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City officials outline priorities and plans at State of the City



Madeleine Pauker

PANEL: Officials discussed mobility, the economy and the state of civic discourse.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monicans may not always see eye to eye with each other or City Hall, said Mayor Gleam Davis.

That doesn't mean they can't work together to solve Santa Monica's problems, she said.

"It's okay to complain. I know things are not perfect, but complaining only identifies the problem," Davis said in her closing remarks at the State of the City Wednesday night. "Help us do the harder and more satisfying work of bringing real solutions to the more difficult problems that we all collectively face."

Davis has said she wants to make local discourse more civil while she serves as mayor in light of a recent survey that showed most residents get their news from social media. On Wednesday, she again urged Santa Monicans to seek out accurate information about their community.

"Not everything on Facebook, or Twitter or many websites is true, and much of what we see

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Retailers look to "experiences" to fight online sales



Courtesy image

MALL: Modelland follows the trend of experience based retail.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Several businesses launching downtown are trying to provide a different kind of retail experience to compete with the online retailers poaching brick-and-mortar sales.

Experiential retail offers customers an interactive shopping or entertainment experience that they can only get by visiting a physical store. An increasing number of retailers are opening in-store restaurants and bars, hosting free and ticketed events or giving customers the chance to interact with new technology. At the forefront of experiential retail are pop-up museums, which charge customers to walk through interactive art installations and sell accompanying products.

Pop-up museums have swept the country since the Museum of Ice Cream first opened in New York in 2016 and Santa Monica embraced the trend last spring with the opening of Candytopia, a ticketed pop-up that offered visitors the chance to take selfies next to life-size candy canes and lollipops. Candytopia packed its bags in July, but supermodel Tyra Banks announced earlier this week that she will be opening a permanent attraction called Modelland in late 2019.

"Santa Monica Place is the perfect setting for the groundbreaking Modelland concept and we are so pleased to welcome this exceptional,

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Wet winter greatly reduces drought conditions in California

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

In a matter of weeks, a very wet winter has greatly reduced drought conditions that have plagued California.

A series of storms has coated mountains with blankets of snow and unleashed drenching rains that have even greened up landscapes recently blackened by wildfires.

Here are things to know about the suddenly soggy state:

DWINDLING DROUGHT

The U.S. Drought Monitor reported Thursday that a large portion of the state including the Sierra Nevada, much of the Central Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area is free of any significant dryness.

Heavy rain has also ended most of the moderate drought that stretched from the Central Coast to the southern tier of the state, leaving a lesser condition designated as abnormally dry, according to the monitor.

California's southwestern corner, including all of San Diego County and portions of surrounding counties, remain in moderate drought even though it has received

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Feb. 8

Vision Board creation

Our brains like visual input. Through a written process, we will discover your vision of 2019 and beyond and create a vision board. Vision Board creation lead by Coach Ashley Wrobel. Friday, 3-5 at 2701 Ocean Park Blvd. Suite 140. Bring photos and a pair of scissors.
Limited room so attendees must register at ashley@CallAshley.com or (310) 450-1209.

Natalie Jacob Jazz Band

The Miles Memorial Playhouse 1130 Lincoln Blvd 1 p.m. Tickets are $10.

Senior Singles Mingle: Book Lovers Edition

Find your literary soulmate at this casual soirée for older adults. We'll provide the ice breakers and conversation prompts, you bring an open mind and an interest in meeting and mingling with like-minded lit lovers. Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor 2 - 4 p.m.

Craft, Swap, or Create @ Your Library

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Montana Avenue Branch Library 3 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Discover The Real Santa Monica

Walk along with a Santa Monica Conservancy docent and explore the fascinating history of Santa Monica. The two hour tours are every Saturday at 10 a.m. departing from Hostelling International at 1436 Second Street. For reservations: dwt@smconservancy.org or by phone at (310) 496-3146.
$10 per person. $5 for Santa Monica or L.A. Conservancy members.

Preschool Explorers: Lights and Shadows

Explore light and shadows with stories and hands-on activities. Ages 3-6. Main Library Children's Activity Room 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Make a Valentine

The Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club is holding its 10th Annual Valentines Making Day Event. The perfect activity for every age! Take some time to make cards or crafts for the special people in your life. All supplies are provided by the SMBWC. Enjoy music and light refreshments. The event will be held in this historic Santa Monica building, 1210 4th St., Santa Monica. $10 per person payable at the door with all proceeds donated to the Santa Monica-Mailbu Education Fund with matching donation to "School On Wheels". For more information visit info@SMBWC.com or call (310) 395-1308. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Classics Book Group at Fairview

This long-running book discussion group discusses literary classics from around the world. February 2019's book: Cousin Pons, by Honoré de Balzac. Fairview Branch Library 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Earthian Folk Dance with DaEun Jung

View an in-progress excerpt from DaEun Jung's residency project, the 'Earthian Folk Dance,' and contribute your own movement to the development of the EFD movement vocabulary. Earthian Folk Dance is a communal activity created and performed by Earthians (the people who live on this planet, irrespective of nation and culture.) Free, register at the link or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

4th Annual Flair Cares Food Drive,

Flair Cleaners, Southern California's leading eco-friendly dry cleaners, will host its fourth annual Flair Cares Food Drive - Hang Up Hunger - February 11 to 28. The drive benefits local food pantries that are facing a significantly higher demand due to recent fires and the government shutdown. Flair will make a matching contribution of up to 1,000 pounds of food donated by customers at each of its locations. In appreciation for their support, every customer who donates will receive a coupon for 50% off dry cleaning on a future visit.

"2019 has been a challenging year for our local communities and food banks. Many of our neighbors are facing challenges they never expected, and they need our help," said Gary Futterman, owner of Flair Cleaners. "As a family-owned business, we know how important it is to help our neighbors and we are committed to doing all we can to make a difference."

Flair customers and community members may bring unopened, non-perishable commercially prepared, canned or boxed food to Flair Cleaners in Santa Monica, 720 Montana Avenue between 7th and Lincoln. Food items that have passed their expiration dates or items in glass jars cannot be accepted. For a complete list of recommended food items, visit Flair Cleaners' Facebook page.

Donations will be delivered by Flair Cleaners to the Westside Food Bank, an independent nonprofit corporation that provides food, which enables low-income people to stay in their homes, deterring the problem of homelessness, and saving them from making the agonizing choice between paying for rent or food when they can't afford both.

