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Community comes together to support grieving family

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Lifelong Santa Monica resident Eric Corso is remembered by family and friends as a kind and caring person whose incredible compassion allowed others to enjoy a second chance at life.

Corso suffered a seizure and cardiac arrest in early December, which led to an anoxic brain injury. After spending more than a week at Providence Saint John's Health Center in a coma, Corso died on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2019.

"What I remember most about Eric was his ability to love unconditionally, with no prejudice and no judgment," said Lea Spicker, a childhood best friend of Corso. "He was someone who absolutely loved animals (and) had the kindest, biggest heart," which was exhibited up until his final days.



Courtesy photos

DONATION: Eric Corso was a lifelong Santa Monica resident known for his compassionate demeanor.

Born March 15, 1991, Corso was raised in Santa Monica where he attended Franklin Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School before graduating from Santa Monica High School in 2009. Corso was also a former Eagle Scout and member of troop 2.

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Brennon Dixson

NOW OPEN: Fritto Misto has moved to 620 Santa Monica Blvd. The popular restaurant has been a fixture in the city for years but their old building is scheduled for redevelopment.

As wildfires get worse, smoke spreads, stokes health worries

MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

First came the flames, a raging firestorm propelled by 50 mph wind gusts that incinerated Kelsey Norton's house and killed 85 people in her community.

Then came the smoke — not just from the forest but also from some 14,000 houses and their contents that burned, generating a thick plume that enshrouded portions of Northern California for weeks and left Norton gasping.

"I don't want to have cancer in my 50s because I inhaled smoke in my 30s," she said.

The immediate toll of lives and property lost in 2018 when a fire tore through the Sierra Nevada foothills town of Paradise, California is well documented. Still unknown is the long-term impact of the intense smoke exposure suffered by the tragedy's survivors and the hundreds of thousands of people living in communities downwind of the blaze.

Increasingly intense wildfires are scorching forests from California to Australia and stoking concern among residents and health professionals about long-term health impacts from smoke exposure.

The issue has far-reaching implications as climate change turns some regions of the globe drier and more prone to fires that send up smoke plumes that can travel thousands of miles and affect millions of people.

The unprecedented fires burning across Australia offer the most recent example as they blanket major cities with dangerous air pollution. Smoke from those fires, which started burning in September, by this week had spread across more than 7.7 million square miles (20 million square kilometers) and drifted across the Pacific Ocean to reach South America, according to the United Nation's meteorological agency and the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service.

The fires have torched more than 2,000 houses and killed at least 26 people. Authorities ordered new evacuations in New South Wales as rising temperatures and erratic winds on Friday threatened to fan more than 100 blazes in the state.

Compounding the danger, experts and firefighters say, is the proliferation of construction materials and household items made from petroleum-based plastics, ranging from plumbing pipes to exterior

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____(CCS)

(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, REVISING WASTEWATER RATES AND WASTEWATER SERVICES CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City Council may establish, amend or revise from time to time by resolution the rates and service charges for supplying wastewater service to any customer pursuant to Government Code Section 54344 and Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 7.04.540 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City is implementing a comprehensive long-range wastewater system improvement program with the goal of maintaining a modern, reliable wastewater network and infrastructure and to achieve water self-sufficiency by 2023; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve these goals, the City is implementing various water self-sufficiency projects as outlined in the 2018 Sustainable Water Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, wastewater rate increases are needed to invest in water self-sufficiency, maintain a modern and reliable wastewater infrastructure, and adequately fund ongoing cost of providing wastewater services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica is proposing wastewater rate increases ("Wastewater Rate Increases") over a five-year period beginning March 1, 2020, and the proposed maximum percentage increases, on a systemwide basis, are:

March 1, 2020	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
10%	10%	10%	10%	3%

; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 54354, delinquent charges and penalties for wastewater services when recorded in accordance with Government Code Section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing ("Hearing") to consider the proposed Wastewater Rate Increases on January 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk gave notice of the proposed Wastewater Rate Increases, which notice contained a copy of the proposed resolution to adopt the Wastewater Rate Increases and a declaration that delinquent charges and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served, and which notice was published at least once each week for two weeks prior to the Hearing in the Santa Monica Daily Press, in accordance with Government Code section 54354.5; and

WHEREAS, a separate notice of the proposed Wastewater Rate Increases was also given in accordance with Article XIII D Section 6 of the California Constitution, by mailing such notice to the owner of record of each parcel in Santa Monica's service area and parcels in the City of Los Angeles who receive wastewater service from the City of Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all written and oral testimony presented at the Hearing and considered whether the proposed Wastewater Rate Increases: are not discriminatory or excessive; will be sufficient under Government Code section 54515; will comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Division 2, Part 1 of the Government Code; will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the wastewater rate revenues; and will be in compliance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby determines that the proposed Wastewater Rate Increases are not discriminatory or excessive; will be sufficient under Government Code section 54515; will comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Division 2, Part 1 of the Government Code; will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the wastewater rate revenues; and will be in compliance with law.

SECTION 2. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the wastewater service charge will consist of a fixed charge and a commodity charge.

SECTION 3. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the wastewater service fixed charge for the following property classifications shall be as follows for the following years:

BI-MONTHLY FIXED CHARGES

Property Classification	Proposed Wastewater Rates				
	FY 2019/20 (3/1/20 to 12/31/20)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/21 to 12/31/21)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/22 to 12/31/22)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/23 to 12/31/23)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)
Residential ($/Dwelling Unit)					
Single Family	$14.06	$15.46	$17.01	$18.71	$19.27
MFR: Duplex + Triplex	$5.66	$6.23	$6.85	$7.53	$7.76
MFR: Fourplex + Larger	$4.27	$4.69	$5.16	$5.68	$5.85
MFR: Individually metered	$6.87	$7.55	$8.31	$9.14	$9.41
Non-Residential ($/Account)					
MFR: Mixed Use	$137.42	$151.16	$166.27	$182.90	$188.39
Commercial - Low	$40.17	$44.18	$48.60	$53.46	$55.06
Commercial – Med.	$85.39	$93.93	$103.33	$113.66	$117.07
Commercial - High	$214.65	$236.12	$259.73	$285.70	$294.27
Institutional	$64.76	$71.23	$78.36	$86.19	$88.78
Church/Schools	$41.30	$45.43	$49.97	$54.97	$56.62
Misc. Industrial	$79.11	$87.02	$95.72	$105.30	$108.46
Wastewater Only	$93.76	$103.14	$113.45	$124.80	$128.54

SECTION 4. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the wastewater service commodity charge and the discharge factor applied to metered water usage to calculate wastewater output for the following property classifications shall be as follows for the following years: *Note: HCF = hundred cubic feet

BI-MONTHLY COMMODITY CHARGES

Property Classification	Discharge Factor	Proposed Wastewater Rates				
		FY 2019/20 (3/1/20 to 12/31/20)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/21 to 12/31/21)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/22 to 12/31/22)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/23 to 12/31/23)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)
Residential ($/HCF)						
Single Family	85%	$3.40	$3.73	$4.11	$4.52	$4.65
MFR: Duplex + Triplex	90%	$3.40	$3.73	$4.11	$4.52	$4.65
MFR: Fourplex + Larger	97%	$3.40	$3.73	$4.11	$4.52	$4.65
MFR: Indiv. metered	99%	$3.40	$3.73	$4.11	$4.52	$4.65
Non-Residential ($/HCF)						
MFR: Mixed Use	95%	$3.15	$3.47	$3.81	$4.19	$4.32
Commercial – Low	93%	$3.31	$3.65	$4.01	$4.41	$4.54
Commercial – Medium	94%	$3.47	$3.82	$4.20	$4.62	$4.76
Commercial – High	95%	$4.60	$5.06	$5.57	$6.13	$6.31
Institutional	82%	$3.38	$3.71	$4.08	$4.49	$4.63
Church/Schools	81%	$3.25	$3.58	$3.94	$4.33	$4.46
Misc. Industrial	88%	$3.20	$3.52	$3.87	$4.26	$4.39
Wastewater Only[3]	NA	--	--	--	--	--

The Water Resources Manager shall have the authority to make adjustments in discharge factors for individual users where it is determined that the actual quantity of wastewater discharge is substantially different from that established in the above table.

