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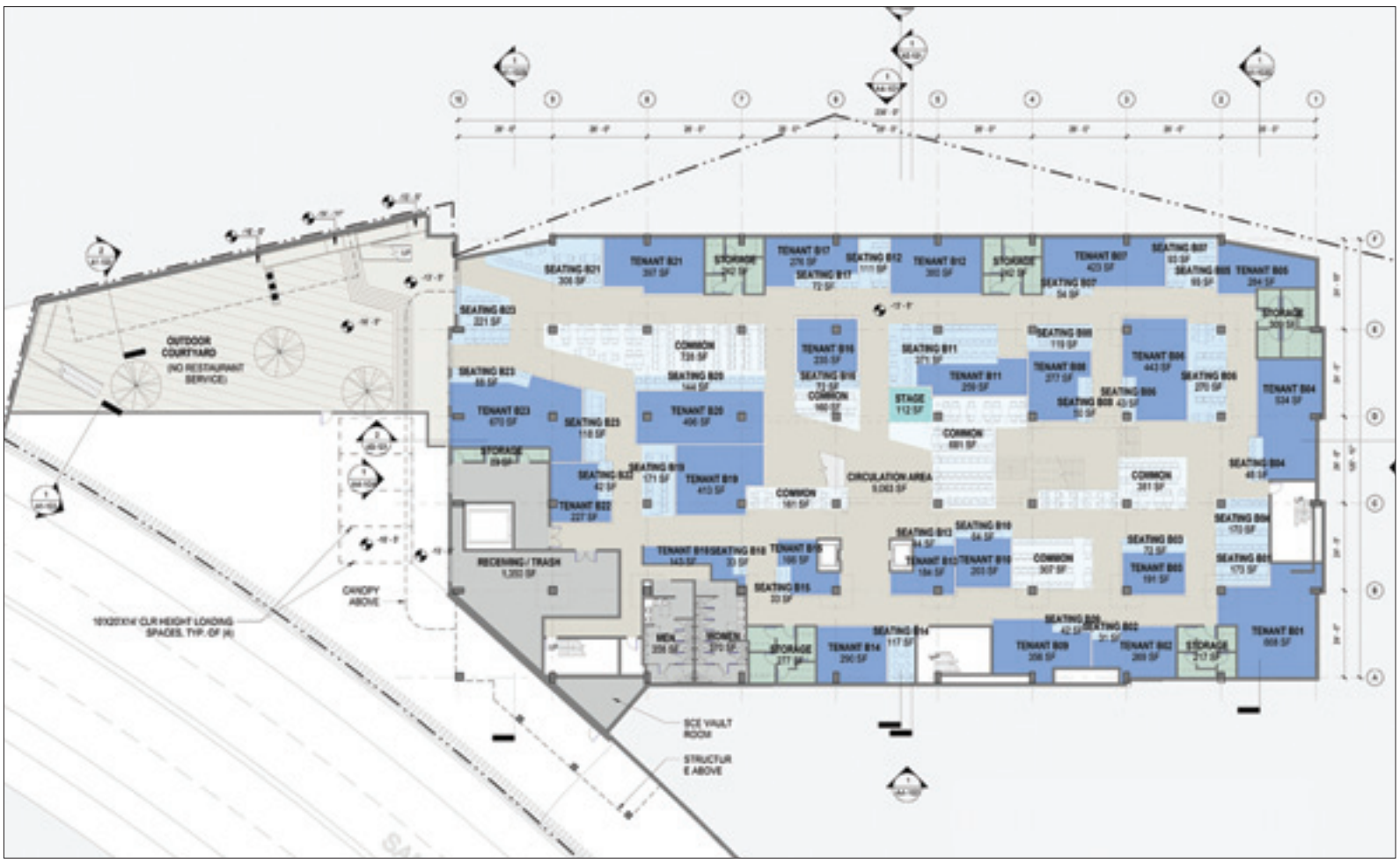
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Proposal for former Sears building heads to Coastal Commission



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SITE MAP: The proposal before the Coastal Commission includes a layout for the proposed retail/food businesses on the first floor of the Sears building.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Plans to rehabilitate the former Sears building in Downtown Santa Monica will be before the Coastal Commission this week with staff recommending conditional approval of the redevelopment plans.

Conditions of approval include a parking plan, limits on landscape design, environmental concerns and limits on future construction.

The store at 302 Colorado Blvd. closed in April of 2017 following the sale of the location to a real estate investment company. In July of 2015, Sears created a new independent, publicly traded real estate investment trust named Seritage. The new company took control of 235 Sears/Kmart stores and joint ventures with several mall operators including Simon Property Group, General Growth Properties and the Santa Monica based Macerich Company. Under the terms of the $2.7 billion deal, 224 stores were leased back to Sears but Seritage has the right to end some of those leases and find new uses for the property. Seritage exercised that right for the Santa Monica location.

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Board seeking public input before changing tax rules for rent control

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Rent Control Board wants to hear from more landlords and tenants as they continue to tackle the thorny issue of tax and bond surcharges on rental rates. While the Board recently voted 5-0 in January to sunset the surcharges for new tenants and new property owners, the move was not retroactive and thousands of Santa Monica renters still pay the fees.

