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Bond oversight committee advises SMMUSD to spend

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Bond financing for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified District remains strong but the district actually has to spend more money to avoid a potential conflict with the Internal Revenue Service.

At the February 15 SMMUSD Board meeting, The Citizens Bond Oversight Committee presented an annual report on Measure BB and ES expenditures.

Measure BB and ES are SMMUSD's facility improvement bond measures that were passed in

2006 and 2012. The bonds have helped SMMUSD with infrastructure problems, constructing new facilities, and updating the district's technology. Measure BB, asking voters to approve a \$268 million bond, received over 67% approval from voters and Measure ES, asking

voters to approve a \$385 million bond, received over 68% approval.

The report provided to the Board was for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Charlie Yen, chair of the Citizens Bond Oversight committee, apologized for the report being late due to "unforeseen conditions," and praised the district in their work thus far.

"The district, under direction of CBO and Carey Upton, did a good job getting projects going,"

Yen said. "It's a difficult thing to do. I think you have an outstanding team to complete the bond programs, to make sure all projects are benefitting our school's kids."

Yen addressed expenditures and balance sheets within the report, noting that for Measure BB in the 14/15 year, the district

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SpaceX launches Spanish satellite, two others from California

BY JOHN ANTCAZAK
Associated Press

An Earth-observation satellite built for Spain and two experimental satellites for internet service were successfully launched into orbit from California at dawn Thursday, creating a brief light show as it arced over the Pacific Ocean west of Los Angeles.

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, reusing a first stage that had flown on a previous launch, lifted off at 6:17 a.m. from Vandenberg Air Force Base.

Californians were hoping for a repeat of the spectacle that occurred during a Dec. 22 Falcon 9 launch during exceptionally clear twilight conditions, but this time the sky was much brighter, making the plume less brilliant.

The Falcon's first stage was used to launch a satellite for Taiwan last

August and was recovered by landing it on a drone ship in the Pacific. This time there was no effort to recover the first stage and it fell into the sea.

The first stage was an early version of the Falcon 9 and SpaceX is "making room" for a new version that will be qualified for rapid reuse many times, said Tom Praderio, an avionics firmware engineer serving as launch spokesman.

SpaceX, however, was attempting to recover the fairing — the aerodynamic covering that protects the satellite during the early phase of launch and is usually discarded after reaching altitudes where the atmosphere's density is low.

SpaceX founder Elon Musk tweeted that the fairing system deployed a parafoil and there was an attempt to catch it during

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Construction begins on new apartments on Lincoln Blvd.



Photo courtesy of Century West Partners

CONSTRUCTION: A ground breaking for The Lincoln Collection, a luxury 282-unit apartment community was held this week. The project is one of several approved for the area.

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Hundreds of new apartments have been approved for Lincoln Blvd. between Olympic and Colorado and work is now underway on two new buildings.

The Arroyo, a 64 unit affordable housing project by Community Corp of Santa Monica broke ground last year and is now taking shape on the block. Across the street, officials have broken



ground on The Lincoln Collection, a pair of apartment buildings that will total about 280 units.

The groundbreaking for the Lincoln Collection mixed-use project took place on February 22, with the heads of Fifield construction company thanking workers and looking forward to the project's eventual completed unveiling to the Santa Monica public.

The first building is five-story, 89 unit, building that will feature studio, one and two-bedroom floorplans and 25,000 square feet of street level retail amenities.

Kevin Farrell, President and Chief Operating Officer of Fifield, started the groundbreaking proceedings and said the \$150 million project would make a statement leading into downtown Santa Monica.

"This complex will be the new front door of Santa Monica," Farrell said.

Randy Fifield, Chairwoman of Fifield, echoed Farrell's statements of the importance of the space to the community, highlighting Fifield's

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Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 4 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 24

Mural Painting on the Big Beach Book

Free. Debra is creating a gigantic group-created book - the Big Beach Book - during her residency, and you are invited to learn bookmaking skills while taking part. Explore mural and decorative painting techniques on Big Beach Book pages using paint pens - with the view out the Art Lab window and the surrounding environment for

inspiration. Use your newly acquired techniques on a takeaway card. 1450 Ocean, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Register at (310) 458-2239 Or https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/62866

Spring and Summer Gardening in Southern California at Fairview

Master Gardener Yvonne Savio Yvonne teaches what to plant now for delicious vegetables and beautiful flowers lasting through Southern California's warm and hot seasons. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 2 p.m.

"Babywearing" Dance Party

Learn early literacy tips while dancing with your little one! Young children are also invited to dance with their favorite toy. For Families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 - 11:45 a.m.

