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SMFD starts the year with new plan and a new chief

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The first Santa Monica City Council meeting of 2024 did not disappoint. There was tap dancing, technical issues, the Brady Bunch, live music and Councilmember Oscar de la Torres' magnificent new mustache. Moreover, additional security had to be brought into City Hall following threats recently made against some Councilmembers. Thankfully though, nothing has come of those.

"You've seen a number of officers and city council chambers this evening. And I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of them and Police Chief Batista for a tremendous amount of support over the past 12 hours in ensuring that we were prepared for the city council meeting tonight," City Manager David White said in his opening address.

Among a positively jam-packed agenda on Tuesday evening was a presentation by the Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) of their five year strategic plan. Wolfgang Knabe presented a summary of the strategy to Council. Knabe was appointed as interim SMFD Chief in August of last year when Danny Alvarez left the city after less than one year and four months in the role to return to his former department in Burbank as their new Chief.



Santa Monica Fire Department

SMFD: With the new training facility nearing completion, the SMFD will be fully staffed for the first time in "probably over 20 years."

Knabe initially told the Daily Press that the recruitment process was in progress and an announcement would be made soon. Then, lo and behold, just 24 hours later, City Manager David White released a statement announcing the appointment of Matthew Hallock to lead the Santa Monica Fire Department as its new chief.

"I would love to be the fire chief here," he laughed, "But I've retired from another department and I'd have to come out of retirement officially to do that. And just because of the new state rules, it would be problematic for me, but I love this department and I love this city. I would do it in a heartbeat, but the circumstances now don't allow me to do it."

According to Knabe, the strategic plan was written while

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Details of the security guard program for Big Blue Bus revealed with unanimous Council approval

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Just a week or so ago, we reported on how Big Blue Bus was set to follow in the footsteps of Metro in the hiring of transit security officers.

"We will be rolling out a new transit safety officer program early this year where we'll have unarmed security guards on many of our buses and at our bus stops to ensure a positive customer experience," Anuj Gupta, Director of the Department of Transportation for the City of Santa Monica, told the Daily Press,

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Good Guard Inc.

SECURITY: California-based Good Guard Inc. security company has already got 12 months experience patrolling the city's parking lots.

Arrest made in last week's shooting

MATTHEW HALL
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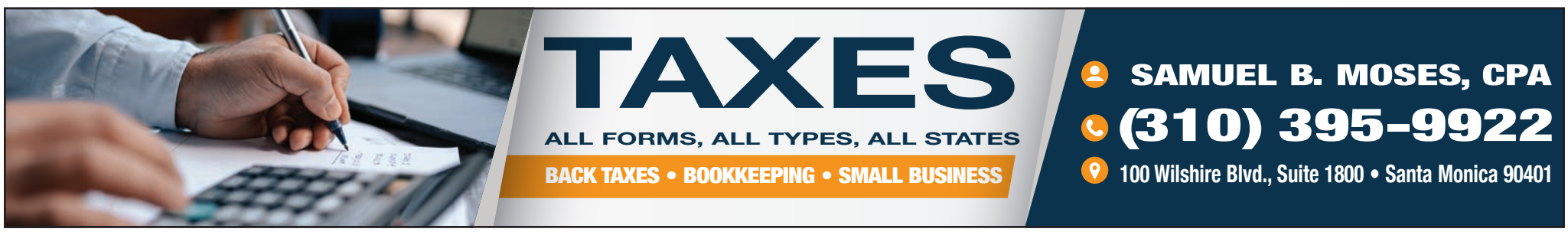
A woman has been arrested for killing a man in last week's shooting near Ocean Park Blvd.

Kayla Denise Mackey, 27 years old, was taken into custody on Friday. According to SMPD, MacKey is homeless and was found in West Los Angeles.

According to SMPD, William Edwards III, a 46-year-old resident of Los Angeles was shot at about 10:25 a.m. on the 2600 block of 29th street, just off Ocean Park Blvd. Officers found Edwards still seated in his vehicle and while he was transported to a local hospital, he did not survive.

"Witnesses who saw the suspect leave the scene provided officers with her general direction of travel," said an SMPD statement. "SMPD Detectives worked tirelessly throughout the day to identify and locate the suspect who was taken into custody this morning in West Los Angeles. The motive for the crime is still being investigated."

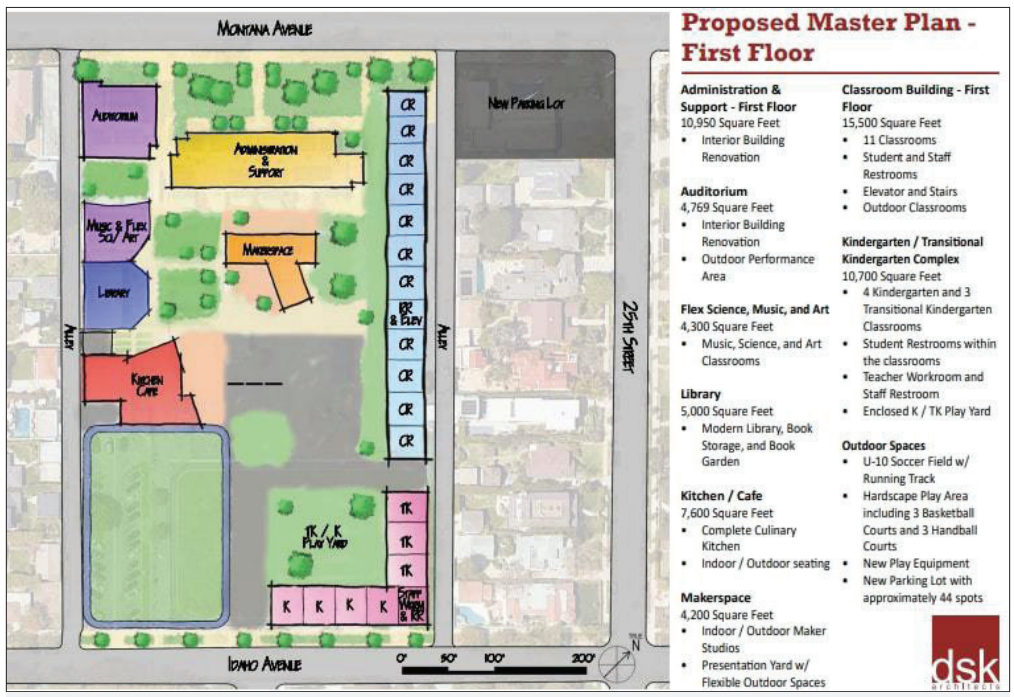
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Campus plans in motion at district elementary sites



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CAMPUS PLANS: The proposed Master Plan for Franklin Elementary School includes space for new TK-K classrooms.

