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Running for a legacy

TEDDY ROSENBLUTH
SMDP Intern

With his back facing the cameras, Johnnie Jameson began to run his first marathon backwards.

He had not planned to run backwards but then he hadn't really planned to run a marathon at all—he had never raced competitively and barely trained. So, when the gun fired, he simply turned around and began barreling butt-first through the course.

"This is L.A," he said. "Why be normal?"

Nine hours and 26.2 miles later, he became the last racer to cross the finish line and the first racer to cross the finish line backwards.

Since then, Jameson has run every Los Angeles Marathon, two of which he ran backwards and five of which he ran while dribbling a basketball. The 2020 Los Angeles Marathon next Sunday, which will stretch from Dodger's Stadium to Downtown Santa Monica, will be Jameson's 35th consecutive race.

He belongs to a group called the Legacy Runners, who have completed every L.A marathon since it was created in 1986. They have special bibs, permanent numbers and fans who recognize them year after year.

Jameson said he thinks of them as family.

They go to the movies together, train together, and on the Sunday after the annual marathon, they have dinner to recount each mile of the race.

"I've never been in any kind of group in my life," he said. "We're

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Santa Monica celebrates 'Black Excellence' at inaugural mixer











Brennon Dixson

HISTORY: Santa Monica celebrated Black History Month with an event on the Promenade this week.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

In an effort to celebrate the many successes and contributions of Santa Monica's African American community, local dignitaries, community leaders and more than 100 local residents gathered on the Third Street Promenade Tuesday for the inaugural "Celebrating Black Excellence Community Mixer."

In the weeks leading up to the first-of-its-kind event, event organizer Delana Gbenekama described the event as a dream

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Wine case is latest win for consumer protections

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A coalition of government agencies, including the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, recently secured a settlement with a pair of wine clubs over illegal automatic renewals as part of an ongoing state-wide effort to protect consumers.

The Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz county district attorney's offices and the Santa Monica City Attorney filed lawsuits against Direct Wines and Wine Awesomeness that resulted in a total settlement of $365,000 and an agreement from the companies to change their sales practices.

In California, businesses must clearly and conspicuously disclose all automatic renewal charges and terms and get affirmative consent of those recurring charges from consumers. Prosecutors said the violations involved wines sold by Delaware-based Direct Wines, a wine club marketing company, and Wine Awesomeness, a South Carolina wine retailer, which allowed people to subscribe to wine bottle home deliveries.

In addition to the fine, the companies must disclose its terms, alter the process for charging customers, offer easy cancellation options (including an online option) and make cancellations

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Land Use and Circulation Element, Bergamot Area Plan, and Downtown Community Plan Related to Application Process Thresholds for 100% Affordable Housing Projects and Housing Projects Compliant with the Housing Accountability Act

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

On February 19, 2020, the Planning Commission adopted a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the Council make the proposed amendments to the LUCE, BAP, and DCP to amend the process thresholds for 100% affordable housing projects and all other housing projects compliant with the Housing Accountability Act.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020 AT 6:30 PM**

LOCATION: Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: R1 Clarification
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

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

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

ESPAÑOL
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Soundwaves: Yves Charuest, Lisle Ellis, & Peter Valsamis
Free jazz from Canadian masters Charuest (alto saxophone), Ellis (bass), and Valsamis (drums). Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Living the California Dream: African American Leisure Sites
Alison Rose Jefferson, M.H.C, Ph.D. is a historian and heritage conservation consultant. Her research interests explore the intersection of American history and the African American experience in southern California, particularly during the Jim Crow era, historical memory, public history, spatial justice, and cultural tourism, with an aim to engage broad audiences through applied history projects in the struggle for social justice. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or purchase a pre-paid membership through Guest Services. Parking included. Room subject to change, check-in with Guest Services before each class. Annenberg Community Beach House, 9 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class, Multi Level 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. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. Main Library, 11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Toddler Time Session
Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 10:15 - 10:35 a.m.

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

Friday, February 28

Music and Movement at the Library
A musical story time that will have little ones singing and dancing along as they learn important early literacy concepts. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 29

Intro to Natural Textile Dyeing with Laura Davis
Cover the basics of fiber preparation for natural dyeing, including scouring and mordanting and some basic resist techniques, as well as a basic overview of how to prepare the dyes. Cost: $60 + $15 cash material fee. 1450 Ocean. 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/79271 or call 310.458.2239.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

Homeless shelter opens

Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Mike Bonin celebrated the opening of the Pacific Sunset A Bridge Home facility in Venice, which will provide 100 beds for homeless adults and 54 beds for transitional age youth. The Mayor and Councilmember were joined at the ceremony by representatives from People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) and Safe Place for Youth (SPY), as well as numerous community leaders.

"The homeless and housing crisis is a citywide challenge that requires citywide solutions," said Mayor Garcetti. "Today's opening is a reminder that people across Los Angeles are saying 'yes' to delivering the housing, healing, and hope our unhoused neighbors need and deserve."

The Pacific Sunset site is the tenth A Bridge Home facility to open, bringing the total number of beds made available by the program to 673. The city remains on-track to stand up a total of 26 A Bridge Home sites, filled with about 2,000 beds, by July 1. This site features 100 beds for single adults – 66 men and 34 women – and 54 beds for transitional age youth – 36 men and 18 women. Pacific Sunset is the first A Bridge Home site to be partially dedicated to serving young people experiencing homelessness.

"Today we finally begin to welcome people indoors," said Councilmember Bonin. "A roof and a bed will replace a tent and a sidewalk for many of our unhoused neighbors who have been sleeping in encampments in Venice. This is a big and important step in our long march to confront our homelessness crisis."

The A Bridge Home program, championed by Mayor Garcetti and other city and county officials, is designed to provide individuals in homeless encampments on nearby sidewalks with temporary, safe, secure housing and services acting as a bridge to permanent housing. The initiative is a critical piece of the L.A. region's overall efforts to build a comprehensive system to bring homeless Angelenos indoors. With the opening of this facility, city sanitation teams will work to clean and restore spaces previously occupied by encampments.

