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From bitter rivals to new business partners

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The legal threat to a new city-wide digital advertising system appear to have been amicably resolved, at least among the two companies vying for the contract.

BIG Outdoor and IKE Smart City have announced a partnership to meet the terms of a contract with Santa Monica that will roll out up to 50 digital wayfinding signs and raise up to about $5 million per year for city coffers.

City Hall debated the Digital Wayfinding and Out-of-Home (OOH) Advertising Kiosk Program for several months last year before awarding the contract to BIG Outdoor. The system would deploy up to 50 interactive digital advertising kiosks throughout the city with emergency communication capabilities, community messaging, public Wi-fi, access the City's 3-1-1 system, pedestrians counters, photo booth functions and advertising.



Courtesy image
WAYFINDING: A legal threat to the signs has been resolved.

BIG Outdoor received the contract after promising the city $9 million in the first year due to a combined signing bonus and revenue split. The company is expecting minimum payments to the city to be $5 million per year once the company installs 25 kiosks but gross revenues could be about $14 million annually over the 20 year agreement assuming all 50 kiosks are installed.

Six companies participated in the process with BIG Outdoor and IKE Smart City making the final cut. Both were asked to submit a "best and final" offer with staff recommending BIG due to more community benefits and higher revenue projections.

That decision proved contentious with Councilmembers Caroline Torosis and Phil Brock dissenting at the time saying IKE had a better product regardless of the revenue potential. During the council meeting, IKE levied accusations of wrongdoing at city staff, the council and its competitor claiming BIG's revenue projections were

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Grace Inez Adams
WIND: Windy conditions picked up throughout the area this week and will persist through Thursday. Santa Monica's impacts were limited to a few lost hats and fallen palm fronds.

First Black HIstory Month since City's Black Apology kicks off in Santa Monica

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

This year's Black History Month, which begins Feb. 1, is the first since the City of Santa Monica issued an official apology to African American residents and their descendants for years of discrimination, racial injustice and systematically racist policies last November.

At last week's Jan. 24 City Council Meeting, Santa Monica resident and writer Ralinda Harvey Smith referenced the apology and laid out her hopes for the future when reading out this year's Black

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Lawsuit seeks to densify development in Santa Monica

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's failure to meet state housing requirements continues to generate legal headaches for the city with a pending lawsuit alleging developers should be able to build projects at higher density than currently allowed.

The Santa Monica Housing Council (SMHC) alongside two residents (William T. Dawson and Irma Vargas) have accused city officials of failing to adhere to

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California is lone holdout in Colorado River cuts proposal

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Associated Press

Six Western states that rely on water from the Colorado River have agreed on a model to dramatically cut water use in the basin, months after the federal government called for action and an initial deadline passed.

California — with the largest allocation of water from the river — is the lone holdout. Officials said the state would release its own plan.

The Colorado River and its tributaries pass through seven states and into Mexico, serving 40 million people and a $5 billion-a-year agricultural industry. Some of the largest cities in the country, including Los Angeles, Phoenix, Denver and Las Vegas, two Mexican states, Native American tribes and others depend on the river that's been severely stressed by drought, demand and overuse.

States missed a mid-August deadline to heed the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's call to propose ways to conserve 2 million to 4 million acre feet of water. They regrouped to reach consensus by the end of January to fold into a larger proposal Reclamation has in the works.

Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Wyoming sent a letter Monday to Reclamation, which operates the major dams in the river system, to outline an alternative that builds on existing guidelines, deepens water cuts and factors in water that's lost through evaporation and transportation.

Those states propose raising the levels where water reductions would be triggered at Lake Mead and Lake Powell, which are barometers of the river's health. The model creates more of a protective buffer for both reservoirs — the largest built in the U.S. It also seeks to fix water accounting and ensure that any water the Lower Basin states intentionally stored in Lake Mead is available for future use.

The modeling would result in about 2 million acre-feet of cuts in the Lower Basin, with smaller reductions in the Upper Basin. Mexico and California are factored into the equations, but neither signed on to Monday's letter.

John Entsminger, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, said all states have been negotiating in good faith.

"I don't view not having unanimity at one step in that process to be a failure," he said late Monday. "I think all seven states are still committed to working together."

California released a proposal last October to cut 400,000 acre feet. An acre foot is enough water to supply two to three U.S. households for a year.

JB Hamby, chair of the Colorado River Board of California, said California will submit a model for water reductions in the basin that is practical, based on voluntary action, and aligns with law governing the river and the hierarchy of water rights.

"California remains focused on practical solutions that can be implemented now to protect volumes of water in storage without driving conflict and litigation," he said in a statement Monday.

Nothing will happen immediately with the consensus reached among the six states. However, not reaching a consensus carried the risk of having the federal government

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> - John Entsminger, general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority

alone determine how to eventually impose cuts.

By not signing on, California doesn't avoid that risk.

The debates over how to cut water use by roughly one-third have been contentious. The Upper Basin states of Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah have said the Lower Basin states — Arizona, California and Nevada — must do the heavy lifting. That conversation in the Lower Basin has centered on what's legal and what's fair.

The six states that signed Monday's proposal acknowledged ideas they put forth could be excluded from final plans to operate the river's major dams. Negotiations are ongoing, they noted, adding that what they proposed does not override existing rights states and others have to the Colorado River.

"There's a lot of steps, commitments that need to be made at the federal, state and local levels," said Entsminger of Nevada.

Monday's proposal included accounting for the water lost to evaporation and leaky infrastructure as the river flows through the region's dams and waterways. Federal officials estimate more than 10% of the river's flow evaporates, leaks or spills, yet Arizona, California, Nevada and Mexico have never accounted for that water loss.

The six states argued that Lower Basin states should share those losses — essentially subtracting those amounts from their allocations — once the elevation at Lake Mead sinks below 1,145 feet. The reservoir was well below that Monday.

Reclamation will consider the six states' agreement as part of a larger proposal to

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Ballroom shooting victims planned for night of fun, dancing

JAMIE STENGLE, RIO YAMAT AND DEEPA BHARATH
Associated Press

Those killed by a gunman who opened fire at a Los Angeles-area dance hall are being remembered by friends and family for the zest for life that brought them out that night to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

Eleven people were killed when a gunman opened fire on Jan. 21 at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio, a dance hall in Monterey Park that is popular with older Asian Americans.

"It's always happy, people just come and have fun, they just love dancing," Peter Phung, a singer who has performed there and frequently stopped by to sing karaoke as well, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Following the attack, the gunman went to another nearby ballroom but was disarmed before anyone was shot. He fled — and on Jan. 22 shot and killed himself.

In the days after the shooting, a makeshift memorial with flowers and photos grew in front of the Star Ballroom. And as of Monday, a GoFundMe organized by the Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California was nearing $1 million for the families of the victims.

Here are profiles of the 11 people killed:

LILAN LI

LiLan Li, 63, who had gone to the Star Ballroom to celebrate the Lunar New Year with friends, was "a pillar of strength and optimism," her daughter wrote in a fundraising campaign.

"Stolen is the grandmother whose granddaughter fell asleep many a night nestled in between her loving arms!" daughter Min Yi wrote on the GoFundMe website. "Taken away from us is an opportunity for her grandson to ever feel her love and warmth!"

