

Basketball rivalry takes to the court tonight

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Daily Press Staff Writer

Sports stories are rife with David and Goliath matchups, but not quite like the one with Pacifica Christian High and Crossroads tonight, Friday at 6 p.m.

In this upcoming battle of a small, private Division 4A basketball versus a top tier Division 1 high school basketball program, coach Kevin Kelsey will face not only a well-regarded and well-coached team, but two of

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Son held in mother's stabbing death

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department is investigating a violent family dispute that has resulted in at least one death.

According to a statement released by SMPD, officers were called to a home in the 1200 block of Sunset Ave at about 6:23 a.m. by a man asking for help. Officers found

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Budget priorities to be set at weekend Council retreat

MADELEINE PAUKER
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City Council will set priorities for the City of Santa Monica's 2019-2021 budget Saturday using results from a community survey conducted over the last month.

Council will select three to six goals the City will prioritize in its budget, which will go into effect July 1. The City conducted a survey in December and January called SaMoSays that asked the community to select five areas they would like the City to devote more resources to from a list of 23 priorities, such as infrastructure and business diversity. Staff is also recommending Council add a 24th goal to that list: advancing a new model of mobility.

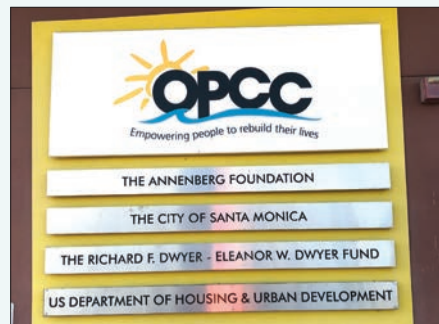
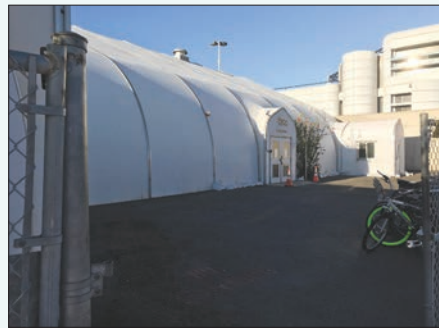
The 2,800 people who took the survey rated neighborhood safety, homelessness and affordability as their chief priorities. Transportation, environmental health and over-development were also common concerns.

Participants had the opportunity to write in priorities rather than choose from the 23 goals. About 150 people wrote in mobility and 100 added over-development.

Council will choose the priorities as part of a shift to a performance-based City budget, in which most services the City provides will be organized under the 24 outcomes. The new format will gather services under those categories and include

SEE **BUDGET** PAGE 7

City renews funding for homeless shelters with a catch



File Photos

SHELTERS: At the Jan. 22 meeting, several people asked Council to defund the local shelters but funding was maintained.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

City Hall is looking to clarify the complaint process for the homeless shelters it funds in response to multiple shelter residents alleging neglect from staff.

City Council heard testimony Tuesday night from clients of The People Concern, which operates three homeless shelters in Santa Monica, before deciding to renew the agency's \$1.6 million in funding for the next two years. Multiple speakers told Council that staff at Samoshel, a

shelter near City Hall, neglected the health and safety of residents and did not adequately assist them in finding permanent housing.

One Samoshel resident, David

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Craft, Swap, or Create

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

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Montana Avenue Branch Library 3 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market, also known as the Organic Market, opened in May 1991. The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Guest House open

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

Open Lab

Explore virtual reality and other emerging technologies at the Library during these informal sessions. 3D printing service is available to those who have successfully completed a 3D printing class at the Library. To register, email ideashappen@smgov.net one week before the event. Include your name and any previous experience. Main Library Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Puzzles and Games

Spend an afternoon building puzzles and Legos. Challenge a friend to board and video games. For Families Pico Branch Library 1 - 3 p.m.

Meet Me At Reed - Family Fun

Come by to play, meet neighbors, and connect. Supervised games and activities led by Santa Monica Community Recreation, kid-friendly entertainment by special guests and community partners, and a selection of food trucks will rotate weekly. Rain may affect programming. Call (310) 458 - 8300 to find out about rain delays or cancellations. Reed Park 1133 7th st 2 - 4 p.m.

Ukulele Saturdays! for Kids

Heidi Swedberg teaches you how to play the "happiest instrument in the world!" Each session begins with a mini lesson, followed by a strum-along with your favorite songs. Bring your own ukulele or borrow one of ours. Space and instruments are limited and on a first-arrival basis. For ages 6-12 (Ages 6 & 7 must have a participating adult) Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor 2:00pm-2:45 pm.

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Echo Park Film Center screening of 'I'll Be Your Mirror

Echo Park Film Center presents a screening of 'I'll Be Your Mirror,' a poetic documentary created onsite at the Camera Obscura in 2018, plus other shorts from EPFC's global documentary practice. Games, prizes, and snacks too!

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- January 31 - Submit Right of Entry (ROE) form to opt-in for County and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to gain access to and remove debris from your property.
- January 31 - Deadline to submit the Private Debris Removal/Opt-out form.
- January 31 - To apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for grants.
- January 31 -To apply to Small Business Administration (SBA) for home or business loans.

L.A. County continues to provide residents with resources, as they begin recovery efforts. The County partnered with CalRecycle which is operating the Debris Removal Operation Center (DROC) to guide residents through the process.

