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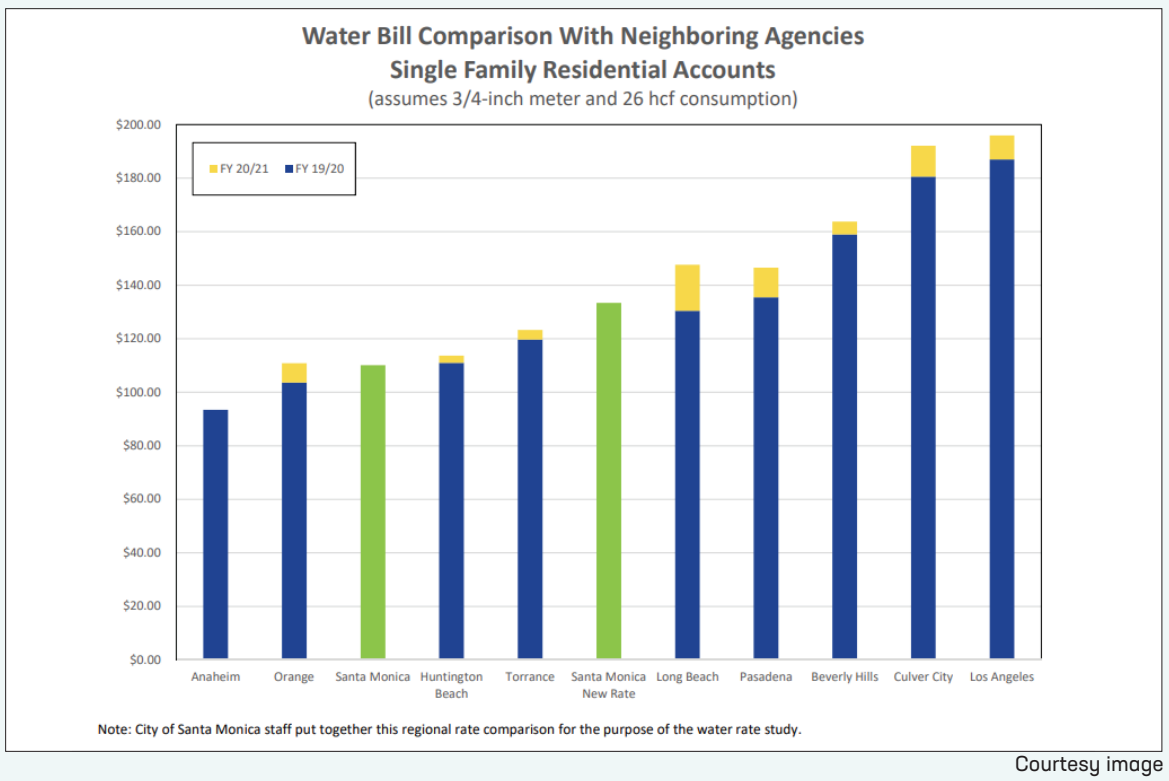
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Water rates could double in five years



Courtesy image

RATES: Water rates in Santa Monica could increase over the next five years if Council approves a new structure at their upcoming meeting. The compound increase would double current rates.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

In five years, the average homeowner in Santa Monica could be paying $60 more per month for water and wastewater.

City Council will vote Tuesday whether to hike water and wastewater rates to fund infrastructure projects that will wean Santa Monica off of imported water by 2023. If the council approves the proposed five-year rate structure, water rates will rise by 20% in the first year, 18% in the second year and by 14% annually for the following three years. Wastewater rates will increase by 10% annually for the first four years and by 3% in the fifth year.

Starting this year, the average single-family home will pay $18 more per month for both services. The bill for an eight-unit apartment building will increase by $24 and the typical commercial customer will pay an additional $43. (All customers are billed bimonthly.)

The low-income subsidy, which reduces the water rate by $1 per hundred cubic feet, would remain in place. The current drought rate structure would also go into effect in the event of a statewide drought

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Council chambers closed for remodel

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Council Chambers inside City Hall are now closed through April of this year to facilitate upgrades to the audio and video systems.

All civic meetings that regularly use the space (Airport Commission, Architectural Review Board, City Council, Landmarks Commission, Recreation & Parks Commission and Rent Control Board) are being relocated. While the Recreation and Parks Commission will move to the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Ave. Park, everyone else will move

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Samohi students shine at DECA conference



Courtesy photo

DECA: Samohi's DECA chapter recently attended a conference in Anaheim where they competed against 450 students from across Southern California and secured a number of first- and second-place trophies.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

With an intent to prepare students for the world of business that awaits them after graduation, Santa Monica High School's Distributive Education Clubs of America, or DECA, chapter first began gathering on campus around 2001.

Today, nearly 20 years later, the program is still looking to prepare Santa Monica's future leaders and entrepreneurs in the fields of finance, marketing and hospitality management. And it's pretty successful, according to a group

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Interim Ordinance Extending Interim Ordinance 2566 (CCS)

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an interim ordinance extending interim development standards related to Medicinal Cannabis Retailers and Medicinal Cannabis Light Manufacturing.

