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New Pico neighborhood preschool prevails despite unified opposition

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

After a tense and sometimes rowdy public debate, the City Council voted 5-2 Tuesday to deny a neighborhood's appeal to block the first preschool opening on a street zoned for single-family homes (R1) in Santa Monica. The Council included a lengthy list of conditions before approving a Conditional Use Permit for the 20-student school called Untitled No. 1 on 2953 Delaware Avenue.

Gandara Park neighbors presented a united front against the school for 4-to-6-year-olds led by

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Crash between two Chevys blocked Wilshire for hours Wednesday

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Everyone survived after two cars crashed and then careened into a row of palm trees on Wilshire Boulevard near 17th Street Wednesday afternoon. The police investigation into the collision shut down the busy street near the

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Governor boosts California, warns of threats in address

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

Gov. Jerry Brown celebrated California's economic and environmental progress while issuing a dire warning about dangers from climate change and the threat of nuclear war during his final State of the State address Thursday after four terms leading the nation's most populous state.

"Our world, our way of life, our system of governance — all are at immediate and genuine risk," Brown told the Legislature, citing "endless new weapons systems, growing antagonism among nations, the poison of our politics, climate change."

In addition, he noted that just hours before his speech began, the Atomic Bulletin of Scientists had moved the "Doomsday Clock" that measures existential threats to humanity 30 seconds closer to midnight.

But, he also offered, "We too will persist against storms and turmoil, obstacles great and small. The spirit of democracy never dies."

It was Brown's 16th and final such address after four terms in office, two starting in 1975 followed by a return to office in 2011, when the state faced a $27 billion budget hole and high unemployment.

California now has a roughly $6 billion budget surplus, and Brown touted efforts to boost K-12 spending, lessen prison overcrowding and advance a slate of policies to confront a warming climate.

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HOMELESS COUNT

Courtesy Photos

Hundreds of volunteers gathered to conduct the annual Homeless Count this week. At the event, City Manager Rick Cole announced Alisa Orduña would fill the newly created Senior Advisor on Homelessness position.

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Yoga
All levels welcome. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Caldecott Award Celebration
Celebrate the Caldecott Medal, which recognizes the most distinguished American picture book for children. Read a Caldecott book, sketch a Caldecott-inspired drawing, then frame it! Refreshments provided. Fairview Branch Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Market Beat
The Malibu Senior Center is hosting a free lecture, "The Market Beat," from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The lecture, facilitated by Kal Klatte, will offer insights into the resulting changes in the US dollar value, interest rates and commodities. Join the discussion with like-minded people who want to learn, educate, have fun and invest better. This informal discussion group will meet at Malibu City Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room. For more information call the Malibu Senior Center at (310) 456-2489 ext. 357.

Ocean Park History
Local historian, Richard Orton is giving a 45 minute, free lecture on the colorful 150 year History of Ocean Park. With pictures. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 1 p.m.

Saturday, January 27

Nature's Orchestra: Documentary Film Screening and Discussion
Filmmaker Stephen Most screens and discusses his award-winning documentary, Nature's Orchestra, which highlights soundscape ecology and the origins of music in the natural world. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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Fresh seasonal produce sold direct from California farmers. Some nine thousand food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Aqua Aerobics
Aqua Aerobics is geared toward each participant's fitness level, beginners are encouraged to attend. Classes include stretching, cardio, and strength training. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, January 28

Lincoln Middle School Theatre Presents: 'Once On This Island'
Lincoln Middle School puts on a play! Lincoln Middle School, 1501 California Ave. 2 p.m., $10

An Afternoon with the L.A. Harptette
The L.A. Harptette features an uncommon grouping of instruments performing a wide variety of works, to bring the beauty and versatility of the harp to a wider audience. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 p.m.

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TUESDAY WILL MARK DONALD TRUMP'S first State of the Union (SOTU.) I can hardly wait. If that sounds a little sarcastic, actually it's a lot sarcastic. By the latest count, Trump has told 2200 "falsehoods" during his first year in office. One could say the mendacity began with "birtherism" but it also included he couldn't show his tax returns because of "the IRS audit," that obviously was totally bogus.

Early on there was "Mexico will pay for the wall" (aka American taxpayers) and "I had no involvement in Russia," while lobbying for a Trump Tower in Moscow. And then Sean Spicer's angry, "This was the largest audience to ever witness an inauguration – period!" (For some hearty laughs, Google "Triumph Attends Trump's Inauguration.")

Speaking of the SOTU, I'm hoping the gallery of the Senate and House includes a few unexpected guests. One I had in mind is Stephanie Clifford, AKA Stormy Daniels, exotic dancer and porn star. (Every woman in adult movies are porn "stars?" All are stars? Oh, well.)

Stormy is the woman with whom thrice-married, admitted adulterer Donald Trump had an affair in 2006, only months after Melanie gave birth to Barron. Recently revealed is the $130,000 Stormy was paid by Trump attorney, Michael Cohen, to keep her quiet, a week before the 2016 election. Yikes!

It's been documented that Cohen set up an LLC from which he made the payment to Stormy. Since it's possible the $130,000 was a contribution that may violate campaign finance laws. In the meantime, Stormy's career is skyrocketing. Or, as late night talk show Jimmy Kimmel put it, "She's making American horny again."

