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City surveying residents for priority list

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Daily Press Staff Writer

Community members can tell City Hall what issues are most important to them through an online or paper survey until Jan. 21.

The SaMoSays survey, which opened Dec. 5, asks people who live, work, or own a business or property in Santa Monica to select five priorities they would like city government to devote more resources to. The 23 options participants can select from include keeping neighborhoods safe, mental health and transparency.

City staff will present the results of the survey to City Council at its special meeting on Saturday, Jan. 26. Council will look at how the community ranked all 23 priorities and choose about five to focus on while it develops the City's new budget, which will take effect for two years on July 1.

The City is evolving the way it approaches the budget, said City Manager Rick Cole. Instead of allocating resources to departments, the budget will devote funds to certain outcomes that different departments work toward. The survey will help the City decide which outcomes to prioritize in the budget, Cole said.

Cole also said he hopes SaMoSays will help community members understand what the City does.

"If you ask the average community member, they may not know Santa Monica is a city, let alone who the Mayor is," he said. "The hope is the survey will acquaint community members will

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Alzheimer's advocate credited with helping secure new federal funding



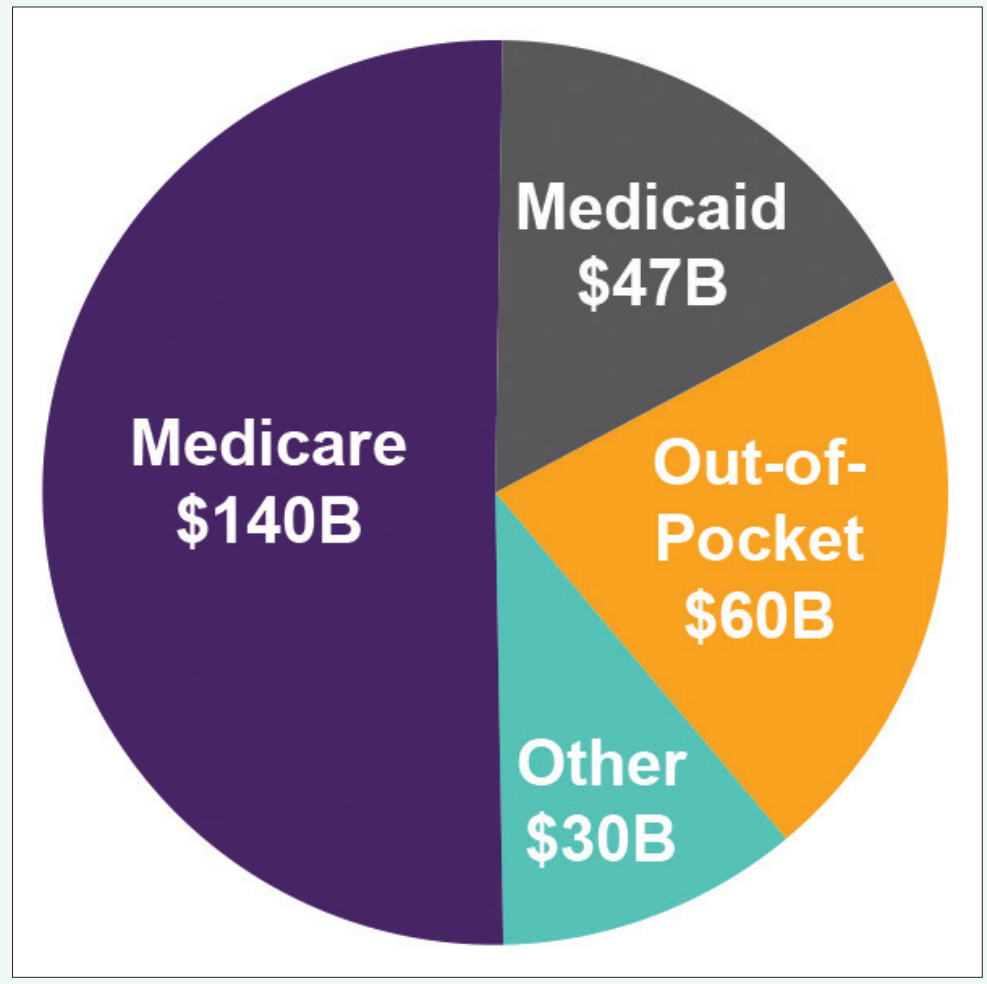
STEARNS

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monican Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns has spent years working to fight Alzheimer's disease and the former Universal Studios executive recently helped champion a landmark bill that will allocate $100 million to fight Alzheimer's disease over five years.

Stearns, chair of the Judy Fund, helped pioneer a program that matches an Alzheimer's activist with each member of the House and Senate to push for legislation that supports research and care. The Building our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for

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Courtesy image

COST: Alzheimer's disease cost the nation $277 Billion last year.

California bill would require businesses to offer e-receipts

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California would become the first state to require businesses to offer electronic receipts unless customers ask for paper copies under legislation proposed on Tuesday.

Many businesses and consumers already are moving toward e-receipts, said Democratic Assemblyman Phil Ting of San Francisco.

But he said a law still is needed because many consumers don't realize most paper receipts are coated with chemicals prohibited in baby bottles, can't be recycled and can contaminate other recycled paper because of the chemicals known as Bisphenol-A (BPA) and Bisphenol-S (BPS).

His bill, AB161, would require all businesses to provide proof of purchase receipts electronically starting in 2022 unless the customer asks for a printed copy.

It comes days after another first-in-the-nation California law took effect requiring dine-in restaurants to provide drinking straws only at customers' request.

The penalties in Ting's bill are

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Montana Mystery Book Group: The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie

Eleven-year-old Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is propelled into a mystery when a man is murdered on the grounds of her family's decaying English mansion and Flavia's father becomes the main suspect. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

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

Field Sports Advisory Council Regular Meeting

Regular monthly meeting of the Field Sports Advisory Council (FSAC). FSAC is an advisory council to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Virginia Avenue Park, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

GED/HiSET Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Language Arts subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Get Started with 3D Printing

Learn the basics of 3D printing and design by completing a guided project. To register, email ideashappen@smgov.net one week before the event. Include your name and any previous experience. Main Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10

The Next Stage: Considerations for College-Bound Artists @ Main

Learn about opportunities and requirements for focusing on the visual or performing arts in your education after high school. Presented by college counselor, writer and actor, Nick Soper, founder of Creative College Prep and TeenLAUNCH. Grades 9-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8 p.m.

Middle School Council

Learn how you can help with programs, get volunteer hours, and more. For Middle School Students. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

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

Friday, Jan. 11

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series.
Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-10:00 am.

Guest House Open

Visit anytime between 11am-2pm for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed Annenberg Community Beach House 11:00am-2:00 pm.

