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Community joins local coalition to celebrate MLK







Debra Williams

SGI: Santa Monica holds an annual event to remember the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

BRENNON DIXON
SMDP Staff Writer

Community leaders, local residents and members of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Westside Coalition gathered Monday for a celebration that sought to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. and the many values he once fought for.

Complete with inspirational readings, award presentations and a local resource fair that allowed residents the opportunity to interact with various community-based organizations, many in attendance Monday described the event as a success.

The celebration began at the SGI-USA World Peace Ikeda Auditorium, where a packed

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Target files paperwork for second Santa Monica store



Courtesy image

WILSHIRE: Target has released renderings for a second Santa Monica location in the former Staples store on Wilshire.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Target has filed paperwork for a second Santa Monica location.

Officials posted an application for a new alcohol license at 1610 Wilshire Blvd. on Friday. The application lists Target Corporation as the applicant and there are renderings online showing a Target store of approximately 18,500 square feet at that location.

The location was previously occupied by Staples, which announced it would be closing this year.

Liz Hancock with Target Communications confirmed plans for two stores.

"I can confirm Target has plans to open a new store in the Santa Monica area. We're excited to bring an easy, convenient shopping experience to additional guests in the community with this new Target location," she said.

"As we get closer to opening the store, we'll have more specific details to share – including how the shopping experience will be tailored to serve local guests and the grand opening date."

The application for a Wilshire location follows a previous application to open another Target store at 5th Street and Broadway. The Broadway store would occupy one of the former Fred Segal buildings and is listed as approximately 24,000 square feet.

The Downtown location, at 420 Broadway, is listed as opening sometime in 2020.

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Police investigating firebomber

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department and Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad are investigating a potential arsonist who may have thrown several firebombs around town this weekend.

Officers received calls at about 3 p.m. on Jan. 19 for a person throwing Molotov cocktails into the street, police said. The device is considered a basic incendiary device and is usually made by filling a bottle with a flammable liquid, stuffing a rag into the liquid that is then lit and thrown to create a pool of flame.

"It should be noted that we had been receiving calls about this same subject and vehicle over the course of the weekend," said Lieutenant Candice Cobarrubias.

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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.

What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, January 21

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group
Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Discussion Title: 'The Dry' by Jane Harper. 7 - 8:30 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. 5 - 7 p.m. Main Library.

Kids' Writers Group: Beginnings
Want to write a novel? Try out different ways to pull readers in right from the start! Ages 8-12. Main Library, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Write Away
Gain feedback and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22

Santa Monica Homeless Count
Each January, community volunteers take to the streets of Santa Monica to count some of the City's most vulnerable individuals - those experiencing street homelessness. The annual Santa Monica Homeless Count wouldn't be possible without the community coming together for one night for this point-in-time observation count. Saint Monica Catholic Community, 725 California Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90403. 10:30 p.m. register online at www.weare.santamonica.gov/homeless-count

Planning Commission
The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Pajama Story Time: Happy New Year!
Wear PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to celebrate the New Year with stories and songs. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Read & Play
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities. Ages 0-5. 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Baby Story Time
Story time series for babies 0-17 months. A ticket is required 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, 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Thursday, January 23

New Year, New Soup Recipes
We're serving up soup with Clémence Gossett from the Gourmandise School. Clémence demonstrates how to use local ingredients to make delicious soups, perfect for the colder months. A tasting follows the demo. Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Documentary: American Factory (2019)
In post-industrial Ohio, a Chinese billionaire opens a new factory in an abandoned GM plant and hires two thousand workers. Early days of optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China classes with working-class America. A discussion of this leading Oscar contender and its themes follows the screening. (film runtime: 115 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Appy Hour Device Workshop for Seniors
Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive small group help to get you started with using your device. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 4 - 5 p.m.

