a child younger than the age of 12.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department revealed that Paddock's arrest was related to an independent investigation and had no apparent connection to his brother's shooting rampage in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 1.

This is not Bruce Paddock's first encounter with the law. He was charged with assault and battery in

1989 (which was later dismissed) and in 1993 he was accused of “annoying a child under 18.” He was acquitted on that charge. Prior to Wednesday's arrest, he faced a criminal offense for a vandalism charge in 2014 where he pled no contest.

Bruce and Stephen are two of four brothers. Their father, Benjamin Hoskins Paddock, was a convicted bank robber who appeared on the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Most Wanted list.

BOB MARLEY'S HOLLYWOOD STAR FOUND DECIMATED

By Barry Ghabaei

HOLLYWOOD HILLS—The star of musician Bob Marley on the Hollywood Boardwalk of Fame was found cracked, crumbles and craters on Monday, October 23. The concrete historical landmark was assessed as being attacked with a sledgehammer, by an unknown assailant.

Marley, the creator behind famous songs such as “One Love,” “Get Up, Stand Up,” and “Stir It Up,” was known for his contributions to Reggae and Ska. The Jamaican born musician formed the band “Bob Mar-



The Hollywood star of musician Bob Marley was vandalized on Monday, October 23.

ley And The Wailers.” He was popular throughout the world from 1950-1980. He

died from cancer in 1981, and was touted one of the greatest singers and song-

writers of all time, by Rolling Stone Magazine.

It will cost \$3,000 to fix Bob Marley's star, which will transpire on Wednesday, October 25. He was honored the star at the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 2001.

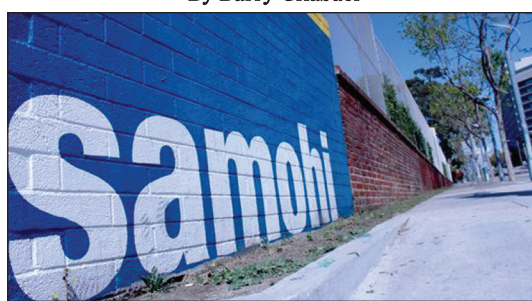
The last time a celebrity's star was damaged was in October 20016, when President Donald Trump had his star damaged on the Hollywood Boardwalk of Fame. Repeated damage to Trump's star has led to a short and stout wall being built around the Hollywood landmark.

SMMUSD SHORTENS DAY DUE TO EXCESSIVE HEAT

By Barry Ghabaei

SANTA MONICA—Due to the high heat and growing winds, the Santa Monica-Malibu United School District allowed for a shortened day on Tuesday, October 24, with students being dismissed at 1 p.m.

The National Weather Service announced that high winds and hot weather will be present throughout the Los Angeles region until Thursday.



Students in the SMMUSD were released from school early because of the excessive heat and winds.

Not all classrooms in the SMMUSD have air conditioning, which led to Superintendent Ben Drati to implement the completion of air conditioners for all 16 schools.

The SMMUSD allowed for students whose parents were unable to pick them up at the dismal time to stay in air conditioned rooms, or rooms with fans until their parents arrived.

TRAGEDY ON PCH AGAIN!

FATAL COLLISION KILLS BICYCLIST ON PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY WHERE DRIVER FLED THE SCENE

By Casey Jacobs

SANTA MONICA—The Santa Monica Police Department revealed that a fatal traffic collision occurred on Sunday, October 15 at around 7:03 p.m. after receiving a radio call for service involving a bicyclist at the 200 block of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH).

Lt. Saul Rodriguez of the SMPD indicated to Canyon News that officers found the bicyclist on the roadway suffering from significant trauma, later dying from injuries sustained. Lt. Rodriguez indicated that the Department will not be releasing the name of the victim at this time. The vehicle involved in the incident initially fled the scene, but later returned. The driver was not injured during the incident.

SMPD's Major Accident Response Team arrived on the scene to conduct a preliminary investigation that revealed the bicyclist was riding his bicycle northbound along PCH. The involved driver was traveling northbound along PCH and struck the bicyclist from the rear.

The driver is cooperating with the investigation and there are no preliminary indications the

driver was impaired. SMPD Traffic Investigators will be conducting a thorough investigation into the incident and the circumstances surrounding the driver fleeing the scene.

When Canyon News asked Lt. Rodriguez about rather the driver could face charges, he responded, "Yes, Traffic Investigators will be reviewing and presenting their findings to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for review."

Carrie Wick, and her friend Kinya Claiborne were both witnesses on the scene, spoke to Canyon News via phone about what they saw. They were traveling southbound on PCH at around 7 p.m., when Claiborne spotted something in the northbound lane of the road and screamed. She informed Wick to do a U-turn and that's when they found the victim lying in the road. Wick and Claiborne were first to be on the scene, and upon realizing the victim was unresponsive called 9-1-1 for assistance.

Wick informed Canyon News that the victim had a huge back-

pack and tattoos over his body, and that 3 males perhaps in their teens or early 20s chased the driver who struck the victim and drove away from the scene. The three males followed the driver honking the horn, in an attempt to get the driver to stop. They also took pictures of the vehicle (which was reported as a White BMW) and later contacted the police as they were "afraid" once arriving at the driver's home. Both witnesses praised the 3 gentlemen who were responsible for helping authorities locate the driver who fled the scene.

Both Claiborne and Wick revealed that other vehicles pulled over to the side of the road because of the debris in the roadway. Claiborne revealed it took about 10 minutes before firefighters first arrived on the scene to treat the victim. She revealed after attempting to revive the victim, a sheet was placed over the victim to cover the body.

Police later arrived on the scene and asked witnesses if they saw the driver of the vehicle collide with the victim. Claiborne and Wick indicated that authorities dismissed



The Santa Monica Police Department are investigating a fatal collision involving a biker that occurred on the PCH on October 15.

from taking their statement after they revealed they did not see the actual collision take place. Wick revealed that the victim's leg was badly injured and blood was covered over the victim's face, calling the crime scene "horrific and gruesome."

Claiborne informed Canyon News that a young couple who was near the region saw the victim and his bicycle fly into the air after being struck. The victim has been identified as 23 year old Kazumasa Nozaki.

The case is still under investi-

gation, and authorities are looking to speak to anyone who witnessed the incident transpire. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Investigator Pace or Olson at (310) 458-8954; or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

GARDENING WORKSHOPS OFFERED FOR KIDS

By Staff

BEVERLY HILLS—The city of Beverly Hills Community Service Department will be offering two gardening workshops for kids between the ages of 8-12 years old on Sunday, October 22 and Sunday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Greystone Mansion Demonstration Garden.

