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Suspect arrested in violent break-in

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica police arrested 25-year-old Rashad Devon Harris Tuesday in connection to a violent break-in Friday morning where a woman was stabbed multiple times inside her apartment. Harris is charged with attempted rape, assault with a deadly weapon, kidnapping and violating his probation.

Police say he will have a chance to enter a plea to the charges later this week.

Officers responded to a call for help at an apartment complex in the 1700 block of 5th Street, near Santa Monica High School, at about 3:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23. When police got to the scene they found a woman suffering from multiple stab wounds and lacerations. As of Tuesday, she was recovering from surgery but in stable condition, according to a press release from Lt. Saul Rodriguez.

During the break-in, the suspect grabbed a knife from the kitchen and demanded money and property before stabbing the victim in the arm and jumping on top of her, police said. The victim fought off the suspect using whatever she could grab in her apartment. The man fled before police arrived.

"SMPD Detectives have been working tirelessly on this investiga-

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SMMUSD to adopt resolution in support of common sense gun laws

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In the wake of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) will seek to adopt a resolution in support of common sense gun laws at the Thursday, March 1 school board meeting.

The resolution is among many items to be discussed on the Board's agenda, with resolutions to discuss including a National Middle-Level Education Month and recognizing women via Women's Herstory Month.

In the resolution in support of common sense gun Laws, the Board "reaffirms and demands that all students have the right to attend schools that are safe from the threat of gun violence."

The Board will review and improve school safety plans including emergency preparedness as well as work more closely with both the Santa Monica and Los Angeles Police Departments to deter threats.

The resolution adds that the Board will also express to elected officials the Board's "position that removal of semi-automatic weapons from our civil society is a necessary, crucial, and urgent step in ensuring the safety of our students and staff."

Additionally, the Board asks elected state and federal legislators to fund schools to better serve students emotionally and mentally, asking to "hire additional psychologists, mental health coordinators, nurses, counselors, and social

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Courtesy photos

SCHOOL SPEAKERS

Members of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument (VJAMM) Committee spoke at Venice High School recently. See Page 3 for more information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., March 13, 2018

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

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:

MAJOR MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0237 AND MINOR MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0238, 754 Navy Street. The applicant requests two Major Modifications to allow a 20 percent (7") reduction of the required west side setback from 3'-0" to 2'-5" and a 20 percent (3'-0") reduction of the required front setback from 15'-0" to 12'-0". Additionally, the applicant requests two Minor Modifications to allow a 2'-0" reduction of the required minimum two-car garage interior width dimension from 20'-0" to 18'-0" and a 2.6 percent increase in parcel coverage from 55 percent to 57.6 percent. The subject property is located in the Ocean Park Single Unit Residential (OP1) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.43.030(B)(1), the applicant may request a Major Modification of up to 20 percent or 5'-0", whichever is less, of both the required front and side setback standards. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.43.020(B)(3) and (6), the applicant may request a Minor Modification to increase parcel coverage up to 5 percent of the maximum amount and to reduce the dimensional standards of parking spaces as long as it does not result in a reduction of required parking. [PLANNER: Ross Fehrman] **APPLICANT/ OWNER**: Edmond and Kathlene Wang.

FENCE WALL HEDGE MODIFICATION, 17ENT-0247, 414 California Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a fence and hedge height modification to allow a hedge along the front property line ranging in height from 6'-0" to 6'-6" along with a 6'-0" high wrought iron fence and gate, a wall with a lattice fence ranging in height from 6'-3" to 6'-7"along the east side parcel line, and a 6'-6" high hedge and a 6'-10" high wood gate along the west side parcel line within the front yard setback. The subject property is located in the Medium Density Residential (R3) zoning district. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.21.050, fences, walls, and 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: Ivan Lai] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Diane and Dorian King.

MAJOR, MODIFICATION, 18ENT-0001, 1248 & 1250 Harvard Street. The applicant requests two Major Modifications to allow a 20 percent (4'-0") reduction of the required front yard setback from 20'-0" to 16'-0" and a 20 percent (3'-0") reduction of the required rear setback from 15'-0" to 12'-0". The subject property is located in the Low Density Residential (R2) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.43.030(B)(1), the applicant may request a Major Modification of up to 20 percent or 5'-0", whichever is less, of both the required front and rear setback standards. [PLANNER: James Combs] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Ron Culver/Glenna Dumey and Linda Gross.

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, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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.

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

Santa Monica Walking Tours
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Santa Monica Rent Control Board Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
A lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 1 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Dr. Seuss Game Day
Celebrate Dr. Seuss with book-related games and cupcakes! Free giveaways. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 4 p.m.

Cuentos para Pequeños
A special family story time presented in Spanish. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 11:15 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.