On October 24, 2017, Council adopted the initial interim ordinance that made necessary interim changes to the Zoning Ordinance to authorize medicinal cannabis retailers and medicinal cannabis light manufacturing within certain zoning districts. Council subsequently extended the interim ordinance which is set to expire on April 20, 2020. The proposed interim ordinance extension would continue until January 23, 2023, to ensure consistency between Zoning Ordinance regulations and State law regarding medicinal cannabis, to allow completion of the medicinal cannabis retailer permitting process, and to authorize limited light manufacturing of medicinal cannabis.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: Civic Auditorium – East Wing
1855 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Medicinal Cannabis Ordinance Extension
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Monday January 27

Airport Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Airport Commission is scheduled to meet in the East Wing of Civic Auditorium 1855 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 on January 27, February 24, March 23, and April 7. 7 p.m.

Pajama Story Time with Officer Noell Grant
Listen to stories read by police officer Noell Grant and learn about what she does. Craft to follow. Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Budget Task Force Meeting
The Budget Task Force, comprised of eight community members and seven members from the city workforce, will advise the City Manager on options and priorities for addressing the City's projected budget shortfalls over the coming six years. SMI Training Room, 6 - 9 p.m.

Artful Toddler
Discover the art of mosaics and create your own masterpiece. Limited space; tickets will be handed out 15 minutes before the program. For 18 months to 5 years old. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, January 28

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council
City Council meetings will be held at the Santa Monica Civic Center - East Wing until April 10, 2020. 5:30 p.m.

Bullet Journaling
Bring organization and creativity into your life with bullet journaling. We'll guide you in the process, you'll customize your journal into whatever works best for you. Materials provided, limited quantities available. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Library. Ocean Park Branch Library, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 29

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

Baby Story Time
Story time series for babies 0-17 months. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or purchase a pre-paid membership through Guest Services. Parking included. Room subject to change, check-in with Guest Services before each class. 9 - 10 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House

Thursday, January 30

Current Events Discussion Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. 1 - 2:30 p.m. Fairview Branch Library

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class, Multi Level HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. 11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. Main Library.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Assistant City Manager Katie Lichtig Announces Retirement After 35 Years of Public Service

After 35 years of dedication to local and federal government, Assistant City Manager Katie Lichtig announced plans to retire from public service. Katie returned to Santa Monica in 2017 as Assistant City Manager and Chief Operating Officer.

"That we reached out to bring Katie back home tells you all you need to know about how Santa Monica feels about her," said Mayor Kevin McKeown. "Katie's been an indispensable core part of every achievement our city takes pride in.

Her entire into local government began in Santa Monica when she joined the team in 1992 as the Assistant to the City Manager for Management Services before going on to hold top leadership positions in neighboring westside cities and on the Central Coast. Her contributions to Santa Monica have spanned four decades where she has played critical roles in events and achievements, including recovering from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, overseeing the implementation of important community programs and services, and capital projects. More recently, Lichtig shepherded the City through a reimagined budget process and the move to performance management.

"Public service has defined my life and it has been my honor to work on behalf of the City of Santa Monica. After 35 years, I am ready to start a new chapter," said Lichtig. "I take this step into retirement with tremendous gratitude for everything this community has offered me both inside and outside the organization."

When Lichtig was selected for the position in 2017, it was restructured as a partnership with the City Manager putting a strong emphasis on managing performance for operational excellence. Katie supported the City's 11 departments and oversaw strategic planning, resilience, wellbeing, and performance management for the City Manager's Office.

"Katie has been a tremendous leader and partner in her role as Chief Operating Officer," said City Manager Rick Cole. "Her love for this community is apparent in how she's approached decisions, working tirelessly to make local government work better and cost less. We are grateful she brought her talents back to Santa Monica to complete her remarkable career in public service leadership."

Before rejoining the City in October 2017, she was the City Manager for the City of San Luis Obispo for seven years. She also served as Assistant City Manager/Chief Operating Officer for

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Annual Water Main Replacement Project

For the week of January 27, the contractor will be connecting the new water main at the intersection of Broadway and 7th Court. The contractor will also continue installing water main on Airport Ave east of 23rd St. Traffic will be closed to through traffic on 7th Court and reduced to one lane on Airport Ave. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at (310) 458-8721.

Advanced Traffic Management System, Phase 5 Project

For the week of January 27, work will continue to upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St. The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Maximous at (310) 458-8291.

Fire Station #1 Construction Project

For the week of January 27, construction will continue throughout the project area located at 1377 7th Street which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the east side of 7th Street just north of Santa Monica Boulevard. Sidewalk and parking lane will continue to be closed all day/night through the month. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675.

Annual Wastewater Main Project

For the week of January 27, sewer main repair work will take place in the 18th Ct alley between Washington Ave and California Ave. New sewer manhole installations will also take place on Yale St between Wilshire Blvd and Arizona Ave. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

City Yards Modernization Project

For the week of January 27, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Avenue, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Avenue just east of 24th Street. Please contact Project Manager Sebastian Felbeck at (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Storm Drain & Drainage Improvements Project

For the week of January 27, drainage improvements to install a bioswale and concrete culverts will take place on the north side of the intersection at 7th St and San Vicente Blvd. Please contact Saad Malim at (310) 458-8721 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Annual Paving, Snap Parking, & Beach Parking Project

For the week of January 27, work will take place in the beach parking lot 5S consisting of striping and adjusting valves and manholes to grade. Please contact Project Manager Jason Hoang at (310) 458-8721 with any questions or concerns regarding this project.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Assemblymember Bloom Urges MLB to Hold the Houston Astros Accountable for their Actions

Santa Monica's representative in Sacramento has officially voiced his outrage at the Astros' cheating scandal.

