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A resident does not enjoy smoke from a wood fire.
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Community Corp. starts first development outside the city

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's largest affordable housing provider broke ground Friday on its first building outside city limits.

The LEED Platinum development from Community Corporation of Santa Monica will provide 50 apartments for low-income households in Mar Vista. 12 of the units in the building, which has been dubbed Vista Ballona, will be set aside for individuals with developmental disabilities. Community Corp. will offer case management services through Brilliant Corners and the Westside Regional Center.

The building comes as part of broader plans for Community Corporation of Santa Monica to expand throughout the Westside, according to a press release from the non-profit.

"We are thrilled to begin our partnership with the city of Los Angeles and contribute solutions that help to address the current affordability crisis in our region," said executive director Tara Barauskas. "Vista Ballona will be an important addition to Mar Vista's sorely needed affordable housing stock, making the Westside a more inclusive and vibrant place for everyone to live."



Courtesy photo

HOUSING: CCSM is starting a new building in Mar Vista.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin attended the Friday groundbreaking ceremony alongside other officials including Amy Anderson, Housing Deputy for Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Santa Monica Planning Commission Chair Leslie Lambert.

"(This) is the beginning of something beautiful here in Mar Vista, something that is going

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Santa Monica Brew Works plans major expansion



Courtesy photo

SUDS: Santa Monica's hometown brewery is a growing business.

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Santa Monica's first and only craft brewery is planning a major expansion.

The owners of Santa Monica Brew Works have applied to start serving food in a larger tasting room, open a weekend beer garden and add a second production facility in the brewery's Colorado Avenue building that will more than double its brewing capacity, according to paperwork filed with the city of Santa Monica. The Planning Commission will consider the brewery's application Wednesday.

Santa Monica Brew Works, whose beer is sold at more than 800 locations across Southern California, opened in June 2014 and quickly gained a loyal fanbase, selling its one-millionth can of beer in August. In September 2016, the brewery opened an on-site tasting room after customers began clamoring to try their favorite local pints.

While food trucks have parked outside of the tasting room since it opened, the brewery has never before offered food within the building. If the application is approved, patrons will be able to enjoy food in the tasting room and

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SMMUSD readies for first meeting in 2020 with MLK recognition

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Board of Education will meet for the first time in the new decade this Thursday at the district offices in Santa Monica, and there are a number of items set to be discussed, according to this week's agenda.

The SMMUSD board will kick off 2020's first meeting with a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday before later adopting Resolution No. 19-15, which declares that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District aims to celebrate the life and legacy of a man who brought hope and healing to America.

"We commemorate the timeless values he taught us through his example – the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King's character and empowered his leadership," the

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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

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.

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	--	--	--	--	--

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

Tuesday, January 14

Celebrate the Lunar New Year
Learn how it is celebrated and how to prepare for the new year. For families. A ticket is re-quired to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6 – 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring
Tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches. Main Library, 5 – 7 p.m.

Open Lab
Explore virtual reality, 3D printers, electronics kits, and other emerging technologies during this informal drop-in session. Main Library, 5 – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 15

Soundwaves: Daniel Rothman
Soundwaves co-founder Daniel Rothman's music is performed by guitarist Mak Gergic and the Los Angeles Saxophone Ensemble (led by Ulrich Krieger). Main Library, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission meeting
Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: The Library Book
Susan Orlean reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution– our libraries. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Senior Computer Club
Practice the skills learned in computer basics, keyboarding, and beyond in this informal session. Main Library, 4 – 6 p.m.