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

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

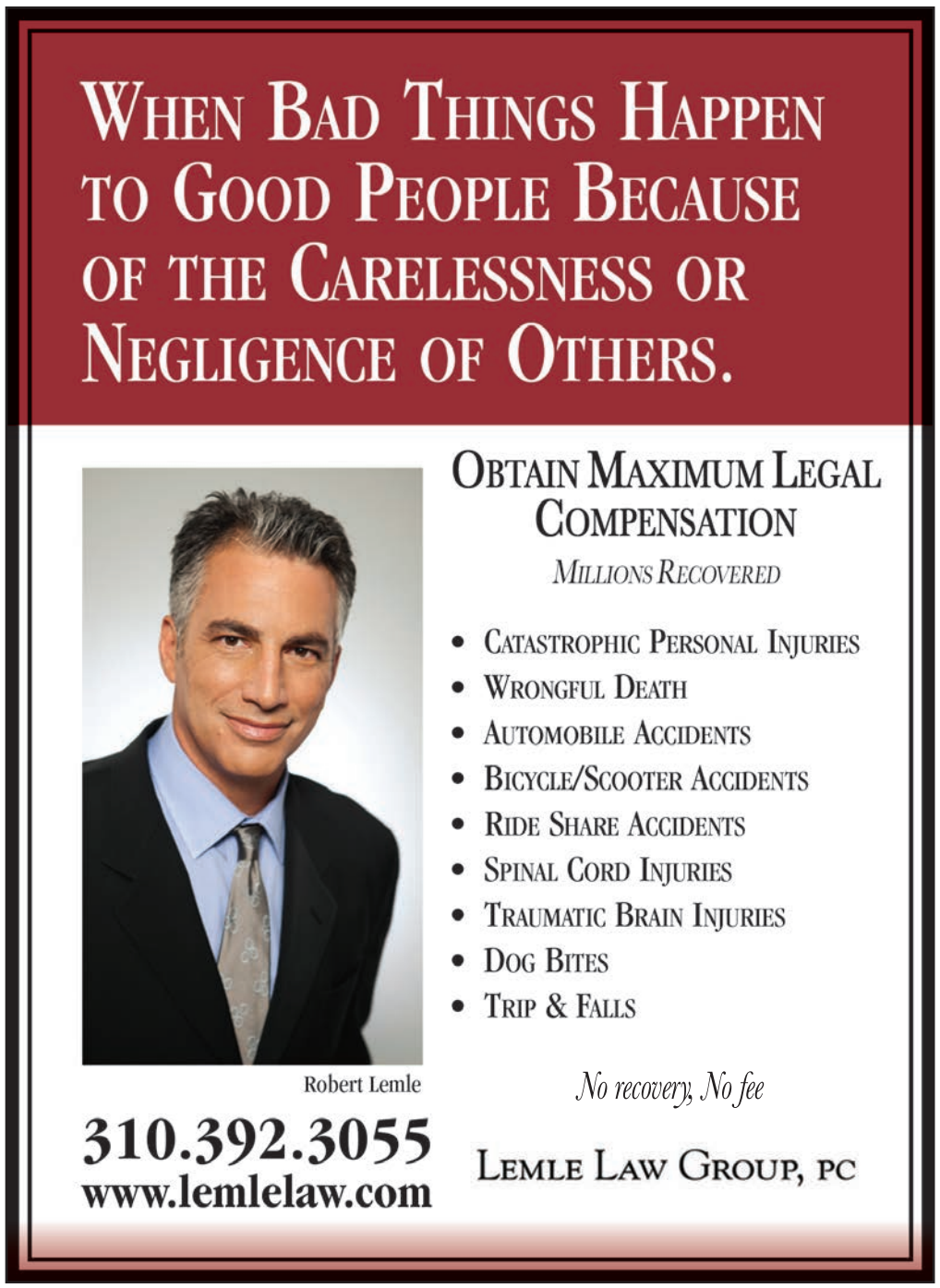
Property Classification	Proposed Wastewater Rates				
	FY 2019/20 (3/1/20 to 12/31/20)	FY 2020/21 (1/1/21 to 12/31/21)	FY 2021/22 (1/1/22 to 12/31/22)	FY 2022/23 (1/1/23 to 12/31/23)	FY 2023/24 (1/1/24 to 12/31/24)
Residential ($/HCF)	$2.40	$2.73	$3.11	$3.52	$3.65

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.





Human-to-human transmission confirmed in China coronavirus

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Associated Press

The head of a Chinese government expert team said Monday that human-to-human transmission has been confirmed in an outbreak of a new coronavirus, a development that raises the possibility that it could spread more quickly and widely.

Team leader Zhong Nanshan, a respiratory expert, said two people in Guangdong province in southern China caught the virus from family members, state media said. Some medical workers have also tested positive for the virus, the English-language China Daily newspaper reported.

The late-night announcement capped a day in which authorities announced a sharp uptick in the number of confirmed cases to more than 200, and China's leader called on the government to take every possible step to combat the outbreak.

"The recent outbreak of novel coronavirus pneumonia in Wuhan and other places must be taken seriously," President Xi Jinping said in his first public statement on the crisis. "Party committees, governments and relevant departments at all levels should put people's lives and health first."

Xi's remarks were reported by state broadcaster CCTV on its main 7 p.m. evening news broadcast.

In Geneva, the World Health Organization announced it would convene an Emergency Committee meeting on Wednesday to determine whether the outbreak warrants being declared a global health crisis.

Such declarations are typically made for epidemics of severe diseases that threaten to cross borders and require an internationally coordinated response. Previous global emergencies have been declared for crises including the ongoing Ebola outbreak in Congo, the emergence of Zika virus in the Americas in 2016 and the West Africa Ebola outbreak in 2014.

The spread of the viral pneumonia comes as the country enters its busiest travel period, when millions board trains and planes for the Lunar New Year holidays. The outbreak is believed to have started late last month when people picked it up at a fresh food market in Wuhan, a city in central China.

Wuhan health authorities said Monday an additional 136 cases have been confirmed in the city, raising the total to 198. Three have died.

Authorities elsewhere also announced cases in other Chinese cities for the first time.

Five individuals in Beijing and 14 in Guangdong have also been diagnosed with the new coronavirus, CCTV reported Monday evening. A total of seven suspected cases have been found in other parts of the country, including in Sichuan and Yunnan provinces in the southwest and in Shanghai.