Earlier this week, Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) introduced House Resolution 74 to condemn the shameful behavior by the Houston Astros in the 2017 World Series. HR 74 requests that in addition to the penalties already imposed, the Commissioner of Major League Baseball remove the 2017 World Series title from the Houston Astros, impose penalties or fines against players on the 2017 Astros team found to be complicit, and calls upon the Commissioner of MLB to require Houston Astros owner Jim Crane to publicly apologize.

"Lies and dishonesty have become so pervasive in American culture that one may think cheating, not baseball, is the national pastime," said Assemblymember Bloom, who added, "Professional ballplayers and teams are looked up to by children, and should behave accordingly. Likewise, when their behavior is egregious, they should be held accountable."

During the 2017 season, the Los Angeles Dodgers won an historic 104 regular season games, the most in baseball and reached their first World Series since 1988. The World Series was played between the American League champion Houston Astros and the National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers. The 2017 World Series was one of the most entertaining World Series in history. A seven-game series, the Astros defeated the Dodgers, four games to three, to win their first World Series in franchise history.

In 2019, Major League Baseball launched an investigation into allegations made against the Houston Astros after former Houston pitcher Mike Fiers told The Athletic that the Houston Astros used technology to steal signs during the 2017 season when they won the World Series. Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred's investigation documented in a report, revealed that the Houston Astros used cameras and video monitors to steal the signs of opposing catchers at Houston's Minute Maid Park, then signaled those signs to their hitters before pitches throughout the 2017 regular season and playoffs. The report also reveals that virtually all of the Astros' players had some involvement or knowledge of the scheme and that most of the position players on the 2017 team either received sign information from the banging scheme or participated in the scheme by helping to decode signs or bang on the trash can.

On January 13, 2020, MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred announced the Astros' punishment, which includes a year-long suspension of Manager A.J. Hinch and General Manager Jeff Luhnow, a $5,000,000 fine, and stripping the Astros of their first-and-second round draft picks for the next two years. Houston Astros Manager A.J Hinch and General Manager Jeff Luhnow were subsequently fired.

"The integrity of Major League Baseball is in question, due to its decision to grant full immunity to the Astros players, while knowing each player was involved or knew about the scheme. When an entire team is involved in cheating, each member should bear the consequence. So far, there has been zero accountability from the Houston Astros organization nor the players. Players make millions and sports franchises are a playground for billionaires. The $5 million fine is chump change for these cheaters whose owner hasn't even bothered to apologize. Fans across the country, including those in Houston, who shell out their hard-earned money to watch games deserve better."

Richard Bloom represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

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Countywide

County Awarded Nearly $4.6 Million In State Funding to help house children

More children across Los Angeles County will have help finding homes thanks to an influx of cash from the state.

The California Department of Social Services recently notified the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) that the County will receive an additional $4.6 million in Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program funding, through June 30, 2022. The primary focus of BFH is to provide rapid re-housing and case management services to families in the child welfare system.

Since its implementation in January 2018, DCFS and the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), in collaboration with housing partners, have successfully served over 300 families and 400 children under the BFH Program. Through this additional funding, the DCFS and the LACDA will be able to assist another 300 homeless families.

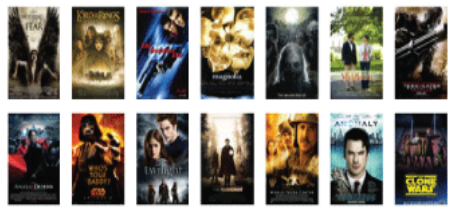
"Children thrive in safe and stable homes. This investment from the State, and partnership with LACDA, will strengthen the Department's goal of reunification by providing supportive services to the many families of Los Angeles County," stated Bobby D. Cagle, Director of DCFS.

In spite of the challenges to locate affordable housing for these high-barrier families in Los Angeles County, the continued success of the program reflects the strong partnership and shared mission to reunify families and end homelessness in the community.

"Throughout the years, the LACDA has partnered with DCFS to administer programs to reduce homelessness," said Emilio Salas, LACDA Acting Executive Director. "This additional funding from the State of California will continue our efforts to help families in the child welfare system stabilize their lives."

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DECA

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of Samohi students who recently placed as high as first in a districtwide conference that occurred in Anaheim earlier this month.

Many members said in a group interview this week they participate in the program because they have an eye towards the future.

Some hope to go into the world of public relations, so the program's focus on marketing offers them a chance to gauge if they'll enjoy the rigors of press releases and campaigns. Other participants, like Clyde Applegate, hope to continue a 92-year-old family-owned automotive business, "and I've never really had a way to use my knowledge about cars in a constructive way so this is a really cool experience, and I think I'm going to stick with it," Applegate said.

There are many different roles and ways to get involved, co-president Mason Hackmann added, mentioning there are more than 250 million participants worldwide.

"It's kind of like a class and a club," Hackmann said, detailing how students gain real-world skills since they are directly responsible for managing the program's budget, finding the accommodations and many other tasks.