ABOUT FLAIR CLEANERS

With a reputation built on innovation and customer service, Flair has been your Southern California dry cleaner for more than 50 years. And, while times and fashion may have changed, one thing has not: Flair's commitment to help customers look their best. Flair's commitment to impeccable quality and customer service began when the Futterman and Singer families first opened a dry cleaning business in Chicago in 1958. Their tradition of excellence continued when the families' first Southern California cleaners opened in 1963. Today, Flair Cleaners has five Southern California locations – Burbank, Redondo Beach, Santa Monica, Studio City and Valencia.

Flair was one of the first cleaners in Southern California to adopt the GreenEarth dry cleaning process, the industry's premier all-natural cleaning method. Its state-of-the-art, highly efficient equipment conserves resources and safely cleans garments and household items. For more information on Flair Cleaners, its community service or its green environmental practices and awards, visit FlairCleaners.com, or like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/FlairDryCleaners.

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LOS ANGELES

Wet winter greatly reduces California drought conditions

A very wet winter has greatly reduced drought conditions in California.

The U.S. Drought Monitor reports Thursday that more than 34 percent of the state including the Sierra Nevada, much of the Central Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area is free of any significant dryness.

The monitor says heavy rain has also removed most of the moderate drought that stretched from the Central Coast down through the southern tier of the state, leaving a lesser condition designated as abnormally dry.

Just about 10½ percent of California – in the far north and south – is categorized as being in moderate or severe drought.

At the start of the year less than 8 percent of California was free of any drought or abnormally dry conditions.

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NEW YORK

Twitter posts bigger 4Q profit, monthly user base slips

Twitter's revenue and profit and its daily user base all grew in the final three months of 2018, capping its first profitable year.

But its monthly user count slipped and guidance for the current quarter was below expectations, sending shares down 10 percent at the opening bell Thursday.

The San Francisco company disclosed its daily user base count for the first time, putting the figure at 126 million, up 9 percent from a year earlier. These are users who see ads on the platform and log in at least once a day.

Twitter posted earnings of $255 million, or 33 cents per share, in the October-December quarter. That is up from $91 million, or 12 cents per share, a year earlier.

Revenue grew 24 percent to $909 million.

Analysts polled by FactSet were expecting earnings of 25 cents per share and revenue of $867 million.

Its monthly user base fell to 321 million, from 326 million. Twitter attributed the decline to sending fewer email notifications, moving away from its SMS service with phone carriers and working to cut down malicious accounts and focusing on the "health" of conversations on its service. It said abuse reports from people who interacted with their harasser declined 16 percent from a year ago, though it did not give overall numbers.

The company had an increase in daily users who log in to Twitter on a mobile device versus those who use only desktop computers. Suspicious accounts, such as those run by bots to send spam or game the service in some other day are much more prevalent on desktop computers than on mobile.

Expenses increased 13 percent to $704 million as Twitter added more employees and from revenue share costs related to its video offerings.

For the current quarter ending in April, Twitter said it expects revenue in the range of $715 million to $775 million. Analysts surveyed by Zacks had expected revenue of $762.5 million, which is higher than the midpoint of the company's outlook.

Dan Morgan, a senior portfolio manager at Synovus Trust Co. who focuses on tech stocks, said the quarter was a strong one, but investors are selling the stock because of the guidance.

Twitter's stock fell $3.53, or 10.4 percent, to $30.62. The stock has traded between $25.76 and $47.79 in the past 52 weeks.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Apple releases update to prevent FaceTime eavesdropping

Apple has released an iPhone update to fix a software flaw that allowed people to eavesdrop on others while using FaceTime.

The bug enabled interlopers to turn an iPhone into a live microphone while using Group FaceTime. Callers were able to activate another person's microphone remotely even before the person has accepted or rejected the call.

Apple turned off the group-chat feature last week, after a 14-year-old boy in Tucson, Arizona, discovered the flaw. The teenager, Grant Thompson, and his mother said they unsuccessfully tried to contact the company about the problem for more than a week. Apple has been criticized for the delay in responding and has promised to improve procedures.

The FaceTime repair is included in the latest version of Apple's iOS 12 system, which became available to install Thursday.

Although the FaceTime bug has now been addressed, its emergence is particularly embarrassing for Apple. The bug exposed Apple customers to potential surveillance at a time that CEO Tim Cook has been repeatedly declaring that personal privacy is a "fundamental human right."

Cook also has publicly skewered Facebook and Google, two companies that collect personal information to sell advertising, for not doing enough to protect people's privacy.

Apple credited Thompson for discovering the FaceTime bug as part of its software update, nearly a week after thanking him for reporting the bug in the first place.

As often occurs when people flag software flaws, Thompson will be rewarded for his sleuthing. Apple plans to contribute to Thompson's college fund in addition to paying a bounty to him and his family for reporting the bug. The company, which has $245 billion in cash, isn't disclosing the amounts.

MICHAEL LIEDTKE, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

Palo Alto

Stanford probes faculty ties to China gene-edited baby work

Stanford University has started a review of interactions that some faculty members had with He Jiankui, the Chinese scientist who claims to have helped make gene-edited babies.

Several Stanford professors have said they knew or strongly suspected He wanted to try gene editing on embryos intended for pregnancy.

The work has been widely criticized since November, when He revealed the births of twins whose DNA he said he altered to try to help them resist possible future infection with the AIDS virus.

Most scientists think gene editing for reproductive purposes is too risky to be tried yet because of the danger of harming other genes and because the DNA changes may be passed to future generations.

He did postdoctoral research at Stanford and began the gene editing project after returning to his homeland for a job at Southern University of Science and Technology of China in Shenzhen.

Several Stanford professors including He's former adviser, Stephen Quake; bioethicist Dr. William Hurlbut and genetics expert Dr. Matthew Porteus have said they were in contact with He over the last year.

Hurlbut and Porteus said they disapproved of and discouraged any such experiment. Quake said he only discussed the matter in broad, general terms with He.

After He's work was revealed, Rice University in Houston announced an investigation into interactions between He and his former adviser at that school, Michael Deem.

On Thursday, Stanford spokesman E.J. Miranda said in an email that Stanford is reviewing "the circumstances around Dr. He's interactions with researchers at the university." Miranda said he had no additional information on questions about who would do the review, what would be examined and how long it would take.

Hurlbut said Thursday that university officials suggested that he refer inquiries to them instead of responding himself. Porteus declined to comment. Quake did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Last month, Chinese investigators said He had evaded supervision of his work and violated research norms because he wanted to be famous. The report said He could face consequences, although it didn't say which regulations he may have broken.