TO HAVE DEBRIS REMOVED FROM YOUR PROPERTY, FILL OUT AN ROE FORM.
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By phone at (626) 979-5370
In person at the DROC

The DROC is located at 26610 Agoura Road in Calabasas, and is open between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. Saturday.
Property owners opting out of no cost debris removal must fill out the opt-out forms. Residents can visit the Recover and Rebuild One-Stop, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 26600 Agoura Road in Calabasas.
L.A. County homeowners who opt out of the CalRecycle Program, can visit the Recover and Rebuild One-Stop to get more information on the County's Debris Removal Program, where they can apply for permits through the Building and Safety Unit, and get all of their rebuilding questions answered.
L.A. County residents affected by the fire are encouraged to apply to FEMA for grants. The same deadline applies to those applying for loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).
Contact FEMA at (800) 621-3362 or visit their website at disasterassistance.gov for more information.
Contact SBA at (800) 659-2955 or visit their website at www.disasterloan.sba.gov/ela
Visit lacounty.gov/lacountyrecovers and follow @ReadyLACounty for updates on program deadlines.

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Malibu
Lagoon Field Trips

SMBAS invites all to our monthly Malibu Lagoon Field Trips, held on the 4th Sunday of every month, at 8:30 and 10 a.m. next dates are January 27 and February 24. Free! Below is more info, for your use, distribution, and enjoyment! Please come out to the beach for a wonderful morning of birdwatching and friendly camaraderie! Bring binoculars if you have them; loaners available if you don't.

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- ADULT WALK 8:30 A.M. - Beginner and experienced, 2-3 hours. Species range from 40 in June to 60-75 during migrations and winter. We meet at the metal-shaded viewing area next to the parking lot and begin walking east towards the lagoon. We always check the offshore rocks and the ocean. When lagoon outlet is closed we continue east around the lagoon to Adamson House. We put out special effort to make our monthly Malibu Lagoon walks attractive to first-time and beginning birdwatchers. So please, if you are at all worried about coming on a trip and embarrassing yourself because of all the experts, we remember our first trips too. Someone showed us the birds; now it's our turn.
- CHILDREN AND PARENTS WALK 10 A.M. - One hour session, meeting at the metal-shaded viewing area next to the parking lot. We start at 10:00 for a shorter walk and to allow time for families to get it together on a sleepy Sunday morning. Our leaders are experienced with kids so please bring them to the beach! We have an ample supply of binoculars that children can use without striking terror into their parents. We want to see families enjoying nature. (If you have a Scout Troop or other group of more than seven people, _YOU MUST CALL JEAN (310-472-7209)_ to make sure we have enough binoculars and docents.)
- DIRECTIONS: Malibu Lagoon is at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Cross Creek Road. Look around for people wearing binoculars.
- PARKING: Parking machine recently installed in the lagoon lot: 1 hr \$3; 2 hrs \$6; 3 hrs \$9, all day \$12 (\$11 seniors); credit cards accepted. Annual passes accepted. You may also park (read the signs carefully) either along PCH west of Cross Creek Road, on Cross Creek Road, or on Civic Center Way north (inland) of the shopping center. Lagoon parking in shopping center lots is not permitted.

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LOS ANGELES
Federal workers at LAX offered free bus service, goods

The city of Los Angeles is offering free bus rides to all federal employees who work at Los Angeles International and Van Nuys airports and are not being paid during the partial government shutdown.
Los Angeles World Airports announced Thursday that rides aboard the FlyAway bus service will be free for federal personnel with airport department security badges.
That primarily includes Transportation Security Administration, Customs and Border Protection and Federal Aviation Administration workers.
FlyAway serves Los Angeles International from five locations around the city, including Van Nuys, a busy general aviation airport.
The department also is deferring parking fees at LAX and has opened a pantry to collect goods for federal workers.
Mayor Eric Garcetti's office has also announced initiatives to defer water, power and sanitation fees.

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WASHINGTON
High heat but no record: 2018 was 4th warmest year on Earth

While Earth was a tad cooler last year than the last couple of years, it still was the fourth warmest on record, a new analysis shows.
With the partial U.S. government shutdown, federal agency calculations for last year's temperatures are delayed. But independent scientists at Berkeley Earth calculate that last year's average temperature was 58.93 degrees [14.96 degrees Celsius].
That's 1.39 degrees [0.77 degrees Celsius] warmer than the average from 1951 to 1980 and about 2.09 degrees [1.16 degrees Celsius] warmer than pre-industrial times.
It's likely other temperature measuring groups will agree on 2018's ranking since they had it at fourth hottest through November, said Berkeley Earth climate scientist Zeke Hausfather. The Japanese Meteorological Agency has already calculated it at fourth. Record-keeping started in 1850.
Only 2016, 2017 and 2015 were warmer than last year, with only small differences among them. That was mostly because of natural yearly weather variations like El Nino and La Nina, Hausfather said. He said it would be foolish to call last year's slight dip a cooling trend.
"The long term is stunningly clear," he said.
Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann, who wasn't part of the Berkeley Earth team, said the fact that nearly every year recently is in the top five or top 10 hottest years is "clear evidence of human-caused warming on this planet."
Last year, 29 countries, including much of Central Europe, and Antarctica had record hot years, Hausfather said.

SETH BORENSTEIN, AP SCIENCE WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO
Apple cuts jobs in shakeup of self-driving car division

Apple is reducing the size of its workforce assigned to driverless car technology as the company reorganizes amid weakening sales of iPhones, its biggest moneymaker.
The company acknowledged the cutbacks in a Thursday statement, without specifying the number of jobs affected. CNBC reported that more than 200 employees were dismissed from Apple's self-driving car division, known internally as "Project Titan."
Some of the employees who lost their jobs in the driverless car division have been reassigned to other parts of the Cupertino, California, company, according to Apple.
Despite the reductions, Apple emphasized that it's still committed to helping build robotic cars, something it has been working on for several years. So far, though, Apple has lagged behind many of the other technology companies and automakers trying to catch up to the still-nascent field's early leader, Waymo, a Google spinoff that began its work on autonomous vehicles a decade ago.
"We continue to believe there is a huge opportunity with autonomous systems, that Apple has unique capabilities to contribute, and that this is the most ambitious machine learning project ever," the company said.
Apple is reassessing its priorities as it adjusts to a waning demand for iPhones, a shift that caused the company to fall shy of its own revenue projections for the quarter covering the crucial holiday shopping season. The company is scheduled to release its earnings for that period next Tuesday.

