

New York tenant harassment case sparks fear for local renters



Madeleine Pauker

COASTLINE: Tenants of a rent-controlled building say their corporate landlord is trying to get them to leave.

MADELEINE PAUKER

SMDP Staff Writer

When Reilley Barringer and Chris Thatcher returned to their Santa Monica apartment one night after a long flight, all they wanted to do was eat, shower and go to sleep.

But when Barringer went to the kitchen, she saw the sink, dishwasher and refrigerator were covered in drain flies, a small insect

that lives in dirty pipes. In the bathroom, flies were living in the toilet. The taps in the kitchen and bathroom produced yellow water.

Barringer and Thatcher immediately called the emergency maintenance service offered by their landlord, Coastline Real Estate Advisors, Inc. Coastline bought the building in Mid-City that Barringer and Thatcher live in for \$8.8 million last February,

several months before they moved in.

Nobody answered the phone. Tired and hungry, Barringer and Thatcher grabbed the bags they had taken on their trip and checked into a hotel.

In the morning, it took three calls for Coastline's maintenance team to pick up the phone. When

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Actor finds his breakthrough role in Eddie Murphy movie



Aleksandar Filimonovic

ACTOR: Filimonovic said he got to work with one of his childhood heroes.

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Local actor Aleksandar Filimonovic found comfort and stability in American pop culture after his family left Yugoslavia shortly before the Yugoslav Wars started in 1991.

Filimonovic had to make friends and leave them behind every couple

of years while his family moved around Europe. The one constant in his life was American movies, and Eddie Murphy made some of his favorites: Beverly Hills Cop, Trading Places, Coming to America. Filimonovic ended up becoming an actor himself, working for several years in Serbia before moving to

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LA's Gómez elected 1st Hispanic to lead US Catholic bishops

DAVID CRARY AND REGINA GARCIA CANO

Associated Press

Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, an immigrant from Mexico, pledged to push for a more welcoming immigration system after winning election Tuesday as the first Hispanic to head the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"I'm humbled by your support,"

said Gómez, whose predominantly Hispanic archdiocese of 4 million Catholics is the largest in the U.S. "I think it is a blessing for the Latino community."

The issue of immigration is personal to Gómez, who has relatives and friends on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. He described the situation at the border

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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2623 (CCS), which was adopted by the City Council at its meeting of October 22, 2019.

Ordinance 2623 amends Article VIII of the Santa Monica Municipal Code by adopting the 2019 California Building Standards Code and local amendments as justified by findings of climatic, geographical, and topographical conditions in a resolution adopted by the City Council on October 15, 2019. The California Building Standards Commission publishes an amended California Buildings Standards Code every three years to apply throughout the State of California. All cities and counties in the state must follow the published standards, unless locally amended through adoption of an ordinance, as allowed per State law. The 2019 Edition of the California Building Standards Code was published July 1, 2019 and will become effective January 1, 2020. Ordinance 2623 adopts the published 2019 California Building Standards Code, and local amendments, excluding the 2019 California Energy Code and the 2019 California Green Building Standards Code which were adopted with local amendments by the Council pursuant to separate resolution and ordinance at its September 10 and September 24, 2019 meetings. The local Santa Monica amendments provide for higher orders of structural safety, fire safety, occupant safety, and environmental conservation.

The ordinance will become effective January 1, 2020. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2619 (CCS) (CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2619 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2619 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”)

Ordinance Number 2619 (CCS) was adopted on October 22, 2019, and shall become effective 30 days after its adoption.

Ordinance Number 2619 amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.020 related to miscellaneous offenses regarding public welfare, morals, and policy. The ordinance establishes a misdemeanor offense for knowingly making a false, misleading, or fraudulent material statement or representation in any matter within the jurisdiction of the City.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Nov. 13

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

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

Montana Mystery Book Group: The Third Victim

The Third Victim, by New York Times bestseller Phillip Margolin. A woman accuses a well-known attorney of torturing her and killing two others. Despite evidence found at his cabin where she says she was held and statements from the accused's wife, he insists he is innocent. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

College Application & Personal Statement Workshop

Free one-on-one assistance with college applications and UC personal insight questions by attending this workshop series. Laptops provided if needed. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park, and Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling. Space limited; registration required, except for Nov 21 drop-in date. Pico Branch Library Annex, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall Council Chamber, 7 p.m.

Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Learn what the 5 Protective Factors are and how they can help in minimizing abuse and neglect. For parents and caregivers. Presented by Connections for Children. Call 310-458-8682 or email MBUser@smgov.net to register. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 pm.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Pico Branch Library, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15

Honing our Hearts on Housing and Homelessness

Hear how the county is addressing the Housing and Homelessness with Phil Ansell, Director of the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative. Temple Beth Shir Shalom, 1827 California Ave, 6:30 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Main Library, Central Courtyard, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Open Gallery

Exhibit “Memories of Diaspora: Immigration Narratives of Los Angeles.” Annenberg Community Beach House, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Open Guest House

Visit anytime for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Serial Con Artist Sentenced to More Than 9 Years in Prison for \$6.7 Million Swindle of Investors, Family and Friends

A West Hollywood man has been sentenced to 110 months in federal prison for defrauding investors, lenders, friends and family members out of approximately \$6.7 million, including via a series of scams he ran while out on bond after pleading guilty in a prior federal case.

Jeffrey Craig Yohai, 37, was sentenced late Friday by United States District Judge André Birotte Jr., who, when describing Yohai, said, “This is an individual who has an evil mind.” Judge Birotte also ordered Yohai to pay \$6.7 million in restitution to his victims.

Yohai pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, stemming from two separate cases.

The first case, which resulted in a guilty plea in February 2018, involved more than \$6 million in real estate loans and investments that supposedly would be used to purchase and rehabilitate properties in the Hollywood Hills and New York City. Yohai defaulted on the loans and the properties went into foreclosure - which Yohai tried to delay with bankruptcy filings.