Craft, Swap, or Create @ Your Library

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library 2:30pm-4:30 pm.

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. Montana Avenue Branch Library 3:00pm-4:00 pm.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Fireside Eclectic Performances Begin at Historic Miles Memorial Playhouse

Now in its 10th year, the annual Fireside at the Miles has become a wintery Santa Monica tradition. This year's season kicks off this Friday, Jan. 11 and patrons are invited to come enjoy a variety of performing artists from classical and world music, dance and jazz, to theater and storytelling. This unique experience transforms the Spanish Revival-Style playhouse into a large living room. Risers and seating will be oriented around the fireplace while couches, candles, intimate lighting and a coffee and tea bar add to the seasonal ambiance.

January performances feature Taiko fusion group On Ensemble, the acoustic stylings of Petty Chavez, the Los Angeles Flute Orchestra, an all vocal A Capella Night, Orchestra Santa Monica Woodwind Quintet, and true stories told in SHINE, an evening of storytelling.

February performances will feature 'Jazz Fridays' with a line-up of the Gregory Poree Band, Natalie Jacob, Nick Mancini's new nine-piece combo and Southern California favorite jazz singer Angie Wells. Saturdays will feature the eclectic musical stylings of Julie Pusch & Friends, local choreographer Suchi Branfman & guests, dancer/choreographer Angela Todaro curates an evening of contemporary dance and Amy Raasch wraps up the series with her hyper creative one woman show "Animal Monologues".

Performances are scheduled on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. between January 11, 2019 and February 23, 2019.

Tickets are $10 for general admission, $5 for youth age 18 and under, adults age 55 and over and students of any age. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows will run from 8 to 10 p.m. For a complete line-up and tickets, please visit the FIRESIDE web page.

FIRESIDE AT THE MILES PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Friday, Jan. 11, 2019 - On Ensemble | Japanese Taiko Fusion
Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019 – Voices Only: An A Capella Night
Friday, Jan. 18, 2019 – Petty / Chavez – One Last Look at the Stars
Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 – Los Angeles Flute Orchestra
Friday, Jan. 25, 2019 – Orchestra Santa Monica Woodwind Quintet
Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019 – SHINE Storytelling
Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 – The Gregory Poree Band | World Jazz
Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 – A Groundhog Day Musical Extravaganza w Julie Pusch
Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 – Natalie Jacob Jazz Band
Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019 – Suchi Branfman & Special Guests | Dance / Movement
Friday, Feb. 15, 2019 – Nick Mancini Collective - Jazz combo featuring Vibraphone.
Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019 – Angela Todaro \ An Evening of Contemporary Dance.
Friday, Feb. 22, 2019 – Angela Wells Quartet | Jazz Quartet
Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 – Amy Raasch | The Animal Monologues

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Citywide

California's Open Enrollment for Individuals Ends Jan. 15

Covered California is launching a final statewide enrollment tour to get the word out that the current open-enrollment period ends Jan. 15. For those interested in enrolling in a quality health insurance plan, next week's deadline will mark the last opportunity for many to get coverage for all of 2019. This year's deadline is shorter than in previous years, when open enrollment ran through the end of January.

"Covered California knows that many consumers are deadline driven and often wait until the final few days to sign up for health insurance," said Covered California Executive Director Peter V. Lee. "We want to make sure they know that this year's deadline is earlier than it has been in the past, and they must take action in the next week in order to get the peace of mind and protection they deserve in 2019."

California is one of six marketplaces across the nation still enrolling consumers through open enrollment, accounting for a quarter of the United States population. California's Jan. 15 deadline is due to a state law that established that open enrollment would run from Oct. 15 through Jan. 15 each year. Open enrollment is the one time of the year when consumers can sign up for coverage without needing to meet any conditions.

"Do not wait until the last minute, or let this deadline go past, without checking your options," Lee said. "In only a few minutes at coveredca.com, you can see which plans are available in your area and whether you qualify for financial help to bring the price of coverage within reach."

Covered California's announcement comes one day after Gov. Gavin Newsom announced, as his first official act, that he will focus on making health care more affordable.

"We applaud Gov. Newsom for building on the strong foundation of the Affordable Care Act in his first official action," Lee said. "At a time of ongoing uncertainty in Washington, the governor is not only embracing policies that will lower the cost of coverage for millions in the individual market, but he is also offering increased help to those who are struggling with rising costs."

The governor proposes to make health care more affordable and restore the individual shared responsibility provision, which was repealed by the federal government in 2019, as part of his goal to continue toward universal coverage.

"Gov. Newsom's proposals mark concrete and meaningful steps to lower health care costs for millions and increase enrollment," Lee said. "We look forward to action from Sacramento in the weeks and months ahead, but today the action is happening in local communities across California where individuals can embrace this reminder from the governor of the importance of coverage and sign up through Jan. 15."

The majority of uninsured Californians who are eligible for financial help either do not know or mistakenly think they do not qualify. Nearly nine out of 10 Covered California consumers receive financial help. The average Covered California enrollee pays about $5 per day for coverage, but many pay far less. One out of every three Covered California consumers who receive financial help can purchase a Silver plan – which provides the best overall value – for $50 or less per month. Nearly three out of five of these consumers can get a Silver plan for $100 or less per month.

Consumers can easily find out if they are eligible for financial help and see which plans are available in their area by entering their ZIP code, household income and the ages of those who need coverage into Covered California's Shop and Compare Tool.

As of Dec. 31, more than 238,000 consumers had signed up and selected a plan during the current open-enrollment period, which remains in line with projections that there would be decline in enrollment due to recent federal policies and ongoing confusion sowed at the national level. In addition, Covered California previously announced that roughly 1.2 million existing consumers had renewed their coverage for 2019.

Those interested in learning more about their coverage options should go to www.CoveredCA.com, where they can get help to enroll. They can explore their options and find out if they qualify for financial help by using the Shop and Compare Tool. They can also get free and confidential enrollment assistance by visiting www.coveredca.com/find-help/ and searching among 700 storefronts statewide or 16,000 certified enrollers who can assist consumers in understanding their choices and enrolling, including individuals who can assist in other languages. In addition, consumers can reach the Covered California service center by calling (800) 300-1506.

SUBMITTED BY ANGIE BLANCHETTE

WEST HOLLYWOOD

2nd death happens at California Democratic party donor home

Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives have opened an investigation into a second death in less than two years at the residence of Democratic Party donor Ed Buck, who has contributed to various California races and causes.

Deputies were called to a West Hollywood residence at 1:05 a.m. Monday on a report of a person not breathing, and county firefighters pronounced the man dead, a department statement said.

The man was not identified and the cause of death will be determined by the coroner.

"On July 27, 2017 there was a death investigation of a male adult, Gemmel Moore, who was determined to have overdosed at the same location. Mr. Edward Buck was present during both incidents," the statement said.