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SACRAMENTO
Agency: Deadly California fire caused by homeowner equipment

In a long-awaited report, state investigators said Thursday that a 2017 wildfire that killed 22 people in Northern California wine country was caused by a private electrical system, not equipment of embattled Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
The state's firefighting agency concluded that the fire started next to a residence. The agency did not find any violations of state law.
"During my investigation, I eliminated all other causes for the Tubbs Fire, with the exception of an electrical caused fire originating from an unknown event affecting privately owned conductor or equipment," wrote CalFire Battalion Chief John Martinez.
Some details about the property, including its owner and address, were blocked out in the report.
The fire was one of more than 170 that torched the state in October 2017. It destroyed more than 5,600 structures over more than 57 square miles [148 sq. kilometers] in Sonoma and Napa counties.
The cause came as a relief to PG&E, which plans to file for bankruptcy protection next week, citing billions of dollars in potential damages and lawsuits it faces from other deadly wildfires for which it has been determined to be at fault.
One witness reported seeing a transformer explode. Another reported seeing the fire approach a PG&E power pole.
One witness, Charlie Brown Jr. of Calistoga, said the electrical wiring leading from the property where investigators concluded the fire started had not been used in years.

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Hoping to Halt Havoc on Hollister

There's an old political expression, "You can't fight city hall." In Santa Monica, however, not only can you fight you might win. That is, if you can spend a few years trying. Or, in this case, 10 ½ years.

Today's tale goes back to summer, 2008, when I was having lunch with my good friend Dr. Andy Hurwitz, his wife Arlene and their two young daughters, Aleah and Adi. (Whom I call "The Four A's.") Andy, a renowned heart surgeon, was on call and sure enough, the phone rang alerting him to an emergency at the hospital.

Like Clark Kent and his Superman costume, Andy hurriedly changed into his operating scrubs, said a fast goodbye and flew out the door. I helped Arlene clear the dishes and also left. What I immediately saw outside was alarming.

There he was, Andy in his scrubs, in the middle of the street, pleading with drivers in a bumper-to-bumper Hollister traffic jam to please let him back his car out of his driveway so he could rush to the hospital. As I would discover, traffic on Hollister is often backed up for a variety of reasons. One is that the green light at Neilson Way is so short only one or maybe two cars can make it across before it turns red.

During summer, Hollister is frequently so jammed you can walk from Barnard Way to Neilson Way much faster than drive. Carbon monoxide fumes from the idling cars fill the air and car radios can blast rap music so loudly the combination causes residents to close their windows, even in extreme heat. So why is this narrow, otherwise peaceful one-way residential street with parking on both sides, subjected to such stress? The answer is nobody is totally sure. Swell.

Much of the beach traffic that creates havoc on Hollister comes from the Bicknell beach exit. Bicknell, as opposed to Hollister, is a wide thoroughfare and very close to the 10 Freeway, which many beach goers use to get home. The problem is, there's a right turn only sign that sends cars south, the exact opposite direction. To get back, they generally pick Hollister, a street that has become barely navigable. Why or when this seemingly absurd setup began, nobody is totally sure. Terrific.

Some say it started in approximately 1984 as a result of the construction of Sea Colony III that basically closed Ocean Park Boulevard. I also was told the mandated right turn was only supposed to be "temporary."

Thirty-five years later, that gives new meaning to the word "temporary."

Frustrated, I gave up exploring the history of the problem and reached out to see about finding a remedy. I contacted our then Police Chief, Tim Jackman, who was extremely cordial. (Often on the phone when I say I'm Jack Neworth from the Daily Press, the next thing I hear is a click followed by a dial tone.) To my delight, Chief Jackman said he would take his Traffic Engineer to inspect Bicknell the very next day.

In reporting his findings to me, Chief Jackman said in his 15 minute inspection at Bicknell, he saw at least 15 traffic violations. (U-turns, running stop signs etc.) More importantly he confirmed my observation that the right turn only sign and the mish-mosh of cones and traffic guides in the asphalt, "Made zero sense."

On the downside, Chief Jackman also shared, "Fixing it is another matter." It would require money the city didn't have and finding out the original logic behind the design. (Assuming there was any logic.) The configuration is so bizarre, it looks like stoners on LSD, designed it, "Far out, man. Let's put up a right turn only sign and gizmos in the street to make people go in the opposite direction than they want."

What has been happening every day for the last thirty-five or so years is, drivers, realizing they're going in the wrong direction, make a fast u-turn and zip through the cross walk. This, in front of the Ocean House, home to many seniors. Cars in crosswalks with seniors on walkers, what could possibly go wrong? (How someone hasn't been killed yet is nothing short of a miracle.)

Compounding the problem, the city apparently allows giant tour buses to use Hollister as a thoroughfare exiting the beach. With parking on both sides, it's a wonder the buses don't pick off the cars' side mirrors one by one. But there is some good news.

Recently, Hollister residents have made great progress with the city's top brass Traffic Engineers, Henry Servin and Andrew Maximous. Instead of fighting city hall "The Hollister 5" may finally be able to work with them. (I'm for anything that keeps Dr. Andy from standing in the middle of the street in his scrubs.)