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While construction at one Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) elementary campus site began in December, another elementary site's new conceptual plan was given a go-ahead to move forward by the district's Board of Education recently.

On December 8, 2023, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at Will Rogers Learning Community, beginning Phase 1 of its campus plan. A little over a month later, a Board of Education meeting on Jan. 18 supported an updated "Master Plan" at Franklin Elementary School. Both projects aim to support students at the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten levels, as well as improve outdoor learning spaces.

The Will Rogers project is set to provide three new TK classrooms and four new Kindergarten classrooms, part of the district's growing commitment to TK programs. SMMUSD began enrolling TK students in the 2022-23 school year, mirroring statewide expansion that aims to make the grade the entry level into California public schools. The project also holds outside improvements such as outdoor learning spaces, basketball courts, a playground and a new turf track and field featuring cork infill.

According to an article by Amorim Sports, granulated cork is growing popular as an infill in artificial turf, stating it offers "significant advantages over plastic or rubber-based synthetic infills" such as functional sustainability and comfort.

"Given cork's natural touch and feel, synthetic turf with ... cork infill is the closest thing to natural turf and offers great playing conditions," the Amorim article states. "In addition, for avoiding overheating during use, a cork infill makes a positive contribution to players' performance and comfort, given its ability to absorb moisture."

A district report on the Will Rogers project echoes those benefits, also stating that cork infill is a superior option to crumb rubber, which "raises concerns about microplastic pollution and potential health risks."

"SMMUSD's commitment to sustainability extends to every facet of operations, including the composition of sports field turf," wrote SMMUSD Communications Specialist Esmi Careaga. "The decision to embrace cork infill stems from a dedication to providing a safe, high-performance playing surface while minimizing pollution and potential health risks."

During Phase 1 at Will Rogers, eating and play areas have been moved to the north part of the campus to make way for the new track and field. A restroom building and two portable classrooms adjacent to the current basketball courts will be demolished, and a modular restroom building will be made available in its place beginning in February. Also in February, through the end of the school year, students will be able to access adjacent play structures on the north side of the school.

At the Board of Education meeting presentation of the Franklin plan, approval was given for the Master Plan to move forward with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process, something plans for the school have gone through before. The school's campus plan, initially approved in fall of 2022, was forced to change after the CEQA process determined that a proposed Maker Space Building would remove portable buildings needed for interim classroom housing.

Another issue halting the Franklin plan was the California Geological Survey notifying the district that an earthquake fault was believed to exist within the school site, though subsequent geological tests proved there was no such fault.

SMMUSD Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton presented the updated plan alongside representatives from dsk Architects, with Upton calling Franklin a "very tight site" due to local housing. For its end of supporting TK-Kindergarten classrooms, the SMMUSD

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Newsom budgets have a lousy track record forecasting California's tax revenues

DAN WALTERS

A review of recent state budgets and Gov. Gavin Newsom's newly released 2024-25 budget proposal reveals truly monumental errors in revenue estimates by his fiscal advisors, particularly personal income taxes.

The stark differences between estimates and reality, if continued, will affect the state budget's solvency for at least the remaining years of Newsom's governorship.

Newsom's latest budget acknowledges that income taxes, which are mostly paid by those in upper income brackets, are $44 billion less than previously projected for the three-year "budget window" from 2022-23 through 2024-25. But the shortfall is actually billions of dollars more.

When Newsom and the Legislature enacted a 2022-23 budget in June 2022, it assumed that income taxes would bring in $129 billion. Later, that projection dropped to $122.8 billion and Newsom's latest budget set it even lower at $101.8 billion, as state officials close the books on that fiscal year.

The 2023-24 budget adopted last year projected $118.2 billion in income tax revenues, but it's since been revised to $113.8 billion. And Newsom's newest budget assumes that income taxes will bring in $114.7 billion for the fiscal year 2024-25, a $4 billion drop from last year's assumption.

Over the three-year period, Newsom pegs the revenue shortfall at $44 billion, but it's more likely $51 billion if one begins with the original numbers from 2022-23 – when Newsom famously bragged about the state's having a $98 billion surplus.

"No other state in American history has ever experienced a surplus as large as this," Newsom said as he unveiled a $300-plus billion budget that the Legislature eagerly adopted with a few tweaks.

Newsom's budget for 2024-25 assumes that the freefall in income tax receipts will end and revenues will actually pick up a bit next year. However, the Legislature's budget analyst, Gabe Petek sees continued revenue weakness and pegs the three-year shortfall at $58 billion. Their differing projections are the main reason their estimates of the overall budget deficit are $30 billion apart.

Although Newsom's budget was unveiled just two weeks ago, income taxes – the largest single source of state revenue – are already falling behind. So far in January they are running $3 billion behind the new budget's assumption.

This is no small matter. Newsom will revise his budget in May, and he and the Legislature will enact a budget in June that will be based on a revenue figure of some kind. Legislators will be tempted to adopt a rosy figure from Newsom rather than Petek's lower number to minimize how much spending must be reduced to close the gap. It will particularly affect state support for K-12 schools, the state's largest single budget obligation, which is largely determined by a revenue-based formula.

