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SMMUSD prepares for meeting in Malibu

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

After a week of community discussions regarding the district's budget and a community mural, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's board of education is set to gather for its first meeting of the month this Thursday.

The board will meet in Malibu for the first time since November and this month's meeting will not feature any commendations or recognitions, according to the agenda. There are also no items under the study session portion. However, the board is expected to adopt two resolutions later in the meeting.

The first resolution, which is officially titled Resolution No. 19-19, the agenda states, seeks to honor the achievements and contributions of African-American citizens in the United States.

"In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and February was established as Black History Month," the resolution states as it explains how African-Americans have contributed to the development of the nation.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of

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Pacific Park to add Route 66 flair to signature roller coaster

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Route 66 ends in the middle of the Santa Monica Pier, but Pacific Park plans to extend the experience all the way to the sea with a redesign of its roller coaster.

On the new West Coaster, cars that mimic classic automobiles from Route 66's heyday will zip past vintage billboards that highlight the attractions along the 2,200-mile highway, including the Chicago Theatre Sign, the St. Louis Gateway Arch, a Saguaro Cactus and the Santa Monica Pier Arch. The roller coaster's loading station will feature themed gas pumps, license plates, maps and memorabilia from different cities along the route.

Pacific Park will unveil the new coaster, which will be named the Route 66 West Coaster after the $1 million redesign, this summer, said Nathan Smithson, the park's director of marketing and business development.

Smithson said visitors to Pacific Park already expect a Route 66 experience because the Santa

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What you should know about voting in Santa Monica

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Presidential candidates aren't the only items of interest on the March ballot.

Santa Monica voters will have the opportunity to vote on local and state initiatives and the Los Angeles County District Attorney race on the same ballot as the March 3 presidential primary. The Santa Monica Daily Press has put together a guide of what you can expect to see on your ballot and how to cast your vote.

LOCAL BALLOT ITEMS

Los Angeles County District Attorney: Lacey, Gascón and Rossi.

Jackie Lacey, who has served as District Attorney of Los Angeles County since 2012, is being challenged by George Gascon, who recently resigned as District Attorney of San Francisco, and former public defender Rachel Rossi.

The District Attorney prosecutes felony and misdemeanor crimes that occur in Los Angeles County, leading a staff of 1,000 attorneys and 300 investigators — the largest prosecutorial body in the country.

Lacey, the current District Attorney, was born in Los Angeles in 1957 and raised in the Crenshaw neighborhood. She graduated from UC Irvine and the USC Gould School of Law.

She started her career in a small civil law firm and went on to work in the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office before moving on to the District Attorney's Office in 1986. She was elected District Attorney in 2012 and was re-elected in 2016.

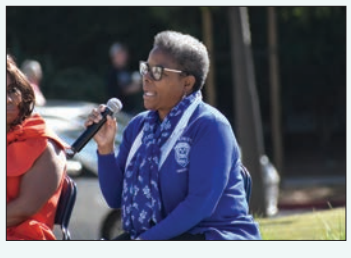
Lacey has focused on diverting people with mental illness out of the jail system, fighting sex trafficking and bail reform. She has been criticized by the ACLU and Black Lives Matter for not prosecuting any LAPD officers for shooting civilians during her tenure.

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Matthew Hall

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: City Hall held a Black History Month event on Tuesday featuring a discussion of nine historic black fraternities / sororities and a step performance. A second event will be held on Feb. 25 honoring black professionals. Visit santamonica.gov/blog/blackhistorymonth for more information.


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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Definition of Multiple-Unit Dwelling, a residential use classification.

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to revise the definition of Multiple-Unit Dwelling (SMMC Section 9.51.020(A)(1)(d)) citywide. The proposed ordinance would revise the definition of Multiple-Unit Dwelling to state that multiple-unit dwellings are intended for use by natural persons as their permanent place of residence.

The Planning Commission previously reviewed and adopted a Resolution of Intention at its December 4, 2019 hearing declaring its intention to consider revisions to the definition of Multiple-Unit Dwellings set forth in (SMMC Section 9.51.020(A)(1)(d)).

This Zoning Ordinance amendment has been proposed in response to direction provided by the City Council at its New Housing Models study session held on September 10, 2019.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

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

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Principal Planner
Re: Process Thresholds
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, Principal Planner, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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

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

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What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, February 5

Westside Writers Mingle
A monthly meeting of SCBWI, an organization of children's writers and illustrators. Open to all. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Planning Commission
Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. The Commission acts through open and civil discourse that is informed by public input, impartial analysis, and best practices in land use and planning. Civic Auditorium - East Wing, 7 p.m.

Backyard Birds of Southern California
Julie Hanson of Wild Birds Unlimited teaches what the most common birds we see in our neighborhoods are, and how to identify them. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

Senior TAP Workshop & On The Move Riders Club Orientation
Join organizers for their monthly Senior TAP Workshop at Ken Edwards Center and recurring On The Move Riders Club orientation. Bring a valid ID showing you are 62 years or older to apply for a FREE senior reduced fare TAP card. For details, visit: bigbluebus.com/tapworkshop. Ken Edwards Center, 1 p.m.