Zhong said the two people in Guangdong had not been to Wuhan but fell ill after family members had returned from the city, the China Daily said.

The outbreak has put other countries on alert as millions of Chinese travel for Lunar New Year. Authorities in Thailand and in Japan have already identified at least three cases, all involving recent travel from China.

South Korea reported its first case Monday, when a 35-year-old Chinese woman from Wuhan tested positive for the new coronavirus one day after arriving at Seoul's Incheon airport. The woman has been isolated at a state-run hospital in Incheon city, just west of Seoul, the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a statement.

At least a half-dozen countries in Asia and three U.S. airports have started screening incoming airline passengers from central China.

Videos posted online show people in protective suits checking one-by-one the temperatures of plane passengers arriving in Macao from Wuhan. A man surnamed Yang who works for the Macao Health Bureau confirmed over the phone that such checks are taking place in the southern Chinese region.

Canada's Chief Medical officer, Dr. Theresa Tam, said additional signage will be in place in the coming days at airports in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. There will also be additional screening questions at electronic kiosks at customs asking people if they have traveled to areas where coronavirus is and if they have flu like symptoms.

"The Chinese lunar year is coming so out of abundance precaution that's why we are putting out additional information for travelers," Tam said.

Many of the initial cases of the coronavirus were linked to a seafood market in Wuhan, which was closed as authorities investigated.

Since hundreds of people who came into close contact with diagnosed patients have not gotten sick, the municipal health commission maintains that the virus is not easily transmitted between humans.

China's National Health Commission said experts have judged the current outbreak to be "preventable and controllable."

"However, the source of the new type of coronavirus has not been found, we do not fully understand how the virus is transmitted, and changes in the virus still need to be closely monitored," the commission said in a statement Sunday.

Coronaviruses cause diseases ranging from the common cold to SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome. SARS first infected people in southern China in late 2002 and spread to more than two dozen countries, killing nearly 800. The Chinese government initially tried to conceal the severity of the SARS epidemic, but its cover-up was exposed by a high-ranking physician.

"In the early days of SARS, reports were delayed and covered up," said an editorial in the nationalistic Global Times. "That kind of

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Trump's lawyers urge dismissal of 'flimsy' impeachment case

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Associated Press

President Donald Trump's legal team asserted Monday that he did "absolutely nothing wrong," urging the Senate to swiftly reject the "flimsy" and rigged impeachment case against him as preparations were underway at the Capitol for a contentious trial to consider removing him from office.

The brief from Trump's lawyers, filed ahead of opening arguments, offers the most detailed look at the lines of defense they intend to use against Democratic efforts to convict the president and oust him from office over his dealings with Ukraine. It is meant as a counter to a filing two days ago from House Democrats that summarized weeks of testimony from more than a dozen witnesses in laying out the impeachment case.

"All of this is a dangerous perversion of the Constitution that the Senate should swiftly and roundly condemn," the lawyers wrote. "The articles should be rejected and the president should immediately be acquitted."

The 110-page brief from the White House, plus the House Democratic response, come as the Senate is considering 12-hour opening sessions for the rare trial taking place in an election year, with some of the very senators running to replace Trump as president sitting as jurors.

The White House filing shifted the tone toward a more legal response but still echoed with campaign-style slogans. It hinged on Trump's assertion he did nothing wrong and did not commit a crime — even though impeachment does not depend on a material violation of law but rather on the more vague definition of "other high crimes and misdemeanors" as established in the Constitution.

With security tightening at the Capitol, the House prosecutors made their way through crowds of tourists in the Rotunda to tour the Senate chamber. The White House legal team led by Pat Cipollone and Jay Sekulow soon followed, both sides under instructions to keep the chamber doors closed to onlookers and the media. Four TV monitors were set up inside to show testimony, exhibits and potentially tweets or other social media, according to a person familiar with the matter but unauthorized to discuss it who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Senators are poised for only the third trial of its kind in U.S. history, but first they must contend with a rules fight and whether to allow new witnesses. On the eve of the trial, the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell had yet to reveal the proposal.

The GOP leader is expected to propose a condensed schedule for opening arguments with two 12-hour days for each side, the person said. Democrats warned that such a plan would almost certainly push the proceedings into hours when Americans may not be watching. The White House legal team said Monday it supports whatever package McConnell puts forward.

In their own filing Monday, House prosecutors replied to Trump's not-guilty plea by making fresh demands for a fair trial in the Senate.

"President Trump asserts that his impeachment is a partisan 'hoax.' He is wrong," the prosecutors wrote.

The House Democrats led by Chairman Adam Schiff of the Intelligence Committee said the president can't have it both ways — rejecting the facts of the House case but also stonewalling congressional subpoenas for witnesses and testimony. "Senators must honor their own oaths by holding a fair trial with all relevant evidence," they wrote.

The White House document released Monday says the two articles of impeachment brought against the president — abuse of power and obstruction of Congress — don't amount to impeachable offenses. It asserts that the impeachment inquiry, centered on Trump's request that Ukraine's president open an investigation into Democratic rival Joe Biden, was never about finding the truth.