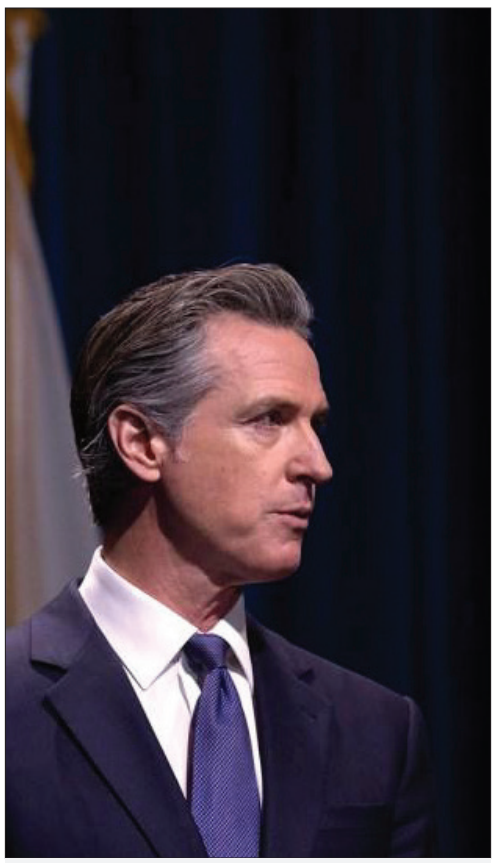


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BUDGET: Gov. Gavin Newsom addresses the media during a press conference unveiling his 2024-25 January budget proposal at the Secretary of State Auditorium in Sacramento on Jan. 10, 2025.

However, if the Legislature does go for a higher revenue number, as it has it years past, and it proves to be as off the mark as other recent estimates have been, the effect will be traumatic for programs that depend on state financing.

Newsom blames the seven-month delay in the deadline for filing 2022 income tax returns, from April 2023 to November, for masking the sharp drop in revenue, and that contributed to the huge disparity. However, he and the Legislature could – and should – have been much more conservative in their guesswork.

The record of errors implies that either the administration's methodology for projecting revenues is faulty or it has been consciously adopting rosy numbers to make the state's fiscal situation seem better than it really is. Newsom's much-trumpeted but bogus surplus proclamation in 2022 invites skepticism about what he is telling Californians now.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **58.6**

MONDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Easing W/WNW swell and another light wind day on the cards right now. Spots that handle a mid to higher tide will be the call through the morning.

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Smaller surf off easing W/WNW swell. Light winds due for the morning, then looks like more afternoon onshores developing.

Weather

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 75.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70.
Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

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California regulators want to spend billions to reduce a fraction of water usage

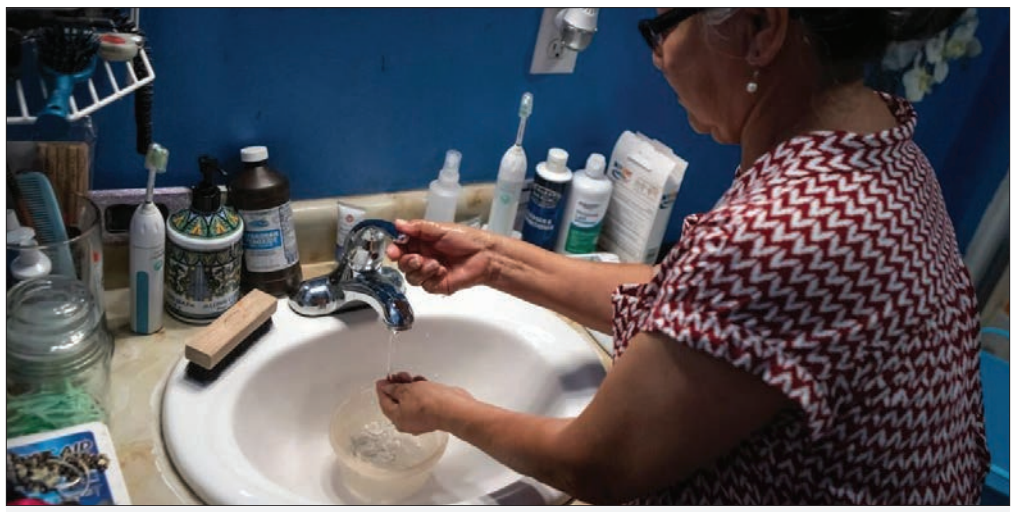


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WATER: Maria Diaz keeps a bowl in the sink to save water while she washes her hands on Aug. 8, 2022.

DAN WALTERS

Hydrologists measure large amounts of water in acre-feet – an acre of water one-foot deep, or 326,000 gallons.

In an average year, 200 million acre-feet of water falls on California as rain or snow. The vast majority of it sinks into the ground or evaporates, but about a third of it finds its way into rivers. Half of that will eventually flow into the Pacific Ocean.

That leaves approximately 35-40 million acre-feet for human use, with three-quarters being applied to fields and orchards to support the state's agricultural output, and the remaining quarter – 9-10 million acre-feet – being used for household, commercial and industrial purposes.

In other words, nearly 39 million Californians wind up using about 5% of the original precipitation to water their lawns, bathe themselves, operate toilets and cook their food.

That number is important because it is such a tiny amount, even though the state's perennial household water conservation programs imply that taking fewer showers or reducing lawn watering will somehow solve the state's water problems.

The ludicrous nature of those propagandistic appeals is quite evident in the state Water Resources Control Board's new plan to force local water agencies into cutting household water use even more, no matter the multibillion-dollar cost, and with penalties if they fail to meet quotas.

The water board says the plan, which was authorized by the Legislature in 2018, would reduce household use by 440,000 acre-feet a year when fully implemented. That would be about 5% of current use, which is only about 5% of average precipitation – scarcely a drop in the bucket.

The plan is drawing some well-reasoned criticism from two independent observers, the Legislative Analyst Office, an arm of the Legislature, and the Public Policy Institute of California, the state's premier think tank.

The LAO, in a report to the Legislature, said the plan "will create challenges for water suppliers in several key ways, in many cases without compelling justifications."

In essence, the LAO said, local water agencies would have to jump through the state's hoops by spending billions of dollars for a tiny reduction in overall water use that could have an adverse impact on low-income families.

The PPIC is similarly skeptical, summarizing the plan as "very high cost for little benefit." PPIC fellows David Mitchell and Ellen Hanak also pointed out its effects on low-income communities and the difficulty it would impose on local governments' programs to plant and maintain trees as a shield against hot summer weather.

California does indeed have a water supply problem, mostly because its political leaders for decades have failed to expand the state's water infrastructure that had been built during the mid-20th century.

Household use is not the problem. It cannot be because it is such a tiny part of the overall water picture and actually has declined, in relative terms, as the state's population reached 40 million, more than twice what it was when the last major water works were constructed.

