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MASSIVE WINTER STORM BRINGS SNOW, STRONG WINDS, FRIGID COLD



Scott Snowden

WIND: Wind whipped palm trees yesterday and rain is expected in the coming days as a winter storm rolls through the area.

AMANCAI BIRABEN AND JIM SALTER
Associated Press

A brutal winter storm knocked out power in California, closed interstate highways from Arizona to Wyoming and prompted nearly 1,500 flight cancellations Wednesday — and the worst won't be over for several days.

In the Los Angeles area, a weather pattern change will bring rain and snow especially Thursday and Friday, with a chance of continuing over the weekend.

According to the National Weather Service, rain totals through the weekend may range from 2 to 4 inches and snow levels will lower to unusually low levels, possibly bringing snow down to 1,000 feet.

Up to a few inches of snow is possible from 1,000-2,500 feet, 1 to 3 feet possible for 4,000 to 6,000 feet, and up to 7 feet above 6,000 feet. Gusty north to northwest winds are likely preceding the rain, with mountain and foothills reaching 55 to 75 mph, and coasts and valleys reaching 35-55 mph. High temperatures will be 10-20 and locally 25 degrees below normal. Wind chills of 10-20, locally down to -5 degrees in the mountains are possible during the strongest winds.

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Police looking for assault victims of rideshare driver

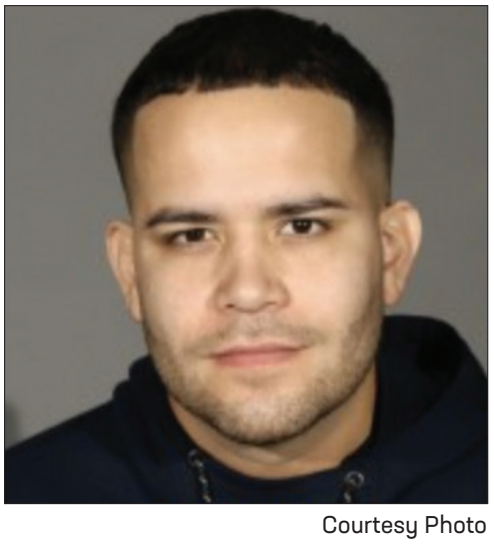
MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is asking for the public's help in identifying potential victims of sexual assault following the Valentine's Day arrest of a rideshare driver.

Kyle Jon Cook is accused of assaulting a 28-year-old woman on Jan. 21 in Malibu. He was arrested last week but released pending further review of the case by the District Attorney's office.

"Based on the nature of the allegations and Mr. Cook's access to rideshare participants, detectives believe there may be additional unidentified victims," said LASD in a statement. "Detectives are seeking the public's help in identifying any such victims."

The case is being investigated by the Sheriff's Special Victims Bureau, a division tasked with investigating the sexual and physical abuse of children and felonious sexual assaults involving adult victims.



Courtesy Photo

SUSPECT: Kyle Jon Cook has been arrested.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Special Victims Bureau toll free tip line at (877) 710-5273 or by email at specialvictimsbureau@lasd.org.

If you prefer to provide information anonymously, you may call "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), or use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP or "P3 Mobile" for the hearing impaired on Google play or the App Store, or by using the website http://lacrimestoppers.org.

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Ceiling repair may displace Will Rogers students

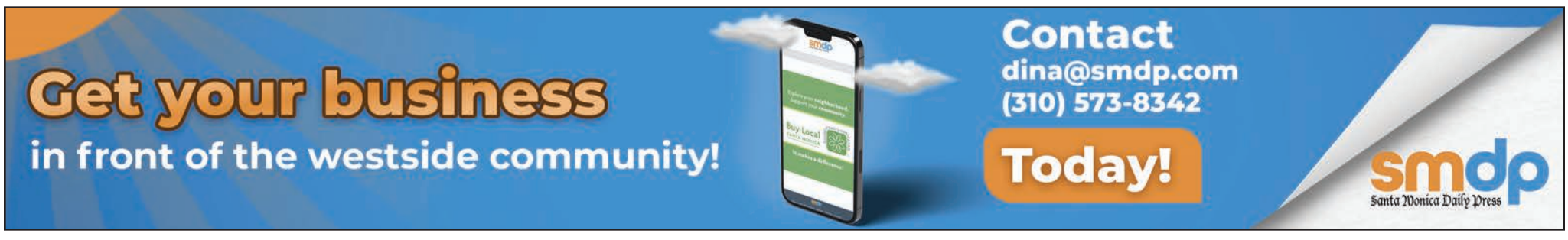
GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

The ceiling at Will Rogers Learning Community is in need of repair that could result in students being relocated while the work is done.

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District Chief Operations Officer Carey Upton told the Board of Education at their Feb. 16 meeting that the glue used to secure ceiling tiles at the school has begun to fail over the years, resulting in the tiles falling.

Upton said they are difficult to reattach and added that the glue is from the 1950s and contains asbestos, a substance used in

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Nipsey Hussle's killer gets 60 years to life in prison

ANDREW DALTON
AP Entertainment Writer

A Los Angeles judge on Wednesday sentenced the man convicted of gunning down Nipsey Hussle to 60 years to life in prison after hearing testaments to the immense cost of the killing of the hip-hop star and neighborhood leader, and of the lifetime of mental illness, abuse and struggle of the man who shot him.

Superior Court Judge H. Clay Jacke II handed down the sentence to Eric R. Holder Jr., 33, who was found guilty of the 2019 first-degree murder of the 33-year-old Grammy-nominated hip-hop artist outside the clothing store Hussle founded, the Marathon, in the South Los Angeles neighborhood where both men grew up in very similar circumstances.

"I am very mindful of what was presented as to Mr. Holder' mental health," Jacke said. "I am also mindful of the devastation caused to the victims and their families. I believe this sentence balances the two."

After the monthlong trial, jurors in July also convicted Holder of two counts of attempted voluntary manslaughter and two counts of assault with a firearm for gunfire that hit two other men at the scene who survived.

Jacke sentenced Holder to 25 years to life for the murder, 25 more for a firearm sentencing enhancement and 10 for assault with a firearm. He set several other sentencing additions and ordered that others run concurrent. He also gave Holder credit for the nearly four years he has served since the shooting.

Holder, dressed in orange jail attire, stared straight ahead throughout the proceedings and did not react when the sentence was read, and spoke only to tell the judge he understood the circumstances when he was asked.