The department said the new investigation will include a review of the 2017 incident.

Buck's attorney, Seymour Amster, told the Los Angeles Times after Monday's death that Buck was not arrested and was cooperating with investigators.

"From what I know, it was an old friend who died of an accidental overdose, and unfortunately, we believe that the substance was ingested at some place other than the apartment," Amster said. "The person came over intoxicated."

In 2017, Amster described Buck and Moore as friends and said his client had nothing to do with that death.

An autopsy report said Moore died of a methamphetamine overdose. He was found naked on a mattress in the living room with drug paraphernalia littered about.

The county district attorney's office declined to file charges against Buck. A charge evaluation worksheet obtained by the Times said that the "admissible evidence is insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that suspect Buck furnished drugs to Gemmel Moore or that suspect Buck possessed drugs."

Buck is a past candidate for the West Hollywood City Council and is well known in LGBTQ political circles.

In response to the latest death, the Los Angeles LGBT Center called for a full investigation.

"While much is still to be learned, it appears this tragedy is linked to substance use. LGBT people and other marginalized groups are at elevated risk for impacts that result from the current epidemic uses of opioids, methamphetamine, and other dangerous drugs," the center said.

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SANTA ANA

Ruling that city isn't bound by 'sanctuary' law is appealed

Immigrant rights advocates have appealed a judge's ruling that a Southern California city isn't bound by a state law that limits local police collaboration with federal immigration agents.

Advocates filed an appeal Monday on behalf of residents and organizations in Huntington Beach and Los Alamitos that support the state's so-called immigration sanctuary law.

Huntington Beach sued claiming that the state's law interfered with its authority to enforce local laws. An Orange County judge ruled for the city, saying municipalities with their own charters have a greater degree of autonomy.

California's attorney general also appealed the ruling last year. The state passed the law to protect immigrants from the Trump administration's push to ramp up deportations.

Residents in Los Alamitos have also been involved in litigation related to the issue.

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COLFAX

New California governor to outline wildfire response plan

California Gov. Gavin Newsom plans to unveil new plans for dealing with wildfires and other emergencies.

Newsom will announce his actions Tuesday at a state emergency operations center in a Sierra Nevada foothills community at high risk for fire.

It's one of Newsom's first actions after becoming governor Monday.

California suffered a deadly and devastating 2018 wildfire season. A November wildfire destroyed the town of Paradise, Calif., and killed 86 people.

Newsom's office says he'll take executive actions that "prioritize and accelerate" the state's response to fires.

The new governor will also have to confront the thorny issue of how much responsibility utilities should hold when their equipment starts wildfires. Utilities want lawmakers to change the state's liability standards, some of the strictest in the nation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The lie behind the lawsuit!

Editor:

Our city is fighting a lawsuit from Maria Loya, who has twice lost elections to the council, so now she wants to change the way we elect our city council. Her lawsuit would strip each of us of our right to vote for all of the city council seats by creating seven separate council districts limiting us to having one solitary city council representative while the rest of the city elects the other six council members.

The lie behind the lawsuit is that this will somehow increase Latino representation. The truth is this is about money and power and if successful, it will actually reduce representation and democracy for everyone, including our Latino neighbors.

Right now everyone gets to vote for or against every single council member every four years. Ms. Loya claims she wants to increase Latino representation by creating a gerrymandered Pico district where conveniently she and her husband happen to live.

Currently Latinos make up one seventh of our city's total population, if our voting were only based solely on race, we would expect that there would be only one Latino elected among the seven city council seats. Yet, in the last four years, we have elected two Latinos to our city council. It is hard to see how Latinos are under-represented in the current system when we have elected twice as many Latino representatives as you would expect based on the city's demographics. The problem for Ms. Loya is that she and her husband were not among the two that got elected.

Another inconvenient fact regarding this lawsuit is that Latinos live though out our city and even if the City created Ms. Loya's custom, gerrymandered district, as she demands, Latinos will be a minority in her very own district. She has also conveniently drawn her district in a way that places every other sitting city councilperson outside of her district to increase the chance that she or her husband can run unopposed by any incumbent.

The fact is that Ms. Loya's lawyers do not care about minority voters. One of her lawyers is a Trump supporter who has personally been sued for violating federal civil rights laws. Google the phrase – "Rex Parris and his war on section eight tenants" for a list of his offensive public comments about black and Latino citizens in his home town. The other lawyer is celebrated on right wing Breitbart news for the amount of tax dollars that he has been awarded by bullying cities into changing their election's process.

Tragically, if our city does not appeal, this lawsuit will actually reduce Latino voting representation. When these same lawyers filed an identical lawsuit against Palmdale, that city could not afford to appeal, so they capitulated. Fifty-four percent of Palmdale's population is Latino while the white population makes up only twenty-three percent. After their lawsuit forced Palmdale to switch from citywide districts to gerrymandered districts, Palmdale elected one solitary Latino city councilman while the rest of the city elected four white men. And Ms. Loya's lawyers walked away with four and half million in legal fees from the taxpayers.

We may not like the politics of or some of our individual council members but right now we have the right to vote for, or against, every single councilperson. If gerrymandered districts are imposed on our city and if we were to call a councilperson outside of our district, they certainly are not going to engage with us any more than if we called a Senator from Utah. Limiting our own ability to vote for or against a city council member is not enhancing anyone's voting rights or representation.

Another troubling aspect of this lawsuit is that we have all voted on this issue before. Twice the decision to create gerrymandered council districts has been on the ballot and both times we voters rejected it. While the plaintiff may not agree with those election results, suing the city to change those election results is certainly not democratic. Nor is suing to create a custom made, gerrymandered district to try and get yourself elected to city council.

Obviously, the plaintiff's lawyers are in it for the money and if we don't appeal this lawsuit, we, like Palmdale, will be cutting them a check for millions. Sadly, it appears that the plaintiffs are in it for political power.

The evidence is clear; no minority group is underrepresented since we voters routinely elect competent Latinos and other minority candidates to our city council and Boards regardless of their ethnicity. And the appellate court will see that evidence too. You do not enhance anyone's voting rights by taking away the right to vote.

JOEL KOURY
Santa Monica

Rock and a hard spot

Editor:

City of SM is between a rock and a hard spot over district elections, damned if they do and damned if they don't.

By choosing to appeal the courts' decision, the council faces the wrath of tax paying citizens disgusted by the tens of millions of dollars willingly spent in legal fees fighting a losing cause and a certain recall effort against the current council members in support of defending their jobs. On the other-hand, if they decide to throw in the towel realizing it's been a good run after 40 years dominating all departments of city hall with the help of at-large elections, then, at that point of true reckoning, they will know it's the end of "the machine" and it's agenda.