The surcharges vary greatly from property property and are often based on the building's latest assessment. The median monthly surcharge is $20.73, however, some tenants have seen their pass-through costs skyrocket with Santa Monica's booming real estate market. Under Proposition 13, a property's taxes are re-assessed in the event of a sale or significant remodel. Tenants at a rent-controlled property at Ocean Avenue and Montana Avenue have seen their monthly surcharges surpass $100 a month.

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Arrest in January murder case

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has made an arrest in connection with the January 1 murder of Santa Monica resident John Hautz.

Roy Antonio Davis, a 26-year old man from Los Angeles, has been arrested and charged with the murder of the 88-year old Hautz. Davis was already in custody in Los Angeles for an unrelated robbery and will remain in County Jail, without bail, pending resolution of the new charges.

According to SMPD, officers responded to a radio call for service in the 2300 block of 34th Street regarding an elderly male who appeared to be unconscious inside his residence on January 1. Officers determined the victim, later identified as Hautz, had died and a preliminary investigation suggested suspicious circumstances. The death was classified as a murder at that time.

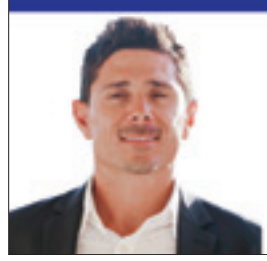
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, February 27

Teen Writing Workshop

Luis Alfaro leads a workshop for teen writers co-presented by Santa Monica Cultural Affairs, the Virginia Avenue Park Teen Center and the Santa Monica Library Pico Branch. Interested teens can apply to join by emailing Carla.Fantozzi@smgov.net. 2200 Virginia Ave. 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Reducing Social Anxiety

Using tools drawn from Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Mindfulness Practice and Mind Body Relaxation techniques, psychotherapists Rob Feiner and Rachel Fintzy teach you powerful tools to alleviate social, performance and test taking anxiety and help you to connect with others in more meaningful ways. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

Movie: Victoria and Abdul (2017)

Dame Judi Dench charms in this heartwarming depiction of Queen Victoria's unlikely friendship with an Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. (111 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro

Join organizers for a conversation with playwright and Beach House Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro, who is working to adapt Bertolt Brecht's Mother Courage and her Children to highlight the issue of homelessness in Los Angeles County. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 – 8 p.m. http://annenbergbeach-house.com/beachculture

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 5:30 p.m.

English as a Second Language

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

GED/HiSET Prep Science Class

Get prepared to take the Science subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Introduction To T'ai Chi

Discover the ancient Chinese tradition, T'ai Chi, a noncompetitive, self-paced system of gentle physical exercise and stretching. Instructor Pat Akers teaches the basic movements. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market

Fresh seasonal produce sold direct from California farmers. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Waste! Aero Theater Screening

Movie screening about sustainability. Aero Theater, 1328 Montana Ave. 1 p.m.

Yoga

All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Thursday, March 1

Malibu High School presents MASQUE

Malibu High presents a Masque performance. Malibu High School, 30215 Morning View Dr. 7 p.m. $40

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Motorcycle crash closed PCH

An accident involving a motorcycle and vehicle closed the PCH for several hours Monday morning. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, a motorcycle struck a car on the 1500 block of PCH when the car turned into the motorcycle's lane. The male rider and female passenger were both thrown from the bike and received minor injuries.

The road was reopened at about 5 a.m. Monday morning.

MATTHEW HALL

LOS ANGELES

First of week's 2 rain systems enters California

The first of two rainy weather systems predicted this week is moving through California, and Santa Barbara County has issued a pre-evacuation advisory for residents living near wildfire burn scars like the one that disgorged devastating debris flows last month.

Light rain was expected through midmorning Monday in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Monterey Bay around noon.

It's expected to reach Santa Barbara County in the afternoon and persist overnight into Tuesday.

The system isn't considered a big rainmaker but its instability brings a slight chance of thunderstorms, although the National Weather Service says it's not enough to warrant a flash-flood watch.

A stronger and wetter system is expected later in the week.

Santa Barbara County's pre-evacuation advisory is the lowest level of a new three-tier warning system.

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LOS ANGELES

Weinstein Co. expected to file bankruptcy after talks fail

The Weinstein Co.'s board of directors says the company is expected to file for bankruptcy protection after last-ditch talks to sell its assets collapsed.

Now-disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein co-founded the company in 2005. He was fired last October after being accused of sexual assault and harassment by dozens of women. Weinstein Co. has been searching for a financial savior ever since. Weinstein has denied all allegations.

The Los Angeles Times reports the board said Sunday night it has no choice but to pursue bankruptcy.

The decision came after the board was unable to revive a deal to sell the struggling studio for about $500 million to an investor group.

As part of the pact, the bidders had promised to raise at least $40 million for a fund to compensate Weinstein's accusers.

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LOS ANGELES

Rehab mogul convicted in LA of sexually assaulting patients

A man who operated more than a dozen Southern California drug treatment and rehabilitation centers has been convicted of 31 counts including the sexual assault of seven patients.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office says a jury deliberated for a day before finding Christopher Bathum guilty of charges including forcible rape, sexual penetration by foreign object, forcible oral copulation and sexual exploitation.

