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Primer: Police scanner encryption



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ENCRYPTION: Santa Monica is one of the only police departments in the Los Angeles area that encrypts its radio communications.

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

In most newsrooms, a scanner that picks up on local police and fire communications provides a constant stream of background noise that often prompts reporters to leap into action when they hear potential breaking news.

But in Santa Monica and a growing number of cities around the country, journalists and residents only get information through police and fire spokespersons and social media.

The Santa Monica Police Department encrypted its communications when it transitioned from an analog to a digital radio system in 2000. Since then, encryption has become a nationwide trend, with hundreds of police and fire departments choosing to restrict public and media access to their radio systems. In Southern California, Orange County, Riverside, Pasadena, Beverly Hills and Palm Springs all encrypt their scanners.

For law enforcement, encryption allays concerns that people will listen to a scanner while committing a crime to evade officers.

"The notorious examples are residential burglary or bank robbery suspects who would be utilizing a scanner to tell if they've set off an alarm and the police are on the way," said SMPD spokesperson Lt. Joseph Cortez.

In the age of social media, police also fear that members of the public with scanners will blindly trust first reports and broadcast information online that could turn out to be false.

"If a call comes in where someone says there's been a horrible traffic accident and a child has been really injured, and then we go out there and find out that everyone's fine, I would hate for that information to get out," Cortez said.

But police scanners have long been a resource for local newsrooms

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Teddy Rosenbluth

VALENTINE'S DAY: Emotional support animals visited UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica Friday to deliver Valentines to sick children. This dog, named Foxy Lady, has worked in the hospital for about five years.

McKeown discusses impact of tech industry growth during annual address

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

At the city of Santa Monica's annual State of the City address Wednesday, Mayor Kevin McKeown praised the growth of Santa Monica's technology sector while pointing out that the influx of highly paid workers is straining the city's limited housing supply.

At the Economic Sustainability Summit hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, McKeown said there are now more than 31,000 tech jobs in Santa Monica and 3,000 tech companies. The total tech payroll in Santa Monica is more than $5 billion, well over half of the total annual payroll in the entire city.

That new money is in competition for the city's limited housing, McKeown said.

The online real estate database Zillow recently reported that the median home in Santa Monica now exceeds $1.5 million, and the median rent for new tenancies in a one-bedroom Santa Monica apartment last year was $2,450. Almost a quarter of renter households in Santa Monica pay more than half of their income for rent, McKeown said.

"The influx of the tech industry has truly been a gamechanger," he said. "Of course, there can be a problem with changing games. New winners can, without meaning to, make life harder for others."

McKeown said the city has taken several steps over the last year to ensure that economic success does not displace longtime residents, with the expansion of the Preserving Our Diversity program, which provides rental subsidies for low-income

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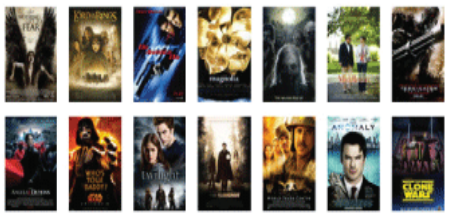




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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, February 15

Hollywood Revisited

A most glamorous and fun show, Hollywood Revisited, will be performed at 7 p.m. at St. Augustine by the Sea Episcopal Church at 1227 4th Street. Featuring Broadway singers wearing the actual costumes worn by the great stars of Hollywood and singing music from the Golden Age of Hollywood. This promises to be an evening of stunning fashion and great music and lots of humor. Tickets can be purchased at the door for $20 adults/$10 students.

Fireside at the Miles - The Joe & Joshua Show

Joe and Joshua are back to make you laugh! An evening of theater that mixes sketch comedy, music and honest storytelling. Stage Raw calls it, "sharp, satirical, and often incisive, providing both laughs and food for thought." 8 - 10 p.m. Tickets for sale at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-joe-joshua-show-tickets-84653243129

Voter Registration & Election Information

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica provides on-site voter registration and answers questions about LA County's new voting procedures for the 2020 elections. 12 - 3 p.m. Main Library.

VITA Tax Assistance

UCLA provides free federal and state income tax assistance for low to moderate income, seniors and disabled individuals. Pre-registration is recommended (www.vitaucla.org), assistance is given on a first come basis. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Montana Avenue Branch Library.

Ocean Park Fiction Winners Book Group

This book group reads and discusses prize-winning fiction. The group meets the 3rd Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 'The Testament of Mary' by Colm Toibin. Ocean Park Branch Library

Get Started with 3D Printing

Learn the basics of 3D printing and design by completing a guided project. To register, email ideashappen@smgov.net at least one week prior to event. For adults and teens. Fairview Branch Library 11 a.m.

Costumed Movement with Mimi Haddon & Cody Brunelle-Potter

Photographer and Costume Artist Mimi Haddon and Movement and Fiber Artist Cody Brunelle-Potter collaborate on a series of sculptural movement workshops at The Camera Obscura Art Lab. No dance experience required. Materials will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothing and footwear. 1450 Ocean, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. $5

Master Gardeners at the Market

Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 am - Noon. Virginia Avenue Park

Sunday, February 16

Writer-in-Residence Nathalie Kramer: California Authors - Literary Reading

Nathalie Kramer's second event of her Beach House residency will present four new California writers, Dawn Kemper, Tammee Whittley, Fred D'Aguiar, and Nathalie herself will reading from their work, engaging and exploring the California landscape. Annenberg Community Beach House, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

RE/CITE: Community Talk and Tea with April Banks

Tea Afar is a nomadic storytelling experience that exchanges traditions across borders. Over tea, we share stories, build empathy and strengthen community. For this edition we'll focus on the history of the Belmar neighborhood and how African Americans migrated and built their lives in Santa Monica. The face of this community has changed dramatically over time. We will celebrate, reminisce and imagine the future... with our bellies full! 18th Street Arts Center, 1639 18th Street, 2 - 4 p.m. Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/recite-community-talk-tea-with-april-banks-tickets-91387238691

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Phil Cott Memorial

Phil Cott passed away Feb. 6 after a decade long bout with kidney cancer.

Phil was born in Los Angeles and attended Venice High and UCLA. He inspired countless students and their families as a beloved elementary school principal in Malibu and a teacher in Culver City over a 40-year career.