The major mismatch of demand and supply occurs in the two largest categories of water use, agriculture and the environment. Agricultural water agencies and environmental groups have been jousting for decades in the Legislature, in Congress, in courts and in regulatory agencies such as the water board over how much water farmers can draw and how much should remain in rivers to protect habitat for fish and other wildlife.

That's the issue that must be resolved by reallocating existing supplies, building new storage and/or creating new supplies, such as desalination of seawater. Spending billions of dollars to save a few gallons of household water is just an expensive exercise in virtue-signaling that accomplishes virtually nothing.

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Pet of the Week: Wylie



Martin Hernandez

PET: The Adoptable Pet of the Week is available from the Santa Monica Animal Shelter.

Hi, I'm Wylie! A 10-month-old male tabby! Some call me "Wild Wylie" because interactions of any kind are like a bolt of lightning, igniting my adrenaline, and catapulting me into a high state of uncontrollable excitement, which can go slightly overboard. Charming as this may sound, to align my Chi, I have 5 non-negotiable requirements:

1. Patience! My kittenhood started with a bout of ring worm that has since resolved. During that time, I was confined to a kennel with little opportunity for socialization. I'm eager to learn the ways of impulse control!

2. Enrichment! I must be provided with a wide variety of toys, preferably those that are interactive, activities, and playtime with you at my pace.

3. Flexibility! Those overrated snuggles and lap time, which at this point is not really my thing, will be entirely on my terms.

4. Space! I require room to roam to stimulate my never-ending curiosity, with several cozy spots for extended nap time.

5. Indulgence and admiration! Everything I do is cute. You'll see.

Wylie ID# A064544 is available for adoption at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter, located at 1640 9th Street in Santa Monica. Walk-in adoptions may be accommodated, but appointments are preferred and can be made by calling (310) 458-8595, Tuesday through Saturday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. For a full list of their adoptables, and more information about the shelter and animal control, visit santamonica.gov, then select "Animal Services." To learn about ways to donate, visit the Santa Monica Animal Shelter Foundation at smasf.org.

PET TIP OF THE WEEK: WHISKER FATIGUE

One morning, I heard what I thought were blood curdling screams from my cat Naobi the Tortie! I ran to her only to find her calmly staring at me in front of her food bowl. Now Torties are affectionately known to have "tortitude," which she has, that includes vocalization. But this was limited to meal time, and became a regular thing. The culprit? The deep and narrow food bowl. It was causing her to experience what is known as "whisker fatigue."

Whiskers play a vital role in a cat's ability to function. They are highly sensitive and serve as powerful antennas communicating to their brain to provide essential information about the world around them. It

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 23SMCP00649 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Irina Yuryevna Egorova for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Irina Yuryevna Egorova a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Irina Yuryevna Egorova to Irina Russo 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 02/16/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Glendale CourtHouse 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.

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PET

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enables them to have spatial awareness, navigate in the dark, hunt, balance, detect movement, protect themselves from danger, and even express their thoughts and emotions. The list goes on.

While whiskers shed and grow back naturally, they should never be trimmed as it deprives a cat of vital sensory causing confusion, disorientation, and quite literally, impacting their ability to survive.

When a cat's whiskers become overstimulated, their brain is flooded with messages causing whisker stress. In other words, whisker fatigue.

Whisker fatigue can happen when a cat's whiskers are brushing up against too many things on a regular basis, including food and water bowls.

Symptoms of whisker fatigue can include pawing at food to lick the food from their paws, or dropping it outside of the bowl. Leaving food at the bottom of the bowl, avoiding food and water, acting hungry, splashing water, tipping over water bowls, pacing in front of bowls, and in Naobi's case, vocalization when near the bowl. In more serious cases, whisker fatigue can cause gastrointestinal upset.

The solution to preventing whisker fatigue is quite simple! Provide them with plenty of room to roam, and food and water bowls that are whisker friendly, like wide and shallow bowls that are stainless steel to prevent the growth of bacteria.

Switching to a cat water fountain might pique their interest more than a bowl. Cats are known to perceive running water as fresher than still water, and the bowl is also wide.

If whisker fatigue symptoms persist even after making these adjustments, they may be signs of more serious conditions that require the guidance of a veterinarian.

Since switching food bowls, Naobi eats in silence, licking her bowl dry. And when she doesn't, I know it's likely her being on strike in protest over my choice of food for her... which is a whole other pet tip!

Pet of the Week is provided by Carmen Molinari. A longtime volunteer at the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and founder and CEO of Love At First Sit®, a pet care and dog behavior & training company in Santa Monica. Learn more at loveatfirstsit.net and Instagram.com/loveatfirstsit.

GET IT DAILY...

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FROM PAGE 1

Alvarez was Chief, which is why you'll still find his photograph atop the document's introduction. However, it still remains the department's plan of action, but that's not to say it cannot be changed by a Fire Chief in the future and regardless of whether or not that happens, it is standard procedure for the strategy to be constantly consulted to ensure predetermined objectives are being met. The plan does not require another presentation in front of Council unless there's a "major change."

"It [the strategic plan] gives us the ability to establish that framework and forecast the resources we need in the future serves as an ongoing communications tool for future leaders, stakeholders and personnel. As things change, everybody's on the same page," Knabe explained to Council.

Knabe says that a five year plan is very much standard in the industry. "The reason it's that long is it gives us an opportunity to reach those goals," he told the Daily Press. "It doesn't mean everything will get done, because of course it all depends on the budget."

The 2023-28 strategy, for instance, includes a plan to replace two stations (Fire Stations 3 and 7) but as Knabe explains, they are not currently budgeted for. "If we decide to reestablish our Community Response Unit, which was our homeless liaison and stuff like that, we would need some additional budget for that," he says, adding, "So I guess what you could say is the five year plan is sort of a vision of what we want."