"The goal of DECA is to integrate academic business learning to applied situations, so, after school we go over different principles of economics like supply demand and marketing terms. And then we will also study and hold practice sessions for the competitions," co-president Duke O'Callahan said.

At competitions like the group's most recent one — where Hackman took home a first place prize and Applegate, O'Callahan and Josh Cohen all took home second-place prizes — participating members are given an exam and a possible workplace problem that could arise on an average day. Members are to present how they would go about solving the problem to a panel comprised of real-world business owners and professionals.

Students said the skills they take away are able to be used in future college courses and beyond, which is why they are all so willing to spend many hours a week learning long after the school day has come to an end.

"Last year, we had an outreach event on-campus where Santa Monica DECA alum spoke to students about their experience in college and I thought it was interesting to hear how they were all able to develop a certain business acumen but none of them studied business in college," Hackmann said. "One of them was almost done with med school and said he intends to open up a private practice and DECA gave him the confidence to do so."

O'Callahan added the chapter hopes to soon create a network of mentors that could help students navigate life after high-school as well as provide new opportunities.

"But it's becoming really difficult getting people to donate their time," DECA Advisor Anita Kemp said as she described how some competitions span across multiple days.

However, the retired teacher still continues to volunteer her free time and she hopes others in the community will do the same.

"We're always looking for judges, presenters or anybody who would be willing to give any time to these students," Kemp said, sharing that she can be reached at akemp@smmusd.org. "Even if they come in and simply share their experiences on the job for a half-hour, we would be grateful."

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Trump and the Environment

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It wasn't long ago that so-called "triple bottom line" investing—factoring in not just financial returns but also social and environmental impacts—was purely the domain of a small set of outliers willing to forego profits for the sake of proving that investing could be used as a tool to drive change. Just two decades ago, the only real way to have an eco-friendly investment portfolio would be to put your money with one of a handful of mutual funds focused on "Socially Responsible Investing" (SRI)—or research and invest in often speculative individual "green" companies directly.

But in intervening years, many investors' perspectives have changed. It turns out that "green" investments are not only safer than their conventional counterparts given the actuarial risks of rampant climate change, but they also tend to perform better. Generation Investment Management (GIM), founded in 2004 by former VP Al Gore and ex-Goldman Sachs exec David Blood, was one of the first well-heeled firms devoted exclusively to sustainable investing—and shocked analysts 10 years in by how profitable they were. GIM's 12.1 percent annual average increase over its first decade ranked it second in profitability of over 200 competitors, including many of the biggest names in conventional investing. The lesson is that those companies prepared for and even poised to profit from a warmer future are most likely to succeed.

A 2019 report by BlackRock, the world's largest investment firm with more than $7 trillion under management, confirms what GIM's founders claimed all along: Going green pays. Not only has funding/investment in the environmental, social and governance (ESG) space almost doubled over the last five years, but these investments outperformed non-ESG bets overall. ESG-focused equity benchmarks in the U.S. yielded an annual return of 14.5 percent, compared with 14.4 percent for non-ESG investments. Meanwhile, globally ESG-based investments also bested non-ESG antes 8.1 percent to 7.7 percent.

Perhaps this new reality is why BlackRock recently announced a sweeping new set of policies aimed at making sustainability the "new standard for investing." The firm plans to launch new active and passively-managed SRI-based funds in the short term and will look into other ways to align the rest of its investments according to its investors' increasingly pro-environment values.

Environmental advocates are glad to hear about BlackRock's plans, especially given the need for the private sector to step in and take an active role in carbon drawdown in lieu of federal action. Ben Cushing of the non-profit Sierra Club considers BlackRock's shift "a major step in the right direction and a testament to the power of public pressure calling for climate action."

But he would like to see BlackRock—still the world's largest investor in coal, oil, and gas—go a giant step further and divest entirely from fossil fuels. "BlackRock should expand on its commitments and other financial institutions should follow suit."

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the City of Beverly Hills (2006 - 2010) and City Manager for the City of Malibu (2001 - 2006).

Katie's last day will be April 9, 2020. She looks forward to serving as the Emergency Operations Center Director for her final Los Angeles Marathon - a role she's honed going back to playing a key role in recovery efforts after natural disasters in Santa Monica and last year in coordinating our support as the Woolsey Fire raged in nearby Malibu (for which the City of Santa Monica was recently honored with the California Emergency Services Association Exceptional Service Award.)

Andy Agle, Director of Housing and Community Development, will step into an interim role while the City begins a thorough and open search for the next Chief Operating Officer. As the longest-serving department head and longtime Santa Monica resident, Agle brings his devotion to the values of equity, opportunity, and learning and his long-standing commitment to the success of our entire Santa Monica community.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JANUARY 27)