Services for adults at Pacific Sunset will be operated by People Assisting the Homeless (PATH), while youth services will be coordinated by Safe Place for Youth (SPY) – both organizations have strong ties to the Venice community. PATH helped house more than 100 people who were living in their vehicles in Venice and recently partnered with Los Angeles World Airports to serve and successfully house people living in large encampments near LAX. The organization operates transitional housing in West L.A. and provides permanent supportive housing at a building in Del Rey. SPY also has deep ties to the surrounding community and was founded in Venice and focuses its services in the area. SPY jointly operates bridge housing for youth at locations in Mar Vista and Westwood.

"Bridge housing is an important first step in the process of moving our most vulnerable into permanent supportive housing. We are grateful for the partnership of Safe Place for Youth, local organizations and the support of Councilmember Bonin and Venice community members for helping us move people living on the streets into a safe home," said Jennifer Hark-Dietz, Executive Director of PATH.

"I am filled with gratitude as we begin to welcome home the first residents of the Sunset Bridge site," said Alison Hurst, Executive Director of Safe Place for Youth. "Since founding SPY almost a decade ago, our team of dedicated community volunteers and passionate staff have advocated strongly for an increase in youth-specific services in Venice. Together with our partners at PATH, we get to witness the resilient spirit of the 154 guests that will walk through our door and watch them thrive as they find safety off the streets."

Pacific Sunset was designed based on community input, and Mayor Garcetti and Councilmember Bonin worked to ensure Venice residents were included during all stages of the process. Once the first 154 individuals are settled in the facility, community organizations and neighbors will begin working with PATH and SPY to host classes, courses, and other opportunities to help people transition off the street. Already, local organizations including St. Joseph Center, Chamber of Hope, Venice Family Clinic, SHARE!, LA:RISE, Chrysalis, A Window Between Worlds, and Pals N Pets have agreed to offer services at Pacific Sunset. The site also features murals by local artists Patrick Marston, Michael Brunt, and Francisco Letelier, and will include a community garden that will be maintained by residents, with the assistance of local organization Community Healing Gardens.

"To be successful, Pacific Sunset must be of and by Venice, and not just in it," said Councilmember Bonin. "That's why I'm so grateful to our community partners and to all the neighbors who supported and pushed hard for this project, demanding solutions and insisting that Venice says yes to them."

"This is a proud day for the Venice community. We've shown the city and the world how everyday citizens can step up and champion innovative and empathetic solutions that reduce homelessness and saves lives," added Will Hawkins, a Venetian who helped champion Pacific Sunset when it was considered by the Venice Neighborhood Council's Homelessness Committee and who now leads the non-profit organization Chamber of Hope.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

DATE/TIME: 2:00 p.m., March 11, 2020

LOCATION: Santa Monica Institute (SMI) Training Room, 2nd Floor
330 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica, California

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

407 Hill Street, 19ENT-0415 (Fence Wall Hedge Modification). The applicant requests approval of a height modification for a 5'-7 1/2" to 7'-11 3/4" high fence along the front (south) parcel line, a 5'-10" high wall along the interior side (west) parcel line, and a 7'-11 3/4" green screen fence on the alley side (east) parcel line within the front yard setback. The subject property is located in the Ocean Park Low Density Residential (OP2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.21.050(A)(1)(2), fences and walls cannot exceed a maximum height of 42" within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.050(D), in the cases of fences, walls, or hedges that are parallel to and within 5 feet of a public sidewalk, grade shall be the elevation of the closest point on the sidewalk. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to these height limitations in the front, side, and rear setbacks. [Planner: Ivan Lai] **APPLICANT: Patrick Price. PROPERTY OWNER: Marie-Elizabeth Mali.**

115 17th Street, 19ENT-0426 (Fence Wall Hedge Modification). The applicant requests approval of a hedge height modification to allow a 9-foot high hedge located along the south side property line perpendicular to 17th Street within the required front setback. The proposed hedge height exceeds the maximum allowable height of 42 inches in the front setback in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district, North of Montana neighborhood. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.21.050 and 9.04.050(D), fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback. [Planner: Rathar Duong] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Aaron Schatzow.**

9 Vicente Terrace, Major Modification 19ENT-0438. The applicant requests a Major Modification to the Medium Density Residential (R3) parcel coverage and setback development standards for a proposed rehabilitation and addition to a designated Landmark structure - an existing two-story, single-unit dwelling. The rebuilt garage and side balcony above would provide a 4' side setback in lieu of the 5.76' minimum required side setback. The applicant also requests a 2.9% increase to the maximum allowable parcel coverage of 50% for a total proposed parcel coverage of 52.9%. SMMC Section 9.43.030(C) allows an applicant to request a Major Modification from required setbacks and maximum parcel coverage for a project that includes the retention and preservation of a structure that is a City-Designated Historic Resource. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT: Robert Crockett. PROPERTY OWNER: Vincent DeFilippo.**

1119 20th Street, 20ENT-0003 (Fence Wall Hedge Modification). The applicant requests approval of a wall, hedge, and gate height modification to allow a 4.1-foot high concrete wall, 9.7-foot high hedge, and a 6.3-foot high gate located within the required front setback. The proposed wall, hedge, and gate heights exceed the maximum allowable height of 42 inches in the front setback in the Low-Density Residential (R2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.21.050 and 9.04.050(D), fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed a maximum height of 42 inches within the required front yard setback as measured from the lowest finished grade adjacent to either side of the fence, wall, or hedge. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.050(D), in the cases of fences, walls, or hedges that are parallel to and within 5 feet of a public sidewalk, grade shall be the elevation of the closest point on the sidewalk. SMMC Section 9.43.080(B) allows an applicant to request a modification to this height limitation in the front yard setback. [Planner: Rathar Duong] **APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Steve Shahmoradi.**