> "I am very mindful of what was presented as to Mr. Holder' mental health"
> - H. Clay Jacke II Superior Court Judge

In an impact statement before the sentence was handed down, Herman "Cowboy" Douglas, a close friend of Hussle who was standing with him when he was killed and testified during the trial, told the judge that the killing was a tremendous loss both for him personally and for the South Los Angeles community where Hussle was a business leader, and an inspiration.

"Nipsey was my friend, he was like a son, he was like a dad," said Douglas, who took off his black cowboy hat as he entered the courtroom and wore a sweatshirt with a picture of Hussle on the front. "Our community right now, we lost everything, everything we worked for. One man's mistake, one man's action, messed up a whole community."

Douglas said Hussle's store and surrounding businesses that he owned and supported have been closed down, and it has meant that "the Homies don't have nothing to do."

Douglas told the judge, "I don't care what you give this guy. It ain't about the time. I just want to know why. The world wants to know why. Why someone would do that?"

Actor Lauren London, who was Hussle's partner and the mother of his two young children, did not attend any part of the trial, nor did any of his relatives, and none gave similar impact statements.

Asking for a lesser sentence of 25 years to life that would allow some chance at release and rehabilitation, Jansen detailed a childhood of physical abuse and poverty for Holder.

As he reached adulthood, Jansen said Holder suffered "a terrible descent into mental illness" that led to "years of torment and struggle" with issues including agonizing auditory hallucinations that resisted all attempts at treatment.

He showed photos of a head injury Holder suffered at the hands of other inmates during the trial, saying he has been targeted as Hussle's killer and that his life behind bars is "going to be brutal. It's going to be short. He's already received numerous death threats."

Jansen also read a letter from Holder's father, Eric Holder Sr. apologizing to Hussle's family and to the other victims.

"I know there are not enough words that would fill the void, the pain, the deep sorrow that they feel," the letter read. "I question myself every day asking if I as a father did everything to help Eric Jr. stabilize his mental health."

Hussle, whose legal name is Ermias Asghedom, and Holder had known each other for years growing up as members of the Rollin' 60s in South LA. Both were aspiring rappers. But Holder never found the same success as Hussle, who would become a local hero and a national celebrity.

A year after his death, he was mourned at a memorial at the arena then known as Staples Center, and celebrated in a performance at the Grammy Awards that included DJ Khaled and John Legend.

The evidence against Holder was so overwhelming — from eyewitnesses to surveillance cameras from local businesses that captured his arrival, the shooting and his departure — that Jansen conceded during trial that he had shot Hussle, asking jurors to find him guilty of voluntary manslaughter. But jurors took just six hours deliberating before returning with the first-degree murder verdict.

As Holder was taken from the courtroom Wednesday, Douglas sang "Hit the Road Jack" toward him. Jacke shouted "Out!" and deputies led Douglas out.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SACRAMENTO

Nearly $1 Billion in Grants For Homeless Housing Behavioral Health Needs

Governor Gavin Newsom has announced the availability of $907 million in grant funding to address the immediate housing and treatment needs of people experiencing homelessness and serious behavioral health conditions, including mental illness and substance use disorders.

Homelessness and untreated behavioral health conditions are two major challenges facing California and access to immediate and stable housing for those facing both challenges is vital to tackle these crises. Under Governor Newsom, California is providing unprecedented resources to aid some of the state's most vulnerable residents, helping people with serious mental illness and substance use disorders move off the streets and into housing and treatment. Today's announcement spotlights some of the billions in state investments available to local governments to serve Californians across the continuum of behavioral health care and housing - including through the CARE Act starting this year in eight counties and statewide next year.

> "Along with treatment and supportive services, access to a safe and reliable place to live is a basic necessity"
> - Governor Gavin Newsom

"Along with treatment and supportive services, access to a safe and reliable place to live is a basic necessity," said Newsom. "My Administration continues to work tirelessly to ensure that more Californians have the support they need to get out of and stay out of homelessness. Through these new grants, we'll be housing and helping our most vulnerable individuals who suffer with serious behavioral health conditions on streets and sidewalks across the state."

The Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) program, under the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), will provide support through various "bridge" housing settings, including tiny homes, interim housing, rental assistance models, and assisted living settings. The housing will also provide supportive services to further assist program participants in remaining housed.

"Accessing behavioral health services and maintaining a connection to treatment while unsheltered poses significant challenges," said California Health & Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly. "This flexible program will allow for the creation of new, deeply supportive housing settings that will help Californians who are struggling the most to find safety, stability, and a path to longer term housing stability and recovery."

All bridge housing settings must include voluntary supportive services to help program participants obtain and maintain housing, manage symptoms of serious behavioral health conditions, and support recovery and wellness.

"Bridge housing is a vital link for people who are experiencing both homelessness and serious behavioral health conditions," said DHCS Director Michelle Baass. "Housing and treatment are necessary first steps on a journey toward sustained recovery and stability."

For the BHBH program, bridge housing is defined as short- and mid-term residential options and serves as a bridge to longer-term housing. The Request for Application requires that a minimum of 75 percent of funding be expended for bridge housing. The remaining 25 percent can be expended on flexible funding categories of BHBH program administration, outreach, and engagement and bridge housing start-up infrastructure.

To learn more about the BHBH program and to access the application, visit https://bridgehousing.buildingcalhhs.com/.

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DTSM

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. and Santa Monica Black Lives Association Host Black History Month Festival on Third Street Promenade

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM, Inc.) in partnership with Santa Monica Black Lives Association is hosting Celebration & Solidarity: Black History Month Festival on Saturday, February 25 from 4 -10 p.m. on the Third Street Promenade. The festival features live musical performances by rapper Krayzie Bone of Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, comedy rock band Big Daddy, Gospel artist Betty Griffin, R&B artists Darrell Wilson and Frederick Buzz Busby, and DJ Shun Griffin among others, plus local performance groups of African drummers, cultural musicians and an African American dance troupe.