You've seen earthquakes of the soul; you've stood in the ruins; you've built the new city. Now you'll draw on those experiences and start running things. You'll learn whom to trust, lean on, delegate to. You're ultra-organized, and your sense of purpose carries over to others. Summer brings foreign travel. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 39, 33, 18 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Triumph always goes to those who endure, the reason being that endurance itself is the triumph. Wins are celebrated and then forgotten. Attendance records remain.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You weren't aware while it was happening, but you've changed. You're different. For this reason, you can't go back and continue the old scene; you can only return to transcend it. You can only go back as the new you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've a gift for knowing the right thing to say. It sometimes means being frank or crass. You cater the style to the audience. Even so, there will be instances when words just aren't the medium – action is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Would you believe that people working together form an enticement that's even stronger than people playing together? It's because there's great comfort in the structure of work. Jobs build bonds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you really think about those you serve, your job becomes easier. You expend less effort guessing about what to do and hone in with great empathy on those who need what you can give.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In moments of loss, people cannot see what will be gained. But you've been through enough life to know that what's gained is often such a better fit. So you trust life, and help others trust, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Yes, you are the sign of the scales. That doesn't mean you were meant to be stuck in a back-and-forth pattern. When balance is hard to achieve, maybe you're measuring the wrong things. Time to reassess your values.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Just because a thing must be dealt with doesn't mean it must be tackled head-on. Sidle up. That's a nonconfrontational position that many people respond well to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe the key to your happiness is one of those automatic ones that stays in your pocket and unlocks when you're near enough to the door. More likely, your happiness can be unlocked through face recognition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anxious about the future? Make a plan. Anxious about the plan? Do a brainstorm. Anxious about a brainstorm? Just keep your hand moving around the page and all kinds of answers will come.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Direct loving kindness inwardly follows up as the Metta meditators do with a sequence of compassion that expands evermore inclusively toward loved ones, strangers, enemies and the far reaches of the universe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Success is within your control. You just don't know what to do yet. It will be tempting to dive in, but it's better to start with research. A systematic approach will take you far.

Venus Hugs the Hurting

It is said that hurt people hurt people – something to take into consideration in approaching the injured, especially the heart-wounded. Venus and Neptune conjoin for empathy and introspection. This should help, as will keeping in mind that people often don't advertise their woes. You can't go wrong with tenderness across the board.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

Recently, a historic society in England called on the public to report instances of engraved symbols in medieval churches, houses, barns, caves and more so that photographs and information can be collected regarding these mysterious markings. The representations, often scratched in doorways or over hearths, vary widely: interlinked circles, stars, acute and reflex angles, and more. Because it is believed they were scratched into these surfaces either by witches or to ward off witches and other evil spirits, the name given here is "apotropaic," a Greek derivation describing a turn away from evil.

In modern traditions of self-help and spirituality, there is a trend toward wielding powers of attraction, one of the tenets being that we magnetize what we focus on. Under this logic, tokens created to scare away bad things cannot help but also be representations of the very thing they oppose, and will attract accordingly. In the way that gargoyles give off a creepy vibe, and attack dogs, guns and the like let the enemy know to come armed, bad-luck deflectors often seem to call up bad luck. (This is why "Harry Potter" stories feature an enemy who must not be named.) Perhaps good-luck charms are of much greater use than bad-luck deflectors that keep one's focus on fear and the worst that can happen.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

When Patton Oswalt is not headlining comedy clubs or starring in an endless stream of film and television shows, he's commanding millions of followers on Twitter with his biting wit. This would seem an extreme workload for some, but the high-energy Aquarian brainiac born under five air sign planets is uniquely equipped for the job. This is a mind that never stops! **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Hobnob

Verb (used without object)

To associate on very friendly terms (usually followed by with): She often hobnobs with royalty.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