Mid-career, Phil attended law school and worked as a prosecutor in Los Angeles County before returning to his true calling in public education. Phil was also well known as a youth baseball coach for many years in Mar Vista and for stretching a routine single into a stand-up double in a softball league for almost 2 decades.

Phil was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and lifelong Dodger fan who will be forever missed by everyone who had the good fortune of knowing him. He will be remembered for his brilliant wit, compassion, leadership, and complete lack of pretension.

He is survived by wife Charlee, children Rachel and Daniel, grandchildren Heaven and Paris, and siblings Doreen and Howard. Donations in memory of Phil Cott can be made to the Kidney Cancer Association. A Celebration of Life memorial is taking place on Saturday, March 7th at 2pm at Webster School, 3602 Winter Canyon Road, Malibu. A video tribute of Phil's life will play on a loop at 1pm in the cafetorium before and after the service. A reception will follow the service in Webster School's Poet's Park.

SUBMITTED BY DEIRDRE RONEY

Applications Now Accepted for Malibu General Fund Grants to Support Efforts by Non-Profits That Benefit the Community

The City of Malibu is now accepting applications for the Fiscal Year 2020- 2021 General Fund Grant Program from local non-profit organizations to fund efforts that benefit residents of the community.

The application period for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 opened February 3, 2020, and closes Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 5:00 PM.

"Malibu is a very charitable community, and the General Fund Grants are an important way that the City supports our local non-profit organizations," said Mayor Karen Farrer. "The grants support a wide range of services that benefit the community, from assistance to people experiencing homelessness, to arts and culture, to after-school programs for kids to the environment."

Last year, 26 community-based organizations received General Fund Grants totaling $152,500.

All submitted applications will be reviewed by the City Council's Administration and Finance Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee's recommendations will be presented to the City Council for award during the annual budget approval in June.

Original applications and all supporting materials must be received at City Hall by mail or in person by the application deadline, Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 5:00 PM. The application form and other information is available online at www.MalibuCity.org/GeneralFund.

Applications can be submitted by email to: Parker Davis, pdavis@malibucity.org.

Applications can be submitted in person during business hours Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, and Fridays 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM, or by mail to: Parker Davis
Administrative Services Department
23825 Stuart Ranch Road
Malibu, CA 90265

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF

City of Malibu Cultural Arts Commission Puts Out Call For Artists for New Community Art Exhibition

The City of Malibu Cultural Arts Commission put out a call for local artists to submit original work inspired by Malibu's natural beauty, including flora, fauna and native habitats for the upcoming community art exhibition, "The Birds and the Bees, A Celebration of Spring in Malibu." Local artists are encouraged to submit paintings, photography, sculptures, short films, written work, poetry, and other art by the call for artists deadline on Thursday, February 20, 2020.

Artists may submit applications and artwork images through the online system ArtCall.org. Those who have submitted artwork for the City's previous exhibit, "Radical Beauty, Malibu Rising," may use the same account. Artists are required to submit a separate application for multiple artwork submissions. For more information or assistance with online submissions, please contact Rachel Cummings at 310-456-2489, ext. 358.

For more information about the call for artists, visit the City's Arts and Culture website at MalibuArtandCulture.org/callforartists.

"The Birds and the Bees, A Celebration of Spring in Malibu" art exhibition will be on display in Malibu City Hall through May 2020 and can be viewed during City Hall open hours, Mondays through Thursdays, 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Fridays, 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The opening reception will take place on Friday, March 20, 6:30 PM. City Hall is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Rd., Malibu CA 90265.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS

CITY OF SANTA MONICA BOARDS/ COMMISSIONS/TASK FORCES COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Community Working Group:
Nine seat(s) available for a limited term ending once task is completed.
Applicants must be a Santa Monica resident, eighteen years of age or older.

Applications due by 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, February 25, 2020.
Appointments to be made by the offices of the City Clerk, City Manager, and City Attorney, Friday, March 6, 2020.

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission. Applicants should not currently hold a position on any boards/commissions/task forces.

The newly formed City of Santa Monica Boards, Commissions & Task Forces Community Working Group is tasked with providing a comprehensive review of all boards, commissions and task forces in consultation with the City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney. They are to return to Council with recommendations and suggestions for best practices, including possible consolidation of boards and commissions with duplicate or similar purviews.

The City seeks to recruit a diverse and inclusive cross-section of residents to mirror the distinct culture of the City of Santa Monica that will offer a rich variety of perspectives in this collaborative effort.

Applications must be submitted on-line at: https://www.smgov.net/
Application received are public records available for public inspection and duplication.

Applicants requiring additional information can contact the City Clerk's office at (310) 458-8211 or clerk@smgov.net.

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NOT REAL NEWS: A look at what didn't happen this week

BEATRICE DUPUY
Associated Press

A roundup of some of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. None of these are legit, even though they were shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked them out. Here are the real facts:

CLAIM: NASA SAID FEB. 10 IS THE ONLY DAY OF THE YEAR THAT A BROOM CAN STAND ON ITS OWN.

THE FACTS: NASA did not make that claim, but the U.S. space agency did take time Tuesday to address the false assertion as it spread widely on Twitter. Turns out, it's just a balancing act and a broom can stand on its own on any day. Social media users began circulating the claim citing NASA on Monday along with videos and photos showing a variety of brooms being balanced. Some posts tied balancing brooms to gravitational pull and others said it was the tilt of the Earth. NASA spokeswoman Karen Northon told The Associated Press in an email that the posts, which circulated widely on Twitter and Facebook, proved the importance of checking with reliable sources before spreading information online. "This is another social media hoax that exemplifies how quickly pseudoscience and false claims can go viral," she said. NASA knocked down the #BroomstickChallenge claim on its official Twitter account Tuesday, posting that "basic physics works every day of the year — not just Feb. 10." The tweet featured a video of Astronaut Alvin Drew and scientist Sarah Noble making a broom stand on its own. "It's just physics," Drew said in the video uploaded to Twitter on Feb. 11. NASA Earth, a separate Twitter account, also addressed the claim, stating, "there's no special gravity that only affects brooms." The broom challenge myth has existed online for years. WIRED debunked the claim in 2012 with a story titled "Balancing brooms: it's not about the planets."