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State of the Onion



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STATE OF THE UNION: Nancy Pelosi gives Trump a sarcastic round of applause.

Based in Chicago, The Onion is a newspaper organization that publishes satirical articles on international, national, and local news. In 1988, it originated as a very funny weekly print publication in Madison, Wisconsin. In 1996, The Onion began publishing online and in 2007, it became The Onion News Network. In 2013, however, The Onion ceased publishing its print editions and is now only available online.

The Onion is brilliant but it appears increasingly difficult to write satire when reality is even more absurd than fiction. For example, we have a POTUS who promised to reveal his tax returns "once the audit is completed." It's obvious now, however, there was no audit. At least why not show us the paperwork from the IRS that there was an audit and/or show us returns from previous years? Not for "Don the Con."

It's tough to lampoon a POTUS who shepherds the longest government shutdown in history over a concrete sea to shining sea wall with "a big fat beautiful door in the middle that "Mexico will pay for." (Repeated over 20 times since 2015!) In the 1980's it was "Where's the beef?" Today it could be "Where's the pesos?"

The POTUS insists he never said "Mexico will write a check," but in fact he did. "It's an easy decision for Mexico: make a one-time payment of $5-10 billion to ensure that $24 billion continues to flow into their country year after year."

And then there's the thousands upon thousands of children separated at the border, many of whom will never see their parents again. Now the Administration is suggesting even if they could find the parents, removing the children from their "foster" homes would be traumatic. (Putting kids in cages wasn't traumatic?)

So many things this president does can bring me to tears, far worse than chopping an onion. Other times he's such a buffoon, I have to laugh. An example is this past Tuesday, when Donald Trump took a break from his "executive time" (watching TV and eating junk food) to give a poorly written, disjointed and inaccurate State of the Union. Talk about a gasbag, it was also one of the longest on record, an excruciating 1 hour and 29 minutes. At best it was boring. Put it this way, it made the Super Bowl look exciting. (Spoken like a dejected Rams fan.)

No one would say Trump demonstrated silver tongue oratory talent. A "forked tongue" is more like it. Steven Colbert of the Late Show said of the long-winded address, "What Trump's speech lacked in quality it made up in length. It was like watching paint lie."

When Trump referred to Congress' "ridiculous, partisan investigations" it was reminiscent of Richard Nixon's 1974 SOTU. ""I believe the time has come to bring the Watergate investigation and the other investigations of this matter to an end. One year of Watergate is enough." Six months later Nixon was flown away in a helicopter never to return to the White House. They say history repeats itself. I can only hope so, only maybe speed it up a little.

I wasn't sure whether to laugh or cry when Trump called for "a spirit of unity." It's funny because only hours before he called Chuck Schumer, "A nasty son of a bitch." What did Schumer do, kneel during the National Anthem? Also hours before, I could almost cry as Trump was still attacking the late John McCain. The man was a hero, PLUS he's dead! Apparently, revenge to Trump, goes past the grave. #Sick.

The SOTU has always been political theater. But it was pretty bizarre watching the GOP legislators popping up and down like Jacks in the Box. Except, for Mitch McConnell. Go figure that one. Also weird was when Trump said menacingly, "If there's going to be peace and legislation, there can not be war and investigation." Instead of the thundering applause and standing ovation Trump was clearly expecting, there was an audible groan as everyone was glued to their seats. #It Bombed.

A more positive reaction occurred when Trump said, "I am proud to be the first President to include a plan for nationwide paid family leave — so that every new parent can bond with their newborn child." That seemed more than a tad hypocritical. I say that because when Baron was born, Trump was bonding with a porn star.

Even when Trump pretends to talk about "unity," there's always a threat in the air. He sounds like the mob boss he's always wanted to be. And, when he wears that ridiculous overcoat, which seems like always, a poor man's mob boss is exactly what he looks like. Godfather Trumpelone. It's as though he's mumbling to Americans, "You've got a nice little country here. It'd be a shame if something happened to it."

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By Casey Cambridge

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Holds, I know you mean well, but you're always making me wait!

WHERE IS THE LUCKY DAY COLLECTION?

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WILL WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?

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RETAILERS

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multi-layered entertainment, retail and dining attraction to our world-class destination," said Michael Guerin, senior vice president of leasing at Macerich, which owns Santa Monica Place. "Our top properties including Santa Monica Place are terrific platforms for retailers and brands of all kinds to connect with their audiences, who visit us for the best in experience-forward retail and everything else."

Modelland will join The Void, where Disney fans can buy tickets to go on a virtual reality headset adventures, the Zimmer Children's Museum, which charges admission and contains a gift shop, and The Gourmandise School of Sweets & Savories to form a slate of businesses in downtown Santa Monica that go beyond traditional retail. (The Void and Gourmandise are already open and Zimmer will open in May.)

Like Candytopia, Modelland will sell tickets to a themed experience aimed at social media users and contain retail and dining components.

"Modelland is going to be a place where the modeling world meets fantasy, meets entertainment, meets technology, meets retail, meets dining, meets … your fiercest best self you could ever imagine," Banks told Variety.

However, Banks said the attraction will be permanent and the first location of a global chain.

"It draws on the creativity that comes from the pop-up world, and fact that it is permanent means they can invest a lot more into the actual structure," said Andrea Korb, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.'s economic development manager. "They're proposing really creative things with the facade that will draw people in. With a pop-up, you wouldn't put that much capital into something temporary."

Permanent experiential retail is something DTSM, downtown's business improvement district, is trying to encourage, Korb said.

Experiential retail will help shopping districts adapt to what Laurel Rosen, president and CEO of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, calls "the dire future of retail." Taxable sales fell on the Third Street Promenade by 2.9 percent and at Santa Monica Place by 4.5 percent in 2017 as more consumers patronized online retailers.

"For retailers like Santa Monica Place, it's absolutely crucial they understand current trends and the needs of consumers," Rosen said. "They have to get creative to provide the type of shopping experience people want."

Rosen said retailers should focus on creating a destination experience for shoppers that invites them to linger and build a relationship with their brand. A successful retail experience benefits surrounding businesses as well, she said.

"If they stay there a while, they will get hungry enough to go to a restaurant, or if the experience is exciting enough, they will want to keep shopping," she said. "It creates a more vibrant shopping district and, ultimately, more money spent."