Downtown Walking Tour

Discover downtown Santa Monica's architectural gems, history and culture with our team of highly-rated docents. From Art Deco to Victorian and Romanesque Revival, you'll explore the various styles that fill the streets of our city. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and where the once-secret special commandos trained on the Santa Monica Beach, and hear about the start of the modern movie industry. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and is open to all ages. 1436 Second Street, every Saturday at 10 a.m. \$5 members / \$10 general public. www.smconservancy.org/events-programs/downtown-walking-tours/

Sunday, February 25

Guest House Tours

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

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Adoption is a meaningful way for individuals and couples to fulfill their dream of parenting. There are approximately 64,000 children in foster care in California. Los Angeles County's foster care population exceeds 21,000 children with 500 foster children waiting to be connected to a family who will adopt. Children's Bureau offers a comprehensive foster care and adoption program that brings families together for a lifetime. The agency is in need of resource families for children in foster care while reunifying with birth families or to provide legal permanency by adoption.

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Discover if you have the willingness, ability and resources to take on the challenge of helping a child in need. A monthly information meeting is being held Saturday, February 24, from 10 a.m. to Noon at Children's Bureau's Magnolia Place, 1910 Magnolia Avenue, Los Angeles, 90007. To R.S.V.P. or for more information, please call (213) 342-0162 or Toll Free (800) 730-3933 or email us at RFrecruitment@all4kids.org. An information packet or application may also be obtained by filling out a request form on the website at www.all4kids.org/program/foster-care/.

Another monthly information meeting is being held Saturday, March 3, at the same time and location.

Since 1904, Children's Bureau has been a nonprofit leader in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. More than 30,000 children and families are helped each year throughout Southern California with services that include school readiness, parenting classes, family resource centers, support groups, mental health counseling, foster care and adoption. Children's Bureau is one of the largest investors in child abuse prevention in the country and is developing a national model to transform an entire at-risk community through its Magnolia Community Initiative.

SUBMITTED BY MARCIA MORRIS

Downtown
Author Charles Phoenix on Addicted to Americana

Santa Monica Public Library presents author Charles Phoenix, discussing his new book, Addicted to Americana, on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. in the Main Library's Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Charles Phoenix, the showman, tour guide and author known for his live retro comedy slideshows, discusses classic and kitschy American life and style as celebrated in his latest title, Addicted to Americana. In his book, Charles launches us into the stratosphere of space-age style, amazing attractions, roadside wonders, festive foods, crazy car culture, and futuristic transportation via his road-trip discoveries and found vintage Kodachrome slides. Charles has appeared on television with Jay Leno, Martha Stewart and Conan O'Brien, as a judge on Cake Wars, and is often heard on NPR. A book sale and signing follows.

This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10 and 18. The Expo Line and Big Blue Bus lines 2, 3, R3 and 9 stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA FLEEMAN

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had \$42 million for their fund balance, finishing off with \$27 million remaining for the 15/16 year. The district spent \$14 million on projects that year for Measure BB.

For Measure ES, Yen said in the 14/15 year, the fund balance was \$19 million while the following year, 15/16, the balance increased to \$64 million due to a district-issued \$60 million bon on July 7, 2015. "That gives the district more money to spend on projects," Yen added. Expenditure for Measure ES in 14/15 was \$15 million.

"Again, the district did a lot of programs and projects that are really benefiting our kids," said Yen.

Yen focused on a potential issue related to the lack of spending attached to the \$60 million bond.

"When you issue a bond, the district should spend that money within three years to avoid trouble with the IRS," Yen said. "I understand in three years there'll

be a lot more projects that'll be spending money. I want the board to pay attention to this."

Yen went on to praise the district and staff, acknowledging the difficulties in completing these projects. Yen says the "next big project" is Malibu.

"Great campus, beautiful place," Yen said. "Not an easy place to build but we have a good team to accomplish what the taxpayer wants."

The Board unanimously accepted the annual report, with Boardmember Laurie Lieberman praising Yen's "amazing work," "diligence," and "effort."

"I know they (the Board) feel the same, and we all want you to stay on this committee as long as its allowed," Lieberman said.

Boardmember Maria Leon-Vazquez asked for a more expedited process for newer reports, noting that this report was a year behind. Melody Canady, assistant superintendent of business and fiscal services, added that the district is working on newer software to help fast-track the process.

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Trump mulls pulling immigration agents from California

**BY ELLIOT SPAGAT &
KEN THOMAS**

Associated Press

President Donald Trump said Thursday that he may pull the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency out of California, an idea so unlikely that some of his staunchest critics dismissed it as an empty taunt against the state over immigration policies.

Withdrawing ICE, partially or completely, runs counter to Trump's record of dramatically increasing deportation arrests and pledging to beef up the agency with an additional 10,000 employees. The administration has been threatening more — not less — immigration enforcement in California in response to a new state law that sharply limits cooperation with federal authorities.

The president's suggestion, however impractical, was his latest attention-grabbing statement to pressure so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions, which the administration claims are a magnet for immigrants who commit crimes.

"Frankly, if I wanted to pull our people from California you would have a crime nest like you've never seen in California," he said at the White House during a meeting with state and local officials on school safety and gun violence. "All I'd have to do is say is, 'ICE and Border Patrol, let California alone,' you'd be inundated. You would see crime like nobody has ever seen crime in this country."

