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Water rate increase planned for this year

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Water rates will go up nine percent in 2019 as the City of Santa Monica embarks on several projects to wean itself off of imported water.

City Council is expected to approve the rate hike at its Tuesday meeting. The average single-family home customer will pay about $4.33 more per month for water to fund the design of a larger, more efficient water treatment plant, the purchase of a new well and the cost of replacing the city's aging water mains, said chief sustainability officer Dean Kubani.

The rate increase will go into effect retroactively on Jan. 1.

The City set a goal of achieving water self-sufficiency in 2011 and originally aimed to get there by 2020. Staff said that would take an additional three years in December 2018.

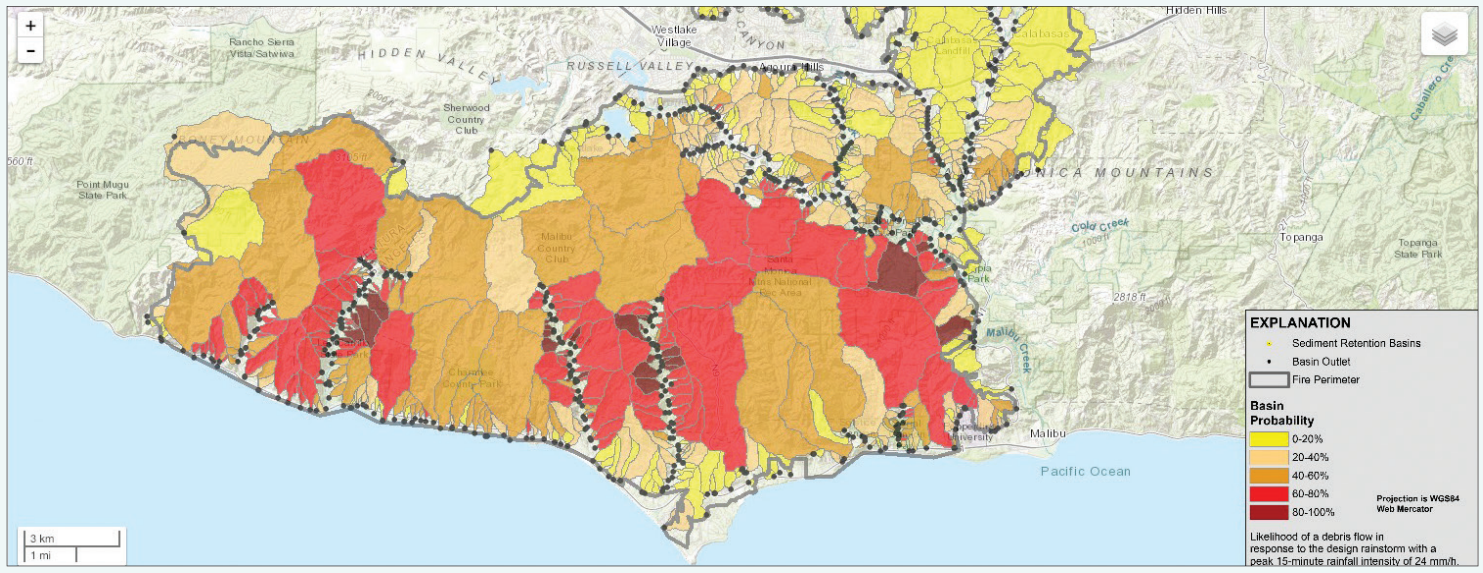
Using local water will be cheaper and ensure residents can receive water even during regional droughts. In addition, producing and transporting local water will use far less greenhouse gases than importing it.

Since 2015, the City has projected water rates to rise nine percent each year to fund water self-sufficiency projects, but rates only rose five percent in 2016, 2017 and 2018 because the City received more revenue from water sales than expected and had to delay some projects because it didn't have enough engineers and water staff, Kubani said.

Water rates rose by 33 percent

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Weekend rain predicted for Los Angeles



File Photos

SLIDES: Officials are warning weekend rain could trigger possible mud slides in areas damaged by the recent Woolsey Fire.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Forecasters are predicting the first storm of the new year this weekend with wind, rain and possibly snow across the region.

According to the National Weather Service, rain is predicted for Saturday afternoon. High temperatures will be near 62 and wind gusts could reach 15 mph. Thunderstorms are possible through Saturday night with a 50 percent chance showers persist into Sunday. The weather is expected to clear Sunday with a high near 62 and light, variable winds. By Monday, temperatures are predicted to be bear 64 with clear skies.

"There is a high likelihood that a High Surf Advisory will be needed across the Central Coast from Saturday morning through Monday morning, and moderate confidence a high surf advisory may be needed for the Los Angeles and Ventura County beaches during that time," said a NWS alert. "Breakers of up to 10 to 14 feet with max sets to 17 feet will be possible for the Central Coast, with surf of 7 feet or higher possible for west-facing beaches of Ventura and Los Angeles Counties."

The alert said dangerous rip currents are also possible.

Caltrans said it's preparing local highways for rain and the possibility of snow below 4,000 feet in nearby mountain areas.

"The mountain and pass regions will be preparing the highway in advance of the storm with deicing agents, said an

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Persimmon is the featured fruit for Restaurant Week

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica Restaurant Week is returning to the city Monday, Jan. 7 through Sunday, Jan. 13 and more than 30 restaurants will be crafting dishes around this year's signature ingredient, the persimmon.

The nutrient-rich persimmon is in season at Santa Monica's four weekly farmers markets from late October through early January. It's a sweet, orange fruit that comes in two distinct varieties: the more common fuyu, which is slightly crunchy and sweet enough to eat like an apple, and the hachiya, which takes on a honeyed taste only after it becomes very ripe.

Diners who visit the restaurants creating persimmon-centric dishes will have the chance to win a $500 dining certificate by sharing photos on social media using the hashtag #SMRestaurantWeek.

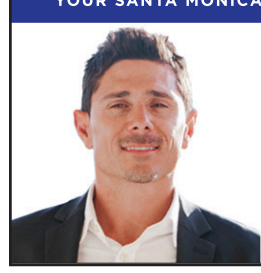
Chefs are creating a wide selection of dishes that experiment with the ingredient, including salsas, salads and desserts. Most chefs are sourcing their persimmons from the Santa Monica Farmers Markets.