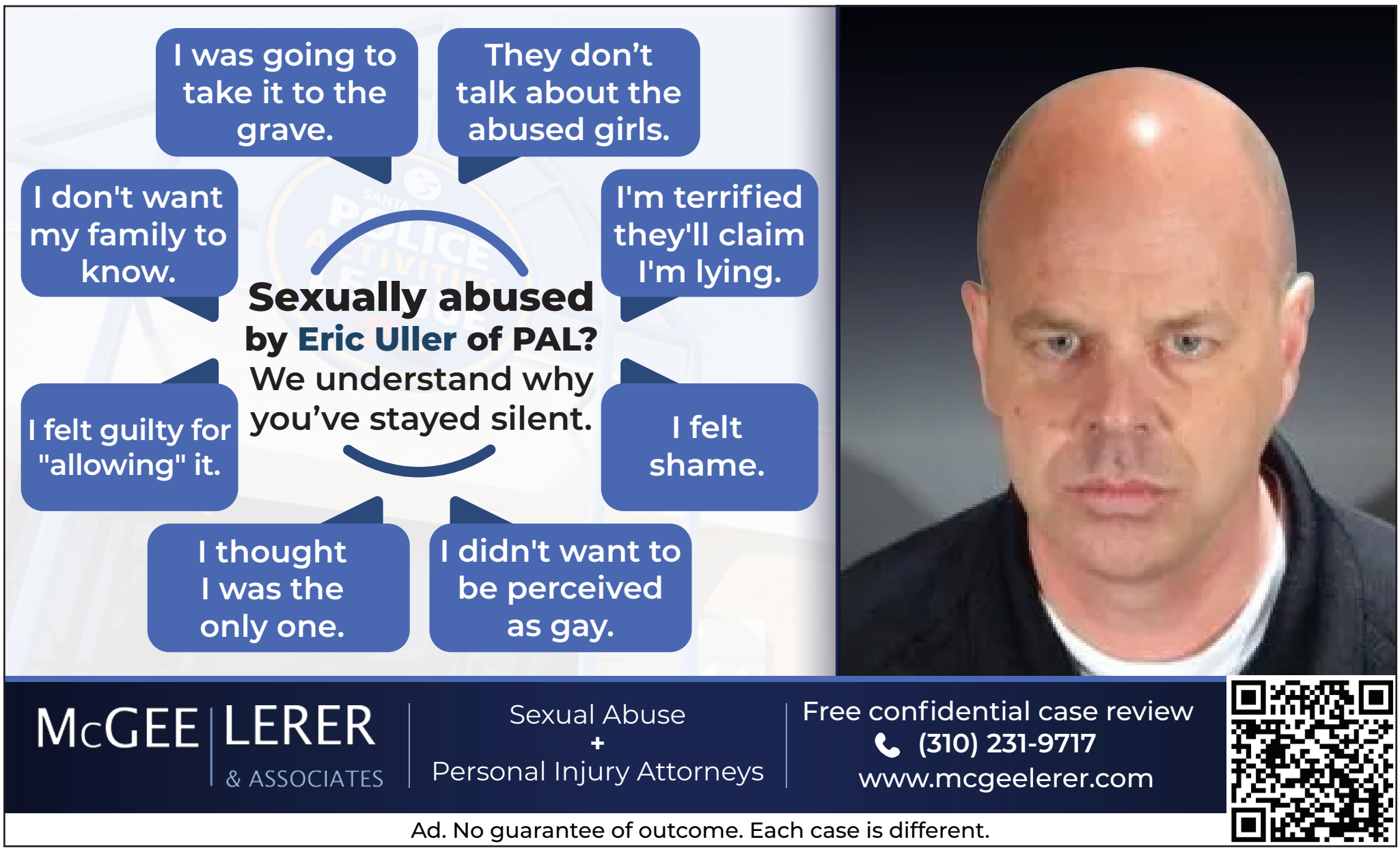
Santa Monica Deputy Fire Chief Tom Clemo said to Council, "We have found that if we write it down, we're successful. It's a rather lengthy document, there's about four key pages starting on page 62, or 63, that lay out those objectives and the issues and items we've been working on for years. Now they have a much more formalized plan and process moving forward. That allows us to manage by objective, which is how we all grew up in the fire service."

In response to this presentation, every councilmember showed their unanimous support. Councilmember Caroline Torosis inquired about the fire facility capital improvement plan. "I love your mission statement," she said, adding, "I did notice ... you have several unmet organizational needs and without delving into a budget discussion, because we know that if we allocate money one place, we take it away from somewhere else, but can you just talk to us a little bit about like your fire facility capital improvement plan, what do you need to complete this new training facility (at 2500 Montana Ave)?"

'If you were there six months ago, compared to where we are today, we've come a long way," Clemo said. "We've cleaned up the site ... we're running a 13 member academy, as we speak for the next 16 weeks. We're in a brand new building and facility. What is left is ... refurbishment of the tower replacement props. We've had estimates that have ranged all over the spectrum, Public Works has helped us with that effort."

Knabe added, "[Another] great additional thing is because of that training center, thanks to the City Manager, HR Finance, for the first time, with these 13 members, we will be a fully staffed Fire Department in probably over 20 years."

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SMMUSD

FROM PAGE 2

plan for Franklin is to shift those classrooms from its current location on the corner of 25th Street and Montana Avenue, to a dedicated space on the southern end of the campus adjacent to Idaho Avenue. Construction of this building would take place in the first phase, with the original TK-K space to be replaced with a new parking lot.

Before giving a show of support to the project, Board members and Upton discussed how they will need to be cautious of enrollment numbers at the school, and how enrollment projections in the coming years could alter plans in future phases. The discussion also pointed to Roosevelt Elementary School enrollment numbers as something to watch as that site goes through its own campus planning.

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Photo Courtesy SMMUSD

CAMPUS PLANS: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) officials and other local stakeholders gathered in a groundbreaking ceremony at Will Rogers Learning Community on December 8, 2023.