Introduction to Foundation Directory Online (FDO)
Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online to search for grant makers aligned with your nonprofit's goals. 1.5 hours. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Big Blue Bus "Open Bus" Event
Big Blue Bus is hosting an "Open Bus" event to receive your feedback on our new automatic wheelchair securement system pilot. In front of Silvercrest Senior Residence, 1530 5th St., Santa Monica. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

Outside Looking In: An Exhibition of Artists Facing Homelessness
The exhibit will feature the life of Arlene, a single mother of four kids (ages 3-17) and working nurse practitioner who lives in motel rooms across the San Fernando Valley, while trying to maintain some sense of routine and normalcy for her children. The exhibition will also feature self-exploratory works from young artists experiencing homelessness who are based at the Healing Arts Program at Safe Place for Youth in Venice. This evening will focus on a reception for the artists and community, as well as a panel discussion on homelessness and how the public can help. Annenberg Community Beach House, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Pico Branch Library.

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City of Santa Monica

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.



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Give fires the cold shoulder

EDITOR:

I returned home from my early evening walk to see the front page Associated Press article on the long-term health effects of smoke exposure from the increasingly devastating wildfires that have plagued the west, and, once again, Australia ("As Wildfires Get Worse, Smoke Spreads, Stokes Health Worries"; Friday, January 10, 2020). As usual this time of year, I returned home from my walk coughing, with irritated eyes and throat, my clothes and hair reeking of woodsmoke from the numerous home fireplaces burning in my Sunset Park neighborhood. Sure, who doesn't love a cozy fire, but after suffering through one of the worst wildfire seasons in the history of California, it's perplexing as to why we continue to choose to burn wood at home when it's clear that woodsmoke contributes to greenhouse gases, further warming our already suffering planet. According to the EPA, particle pollution from wood smoke contains several toxic harmful air pollutants including benzene, formaldehyde, acrolein, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Particulate matter emitted by woodsmoke can trigger heart attacks, stroke, and heart failure, can exacerbate asthma and other respiratory illnesses for those both indoors and outdoors, and contributes to our already poor air quality. Please, neighbors, for the sake of your own health, that of your family and your neighbors, and for the planet, please consider cleaner means of staying warm.

Sincerely, Anna Okonek, Santa Monica

MEETING

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resolution states, adding: "On this holiday, we commemorate the universal, unconditional love, forgiveness and nonviolence that empowered his revolutionary spirit, and speaks to the best of who we are as human beings."

The MLK Jr. celebration is expected to take no more than 20 minutes and will precede a study session where staff and the board of education will review student achievement data related to the district's FASTbridge screening assessments as well as the district's interim assessments for English Language Arts and Math in all grades.

Later, during the meeting's Major Action Items section, the board is expected to adopt its second resolution of the night, which encourages all schools and teachers in SMMUSD to observe the Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution on Jan. 30.

"Fred T. Korematsu was one of these individuals, who refused to comply with Civilian Exclusion Order 34, based on the federal Executive Order 9066, which imposed strict curfew regulations and required 120,000 Japanese Americans to leave their homes to be incarcerated in American concentration camps during World War II," the resolution states.

The approval of a 2018-19 Annual Financial Audit Report is expected to be the final action item of the night as district staff has recommended that the SMMUSD board of education accept the 2018-19 Annual Financial Audit Report and approve the administrative responses to the findings and recommendations contained in the subject audits.

The audit is mandated by California Education Code and was completed by the firm Moss, Levy and Hartzheim LLP, staff said.

"The Board of Education and the Financial Oversight Committee have previously received copies of the audit report and an information copy is available for public review in the Office of the Superintendent," the agenda reads. A copy of the report can also be found online as well at bit.ly/SMMUSDAudit.

The Board will meet on Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. at 1651 16th Street.