Attendees will have the opportunity to visit various educational exhibits that highlight the contributions of African Americans in science and technology and attend a celebrity panel discussion featuring Mayor Pro Tem Lana Negrete, former Los Angeles Laker Norm Nixon, rapper Krayzie Bones and others, that explores the impact of African Americans in the entertainment industry. Local vendors will offer a variety of African American-made products for purchase throughout the evening and local restaurants will feature special menu items honoring Black History Month available for purchase.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

4:30 p.m. - Opening ceremony and welcome speeches by event organizer, Jane Smith and Mayor Gleam Davis
5 p.m. - Live music performance by local R&B and Soul band
5:30 p.m. - Educational exhibit on the contributions of African Americans in science and technology
6 p.m. - Celebrity panel discussion on the impact of African Americans in the entertainment industry
6:30 p.m. - Dance performance by a local African American dance troupe
7 p.m. - Live performance by "Big Daddy"
7:30 p.m. - Live performance by "Cruiser"
8 p.m. - Live performance by "Ronnie"
8:30 p.m. - Live performance by "Krayzie Bone" of Bone Thugs-n-Harmony
9 p.m. - Closing ceremony with remarks by event organizer, Kera Blade-Snell
9:15 p.m. - DJ Music

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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOS ANGELES

Former MoviePass Executive Arrested on Indictment Alleging He Embezzled $260,000 from Employer to Repay Coachella Debt

A former executive at cinema subscription service MoviePass Inc. has been arrested on a federal grand jury indictment alleging he embezzled approximately $260,000 from MoviePass' parent company to repay money he borrowed to produce an event at the Coachella music festival, the Justice Department announced.

Khalid Itum, 42, of Hollywood, was arrested by special agents with the FBI on Tuesday. Itum is charged with two counts of wire fraud and two counts of money laundering.

At his arraignment Tuesday afternoon in United States District Court, Itum pleaded not guilty to the charges, and an April 18 trial date was scheduled. He was ordered released on $75,000 bond.

According to the indictment returned Friday by a federal grand jury, Itum was a MoviePass executive from November 2017 until March 2019. MoviePass was a New York-based company that charged subscribers a flat monthly fee in exchange for credits they could spend on movie tickets from any theater in MoviePass's network of participating cinemas. In August 2017, Helios & Matheson Analytics (HMNY), a New York-based data analytics company, acquired MoviePass.

In the spring of 2017, Itum registered Kaleidoscope Productions LLC, a Los Angeles-based company that provided production and marketing services. That year, Itum, through Kaleidoscope, organized a party at the annual Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio. Neither MoviePass nor HMNY participated in the Coachella event.

Itum borrowed money from two individuals to help fund Kaleidoscope's costs at Coachella. To repay the borrowed money, Itum later allegedly submitted sham invoices to HMNY for services purportedly rendered by Kaleidoscope and a different company owned by an Itum associate. Itum allegedly caused HMNY employees to wire money from MoviePass and HMNY accounts to a Kaleidoscope bank account to pay the sham invoices. Itum allegedly concealed his scheme by lying to HMNY's auditor that Kaleidoscope had been used to pay legitimate MoviePass expenses from the 2018 Coachella festival.

Itum caused HMNY a total loss of $260,000, according to the indictment.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

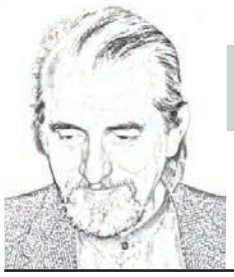
If convicted of all charges, Itum would face a statutory maximum sentence of 20 years in federal prison for each wire fraud count and up to 10 years in federal prison for each money laundering count.

The FBI's New York Field Office is investigating this matter. The FBI's Los Angeles Office is providing substantial assistance.

Assistant United States Attorney David Y. Pi of the Major Frauds Section is prosecuting this case.

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Mozart, Marley, Mahler, Django



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MUSIC: Zubin Mehta is conducting the LA Philharmonic Orchestra.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

MOZART'S "THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO," LA OPERA – Last Chance! For you, and me. How can I give this the penultimate recommendation without having seen it yet? Well... Mozart, and years of experiencing LA Opera's achieving high standards and a backup LA Times classical music critic Mark Swed having given it an unusually long and positive review. So don't give me any excuses. You've always wanted to see if the LA Opera is as good as I have been preaching for years, so what better way to check it out than with a new production of the master Mozart's renowned "Figaro," for crying out loud. Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $49-399.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – It's just outside Santa Monica, street parking is easy, it's a friendly little neighborhood bar where you can see and hear everywhere in the tiny room, the sound is great, the stage is maybe a foot high and right next to the patrons, drinks are reasonable and there is no cover. (But there is no room for swing dancers unless you want to go out on the sidewalk.) Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, sometimes breakneck Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it was, it couldn't possibly be this good. It's a show worth 50 bucks cover, and worth waiting a year for. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – is back! Well, she was gone only last Tuesday because the Damn Well Please Organ Trio very musically and energetically took over the joint with its annual Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras show. So come see what you've been missing, one of the most talented and versatile artists in this town. Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

TODAY! - BOB MARLEY ONE LOVE EXPERIENCE – Here's why I recommend this exhibit that I have not yet seen. A lot of Americans still don't get this, but Bob Marley was one of the greatest performers and musicians (no, not his guitar, his compelling, hypnotic vocal instrument)... ever. He often seemed possessed by some divine spirit when he sang, his Wailers were musically phenomenal, and his songwriting ranks with the very best. He was also, not incidentally, a powerful spiritual and political leader worldwide. Music was in every fiber of his being but it was the platform through which he wanted to change the world. One love. That's a pretty big philosophy and call to action, in just two words. But is this an exhibit that lives up to the subject matter? I'm pretty sure it does because Silverlake's Roger Steffens, the world's foremost authority on Marley, if not reggae itself, is leading tours every weekend at 1 and 3, and he would not do that if it wasn't up to snuff. He does caution that this covers only "the Island (record label) years," but that's what most people are familiar with. Sun-Thurs 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fri-Sat 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.,

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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Is ending homelessness just a matter of money?



Miguel Gutierrez Jr., CalMatters

TENTS: A homeless camp outside of the PATH apartment complex in Los Angeles

BY DAN WALTERS

Being what it is, California has a mélange of complex public policy issues – some of them fully blown crises – that defy resolution year after year, decade after decade.

Rather than recognize and deal with their complexities, the state's politicians tend to condense responses into money.

K-12 education exemplifies the syndrome. The state's nearly 6 million public school students perennially fail to make the cut in national tests of academic achievement, often trailing states that spend far less per-pupil on their schools.

It indicates that money is only one factor, and perhaps not the most important one, in educating children. Nevertheless, the political debate over the state's educational deficiencies begins and ends with how much money is being spent, thereby providing a convenient excuse for failure.