Read & Play
Help your child cultivate key developmental skills through books and play activities. Ages 0-5. Main Library, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Noma Meeting
Chief Bill Walker and Deputy Chief Tom Clemo will discuss operations of the SM Fire Department and calls specific to the neighborhood, with a Q&A to follow at the North of Montana Association's (NOMA) monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Montana Branch Library. Board elections for the year and a report from the SMPD's resource officers are also scheduled. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

Friday, February 7

Library Board Meeting
Monthly Library Board Meeting. Administration Meeting Room near Computer Commons. Main Library 7 - 9 p.m.

Music of the West African Kora
Join organizers as musician Sean Gaskell performs traditional songs on the kora, an ancient, 21-stringed harp native to the West African countries of The Gambia, Mali and Guinea. Sean performs songs that are the heart and soul of the kora's musical repertoire, as well as a few of his own musical compositions. Free program. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Fairview Branch Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: An Empowering Workshop for Parents
Parents and caregivers play a unique role in child abuse prevention. Learn how to help protect the children in your lives. Presented by Stuart House, a program of Rape Treatment Center at UCLA Medical Center. Childcare provided by CREST. Call (310) 458-8684 or email PBUser@smgov.net to register. Pico Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Central Avenue Jazz
Two leading experts: Steve Isoardi and Steve Loza, discuss Los Angeles' historic Central Avenue jazz scene. Both presentations will include audio and video recordings, and a question and answer period will conclude the program. Main Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 6

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310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Memorial set for three victims in Kobe Bryant helicopter crash

A public memorial has been announced for three of those killed along with Kobe Bryant when their helicopter crashed in foggy weather last month outside Los Angeles.

The service for Orange Coast College baseball coach John Altobelli, his wife, Keri, and daughter Alyssa will be held Feb. 10 at Angel Stadium of Anaheim.

"Needless to say ... there will be plenty of room so if you'd like to be a part of this, we'd love to have you!" Altobelli's brother, Tony, wrote in a Facebook post Monday.

Bryant, daughter Gianna and seven others died Jan. 26 when the helicopter crashed into a hillside outside Los Angeles in foggy weather.

A public memorial for the former Lakers superstar and his daughter is expected but plans have not been announced.

The remains of all victims of the crash have been released by the Los Angeles County coroner, online records show.

Also killed in the crash were Bryant friends Christina Mauser, Sarah Chester and her daughter Payton, and the helicopter pilot, Ara Zobayan.

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WASHINGTON

US antitrust chief leaving Google probe because of lobbying

The Justice Department official leading the investigation of big tech companies' market dominance is stepping aside from the department's Google probe because of his previous lobbying work for Google as a private attorney.

Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim, the department's antitrust chief, is recusing himself from the investigation into Google, a person familiar with the matter said Tuesday. The person wasn't authorized to discuss the investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Delrahim lobbied on Google's behalf in 2007 when the Mountain View, California-based internet company faced antitrust scrutiny over its acquisition of DoubleClick, a competitor in digital advertising.

The Justice Department's ethics office apparently found no potential conflict of interest when Delrahim sought guidance as the investigation of Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple began last spring. But as the competition probe progressed, Delrahim "revisited" potential conflicts with the ethics staff, and he and the ethics office "have decided that he should now recuse himself from a matter within the tech review in an abundance of caution," said a department statement, which did not mention Google.

Associate Deputy Attorney General Ryan Shores will continue to oversee the tech review, the statement said.

Scrutiny of Big Tech has deepened and widened across the federal government, U.S. states and abroad. The Federal Trade Commission also is conducting a competition investigation of the four tech giants, and state attorneys general from both major political parties have opened antitrust probes of Google and Facebook.

The House Judiciary subcommittee on antitrust has been conducting a sweeping bipartisan investigation of the big tech companies and their impact on competition and consumers.

Delrahim has suggested in speeches that he's taking a broad view of how competition is harmed, when assessing whether big tech firms should be broken up. He also has made clear that he is aware that just two companies dominate digital advertising, though he hasn't named the two, Google and Facebook.

Justice Department and FTC officials haven't publicly named the companies under investigation or indicated whether they plan to move against any particular company.

The companies have said they'll fully cooperate with the investigations. But in congressional testimony, their executives have pushed back against accusations that they operate as monopolies, laying out ways in which they say they compete fairly yet vigorously against rivals in the marketplace.

Delrahim's recusal was first reported by The New York Times.

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A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council the adoption of a Resolution recommending amendments to the text of the Land Use and Circulation Element, Bergamot Area Plan, and Downtown Community Plan to amend the application process thresholds for 100% affordable housing projects and all other housing projects compliant with the Housing Accountability Act.