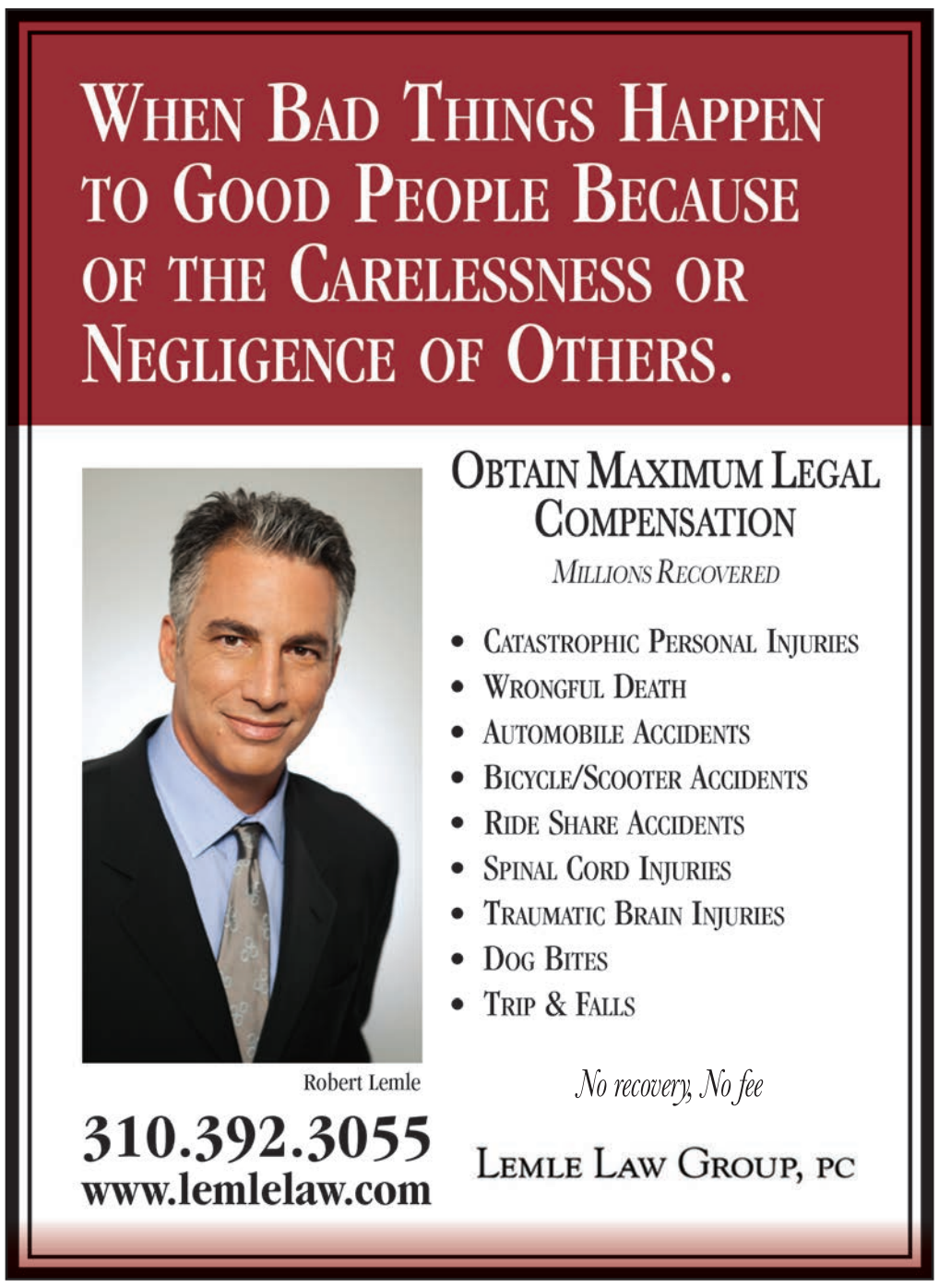
HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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NTSB: Tesla Autopilot, distracted driver caused fatal crash

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

Tesla's partially automated driving system steered an electric SUV into a concrete barrier on a Silicon Valley freeway because it was operating under conditions it couldn't handle and because the driver likely was distracted by playing a game on his smartphone, the National Transportation Safety Board has found.

The board made the determination Tuesday in the fatal crash, and provided nine new recommendations to prevent partially automated vehicle crashes in the future. Among the recommendations is for tech companies to design smartphones and other electronic devices so they don't operate if they are within a driver's reach, unless it's an emergency.

Chairman Robert Sumwalt said the problem of drivers distracted by smartphones will keep spreading if nothing is done.

"If we don't get on top of it, it's going to be a coronavirus," he said in calling for government regulations and company policies prohibiting driver use of smartphones.

Much of the board's frustration was directed at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and to Tesla, which have not acted on recommendations the NTSB passed two years ago. The NTSB investigates crashes but only has authority to make recommendations. NHTSA can enforce the advice, and manufacturers also can act on it.

But Sumwalt said if they don't, "then we are wasting our time. Safety will not be improved. We are counting on them to do their job."

For Tesla, the board repeated previous recommendations that it install safeguards to stop its Autopilot driving system from operating in conditions it wasn't designed to navigate. The board also wants Tesla to design a more effective system to make sure the driver is always paying attention.

If Tesla doesn't add driver monitoring safeguards, misuse of Autopilot is expected "and the risk for future crashes will remain," the board wrote in one of its findings.

Tuesday's hearing focused on the March 2018 crash of a Tesla Model X SUV, in which Autopilot was engaged when the vehicle swerved and slammed into a concrete barrier dividing freeway and exit lanes in Mountain View, Calif., killing Apple engineer Walter Huang.

Just before the crash, the Tesla steered to the left into a paved area between the freeway travel lanes and an exit ramp, the NTSB said. It accelerated to 71 mph and crashed into the end of the concrete barrier. The car's forward collision avoidance system didn't alert Huang, and its automatic emergency braking did not activate, the NTSB said.

Also, Huang did not brake, and there was no steering movement detected to avoid the crash, the board's staff said.

NTSB staff members said they couldn't pinpoint exactly why the car steered into the barrier, but it likely was a combination of faded lane lines, bright sunshine that affected the cameras, and a closer-than-normal vehicle in the lane ahead of the Tesla.

The board also found that Huang likely would have lived if a cushion at the end of the barrier had been repaired by California transportation officials. That cushion had been damaged in a crash 11 days before Huang was killed.

Recommendations to NHTSA included expanded testing to make sure partially automated systems can avoid running into common obstacles such as a barrier. The board also asks that NHTSA evaluate Autopilot to determine where it can safely operate and to develop and enforce standards for monitoring drivers so they pay attention while using the systems.