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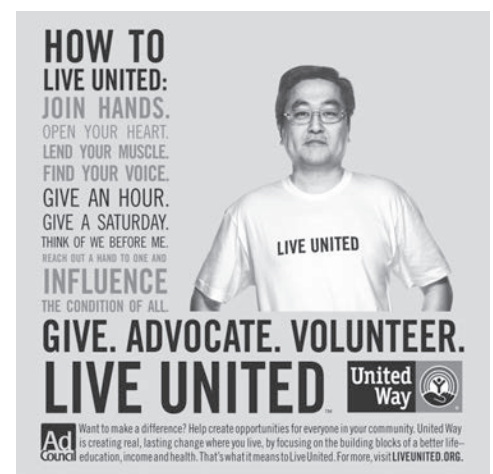
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SACRAMENTO

California GOP lawmaker switches parties, criticizes Trump

A moderate California Republican state lawmaker switched parties Thursday while criticizing the policies and leadership of President Donald Trump, whom he said has led the party “to the extreme.”

Assemblyman Brian Maienschein said he and the Republican Party have moved in different directions since he was first elected in 2012.

He represents the border city of San Diego and said he differs with the Republican Party on immigration as well as health care, gun control, abortion and gay rights.

Maienschein said he has been a Republican all his adult life, but is changing in part because “Donald Trump has led the Republican Party to the extreme on issues that divide our country.”

“As the Republican Party has drifted further right, I and my votes have shifted to the left,” he added. “Over the years I’ve often been at odds with the Republican Party, and even when the GOP disrespected and ignored me, I crossed the aisle to vote for my values.”

He has voted with Democrats particularly on environmental and human services legislation. Democratic Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon of Lakewood praised Maienschein for holding views “that are consistent with the majority of Californians.”

His defection gives Democrats 61 votes in the 80-member Assembly, well over the supermajority they need to increase taxes, overturn vetoes and take other actions without Republican votes.

Maienschein won re-election by 607 votes – less than half a percentage point – in November. Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron, who represents the city of Escondido near San Diego, accused him of switching parties for political expediency.

Maienschein decided “his political future depended on becoming a turncoat,” she said in a statement accusing him of “running away from the fight.”

She added: “Unfortunately some people run for office simply because they want a job, regardless of political philosophy.”

Maienschein’s 77th Assembly District has become more Democratic since his first election, when it was considered a safe Republican district. Republicans had 38 percent of registered voters to Democrats’ 30 percent in 2012. Democrats now have 32 percent of voters to Republicans’ 31 percent.

His switch further isolates Republicans, who have their strongest support in rural areas of California. Republicans lost another coastal San Diego County Assembly seat in November’s election, leaving them with four San Diego area Assembly and Senate seats, including Waldron’s.

The speaker’s office said four lawmakers have switched parties since 1995, most recently in 2012.

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Snowbound campers rescued after being stranded for 2 weeks

A couple who went camping and got stranded in the snowy mountains north of Los Angeles for two weeks were rescued by helicopter after running out of food and water, authorities said Thursday.

The man and woman in their 30s and two dogs were airlifted from a snow-covered forest near Alamo Mountain on Wednesday by a Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department helicopter.

The couple had gone camping and got snowed in near the 7,400-foot (2,255-meter) peak that is about 60 miles (100 kilometers) northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

After running out of food and stove fuel they were also using to melt water, they hiked to an area where they had cellphone reception and called 911, Paramedic Deputy Charles Miranda told KCBS-TV.

The two were dehydrated and sunburned, but they were generally in good condition. Their names weren’t released, and the sheriff’s department blurred their faces in video of them aboard the chopper.

The couple hadn’t expected snow when they set out and thought it would melt sooner than it did, Miranda said. Their truck was also blocked by a fallen tree.

Storms spanning four days hit the area Jan. 14.

Another camper stranded on nearby Mount Pinos was rescued after calling for help on the first day of the storm.

Deputies couldn’t initially get through deep snow in 4-wheel drive vehicles to reach the 24-year-old, but another team in snowcats, which have tank-like treads and are used for grooming ski slopes, rescued her, the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department said.

The area in the Los Padres National Forest is not far from Interstate 5. But it is rugged, remote and accessible mainly by dirt roads that are not plowed in winter.

The road to Alamo Mountain and campgrounds in the area are currently listed as closed.

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LOS ANGELES

January storms fill up California’s water reservoirs

Officials say recent drenching storms have filled nearly all of California’s reservoirs to average or above average levels.

The Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday that since Jan. 1, some 580 billion gallons of water were added across the state.

The San Luis Reservoir in Merced County and Lake Perris in Riverside County are near capacity.

Another water source, the Sierra Nevada snowpack, was at 115 percent of average on Tuesday – compared with 26 percent the same day last year.

Department of Water Resources spokesman Chris Orrock says while the news is good now, it’s too early to tell what the water supply will be in when the winter rainy season is over.

For the next week, at least, the forecast for most of the state is dry and sunny.

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RIVALRY

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his former pupils in Crossroads' basketball coach, Anthony Davis and assistant coach Amani Daanish.

Kelsey, a co-founder of Pacifica Christian High, was a coach of Davis and Daanish in their younger days at Pacifica. The school is small with just around 250 students, which Kelsey says allows a more personal connection, one he still holds with both players.

"For me, for my players, we stay close," Coach Kelsey said in a phone call with the Daily Press. "I try to be loyal to my former players and seeing their journey, seeing their success, I'm proud. It's fun to see... But once the game starts, it's 32 mins of basketball and we're prepared to be locked in for task at hand."