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is putting a unique twist on the funnel cake by infusing the batter with persimmon and drizzling it with sweetened compote made from the fruit.

Nick Shipp of Upper West, a New American restaurant in the

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Jan. 5

Training for Tech Teen Volunteer and Leadership Program

Become eligible to volunteer at library tech events by attending this mandatory two-part training. High school students only. Must commit to both sessions. January 5, 1 – 5 p.m. – Introduction to library technologies including 3D printing and coding toys. January 6, 1 – 5 p.m. – Strategies for working with the public and facilitating creative projects. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Saturday Story Time

Kick start the weekend with some fun stories and songs! Ages 2-5 and families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Ocean Park Book Group

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. 'Manhattan Beach' by Jennifer Egan. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 6

Poetry & the Imagination 2.0

In this workshop, you will read a wide variety of poems by outstanding modern and contemporary poets, generate new work in response to prompts, and workshop edited poems. A continuation of the work created in the previous series with a fresh supply of fun and inspiring prompts. The workshop will culminate with a public reading on Saturday March 16. Sundays, 1/6, - 3/17. 2 – 4 p.m. Cost: $90. 1450 Ocean. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/69930

Monday, Jan. 7

Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Meeting

Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board meeting occurs the first Monday of every month. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 7 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

The Disabilities Commission Regular Meeting

The mission of the Disabilities Commission is to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 p.m.

Just for Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Workshop

Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 4 – 5 p.m.

Mosaic Art

Make a unique mosaic masterpiece using found materials. Presented by the reDiscover Center. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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Federal employees feel financial pinch as shutdown drags on

CLAUDIA LAUER AND MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
Associated Press

As the government's partial shutdown pushed toward a third week, hundreds of thousands of federal workers are feeling the financial pinch.

They're calling mortgage companies, hoping for a break, and weighing the risks of letting other bills go unpaid. They're reheating leftovers and turning down the thermostat to save a few bucks. They're looking into applying for loans or unemployment insurance.

Their worries go beyond household budgets. Some are stressed about the unfinished work piling up in their absence while President Donald Trump and Congress clash over a plan for reopening the government. For many furloughed federal employees, the worst part is the uncertainty over how long the shutdown will last. A look at some of their worries:

SAVING RECEIPTS

This is Nora Brooks' favorite time of the year. Not because of the holidays, but because of her job. The 61-year-old Philadelphia native is a customer service representative for the Internal Revenue Service. She loves helping taxpayers navigate the IRS, including getting their refunds.

"I get to be the person that explains to you what you have to do to make it better," Brooks said.

At 11:30 p.m. Dec. 21, Brooks entered into the system one last concern from a taxpayer whose refund had been held up. "I didn't want the shutdown to further delay this taxpayer I made a commitment to," she said.

For the past 13 days, she's been furloughed, worrying about whether she'll need to seek a second job. The agency requires pre-approval to avoid conflicts of interest, but there's no one in the office to sign off.

She stayed up until 3 a.m. Wednesday figuring out which bills needed to be paid and which could wait. The agency gave employees a letter explaining the furlough to creditors, but "it means absolutely nothing to them," she said.

So Brooks' recent purchases sit in bags, receipts on top, in case she needs money for the electric bill. The thermostat is turned down; she dons a hoodie inside. She spent her health savings account instead of letting it carry over because the reimbursement could pay bills.

"You try not to freak out, but I don't have any control over what's going to happen next month. I'm second guessing. Should I have had a whole nest egg? Well, no, my pay doesn't allow for that," she said.

RAIDING THE FREEZER

Rebecca Maclean, a housing program specialist for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Pittsburgh, received her last pre-shutdown paycheck over the weekend. She and her husband used it to make their monthly mortgage payment and cover some Christmas expenses for their three children.

Maclean, 41, said her family is trying to cut back on expenses. They stayed home for a movie night instead of going to a theater. Instead of takeout dinners, they eat leftovers and call it the "Freezer Baking Challenge."

The family's financial outlook isn't dire yet — her husband, Dan Thompson, owns a knife-making business and works as an elected constable. But they recently sat down to prioritize which bills must be paid and which can be late without dinging their credit.

"We're fine for now," she said. "Missing two paychecks in January might be a little hairy."

Maclean, a local shop steward for the American Federation of Government Employees union, said she's frustrated that federal employees are being used "as a bargaining chip."

"I don't know why they want to use 800,000 government employees to make a point," she said.

FILLING THE DOWNTIME

In a coffee shop offering free drinks to furloughed workers, Amanda Wagner enjoyed a perk of the downtime from the shutdown: She spent a leisurely Thursday morning assembling a digital photo album of her two young children.

Wagner, 37, and 36-year-old husband Nelson are both federal employees. She's a branch chief for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington. He works for the Justice Department. Neither will draw a paycheck until the government reopens.

"The uncertainty is scary," she said.

For now, Wagner isn't worried about covering their biggest monthly expenses: the mortgage on their Takoma Park, Maryland, home; child care for their two kids; and credit card bills. Her children's daycare centers are allowing parents to defer payments during the shutdown.

She knows some colleagues face tougher choices, such as whether to borrow money from family.

"Frankly, I think it's going to affect us if it lasts much longer. Then I think we will have some cash-flow issues," she said.

A silver lining: The family is catching up on household projects. They built a bed for their daughter, who just grew out of her crib.

LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK

Single parent Leisyka Parrott, a Bureau of Land Management employee in Arcata, California, waited until the weekend before Christmas to shop for her 13-year-old son. Her furlough had a sobering effect on their holiday celebration.

"I definitely went really light on it this year," Parrott said. "I explained to my son that our financial future is uncertain."

Parrott, 47, a union steward for the National Federation of Federal Employees, isn't taking it for granted that she and other furloughed workers will get back pay, as they did after previous government shutdowns.

"It's scary," she said. "I do live paycheck to paycheck."

Gas isn't cheap, so Parrott stays home as much as she can. With rent and car payments, she doesn't have much wiggle room in her family budget.

"I already live pretty frugally," she said.

She's reluctant to borrow money from a federal employee credit union but says she might explore that if the shutdown extends into next week.

STILL GOING TO WORK

Mike Gayzagian, a Transportation Security Administration officer at Boston's Logan Airport, got his last pre-shutdown paycheck last week and continues to report to work, as all TSA officers have since the government closed.