Citizenship Classes
An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Compost Giveaway
Residents can come and fill up 5 large burlap sacks with compost, while supplies last. City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave. 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Meatless in March: SMPL at the Virgina Avenue Park Farmers Market
Books on eating meatless, gardening, cooking, sustainability, the environment, and more. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market
The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

VJAMM Committee Members On Manzanar Panel Speak At Venice High School

Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument (VJAMM) Committee members and former Manzanar internees Arnold Maeda and Mae Kakehashi, joined fellow former Manzanar internees Susumu Ioki and Mary Nomura on a panel to speak before approximately 150 juniors at the Venice High School World Languages and Global Studies Magnet on Thursday, February 15.

Maeda, fifteen years old at the time of his forced removal from Santa Monica and a Junior at SAMO High, told of sleepless nights in his cot in the barracks in the middle of a desert, questioning how he, an American-born U. S. citizen, could possibly be imprisoned in this barbed wire enclosure, having broken no laws and having had zero due process. Maeda distinguished himself while in camp, however, memorably performing in plays and in musical comedy, getting elected Senior Class President of the Manzanar High School class of 1944, and after graduation, worked as an orderly at the Manzanar Hospital and picked seasonal produce in Oregon.

Ioki, thirteen years old when incarcerated at Manzanar, wondered why people were wearing goggles when he arrived. He soon experienced the fierce windstorms that kicked up dust everywhere and into the barracks through cracks in the green wood floors and wall boards that shrank as they weathered. Plucked from his freshman class at Venice High School, Ioki found himself promoted to the sophomore class at Manzanar High School, where he said he struggled to keep up with the curriculum and his slightly older classmates.

Kakehashi recalled that the dust abated as the internees themselves farmed the lands of the Manzanar camp, growing enough vegetables to feed themselves as well as to ship to other American concentration camps such as Tule Lake in northern California, and Poston and Gila River in Arizona. In 1944, Kakehashi married Hideo, drafted into the U. S. Army while incarcerated in Manzanar, coincidentally on the anniversary of Executive Order 9066, on February 19th. She had graduated from Venice High School in the class of 1941, and worked in the Manzanar Hospital as a medical stenographer. Kakehashi recalled getting into a little bit of trouble the day she and her fellow stenos persuaded one of their truck driver friends to drive them some ten miles beyond the barbed wire fencing, to play in the snow at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains.

Nomura honed her singing talent with the Manzanar High School drama and music teacher, Lou Frizzell, who encouraged her to sing at various camp occasions, including the camp dances featuring the tunes of Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Jan Garber, and Guy Lombardo. Thus Nomura earned her nickname, the Songbird of Manzanar. On Thursday, Nomura sang for the Venice High School students, a song Frizzell composed for her, "When I Can," known unofficially as the Manzanar Song, about the yearnings of young lovers who have no privacy in camp. Nomura was a sixteen-year old Junior at Venice High School, exactly the same age of her audience at Venice High School, when forcibly removed and imprisoned in Manzanar.

Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee member Phyllis Hayashibara began the program with a slide presentation on the text and quotes on the VJAMM, by Brian Tadashi Maeda, Arnold Tadao Maeda, Amy Takahashi Ioki, Mae Kageyama Kakehashi, and the late Yoshinori Tomita. For the complete text and quotes, please visit www.venicejamm.org. Hayashibara, a retired Venice High School Social Studies teacher, distributed copies of the VJAMM Dedication program to the students, courtesy of the VJAMM Committee. She remarked that the VJAMM began with a Venice High School junior, Scott Pine. He brought in the April, 2009 Free Venice Beachhead with an article by Scott Ueda on the Japanese American internment for a current events discussion in Hayashibara's U. S. History class. This sparked a Service Learning Experience project that evolved into the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument, shepherded over the next eight years by the VJAMM Committee of Venice artists and activists, and members of the Japanese American community, most of whom had been incarcerated at Manzanar.

The VJAMM Committee dedicated the VJAMM on April 27, 2017 on the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards, to commemorate the site where 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry, forcibly removed from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu, lined up with only what they could carry, for transport to and incarceration in the American concentration camp at Manzanar.

Organizers said the VJAMM Committee greatly appreciates the invitation to speak to Venice High School students, and thanks Venice High School teachers Cris Vicente-Aguilar, Trasey Nomachi, and Jennifer Barnhill, for coordinating the morning program. The VJAMM Committee invites Venice High School service organizations and any other community youth groups to schedule a maintenance day, to wipe down the VJAMM and sweep up the sidewalk debris before the planned VJAMM Commemoration on Thursday, April 19. Interested parties may contact phyllishayashibara@gmail.com.

In April, Hama Sushi will hold its annual fundraiser to support the memorial efforts.

The $20 Bento Box Lunch will be available from 12 – 1 p.m. with all the proceeds supporting the memorial. 10 percent of all sales during dinner 6 – 10:30 p.m. will also be donated. Call (310) 396-8783 for reservations or visit www.Venicejamm.org for more information.

SUBMITTED BY PHYLLIS HAYASHIBARA,

NOMA

City Council Term Limits Discussed March 1

City Council Term Limits will be the focus of discussion Thursday, March 1, at NOMA's monthly community meeting to be held at Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Avenue. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. with social hour at 6:30 p.m.