California's newest crisis, the nation's highest level of homelessness in both absolute and relative terms, is following a similar arc.

Why upwards of 200,000 Californians, and probably more, are homeless involves factors that, much like educational aptitude, are as individual as fingerprints. While theories on causes and potential cures abound, once again the politics of the issue is focused on money – how much to spend, who spends it and who, if anyone, is held accountable for outcomes.

The politics of homelessness – or rather of spending on homelessness – appear to be entering a very contentious phase.

Early in his governorship, Gavin Newsom appointed himself as the state's homelessness czar and during the first three years of his governorship (2018-21) the state spent nearly $10 billion on battling the social malady, according to a new state report. The money paid for 35 different programs administered by nine different state agencies.

That total does count billions more in homelessness spending by federal and local governments or the additional billions in more recent years. The 2022-23 budget allocated another $10.2 billion while Newsom, facing deficits, proposes an additional $3.4 billion for 2023-24.

Despite the spending, homelessness numbers have continued to rise and legislators know that the voting public is losing patience.

"It's very frustrating for the general public when they hear that in the state, we're spending billions – and that's billions with a B – of dollars on homelessness and housing. And yet they don't feel that they're seeing enough of an impact in their communities," Assemblywoman Laura Friedman, a Burbank Democrat, said.

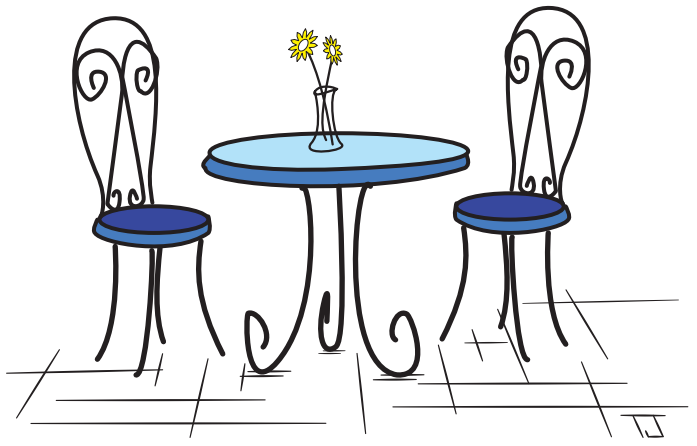
In recent months, Newsom has blamed local governments for a lack of aggressiveness, saying he would be "hard-pressed to make a case to the Legislature to provide them $1 more" if local officials don't accelerate homelessness responses.

Newsom has not yet told the Legislature how he would compel stronger local action. Local officials say they need clear lines of accountability and a dependable stream of money to finance ongoing programs rather than yearly allocations

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Supreme Court seems to favor tech giants in terror case

JESSICA GRESKO AND MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

The Supreme Court seemed skeptical Wednesday of a lawsuit trying to hold social media companies responsible for a terrorist attack at a Turkish nightclub that killed 39 people.

During arguments at the high court several justices underscored that there was no evidence linking Twitter, Facebook and Google directly to the 2017 attack on the Reina nightclub in Istanbul. The family of a man killed in the attack says the companies aided and abetted the attack because they assisted in the growth of the Islamic State group, which claimed responsibility for the attack . A lower court let the lawsuit go forward.

What the court does with Wednesday's case and a related one it heard a day earlier is important, particularly because the companies have been shielded from liability on the internet, allowing them to grow into global giants.

If the court bars the lawsuit involving the attack in Turkey from going forward it could avoid a major ruling on the companies' legal immunity. That outcome would leave the current system in place, but also leave open the possibility that the justices could take up the issue again in a later case.

Justice Amy Coney Barrett was among the members of the court who suggested that the suit against the companies lacks the kind of facts required under a federal anti-terrorism law to hold platforms responsible.

Barrett suggested that a lawsuit against a company such as Twitter would need to have more, such as direct messages, comment threads or other evidence that the platform was being used to coordinate activities for a terrorist attack, "not just general recruitment or radicalizing people."

Justice Neil Gorsuch, participating remotely for a second straight day because of illness, said he was having difficulty with the argument of a lawyer for the family of Nawras Alassaf, who was killed in the nightclub attack. Gorsuch told lawyer Eric Schnapper that he was "struggling with how your complaint lines up with the three requirements of the statute" that the companies knowingly helped a person commit a terrorist act.

The justices seemed more willing to accept the arguments of a lawyer for Twitter, Facebook and Google, Seth Waxman. At one point during two and a half hours of arguments, Justice Sonia Sotomayor told Waxman to help her sketch out what an opinion would look like if the court ruled for his clients. "Write it for me," she said.

Justice Brett Kavanaugh summarized Waxman's argument this way: "When there's a legitimate business that provides services on a widely available basis ... it's not going to be liable under this statute even if it knows bad people use its services for bad things."

Seeming to agree with that idea, Justice Samuel Alito suggested that it would be outlandish if telephone companies were held responsible for criminal activity of people using their phones. What if, he said, the phone company "knows that a particular person is — has a criminal background and is probably engaging in criminal activity and is using the phone to communicate with other members of that person's gang. Is that aiding and abetting the crimes that they commit?"

The law the case involves is the Justice Against Sponsors of Terrorism Act, which allows Americans injured by a terrorist attack abroad to sue for money damages in federal court.

A decision in the case — Twitter v. Taamneh, 21-1496 — is expected by the end of June before the court recesses for its summer break.

WILL ROGERS

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many construction projects at the time but now known to cause cancer and other health issues. While Upton said it poses no risk to students or staff at the school, it does complicate the situation.

"You cannot breathe it unless literally somebody took a hammer and smashed it and made it airborne, so it's not dangerous or an exposure, but we have a real challenge with that," Upton said. "At some point we're going to need to go in and take everything off of the ceilings – fire alarms, lights, everything else – down, abate and replace those entire ceilings."

He said that this process will likely take longer than the ten weeks when students are out on summer break, meaning students would have to be relocated while the work is completed.

Because of this, Upton said such work will likely not occur until 2025, after the John Muir Elementary/Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) campus is scheduled to reopen and a new building at Rogers will be completed, to provide "swing space" to temporarily relocate displaced students.

Will Rogers has an enrollment of approximately 545 students, close to 150 of which were transferred to the school last year from John Muir Elementary after extensive water intrusion issues were discovered on that campus.