The post on GoFundMe, organized by her nephew, Hao Hua Tan, said that much of Li's immediate family and close friends live in China, and the family is hoping to raise money to not only help with funeral costs but to also bring them to California for the funeral.

DIANA TOM

Diana Tom, 70, was a "hard-working mother, wife and grandmother who loved to dance," her family said in a statement provided to The Associated Press.

Her family said that she went to the ballroom to celebrate the Lunar New Year by dancing with her friends.

"To those who knew her, she was someone who always went out of her way to give to others," her family said.

Phung, the singer, remembered Tom as "very friendly, outgoing," and said that in addition to her passion for dance, she would also frequently perform karaoke at the venue.

Tom's family said that after she was wounded at the Star Ballroom, she was hospitalized in critical condition. She died on Jan. 22.

XIUJUAN YU

Xiujuan Yu, 57, was a married mother of three who "worked tirelessly" to provide for her family, her niece Kathleen Fong wrote in a fundraising campaign to cover funeral costs.

Yu immigrated about a decade ago from China to the U.S., where she and her family, Fong wrote, "have done their best to make a life for themselves" by "working odd jobs and taking on labor-intensive occupations to make ends meet."

Fong wrote on GoFundMe that Yu and her husband also were financially supporting their twins' college educations at California universities, where they are studying sports medicine and kinesiology.

Now, Fong wrote, her aunt "will never be able to witness what she dreamed of for all these years."

Yu, who celebrated her birthday in December, was at the ballroom on the night of the shooting to celebrate the Lunar New Year with friends, but never returned home.

After "days of uncertainty, anxiety, and waiting in worry," Fong said, Yu was identified as one of the 11 victims.

"Personally, this still doesn't feel real," Yu's niece wrote. "It happened all too quickly."

Fong did not immediately respond to interview requests from The Associated Press.

MING WEI MA

Ming Wei Ma, 72, was the manager of the Star Ballroom and a talented dancer himself. He was described by those who knew him as always smiling, helping out and making people feel welcome.

"He was a genuine, special person who was loved by all," Walter Calderon, a dance instructor who held events there, told The Associated Press.

Calderon said that while Ma didn't speak much English, he conveyed a lot with his facial expressions.

Siu Fong told the AP she would sometimes lead karaoke outings for older people there, where Ma would always say hello to everyone. "He would go into my session, and talk to the singers and greet them."

MYMY NHAN

Mymy Nhan, 65, was a regular at Star Ballroom. She had been the main caretaker for her mother, who recently died, and was looking forward to the dance hall's Lunar New Year celebrations as a way to "start the year fresh," her niece Fonda Quan said.

"It is comforting to know that she enjoyed her last dance, even though it was her last dance," she continued.

Tiffany Liou, a reporter with WFAA television station in Dallas, wrote for the station's website that for Nhan, her husband's aunt, "her family was her passion." Liou said that Nhan had no children but "loved her nieces and nephews like her own."

"She was kind to all strangers. Her warm smile was contagious. She was everyone's biggest cheerleader," Liou wrote.

Nhan, who was of Chinese descent, was raised in Vietnam and immigrated to the U.S. in 1985, Liou wrote.

VALENTINO ALVERO

Valentino Alvero, 68, was remembered as a dedicated family man who loved ballroom dancing and was "the life of any party," his family said in statement.

Alvero was "a loving father, a dedicated son and brother, a grandfather who loved his three granddaughters fiercely, an uncle who loved his nieces and nephews like his own," his family said in a statement.

"He loved people and hearing about their lives and in return, he shared his own stories with so much enthusiasm that you couldn't help but listen and laugh along with him," the family said.

The statement said Alvero, a devout Catholic, loved ballroom dancing.

"We hope that he danced to his heart's content until the very end and hope that he is now dancing in heaven," the family said.

WEN TAU YU

Wen Tau Yu, 64, was retired, but he'd recently returned to school to study to be a pharmacist, his son said.

"He was 64 years old and retired, but he was exploring his second career," Szu Fa Yu told The New York Times. "I really admire him for that."

Wen Tau Yu had immigrated to the U.S. from Taiwan, where he was a manager at an agricultural company, his son said.

On Jan. 21, the family had gathered to celebrate the Lunar New Year before his father went out to celebrate with friends. When his father's friends said he'd never made it to lunch the next day, the family reported to police that he was missing.

Szu Fa Yu said that if his father was a dancer, he didn't know about it.

YU LUN KAO

Yu Lun Kao, 72, was a longtime member of the dance community in Monterey Park, and he was known to practice for hours.

"All day long, that's how much he loved dancing," Alex Satrin, an instructor who teaches at Star Ballroom, told The New York Times.

Satrin said that Kao, who also went by Andy, had participated in his group classes and also frequently practiced on his own.

Kao's brother, Alan Kao, told the newspaper that his brother worked in the construction business after coming to California from Taiwan two decades ago.

MUOI DAI UNG

Muoi Dai Ung, 67, who came to the U.S. from Vietnam over a decade ago to be with family members who fled the country in the 1970s and 1980s, was an extrovert who loved to dance, her family said.

Her niece, Juily Phun, told the Washington Post that her aunt came to the U.S. in hopes of building a life here "different from the sorrows she had experienced."

On Jan. 21, Ung, who worked multiple jobs, including as a seamstress, had gone to the Star Ballroom to celebrate the Lunar New Year with her best friend.

A statement from Ung's family described her as "complicated, messy, easy to love and sometimes hard to understand from the outside."

This month, Ung's daughter was visiting her from overseas. "She came to see her mother, and now she has to bury her," Phun said.

NANCY LIU

Hongying Jian, 62, who was known as Nancy Liu, and her husband Jeff were regulars at the Star Ballroom, their daughter said.

"They know everyone," Juno Blees told The New York Times.

The couple emigrated from China more than 25 years ago and did everything together, Blees said. They liked to socialize at the dance hall because the clientele were about their age, and many were also Asian immigrants.

A neighbor, Serena Liu, described Nancy Liu as "a very nice, cute, kind person" who liked to sing, play piano and go out dancing.

"She used to say she can make friends with anyone if she wants," Liu told the Los Angeles Times.

On the night of Jan. 21, Jeff Liu was near the entrance when he witnessed the gunman storm in and open fire. He saw his wife collapse, Blees said.

They got separated and he never saw her again.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 22ENT-0315 (Appeal of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification Denial)
638 11th Street
APPLICANT: Kibo Group, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: Achilles Trust

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification (22ENT-0135) to allow a new 7-foot high brick and stucco wall with 7-foot, 6-inch high pilasters facing 11th Street and 6-foot high wood fences along the side parcel lines within the required front yard setback. The request also includes 7-foot high hedges along the front parcel line in front of and behind the proposed 7-foot high brick and stucco wall and behind the proposed 6-foot high wood fences. The proposed walls, fencing, and hedges exceed the maximum allowable height of 42 inches in the front setback in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.21.050 and 9.04.050(D), fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.050(D), in the cases of fences, walls, or hedges that are parallel to and within 5 feet of a public sidewalk, grade shall be the elevation of the closest point on the sidewalk. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. Participants may join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/kqztawbg or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 1735809 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received later than 5:30 P.M. the day before the meeting will be read aloud at the meeting (with time limitations) and must be received prior to the Zoning Administrator's consideration of the item. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-888-240-2560 (Meeting ID: 290261066 and Passcode: 1217 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: David Eng, Associate Planner
Re: 22ENT-0315

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact David Eng by e-mail at david.eng@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. 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. 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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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Chief: Fatal Shooting at LA Home was 'Targeted Assault'

A weekend shooting in which three women were killed at a short-term rental home in an upscale Los Angeles neighborhood was a targeted attack, the city's police chief said Tuesday as investigators continued to search for suspects.