It will be a new beginning for politics in SM. The city may attempt a last minute PR campaign to convince the 'lemmings' to jump over the cliff with them in support of an appeal to save at-large elections , hard to predict what desperate politicos are capable of. Let's hope wisdom prevails.

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Curious City

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Stuff Those New Year's Wishes

CAN'T DO IT

Won't do it, actually. Changed my mind. (I can hear the chorus: "hope you traded up!")

Last week in my CURIOUS CITY column, I wrote, "Next week, my New Year's wishes for all."

I had modestly evil intent. Maybe not evil; naughty. I had fun in mind, but frustrated fun at the expense of others. Others for whom I had long-standing ill will, for their leading roles in the degradation of the city and country I love.

City Council. City Manager. City staff (some). SMRR. Union 11. Denny Zane. Richard Bloom. Mitch McConnell. Donald J. tRump. Snidely Whiplash. Satan. (I laughed out loud when Christian Bale thanked Satan at the Golden Globes Sunday for "giving me inspiration in how to play this role," of Dick Cheney in "Vice." But nothing was better than The Dude's rambling acceptance of a lifetime achievement award.)

Great once-a-new-year opportunity to prick the egos, hold their failings up to public ridicule.

But I'll pass. It may feel good for a moment, to poke back, but really, what good does that do? When I wrote "Time to Throw in the Towel?" in my column Dec. 5, some people jumped to the wrong conclusion that I was giving up on ever seeing Santa Monica politicians work for the people they supposedly represent, rather than themselves and outside interests. I know, I know, that describes politicians in general, throughout history and throughout the world and certainly in Washington, but even in Washington today there are a handful of good guys and gals. We are a tightly-knit little city of less than 100,000 here and I've always thought, why can't we get it right?

WHAT I GAVE UP ON

-- was the notion of forcing right behavior from our representatives by showing them how many of their constituents wanted it. That's a fool's errand, a lost cause. Because of uninvolved, uninformed, misinformed, distracted, apathetic, lazy human nature, it just doesn't work that way, as I wrote in a CURIOUS CITY right after the last election. In fact, it reinforces bad governance.

Martin Luther King Jr. knew it: "Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is an almost universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think." Thinking raises questions in your mind, and finding the answers requires educating yourself.

Add MLK Jr.: "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will." And the important thing to remember is, those people, by far the most people, vote.

SO WHAT TO DO?

If I'm not giving up? I could go to insurrection, the violent overthrow of a repressive government. Pretty tough on the federal level but it could work in Santa Monica. Who's with me? We might not even need arms. Just threaten the above-named with the guillotine if they do not resign. Um, anyone have a guillotine in their basement? (Wait a minute -- no one here has basements.) You see how hard this is?

No, I'll tell you what's really hard, a Herculean, if not Sisyphean, task: to directly convince our City Council, by pen or in person, to do the right thang. (All the time.)

How? Well, it could be through this column. I know they all read it, much as it pains them. OK, probably Pam never did but she's gone, and probably Terry never does. I know Kevin does because just last week he wrote to tell me I was wrong (at least partly) about the cause of the demise of our Vons on Lincoln. Sue reads, comments, usually critically, and we have met in person a few times.

MEET IN PERSON

That's what I'm suggesting. Now you know to what lengths I am willing to go as your faithful, dedicated columnist. Coffee with Kevin? Tea with Terry, Ted? Gimlets with Gleam? I've already had Scotch with Sue.

Microbrews with Morena? See, there's the rub. No sense meeting with anyone until we see who's in our next City Council, after the judge rules and the dust settles from the district voting lawsuit. Pasta with Phil? Apple fritters with Armen? Margaritas with Mary? More Scotch with Scott?

This may sound like fun, if too fattening, but look at what I'm taking on. Into the devils' dens. And first, I have to convince those politicos to sit down with their devil, me. But my horoscope today said "it feels good to test your strength… because you're stronger than you thought." Thank goodness horoscopes are gospel.

I don't want to go this route but it's either this or curl up in a corner and whine and watch my beloved Santa Monica be overdeveloped into density damned, tourist trapped, scooter scarred, diversity divested, junkie jeopardized, criminally cursed, gridlocked high rise hell.

I'd rather see if our new Mayor Davis and I can find any common ground. It means I will have to really listen and be open to seeing where I may be misinformed, misguided or even wrong. I can do that. I know for a fact everyone of those folks love Santa Monica, as I do. We just disagree on the direction for its future. Quite a bit. But like Gretzky said, "you miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take," so I've got to take this shot. I've got to try. I hope they too might be willing, to launch a new year of listening, rethinking, perhaps compromising and cooperating. Oh, how bright 2019 looks… a week in.

But you just never know, what's around the corner.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Did I call it? I knew when people questioned my disdain for admitted conflict-of-interest veteran and soon-to-be-former SM councilperson Tony Vazquez running for the Board of Equalization (BOE) that he had something up his sleeve. What agency is more open to big money corruption possibilities than the BOE, I insinuated. But their power was removed last year, you all said, duh. (Because of… corruption charges against BOE members.) Just wait, I said. Now Vasquez has announced he will lobby our new Governor to return that authority to the BOE. IT IS THE ONLY STATE BOE IN THE NATION that gives such power to elected, not appointed officials.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: three more from the great MLK Jr. -- "When you are right you cannot be too radical; when you are wrong, you cannot be too conservative."

"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a moulder of consensus."

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

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THE CLEAN SOBER NETWORK



FUNDING

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Alzheimer's Act (BOLD) is the latest result of that volunteer network's advocacy efforts.

BOLD will create a national public health infrastructure to promote early interventions and diagnosis for people in the early stages of Alzheimer's, Gelfand Stearns said. The act will also fund education on reducing the risk of cognitive decline and improving or maintaining brain health.

It's a historic bill that reflects how views on Alzheimer's have changed over the past several years, she said. Recent studies have shown that a Mediterranean diet, exercise, sleep and addressing stress can slow the onset of the disease because of the link between brain and heart health.

"It's not until the last five years that we have actually recognized there are ways to detect early on and perhaps even do something about this disease," Gelfand Stearns said. "There's been a feeling that this disease was an inevitability of aging, but we know now it's not. It has a beginning, middle and end, and needs to be treated like a disease."

Gelfand Stearns said BOLD is a step toward the eventual goal of developing drugs that modify or cure Alzheimer's. It's the sixth most common cause of death in the United States, but the only disease in the top ten without such drugs.

"If we research and spend money like cancer did 30 years ago, we can create survivorship for Alzheimer's disease," she said.

BOLD is the latest in a series of bills that followed the National Alzheimer's Project Act, which President Barack Obama signed into law in 2011 and was the first law to outline a national research and care strategy for the disease.

That was the same year the Alzheimer's Association Ambassador Program launched. The Judy Fund has funded the majority of the program from the beginning.