The 2018 Term Limit Initiative will be reviewed by Mary Marlow, co-author and Santa Monica Transparency Project Chair, with Q & A to follow. SMPD and R-1 Interim Ordinance updates will also be discussed.

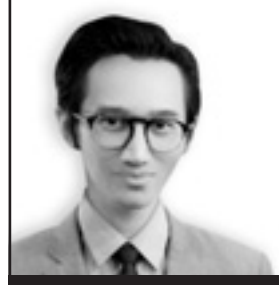
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Amazon to buy Ring, maker of Wi-Fi – connected doorbells

BY JOSEPH PISANI
AP Retail Writer

Amazon is expanding its home-security business by buying Ring, which makes Wi-Fi-connected cameras and doorbells.

The deal comes months after the online retailer started selling its own Wi-Fi-connected indoor security cameras, which work with its voice-assistant Alexa. The Ring acquisition helps Amazon better compete with Google's Nest, which also makes cameras.

"Ring home security products and services have delighted customers since day one. We're excited to work with this talented team and help them in their mission to keep homes safe and secure," said Amazon in a statement.

Ring's doorbells and cameras capture video that can be streamed on smartphones and other devices.

Seattle-based Amazon.com Inc. declined to say how much it was paying for Santa Monica based Ring or when the deal will close.

"Ring is committed to our mission to reduce crime in neighborhoods by providing effective yet affordable home security tools to our Neighbors that make a positive impact on our homes, our communities, and the world," said Ring in a statement. "We'll be able to achieve even more by partnering with an inventive, customer-centric company like Amazon. We look forward to being a part of the Amazon team as we work toward our vision for safer neighborhoods."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

County Supervisors Call For Assessment Of Short Term Rentals' Impact On Affordable Housing

Given an historic shortage of affordable housing, the Board of Supervisors has asked County departments to assess the impact that short-term rentals such as Airbnb and VRBO can have on affordable residential rental housing in the County's unincorporated areas, home to 10% of County residents.

The use of companies such as Airbnb and VRBO, which connect owners to travelers for short-term rentals, removes otherwise affordable rental apartments from the market for long-term occupancy. Recent studies by LA Alliance for a New Economy found that the use of short-term rentals can cause landlords to take rental units off the market, a move that dramatically impacts rents and rental vacancy rates. A 2015 study found that 7,316 units were taken off the rental market by the use of Airbnb, the equivalent of seven years of affordable housing construction.

Short-term rentals can also cause other community problems including destabilizing neighborhoods and affecting quality of life due to increased traffic, crowded parking, noise and safety concerns. Additionally, short-term rentals are not subject to the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) paid by hotels. An appropriate TOT on short-term rentals could result in several million dollars in revenue for the County each year.

"Right now, we need to do everything within our power to ensure that we expand, not decrease, available affordable housing," said Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, author of the motion. "We do not want to ban short-term rentals, but we want to ensure that short-term rentals do not have a negative impact on our very important work to reduce homelessness and our efforts to reduce the number of low- and moderate-income people who are being priced out of our local rental market."

Supervisor Kathryn Barger, co-author of the motion, added, "The short-term rental market operates mostly outside the county's regulation. We want to be sure we have the necessary tools to oversee the lawful operation of this type of lodging, and this motion is a first step to understanding the current state of that market."

This motion comes on the heels of recent County efforts to expand affordable housing, including passage of four ordinances last week, and an increased investment in affordable housing construction of more than $100 million this fiscal year.

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA OSBORN, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL



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A tale of two cities

ALL'S FAIR

In love and war. Hmmm. I would change the axiom. Drop love. Yes, people do behave that way but I say if you've used all means "necessary" to obtain your "loved" one, you aren't going to hold onto them for long. Love eventually wilts and dies from deception. Then where are you?

Drop love, add politics. All's fair in war and politics. But even war has a few verbotens. Is politics that dirty? All is fair? — rumors, deception, backstabbing, lies, character assassination, false media stories, threats, cheating at the ballot box, conspiring with enemies, murder, pestilence, even war? I'm not saying it's right, this abject dirtiness of politics, and I'm not saying it is always this way or has to be, I'm just saying it's so and we'd better recognize it and act accordingly. We see it in DC, we see it in Maywood, Lynwood and Bell, and we're seeing it right here in River City.

REVEALING DEPOSITIONS

The lawsuit to initiate district voting here, brought in April 2016 by Latina activist Maria Loya, the Pico Neighborhood Association, and Advocates for Malibu Public Schools, resulted in depositions being ordered, to include all our City Council members, and more. Oops! What were they thinking, to fight this? When you've got skeletons locked in your closet, you don't want to hand a lawyer the keys and a strong flashlight.