According to a press release Canyon News received from Dana Beesen, Publicist for the city of Beverly Hills, children can enroll in an individual workshop or both. The price for each workshop is \$15 for residents of Beverly Hills and \$19 for non-residents.

The gardening workshops offer kids an opportunity to interact and learn what it takes to grow fruits and vegetables and develop their own garden. The workshop



Two workshops to teach kids about the importance of gardening and how to start their own garden will be held on October 22 and October 29.

will teach children the importance of tool safety, soil types, preparation and maintenance, introduction to seeds, plant selection, transplanting seedlings, plant nutrition and fertilizer, irrigation, mulching, seed tape and more.

Greystone Mansion & Gardens has a region that is aimed for a demonstration

garden to showcase outdoor venue where individuals can come together to promote the benefits of locally grown, organic food that is environmentally friendly, sustainable and cost-effective. Ongoing classes and community gardening efforts assist in keeping the demonstration garden alive.

The Doheny Estate includes a 46,000 square foot mansion and formal gardens on over 8.5 manicured acres. It was built in 1927 by the Doheny family, and the Greystone estate was purchased by the city of Beverly Hills in 1965. The grounds are open daily to the public, while private or group tours for the mansion are seasonal. The venue is available for private, corporate and non-profit event rental.

To register for the workshops, register online at www.beverlyhills.org/BHRegOnline or contact the Registration Office at (310) 285-6850.

For additional information about the gardening classes, contact Master Gardener Instructor, George Pessin at gp305@yahoo.com or call (310) 779-8816.

RENTAL REGISTRY NOTICES BEING SENT TO TENANTS

By Casey Jacobs

BEVERLY HILLS—The city of Beverly Hills is sending out rental registry notices to tenants in Beverly Hills of multi-family units to verify information from the city's rental registry.

According to a press release from the city of BH, the notice is aimed to verify the base rent amount reported to the city by the landlord, which will be used to calculate the amount of rent increases that will be allowed each year. Only tenants of units currently registered will receive the notices in the mail.

The Beverly Hills City



The city of Beverly Hills is sending out rental registry notices to tenants in Beverly Hills.

Council passed a rent stabilization ordinance earlier this year that halts rent increases to 3 percent per year, requires relocation fees for all tenants who are evicted without cause and establishes a rental unit registry

database. The ordinance allows landlords to appeal the rent increase limit as well.

If the rent amount in the notice is accurate, no further action will be required. If the rent amount is incorrect, tenants can file an appeal

within 15 days of the date on the notice. Appeals of incorrect rent amount can be filed online at www.beverlyhills.org/BHrentAppeal, in person at City Hall, First Floor Reception Desk at 455 North Rexford Drive, or by postal mail to the City of Beverly Hills – Rent Stabilization Program – 455 North Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

For those residents with questions about the notice or the appeal process, staff is available to assist at: (310) 285-1031 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/BHrent.

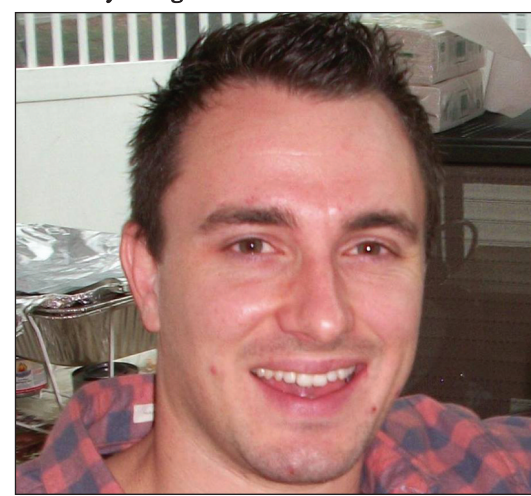
HELP NEEDED TO LOCATE TOMMY BERTOLLO

By George Morris and Donald Roberts

WEST HOLLYWOOD—The family of Tommy Bertollo is asking for the public's help to locate him. Bertollo is originally from the East Coast and has been reported missing by his family, and was last seen in the West Hollywood region.

Bertollo, 35, of New Jersey, has not been heard from in over a month. He was traveling from New Jersey to Los Angeles, "on a whim" WEHOville reported. He left his home on the East Coast in July. Bertollo's family and friends set up a Facebook page to help locate him. A post was made on October 11 reading:

"If you're here, thanks for accepting the invites. So far, there still hasn't been any news about Tommy's whereabouts. However, his car was located at Cynthia Street in West Hollywood



Tommy Bertollo, 35, was last seen in West Hollywood.

and was towed for a parking violation on October 2nd. So now in addition to Culver City, Venice and Newport Beach, he also has some connection to West Hollywood.

Some friends of Tom-

my's are going to California to try and look for him but there really isn't too much more we can do. His phone is off and it appears that he now has no place to stay. Please continue to share his picture and invites friends to

this page. Thanks to all who have reached out and offered support as well as share the information."

According to reports, Bertollo was living out of his car and surviving on food samples from places such as Costco and Whole Foods. He is believed to have lost weight and may have grown a beard.

Steven Casola posted on Facebook, "I just found out about Tom being missing from Danielle. I haven't seen Tom in forever, I hope he's OK. I've been in Venice and Santa Monica since Feb 17 of this year. If I can help at all call me or text me, 13107545836.

Bertollo is a white male who stands 6 feet and 1 inch tall. Anyone who has information about his whereabouts is asked to contact the police.

NANNY INJURED WHILE SAVING 2-YEAR-OLD FROM CAR

By Macee Binns

GRIFFITH PARK—California nanny, Caroline Maurer, is recovering from the multiple injuries she sustained after being struck by a car. Maurer saved her employer's 2-year-old son from an oncoming vehicle, that ran a stop sign in the Atwater Village neighborhood surrounding Griffith Park.

The incident occurred as Maurer was strolling the toddler around their neighborhood in Atwater Village at about 10:00 a.m. on March 28. The police report states that Maurer was at an empty four-way intersection, with the child in his stroller, as the pair began to cross the street. A car approached the intersection without stopping, and made a left-hand turn toward Maurer and the 2-year-old little boy, named Fox. On Monday, October



Nanny, Caroline Maurer, with 2-year-old Fox who she saved from an oncoming vehicle in Atwater Village.

16, Maurer told Canyon News, "We were only about a block away from Fox's home when the car ran a four-way stop sign and turned directly into us. I was terrified."

In a video that was shared on her YouCaring page this week Maurer stated, "It was going to be him hit since he was kind of more in front of me. So, as the car turned in – I was screaming, 'Stop!

Stop!' – and pushed Fox as hard as I could to get him out of the way." The nanny was struck by the car, after she placed herself between the oncoming vehicle and the child's stroller. Fox escaped the incident unharmed, while Maurer received multiple injuries including fractured bones in her hands, wrists and arms. She was hospitalized for more than two weeks after

the incident. She has undergone three surgeries to repair the damage she received to her arms, and recently began undergoing physical therapy because of the weakness in her hands.