Prior to this hearing, the Planning Commission will be considering a Resolution of Intention at its February 5, 2020 hearing declaring its intention to consider these proposed amendments. If the Resolution of Intention is not adopted on February 5, 2020, then the subject item will not be heard by the Planning Commission on February 19, 2020, and it will be rescheduled for a future hearing date.

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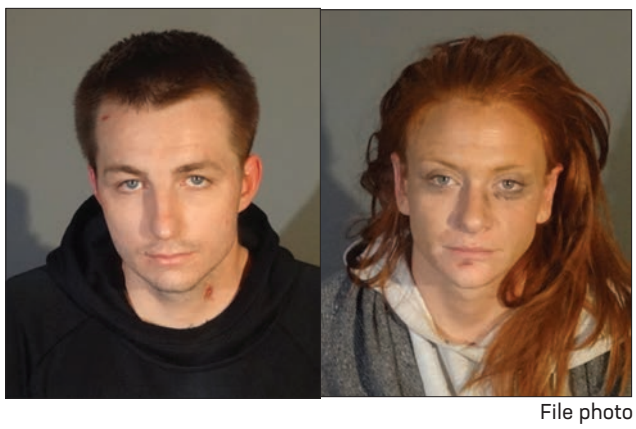
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CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON JANUARY 19, AT 10 P.M.


File photo
SHANE THOMAS DODDS AND SAMANTHA M CLARK

In the area of Lincoln and Pico Blvd, officers observed a vehicle stalled in the roadway obstructing traffic. When they went to assist, they observed the driver slumped over the wheel and unconscious. There was a female passenger in the front seat who was also slumped forward. Upon further evaluation, the driver and passenger were found to be under the influence of narcotics. Shane Thomas Dodds 23, homeless, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, DUI Drugs, being a drug addict driving a vehicle and driving without a license. Bail was set at $5,000. Samantha M Clark, 21, from Marina Del Rey, was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Bail was set at $2,500.

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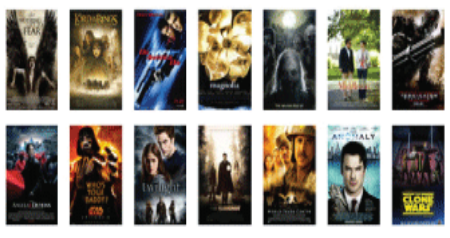
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The Vote Is In ... Sort Of

YOU MAY HAVE READ

The news story in yesterday's Daily Press about the weekend meetings to determine the fate of the 41-year-old mural at the corner of Lincoln and Ocean Park.

It's an accurate news report, but there is more to it and since I was there, here's some of the story behind the story.

FIRST, THE HEADLINE

Muir Woods Muralist Says Painting is Irreparable.

I'm sure many who love the mural read that and gasped. To those of us, like Jerry and Marissa Rubin and I, founders of the group to Save the Muir Woods Mural (SMWM), who have been working for six years to save it, it was not news.

We were told from the beginning, by various people from the school district, that the wall had deteriorated to the point where it would have to be repaired or rebuilt, and of course that meant that the original mural would go with it. Everyone assumed it wouldn't be left a blank wall and that something would then be painted there, and we were working to see that Jane Golden's iconic environmental rendering of a redwood forest would be reproduced exactly, to last another 41 years, or likely longer. Because that's what so many people told us they wanted.

CONFLICTING REPORTS

About the condition of the painting and the wall it's on were finally resolved by Golden and her expert staff, who inspected it and declared on the last day of public meetings Sunday that the wall could not support a mural painting in its present condition. So now, what next?

GOLDEN'S MURAL ARTS PRESENTATION

Friday night was spectacular. So inspiring, what she has accomplished, first with a graffiti program, that morphed into a complete mural arts program that has filled the streets of Philadelphia with expansive art covering large buildings. We saw such a wide variety of styles, but all of it excellent. Quite a contrast to Santa Monica, where we are getting more and more paintings on buildings but it's decoration, not art. Instagram art, it has been called, and "developer graffiti," I heard Sunday.

So Golden was the perfect person for the job in Philly, an artist herself but also the kind of savvy political animal who can move through five mayors, without even a local mural preservation ordinance to help her, and do what she's done.

"We go in and find out what that community wants," she explained. "We're not there to tell people what we think would be great, but to advise and help them to realize it. I decided a long time ago that when there is a conflict, we compromise to get the best possible result. I decided I'd rather spend my time creating murals than being in court."

WHO DOESN'T WANT IT

Some, of course. But my concern from the beginning was the School Board's promise that they would go with the will of the community, and just how do you determine that? If we could take a vote of everyone in SM I'm confident it would be overwhelming for keeping that exact same mural.



Courtesy photo
ART: Jane Golden, left, Mural Arts Philadelphia.