The 49-year-old said worrying about finances has made it difficult to concentrate on keeping airports safe.

"It's a bizarre situation to be in, where you know you have go to work but you're not getting paid," said Gayzagian, who has worked for the TSA for more than a decade and recently became acting president of Local 2617 of the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents TSA workers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine.

The Watertown, Massachusetts, resident says he and his wife, who works for a bank, have January's rent covered, but they've already started looking to defer other bills on their two-bedroom apartment.

"As a federal employee, we're not supposed to be political," Gayzagian said. "This is not our fight, but we're being used as pawns."

He's also concerned about the effect frequent shutdowns could have on government service.

"People can't work in an industry that's at risk of shutting down once or twice a year," he said.

WORRYING OVER CONTRACTOR PAY

Federal contractor Chris Erickson says he'll run out of vacation days if the shutdown continues.

The father of three from Salt Lake City will then crack into his savings, and he'll likely postpone a 14th wedding anniversary trip with his wife to a cabin.

Erickson said he likely won't get the chance for reimbursement for the lost days because he's a contractor.

"It feels like contractors are forgotten in the mix," he said. "Congress issues back pay for the government employees, and long-term contractors are ignored."

Erickson, 36, could probably find another job, but the software engineer says he believes in the work he does for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: designing software to help governments and private companies work together to better protect endangered species during construction projects.

Erickson blames the shutdown on Trump and his demand for a border wall.

"One can argue over the merits of border security," he said. "But if you really think about it, walls are pretty ineffective."

Erickson called Washington's political divide depressing.

"We've moved to the point where we no longer see the person who has a different set of views as different," he said. "We see them as evil."

Kunzelman reported from Silver Spring, Maryland. Associated Press reporters Philip Marcelo in Watertown, Massachusetts, and Ben Finley in Norfolk, Virginia, contributed to this report.



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RAIN

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Caltrans in a statement. "Snow plows and other equipment are ready, and staff will be working 24/7 during the storm event. Motorists are advised to avoid travel during storm events and to slow down! Chains will be required in mountain areas. Remember to bring chains even if it not snowing due to sudden weather changes."

Officials said mud and debris flows are also possible during heavy rain, particularly in recent burn areas.

"For post-fire storm activity, all Malibu residents are urged to be prepared for potential flooding, mudslides, debris flows, power outages and evacuations, with dangerous road conditions including water, rocks and debris in roads, and malfunctioning traffic signals," said a storm warning from the City of Malibu. "Mud and debris flows can have a devastating impact, including loss of life and home. Residents are urged to prepare for possible evacuations. Evacuation orders should not be taken lightly and are ordered because there is a threat to life and property. Due to the potential for outages in parts of Malibu, it is possible that residents may not receive emergency alerts. Please monitor storm conditions on local news radio, and if possible, the National Weather Service at https://www.weather.gov/lox. If heavy rain persists, do not wait for evacuation orders - leave early."

Malibu officials said locals should not attempt to remove burn debris before the rain due to the presence of hazardous materials that can threaten public health.

"No debris removal from burned properties is allowed until inspections by state and county health officials have been completed and properties have been approved for debris removal. Burn debris must be properly inspected and disposed of," said the warning.

Significant rain is expected in January. According to NWS, January is the second wettest month of the year with an average rainfall of about 3.12 inches (behind February). The average January high temperatures is 68 and the average low is 48. The month has a mean of seven rain days and 14 with clear skies. The warmest January on record was in a high of 95 in 1971 and the coldest was in 1949 with a low of 28.

The weekend storm follows a week of flipped expectations throughout the Western United States, with snow falling on cactus in the Arizona desert and Anchorage seeing balmy weather — at least by Alaska standards.

Weather Forecast and Advisories

National Weather Service LA/Oxnard: https://www.weather.gov/lox.

Interactive Map of Potential Debris Flow Hazard Areas

https://landslides.usgs.gov/hazards/postfire_debrisflow/detail.php?objectid=251

Road Closures

For current road closures, visit https://dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/.

In Phoenix, the overnight low was 30 degrees for the first time in five years last week. The Tucson area saw as much as 6 inches of snow.

"It was pretty magical," said Jessica Howard, a resident of the Tucson suburb of Vail who took her 8- and 5-year-old children to play in the snow. "My social media feeds are like 100 percent snow pictures right now."

Snow dusted cactus and mountains in southern Arizona and covered the Grand Canyon in the north.

Elsewhere, the National Weather Service issued a freeze warning in the Nevada county where Las Vegas is located. Snow fell and stuck Tuesday on a desert highway over a mountain just 20 minutes outside Sin City.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, saw heavy snowfall and icy roads that caused many government agencies and schools to close.

The cold weather and snow is "quite uncommon" for the area, said Glenn Lader, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Tucson. Nogales, an Arizona city on the Mexico border, had about 6 inches of snow, he said.

Meanwhile, some parts of Alaska rang in the new year with relatively balmy weather for the region that helped melt snow in Anchorage. A change in the jet stream brought warmer air from the south, taking the temperature to 42 degrees on New Year's Day.

It was a nice respite from a winter mix that left 32.6 inches of snow on the ground in Anchorage in December, with most of it falling during the last half of the month.

Colder weather was in the forecast, with high temperatures dropping to the teens or even single digits.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SMPD make arson arrest

Over the last several weeks, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has been investigating a series of arson related trash can fires. The incidents occurred on December 22, 2018 and January 1 and 3, 2019.

On January 3, 2019 at about 5:20 p.m. officers responded to a radio call for service of a trash can fire in an alley of the 2800 block of Montana Avenue. Santa Monica Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire.

SMPD Detectives and SMFD Arson Investigators responded for an investigation. During a preliminary investigation, information lead to a possible suspect in the most recent incident, Joseph Brent Burchett, a 57-year-old male. On January 3, 2019 at about 11:30 p.m., SMPD Officers located Burchett in the 1900 block of Arizona Avenue and took him into custody. SMPD Detectives are working to determine if there are any links to the previous incidents.

Burchett has been booked for 451(d) PC - Arson and remains in custody at SMPD Jail with a bail option of $50,000. On January 7, 2019 the case will be presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office-Airport Branch for filing consideration.

Anyone with information related to any of the incidents is encouraged to call the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491; Detective Cooper at (310) 458-8478; or Sergeant Skogh at (310) 458-8992.