"If we ever pulled our ICE out, and we ever said, 'Hey, let California alone, let them figure it out for themselves,' in two months they'd be begging for us to come back. They would be begging. And you know what, I'm thinking about doing it," he continued.

Withdrawing ICE from the state with the largest number of people in the country illegally, two of its largest detention centers and thousands of investigators had never been floated or seriously considered.

ICE referred questions to the White House, where spokesman Raj Shah said the administration wanted California "to actually enforce immigration law rather than get in the way of it."

The National ICE Council, the union representing detention officers and an early supporter of Trump's presidential bid, didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Thomas Homan, ICE's acting director, has been saying for months that limits on cooperation in local jails would lead to a more active street presence of deportation officers.

"California better hold on tight," he told Fox News last month. "They're about to see a lot more special agents, a lot more deportation officers in the state of California. If the politicians in California don't want to protect their communities, then ICE will."

Last Friday, as ICE announced results of an operation in the Los Angeles area that included more than 200 arrests, Homan declared, "Fewer jail arrests mean more arrests on the street, and that also requires more resources, which is why we are forced to send additional resources to those areas to meet operational needs and officer safety."

Trump's comments were part of a broader swipe against heavily Democratic California, which gave Hillary Clinton a resounding victory in the 2016 presidential race. He said the state was "doing a lousy management job" and criticized it for high taxes.

Trump told the group that included Attorney General Jeff Sessions that his administration has targeted members of the violent MS-13 gang but has been "getting no help from the state of California."

The Justice Department has threatened to deny millions of dollars in federal grants to communities that refuse to share information with federal immigration authorities. Many cities have defied the threats, with lawsuits pending in Chicago, Philadelphia and California over whether the administration has overstepped its authority.

The administration stepped up criticism of California after Jan. 1, when a law took effect to largely prohibit state and local law enforcement agencies from detaining people at ICE's request unless they have been convicted of any of hundreds of crimes outlined in a 2013 state law.

U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, said Trump's comments were mean-spirited.

"President Trump today renewed his attacks on California with more insults and threats. The president's obsession with our state is growing more outrageous by the day," she said.

Some of ICE's strongest critics in California dismissed the idea.

"His erratic comments reflect an obsession with criminalizing immigrants and shows a deep lack of knowledge of California and immigration laws," said the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, an advocacy group in Los Angeles.

State Sen. Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat who authored the new law, said, "The president's plan sounds perfectly fine but we know that will never happen and we'll work with ICE to remove actual dangerous criminals from our neighborhoods."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, a Democrat and frequent Trump critic, didn't directly address the president's comments. He issued a brief statement saying the state works with federal law enforcement daily and its efforts are geared toward stopping drug dealers, sex traffickers and other public safety threats.

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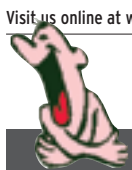


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Black History Gets the Shortest Month of the Year



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INK WELL BEACH: Black History in Santa Monica includes a historic stretch of beach.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH WAS ORIGINALLY

not a month but rather a week-long celebration in 1926. It was organized by Carter G. Woodson, the founder of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. In 1976, President Ford recognized Black History Month, urging Americans to “honor the accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” Great but why did “Black History” get the shortest month of the year?

Actually, the month was chosen because Abraham Lincoln’s and Frederick Douglass’ birthdays were in February. Last year’s celebration was noteworthy in that Donald Trump spoke but, inexplicably, he failed to mention slavery. Oops.

Instead Trump boasted about, “How well I did with the black vote.” Back on earth, Trump got 4% of the black female vote and 13% of black men. (However, it’s likely he got 100% of the Russian vote.)

Trump did mention Frederick Douglass at the event but he spoke about him in the present tense. “Frederick Douglass is an example of somebody who’s done an amazing job and is being recognized more and more.” It was obvious Trump thought Douglass was still alive. (He died in 1895.)

As brought to my attention by Lynette, a loyal reader, there’s some unfortunate history in Santa Monica that should be mentioned for those who don’t know during Black History Month. You see, Santa Monica had its own version of Jim Crow. This, by no means, made us unique but, in looking back, it’s also shameful it existed.

In 1959, Lynette was a white five year old about to attend a birthday party for her friend, a black girl with whom she took dance lessons. The celebration was to take place at the Bay Street beach where blacks felt comfortable.

The beach was derogatorily called “The Inkwell” by whites. Such names existed for other beaches across the U.S. as well. Nonetheless, African Americans in Southern California, like their counterparts elsewhere, transformed the hateful moniker into a badge of pride.

The Inkwell was located at Pico and stretched south to Bicknell, with its focal point changing with development at the shoreline. It was situated near Phillips Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, the first black church in Santa Monica.

But back to that day in 1959 at Inkwell/. Lynette and her father arrived early as he was bringing balloons and party decorations. Her dad was a lawyer who, oddly enough, had a client in the party supply business. When the client couldn’t afford his bill he gave Lynette’s dad a boatload of party supplies as payment.