"Instead, House Democrats were determined from the outset to find some way — any way — to corrupt the extraordinary power of impeachment for use as a political tool to overturn the result of the 2016 election and to interfere in the 2020 election," Trump's legal team wrote. "All of that is a dangerous perversion of the Constitution that the Senate should swiftly and roundly condemn."

The impeachment case accuses Trump of abusing power by withholding military aid from Ukraine at the same time that he was seeking an investigation into Biden, and of obstructing Congress by instructing administration officials not to appear for testimony or provide documents, defying congressional subpoenas.

In a brief filed earlier, House Democrats called Trump's conduct the "worst nightmare" of the framers of the Constitution.

"President Donald J. Trump used his official powers to pressure a foreign government to interfere in a United States election for his personal political gain," the House prosecutors wrote, "and then attempted to cover up his scheme by obstructing Congress's investigation into his misconduct."

But Trump's team contended Monday that even if Trump were to have abused his power in withholding the Ukraine military assistance, it would not be impeachable because it did not violate a specific criminal statute.

The president's team issued several opinions from the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel to back up its claims and support its position that it had not illegally defied Congress.

One OLC opinion said the House investigation was not formally opened until after some subpoenas were issued, making the demands legally unenforceable, while two others said that senior advisers of the president were immune from being forced to testify in part because they handled national security matters.

Opening arguments are expected within days following a debate Tuesday over rules, including about whether witnesses are to be

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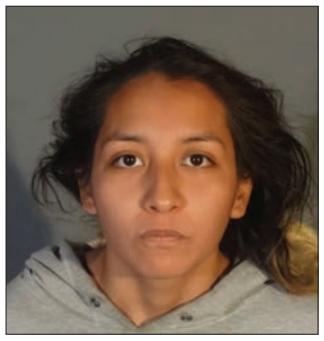
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 3:25 P.M.

Officers responded to Bubba Gump Shrimp in the 300 block of Santa Monica Pier. Upon arrival, they met with the restaurant employee who said that a female who had consumed food and beverage did not have any money to pay for her meal. The restaurant wanted to press charges and placed the female under arrest. Edith Athzirim Sanchez, 21, from Fontana was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper. Bail was set at $500.



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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Mother Load Hits the Target

"Everyone tells me I should write a book about my life and recovery." I've heard that from many a person when they learn that I mentor writers and produce their books. I've written seven books myself, and edited and published about a dozen for other people. The number of manuscripts that I've started to read and had to quit, and the many conversations over coffee about someone's dream to write their story, have led to me one conclusion; most people won't write, and those who do frequently don't take direction to make their writing better.

Then a story comes along and you hear it, and are like, "YES! THAT NEEDS TO BE A BOOK!" But the storyteller is shy, and insecure, but somehow they start writing. A short story at first. A memory of a childhood scene that left an impression. They post it in a Facebook post, or a blog, maybe even get it posted on a website like ThriveGlobal.com or Parents.com. As they keep writing, they join a writers group and share their work and get feedback. They polish, and cut, and cut to get their writing to be good, then great. They have enough short stories, or scenes from a lifetime to make it into a book.

That is basically the development story of Mother Load, by Wendy Adamson. She grew up on the Westside and has lived a life that knows extremes. Extremes that most people won't ever experience. From the depths of drug addiction to the blessings of a recovery that have healed her family.

Adamson writes in Mother Load of the incredible insanity that methamphetamine took her life to, in a way that is raw, visceral and unrelentingly honest. She describes the actions she took that led her to a stint in L.A. County Jail with an unflinching clarity and depth of truth that brings a humanity to her writing which is unique in a world of self-revelatory confessionals.

The drug infused mania that drove Adamson to commit a crime with a gun, leads to a recovery, which (pardon the pun) triggers moments of knowing humor in her life and book. I found her storytelling to be snappy, emotional, picturesque and enlightening in how effortlessly she describes her tremendously difficult path from pain and self-hatred, to kind, loving, gentle and giving soul. She doesn't just recount stories, she cracks open her soul and lays bare the motivations and the pain.

Yet Mother Load is more than just one woman's story. It is the story of her family's recovery. As a unit they were all damaged and hurting, but as Adamson pulled herself from the pit of drug addiction and poverty, and no self-esteem, she pulled her sons out with her. In the Mother Load story "Holey Shoe" she recounts the painful experience of her young son Rikki Mendias having shoes with holes in them and her embarrassment and shame over her lack of funds to get him new shoes. Then along comes Becky, a good Samaritan who takes them both to a shoe store.

Becky's good deed that day sparked an obsession for Rikki and he grew into a 'sneakerhead' – a collector of rare sneakers. His collection numbered into the hundreds until one day, he had a stroke of insight and decided to give them all away to needy folks. Hav-A-Sole (www.havasole.com) was born and today the non-profit helps hundreds of homeless and needy people with distributing for free, new and gently used shoes.