In 2016, the $130k was to buy Stormy's silence but she was under no such "gag" order in 2011. (Forgive me, but "gag order" seems apropos when imagining Trump having sex.)

Stormy's 2011 interview about her Trump tryst is now online. I will spare you the details but, among other "low-lights," she revealed that he greeted her in his hotel room wearing pajamas. (I wonder if he had on a hat?) When Stormy asked about Melania, Trump said, "Don't worry about her." Later in the evening Donald told her she reminded him of Ivanka. (Yuck!)

Stormy also revealed that Trump is obsessively afraid of sharks. Weird because it's not like Trump is a scuba diver. For that matter, can you picture Trump in a wet suit? (Sorry for that visual.)

Maybe Trump's fear is realistic because, given his girth, to a shark he might appear to a be a sea lion. Lastly, Stormy revealed that Donald insisted she spank him with a Forbes Magazine, which featured his corpulent face on the cover. And he's our Commander in Chief? Good grief.

With #Me Too so prevalent, it'd be poetic justice if the 20 women who've accused Trump of sexual misconduct were also in the SOTU gallery. (Trump was Weinstein before Weinstein.)

I'd also like to see in the audience the Gold Star parents, Khizr and Ghazala Khan, and the Gold Star widow, Myeisha Johnson, both of whom Trump had to insult because he's so vengeful. "I was very respectful to her," Trump bragged referring to Myeisha, as if he deserved brownie points for being human.

Respectful? What an arrogant moron. (Quoting Lenny Bruce, "Hope I'm not out of line.") Like Trump doesn't realize the FBI doesn't work for him and that generals aren't, as he puts it, "my generals," Trump clearly doesn't understand HE works for Myeisha Johnson!

Compassionate, empathetic are what he should have felt, assuming he's capable of genuine feelings other than rage. Mrs. Johnson lost her husband, the father of her two young children, on the battlefield in service to the country and yet Trump boasted that he was very respectful? (As Bill Maher joked at the time, "I'd say Trump hit a new low but you'd just think this show is a repeat.")

One Santa Monican who'll be at the SOTU is Trump Senior Adviser, "Little" Stevie Miller, 32, a Samohi grad. In fact, the L.A. Times described Miller, "During high school he was the best-known and least-liked conservative."

At 16, Miller once wrote, " Osama Bin Laden would feel very welcome at Samohi." He was also was remembered for telling Latino classmates to speak only English and for refusing to pick up his trash, "That's what we have janitors for." Seemingly, Miller hasn't changed.

Personally, I won't watch the SOTU as Trump's bloviating makes me nauseous. If, however, I knew Stormy was in the gallery, I'd tune in. And Trump might actually like it because of his perverse obsession with ratings.

Reportedly, as with the twenty female accusers, Trump says he never even met Stormy. To jog his memory, while sitting in the gallery, she could always hold up the Forbes Magazine. ?

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Covered California Open Enrollment Deadline Nears

The calendar has turned to 2018, and Covered California is in the homestretch of its drive to sign people up for health insurance by Jan. 31, the final day to enroll.

As an incentive, the agency, which administers the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in the state, is touting lower prices and financial assistance available to most Californians who qualify.

"The time is now to ring in the New Year with a quality health plan that provides protection and peace of mind," said Peter V. Lee, executive director of Covered California. "We have seen thousands of people signing up every day as we near this key deadline. The demand – as well as the need – for health insurance is as strong today as it was when we first began offering coverage five years ago, and the people of California are taking advantage of the quality plans and lower costs available through Covered California."

As of Sunday, Jan. 21, 342,000 new consumers have signed up for health insurance through Covered California. The pace of new enrollees for the current open-enrollment period remains ahead of last year, when sign-ups did not surpass 320,000 until Jan. 23, 2017. In addition to the new sign-ups, more than 1.2 million existing Covered California members have renewed their coverage for 2018.

A recent Covered California analysis found that the net monthly premiums for enrollees who receive financial help are on average 10 percent lower than what new and renewing consumers paid last year. The lower prices are a result of more financial help being available for consumers who qualify for assistance. The Affordable Care Act is designed to protect consumers by providing more premium tax credits when premiums rise.

"With the Jan. 31 deadline approaching, we want to make sure that consumers know about the increased financial help that is available to help bring health care coverage within reach," Lee said. "When you do the math, hundreds of thousands of Californians are the winners – getting quality coverage at lower rates than last year."

What individuals will pay varies based on their circumstances, including whether they get subsidies to help purchase coverage, where they live and the plan options they choose, Lee said.

The analysis found that consumers who select a Silver-tier plan are on average paying $3 per month less than they were in 2017, while consumers who select a Gold-tier plan will pay on average $78 less per month.

Covered California also wants to remind consumers that the Affordable Care Act's individual shared responsibility payment, often called the individual mandate, remains in place throughout calendar year 2018. People who do not have health insurance could face stiff tax penalties if they are not covered. These penalties are a minimum of $695 per adult and $347.50 per child, up to $2,085 per family, or at least 2.5 percent of annual household income – whichever is greater (for an estimated maximum penalty of $3,816 per individual and $19,080 for a family of five). The recent tax bill removes the penalty but it does not go into effect until 2019. There is no reason to give the IRS that money when it could go toward giving you and your family the peace of mind of having health insurance.