Crossroads' Davis is indeed still close with Kelsey, noting he and his former coach still talk and help each other out from time to time. The least he can do, he says, after Kelsey carved a sizeable impact into the young Davis' life. And, you know, had some choice words for him.

"I guess I was those things," Davis said with a laugh, upon hearing his former coach called him hard-headed and stubborn, but a hardworker with an unbelievable work ethic. "He shaped who I am in a lot of ways. From where I got my nickname [Kelsey would scream "Damn it, AD!" to Davis so often his friends would mimic the interaction and still

do] to what he instilled in me. I try to instill some of those lessons into my own players: Work hard, never give up, and carry yourself with pride."

Santa Monica being small, players from both schools know each other. School pride is on the line, sure, but Kelsey says he and his team would relish the opportunity to take down "one of the big fish" in the high school basketball world.

While the team's records may be a bit deceiving on a surface level — Crossroads is 12-11, but plays highly ranked teams while Pacifica is 17-6 and plays smaller, but still talented schools like themselves — talent disparity or program prestige isn't something Kelsey even thinks about. To Kelsey and his team, it's just another game.

"We've been playing good teams all year, it's the same thing every time, same goal: We want get the win," Pacifica center, senior Kenny Minchin said. "It's Samo versus Samo on Senior Night, so the hype helps and gets us more jacked. We're not feeling scared. Just doing our thing."

For Davis, the game is a full circle meeting of two friends, mentor and mentee, meeting again in life to compete in what brought them together: basketball.

"I never pictured myself coaching let alone anyone coaching me when I was in high school," Davis said. "So, this night means a lot to me. I know it means a lot to him, too."

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BUDGET

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metrics that track success.

For example, to meet the outcome of keeping neighborhoods safe, the City will track property crimes vs. violent crimes and crimes per 1,000 residents. The budget would include investigating crimes and integrating new technology to reduce crime.

City Manager Rick Cole said the new approach will allow the City to spend money more efficiently – a necessary step given that it will have to spend more money than it earns throughout the 2020s.

City revenue is expected to fall over the next 10 years as fewer people shop in brick-and-mortar stores or use public parking. At the same time, the City will be aggressively paying down its unfunded pension liability, a \$467 million shortfall between the value of its pension fund and the amount it must pay out to former employees. The City's total budget is \$700 million.

Moving to a performance-based budget will allow the City to invest more money in achieving the goals the community cares most about while scaling back services that don't work toward those goals, Cole said.

"We need to really focus in on the things with the biggest impact," he said.

Homelessness will be a key budget priority but it doesn't fit neatly into one City department, Cole said. A traditional budget allocates money to departments rather than to outcomes.

"If we started the city today thinking the same way we thought 100 years ago ... we would have a department of homelessness, the same way we have a police department and a fire department," he said. "Today, rather than start a new department, what we want to do is have a budget that can measure things across departments."

Council will meet 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Broad Stage at 1310 11th Street.

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DEATH

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three adults at the scene, two men and a woman. All had stab wounds and the woman died at the scene. Both men were taken to a nearby hospital in critical condition, one with wounds to the chest and the second with stomach injuries.

Officers determined the three were a family — mother, father and son. The son, listed as being in his 40's, is currently in police custody but has not been charged. Sergeant Roberto Villegas said any

booking activity, including the release of the suspect's name, would occur after his medical treatment.

"The investigation is ongoing and at this time no additional suspects are being sought," said the statement. "The names of the victims and the suspect will not be released pending further investigation."

Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call Detective Elias at (310) 458-8943; Sgt. Skogh (310) 458-8992; or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

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Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 12:12 a.m.

Trash dumping 1400blk 14th St 12:36 a.m.

Battery Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 1:10 a.m.

Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 7:25 a.m.

Burglary 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 7:58 a.m.

Fraud 1100blk Ozone Ave 8:22 a.m.

Hit and run 2500blk 6th St 8:32 a.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 400blk Wilshire Blvd 8:38 a.m.

Out of order traffic signals Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 8:43 a.m.

Fraud 300blk Olympic Dr 9:15 a.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk Euclid St 9:48 a.m.

Battery 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 9:54 a.m.

Fraud 300blk Bicknell Ave 10:02 a.m.

Prowler 1400blk Yale St 10:09 a.m.

Traffic collision - no injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 10:11 a.m.

Lojack hit 2600blk Barnard Way 10:24 a.m.

Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 10:42 a.m.

Silent robbery alarm 1300blk 4th St 10:56 a.m.

Burglary 2400blk 20th St 11:26 a.m.

Grand theft 2200blk Main St 11:32 a.m.

Overdose 3100blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:44 a.m.

Illegal weapon 1300blk 17th St 11:46 a.m.

Fraud 1100blk Ozone Ave 12:02 p.m.

Elder abuse 1500blk 6th St 12:12 p.m.

Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 12:21 p.m.

Traffic collision - unkn injuries 400blk Colorado Ave 12:35 p.m.

Hit and run 2400blk Kansas Ave 1:06 p.m.

Person with a gun 1800blk 16th St 1:15 p.m.

Vehicle blocking driveway 2500blk 29th St 1:24 p.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 1700blk 9th St 1:26 p.m.

Petty theft 300blk Olympic Dr 1:27 p.m.

Indecent exposure 500blk Broadway 1:56 p.m.

Speeding 10th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:03 p.m.

Battery 1500blk Palisades Park 2:04 p.m.

Vandalism 800blk 11th St 2:15 p.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 400blk Lincoln Blvd

2:19 p.m.

Vehicle blocking driveway 2600blk 29th St 2:21 p.m.

Fight Main St / Hill St 2:21 p.m.