Forward-thinking retail will be a cornerstone of DTSM's plan to energize downtown Santa Monica, Korb said, in addition to more entertainment and nightlife.

"The retail world is changing, and in the future, there will be less and less standard retail," Korb said.

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

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #19.26.ES - DSA#03-119266 Pt. Dume Elementary School – Interim Housing (Malibu Realignment) Project at Pt. Dume Elementary School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$350,000 -$500,000** and includes the construction of building pads and general preparation of the site for the installation of portable housing units, remodeling of the administration offices to create a special education suite and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be filed in the Districts Purchasing Office located at 1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 on or before 3/7/19 no later than 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 2/13/19 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room **www.crplanwell.com** and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 2/21/19 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and approval limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html.

Mandatory Job Walk: 2/13/19 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Pt. Dume Elementary School located at 6955 Fernhill Drive, Malibu, CA 90265 – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives in front of the school to be directed to the meeting room location.**

Bid Opening: 3/7/19 at 2:00pm

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

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Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
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Mandatory Job Walk: 2/12/19 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location: Washington West CDS located in Santa Monica, CA – **All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the SMMUSD – FIP office located at 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica CA 90405**

Bid Opening: 3/6/19 at 2:00pm
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there is meant to appeal to our worst instincts," she said. "It's fine to have an opinion, but too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

City Hall will help provide residents with other ways to get information in 2019, Davis said. The City of Santa Monica will revamp its website with a focus on greater transparency and host more community conversations.

"We know there is widespread mistrust of government," she said. "If we are to rebuild this trust, we need to do a better job of meeting their constituents where they are."

During the annual event hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, local leaders highlighted the City's accomplishments over the last year while outlining the challenges they plan to tackle in the coming year and beyond. City Council set six priorities for the 2019-2021 budget Jan. 26 and Davis discussed how the City plans to address each of them.

The City will need to focus on building more housing to prevent people from being displaced, Davis said while outlining the priority of affordability. In December, the Community Corporation of Santa Monica opened a 64-unit affordable housing complex and the City Attorney's Office prevented Airbnb and HomeAway from skirting City laws that are meant to keep rental units from being turned into de facto hotels.

Second on the City's list of priorities was neighborhood safety. The frequency of serious crimes increased by 8.8 percent in 2018 and has risen 29 percent since 2015. Davis said police chief Cynthia Renaud, who was sworn in last May, will combat the problem by hiring more officers and putting them on foot patrol.

Davis also detailed the City's efforts to address homelessness over the past year. Santa Monica's homeless population has spiked alongside the rest of Los Angeles County and there are now about 1,000 people without homes living in the city. Last year, the City deployed outreach teams on streets, parks and libraries and is hiring a full-time social worker for the libraries to direct people to homeless services, Davis said.

The other three priorities Davis discussed were climate change, mobility, and community engagement and wellbeing. She highlighted achievements the City made in those areas last year, including banning disposable plastic food packaging, providing residents with electricity from renewable sources and the success of the Pico Wellbeing Project's microgrants program.

Following Davis' address, City Manager Rick Cole moderated a panel with Deputy City Manager Anuj Gupta, Halogen Ventures founder Jesse Draper and Longview Global Advisors founder DJ Peterson. The panelists discussed how Santa Monica's growing tech and media sectors could provide economic opportunities for residents.

Peterson said some longtime residents and brick-and-mortar businesses feel those industries are displacing them.

"There is a fear of the future," Peterson said. "For many people, disruption is a great thing and it's exciting, but for a lot of people, disruption is disruption."

Cole and Davis said the City would have to ensure Santa Monica's changing economy creates opportunities for residents.

"Embrace change. You may not like it, but you cannot avoid it," Davis said. "We can not reconstruct the Santa Monica of 1950. We need to plan for the Santa Monica of 2050 and beyond."

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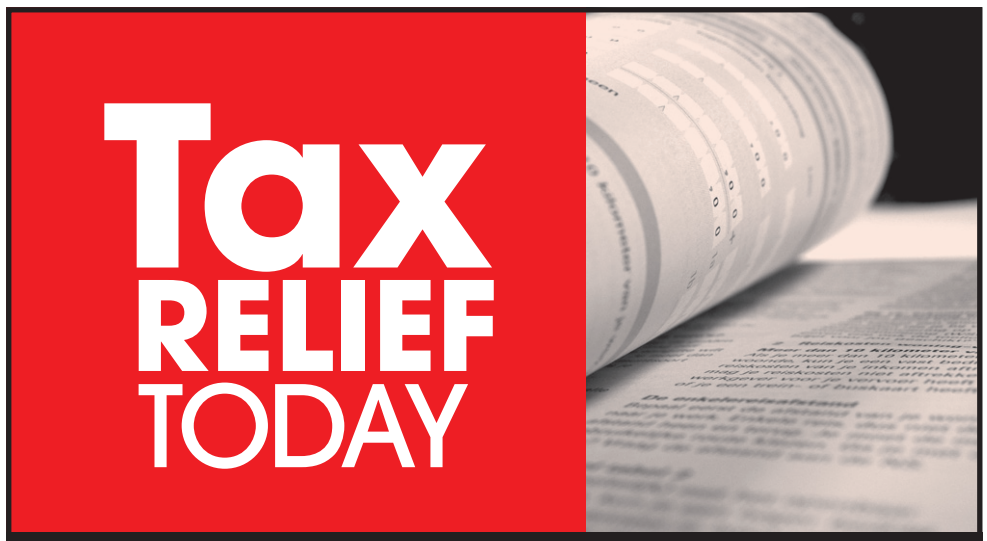


SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.1°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2 ft ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Minor WNW swell. Favorable AM wind, onshore in PM.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2 ft ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Minor WNW swell. New SSW swell starts to slowly creep in. Favorable AM wind, onshore in PM.



DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Hit and run 1100blk 18th St 1:26 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 4th St / Colorado Ave 1:30 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1500blk Stanford St 7:06 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:43 a.m.
Encampment 500blk Santa Monica Pier 8:20 a.m.
Person with a gun Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 8:33 a.m.
Runaway 2200blk 4th St 8:38 a.m.
Burglary 3000blk 3rd St 9:15 a.m.
Hit and run 5th St / Broadway 10:15 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 10:40 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Oak St 11:27 a.m.
Fraud 400blk Raymond Ave 12:06 p.m.
Overdose 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Overdose 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:33 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 17th St 12:34 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 12:46 p.m.
Hit and run 2900blk 31st St 12:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:56 p.m.
Person down 2800blk Main St 1:22 p.m.
Person down Main St / Ashland Ave 1:23 p.m.
Hit and run felony 1100blk 26th St 1:26 p.m.
Burglary 200blk Montana Ave 2:03 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 12th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:16 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 900blk 4th St 3:02 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:06 p.m.
Speeding 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:12 p.m.
Vandalism Ocean Ave / Vicente Ter 3:21 p.m.
Grand theft auto 500blk Pacific St 3:32 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Colorado Ave 3:54 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 1300blk 15th St 4:20 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Broadway 4:37 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 16th St 4:52 p.m.
Vandalism 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 5:13 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk Ocean Ave 5:20 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1300blk 6th St 5:31 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 200blk Broadway 5:32 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 5:42 p.m.
Burglary 2800blk Neilson Way 5:48 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1600blk Broadway 6:08 p.m.
Hit and run 1400blk 25th St 6:28 p.m.
Burglary 1200blk 17th St 6:30 p.m.
Fight 100blk Colorado Ave 6:31 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1100blk 10th St 6:37 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 500blk Wilshire Blvd 6:38 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 23rd St / Dewey St 6:47 p.m.
Hit and run 2900blk Main St 6:54 p.m.
Burglary 200blk Montana Ave 7:48 p.m.
Auto burglary Ocean Ave / Bay St 8:17 p.m.
Out of order traffic signals Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 8:22 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk 2nd St 8:24 p.m.
Auto burglary Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:47 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 15th St 8:55 p.m.
Attempt suicide 900blk 20th St 9:09 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 9:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 100blk Kinney St 9:55 p.m.
Auto burglary Neilson Way / Hill St 9:59 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:13 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 2 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Sunset Ave 5:40 a.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 7:21 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 7:41 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 9:02 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 6th St 9:04 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Broadway 9:13 a.m.
EMS 3000blk Delaware Ave 10:10 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Dewey St 11:36 a.m.
EMS 100blk Hollister Ave 11:58 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 7th St 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Franklin St 12:05 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700blk 4th St 12:10 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:33 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 5:01 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 5:08 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Oak St 5:20 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Broadway 5:29 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1300blk 6th St 5:31 p.m.
EMS 17th St / Broadway 6:08 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Montana Ave 6:16 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 17th St / Broadway 6:18 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:49 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ashland Ave 7:51 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Broadway 8:21 p.m.
EMS 900blk 20th St 9:08 p.m.
EMS 500blk 22nd St 9:57 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 10:11 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 11:35 p.m.
EMS 14th St / Pico Blvd 11:42 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire 3200blk Nebraska Ave 11:56 p.m.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 2/6
5 13 28 38 63
Power#: 21
Jackpot: 224M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 2/5
3 34 36 59 66
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 157M

Super Lotto Plus
Draw Date: 2/6
1 4 17 18 38
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/6
8 20 26 32 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/6
MIDDAY: 9 6 2
Draw Date: 2/6
EVENING: 0 9 4

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Draw Date: 2/6
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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noun [duhlz-vil]
1. Slang. something boring or dull.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Sum Body

HUMAN DECOMPOSITION CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO FOUR STAGES:

■ 1. Autolysis, or self-digestion, begins roughly four minutes after death. As soon as blood circulation and respiration stop, the body has no way of getting oxygen or removing wastes. Excess carbon dioxide creates an acidic environment, causing membranes in cells to rupture. The membranes release enzymes that begin eating the cells from the inside out. Rigor mortis occurs during this stage.

■ 2. Bloat is the result of leaked enzymes from autolysis producing gases that are trapped within the corpse. In some cases, these gases can double body size. Usually, this happens three to five days after death.

■ 3. Active decay follows as organs, muscles and skin liquefy. Harder tissues, such as hair and cartilage, decay at slower rates. A cadaver loses most of its mass during this stage. This process begins three to four weeks after death.

■ 4.Advanced decay and skeletonization. The process varies based on factors such as ambient temperature and moisture.

MYSTERY REVEALED!



Alejandra Casas correctly identified the photo as the Auto upholstery store at 2212 Lincoln Blvd.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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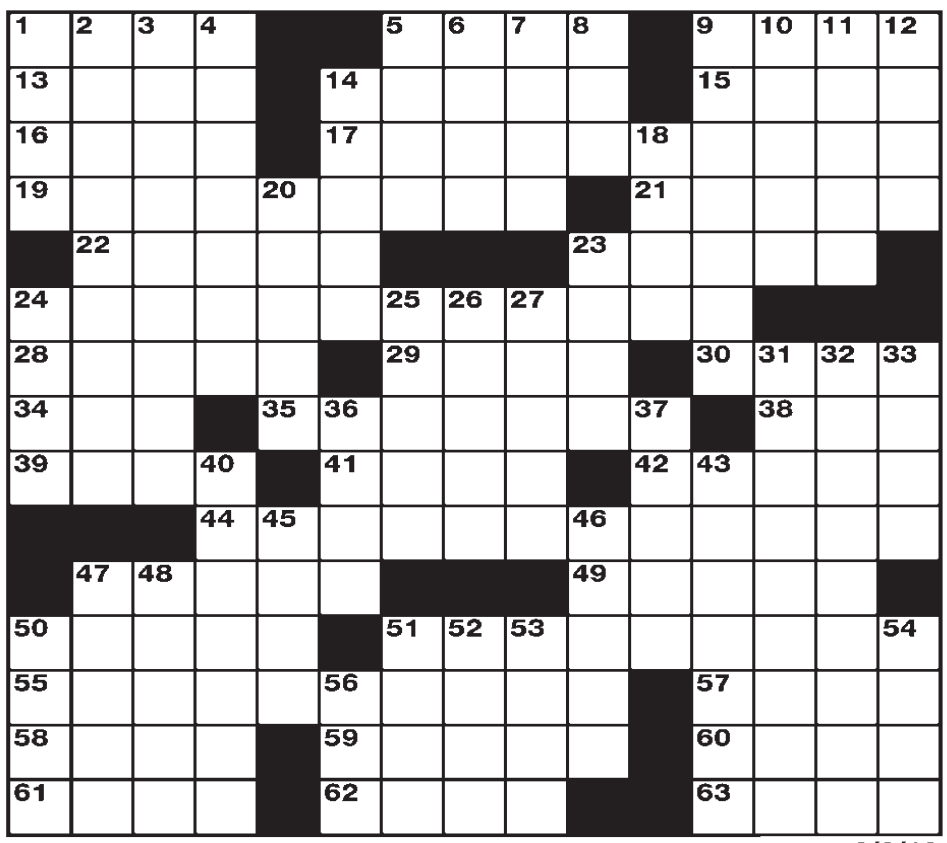
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Former aerosol chemicals, for short
5 Fail to draw an audience
9 Essential thing
13 Singing sounds
14 Garlic piece
15 Exotic smoothie flavor
16 Performed to perfection
17 "__?" "I love it here in Hilo"
19 LCD screen tiny malfunction
21 Restaurant chain name
22 Groom oneself
23 Flash of light
24 "Will you go to court in Ketchikan?" "__"
28 Italian master poet
29 Persian master poet
30 Way out of visible range
34 Nonprescription: Abbr.
35 Rested on
38 Org. with many residents
39 Finds out
41 Smallest of a litter
42 Striving
44 "__?" "That's what's what in Wichita"
47 Where to see King Tut's mask
49 Kitchen descriptor
50 Puccini work
51 Crying needs
55 "__" "So pay off that Dubuque debt"
57 Zilch
58 Show pleasure with one's palms
59 Sound of the northwest
60 Case for small scissors
61 Two-hyphen IDs
62 River of myth
63 Certain proof of ownership