Four other people were wounded, two critically, when gunfire erupted around 2:30 a.m. Saturday at the property in the Beverly Crest area, the Los Angeles Police Department said.

Chief Michel Moore said detectives believe the shooting was "not in pursuit of a robbery, or some random act, but instead a targeted assault and ... a vicious expression of violence and a terrible loss of life."

The Los Angeles County coroner's office on Sunday identified those killed as Iyana Hutton, 33, of Chicago; Nenah Davis, 29, of Bolingbrook, Illinois; and Destiny Sims, 26, of Buckeye, Arizona.

Police officials said the three victims were inside a vehicle when they were fatally shot.

Moore said Davis was a single mother with three young children — an 8-year-old girl, a 7-year-old boy and a 1-year-old girl. He said Sims also had three young children under the age of six. And Hutton was an aspiring actress, rap artist and music promoter, the chief said.

Investigators were trying to determine if there was a party at the rental home or what type of gathering was occurring, officials said.

The ages and genders of the wounded victims were not released and their conditions were not known Tuesday.

The chief said the shooting "shattered a sense of calm and peace in that neighborhood," where large and expensive houses are nestled in the Santa Monica Mountains. The home, estimated at $3 million, is on a cul-de-sac and described in online real estate platforms as modern and private with a pool and outdoor shower.

The shooting followed a Jan. 21 massacre at a dance hall in a Los Angeles suburb that left 11 dead and nine wounded, and shootings at two Half Moon Bay farms on Jan. 23 that left seven dead and one wounded.

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LOS ANGELES

Ex-UCLA Lecturer Accused of Threats Ruled Mentally Unfit

A former lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles accused of threatening students and staff was found mentally unfit to stand trial last week by a federal judge in Denver.

U.S. District Court Judge Raymond P. Moore wrote in a Jan. 27 court filing that lawyers for Matthew Harris filed a motion last October "for determination of defendant's competency to stand trial," the Los Angeles Times reported.

An exam by a forensic psychiatrist found Harris is "presently suffering from a mental disease or defect rendering him incompetent to proceed" with his defense, the judge wrote.

Harris had pleaded not guilty last February to allegations that he sent emails and posted videos threatening violence against UCLA. He is accused of sending emails with an 800-page document and links to videos to people at the university.

UCLA canceled classroom instruction on Feb. 1, 2022 as a precaution and Harris was arrested in Boulder, Colorado, where he had been living.

Harris' mother told authorities he was diagnosed with schizophrenia and she had him involuntarily committed to a psychiatric institution after he allegedly threatened her, according to court documents.

Harris had lectured in UCLA's philosophy department until being put on "investigatory leave" in March 2021 after allegedly sending pornographic and violent content to his students.

Harris previously studied at Duke and Cornell universities. A trail of red flags about his behavior toward women followed him throughout his academic journey to UCLA. In online class reviews, interviews and emails obtained last year by The Associated Press, current and former students at all three universities alleged negligence by the schools for letting Harris slide, despite his concerning conduct.

Harris will be hospitalized and treated for mental illness to allow experts to determine whether his mental condition might improve enough for him to stand trial in the future, the Times reported.

The judge ordered a written report on Harris' mental condition by May 27

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WATER

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revise how it operates Glen Canyon and Hoover Dams — behemoth power producers on the Colorado River. The reservoirs behind the dams — Lake Powell and Lake Mead — have reached historic lows amid a more than two-decade-long drought and climate change.

Reclamation plans to put out a draft of that proposal by early March, with a goal of finalizing it by mid-August when the agency typically announces the amount of water available for the following year. Reclamation has said it will do what's needed to ensure the dams can continue producing hydropower and deliver water.

Those annual August announcements have led to mandatory cuts for the past two years for Arizona, Nevada and Mexico in the river's Lower Basin. California has so far been spared from cuts because it has some of the oldest and most secure water rights, particularly in the Imperial Valley where much of the country's winter vegetables are grown, along with the Yuma, Arizona, region.

Without California's participation, the six states' proposal can only go so far to meet the hydrological realities of the river. Water managers in the Lower Basin say the scale of conservation Reclamation is seeking cannot be met without California, tribes and farmers who draw directly from the Colorado River.

Also unclear is how much Mexico eventually will contribute to the savings. In the best water years, Mexico receives its full allocation of 1.5 million acre feet under a treaty reached with the U.S. in 1944.

Naishadham reported from Washington, D.C. Associated Press writer Kathleen Ronayne in Sacramento, California, contributed to this report.

GUEST COMMENTARY

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U.S. Senate race starts games of musical chairs



Graeme Sloan/Sipa USA via REUTERS

SENATE: Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-California, gives remarks at the U.S. Capitol, in Washington, D.C.

BY DAN WALTERS

REMEMBER THE GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS?

A group of chairs is assembled and the players – one more than the number of chairs – march around them as music plays. When the music stops, the players scramble to sit in the chairs and the player who can't find one is out of the game. One chair is removed and the game continues until there's just one chair and one winner.

It's an amusing game when played by children. It can be downright violent, essentially a brawl, when adults play, particularly after they've been drinking.

A multi-level political version of the game is emerging in California as at least three members of the state's congressional delegation launch 2024 campaigns for Dianne Feinstein's seat in the U.S. Senate, on the probably accurate assumption that she will retire after occupying it for three decades.

Two Democrats from Southern California, Orange County's Katie Porter and Adam Schiff of Los Angeles, have announced and Oakland's Barbara Lee hasn't made it official yet but has told supporters she's planning to run.

Other ambitious politicians could join the field once the 89-year-old Feinstein announces, as expected, that she'll retire. Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, Attorney General Rob Bonta and Health and Welfare Secretary Xavier Becerra are among the less likely possibilities, as is Gov. Gavin Newsom.

However, Kounalakis, Bonta and Becerra are also potential candidates for the governorship in 2024, when Newsom will be forced out by term limits – assuming he hasn't already segued into some other office by then.

The dynamics of a three-way Democratic duel for the Senate are complex, involving ideology, gender, geography, congressional records, age and, of course, money. It takes millions of dollars, and perhaps tens of millions, for a credible senatorial campaign in California and at the moment it's uncertain which of the three is the presumptive frontrunner.

At the very least, having three congressional members running for the Senate means the outcome will be a career-ender for at least two of them.

Meanwhile, the prospect of having three open congressional seats touches off scrambles of their own, particularly among state legislators. Democrats will retain Schiff's and Lee's districts, but Porter barely won re-election in her Orange County district last year, so Republicans have a rare opportunity to pad their thin congressional ranks.

Porter has endorsed Democratic state Sen. Dave Min to succeed her in Congress but two other Democrats have also announced: Dom Jones, a contestant on the Amazing Race reality TV show, and former Congressman Harley Rouda. Scott Baugh a former Republican legislator who very nearly defeated Porter last year, will take another shot at the seat in a district that is rated a toss-up due to its voter registration (D-35.6%, R-33.9%) and past voting record.