"Legislators have said that the single most important thing in passing Alzheimer's legislation has been the work of ambassadors," she said. "They were in the home and federal offices of congressmen and congresswomen educating them about economic toll the disease is taking on America."

Gelfand Stearns said she has become friends with many of the ambassadors because they share one meaningful thing in common: their loved ones have struggled with Alzheimer's. The Judy Fund is named after Gelfand Stearns' mother. She died in 2004, one year after Gelfand Stearns and her father started the organization.

The fund has since raise $8.5 million, with a goal of $10 million by 2020.

While Gelfand Stearns wields significant influence at the national level, she also works locally.

"Elizabeth leads by example," said Jackie Kouri, a former director of the National Alzheimer's Association Board. "She personally meets with Congressional leaders to advocate for critical legislation, makes funding possible for vital research, chairs and spearheads local events."

For the past two years Stearns has also had the largest team and was the largest fundraiser in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's Santa Monica, held annually in Tongva Park. Funds raised a the Walk to End Alzheimer's fund local support and educational programs, such as the monthly support group held at Welbrook Santa Monica. Support is also available to all those on the Westside through the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

Gelfand Stearns has lived in Santa Monica for 25 years and connects her work on national legislation like BOLD to serving the city's aging population.

"Santa Monica's population is older than most cities and getting older," she said. "The programs BOLD funds will educate older adults about what they can do to slow down or manage Alzheimer's."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Court action limits shelf life for foie gras in California

If you're a lover of liver from duck or geese, your days of gorging on the delicacy are numbered in California.

A state ban of the dish known as foie gras was upheld after the U.S. Supreme Court declined Monday to hear an appeal by farms that raise the engorged birds and chefs who served the luxury pate.

A federal appeals court that upheld the ban in 2017 must issue a final order for the ban to take effect.

The issue has been simmering in courts for years since lawmakers in 2004 barred California farmers from producing it because the birds are force fed.

Farmers in Canada and New York and a restaurant challenged part of the law that banned liver produced out of state from being sold.

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LONG BEACH

Pedestrian, 79, fatally dragged 900 feet by hit-run van

An elderly Southern California man was killed when a hit-and-run motorist struck and dragged him about 900 feet.

Long Beach police say 79-year-old Elias Sanchez was struck Monday night by a white cargo van that fled without stopping.

The driver of a second vehicle attempted to swerve but could not avoid striking the victim. Police say that driver stopped and cooperated with the investigation.

Firefighters pronounced Sanchez dead at the scene.

Police say Sanchez was in a marked crosswalk and had the green pedestrian signal when he was hit.

The van was described as a Chevrolet or Ford from the 1970s or '80s and had a ladder on the rear along with green writing.

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QUESTIONS: The City of Santa Monica is conducting a survey of residents in an attempt to help it answer three fundamental questions. What are we trying to do? How well are we doing? How can we do it better? The City is using a framework established as part of its Sustainable City of Wellbeing program that ranks life in Santa Monica in seven categories. Those seven are then subdivided into 23 individual outcome areas.

BUDGET

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the full scope of responsibilities the City undertakes."

The seven areas that encompass all 23 outcomes derive from the City's Wellbeing Index, a project that launched in 2015 with $1 million in funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Challenge. Each priority in the survey falls under Place and Planet, Safety, Community, Economic Opportunity, Government, Health or Learning.

"Each (City) department has mapped out work they do as a department toward achievement of these outcomes," said chief performance officer Tim Dodd.

However, some residents said they feel the survey's options are too limited and don't reflect their concerns. (Survey takers have the option to write in up to three priorities.)

Ocean Park resident Henry Rosenfeld said he feels housing affordability should be more emphasized in the survey.

"SaMo's "commitment to sustainability and wellbeing" needs to honor how hard it's become to afford an abode in this burg," Rosenfeld said in a letter to the Daily Press.

Reynold Dacon, who lives in the Noma neighborhood, said he feels the survey does not provide enough information about each priority.

"We only have vague choices that mean exactly what the Council wants them to mean," he said in a letter. "It's public input for form, not for substance."

Dodd said the City has tried to make the survey easy to access online or on paper at Santa Monica libraries and encourage as many people to take it as possible.

"It's your city," he said. "It's an opportunity for people to express their voice and shape our budget."

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BILL

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modeled on the straw bill, said Nick Lapis of Californians Against Waste. It calls for written warnings for the first two violations and a fine of $25 a day for subsequent infractions, with a $300 cap.

"It's intended to be a pretty light touch in terms of enforcement," Lapis said.

Advocates said the use of straws is declining after that law was passed.

Many larger stores already offer the choice involving receipts but it is unclear if a mandate would cause a hardship for small and medium-size stores, said California Retailers Association spokeswoman Pamela Williams. Her association and the California Chamber of Commerce have not taken positions on the bill.

Ting said businesses can save money by moving away from printed receipts.

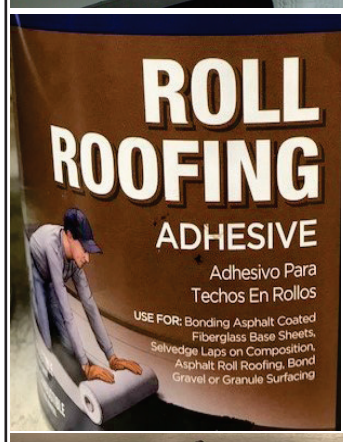
The advocacy group Green America, which is pushing a "skip the slip" campaign, estimated that millions of trees and billions of gallons of water are used annually to produce paper receipts in the United States.

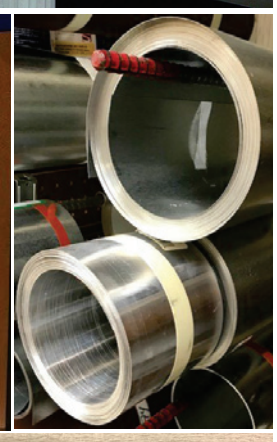
Ting cited studies by the Environmental Working Group and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that retail workers have higher concentrations of BPA or BPS than those who do not have regular contact with receipts.

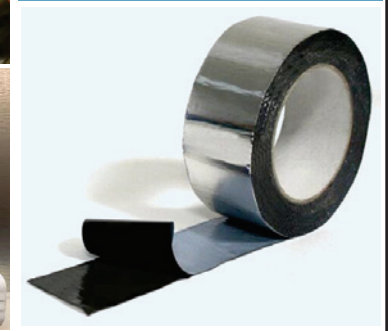
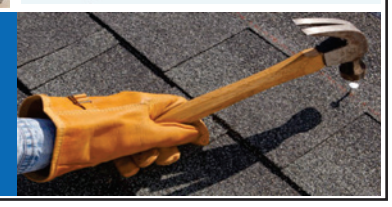
Ting said consumers can still request paper receipts if they are worried about giving out their email addresses for privacy reasons or to avoid having their emails used or sold for marketing purposes.