The wastewater rates above are based on wastewater volume (determined based on water usage and the listed discharge factors) and the property classification, which is determined based in part on the expected concentration (or strength) of pollutants in the wastewater discharge ("wastewater strength"). Wastewater strength values for individual users or various types of users may either be estimated or determined by laboratory analysis, at the direction of the Water Resources Manager. Where wastewater strength values are estimated, they shall be consistent with the current City of Los Angeles Amalgamated System Sewage Generation Factors. No wastewater strength values for non-residential users shall be less than the wastewater strength values established for residential users. The City may revise wastewater strength values from time to time as deemed necessary to reflect current conditions.

In the event any user believes that, based on the wastewater strength value established by the City for its wastewater discharge, its property classification is incorrect, that user shall have the option of having its wastewater sampled and analyzed at its own expense by a laboratory approved by the City. The manner, frequency, and duration of sampling and analysis shall be approved by the City to ensure that the resultant wastewater strength value is representative of all conditions of discharges. During the same time period when wastewater is being analyzed, the user shall pay all wastewater service charges based on the previously established property classification. In the event analyses show the actual strength value to be less than or greater than the previously established value, the City shall adjust the property classification and either refund or bill the user, per Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 7.04.560 and 7.12.112, for the difference in charges, as appropriate.

SECTION 5. On March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, wastewater customers who do not receive water service from the City of Santa Monica will pay only the fixed charge established in Section 3 above.

SECTION 6. A low-income allowance will be offered to residential water customers with individual water meters who qualify for the City's Utilities User Tax Exemption Program or the Southern California Gas Co. or Southern California Edison low-income assistance programs. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the residential low-income water commodity charge for residential water customers with individual meters shall be as follows for the following years: *Note: HCF = hundred cubic feet

BI-MONTHLY LOW-INCOME COMMODITY CHARGES

Property Classification	Proposed Wastewater Rates				
	FY 2019/20 (3/1/20 to 12/31/20)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/21 to 12/31/21)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/22 to 12/31/22)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/23 to 12/31/23)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)
Residential ($/HCF)	$2.40	$2.73	$3.11	$3.52	$3.65

SECTION 7. In accordance with Government Code section 54354, delinquent charges and penalties for wastewater services recorded in accordance with Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served.

SECTION 8. Resolution Number _____ (CCS) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, January 10

Fireside at the Miles - Nick Mancini Collective & Brazilian Project

Nick Mancini brings his famed collective back to the Fireside series. Since his last performance he's released a new record with the bands and has begun writing for his Brazilian choro project (Think J. S. Bach at carnival) which he will also be presenting that evening. One man, two bands, one night. 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at https://nickmancinicollective.eventbrite.com

LA Law Library QuickLook Legal Research Class & Office Hours

LA Law Library legal research specialists teach free, monthly 45-minute overviews of legal information search tools and techniques as part of their regular "office hours" visits. After the class, an LA Law Library legal research specialist will be available in Study Room 7, from 2:30 to 5 p.m., to assist in finding information and resources on any legal topic. January's topic is Types and Sources of Law. No legal advice is provided during the class. 1:30 - 2:15 p.m. Main Library

Saturday, January 11

Fireside at the Miles - Contemporary Guitar Night

An evening of contemporary music for guitar featuring electric guitar ensemble, Los Angeles Electric 8; voice and guitar duo, GuitAria; classical guitar quartet, Ikat Quartet; and fretless guitarist, Buzz Gravelle. Works by Philip Glass, Peter Yates, Buzz Gravelle, Eric Kiersnowski, and more. Curated by Philip Graulty. 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets for sale at https://ikatquartet.eventbrite.com

Ukulele Saturdays! for Teens & Adults

Heidi Swedberg teaches you how to play "the happiest instrument in the world." Each session begins with a mini lesson, followed by a strum-along with your favorite songs. Bring your own ukulele or use one of ours. Space and instruments are limited and on a first-arrival basis. Main Library. 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Movie and Discussion: Living While Dying (2017)

Join organizers for a documentary that chronicles life and death, and finding joy in the journey. A panel discussion with film director follows the screening. (Film runtime: 45 min.) 2 - 3:30 p.m. Main Library.

LEGO Build and Race

Design and build your own creation and race others to see which one goes faster! Ages 4-12. 3 - 4 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library

Snowfall 2020!

The frosty flurries are set to magically transform our community into a fun winter snow play day where noses are cold, and mittens are required. Join Police Department, Virginia Avenue Park and Santa Monica Public Library for a blustery bounty of fun that includes arts & crafts, snow cones, inflatable snow globe photo booth, story times with Police Officers, Librarians, and more! Pico Branch Library, 12 - 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 12

New Poems for a New Decade with Dinah Berland

The Camera Obscura Poetry Workshop with Dinah Berland will launch its fourth year at the Art Lab. Members of the class will meet for six sessions on alternate Sunday afternoons to read poetry by a diverse selection of master poets, analyze the work to see how it was made, write new poems in response to prompts in class, and practice polishing their own drafts. Poets at all levels are invited join, or rejoin, the ongoing band of Camera Obscura Poets and let the new poems emerge! Cost: $90 - $20 drop-in fee available. Sundays 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/8 & 3/22. 2-4 pm. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/78090

For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to events@smdp.com

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE FOR PROPOSED WATER RATE INCREASE

1. Proposed Water Rate Increases

The City of Santa Monica is proposing water rate increases for a five-year period beginning March 1, 2020. The proposed water rates, if adopted, are needed to invest in water self-sufficiency, maintain a modern and reliable water infrastructure, and adequately fund the ongoing cost of providing water service to properties within the City. Details of the City's refined pathway to achieve water self-sufficiency is summarized in the City's November 2018 Sustainable Water Master Plan Update. Revenue and deficit analysis conducted for the proposed water rates is provided in the Water Rate Study Report. Both reports are available on the City's website, https://santamonica.gov/waterrates.

Revenue from the water service rates pays for the operation and maintenance of, and capital improvements to, the City's water system. The revenues derived from the proposed water rate increases will not be used for any purposes other than to finance the costs of providing water services and will not exceed the projected cost of service attributable to each parcel.

2. The Basis upon Which the Fee was Calculated

The City takes a strategic approach to setting future water rates, balancing affordability while investing in long-term water quality, reliability and sustainability. The water rate structure was evaluated to reflect current costs of service, ensure proper funds are in place to carry out routine operation and maintenance activities, implement capital improvement programs for system resiliency and achieve strategic goals such as water self-sufficiency.

The proposed water service fee is calculated by combining 1) a fixed charge amount based upon the customer type and water meter size and 2) a commodity charge based upon actual water use of the property. The water service fee will continue to be billed bi□monthly, directly to all customers on the regular water utility bill. Additional details can be found in the Water Rate Study Report.

3. Date, Time and Location of the Public Hearing

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed water rate increases on January 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium – East Wing, 1855 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401. At the public hearing, any person interested, including all persons owning property within the water service area of the City, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed Water Rate Increases are discriminatory or excessive, or will not be sufficient under Government Code section 54515, or will not comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code, or will not be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues, or on any other matter relating to said proposed resolution or the proposed Water Rates proposed therein.

4. Procedure for Submittal of Written Protests

Any property owner of record whose property is subject to the proposed water rates may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Any written protest must:

- State that the identified property owner is in opposition to the propose rate increase;
- Provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number, street address, or customer account);
- Include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest; and
- If the person protesting was not shown on Los Angeles County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner of record, provide written evidence that the person is the current property owner (example: current copy of water bill).