Out of 24 California cities being asked in the last few years to comply with state law mandating district rather than at-large council elections, all folded and complied except two, and in Palmdale, where the city fought it hard in court, they saw much more revealed in depositions than their elected officials wanted y'all to know. Mayor Jim Ledford will be arraigned March 28 on five felony counts accusing him of illegally receiving more than $60,000 a year from local consultants and failing to publicly disclose the income on economic disclosure statements. Oh, those pesky disclosure statements, who knew, right, Tony?

Ledford has been charged with conspiracy to commit a crime and conflict of interest, and three counts of perjury. The two consultants, with conspiracy, embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds. Sounds serious. It is, prison time is no picnic, but the maximum — maximum — he could get is four years, eight months, and the two consultants four years each. So, maybe half that and time off for good behavior? Ledford has been mayor for more than 25 years. $60,000 a year in illegal payments. You do the math. Worth the gamble?

WHAT HAVE WE HERE

A 60-mile drive south to Santa Monica? Depositions also being taken from all City Council members in our district voting lawsuit. What have we learned from these depositions so far?

City Council member and former Mayor Tony Vazquez, who had reported zero income since his 2012 election — what sacrifice! a noble public servant! — admitted under questioning that he had received payments for consulting from TELACU Construction Management and Keygent LLC, to help pitch its services to school districts. From $1,000 to $8,000 per month from TELACU.

His wife, SMMUSD school board member Maria Leon-Vazquez, voted to approve contracts with those two firms worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, without disclosing the family income from them. She is now being investigated by SMMUSD and the LA County district attorney's office. TELACU was bankrolling Centinela Valley school board campaigns and receiving millions of dollars in contracts, so their practices here should have been no surprise to anyone.

COMING UP

For depositions: City Manager Rick Cole, Santa Monica College board of trustees Vice Chair Dr. Margaret Quinones-Perez, union leaders, and second rounds for some Council members (Ted, Gleam, Tony), according to Kevin Shenkman, representing the plaintiffs — who opined that Cole was "the driving force to get districts in Pasadena years ago, and they're a good example of how districts can work well for a city."

City Council member Pam O'Connor walked out of her deposition last Aug. 11 ("Bye, guys") after about 10 minutes, when questions turned to her role in the firing of City Communications Director Elizabeth Riel. Riel sued and it cost us, Santa Monica taxpayers, nearly $1M. O'Connor appealed to the referee in the voting case and was ordered back Oct. 11, to testify again.

All this is under the supervision and guidance of the very expensive law firm the City is using, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, whose attorneys can charge $500-$1,000 an hour or more. It's costing us a fortune, folks, millions already, for our City Council to resist this needed conformity to state law. But they seem always to treat our City treasury like play money.

MAYOR WINTERER WAS DEPOSED

Monday, all day. Among other disclosures, according to Shenkman (the transcript is not yet available), Winterer asserted he had not looked at the 460 forms (required of any organization who contributes to a political candidate) from those groups that helped fund his campaign, including four PACs in the six-figure category. Just not curious, I guess. Even though those organizations were on opposite sides of some issues.

But then, it turns out Vazquez accepted a free plane ride to Salinas (value about $1500) without asking any questions, nor disclosing it, from a pilot hoping to pitch saving the airport, then Vazquez voted against it. This selective lack of curiosity is remarkable.

Winterer also laid blame, in his deposition, for complaints citizens may have about their City government, to the electorate itself for "not being engaged" in local politics, said Shenkman. Oscar de la Torre, founder and consultant of the Pico Youth & Family Center (PYFC), party to the lawsuit (and an outspoken foe of a City government that failed to continue funding for his PYFC), was present for Winterer's deposition.

"They choose not to get involved," de la Torre said Winterer reiterated. "He quoted figures from the Well Being Project, and he also made that point in his recent State of the City speech," he said. "As examples he quoted locals who didn't know we had a mayor, or thought it was Eric Garcetti. I thought his tone was very disdainful."

Stay tuned, folks.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Winterer was scheduled for his deposition 2/9 but it didn't happen until 2/26. Shenkman wouldn't say why. Could it be true what some of us have heard, that the City is considering mediation?

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Ordinance Number 2569 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2569 amends portions of Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.07.030 to revise development standards for maximum parcel coverage, maximum building height, and additional minimum stepbacks for upper stories in the R1 single-unit residential district. The interim zoning ordinance does not affect previously approved development for which a valid planning entitlement, permit or building permit, including plan check, was issued prior to February 23, 2018 and which does not subsequently expire. The interim zoning ordinance also does not affect any application for a planning entitlement, building permit, including plan check, determined complete on or before February 23, 2018.

This interim zoning ordinance shall be of no further force or effect sixty days from its effective date, unless it is otherwise extended pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.46.090.

The Santa Monica Housing Authority (SMHA)
Project Based Housing Choice Voucher Awards

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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ARREST

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tion from the inception," Rodriguez said.

During the attack, SMPD said the suspect likely suffered a significant cut to his right hand and injuries to his legs. Officers found a trail of blood on the 1500 block of 12th Street that indicated the suspect had fled east.