Petty theft 500blk Wilshire Blvd 2:35 p.m.

Suicide 600blk Alta Ave 2:45 p.m.

Attempt strongarm robbery 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 3:02 p.m.

Burglary 2400blk 34th St 3:12 p.m.

Vehicle parked in alley 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 3:36 p.m.

Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400blk 2nd St 4:07 p.m.

Vandalism Main St / Strand St 5:02 p.m.

Drunk driving Berkeley St / Colorado Ave 5:05 p.m.

Lewd activity Centinela Ave / Arizona Ave 5:15 p.m.

Person with a gun 2600blk Barnard Way 5:27 p.m.

72 hour psychiatric hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:38 p.m.

72 hour psychiatric hold 3000blk 4th St 5:46 p.m.

Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2600blk Barnard Way 6:41 p.m.

72 hour psychiatric hold 3000blk 4th St 7:12:00 p.m.

Vandalism 5th St / Colorado Ave 7:44 p.m.

Vandalism 1600blk Main St 8:08 p.m.

Battery 3000blk 4th St 8:27 p.m.

Battery 1200blk 23rd St 8:33 p.m.

Assault w/deadly weapon 23rd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:34 p.m.

Auto burglary Main St / Strand St 8:52 p.m.

Auto burglary 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:58 p.m.

Out of order traffic signals 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 9:40 p.m.

Overdose 1300blk 11th St 9:50 p.m.

Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 300blk Olympic Dr 10:12 p.m.

Public intoxication 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 10:15 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Emergency Medical Service 2300blk Dewey 12:08 a.m.

Structure fire 2600blk 32nd St 6:15 a.m.

Electrical fire - no fire visible 2500blk Michigan Ave 7:23 a.m.

EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 9:50 a.m.

EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:03 a.m.

EMS 700blk Ocean Ave 10:46 a.m.

Automatic alarm 1500blk 16th St 10:54 a.m.

EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:28 a.m.

EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 11:43 a.m.

EMS 22nd St / Wilshire Blvd 12:15 p.m.

Automatic alarm 400blk Colorado Ave 1:50 p.m.

EMS 1700blk Main St 1:54 p.m.

EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 3:54 p.m.

EMS 2200blk 31st St 4:55 p.m.

EMS 700blk Broadway 5:08 p.m.

Automatic alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:22 p.m.

Automatic alarm 1400blk 7th St 5:26 p.m.

EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 6:17 p.m.

Structure fire 1400blk Broadway 6:28 p.m.

EMS ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:50 p.m.

EMS 1800blk 17th St 7:58 p.m.

EMS 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:09 p.m.

EMS 7th St / Montana Ave 8:59 p.m.

EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 9:17 p.m.

EMS 1100blk 7th St 9:33 p.m.

EMS 1300blk 2nd St 9:48 p.m.

EMS 1300blk 11th St 9:50 p.m.

EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:22 p.m.

Carbon monoxide alarm 2600blk 6th St 10:28 p.m.

EMS 3000blk 11th St 8:52 p.m.

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2. a large, bushy wig.
3. a person wearing such a wig.

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■ Q: A disease is designated “rare” if it is present in less than 1 in 200,000 people. Roughly how many conditions are considered rare in the United States?

a) 1,000
b) 2,500
c) 4,000
d) 7,000

■ A: d) 7,000. More than 90 per-cent of these rare diseases have no approved treatment.

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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Entrance fee of a sort
5 Small size
9 Choral assignments
14 Walls of some mazes
15 Pyramid point
16 Green shade
17 Cause for bowl roars
19 Guys on some campaigns
20 Access granted
21 Certain squash shot
23 Bereft
24 Fertile Crescent land
25 Overhead mysteries
27 Still sound
31 Be jarring
34 First of all
37 “The plot thickens!”
38 Who to blame for the spoilage
42 Hulking hoodlum
43 Forty-somethings, for short
44 Public
45 Presentation’s organization
48 Person of distinction
50 Quartet at the Opryland Hotel
53 Inconvenient twist
57 Rather rotten rockers (21 Across, to 38 Across)
60 Monopoly owner
61 Conform

DOWN

1 Got to work
2 What president was an only child?
3 *Hack My Life* ainer
4 With a crust, as pâté
5 Rolled with the punches
6 SurveyMonkey 2018 event
7 Latter-day beginners
8 Retro refusal
9 Get absorbed
10 Rather stale
11 Succotash morsel
12 It might clean itself
13 Pack (off)
18 Herd youngster
22 Put waves in
26 Judicious
28 The best
29 2018 jukebox musical subject
30 Fraud, for instance
31 German court great
32 Buyback agreement
33 Assert formally
35 E. Germany, to locals
36 Affinity grp.
39 Bonus
40 Marching band sound
41 Encroach
46 Bully’s challenge
47 Ideally
49 Rubbish collector
51 Non-studio production
52 Mature
54 Place to live
55 Novelist Shaw
56 Ninesome
57 Render unsound
58 Time, for wine
59 Really pack (it in)
63 General known for poultry

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 25)

You don't think of common sense as a talent, but it is. So is your enormously capable style and generally sunny attitude. These are the gifts that will send you to the top of the invite list for all sorts of opportunities, jobs and relationships. Exciting adventures are born out of your extreme trustworthiness. Gemini and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 40, 44, 38 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Something in you wants to wander in search of new inspiration. Wherever you go, you bring your heart, thoughts and desires with you to mingle with what's there, including fresh landscapes, people and adventures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

It's not about the job; it's about how you do it. When you're true to yourself, you can't help but execute like only you can. So while others might be able to do the same job, none will do it quite the way you do. You're irreplaceable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