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72 hour psychiatric hold 00blk Vicente Ter 5:51 a.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:56 a.m.
Person down 900blk Wilshire Blvd 7:06 a.m.
Auto burglary 2700blk 3rd St 8:29 a.m.
Burglary 400blk Pico Blvd 8:31 a.m.
Encampment 300blk Pico Blvd 8:46 a.m.
Threats 3100blk Neilson Way 8:49 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Sunset Ave 8:54 a.m.
Vandalism 900blk 3rd St 8:55 a.m.
Drunk driving 4th St / Pico Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 400blk 11th St 9:42 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1200blk 5th St 10:06 a.m.
Person down 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:12 a.m.
Petty theft 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 10:17 a.m.
Vandalism 400blk 16th St 10:18 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Burglary 1300blk 17th St 10:22 a.m.
Trespassing 600blk Wilshire Blvd 10:22 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:22 a.m.
Burglary 400blk Pico Blvd 10:29 a.m.
Indecent exposure 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 10:31 a.m.
Identity theft 700blk 9th St 10:34 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1500blk 17th St 10:45 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 11:03 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:17 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 200blk Bicknell Ave 11:23 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Hit and run 100blk Hart Ave 11:48 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:59 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 4th St 12:39 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1400blk 2nd St 1:34 p.m.
Fraud 900blk 20th St 1:39 p.m.
Fraud 1500blk 10th St 1:41 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2500blk 29th St 1:58 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Encampment 1100blk 7th St 2:08 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 400blk Ocean Ave 2:29 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 600blk Marine St 2:34 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk 10th St 3:42 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 3:58 p.m.
Burglary 1300blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:09 p.m.
Burglary 1000blk 3rd St 4:33 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400blk 2nd St 4:42 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 4:54 p.m.
Auto burglary 400blk Pico Blvd 5:05 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 9th St 5:12 p.m.
Person down 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:16 p.m.
Vandalism 1500blk 2nd St 5:20 p.m.
Grand theft 2900blk Wilshire Blvd 5:37 p.m.
Battery 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Battery 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 6:15 p.m.
Burglary 400blk Pico Blvd 6:16 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 6:38 p.m.
Fight 700blk Broadway 7:14 p.m.
Hit and run 1900blk 17th St 7:17 p.m.
Critical missing person 2200blk Pico Blvd 7:21 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 00blk Vicente Ter 7:26 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2nd St / Hill St 7:29 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 7:46 p.m.
Loitering 1300blk 7th St 7:47 p.m.
Vandalism 700blk Broadway 8:19 p.m.
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Grand theft auto 1600blk Franklin St 9:01 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold Main St / Colorado Ave 9:16 p.m.
Drunk driving Ellenford / San Vicente 9:20 p.m.
Vandalism 1500blk 7th St 9:51 p.m.
Construction noise 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:52 p.m.
Hit and run 10th St / Pacific St 10:58 p.m.
Petty theft 2700blk Pico Blvd 11:13 p.m.

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Automatic alarm 3100blk 4th St 7:53 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:07 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Arizona Ave 10:12 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 20th St / Pico Blvd 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 11:12 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 10th St 12:06 p.m.
Public assist 800blk 20th St 1:14 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 1:33 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:50 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Michigan Ave 1:59 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Arizona Ave 2:34 p.m.
Public assist 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:02 p.m.
Public assist 1300blk 4th St 4:09 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Main St 4:54 p.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:13 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 6:09 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 19th St 6:48 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 6:59 p.m.
Electrical fire - no fire visible 1200blk 11th St 7:14 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Harvard St / Wilshire Blvd 7:46 p.m.
EMS 800blk Woodacres Rd 8:05 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 8:30 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Main St 9:16 p.m.
EMS 500blk 16th St 9:27 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 9:57 p.m.
Smoke investigation 100blk Bicknell Ave 10:36 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 10th St / Pacific St 10:58 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Exposition Blvd 10:59 p.m.
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Epitaphs

■ "Don't try." -- Gravestone of German-born American poet Henry Charles Bukowski (1920-1994)

■ The phrase, used in one of his poems, alludes to his advice to aspiring writers. Asked to explain, he once said, "Somebody asked me, 'What do you do? How do you write, create?' You don't try, I told them. You don't try. That's very important: not to try, either for Cadillacs, creation or immortality. You wait, and if nothing happens, you wait some more. It's like a bug high on the wall. You wait for it to come to you. When it gets close enough you reach out, slap out and kill it. Or if you like its looks, you make a pet out of it."

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Sudoku

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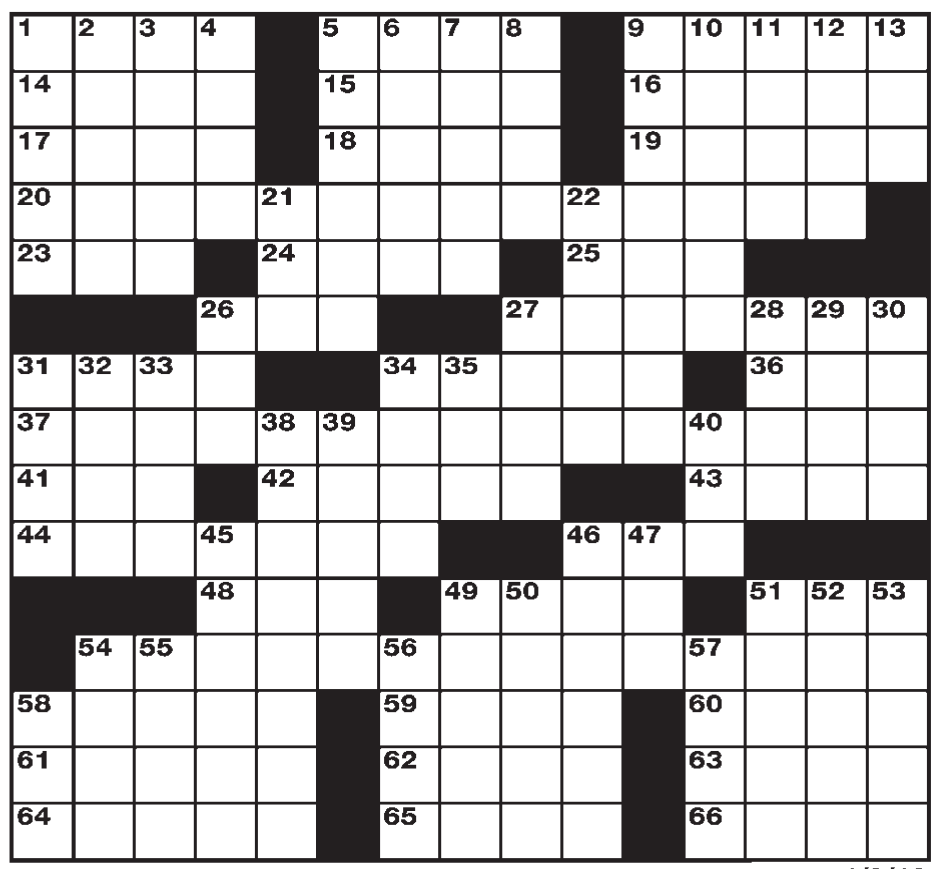
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Newsday Crossword