While free on bond and awaiting sentencing in the first federal case, Yohai committed additional crimes. The second case, which resulted in a guilty plea in June 2019, involved a loan fraud scheme related to two of the properties at issue in the original federal case. Here, Yohai submitted a loan request that contained inflated appraisals. He also attempted to defraud another lender as he attempted to refinance the two properties, and Yohai contacted yet another lender with dramatically inflated appraisals to obtain refinancing - an effort that was rebuffed when that third lender learned of Yohai's guilty plea earlier this year.

Also in the second case, Yohai defrauded the owner of a rental property and attempted to lull the owner by showing him a \$60,000 check he falsely claimed had been remitted from his ex-wife's account. There are additional fraudulent acts outlined in the complaint which, including a scam in which he sold non-existent artist passes to the music festival in Coachella.

“{Yohai}...chose...to prey on those who trusted him, including friends and even family, taking their savings so he could splash out on luxury housing, automobiles, and high-living,” the prosecution wrote in the government's sentencing memorandum. “He did not restrict his marks to big businesses. He was just as likely to use his intelligence and charm to con families out of their life savings, or to steal from individuals whatever they would trust him with. Predictably, this resulted in emotional scars, financial devastation, changes in personality, and strains in partnerships and marriages.”

Yohai has been in federal custody since November 2018 one week after the Los Angeles Police Department arrested him on cases filed by local prosecutors.

These matters were investigated by the FBI and the Los Angeles Police Department's Major Crimes Division Transnational Organized Crime Section.

The two cases against Yohai were prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Andrew G. Brown of the Major Frauds Section.

SUBMITTED BY CIARAN MCEVOY, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

SANTA MONICA

The Breast Cancer Fundraiser Holds Sixth Annual Event

The Breast Cancer Fundraiser has announced its 6th Annual LABCF in Santa Monica to be hosted on November 16, at Le Méridien Delfina Santa Monica. Join them for a night featuring the arts, dancing, and some of LA's hottest items and opportunities featured in their Silent Auction.

The night's program will begin with a feature presentation with breast cancer survivor Charlotte Martin and a patient testimonial from local breast cancer fighter, Becki Ottusch.

They invite the community to join ambassadors Dana Richards of Malibu Dana, Charlotte Martin, and Becki Ottusch to come out for a fun night as they raise funds to support local breast cancer patients.

This benefit supports the mission of The Breast Cancer Fundraiser to preserve the dignity of breast cancer patients and their loved ones by supporting their unmet needs.

Through partnerships with national brands like Ta-Ta Towel, TOMS shoes, and MDF Instruments, THE BCF provides its signature WeCare package to recently diagnosed breast cancer patients. Each WeCare package contains curated products that focus on five key areas: WeCare about your comfort, WeCare about your journey, WeCare about your wellness, WeCare about your beauty, and WeCare about your loved ones.

The brainchild of breast cancer survivor, Erin Monroe, the WeCare program is designed to provide a care package that consists tangible products and resources to help alleviate the overwhelming feeling patients may feel during treatment. Items like yoga mats, warm grip socks, soft blankets, stress-relieving coloring books, stationary, and journals are just a few of the many thoughtful products in the bags.

Founder Nilo G. Low shared recently, “To be a part of something much larger than anything I could've imagined is quite an honor. Breast cancer warriors like Charlotte Martin, Malibu Dana and Becki Ottusch are the only reason events like this are happening. It's the passion that they have, and the first-hand experience of how powerful our WeCare program can be for a patient in need, that is carrying the energy of this inspirational night of generosity.”

THE Breast Cancer Fundraiser invites the community to get involved, volunteer, and raise awareness. For more information on the 6th Annual LABCF, please visit LABCF.EVENTBRITE.COM.

SUBMITTED BY LAURYN MASCARENAS



SANTA MONICA MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type “C-7” license, on the following: **Bid #20.03.SMS - Santa Monica High School Interim Repairs/Upgrades Project – Campus wide Cabling & IDF's at Santa Monica High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between \$170,000 -\$200,000 and includes the installation of campus wide cabling, including fiber for data, copper for emergency phones, and fire alarm control panel (FACP) network cabling; the partial removal of existing cabling; and the replacement or expansion of IDF equipment racks for rack space expansions. All cabling will be installed in existing underground conduits from building to building. Installation of cabling inside the building will be within existing conduits or new pathways and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be filed in the Districts Purchasing Office located at 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 on or before 12/11/19 no later than 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 11/20/19 at 10:00 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission: All applications are due no later than 11/27/19 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at <http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html>.

Mandatory Job Walk: 11/20/19 at 10:00 AM

Job Walk location: Santa Monica High School located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the schools 4th Street pedestrian gate, adjacent to the High Schools Football Field/Track, opposite the Civic Center parking structure. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location.**

Bid Opening: 12/11/19 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualitybidders.com directly.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA ORDINANCE NUMBER 2621 (CCS) (CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2621 (CCS), which was adopted by the City Council at its meeting of October 22, 2019.

Ordinance Number 2621 adds Chapter 8.98 to the Santa Monica Municipal Code. This ordinance imposes a new requirement for submittal of a Construction Management Plan as part of the building permit process, which will enable the City to work with the permit applicant to identify impacts proactively before demolition and construction activity begin. Chapter 8.98 will apply to projects that (a) meet certain development thresholds and (b) entail excavation or hauling by vehicles of dirt or construction materials to or from the project site that involves closure of or access to the public right of way. The Planning Director shall establish the requirements for the contents of a Construction Management Plan.

The ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.



Letter To The Editor

Matthew Stevens

[Send comments to editor@smdp.com](mailto:editor@smdp.com)

Housing needs

EDITOR:

Commissioner Fonda-Bonardi's notion that building more homes is the reason housing prices rise is complete nonsense. We've tried his slow-growth approach for decades, and Santa Monica now has some of the most expensive real estate in the entire world.