Written protests on the proposed rate increases may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401, but must be submitted no later than the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing.

At the public hearing, the City Council will accept and consider all written protests and hear all oral comments to the proposed rate increases. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If by the close of the public hearing written protests the rate increases are not presented by a majority of property owners, the City Council may adopt a resolution to increase the water rates up to the amount of the proposed rates identified in this notice. If adopted, the rates will become effective March 1, 2020, and on January 1 in subsequent years over the five-year period.

Delinquent charges and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served. This notice was mailed to the owner of record of each parcel in Santa Monica's service area. As a courtesy, this notice is also being mailed to all Santa Monica water account holders. If you do not receive water service from the City of Santa Monica this notice does not apply to you.

Additional information is available on the City's Water Resources Division website at https://www.santamonica.gov/waterrates or by calling the Water Resources office at (310) 458-8531.

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Death Investigation 1300blk 15th St 1:17 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred Highland Ave / Marine St 2:49 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Stewart St 5:18 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 2000blk The Beach 6:29 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1400blk 2nd St 6:38 a.m.
Elder Abuse 2100blk The Beach 6:57 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 8:52 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Bay St 9:00 a.m.
Death Investigation 500blk San Vicente Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 300blk Montana Ave 9:53 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1700blk Main St 10:04 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Stanford St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:35 a.m.
Burglary Report 200blk Washington Ave 10:42 a.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 6th St / Colorado Ave 11:14 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 10th St / Washington Ave 12:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 10th St / Washington Ave 12:39 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk Broadway 12:40 p.m.
Vandalism Report 2300blk Main St 12:50 p.m.
Vandalism Report 500blk Pico Blvd 1:03 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1100blk Pacific St 1:05 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:14 p.m.
Grand Theft Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 1:16 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Euclid St / Arizona Ave 1:45 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 500blk San Vicente Blvd 2:07 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 20th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800blk Broadway 2:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved 300blk Olympic Dr 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 1500blk Ocean Ave 3:03 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1600blk 16th St 3:20 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1600blk 18th St 3:38 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1400blk 14th St 3:44 p.m.
Battery Report 23rd St / Pico Blvd 3:48 p.m.
Burglary Report 700blk Copeland Ct 3:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 3100blk Main St 3:53 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk 6th St 4:15 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 4:45 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1500blk 10th St 4:49 p.m.
Fight 00blk Pico Blvd 5:03 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2000blk Olympic Blvd 5:22 p.m.
Found Senile Person 1300blk 26th St 5:34 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk 9th St 5:43 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 5:48 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 5:51 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Report 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:30 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2nd St / Broadway 6:33 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:41 p.m.
Fraud Report 300blk Santa Monica Pl 7:03 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:05 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1500blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:06 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Int 10/Cent Off 7:27 p.m.
Fitness Permit Violation 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:17 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2300blk Virginia Ave 8:17 p.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 600blk Georgina Ave 8:24 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 3rd St / Bay St 8:34 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 300blk Santa Monica Pl 8:47 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 2nd St 10:32 p.m.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____(CCS)

(CITY COUNCIL SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, REVISING WATER RATES AND WATER SERVICES CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City Council may establish, amend or revise from time to time by resolution the rates and service charges for supplying water service to any customer pursuant to Government Code Section 54344 and Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 7.12.010; and

WHEREAS, the City is implementing a comprehensive long-range water system improvement program with the goal of maintaining a modern, reliable water network and infrastructure and to achieve water self-sufficiency by 2023; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve these goals, the City is implementing various water self-sufficiency projects as outlined in the 2018 Sustainable Water Master Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, water rate increases are needed to invest in water self-sufficiency, maintain a modern and reliable water infrastructure, and adequately fund ongoing cost of providing water services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Monica is proposing water rate increases ("Water Rate Increases") to the City's tiered water structure over a five-year period beginning March 1, 2020, and the proposed maximum percentage increases, on a systemwide basis, are:

March 1, 2020	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023	January 1, 2024
20%	18%	14%	14%	14%

; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Government Code Section 54354, delinquent charges and penalties for water services when recorded in accordance with Government Code Section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing ("Hearing") to consider the proposed Water Rate Increases on January 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk gave notice of the proposed Water Rate Increases, which notice contained a copy of the proposed resolution to adopt the Water Rate Increases and a declaration that delinquent charges and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served, and which notice was published at least once each week for two weeks prior to the Hearing in the Santa Monica Daily Press, in accordance with Government Code section 54354.5; and

WHEREAS, a separate notice of the proposed Water Rate Increases was also given in accordance with Article XIII D Section 6 of the California Constitution, by mailing such notice to the owner of record of each parcel in Santa Monica's service area and parcels in the City of Los Angeles who receive water service from the City of Santa Monica; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all written and oral testimony presented at the Hearing and considered whether the proposed Water Rate Increases: are not discriminatory or excessive; will be sufficient under Government Code section 54515; will comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Division 2, Part 1 of the Government Code; will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues; and will be in compliance with law;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby determines that the proposed Water Rate Increases are not discriminatory or excessive; will be sufficient under Government Code section 54515; will comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 5, Division 2, Part 1 of the Government Code; will be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the water rate revenues; and will be in compliance with law.

SECTION 2. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, all customers will be charged both a bi-monthly fixed water service rate (based on meter size as specified in Section 3 below) and a water commodity rate (based on usage as specified in Sections 4 through 8 below).

SECTION 3. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the fixed water service rate structure for all customers shall be as follows for the following years:

Any unauthorized metered water usage for fire service lines shall result in doubling of the fixed service charge for those fire service lines.

Water Rate Schedule	Bi-Monthly Fixed Water Service Rates				
	FY 2019/20 (3/1/2020 to 12/31/2020)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024)
Single Family Residential (meter size)					
3/4 inch	$11.11	$13.11	$14.95	$17.04	$19.43
1 inch	$11.11	$13.11	$14.95	$17.04	$19.43
1.5 inch	$15.66	$18.48	$21.07	$24.02	$27.38
2 inch	$21.13	$24.93	$28.42	$32.40	$36.93
Multi-family Residential and Non-Residential (meter size)					
3/4 inch	$13.44	$15.86	$18.08	$20.61	$23.50
1 inch	$13.44	$15.86	$18.08	$20.61	$23.50
1.5 inch	$20.32	$23.97	$27.33	$31.16	$35.52
2 inch	$28.57	$33.71	$38.43	$43.81	$49.94
3 inch	$50.57	$59.68	$68.03	$77.56	$88.41
4 inch	$75.33	$88.89	$101.33	$115.52	$131.69
6 inch	$144.10	$170.04	$193.84	$220.98	$251.91
8 inch	$391.66	$462.16	$526.86	$600.62	$684.71
Fire Service Lines (meter size)					
1.5 inch	$42.65	$50.33	$57.38	$65.41	$74.57
2 inch	$64.31	$75.88	$86.51	$98.62	$112.42
3 inch	$132.88	$156.80	$178.75	$203.77	$232.30
4 inch	$259.19	$305.85	$348.66	$397.48	$453.12
6 inch	$584.00	$689.12	$785.60	$895.58	$1,020.96
8 inch	$1,017.08	$1,200.15	$1,368.17	$1,559.72	$1,778.08
10 inch	$1,522.33	$1,796.35	$2,047.84	$2,334.54	$2,661.38

SECTION 4. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the three-tier water commodity rate structure for all customers (subject to adjustment to a drought rate structure pursuant to Section 6 below as directed by the City Council when water conservation is mandated and subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 7 below for residential low income customers with individual water meters) shall be as follows for the following years: *Note: HCF = hundred cubic feet

