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California to require more transparency from charter schools

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California's 1,300 charter schools will soon face stricter transparency requirements under legislation pushed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

State lawmakers sent Newsom, a Democrat, the bill Thursday, on the sixth day of a teachers strike in Oakland, the second major teachers strike for California this year.

California law has until now been unclear on whether charter schools must hold public meetings, respond to public records requests and adopt conflict-of-interest policies. Teachers unions have demanded more transparency and argued charter schools drain money that should go to traditional public schools.

"More transparency and higher ethical standards for charters is certainly needed, but the charter schools transparency bill doesn't go far enough," said Ismael Armendariz, 1st vice president of the Oakland Education Association, in a statement.

Charter schools groups are split on the measure. The California Charter Schools Association doesn't have a formal position, while the Charter School Development Center said the bill sets onerous restrictions designed to "cripple" the state's charter schools.

California passed its charter school law in 1992, calling public charter schools a way to increase student opportunity, promote innovative teaching methods and provide "vigorous competition" for public schools. Beyond California, a debate has raged nationally over whether charter schools enhance student opportunities or diminish the overall quality of public schools.

Beyond holding open meetings, the bill would require charter schools to adopt conflict-of-interest policies aimed at preventing board members from profiting. It says teachers can still serve on charter school boards, as many do, but may not vote on anything that would directly affect their employment.

Carlos Marquez, senior vice president of the California Charter Schools Association, told The Sacramento Bee that many charter schools already open their meetings and that he hoped the law would end "falsehoods" that people who run charters are "looking to line their pockets."

He praised Newsom for finding compromise.

But the Charter School

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Parks' safety crisis reaches Council next week

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

City Council will discuss ways to make Santa Monica's parks and beach safer and cleaner at its meeting Tuesday in response to complaints from residents about crime and hazardous waste at several public parks.

Community members and the Parks and Recreation Commission told Council last November that there was a safety crisis in the parks

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Photo: Simi Singer

UCLA: UCLA undergrads will hold a "Tech U" event to help seniors with technology. Undergraduates will offer free one-on-one coaching (30-45 minutes sessions) for senior citizens on March 2 from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Bring your fully-charged smartphone, tablet, laptop or e-reader to learn how to get the most from your devices. UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, 1250 16th Street. The sessions are free, but appointments are required. For more info, call (800) 516-5323.

Santa Monica votes to organize international wellbeing summit

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

City Hall will host a summit in late 2019 that will invite international experts to discuss how to improve civic wellbeing and inform residents about The Wellbeing Project, which measures the quality of life in Santa Monica.

Mayor Gleam Davis asked City Council on Tuesday to authorize up to $100,000 to fund the Wellbeing Summit, which she said would help residents understand the goals and achievements of The Wellbeing Project. While Council

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

RFP: #219 SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE ENABLEMENT AND ADOPTION OF MICROSOFT OFFICE 365.

- **Submission Deadline is April 1, 2019 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

RFP: #221 GENERAL PLAN SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE.

- **Submission Deadline is March 22, 2019 at 5:30 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING

DATE/TIME: March 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 18ARB-0010: 2834 Colorado Avenue: Creative Office
- 18ARB-0239: 2307 Lincoln Boulevard: Retail
- 19ARB-0017: 1751 Berkeley Street: Creative Office

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 1427 Lincoln Boulevard (Administrative Approval Application No. 18ENT-0306). Preliminary Review of a proposed Tier 2, four-story, 16,681 SF mixed-use building with 15 residential dwelling units and 1,933 SF of ground floor commercial space above one subterranean parking level.

- 2906 Santa Monica Boulevard (Development Review Application No. 17ENT-0298). Preliminary review of a proposed Tier 2, three-story, 36-foot high mixed-use building comprised of approximately 12,080 SF of ground floor retail and 46 residential dwelling units above two levels of subterranean parking.

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail james.combs@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. 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).

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What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, March 1

Guest House Open
Visit anytime between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House

Saturday, March 2

Super Seuss-a-bration
Celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss at the Main Library, with crafts, two shows by comedian/juggler/magician Abbit the Average, and a special appearance by Mayor Gleam Davis for March's edition of "Let's Read with Gleam." Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica. Free. For families. Main Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Talchum Mask Dance
Explore Korean Talchum dancing - a dance form with masked dancers. Long sleeved dancing props and masks are provided. Participants from Korean Maskmaking are invited to bring their masks. Wear clothes to move in and comfortable shoes or socks. Cost: $5 Register online or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Book Group
A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the 1st Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Fairview branch library 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Manifesto Writing
Say it Like You Mean It! Manifestos feature concentrated writing that exists to challenge, draw attention, and provoke. Cost: $5 Register online or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park 1 - 3 p.m.