Police say forensic evidence, including fingerprints, connected Harris to the crime, who is currently on probation for two break-ins, according to Rodriguez. SMDP officers were waiting when Harris met with his probation officer in Van Nuys Tuesday in the San Fernando Valley and arrested him there.

Harris is currently being held at the SMPD jail with no bail options. Detectives will present the case to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office Airport Division for filing later this week.

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SMMUSD

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workers to support student mental health and well-being," as well as provide funds to help intervene with at-risk youth.

Engaging with youth in many ways is a target for the SMMUSD, specifically getting parents more involved with their student's lives. The National Middle Level Education Month resolution seeks to focus on students ages 10 to 15 years old, with key goals including "the importance of parents being knowledgeable about young adolescents and being actively involved in their lives," as well as "the knowledge that every young adolescent should have the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and aspirations," showing younger students that post-high school educational aspirations are well within the realm of possibility.

Finally, the Board will seek to pass a resolution to recognize "Women's Herstory Month." The resolution seeks to celebrate and inform students of women's accomplishments as well as to provide youth with a "greater understanding of the roles women have played throughout the history of our nation; helping all students understand their responsibilities in protecting and preserving gender equality."

Other items on the dais include approving special field trips for students to Buenos Aires Cordoba, and Rosario Argentina, various facility improvement projects, and recognizing Cesar Chavez day.

The Board will meet at 1651 16th Street. Closed session begins at 4:30 p.m. open session begins at 5:30 p.m.

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California's Malibu Beach bans plastic cutlery, straws

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

It's the last straw for the California beachside city of Malibu.

The City Council has banned all plastic cutlery and straws, citing concerns over keeping its famous beaches clean and protecting the environment.

The move builds on the city's previous bans of plastic bags and Styrofoam, and is part of an overall strategy to eliminate all single-use plastic items in Malibu, which has 21 miles of picturesque coast and is known as a haven for celebrities.

"It's the right thing to do," City Councilwoman Laura Rosenthal said Tuesday. "If people could see all the plastics that we find on a daily basis, I think everyone would be supportive of this ban."

Mayor Rick Mullen said in a news release that the city is committed to keeping beaches clean for everyone, now and in the future. "Ocean, beaches, and natural surroundings are a central part of life in Malibu," he said.

Instead of plastic utensils, straws and stirrers, Malibu businesses will have to provide items that are made from paper, wood or bamboo.

The city is providing one box of paper straws to businesses to help with the transition before the ban takes effect June 1.

Malibu is among the first cities to take such an aggressive move against plastic.

Manhattan Beach, just outside Los Angeles, and Central California's Santa Cruz have banned all disposable plastics. A ban in Seattle on plastic straws and utensils takes effect in July. Other cities are considering their own bans and restaurants across the nation have individually made the switch.

Sheila Morovati, a Pacific Palisades resident and local activist who fought for the Malibu ban, said she's now setting her sites on Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, and then beyond California.

"When I go to Italy and visit my family they say, 'Do you know Malibu?'" Morovati said. "I know for a fact that Malibu is a beacon beach community and people around the world know what Malibu is and Malibu does, people will follow.

"I feel like we're at the beginning of a huge wave," she said.

A bill at the California Legislature would make it illegal for restaurants to provide plastic straws unless requested. It still needs approval from both houses.

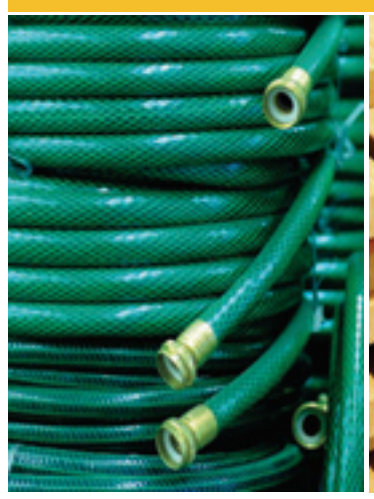
Another bill would require attachable caps on plastic bottles, even though it's failed to garner support in the past several years.

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NW/WNW windswell fades. Small S swell.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Minor WNW swell.

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) Inviting Bids

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type **"B"** license, on the following: **Bid #18.19.ES-DSA#03-118549 Olympic High School – Windows, Paint, Floors, Doors & HVAC Project at Olympic High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$3,200,000 - $3,500,000** and includes construction of, Abatement and replacement of specific existing Windows and Doors with new painted Windows and Doors in buildings A, B, C & D, HVAC upgrades, Repair and replacement of gutters, Exterior trim painting, ADA upgrades, Site Railing, Abatement and replacement of ceiling at MPR & Stage (BLDG A), Abatement and upgrading Acoustical at MPR &Stage(BLDG A), Lighting upgrades at MPR & Stage (BLDG A), Accessible Lift at MPR & Stage (BLDG A), Interior painting at MPR & Stage (BLDG A), Landscape improvements and other associated improvements. All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4thStreet, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 4/20/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 3/9/18 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 4/6/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Job Walk:
Friday, 3/9/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:
Olympic High School located at 721 Ocean Park Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives inside the front entrance of Olympic High School.