The panel acquitted Bathum on 12 similar counts and deadlocked on three others.

The 56-year-old, who described himself as "the rehab mogul," ran 13 Community Recovery treatment centers in Los Angeles and Orange counties, as well as six in the state of Colorado.

Prosecutors said Bathum provided patients with drugs as they battled addiction and then assaulted them while they were under the influence.

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LOS ANGELES

Police: Boy, 2, wounded in Los Angeles road rage shooting

Police say a 2-year-old child was shot twice during a road rage incident in Southern California but is expected to recover.

California Highway Patrol Sgt. Saul Gomez says the boy was shot early Sunday morning along State Route 118.

Gomez says the shooting appeared to be caused by road rage that may have started on another freeway. He says investigators were still trying to determine the exact motive.

Gomez says the boy was shot in both legs, underwent surgery and was in stable condition Monday.

Police were looking for the driver of an older-model gray sedan.

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The Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA) is pleased to announce the selection of the following 6 owners for the award of Project Based Housing Choice Vouchers: Mr. John Fasal, Upside Property & Management, Robert and Clair Heron, Stanislawa Jaworski, Robert LaPeer LLC and Jerald L Wilbur. SMHA wishes to thank the owners for their participation in the program and for being a part of the solution to address affordable housing needs.

The award of the vouchers further the SMHA's goal of de-concentrating poverty and expanding economic and housing opportunities for low-income families in the City of Santa Monica, California. The SMHA will continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis from owners interested in Project-Based Housing Choice Vouchers for apartments located in the City of Santa Monica. Information and the application is available to download from the City of Santa Monica Housing Authority's website or by contacting Patrick Gregorian at 310-452-2220 x5798 or Patrick.Gregorian@smgov.net . SMHA will continue accepting applications till further notice.

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Seeing Globally, Locally

CURRENTLY I AM IN AUCKLAND NEW Zealand where I've been speaking about podcasting to the Global Speakers Summit. This conference of 250 professional speakers has met for the past four days in one of the world's best cities. We've come together to teach each other about best practices, new technology (yes, even in speaking, technology is changing the way we do things!) learn how to better our craft of stage presence, content creation and best of all, make a ton of new friends.

In the 19 years that I have been practicing family law I have attended an ungodly amount of conferences, summits, workshop retreats, training weekends and events of all sorts put on by highly trained, extremely professional individuals, and I can say with great experience and certainty that the Global Speakers Summit organized by the Global Speaking Federation was undoubtedly the best, by far superior, and most enjoyable experience of my life.

This trip originated for me out of a desire to better myself as a professional speaker. I've been speaking for about 20 years now and when the chance came up to be of service to the GSF by sharing my knowledge of podcasting and how it can help professionals and companies expand their community, create celebrity and open doors that were previously closed I jumped at the opportunity.

Plus, it was in Auckland, New Zealand. This city is one of the most beautiful places on earth. The city reminds me a great deal of Santa Monica for its proximity to the water, it's small town feel, and its tremendous international cuisine. One of the things I love most about our small town is that we have such a great variety of restaurants and authentic chefs who bring their hometown with them. For example, Samosa House on Main Street has cooks and chefs from India, which adds to the authenticity and quality of the food.

Here in Auckland I was wandering down Hobson street and feeling hungry, as I came across this tiny Indian restaurant called Namaste Infusion Kitchen. It was about three hours before the final big dinner of the Global Speakers Summit so I just wanted a little something. I ordered a samosa and a tea from the young man behind the counter who promptly disappeared in the back. About five minutes later this strikingly handsome man comes out and asks me if I wanted black tea or Indian tea - of course I had to have the Indian tea.

Twenty minutes later he returned with my tea and samosas. Moments later he sat down at a table opposite me with his lunch and kept smiling at me. We struck up a conversation and eventually I asked him to join me. His name is Vishal Kumar and he is the 27-year-old owner of this 14-seat little bit of India in downtown Auckland. He came to New Zealand with a degree in hospitality that earned him his first job - washing dishes. Eight years later he owns this restaurant and is on his way to greater things.

I had a lovely time chatting with him about his life and experiences, his journey from Phagwara India to New Zealand, and the joys of the restaurant business. This was exactly the sort of experience that I knew I would have travelling. This is one of the many reasons why I want to be a global business speaker. To learn about the world and others.

It's fantastic to be in New Zealand and meet the amazing professional speakers that I've met. I've had a wondrous time and have made friends I'm literally going to travel the world with. Next month I'm off to Johannesburg S. Africa to speak at the Professional Speakers Association South Africa conference on podcasting. A few of the people at this conference are going to that conference as well. One of them is my new Scottish Author friend Maggie Georgopoulos who wrote a book called Up a Ladder In a Skirt. It's about being a female engineer in the workplace who is also dealing with bipolar disorder and her climb up the corporate ladder. We're both headed to Johannesburg and I'm sure I'll have some eye opening experiences there.