Schiff's announcement also generated a wavelet of would-be successors, including Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, termed-out state Sen. Anthony Portantino, former Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, Los Angeles school board member Nick Melvoin and actor Ben Savage.

The third tier of political musical games involves those who would succeed the state legislators who will be running for Congress next year.

When state Sen. Dave Min declared for Congress, it was a relief for another Democratic senator, Josh Newman, because redistricting after the 2020 census had put both of them into one new Senate district. They may not be facing each other next year but Newman won't have an uncontested re-election run because former Republican Assemblyman Steve Choi, who lost his seat in 2022 due redistricting changes, says he will seek the Senate seat.

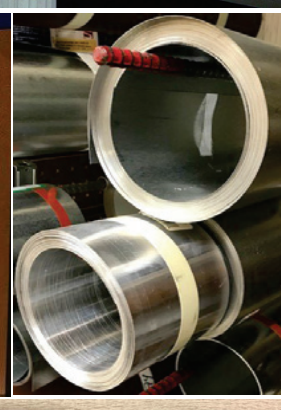
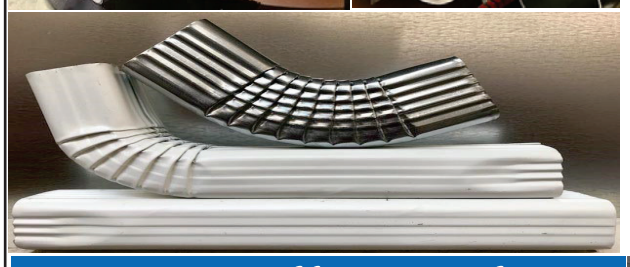
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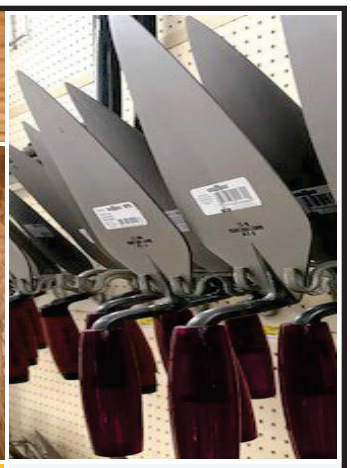





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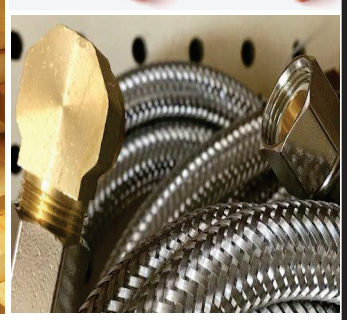

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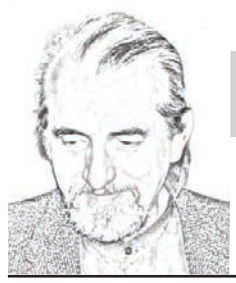
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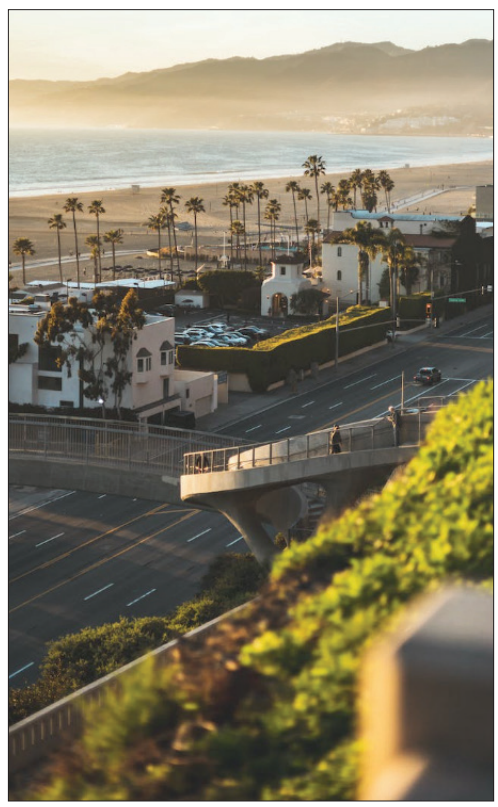


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Don't need a volcano to be special



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SANTA MONICA

I DIDN'T THINK I COULD DO IT

For the last two weeks I have not watched a news broadcast, tuned into a news channel, read or even glanced at a newspaper (print or online), read an email about goings-on in Santa Monica, gone to any SM-oriented social media pages or websites. I don't think I've received my emails regarding alarming things going on or about to hit Santa Monica, but I'm not sure because I've been pretty successful at ignoring most emails, only occasionally flipping through the massive accumulation to see if any subject lines were alarming enough to make me read the whole thing. Happy to report, no news there is good news too.

This was a radical move for me, even for only two weeks, as a lifelong news junkie and a passionate cheerleader for 37 years of my longtime adopted hometown. I wanted to get away from it all, "Builders' 'Remedy'," Russian savaging of Ukraine, GOP savaging of the foundations of America, glaciers melting into a rising sea. I had invitations to visit friends in Hawai'i, so now was the time.

What have I missed? Any murders in Santa Monica in the last two weeks? Probably. Half of City Council aiding and abetting the continued overdevelopment destruction of a once-great city? I'm going to blindly bet yes on that one too. And yes, thousands who love this city working together on what they do agree on to make things better.

BUT MY CHOICE TO IGNORE THE OUTSIDE WORLD

Particularly my home city, became only the backdrop to what I have seen and learned here on the island of Hawai'i.

Besides the well-known tropical beauty of the island state, did you know it is the most far-flung, isolated place on earth? Nothing on the planet is farther from everything else than Hawai'i. You might expect that gives the population a different perspective and attitude than in the other 49.

I've visited Hawai'i (the state) before. Hawai'i (the island) 19 years ago, Kuau'i (twice) and Oahu. Each visit was memorable. But this one was different.

We had two couples to visit, who as it turned out, live just a few minutes down the road from each other, on the Kailua-Kona side of the big island. It had been 19 years since we last landed at Barry and Cindy's shangri-la up the side of a volcano (there are three main ones on Hawai'i, and nearly every residence is up the side of a volcano). Their home is even more gorgeous and comfortable, with three new dogs. They are definitely a loving family of five.

OUR OTHER HOSTS

Were a high school classmate of mine, Trish, and her husband Russ. Our agenda for both visits was to just chill (with a view like that, and fruit right off the trees?). Barry and Cindy and I have stayed in touch over 40-some years but there was a lot to catch up on.

Trish and I had seen each other only briefly since the mid-'60s, at some class reunions and more recently on class Zooms, so we wanted to get to know each other (even though we grew up within five blocks of each other), and our spouses. We did that, but Russ is a 40-plus year resident of Hawai'i and knows a lot and we were fortunate to have him share that with us. We took a couple of long trips, one around the entire island, stopping overnight near the active Kilauea volcano and yes, we did see lava jumping up that night. Score!

But here's what I took away, from what I saw, on all those trips over the years.

Oahu is home to big Honolulu, but still has a down home side as you get away from the city. Still, Honolulu rules. Kauai, the Garden Isle, is gorgeous but unfortunately overrun with tourists, traffic and huge resorts. With a population of 73,000 it is closest to Santa Monica, but hardly a role model for smart development. Still, I love so many parts of it and would go back any time.