The Muir/SMASH campus was originally anticipated to reopen in August 2024, but that date has been pushed back to January 2025 at the earliest due to additional structural upgrades required by the state.

Upton also reported multiple leaks at Rogers during recent rains and several other water-related issues at the school.

He said that while the maintenance department is doing all it can to fix the issues, there is not currently enough money in the budget to fully address all of them.

"We will not be able to fix all of the roofs that are necessary to be fixed," Carey said at the Feb. 16 Board meeting.

He estimated there to be approximately $6 to $7 million dollars worth of "critical roof repair" needed throughout SMMUSD, but said the district currently only has $2 million available for such work.

Upton said he plans to compile a list of necessary work to present to the board and that additional funding for maintenance and repairs could be included in future bond measures.

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Kidical Mass







Photos by Fran Lyness

BIKES: Kidical Mass returned to Santa Monica last week with an event at Ishihara Park teaching kids how to safely navigate roads while on their bikes.





NOTEWORTHY

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COMING ATTRACTIONS: LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO, Disney Hall, 3/3; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 3/4, 11, 18, 25; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 3/6, 13, 20, 27; EM, Harvelle's, 3/7, 14, 21, 28; LA PHIL, MEHTA CONDUCTS MAHLER 3, Disney Hall, 3/2, 3, 4, 5; SONNY LANDRETH, CINDY CASHDOLLAR, McCabe's, 3/4; NATHANIEL RATELIFF Plays NILSSON, Disney Hall, 3/8; JANE'S ADDICTION, Hollywood Palladium, 3/9; RICK SHEA, Cinema Bar, 3/9; LA PHIL, MEHTA CONDUCTS "SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE," Disney Hall, 3/10, 11, 12; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Group Theatre, 3/nana5; LA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, JEFFREY KAHANE, Royce Hall, 3/11, 12; KULA SHAKER, Regent Theater, 3/12; BONNIE RAITT, Terrace Theater, 3/14; ZIGGY MARLEY, Disney Hall, 3/16, 17; WILLIE NELSON 90, Hollywood Bowl, 4/29, 30.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

HOMELESS

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that can vary widely.

"When you look at child welfare, transportation, criminal justice, health care, education, it's clear who's supposed to do what and how it's funded," says Graham Knaus, CEO of the California State Association of Counties. "Not with homelessness."

So, one might wonder, if successfully battling homelessness is a matter of money, how much would it take?

Fourteen months ago, the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the California Housing Partnership released a report projecting that California could end homelessness by 2035 were it to spend $8.1 billion a year until then – the vast majority of it for housing.

That totals more than $100 billion, a big number that does not include ancillary services such as food, medical care and treatment for mental illness, drug addiction and alcoholism. However, it might be a bargain if, in fact, it worked.

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WEATHER

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Few places were untouched by the wild weather, some at the opposite extreme. Record highs were set from the mid-Atlantic states down through Florida, with some places expected to reach up to 40 degrees above normal.

The wintry mix was hitting hard in the northern tier of the nation, closing schools, offices, even shutting down the Minnesota Legislature. Travel was difficult. Weather contributed to nearly 1,500 U.S. flight cancellations, according to the tracking service FlightAware. More than 400 of those were due to arrive or depart from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Another 3,800-plus were delayed across the country.

The roads were just as bad. "A major winter storm and multi-day closures are likely on Interstates and secondary roads throughout Wyoming!" the state Transportation Department said on Facebook.

It wasn't much better in neighboring states.

"Sometimes it's physically impossible to keep up with Mother Nature," said North Dakota Highway Patrol Sgt. Wade Kadrmas.

He warned those who venture out to dress appropriately. Often, when motorists get stranded, "They don't have a winter jacket. They might be wearing shorts and flip-flops, just thinking they're going to get from point A to point B and nothing is going to go wrong," he said.

Kelly Cross has spent his entire 60 years in South Dakota, but even he tires of the wintry weather that often spills well into spring. Besides the regular snow shoveling at his Pierre store, K&C Western Wear, he's gone through pounds of salt to keep the walkway clear. The company of his terrier, Penny, makes the slog to work tolerable.

"She comes with me every day," Cross said.

In the Pacific Northwest, high winds and heavy snow in the Cascade Mountains prevented search teams from reaching the bodies of three climbers killed in an avalanche on Washington's Colchuck Peak over the weekend. Two experts from the Northwest Avalanche Center were hiking to the scene Wednesday to determine if conditions might permit a recovery attempt later this week.

Powerful winds were the biggest problem in California, toppling trees and power lines. By Wednesday afternoon, more than 88,000 customers in the state were without electricity, according to PowerOutage.us.

A 1-year-old child was critically injured when a redwood crashed onto a home in Boulder Creek, a community in the Santa Cruz Mountains south of San Francisco, KTVU reported. Chief Mark Bingham of the local fire protection district said crews had to cut up the tree to free the victim.

A blizzard warning was issued for the mountains of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, effective from 4 a.m. Thursday to 4 p.m. Saturday, the National Weather Service said.

"Nearly the entire population of CA will be able to see snow from some vantage point later this week if they look in the right direction (i.e., toward the highest hills in vicinity)," UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain wrote on Twitter.

A more than 200-mile stretch of Interstate 40 from central Arizona to the New Mexico line closed due to snow, ran and wind gusts of up to 80 mph. Thousands were without power in Arizona.

In the northern U.S. — a region accustomed to heavy snow — the snowfall could be historic. More than 20 inches may pile up in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin, the National Weather Service said. According to the weather service, the biggest snow event on record in the Twin Cities was 28.4 inches from Oct. 31 through Nov. 3, 1991. The second-largest was 21.1 inches of snow from Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, 1985.

Temperatures could plunge as low as minus 20 degrees Fahrenheit Thursday and to minus 25 F Friday in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Wind chills may fall to minus 50 F, said Nathan Rick, a meteorologist in Grand Forks.

Wind gusts may reach 50 mph in western and central Minnesota, resulting in "significant blowing and drifting snow with whiteout conditions in open areas," the weather service said.

The storm will make its way toward the East Coast later this week. Places that don't get snow may get dangerous amounts of ice. Forecasters expect up to a half-inch of ice in parts of southern Michigan, northern Illinois and some eastern states.