Fox's parents recently started a YouCaring fundraising page to help Maurer, who is credited with saving their son's life, to recover some of the cost of her medical expenses. They say Maurer has been unable to work or go to school since she was injured in the incident, and she may never fully regain strength in her hands. Fox's parents, Courtney Davis and Bill Wolkoff, wrote on the YouCaring page, "Caroline is a true hero, and we are forever grateful to her for saving our son's life."

HUNT FOR BURGLARY SUSPECT AT APARTMENT COMPLEX

By Donald Roberts

HOLLYWOOD—The Los Angeles Police Department is asking for the public's assistance to locate the suspect responsible for a burglary that transpired at a Hollywood Apartment complex on October 6 at around 6:30 p.m.

According to the LAPD Blog, the suspect entered a large apartment complex's subterranean garage and loitered at the front door steps before gaining access to the

apartment lobby when a delivery man exited the establishment. The suspect went to the second floor and used an unknown pry tool to open the victim's apartment door, and placed the items into the bags obtained from the victim's residence and exited the building.

Police are describing the suspect as an African-American male, 25-30 years old, with a beard. He stands approximately 5 feet and 9

inches tall and weighs around 170 to 190 pounds. He was wearing a bright orange Under Armor hooded sweatshirt, camouflage pants, and grey running shoes.

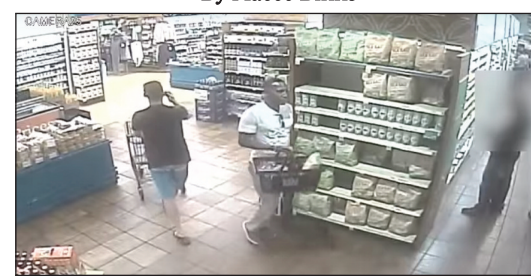
Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Hollywood Burglary Detective Aluotto at (213) 972-2929 or Detective Childs at (213) 972-2931. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-

7 (1-877-527-3247).

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to phone number 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S on most keypads) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "LAPD." Tipsters may also go to www.lapdonline.org, and click on "Anonymous Web Tips."

BEVERLY HILLS—Detectives from the Los Angeles Police Department Wilshire Station are asking the general public for help in identifying a grand theft suspect that was caught stealing on video.

On Tuesday, October 17, the Los Angeles Police Department released surveillance footage to the public showing two thefts taking place inside a Whole Foods grocery store in the Mid-Wilshire area over the weekend. According to the LAPD, the thefts occurred on September 10, between the hours of 1:05 p.m. and 3:25 p.m. at the Whole Foods located on the 6300 block of West 3rd Street in Los Angeles.



A grand theft suspect caught on video at the Mid-Wilshire Whole Foods market.

According to the LAPD Blog, the targeted victims were female shoppers who placed their purses in their shopping carts while looking at items on the shelves. During both incidents, the unidentified man approached his victims from behind, while their backs were turned, and

reached into their purses taking their wallets as he calmly walked away.

The suspect is described by the LAPD as a 30 to 40-year-old African-American male, with black hair, and brown eyes. He stands approximately 5 foot and 11 inches tall and weighs around 180 pounds.

Surveillance video from the store shows that the suspect was wearing a white shirt, gray pants and black tennis shoes with white soles on the day of the incident.

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call Detective R. Hernandez or Detective J. Cardenas at 213-922-8216. During non-business hours, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (1-877-527-3247). Those who wish to provide tips anonymously can do so by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or by visiting www.lapdonline.org, and selecting the "Anonymous Web Tips" option.

MOUNTAIN LION P-55 MAKES HISTORY CROSSING FREEWAY

By Macee Binns

SANTA MONICA—A 2-year-old mountain lion, known as P-55, made history last week when he successfully crossed the 101 Ventura freeway for the second time.

On Tuesday, October 17, the National Park Service announced via Facebook that P-55 ventured over 10 lanes of freeway traffic crossing through a “relatively developed part of Thousand Oaks,” just west of State Route 23.

“P-55 is full of surprises,” said Ranger Kate Kuykendall in the post. He is the first mountain lion to successfully cross the freeway twice, and he represents one of only 4 successful crossings by mountain lions since the National Park Service began studying the movements of local cougars in 2002. GPS tracking data from the animal’s collar showed the adventurous feline’s path. In late July, P-55 made his



A mountain lion known as P-55 made history by crossing the 101 freeway twice.

way across the freeway for the first time, crossing state routes 23 and 118, where he was caught on camera in the backyard of a Newbury Park home. Kuykendall stated that after his dangerous two-part journey, “P-55 is now back to roaming the western end of the Santa Monica

Mountains, likely looking to avoid other males so that he can one day establish his own territory.”

A study released in 2016 concluded that mountain lions in the Santa Monica range are facing possible extinction within the next 50 years. Researchers have doc-

umented 17 mountain lion deaths on Southern California roadways since 2002. In an attempt to preserve the regions feline wildlife, officials and activists are now advocating for construction of a landscaped wildlife crossing over the 101 Freeway in the Agoura Hills area.

POLICE COMMISSION APPROVES LAPD DRONE USE

By George Morris and Donald Roberts

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles Police Commission approved on Tuesday, October 17 to allow a new drone pilot program for the Los Angeles Police Department.

The program is a one-year experiment in which, under certain circumstances, the LAPD’s SWAT teams would be allowed to deploy small, aerial drones to crime scenes. The proposal for the plan indicates that drones would be both unarmed and “shall not be deployed in violation of the law or Constitution.” All drone use would require a search warrant in advance.

Small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) refers to a remotely-operated, lightweight aircraft and its associated components. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) is a highly trained and specialized cadre of Department personnel under the command of Metropolitan Division and the Counterterrorism and Special Operations Bureau (CTSOB).

SWAT personnel respond to high-risk tactical incidents including hostage sit-



The Los Angeles Police Commission is set to vote on a controversial proposal to allow the LAPD to use drones.

uations, active shooter incidents, and counterterrorism operations, and are trained to operate specialized equipment and technology to safely resolve incidents

The LAPD has been pushing for the program, so drones can be used to search for armed, dangerous criminals, hazardous materials, explosive devices and more. The proposal states that the drones would allow for “situational awareness.” An sUAS shall not be deployed when weather conditions or other hazards prevent the safe operation of the aircraft and will not be deployed in a manner that ex-

ceeds the manufacturer’s recommendations. An sUAS shall not be deployed or used with any weapons capabilities including any non-lethal or less-than-lethal weapon systems.

LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck indicated to the Police Commission, a program manager would be assigned from Air Support Division (ASD) to manage the pilot program and utilization of the device. The operation of the device would be limited to specifically trained personnel from the Special Weapons and Tactics team.

The program has been met with some criticism. The Stop LAPD Spying

Coalition held a protest outside the LAPD Headquarters Tuesday to fight the proposal. Protestors chanted “drone-free LAPD” and “no drones, LA.” Some have argued the use of drones could lead to invasions of privacy or police militarization. Chief Beck indicated those opposed were concerned that the Department could not be trusted to follow its own rules, regardless of how stringent the guidelines are designed. While those in support had similar concerns as those opposed to drone usage, but approved of adding new technology, but some of guidelines were too stringent and could hamper timely response to situations.

This is not the first time a police department has tried utilizing drones; a similar proposal was brought forward in Seattle in 2014. That proposal was not approved.

The proposal was passed by the Police Commission in a 3-1 vote. Los Angeles is now the largest city to ever pass such a program.

MISSING WOMAN KIMBERLY LIU FOUND SAFE

By Barry Ghabeai

SANTA MONICA—Kimberly Liu, 29, who is suffering from a brain tumor, was reported to Canyon News as being “found this morning at the corner of Lincoln Blvd and Olympic” on Tuesday, October 17, by the Santa Monica Police Department. Kimberly’s tumor causes her to become delusional and anxious.

Liu was last seen at 7:30 p.m., on Monday, October 16 at a dance studio in Santa Monica. She was last seen wearing black tights, pink shorts, and a multi-colored sweatshirt. Authorities have not disclosed details regarding Liu’s disappearance and where she was found as of print.

The SMPD tweeted: “SMPD Officers have located Kimberly LIU in SM. She is unharmed and will be reunited with her family shortly. Thank you for your help.”



Kimberly Liu who went missing on Monday, October 16, was found safe on October 17.

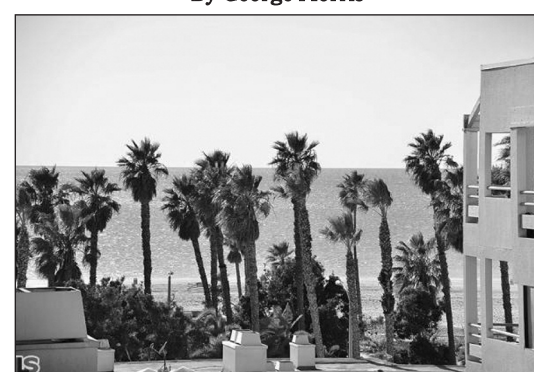
MAN SHOT IN ATTEMPTED CAR BURGLARY

By George Morris

SANTA MONICA—The victim of an attempted car burglary shot the perpetrator on Wednesday, October 11. The incident occurred on Bicknell Street, in the Ocean Park neighborhood several blocks from the ocean.

Captain Kenneth Semko of the Santa Monica Police Department tweeted, “On scene of a car burg area of 300 Bicknell shooting non PD related suspect in custody. Please stay away from area investigation on-going.”

According to the SMPD, the victim, who has still not been identified by authori-



A suspect was shot while attempting to steal the shooter’s car.

ties, heard commotion outside his home. He called the police, explaining that there was a carjacking in progress.

The man then went out to confront the suspect, wielding a handgun, at around 5 a.m.

According to the Santa Monica Daily Press, the victim found the suspect in his car, which led to a confrontation and the victim threatened the suspect. The suspect attempted to flee, but was shot in the chest by the victim. Authorities arrived on the scene and located the suspect who attempted to flee the scene. The suspect, Vidas Sileikis was arrested and bail was set at \$50,000. The victim could face charges because the suspect did not enter the victim’s home and was unarmed at the time of the shooting.

ORDINANCE ALLOWS TWO MEDICAL CANNABIS SHOPS

By Vanessa Arrendondo

SANTA MONICA—The city of Santa Monica may allow two medical marijuana dispensaries to operate within city limits and permit some “light manufacturing” of cannabis products, while prohibiting commercial non-medical use.

The Santa Monica Daily Press reported the three designated areas in the city available to two cannabis retail shops include: Wilshire Boulevard between Lincoln and Centinela Avenue, Santa Monica Boulevard between Lincoln and 20th Street, or Santa Monica between 23rd Street and Centinela Avenue.

The Santa Monica City Council during the council’s meeting on Tuesday, October 10 further discussed how to implement Senate Bill 94, which created the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) in 2017.

Existing zoning ordinances allow for two medicinal cannabis dispensaries, each 2,500 square feet, at least 600 feet away from



Two medical cannabis retail shops will be allowed to operate in Santa Monica, but, commercial use, distribution, and cultivation is prohibited. Photo courtesy of Tumblr.

schools, daycare centers, parks, libraries and social services offices. The Santa Monica City Council announced that the new city of Santa Monica Cannabis Ordinance will maintain this limit and establish a selection process for two medicinal cannabis retailer permits.

The ordinance will prohibit commercial use, cul-

tivation and distribution. Medical dispensaries will be allowed to grow a limited amount of product within the store. SB-94 was created following California’s approval of Prop 64, which legalized adult use, growth and possession of marijuana in California on November 2016.

Under MAUCRSA, Santa Monica can establish regu-

lations for medicinal and adult use cannabis markets, specify permit types, and authorize state agencies to establish rules governing cannabis operations, the council staff report states.

The council’s next course of action will be to decide whether a ballot measure should be created to make a business license tax for cannabis businesses.

MAYOR GARCETTI EXPANDS TURF REBATE PROGRAM

By Dylan Gera

LOS ANGELES—Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced Friday, October 13 that rebates provided by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) for residential and commercial turf removal will rise over the next three months.

Rates will increase from \$1.75 to \$2 per square foot up to a maximum of 1,500 square feet. The rebates are designed to encourage residents and businesses to reduce water consumption through the removal of turf from their yards. They are part of the city of Los Angeles’ expansive “Save the Drop” program which aims to reduce the total water consumption of the city by 20 percent. Additional components of the turf replacement program include emphasizing the importance of sustainable landscaping, rainwater capture, and drip irrigation.



Turf removal rebates are one component of Mayor Garcetti’s “Save the Drop” program.

“Save the Drop” endeavors to help the city of Los Angeles reach Mayor Garcetti’s goal of cutting the amount of imported water purchased in half by 2025. Other elements of the plan include projects to clean the San Fernando Valley aquifer and to encourage greater water recycling, stormwater re-purposing, and groundwater recharging efforts.

“We are pleased to continue offering our turf replacement rebate — the most popular of all our water conservation programs,” said LADWP General Manager David H. Wright in a press release from the Office of the Mayor. “Since 2009, Angelenos have removed nearly 50 million square feet of grass, yielding about 2 billion gallons in annual

water savings.”