DOWN
1 Covered (in)
2 Astronaut helmet "window"
3 Tunnel entrance stat
4 Most melancholy
5 Linseed oil source
6 Rob of *Parks and Recreation*
7 NASCAR course shape
8 Kennedy Library designer
9 Wine from Portugal
10 Nutmeg State sch.
11 Composer __-Saëns
12 Barely there
14 Table tennis powerhouse
18 Relaxing
20 Pets from 14 Down
23 Lamb sandwich, perhaps
24 Ruckuses
25 Aquatic plant
26 Its website has an Appliance 101 page
27 Measures of power
31 Make up
32 Invoice bottom line
33 Highly atypical
36 River through Florence
37 Request earnestly
40 Mountain troops' toppers
43 Conformed (to)
45 Yemen __ Republic
46 Soft topper
47 Calms (down)
48 City west of the Red Sea
50 Quirky mannerisms
51 Type of bolt holder
52 Pushing the envelope
53 Alternative nickname to Sandy
54 Blurted out
56 Augments



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 8)

The easiest way to say and do the right thing is not to rehearse it and work at it, but to live it. It's the truth of your heart. So instead of changing anything about your behavior, you'll focus on generating greater joy in your heart. All good things flow from this. You'll count this among your best years to date. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 2, 19, 40 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Certain things are in place. Life will change you for the better, whether you want it to or not. Also, there's nothing to be done about it, so you may as well just relax and take it all in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Love somehow still sticks with you even when you give it away. In fact, the more you give, the more you have, and it becomes really hard to get rid of.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
When your friend is on the phone to someone else, you can tell who's on the line. You're sensitive to the way people sound in different relationships. It teaches you something about your own communication style.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You have quirks. Everyone does. Some people hide them better than others. You tend to enjoy most the ones who don't bother or who can't seem to hide them. Anyway, someone finds your quirks irresistible today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Even though practical advice will work for many, if it goes against what you're feeling today, then you're highly unlikely to be able to apply it, so why bother? Accept your own stubbornness as the quality that just might deliver you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's hard to see where you're limiting yourself by complying to norms, but try and step back. Resist going where you're led or answering what you're asked. There's nothing you have to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
If you're too focused on what they might like, you'll miss out on what you like. You've been cultivating your preferences and aesthetic for a while now. Isn't everyone missing out if you don't share?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
If you've ever looked back on old work (or an old diary or historic pieces of your wardrobe) and cringed, well, then today's cringey situation will feel familiar. But isn't this just a sign that you've grown a lot?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Has it been done before? Of course. Just about everything has, but not quite in this way, and not by you. The particulars of your approach and very essence will make this unique.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Being able to tell a good story is a quality that will take you far, not only socially but also with your work and your self-talk, and the way you organize yourself in general.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You'd like to think that you open yourself to help from friendly forces, and yet you also notice that you're tensing up around a certain area, as though you must do it on your own. This tension is your inner wisdom speaking.

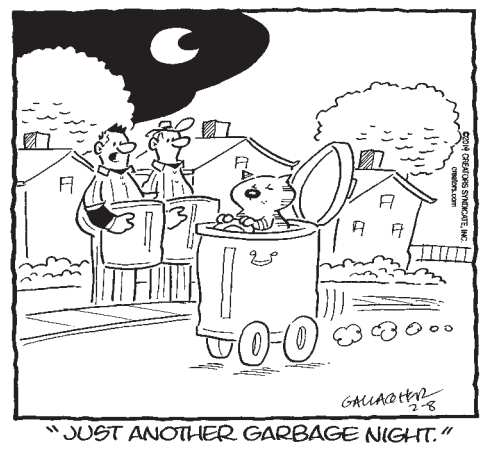
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
There's a need to be filled and you'll get the sense that you're just the one for the job. Now it's just a matter of convincing the others, which will be no problem for you once you forget yourself and just do it.

Jefferson and Venus Advise

Thomas Jefferson suggested, "Do not bite at the bait of pleasure till you know there is no hook beneath it." What he failed to mention is that there's always a hook. Otherwise it wouldn't be bait. The trick is to figure out where it is and if it's worth the risk to eat around it. Given the lunar square to Venus, it will take skill to indulge and still remain free.