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Citywide

Meet Me At Reed Canceled On January 5 Due To Rain

Meet Me at Reed, Santa Monica's outdoor cultural and recreational program, has been canceled Saturday, Jan. 5 due to inclement weather. Join organizers next time, with family fun that corresponds to new themes each week.

Saturday, January 12th – Eco Friendly Day" featuring reDiscover Cardboard Playground, family fun games, Community Garden Workshops, Kids Reptile Parties, music and food trucks.

Saturday, January 19th – "Family Play Day" with City Instructors" featuring Super Soccer Stars, Play-Well TEKnologies, Mad Science, Play to Your Health, Kids Can Do Art, Fun in the Sun, HoopFitness, corn hole tournament, Pickleball demo, music and food trucks.

Saturday, January 26th – "Pups in the Park Day" featuring a pop-up off leash dog area, dog agility demonstration with Melissa Otto, Pawsitivity Perfect Pooches, family fun games, Santa Monica pop-up library with dog-themed books, Santa Monica Animal Services and K-9 Unit, Healthy Spot Santa Monica, music and food trucks.

Admission is free. Rain may affect programming. For more information about Meet Me at Reed events this winter, please visit smgov.net/reed or call 310-458-8300 to find out about rain delays or cancellations.

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Citywide

UCLA Health expert offers New Year's resolution solution: think small!

With the arrival of 2019, millions of Americans will make New Year's resolutions they will not keep.

They will vow to lose weight, eat healthier or start exercising, only to see those resolutions fall by their waistlines. They may resolve to stop smoking, get more sleep or be better organized, but fail with those pledges as well.

About 40 percent of all Americans make resolutions, according to estimates. Of those, less than 10 percent will actually keep them. The reasons may lie with the resolutions themselves.

"The key to keeping New Year's resolutions is to set reasonable ones to begin with," says Dr. Anuradha Seshadri, a board-certified internal medicine and pediatric specialist with UCLA Health's Century City medical practice. "I always advise my patients to start small."

Dr. Seshadri says that people who vow to make sudden, drastic changes – stop smoking cold turkey or to exercise every day after being sedentary for a while – are likely going to fail. By contrast, she says, those who resolve to make small changes – smoke one less cigarette, drink one more glass of water per day or start walking 15 minutes per week – are better positioned for long-term success.

Dr. Seshadri encourages her patients to aim for incremental improvement with their resolutions. "Set goals or resolutions with realistic time periods for small improvements," she explains. "There's always something we can do to improve ourselves, but the focus should be small and steady."

SHE OFFERS THE FOLLOWING TIPS FOR RESOLUTIONS:

- Start small.
- Make sure they are realistic and achievable.
- Aim for incremental improvement.
- Focus on the process.
- Use wearable technology to track steps, sleep and overall activity.
- Use the "buddy system."

Those who work on their resolutions or goals with someone else are far more likely to achieve them, Dr. Seshadri says. But don't forget to cut yourself some slack.

"If you slip up, don't quit," she adds. "Regroup and resume pursuing your resolution."

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WATER

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between 2015 and 2019, although City staff said Santa Monicans are still paying less for water than their neighbors in Los Angeles, Culver City or Beverly Hills. The average Los Angeles family pays $176 per month for water, while a family in Santa Monica will pay $105 in 2019.

Kubani said the incremental rate increases will make water less expensive in the long-term because the money will fund projects that will allow Santa Monica to stop importing water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), which sources most of its water from the Colorado River.

"We're expecting MWD prices to increase sharply over the next 10 years," he said. "We're seeing major, long-term droughts in the Southwest impacting the Colorado River, so we really can't rely on imported water anymore."

This year's rate increase will go toward the initial costs of redesigning the Arcadia Water Treatment Plant to be larger and more efficient. The plant currently produces 82 gallons of treated water for every 100 gallons of raw water, and the City is looking to raise that number to 90 gallons.

"That's a significant amount of new water and one of the most cost-effective things we can do to increase our local water supply," Kubani said.

The money will also partially fund a new well, which in addition to producing more water will provide the City will a backup in case another well breaks down and avoid having to start importing water again.

Finally, the funds will partially offset the cost of replacing the city's water mains. The City is aiming to have a completely new set of water mains every 100 years, which requires the replacement of two miles of mains each year. That cost about $4 million per year until last year, when construction costs increased dramatically, Kubani said. To stay on schedule, the City will have to spend $6 million per year.

"The City of Los Angeles has had some huge water main breaks recently because a lot of their mains are 200 years old or older," he said. "We want to make sure our equipment is replaced regularly."

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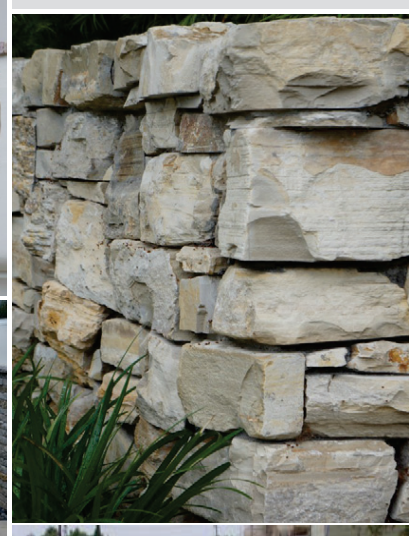
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PERSIMMON

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Pico neighborhood, has created a roasted persimmon tartine.

"I wanted to highlight the persimmon in a different light. Most of the time, people throw it in a salad or a sauce and we wanted to taking a different approach by roasting it and bringing out its natural sweetness," Shipp said. "A tartine is also a good canvass for sharing – people can pass it around and each take a slice."

Mark Cannon, the owner and chef of the downtown restaurant The Curious Palate, also went for a dessert because he typically sees persimmons used in salads and salsas. His restaurant will offer a persimmon apple upside-down cake sundae using the less common hachiya persimmon.

"It's terrible in it's crispy state, so what you have to do is allow them to sit on a shelf until they've turned very soft," Cannon said. "At that point, it's nice and sweet and you can create a puree out of it."

Cannon said one can use the puree like a tomato sauce or braise meats in it, but he opted to flavor a cake and an accompanying scoop of ice cream with the puree.