The black beach-goers were uncomfortable with the white intruders on “their” beach, until Lynette’s father explained the circumstances. The birthday girl, with her family, soon showed up and was excited by all the party regalia.

A good time was had by all. Yet Lynette’s exposure to the concept of discrimination i.e. that black people, because of their skin color, were not welcome at other beaches, stuck with Lynette all these years.

Places like the Inkwell in Santa Monica began to disappear in the 1960s once civil rights laws expanded and were finally enforced. (That’s NOT than long ago!) Keep in mind, there were restrictive covenants in many deeds in Santa Monica that forbade the selling of real estate to African-Americans.

Blacks were pushed into an area where the Civic Auditorium is now, known as Belmar and in more inland neighborhoods in the Pico District around 20th Street. (Thankfully, in 1948, the covenants were ruled unconstitutional and years later anti-discrimination housing laws were passed.)

In 2008, at the urging of a group of black surfers, and our City Council’s action, a monument was placed at the Bay Street beach just east of the boardwalk. It was implemented in the hope of educating everyone who passed it about a less than proud era in our city.

Black History Month is also observed in Canada, the U.K. and the Netherlands. The year before Trump thought Frederick Douglass was still alive, featured another noteworthy Black History Month moment.

On February 21, 2016, Virginia McLaurin, a spry 106-year Washington D.C. resident and school volunteer, visited the White House. When asked by President Obama why she was there, McLaurin said, “A black president, a black wife, I’m here to celebrate black history!”

Perhaps because of that day on the beach when she was five, Lynette celebrates Black History Month every year. This year she visited the African American Firefighters Museum in Los Angeles. She was highly impressed by the museum’s docent, Jimmy Smith, who was a fountain of information.

For years I’ve been meaning to write about Black History Month but the twenty-days seem to go by too fast. Thanks to Lynette, this year, I finally made them slow down.

For more about the Inkwell go to: <http://alison-rosejefferson.com/sms-bay-st-beachinkwell-monument-intl-coastal-cleanup-day-2017-location>. For the African-American Firefighters Museum, including photos and history, go to: <https://www.aaffmuseum.org/> JACK is at jackdaily@aol.com.

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Editor:

That's all I need to see ... Greg Morena has my vote. A native, local college grad in business admin., with a Pier business? Who has that combination? Nobody on the City Council, e.g., Pam O'Connor. It's time for a big change.

Paul Weller
Santa Monica

Not a subsidy

Editor:

I read with interest Jessica Angeles' article about the upcoming Farm Bill debate.

I too am a small-business owner in California. But unlike Ms. Angeles, I didn't "recently learn about the U.S. sugar program." My husband and I run a third-generation sugar-beet farm in Brawley and have first-hand knowledge of how the policy works.

Sugar is not a "subsidy program" as Ms. Angeles alleges. We get no government checks. Instead, producers receive government loans so we can pay our bills while storing inventory until buyers need it. Once sugar is delivered and payment is received, loans are repaid with interest, which is why U.S. sugar policy runs at no taxpayer cost.

Ms. Angeles also wrongly describes U.S. sugar prices as expensive. U.S. food makers pay less for sugar today than they did in 1980. Their counterparts in Mexico and many other countries pay more.

Finally, America is not shut off from sugar imports, as she states. We are the world's third largest sugar importer, and many imports are refined at California's C&H Sugar refinery.

We do agree on one thing: this debate will hold ramifications for our state. If sugar policy is weakened and we are cut out of the Farm Bill, California is certain to lose farms like mine and sugar factories that provide a lot of good-paying jobs.

If Ms. Angeles is up for the trip, I'd welcome her to my farm to get the facts.

Suzanne Rutherford
Brawley, CA

ROCKET

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descent but that failed. He posted a photo of a ship with a net structure on the stern that he referred to as "a giant catcher's mitt."

"Missed by a few hundred meters, but fairing landed intact in water. Should be able catch it with slightly bigger chutes to slow down descent," Musk tweeted. Recovering and reusing major pieces of rockets is one of Musk's key strategies.

The rocket's primary payload was a satellite named PAZ for Spanish satellite operator Hisdesat. It carries an advanced instrument for making radar images of Earth for government and commercial purposes, as well as sensors for tracking ships and weather.

The satellite was designed for a 5?-year mission, orbiting Earth 15 times each day at

an altitude of 514 kilometers (319 miles), covering the entire planet every 24 hours. It joins two other radar satellites in the same orbit covering the same ground, increasing acquisition of data.

The rocket also deployed two small test satellites for a proposed system that would bring internet access to remote areas. The "Starlink" system would require thousands of satellites operating in low Earth orbit.

Musk tweeted that the satellites were named Tintin A and B and were communicating with Earth stations.

"Tintin A & B will attempt to beam 'hello world' in about 22 hours when they pass near LA," Musk added.

Praderio, the launch spokesman, said that even if the two satellites work as planned, "we still have considerable technical work ahead of us to design and deploy" the constellation.

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Angel Carreras

WORK: Development continues on the Lincoln Collection at the corner of Lincoln and Colorado.