CLAIM: NEWSPAPER REPORT SHOWS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE PETE BUTTIGIEG WAS ARRESTED AS A TEENAGER IN 1998 FOR KILLING DOGS.

THE FACTS: A fabricated newspaper article was created to make it appear that Buttigieg had been arrested as a teenager for killing dogs in the town where he later served as mayor. Social media posts with the false report about the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, circulated widely after the Feb. 7 New Hampshire debate. The false report was carried on what appeared to be a newspaper front page that had been folded in half. Only South Bend appeared in the title of the newspaper. The false article, dated August, 30, 1998, said that Buttigieg was arrested on suspicion of killing at least five dogs. Alan Achkar, executive editor of the South Bend Tribune, knocked down the false article on his Twitter account, posting the original front page from the newspaper on Aug. 30, 1998. It shows no mention of Buttigieg. "It is obviously bogus," Achkar told The Associated Press. Robert Franklin, director of photography at the Tribune, also commented on Achkar's Twitter post, saying that the newsroom had received calls about the fake post. "We were more upset about the style errors: Five not spelled out, no byline, no dateline, a jump in the middle of story," Franklin said in his tweet. The fake article was created using an online newspaper clipping generator where users can create fake stories.

CLAIM: PHOTO OF FIVE TEENS STANDING AGAINST A WALL SHOWS SEN. BERNIE SANDERS AT STONEWALL IN 1969.

THE FACTS: The photo does not show the Democratic presidential candidate at the Stonewall uprising in 1969. After Sanders' New Hampshire primary win Tuesday, social media users began circulating the false claim with the photo, gaining thousands of shares on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Mike Casca, a campaign spokesman for the Vermont senator, said in an email that the photo was not of the senator. The photo also does not match the archival images from the uprising. On June 28, 1969, a police raid targeting gay patrons at the Stonewall Inn in New York led to a rebellion that helped propel the modern LGBTQ rights movement. At the time, many states outlawed gay sex and some experts claimed homosexuality was a mental disorder. The photo of the teens has been shared online for years with various claims. Sanders has been an outspoken supporter of gay rights in the past, supporting a gay pride parade in 1983, while he was mayor of Burlington, Vermont. Sanders later spoke out against the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage as between a man and a woman and prohibited same-sex couples from obtaining federal benefits, and Don't Ask, Don't Tell, which banned gay and lesbian Americans from serving openly in the military.

CLAIM: COLLOIDAL SILVER PRODUCTS CAN HELP PREVENT OR PROTECT AGAINST THE NEW CORONAVIRUS FROM CHINA.

AP'S ASSESSMENT: The silver solution has no known benefit in the body when ingested, according to officials with the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, a federal scientific research agency. Colloidal silver is made up of silver particles suspended in a liquid, and has often has often been falsely peddled as a miracle solution to boost the immune system and cure diseases. Social media users have most recently linked it to products to address the new virus that emerged from China. But experts have long said that the solution has no known function or benefits. "There are no complementary products, such as colloidal silver or herbal remedies, that have been proven effective in preventing or treating this disease (COVID-19), and colloidal silver can have serious side effects," Dr. Helene Langevin, director for the NCCIH. The FDA has taken action against companies promoting colloidal silver products with misleading claims. The NCCIH says colloidal silver has the power to turn skin blue when silver builds up in the body's tissue. In 2002, The Associated

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JASON REED

ON FEB. 5 AT APPROXIMATELY 1:30 P.M.

Officers observed the subject driving southbound on 11th Street talking on his cellphone. Officers conducted an enforcement stop and found that the driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol/drugs. A DUI expert determined the driver was operating a vehicle while impaired and the driver was arrested. Jason Reed, 33, from Santa Monica, was booked for driving under the influence. His bail was set at $5,000.

WEEKLY ARRESTS

THERE WERE 66 ARRESTS THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5TH TO 11TH.

DATE	SEX	AGE	CHARGED WITH
2/5/20	F	42	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
2/5/20	M	41	Drunk in Public
2/5/20	M	27	Robbery
2/5/20	M	38	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
2/5/20	M	33	Driving Under the Influence
2/5/20	M	23	Brandishing a Deadly Weapon
2/5/20	F	33	Contempt of Court
2/5/20	M	37	Possession of Methamphetamines
2/6/20	M	30	Drunk in Public
2/6/20	M	22	Loitering in Parking Structure
2/6/20	M	27	Lewd Conduct
2/6/20	M	39	Warrant
2/6/20	F	57	Possession of Methamphetamines for Sale
2/6/20	M	30	Shoplifting
2/6/20	M	52	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
2/6/20	F	26	Possession of Methamphetamines
2/6/20	M	66	Drunk in Public
2/6/20	M	46	Larceny
2/6/20	M	46	Warrant
2/7/20	M	50	Public Nudity
2/7/20	F	37	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
2/7/20	F	37	Drunk in Public
2/7/20	M	56	False Identification to a Police Officer
2/7/20	M	31	Parole Violation
2/7/20	M	48	Larceny
2/7/20	M	19	Assault with a Deadly Weapon
2/7/20	M	60	Contempt of Court
2/7/20	M	49	Resisting Arrest
2/7/20	M	28	Possession of Methamphetamines
2/7/20	M	40	Assault with Intent to Commit a Felony
2/7/20	M	19	Carrying a Concealed Firearm
2/8/20	M	22	Driving Under The Combined Influence Of Alcohol And Drugs
2/8/20	M	30	Drunk in Public
2/8/20	M	20	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol
2/8/20	F	46	Warrant
2/8/20	F	24	Battery on a Peace Officer
2/8/20	M	42	Vandalism
2/8/20	M	44	Warrant
2/9/20	M	62	Warrant
2/9/20	M	57	Shoplifting
2/9/20	M	33	Drunk in Public
2/9/20	M	23	Possession of a Controlled Substance while Armed with a Firearm
2/9/20	M	22	Loitering in Parking Structure
2/9/20	M	37	Warrant
2/10/20	M	18	Trespassing
2/10/20	M	29	Parole Violation
2/10/20	M	49	Fugitive
2/10/20	M	30	Shoplifting
2/10/20	M	22	Driving Under The Combined Influence Of Alcohol And Drugs
2/10/20	M	37	Warrant
2/10/20	F	28	Assault & Battery
2/10/20	F	22	Resisting Arrest
2/10/20	F	31	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
2/10/20	M	29	Parole Violation
2/10/20	M	61	Warrant
2/11/20	M	30	Warrant
2/11/20	F	47	Resisting Arrest
2/11/20	M	52	Shoplifting
2/11/20	M	34	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
2/11/20	M	28	Petty Theft
2/11/20	M	64	Possession of a Controlled Substance
2/11/20	M	57	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
2/11/20	M	26	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance
2/11/20	M	34	Possession of Methamphetamines
2/11/20	F	52	Drunk in Public
2/11/20	M	24	Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO INFORM 2020-25 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ALLOCATING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT (HOME) PROGRAM FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold two public hearings to receive community input to inform the development of the Draft 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and the Draft 2020-21 Annual Action Plan. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan for housing and community development which identifies high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