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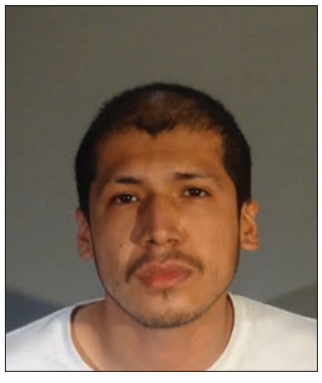
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Threats Report/Investigations 1700blk Michigan Ave 11:10 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1400blk 6th St 11:27 a.m.
Lewd Activity 2200blk Ocean Ave 11:30 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 11:43 a.m.
Construction Noise 500blk 7th St 11:43 a.m.
Fight 1300blk 2nd St 11:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:57 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300blk 22nd St 12:08 p.m.
Encampment 1800blk Broadway 12:15 p.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Strand St 12:45 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 9th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 100blk 17th St 12:50 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / Alta Ave 1:13 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 200blk Santa Monica Pier 1:38 p.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 18th St 1:52 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:01 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 00blk Pico Blvd 2:03 p.m.
Fight 800blk Bay St 2:17 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1500blk Franklin St 2:39 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400blk Chelsea Pl 2:57 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 10th St 2:59 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:30 p.m.
Death Investigation 1800blk Pier Ave 4:06 p.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 3rd St 4:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk 2nd St 4:32 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1100blk Pearl St 5:04 p.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 6th St 5:15 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1600blk The Beach 5:49 p.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 800blk 10th St 6:00 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 12th St / Washington Ave 6:12 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 400blk 17th St 7:05 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 14th St 7:06 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1200blk Franklin St 7:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 2300blk San Vicente Blvd 7:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries City Prop Involved 1500blk 2nd St 7:44 p.m.
Encampment Centinela Ave / Exposition Blvd 9:10 p.m.
Loud Music 1400blk 11th St 9:19 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:46 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2000blk 14th St 10:19 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1400blk 4th St 10:26 p.m.

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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Officers observed a vehicle with an equipment violation. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver immediately exited the vehicle. The driver was ordered to get back into their car. Officers observed an alcoholic beverage in the center console of the car and another on the floorboard. Officers noticed the driver was displaying symptoms of being under the influence. The driver was arrested for DUI and for driving with a suspended license due to a prior DUI. Demian Eduardo Graullera, 23, from Lancaster was arrested for DUI combined alcohol/drug, possession of marijuana while driving, driving on a suspended License and no license plate lamp. Bail was set at $15,000.



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Democrats to clash in final debate before Iowa caucuses

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Associated Press

Democrats are preparing for what could be their most contentious debate yet as the leading candidates gather in Iowa on Tuesday looking for a way to break out of the crowded top tier less than three weeks before the state's caucuses kick-start the presidential nomination process.

Some of the fiercest clashes could center on Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, fellow progressives who until now have largely avoided criticizing each other.

But Warren chastised Sanders over the weekend following a report that his campaign instructed volunteers to speak poorly of her to win over undecided voters. The tensions escalated on Monday after CNN reported Sanders told Warren in 2018 that he didn't think a woman could win the election, a charge Sanders vigorously denied.

The feuding will likely expand to include nearly every candidate on stage. Sanders has recently stepped up his attacks on former Vice President Joe Biden over his past support of the Iraq War, broad free-trade agreements and entitlement reform, among other issues. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who has had several strong debates, will be looking for another opportunity to highlight her candidacy as she remains mired in the middle of the pack in polling. Billionaire Tom Steyer will have to answer criticism that he's buying his way to the White House.

And with two surveys showing Pete Buttigieg losing support in Iowa, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, will need a breakout moment to regain some momentum before the Feb. 3 caucuses.

Those shifting dynamics mean Tuesday's debate could be unlike any of the others that came before it this cycle. The generally polite disputes over policy items including health care and immigration are poised to be replaced by increasingly bitter and personal knocks. And it will happen as many Democratic voters are just beginning to tune into the race.

"The debates are always important — but this one's probably the most important for these candidates," said Scott Brennan, a former Iowa Democratic Party chair and current committeeman. "We've got at least four people who are bunched right there together at the top. So how do you break out?"

The debate, which is being held on the Des Moines campus of Drake University and will be televised on CNN, marks the first forum with an all-white lineup. Businessman Andrew Yang, an Asian American candidate who appeared in the December debate, failed to hit the polling threshold for Tuesday's event. And New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker ended his campaign on Monday after he didn't make the debate stage, leaving just one black candidate — former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick — in the race.