NHTSA has told the NTSB it has investigations open into 14 Tesla crashes and would use its enforcement of safety defects to take action if needed.

The agency issued a statement saying it will review the NTSB's report and that all commercially available vehicles require human drivers to stay in control at all times.

"Distraction-affected crashes are a major concern, including those involving advanced driver assistance features," the statement said.

Sumwalt said at the start of Tuesday's hearing that systems like Autopilot cannot drive themselves, yet drivers continue to use them without paying attention.

"This means that when driving in the supposed 'self-driving' mode, you can't read a book, you can't watch a movie or TV show, you can't text and you can't play video games," he said.

Under questioning from board members, Robert Molloy, the NTSB's director of highway safety, said the NHTSA is taking a hands-off approach to regulating new automated driving systems like Autopilot. Molloy called the approach "misguided," and said nothing is more disappointing than seeing recommendations ignored by Tesla and NHTSA.

"They need to do more," he said of the federal highway safety agency.

Autopilot is designed to keep a vehicle in its lane and keep a safe distance from vehicles in front of it. It also can change lanes with driver approval. Tesla says Autopilot is intended to be used for driver assistance and that drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

Sumwalt said the board had made recommendations to six automakers in 2017 to stop the problem and only Tesla has failed to respond.

Teslas can sense a driver applying force to the steering wheel, and if that doesn't happen,

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Traffic Collision With Injuries 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:00 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:49 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 6:56 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 300blk Wilshire Blvd 7:37 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:29 a.m.
Identity Theft 1400blk 20th St 9:14 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 17th St / Olympic Blvd 9:51 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2800blk Pico Blvd 10:12 a.m.
Rape Report 2500blk Kansas Ave 10:15 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:20 a.m.
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Petty Theft Just Occurred 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper In Progress 100blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:20 p.m.
Stalking Report 4th St / Alta Ave 1:57 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 800blk 4th St 2:07 p.m.
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Exhibition Of Speed 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:01 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Delaware Ave 3:25 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2700blk Wilshire Blvd 3:47 p.m.
Theft Suspect In Custody 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:03 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 700blk Adelaide Pl 4:16 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1400blk 2nd St 4:17 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2400blk 16th St 4:26 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 1100blk Pico Blvd 4:34 p.m.
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72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Main St 5:20 p.m.
Extortion Investigation 1000blk Chelsea Ave 5:27 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 5:32 p.m.
Fraud Report 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:36 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:22 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 6:58 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk Broadway 7:17 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk Palisades Park 7:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 6th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:12 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 20th St / Broadway 8:56 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 200blk Santa Monica Pier 10:53 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 16th St / Delaware Ave 10:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON FEB. 24

EMS 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 5:03 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 5:52 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 5th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:01 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 6:27 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:08 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1200blk Palisades Park 7:34 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 2200blk California Ave 9:04 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:05 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 4th St 9:14 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 10:03 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 2nd St 10:04 a.m.
EMS 900blk 6th St 10:34 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 10:59 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:01 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 12:10 p.m.
EMS 800blk Montana Ave 12:17 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 17th St / Interstate 10 12:28 p.m.
EMS 400blk Ocean Ave 12:44 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk 4th St 12:56 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 12:58 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 1:00 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 1:06 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 16th St 1:12 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:34 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Main St 3:14 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:37 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Ocean Front Walk 6:09 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 5th St 6:35 p.m.
EMS 200blk Pico Blvd 8:05 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 2600blk Main St 8:06 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1600blk 26th St 8:34 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 9:20 p.m.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit electronic bids for the:

Lincoln Neighborhood Corridor Streetscape Project (LiNC)
SP2331

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, PlanetBids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica. They must be received by **5pm on March 30, 2020.** Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via Planet Bids immediately after bid close time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
None Scheduled.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $4,250,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 550 days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $2,100 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have an **A** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: # 257 Hazardous Waste Management, Transportation, & Disposal

• Submission Deadline is March 16, 2020 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the City's Online Vendor Portal. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
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March 2020

Join the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women
to Celebrate Women's History Month:

The events in March celebrate this year's theme:
"Valiant Women of the Vote"

Photography Display of Women Workers at Douglas Aircraft during WWII
March 2020, Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m.
Santa Monica Main Library Lobby (601 Santa Monica Blvd.)

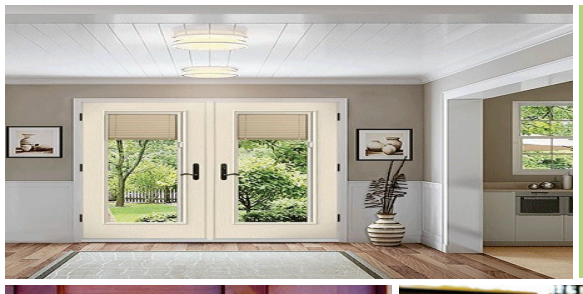
Julia Morgan Legacy Day
Sunday, March 1, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Annenberg Community Beach House (415 Pacific Coast Hwy)

City Hall will light the colors of the Suffrage movement - purple, white, and gold during women's history month!

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BLACK EXCELLENCE

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come true.

"In Santa Monica's history, you've had a lot of people of color who have been displaced from the community. Even in spite of that, we have a black population here and we want people to know they're here and they're contributing a lot," Gbenekama previously said as she described the buzz the event had created in the city.

Many in attendance Tuesday shared similar sentiments while they enjoyed treats from various vendors, a traditional West African Dance and Drum performance and plenty of opportunities to mix and mingle with fellow Santa Monicans and the many others who were coincidentally in the area and chose to stop by for a peek at the fun.

The true purpose of Tuesday's event was to honor the Black professionals who have demonstrated displays of outstanding leadership or service, according to Gbenekama, who mentioned the awardees were nominated by members of the community.

In total, there were 10 people selected to receive an award at the first-of-its-kind event and each was given a chance to take the stand for a quick speech. Some who took the podium Tuesday used their time to remind the audience about those who have shaped the region but have gone unrecognized throughout the decades, while others took the time to thank those who had a more direct impact on their lives.

Similar to the Oscars, music played when speeches ran long but not everybody adhered to the time frame.