HAWAI'I

Is the name of both the largest island – locals don't like to call it the Big Island, so I don't, but it can get confusing – it's also the name of the entire state. The island has a population of 200,000, about

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Self-driving semis focus of California rules, legislation

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Associated Press

As California regulators explore new rules to put self-driving semitrucks on the road, labor unions are rushing to the state Legislature to ask for a new law they say will protect their jobs — the start of a debate that could shape the future of the nation's nearly $900 billion trucking industry.

California already has rules governing self-driving cars and delivery trucks that weigh less than 10,001 pounds. Now, the California Department of Motor Vehicles is gathering information for potential new rules that would let self-driving semitrucks on the road that can weigh up to 80,000 pounds.

The rulemaking process takes a long time, and is mostly crafted by officials in Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration. Labor unions aren't waiting around for that to happen. Instead, they've asked the state Legislature — where they have considerably more influence given their prolific campaign contributions — to intervene.

On Monday, more than 100 of members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters joined Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, a Democrat from Winters, as she announced new legislation to require all self-driving semitrucks have a human driver present to oversee them.

Labor leaders focused much of their messaging Monday on public safety — an argument seemingly tailored to appeal to the driving public.

Mike Fry, a San Francisco-based truck driver with 27 years of experience, told a frightening story about a passenger car losing control and getting wedged beneath his trailer. Fry said he knew not to slam on the brakes, so he slowly made his way to the side of the road and drove next to some bushes that dislodged the car, which he said "popped the car out like a Pop-Tart."

"You cannot program instinct into a computer," Fry told the crowd. "There is no way they can think like that."

But beyond safety issues, labor unions see the technology as a threat to their jobs. Speakers at the rally attacked what they view as corporate greed, name dropping Elon Musk, the billionaire head of electric vehicle company Tesla. The company has promised to deliver semitrucks that would be able to follow each other autonomously in a convoy.

Lindsay Dougherty, vice president of the western region of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, said California has 500,000 commercial truck drivers on the road, giving it outsized importance in terms of shaping national transportation policy.

"So goes California, so goes the rest of the nation," she said. "If we lose this, we're never getting them back."

Multiple companies are testing self-driving technology for semitrucks, and many have eyed California as a place to eventually deploy the technology given its busy ports that require lots of trucks to transport goods to warehouses.

The Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association, an industry trade group that supports self-driving technology, has argued autonomous trucks would make for safer roadways, asserting computers make fewer mistakes than humans. Asked about Aguiar-Curry's bill, the group pointed to a statement from Executive Director Jeff Farrah issued last week in response to a public hearing on potential new state regulations.

"It's important to remember that it will take time for AV trucks' full potential to be reached in the Golden State, with deployment taking place gradually over the years to fill in current and future labor shortages," Farrah said. "Therefore, it is imperative the California DMV begin a rulemaking for development of AV trucks so consumers and businesses can realize these opportunities while also preparing the workforce of tomorrow for this shift."

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> - Jeff Farrah Executive Director

Aguiar-Curry said she isn't opposed to fully self-driving semitrucks, but said she believes the technology isn't ready.

"There may be a time, 30 or 40 years from now — and I won't be around to see it — where hopefully that they might be able to do that," she said. "This isn't the time to do it. It's all about timing."

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CRIME WATCH

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ON JANUARY 22 AT 12:25 P.M.

SMPD officers responded to the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue for an altercation between a vendor and a customer. Per the vendor, the subject later identified as Gregory Creedon, approached him and ordered fruit. Creedon expressed that he did not have money to pay for the items ordered. Although unpaid, the vendor provided Creedon with free fruit. Creedon then proceeded to take the victim's cell phone and walk away into Palisades Park. The vendor followed and was able to retrieve his cell phone. Creedon, 52 years old, was arrested for petty theft and possessing drug paraphernalia.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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History Month Proclamation.

"Our observance of this Black History Month, in February 2023, will serve as year one since the Santa Monica Black Apology has sent us on a renewed path to a more just and equitable society," she said.

While the proclamation called the apology a 'historic statement' with the hope that it will "create a communal understanding of the debilitating effects of systemic racism and locally created discriminatory policies have had on generations of black residents and their families," Harvey Smith emphasized the need for it to be followed-up with concrete action and change.

"It should also reinforce the idea that it will require sustained attention, unwavering momentum and relentless accountability to achieve reform and restoration," she said.

Each year, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History establishes a primary theme for Black History Month. This year's theme is Black Resistance, which Harvey Smith said is fitting in the wake of the apology which was brought about by the efforts of local community activists.

"It was their Black Resistance that elevated the conversation, helping to serve as a catalyst for the historic statement of apology to Santa Monica's African American residents and their descendents," she said.

The theme of Black Resistance has also shaped this year's Black History Month programming, organized by the City's Black History Month Committee (BHMC).

"Black Resistance can show up in different forms, whether it's self-love, self-care, activism or learning," said BHMC founder and Equity and Communication's Coordinator for the City Delana G. Gbenekama. "Our kickoff event on February 1 is meant to elicit joy; the author reading and discussion on February 23 is meant to spark discussion and learning; and our poetry displays at City Hall throughout the month of February are meant to ignite deep thought, dialogue and hopefully action to bring about positive changes in people's lives."

The Feb 1. Kickoff event includes a food truck brunch event at the City Yards from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m followed by a similar lunch event at City Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will also include music and dancing.

For additional information and a list of Black History Month events, exhibits and more visit: https://www.santamonica.gov/blog/black-history-month-2023

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EVENTS: Santa Monica has recognized Black History Month in past years and will host similar events in the coming weeks.

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double Santa Monica. But at just over 4,000 square miles it is, of course, not comparable in that way. There are two main small cities on the island: Hilo at around 46,000, and Kailua-Kona at about 20,000.

Obviously there are many differences, but we're not talking Hong Kong here either. Hawai'i, as different from those other two islands I've visited, has a small town feel. Old wooden buildings, in the traditional style, colorfully painted, kept up and still in use. Revered neighborhood stops everyone flocks to – the decadent malasadas (Portuguese doughnuts), the lady who sells Kona coffee out of the trunk of her car at half the price of Costco, scattered roadside trucks that sell both, the gelato stand, the unforgettable chicken and burger emporiums, all with long, long lines, and many small businesses of all kinds, around for decades.

We drive by a waterfront excavation and Russ remarked, "Oh, it looks like the state won on that one." He explained that locals fought such developments often on the grounds that the sites were sacred to the native people, but that sometimes the desires and means of the very wealthy and powerful to have their condo in that particular spot, prevailed. But the coastline is not covered with a string of those homes, blocking ocean views. When I first moved to Santa Monica in 1986 you could cruise south on Ocean Avenue from Wilshire and see ocean all the way.

Trish told me that they were just now moving ahead with a small development of 64 affordable homes, and that a percentage of them would be for the homeless. Did they have to grant the developer 650 market rate units to get those, I asked. "Oh no," she replied, "they are being subsidized."