"I hope diners take away a new knowledge of the persimmon and that there are two distinct varieties, and maybe if they're curious enough can ask us about how to use both kinds," he said.

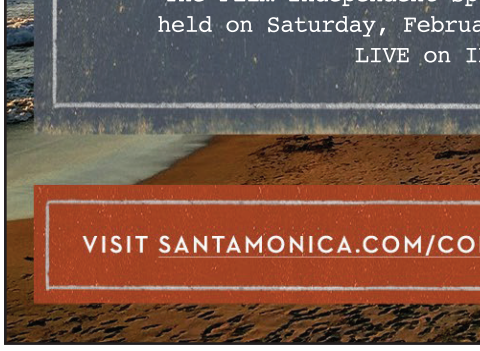
Massilia, a downtown French, Italian and Spanish restaurant, is providing a lighter option in the form of a crunchy kale and persimmon salad. Chef Griet Vanbrabant wanted to create a dish that worked as a standalone meal for lunch or a sharing plate for dinner.

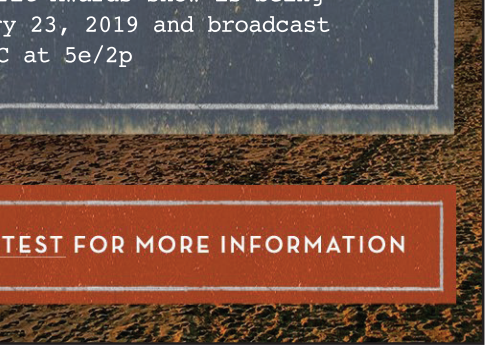
"Our menu is inspired by the flavors of Marseille, a melting pot of different cultures and this is what inspired us for the salad," Vanbrabant said. "We have the Comté cheese from France, the vinaigrette made with sherry vinegar from Jerez de la Frontera, Spain and the inspiration of flavors of an Italian fennel salad."

Chefs say Restaurant Week is an opportunity for creative inspiration and to celebrate Santa Monica's locavore culinary scene.

"Santa Monica is a culinary star of the Los Angeles area," Vanbrabant said. "Restaurant Week is the perfect way to improve visibility to residents and tourists alike."

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SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Stronger WNW swell on the rise and peaking late/overnight - pending storm development. Winds and conditions become an issue with onshore flow - morning could have a window.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead
Good size WNW swell-mix to peak. Winds and conditions problematic for much of the region.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
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Arson 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:47 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 200blk Washington Ave 4:36 a.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 4:37 a.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor 2500blk Pico Blvd 5:53 a.m.
Stakeout 10th St / Washington Ave 6:55 a.m.
Person with a gun 800blk the beach 7:05 a.m.
Construction noise 2600blk 23rd St 7:38 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 4th St 7:57 a.m.
Encampment 2600blk Barnard Way 8:09 a.m.
Threats 700blk Broadway 8:39 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 700blk Ozone St 8:45 a.m.
Battery 1400blk Montana Ave 8:52 a.m.
Elder abuse 200blk 15th St 9:00 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1500blk 6th St 9:06 a.m.
Threats /s 2600blk 11th St 9:30 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk 3rd St 9:32 a.m.
Elder abuse 2100blk Delaware Ave 9:33 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:38 a.m.
Exhibition of speed Euclid St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:42 a.m.
Person down 34th St / Pico Blvd 10:30 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2300blk 4th St 10:32 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 10:36 a.m.
Petty theft 2700blk Main St 11:16 a.m.
Identity theft 400blk 18th St 11:29 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2400blk 3rd St 11:47 a.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 20th St 11:51 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 12:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1000blk maple St 12:16 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1100blk 17th St 12:44 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk 6th St 12:54 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 800blk 17th St 12:59 p.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 1:23 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1200blk Yale St 1:56 p.m.
Petty theft 800blk 20th St 1:57 p.m.
Fraud 2400blk 23rd St 2:46 p.m.
Periodic check 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:48 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:54 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 1200blk Pine St 3:23 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 5th St 3:51 p.m.
Indecent exposure Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 4:43 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:47 p.m.
Encampment 1200blk 17th St 4:51 p.m.
Burglary 3000blk Delaware Ave 4:59 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900blk Warwick Ave 5:13 p.m.
Identity theft 500blk Pacific St 5:33 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:55 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 5th St / Arizona Ave 6:25 p.m.
Drunk driving 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 6:27 p.m.
Auto burglary 300blk California Ave 6:34 p.m.
Burglary 1900blk Ocean Ave 7:09 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Colorado Ave 7:25 p.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 7:49 p.m.
Attempt suicide 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:54 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk Yale St 7:57 p.m.
Injured person 2400blk Broadway 7:58 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk Idaho Ave 8:27 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 12:48 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 1:12 a.m.
EMS 400blk Colorado Ave 1:37 a.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:18 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:27 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 4:15 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 4:32 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 11th St 6:12 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Olympic Blvd W 6:57 a.m.
Flooded condition 1000blk Pico Blvd 7:27 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:46 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:00 a.m.
EMS 34th St / Pico Blvd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 11:48 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:52 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 14th St 12:51 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Arizona Ave 1:19 p.m.
Elevator rescue 100blk Wilshire Blvd 1:24 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 1:32 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 2:51 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:01 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:28 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 2800blk Montana Ave 4:50 p.m.
Flooded condition Appian Way / Moss Ave 5:01 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 6:23 p.m.
EMS 400blk 20th St 6:45 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:49 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 7:55 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Broadway 8:07 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 8:38 p.m.





DAILY LOTTERY

POWERball
Draw Date: 1/2
8 12 42 46 56
Power#: 12
Jackpot: 69M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/1
34 44 57 62 70
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 40M

SuperLOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/2
21 29 39 42 47
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/3
6 10 20 34 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/3
MIDDAY: 7 2 7
Draw Date: 1/3
EVENING: 4 7 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/3
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:43.18

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Get Me That, Stat!

■ An FDA-approved pill called pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, has been shown to prevent HIV infection. But while rates of its use are rising – 78,000 Americans had PrEP prescriptions in 2016, compared to under 14,000 two years earlier – the numbers are still alarmingly low. Experts estimate more than 1 million people in the U.S. could benefit from the drug.

Never Say "Diet"

■ The Major League Eating record for fruitcake is 4 pounds, 14.25 ounces in 10 minutes, held by Sonya Thomas, who set the record in 2003 and is still trying to digest the stuff.