But we still don't have a clue about how they will make their decision. At the public presentation Friday night on public art, there may have been one or two naysayers out of everyone who spoke, a small crowd of about 40-50 people. The same held true for a similar-sized group on Sunday, though not quite so near-unanimous.

But how much weight will be given to the smaller groups who met with Golden Saturday? She told us there was a complaint that John Muir was a racist. One, you have to examine that allegation, two, you have to account for the times. If something he may have said negates everything else he accomplished then you'd better not ever listen to Wagner again and pack your bags because this nation was founded by slaveholders.

Golden said there was a group of about 18 students who told her they wanted something there to represent them. One, this wall space has become part of the public's consciousness and heritage, so even though it's a school district building, after 40 years we all have a claim to it, though not legally. Two, it's the outside of their school and many students rarely even see it, and they have the entire inside, which already has several student-created murals and room for more. Three, are you going to let this class determine the content of that mural for decades to come, and if so, won't you need to change it every four years as a new class comes in?

PRIDE AND LOVE FOR THE MURAL

Golden has expressed that several times, even just recently, for her Muir Woods Mural, created when she was just 24. But her working ethic of compromise might work against her personal feelings, and all the people over these six years who have expressed a strong desire to see that same mural continue at that busy intersection.

I have personally received hundreds of emails, most very passionate, from people supporting it, as has Jerry Rubin, and our SMWM Facebook page has recorded

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PACIFIC PARK

FROM PAGE 1

Monica Pier marks the end of the journey.

"There's always a queue of people waiting to have their picture taken at the Route 66 sign, so we're trying to enhance the sign with an immersive, classic Americana Route 66 experience," Smithson said.

The West Coaster runs with four to five cars that seat six people. The ride begins with a 50-foot climb, drops around a helix, rides over two hills and plummets into another helix before dipping down to the pier deck. The redesign will include a new train for a smoother and quieter ride, Smithson said.

Smithson said the coaster has not been changed since Pacific Park opened in 1996. The most recent ride, the Shark Frenzy tilt-a-whirl, was added in 2017.

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PACIFIC PARK: The amusement park on the Pier is refurbishing its roller coaster.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

RIVERSIDE

Child among quarantined US evacuees hospitalized with fever

A child among 195 people quarantined at a Southern California air base after evacuation from a virus-stricken area of China developed a fever and was hospitalized for testing and observation, local authorities said Tuesday.

The child and a parent of the child were taken by ambulance Monday evening from March Air Reserve Base to Riverside University Health System-Medical Center, Riverside County public health officials said in a statement.

They were among the first group of U.S. citizens evacuated on a chartered flight from the Chinese city of Wuhan at the epicenter of the virus and placed under a 14-day federal quarantine.

All had received testing for the coronavirus before departing China, while en route at a refueling stop in Alaska and after arriving at the base east of Los Angeles.

The child was swab tested again Monday and the sample was sent to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta for evaluation, said Riverside County health department spokesman Jose Arballo Jr.

Although medical teams on the base have been evaluating the quarantined Americans, the child was taken to the hospital "out of an abundance of caution.," the statement from Riverside county health officials said.

Also Monday, a traveler who arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on a flight from China was placed under federal quarantine and transferred to March Air Reserve Base.

"The individual has no symptoms of novel coronavirus, but was moved to March out of an abundance of caution and because of their travel history," the county said.

The person is isolated from the others under quarantine at the base.

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SACRAMENTO

California may pause student fitness tests due to bullying

The governor of California wants to pause physical education tests for students over concerns with bullying and discrimination.

During a three-year suspension, the state would study whether the current test for children in fifth, seventh, and ninth grades can be modified or a new assessment should be drawn up.

The proposal, first reported by Politico, was tucked inside Gov. Gavin Newsom's education budget bill for next year.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the Department of Finance, said the state has received complaints that the current examination's measurement of body mass index is discriminatory to non-binary students. A measurement calculated from weight and height, BMI screenings require students to select "male" or "female," he said.

Physical education classes would continue to be a requirement for graduation, however.

"The issue of BMI screening plays a role in the issues of both body shaming and bullying," Palmer wrote in an email.

The move comes after other steps taken in California to address the health of students, including a bill signed into law last year that mandates high schools in the nation's most populous state can't begin before 8:30 a.m. and middle schools can't start before 8 a.m. It was aimed at easing sleep deprivation for students.