“Save the Drop” is a program of the Mayor’s Fund of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the creative agency Omelet LLC.

To obtain additional information visit [www . SavetheDropLA . org](http://www.SavetheDropLA.org) and www . CadaGotitaCuentaLA . org.

SAUDI PRINCE SUED FOR ASSAULT

By George Morris

BEVERLY HILLS—Saudi Prince Khalid Bin Faisal Bin Sultan Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud is being sued after allegedly putting Martin Bertucci, a temporary security guard of his security detail, in a violent headlock.

According to Patch.com, Bertucci’s case, which was filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Friday, October 6, claims assault, battery, negligence, and both negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress by the defendant. The suit reportedly states that Bertucci’s employer, Amgroup Inc. should have informed him that the prince was “unstable and dangerous,” and failed to do so.

The plaintiff relocated to California to protect the



A Saudi prince is being sued for assaulting his security guard back in November 2016.

prince and is an air force veteran who worked in the public sector for over 12 years. Bertucci suffered a severe cervical-spine injury,

which resulted in hospitalization. According to the lawsuit, he required spinal surgery, which has impacted his ability to gain em-

ployment.

The suit does not disclose a specific amount of money Bertucci is suing the defendant for.

ANN RUTHERFORD MANSION LISTS FOR \$40 MILLION

By Dylan Gera

BEVERLY HILLS—The Greenway Drive home of late actress Ann Rutherford, known primarily for her role in “Gone with the Wind” as Carreen O’Hara, has been listed for sale.

According to Variety, the French Revival-style Beverly Hills mansion is available with an asking price of \$39.9 million. The Westside Estate Agency is co-listing the house with Hilton & Hyland.

Though now known as The Rutherford House, the mansion was built in 1938 for real estate developer and Beverly Hills Mayor Edward Paul Dentzel. It was later purchased by Rutherford and her second husband William Dozier, creator of the 1960s “Batman” television series.

Rutherford died in June 2012 due to heart problems and the home was



The Rutherford House.

sold in 2013 to Mark Cohen, owner of Cohen Financial Group, and his wife Laurie for \$7.55 million. The Cohens renovated the home which consists of 10,500-square-feet of living space including, 5 bedrooms, 10 bathrooms, a li-

brary, a swimming pool, and staff lodgings. The listing agent for the home is Kurt Rappaport.

In addition to her role in “Gone with the Wind,” Rutherford starred in the long-running Andy Hardy film series as Polly Bene-

dict, the on-again-off-again love interest of leading man Mickey Rooney. She also appeared in the films “Pride and Prejudice,” “Wyoming,” “Murder in the Music Hall” and the 1947 film “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty.”

SOCIAL MEDIA AND MAINSTREAM AMERICA

By Trevor Roberts

UNITED STATES—Social media, it has its benefits, but at the same time it has massive drawbacks. I still think back to nearly a decade ago, where social media was just beginning to become prevalent, but was not as prevalent as it has become today. Why? It is everywhere and no matter what you do it can easily make the internet with the snap of a finger. This is most notable for those utilizing Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, where one post can make you a viral sensation, the laughing stock of America or the enemy of the people.

So the question of the hour remains: should we refrain from utilizing social media to let the world know how we feel all the time? Hmm, that is indeed a tough question and I waiver back and forth on it. The one great thing about social media is that it allows instant gratification for most people. They are able to get out how they feel RIGHT AWAY without delay; it allows public consumption to take place. However, one of those drawbacks is once you make a statement it doesn't just go away; you can delete, but by the time you do that, someone has already screen shot what you wrote and shared it across the web America.

I think I'm more concerned about Twitter, because all it takes is one tweet or one statement to cause uproar or a division in the world. I'm bringing this issue to concern because of recent issues with NFL players choosing not to stand during the national anthem. President Trump made his thoughts clear on the issue, and what was a wave of madness a few weeks ago has di-



Everyone has a voice when it comes to social media nowadays, which has gotten plenty of people in trouble.

minished slightly. However, Vice President Mike Pence decided to leave an Indianapolis Colts game after several players kneeled. What was the problem with this? Nothing, but the concern was that Pence didn't really do this on his own volition; he did it after being informed by President Trump if it transpired to vacate the premises.

That is just one incident, because things have become dicey with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones noting that any player who chooses not to stand for the national anthem will not play. I'm not going to get into the politics of these issues, because to be honest if you look at the First Amendment there is a case that would not be that difficult to argue in the courtroom about one's rights being infringed upon.

Anyway, the result of that statement led to ESPN host Jemele Hill, who already

faced a bit of heat after sending out a tweet a few weeks ago calling President Donald Trump a white supremacist. Many were on Hill's side, while others argued that was a risky claim to make, and to some degree it is. Hill was suspended this week from ESPN after tweeting about hitting Jerry Jones where it hurts most: his pockets. How? To go after the advertisers that helps secure money for the organization. ESPN noted Hill was being suspended for 2 weeks for violating company policy.

So the question we all have to ask is should we be refrained from utilizing social media in our personal lives if we work for a company where voicing your opinion or being in the news media arena causes issues? That's a very tough call. I think it sucks that you can work for an organization and not make statements about certain things that you feel without

being reprimanded, but at the same time I totally understand why if you work in the news arena TWEETING or utilizing social media to express how one feels about political issues can be problematic. The goal is to remain unbiased. It creates an issue of conflict.

Some of you might think this isn't such a big deal, but I'm arguing that this is a big deal. Why? We could run into a situation where you are seeing more and more employers indicate in contracts for employees that they could be reprimanded as a result of partaking in making public statements that could reflect badly on the organization or place them in a situation where they have to address the comment at hand. For all the good that social media does in this country, there are plenty, and I mean plenty of drawbacks, which means: in this world today you have to be careful what you say.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN HOLLYWOOD

By Trevor Roberts

UNITED STATES—I was in utter shock to learn in recent days that Hollywood film executive Harvey Weinstein had been accused of sexual harassment in the past and that it had been transpiring for decades. This is the guy who established Miramax films and helped usher in The Weinstein Company. Not to mention he has been the name behind some massive blockbusters and dramas that have walked away with the coveted Academy Award for Best Picture.

After news broke across the world of the New York Times writing a piece about Weinstein and multiple alleged incidents of sexual harassment in the past, he lawyered up. As the days progressed more and more detail surfaced about Mr. Weinstein and several of his victims including actress Ashley Judd and Rose McGowan. Over the weekend, attorney Lisa Bloom resigned as an advisor for the film executive and on Sunday, The Weinstein Company announced that Harvey, the guy who started the company had been fired. It's amazing that such behavior has transpired by this media mogul for years, and no one inside his inner circle was willing to call him out on his antics and behavior. However, things exploded, and I mean exploded Tuesday, when the New Yorker released a story chronicling many more victims of Weinstein, and the floodgates opened with A-list actresses Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie coming forward noting they had encounters with Weinstein that was nothing to laugh about.