Since 2014, more than 3 million people have purchased health insurance through Covered California, and nearly 4 million have enrolled in the state's Medi-Cal program. Together, the gains have cut the rate of the uninsured in California from 17 percent in 2013 to a historic low of 6.8 percent as of June 2017.

Consumers interested in learning more about their coverage options should go to www.CoveredCA.com where they can get help to enroll. They can explore their options and find out if they qualify for financial help by using the Shop and Compare Tool. They can also get free and confidential enrollment assistance by visiting www.coveredca.com/find-help/ and searching among 800 storefronts statewide and the more than 17,000 certified enrollers who can assist consumers in understanding their choices and enrolling, including individuals who can assist in other languages. In addition, consumers can reach the Covered California service center by calling (800) 300-1506.

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He avoided outlining new programs or initiatives for his final year as governor but forcefully defended two ongoing infrastructure projects that face public and legislative skepticism: The proposed bullet train from Los Angeles to San Francisco and a plan to re-route water from north to south through one or two massive tunnels. Costs of the train have skyrocketed, most recently by $3 billion for a segment in the Central Valley, and its proposed timeline of opening by 2029 could be delayed. It would be the nation's first high-speed rail.

"I make no bones about it. I like trains and I like high-speed trains even better," Brown said. "Difficulties challenge us but they can't discourage us or stop us."

Similarly, he said he's convinced his effort to send water to Southern California can be done in a way that will save water and protect wildlife. His office has recently downsized the proposal from two tunnels to one in the face of opposition.

Brown has frequently used the State of the State to call California as the nation's beacon of opportunity and hope. He did so again Thursday, pointing out the Legislature's bipartisan passage of cap-and-trade policies as well as worker's compensation and pension reform during his second tour in office.

Still there are challenges, Brown said. The most devastating wildfires in the state's history ripped through California last fall, destroying thousands of homes. Brown pledged to convene a task force of scientists and forestry experts to assess how California can improve forest management in an attempt to reduce carbon pollution and combat future fires.

He directly blamed President Donald Trump for the nation's retreat on international climate policies. Brown has emerged as a global leader on climate policy, traveling to China and the United Nations climate conference to represents U.S. states.

"The science of climate change is not in doubt," Brown said. "All nations agree except one, and that is solely because of one man: our current president."

Immigration, which Brown focused on in last year's speech, was absent from this year's remarks. So too was a promised outline of how he'll spend money from the state's cap-and-trade program that taxes polluters. Democrats gave him largely favorable reviews but said they hope to hear more on those fronts as well as efforts to confront California's housing crisis.

Republicans, meanwhile, said California's leaders need to remember working class residents and small businesses.

"California is not just made of tech billionaires," Assembly Republican Leader Brian Dahle of Bieber said in a statement. Assemblyman Vince Fong of Bakersfield criticized the billions of dollars in higher taxes imposed while Brown has been in office.

Assemblyman Matthew Harper said Brown should have "put the brakes on" high-speed rail and instead focus on fixing deteriorating roads. Brown, in fact, spearheaded a gas tax hike last year to put more money toward roads and bridges, and he forcefully promised to defend it in the wake of Republican efforts to repeal it.

"Fighting a gas tax may appear to be good politics, but it isn't," he said.

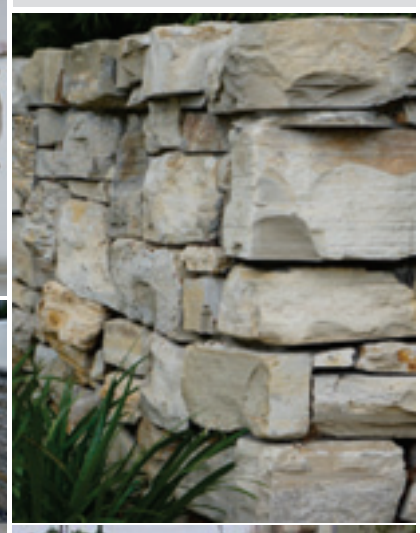
Brown also promised more transparency in school funding, pledged to put five million zero-emission vehicles on the road and urged lawmakers not to reverse criminal justice reforms.

His parting message: "There is much more to do."

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ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD

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The saddest detail about the incident that inspired the movie All the Money in the world is that John Paul Getty III never really recovered from the emotional scars left by the events and by the microscopic public scrutiny into which he was born as the grandson of one of the richest men in the world. Or, it might be that the incident itself was simply the manifestation of his life. It's often assumed that people who are born into wealth are lucky. It's not necessarily good fortune to have a fortune. Sometimes it takes superhuman strength to be able to maintain one's integrity, sense of morality and health when born into vast riches or power or celebrity of any kind.

The movie itself is also beautifully made. The beginning scenes are a warm black and white, almost sepia tone. Colors begin to seep into the visuals as the story unfolds. However the colors are always subtle, letting the emotion of each scene provide the tapestry.