We tend to think the way things are done here is the way it has to be. But if you get out and look around you will see that there are alternative ways that other communities are developing without sacrificing their community character. Santa Monica, like Hawai'i, is a special place unlike any other in the world. Hawai'i the island does not seem to want a Honolulu. People from all over LA, and the world, have always come to Santa Monica because it is different and special. We who live here now are caretakers, and we must take that historic responsibility seriously.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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KIOSK

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unrealistic, that BIG lacked the technology to implement the system and that its proposal was unfairly minimized.

Council and BIG Outdoor strongly pushed back against those accusations with the City Attorney saying the allegations might amount to defamation.

By the end of the meeting, IKE threatened to mount a challenge to the contract at the ballot box. That threat came to fruition in early 2023 when IKE began gathering signatures for a proposed ballot measure that would have either forced the City to rescind the contract or put it before voters.

However, IKE pulled its operatives from the field after about a week and the two companies recently announced a new partnership.

"BIG Outdoor is excited to announce the deployment of a digital wayfinding kiosk network in partnership with the City of Santa Monica," said the company in a statement. "BIG Outdoor has been awarded a 20 year franchise agreement and will develop and operate the kiosk program, utilizing software powered by IKE Smart City."

With the partnership, IKE has dropped efforts to challenge the contract.

"BIG Outdoor could not be more excited about this new partnership with the City of Santa Monica. Santa Monica is a city that boasts an innovative spirit that we hope to match through this program. The wayfinding kiosk program will serve as a valuable resource for residents, local businesses, as well as visitors, and generate meaningful revenues each year for the City employing IKE Smart City's user-friendly software experience," said Brad Berkley, Founder of BIG Outdoor.

If the process continues without additional disruption, BIG would retain a local architect to design the exterior of Santa Monica's advertising kiosks to ensure they are fully customized for the community and aesthetically suitable for the areas in which they would be installed.

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LAWSUIT

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state mandated housing laws in the recently adopted housing element. The lawsuit alleges the City's housing element fails to provide enough sites for future development and doesn't do enough to account for high density projects. The plaintiffs are asking the court to mandate increases in height and density limits for new projects.

The lawsuit originally contained arguments regarding the city's failure to adopt the housing element on time and while Council initially failed to adopt the element by required deadlines (leading to the city losing control over about 4,500 new units), it did adopt the required document late last year.

Housing elements are adopted in eight-year cycles. Cities within what's known as the Southern California Association of Governments are in the early stages of the sixth cycle of the housing element process (from 2021 to 2029) and the requirements of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) have been significantly higher than previous cycles due to California's chronic shortage of housing. For the sixth cycle, the City of Santa Monica's RHNA allocation is 8,895 units compared to the City's prior, fifth cycle (from 2013 to 2021) allocation of 1,674 units.

While adoption voided parts of the current lawsuit, the plaintiffs contend their allegations over density bonuses remains valid and should be adjudicated by the court.

The lawsuit contends developers should be eligible for up to a 50% increase in density on top of any increases the city provides beyond its established zoning codes because state law guarantees developers a set of density bonuses above and beyond any bonuses or formulas applied at the local level.

Santa Monica has a tiered system for new development with differing density bonuses available depending on the size of the project and the amount of below-market rate housing included. According to the plaintiff, the City is claiming its tier system incorporates those state bonuses. But the plaintiff's contention is it cannot incorporate those state bonuses and that by definition, the state bonuses are always additive to anything that a local municipality has created.

Kenneth Kutcher, attorney for the SMHC said, "I would say it's black and white, because one of the programs in their housing element says they will bring their own local density bonus ordinance into compliance with state law. That makes it crystal clear that they agree it's not in compliance with state law. It may be a matter of degree, there may be arguments about what they need to do. I'm sure there are. The two of us don't see eye to eye on, but they've been clear that they were out of compliance."

A statement from Santa Monica City Council said, "This lawsuit originally challenged both the adequacy of the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element (2021-2029) and its failure to comply with state density bonus law. The Plaintiff dismissed their claims regarding the 6th Cycle Housing Element as moot, after the Department of Housing and Community Development certified the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element. The City anticipates that the remaining claim will also be mooted due to the City's on-going implementation of the 6th Cycle Housing Element."

A trial date is currently scheduled for June 30, 2023.

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BALLROOM SHOOTING

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Jeff Liu's shoulder was grazed by two bullets. He was discharged from the hospital on Jan. 22.

CHIA LING YAU

Chia Ling Yau, 76, had a passion for music, dance and travel, his family said in a statement, the Washington Post reported.

Yau's family said he was a caring father, uncle, brother and friend who was a happy, fun-loving person. His family said that he was the kind of friend who was generous with his time, and to his children "he was generous with words of love and affirmation."

Stengle contributed to this report from Dallas and Yamat contributed from Las Vegas. Also contributing to this report were reporters Terry Tang and Amy Taxin in Monterey Park, Calif.; reporter Christopher Weber in Los Angeles; and researchers Jennifer Farrar and Rhonda Shafner in New York.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 1)

It's wonderfully validating to get the hard evidence that your instincts are right — a victorious sensation you'll enjoy in a dozen profound moments. A fascination will grow into a quest. You'll be accompanied by friends and colleagues who make work fun and competitive. People find it easy to commit to you. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 33, 3, 16 and 5.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Things like dripping water and piles of mail are not so dangerous to ignore for a time but disastrous to let go for too long. You'll take care of small nuisances so you have plenty of attention to take on the big things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're more acutely aware that when you commit to one thing it takes away the option of doing other things. It's easier to see this with commitments that don't seem fun. Today brings an opportunity worth sacrificing for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Attractions are complex and often involve reasons and aspects unknown. People like what they like. It might evolve, but it probably won't change just because other people want it to. You've a high tolerance for differences of taste.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Maybe you would rather be known for something other than what people tend to notice about you. Let this be a signal to do more of what you enjoy and let your unique talents be known.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not a day to hope for the best, nor should you worry about what you should be doing. Instead, it's a day to give what it takes to get a thing done or decide not to do it at all. Whichever way you go, feel fantastic about it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If love was money, today would be a payload. It turns out that being rich in love means you are rich in the way that really matters, so you are immeasurably wealthy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Sometimes people don't see excellent opportunity because it doesn't match what they had in mind. Be on the lookout because luck will come in odd packaging. It may stand out in a strange way or blend into the scenery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You wondered what your life would be like and now you're in it. Rate this last experience and decide what's next. It's also a good day to plan for the maintenance and excellent keeping of what you have.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're understanding, empathetic and present with people. It will be easy to treat everyone the same because you're just being who you are. Those you know well and those you hardly know will get the benefit of your kindness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The communication between you and someone important to you is both stated and implied, obvious and subtle. You get the broad strokes, but the nuanced details might take a while to soak in. Take your time responding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be successful because you handle problems before they are urgent. You pride yourself on being organized, knowing your values and taking care of business. This means being proactive wherever possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). For many hours at a time, your mind will be a sharp, focused laser, illuminating precisely what you need to know. You'll make good on a potential you saw in a situation when others couldn't.