When it's right, it's right. You don't have to talk a lot about it, or list the pros and cons, or run it by your friends and teachers and experts. When it's right, you just know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You're respectful of people's time, including your own, and therefore you find redundancy and inefficiency downright unacceptable. You'll root it out, remedy it and have a surprisingly good time organizing your next efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

There will be a reason to get realistic in your assessment of your abilities. Maybe you're neither the best nor are you the worst in the room, but "the room" actually doesn't matter. Other people have nothing to do with what you can do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When it comes to friendship, you don't need a certain number of them to be happy, you just need to be certain of the ones you've got. You'll see who you can count on, and it's both a good feeling and a good thing to know.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You'll tell the truth, but you'll do it in a way that doesn't shock, anger or upset anyone. You're sensitive. And you're coming from a place of love and possibility, so that helps, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

When you're around a certain person, there's an increased sense of stability, order and optimism in your world. You feel clear-headed and capable. It's a good reason to have this person around more often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

What do delusions of grandeur and delusions of insignificance have in common? Both are delusions spun by the perceptions of fragile ego. The way to a balanced view of yourself is through self-acceptance and love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're not afraid to do what your heart tells you to do. And for this reason, it will feel like your spirit is larger than your body, larger than the room, larger than the whole situation you happen to be standing inside.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

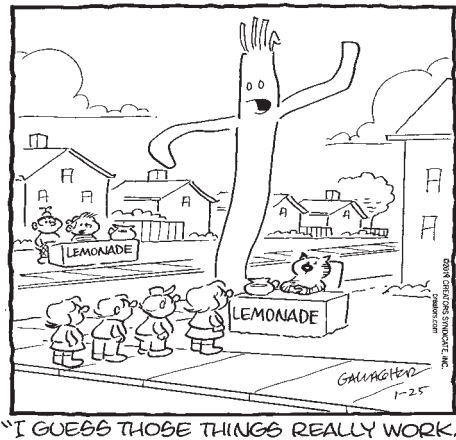
There must be a solution to the problem that has two people meeting somewhere in the middle, each sacrificing and endeavoring, if not to an equal degree, then at least to a comparable one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You will communicate so clearly, talking to people instead of about people. This is the way of becoming more powerful in your own life and more influential in the world.

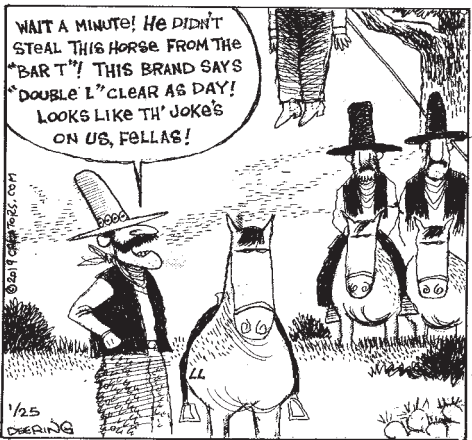
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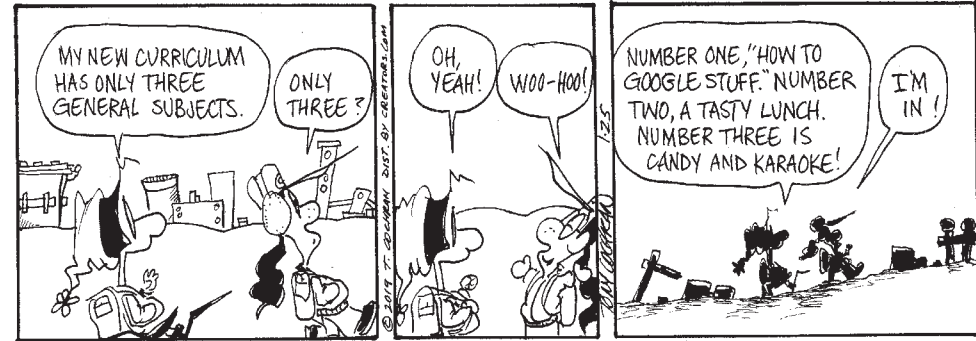
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Mars, Jupiter and Opportunity

If your body is one place and your brain is in an entirely different place or time, does it mean you're two places at once? No. You can only ever be in one place, and it's where your mind is. To be fully present and able to take advantage of the fantastic opportunity available under this Mars/Jupiter trine, keep your body and mind together.

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Early 2020 Democratic field puts diversity in spotlight

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Associated Press

The early days of the Democratic primary campaign are highlighting the party's diversity as it seeks a nominee who can build a coalition to take on President Donald Trump.

Of the more than half dozen Democrats who have either moved toward a campaign or declared their candidacy, four are women: Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Kamala Harris of California and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii. Harris is also African-American. Former Obama Cabinet member Julian Castro, who is Latino, has also joined the race.

And on Wednesday, Democrat Pete Buttigieg, the 37-year-old mayor of South Bend, Indiana, jumped into the campaign. If he wins the Democratic nomination, he would be the first openly gay presidential nominee from a major political party. He would also be the youngest person ever to become president if he wins the general election.

The diversity is likely to expand in the coming weeks as other Democrats enter the race. The field that's taking shape follows a successful midterm election in which Democrats elected a historically diverse class of politicians to Congress, a pattern they'd like to repeat on the presidential scale. Neera Tanden, president of the liberal Center for American Progress Action Fund, hailed the Democrats' multiple trailblazing candidates for reflecting that "the central opposition to Trump is around a vision of the country that's inclusive of all Americans."