Ridley Scott at age 80 is a master director with the energy and eagerness of a 20-something. He has done an extraordinary job directing this film even without considering that the his original "John Paul Getty" had to be replaced, forcing extensive re-shoots a few weeks before the film's planned Christmas Day release. Scott knew exactly what was necessary to give each scene the most powerful impact. He was able to make the changes flawlessly with Christopher Plummer taking over Kevin Spacey's character. The film was finished in time for its original release date.

Scott comes from an art background. He attended art school to study graphic design. While there he made his first short film in 1965, and then trained as a TV set designer and director for the BBC. He moved to directing TV ads and then returned to filmmaking. His immersion in the arts is evident in this movie.

Mark Wahlberg is a perfect choice to bring life to the ex FBI agent/ PI who assists in negotiating with the Italian Mafia. On the surface he appears to be a polished executive, yet underneath is the soul of a mercenary who can match wits with the heights society as well as the underbelly of Italian crime. Michelle Williams as "Gail" has the skill to express an endless reservoir of strength underneath the facade of the soft spoken personality that was acceptable for women at the time. Christopher Plummer is wonderful, Charlie Plummer (no relation) is believable as the kidnapped "J Paul Getty III," and Romain Duris as "Cinquanta" is a standout.

Scott has taken what we do know and embellished it with possibilities to create a fascinating mystery, involving highly unusual people. The details of the real story, those that we know, seem even more outlandish than this simplified version in the film. However, in the end you realize that the underlying human drama as portrayed in the film is true to the real story. No matter how much or how little money or notoriety we have, we are all human at the base of our souls, and we are all capable of making choices and perpetrating acts that can be judged as crazy, irrational, foolish, bizarre and seemingly without thought or judgment. I challenge you to tell me you have not at one time been guilty.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **59.3°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Fading NW/WNW swell - Largest in the AM. Offshore flow.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Old WNW/NW swell drops.



Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) Bid

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) has CANCELLED as of 1/24/18, the following: **Bid #18.15.ES - Santa Monica High School – Transformer Equipment Only Project at Santa Monica High School which was published on 1/12/18 & 1/19/18.**

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 18, AT ABOUT 5:08 P.M.

Officers responded to the area of Ocean Avenue and Colorado Avenue regarding a fight in progress involving two male subjects. As officers arrived, the subjects were separated and walking away. Several witnesses pointed towards a subject walking away northbound on Ocean Avenue. Officers detained the subject. The subject displayed signs of being under the influence of alcohol. As the officer began to talk to several witnesses to determine what occurred, the suspect stood up and fled from the officer. The officer gave chase and was able to take the suspect into custody a short distance away. Officers learned the suspect approached several people at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Colorado Blvd. The subject began yelling at them for unknown reasons and began to hit a male victim. The male victim was not injured and not desirous of prosecution. The suspect was placed under arrest for fleeing from officers and drunk in public. Mark Ahvakana, 48, homeless, was arrested for being drunk in public and resisting arrest. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 350 Calls For Service On Jan. 24.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Traffic collision 4th / Olympic 12:27 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Pico 12:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 500 block Pacific 2:43 a.m.
Grand theft 500 block Pacific 3:29 a.m.
Burglary 2900 block Colorado 7 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 20th 8:45 a.m.
Rape 1700 block Cloverfield 8:57 a.m.
Battery 200 block Santa Monica Pier 9:24 a.m.
Traffic collision 2500 block Pico 9:59 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block 4th 10:10 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Pico 10:13 a.m.
Fraud 1100 block Wilshire 10:27 a.m.
Hit and run 1700 block Franklin 10:41 a.m.
Bike theft 1000 block 12th 10:42 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 10:47 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block California 11:03 a.m.
Hit and run 1600 block Cloverfield 11:06 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 11:22 a.m.
Vandalism 600 block Santa Monica 11:22 a.m.
Traffic collision 2800 block Pico 11:35 a.m.
Encampment 2000 block 21st 11:54 a.m.
Lost property 1300 block 4th 12:16 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd / Wilshire 12:16 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th / Wilshire 12:18 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Santa Monica 12:20 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 400 block Santa Monica Pier 12:51 p.m.
Person with a gun 2nd / Colorado 1:03 p.m.
Identity theft 1600 block Cloverfield 1:18 p.m.
Person down 1600 block Ocean 1:20 p.m.
Theft suspect 200 block Broadway 2:07 p.m.
Fight main / Olympic 3 p.m.
Strongarm robbery Lincoln / Pico 4 p.m.
Battery 0 block Pico 4:12 p.m.
Runaway 900 block 3rd 4:16 p.m.
Critical missing person 200 block Santa Monica Pier 4:28 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Wilshire 4:36 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block Montana 5:32 p.m.
Armed robbery 2400 block 4th 6:13 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 6:44 p.m.
Fight 18th / Santa Monica 6:57 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Berkeley 7:07 p.m.
Fight main Main / Colorado 7:27 p.m.
Encampment 1400 block Palisades Park 7:27 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500 block 2nd 7:27 p.m.
Encampment Moomat Ahiko / Ocean 7:38 p.m.
Auto burglary 2100 block Santa Monica 7:50 p.m.
Encampment 1400 block 6th 8:02 p.m.
Drunk driving Pacific Coast Highway / Sunset 9:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 1400 block Colorado 9:13 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block Colorado 9:13 p.m.
Grand theft 500 block Washington 9:49 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block Lincoln 10:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block Lincoln 11:45 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 37 Calls For Service On Jan. 24.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service 2200 block Marine 2:38 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 3:08 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 4:46 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Cloverfield 4:49 a.m.
EMS 4th / Olympic 5:28 a.m.
EMS 2600 block 28th 6 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Michigan 6:14 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 7:43 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Stewart 8:20 a.m.
EMS 2500 block Main 8:58 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Oak 9:07 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 10 a.m.
EMS 200 block 17th 10:44 a.m.
EMS 900 block 22nd 10:51 a.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 11:47 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Colorado 12:05 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Neilson 12:34 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Broadway 1:10 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 1:12 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 1:12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:17 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Ocean Park 1:40 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 2:23 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Wilshire 2:50 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 300 block 3rd Street Prom 3:29 p.m.
Traffic collision with physical rescue 17th / Wilshire 4:36 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 5:16 p.m.
Public assist 2500 block Main 5:30 p.m.
Odor investigation 2900 block 28th 6:56 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 6:58 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2900 block 28th 7:20 p.m.
EMS 900 block 20th 7:23 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 5th 7:24 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 7:27 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 3rd 9:05 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Michigan 11:45 p.m.
Odor natural gas 1500 block Harvard 11:52 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/24
5 9 11 33 64
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 112M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/23
2 6 30 31 55
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 76M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 1/24
10 25 29 41 43
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/24
8 17 20 21 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/24
MIDDAY: 9 1 2
Draw Date: 1/24
EVENING: 0 6 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 1/24
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:48.24