Santa Monica Arrests

For the week of Jan 19th to 25th

Crime	Arrests
Assault & Battery	3
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	3
Parole Violation	3
Vandalism	3
Violation of Stay-away Order	3
Warrant	3
Corporal Injury To Spouse	2
Criminal Threat	2
Interference with collection	2
Possession of Burglary Tools	2
Resisting Arrest	2
Robbery	2
Sexual Battery	2
Battery on a Peace Officer	1
Burglary	1
Domestic Battery	1
Drinking in Public Park or Beach	1
Driving Under Combined Influence of Alcohol And Drugs	1
Fugitive	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Obstruction/Loitering on Promenade	1
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Possession of Methamphetamines	1
Probation Violation	1
Prohibition against camping in public places	1
Shoplifting	1
Smoking in Public Park	1
Trespassing	1
TOTAL	**48**



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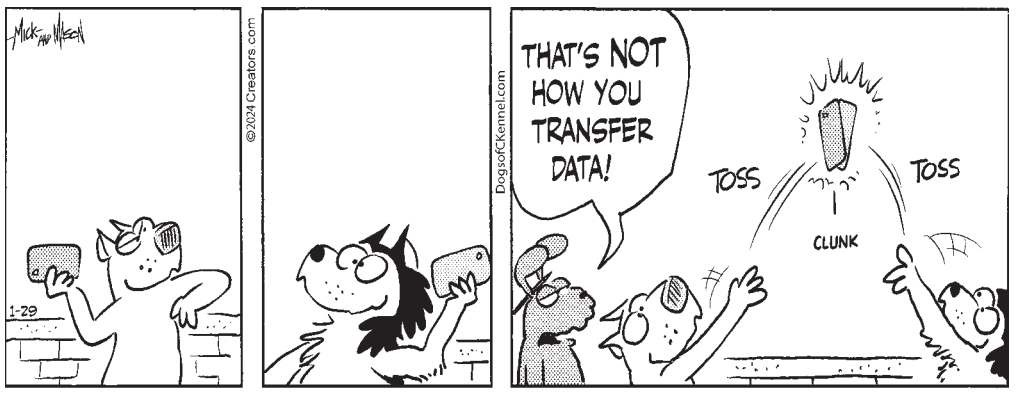
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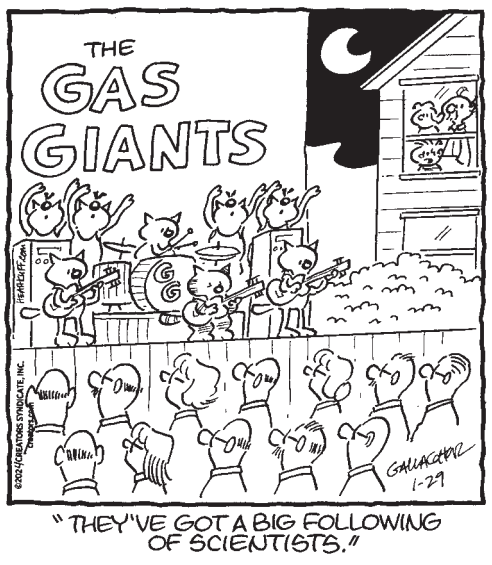
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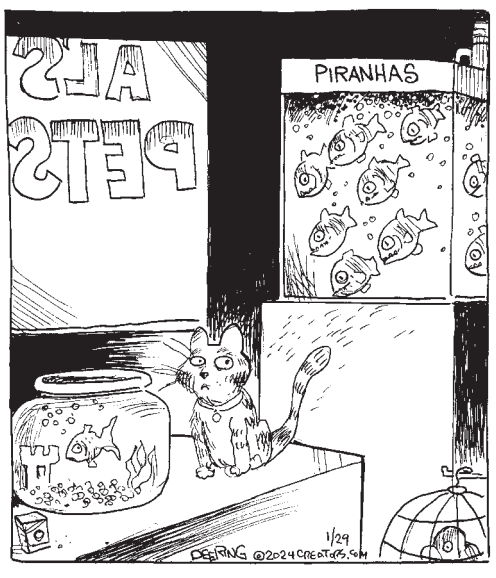
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6104

Play ball!

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 29)

You got it — and you can't hide it. The world needs your expression and won't let you blend in the background. Your enthusiasm makes a difference. Your love heals. Your exceptional work connects and lifts people. More highlights: three short adventures, physical goals achieved, love letters and praise galore. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 2, 20, 12 and 34.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You deserve the encouragement and uplift coming your way. You'll hear specifically about what you're doing that's working and what's not, and you'll appreciate what you learn about your work and talent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A good idea taken to the extreme is a bad idea. A good idea unapplied is innocuous at best, a waste at worst, and generally useless. The success formula is a fair amount of effort invested in a good idea.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Kindness has many different looks. Today, it looks like a challenge or a game. It looks like the truth or like a silly distraction from the truth. Whatever behavior you are observing, you can assume it's rooted in good intention.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The adage suggests, no guts, no glory — but you have all the guts and are not interested in glory in the least. You'll apply your guts to fun, humor, dances of attraction and other endeavors that require risk, without which there is no reward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With a clear head and deliberate action, you'll hit your stride on this productive day. Pick up the pace a few notches, but don't rush. Stay balanced and in control, executing one task at a time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Just as there a few different ways to get to the grocery store, there are numerous routes to love. Whichever you take, it's safe to assume you're on the right road for you at this time. You'll get there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll prove your mental strength, not by lifting heavy thoughts but by dropping them. You'll identify the thoughts that make you unhappy, pick them up, open your hands and let go. What follows is happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It will be lucky to talk about what you know, especially because you will leave plenty of room for the knowledge of others, even the sort that clashes with yours. Colliding ideas lead to new realizations.