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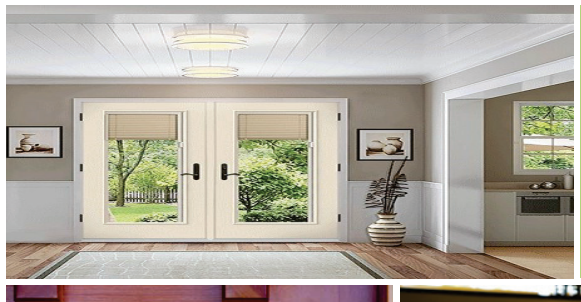
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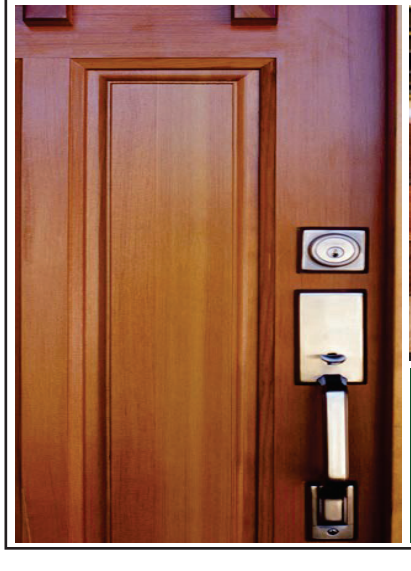
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 05)

This solar return is marked by a breakthrough in your attitude. You'll sing the song, play the game and meet the challenge. And when you've mastered that, you'll sing the challenge, meet the game and play the song. Every mix-up lands you in a more flexible, free, strong and agile position. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 25, 5, 48 and 20.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's much easier to hit those milestones when you're aiming for them. Are you clear about what and where they are? Also, touching a milestone should always be followed up with a celebration, however small.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Every so often, it's important to remind yourself that you really don't have to do anything. What do you want to do? Do that. Or, at the very least, find something to want in the things that must be done.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You get a charge from being of help. The best help you can give is the teaching kind, but that usually comes after the showing kind. Show three times. After that, it's teaching that's needed, not doing it for them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Small, consistent steps are not just as important as the big leaps. They are much, much more important. Big leaps don't show you everything between point A and point B.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No one really ever has control over a relationship, at least not in a lasting way. Total control would defy the very point and nature of relationships. Can you find a way to enjoy the uncertainty that is the very essence of sharing?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes knowing that you have to take action inhibits you from dreaming as big as you could. So don't demand action of yourself. Let yourself think and dream freely. Defy the mental limits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will embody the spirit of Calliope today, the muse with a beautiful voice, an arbiter of disputes carrying a giant writing tablet everywhere. You'll be the one to sort things out as only you can do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Maybe there is greatness to believe in and maybe there is nothing at all. Either way, we cannot go forward without faith. Faithlessness fills the body with paralyzing fear. Believing opens and fills hearts with the energy to move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a few performance goals you'd like to meet, though meeting them will bring no joy unless you also have the intention to absorb the lessons and experiences along the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keeping things in their proper scale when others don't is a talent. You do this well. They need you to be an example and to lead the way with that calm, reasonable dignity for which you're famous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Though you're impressed and inspired by people with noble qualities and fine dispositions, it's also important to be with comfortable people who make you feel like you're accepted and you belong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no need to condemn or elevate anyone today, so forgo both the pressures (and for some, the pleasures) of judgment. Wrongdoers will self-punish; right-doers will self-reward.

Midday Moon Change

Just because you pay too much for something (or wait too long, care too deeply, want to hard) doesn't mean that when you get it, it will be right. In fact, it's more often true that once there's this kind of trouble, the trouble keeps coming. Don't worry. If you didn't choose the easy way the first time around, you'll get another chance at midday.