Open Art Critiques
Open Art Critiques Facilitated by international visual artist Claudia Borgna www.claudiaborgna.org in collaboration with special guest poet Verónica Reyes www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/veronica-reyes Cost: Free! Register online or call 310.458.2239. Palisades Park 1:00pm-4:00 pm.

CoderDojo Workshop
Practice computer science and coding skills with volunteer mentors from the LA CoderDojo. Use laptops provided by the library or bring your own. Ages 8-17. Main Library Children's Activity Room 3 - 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

Julia Morgan Legacy Event
Hear Cal Poly University's Robert E. Kennedy Library Special Collections and Archivist Laura Sorvetti's talk on Morgan, see Morgan's work firsthand. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Annenberg Community Beach House (415 Pacific Coast Hwy). Free.

Perspectives on Common Sense Gun Safety and Reform
All are invited to attend this timely 3-part panel discussion designed to provide information and different perspectives. There will be a time for questions. Childcare will be available. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the First UMC Fireside Room, 1008 Eleventh Street. www.santamonicaumc.org, (310) 393-8258. Free underground parking in lot across 11th Street.

Highlighting Voices Of Women Activists
Committee For Racial Justice will commemorate Women's Month by hearing from diverse female activists in the struggle for equity and justice. Potluck supper at 6 p.m. and program starts at 6:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Bldg. 2200 Virginia Ave. Child care provided

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Southern California poultry quarantine expanded

State agricultural authorities are further restricting movement of birds as they work to eradicate virulent Newcastle disease from a large area of Southern California.

State Veterinarian Annette Jones on Wednesday modified a quarantine that requires reporting of sick birds and prohibits poultry owners from moving birds in all of Los Angeles County and in large areas of San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

The latter areas extend from the northern and southern borders of western Riverside County to the Salton Sea, including the Coachella Valley, and as far east as Yucca Valley in San Bernardino County. The northern boundary is State Route 58 at the Kern County line.

Authorities have been trying to stop the disease since May 2018. The number of euthanized birds is expected to soon surpass 1 million.

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YouTube suspends comments on videos of kids

YouTube says it will turn off comments on most videos that feature kids. The change comes after advertisers began boycotting the site last week in response to inappropriate comments made on videos of minors.

Suspending comments from the videos will happen over the next several months. Only a small number of channels with videos of kids will be able to keep comments on and will have to actively monitor them.

Last week, the site began disabling comments from tens of millions of videos. Advertisers including AT&T and Epic Games pulled ads from YouTube after reports showed that pedophiles were commenting on innocuous videos of children.

YouTube is grappling with moderating content on its site as concerns ranging from conspiracy theories to violence continue to plague it.

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Bergamot Station

PYFC Hosts 10th Annual Art for Hearts Fundraiser

The Pico Youth & Family Center (PYFC) is hosting its 10th Annual Art for Hearts Charity Art Auction on Saturday, March 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Bergamot Art Station, Gallery B1 in Santa Monica, California. This colorful charity event features an auction of uniquely painted wooden hearts by more than 70 renowned local artists. Past participating artists include: Legendary muralist Judy Baca, LA Times cartoonist and Bordertown co-creator Lalo Alcaraz, internationally recognized artists Antonio Pelayo, Alex Kizu, Fabian Debora, Ernie Lucero, Luis Brizuela, Gus Harper and Juan Carlos Munoz Hernandez to name a few!

A silent art auction, live music, authentic fresh tacos, tequila tasting & wine are also key elements of this colorful and cause driven event. Live performances by: LA's very own: Mayaztek has been confirmed! Tequila tasting is included. Wine tasting sponsored by: Matt DeNicola. Appetizers sponsored by Trader Joe's. Ticket price of $20 ($35 per couple) includes drinks, food, entertainment and lots of love! Join us for a great time and a greater cause.

PYFC is collaborating for the 10th year with artists, musicians and community leaders to assist in raising funds to support underserved youth in the community who benefit from PYFC's unique programs and services. The Pico Youth & Family Center (PYFC) is a non-profit organization that has served the youth and families of Santa Monica for the past 17 years. PYFC has been credited in part for reducing gang membership and more importantly, youth violence in our City. PYFC is raising funds to support their Digital Dream Pathways, an initiative to expand training for youth in art, entertainment and technology. Funds raised will also support PYFC's groundbreaking Social Justice and Mindfulness Summer Camp for kids.