Bid Opening:
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Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop atsmbishop@smmusd.org directly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualityBidders.com directly.

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON FEBRUARY 15, AT ABOUT 3:02 P.M.
While patrolling the area of 7th Street and Colorado Blvd., officers stopped two bicyclists for a vehicle code violation – riding on the wrong side of the roadway. One of the subject's was riding a child's bicycle, which was much smaller than his frame. Officers conducted a check on the bicycle that revealed the bicycle was reported stolen in a residential burglary in Santa Monica on January 2, 2018. The subject was placed under arrest. Oscar Stephen Gongora 53, homeless, was arrested possession of stolen property. Bail was set at $1,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 386 Calls For Service On Feb. 26.

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

Encampment 200 block Santa Monica Pier 12:10 a.m.
Battery 1100 block Wilshire 2:12 a.m.
Trespassing 2400 block Lincoln 4:18 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2400 block Main 5:30 a.m.
Rape 1500 block The Beach 5:53 a.m.
Trespassing 900 block Colorado 7:03 a.m.
Encampment 2000 block Ocean 7:11 a.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Michigan 7:18 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block Berkeley 7:22 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Main 8:08 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Santa Monica 8:09 a.m.
Trespassing 1800 block Lincoln 8:18 a.m.
Fire 1400 Block of 17th 8:25 a.m.
Traffic collision Centinela / Virginia 8:38 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Ocean 8:52 a.m.
Fraud 800 block Arizona 8:55 a.m.
Hit and run 1900 block Colorado 9:17 a.m.
Grand theft 100 block San Vicente 9:25 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Wilshire 9:48 a.m.
Grand theft 1000 block 5th 9:50 a.m.
Elder abuse 100 block Ocean Park 10:16 a.m.
Elder abuse 400 block Montana 10:17 a.m.
Elder abuse 2300 block Oak 10:18 a.m.
Public intoxication Neilson / Bay 10:27 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block 4th 10:46 a.m.
Elder abuse 2000 block 18th 10:54 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block 6th 10:57 a.m.
Shots fired 900 block 14th 11:26 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800 block Broadway 11:53 a.m.
Indecent exposure Lincoln / Broadway 12:09 p.m.
Burglary 2500 block Kansas 12:32 p.m.
Person down 600 block Wilshire 12:33 p.m.
Battery 800 block Wilshire 12:47 p.m.
Battery 700 block Broadway 12:56 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Wilshire 1:07 p.m.
Extortion 3200 block Wilshire 1:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2200 block Colorado 1:20 p.m.
Elder abuse 500 block Olympic 1:37 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block Arizona 2:09 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 4th 2:49 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 2:50 p.m.
Auto burglary 1600 block Appian 3:14 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block Lincoln 3:27 p.m.
Burglary 1900 block Arizona 3:42 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block Ocean Park 3:45 p.m.
Strongarm Robbery 1400 block 3rd St Prom 3:46 p.m.
Identity theft 2800 block Exposition 3:52 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 16th 4:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Colorado 4:04 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 38 Calls For Service On Feb. 26.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1300 block 23rd 12:16 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 2:45 a.m.
EMS 2700 block Neilson 2:54 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 4:10 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 5:54 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block 11th 6 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Main 6:15 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 6:47 a.m.
EMS 17th / Michigan 7:16 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Wilshire 7:18 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:31 a.m.
Structure fire 1400 block 17th 8:14 a.m.
EMS Centinela / Virginia 8:20 a.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block Pacific Coast 8:48 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 10:05 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3100 block Olympic 10:18 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block 3rd 10:33 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 10:39 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Santa Monica 10:41 a.m.
Wires down 2600 block Pearl 10:58 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 12:32 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Wilshire 12:45 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1300 block 19th 12:49 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Broadway 12:49 p.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 1:50 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block 6th 3:11 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 16th 4:33 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Santa Monica 4:40 p.m.
Odor investigation 2900 block Exposition 5:34 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 6:01 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 7:16 p.m.
EMS 100 block San Vicente 8:17 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 8:19 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1900 block Santa Monica 8:22 p.m.
Public assist 1300 block 20th 8:53 p.m.
Public assist 800 block Broadway 9:38 p.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block 15th 10:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block 17th 10:15 p.m.

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Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 222M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/26
17 24 31 34 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/26
MIDDAY: 1 1 9
Draw Date: 2/26
EVENING: 5 8 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/26
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3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Last Words

■ "I am dying. It's a long time since I drank champagne."