Water Rate Schedule	Commodity Charges – Bi-Monthly Volumetric Charges ($/HCF) (All Customers)				
	FY 2019/20 (3/1/2020 to 12/31/2020)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024)
Tier 1	$3.78	$4.46	$5.08	$5.80	$6.61
Tier 2	$4.39	$5.18	$5.91	$6.73	$7.67
Tier 3	$6.26	$7.39	$8.42	$9.60	$10.94

SECTION 5. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the bi-monthly tier breakpoint for water usage shall be as follows: *Note: HCF = hundred cubic feet

Bi-Monthly Tier Breakpoint Table in HCF			
Customer Class and Meter Size	Tier 1 Breakpoint	Tier 2 Breakpoint	Tier 3 Breakpoint
Single Family Residential Per Unit (all meter sizes)	0 - 11 HCF	12 - 18 HCF	19+ HCF
Multi-Family Residential Per Unit (all meter sizes)	0 - 8 HCF	9 - 13 HCF	14+ HCF
Non-Residential Per Meter Size:			
3/4 inch	0 - 11 HCF	12 - 18 HCF	19+ HCF
1 inch	0 - 11 HCF	12 - 18 HCF	19+ HCF
1.5 inch	0 - 22 HCF	23 - 36 HCF	37+ HCF
2 inch	0 - 35 HCF	36 - 58 HCF	59+ HCF
3 inch	0 - 70 HCF	71 - 115 HCF	116+ HCF
4 inch	0 - 110 HCF	111 - 180 HCF	181+ HCF
6 inch	0 - 220 HCF	221 - 360 HCF	361+ HCF
8 inch	0 - 924 HCF	925 - 1,512 HCF	1,513+ HCF

SECTION 6. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, a drought rate structure will be in place and be in effect as directed by City Council when water conservation is mandated. The level of conservation mandated will determine the adjusted three-tier water commodity rate structure, which for all customers shall be as follows for the following years: *Note: HCF = hundred cubic feet

Mandated Level of Conservation		Drought Commodity Charges – Bi-Monthly Volumetric Charges ($/HCF) (All Customers)				
		FY 2019/20 (3/1/2020 to 12/31/2020)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024)
	Tier 1	$3.90	$4.60	$5.24	$5.97	$6.81
10%	Tier 2	$4.64	$5.48	$6.24	$7.12	$8.11
T	ier 3	$6.80	$8.03	$9.15	$10.43	$11.89
	Tier 1	$4.18	$4.93	$5.62	$6.41	$7.31
20%	Tier 2	$4.98	$5.88	$6.70	$7.64	$8.71
T	ier 3	$7.30	$8.62	$9.82	$11.20	$12.76
	Tier 1	$4.55	$5.36	$6.12	$6.97	$7.95
30%	Tier 2	$5.42	$6.39	$7.29	$8.31	$9.47
T	ier 3	$7.94	$9.37	$10.68	$12.18	$13.88
	Tier 1	$5.03	$5.94	$6.77	$7.72	$8.80
40%	Tier 2	$6.00	$7.08	$8.07	$9.20	$10.49
T	ier 3	$8.79	$10.38	$11.83	$13.49	$15.37
	Tier 1	$5.72	$6.75	$7.69	$8.77	$10.00
50% T	ier 2	$6.81	$8.04	$9.16	$10.45	$11.91
T	ier 3	$9.99	$11.79	$13.43	$15.32	$17.46
	Tier 1	$6.74	$7.96	$9.07	$10.34	$11.79
60%	Tier 2	$8.03	$9.48	$10.81	$12.32	$14.04
T	ier 3	$11.78	$13.90	$15.84	$18.06	$20.59

SECTION 7. A low-income allowance will be offered to residential water customers with individual water meters who qualify for the City's Utilities User Tax Exemption Program or the Southern California Gas Co. or Southern California Edison low-income assistance programs. As of March 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as practical, the residential low-income water commodity charge for residential customers with individual water meters shall be as follows for the following years: *Note: HCF = hundred cubic feet

Low-Income Commodity Charges – Bi-Monthly Volumetric Charges ($/HCF) (Residential Customers with Individual Water Meters Only)					
	FY 2019/20 (3/1/2020 to 12/31/2020)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/2022 to 12/31/2022)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/2024 to 12/31/2024)
Tier 1	$2.78	$3.46	$4.08	$4.80	$5.61
Tier 2	$4.39	$5.18	$5.91	$6.73	$7.67
Tier 3	$6.26	$7.39	$8.42	$9.60	$10.94

SECTION 8. As of March 1, 2020, or soon thereafter as practical, the one-tier recycled water rate will remain the same and shall be as follows: $3.49 per HCF

SECTION 9. In accordance with Government Code section 54354, delinquent charges and penalties for water services recorded in accordance with Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served.

SECTION 10. Resolution Number _____ (CCS) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 11. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution, and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE FOR PROPOSED WASTEWATER RATE INCREASE

1. Proposed Wastewater Rate Increases
The City of Santa Monica is proposing wastewater, or sewer, rate increases for a five-year period beginning March 1, 2020. The proposed wastewater rates, if adopted, are needed to invest in water self-sufficiency, maintain a modern and reliable wastewater infrastructure, and adequately fund the ongoing cost of providing wastewater service to properties within the City. Details of the City's refined pathway to achieve water self-sufficiency is summarized in the City's November 2018 Sustainable Water Master Plan Update. Revenue and deficit analysis conducted for the proposed wastewater rates is provided in the Wastewater Rate Study Report. Both reports are available on the City's website, https://santamonica.gov/waterrates.

Revenue from the wastewater service rates pays for the operation and maintenance of, and capital improvements to, the City's wastewater system. The revenues derived from the proposed wastewater rate increases will not be used for any purposes other than to finance the costs of providing wastewater services and will not exceed the projected cost of service attributable to each parcel.

2. The Basis upon Which the Fee was Calculated
The City takes a strategic approach to setting future wastewater rates, balancing affordability while investing in long-term reliability and sustainability. The wastewater rate structure was evaluated to reflect current costs of service, ensure proper funds are in place to carry out routine operation and maintenance activities, implement capital improvement programs for system resiliency and achieve strategic goals such as water self-sufficiency.
The proposed wastewater service fee is calculated by combining 1) a fixed charge amount based upon the customer type and water meter size and 2) a commodity charge calculated using a discharge factor, that is specific to each property type, applied to the customers actual water usage to determine the wastewater output produced by the respective property classes. Each property is classified based on its land use and activity. The wastewater service fee will continue to be billed bi-monthly, directly to all customers on the regular utility bill. Additional details can be found in the Wastewater Rate Study Report.

3. Date, Time and Location of the Public Hearing
The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed wastewater rate increases on January 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium – East Wing, 1855 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401. At the public hearing, any person interested, including all persons owning property within the wastewater service area of the City, may appear and be heard as to whether the proposed Wastewater Rate Increases are discriminatory or excessive, or will not be sufficient under Government Code section 54515, or will not comply with the provisions of Chapter 6 of Division 2, Title 5 of the Government Code, or will not be sufficient under the provisions or covenants of any outstanding revenue bonds of the City, if any, payable from the wastewater rate revenues, or on any other matter relating to said proposed resolution or the proposed Wastewater Rates proposed therein.

4. Procedure for Submittal of Written Protests
Any property owner of record whose property is subject to the proposed wastewater rates may submit a written protest to the proposed rate increases. Only one written protest will be counted per identified parcel.

Any written protest must:
- State that the identified property owner is in opposition to the propose rate increase;
- Provide the location of the identified parcel (by assessor's parcel number, street address, or customer account);
- Include the name and signature of the property owner submitting the protest; and
- If the person protesting was not shown on Los Angeles County's last equalized assessment roll as the property owner of record, provide written evidence that the person is the current property owner (example: current copy of water/wastewater bill).

Written protests on the proposed rate increases may be submitted by mail or in person to the City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401, but must be submitted no later than the conclusion of the public comment portion of the public hearing.