Several of the victims came forward, but now their voices are just being heard. Its despicable behavior; it's sad and it's sickening and unbelievable that



Harvey Weinstein has been the talk of the town as numerous reports have surfaced of his involvement in countless sexual harassment incidents.

Weinstein came out issuing a statement that was beyond disturbing. Noting his behavior was a result of behavior that he grew up knowing about in the industry. Are you kidding me? That may be the most pathetic excuse I have ever heard someone deliver without comprehending the magnitude of the matter at hand. That is indeed a very disturbing claim, and the fact that he thought it was acceptable because it was perceived as being ok is worrisome even more.

In Hollywood, we've all heard tales about certain rules having to be 'played' in order to climb to the top, and the idea is that it still seems to echo not in small waves, but tidal waves. Why is this still the case? Well, victims who speak out are ignored and worse, those who commit the crime pay off the victims or continue to be in a position of power at the studios and make such advances. In the world of celebrity, some are willing to make sacrifices to climb to the top, while others find themselves in un-

comfortable positions and are not 100 percent certain of what to do, and what they should say in such a compromising situation.

Big names have come out in support of the victims who suffered despicable actions at the hands of Harvey Weinstein. I mean Meryl Streep, God bless the woman did not mince words in the statement she issued on Monday morning, as did Kevin Smith, who has worked with Weinstein for close to 15 years. Other celebs voicing concerns included actresses Jessica Chastain, Jennifer Lawrence and Dame Judi Dench. However, what many have argued is that more MEN in the industry need to come forward and discuss the issue at hand. That transpired as the week progressed with more men in the industry coming out and denounced Weinstein and his behavior.

Weinstein's ouster at The Weinstein Company is certainly going to impact the studio moving forward as it attempts to market films just in time as awards sea-

son comes to fruition. Some have even called for the Board of Directors at The Weinstein Company to be fired. A settlement in most situations is a claim that something transpired, and people want to have things swept under the rug, that can no longer be done. I don't believe that a bevy of industry insiders had no idea what Weinstein was doing behind the scenes. Someone had to know something and just kept quiet.

An open dialogue and conversation needs to be had in this industry where men have all the power, and many use that power to their advantage making promises to kick-start ones career in return for sexual favors. Is it going to be difficult to change the world of sexual harassment in this industry? Yes, but it all starts not only with the victims speaking in waves, but for those closest to the perpetrator speaking out and alerting the authorities of such incidents. Make it be known what this person is doing rather it's a male or female. If you're tarnishing one's reputation, and the pieces fit the crime I'm all for it.

It's unacceptable and no one should have to endure such behavior rather it's in the entertainment world, or everyday life. This is the problem with power and money: they go hand and hand and some people use it to their advantage to keep people quiet and to get the things they want out of life. Sexual harassment is wrong America, and Hollywood has a long history with this issue that is just now making national headlines. That little secret has exploded and hopefully this will lead to more changes in the industry to halting such deplorable behavior.

WILDFIRE CONTINUES TO BURN THROUGHOUT ORANGE COUNTY

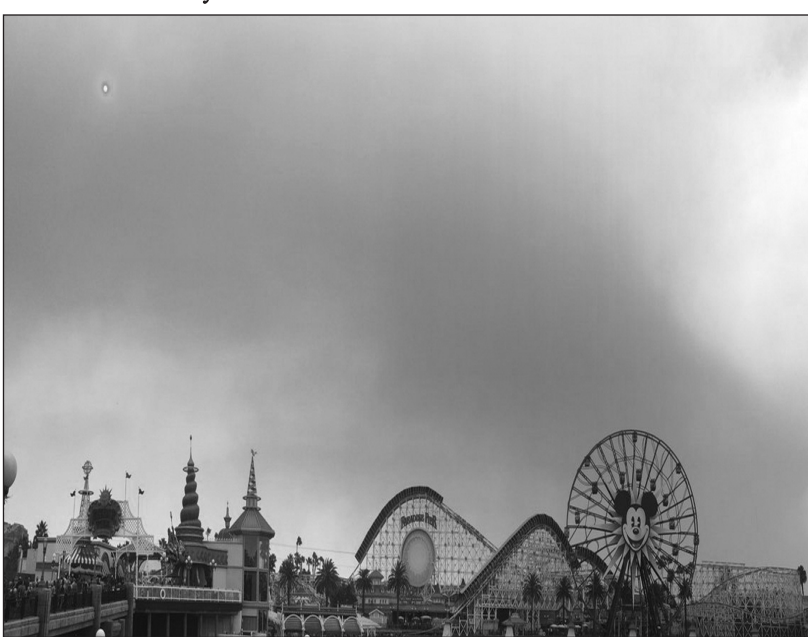
By Macee Binns

CALIFORNIA—Thousands of residents were forced to flee their homes after a wild fire burned throughout the canyons of Orange County and destroyed several residences in the area. Residents were allowed to return home after the fire was partially contained on Tuesday, October 10.

It was reported that 24 structures were destroyed and 7,500 acres were burned in Orange County, but progress in containing the wildfire has been made, according to fire officials.

Orange County Fire officials stated, "about 3,500 structures continue to be threatened, but added that they stopped the forward progression of the fire and expect full containment by Saturday."

"The blaze was 25% contained as of Tuesday morning. Fire crews had managed to halt the blaze's westward progression, and were focusing on stopping its eastern advance beginning on Tuesday after-



Anaheim Hills fire seen from Disneyland.

noon," said Captain Larry Kurtz, a spokesman for the Orange County Fire Authority in a press release.

By 12 p.m. on Tuesday the dry, fire inducing Santa Ana winds shifted to moist, ocean breezes, which allowed fire crews to

begin attacking the blaze directly in an attempt to contain the fire. Over 40 percent of the blaze was reported to be contained by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

The wildfire could be seen from Southern California and created a smoke filled view over Disney-

land, which prompted a flood of pictures depicting the fire on social media. The exact cause of the wildfire has yet to be determined, but fire officials state that they will be conducting a full investigation to determine the source of the flame.