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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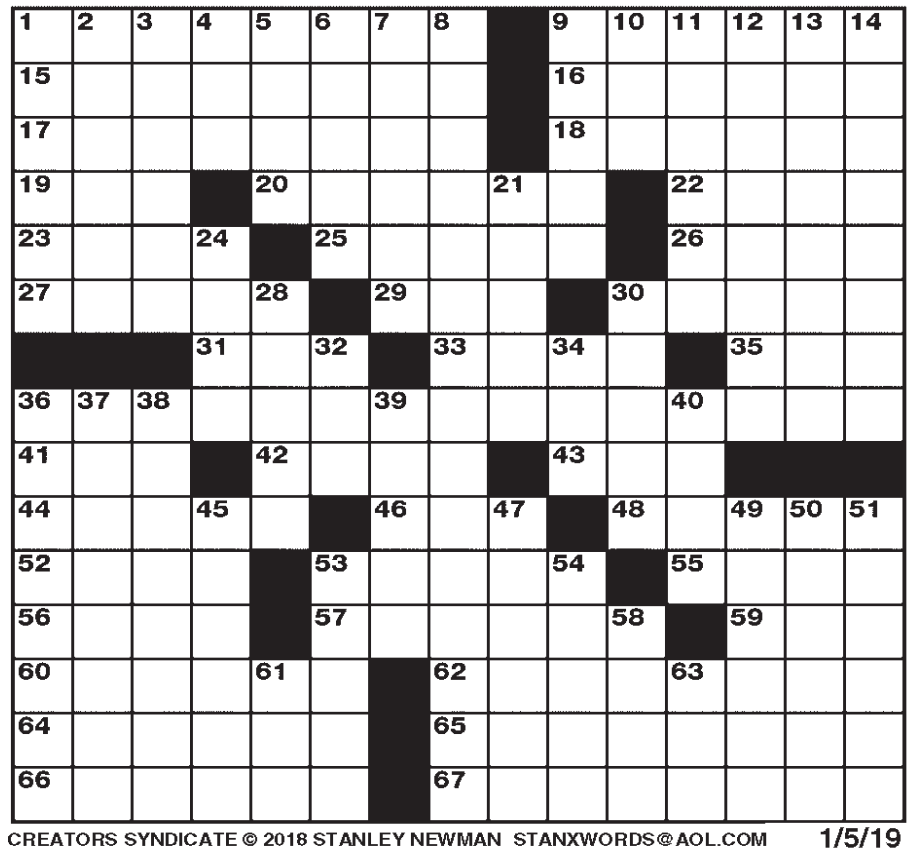
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 What *Rhapsody in Blue* was first scored for
9 It's under a cup, typically
15 One rescued by Rambo
16 Nicely polished
17 Reaction to the unexpected
18 Big structural changes
19 Monte Carlo sidekick
20 Something found around the house
22 Descended, in a way
23 9 Across, essentially
25 Current inhibitor
26 Alternative to Chrissie
27 Committed to
29 Special Agent employer
30 Economic resource
31 Botanical vessel
33 USPS delivery rounds
35 Director who sued Viacom over Spike TV
36 Start of an updated auric adage
41 Outdo all
42 Title like Czar
43 It may mean "modified"
44 First course
46 Term from the French for a newbie
48 Whole lot
52 Alternative to Tessa
53 Antonym of "tolerator"
55 Sales __
56 Related group
57 Surprisingly contradictory
59 Common MBA prerequisite
60 Youngest Wimbledon doubles champ (at 15, 1996)
62 Adaptable eater
64 Pre-euro Portuguese money
65 Totally worn out
66 Squash
67 Turns sheerer

DOWN
1 Vigorous crusades
2 Societal lawlessness
3 Right-spun yarn term
4 School that teaches chanting
5 Dudes
6 Tool used by Paul Revere
7 Not optional
8 Perform as promised
9 Sudden rush
10 Flareup's heart
11 They scared Churchill, by his own admission
12 Town with a Penn State law school
13 Arrange artfully
14 Clarifies, perhaps
21 Robotics company with a "swell" name
24 Aristotle's "waking dream"
28 Baloney
30 Bloom with rays
32 Something said with a slap
34 A lot more than a minute
36 Common contractions
37 Menu of a sort
38 Where a soloist joins the chorus
39 Worst case
40 Old-school carrot harvesters
45 Register on a register
47 "Good one!" elicitor
49 Only veep born in DC
50 Voice of the dean in *Monsters University*
51 Camera choices
53 Range rover
54 Smattering
58 Give a shout-out to
61 "Yes"
63 Notable



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5)

This solar eclipse/new moon birthday is a cosmic "do over" that you can apply to any area of your life any time during the year. So you can be slightly bolder, fearlessly true to your nature and audacious with your love, knowing that the fates delight in your daring, even as they offer a safety net. Cancer and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 39, 15, 44 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It's said that a great library is a diary of the human race. If you visit one, you'll be privy to the human mind and heart. If you don't, you'll certainly grow your mind on juicy information you get somewhere else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The change you're thinking about may seem risky to others, but it's not really that risky to you. You have a strong vision of where you're going, and you know the way. Trust yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're used to things clipping along at a snappy pace, especially in the case of promptly returned communication. So try not to be offended by the lag time you experience today. Pause and let the others catch up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
True friendship is a gift, the benefits of which double up on themselves, boomerang back and forth, and spread out to the world in ripples of goodwill. False friendship, on the other hand, feels more like a curse.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll get the amount of attention you need, but only if you ask for it. And you should definitely ask. Otherwise, people won't understand your preferences and expectations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
An open mind is a loophole. It allows you to gather wisdom even from a person who offends you. It allows you to find insight that helps you lead a better life even from someone you disagree with 80 percent of the time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your kindness always comes back to you, often not from the place you invested it. Also the timing can be unpredictable. You're not overly concerned with this, as giving brings you joy, but sometimes you do wonder. Have faith.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
In case you were doubting your ability to work under pressure, today will provide you with such a time crunch and a resource shortage, it's almost funny. Well it will be funny, after you've succeeded, which you surely will.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
There are many people who might fulfill similar needs for one another, but none of them creates exactly what you do in a relationship. Only those who recognize the uniqueness of your contribution are worthy of it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Potential is not a thing you can buy, but you can invest in it, which is always a gamble. Before you invest anything – time, energy or other - into the potential of a thing, do a massive amount of research.