At the public hearing, the City Council will accept and consider all written protests and hear all oral comments to the proposed rate increases. Oral comments at the public hearing will not qualify as formal protests unless accompanied by a written protest. If by the close of the public hearing written protests against the rate increases are not presented by a majority of property owners, the City Council may adopt a resolution to increase the water rates up to the amount of the proposed rates identified in this notice. If adopted, the rates will become effective March 1, 2020, and on January 1 in subsequent years over the five-year period.

Delinquent charges and penalties when recorded as provided in Government Code section 54355 shall constitute a lien upon the real property served. This notice was mailed to the owner of record of each parcel in Santa Monica's service area. As a courtesy, this notice is also being mailed to all Santa Monica wastewater account holders. If you do not receive wastewater service from the City of Santa Monica this notice does not apply to you.

Additional information is available on the City's Water Resources Division website at https://www.santamonica.gov/waterrates or by calling the Water Resources office at (310) 458-8531.

WILDFIRES
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siding. Those burn hotter and generate smoke more toxic than wood does, exposing people to numerous hazardous chemicals.

Researchers and health officials are confident more people will get sick and many will die as regions such as the U.S. West see bigger, more intense wildfires.

An estimated 20,000 premature deaths now occur annually in the U.S. due to chronic wildfire smoke exposure. That's expected to double by the end of the century, according to scientists funded by NASA, as tens of millions of people get exposed to massive "smoke waves" emanating from blazes in Western states.

But while those forecasts help illustrate the profound impacts of a warming climate, they can't predict which fires will prove deadly and which individuals will develop lung ailments or other illnesses.

One of relatively few long-term studies on the issue is under way at the California National Primate Research Center. Fifty rhesus monkeys living in outdoor pens year-round were exposed to a prolonged period of wildfire smoke as infants in 2008. They've developed lungs 20% smaller than another group of monkeys born a year later, researchers found.

"It's the closest animal model to replicate what happens with kids," said Lisa Miller, the center's associate director of research.

The difference first showed up when the animals were adolescents, and has continued as they've matured. It's impossible for the untrained eye to distinguish the smoke-exposed monkeys from hundreds of others that share their pens, but Miller's team next plans to investigate how the decreased lung function affects activity levels of the monkeys.

As the animals age, any diseases they develop and how they die would give clues into the fate of humans heavily exposed to smoke.

Studies of wildland firefighters also give insights into the risks of smoke inhalation. They've shown significantly higher rates of lung cancer and death from heart disease, said Michael Kleinman, who researches the health effects of air pollution and is a professor of environmental toxicology at the University of California, Irvine.

Firefighters get much higher and more frequent doses of smoke, but Kleinman said a proportional increase in illnesses could be expected among the general public exposed to wildfire smoke across California and the West.

"It's safe to say there will probably more effects at the long-term level," Kleinman said. "Especially if those events happened over a longer period of time or more repeatedly, there will be cumulative damage to the lung and heart which eventually will lead to chronic disease."

As she fled with her boyfriend ahead of the fire that destroyed Paradise on the morning of Nov. 8, 2018, Norton said the smoke was so thick "it was like midnight."

A few days later, she went back to work at a hospital in Chico, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) miles from Paradise. But smoke from the still-burning fire had made it inside the facility.

There weren't enough face masks to go around so Norton said she went without one for several days.

Initially she felt just a bit wheezy, as she had during the last major fire in the area about a decade earlier. But two weeks later she came down with a respiratory infection that brought fever and severe congestion.

When that finally cleared, she got another, then another — eight or nine infections in all over the past year.

"I just want to break this cycle of sickness," she said.

Norton says she never smoked, nor did her parents, and never had any respiratory issues prior to the fire. She missed so much work in the months after the fire that she got a warning from a supervisor.

To try to keep from getting sick, she rinses out her sinuses regularly and takes antihistamines to reduce inflammation in her airways. She also avoids large gatherings, including skipping office parties and two weddings, out of fear that she could pick up a virus. She tries to eat healthy and reduce stress by seeing a counselor.

Norton has been to a pulmonologist and two ear nose and throat doctors to little avail, and has been referred to a sinus specialist at Stanford University for further testing.

The pulmonologist who initially treated her, Dinesh Verma, said he sees a "direct correlation" between Norton's smoke exposure and her subsequent health struggles.

"The logical explanation definitely would be that intense smoke, basically chemical exposure, did damage the airways to the extent that they're now more susceptible" to infection, Verma said.

Verma said virtually all of his hundreds of patients from Chico and Paradise had complications after the fire that required them to be hospitalized or treated.

Most had preexisting conditions such as asthma and needed only a trigger to send them into a downward spiral. Predicting what will happen with otherwise-healthy patients like Norton is more difficult, he said.

Norton is among about 9,000 people who responded to a health survey as part of a long-term health study of smoke exposure in Paradise and other California communities. The work is led by researchers at the University of California, Davis, who plan to track the lung health of a small number of those respondents in coming years by measuring their breathing capacity.

They're also collaborating with Williams at the primate center to see if the decline seen in the rhesus monkeys has parallels for human infants.

Dr. Nicholas Kenyon, a pulmonologist involved in the effort, said determining the health effects of smoke is increasingly urgent given the region's burgeoning population and more frequent fires due to climate change.

"We've got the population affected right now, but it's not going to be isolated to us. This is going to be the entire West," Kenyon said. "Nobody's been really inhaling this kind of stuff from structures until now."

Another participant in the UC Davis study, 64-year-old Elizabeth Watling, lives in Chico and remained there through the fire so she could look after her 94-year-old aunt. She recalls smoke so thick that it left a layer of ash all over town, gray and light as snow. The air remained heavily polluted until it rained more than two weeks later.

When she gardens or does other outdoor activities, Watling wears a mask because her throat has become so easily irritated by dust. She fiddles with it often, taking the mask on and off to talk, and wonders how effective it will be since she can fit her fingers through gaps along her cheeks.

The health issues Watling blames on the smoke are less severe than Norton's — a scratchy throat that won't go away, coughs that linger, shortness of breath.

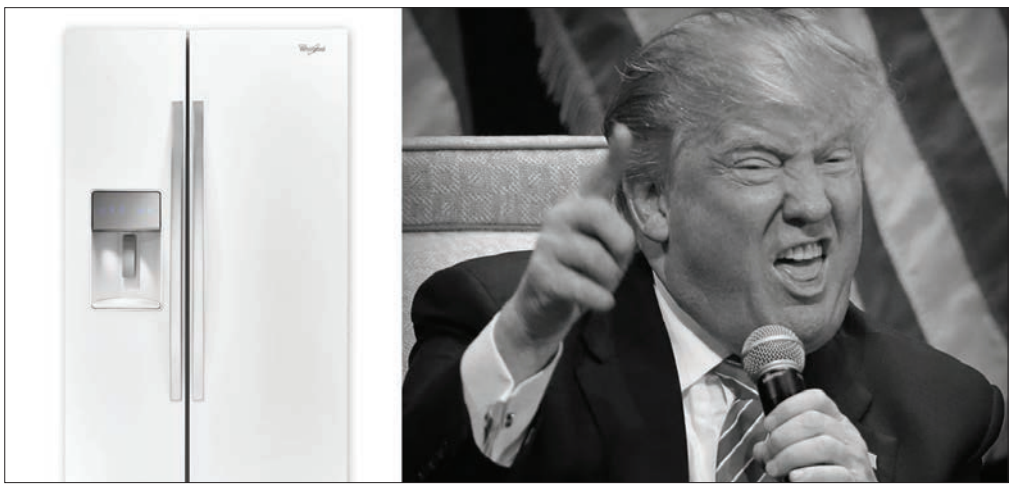
She expected those to go away but they haven't. Watling now figures that, given her age, she won't ever fully recover and the smoke could shave years off her life.