This will be the first debate since President Donald Trump authorized the killing of Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, which heightened tensions throughout the Middle East.

Biden advisers see the development as a boon to his candidacy, allowing him to argue he's a steady, experienced alternative to Trump. But it could easily become a problem if Biden fails to answer what will likely be pointed attacks from Sanders on his support for the Iraq War.

While Biden acknowledged over a decade ago his vote was a mistake, he's struggled to offer a clear answer for his support, at times misleadingly asserting that he opposed the war from the start.

John Kerry, the 2004 Democratic nominee and a Biden supporter, previewed Biden's argument Monday in Knoxville, Iowa. Kerry didn't mention Iraq or Biden's evolving positions on U.S. engagement there. The former secretary of state instead kept the focus on Trump and his changing stories about his decision to order Soleimani's killing.

"The United States of America should never be taken to the brink of war on the basis of changing stories and lies," Kerry said. "I trust Joe Biden to tell the truth."

Sanders is eager to take the fight to Biden, as his advisers believe his message on income inequality and major structural change can appeal to the same white working-class voters that make up much of Biden's base.

But Sanders is less likely to continue the feud that erupted with Warren over the weekend.

Following a report in Politico that the Sanders campaign had instructed some volunteers to characterize Warren as a candidate for wealthy and well-educated voters in conversations with undecided voters, Warren issued a rare critique of her opponent, saying she was "disappointed" he was instructing staffers to "trash" her and emphasizing the need to nominate a unifying candidate to defeat Trump.

That echoed a new argument the Warren campaign unveiled this weekend: that she is the candidate who can best unify the different factions of the party, a case new endorser Julián Castro made when introducing the senator on the stump in Iowa.

While Sanders and Warren have, until this weekend, publicly defended each other on the debate stage and in media interviews, Sanders' team says they're expecting attacks from the Massachusetts senator on the debate stage. They believe that the Warren campaign is responsible for leaking what they say is an inaccurate description of their 2018 private meeting, as reported by CNN. Representatives for Warren did not immediately respond to calls and messages seeking comment about the Sanders campaign's accusations.

The clashes could offer an opportunity for candidates who stay above the fray. While Klobuchar sparred with Buttigieg during the last debate, she's previously sought to tamp down tensions among her opponents on the stage and avoided taking the moderators' bait in going after other candidates.

And Steyer, who has largely flown under the radar throughout the campaign, could look to capitalize on a handful of recent polls that have shown him gaining traction in some of the early primary states with a standout debate moment.

Associated Press writers Bill Barrow in Des Moines, Iowa, and Steve Peoples in New York contributed to this report.

Family of dead crew member sue California dive boat operator

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

The family of the lone crew member to die in a fiery scuba boat disaster that killed all 33 passengers off the California coast last year sued the vessel's owner Monday in federal court.

The lawsuit by the family of Alexandra "Allie" Kurtz claimed the owners of the Conception knew the boat was unseaworthy and it lacked required smoke detectors and fire equipment and did not have adequate emergency exits.

Kurtz, 26, an Illinois native living in California, was a new crew member living her dream to work on a boat. She was the only crew member sleeping with the passengers in the berth below deck when the fire broke out in the middle of the night on Labor Day while the boat was anchored near an island off Santa Barbara.

The wrongful death suit was filed along with similar claims on behalf of three passengers who died: Yulia Krashennaya of Berkeley and Dr. Sanjeeri Deopujari and her husband, Kaustubh Nirmal, of Norwalk, Connecticut.

"Their families have asked us to do two things," attorney Robert Mongeluzzi said at a news conference in Los Angeles. "To find out what happened and to make sure it never happens again."

The cause of the blaze remains under investigation by federal prosecutors, the National Transportation Safety Board and Coast Guard.

The suit is the latest to counter a claim filed by the boat company, Truth Aquatics Inc., to shield the owners from damages under a pre-Civil War maritime law that limits liability of vessel owners.