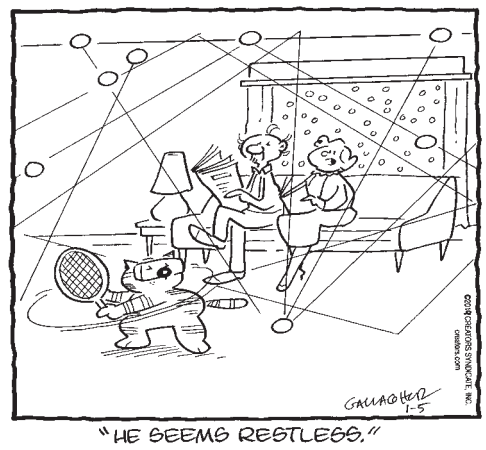
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There's a lot that will need to come together to pull your plan off, and it's absolutely possible, but your conviction will make the difference, too. You'll have to believe and believe hard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
No matter how close you may be to another person, even living in the same house and doing many of the same things, you are still each in your own reality. Share that and you'll find out just how different those realities are.

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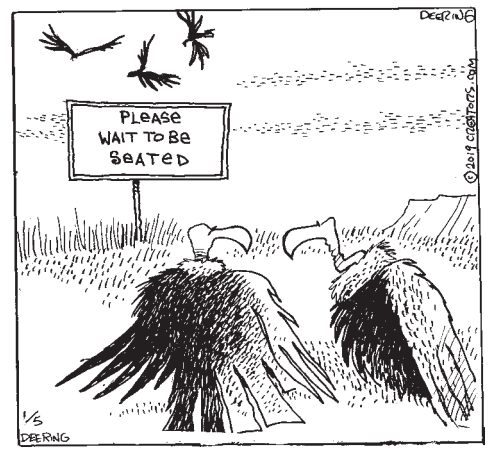
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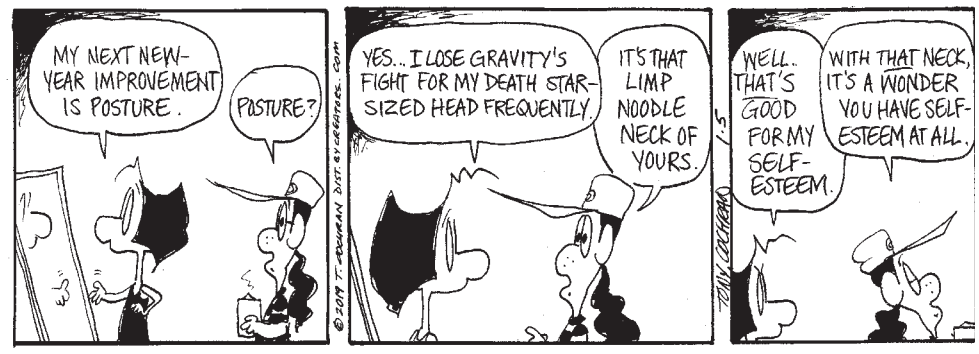


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What to watch for at this Sunday's Golden Globes

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Dramatic period pieces will vie for the top comedy-musical awards and song-stuffed movies are poised to dominate the dramatic categories. Welcome to the 71st annual Golden Globes.

Category confusion often reigns at the Globes. Remember when laughers like "The Martian" and "Get Out" competed as comedies? But the Globes, reliably the frothiest, quirkiest and most entertaining stop in the awards-season march to the Academy Awards, might feel especially upside down this year.

The night, to be broadcast live Sunday on NBC, may ultimately belong to Bradley Cooper's "A Star Is Born" revival. It's the favorite for best picture (drama), best actress (Lady Gaga), best song ("Shallow") and best actor (Bradley Cooper). The film's stiffest competition may come from another music movie: the Freddie Mercury biopic "Bohemian Rhapsody," whose star, Rami Malek, some believe could pull off the acting upset over Cooper.

Despite their copious tuneage, the campaigns of both "A Star Is Born" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" elected for the more serious dramatic category. For "A Star Is Born," it's a kind of power move to firmly establish itself as the Oscar front runner many believe it is.

Oscar voting, as it turns out this year, commences Monday, the morning after the Golden Globes. If "A Star Is Born" runs away with the Globes, it will enter the nominations period of the Academy Awards as the favorite by a wide margin.

With "A Star Is Born" (along with "Black Panther," ''If Beale Street Could Talk" and "BlacKkKlansman") up for best picture as a drama, that's left a few humor-tinged movies many would peg as dramas — "The Favourite," ''Green Book" and "Vice" — to give the comedy/musical side of the Globes a bit more heft than usual.

Of those, "Vice" comes in with the most nominations of any film (six), but the chances of "The Favourite" are probably the best on Sunday. "The Favourite," Yorgos Lanthimos' triangular power struggle in Queen Anne's court, is the most decorated film of the bunch in an awards season that, despite any other fluctuations, has been rigid in its acclaim for the powerhouse trio of Olivia Colman, Rachel Weisz and Emma Stone.

Emily Blunt, nominated twice this year by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (best actress for "Mary Poppins Returns" and best supporting actress for "A Quiet Place") could give Colman — named the lead of "The Favourite" — a run for her money. But Colman's tragicomic performance as Queen Anne has made her the definite front-runner and potentially Lady Gaga's stiffest competition come the Oscars when the two best-actress contenders will presumably go head to head.

The awards season of "Green Book" has been marred by backlash, so Peter Farrelly's 1960s road trip tale probably has the most to gain from a strong showing at the Globes. The film's best actor (comedy) contender, Viggo Mortensen, may not be able to challenge Christian Bale's Dick Cheney, but the HFPA — which overlooked Mahershala Ali for "Moonlight" — may right that wrong with an award for his supporting performance in "Green Book."

But if the lines of comedy, musical and drama are particularly blurred at this year's Globes, they are even more so between film and television.

There are as many movie stars nominated in the TV categories as there are in the film ones. Among them: Julia Roberts ("Homecoming"), Jim Carrey ("Kidding"), Amy Adams (up for both "Vice" and "Sharp Objects") Michael Douglas ("The Kominsky Method"), Benedict Cumberbatch ("Patrick Melrose"), Penelope Cruz ("The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story"), Patricia Arquette ("Escape at Dannemora"), Hugh Grant ("A Very English Scandal") and Laura Dern ("The Tale").