Near the conclusion of the event, when attendees were taking a chance to fill their stomachs with barbecue, emcee Barry Snell said the event was better than he ever could've imagined and he hopes there will be more like it held in the future.

"Today's event was amazing for many reasons but I think most of all because, for the first time, we're honoring black excellence in this community," Snell said.

"Santa Monica's black history goes way back," he added, "so I think it's important that we recognize individuals for their excellence in service in the various fields of education, community service, (etc.) This is something that will go on for years and years, so I'm proud to be a part of it."

For the complete list of award winners, visit smdp.com.

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RUNNING

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never out of touch — it's just a whole family of us, it's real tight."

But his family is dwindling.

The group had more than 700 members years ago. But as members enter their 70s and 80s, only 114 remain — injured backs and knees had kept the number of members steadily declining. Jameson himself just turned 72.

Nowadays, Jameson runs the marathon forward-facing with no basketballs.

He said he likes to focus on running instead of turning to see where he's going or feeling the weight of the basketball. Without distractions the running hurts more, but that's part of the appeal.

Jameson was drafted to Vietnam when he was 20 and has struggled with PTSD and flashbacks since. Running helps focus him towards a goal, he said.

"It just hurts so bad and you just want to keep going back to get that pain again," he said. "I was running just to keep going in life."

Jameson's marathon career was the subject of a ten minute documentary in 2016, which was highlighted in National Geographic's Short Film Showcase. He occasionally tours with the video to schools across the country to encourage highschoolers to take up running.

Partly, he wants to encourage students to stay active and healthy. He said he also wants students to learn the intangible skills he's developed from running, like pushing to achieve a difficult goal.

"You have to find out what's deeply embedded in yourself," he said. "A lot of times you don't know what you can do until you're up for a challenge."

For Jameson, the physical feat of running is just a small part of why he returns to the Los Angeles Marathon every year.

"I feel this outpouring in my soul to just want the world to be better," he said. "I get out there and dig in and grind and make myself better. Things are getting better if I'm getting better."

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Ruben and the SCAG Numbers



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AUTO: The old Santa Monica location of Lincoln Auto.

RUBEN SAYS HELLO

And to tell all his friends and customers in Santa Monica that he and his family are doing fine and building their business at their new location in Long Beach, but that they miss Santa Monica. A lot.

"It's a nice neighborhood where we are," he told me by phone last week. "Very nice people. Small homes, no parking meters, no homeless people."

He kept the name, Lincoln Auto Electric, and by coincidence is just east of the Long Beach area called Lincoln. He's at 719 Redondo Avenue, just south of 10th Street — (562) 434-8469. He used to be walking distance from me, so convenient, but I remember several Santa Monicans posting that they would still take their cars to him. "I've got a 49-year-old car I wouldn't trust to anyone else," one person wrote.

It's sad to lose a reliable, reasonably priced, honest mechanic who can work on literally any car, so needed in any community, and who has engendered such loyalty. Ruben, of Peru and his wife Anna, of Argentina, first opened their auto repair business in Santa Monica in 1981, at 7th and Arizona, when he was just 25. He had never had such a business before. He moved for more space and then outgrew that and moved to the Lincoln address, just north of Ocean Park, in 1984. He has been in the process of turning it over to his sons Alex and Nick, so Lincoln Auto Electric may continue for another 40 years. But not here. I miss Nick's affection for the Muir Woods mural, right across the street; every time I stopped by he never failed to ask me how the rescue effort was going.

"But I don't think I'll ever retire completely, Carlito," Ruben told me. His grandfather was Sicilian. "You know what they say, you stop working and then you die."

RUBEN'S LANDLORD

Raised the rent by so much that he knew Ruben couldn't stay. But because he didn't tell him until just a month before, it left little time to find a suitable new location. "If I had more notice, I might've found something closer to Santa Monica," he told me. "I tried."

No doubt that property, including the self car wash next door, will be sold to a developer, and we'll bet yet another mixed-use retail condo apartment project. So let's see, wait for it, how will Charles blame this on our City Council, City Manager and staff?

Easy.

Gentrification. Drives up the price of desirable land, such as on the shores of the Pacific Ocean. Supply and demand does NOT apply here. Can a city government stop it? Of course not, but you can either act on behalf of your residents to try to slow it down. Some seaside city governments actually do that.

Or, you can give the green light to developers, cut them deals and exceptions for including a handful of not-really-affordable "affordable housing units," or other "community benefits" that... aren't. You could lobby in Sacramento... but, hey, wait! AGAINST more density, please, in visitor-jammed, "already built out" Santa Monica (declared Council member and recent Mayor Gleam Davis, during the 2016 campaign), not rolling over for more.

You could fight the specious non-binding pronouncements from SCAG (Southern CA Association of Governments) — that Santa Monica NEEDS to build more than 9000 more housing units in the next 10 years — fight it like Long Beach and some other coastal cities, or you can immediately surrender like City Council member Terry O'Day and declare, well, we obviously need to change our zoning. (There are no reports as to whether or not he was drooling when he said it. But this is a gift from heaven/Sacramento for a city government hell-bent on developing us into oblivion, which is just south of Miami Beach... oh, I'm sorry, I meant, into affordability.)