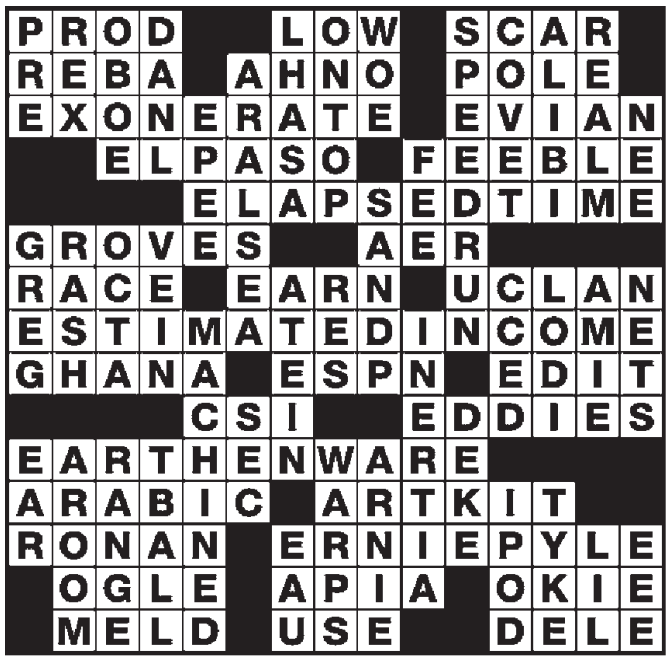
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll encounter someone fascinating. Life feels more vivid when you're intrigued. The connection could take any number of forms and may manifest in the shape of a mentorship, crush, a level of fandom or other.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your project has great significance to others, perhaps fulfilling wishes they can't fulfill on their own, or providing a vicarious thrill. Focusing on the need you meet gives you extra motivation to succeed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Heed your risk-averse mood. It has nothing to do with being afraid and everything to do with being smart. You may not have thought of it yet, but there's a way to get your prize while incurring minimal risk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your inner circle moves with you because you are all connected with invisible bonds. When one moves, the whole circle does. Today, you and yours have a common goal, though you may not realize it. You'll arrive together.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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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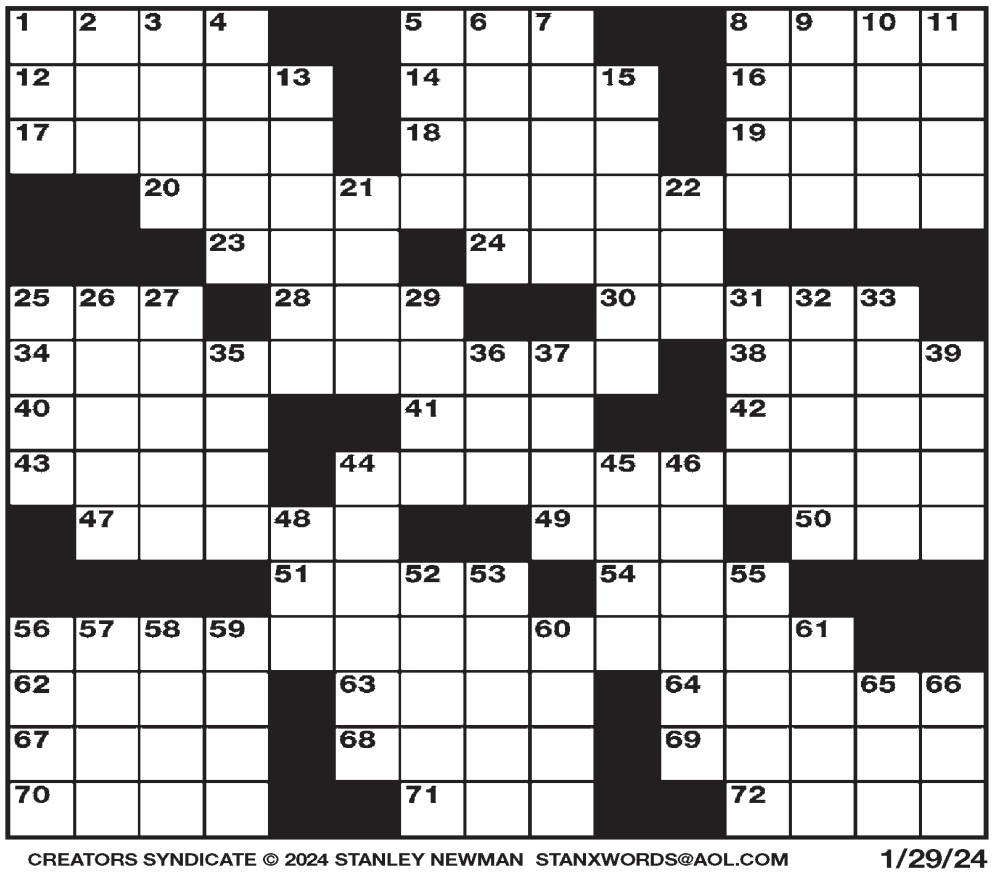
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1 Smartphone downloads
5 Boxing judge, for short
8 Vatican leader
12 New __ (capital of India)
14 Company VIP, for short
16 Swedish furniture chain
17 Hurricane or tornado
18 October's season
19 Historical time spans
20 Where books are borrowed
23 Prefix meaning "earth"
24 Tex-Mex folded tortilla
25 "Now I get it!"
28 Perform a role
30 Heavenly musical instruments
34 Where judges hear cases
38 Woes
40 Not at all polite
41 College transcript number: Abbr.
42 Be unsuccessful
43 Great Lake bordering Ohio
44 Where stamps are sold
47 Powered by the sun
49 Big Aussie bird
50 Moisture on a lawn
51 Favoritism
54 Unruly child
56 Where cops take statements
62 Surprise attack
63 Plant stalk
64 Nary a soul
67 "This is terrible!"
68 Mouse-catching device
69 Lumps of whipped cream
70 Sword fight
71 Authorizes, for short
72 Kid's jacket fastener

DOWN

1 "Classified" listings
2 Canary or collie
3 Raindrop sound
4 "I've no idea" shoulder gesture
5 Mortgage adjustment, briefly
6 Precise
7 Guy, familiarly
8 Boat's docking place
9 Gumbo veggie
10 Bartlett or Bosc fruit
11 Uncomplicated
13 "What a tiring day!"
15 Overused expression
21 The __ Ness monster
22 "Constrictor" snake
25 Farmland measure
26 60-minute periods
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BIG BLUE BUS

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confirming that this matter would be on the agenda for the Tuesday, 23 January City Council meeting. And indeed it was.

However, it was a consent calendar item and thankfully it was pulled by Councilmember Christine Parra allowing the residents of Santa Monica to learn a little more about it. All but three consent calendar items, including this one, passed unanimously 7-0 with no additional discussion.

"Our goal is to get as much coverage throughout the system as possible based on the security incident data that we receive from our operators … Right now we have a lot of incidents on route three for example, based on the data that we get," Liseth Guizar, Transit Safety and Training Manager for Big Blue Bus, explained to Council.

"As of now we're doing different shifts during the weekdays and weekends. So on weekdays we're going to have two shifts, it's going to be nine hour shifts … with four guards per shift and we're going to start them early in the morning when we're having the majority of the incidents," Guizar said.

She went on to explain guards would follow a predetermined path set out each day based on incident reports. During their shift they would more than likely change buses and even routes. During the working week, Monday to Friday, there will be two shifts of eight working hours and each shift will have four guards, providing a total of 16 working hours of coverage. On the weekends, since the service is reduced, one shift of eight working hours with four guards will be deployed.