Their shows and others ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," ''Barry," ''Bodyguard," ''Killing Eve") will be in the mix, and the victors may well muddy another awards show boundary: that between host and winner. Sandra Oh, the star of "Killing Eve," is favored to win best actress in a drama series, potentially giving her a welcome respite from hosting duties alongside Andy Samberg.

Oh and Samberg will have the challenge of marshalling a broadcast that last year fell 11 percent in viewership for NBC. That ceremony, when women attendees wore black, was atypically solemn for the Globes, and rife with protest, coming as the first major awards show of the post-Harvey Weinstein #MeToo era.

But for a Globes full of head-scratchers, Samberg and Oh — each hailing from different realms of comedy and drama — are a fittingly, charmingly incongruous pair.

California's top lawyer leads Trump resistance into 2019

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Xavier Becerra became perhaps the nation's most influential attorney general when he was named California's top lawyer two years ago, and he has since used his post atop what some call the "Resistance State" to pummel President Donald Trump's administration with dozens of legal actions.

Heading into 2019, he may turn up the heat even more, buoyed by his overwhelming endorsement from voters, a Democratic U.S. House and a more aggressive governor who takes office Monday.

Becerra kicked off the new year on Thursday by leading a coalition of 17 Democratic attorneys general in appealing a recent ruling by a conservative federal judge in Texas that declared the Obama-era Affordable Care Act unconstitutional. The law that Becerra called the "backbone of our health care system" will remain in place while the case is considered by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

In all, California's first Latino attorney general has filed about 70 briefs and other legal actions — including 45 lawsuits — against the Trump administration, mostly targeting its environmental and immigration policies. He has scored some significant victories, most notably in defending former President Barack Obama's "Dreamers" program that protects hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation, and in defending the bulk of California's so-called sanctuary laws that limit state cooperation with federal immigration agents.

"We're going to keep respecting immigrant families, like my own, who work hard to build a better California," Becerra said at one of the numerous news conferences he has held in English and Spanish, sometimes twice in one day, to criticize Trump policies.

Trump once threatened to pull all immigration agents out of California, which he predicted would create a "crime mess like you've never seen."

Becerra, 60, was appointed attorney general by departing Gov. Jerry Brown, and in November won the support of nearly two-thirds of voters over Republican Steven Bailey, a retired judge. Bailey criticized Becerra for reacting to "every tweet coming out of Washington" instead of focusing on reducing crime.

In Democratic-dominated California, however, Becerra's biggest criticism from a Democratic primary opponent, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, was that he didn't sue Trump more.

Becerra's campaign website calls him the son of immigrants, although his father, Manuel, was born in Sacramento and grew up in Mexico. His mother, Maria Teresa, was born in Mexico and came to the United States after marrying his father.

Becerra says his father "was more immigrant than my mom" because he spoke Spanish on road construction crews, while his mother spoke English at her clerical jobs.

He mentions his parents at every opportunity and used to wear his father's wedding ring as his own.

Becerra's longtime friends also credit his parents for his success.

"Hard-working, commitment to education, strong integrity and character: He never wavered from those values," said former California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, a longtime state legislator who gave Becerra his first political job running Torres' state Senate office in Los Angeles.

Becerra quickly learned the benefits and pitfalls of L.A. Latino politics when he moved there in 1986 to take the job.

Within a few years he went from becoming an assistant attorney general to winning an open state Assembly seat after he says his wife, a perinatologist (an obstetrician who specializes in high-risk pregnancies), told him to "get it out of your system."

He almost immediately began campaigning for an open congressional seat and was elected to the first of 12 two-year terms. There he made immigration and health care issues a priority as he rose to become Democratic caucus chairman before Brown picked him in 2016 to replace Kamala Harris, who won a U.S. Senate seat.

"It was really a meteoric rise," said David Ayon, a senior fellow at the Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University and an analyst at the political opinion research firm Latino Decisions. He has known Becerra since they attended Stanford University at the same time.

Becerra was among the first of a "new generation of Latino candidates in Southern California that were really highly educated — young, energetic and had the appearance of being these Boy Scouts," said Ayon, co-author of "Power Shift: How Latinos in California transformed politics in America."

Don Thomas, who has known Becerra since kindergarten, said Becerra learned to stay calm and self-controlled in high school as a varsity golfer and an exceptional poker player. Becerra studied the advice of famous golfers even as he practiced with a set of used clubs costing less than $100.

"I'm going to read about it, I'm going to study it, then I'm going to practice my ass off," Thomas said. "That's just the way he went about things."

Teachers and friends routinely mispronounced Xavier, sometimes nicknaming him "Zav" or "X." Becerra didn't start correcting them with the proper Spanish pronunciation, "HAH-vee-air," until college.

Unlike his father, Becerra recalls no overt discrimination but cringes when remembering how, nearly 30 years ago as a young politician, two women at a chamber of commerce reception told him, "We like you a lot; you blend so well."

Lori Kalani, co-chair of the Cozen O'Connor law firm's state attorneys general practice, represents business clients who often aren't particularly happy with California's aggressive environmental and consumer protection laws, like its nation-leading internet privacy law. But she credited Becerra with being a quick learner and being "extremely open-minded to opposing opinions."

Critics from both parties said his concentration on Trump means his office neglects other core duties, like combating opioid misuse or seizing guns from those no longer allowed to have them.

Becerra said he intends to devote more of his agency's time to priorities including white collar crime, elder abuse and human and sex trafficking. But he created new bureaus to protect the Affordable Care Act, women's reproductive rights and environmental laws, he said, "to defend the people, the values and the resources of our state."

The attorney general's office has long been a stepping stone for politicians, including Brown and Harris, and Becerra's rise fueled speculation about a future bid for governor or U.S. Senate. Becerra ran unsuccessfully for Los Angeles mayor in 2001, explored a Senate run before his appointment, and was mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate in 2016.

The attorney general's office gives him a "perfect platform" for moving up, said Torres.

"But I don't think he's in any rush to do so. He's very thoughtful, methodical, in how he proceeds," Torres said. "I don't think there's anything that's beyond his reach when he's ready to move."

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