"I don't think the news is good for me," she said.

Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Courtesy photo

MELTDOWN: My refrigerator broke down the day before Trump has a meltdown.

The world is clearly breathing slightly easier now that it appears WWIII, or even a war between the U.S. and Iran, is considerably less likely. For now at least. Especially so close to the holidays, for three very long days it was borderline trauma time for everyone except for war hawks, like John "I want to testify" Bolton. (My rhetorical retort is, "So who's stopping you?" other than "Moscow" Mitch, "Leningrad" Lindsay and 50 GOP spineless Senators who instead of asking, "What did the President know and when did he know it?" chant, "Tax cuts.")

It was a nerve wracking week as to what we might wake up to each morning. Plus, I had another trauma, albeit not exactly in the same league. After 10 flawless years of service, my fridge went on the fritz. (I imagine it'd be tough to be named "Fritz" and have your moniker associated with things breaking down.)

Of the two "traumas," I will face the faulty fridge before I ponder our painfully perplexing POTUS. (Okay, okay, I'll knock of the alliterations.)

Just prior to Christmas I noticed an unpleasant odor coming from the refrigerator. I hurriedly tossed out leftovers seemingly left a few days too long and thought problem solved. A day later when entertaining friends, I went to get some ice for our drinks and discovered trays filled with more water than ice. It suddenly dawned on me, the refrigerator motor had stopped completely. Duh.

Being mechanically inclined (not) I came up with the brilliant idea of unplugging the fridge and re-plugging, as though a fridge could be re-booted like a computer. Laugh all you want, with friends helping move the fridge, I did just that and it worked. A Christmas miracle? Not quite.

The next day the ice cubes wereH2O again and I was "Fit2B tied." I failed to mention that when we moved my faithful fridge, under it was either a sloppy science project or material for a 1960's Roger Corman horror movie. In any event the fridge was kaput.

Not exactly the stuff of "A Wonderful Life," the day after Christmas the office delivered a "new" used fridge and even moved food from one to the other. But before we put it in place, I tackled the science project using oven cleaner, steaming hot water and a putty scraper. An hour later, the gleaming tile below the fridge hadn't been that clean in probably 10 years.(Where else can you get such exciting story telling? I ask sarcastically.) Suffice it to say, however, all is well.

Actually "All is well" is what Trump tweeted to the country the night, that in retaliation for his assassinating its top General, the infamous Qasem Soleimani, Iran had launched a dozen ballistic missiles on two U.S. bases in Iraq. "All is well?" Trump's not well!

And a tweet? How about an address to the nation? In fact that would come

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SUPPORT

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Spicker said Corso was diagnosed with a seizure disorder in 2011, which presented him with many challenges, but he learned how to live with the disorder and thrive nonetheless.

"He was an eternal optimist and never wanted his medical difficulties to define him or hold him back, and they did not," Spicker said. "He had such a passion for music, loved being in nature and traveled everywhere from Kauai to Costa Rica to attend various festivals with his close friends. He (also) adored sunsets, because they had a way of reminding him of how beautiful the world is and how grateful he was for another day."

An avid reader and student of author Ram Dass, Spicker remembers Corso using his spiritual teachings to help others. He loved to share his learnings on meditation, breathwork, and contemplation with anyone he met, she said, especially when he saw others in pain or going through adversity.

"Coupled with his incredible sense of humor, he will be remembered as someone who brought laughter, smiles and healing wherever he traveled," Spicker said, detailing how Corso's family and many friends never allowed him to be alone during his stay in the Post-Intensive Care Unit at Saint Johns.

"We do not know where to begin thanking Providence St. John's for all the care Eric received in the ER. Every time he was there he received superior and excellent quality care," Kathy and Nick Corso said in an email Wednesday. "With this last seizure, while in the ICU for nine days and eight nights every doctor, technician, nurse and medical professional gave 100% of their expertise along with the very best care (and) attention."

The Corso family also expressed gratitude towards the Santa Monica Fire Department and paramedics, who offered "excellent care with our son Eric each time he was in the ER for the last 7-and-a-half years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the support, help and love we have received."

Even with the traumatic brain injury, Corso was in terrific health, according to Brea, meaning he was eligible to donate his organs.

Family and friends still remember the sight of more than 100 health center employees' stepping into the hallway to pay their respects as Corso was wheeled to the operating room, according to Spicker, who mentioned Corso's heart was donated to an adult female; his lungs were matched with a gentleman; his kidneys and half of his liver went to save the life of a young child and his pancreas will be used for medical research.

And since Corso always sought to take care of others, Spicker said she recently created a GoFundMe page that has garnered nearly $11,000 in donations that will be used to help the Corso family cover the costs of medical bills, "as well as to able to give Eric a funeral and memorial so colorful you could paint the sky."

To contribute, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/we-love-you-eric-corso

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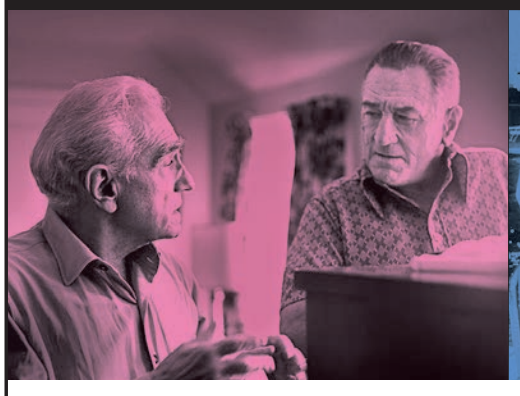
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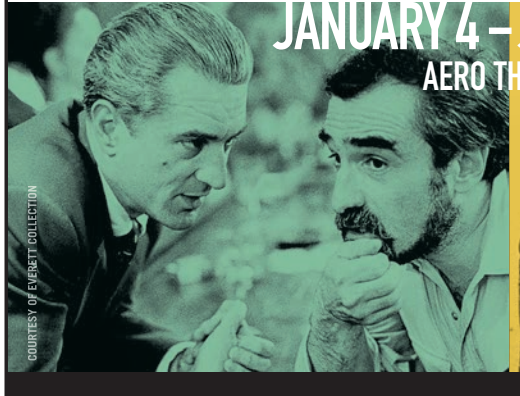
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 10)

Presentation earns points! You have a way of making a package irresistible, and it applies to how you show up in the world and all you put into it. You're thoughtful; you research; and your timing is impeccable. You'll be hired and entertained, cherished and awarded, and most delighted by the smiles you put on other faces. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 39, 33, 1 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The I Ching suggests that natural attractions are futile to resist, though maybe resistance itself is the problem. Your best moments come through a state of surrender and complete welcoming.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The same event could bring tears or bursts of laughter. Either way, it makes you feel a little more alive just to know that all these feelings are running through you, ready to find expression.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowing and trusting yourself usually comes easily to you, but occasionally you hit pockets of self-doubt that cause you to reassess. It's all part of the pleasure for people like you who choose to stay fresh and relevant.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The event du jour comes with a side of nervous energy. Consider it a cosmic treat. You'll have to push through to find (and expand) the limits of your comfort zone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The quickest way to give yourself a boost is to go for a walk in the open air. Once the endorphins are released, so will be your creativity, and new problem-solving ideas will flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to seek special programs or go out of your way to develop yourself. Everything good in the way of building character comes from simply rising to the challenges of life that present themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Among the ultimate freedoms is a freedom from reactivity. In losing your fears and triggers, you receive life's wide and beautiful range of options – choices that are only available to those liberated enough to notice them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). One mode of operating does not fit all. If there's one thing that will change the outcome, it's the pause you take to read the room. You'll be shifting gears to fit the various moments of the day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). All of the feelings you'll have today will pass, be they good, bad, big or small. What sticks around longer is the narrative woven around it all. That can be tiresome. Consider skipping that part if you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The fun part of dancing, conversing, playing ball and so many other things we do in life together is the slightly unpredictable nature of the back-and-forth bounce. The important part here isn't grace; it's reciprocity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The best teacher for you right now is one you don't have to pay. You can't pay for the subtle give and take you need. The buy-in is done at a soul level with negotiations that are wordless and emotional.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What's broken? Nothing and no one. Things happen, and they need to be dealt with, not analyzed to death. Take out the drama and the problem just might eject right along with it.