"That's the funding that we have for now," Guizar said, "And we're hoping that it will make a difference." She added that there will be an accompanying public information campaign, informing the public of the code of conduct and providing information about passenger and driver safety policy.

"We're hoping that it's also going to increase the perception of safety for our passengers, because we also do get, as I'm sure you get complaints from the public about disturbances on the buses, we get those as well. And so we're hoping that this is going to alleviate some of those concerns," she said.

The company awarded this five-year contract is Good Guard Inc. a California-based company that has already worked with the City of Santa Monica patrolling parking structures for about a year or so. According to Guizar, they will not be armed and will wear uniforms that easily identify them.

Councilmembers had a few concerns, most notably the fact that the contract was for five years, the small number of guards compared to the number of buses in operation during peak hours and even potential jurisdictional issues outside of city limits.

"Why are we doing five years instead of maybe two or three years with options to renew, because how can we give other smaller businesses an opportunity?" Vice Mayor Lana Negrete asked. Guizar responded, 'We had initially requested a three year contract with the option to extend it for two years. And we're told that the city is going in the direction of doing five year contracts."

"We follow best practice of going out to market every five years at a minimum," added Oscar Santiago, the City's recently-appointed new Finance Department director. "It eliminates some of that administrative burden of having to modify agreements, but we know that we are probably going to keep it for the entire five years and when we know that we can exercise an option to kind of pull out of the contract."

The security guard rollout will begin soon, on an as-yet unspecified date, "but is targeting a full rollout in the first or second quarter of this year," Robert McCall, Community Engagement Manager, told the Daily Press and the contract is costing a total of $7,407,816 for the full five years.

Interestingly, that contract takes the City right into the 2028 Olympic Games, but no one on Council mentioned that. "Big Blue Bus's five-year contract with Good Guard is inclusive of the 2028 Olympics; however, TSOs will only be deployed on Big Blue Bus vehicles during the Olympics, and will not provide security for any events/activities specific to the Games," McCall said.

During peak weekday hours, a total of 124 buses are on the roads at any one time and on the weekends it's 64.

On more than one occasion discussion dived headfirst into an unrelated rabbit hole, even somehow bringing President Joe Biden into the conversation. Ultimately however, the motion to move ahead was made by Parra, seconded by Negrete and passed unanimously 7-0.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SMMUSD invites sealed proposals for: RFP #24.02 – Chemical Supplies and Dilution Control Dispensers. All proposals must be electronically submitted via Secure Bids at https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/chemicalsupplies on or before: February 15, 2024 2:00 P.M. RFP forms and specifications may be obtained in the link provided within this notice

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP: PREFERRED CATERERS FOR ANNENBERG BEACH HOUSE EVENT SERVICES**
- **Mandatory pre-bid conference February 5, 2024, 9:00am**
  Annenberg Community Beach House
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Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.



MONDAY | JANUARY 29

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This special event includes on-site application processing, interviews, medical testing and fingerprint-based background checking. Candidates can apply for the Motor Coach Operator Trainee position on the spot and potentially leave with a conditional job offer. Come speak with friendly staff to learn more about the Motor Coach Operator position and receive on-site assistance with the online application. No experience necessary. Upon successful completion of the training program, you'll earn $26.67/hour, and full-time bus operators may earn up to $33.34/hour plus benefits. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

POP QUIZ TEAM TRIVIA
Trivia Night! Team up with groups of up to 6 people to compete for gift certificates and prizes. Questions range from pop culture to geography to the natural world... and everything in between. The Daily Pint, 2310 Pico Blvd, 7 - 9 p.m.

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AUTHOR TALK WITH DR. ROBERT LUSTIG
Launch your New Year healthy with Dr. Robert Lustig, a pediatric neuroendocrinologist who has long been on the cutting edge of medicine and science. He challenges our current healthcare paradigm which has gone off the rails under the influence of Big Food, Big Pharma, and Big Government. Virtual. 11 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 31

LA STARTUP AND TECH MIXER
LA Tech is the fastest growing networking group in Los Angeles focusing on tech, startups and entrepreneurship. Professional Networking Events, Panel Discussions. The pandemic was tough on us all but now IRL events are back. Los Angeles represents Southern California startup elite, aspiring entrepreneurs, successful startup founders and venture capital in the LA area. The Santa Monica Whaler, 101 Broadway Santa Monica, 6 - 9 p.m. $12 - $83
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-startup-and-tech-mixer-2024-tickets-775797821167

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 1

LOVE LETTERS TO SANTA MONICA
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Through the month of February and across all branches, teen volunteers ask patrons to write a love letter to their favorite SMPL branch in honor of Library Lover's Month.

COLLABORATIVE ART CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH
10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Kids and teens are invited to help complete portions of artwork celebrating Black History Month on our Main Library Youth area display wall. For youth through 17.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH READING CHALLENGE
10 - 8 p.m. smpl.beanstack.org Learn more about Black history and celebrate Black authors and illustrators through reading. Visit smpl.beanstack.org to register. Log your reading and activities to earn badges and entry into a book-pack drawing. For youth through 17.

TECH & TASKS
2 - 4 p.m. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Volunteer tutors provide help with reading documents or written tasks, using mobile devices, navigating government websites, filling out forms, using email, writing resumes, and more.

HOUSING COMMISSION
6 p.m. The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.aspx?id=53687092551

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 2

WINTER BIRDS OF LEGACY PARK
SMC Malibu presents San Fernando Valley Audubon Society for another great lecture: Winter Birds of Legacy Park. The presentation will highlight identifying some of these likely species, where and when to look for them, and how to use eBird and other online resources for research and documentation. If weather permits, we will take a brief walk to the park to illustrate various habitats and their likely denizens. The intent is not to be an exhaustive examination of the Legacy Park bird life, but rather an overview of birding in relation to the location. Note: Please bring binoculars if you have them. SMC Malibu Campus, 23555 Civic Center Way, Malibu, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/fe1b2202-7cd7-45e9-bf39-4d4d4817d976

HIGH VOLTAGE
$10, The Electric Lodge, 1416 Electric Avenue Los Angeles, 8 - 10 p.m. Featuring Samba Royale is a Samba collective dedicated to honoring the roots of samba while bridging the gap of Afro-Diasporic movements. In this showing of High-Voltage we will take the audience on a tour of Rio de Janeiro through our show entitled "Welcome to Rio".
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