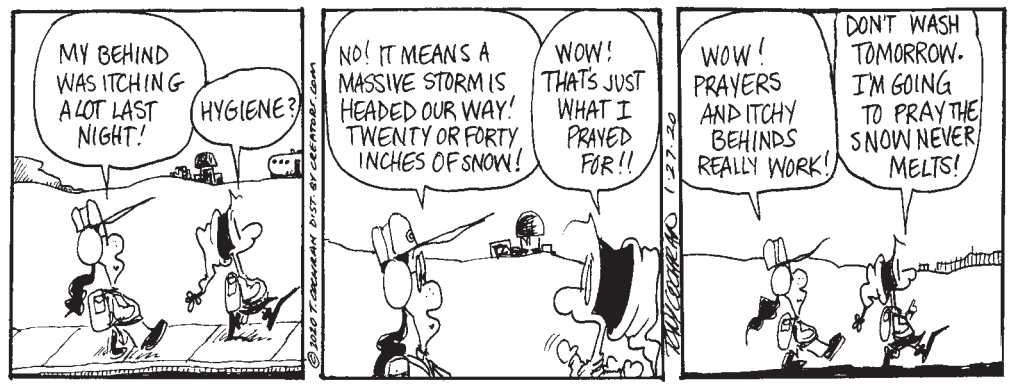
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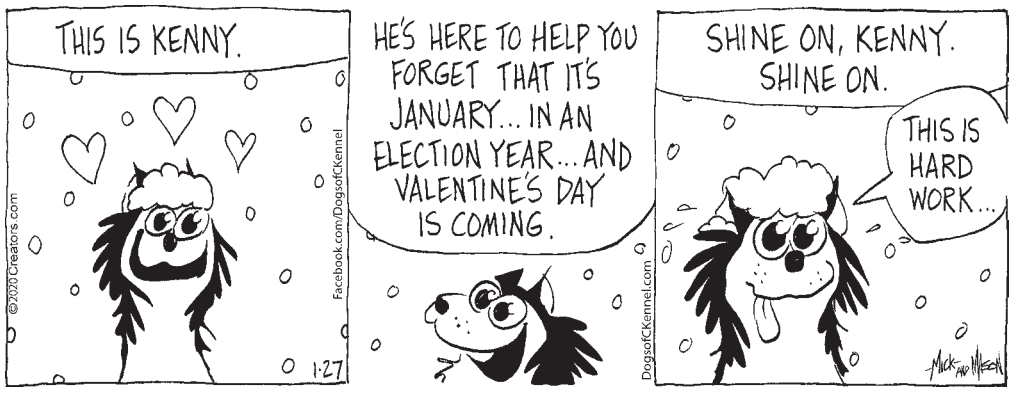
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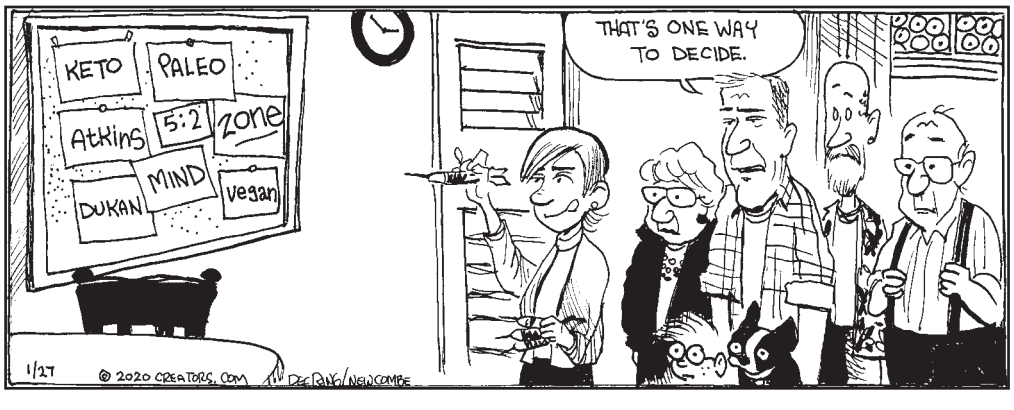
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Jackpot: 130 M

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Draw Date: 01/22
1 14 29 39 41
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy5
Draw Date: 01/23
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Draw Date: 01/23
Evening: 2 8 2
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Draw Date: 01/22
1st: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
2nd:04 - BIG BEN
3rd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
RACE TIME: 1:42.09

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.2°

MONDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Old WNW swell fading in the AM. New NW swell on the rise through the afternoon. AM winds trending more favorable.

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
Fresh WNW swell likely peaking. AM winds trending more favorable.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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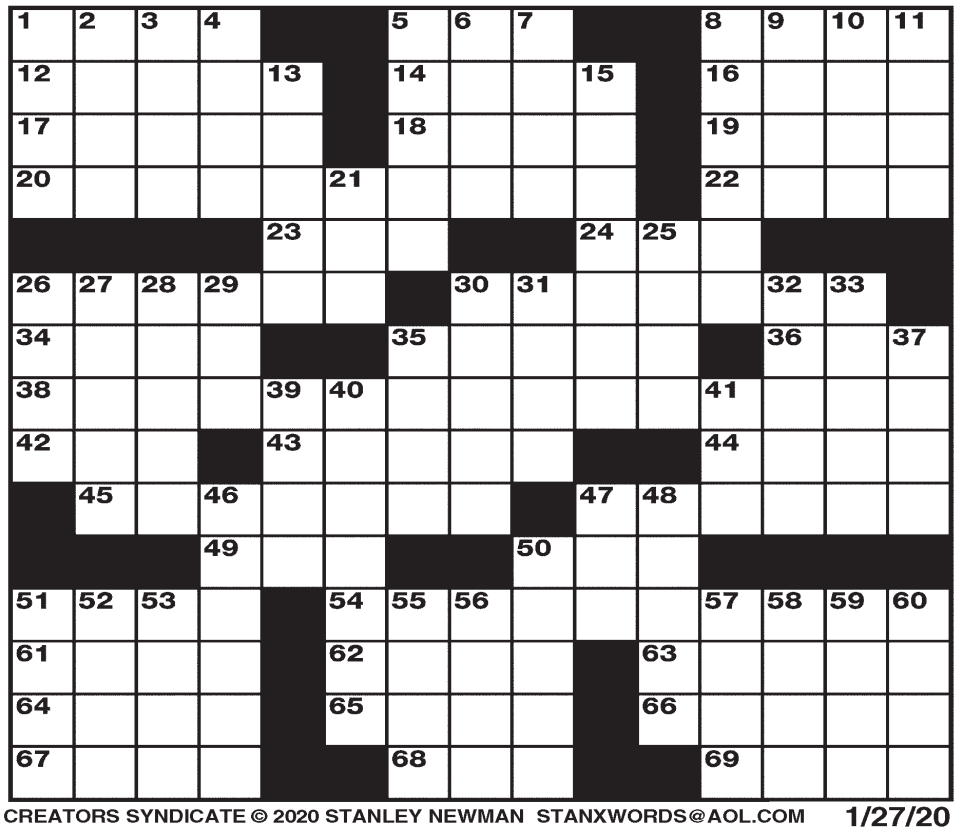
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Baseball arbiters, for short
5 Fractions of a quart: Abbr.
8 Coconut tree
12 Grain storage towers
14 Throat-clearing sound
16 Chocolate sandwich cookie
17 Make into a law
18 Gentle, as petting zoo animals
19 Jump
20 Success/failure choice
22 Canoeing locale
23 Singer Orbison
24 Woman in Eden
26 Beverage brewed from beans
30 Yellow fruits in bunches
34 Ready, willing, and __
35 Hits a baseball very gently
36 Espionage org.
38 Risk-it-all wager
42 Complete collection
43 Silly
44 Outer margin
45 Opts for
47 Bifocals or contacts
49 Letters on Postal Service stamps
50 Pod vegetable
51 Bank's cash dispensers: Abbr.
54 Approximately
61 Writer of verses
62 Theatrical accessory
63 Brightened quickly
64 Tree with cones
65 Backtalk
66 Extra tire
67 Speak unclearly
68 Hawaiian neckwear
69 Kid's snow vehicle