Direction Change for Uranus

There's the way you see yourself, and there's the way the world sees you. Between the two there is a gap that varies in size depending on the person. With this Uranus change, there are very real benefits to shoring up discrepancies of perception. Ask for feedback and advice. Record yourself – anything to get closer to a shared reality.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: You can't conjure a special fondness in your mind. You have to interact in person, and then you just feel it and know. TAURUS: The magic words are "You were right." GEMINI: Playing love scenes in your mental theater is a powerful exercise that helps you manifest love. CANCER: You see relationship omens gather like distant clouds and welcome the excitement in this change of weather. LEO: There's a level of selfishness that makes sense, is appropriate and is even necessary to keep the relationship going. You're way under your quota. VIRGO: You still think about that certain person, and perhaps it's better in thought form than it would be in real life. LIBRA: Don't be afraid to dive in. This love will be quite like other things you have handled – and handled well. SCORPIO: Are you getting what you need? Acting out can be makeup for feelings of deprivation. SAGITTARIUS: You have a long-term effect on others. CAPRICORN: With a gleam in your eye, you will tease, poke fun and make things more interesting. AQUARIUS: The roles you grew up seeing are not the ones that you'll take on in the future. You're making this up as you go. PISCES: You can't turn back time, but you will get the chance to make a current situation right with a lesson you learned back there.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

Leo and Capricorn are the sort of love match that creates fundamental and far-reaching change with their connection. Like the butterfly that flaps its wings, bringing back a tsunami in another part of the world, the decisions these two make together matter in ways they may or may never know about. Intention counts, though! The sweeter and more lovingly they interact, the better the world gets. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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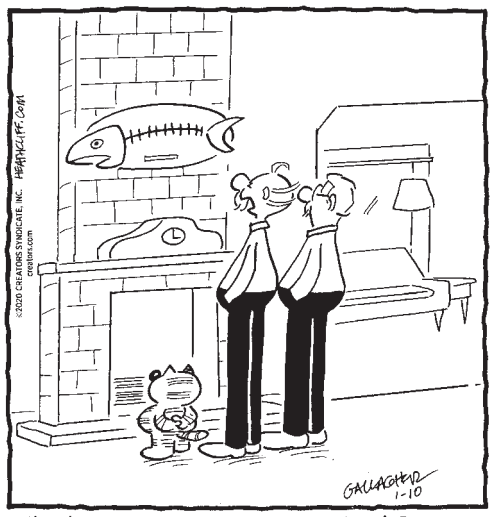
Beaucoup

Adjective

Informal: Usually Facetious. Many; numerous; much: It's a hard job, but it pays beaucoup money..

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"IT'S HARD TO HAVE A TROPHY ROOM AROUND HERE."

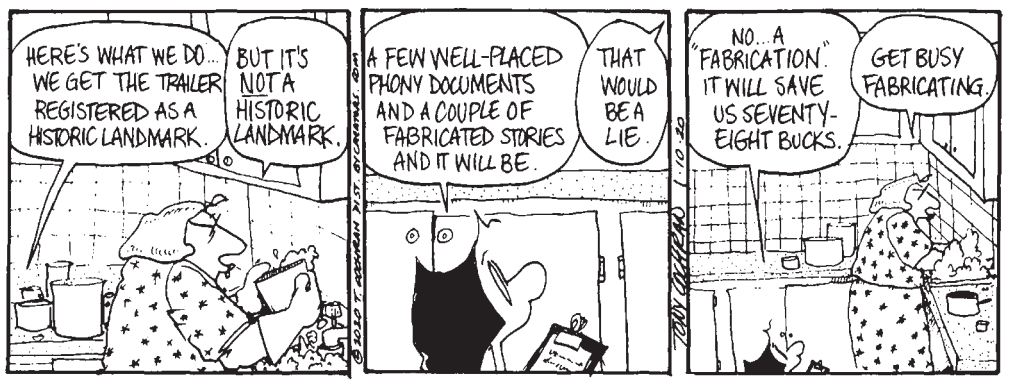
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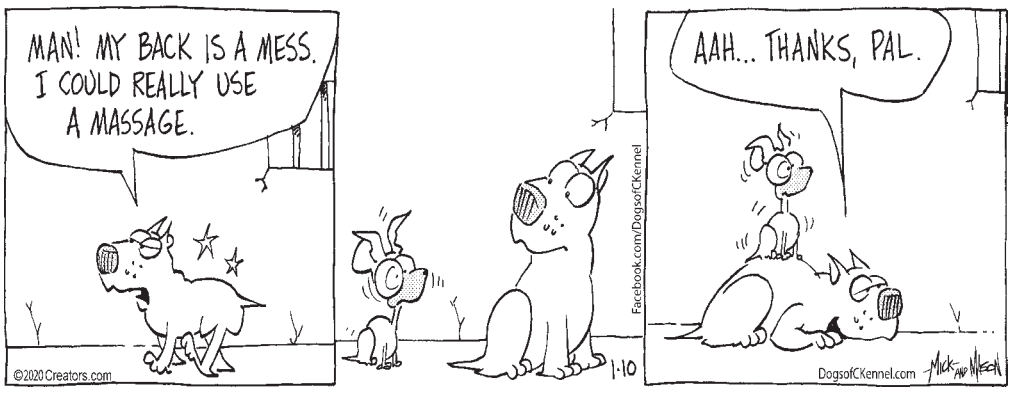
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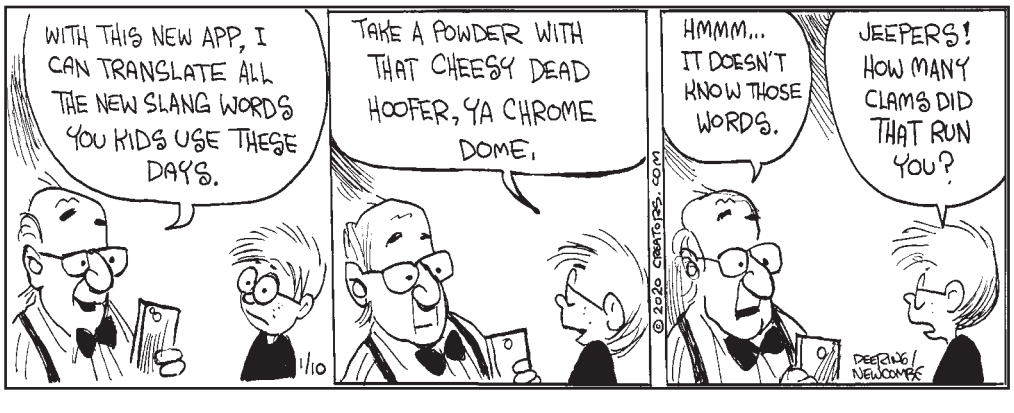
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Draw Date: 01/08
Evening: 9 8 6