ASTROLOGICAL TOPIC

JEALOUSY: This is part three of a series on jealousy. For parts one and two, please see the archives. Jealousy is a radiologist and an incredibly accurate one, pointing out exactly what it is we might most need and want in our lives. Since this information can live inside of us and still be unknown to us, jealousy is the best tool we have for discovery. We must, however, learn the language of jealousy, as it speaks in its own tongue. Usually, jealousy starts with an attraction. In passing, we get a glimpse of something that catches our eye like a shiny object or rattles us with an attention-getting resonance. We tune in. The more we pay attention, the stronger it hooks us. The thoughts that run through our heads next are our interpretations of this attraction. We may think, "No fair!" "Why her?" "How did they dare?" or something like this. That's not what jealousy told us; it's just how we're translating it. What jealousy really told us is: "Look here. Does this remind you of something? This is in you or you wouldn't have noticed it to begin with. This is possible. There's something here for you. There's something you can do that you didn't know you could before." Try to think of jealousy's message as more of an invitation to an appetite than a condemnation of what's being observed.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Recently, Cristiano Ronaldo was spotted listening to music on an 8-year old device and this iPod Shuffle incident made international news. This is how tuned-in the world is to everything the Aquarian soccer superstar does, which includes winning multiples of every trophy in the game. Natal sun and Mercury in Aquarius favor lightning-quick reflexes and natural grace. Venus and Mars in Aries show a warrior spirit and a fiercely competitive nature. Leo moon brings the charisma. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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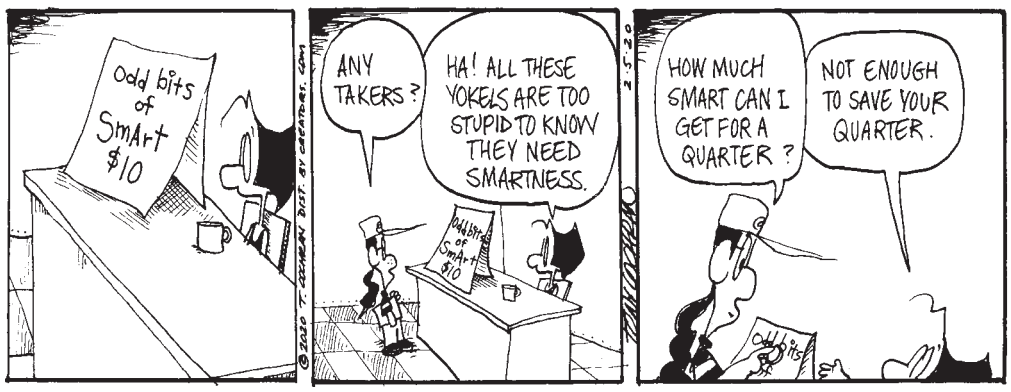
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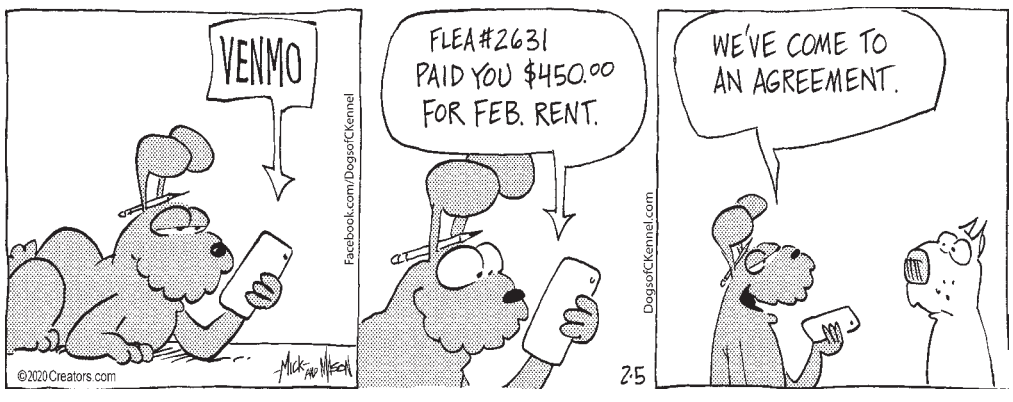
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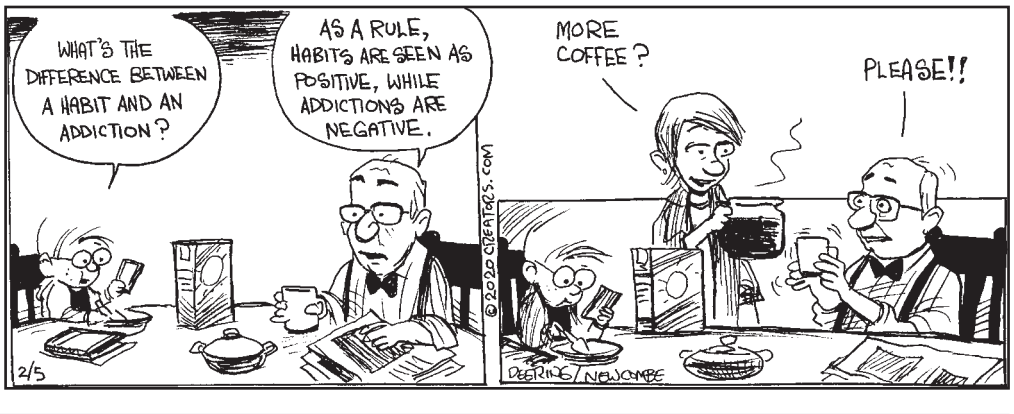
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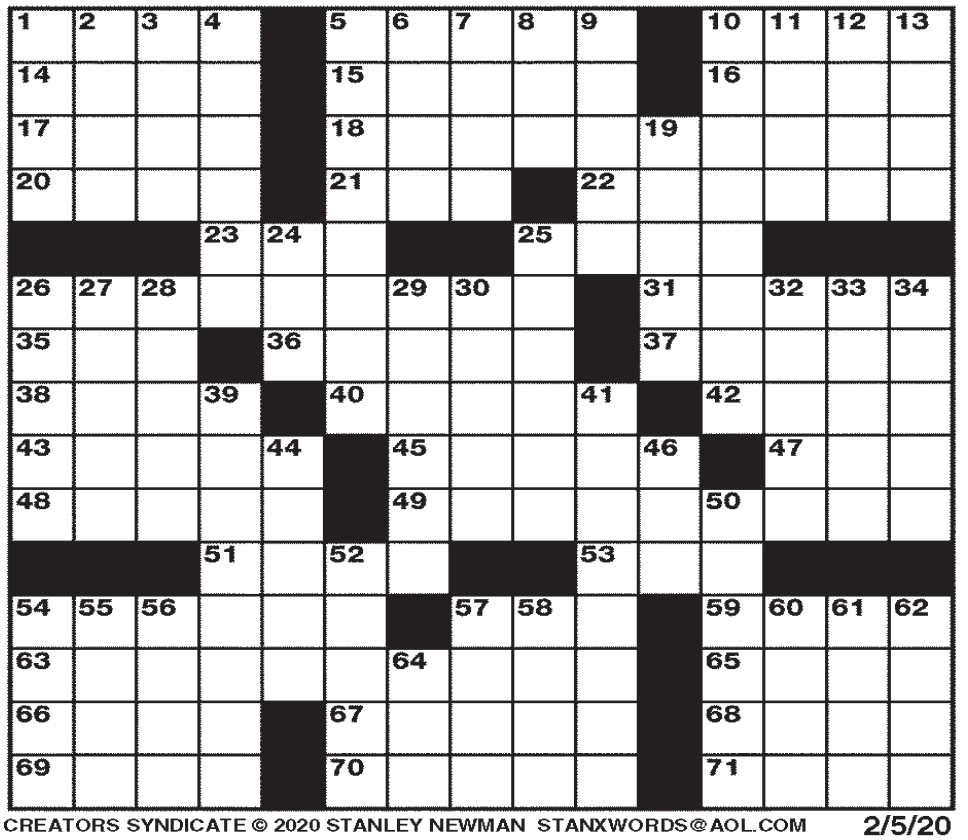
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1 Baghdad's land
5 "__ make a bet?"
10 Serene
14 Diner blackboard listing
15 Some golf bag clubs
16 Busy as __
17 Window glass
18 Charts of interest to surfers
20 Thick chunk
21 Owns
22 Measuring sticks
23 Conclusion
25 Apple's center
26 Distant, little-known place
31 Portrayed a role
35 Amazement
36 Mecca native
37 Butterfly-to-be
38 Is unable to
40 Court orders
42 Totally destroy
43 Wedding cake layers
45 Wasp attack
47 Cardboard package: Abbr.
48 High-priced
49 Computer's bailout button
51 Went down a chute
53 Letter before omega
54 Rubber stamp accessory
57 Mustache neighbor
59 Spicy Asian cuisine
63 Congressional aide
65 Very challenging
66 Vietnam neighbor
67 Away from port
68 Airline to Tel Aviv
69 Music, drama, dance etc.
70 Stands the test of time
71 Boxer's attire