The goal of these hearings is to solicit input on priorities and goals to remove barriers for housing, community infrastructure, and social services funded by the City's CDBG & HOME allocations. All interested members of the public, housing related or community service agencies, and nonprofit organizations are encouraged to provide input verbally at the public hearings, or to submit written comments to humanservices@smgov.net by February 25, 2020. The City will notice and hold additional public hearings prior to Council adoption of the 2020-25 Consolidated Plan and 2020-21 Annual Action Plan.

The Public Hearings are scheduled for the following meetings:

Housing Commission
Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 6:00pm
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

and

Social Services Commission
Monday, February 24, 2020 at 7:00pm
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in reporting breaking news, and some members of the public use them to stay up to date on police activity in their neighborhoods.

For both the media and the public, scanners lead to greater transparency and accountability between law enforcement and the communities they serve, said Gabriel Kahn, a journalism professor at the USC Annenberg School.

"Efforts to shroud police practices behind a veil so the public doesn't have access to them leads to all sorts of problems," he said.

Kahn said police must clearly explain the rationale for encrypting their communications and be willing to revisit the decision.

"There are legitimate privacy and safety concerns behind the decision to encrypt police communications, but that in and of itself does not give police departments carte blanche to encrypt all communication," he said. "Police need to demonstrate with quantifiable evidence that their rationale is not simply hypothetical, but a real concern."

If departments do choose to encrypt, they must be willing to release timely information about incidents as well as disciplinary records and body camera footage, Kahn said. Media investigations into recordings or footage from crime scenes have revealed discrepancies between police records and recorded evidence, he added.

Last spring, SMPD provided disciplinary records dating back to 2014 to the Daily Press under a state law that went into effect in 2019. The law requires police departments to release records from the previous five years that involve officers firing guns, using force that results in death or injury, committing sexual assault or being dishonest.

The SMPD records revealed that officers have been suspended or fired for mistakenly shooting a gun while pursuing a robbery suspect, stealing earbuds from a store manager and attempting to get preferential treatment to adopt a puppy.

"We are living in an age where the public demands greater transparency from public institutions," Kahn said. "The vast majority of actions that lead to greater transparency increase trust in law enforcement."

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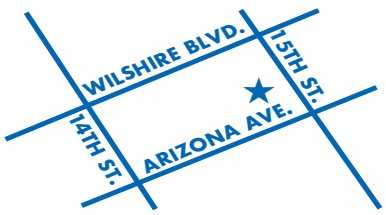
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MCKEOWN

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seniors, and its continued financial support for Community Corporation of Santa Monica to acquire and build affordable housing.

The city's home-sharing ordinance, which was upheld in court last year following a legal challenge from Airbnb, has returned about 500 units to the residential market over the past five years, McKeown said.

He also said the city has encouraged the production of new housing downtown, along transit boulevards and in formerly industrial areas to try to keep new housing from gentrifying existing neighborhoods.

McKeown asked business leaders to contemplate what they can do to help cover the cost of new affordable housing in anticipation of a forthcoming state mandate for Santa Monica to build more than 9,000 new units of housing over the next eight years, about half of which would have to be affordable.

"I think we can all understand why no one wants to be forced out of Santa Monica," he said. "Working together, we have created a truly wonderful place to live and work. We will continue to be – and we want to be – a promising place for investment, entrepreneurship and innovation."

McKeown said the rate of Part One crimes dropped 16% in 2019 after four years of significant increases. Last year was the lowest in five years for rape, burglary, both residential and commercial, and bike theft. Aggregated assaults, which had increased over the prior two years, were down 18% last year.

"We still have work to do: grand theft auto is still rising, by 5%, and shoplifting was the highest in five years," he said. "Overall, though, the downward trend in crime seems well established, and is continuing with the tentative figures we've seen so far this year."

McKeown highlighted measures the city has taken to reduce homelessness over the past year, including the addition of hospitality ambassadors to Reed Park, social workers in the city's libraries and plans to convert Parking Structure 3 to 150 units of supportive affordable housing.

He said Santa Monica's greenhouse gas footprint fell 17% last year as the city switched from electricity created using fossil fuels to 100% renewably sourced electricity from the new regional Clean Power Alliance. Over the past decade, 3,100 net new trees were planted in the city.

Looking to the year ahead, McKeown said City Hall East, the Santa Monica Early Childhood Lab School and the downtown fire station will all open this spring.

He also urged residents to the Santa Monica 2050 survey, which is part of a two-year study that will result in the release of a long-term economic sustainability strategy later this year. The survey can be found online at santamonica.gov/2050economy.

"Understanding the global trends, we can identify our particular local strengths and make the most of them," McKeown said. "The Santa Monica 2050 process will, this year, outline actions and targets so we can all prepare not only to weather economic trends, but to benefit from them."