One of the things I found, as I've wandered through the streets of Auckland was a food court of Asian Cuisines. As I made my way from stall to stall, I realized that I've had the benefit of trying most of the cuisines, in my hometown. There was Thai, Japanese, Malaysian, Vietnamese, and Korean all in one place. I knew what they were, and the differences because I've tried them at home. I suddenly realized that Santa Monica is a far more global city than I previously thought. We are lucky to live in a place, where we can literally sample the world's cuisines within a few blocks of our house.

Most of America does not have this level of international awareness. It's part of what makes Santa Monica so special. It's a bounty that we should cherish and recognize.

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By Mike Bonin

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Homeless By Choice?

In nearly every corner of Los Angeles, there are homeless encampments — collections of flimsy tents, usually within mere feet of a school, a park, a business, or someone's home. Their presence invariably sparks a neighborhood debate, with loud voices proclaiming that "those people" are there by choice.

It's not politically correct to admit it, but it's true: most people in Los Angeles are homeless by choice. Our choice, not theirs.

Many major cities have a large homeless population, but only in Los Angeles does such a large percentage sleep without any sort of roof, seeking refuge on cold, hard pavement. That may not be by design, but it's also not accidental, or unforeseeable.

In 2006, a federal court told the City of Los Angeles it was "cruel and unusual punishment" to forbid people from sleeping on sidewalks unless the City offered sufficient housing and shelter as an alternative. For a decade, rather than provide housing or shelter, the City effectively said, "let them eat asphalt," and encampments proliferated nearly everywhere. By refusing to choose shelter, we chose sidewalks.

In the past two years, elected officials and the electorate said "enough." We developed a comprehensive homelessness strategy, approved new dedicated funding, and started housing people at an impressive, record clip. Yet homelessness increased and encampments proliferated.

Part of the reason is that public officials, foundations, and service providers are making the perfect the enemy of the good. We are so determined to build permanent supportive housing — which is expensive and can take years to bring online — that we fail to address the here and now. We desperately need thousands of units of permanent supportive housing (and I have proposed hundreds of units in my district), but that doesn't help the people sleeping in a tent tonight.

Call it crisis housing, bridge housing, or interim housing. Call it shelter, if you want. We need places where people can sleep next week, next month, and even next year until enough housing is available. Not barebones, one-size-fits-all shelters that feel like prisons, and become permanent warehouses for people. We need specialized, welcoming centers or shared housing for couples, for families with children, for teenage runaways, for veterans, and others. Low-barrier, round-the-clock accommodations that are genuinely a first step to permanent housing.

Our bureaucracies and our institutions have a hard time with that. They know how to approve development. They are accustomed to the slow, complex financing systems, and the arcane rules. They are not used to urgency. They operate at a traditional speed when we sorely need an emergency response. It has been two years since the City Council adopted a comprehensive homelessness strategy calling for an increase in and transformation of shelter — and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority still has no strategy to get thousands of people off the street any time soon. Bureaucratic inertia is at least as a big a hurdle as neighborhood opposition to specific projects.

During recent fires, officials announced the location of emergency shelters within hours of deploying first responders to burning homes. Victims of natural disasters are not left to sleep on our streets, but refugees from economic hardship, gentrification, a housing shortage, domestic violence, sexual abuse, addiction and mental illness are left to fend for themselves in the elements. That is unacceptable and intolerable.

We must insist on a range of immediate options for housing and shelter — even if it means using every available city facility, and every church or temple in Los Angeles. If we don't, encampments will proliferate, and men, women and children will continue to live on our streets by choice — our choice.

MIKE BONIN represents the Westside on the Los Angeles City Council and sits on the Council's Homelessness and Poverty Committee. He and his colleague Marqueece Harris-Dawson have submitted legislation calling on LAHSA to develop an immediate plan to shelter people living in sidewalk encampments.

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cessing, detectives have been able to link Davis to the death of John Hautz," said a statement issued by SMPD.

Lieutenant Saul Rodriguez said the department could not release many details of the investigation yet but said both DNA and fingerprint evidence linked Davis to the crime.

"There was evidence collected in the immediate area that led us to believe he was the individual involved in the crime," he said.

According to SMPD, Davis has been charged with murder and burglary in relation to the Santa Monica case.

Anyone with information related to this investigation is encouraged to contact Detective Leone (310) 458-8949; Detective Elias (310) 458-8943; or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

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RCB

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"This is an urgent, dire issue," said Board Member Caroline Torosis said at the RCB's February meeting. "People are falling into homelessness because they are not able to be maintain stable housing that's affordable and available to them. I see this as one tool in the toolbox to combat this issue."

The Board has given themselves a timeline to solve the issue for existing tenants by their May meeting. This Thursday, the Board will begin drafting a public engagement plan, with the goal of hearing presentations from stakeholders on March 22 with specific ideas for addressing the issue.

"I would like to hear from tenant groups and landlord groups, as well as any other group who will pass bonds in the future, such as the schools," Torosis said in an email to the Daily Press. "I have been hearing some concern that by banning pass throughs entirely, there will be more organized opposition to any voter passed bonds if the landlords cannot pass these through."