DOWN
1 Finds a purpose for
2 Short skirt
3 Map out
4 Piece of hosiery
5 Gullible person
6 Start to melt
7 "Half" prefix for final
8 Plant powder that causes hay fever
9 Vicinity
10 Faucet drip
11 Be sulky
13 Shopping mall tenant
15 Souvenir
21 Fish eggs
25 Huge
26 Dishonorable guys
27 Woodwinds lower than a 28 Down
28 High-pitched woodwind
29 Valentine's Day mo.
30 Really overcooks
31 Author Rice or Actress Hathaway
32 Corrosive fluids
33 Scorch slightly
35 Kayak or canoe
37 Matures, as wine
39 Untruths
40 Pitches one's tent
41 Egg-laying barnyard bird
46 Glossy shine
47 Lion zodiac sign
48 British nobles below dukes
50 Coke competitor
51 Smartphone programs
52 Difficult work
53 List of meal choices
55 By-mouth
56 Flower with thorns
57 Body parts to pucker
58 And others: Abbr.
59 Completely confident
60 Drove over the limit



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2020004911 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/08/2020 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Marcmade . 440 Raymond Ave #12 , Santa Monica, CA 90405. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Marc B Reynolds 440 Raymond Ave #12 Santa Monica, CA 90405. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)01/2020. /s/: Marc B Reynolds . Marc B Reynolds . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/08/2020. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 01/13/2020, 01/20/2020, 01/27/2020, 02/03/2020.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: FILE NUMBER: 2016088781. DATE FILED: April 12, 2016. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PERMITWIZ 9108 W 25TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: MIKE SIROTA 9108 W 25TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 . This Business is being conducted by: a INDIVIDUAL. I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime. REGISTRANT (NAME/CORP/LLCNAME) (PRINT): MIKE SIROTA . REGISTRANT SIGNATURE: MIKE SIROTA. If Corporation, also print corporate title of officer. If LLC, also print title of office or manager. The Statement was filed with the county clerks of Los Angeles on 01/07/2020 FILE NUMBER 2020003743. I HERBY CERTIFIY THAT THIS COPY IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL STATEMENT ON FILE IN MY OFFICE: Dean C Logan Los Angles County Clerk. BY: ISAURA CORREA

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2019320651 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 01/13/2020 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Soleil Sunwear. 1454 12th St Unit A , Santa Monica, CA 90401. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: Christy Moody 1454 12th St Unit A Santa Monica, CA 90401. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)12/2019. /s/: Christy Moody . Christy Moody . This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 01/13/2020. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA ~~MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish~~ 01/13/2020, 01/20/2020, 01/27/2020, 02/03/2020.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 19SMCP00589
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Nichole Lynne Kenton filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Nichole Lynne Kenton to Nicole Lynne Kenton. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 02/07/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m Dept: k, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: Dec 28, 2019

Name Change

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 19SMCP00598
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Hamid Mashhoudy for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Hamid Mashhoudy filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Hamid Mashhoudy to Harry Hamid Mashoudy The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 02/21/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
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Date: Dec 27, 2019

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00034
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Debra Jane Wanner for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Debra Jane Wanner filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Debra Jane Wanner to Debra Isabella Fiorentina The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 05/01/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
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Date: January 16, 2020

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 20SMCP00016
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Susan Collum for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Susan Collum filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Susan Collum to Susan Kaplan The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03/06/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
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Date: January 10, 2020

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 19SMCP00529
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of Margaret Jo Kelly for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: Margaret Jo Kelly filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Margaret Jo Kelly to Josie Kelly. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 03/13/2020, Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
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Date: Nov 12, 2019

Name Change

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REMODEL

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to the Civic Center's East Wing, located at 1855 Main Street.

Council approved the $450,000 upgrade last year to replace equipment that staff said has become obsolete. Repairs and maintenance of the old equipment were becoming difficult as parts are increasingly unavailable for the discontinued models.

The new audiovisual and meeting management systems will allow the public to request to speak electronically using a kiosk in the lobby. Councilmembers will vote electronically and the results will be automatically displayed on new high-resolution monitors with closed captioning.

Meeting minutes will be automatically generated and speakers will be able to plug in their tablets and laptops to give presentations.

For more information on meeting days, times and agendas, visit www.smgov.net.