Saying that supply and demand is "suspended" in Santa Monica is like saying carbon emissions don't cause climate change. It's willfully ignorant and flies in the face of the

ample amount of academic and professional research we have on the topic.

Santa Monica desperately needs more homes. This reality is clear to anyone who has tried to rent or purchase within the last few years. Our new RHNA targets are a good first step and may finally force us to address our housing crisis that local leaders have ignored for far too long.

Matthew Stevens is a Santa Monica resident

ACTOR

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Santa Monica in 2015.

Last year, he landed his first breakthrough American role in an Eddie Murphy movie called Dolemite Is My Name. The film, which was released last week, marks Murphy's first acting role in three years and his return to critical acclaim.

Dolemite follows comedian Rudy Ray Moore in the early 1970s as he becomes an iconic blaxploitation filmmaker. Filimonovic was offered the role of Joseph Bihari, a Hungarian-American music executive who markets Moore's first comedy album.

"Eddie was one of my idols growing up," Filimonovic said. "When my agent called me to tell me I got the role, I started screaming in my car and really freaked out the elderly lady driving next to me."

Filimonovic said he was surprised he wasn't asked to play a Russian bad guy — a role he had frequently been asked to play since he started working in Hollywood.

"People in Hollywood look at me and think, 'hey, Eastern and Southeastern Europe are the same thing, let's cast him as a baddie with a Russian accent,'" he said. "When I got the role of Joseph Bihari, I was so happy that I finally had a chance to play someone born in the states."

For Filimonovic, getting a larger role in an American film has been a long time coming. He first moved to the United States to attend the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in New York, leaving behind a bachelor's degree in computer science and a budding career as a soccer player.

Filimonovic completed his studies in 2008 while going through a breakup and was going to move to Los Angeles one month later. But his mother encouraged him to visit Los Angeles before moving — both to get out of his head and to get a feel for the city — and on a whim, he bought a same-day plane ticket.

He landed at LAX and didn't know anyone

in Los Angeles, so he got in a cab and asked to go to the Santa Monica Pier.

"When I saw Santa Monica, I felt I was going to live here," he said. "For me, it's a vision of the American dream."

But after a short stint in Hollywood, Filimonovic was unable to secure a visa to remain in the United States and moved back to Serbia, where he acted in TV shows, got his black belt in karate and qualified as a lifeguard, working in rescue missions during catastrophic floods in the Balkans in 2014.

"I didn't want to get married for papers — I'm too romantic for that," he said. "I thought I'd go back to a smaller market and build my resume."

Still, he dreamed of returning to the United States and resuming his career.

"I grew up all over Europe and I've traveled all over the world. People's souls are the same everywhere, and any kind of art connects people across borders," he said. "When I was in Serbia, I felt like I was only reaching a small part of the world."

Four years ago, Filimonovic decided to make the leap to Los Angeles and managed to secure a green card based on his profile as an actor in Serbia. He spent a few years taking roles that he felt were typecast — armed guards, mainly — and worked briefly as an assistant to Tom Petty after he helped a woman with a broken arm, who turned out to be Petty's wife.

Filimonovic said his parents have been supportive of his choice to leave behind his careers in computer science and soccer to pursue acting. But he felt they couldn't put their full trust in his career until he landed the role in Dolemite, which he said has opened up new opportunities in his career.

"Being able to invite them to a Hollywood set and introduce them to Eddie Murphy made it feel like this big gamble was worth it," he said.

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they came to the couple's apartment later that day, all they did was wash the drain flies back down the drain.

Barringer asked Coastline to send a pest control team to the apartment. The company said that would take two days, so Barringer and Thatcher booked another hotel.

The pest control company Coastline hired cleaned the kitchen sink, but didn't remove the drain flies' larva from the garbage disposal. A couple of days later, flies started crawling up through the knobs of the sink.

Barringer and Thatcher went back to their apartment, trying to keep the bugs at bay. Coastline never responded to Barringer's emails asking the company to reimburse the couple for the hotels they had to stay in.

Other renters in the building — who spoke to The Daily Press on the condition of anonymity because they fear retaliation — said Barringer and Thatcher have been caught in the crossfire of Coastline's strategy to force out tenants who have lived in the rent-controlled building for decades, some of whom are paying as little as \$1,000 in rent.

When Coastline bought the building, it paid several tenants lump sums to vacate their apartments so it could charge new tenants much higher rents. Tracy Condon, executive director of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, said property owners are required to notify the board of buyout agreements, but Coastline never did. Today, 12 of the 20 units are occupied, two by Coastline employees.

Long-term tenants who did not accept buyout offers said Coastline is still trying to get them to leave the building — but through more creative means.

Tenants said Coastline has been renovating the building since last April, creating constant, unbearable noise that starts in the early morning and lasts throughout the day. Contractors scatter dust and debris in apartments, leave nails and glass lying in walkways and urinate in the building's parking garage.

Utilities have been frequently shut off during construction and Coastline has often prevented tenants from using their parking spots. In recent months, contractors have put plastic over many windows in the building, which tenants said rendered their apartments virtually uninhabitable during heatwaves earlier this fall.

Tenants also said the company has issued three-day eviction notices after tenants paid their rent, and the Rent Control Board put the company on notice twice for illegally changing tenants' lease terms and trying to raise their rent above what is permitted under the city's rent control laws.

Tenants said they have tried to get Coastline to rein in the contractors and respond to maintenance and habitability issues, but the company either ignores them or takes a long time to reply. The building lacks an on-site manager, despite being required to under state law because it contains more than 16 units.

Coastline's behavior toward its Santa Monica tenants is similar to actions that the New York attorney general described as tenant harassment in a recent investigation it conducted into Coastline's management of four buildings in

Brooklyn.

The attorney general wrote in a decision dated Sept. 19 that the company "engaged in acts that in the aggregate constitute tenant harassment," including issuing tenants erroneous eviction notices and causing noise, dust and unsafe conditions while renovating the properties and repeatedly interrupting water, heat and sewer services.