HEPATITIS A PLAGUES SAN DIEGO, WORST UPRISING IN DECADES

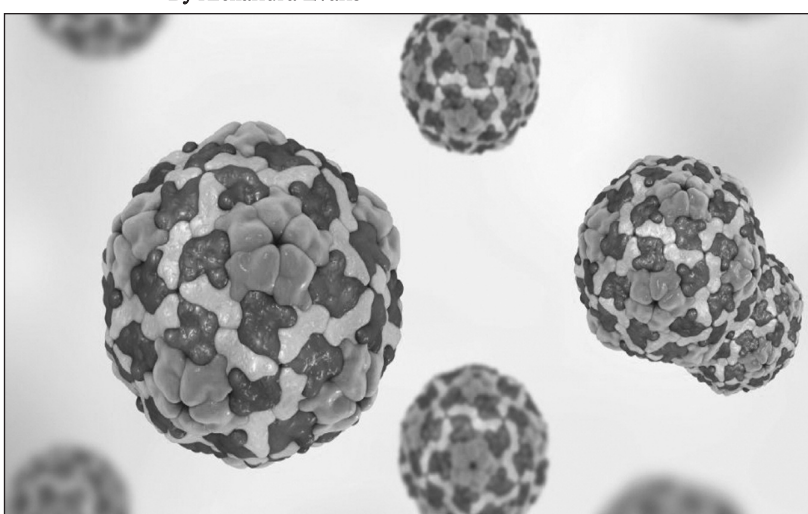
By Alexandra Evans

SAN DIEGO—Reports began surfacing on Friday, October 6 that Hepatitis A has plagued the San Diego area, impacting members of the homeless population and illegal drug users. The outbreak, which was first discovered about a year ago, is the worst in decades.

Public health officials have shared that the heavily contagious virus is transported through fecal, oral, or sexual contact. Touching objects or eating food which handled by an infected person can cause the disease to spread.

In 1996, a vaccine for the disease was cultivated and has led to the decline in the number of cases.

Dr. Monique Foster from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that illegal drug users, those who travel to regions where hepatitis A is a natural case, and amongst homosexual and bisexual males are at a higher risk of infection. Outbreaks can surface for up to 2 years.



Hepatitis A virus (via WebMD).

There is currently no treatment, and those with liver diseases and the elderly population are also at a high risk of contracting the virus. Some symptoms are not discovered until about a month after an individual has contracted the illness and can lead to liver failure and death.

On October 3, public health officials discovered 481 cases of the virulent

liver disease, and 337 victims were hospitalized and 17 died. Eighty-five percent of verified cases have been located in San Diego, prompting street maintenance crews to rid local areas of bodily fluids (including blood and feces) by dousing the streets with a mixture of bleach and high-pressure water. Movable hand-washing stations were set up in areas with a large percentage

of homeless individuals. Additional cases of the virus have been reported in Los Angeles and Santa Cruz, but no deaths have occurred. Dr. Eric McDonald of the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency indicated that medical officials are taking action to fight the plague; 54,000 city residents have received vaccinations thus far.

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BRIDGE LINKING GRIFFITH PARK AND GLENDALE PASSED

By George Morris and Donald Roberts

GRIFFITH PARK—A new, \$20 million bridge to link the cities of Griffith Park and Glendale was passed by the California State Assembly.

The 300-foot-long span will start at the Los Angeles River Greenway, which includes both the pedestrian and bike paths that snake around Griffith Park's side of the Los Angeles River. It will connect to the Glendale side of the river, allowing residents from Glendale to access the park and the River Greenway. The bridge is expected to have paths for both pedestrians and cyclists as well as resting areas.

Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, stated:

"We've worked for years to get this project off the ground. Thousands of residents on the Glendale side live in the shadow of Griffith Park with no way to get there without braving the freeway or driving for miles on city streets through Burbank or Los Angeles.



Proposed plans for the new, \$20 million bridge connecting Griffith Park and Glendale was passed by the state assembly.

"The bridge isn't just a link between neighborhoods, it's connecting people with open space, miles of bike paths, and economic opportunity, all while creating jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and congestion on our streets and freeways," she added.

"I've supported this project for many years and I'm thrilled that it is now coming to fruition," said Congressman Adam Schiff (D-

Burbank). "This investment of state funds is welcome news and consistent with our priority of building innovative projects that keep Californians moving. Hats off to Laura Friedman for her tenacity in making the vision of a bike friendly Los Angeles come true."

"These are the kinds of bridges we like to build in Los Angeles," said Los Angeles City Councilmember David Ryu. "We are lucky to

have Griffith Park in Council District 4, and with this bridge and bike path, we will be able to connect more people to one of LA's greatest treasures."

"Our river courses through many neighborhoods in Los Angeles and other cities throughout the county," said Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell. "Today we are supporting funding that will help connect the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale. Thanks to Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, and our state partners, we will finally see this major element of the Los Angeles River Master Plan come to fruition."

The bridge bill passed through the state assembly earlier this month. It is now waiting on the signature of California Governor Jerry Brown. If approved by the legislature, it will appear on the ballot for voters to approve in 2018.

GABRIEL REED ENTERS PLEA IN WIRE FRAUD CASE

By George Morris

WEST HOLLYWOOD—A concert promoter who conned investors by convincing them he had booked well-known musicians for his concerts is expected to plead guilty to a felony charge.

Gabriel "Gabe" Reed did business under the company Gabe Reed Productions and identified himself as an organizer and promoter of several hard rock concerts, as well as a few wrestling matches for World Wrestling Entertainment. Reed scammed investors by touting longstanding relationships with well-known musicians, showing props from alleged previous tours, and, in some instances, creating fabricated financial records related to music events.

He stole around \$1.4 million from 15 different investors over the course of 8 1/2 years. In one instance, representing himself as a concert promoter, he convinced one Los Angeles investor to give him \$100,000 for a concert called "Titans of Rock." Most of the musicians he reached out to did not agree to perform at the concert.



Gabriel Reed, 46, solicited over \$1 million from investors by conning them into paying for fake concerts.

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costs related to a birthday, and meals at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse and Mr. Chow in Beverly Hills, according to the affidavit. Over the course of several months in 2015, the \$100,000 "had been depleted," due in part to ATM withdrawals, and the FBI was "unable to identify the

payment of any expenses related to a concert or tour," the affidavit states. The FBI also found he allegedly used another promoter's name in relation to the wire fraud.

He was charged in May 2017 with wire fraud and aggravated identity theft, and could face up to 20 years in prison. He entered a guilty plea deal, but his sentence is expected to be shorter. As part of the plea deal, Reed has agreed to provide full restitution to all his victims. A court date has been set for November 20. Investors who provided money to Reed and believe they were defrauded should contact the FBI's Los Angeles Field Office at (310) 477-6565. The case against Reed is being investigated by the FBI and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Poonam Kumar of the Major Frauds Section.