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WATER RATES

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mandate.

The rate increases will finance almost $42 million in projects that will allow Santa Monica to stop importing water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, which officials say will keep costs down in the long term and shield the city from the effects of droughts.

The rate structure also reflects the rising cost of regular maintenance, said Sunny Wang, the city's water resources manager. Five years ago, it cost $2 million to replace two miles of pipe. Now, it costs $6 million, largely because of higher construction costs.

Currently, single-family households pay an average of $55 per month for just water, while equivalent customers in Beverly Hills, Culver City and Los Angeles pay between $60 and $90.

The typical Santa Monica homeowner will pay $115 by 2024 under the proposed rate structure, but Wang said neighboring cities will also have to raise rates.

Los Angeles is embarking on water self-sufficiency infrastructure projects of its own, he said. Beverly Hills will continue to import all of its water from the Metropolitan Water District, which is planning to build a new tunnel to channel water from Northern California.

Customers will see those expensive infrastructure projects reflected in their water bills, Wang said. Climate change is also threatening MWD's water sources and the utility could be forced to ration water by the mid-2020s.

Wang said Santa Monicans will pay less for water in the long run after the city completes its water self-sufficiency projects. Local groundwater costs $900 per acre-foot, while imported water costs $1,200 per acre-foot.

"That's why we want to invest in local resources — it's cheaper," Wang said. "You have to have an upfront investment, but we'll start seeing benefits in five to six years."

City Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Civic Center East Wing, 1855 Main St.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

SMC to Hold World Premiere of New Film

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Film Program will hold the world premiere of "Out of Touch", a short film co-produced with the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) and Keslow Camera at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1. The premiere will take place at the SMC Center for Media and Design, in the state-of-the-art main theater (CMD Room 180), 1660 Stewart Street in Santa Monica.

Written and directed by SMC alum Bobby Murphy with students from the college's Film 33: Making the Short Film class serving in various capacities as crew, "Out of Touch" is set in a near-future dystopian Los Angeles. Refugees and immigrants live under the shadow of an authoritarian regime, and a conservative politician must put her prejudices aside and take action, lest she lose her daughter forever.

The HFPA helps finance the making of one narrative Film 33 project each semester with a grant of $15,000, while Keslow Camera supports the program with pro bono camera and lens packages. SMC films have also received support from Enhanced Media, Roundabout West, and Cinemadamare in Italy, among others.

During the Feb. 1 world premiere, the SMC Film Program will also showcase and screen two recent award-winning productions:

• "Hinge" directed by SMC alum Lisa Mayo–in which a mentally unstable man stops taking his antipsychotic medication, and fixates on his new neighbors, a lesbian couple with an idyllic life–has been an official selection at six regional and international film festivals including the Golden State Film Festival, the Dumbo Film Festival in New York, and the Queerbee LGBT Film Festival in the U.K. The film has also been either a finalist or semi-finalist at five international film festivals including the Woman Deliver Film Festival and the Blow-Up International Arthouse Filmfest in Chicago. "Hinge" has won Best Short Film at the Prague Independent Film Festival; Best Film Score at the Vienna Independent Film Festival; and director Lisa Mayo won Best Emerging Filmmaker at the Santa Monica International Film Festival.

• "Once Upon a Woman"–directed by veteran and SMC alum Wayne Hodges–is a revisionist Western set after the Civil War in which both cowboys and Indians struggle with personal conflicts, framed against the approach of the railroad and impending doom. The film has been an official selection at eight regional and international film festivals including the LA Shorts International Film Festival, Prague Independent Film Festival, and the Culver City Film Festival. It has also won six awards including Best Western at the Silver State Film Festival in Las Vegas; Best Student Short at the Marina del Rey Film Festival; and Best Western at the Silicon Beach Film Festival.

The premiere will be hosted by SMC Film Program faculty lead Salvador Carrasco, with a Q&A led by SMC alum and Rotten Tomatoes critic Alci Rengifo, this year's recipient of The Los Angeles Film Critics Association (LAFCA) Ruth Batchelor Scholarship.

Those interested in attending the Feb. 1 world premiere are requested to RSVP: Carrasco_Salvador@smc.edu. Parking in the Center for Media & Design's structure is free on the weekends, although rideshare and public transportation is always a good idea and highly recommended.

To learn more, visit the program's website smc.edu/FilmProduction. The film program–as well as the films that come out of it–is on YouTube as the "Santa Monica College Film Program"

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18th Street

At 18th Street Arts Center Hosts Two New Exhibitions

Art aficionados will have two opportunities to see new work in the coming weeks.

18th Street Arts Center will present two new exhibitions of work in their Santa Monica Airport hangar building focusing on knitting together diverse contemporary artistic conversations around two primary mediums - photography, and drawing.

Las Hijas de los Días. 7 Female Views from the Margins,opening on January 27, is a presentation of photographic conversations between women both local and international organized by Spanish curator Begona Torres and 18th Street's Assistant Curator Frida Cano. DRAWING CONNECTIONS, opening February 10, maps an interrelated network of drawing practices across the artists working at 18th Street's two campuses. Both exhibitions will be celebrated in a public reception on Saturday, February 22, from 5-8 p.m. Many of the 38 artists in the Airport Campus building will be opening their studios as well.

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