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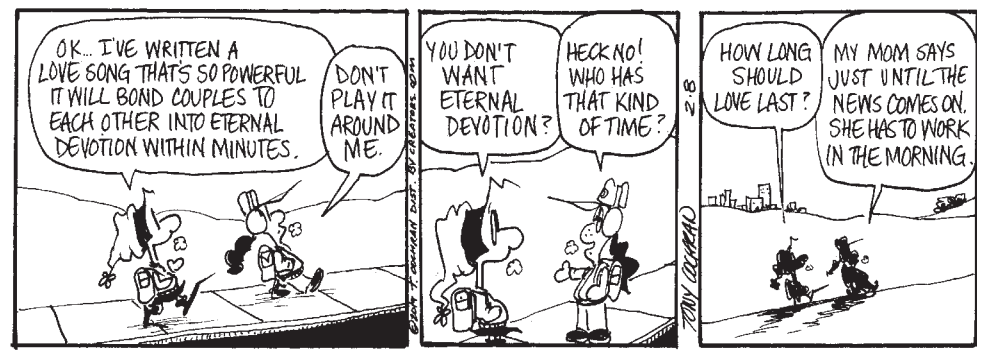
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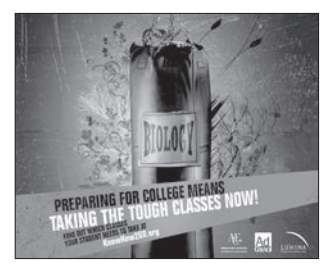
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Judge denies Hawaii's move to get Airbnb host records

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A judge on Thursday denied Hawaii's move to compel Airbnb to hand over a decade of vacation rental receipts as the state examines whether hosts have been paying the equivalent of hotel and sales taxes.

Hawaii First Circuit Court Judge James Ashford said the state did not sufficiently show that Airbnb users may have failed to comply with tax laws.

In addition, the state did not establish that the information wasn't available from other sources, he said. Hawaii wants the records to find out which hosts have not been paying taxes involving their vacation rental and bed-and-breakfast listings.

Many Hawaii vacation rentals are operated illegally, making tax collection more challenging. In Hawaii, the necessary permits for short-term rentals are issued by counties which have varying regulations. Honolulu, the most populous county, has not issued new permits since 1989. It's estimated to have 800 legal vacation rental and bed-and-breakfast units and about 10 times as many illegal ones.

Airbnb has argued the subpoena amounts to an unprecedented, "massive intrusion" into the private data of 16,000 hosts. Subpoenaing the records would violate state and federal law, the company said.

Hawaii is the latest state to tangle with Airbnb. In New York City, a U.S. judge last month shelved a city law that would have required home-sharing platforms to reveal hosts' names and other information.

New York City adopted the law so it could crack down on illegal listings and impose fines.

In that case, a U.S. District Judge Paul A. Engelmayer ruled that forcing home-sharing platforms to reveal a "breathtaking" amount of information about their businesses seemed unconstitutional. He issued a preliminary injunction halting implementation of the law.

Hawaii said in court filings that Airbnb acknowledged in the past its hosts have not all paid taxes. It pointed to legislation Airbnb proposed in previous years that would have allowed it to register as a Hawaii tax collection agent to ensure its hosts do pay their taxes. A court filing from Hawaii's attorney general said such legislation would not be necessary if hosts were tax compliant.

But Ashford said he did not see where Airbnb had made such an admission. He told the state to be careful with the language it uses and "do not exaggerate."

He said the state successfully established that some Airbnb hosts might have violated tax laws, but the question was how many.

Kristen Sakamoto, state deputy attorney general, told Ashford that not all hosts would need to have violated tax laws for the state to subpoena the records.

Jacob Sommer, Airbnb's attorney, countered that the standard must be higher.

"If you've going to ask for 16,000 people's records, I think you've got to show that most have violated the law," he said.

Sakamoto told Ashford the state attempted to narrow its subpoena by talking with Airbnb but found the company uncooperative. She said the state did not know how many hosts the company had in Hawaii until last week when Airbnb filed a response to its subpoena request.

"It's a bit unfair that they hold all the information and are unwilling to work with (the state Department of Taxation) in trying to find a subpoena with a scope that would address the issue of identifying the unknown taxpayers," she said.

Hawaii wants to ensure owners pay transient accommodation taxes imposed on rooms or homes rented for less than six months. It also wants to collect the general excise tax — a levy similar to a sales tax — from rental operators.

The state needed the court's permission to serve the subpoena because its investigation targets a group of taxpayers and not specific individuals.

The Honolulu City Council and mayor have been unable to agree on more effective regulations despite several attempts over the years.

AAA: Cold weather can cut electric car range over 40 percent

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

Cold temperatures can sap electric car batteries, temporarily reducing their range by more than 40 percent when interior heaters are used, a new study found.

The study of five electric vehicles by AAA also found that high temperatures can cut into battery range, but not nearly as much as the cold. The range returns to normal in more comfortable temperatures.

Many owners discovered the range limitations last week when much of the country was in the grips of a polar vortex. Owners of vehicles made by manufacturers including Tesla, the top-selling electric vehicle company in the U.S., complained on social media about reduced range and frozen door handles during the cold snap.

"As long as drivers understand that there are limitations when operating electric vehicles in more extreme climates, they are less likely to be caught off guard by an unexpected drop in driving range," Greg Brannon, AAA's director of automotive engineering, said in a statement.

AAA tested the BMW i3s, Chevrolet Bolt and Nissan Leaf from the 2018 model year, and the 2017 Tesla Model S 75D and Volkswagen e-Golf. All have a range of at least 100 miles per charge. They were tested on a dynamometer, which is like a treadmill, in a climate-controlled cell.

The automobile club tested the cars at 20 degrees and 95 degrees, comparing the range to when they were tested at 75 degrees Fahrenheit, according to a report on the study.

At 20 degrees, the average driving range fell by 12 percent when the car's cabin heater was not used. When the heater was turned on, the range dropped by 41 percent, AAA said.

At 95 degrees, range dropped 4 percent without use of air conditioning, and fell by 17 percent when the cabin was cooled, the study found.

For example, AAA's testers determined that the Tesla's range when fully charged at 75 degrees was 239 miles, but it fell 91 miles, or 38 percent, at 20 degrees.

In a statement, Tesla disputed the AAA results. The company said that based on data collected from its cars on the road, "the average Model S customer doesn't experience anywhere near that decrease in range." The company said the range dropped by roughly 1 percent at 95 degrees, but it would not release a percentage for cold weather.

AAA said it followed test procedures drawn up by SAE, an auto engineering trade group.

When the temperature tumbled to 20 degrees last week in Hickory, North Carolina, near Charlotte, Jason Hughes noticed the range fall when he drove his Tesla Model 3 on the commute from home to work.

"It would easily use double the amount of power for that 15-mile trip," said Hughes, who owns four Teslas and runs a business that refurbishes and sells salvaged Tesla parts.

The cars use energy to heat the battery coolant in cold weather, as well as for heating the cabin, Hughes said. Range would take a hit mainly for short trips, and the decrease wouldn't be as large on longer trips once the battery and cabin are heated, Hughes said.

"It's definitely an issue," he said. "If you want to go somewhere far in the cold, you're going to be using more power."