Before the lawsuits can move forward, family members will have to show that the boat's owners, who were on shore, should have known the boat was unsafe and the possible hazards it faced at sea.

Mongeluzzi said it appears likely that the fire broke out in the galley where lithium-ion batteries, which are known to be a fire hazard, were being charged for cameras, phones and powerful strobe lights used for diving at night.

Mongeluzzi and attorney Jeffrey Goodman cited news reports of a fire that broke out on the boat's sister vessel, Vision, when a cell phone began smoldering and was tossed overboard before it could cause any damage.

The only survivors of the Conception were the captain and four other crew members, who were all asleep above deck. They said they awoke to find the boat engulfed in flames and were unable to reach the sleeping passengers or Kurtz and had to jump in the water to save their own lives.

Authorities are looking into whether the boat had a night watchman on duty, as required under Coast Guard rules.

One crew member, who broke his leg trying to escape, has also sued the boat owners along with the wife and teenage children of a man who died below deck.

Boat owners Glen and Dana Fritzler have said in court papers that they "used reasonable care to make the Conception seaworthy, and she was, at all relevant times, tight, staunch, and strong, fully and properly manned, equipped and supplied and in all respects seaworthy and fit for the service in which she was engaged."

Coast Guard records show the boat had passed its two most recent safety inspections without violations.

DEVELOPMENT

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to transform lives here in Mar Vista and something that I hope is just a down payment on 2020 being the year of affordable housing in Los Angeles and on the Westside," Bonin said. "The two things that this project is doing, it is working to fight two crises, two matters of life and death – climate change and affordable housing."

The project was financed through low-income housing tax credits, a $3.9 million loan from the city of Los Angeles and $2 million from Brilliant Corners.

Community Corp. most recently opened the 64-unit Arroyo complex and has several projects in the works in Santa Monica, including the 55-unit Las Flores, 37-unit Pacific Link, 39-unit Greenway Meadows and eight-unit Little Berkeley.

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BREWERY

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place take-away orders, as well as sample an expanded beverage menu with wine, craft kombucha and beer produced in collaboration with other breweries.

The company is also planning to open a new wing of the tasting room that will provide an additional 63 seats and walk-up bar, as well as a 75-seat outdoor beer garden would be open from noon until dusk on Saturdays and Sundays. It would be situated directly in front of the brewery, within its private parking lot. The company will continue to offer 117 parking spaces and a bicycle valet on weekends.

The brewery is also asking for permission to open at 5 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. on weekdays and to close at 9 p.m. instead of 8 p.m. on Sundays.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 14)

The care and challenge you give your physical self will repay you, as you seem to get younger as the year progresses. Friends connect you with opportunity. You'll have the courage to make a change in the way you're getting and using money, and this improves your quality of life across the board. Pisces and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 44, 42 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To what degree are you responsible for the mistakes of your forebears? And what are you willing to do in the name of rectifying their wrongs? This is the question that subtly guides the day's patterns.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be looking for proof that another person's passions are directed to a somewhat realistic understanding of you as opposed to a projection of their own making.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most of what wears the costume of urgency is ego (your own or someone else's) needing external validation. Were you to respond to everything that passes as urgent, you wouldn't have time to do what's important.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can't put a price tag on thoughtfulness. You'll exchange something specific that proves you're tuned in to another person. This goes beyond the realm of commerce and is deeper than courteousness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No one is shallow for thinking that appearances matter. Of course they do. We use visual cues to get around, assess situations and know what's expected. Shallowness is making appearances matter too much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Everyone is a novice about something. Though innocence must be lost to move to the next realm of awareness, what is gained in the way of awareness, humor, wit, taste, etc. will be a trade that's more than fair.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Girl Scouts vow to live by the Girl Scout law. Postal workers vow to deliver the mail regardless of weather. And physicians vow to do no harm. Today you'll be made aware of the vows you live by.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Beware of those who would rather be popular than serve others, or who would rather be famous than great. In a balanced venture, ideally those qualities will emerge together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To count the ways in which a certain person doesn't meet your expectations would only mire you in a joyless thought pattern. Instead, focus on getting your needs met.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You wouldn't keep wearing a sweater that gives you a rash, and neither should you stay close to people who irritate you. If it can't be helped, change your analysis of their actions. "Irksome" is but one interpretation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If anyone keeps you waiting more than 30 minutes today, leave – not out of anger but rather from a desire to communicate your respect for time in general, and your boundaries in particular.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your lifestyle isn't just about how you eat, where you live, or what you do for work and fun. It's also a coping style and a way of managing the complexities of society. What about it is working? What isn't?