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1 Little troublemakers
2 Authentic
3 Fictional Karenina
4 Montreal's province
5 Take cash out of an account
6 Diva's solo
7 Gives a silent okay
8 Direction opposite of SSW
9 2019 World Series player
10 Wheeled symbol of San Francisco
11 Well qualified
12 Malicious look
13 Confusing situation
19 Of hearing
24 Hotel rm. identifiers
25 Film reviewer
26 True statements
27 Anticipate
28 Actress Zellweger
29 Sipped slowly
30 Script changes
32 Furniture deliverer
33 Online party announcement
34 Actor Glover or DeVito
39 Ignore a KEEP OUT sign
41 Stir-fry vegetables
44 Snowball fight sound
46 Family MDs
50 Lead-in to a choice
52 Perfect example
54 Cuba, *por ejemplo*
55 Close at hand
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Education does hereby adopt this resolution to encourage: the celebration of Black History Month; the instruction to our students on the achievements and contributions of Black citizens; fostering in our students a greater understanding of the roles African Americans have played throughout the history of our nation; and helping all students understand their responsibilities in protecting and preserving the humanity of all people," the resolution states.

It's also been recommended that the Board of Education adopt Resolution No. 19-20 – In Honor of Career Technical Education Month, the agenda states, before mentioning the U.S. Senate unanimously passed a resolution in 2016 recognizing February as CTE Month.

Following the Senate's adoption of the resolution, the agenda states, "the Association for Career Technical Education stated: 'CTE Month is an opportunity for millions of students and education professionals to share the accomplishments and importance of CTE nationwide. [The] Senate's support for CTE Month and its goals advance[s] our community's effort to build awareness of CTE's role in preparing all students for the 21st century economy.'"

Now, therefore be it resolved, the resolution states, that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education adopts this resolution to: recognize February as Career and Technical Education Month across the United States; support the goals and ideals of Career and Technical Education month; recognize the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce; and encourage educators, counselors and administrators to promote career and technical education as an option for students.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The board will then move to discuss multiple mid-year reports, according to the agenda. The first report expected to be received by the board will come from the Financial Oversight Committee, but reports pertaining to early child care, health and safety, and the district's visual and performing arts have also been submitted and will be discussed.

More information on the upcoming meeting and its agenda can be found online at bit.ly/2ungT0T.