Long term property owners have argued they built their financial planning around being able to pass through surcharges.

"We don't need legions of additional renters telling us how bad the problem is. They should have faith we know, and are determined to take action. So, my hope is that neighborhood associations, SMRR, the education community, and business community all weigh in on the specific decision we need to make regarding pass-throughs," Board Member Todd Flora said. "But the one suggestion that can't be taken seriously, whoever the mouthpiece, is that the Rent Control Board has no right to do anything, or that we really shouldn't do anything about the rise in staggering costs renters are facing as the value of bonds skyrocket and are passed through to them."

San Francisco is the only other rent control jurisdiction in California that allows the pass-throughs, according to city staff. The surcharges were intended to equitably distribute voter approved tax increases by spreading out the costs among tenants. There are currently surcharges linked to measures X, S, BB and AA. Landlords could also pass along a stormwater management user fee, the clean beaches and ocean parcel tax and a 2008 school district special tax.

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PROPOSAL

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The proposal before the Coastal Commission is to "rehabilitate and redevelop existing 94,186 sq. ft. historic Sears Main Building as mixed-use commercial development."

The basement and first floor would be converted into a food/retail area of about 11,720 sq. ft. The second and third floors would become office space. Building work would include a seismic retrofit. The garden center on the property would remain unchanged.

According to the application, the development will have room for 180 parking spaces and 57 bicycle spaces. A parking study concludes the lot will be 47 spaces short to cover peak summer weekday demand and the first condition of approval calls for "the applicant to provide a parking attendant to implement a stacked valet parking program when the parking lot reaches full capacity."

The Commission is requiring all landscaping incorporate noninvasive, drought tolerant plants but acknowledges the final landscaping plans will be subject to the City's Landmarks Commission.

While the project is not directly connected to sensitive coastal resources, staff are recommending implementation of a runoff plan to prevent runoff or debris from reaching the beach.

The final condition requires any future development on the site, "including actions that would otherwise be exempt from permit conditions" to return to the Coastal Commission for additional approval.

Overall, the report said the proposal does not restrict coastal access.

"The project as proposed maintains and expands the visitor-serving qualities of the area by offering an additional space for Santa Monica visitors to recreate. At the same time, the location and design of the project does not block public coastal access. Therefore, the project, as proposed, is consistent with the development, recreation, and public access policies outlined in Coastal Act Chapter 3," said the staff report.

Additional local items on the agenda include:

Application of Simone Manor, LLC to demolish 1-story, 594 sq.ft. single-family home and construct 30-ft. high, 3-story, 2,264 sq.ft. single-family home with attached 2-car garage and swimming pool, at 445 Sherman Canal, Venice, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Application of Eric Owen Moss Living Trust to demolish 648 sq.ft., 1-story single-family home, and construct 32.5-ft. high, 3-story, 1,438 sq.ft. single-family home with roof deck, at 211 Entrada Dr., Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Application of Fonda-Bonardi & Hohman Architects to remodel and convert 675.5 sq.ft., single-story retail building with 794.7 sq. feet outdoor retail space into approx. 535 sq.ft. restaurant with 306 sq.ft. outdoor service area, at 2912 Main St., Santa Monica, Los Angeles County.

Application of Byron Minerd to add approx. 1,034 sq.ft. to 2-story, 27-ft. high single-family home by adding third-story bedroom, expanding first floor footprint, extending stairway to third story, and enclosing atrium, resulting in 4,226 sq.ft., 3-story, 36.5-ft. high single-family home, at 128 Reef Mall, Venice, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Application of Marlin Prager / 15000 Corona del Mar Trust to construct in-ground pool with spa, stone paved deck, and patio trellis on caisson foundation at 15000 Corona del Mar, Pacific Palisades, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Consistency Determination by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Project, including removal of Rindge Dam, excavation of 780,000 cu.yds. of sediment impounded behind dam, nearshore placement of clean excavated sand, landfill placement of remaining sediments, and modification or removal of upstream aquatic habitat barriers in Malibu Creek watershed, Los Angeles County (scheduled for March 9).

The meeting will be held March 7 – 9 at 333 Ponoma St. Port Hueneme, CA. Most local items are scheduled for Thursday, March 8 with the Consistency Determination scheduled for March 9. To access the agenda and submit comments online, visit www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html.

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TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to chest high occ. 4ft
NW windswell due for exposures. Winds may improve mid to late morning.