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1. a state of dreamy meditation or fanciful musing: lost in reverie.
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3. a fantastic, visionary, or impractical idea: reveries that will never come to fruition.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Life in Big Macs

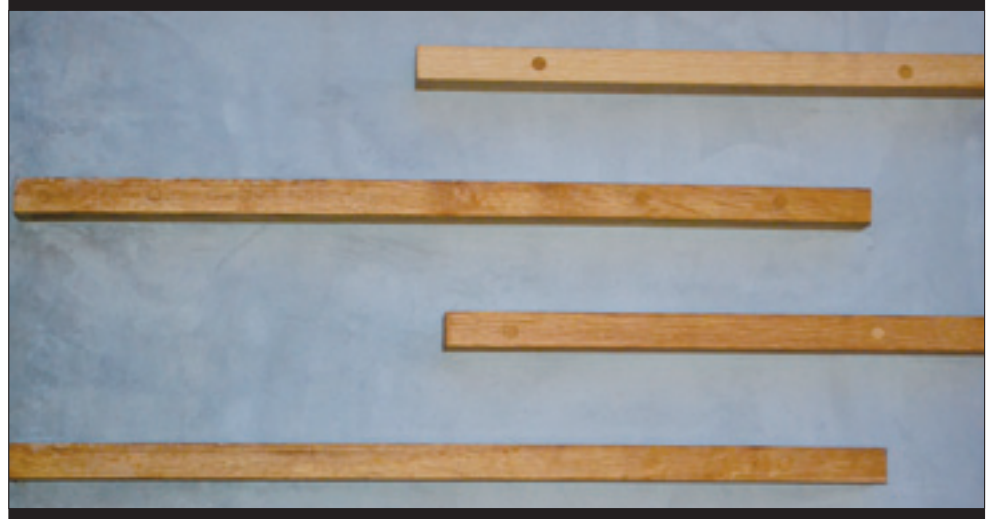
■ One hour of sitting and writing burns 68 calories (based on a 150-pound person) or the equivalent of 0.1 Big Macs.

Doobie Others

■ With more and more states implementing new marijuana laws, emergency physicians in a new study are cautioning their peers that the number of children who show up in hospitals after accidentally consuming marijuana edibles could rise significantly. And doctors will need to keep that in mind during diagnoses – since many of the symptoms of marijuana intoxication in children, such as drowsiness, respiratory ailments or vision problems – are similar to other conditions.