The potential ice storm has power company officials on edge. Nearly 1,500 line workers are ready to be deployed if the ice causes outages, said Matt Paul, executive vice president of distribution operations for Detroit-based DTE Electric. He said a half-inch of ice could cause hundreds of thousands of outages.

A half-inch of ice covering a wire "is the equivalent of having a baby grand piano on that single span of wire, so the weight is significant," Paul said.

As the northern U.S. deals with a winter blast, National Weather Service Meteorologist Richard Bann said some mid-Atlantic and Southeastern cities set new high temperature marks by several degrees.

The high in Lexington, Kentucky, reached 76 F, shattering the Feb. 22 mark of 70 F set 101 years ago. Nashville, Tennessee, reached 78 F, topping by 4 degrees the record set in 1897. Cincinnati, Atlanta and Mobile, Alabama, were among many other places seeing record highs.

It won't last long. Washington, D.C., could reach a record 80 F on Thursday. Then, a cold front will move in and by Saturday, the high will barely make it into the low 40s, Bann said.

In Fargo, North Dakota, the Wednesday morning temperature was minus 11 F, so server Michelle Wilson wasn't surprised by the small crowd at the Denny's where she works.

"When the wind picks up and you're in a flat land like North Dakota, it's whiteout conditions immediately," Wilson said.

Salter reported from O'Fallon, Missouri. Eugene Johnson in Seattle, Corey Williams in Detroit, Brady McCombs in Salt Lake City, Utah, David Koenig in Dallas, John Antczak and Christopher Weber in Los Angeles, Julie Walker in New York, Amy Forliti in Minneapolis, and Steve Karnowski in St. Paul, Minnesota, contributed to this report.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 23)

You will seek and find the sort of people who will prop you up, believe in the best you and keep rooting for you until you get the goal. A supportive team will bring you augmented fortunes and blessings on repeat. More highlights: You'll finally get what you've been circling around for years. The funds you need show up just in time. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 44, 11 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is great joy to be found from what is unnecessary, useless and trifling. Tonight: be sure you're really choosing worthy challenges instead of making ordinary things harder than they have to be.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). So much of life is uncontrollable. Let that go as you fall into the comfortable rhythm of a pattern that you can predict. Your rhythm may be thrown a few times today, but habits get you right back in the groove.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You cannot help what you want, but you change your focus to other options, as there are many things to want. Could you switch to something that's better for you? There's an art to wanting the right things.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are those around you who will take credit for whatever is up for grabs, whether they were a part of it or not. This is no time for humility. Let people know who you are and what you do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You try not to pass judgment on that which you don't fully understand. You'll head in with curiosity and compassion and if you come out knowing only a little more than you did before, you'll consider it a good day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The spoils of success will not bring fulfillment. You might think of fulfillment as more of a byproduct than an end product. Like sweat, it's something that happens in the process of work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There have been many instances in your life and times when you have responded to pressure by doing something amazing. It will bolster your confidence to remember this and retell the story.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What makes the journey an adventure? It's not the newness of place, but the uncertainty that comes with it. Without a fear to face, it's merely a path. Without the risk, it's just a road.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You feel your work is unfinished but if you don't show it now, the chance may not come again. Keep in mind how incompletion invites collaboration, which will add energy to the endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll ask excellent questions today. Even when you accidentally brush up against sore subjects, people are complimented by your interest. The sweetness of your attention is a gift in and of itself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People need people. But there are billions to choose from. When one relationship is disappointing you, it's not the end of your world. Make new connections when you need them and when you don't. Start when you don't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You used to think that once a certain problem got solved, you would coast on easy street. But there's always a new problem. That's the fun of life and the reason for sequels.

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.

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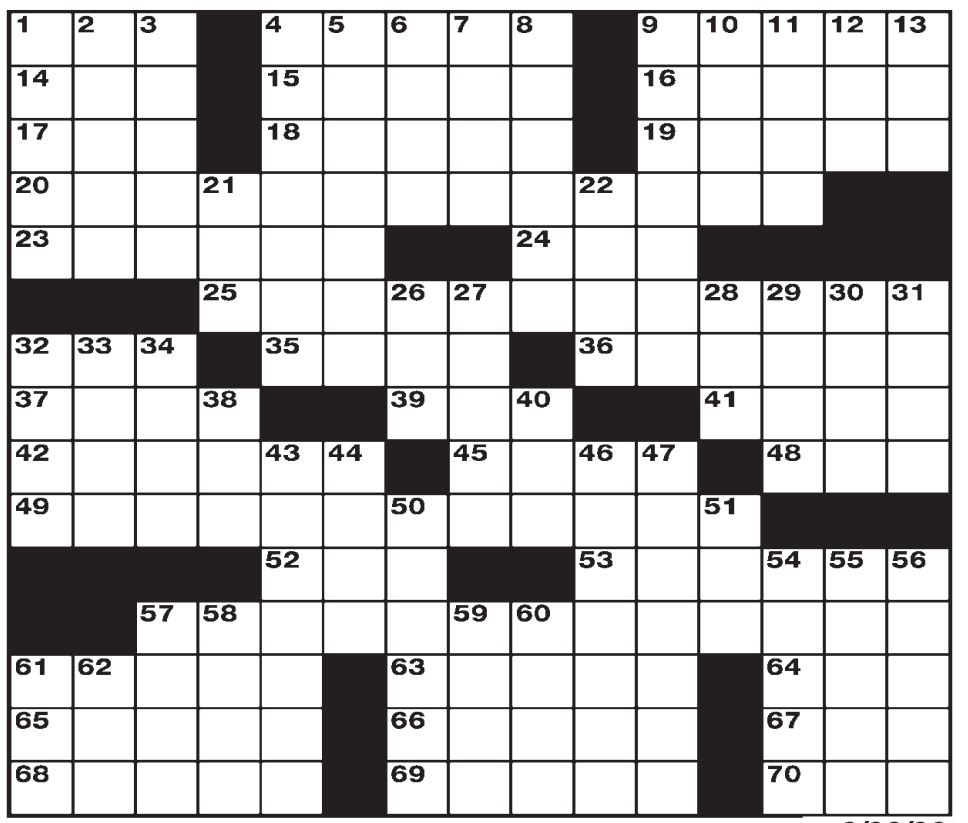
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1 Smidgen
4 Religious leader
9 Drama with orchestra
14 Poetic homage
15 Pompeo of *Grey's Anatomy*
16 Designated
17 Woodland creature
18 Parade presentation
19 Still in contention
20 One offering sign-on bonuses
23 Emphatic assent
24 GPS reading
25 Lentils, peas, etc.
32 Yr.-round setting in Yuma
35 Measure of force
36 Juliet speech starter
37 Square-mile fraction
39 Vintage
41 Was worthwhile
42 Tiki culture refreshment
45 Outperform
48 Goat quote
49 Oil magnate known for his art collection
52 Santa __, CA
53 Buffett, by birth
57 A 2022 14-foot-high Tel Aviv menorah
61 Put on again
63 Multitude
64 Erstwhile inhabited orbiter
65 Lexus alternative
66 Garden tool
67 Sketch artist's need
68 Data transmitter
69 Visionaries
70 Conniving