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FEBRUARY 14, AT ABOUT 11:49 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 17th Street and Colorado Blvd regarding a burglary in progress. The reporting party indicated several subjects were trying to break into a cargo storage container. Officers detained a subject riding a bicycle away from the area. A computer check of the subject revealed he had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was placed under arrest for the warrants. A search of his person and property led to the recovery of several burglary tools – bolt cutters, wrenches, wire strippers, flashlights. The subject was transported to SMPD Jail for booking. Marcus Lavon Bledsoe, 27, homeless, was arrested for possession of burglary tools and outstanding warrants. Bail was set at $102,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 294 Calls For Service On Feb. 25.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Hit and run Appian / Pacific 12:52 a.m.
Battery 1100 block PCH 1:38 a.m.
Loitering 1000 block Colorado 2:21 a.m.
Suicide 16th / Wilshire 3:39 a.m.
Encampment 400 block Santa Monica Pier 6:54 a.m.
Loitering 1400 block Montana Ave 7:40 a.m.
Assault 2400 block Santa Monica Blvd 9:11 a.m.
Indecent exposure 300 block Colorado 10:30 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600 block Ocean 10:36 a.m.
Panhandling 2500 block Main 10:39 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block Lincoln 11:11 a.m.
Prowler 1700 block Pico 11:17 a.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Appian 11:38 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block Euclid 11:43 a.m.
Traffic collision 34th / Pico 11:49 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2100 block La Mesa 11:54 a.m.
Person down 100 block Pier 12:01 p.m.
Hit and run Main / Pacific 1:03 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block Grant 1:16 p.m.
Encampment 900 block PCH 1:50 p.m.
Trespassing 2700 block Main 2:10 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/ Grant 2:35 p.m.
Burglary 1800 block Ocean Park Blvd 2:41 p.m.
Fight 1100 block Lincoln 3:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 14th/ Montana 3:08 p.m.
Overdose 1500 block 5th 3:16 p.m.
Hit and run 7th/ Broadway 3:47 p.m.
Trespassing 00 block Seaview 4:25 p.m.
Hit and run 4th / Olympic 4:39 p.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block Ocean 4:39 p.m.
Fight Ocean/ Colorado 5:05 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block PCH 6:13 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 6:34 p.m.
Fight Ocean / Wilshire 7:29 p.m.
Person down 1100 block Princeton 7:37 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd St Prom 7:53 p.m.
Encampment 2900 block The Beach 8:21 p.m.
Trespassing 3100 block Pico 8:50 p.m.
Transport prisoner 300 block Olympic 9:04 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1300 block Chelsea 9:13 p.m.
Missing person 1200 block California 9:24 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Wilshire 9:36 p.m.
Loud music 1200 block Pico 10:10 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean / San Vicente 10:12 p.m.
Traffic collision 300 block Ocean 10:12 p.m.
Fight 1700 block 9th 10:17 p.m.
Suspicious person 3000 block 7th 10:24 p.m.
Family disturbance 1700 block 9th 10:35 p.m.
Loud music 1400 block Lincoln 10:51 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 34 Calls For Service On Feb. 25.

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Emergency Medical Service 2500 block Beverly 1:05 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 1:21 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Ocean 1:49 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 2:12 a.m.
EMS 16th / Wilshire 3:41 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 3:55 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1300 block Yale 8:14 a.m.
EMS 200 block San Vicente 8:15 a.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 9:10 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 9:16 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 9:39 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 3rd St Prom 9:40 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 10:41 a.m.
Odor of Gas 700 block Adelaide 11:19 a.m.
Traffic Collision 34th / Pico 11:55 a.m.
EMS 500 block San Vicente 12:05 a.m.
EMS 4th / Colorado 12:18 a.m.
Traffic Collision 34th / Pico 12:19 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 1:32 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 2:02 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 2:25 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Pico 2:27 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front 3:07 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 3:17 p.m.
Traffic Collision 1300 block Ocean 4:40 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 5:08 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Georgina 6:30 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 7:17 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Highland 7:29 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1300 block 26th7:44 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 9:00 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Santa Monica 9:00 p.m.

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Draw Date: 2/23
7 11 13 19 58
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 222M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 2/24
6 15 22 29 38
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 13M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/25
2 6 11 14 15

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/25
MIDDAY: 6 4 8
Draw Date: 2/25
EVENING: 2 2 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/25
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2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
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■ A: Your body produces about a half-cup of this clear fluid daily, circulating it in and around the brain and spinal cord where it serves a variety of functions. It allows the brain to essentially float within the skull, achieving neutral buoyancy so that the organ is not compressed by its own weight. It acts as a shock absorber as well, both for the brain and spinal cord. It helps regulate the distribution of substances between cells in the brain and clears away cellular waste products.