Star Steering Through Capricorn's Cluster

Though circumstances have propelled each of us through a particular history, we were always partners to some degree, however small. The great cluster in Capricorn's sky suggests a deal with fate that's weighted in the direction of independent control. Feel that? The steering wheel of life just got more responsive to your hand's direction.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

A 54-year-old Cancer who lost a job in the 2008 financial crisis and, subsequently, his marriage writes: "Since then nothing has fit. Jobs and romance have been unstable. I don't feel like I've changed from a character standpoint, but nothing has come together like it had for many years. Will I get one last professional or personal hurrah, or is this it?" Every winner has a story of loss. You've weathered the storms of life with your shell intact, Cancer. Recognize and honor yourself for finding a way forward even as the sand washed away under your feet. This alignment of Saturn (lessons) and Pluto (personal power) will overturn ideas about authority and provide you with an opportunity to seek a stronger internal locus of control. The personal and professional hurrah is something you make happen – not through the traditional ways you once followed but through challenging yourself like never before. How well are you willing to get to know yourself, root out our fears, master strengths, reinvent? Mix up the two areas of your life. Personal work will lead to professional wins, and vice versa.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

"Ozark" fans anxiously anticipating the fate of the Byrde family will finally get the goods when the Netflix series starring Jason Bateman drops later this year. From child star to producer, Bateman has followed his hardworking and down-to-earth Capricorn sun to create what's shaping up to be quite a media empire. Natal Venus in Pisces indicates an intuitive approach to life and work. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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Adjective
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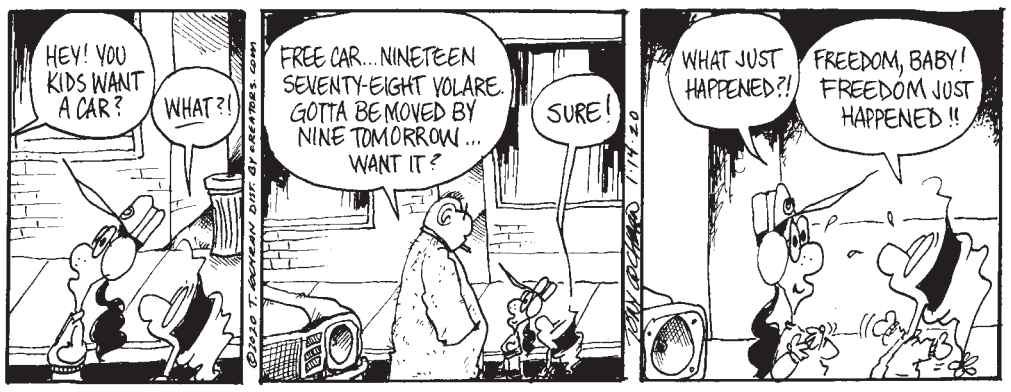
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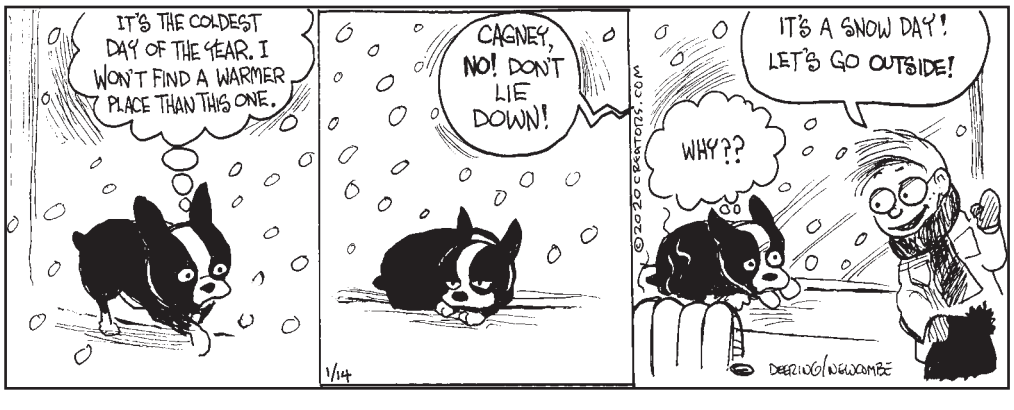
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Draw Date: 01/10
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Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 91 M