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2 Hold dear
3 Regards
4 Word on taqueria menus
5 Anatomical aversion
6 Like-minded group
7 Withstand
8 Perfectly pitched
9 Winning consistently
10 Washed-out
11 Dubai's head of state
12 Amp (up)
13 Suffix for stock
21 High fashion monogram
22 Lowdown
26 Small number in Naples
27 Peach __ (dessert)
28 Unruly hair
29 Religious leader
30 *Star Wars* royalty
31 *Star Wars* sage
32 Family nickname
33 Simba's royal predecessor
34 Decorative embellishment
38 GPS reading
40 FDR or JFK
43 Gallery, to 5 Down
44 Medicare issuance: Abbr.
46 Burn without flame
47 Tones down
50 Chops finely
51 Chinese zodiac animal
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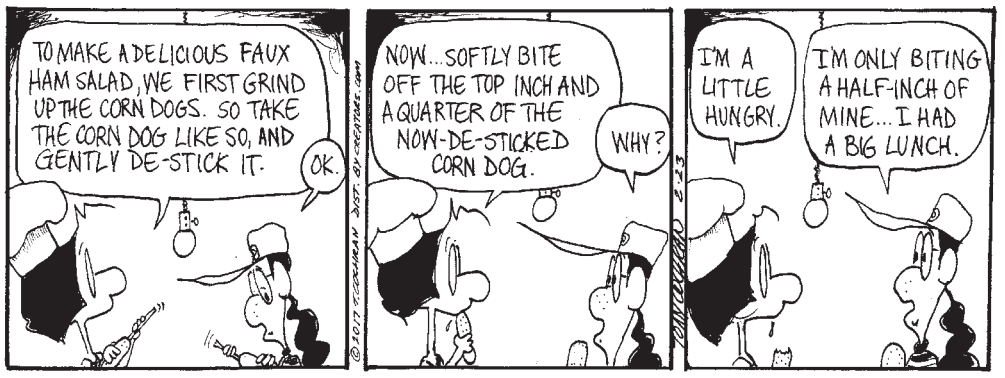


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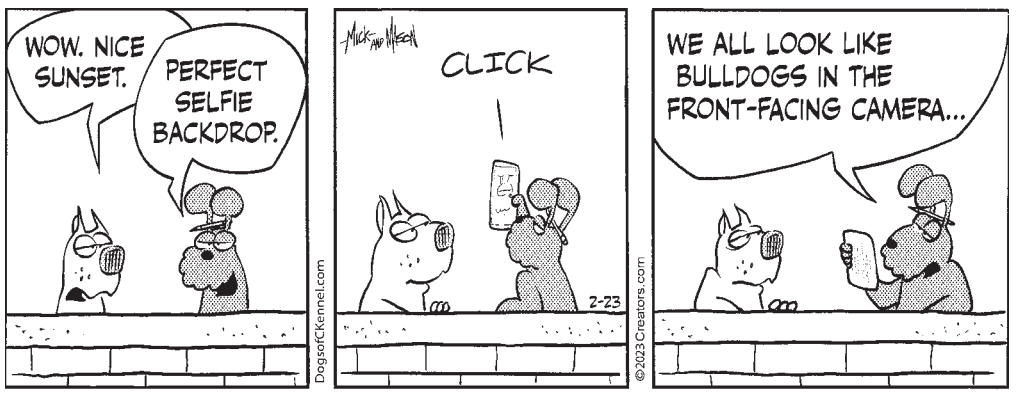
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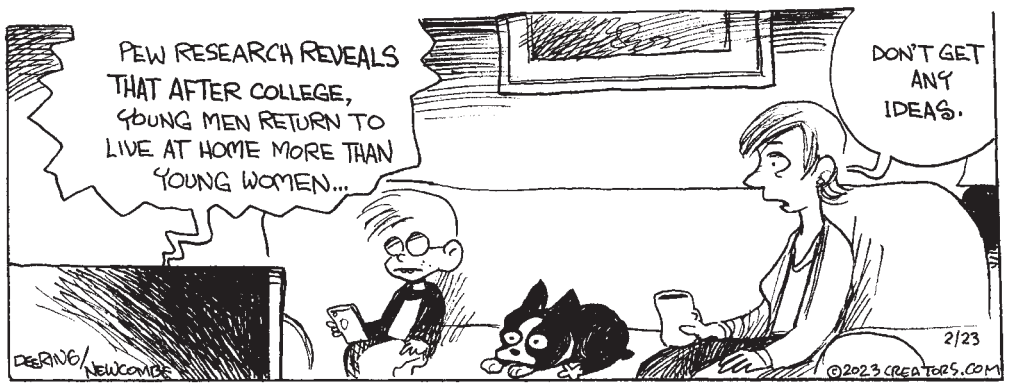
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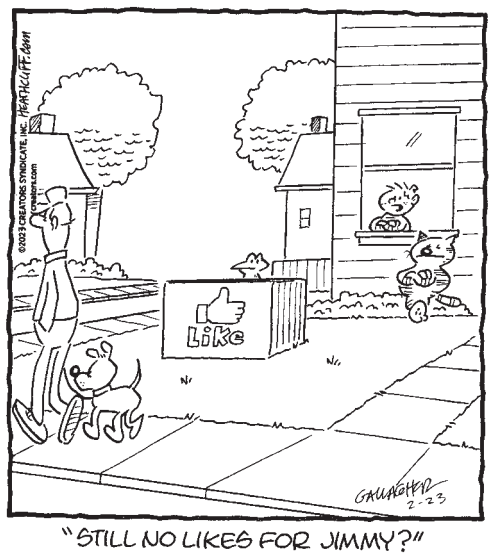
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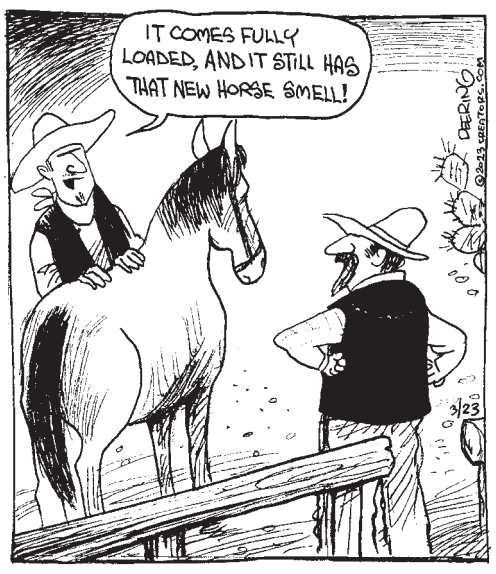
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 23