Doc Talk

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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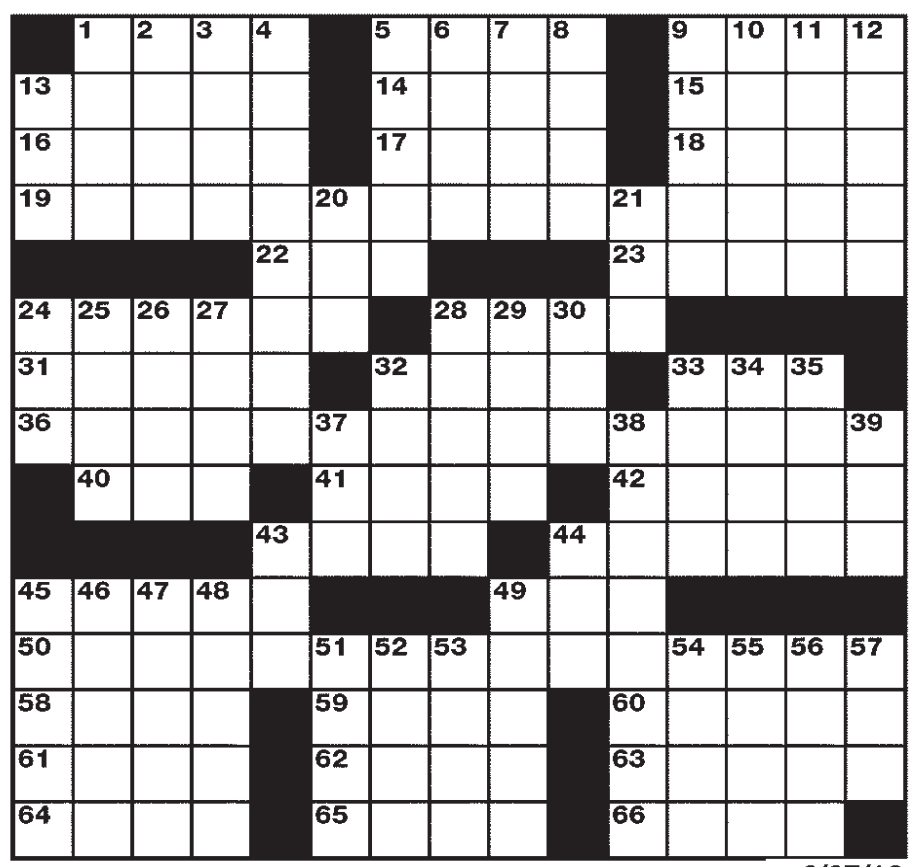
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Newsday Crossword

MAIL CALL by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Mountains of Switzerland
5 Baseball hats
9 Wine bottle plug
13 Ness of the Untouchables
14 Throw with force
15 Alda of *M*A*S*H*
16 Juliet's love
17 Neighborhood
18 Ferris wheel or carousel
19 Formal authorization
22 Take to court
23 Attentive
24 Locale for many luaus
28 In the __ (long ago)
31 Together (with)
32 Add to the payroll
33 __ out (decline to participate)
36 Possible bonus play in Scrabble
40 Work with needle and thread
41 Historical periods
42 More antique
43 Not as much
44 Rumples, as hair
45 Place to park
49 Mo. arch city
50 Be daringly innovative
58 Basso's solo
59 Loosen, as a necktie
60 Clock readings
61 In the neighborhood
62 " . . . lived happily __ after"
63 Excursions
64 Mailed away
65 "Auld Lang __"
66 Noshes on

DOWN
1 Frequently
2 Capital of Peru
3 Literary verse
4 Octagonal road marker
5 Rub roughly
6 Special glow
7 Get ready, for short
8 Open-handed hit
9 Christmas song
10 Martini garnish
11 Airplane-tracking device
12 Prepared to propose
13 Ambulance destinations: Abbr.
20 French "yes"
21 Lab maze runner
24 Owns
25 Pub beverages
26 Created with a loom
27 All over again
28 Breads with pockets
29 __ and crafts
30 Observe
32 His and __
33 Supposedly wise birds
34 Holders of peas
35 Sycamore or spruce
37 Director Spike or Ang
38 Casino wheel game
39 AMA members
43 Allow
44 Pioneering rock-video channel
45 Extends across
46 Blender setting for baby food
47 From Tibet or Thailand
48 Pictorial diagram
49 Sleep noisily
51 Gradations of color
52 Be jealous of
53 Home for Adam and Eve
54 Former Italian money
55 Leave out
56 Energizes, with "up"
57 Tee preceder



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 27)

The gold medal doesn't tell you who you are: You do. You'll work hard enough to get it without worrying too much about the symbol itself. You'll have a strong influence in June: This is a chance to really do some good in the world. You'll be in someone's acceptance speech, and later that person will be in yours. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 9, 45, 18 and 32.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
If it's a struggle, step back and consider whether you really have the optimal setup for the task at hand. With the right equipment you can climb gracefully over the wall instead of trying to knock through it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Someone close would give you exactly what you needed if only he or she were privy to what exactly that was. Maybe you don't even know. Keep trying to figure it out, though. Stay experimental.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You have no control over who is the best, but you have complete control over your own ability to get better. Your success happens when you make improvement your goal instead of having the goal to win.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Do the same thing you've done and you'll get more of what you already have. Change it up and who knows? You could use a little "who knows?" in your world right now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You know that dream you keep having about not being ready for the job you're asked to do? Well, you're getting more prepared every day. Keep it up and you'll soon be competent. Competence will lead to confidence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
It's only human to flinch in the face of success. One such "flinch" comes in the form of needing things to be perfect before making the next move. Things will never be perfect. Just move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Hey, what about small actions made consistently? It's not the storybook way – that would be more like a wave of the wand and a magical transformation – but it will get you there nonetheless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
One only needs to turn on the news for a few minutes to rediscover that people are the worst. One only needs to talk to you for a few minutes to have his or her faith in humanity restored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Inconveniences might be opportunities, interesting backdrops or better. As it is with rain on the wedding day, the less-than-ideal circumstance will be a harbinger of goodness to come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Regarding these people you admire, it's not that they have something you don't have. It's that they have something you do have but haven't figured out how to use to the greatest effect just yet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You'll be presented with dim alternate views, not unreasonable or untrue, but why dwell in dusky areas? As Walt Whitman suggested, "Keep your face always toward the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you."