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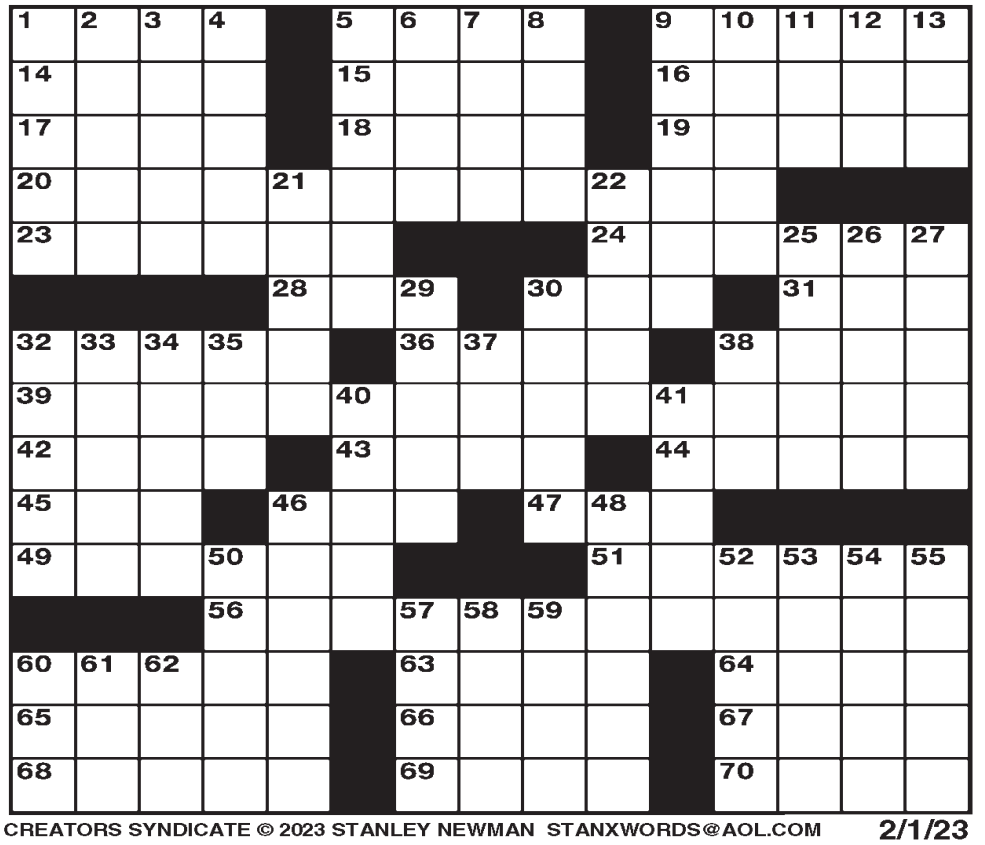
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28 Water faucet
30 Cry of discovery
31 Wallace who wrote *Ben-Hur*
32 Knighted actor Michael
36 Approximately
38 What to call a king
39 Celebrated African-American culture at year-end
42 Foolish person
43 Muslim prayer leader
44 Flower or shrub
45 Wide urban st.
46 Billboard postings
47 Yale student
49 __ *Street* (Big Bird's show)
51 Of stars in the sky
56 "Laughing" doglike African beast
60 Gradually lessen
63 German auto
64 They support tabletops
65 Hay-bundling machine
66 *Bus Stop* playwright
67 Days before holidays
68 Unblinking look
69 Installs, as carpeting
70 Move, in real estate lingo

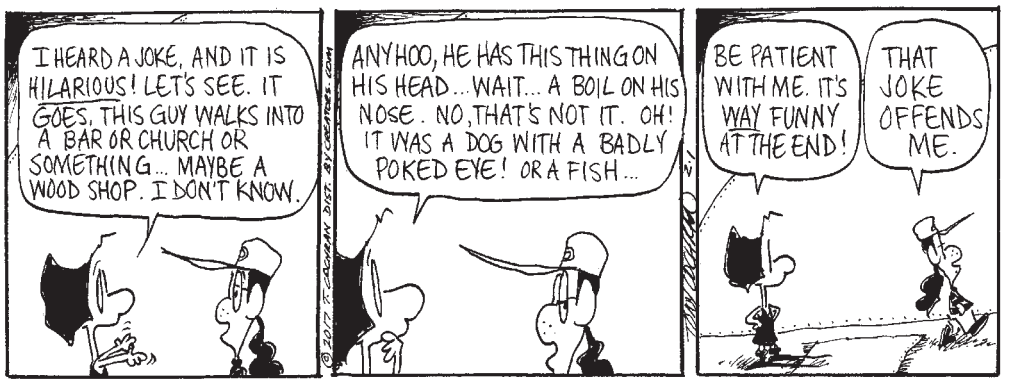
DOWN
1 Model airplane wood
2 What surrounds Hawaii
3 Demonstrated
4 Feel instinctively
5 Chevy model for 50+ years
6 In the area
7 Be a nitpicker
8 Cost to get a poker hand
9 Selfie snapper
10 Medal or trophy
11 Holder for tissues
12 Eisenhower nickname
13 Neighbor of the Simpsons
21 Overly critical person
22 Emphatic refusal
25 Shaw character Doolittle
26 Aired again
27 Hard work, informally
29 Limericks and sonnets
30 "__ no questions . . ."
32 Melodic postscripts
33 Higher than
34 What Hawaii consists of
35 Soccer target
37 Vitamin dose standard: Abbr.
38 NBC weekend comedy show
40 YouTube posting
41 Overly imitative
46 Measure of current
48 Gentlewomen
50 Starlike flower
52 Mary __ Moore
53 Christopher of *Superman*
54 Halo wearer
55 Rodeo rope
57 End of a kite
58 "Chunk light" fish
59 Feeling tense
60 Tummy muscles
61 Dracula's flying form
62 Pie __ mode



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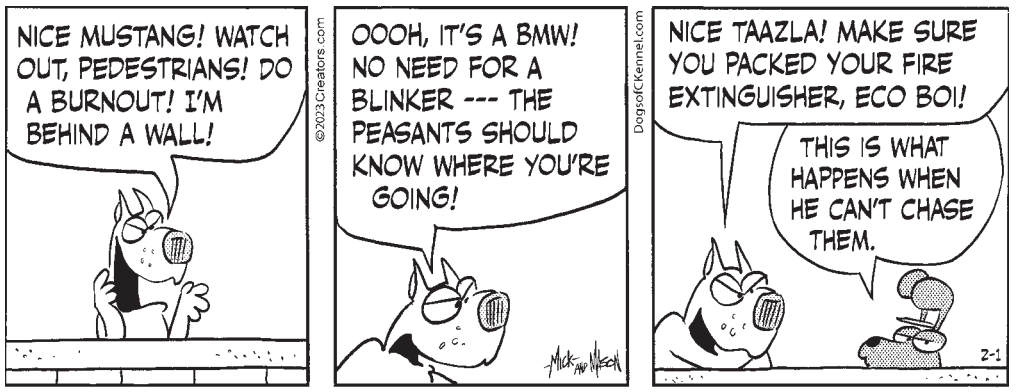
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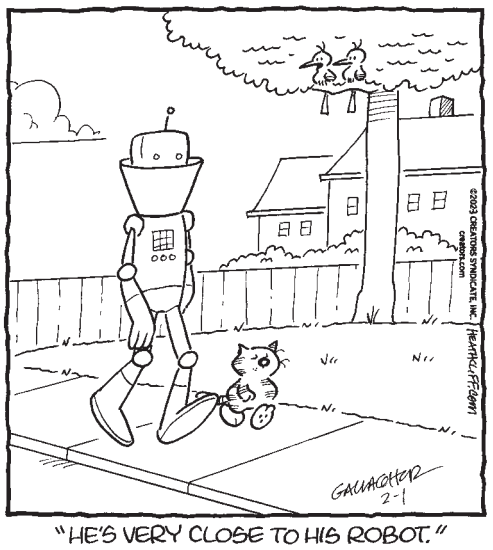
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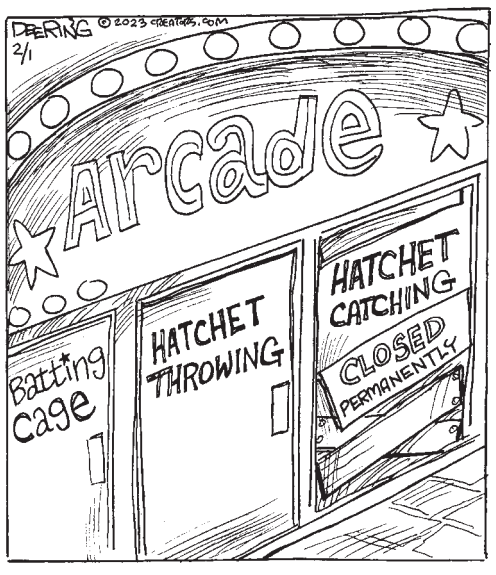
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"HE'S VERY CLOSE TO HIS ROBOT."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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North for the holidays