IT'S A HIT by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS
1 Women
5 Setters and spaniels
9 Takes care of, with "to"
14 Sacred
15 Milky-white gem
16 T.S. of literature
17 Author unknown: Abbr.
18 Infamous Roman emperor
19 Thick heads of hair
20 Hit song
23 Poet's "before"
24 Salt Lake state
25 ACLU concerns
26 Spelling contest
27 Not known by
31 Palm tree berry
34 Become preoccupied with
36 Historical time
37 Hit novel
41 401, to 18 Across
42 Midleg joints
43 Hill-building bugs
44 Beach resort locale
46 One gathering intel
48 NYSE debut
49 Bread with a pocket
51 Defer, with "off"
54 Hit movie
58 December tune
59 Hibernation place
60 Tennis great Arthur
61 Silly
62 Novelist Rice
63 Line on a list
64 Stares at
65 Canceled, at NASA
66 Be bold

DOWN
1 Physical condition
2 Pay tribute to
3 Get wed on the run
4 In __ (harmonious)
5 Give to a cause
6 "Grand" musical production
7 Brooks of country music
8 Mail-drop opening
9 Designed to entice
10 Go by, as time
11 Highest digit in sudoku
12 Active person
13 Many urban rds.
21 Slice of the spectrum
22 Early synthetic fabric
26 Morsel
27 Line of rotation
28 Gas in store-window signs
29 Jogging pace
30 Acorn producers
31 Basic principles
32 Relinquish, as territory
33 Land east of Europe
34 Escape in a hurry
35 Suffix for percent
38 Sticks for the slopes
39 "At the __ the day . . ."
40 Small gulf
45 Rather tall
46 Two-speaker system
47 Faux __ (minor mistake)
49 Keyboard instrument
50 Cupcake topper
51 Rigatoni or ravioli
52 Wedding party member
53 Motif
54 Slammed door sound
55 Face-to-face exam
56 Custard dessert
57 Hotel employee
58 AFL-__



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 9)

Leadership is your destiny in 2019. You're not overly concerned with being popular; you're just trying to do the right thing, which is usually the loving thing. For this reason and many others you'll be promoted, befriended and cherished. More highlights of the solar year include a new professional chapter, a domestic upgrade and communion with distant family for a happy occasion. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 47, 21, 8, 16 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
When you want to know something, you ask. Many are too afraid to admit what they don't know. They'd rather continue to be ignorant than risk appearing foolish. To be a good teacher, provide more information than is asked for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There are those who lend their endorsements to products and services in exchange for financial gain. You make recommendations for more integral reasons -- to help others and to promote the good things in life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It will feel like you are doing almost nothing, though you're getting plenty accomplished. It's as though some other force is doing the work through you. This is the freedom of letting go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It is said that if you treat people as though they are great, they will be. This has sometimes worked for you, but not always. You've also been burned by giving others the benefit of the doubt, which is why you're a bit cautious today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
This thing you're trying to do isn't that easy. If it were, you'd have done it ages ago. Take a step back and ask, "How can I cater to myself better?" Be selfish, or it's not going to work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your role will go far beyond your job description. It's more like you're playing the composite of many roles: coach, parent, psychologist, partner, cheerleader and more.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Sophisticated sensibility is often just outside the boundary of what's expected and appropriate, while within the boundary of the law. In other words, "Epater la bourgeoisie."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
For the integrity of your work you'll be recognized, maybe not with praise or awards but with lives touched by your life, goodness rippling out in unexpected ways.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Every breathing soul gets technically older with each tick of the clock. Meanwhile, your state of mind gets younger with every new thing you learn.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
While budgeting may strike you as boring, a loose financial plan will serve you well. And no matter how much you know about money, it behooves you to check out what other savvy folks are doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You can think what you like and you can say what you think, though you'd be wise to use careful judgment on the matter of when, where and how you do it.

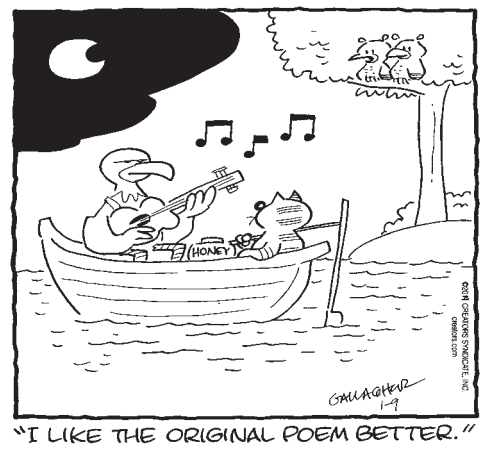
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
When someone says, "Don't even get me started," it usually means, "Do ask! I'm dying to talk about it." But you knew that already. This kind of social intelligence is why you have so many friends.

Moon of Maturing Dreams

"Keep true to the dreams of thy youth," mused the poet Friedrich von Schiller. Yet, were we to follow the dictum, many of us would live in pillow forts on diets of ice cream and there would be a disproportionate number of astronauts and veterinarians in the world. The moon advances to Pisces, favoring dreams rewritten in the light of maturity.