The decision also cited Coastline's failure to maintain a building manager on the premises and respond in a timely manner to health and safety emergencies or complaints.

The attorney general ordered Coastline to pay \$6,500 in rent credit to each tenant.

"The (attorney general) has concluded that (Coastline) ... committed a number of prohibited or repeated acts of such significance as to substantially interfere with or disturb the comfort, repose, peace or quiet or any tenant or resident of the apartment or was designed to get the tenant or resident to vacate or surrender the apartment," the attorney general wrote.

Coastline did not reply to multiple requests for comment from The Daily Press.

Barringer and Thatcher are planning on moving and retaining an attorney to secure compensation from Coastline for their hotel costs and other damages. But long-term, low-income tenants said they don't have that option.

"The place has become so unsafe and filthy ... we're experiencing constant stress," said one tenant, who has lived in the building for decades. "What they're doing is making our lives really hard to force us to move out and clear the way for higher rents. But I'm going to stay here and bear it. With what I'm paying now, I can't afford to live anywhere in Santa Monica or the rest of LA."

Another longtime tenant went to the City Attorney's Office to file a tenant harassment case against Coastline. They were told that in order for the Consumer Affairs Division to initiate a case, they would need proof that Coastline's actions toward its tenants were in bad faith.

"Under the local ordinance, we have to show the landlord committed a prohibited act, like attempting to unlawfully evict tenants or disturbing their peace and quiet, and prove that they did it with the intent to vex, annoy, harass, provoke or injure the tenant," said Gary Rhoades, a deputy city attorney.

Over the past two years, the City Attorney's Office has filed 11 tenant harassment or discrimination cases, four of which have resulted in court judgments against owners and two of which have settled out of court, Rhoades said.

But Rent Control Board member Anastasia Foster said hundreds of rent-controlled tenants have complained to the board that their landlords are trying to get them to move out by making their lives miserable. The problem, she said, is that it's extremely difficult to prove that they are acting in bad faith.

"They're making buildings really undesirable to live in to force people out, and then they renovate them and fetch sky-high rents," Foster said. "It's symptomatic of the rampant real estate speculation in Santa Monica."

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Ordinance Number 2620 amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 2.32.040 related to miscellaneous administration matters. The ordinance grants the City Attorney the power to: inspect; issue subpoenas; issue written interrogatories; obtain sworn testimony and take evidence; and petition a court for an order to compel testimony, answers to written interrogatories, and the production of items. The ordinance also establishes that the destruction or concealment of items requested pursuant to a subpoena shall constitute a misdemeanor.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2622 (CCS) (CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2622 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2622 (CCS) (“the Ordinance”)

The Ordinance amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 9.46, the City’s Affordable Housing Production Program, to extend the removal of the extremely low-income category as an option for satisfying affordable housing obligations. On April 9, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 2605 (CCS) which removed the extremely low-income category option until November 27, 2019. Under Ordinance Number 2622, the removal of the extremely low-income category option is extended for an additional 12 months and applies to projects with an application that is determined complete on or after March 26, 2019 or before November 27, 2020.

Ordinance Number 2622 (CCS) was adopted on October 22, 2019, and will become effective thirty days from its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



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Traffic, And Methodists



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TRAFFIC: It's getting harder to drive into or out of Santa Monica due to congestion.

TRAFFIC

We don't seem to talk about it as much anymore. Given up, we have. But I've been thinking about it lately.

Went out for a walk early last week, around 5 p.m., and when I hit Ocean Park at 6th I glanced east and saw the line of cars disappearing bumper to bumper over the hill towards Lincoln, a normal occurrence almost any time of day, increasingly the last couple of years. But I was a little surprised to glance west and see the line extending under the 4th Street overpass (the whales and carousel murals) toward Main Street. I think I just hadn't noticed lately because since then I have seen that sight every day or evening, weekday or weekend. Except a couple of times it looked like the backup reached all the way to Main Street.

I used to jest that our traffic travails would soon end because no one would be able to get their car out of the driveway. I'm not so sure anymore that's a joke.

57 MINUTES DOWN TO 24

Or vice versa. That's a typical change from Google Maps on your travel time when you check at different times. I'm realizing I can't check a route in advance any more and have a realistic idea of how long it will take.

A couple weeks ago my daughter called from her car and wondered if she should even try to make it to her appointment for a yearly physical on the westside because the traffic coming from her downtown LA workplace was at a near standstill, in the middle of the day. She thought she had allowed plenty of time, but no.

What I'm illustrating is that horrible traffic, getting exponentially worse all over El Lay, is not exclusive to SM. But as with so many other problems we have here, our City Council and staff say one thing and go through the motions, but their efforts at mitigating are laughable because their hearts aren't in it. Because they caused them in the first place (here in SM), or at least exacerbated them, or at best failed to do anything effective.

THEY SAY

They are making efforts to fight gridlock but they keep approving more and more overdevelopment. They say building more housing will allow workers to live here instead of commuting, when they know damn well pretty much only highly-paid white collar workers can now afford to live here. And yet they also keep approving more office space and retail.

They profess compassion for the homeless but lack compassion for the residents who have suffered terribly, emotionally and physically, sometimes just avoiding injury and even death. They have all these programs that sound good but no plan for relief to the residents. It's like bailing water from the front of the boat while letting a huge hose gush into the back.

We all know about the confrontations and physical assaults, defecation on doorsteps, tent cities, calm afternoons shattered by some unfortunate screaming at his invisible demons. What are we doing to a generation of our children traumatized by all these scary things? For decades you have made SM a haven for the homeless with illegal meals in the parks and very little enforcement of our laws. Housing is great but where is a realistic and effective plan for treating the mental illness that we now know afflicts more than half of the homeless, resulting in a resident population that feels trapped in their own city, afraid to emerge from their own homes?