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Alpha
Atoll
Babinda
Balmy
Bamaga
Beer
Bell
Boat
Bowen
Break
Broome
Coal
Coral
Cove
Cruise
Dalby
Dancing
Dawn
Eton
Fine
Fraser Island
Gore
Hats
Humidity
Ideal
Laze
Leichhardt tree
Long
Lota
Lucky
Marian
Motel
Mt Isa
Nebo
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WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1

KIDS CLUB AT SANTA MONICA PLACE
Come sing, dance, and play at Santa Monica Place for Kids Club hosted by Twinkle Time, a bilingual Billboard pop artist. All ages welcome. This event is free to attend for parents and children. Food Court, Level 3, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 2

HOUSING COMMISSION
The Housing Commission works to improve the quality of life of residents and the City by supporting and helping to guide the production and preservation of affordable housing. 6 - 9 p.m. https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-commission

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCERT AND DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING WE GATHER FOR SANTA MONICA
An afternoon of music by Black American composers, performed by members of Calvary Baptist Church of Santa Monica and the Orchestra Santa Monica (OSM) Woodwind Quintet in the courtyard, as well as a screening of OSM's film We Gather: Black Life in Santa Monica Told through Music, Visuals, and Narrative in the MLK Jr. Auditorium. 5:30 to 7 p.m. / Main Library, MLK Auditorium.

WALK-IN TUTORING
Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online and paper forms, using email, resume writing, and more. 1 to 3 p.m., Main Library, Tutoring Center.

NOMA MEETING
An impressive array of local officials will be appearing at the North of Montana Neighborhood Association's monthly meeting at 7 p.m. City Manager David White to addressn development issues of concern to our neighborhoods, Councilwoman Lana Negrete on the prospects for our downtown, and State Senator Ben Allen on what to expect from legislation in Sacramento this year. Board elections will cap the night. The meeting will be on Zoom, how to attend can be found at the NOMA website (www.smnoma.gov), and all are invited.

CURRENT EVENTS DISCUSSION
Attend a lively discussion on current events, every Thursday 1:00 to 2:30. Formerly at the Fairview Library, now conveniently on Zoom. Excellent facilitator, Marsha, sends an email list on Wed. night of topics to discuss which is informative in itself. There is never a lack of interesting material or opinions. For information and to receive a Zoom link for the next meeting, email to mushcb@gmail.com.

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 3

FRIDAY NIGHT JAMS AT TAVERN ON MAIN
Start those weekend vibes buzzing with hot tunes by a roster of rotating DJs at Tavern on Main. This is a 21+ event with no cover charge. Enjoy lively music, great drinks and the best food. Tavern on Main, 2907 Main St. 9 p.m.

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 4

SOUNDWAVES CONCERT: JACARANDA PRESENTS THE MUSIC OF PHILIP GLASS
Jacaranda Music gives a preview of their Feb. 12 85th birthday tribute to Philip Glass with a performance of his "Piece in the Shape of a Square" for two flutes and a screening of the video "Mad Rush" with a score by Glass recorded by Jacaranda's Mark Alan Hilt on organ. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. / Pico Branch, The Annex

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 5

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. Santa Monica Airport 2800-3200 Airport Ave 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 6

TAKE & MAKE KIT: BEADED HEART VALENTINE
Practice using patterns and codes, learn about the binary alphabet, and make a beaded heart decoration in this fun activity kit that also helps build fine motor skills. Pick up at Main Library Youth Services desk and at all Branch locations. Available while supplies last. For ages 4 & up.

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 7

NEW YEAR, NEW OUTLOOK: MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION FOR THE NEW YEAR
Experience the pause that refreshes with Henry Schipper, a UCLA Certified Mindfulness Facilitator and longtime local meditator. Beginners and experienced meditators looking to support their practice are welcome. The one-hour session includes a Q&A. 6 to 7p.m. / Montana Avenue Branch.

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 8

LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH STUFFIES SLEEPOVER!
Kids are invited to bring their stuffies to a storytime celebrating the library as a place for diverse voices, discovery, learning and fun. Then leave their stuffies overnight for a sleepover at the library! Pick them up the next day and receive a photo scrapbook of their adventures. For ages 3-6. 6 to 6:30 p.m. Main Library, Youth Activity Room

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.2**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Small NW swell mix continues. Conditions look favorable, there just isn't a lot of surf to work with.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Surf is up slightly but still very slow. Old NW swell eases while another round of steep-angled long-period NW swell shows at times. New SSW swell builds in as well. Favorable conditions again.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. South wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Northeast wind around 5 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48..

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/02/01	Wed	12:04 AM	2.65	L
2023/02/01	Wed	06:17 AM	5.33	H
2023/02/01	Wed	1:52 PM	-0.55	L
2023/02/01	Wed	8:39 PM	3.50	H
2023/02/02	Thu	12:51 AM	2.52	L
2023/02/02	Thu	06:58 AM	5.51	H
2023/02/02	Thu	2:23 PM	-0.71	L
2023/02/02	Thu	9:02 PM	3.59	H
2023/02/03	Fri	01:27 AM	2.33	L
2023/02/03	Fri	07:34 AM	5.68	H
2023/02/03	Fri	2:52 PM	-0.78	L
2023/02/03	Fri	9:23 PM	3.66	H
2023/02/04	Sat	01:59 AM	2.13	L
2023/02/04	Sat	08:06 AM	5.78	H
2023/02/04	Sat	3:18 PM	-0.79	L
2023/02/04	Sat	9:44 PM	3.72	H
2023/02/05	Sun	02:29 AM	1.94	L
2023/02/05	Sun	08:36 AM	5.80	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 1/30
1 4 12 36 49
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 653 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 1/27
4 43 46 47 61
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 31 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 1/28
8 29 31 33 36
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 29 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/30
2 13 25 32 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 1/30
EVENING: 6 2 7
Draw Date: 1/30
MIDDAY: 9 9 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 1/30
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:49.33

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