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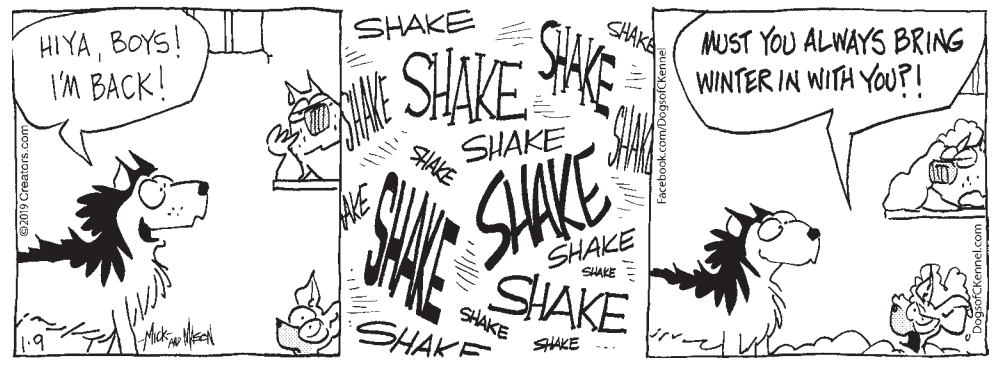
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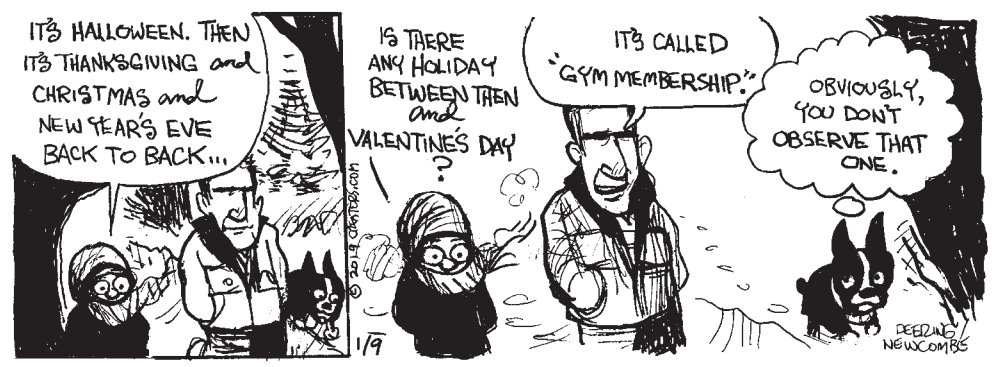
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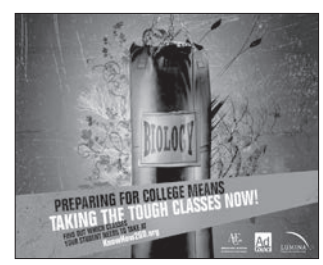
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Eyeing 2020, Harris addresses prosecutorial past in memoir

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As she nears a decision on whether to seek the presidency, Sen. Kamala Harris is taking on what could be a hurdle in a Democratic primary: her past as a prosecutor.

In her memoir published Tuesday, the California Democrat describes herself as a "progressive prosecutor" and says it's a "false choice" to decide between supporting the police and advocating for greater scrutiny of law enforcement. The argument is aimed at liberal critics of her record who argue she was sometimes too quick to side with the police and too slow to adopt sentencing reforms.

"I know that most police officers deserve to be proud of their public service and commended for the way they do their jobs," Harris writes in "The Truths We Hold." ''I know how difficult and dangerous the job is, day in and day out, and I know how hard it is for the officers' families, who have to wonder if the person they love will be coming home at the end of each shift."

But, she continues, "I also know this: it is a false choice to suggest you must either be for the police or for police accountability. I am for both. Most people I know are for both. Let's speak some truth about that, too."

After high-profile fatal shootings involving police officers and unarmed people of color, the criminal justice system's treatment of minorities is a top issue among Democratic voters. The passage suggests Harris is aware that her seven years as the district attorney in San Francisco, followed by six years as California's attorney general, is something she will have to explain and signals how she may frame her law enforcement career if she decides to run for the White House.

"It's a presidential campaign, and every aspect of a candidate's record is going to be scrutinized and they're going to have to answer for it," said Mo Elleithee, a longtime Democratic operative who leads Georgetown University's Institute of Politics and Public Service. "She knows that this is something that's heading her way and a good candidate is one who doesn't wait for it to hit them. A good candidate is someone who addresses it proactively, and she appears to be doing that."

Beyond the book, Harris supported legislation that passed the Senate late last year and overhauls the criminal justice system, especially when it comes to sentencing rules.

In the book, Harris recounts an instance when she was an intern at the Alameda County district attorney's office and an innocent bystander was one of many people arrested during a drug raid. Harris said she "begged" and "pleaded" on a late Friday afternoon for a judge to hear the case so the woman could avoid spending the weekend in jail.

Kate Chatfield, the policy director of the California-based criminal justice reform group Re:store Justice, said Harris did do "some good" when she was in law enforcement, but that it was "incumbent on the public to hold her accountable for the ways in which she either didn't do enough or actually did some harm."

"When the conversation shifts, one should be expected to be questioned about those choices," Chatfield said, noting among other issues Harris's advocacy for tougher truancy laws.

By addressing policing in the book, Harris is taking on an issue that confronted Democrats and some Republicans in 2016. Democrat Hillary Clinton was criticized for her husband's role in passing the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, which created stricter penalties for drug offenders and funneled billions of dollars toward more police and new prisons.

The issue is likely to be the subject of fierce debate in 2020 as well and could expose divisions among the wide field of candidates — presenting hurdles for some and opportunity for others.

Former Vice President Joe Biden was the head of the Senate's Judiciary Committee when the 1994 crime bill — which is now criticized as having helped create an era of mass incarceration — was passed and signed into law, which could be an obstacle for him. New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker was central to the passage of the Senate's criminal justice overhaul package and is certain to tout it if he decides to launch a presidential campaign. Meanwhile, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who is also considering a 2020 bid, often refers to her own prosecutorial past.

The memoir — and the publicity surrounding it — will shift the 2020 campaign spotlight to Harris this week after much of the focus has been on her Senate colleague Elizabeth Warren. Last week, the Massachusetts Democrat became the most prominent person yet to take steps toward a presidential run by forming an exploratory committee. Her weekend trip to the leadoff caucus state of Iowa also generated largely flattering headlines.

Some criminal justice advocates said they were happy the issue would get more attention in 2020.

"When we had the 2016 elections, it was at the height of Ferguson and Baltimore, and we still didn't have serious engagement with criminal justice reform," said Phillip Goff, the president of the Center for Policing Equity, referring to the protests that followed the deaths of black men at the hands of police officers in Missouri and Maryland.

"My hope is that we require candidates to demonstrate that they know more than the catchphrases of the activists in their bases."

Surveys underscore the potency of criminal justice issues among Democrats. A February 2018 poll conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that majorities of Democrats — but far fewer Republicans — think there's been little progress for African-Americans on criminal justice or policing issues over the past 50 years. The poll showed that 45 percent of Americans, including 62 percent of Democrats and 19 percent of Republicans, thought there had been little to no progress on fair treatment for black Americans by the criminal justice system. Similarly, 46 percent of Americans, including 63 percent of Democrats and 23 percent of Republicans, said there's been little to no progress for African-Americans on fair treatment by police.

While it's not yet clear how Harris' prosecutorial background could affect her primary bid, it could help her if she faces President Donald Trump in the 2020 general election.

"He ran as the law-and-order president," Elleithee said of Trump. "Being able to go toe-to-toe with him on law and order in a smarter way, I think, is going to be important. Should she win the nomination and does it by navigating this topic well, then I think she would be a strong voice and a force to be reckoned with when it comes to issues of law and order, criminal justice and civil rights as they collide in a general election."

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