TAKE THE SCOOTERS

Please (said Henny Youngman). Never forget, our City Council and staff allowed those for-profit companies to dump thousands of them all over our streets. They later gave away our public sidewalks and streets to park them, did not enforce the laws and fined them so lightly they barely noticed, while so many residents were injured, one killed and several others came within inches of losing

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You’re not sure how a thing is going to come together, and that’s half the fun. You can trust yourself – you really can. Having people close by who believe in you will help, but it’s not a necessity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everything you say and do has influence. It’s easy to note the first few ripples caused by an action. That’s all most people take note of. But keep watching, because today’s ripples are extremely far-reaching.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Instead of hoping for the best, take more control of the situation. How could it go wrong? This is where pessimism is an asset. And here’s how it will go right: You’ll anticipate, prevent and succeed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You’ll do the work of a passionate individual, one who is not consumed with the bottom financial line but with the whole impact of a cycle of meaningful, purposeful contribution.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You’ll share what you do and who you are in a way that gets people talking. While they are free to have their own impressions, you’re also pretty clever at presenting things in a light that leans most to your desired response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are things to start up and things to shut down. The time has come to start looking at the entire picture and deciding which is which. Your mind is clear, and your heart is true.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you enter a room full of people, what do you see? Exciting potential and unique opportunity? An obstacle course to navigate? A political minefield? Get your mindset aligned with the outcome you’re hoping for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The very nature of a support system is that the help is not all coming from one source. That would just be a support pillar. Consider your system. Couldn’t you use a few more beams and pressure absorbers?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Curiosity elevates life from ordinary to extraordinary. The trouble comes when curiosity strays from the situation at hand, thus developing into distraction. Keep bringing attention back to the current moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You’ll be dealing with a thing that requires your constant attention. It will feel as though you are riding this – steering it with all parts of your being, every inch of the way. Well, that’s what it takes to get there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you like how you feel around a person, you’ll want to be with that person. This simple principle of attraction will be at the root of the day’s surprising developments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Every relationship brings a lesson. The theme of today’s tutorial is fear. You’ll think about what you might be afraid of, overcoming that, and how you might comfort and allay the fears of others.

Neptune's Homespun Poetry

Home is that place you might leave but that never leaves you. The poet suggests there are ways to bring a place wherever you go. While the mountains, seas and trees are heavy, the wind is yours to carry, even without knowing exactly how. This wistfulness comes courtesy of the soulful trine of Mercury and Neptune.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

“I’m a landscaper by trade, and I have worked hard all of my life. My family owns several acres of orange groves on the Florida coast. My brothers and I have inherited some of the land, and my younger brother wants to sell his part of it and live in style. My wife wants me to do the same, but it just doesn’t feel right to me. This land has been in our family for generations. I would like to have something to pass down to my children, if ever I have children. You should know that my wife is 46 and doesn’t want children. This has always been a problem between us. Should I sell the land or keep it? My birthday is May 14, 1965, and I was born at 1 p.m. EST in

Key West, Florida.” The fifth house of your astrological chart speaks to your creative talents and powers of imagination. It also has to do with children. You do not have planets in the fifth house, which indicates that this part of your destiny is unwritten – it is completely up to you. Just because you do not currently have direct DNA-related heirs doesn’t mean you don’t have a legacy. Consider carefully your contributions, what you care about, and the values you stand for and would like to see live on past you. With Pisces in the fifth house, you are susceptible to romantic persuasion, but this one is yours to sort out and feel good about.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

From “Sex and the City” to “Gone” and beyond, Chris Noth enthralls with the brooding, magnetic and “big” presence for which Scorpio is famous. Noth is the co-owner of The Cutting Room, a swanky Manhattan nightclub offering a place to watch classy shows in a beautiful setting. Incidentally, Scorpio is the sign of cutting and surgery. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Devoir