As an official non-profit Hav-A-Sole has been the recipient of donations from individuals and corporations, of single pairs of shoes, and truckloads. Rikki and his team have traveled the states giving out shoes to those in need. Hav-A-Sole is the beneficiary of corporate largesse from companies like Nike, LA Sparks, LA Rams, The Bike Shop, Saucony, Montage Hotels, Fleet Fee, Indiana Pacers and many others.

Currently Hav-A-Sole is a finalist in the January 2020 Lakers Youth Foundation YOU Grant Contest. They need our help to win a $5,000 grant to continue the good work they do. Rikki and Wendy are hometown angels and we can help push Hav-A-Sole to the top with your votes. All you have to do is go here: (https://www.nba.com/lakers/community/1920-you-grant) and place a vote for Hav-A-Sole.

While you're online you should also head over to Amazon and buy two copies of Mother Load – one for yourself and one to give away – and I know you're going to want to share this wonderful book with a family or friend who needs to hear a redemption story.

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EMS Main St / Hill St 1:43 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ashland Ave 2:14 a.m.
EMS Neilson Way / Strand St 4:11 a.m.
EMS 1700blk 18th St 4:39 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 700blk 9th St 5:06 a.m.
EMS 2600blk 29th St 7:07 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 8:26 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:33 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Centinela Ave / Interstate 10 9:35 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:38 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk Centinela Ave 10:25 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Neilson Way 10:46 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 11th St 10:48 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 26th St 11:06 a.m.
EMS 200blk 23rd St 11:47 a.m.
EMS 500blk 10th St 12:14 p.m.
EMS 700blk 24th St 1:00 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 1:17 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 2:14 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 2:20 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2900blk Pico Blvd 3:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 23rd St 4:17 p.m.
Flooded Condition 500blk Pacific St 4:24 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Main St 5:14 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 5:37 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 5th St 5:56 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Pico Blvd 6:04 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Pier 6:09 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:10 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 6:14 p.m.
EMS 800blk 7th St 6:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 17th St / Arizona Ave 6:32 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Colorado Ave 6:44 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Chelsea Pl 6:48 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 23rd St 6:52 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 5th St 7:52 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 7:52 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 14th St 8:22 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:20 p.m.
EMS 2800blk 7th St 9:31 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Stewart St 10:03 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 10:12 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 10:34 p.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 10:59 p.m.
EMS 900blk Euclid St 11:38 p.m.

CORONAVIRUS

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thing must not happen again in China."

"We have made great strides in medicine, social affairs management and public opinion since 2003," the editorial said.

Xi instructed government departments Monday to promptly release information on the virus and deepen international cooperation.

China has notified and maintained close communication with the World Health Organization and other relevant countries and regions, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular news briefing.

Wuhan has also adopted measures to control the flow of people leaving the city, Geng said.

The virus causing the current outbreak is different from those previously identified, Chinese scientists said earlier this month. Initial symptoms of the novel coronavirus include fever, cough, tightness of the chest and shortness of breath.

On the Weibo social media platform, which is widely used in China, people posted prevention advice such as wearing masks and washing hands. State broadcaster CCTV recommended staying warm, increasing physical activity, eating lightly and avoiding crowded places. Some people said they had canceled their travel plans and were staying home for Lunar New Year.

Associated Press researcher Yu Bing in Beijing, writer Hyung-jin Kim in Seoul, South Korea, and writer Rob Gillies in Toronto contributed to this report.

COALITION

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auditorium full of seniors, newborns and every age in-between listened to former New Roads School graduate and current Harvard University student Amanda Gorman offer a few words of inspiration.

Heralded as "the next great figure in American poetry," Gorman made history in 2017 at age 21 by being named the first-ever National Youth Poet Laureate in the United States, and during her speech Monday, the National Youth Poet Laureate discussed King's ideals and challenged audience members to undertake three simple tasks that were inspired by the reverend himself.

"One task I call: 'The challenge of now;' the second I call: 'Making democracy real;' and the third one is 'Give purpose to promise," Gorman said in an interview during the event, where she described how she attempts to connect her poetry with the principles of Dr. King in an effort to teach.

"I think it's important to celebrate the values of Dr. King because they're timeless and transcend a lot of socio-political moments," Gorman said. "Particularly because people tend to forget how much of a radical Dr. King was for his time, which I think has a particular residency for today because it means that what he said decades ago is in its own way still lightyears ahead of where we are today."

Gorman added the event also served as a great homecoming since she was able to connect with family, fellow New Roads alumni and many others during the community resource fair that transpired at the Fairmont Hotel later on Monday morning.