Note: you can't do that. Ask any local real

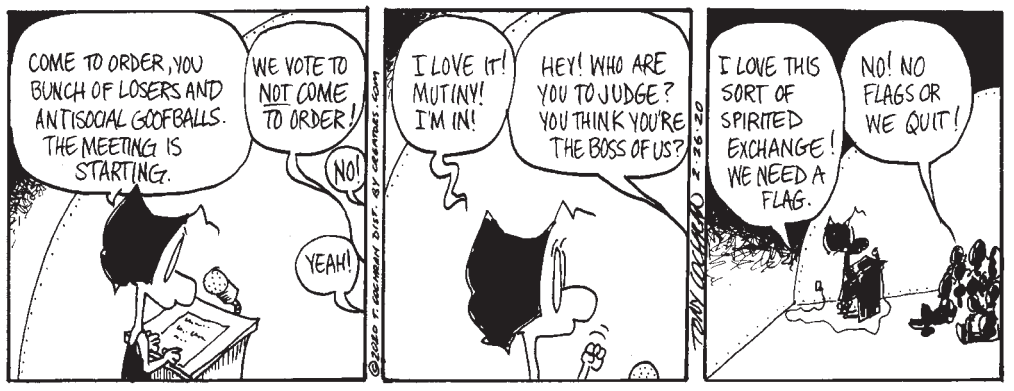
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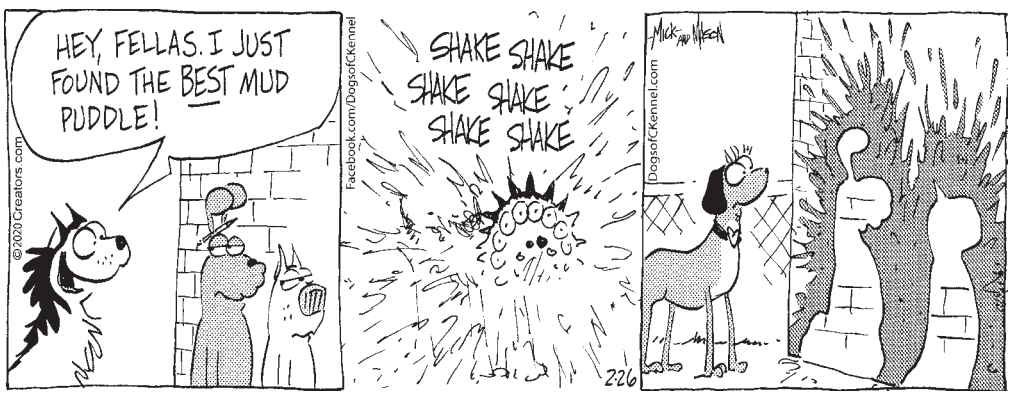
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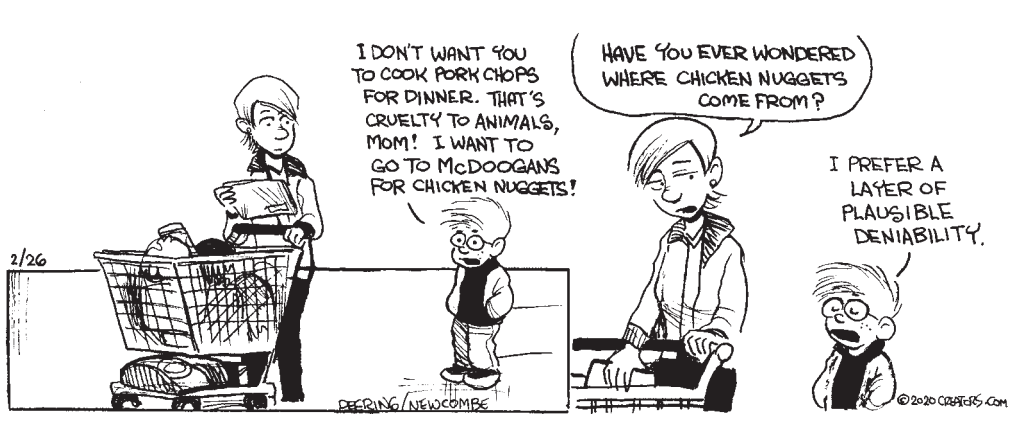
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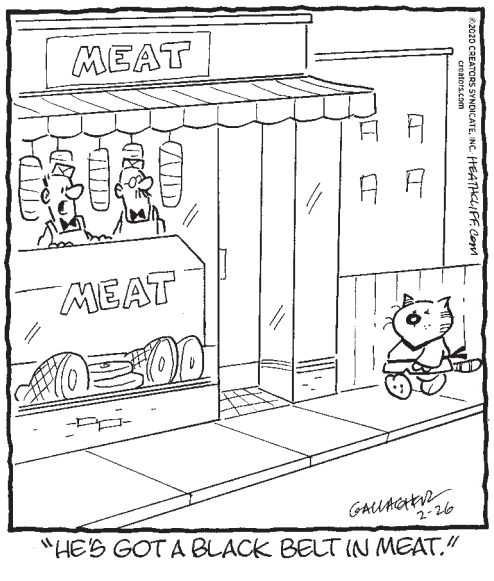
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"HE'S GOT A BLACK BELT IN MEAT."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 61.9°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
SSW swell gradually picks up through the day. NW swell-mix fades. Morning wind is offshore.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft waist to chest high
SSW swell peaks – most size for exposures out west. Small NW swell-mix in the morning builds through the afternoon.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 75.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/02/26	Wed	04:24 AM	1.21	L
2020/02/26	Wed	10:22 AM	4.57	H
2020/02/26	Wed	4:49 PM	0.39	L
2020/02/26	Wed	11:07 PM	4.30	H
2020/02/27	Thu	05:03 AM	1.24	L
2020/02/27	Thu	10:56 AM	4.05	H
2020/02/27	Thu	5:10 PM	0.83	L
2020/02/27	Thu	11:34 PM	4.29	H
2020/02/28	Fri	05:47 AM	1.31	L
2020/02/28	Fri	11:35 AM	3.47	H
2020/02/28	Fri	5:30 PM	1.29	L
2020/02/29	Sat	12:05 AM	4.26	H
2020/02/29	Sat	06:43 AM	1.40	L
2020/02/29	Sat	12:29 PM	2.88	H
2020/02/29	Sat	5:46 PM	1.74	L
2020/03/01	Sun	12:43 AM	4.22	H
2020/03/01	Sun	08:12 AM	1.41	L
2020/03/01	Sun	2:21 PM	2.40	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:02/22
25 37 39 61 62
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 70 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 02/21
4 7 13 16 60
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 55 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 02/22
17 32 36 37 44
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 02/24
4 13 20 21 33

Daily 3
Draw Date: 02/24
Evening: 3 8 2
Draw Date: 02/23
Midday: 3 4 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 02/24
1st: 10 - SOLID GOLD
2nd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
3rd: 07 - EUREKA
RACE TIME: 1:46.56

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (FEBRUARY 26)