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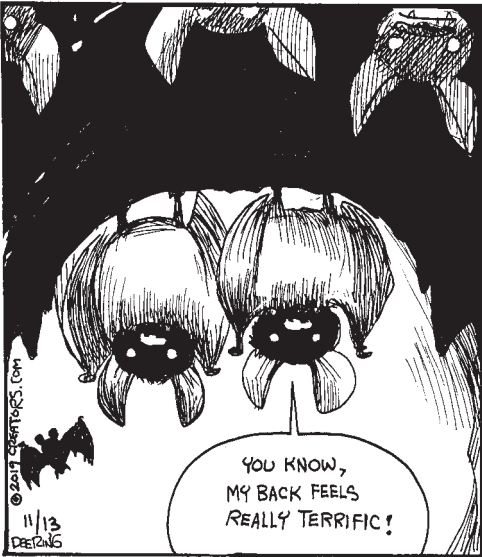
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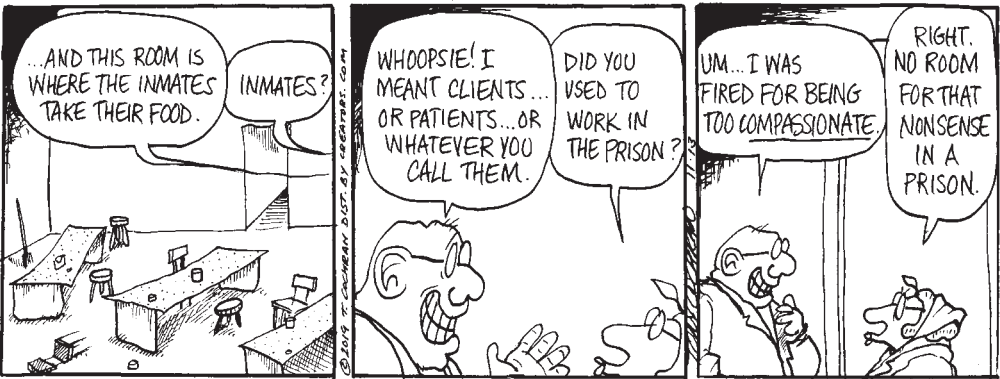
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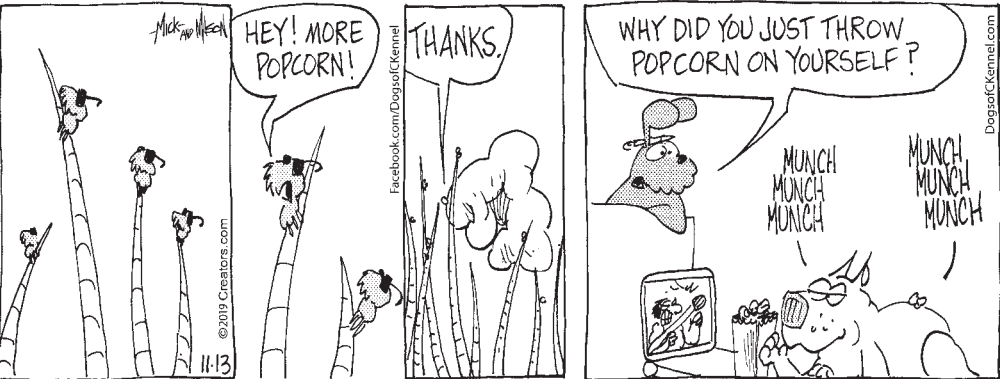
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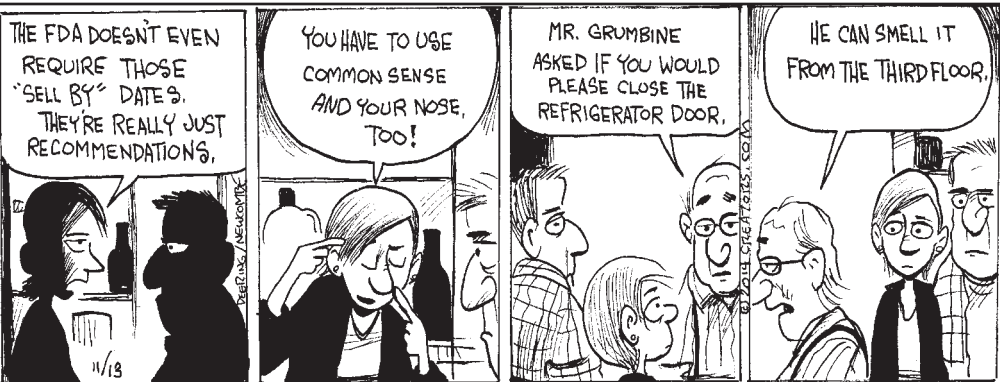
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Draw Date: 11/11
1st: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 6 - WHIRL WIN
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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.9°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ knee to waist high occ. 4 ft
Small S/SW swell combo begins to ease. Modest WNW swell fades

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Reinforcing WNW swell moves in. Old S/SW swell leftovers.

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

1	7	3	8	6	4	9	2	5
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Newsday Crossword

TRY SOMETHING ELSE by Charles Slack
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

- 1 Flounder or shark
5 (Had) sketched
10 Alley howler
13 Catch sight of
14 Hair-raising
15 Hotshot pilot
16 Sudden police action
17 Convent boss
18 Negative side of a debate
19 To ___ . . . (do-over advice, part 1)
22 Winter driving hazard
23 Bridal covering
24 Some golf clubs
25 Statutes and ordinances
26 Bright thought
28 Bangkok natives
31 Sweetie pie
32 Plumbing annoyance
36 Go ___ . . . (advice, part 2)
40 Initial poker stake
41 Used to be
42 Sports venue
43 Gelatin shaper
45 Department to buy ties
47 In the lead
50 Long-gone flightless bird
51 Harden, as cement
54 And ___ (end of advice)
58 Part of TGIF
59 Tin Man's accessory
60 Dustcloths
61 Sara ___ cakes
62 Consumers

- 63 Scandinavian capital
64 90-degree shape
65 Doesn't leave
66 Subsequently

DOWN

- 1 Nuclear physicist Enrico
2 Science giant Newton
3 Sudden increase
4 Jekyll's alter ego
5 Demolition rubbish
6 Challenge authority
7 Greek war god
8 Aspiration
9 Loch monster, affectionately
10 Chocolate source

- 11 Squirrel snack
12 Campsite shelters
17 Several
20 Nautical "Halt!"
21 Wall Street buy-and-sell people
25 At a very fast pace
26 Written promise to pay
27 CS/ forensic evidence
28 Unfilled schedule slot abbr.
29 Solo of *Star Wars*
30 Perform a role
31 Ctrs. of operations
33 Fish eggs
34 Rustic stopover

- 35 Pod veggie
37 Hooting flyer
38 Feeling blue
39 Wouldn't shut up
44 Highly objectionable
45 Swampy tract
46 Genesis garden
47 Physically nimble
48 Home away from home
49 Artist's stand
50 Speak out against
51 Action-film "buckler" starter
52 Bird on dollar bills
53 Actress Cicely
55 Boxer's weapon
56 Dog-biting bug
57 Leisurely run

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DATE OF SEPARATION: September 2011 MINOR CHILDREN: There are no minor children. LEGAL GROUNDS (Family Code Sections 2200-2210, 2310-2312) a. Divorce 1. Irreconcilable differences. CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION (PARENTING TIME) N/A CHILD SUPPORT N/A SPOUSAL OR DOMESTIC PARTNER SUPPORT B. Terminate (end) the court's ability to award support to Petitioner and Respondent SEPARATE PROPERTY Confirm as separate property the assets and debts in the following list: There are various separate property assets and debts, the precise nature, location and extent are currently unknown. Petitioner will seek leave to amend if necessary. COMMUNITY AND QUASI-COMMUNITY PROPERTY B Determine right to community and quasi-community property assets and debts. All such assets and debts are listed as follows: There are various separate /property assets and debts, the precise nature, location and extent are currently unknown. Petitioner will seek leave to amend if necessary. OTHER REQUEST N/A I HAVE READ THE RESTAINIGN ORDERS ON THE BACK OF THE SUMMONS, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY APPLY TO ME WHEN THIS PETITON IS FILED. I declare under penalty of perjury under the lar of the States of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Date: 04/30/19 Priscilla Lee Taylor Date: 04/30/19 John E. Carlson. Esq.