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Draw Date: 01/11
4 9 13 18 34
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 01/12
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Draw Date: 01/13
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Draw Date: 01/12
Evening: 5 6 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 01/08
1st: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
2nd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
3rd: 2 - LUCKY STAR
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TUESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Lully, modest WNW swell. May have steep NW swell in the mix. Morning tide push.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Lingering NW swell mix. Steep SSE swell mixes in. Morning tide push.

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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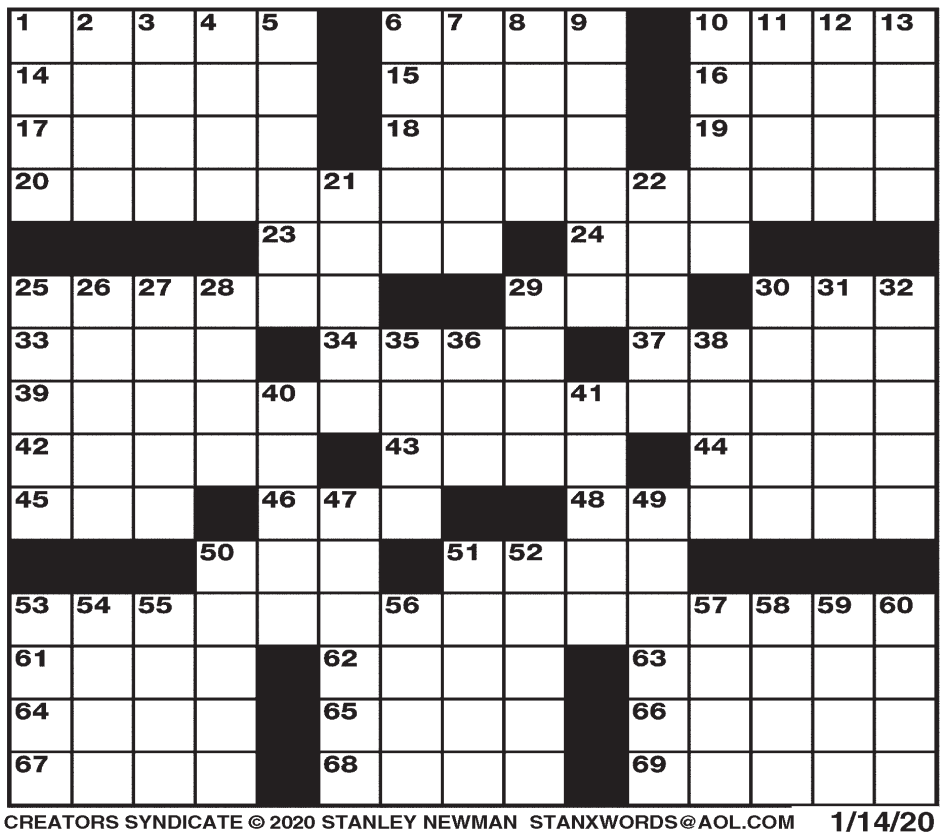
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Newsday Crossword