While attendees enjoyed refreshments, food and swapped stories of personal interactions with Dr. King as they socialized with old friends and new acquaintances, former Santa Monica Mayor Nat Trives said, "We wanted people to come out and feel like there is hope for the world. And that's exactly what happened."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

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Encampment 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:35 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now Main St / Hill St 1:42 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 14th St / Olympic Blvd 1:57 a.m.
Stalking Suspect There Now 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:41 a.m.
Found Senile Person 26th St / Montana Ave 6:21 a.m.
Battery Now 600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:29 a.m.
Attempt Suicide 1600blk Appian Way 6:48 a.m.
Missing Person 1300blk 17th St 7:44 a.m.
Speeding 2800blk Colorado Ave 7:48 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2000blk 20th St 8:02 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 8:24 a.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 600blk Idaho Ave 8:25 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:51 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1800blk 9th St 9:12 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2400blk Arizona Ave 9:23 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 9:29 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2700blk 3rd St 9:31 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 2500blk Virginia Ave 10:15 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 3300blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:15 a.m.
Overdose 1400blk 11th St 10:48 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 14th St / Bay St 10:51 a.m.
Valet Zone Violation 200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:06 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1000blk Hill St 11:16 a.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 3rd St 11:45 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 700blk 12th St 12:03 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 12:04 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400blk Beverley Ave 12:04 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 300blk Ashland Ave 12:11 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 2200blk 29th St 12:32 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1300blk 2nd St 12:38 p.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 3rd St 12:48 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 700blk 12th St 12:51 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500blk 4th St 1:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 3rd St / Hill St 1:27 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Chelsea Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:40 p.m.
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Abandoned Vehicle 1100blk 4th St 3:35 p.m.
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Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400blk Beverley Ave 4:10 p.m.
Smoking Violation 800blk 2nd St 4:31 p.m.
Burglary Report 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:33 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 4:59 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 10th St 5:19 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:20 p.m.
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Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 17th St / Arizona Ave 6:32 p.m.
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Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Appian Way / Arcadia Ter 7:36 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Ocean Ave / Georgina Ave 7:39 p.m.
Drinking In Public 700blk Broadway 8:06 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Just Occurred 1100blk 14th St 8:21 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:37 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 900blk Lincoln Blvd 8:47 p.m.
Attempt Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred Main St / Bicknell Ave 8:47 p.m.
Burglary Report 1200blk 9th St 9:32 p.m.
Vandalism Just Occurred 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:46 p.m.
Burglary Now 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:28 p.m.

ARREST

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Cobarrubias said the suspect's car was seen near Centinela Avenue and Pico Boulevard on Sunday afternoon. Officers stopped the car and found evidence that linked the suspect to the prior incidents.

"As a precaution, as it was unknown what else may be in the disheveled car, LASD Bomb Squad was notified and is responding to render the vehicle safe," she said. "Investigators are working the case and more information will be forthcoming."

Korie Schmidt, 31, was arrested on Jan. 19 and charged with possession of an explosive device, according to SMPD records.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 21)

You're good at relationships of all kinds this year, and it comes quite naturally, too. Others would call this "work," but indeed it's your pleasure. You and a dear one will develop a language between you filled with inside jokes, deep meaning, tender phrases and silliness that only the two of you can understand. Leo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 39, 30, 13 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The world is a sticky place filled with honey pots, tar pits and a wide variety of flytraps. It's very easy to get stuck. Keep moving. Action makes you hard to trap. Movement opens potential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). So much is going right for you! Take stock. List at least five and feel your mood lift. Staying grateful is to your spiritual health as staying fit is to your physical health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Take a break from self-improvement. There is a point when it reinforces a quiet belief that you're not enough just as you are. There's a time to push, but right now is a time to trust life and let things develop naturally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In a prevailing culture of narcissism, it's more important than ever to make sure that you're doing a fair amount of focusing on others. Bonus: This is also the way to happiness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be making interesting trades today. Of course, you're always trading something – attention for relationships, hours for dollars – it's just that today's trades are outside of the norm, and they make you think.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Fantasies have no consequences. Reality is pretty much built on them. It's a long string of cause and effect, some of which one would be hard-pressed to correlate, and yet we sense they are balanced in the grand math.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can do something that the majority of people can't – that's a talent. Don't consider it a talent? That's just an oversight on your part. This is the ideal time to change your assessment and start toying with possible applications.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those with an affliction want so much to be released from it, and yet there's something terrifying about giving up the crutch that goes with it. You've a special heart for helping people let go of what's no longer needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When not knowing how a thing works, it's easy to dismiss it as working in an unintelligent way, but that's probably not the truth today. There's a benefit to staying alert to different styles, especially simple ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is very difficult to help others when you are, in fact, injured yourself. The same applies to emotional and soul-level wounds. By resolving inner conflicts, you nudge yourself toward an empathetic state.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Have you ever texted someone or been texted by someone "accidentally" on purpose? You'll witness today how the desire for a specific kind of attention can inspire odd and unpredictable behaviors.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Rigid perspectives lead to errors of all sorts. Try to find a gentle frame of mind. There is plenty of common ground between two points of contention for anyone willing to look for it.