LINCOLN

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commitment to improving the community.

“We’re proud to contribute to Santa Monica in a meaningful way,” Fifield said. “We’re proud of our diverse team, building green, and doing things locally.”

The block will eventually be home to more than 600 housing units. The second Lincoln Collection building will include 191 units and a third development is in the works sandwiched between the two projects.

Other developments have also been approved for the street including the already under construction affordable housing project.

The Arroyo will reserve all but one of its units for households that earn 30 – 60 per-

cent of the average median income or less. One manager’s apartment will be reserved for a household earning 80 percent or less. There will be on-site resident services such as homework assistance for youth, wellness classes and computer training. The project will open in the late Fall or Winter of this year.

The Lincoln Collection also has an affordable housing component with 20 percent of the units set aside for below market rate rents.

Fifield construction Founder and CEO Steve Fifield said he looks forward to the grand opening of the his project in about two years.

“Santa Monica will be pleasantly surprised with what we’ve built here,” he said.

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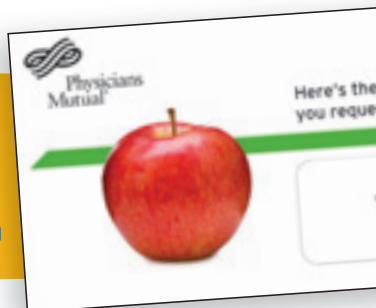
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department.
These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON FEBRUARY 15, AT ABOUT 6:44 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 7th Street and Santa Monica Blvd regarding a battery that just occurred. Officers met with victim and learned the victim was standing at the corner waiting to cross the street. A male subject holding two bottles of beer approached the victim and asked the victim to perform a sexual act. The victim refused and told the subject to back off. The subject threw beer at the victim. The victim walked away crossing the street. The subject was located in front of 801 Santa Monica Blvd. The victim was able to identify the subject and was desirous of prosecution. Michael Allen Hall, 42, from Cypress Park, was arrested for battery and drinking in public. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 372 Calls For Service On Feb. 21.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Bike theft Ocean / Colorado 12:38 a.m.
Burglary 2900 block Neilson 12:46 a.m.
Public intoxication Lincoln / Santa Monica 5:13 a.m.
Burglary 100 block Santa Monica 5:24 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block Ocean 7:01a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block Ocean 7:31 a.m.
Hit and run 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:13 a.m.
Rape 1900 block 17th 8:15 a.m.
Petty theft 2500 block California 8:45 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block Franklin 9:11 a.m.
Burglary 900 block 11th 9:31 a.m.
Transport prisoner 300 block Olympic 9:36 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1100 block 15th 9:36 a.m.
Hit and run 2900 block 31st 9:45 a.m.
Petty theft 100 block Wilshire 10:04 a.m.
Stolen vehicle 00 block Bay 11:03 a.m.
Hit and run 2900 block 31st 11:12 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 11:47 a.m.
Grand theft 1600 block The Beach 12:11 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 17th 12:15 p.m.
Identity theft 1000 block 3rd 12:45 p.m.

Burglary 600 block Santa Monica 1:17 p.m.
Trespassing 1700 block Ocean 1:36 p.m.
Burglary 2700 block Neilson 1:39 p.m.
Panic alarm 1900 block Lincoln 2:17 p.m.
Transport prisoner 300 block Olympic 3:09 p.m.
Fraud 100 block Wilshire 3:12 p.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Delaware 3:13 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd St Prom 3:40 p.m.
Grand theft 600 block Broadway 4:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 7th / California 4:12 p.m.
Traffic collision with Injuries 1100 block 7th 4:13 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Montana 4:48 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block PCH 6:02 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 6:11 p.m.
Missing person 1300 block 6th 6:13 p.m.
Attempt burglary 600 block Colorado 6:55 p.m.
Fraud 300 block Santa Monica Pier 7:02 p.m.
Drunk driving 800 block 20th 7:08 p.m.
Burglary 2700 block Neilson 7:15 p.m.
Public intoxication 2nd / Idaho 7:25 p.m.
Traffic collision Stanford / Washington 7:50 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 7:58 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block Olympic 8:17 p.m.
Traffic collision 400 block Bay 9:42 p.m.
Fire 400 block San Vicente 10:08 p.m.
Public intoxication 2000 block Main 10:08 p.m.
Person down 200 block Broadway 10:11 p.m.
Traffic collision 5th / Santa Monica 10:48 p.m.
Party complaint 2000 block Ocean 11:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On Feb. 21.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Odor of gas 1400 block 3rd St Prom 12:06 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 2100 block Ocean 1:09 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Michigan 2:15 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 2:45 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Main 4:27 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 5:54 a.m.
EMS 500 block Hill 7:53 a.m.
EMS 2800 block 3rd 8:28 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block Palisades 9:01 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 2nd 9:48 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Colorado 11:20 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 12:34 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 12:57 p.m.