■ —Russian physician and dramaturge Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), upon being given a glass of bubbly on his death bed

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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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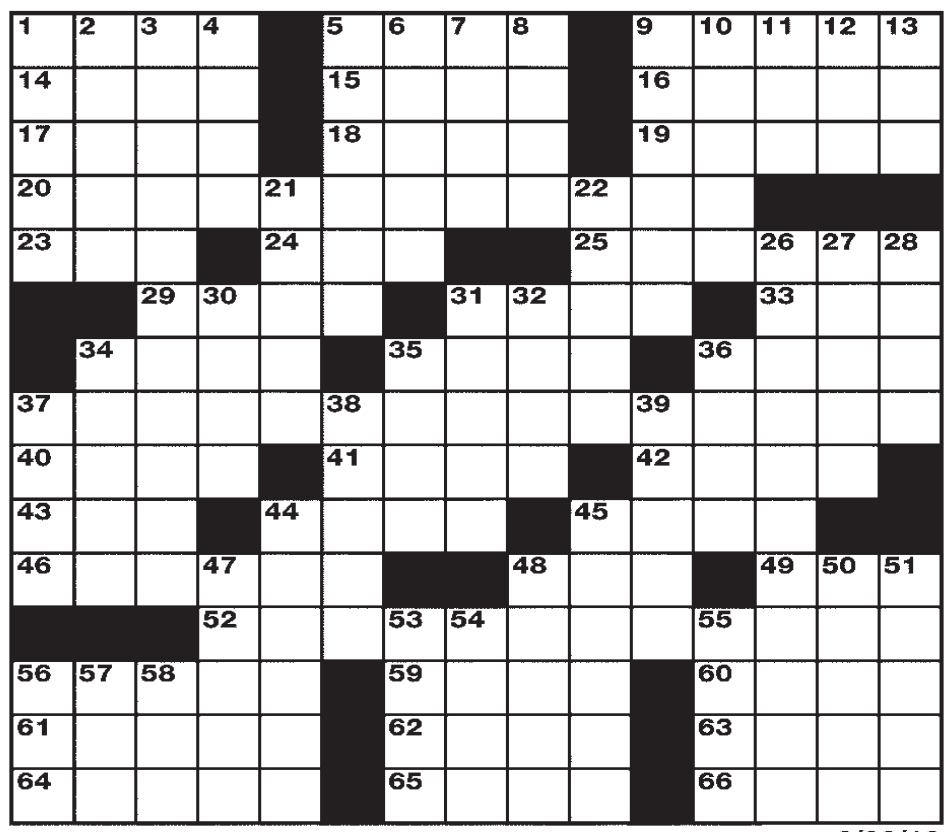
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 List of charges
5 Smartphone programs
9 Early afternoon hr.
14 __-day (vitamin dose, often)
15 New Haven school
16 "When pigs fly!"
17 Cappuccino topper
18 Biblical paradise
19 Rungs of a ladder
20 Poker variety
23 Spanish cheer
24 Strong drain cleaner
25 Settings for weddings
29 "That makes sense"
31 Adorable
33 Neckwear with an aloha shirt
34 Volcano in Sicily
35 Feeling achy
36 The Stars and Stripes
37 *SNL* skit, e.g.
40 Perched upon
41 Church service
42 Keep __ (be persistent)
43 Fourth of July Uncle
44 Fresh-mouthed
45 Bygone Russian autocrat
46 Fashion designer McCartney
48 Life story, for short
49 Serving of corn
52 Pony rider in a patriotic tune
56 In pieces
59 Just sitting around
60 Gloom and __ (pessimistic outlook)
61 Impish sprite
62 Christian of fashion
63 Sand hill
64 Boardroom VIPs
65 Does embroidery
66 "Don't delete" notation

DOWN
1 Sensational, in showbiz
2 How some sardines are packaged
3 "I'll handle it"
4 Hard to believe, as excuses
5 Sailor's assent
6 Military chaplain
7 Said "Not guilty," say
8 Email command
9 At a reduced price
10 Food package abbr.
11 18 Across resident
12 Get-up-and-go
13 __ Peacock (suspect in Clue)
21 Earn after taxes
22 Evaluates
26 Totally exhausted
27 Give feedback
28 Sound of relief
30 Sound of scissors
31 Move without pedaling
32 WWW addresses
34 Bother incessantly
35 Lingering mark
36 Cheese in a Greek salad
37 Fresh-mouthed talk
38 Words of clarification
39 Toy musical instrument
44 Kitchen-cabinet stack
45 Apple beverages
47 Words to a song
48 Less than
50 Unaccompanied
51 Held a follow-up session
53 Young goats
54 Falco of *The Sopranos*
55 __ and ends (miscellany)
56 Chimpanzee, for example
57 Photos, informally
58 Chop down



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28)