CURIOUS CITY

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hundreds more. Not to mention group and distinguished citizen endorsements:

Sierra Club WLA, SM Recreation and Parks Commission, SM Task Force on the Environment, School Board members Ralph Mechur, Craig Foster, Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, Oscar de la Torre, State Sen. Ben Allen, City Council member Sue Himmelrich, former mayors Nat Trives, Paul Rosenstein, Jim Conn, Denny Zane, Michael Feinstein, Paul Leaf, current/former chairs/members of SM Arts Commission Mike Myers, Zina Josephs, Elena Allen, Suchi Branfman, Roger Genser, Phil Brock, current/former members of SM Landmarks Commission Leslie Lambert, Barbara Kaplan, Genser, current/former chairs/members of SM Recreation & Parks Commission Phil Brock, John Cyrus Smith, Alan Toy, Vice Chair of Pico Neighborhood Association Maria Loya, minister of Church in Ocean Park Rev. Janet McKeithen, SMDP columnist Jack Neworth, Residocracy founder Armen Melkonians, steering committee SMRR member Michael Tarbet, activists/artists Harry Shearer, Qorianka Kilcher, Susan Hayden, Alexandra Paul, Chuck Levin, Max Gail, Tamara Henry, Michael Salazar, Randy Ziglar, Lori Berezin, Cris Gutierrez, Marcy Winograd, Beth Leder-Pack, Susan Suntree, Ellis Raskin, Ernie Powell, and so many more.

Repaint the exact same mural, please. THAT is what the community wants.

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VOTING

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Gascón was born in Cuba in 1954, grew up in Bell and served in the army as a young adult. He became a Los Angeles Police Department officer before working at a Ford dealership and pursuing a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach and a law degree from Western State University College of Law.

He returned to LAPD in 1987 and rose up the ranks to assistant police chief. From 2006 to 2009, he served as police chief in Mesa, Arizona. Gascón became chief of the San Francisco Police Department in 2009 and in 2011 was appointed the city's district attorney by then-mayor Gavin Newsom.

Gascón has positioned himself as a progressive prosecutor, joining a wave of District Attorneys across the country who have won races by supporting the end of cash bail, mass incarceration and racism in the criminal justice system. He co-authored the 2014 ballot measure Proposition 47, which lowered drug possession from a felony to a misdemeanor and in 2018 applied California's legalization of recreational marijuana to all marijuana-related criminal charges since 1975.

Rossi was born in 1983 and grew up in the San Gabriel Valley. She attended Bethany University and Pepperdine Law School.

Rossi worked as a public defender in Los Angeles, first in county superior court and then in state district court. She then worked on criminal justice policy in Washington, D.C., serving as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee and House of Representatives. She was the lead staffer on the 2018 First Step Act, a criminal justice reform bill that has facilitated the release of thousands of people from prison.

Rossi is running on a platform of decriminalizing homelessness, ending cash bail and capital punishment and tackling racism in the criminal justice system.

Measure FD: The Los Angeles County Fire District is asking voters to approve an annual parcel tax of six cents per square foot to improve fire protection and emergency medical response. The $134 million in annual tax revenues will be used to hire and train firefighters, paramedics and staff, maintain, upgrade, and replace emergency response equipment, facilities and infrastructure.

Measure R: The ballot measure would allow the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission to subpoena the Sheriff's Department to investigate complaints and authorize the commission to create a plan to reduce the jail population by investing in prevention and mental health treatment.

Proposition 13: The statewide ballot measure would create a $15 billion bond to repair and modernize California schools, with priority given to projects that address health and safety risks such as lead, toxic mold, asbestos and seismically unsafe structures. $9 billion go to preschool and K-12 schools and $6 million would be split evenly among the California Community College, California State University and University of California systems.

HOW TO VOTE

Under California Voter's Choice Act, neighborhood polling places in Los Angeles County and 14 others around the state have been replaced with vote centers.

Residents will be able to register to vote and cast their ballots at any vote center for 11 days, including Election Day. Vote centers will be equipped with machines that voters can use to vote electronically and print their paper ballots.

Voters who prefer to vote by mail must request a ballot by Feb. 25. Those who wish to register to vote online or by mail must do so by Feb. 18, but may register online until election day if they bring an email confirmation to a vote center.

There are nine vote centers in Santa Monica and all are open Feb. 22 to March 2 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 3 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Location: Office

Santa Monica Public Library
Address: 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
Location: Multipurpose room

Santa Monica Place
Address: 395 Santa Monica Place
Location: Community room

Edison Language Academy
Address: 2402 Virginia Ave.
Location: Library

Virginia Avenue Park
Address: 2200 Virginia Ave.
Location: Room 3 Workshop 3

Santa Monica College
Address: 1510 Pico Blvd.
Location: Computer lab

Joslyn Park
Address: 633 Kensington Rd.
Location: Recreation building community room

Olympic High School
Address: 721 Ocean Park Blvd.
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