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.7°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
NW swell-mix due at best exposures. Deep 6'+ AM high tide is problematic for many but wind is light most of the day.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
NW swell-mix fades at exposures. Deep 6'+ mid AM high tide is problematic.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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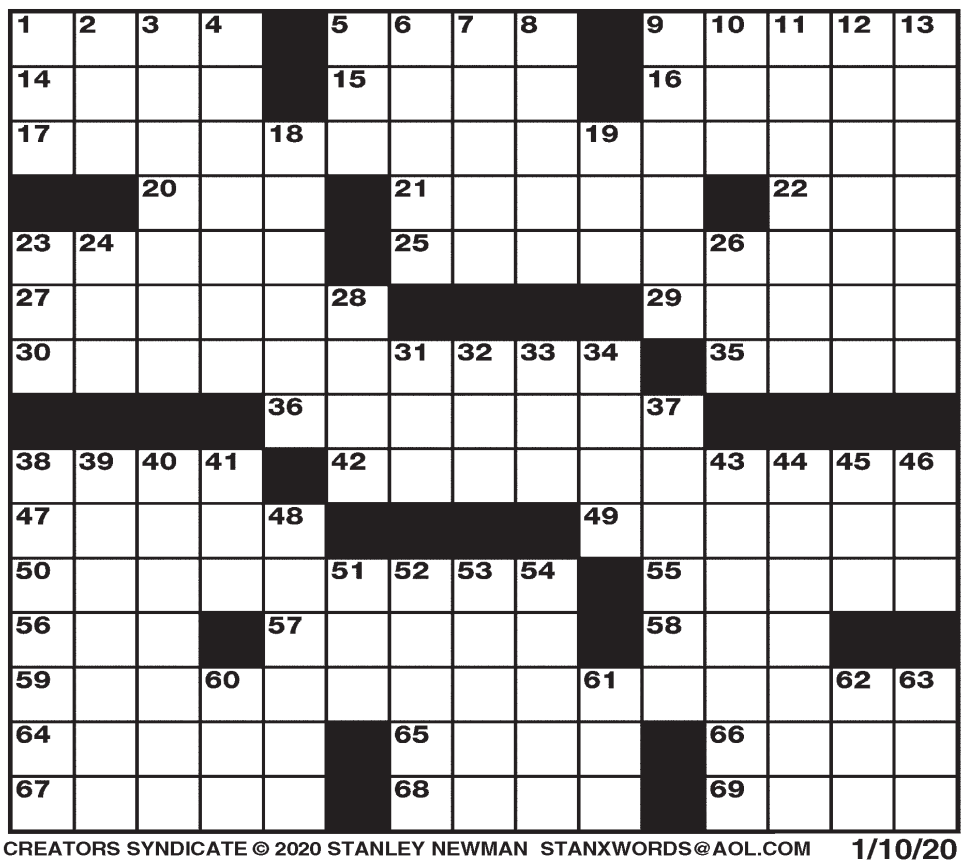
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 MLB stats
5 Bars brought home from supermarkets
9 Does nothing
14 Not-so-jolly green giant
15 Ounce fraction
16 Best Actress Oscar winner after Julia
17 Start of a quote
20 Direct deposit abbr.
21 Skilled mountain climbers
22 *Simpsons* beer server
23 Term of endearment
25 Part 2 of quote
27 Rhododendron cousin
29 Acoustical
30 Part 3 of quote
35 Ending like -ula
36 Certain vaccine's target
38 HQs
42 Part 4 of quote
47 One way to cook
49 Lawlessness
50 End of quote
55 Lego brand for tots
56 Le __ de France (Cannes' locale)
57 Archetype
58 Buccaneer's bellow
59 Source of quote
64 Virtual deals
65 National Mall trees
66 DDE went there
67 Frivolous
68 Alkaline cleaners
69 Return figs.

DOWN
1 Frat letter
2 Sloppy joe's surroundings
3 More than frowned on
4 First billion-grossing 007 film
5 Fleecy boot brand
6 Reply to *"Grazie!"*
7 Open a __ worms
8 Inker's mishap
9 Shaggy dogs, for short
10 Preceder of meal or milk
11 Sustenance
12 Put pedal to metal
13 Get older
18 Idle
19 Sea lane, for instance: Abbr.
23 Caught, in a way
24 Reagan-era Secret Service weapon
26 Female rabbit
28 Knock down __
31 Took 11 Down
32 Washed-out
33 GPS reading
34 Subtle emanation
37 Mercury's winged wear
38 Betrays
39 Dairy-free frozen dessert brand
40 Injustice, informally
41 Byelorussia, as a UN member
43 Roadie's transportation
44 Awe
45 Form of fuel
46 "Revived" prefix
48 Opportune
51 (A) boatload (of)
52 Ford who commissioned the Continental
53 Email button
54 Beastly bunch
60 Cruella De __
61 East side of Dallas
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LAUGHING MATTERS

FROM PAGE 7

Wednesday morning because I think he had to rehearse pronouncing words like "origins" (not "oranges") "premeditated" (not "premedicated") and "anonymous" (not "amonamous.")

If you didn't see Trump's 9-minute, totally scripted "address to the nation," find it on YouTube. It was a mix of the "Gong Show" and WWE. (We've had Rhodes Scholars and Nobel Prize-winning presidents, but Trump is the only POTUS, and this is a fact, to be in the World Wrestling Hall of Fame.)

I suppose for gravitas, the White House was filled with military brass. And when the doors opened from Trump's office, the lighting, as Jimmy Kimmel joked, "Was like the aliens in Close Encounters coming out of the spaceship."

As the self-described "Chosen One," entered to give his speech, the doors shut behind him and he stepped to the podium. His first words were, "As long as I'm president of the United States, Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon. Good morning."

I've dubbed him "Sniffles the Clown," because over the following 9 minutes he sniffed 54 times, seemed thoroughly out of breath and often slurred his words. He struggled with the word "tolerated" saying, "tolerrighted." On his left, the General's worried eyes screamed out, "WTF is wrong with this moron?"

Given his constant sniffling and slurring words not to mention corruption, why do so many pretend the emperor has clothes? (Other than a straight jacket.) While the General looked appalled, Mike Pence looked like he was just biding his time.

In attacking others, Trump often inadvertently reveals the truth about himself. For example, in November, 2011 he tweeted, "Our president will start a war with Iran because he has absolutely no ability to negotiate. He's weak and he's ineffective. So the only way he figures that he's going to get reelected — and as sure as you're sitting there — is to start a war with Iran."

At least my refrigerator is normal.

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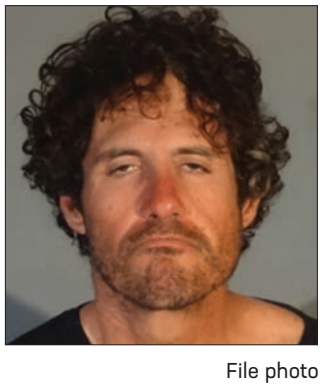
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ON DECEMBER 22, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the Goodwill Store located at 524 Santa Monica Blvd. A male suspect had entered into the store and put on a shirt and blazer. The suspect began to walk around the store and put other clothing items into his shopping basket. The suspect then left the store without paying for the items. The security guard for Goodwill ran after the suspect and a struggle ensued. Another employee for the store came to the aid of the security officer and was able to recover the items in the shopping basket but not the ones the suspect was wearing. Officers arrived on scene and took custody of the suspect. Kevin Lee Rebong, 39, homeless, was arrested for shoplifting and a probation violation.



File photo

KEVIN LEE REBONG

DAILY FIRE LOG

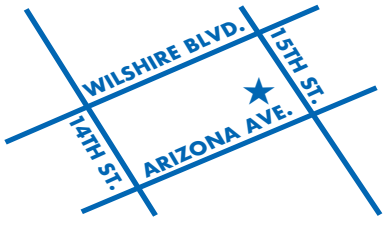
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EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 2:00 a.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 3:45 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:34 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 7:51 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:30 a.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 8:42 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 9th St 9:04 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Hill St 9:18 a.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 9:23 a.m.
EMS 500blk San Vicente Blvd 9:31 a.m.
Wires Down 600blk Raymond Ave 9:44 a.m.
EMS 3200blk Broadway 11:41 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:58 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Colorado Ave 12:32 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 10th St / Washington Ave 12:38 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:58 p.m.
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