BLACK HISTORY MONTH READING AND DISCUSSION: THE TWO LIVES OF SARA BY CATHERINE ADEL WEST

Author Catherine Adel West reads from and discusses her novel, The Two Lives of Sara, which tells the story of a young mother who finds refuge and friendship at a boardinghouse in 1960s Memphis, Tennessee. Click here to register. Eventbrite link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/author-reading-and-discussion-with-catherine-adel-west-tickets-500429998597. 6 to 7:30 p.m. / Zoom

"THE TWO LIVES OF SARA" READING & DISCUSSION

Brought to you by the Black History Month Committee in partnership with the Santa Monica Library, join author Catherine Adel West for a virtual reading and discussion of her novel, "The Two Lives of Sara," an emotional and unforgettable story of hope, resilience, and unexpected love. Participants will be able to submit questions for the author during the event. The event will be facilitated by Alisa Orduña, PhD, a practitioner, policy analyst, collaborator and thought leader in homelessness services in the U.S. Link to register eventbrite.com/e/author-reading-and-discussion-with-catherine-adel-west-tickets-500429998597

FRIDAY | FEBRUARY 24

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 25

DATE CHANGE: BLACK HISTORY MONTH FESTIVAL

Due to the inclement weather forecasted for this weekend, the 8th Annual Greens Festival at Virginia Avenue Park has a new date. It will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2023, a change from February 25, 2023. The program remains the same, and the event will be held at the same time, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. More information can be found at santamonica.gov/places/parks/virginia-avenue-park.

THE WORLD IS MY HOME: THE LIFE OF PAUL ROBESON

Powerful and poignant, heartfelt and humorous, Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present one show only of film, television and stage personality Stogie Kenyatta's acclaimed NAACP Award-Winning solo show about African-American artist-activist Paul Robeson. Robeson's life's work celebrates our common humanity as he fought globally for social justice. Jamaican born and Brooklyn bred Stogie Kenyatta has been seen on everything from sitcoms and film to soap operas, from Bernie Mac and Jake and the Fat Man to HBO's Tyson (Co-star) to The Bold and The Beautiful. He co-headlined a USO comedy tour in Tokyo, Japan and Okinawa. "The World Is My Home – The Life of Paul Robeson" had its first performance at the National Civil Rights Museum and has become the number one show on the American college scene, honoring a great American hero. Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage 1211 4th Street.

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 26

GET CRACKIN' EATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Major League Eating and Wonderful® Pistachios have teamed up to host the "Wonderful Pistachios Get Crackin' Eating Championship" on World Pistachio Day, February 26. World Champion Competitive Eater Joey Chestnut and other top-ranked Major League Eating athletes will vie for a world record for pistachio-eating at the inaugural event taking place at 10 a.m. at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. Competitors will have eight minutes to crack open and eat as many Wonderful Pistachios as possible in a battle for the championship title and $10,000 in cash prizes. The pistachio-eating championship, featuring shell cracking, is unlike any Major League Eating contest ever held. In addition to viewing the competition, spectators and attendees can enjoy complimentary giveaway items including branded merchandise, and, of course, bags of Wonderful Pistachios.

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 27

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org.

TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 28

BLACK HISTORY SERIES: MR. SOUL SCREENING

A free screening and discussion of the documentary Mr. Soul! explores the story of Ellis Haizlip, the co-creator, producer, and co-host of the first nationally broadcast show featuring Black performers on public television, "Soul!" An audience Q&A follows the screening as part of SMC's Black History Series on February 28 at 3 p.m. in the SMC Student Services Center Orientation Hall (SSC 183).

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **56.5**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Potential for relatively better conditions. Biggest surf west of Dume from NW windswell. Stay tuned.
FRIDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Small NW swell continues. Conditions still needed to be sorted out — dependent on track of coastal low. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Thursday: Rain likely, mainly after 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
Thursday Night: Rain. Low around 45. Chance of precipitation is 80%.
Friday: Rain. High near 54. Breezy. Chance of precipitation is 90%.
Friday Night: Rain likely, mainly before 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/02/23	Thu	05:14 AM	0.55	L
2023/02/23	Thu	11:12 AM	4.60	H
2023/02/23	Thu	5:22 PM	0.29	L
2023/02/23	Thu	11:47 PM	5.08	H
2023/02/24	Fri	06:12 AM	0.67	L
2023/02/24	Fri	12:09 PM	3.69	H
2023/02/24	Fri	5:51 PM	1.06	L
2023/02/25	Sat	12:27 AM	4.95	H
2023/02/25	Sat	07:24 AM	0.83	L
2023/02/25	Sat	1:27 PM	2.88	H
2023/02/25	Sat	6:16 PM	1.79	L
2023/02/26	Sun	01:15 AM	4.72	H
2023/02/26	Sun	09:10 AM	0.84	L
2023/02/26	Sun	4:05 PM	2.51	H
2023/02/26	Sun	6:31 PM	2.41	L
2023/02/27	Mon	02:22 AM	4.50	H
2023/02/27	Mon	10:56 AM	0.55	L
2023/02/28	Tue	03:48 AM	4.42	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/20
3 17 26 38 54
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 100 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/21
2 15 30 36 63
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 126 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 2/18
2 3 36 38 45
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 35 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/21
2 7 9 27 34

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/21
EVENING: 8 8 3
Draw Date: 2/21
MIDDAY: 4 2 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/21
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:40.68

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