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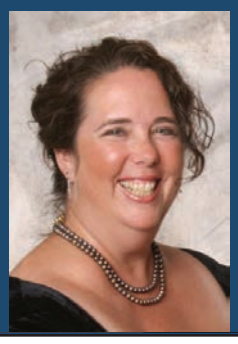
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Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:10 AM
Trespassing 500Blk Broadway 1:31 AM
Status Check 400Blk Expo Line 2:09 AM
Living in a Vehicle 400Blk Alta Ave 3:33 AM
Petty Theft Just Occurred 3Rd Street Prom / Broadway 4:35 AM
Trespassing 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 4:38 AM
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 4Th St / Colorado Ave 4:40 AM
Overdose 17Th St / Expo Line 4:42 AM
Status Check 800Blk 3Rd St 4:54 AM
Transport Prisoner 300Blk Olympic Dr 5:22 AM
Status Check 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:23 AM
ENCAMPMENT 800Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:39 AM
Petty Theft Just Occurred 200Blk Broadway 6:07 AM
Threats Report/Investigations 1500Blk 7Th St 6:36 AM
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:51 AM
Red Zone Violation 1000Blk 9Th St 7:10 AM
Trespassing 500Blk California Ave 7:16 AM
Abandoned Vehcile 1500Blk 2Nd St 7:39 AM
Fight 1700Blk 4Th St 7:42 AM
Trespassing 1200Blk 7Th St 7:47 AM
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Fraud Report 1600Blk 16Th St 8:35 AM
Trespassing 1300Blk 9Th St 8:42 AM
Transport Prisoner Lax Court 8:50 AM
Trespassing 1900Blk Main St 8:52 AM
Burglary Report 1500Blk 6Th St 8:54 AM
Trespassing 700Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:11 AM
Trespassing 1200Blk 7Th St 9:15 AM
Smoking VIolation 1600Blk Ocean Ave 9:25 AM
Vehicle with Excessive Parking Violations 1800Blk 10Th St 9:37 AM
Status Check 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:38 AM
Status Check 1000Blk 4Th St 9:43 AM
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Michael Avenatti is convicted of trying to extort Nike

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Avenatti, the combative lawyer who gained fame by representing porn star Stormy Daniels in lawsuits involving President Donald Trump, was convicted Friday of trying to extort sportswear giant Nike.

The verdict was returned by a federal jury in Manhattan following a three-week trial in which prosecutors said Avenatti threatened to use his media access to hurt Nike's reputation and stock price unless the company paid him up to $25 million.

The convictions for attempted extortion and honest services fraud carry a combined potential penalty of 42 years in prison.

Avenatti glared at the jurors as the verdict was being announced but said nothing.

Afterward, he shook hands with his lawyers and told them "great job" before he was led back to the cell where he has been held since a judge found he had violated his bail conditions.

His lawyer, Scott Srebnick, said he would appeal the conviction but otherwise declined to comment. A judge set sentencing for June.

The jury agreed with prosecutors who argued that Avenatti misused a client's information "in an effort to extort tens of millions of dollars" from Nike, U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman said in a written statement.

"While the defendant may have tried to hide behind legal terms and a suit and tie, the jury clearly saw the defendant's scheme for what it was — an old fashioned shakedown," he said.

At trial, lawyers for Nike used words like "shakedown" and "stickup" to describe what they felt they were subject to when Avenatti threatened to stage a news conference to muddy Nike's name by linking the company to a college basketball scandal.

Avenatti, 48, became a cable news fixture in 2018 and 2019 as journalists courted him for information about Daniels and her claims of a tryst with Trump before he became president, and a payoff to remain silent about it. At his peak of notoriety, Avenatti used Twitter and TV appearances to relentlessly criticize Trump and even considered running for president himself.

Many of his appearances occurred while he was representing Daniels and after the arrest of Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen. Cohen is serving a three-year prison sentence after pleading guilty to lying to Congress and campaign finance violations in connection with hush payments to Daniels and another woman who claimed an affair with Trump.

After Avenatti's conviction, Donald Trump Jr. said in a tweet: "I look forward to Michael's witty twitter retorts to the jury that just found him guilty in all counts. Though I'm told he is still doing well amongst the Democrat primary contenders."

The president's son also sent a tweet with snippets of some of Avanatti's television appearances and suggested the media loved Avenatti.

Avenatti's fall was swift. He was arrested as he was about to meet Nike lawyers last March to press his demands for millions of dollars to conduct an internal probe of the Beaverton, Oregon-based apparel maker. Evidence at trial showed Avenatti owed at least $11 million at the time and had been evicted from his law offices for failure to pay rent that totaled roughly $50,000 a month.

Avenatti maintained he was taking the aggressive position at the urging of his client Gary Franklin, who ran a youth basketball league in Los Angeles and was angry that Nike ended a decade-long sponsorship that provided $72,000 annually and free gear. He sought $1.5 million for Franklin, as well.

Franklin testified that two Nike executives forced him to pay money to the mother of an elite high school basketball player and to pass along payments to the handlers of other players while doctoring paperwork to hide the purpose of the funds.

Franklin said he felt betrayed by Avenatti after he learned the lawyer was demanding millions of dollars for himself and another lawyer. He also said he would not have approved of Avenatti threatening to smear Nike's name, since he wanted to repair his relationship with the company.

"Scared, upset, confused" was how Franklin said he reacted to Avenatti telling him that he was "going to go public" with what he knew about Nike executives.

As Franklin testified, Avenatti showed his displeasure. He laughed, grimaced, looked skyward, smiled and shook his head in reaction to his former client's testimony.

Avenatti did not testify, but his lawyers said he was following the wishes of Franklin and an entertainment executive who advised him to be aggressive to force Nike to fire corrupt executives and fix its culture.

Besides the extortion trial, Avenatti also faces an April trial in New York on charges that he defrauded Daniels of book proceeds and a May trial in Los Angeles on charges that he defrauded clients and others of millions of dollars.

The judge presiding over the trial over book proceeds died this month. The judge newly assigned to the case has scheduled a conference for Feb. 25.

Avenatti remains held without bail. Federal prosecutors in Los Angeles succeeded last month in getting him locked up after saying he violated his $300,000 bail by moving money around illegally after his arrest.

US border agents to pursue migrants in 'sanctuary' cities

BY BEN FOX
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents who normally patrol the U.S. border will be deployed to "sanctuary" cities across the country that are hindering stepped up immigration enforcement, officials said Friday.

The deployment of Customs and Border Patrol agents, some with tactical training, to the interior of the country is unusual and represents another escalation in the confrontation between the Trump administration and local jurisdictions that are resisting stricter immigration enforcement.