EMS 800 block 6th 1:09 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Ocean 2:52 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 26th 3:29 p.m.
EMS 900 block 4th 3:35 p.m.
EMS 7th / California 4:12 p.m.
EMS 500 block Arizona 4:22 p.m.
Wires down 500 block Pier 4:43 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 2300 block Oak 4:57 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Bay 5:06 p.m.
Odor of gas 1500 block Wilshire 5:19 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Virginia 6:08 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Pico 6:32 p.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 6:36 p.m.
EMS 800 block 9th 7:49 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block Ocean 7:59 p.m.
EMS 17th / Pearl 8:02 p.m.
Structure fire 1100 block 12th 8:50 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 9:55 p.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 10:11 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Santa Monica 10:19 p.m.
Traffic collision 5th / Santa Monica 10:49 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 11:12 p.m.

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Draw Date: 2/20
17 19 23 24 43
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 204M

Draw Date: 2/21
10 25 31 43 45
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 12M

Draw Date: 2/21
7 19 27 31 36

Draw Date: 2/21
MIDDAY: 9 2 5
Draw Date: 2/21
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Draw Date: 2/21
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:41.83

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WORD UP!

fantasticate

1. to make or render fantastic.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Best Medicine

■ The scene: A courtroom during cross-examination of a wrongful death lawsuit.

■ Lawyer: "Before you signed the death certificate, had you taken the pulse?"

■ Pathologist: "No."

■ Lawyer: "Did you listen to the heart?"

■ Pathologist: "No."

■ Lawyer: "Did you check for breathing?"

■ Pathologist: "No."

■ Lawyer: "So, when you signed the death certificate, you weren't actually sure he was dead, were you?"

■ Pathologist: "Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was sitting in a jar on my desk, but I guess it's possible he could be out there practicing law somewhere."

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MYSTERY REVEALED

Henry Kirolos correctly identified the photo as the Albright restaurant on the Santa Monica Pier. He wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

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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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Adheres (to)

5 Workout venues

9 The USA's Peacekeeper, e.g.

13 Team on a farm

14 Paper piece

15 Paper bundle

17 Film evaluation org.

18 Confess

19 Handle adequately

20 Source of cheap-flight advice

23 A lot (more)

24 Aggregations

25 Metaphor for profit

26 Address for a tanker

27 Literary twilight

28 Paper piece

31 Exhausting

33 Canberran or Adelaidean

35 Swank's spouse in *Amelia*

36 Orchestra leader

41 Section of columns

42 Many Stonehenge celebrants

43 Literary works

46 Guitar ancestor

47 Mock by mimicry

50 Prearranged

51 2011's Super Bowl

53 Tense times

55 Beach-sandal gunk

56 Champ at chukkers

59 Best people

61 Allowed

62 Body of knowledge

63 Internist's adjective

64 Exultation

65 Source for Niagara Falls

66 Some sled-race participants

67 Undermines

68 Line of clothing

DOWN

1 Display of reverence

2 Run out, as offers

3 Begin to irritate

4 Major mess

5 Least crowded

6 Cover for vehicles

7 Enthralled

8 Settle the details of

9 Source of stocks or bonds

10 *Evita* narrator

11 Slow-cooker creation

12 Infamous dancer portrayed by Garbo

16 Limb of a llama

21 Superlative score

22 Umbrella spoke

29 Urgent directive

30 Conclusive

32 Sheepskin boots

33 Includes, with "in"

34 Envelope-pushing

36 Enthusiastic fan

37 Was enjoyable

38 Chargeless particle

39 Lines at a register

40 Nonreactive

44 Boots out

45 Poky, in product names

47 How some shells are washed

48 Phoenix suburb

49 Reverence

52 Ongoing postings to YouTube

54 Keys, for instance

57 St. since 1907

58 *David Copperfield* antagonist

60 A day in Düsseldorf

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEB. 23)

Your life brightens in this new solar cycle, and you'll be tempted to credit this to a special person or lucky event. It's really you, functioning at a higher capacity and letting more into your world. March will be characterized by a helper's high. The distant horizon of June is a place you'll return to again and again. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 13, 49, 8 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

For the versatile singer who is great at doing impressions, the most challenging song is the one sung in his own voice. Today you'll be challenged to deliver like only you can – to sing song in your voice.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Why not just believe that you're lucky? Someone's going to find that money on the ground. It may as well be you. You're looking out for it ... and for all the metaphorical representations in which money on the ground can come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You're not a daredevil exactly, but you're still a risk taker, especially in nonphysical areas of life. The bold move you're considering is pretty audacious, even for you. Position yourself well first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

First impressions will be important today. All future interactions will be colored by someone's initial response to you – but, hey, no pressure! As long as you dress the part and put away your phone, you'll be ahead of the game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

To learn about the world, babies observe the design, behavior, purpose and effect that things have. Then they make an association and record it as fact ... but that doesn't make it true. It's a case study. Most of life is just a case study.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Boredom is a fun killer. Yes, there's always something more interesting about the situation if you can break free from the old frame. But life is much simpler if you're already somewhat fascinated by your subject.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