You'll make yourself strong so you can be ready for the opportunities you really want and the changes coming late May. Strength comes with repetition of what works, experimenting to find the best methods and modeling yourself after knowledgeable mentors. Your charisma builds with every good decision. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 22, 37 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are talents you have that some of your friends just don't understand. At best, they accept this part of you but can't appreciate it. You deserve to be nurtured, not merely tolerated. You could use a few new friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a difference between being carefree and being uncaring. You're attracted to happy, lighthearted people who are also empathetic and intelligent — in other words, people like you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Structure inspires. This is why thousands of years later, Stonehenge and the Egyptian pyramids get visitors by the droves. Fates favor your structural fortifications today, whether through routine, business plan or blueprint.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Compromise isn't always the way to please both parties. When each settles for something different from what's wanted, it's a lose-lose. If you want to win all around, you'll have to get creative.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not like you can go buy willpower when your supply is running low. But you can replenish by demanding less of yourself and taking it a bit easier. This is kindness you deserve. Be sweet to yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's no reason to believe a stranger is the enemy, or the hero, lover, rainmaker... Resist projecting onto people what you want them to be. The stranger is only an opportunity to know who the stranger is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everyone on the outside of a group wants to know what's going on inside. The longer the line at the door, the more interesting the experience seems. Use the principle in your social life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The gods don't rush around. They have all the time in the world to get there. Move slow today and you'll have the confidence and appeal of a powerful entity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It will be a little tricky to find balance in your thought processes, but there's good in whatever side you err on. If you overthink things, at least you care. And underthinking them shows a certain level of trust in the universe.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Stay humble. It will be challenging because you'll be complimented and given power. You'll be praised and given options and shown better things than the others get to see. Regardless, keep your ego as small as possible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The things people will let slip — that they're thinking of you, that you're one of the dear ones... — these things matter and are more telling than is comfortable. You're a favorite. How does that feel?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Forcing yourself to behave won't work. The childish part of you doesn't care what the mature part wants. Distraction, gentleness, framing things differently, incentives, patience — these are the self-parenting tactics you need.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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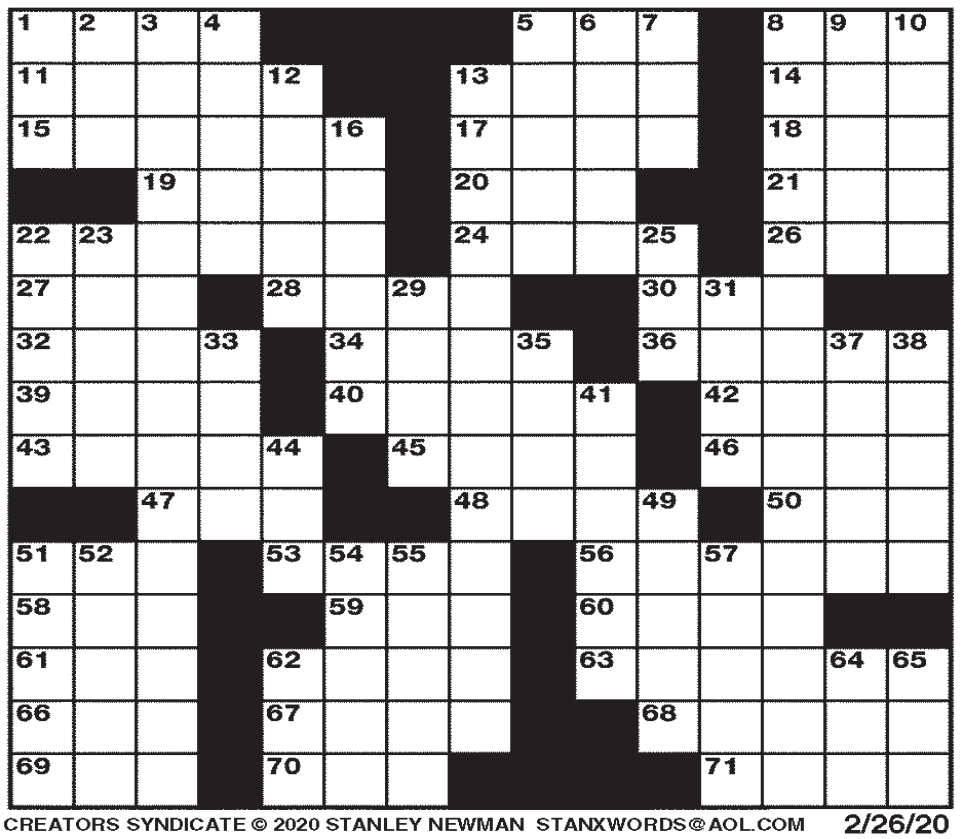
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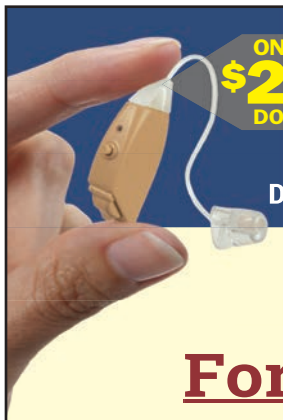
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8 Shout of defiance
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13 Bagel's center
14 Be indebted to
15 Basketball scoreboard tallies
17 Admired celebrity
18 Not at all strict
19 Actor __ Damon
20 Midmorning hour
21 Casino cube
22 Person strolling
24 How take-out orders are placed
26 Part of TGIF
27 Fish story
28 Not carefully considered
30 Health care pro's designation
32 Take the __ (make a bet)
34 Turndowns
36 Stray calf
39 Can't stomach
40 Air conditioning channels
42 Sicilian volcano
43 Hibachi residues
45 Plumbing problem to "plug"
46 As a result
47 __ out a living
48 The same, in a footnote: Abbr.
50 Before, in poems
51 Statute
53 Husband of a countess
56 Feeling offended
58 __ carte menu
59 Hawaiian garland
60 Ring loudly
61 Nothing at all
62 Metallic money
63 Physically robust
66 Baseball great Ripken
67 Installed, as wallpaper
68 Ice-cream serving utensil
69 Half of a figure eight
70 Driver's license and SSN
71 Drops the ball, literally or not