Acting Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Matthew Albence said additional forces are needed because sanctuary cities are releasing immigrants who are in the country without legal authorization from local jails before his agents can take them into custody.

"This effort requires a significant amount of additional time and resources," Albence said in a statement. "When sanctuary cities release these criminals back to the street, it increases the occurrence of preventable crimes, and more importantly, preventable victims."

The acting director did not disclose where the agents would be deployed but an official, speaking on condition of anonymity to disclose details not provided in the statement, said they would include major sanctuary cities such as San Francisco, New York, Chicago and Boston.

Albence also did not provide details on the specific types of agents being deployed, but the official said they would come from varied U.S. locations and would include officers with tactical training that is typically intended to prepare them for potential confrontations with traffickers and other criminals.

The deployment, first reported by The New York Times, comes as President Donald Trump and others in his administration look to increase pressure on the sanctuary city movement.

The Justice Department this week filed one lawsuit against New Jersey for prohibiting state and local law enforcement from sharing information about inmates in the U.S. illegally and another Washington state's King County over a policy that prohibits the Department of Homeland Security from using the King County International Airport-Boeing Field for deportation flights.

Last week, the Department of Homeland Security said it would bar New York residents from trusted traveler programs such as Global Entry because of state law that prohibits immigration agents from accessing motor vehicle records.

FAKE NEWS

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Press reported that the skin of a Libertarian Senate candidate in Montana turned blue-gray after taking too much colloidal silver. The candidate, Stan Jones, made the solution himself and began taking it in 1999 to prepare for Y2K disruptions, according to the report. On Wednesday, televangelist Jim Bakker interviewed a guest on his show who promoted silver solution products, claiming the substance had been tested on previous coronavirus strains and eliminated them in hours. She said it had not been tested on the new coronavirus. As the guest spoke, ads ran on the screen for items like a "Cold & Flu Season Silver Sol" collection for $125. Bakker did not immediately return a request for comment. Coronavirus is a broad name for a family of viruses including SARS, severe acute respiratory syndrome. As of Friday, China had reported 63,851 confirmed cases on the mainland, with 1,380 deaths.

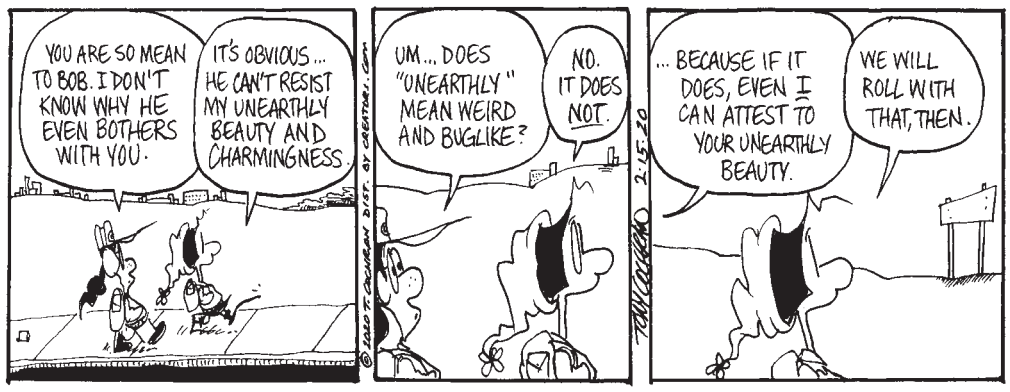
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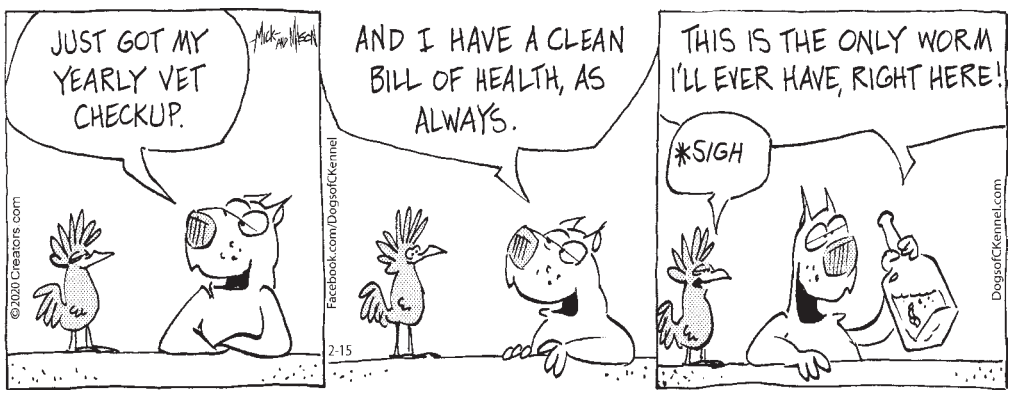
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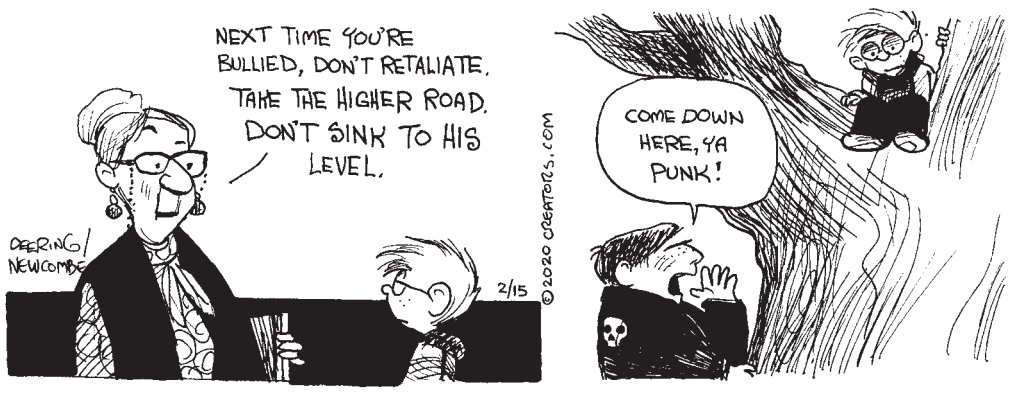
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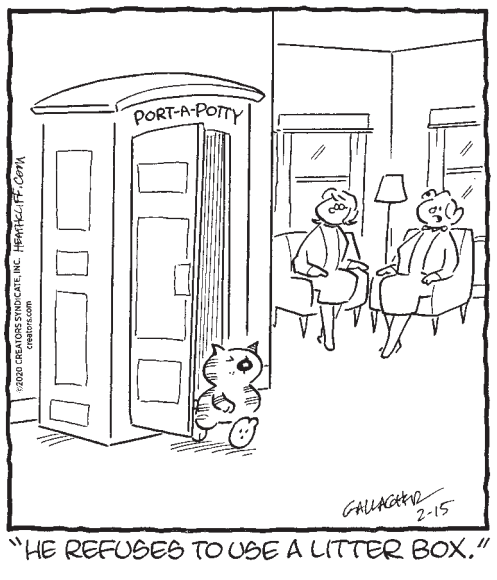
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.0°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
New modest NW swell fills in. SSW swell lingers.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Modest NW swell tops out. SSW swell fades.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 66. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 10pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Sunday: Patchy fog before 10am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 70.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/02/15	Sat	01:58 AM	4.92	H
2020/02/15	Sat	09:13 AM	0.85	L
2020/02/15	Sat	3:12 PM	2.89	H
2020/02/15	Sat	8:01 PM	1.85	L
2020/02/16	Sun	03:07 AM	4.97	H
2020/02/16	Sun	10:49 AM	0.39	L
2020/02/16	Sun	5:23 PM	2.88	H
2020/02/16	Sun	9:33 PM	2.30	L
2020/02/17	Mon	04:19 AM	5.09	H
2020/02/17	Mon	12:01 PM	-0.13	L
2020/02/17	Mon	6:52 PM	3.21	H
2020/02/17	Mon	11:04 PM	2.41	L
2020/02/18	Tue	05:24 AM	5.28	H
2020/02/18	Tue	12:55 PM	-0.55	L