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facts, and access to records about all. -Current income and expenses and -Community and separate property assests and debts You have a continuing duty to share material financial information, such as changes in income, until there is a financial agreement about all financial issues in your case. Duty to Exchange Financial Information Both parties have a duty to disclose all material information. If you have greater access to certain information than the other spouse, you must provide such information to the other spouse Preparing Disclosure Documents (PDD) Follow the instructions on Form FL-140 for Preliminary Declaration of Disclosure (PDD). File Form FL-141 (Proof of Service) within 5 days of serving the PDD. Deadlines for Sharing Financial Information The Petitioner has 60 days after filing the Petition to complete the PDD and have the other spouse served. The Respondent has 60 days after filing the Response to complete the PDD and have the other spouse served. Exception: You and your spouse can extend the deadline if you agree in writing or get permission from the court. What information must be shared You must provide the other spouse all important information regarding the existence, characterization, and valuation of all community and separate property assets and debts. You must provide access to all information, records and books that pertain to the value and character of assets and debts in which the community has or may have an interest. You must disclose to the other spouse all assets and debts in which the party may have an interest or obligation and disclose all current income and expenses. You must immediately update such

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ALL PARTIES MUST write the name of the assigned judicial officer and department number on the first page, beneath the case number on ALL documents filed with the clerk, to assure proper departmental assignment, calendaring of hearings and distribution of documents. COMMISSIONERS: Case may be assigned to a sitting or retired Superior Court Commissioner, or a Temporary Judge. A Commisioner/Temporary Judge may preside as the judge over a case only if the parties agree. Additionally, a Commisioner/Temporary Judge may be assigned solely for the processing of the Default or Stipulated judgement. If this occurs, failure to object to the assigned judicial officer within 10 or Stipulated Judgement has been signed will be deemed as having stipulated to the Commissioner or Temporary Judge. INTERPRETER SERVICES: The Los Angeles Superior Court offers interpreter services free of charge. Spanish language interpreters for Family Law are available at each court location where Family Law matters are heard. Therefore, it is not necessary to request a Spanish language interpreter in advance. If you need an interpreter in another language for a courtroom proceeding, you should request one prior to your court date. While the court will make every effort to locate an interpreter for the date and time of your hearing, it cannot guarantee that one will be immediately available. You may access the interpreter request portal by visiting the Court's website at www.lacourt.org and clicking on the Language Access Services icon. Date: 5/2/2019 Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court By: Veronica Cabrera, Deputy

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Full Name: Karendeep Uppal, et al Address: N/A Respondent (Restrained Person) Full Name: Millind Thacker Address: N/A Court Hearing The judge has set a court hearing date. The current restraining order stays in effect until the end of the hearing. Hearing Date: 12/17/19 at 8:30 a.m. Dept ST-2C Room: 243 At the hearing, the judge can renew the current restraining order for up to another three years. You must continue to obey the current restraining order until the hearing. At the hearing you can tell the judge if you do not want the order against you renewed. If the restraining order is renewed, you must obey the order even if you do not attend the hearing. If you wish to make a written response to request to renew the restraining order, you may fill out form WV-720, Response to Request or Renew Restraining Order. File the original with the court before the hearing and have someone age 18 or older -not you- mail a copy of it to the petitioner's attorney at the address above at least 5 days before the hearing. Also, file form EV-250, Proof of Service of Response by Mail, with the court before the hearing.

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EMS 2000blk 21st St 2:24 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 2:56 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:02 a.m.
EMS 900blk Princeton St 3:50 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700blk Ocean Ave 6:20 a.m.
EMS 2400blk 3rd St 7:21 a.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 7:36 a.m.
EMS 1400blk California Ave 8:02 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 9:29 a.m.
Public assiSt 500blk 23rd St 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:37 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 12:06 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:18 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 12:30 p.m.

Flooded condition 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:08 p.m.
EMS 100blk Pacific St 1:16 p.m.
EMS 900blk 14th St 1:16 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:17 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:29 p.m.
EMS 800blk Palisades Beach Rd 1:32 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 1:54 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:44 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1500blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:19 p.m.
EMS 1600blk the beach 3:32 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Urban Ave 3:41 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:57 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 4:16 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 5:02 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700blk 21st St 5:04 p.m.

BISHOPS

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as a “tragedy” and said he witnessed the “suffering of the people there” during visits to south Texas cities last year.

“It’s an essential cause,” he said of overhauling immigration policy. “Our encouragement to elected officials is to find a good, solid immigration reform that allows people to move legally.”

Gómez, 67, has been vice president of the bishops’ conference for the past three years. He is considered a practical-minded conservative in terms of church doctrine but has made clear his disappointment over key immigration-control policies adopted by the Trump administration.

He said he was praying for a favorable outcome from the U.S. Supreme Court after it heard arguments Tuesday on whether the administration could end a program that allows some immigrants to work legally in the U.S. while protecting them from deportation. Gómez and other bishops want the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to be extended.

“Archbishop Gomez is a quiet pastor with a powerful voice for immigrants,” tweeted John Gehring, Catholic program director at a Washington-based clergy network called Faith in Public Life. “The first Latino to lead Catholic bishops at a time when the Trump administration is attacking immigrants won’t be afraid to call out racism and nativism.”

Gómez succeeds Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, archbishop of Galveston-Houston, whose three-year presidency was complicated by the church’s clergy sex-abuse crisis.