A friend who knows you well enough to sense when you're hiding something ... now that's a treasure! There are cons to it, of course, but they are not as important as being truly seen and understood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Eventually, you'll have the experience and wisdom to run things, but for now you're better off coming up with ideas from the naive position in which you happen to be. Strikingly bold insights come to you because you're free of influence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

That feeling of familiarity upon meeting someone for the first time takes many forms. Instant love: Where have you been all my life? Instant kinship: It's like you've been here all my life. Instant boredom: Oh. You again.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're usually so ambitious, but right now you may not want to commit to business, or even to a hobby. Why should you? Isn't it enough to just have interests? You can have so many at once. And interests are totally free.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It's a pain to have to pretend or fake a story to spare someone's feelings. You'll do it if you have to, because it's kind (though you'll avoid the dynamic completely by being around people with whom you can be honest).

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You'll be met with resistance, but don't let this deter you. All you have to do is raise your energy a few points – the resistance will back down, and the road will be clear.

The Fish Sun and Fleeting Feelings

Hunger is a strange thing. One would think that the longer one goes without food, the hungrier one would get, but this is not the case. The body has an efficient way of managing appetite, and a million other things, too. In these early stages of the Pisces solar journey, feelings will be fleeting. Let the wisdom of the body and heart process it all.

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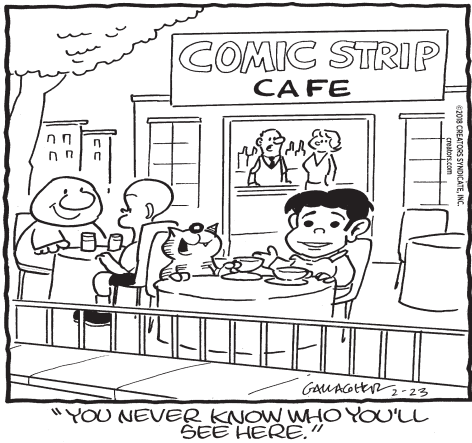
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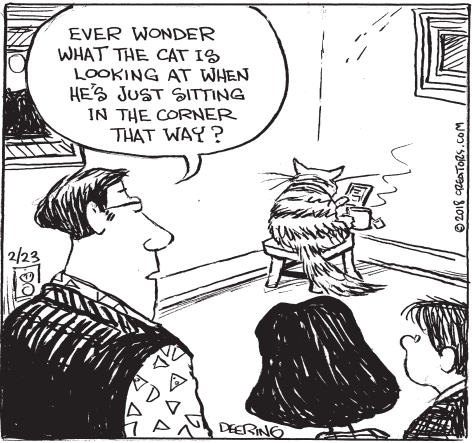
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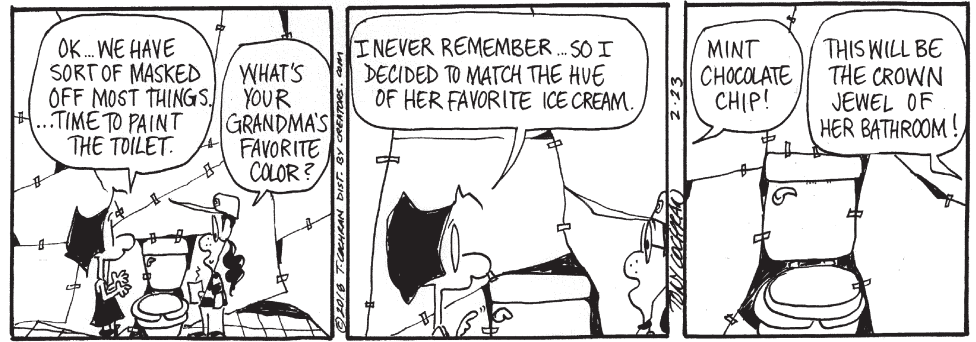
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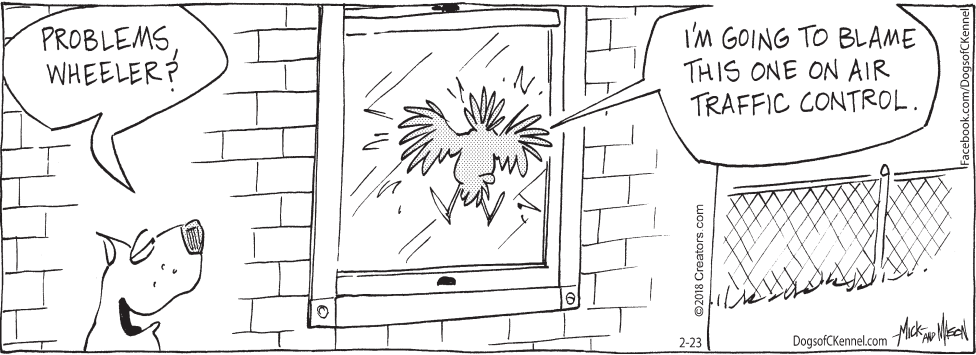
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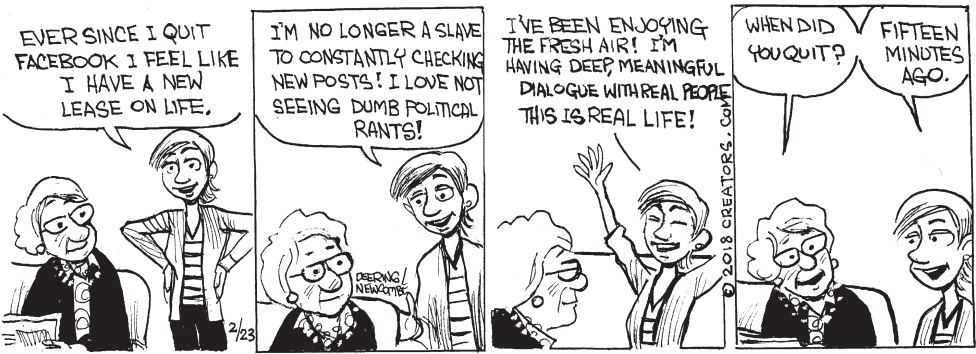
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Airbnb unveils new category of rentals rated by inspectors