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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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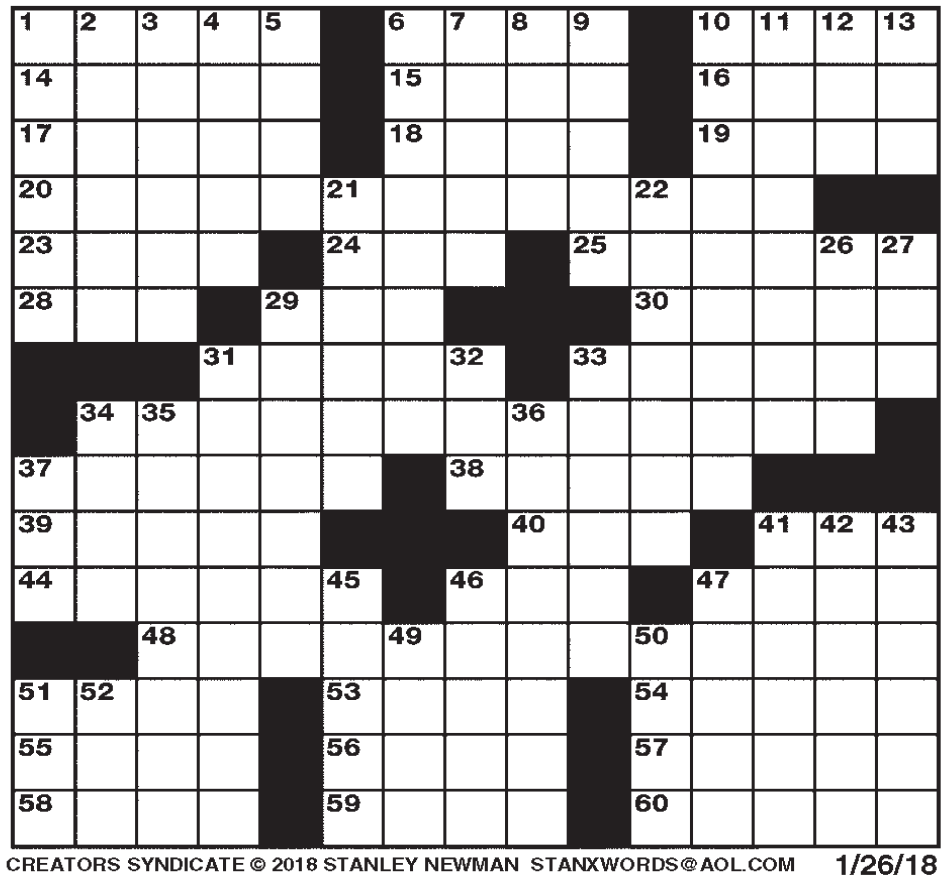
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ACROSS
1 Apex
6 Start to soften
10 Disorderly collection
14 Vessel to the abdomen
15 Disorderly collection
16 Concession conclusion
17 Detergent ingredient
18 This, for Tomás
19 *Power Lunch* airer
20 Start of a quote
23 Top sudoku digit
24 Salt Lake City collegian
25 Like some justice
28 Become fixed
29 Halogen ending
30 Sweater style
31 Cooper title character
33 Bulk of speeches
34 Middle of quote
37 Costner's adversary in *The Untouchables*
38 Icy sheets
39 "Please take __"
40 Ocean liner levels: Abbr.
41 Mall hall display
44 Old-fashioned five iron
46 Santa __, CA
47 Hay parcel
48 End of quote
51 Desert plant
53 Rise dramatically
54 Strong suit
55 Symbol of Maine
56 *Exodus* author
57 Capture
58 Slight sound
59 Latin being
60 Bewitched

DOWN
1 Ocean liner accommodations
2 Rent sharer
3 Wandering for adventure
4 Tour de France segment
5 Hailer's holler
6 Commandos of '80s TV
7 Undue rush
8 *Vino* region
9 Happy holler
10 Argentine estates
11 Source of the quote
12 Wall Street trader
13 Bench-press muscle
21 Papal ambassador
22 Nays
26 Rapper and actor
27 They pass through S&Ls
29 Disinclination to move
31 Clerk encountered by Copperfield
32 UV-blocking stat
33 *The Greatest Generation* author
34 City near Scottsdale
35 Brit's 14-pound measure
36 Precursor of Swedish
37 Flow obstruction
41 Mel Gibson's breakthrough role
42 Only veep born in DC
43 Looked narrowly
45 Occur afterward
46 Literary diarist's first name
47 Where 11 Down was a patent clerk
49 Big name in designer bags
50 Attack verbally, with "out"
51 Smartphone software
52 Tell it like it isn't



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 26)

You are driven by strong forces within and guided by angelic benefactors around you. A team effort will be rewarded in February. You could support, or even save, another person in April by sharing your expertise and resources. Your family will grow in March. Life gets lighter and more fun with new friends in May. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 24, 1, 28 and 6.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your best friends aren't the ones who go along with everything you say without question. They're the ones who will challenge you once in a while and, in doing so, either cause you to take a stronger stand or change your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There's something in you that will keep you doing things the way you've always done them. It's not that you can't fall in line and follow the directions; it's that you think there might be a better way. So go on and find it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Some people love sentimentality. There's hard evidence of this in box-office statistics and television-watching trends everywhere. But you'd rather take tenderness, sadness and nostalgia in small doses.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Three is an age-old magic number, from building seating, to knocking on wood, to setting up the punchline of a joke. Three will be present in the magical triptych of this day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Life is rooting for you, though you may not love the cheer. It's aggressive-sounding. Unnecessarily acrobatic. But the players aren't the ones who get to choose the cheerleaders. Give in to life's enthusiasm, whatever form it takes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Talent creates opportunity. Opportunity creates talent. Neither are crucial to success. Desire is the magic. Desire will bring you everything you need: talent, opportunity and the work ethic to keep going until you get there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
People's bad vibes can affect you even if they are not about you. Who needs that? Get away. Don't wait for them to be directed toward you. The minute you get a whiff of less than optimal environs, enact a location change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You have an especially tight bond with family these days. There are those who might get a little jealous of the love flowing between you and your favorite people. Be sensitive to the feelings of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Even loners are better off with a little social support. And for the socially motivated, it's especially important to gather a team. Accountability is key in goal getting. Build some into your plan in the form of other people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
If you can't figure out how to eliminate the obstacles in your path, maybe you can imagine a way to arrange them differently. For instance, stack them like stairs you can climb up and get over.