Following the election of Gómez, the bishops chose Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron, 71, as the new vice president. By tradition, that puts him in line to become president in three years, although he would be close to the mandatory retirement age of 75 at that point.

Like Gómez, Vigneron has criticized some U.S. policies he deemed hostile to immigrants. He is considered a staunch conservative on many other Catholic issues, though some conservatives have complained that he should halt a long-running Dignity Mass in Detroit that advocates full inclusion of LGBT Catholics.

Ordained in 1975, Vigneron was named archbishop of Detroit in 2009 by Pope Benedict XVI. Before that, the Michigan native

served as a bishop in Oakland, California.

Gomez was born in Monterrey, Mexico, and studied theology at the University of Navarra in Spain. He was ordained an Opus Dei priest in 1978 and worked in the Galveston-Houston area and in Denver before being named archbishop of San Antonio in 2004. He became archbishop of Los Angeles in 2011.

In August, after a gunman targeting Mexicans killed 22 people at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, Gómez wrote a powerful statement condemning white supremacy and noting that Spanish was spoken in North America before English.

Also Tuesday, the Catholic bishops voted to authorize development of a “comprehensive vision” for Hispanic ministry, to be completed over the next few years.

While Hispanics account for about 37% of all U.S. Catholics, they are no longer a majority-Catholic group, according to the Pew Research Center. A recent Pew survey said 47% of Hispanics in the U.S. now call themselves Catholic, down from 57% in 2009.

In discussing outreach to Hispanics, many bishops brought up the role of Catholic education.

“I’d like to see you really promote our Catholic schools,” said Cardinal Sean O’Malley, the archbishop of Boston, “But we know that the vast majority of our Hispanic families cannot afford them.”

He suggested the use of tax credits and vouchers to help offset the cost of tuition.

He also suggested building more youth centers for Hispanic children that offer after-school and weekend programs, which he said keep young people “out of gangs” and “close to the church.”

One of the most heated exchanges among the bishops was over whether opposition to abortion should be designated the “preeminent” priority for the church in the U.S.

Some bishops in the conference’s relatively liberal faction expressed concern that this phrasing undercuts Pope Francis’ recent calls for emphasizing other priorities as well.

But an effort to modify the letter failed by a 2-to-1 margin.

“I like the pope’s text, and I believe it — but I am against anyone denying that abortion is the preeminent social issue of our time,” said Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia.

Crary reported from New York.

Family disturbance 2400blk 34th St 12:54 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:23 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 16th St 2:56 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:09 a.m.
Vandalism 1100blk 20th St 5:18 a.m.
Vandalism 1300blk Olympic Blvd 5:29 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:01 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Washington Ave 6:12 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk 4th St 6:17 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 7:19 a.m.
Illegal weapon 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:23 a.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 7:25 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 500blk Colorado Ave 8:21 a.m.
Found property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:33 a.m.
Petty theft 5th St / Broadway 8:52 a.m.
Auto burglary 300blk Bicknell Ave 8:56 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1000blk Harvard St 9:00 a.m.
Disturbance at a business 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk the beach 9:44 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk the beach 10:04 a.m.
Harassing phone calls 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:45 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk the beach 10:52 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2nd St / California Ave 11:17 a.m.
Burglary 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:28 a.m.
Petty theft 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:34 a.m.
Fight 1500blk Ocean Ave 11:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 11:41 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 900blk Yale St 12:04 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:26 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:46 p.m.
Public intoxication 1500blk 2nd St 12:56 p.m.
Grand theft auto 300blk Olympic Dr 1:11 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1300blk Wilshire

Blvd 1:13 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:20 p.m.
Burglary 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:37 p.m.
72 Hour psychiatric hold 300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:40 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 20th St 1:52 p.m.
Person down 1500blk 4th St 1:54 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:57 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1000blk 5th St 2:05 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 500blk 9th St 2:14 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:18 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk Montana Ave 2:56 p.m.
72 Hour psychiatric hold 1500blk 9th St 3:09 p.m.
Person down 1600blk the beach 3:32 p.m.
Encampment Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 3:42 p.m.
Hit and run 1100blk 9th St 3:46 p.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Fraud 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 4:42 p.m.
Petty theft 200blk Pacific St 4:47 p.m.
Battery 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:50 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:53 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating in public 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:07 p.m.
Petty theft 200blk Pacific St 5:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Franklin St 5:18 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 2nd St / Ashland Ave 5:26 p.m.
Overdose 1000blk Ocean Ave 5:29 p.m.
Burglary 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:38 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2300blk Virginia Ave 5:50 p.m.
Battery 5th St / Broadway 6:05 p.m.
Person down 1500blk 2nd St 6:53 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1100blk 25th St 7:23 p.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 7:32 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1200blk 25th St 8:02 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1400blk 4th St 8:22 p.m.
Illegal weapon 2nd St / Arizona Ave 9:41 p.m.
Fight 1400blk Marine St 10:09 p.m.

CURIOUS CITY

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their lives. They allowed Santa Monica to become the launching ground, through Bird, but as it spread across the nation most other cities acted on behalf of their residents, not on behalf of the scooter companies.

Never forget, when you next go into the voting booth.

AND NOW, 4TH-5TH & ARIZONA

Your selected leaders are moving forward with a 12-story hotel in the middle of our gridlocked downtown, when what we need there, on our land bought with our tax money, is the kind of central plaza that almost every city in the world has. We need trees and open space, not a monstrous mountain of concrete. What are they thinking of? Not us, that’s for

sure.

Keep in mind, dear citizens, that even in the numbed Age of Trump, all these things are insane. There is no justification.

BUT NOW, SOME GOOD NEWS

The Church In Ocean Park had their meeting Sunday, it was packed, and the vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church was resoundingly unanimous. That’s just a first step that keeps options open until the direction of the organization is determined. And Rev. Janet got a resounding vote of approval from all, including the district supervisor. As well she should.

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