Let your loved ones celebrate you. This will strengthen relationships and keep them from taking you for granted, too! You're getting faster at delivering stellar results, and your profits will reflect it. Next month brings three new friends. Sign a deal in May and/or December. In June, invest in a lifestyle that suits you better. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 33, 27 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You won't be able to put your finger on exactly what's changed. You're you, only happier. With a cursory look at the situation, it will be hard to say why. But closer examination just might reveal the culprit: love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The joke suggests we are all equal, but some are more equal than others. While you don't believe you're superior or special, you'll get so much validation from the outside world today that it will be challenging to remain humble.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Should you do it? Someone in the media is doing it. A friend is doing it, and it's working great for that person. But is it right for you? The question is, is it affordable for you? This one is really only worthy of a small risk.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Revel in your amateur status in some regard today. Amateurs are not bound by the rules of taste or commerce that experts are held to. They can express more freely their unique take on the subject.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
When you listen to a band, you may be actually hearing five to 60 different instruments playing parts, but what you experience is a song. Don't get too caught up in the elements today. None of them are all of you. You're all of them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You'll find yourself in a position to defend, confront or dance around an issue. Consider employing the enormously useful power of misdirection, as a distraction will do wonders for the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
They'll tell you they need it sooner, that you should move faster, that it's not quite enough. Before you move to appease them, consider whether or not these are truly reasonable requests.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Language will be the difference. It will make something happen instead of nothing. It will be the reason A happens instead of B. Put some thought, planning and intention behind your choice of words.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Since you can't very well surprise someone by giving them what they were expecting, you'll think broader and more creatively before making your move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The yogic Triangle Pose, or Trikonasana, requires open eyes. Today will require similar balancing tactics. Find a point of focus in your sky-high dreams while grounding yourself. Reach up and down at the same time.

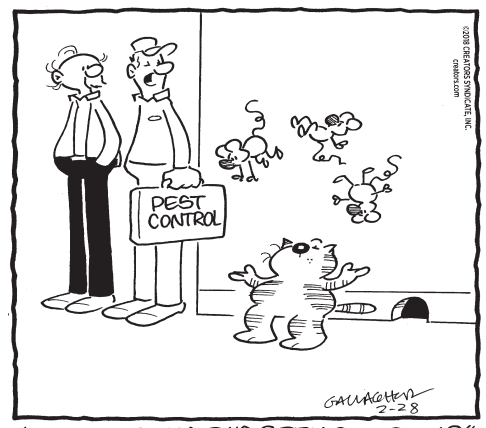
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The power move will be to recognize where you're not as strong, and where there might be gaps in your resources or knowledge, and then plan a way to solve for those gaps.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You've been surprised before by your friend's uncharacteristic behavior, only now it's not surprising because it has indeed become a part of the character you now understand your friend to possess.

Mars Asks: Stay or Go?
The position of Mercury to Mars presents a classic "Should I stay or should I go?" scenario, the tone of which would be best articulated by the classic punk rock band The Clash. As it unfolds in their 1982 song, going brings trouble, and double that for the staying. So essence of the question is, "How do you like your trouble?"

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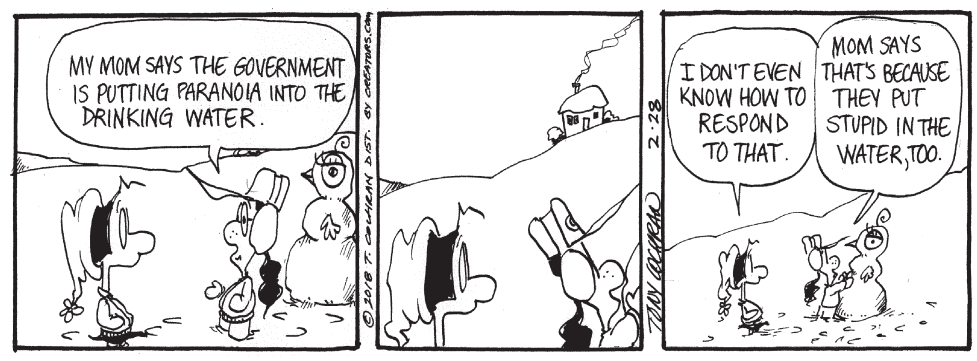
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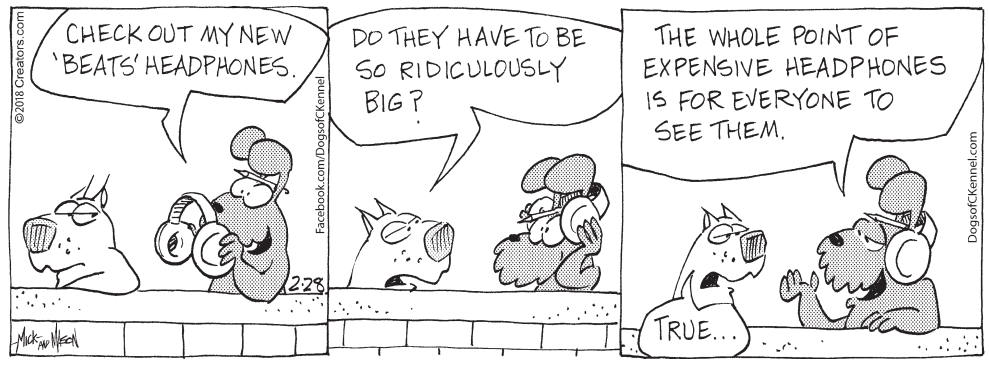
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