UCLA RANKED TOP U.S. PUBLIC UNIVERSITY

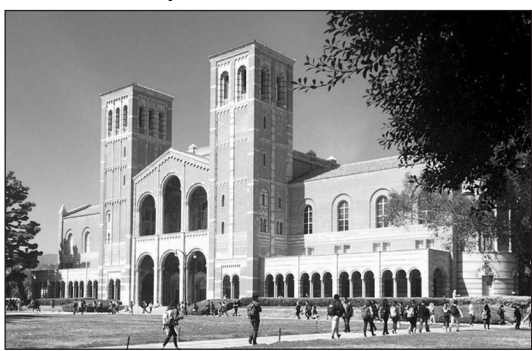
By Vanessa Arrendondo

WESTWOOD—UCLA ranked first in the second-annual Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education Top Colleges as the best public university in the United States.

According to the UCLA website, the ranking was based on levels of student engagement, student outcomes, resources and learning environments. The results were based on the Times Higher Education U.S. Student Survey, which polled about 200,000 students nationwide.

UCLA ranked 26th overall for best public or private college, receiving a total score of 81.9, compared to top-ranking Stanford University, which received a score of 92.0.

The public university was



UCLA campus.

praised for its campus diversity and inclusion, ranking eighth out of more than 800 universities surveyed in that category of the more than 1,000 public and private institutions that were assessed.

Student demographics include 20.9 percent Hispanics, 32.1 percent Asian or Pacific Islander, 4.8 percent

African American or Black and 11.9 percent international students. In addition, nearly one-third are first generation, with more than 90 percent graduating in 2015.

Leading the list of colleges in this most recent "Top Colleges" ranking were Harvard University (No. 1), Columbia University (No. 2)

and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford (tied for No. 3). Among leading public universities, UCLA was followed by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, second (No. 27 overall), and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, third (No. 33 overall).

Eleven California universities made the top 100 including: Cal Tech, USC, Pomona College and UC San Diego.

UCLA has ranked high in nationwide polls. In early September, it ranked No. 1 in the 2018 U.S. News and World Report's for the best public colleges in the country.

LARRY KING INVOLVED IN BEVERLY HILLS CAR CRASH

By Dylan Gera

BEVERLY HILLS—Journalist Larry King was involved in a car accident with another driver in Beverly Hills on Tuesday, September 26.

The 83-year-old TV and radio show host was seen assessing the damage to both his Lincoln MK and the other driver's Mercedes-Benz after the crash, TMZ reported. Paramedics examined both King and the driver of the Mercedes. King and the other driver did not sustain any serious injuries from the crash. King and the other driver were not given citations by authorities.



Talk show host Larry King was involved in a car accident in Beverly Hills.

King was involved in another car accident in 1958 with former president and

then-Senator John F. Kennedy. While driving in Palm Beach, Florida, King

rear-ended Kennedy's convertible. According to King, Kennedy was angry, but later calmed down and promised to forget the incident if King voted for him in the upcoming presidential election.

King grew to fame as a journalist in Florida in the 1950s, but later became known for his hit series "Larry King Live" which aired on CNN from 1985 to 2010. He currently is the host of "Larry King Now" on Hulu.

KICKIN' CANCER IN THE COMMUNITY

By Barry Chabaei

BRENTWOOD—Hundreds gathered on Sunday, October 1, in the streets alongside San Vicente Boulevard, to support families and friends in the 5K Run/Walk/Stroll called "Kickin' Cancer." Among those who crossed the finish line were young children ages 10 and under, running with their parent or family member.

Funded by the Lynn Cohen Foundation, the 16th annual event, brought food and music, replenishing drinks, arts and crafts, and other fun activities for participants to engage in. There was even a bounce house in the island divider for children to play. An Emcee entertained the crowd with music and fun facts.

The Lynn Cohen Foundation, dispersed at four clinics,



Participants during the "Kickin Cancer" event on October 1.

aims to prevent ovarian and breast cancer among women and families who are at-risk. Founded by the youngest daughter of Lynn Cohen (who died of ovarian cancer after a five-year battle), Amy, took strides at the age of 21 to make an impact in the community, and help women "kick cancer" once and for all.

Over half the number of women who have joined a Lynn Cohen clinic have been able to catch their cancer by professionals. With educational programs, the foundation provides women and their families with the knowledge, tools, and clinical support they need to take action early, "survive," and "thrive."

Supporters cheered and waved in celebration near the finish line, and applause were given. Water bottles were dispensed by volunteers. The emcee announced finishing times to those who crossed the finish line. In spite of the grey and overcast morning, the race went off without a hitch.

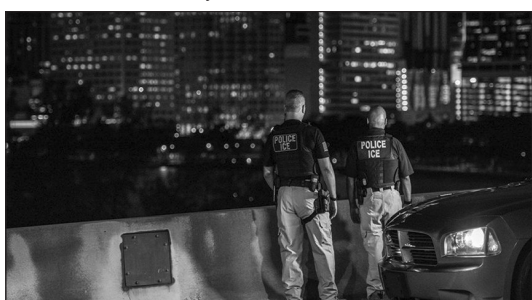
101 IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED IN NATIONAL ICE SWEEP

By Macee Binns

MALIBU—Federal authorities announced on Thursday, September 28, that more than 100 people were arrested during a four-day nationwide immigration sweep that targeted areas deemed "sanctuary jurisdictions" for immigrants in Los Angeles and the surrounding areas.

According to a press release issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officials, also known as 'ICE', the operation was targeted towards immigrants in violation of U.S. immigration laws.

Officials stated that "Operation Safe City," as the



Over 101 immigrants were arrested by ICE on September 28.

raid was termed, "prioritized aliens with criminal convictions, pending criminal charges, known gang members and affiliates, immigration fugitives and those who re-entered the

U.S. after deportation." Local sanctuary cities that were affected in this nationwide immigration sweep include: San Bernardino, Santa Ana and Malibu. Officials noted to the press that no one

registered under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was targeted during the raid.

ICE officials reported that out of the 498 immigrants arrested during the national sweep, 101 people arrested were from Los Angeles and surrounding areas. The series of arrests placed Philadelphia with the highest number, 107, and Los Angeles a close second with 101 arrests. According to reports, more immigration sweeps are expected to take place by ICE in the coming months.

CHRIS PAUL SELLS HIS BEL AIR MANSION

By Staff

BEL AIR—NBA star Chris Paul, point guard for the Houston Rockets has sold his Bel Air mansion for \$8.7 million. The home sits in the Bel Air Crest region. According

to reports, Paul purchased the home from musician Avril Lavigne in 2012 for \$8.495 million.

The athlete is also selling his property in Wood-

land Hills. The 12,184-square-foot Bel Air home has a 12-seat movie theater, a wine cellar and billiards room. The home consists of 8 bedrooms, and 11 bathrooms and

includes an elevator and 10-car garage.

Paul previously played for the Los Angeles Clippers, but was traded to the Houston Rockets over the summer.

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