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL calottery
Draw Date:02/12
14 47 54 55 68
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 40 M

MEGA MILLIONS calottery
Draw Date: 02/11
4 6 32 52 64
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 40 M

SuperLotto PLUS calottery
Draw Date: 02/12
11 13 20 24 35
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5 calottery
Draw Date: 02/13
6 7 17 32 34

Daily 3 calottery
Draw Date: 02/14
Midday: 0 9 7
Draw Date: 02/13
Evening: 0 6 2

Daily Derby calottery
Draw Date: 02/13
1st: 02 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
3rd: 01 - GOLD RUSH
RACE TIME: 1:44.35

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 15)

You'll learn what most excites and interest you and will take action on your self-discovery. It will be as though your feelings are wired to an intensity-controlling dial that you can move for your benefit, adventure or comfort. New friends contribute to your joy, as do people you help, especially through work. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 1, 44 and 9.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you speak of yourself, speak of possibility, with hope for what you might do. You can safely claim to be more powerful than the circumstance. That's not bragging; it's just truth.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Yes, raising the standard will help you make a change. You don't need to raise it too high though. Just bump it up a little today, maybe a little more tomorrow. Over time, the difference will be huge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you say that you should be doing something, the implication is that that you're behaving as an outside force would prefer. You decide. There is no authority above you in this, so there is no "should."

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though spirals generally go downward, they can also go upward, defying gravity, level after level, in a smooth revolving ascension. You are currently moving through an endeavor this way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take a step back and a look around. You'll see a few better options that could make a world of difference for you. You don't have to optimize yourself; you're already optimal. But when it's this easy, why not?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When people are having fun, there's no room or need for certain power dynamics. Blame, credit and other tallying sorts of behavior become unnecessary. You're all on the same team.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Regarding the thing you're trying for: You absolutely can do this. You're strong, and you're able. It's just that the scope may be a little off, at least for these early stages. Chunk it down. Start easier.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Often the answer isn't to talk about things. Brainstorm other ways of making a point. If you find that you still want to have the talk, your success will depend on timing and framing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You believe in your loved ones and back that up with action. You don't require anything to be fixed first, nor do you have to hash out fancy deals. Your support is unconditional.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You won't be interested in every subject that comes up for conversation today, but that's when your talent kicks in. You're very interested in people and in finding common ground.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Before events occur, you'll imagine them by running a film across the projector of your mind. This happens automatically and subconsciously, though adjusting your expectations will be a deliberate and conscious act.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Beware of what's hidden by ostentation. Those who are living in a particular way don't have to be fancy about dressing it up or flowery in how they talk about it. It's out there, obvious to all.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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G	L	U	O	N	■	I	D	L	E	M	O	N	E	Y
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D	O	G	F	I	G	H	T	S	■	G	I	V	E	N
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C	A	T	O	■	P	I	E	D	A	T	E	R	R	E
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P	E	P	S	■	J	E	T	S	E	T	■	E	D	T