BEAUTIFUL BUSINESS by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Illusionist's act
6 Pet welfare org.
10 "Sidewalk" eatery
14 Wear away slowly
15 Military conflicts
16 Dance at a luau
17 Attach, as a lining to a jacket
18 Loads and loads
19 Tweak, as a manuscript
20 Appealing financial returns
23 Toledo's state
24 Special ___ (military missions)
25 Soak up
29 California winter hrs.
30 Tiger or lion
33 Nickname for Dad
34 Veggie in gumbo
37 Overact
39 Appealing offerings of salespersons
42 Rental contract
43 Brainstorm
44 Picket fence piece
45 Make a miscalculation
46 Harden, as concrete
48 Like meadows and fairways
50 Crunchy sandwich, for short
51 Prefix for vision or phone
53 Appealing interest charges
61 Shout to stop a horse
62 Residence
63 The expected
64 Rowboat implements
65 Eve's first home
66 Explosive liquid, for short
67 Falsehoods
68 Organize into piles
69 Attacked by a bee

DOWN
1 Screen door material
2 Neighborhood
3 Formal dress
4 Brief confession
5 Network naysayer
6 Guru of India
7 Trendy "caveman" diet
8 Corn, wheat or soybeans
9 Houston baseballers
10 Master cooks
11 Car on the Autobahn
12 Move like a butterfly
13 Feasts on
21 Shout of glee
22 Chose, with "for"
25 Delicious or McIntosh
26 Less furnished
27 Javelin, for one
28 Grains in granola
29 Walk back and forth anxiously
30 Barbecue briquettes
31 Book of maps
32 Irritable
35 Make something with yarn
36 Get __ of (throw out)
38 Flat-topped hill
40 Electric car company
41 Bird on a dollar bill
47 Carves in stone, say
49 TV "encore performances"
50 Alloy used for tubas
51 Microwave beeper
52 Notable happening
53 Army truant: Abbr.
54 Bangkok native
55 Ripped (up)
56 Task list heading
57 "Be that __ may . . ."
58 Ballerina's skirt
59 Achieve through hard work
60 Trudge (through)



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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

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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.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 47 CALLS ON JAN. 12

EMS 800blk 2nd St 12:07 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:40 a.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1700blk 9th St 2:09 a.m.
EMS 800blk Bay St 2:23 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 2:32 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 10th St 2:41 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 4:50 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 7:27 a.m.
EMS 2900blk 31st St 9:16 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Arizona Ave 9:42 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:03 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 10th St 10:57 a.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:38 a.m.
Public Assist Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 12:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 4th St 12:18 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 12:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 9th St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:49 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2300blk Schader Dr 1:26 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:28 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:00 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2800blk Neilson Way 2:13 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 2:19 p.m.
EMS 19th St / Pico Blvd 2:50 p.m.
Public Assist 7th St / Marine St 3:22 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 3:37 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 3:48 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Pier Ave 3:58 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 4:29 p.m.
EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 5:03 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 5th St 5:06 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 5:14 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Princeton St 5:37 p.m.
Arcing Wires 1700blk Pico Blvd 5:39 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Michigan Ave 5:47 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Arizona Ave 5:55 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 800blk 14th St 7:25 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 23rd St / San Vicente Blvd 7:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1500blk 2nd St 7:44 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Olympic Blvd 8:15 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 12th St 8:15 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:26 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 10:55 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 11:33 p.m.
EMS 200blk Broadway 11:41 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 11:55 p.m.

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Probate

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
Daniel R. Lal
CASE NUMBER: 19STPB11689
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of Daniel R. Lal.
A Petition for Probate has been filed by Rajkuari Lal in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.
The Petition for Probate requests Rajkuari Lal be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: Date: 01/16/2020 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept. Room - Address of Court: 111 N. Hill St Los Angeles, CA 90012
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: Thomas A. Nitti 1250 6th St Suite 350 Santa Monica, CA 90401 (310) 393-1524
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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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