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

Airbnb is dispatching inspectors to rate some of the properties listed on its home-rental service in an effort to reassure travelers they're booking nice places to stay.

The Plus program, unveiled Thursday, is aimed at winning over travelers who aren't sure they can trust the current, computer-driven analysis of reviews posted by past guests. The misleading pictures drawn by Airbnb's rating system have become a big enough problem to spawn a website devoted to horror stories spanning from an overcrowded, dirty "hippy commune" in Pasadena, California, to a Paris vacation ruined in a moldy, bug-infested apartment.

Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky says the company's internal surveys have found travelers willing to pay more for inspector-certified properties, allowing homeowners and apartment dwellers to recoup a \$149 fee to participate in Plus.

Human inspectors will review properties based on a 100-point checklist covering everything from the speed of the Wi-Fi to the bedding. Properties that fail can still be part of Airbnb's regular listings; the company will also offer advice on improvements to qualify.

The program will initially cover about 2,000 properties in 13 cities — Austin, Texas; Barcelona, Spain; Cape Town, South Africa; Chicago; Los Angeles; London; Melbourne, Australia; Milan; Rome; San Francisco; Shanghai, Sydney and Toronto. That's a small fraction of the roughly 4.5 million properties listed on Airbnb in 81,000 cities worldwide. By the end of the year, Chesky foresees verifying 75,000 homes in 50 cities.

Airbnb is shaking things up at a time its

growth has been slowing, a trend the company would like to reverse before it sells its stock in an initial public offering expected within the next two years. Despite its popularity, Airbnb remains unprofitable, with a loss of \$75 million on revenue of nearly \$2.6 billion last year, according to financial statements reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

At an event in San Francisco, Airbnb announced other steps to become more like a traditional hospitality company instead of an industry renegade that has siphoned business away from major hotels. Frequent travelers will quality for discounts and other perks. The company also is adding other rental categories, including bed-and-breakfast inns and boutique hotels.

A major hotel industry group slammed Airbnb's expansion as a sham. "Airbnb's latest scheme is just further proof the company is trying to play in the hoteling space while evading industry regulations," said Troy Flanagan of the American Hotel & Lodging Association. "If Airbnb wants to enter the hoteling business, then it needs to be regulated, taxed and subject to the same safety compliances."

Airbnb's success has drawn fire from city officials upset about lost revenue from hotel taxes. It has also stirred protests from long-time renters of homes that are being converted into short-term places to stay instead. Airbnb's critics contend the latter trend has been making it even more difficult to find a place to live in cities such as San Francisco, where housing is already scarce and expensive.

Airbnb argues it is enabling more people to stay in their current homes by helping them bring in more money whenever they want to rent some space.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

1450 Ocean Avenue (Palisades Park), 17ENT-0292, Zoning: OS (Parks and Open Space) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a Certificate of Appropriateness application to allow the replacement and addition of exterior lighting fixtures on the perimeter of the Camera Obscura building located at Palisades Park, a designated City Landmark. *(continued from February 12, 2018)*

1438 2nd Street, 17ENT-0272, Zoning: BC (Bayside Conservation) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing on an application to determine whether to amend Landmark Designation LC 03-002, the Rapp Saloon building, a designated City Landmark located at 1438 2nd Street to expand the Landmark parcel to encompass Assessor's Parcel Number 4291-015-028 (also known as Santa Monica Lots G and H Block 173 Town of Santa Monica Tract) in its entirety, thereby supplementing the prior Landmark designation, in accordance with Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.120(f). The Commission will be considering whether to define and describe a larger Landmark Parcel, determined by the Landmarks Commission as requiring control and regulation in order to preserve, maintain, protect or safeguard the Rapp Saloon, a designated City Landmark.

When: Monday, March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers,
City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401, by phone (310) 458-8341, or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (free validation).

Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia pública para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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