The Wisdom of Gloves

It's said that clean hands don't grow potatoes, though it could be argued that gloves were invented for the very purpose of keeping one's hands clean in the dirty work. The two seconds it takes to glove up prevents a lot of scrubbing later. Apply the wisdom of gloves to every project under the Aquarius sun, which is all about working smart.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

"I would be thrilled if a certain Gemini would return my feelings. I've had a crush on him for almost three years. The reason I haven't acted on it is that he was in a relationship. Actually, he still is, but I have reason to believe that they are on the outs. Should I sit around and wait for him to become single, or should I let him know that I like him, in hopes that it will speed up the process? He's a Libra." Two air signs have an easy rapport, and I'll bet you clicked together with this Gemini so easily when you first met that you immediately had the feeling you were meant to be friends, if not more. However, you should take into account the absolute devotion that Libra tends to have to his sweetheart. He doesn't take his commitments lightly. Even if he is the one to break up a relationship, he will need space in between to grieve the bond. Libra feels that love is sacred. Cheating is not something that comes easily to him, and if something like that were to happen with you, he would feel so much guilt, and it would tarnish his feelings for you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Academy award-winning actress, philanthropist and Mensa genius society member Geena Davis is a fine example of the Aquarian mix of heart and intellect that makes this sign so effective at bringing people together. Davis was born when the sun and Mercury were in Aquarius and lucky Jupiter was in entertaining Leo. Look for Davis in the upcoming thriller "Ava." **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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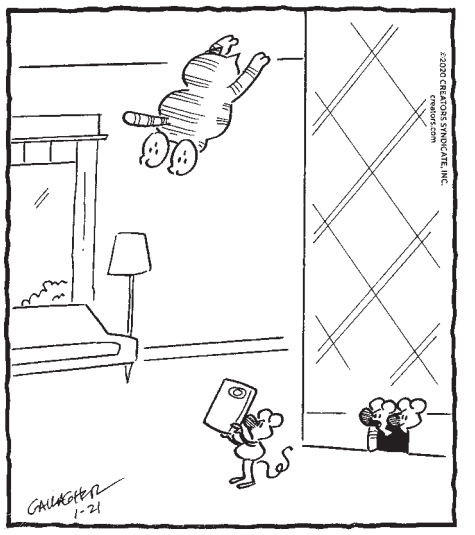
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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



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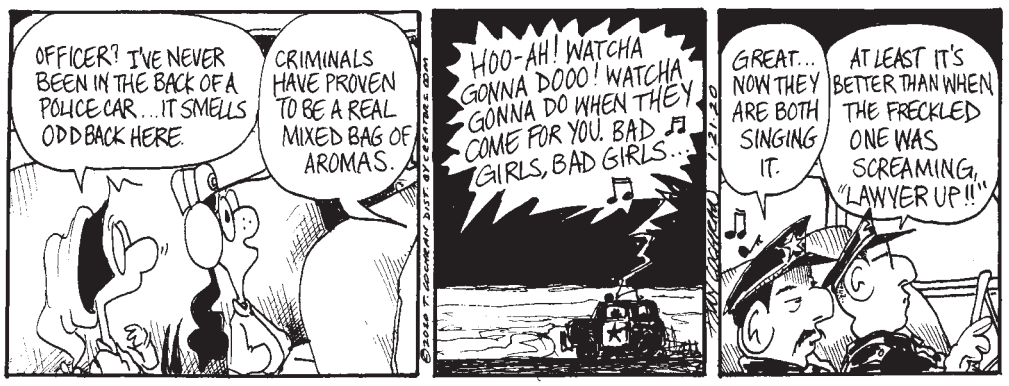
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WATER TEMP: 59.2°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Overlapping WNW swells. Deep morning high tide, negative low in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
Fresh WNW swell may peak. Watching winds/conditions. Deep morning high tide, negative low in the afternoon.

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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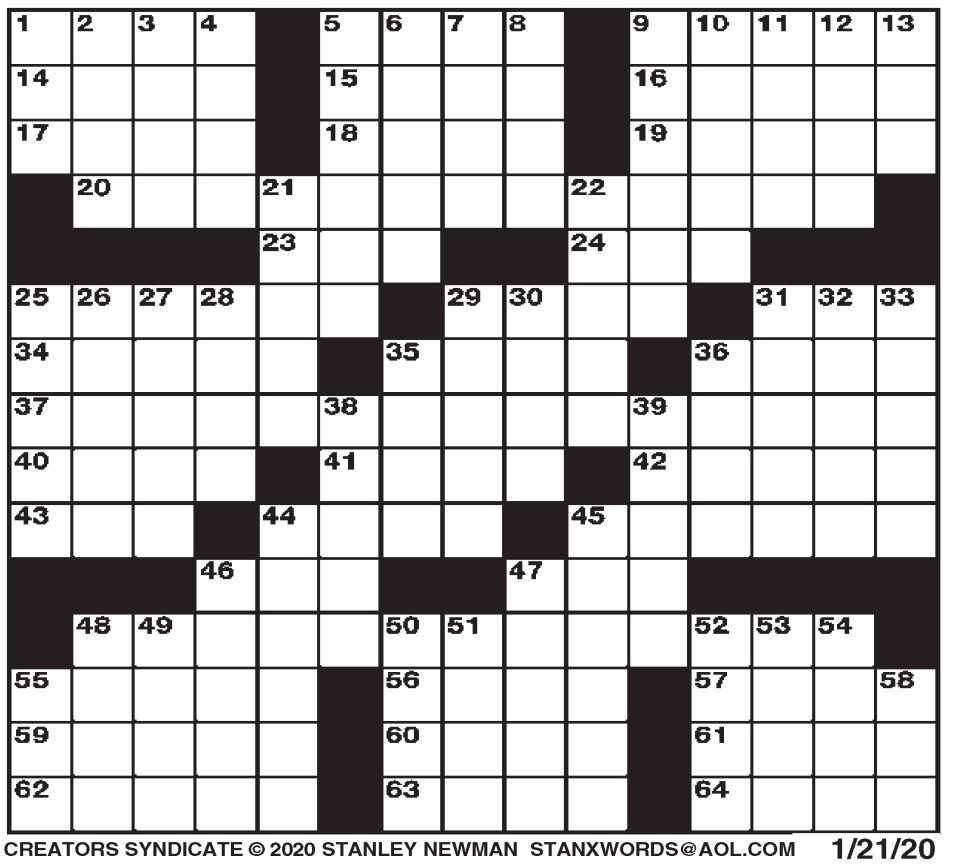
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Newsday Crossword