"A lot of different people are going to see that they can be part of the Democratic

Party" thanks to a field that showcases women, candidates of color, and the first potential LGBT nominee, Tanden said. The primary "hopefully will bring a lot of people into the process," she added, recalling the high number of voters who engaged in a 2008 Democratic primary that featured a possible female nominee, Hillary Clinton, and the man who would become the first black president, Barack Obama.

The array of backgrounds was on display Wednesday when Buttigieg spoke in personal terms about his marriage.

"The most important thing in my life — my marriage to Chasten — is something that exists by the grace of a single vote on the U.S. Supreme Court," Buttigieg told reporters. "So I'm somebody who understands — whether it's through that or whether it's through the fact that I was sent to war on the orders of the president — I understand politics not in terms of who's up and who's down or some of the other things that command the most attention on the news but in terms of everyday impacts on our lives."

Gillibrand has put her identity as a mother at the core of her campaign, and Harris launched her campaign on this week's Martin Luther King holiday, a nod to her historic bid to become the first black woman elected president.

A number of high-profile candidates remain on the sidelines, including two who would further bolster the diversity of the 2020 field: Sens. Cory Booker of New Jersey, who is black, and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota. Booker, who's widely expected to join the presidential fray in the coming days, visited the pivotal early-voting state of South Carolina this week for public events honoring King and private meetings with

local activists.

Klobuchar recently told MSNBC that her family "is on board" if she opts to run in 2020, though she's offered little clarity about her timetable to announce a decision.

Though Klobuchar would be the fifth major female candidate in the Democratic primary, female candidates shouldn't be shoehorned into a "narrative" dominated by their identity that excludes the policies they're championing, said Virginia Kase, CEO of the League of Women Voters.

Kase pushed back at one popular 2018 narrative in a recent interview, noting that "every year is the year of the woman — the reality is that we've always been major contributors" in the electoral process.

Rashad Robinson, executive director of the civil rights-focused nonprofit Color of Change, said in an interview that the diversity of the Democratic field is "a great thing and we should celebrate it," adding, "Our work is always about changing the rules — changing the rules of who can run and who can rule and who can lead is incredibly important."

But in addition to those "unwritten rules," Robinson pointed to the urgency of changing the "written rules" of American life, adding that "diversity alone does not mean structures and policies and practices that have held so many back will change" overnight.

Meanwhile, three white male candidates who could scramble the race — former Vice President Joe Biden, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke — are still weighing their own presidential plans. Biden addressed a key vulnerability in his potential candidacy this week by publicly airing regret about his

support for a 1994 crime bill that's had particularly negative effects on African-American communities, while Sanders built his own new connections to black voters during a trip to South Carolina.

As Biden mulls a run for president, his allies have been sending supporters a memo that could serve as a rationale for a campaign. The memo hails Biden's long track record in politics and argues that at a time of "unprecedented political chaos" during Trump's administration, Biden would offer "trustworthy, compassionate leadership."

O'Rourke, for his part, continues to gauge his future amid pundits' criticism about blog posts he published during a recent road trip through multiple states. The 46-year-old Texan acknowledged that he's been "in and out of a funk" following his departure from Congress after losing a high-profile Senate race in November, sparking questions about the luxury of his indecision given the family wealth and network of passionate backers he can lean on.

As the Democratic field is poised to become more diverse, Republicans say Trump will run for re-election based on his record.

"The American people are better off now than they were two years ago because of President Trump's policies," said Republican National Committee spokeswoman Blair Ellis. "GDP and wages are up, unemployment has hit record lows, and industries across this country are thriving. These are the credentials the American voters want from their president and President Trump is the only person who can run on these results."

Associated Press writer Julie Pace in Washington contributed to this report.

SHELTERS

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Morris, said staff do not provide sufficient care for residents with medical conditions. He said a longtime Santa Monica resident, Richard Segura, developed a near-fatal leg infection while in Samoshel that staff did not attend to.

"The City is failing its citizens by not addressing these issues and instead handing out more money to this organization," he said.

After renewing The People Concern's funding, Council directed staff to develop recommendations on how to handle complaints against the City's homeless services providers.

City Manager Rick Cole said complaints against The People Concern have been recurrent and concerning, but the City would be hard-pressed to find a better organization to contract with because of the challenges inherent in providing services to a large number of people experiencing homelessness.

"It's not like we can write a check for \$1.6 million to someone else who will come in with seamless services, without complaints, with adequately trained staff who are ready to roll tomorrow," he said.

Councilmembers said the City should not let concerns from shelter residents go unaddressed but believe it must continue to fund The People Concern.

"Would the people who are saying 'do not fund (The People Concern)' be saying 'abandon the people who need the help because this is not a perfect system?'" said Councilmember Kevin McKeown.

The People Concern executive director

John Maceri reiterated McKeown's point in an interview with the Daily Press.

"There isn't an operator that doesn't, from time to time, have issues that come up," he said. "We're in the human services business and there are always going to be times where we can do better. But the notion that our facilities are unsanitary or that we abuse people is simply untrue."

The People Concern has a grievance process in place already, Maceri said, and Los Angeles County launched a set of universal health and safety standards for shelters in November that includes a standardized complaint process.

"I have no problem with a grievance process from the City, but there are several in place already," he said.

Olga Zurawska, a former resident of Turning Point, a shelter operated by The People Concern, spoke at the meeting and has spent two years testifying to various City and county agencies about the organization. She said she thinks the City should begin resolving the problems some residents have complained about.

"I was pleased to see the City Council finally engage in a discussion regarding the serious problems with The People Concern that had been reported to the City for over two years," she said.

"However, the outcome of the discussion is disappointing. The City Council failed to take immediate action that would lead to the improvement of The People Concern's performance through strict enforcement of the terms of the grant agreement and community oversight."

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