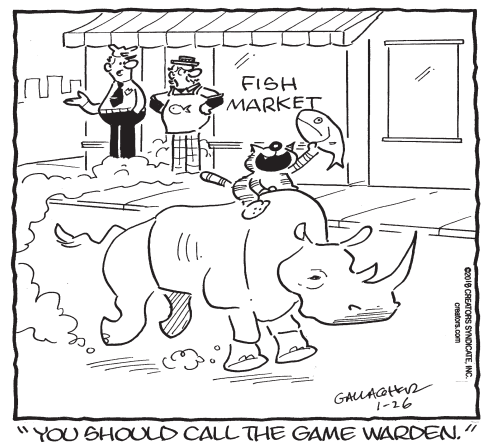
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Since you live inside your own head, you're acutely aware of your insecurities in a way that no one around you could ever be. So stop worrying and project yourself as you would like to be. They won't know the difference.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Older people find the banter of younger people amusing, or possibly obnoxious, as it's a reminder of how they themselves used to relate to others before they knew so much of life.

Mars Change
Today Mars breaks into Sagittarius, the realm of exploration. New worlds will be experienced in the weeks ahead. Maybe the discovery of one will come by way of physical travel, but it is also likely that the discovery mission is intellectual in nature — a journey that starts with opening a book or making a new friend.

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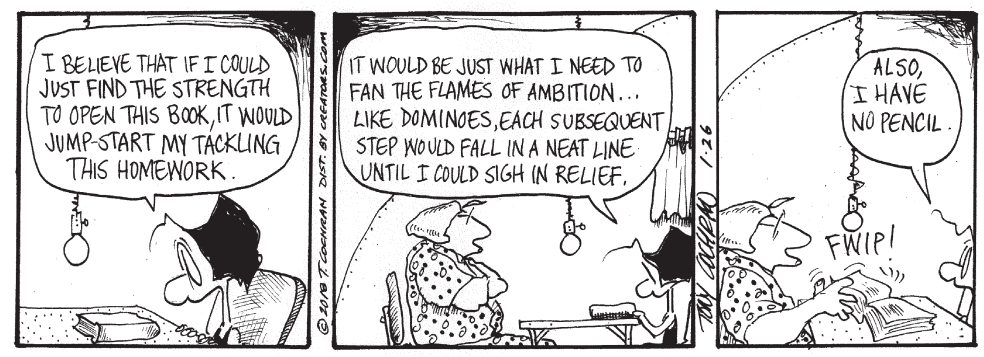


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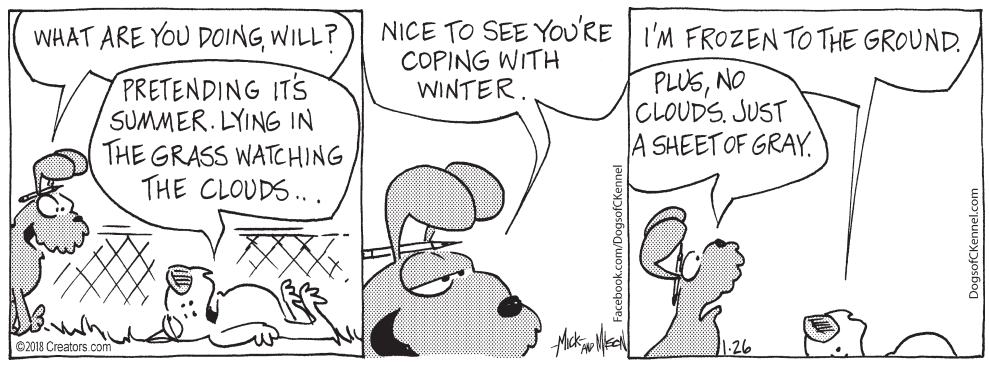
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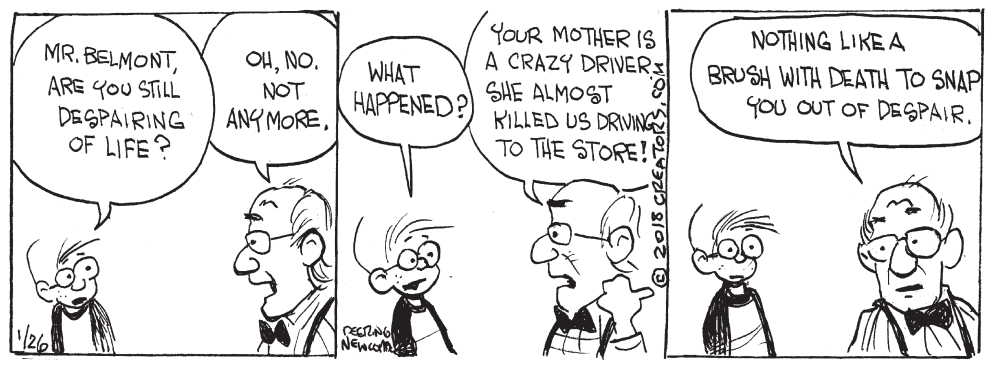
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CRASH

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Mercedes-Benz dealership for hours.