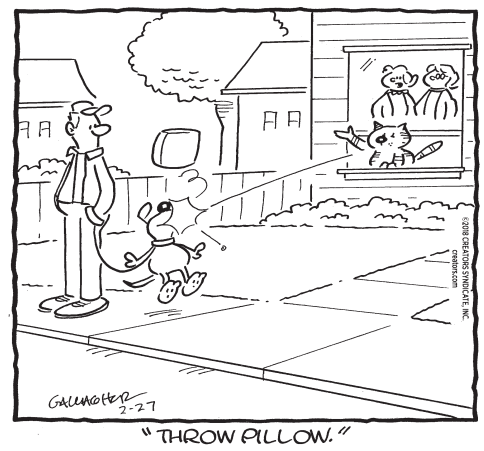
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You're trying to figure out life's mysteries just like a lot of people are. Maybe you don't know any more than some of the others, but someone has to step up and be the authority. Why not you? You'll handle it quite well.

Leo Moon Question: What Is My Motivation?

Want is a tricky thing. It's layered. Often what we really want is not even known to us, so we grasp at symbols, only to discover that we're still strangely unsatisfied. This Leo moon reminds us that all the world is a stage and we are actors trying on parts, playing with props, trying to get in touch with the motivations yet unknown to us.

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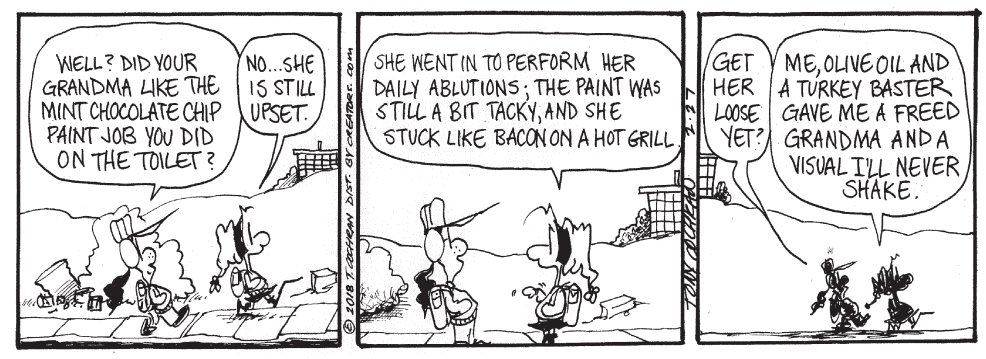
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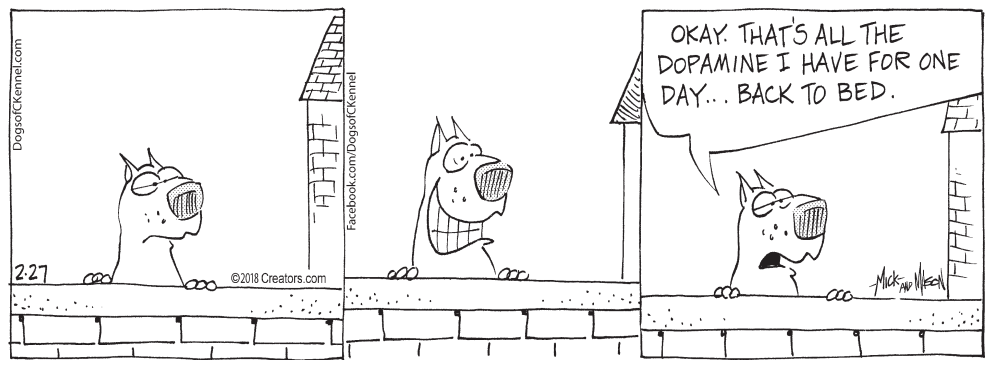
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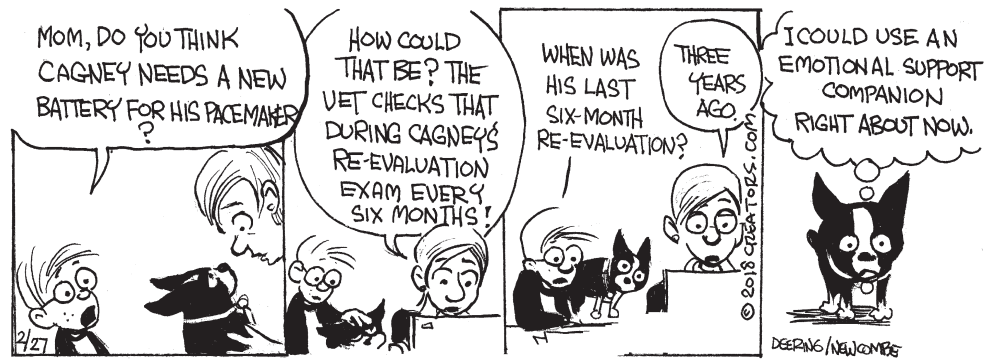
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