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

8	2	7	3	5	9	6	1	4
3	6	9	8	1	4	7	2	5
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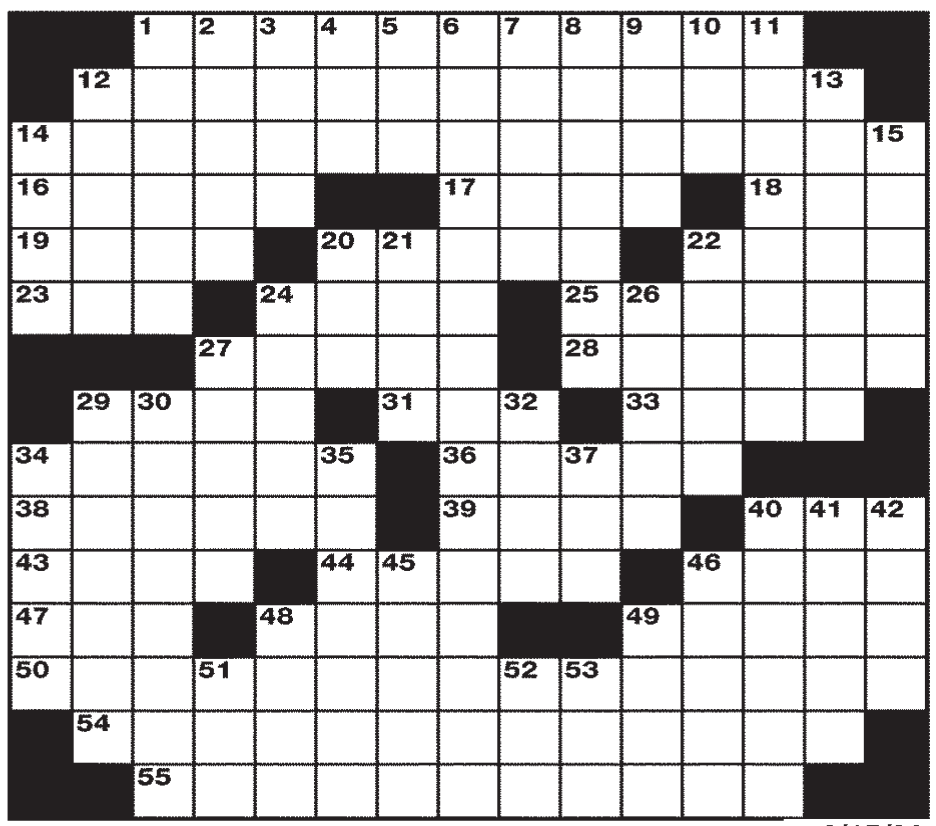
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Brad Wilber
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ACROSS
1 Gets no help
12 Cast layer
14 Frequent letter carriers
16 Big name at the British Museum
17 Lab vial contents
18 Chess-playing computer in a '60s film
19 Hustle away
20 11-Grammy Hall of Famer
22 Unremarkable
23 Rooting area
24 Antonym of "pamper"
25 Trust of a sort
27 Bias-cut edible
28 Alpha Canis Majoris
29 Exercised
31 About 5 mL
33 Saddle __
34 Poet/novelist/critic/inventor from Ottawa
36 The CIA __ (confidentiality, integrity and availability)
38 First nation with auto license plates
39 "UR hysterical"
40 Script writers
43 Proposal acceptance
44 Travels tirelessly
46 Overriding
47 Routine
48 Rock
49 Literary inspiration
50 College news of 2019
54 Undoing a tie
55 Creator of "the miserable monster"

DOWN
1 Like a giraffe calf
2 Vague *rumeur*
3 Subj. with booms and crashes
4 Caught
5 "LET'S BACK __" ('50s collectible button)
6 Spider silk abundance
7 Silver Helmet Award nominator
8 "To thine own self be true" addressee
9 Home of Cherokee Landing State Pk.
10 It can mean "modified"
11 High
12 Pre-docking liner boarder
13 Much more than mist
14 Spider silk abundance
15 Moderates
20 Published
21 Agony __ (British advice columnist)
22 Mayflower Cafe entrée
24 Bordeaux from north of Bordeaux
26 Durable mat material
27 Grunts
29 Stop on the Amsterdam-Eindhoven line
30 Search warrant servers
32 Poker variety
34 Apt sponsor of Disney's *DuckTales*
35 Lot
37 Possible scenarios
40 "Benighted walks under the __ sun": Milton
41 Foot-dragger's feeling
42 Put up or over
45 They're inspiring
46 Charity, quite frequently
48 Promote dissolution, perhaps
49 __ of America
51 [or sometimes]
52 "__ is a Diamond" (*Evita* tune)
53 *Pinocchio* excerpt



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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON FEB. 13

EMS 1300blk Yale St E-3e Station 3 12:14 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave E-2n Station 2 1:12 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave E-4n Station 3 2:37 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 3000blk Main St E-2s Station 2 4:17 a.m.
EMS 17th St / Expo Line E-4n Station 3 4:42 a.m.
EMS 200blk Broadway E-1 Station 1 5:13 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St E-3w Station 3 5:45 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St E-1 Station 1 5:58 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Schader Dr E-3e Station 3 6:24 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 23rd St E-3e Station 3 7:02 a.m.
EMS 00blk Pico Blvd E-2n Station 2 8:09 a.m.
Wires Down 1400blk Colorado Ave E-4n Station 3 8:32 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St E-3w Station 3 11:08 a.m.
EMS 1000blk Wilshire Blvd E-6 Station 1 11:16 a.m.
EMS 400blk Wilshire Blvd E-6 Station 1 11:50 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 29th St E-5 Station 5 12:52 p.m.
EMS 700blk 9th St E-6 Station 1 1:01 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave E-1 Station 1 1:41 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd E-3e Station 3 2:00 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 12th St E-6 Station 1 2:01 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Broadway E-3e Station 3 2:51 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 3000blk 3rd St E-2s Station 2 3:34 p.m.
EMS 600blk Broadway E-1 Station 1 3:50 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Broadway E-1 Station 1 4:39 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Kansas Ave E-4s Station 3 6:37 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Bay St E-2n Station 2 7:13 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Broadway E-1 Station 1 8:21 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Broadway E-1 Station 1 8:33 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 2100blk 3rd St E-2n Station 2 9:05 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway E-1 Station 1 9:36 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd E-5 Station 5 9:37 p.m.

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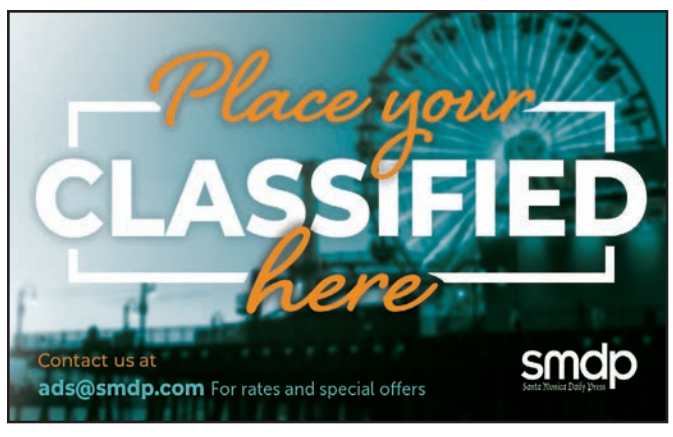
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