A driver in a Chevy Cruze was traveling east on Wilshire Boulevard plowed through a red light at 17th Street, hitting a Chevy Volt in the middle of the intersection, according to Santa Monica police. Santa Monica Fire Department paramedics raced the driver and a passenger in the Cruze to the hospital in critical condition. The two occupants not only survived but hospital staff downgraded their injuries to 'minor' before discharging them later that night.

The driver of the electric hybrid car hit by the Cruze complained of pain but did not go to the hospital.

Detectives with SMPD's Major Accident Response Team (MART) took a blood test of the driver of the Cruze and are waiting for results before determining whether drugs or alcohol factored into the crash. No one was arrested at the scene.

The police report did not note any significant damage to the palm trees, according to Lt. Rodriguez with SMPD.

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PRESCHOOL

FROM PAGE 1

the appellant, Nada Shamonki, who claimed traffic and noise from the school would "destroy the fragility and peace that we hold onto desperately" on the quiet street surrounded by the Bergamot arts center, an Expo stop, and Metro Maintenance Yard to the North and the 10 Freeway to the South.

"For most of the residents in Gandara Park, the approval of this preschool would be a slap in the face," said resident Christine Parra, calling local advocates for early childhood education a "special interest group." Parra's name was one of hundreds of signatures from neighbors opposing the school.

The Council was initially scheduled to make a decision on the school at the Dec. 5 meeting but delayed the discussion until neighbors could get all the public documents they had requested from the City. In the meantime, the Council changed the zoning code to allow parking outside of an enclosed garage in R1 neighborhoods, effectively reducing the number of variances required for the preschool from three to two. The delay also created arms race between the two sides of the issue, as both enlisted public speakers to persuade the Council Jan. 23.

The resulting four-hour public comment period exposed an inherent conflict in the city's land use policy that strives to preserve housing and neighborhood character while expanding opportunities for early childhood education. Speakers sparred over whether a preschool, rather than an in-home family daycare (the applicant, Laila Taslimi, lives north of Montana Avenue), is appropriate next to single-family homes. Opponents of the school also attacked Taslimi, a former McKinnley Elementary School teacher who traveled to Italy to study the Reggio Emilia approach to education.

Councilmember Tony Vazquez, who voted against granting the permit and variances to allow the school, said he supports the concept of private preschools in R1 neighborhoods but could not support a school facing unified opposition from surrounding home owners. Vazquez said Taslimi's unpopularity did not reflect well on her plans for the school.

"She hasn't been able to convince me to this date that she's able to follow through," Vazquez said. "I haven't come across one neighbor that loves this thing, that wants it."

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich also voted against the CUP.

"I think that this is emblematic of picking the wrong property," Himmelrich said.

Taslimi said she specifically chose to open her school in the 90404 zip code because of the lack of quality, affordable options for low income families. The Pico neighborhood has a disproportionate number of kids on a Connections for Children waitlist for preschool, according to senior planner Elizabeth Bar-El. The school will offer scholarships to 60 percent of its students.

The permit includes nearly 60 conditions Taslimi must follow. The Council also granted two variances that will allow employee parking in the front yard setback, one onsite passenger loading space instead of two and a fence modification for a five-foot wall to comply with state requirements.

To address neighborhood traffic concerns, city staff took a traffic count on Jan 11 on Delaware Avenue and found there were about 320 car trips on the street. The planning department estimates the school will generate an additional 52 car trips per day, below the city threshold of a "significant impact."

Extensive remodeling will transform the 1,500 square foot home into four classrooms and 2,600 square feet of outdoor play space. The school will allow early drop off beginning at 7:30 a.m. and late pick up until 6 p.m. with a monthly event night for parents to connect with teachers at the school.

Dozens of residents who showed up to support Taslimi expressed bewilderment at the neighborhood's strong opposition to a school serving small children, especially with Taslimi's commitment to providing scholarships to low and middle-income families.

"We have an opportunity to grant access to a quality preschool…this is not an opportunity we will likely see again," said Untitled No. 1 board member and Pico resident Kristina Lizama. "If you believe a preschool is a community benefit, why wouldn't you want it in your own backyard?"

Mayor Pro-Tempore Gleam Davis said she was "troubled by this entire conversation" of whether schooling is an appropriate addition to a neighborhood. The opposition frequently criticized Untitled No. 1 as a commercial business that would disrupt the virtue of the neighborhood.

"I'm just not understanding why it's so difficult to accept a preschool: an early childhood education center. A preschool," Gleam repeated. "It troubles me a great deal and it troubles me because we're talking two different languages."

Councilmember Terry O'Day, who lives in the Pico Neighborhood, said he hoped the extensive list of conditions, including limiting enrollment at the school during its first year to twelve students, would reduce negative impacts like noise and traffic. Mayor Ted Winterer said he hoped the neighbors would learn to work with Taslimi to solve any problems that result from the school.

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