DOWN
1 Helpful hint
2 Long, long __
3 Was bored and anxious
4 Melodic
5 Contest for cowpokes
6 Go __ for the ride
7 Actor Gibson
8 Giving a legislative speech
9 Hang around for
10 Witch's curses
12 Playful aquatic animal
13 Get very angry
16 Piece of spaghetti
22 Waikiki welcome
23 "Golden touch" king
25 Antiquated
29 Nary a __ (no one)
31 Verse writer
33 Hunt for
35 Wild guess
37 Become accustomed (to)
38 Alleviated
41 Cuts corners
44 "__, I told you so!"
49 Food plans
51 Joust weapon
52 Assumed name
54 So all can hear
55 Bridal straps
57 Madcap comedy
62 Illinois city, for short
64 "Neither snow, __ rain . . ."
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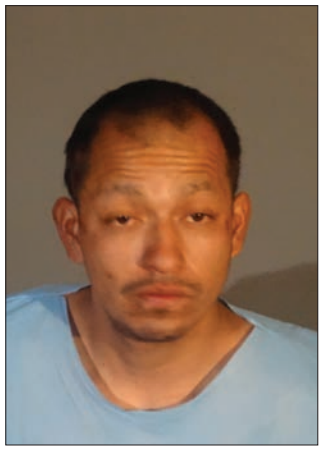
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Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON FEBRUARY 12, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:30 P.M.

Officers responded to the Vons Supermarket (710 Broadway Avenue) regarding a malicious mischief call for service. The details of the call indicated a man was throwing beer and food inside the store and was threatening to "chop-up" employees. Officers arrived on scene and observed a man who matched the description of the subject involved in this incident walking westbound near 7th and Broadway. Officers, who were in front of the subject, attempted to detain the suspect by asking him to stop. The subject refused to comply with the officers commands to stop and he continued to walk directly at the officers. The subject, later identified as Cesar Sanchez, started to aggressively shuffle towards the officers with his hands in his waistband. Officers spoke to Sanchez and convinced him to sit down; however, he continued to verbally interrupt the officers.
Officers learned that a victim of an assault wanted to press charges against Sanchez. The officers attempted to placed Sanchez under arrest; however, he violently resisted and was ultimately placed in handcuffs and arrested for assault and resisting arrest.
Cesar Sanchez, 39, homeless, was held on $20,000 bail.



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CURIOUS CITY

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AFFORDABILITY - WHAT A NICE CONCEPT

"We know the [SCAG] numbers will be contested by other cities, and by some in our own community," said then-Mayor Kevin McKeown. "The Council, rather than argue about the numbers at this point, is choosing to advocate for affordability." What a wise choice, with every chance of success.

Except — SCAG declared that 6700 of our 9000 units must be "affordable." Good luck with that. And — if other cities are successful in pushing back on these unfair numbers, guess what? The rest of the cities have to make up the difference. So, 10,000, not 9? We're on the wrong side of the gamble.

HERE'S WHAT'S NOT AFFORDABLE

For most: a 1956 Chevy Nomad. Yes, that old station wagon now sells for between $35,000 and $175,000, and Ruben told me he's working on one now, also a '64 Corvair (much more affordable, but it could kill you). Still lots of Prii (Priuses, for you Latin non-scholars), for which he was a very early adapter. But his big score is recently becoming an authorized repair facility for Uber and Lyft. All drivers need at least an annual certification of safety. And I think there are a few of them.

Ruben and Anna have one daughter who is a doctor and another who is close, but I think with the Uber-Lyft contract, all five kids of this hard-working, longtime Santa Monica mechanic could now consider advanced degrees.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealm-rmusic@gmail.com

LAW

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effective upon request.

The defendants did not admit wrongdoing in the stipulated judgments but worked cooperatively with prosecutors to amend their business practices to ensure compliance with the state's automatic renewal laws.

The current settlement came from the California Automatic Renewal Task Force (CART) with the San Diego, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz district attorney's offices, and the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office all working collaboratively on the case.

"The goal of CART is to address the automatic renewal issues that have troubled many consumers when they purchase goods and services online," said the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. "CART finds that some businesses do not properly disclose to their customers that their subscriptions would be automatically renewed until canceled by the customers. Such deficient disclosure is not limited to a particular industry."

Deputy District Attorney Jessie McGrath said working as a group magnifies the ability of the individual agencies to secure meaningful settlements and helps split the work among agencies with specific skills.

"It gives us more clout but it also gives us the ability to have more violations because when you bring in these counties you're bringing in a lot more of the population base of the state," he said. "We cover a majority of the state and have the ability to seek statewide penalties for violations, and correct it on a statewide basis."

Santa Monica is a founding member of the team. McGrath said the City has expertise in this area and the local attorneys are a good match with the other agencies.

"They knew how to do the investigations and how to do the settlements," he said. "It just worked out really well that they were experts in this particular area."

Eda Suh, Chief of the City's Consumer Protection Division said Santa Monica has been a leader in fighting automatic renewals for years including successful cases against dating websites, direct marketers, supplement companies and others.

"It impacts all California consumers and it's in our daily lives," she said. "We live in an era of credit cards and online services for products and services, with subscriptions paying on an automatic basis. That has become the norm now. Through the last couple of years, Santa Monica has kept up with the law and consistently enforced it."

She said it's important to keep the public aware of their rights in consumer cases and keep companies honest.

"You have to make sure consumers know what they are doing," she said. "It is everywhere, you cannot escape it."

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CRASH

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it will issue visual and audio warnings. But monitoring steering wheel torque, "is a poor surrogate measure" of monitoring the driver, Ensar Becic, the NTSB's human performance and automation highway safety expert told the board.

Messages were left Tuesday seeking comment from Tesla.

Sumwalt said the NTSB had called for technology more than nine years ago to disable distracting functions of smartphones while the user is driving, but no action has been taken.

Don Karol, the NTSB's project manager for highway safety, told the board that the staff is recommending that cell phone companies program phones to automatically lock out distracting functions such as games and phone calls while someone is driving. The staff also recommends that companies enact policies to prevent use of company issued cell phones while workers are driving.

Tesla has said Autopilot was put out initially in "beta," meaning it was being tested and improved as bugs were identified, Karol told the board.

That brought a response from Vice Chairman Bruce Landsburg, who said if the system has known bugs, "it's probably pretty foreseeable that somebody's going to have a problem with it. And then they (Tesla) come back and say 'oh, we warned you.'"

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