ASTRONOMICAL by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Move back and forth in the breeze
5 Big wine tanks
9 Sat for a photo
14 Cleveland's state
15 Notion
16 Wear away
17 Take a survey
18 Mom's boys
19 Gotten up
20 Be unrealistically demanding
23 Large coffee dispenser
24 Shark's upper appendage
25 Fond aspirations
29 Londoner, for short
31 "__ matter of fact . . ."
34 Spooky
35 Farmer's ground
36 "Step right __ way . . ."
37 Idealistic frame of mind
40 Affectionate greeting
41 Take a chance with
42 "Pet" annoyance
43 Observe
44 Light bulb measure
45 __ hound (long-eared dog)
46 Illuminated
47 Complete collection
48 Position of prominence
55 Jingling sound
56 Sandwich spread often "held"
57 On the summit of
59 Fraction of a pint
60 Aspirin tablet
61 Decline gradually
62 Made chiding sounds
63 Vehicle pulled by dogs
64 Point out

DOWN
1 Soak (up), as gravy
2 Shout to stop a horse
3 Feels unwell
4 Center of an egg
5 Brims of caps
6 Decorate
7 Camper's shelter
8 Wide belt
9 Allow
10 Hunter constellation
11 Mediocre
12 Adam's first home
13 Family room
21 Exhaust pipe emanations
22 Pay taxes online
25 Students' work stations
26 Adjust, as a knot
27 Clean the blackboard
28 Ventilates
29 Helpful upward push
30 Ice skating surface
31 "Now I get it!"
32 Kitchen strainer
33 Worthwhile thing
35 Angry mood
36 Golf pegs
38 Angry
39 Sudden outpouring
44 Evil in manner
45 Biblical "Look at this!"
46 Jousting weapon
47 Mode of fashion
48 +
49 Chain-__ fence
50 Little troublemakers
51 Hammer's target
52 Wood-cutting tools
53 State with many Mormons
54 Prohibited thing
55 Rollaway bed
58 Temple bench



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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.

IMPEACHMENT
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called in the trial.

Trump signaled his opposition to witnesses, tweeting Monday: "They didn't want John Bolton and others in the House. They were in too much of a rush. Now they want them all in the Senate. Not supposed to be that way!"

That's a reference to former national security adviser John Bolton. House Democrats wanted him to testify but chose not to pursue a subpoena and risk an extended struggle in court. But Bolton has since said he is willing to testify in the Senate if subpoenaed.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer has outlined demands for documents and testimony, including from Bolton, and promised to put senators on the spot with votes to ensure they are called.

"We are going to demand votes – yes or no, up or down – on the four witnesses we've requested and on the three sets of documents we've requested," Schumer told reporters over the weekend.

The White House brief argues that the articles of impeachment passed by the House are "structurally deficient" because they charge multiple acts, creating "a menu of options" as possible grounds for conviction.

While the Senate, with a 53-47 Republican majority is not at all expected to mount the two-thirds voted needed for conviction, the president's lawyers go so far as to suggest such an outcome would be an "unconstitutional conviction" because of the overly broad articles of impeachment from the House.

The Trump team claims that the Constitution requires that senators agree "on the specific basis for conviction" and that there is no way to ensure that the senators agree on which acts are worthy of removal, because a single count contains multiple allegations.

Administration officials have argued that similar imprecision applied to the perjury case in the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton, who was acquitted by the Senate.

The Trump lawyers accused Democrats of diluting the standards for impeachment, an argument that echoed the case made Sunday by one of Trump's attorneys, Alan Dershowitz, who contended in talk shows that impeachable offenses must be "criminal-like conduct."

That assertion has been rejected by scholars, and Schiff called it an "absurdist position."

The White House also suggests the House inquiry was lacking because it failed to investigate Biden or his son, Hunter, who served on the board of a gas company in Ukraine while his father was vice president. There is no evidence of wrongdoing by either Biden.

Associated Press writer Laurie Kellman contributed to this report.

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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.

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