Range would be reduced further by extreme cold in northern states, he said.

AAA recommends that drivers heat or cool their cars while still plugged in to a charging station. It says electric cars can still be used in extreme climates with a little extra planning.

DROUGHT

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more than the usual amount of rain to date. The monitor said several reservoirs are still at their lowest levels in at least a year, and in one case, as long as three years.

A relatively small area of moderate to severe drought persists along the California-Oregon border.

BY THE NUMBERS

More than 34 percent of the state now has no abnormal dryness or any of the four levels of drought, which are described as moderate, severe, extreme and exceptional.

Slightly more than half the state is considered abnormally dry and just 10.5 percent is either in moderate or extreme drought.

On Jan. 1, less than 8 percent of the state had no level of dryness or drought. Slightly more than 75 percent was in moderate, extreme or exceptional drought and the remainder was in the abnormally dry classification.

SIERRA SNOWPACK

Just before last weekend's latest round of stormy weather, the California Department of Water Resources conducted its second Sierra snowpack survey of the season and found it was 100 percent of normal, an important reading because it holds about a third of the state's water supply.

Even more snow has fallen since, including staggering amounts at locations such as Mammoth Mountain. Eleven feet of snow fell on its 11,053-foot summit over four days, bringing the season total to more than 32 feet, the resort said.

THE EMERALD HILLS OF LA

Rainfall totals this winter have been impressive.

Downtown Los Angeles, for example, has received nearly 13 inches of rain since the Oct. 1 start of the "water year." That's over 5 inches more than normal.

The result has been an explosion of verdant grasses across the state, including the Los Angeles region where the Mediterranean climate usually expresses itself in shades of khaki and tan.

Swaths of bright green have even sprouted amid vast areas burned black by wildfires.

The storms have caused burn scars to belch mud and rocks that have blocked streets and highways, but so far have not led to a repeat of the kind of disastrous and deadly debris flows that smashed the community of Montecito last winter.

TOO MUCH?

Even with the high precipitation totals California has avoided major problems because the storms have been spaced far enough apart and have not been overly intense, said Alex Tardy, a warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Diego.

"We have been mostly fortunate with these big rain events, the atmospheric rivers, where the impact has been relatively localized," he said.

Historically, there have been winters with high precipitation totals that did not cause problems, but soils are saturated and many of the big reservoirs are starting to fill up, he said.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Even more snow.

The National Weather Service said two storms are expected to drop snow on Northern California mountains and higher foothills this coming weekend, producing dangerous driving conditions.

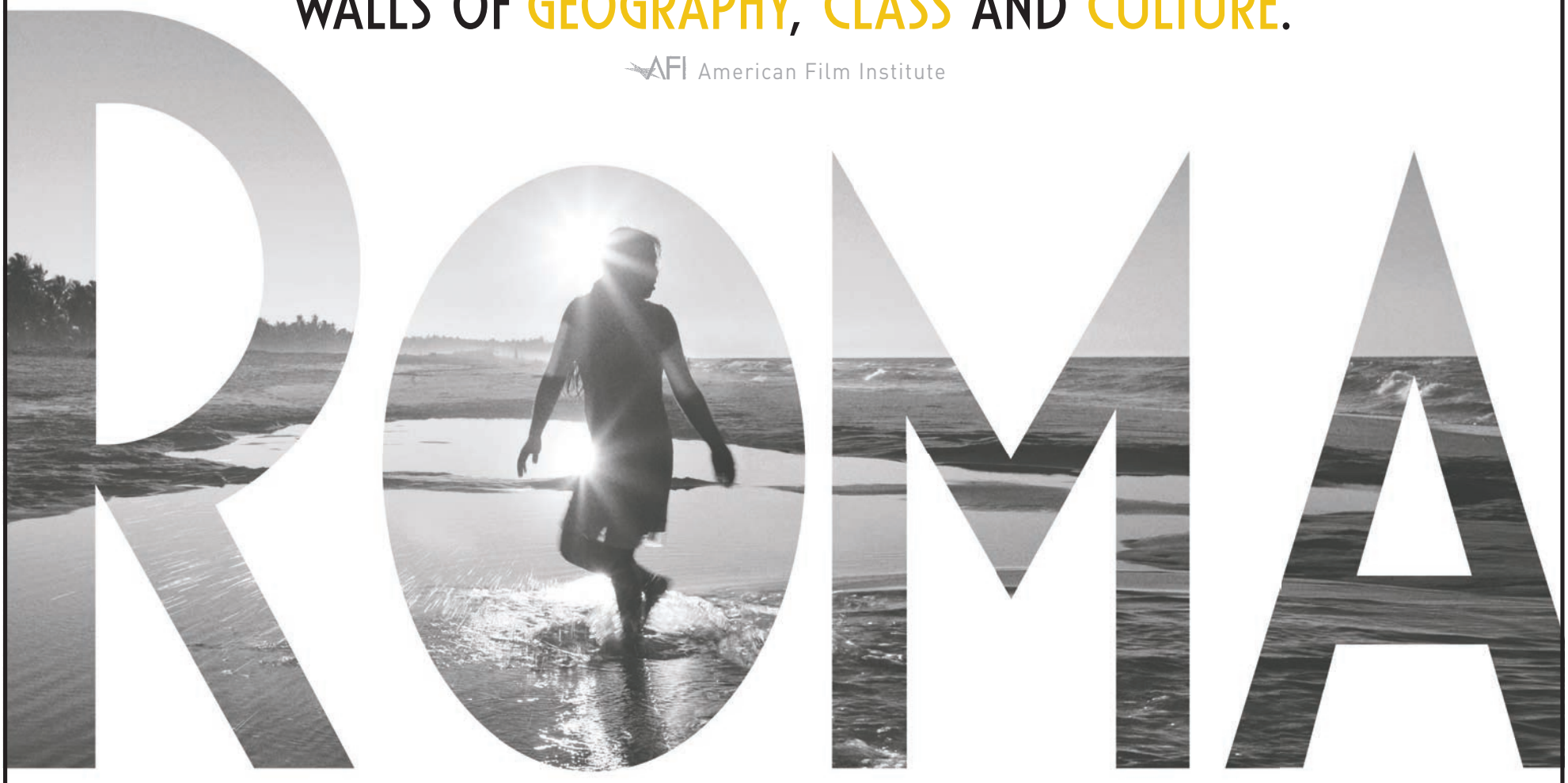
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