For further information or to purchase tickets visit: art4hearts.eventbrite.com

To learn more about PYFC please visit: www.picoyouth.org

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LOS ANGELES

Winter storms wash away drought, enlarge snowpack

California is drenched and its mountains are piled high with snow amid a still-unfolding winter of storms that was unimaginable just a few months ago.

The U.S. Drought Monitor reports Thursday that more than 87 percent of California is free of drought conditions or unusual dryness and just over 2 percent remains in the drought category.

State water resources officials say the vital Sierra Nevada snowpack is now at 153 percent of average to date.

A measurement taken Thursday at Phillips Station near Sierra-at-Tahoe found 113 inches of snow depth compared to just 13½ inches a year ago.

The Sierra snowpack supplies about 30 percent of California's water when it melts in spring and summer.

Forecasters expect stormy weather to continue.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

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

1444 7th Street, 18ENT-0367, Zoning: NV (Neighborhood Village) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark/Structure of Merit Designation application 18ENT-0367 for the property located at 1444 7th Street to determine whether Fire Station No.1, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark or Structure of Merit and, if designated as a Landmark, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A), or criteria for Structure of Merit designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.080. Applicant & Owner: City of Santa Monica.

WHEN: **Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Mizokami by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

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

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
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Californians lose millions of dollars in recycling deposits

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California consumers lost out on at least $308 million in nickel deposits on cans and bottles in 2018, largely because it's increasingly difficult to find a place to recycle them, according to a new report made public Thursday.

In the last five years, about 40 percent of California's recycling centers have closed, with more than 100 closing in Los Angeles County alone. The state says 1,600 centers remain open statewide, but advocacy group Consumer Watchdog said there are still barriers to Californians finding a place to recycle and that many grocery stores won't take back the empties.

The group's report suggests several reforms to California's 33-year-old recycling program, which has struggled to be profitable. Democratic state Sen. Henry Stern has also proposed changes to the program.

"Californians plunk down a nickel for their cans ... but increasingly they're only getting half that nickel back on average," said Consumer Watchdog president Jamie Court. "Consumers are losing, the environment is losing."

The organization faults state regulators for lax oversight, saying they should more aggressively fine major retailers that won't redeem containers or undercount the number of deposits they collect. It says the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, known as CalRecycle, should spend more money to promote recycling centers and punish companies that hoard deposits.

"Overall, the program has been highly successful, but recent years have brought challenges," responded CalRecycle spokesman Mark Oldfield, citing broader market conditions. He said the agency is looking for ways to help increase buy-back locations but put the amount of unredeemed deposits at $272 million, which the consumer group says omits administrative fees required by law that bring the total to $308 million.

The consumer group provided an advanced copy of its report to The Associated Press.

It recommends doubling the amount of deposits to a dime for each glass or plastic bottle or aluminum can to encourage more consumers to recycle, similar to the deposits required in Oregon and Michigan.

Consumers there recycle at least nine of every 10 containers. About three in four containers are recycled in California, but that includes those redeemed by bulk haulers as well as individual consumers. California currently charges 5 cents for containers under 24 ounces and 10 cents for larger containers.

Beyond the $308 million in unclaimed deposits, the group alleges consumers are missing out on hundreds of millions of dollars more, including $200 million in deposits that go to commercial trash haulers and bulk collectors. It also cites a 2014 report from the Container Recycling Institute that shows an undercount in bottle deposits paid by consumers, though Oldfield said that number has never been substantiated.

On the legislative side, Stern's bill would restrict which retailers must accept containers and allow about $3 million in annual incentives to low-volume recycling centers to try to keep them open. A similar bill passed last year but former Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed it.

Stern said he is trying to help smaller "mom and pop" grocery stores while restoring some incentives for recyclers.

"A lot more work has to be done in this area and I'm hoping to work with consumer advocates to make sure people are getting a fair shake here," Stern said.

Court said he hopes Stern's bill is a starting point for negotiations.

"It's not an overhaul of the system, it in fact creates more exemptions for the grocery stores, which is bad," Court said. "It does a couple things, but it doesn't go far enough."

Stern said the system needs improvements before consumers are asked to make larger deposits. Although Democrats control two-thirds majorities in both legislative chambers, Stern said they are cautious about raising fees, even though in theory consumers would get their higher deposits back when they recycle.

"But if we can make a case that there's a good market rational, I'm open," he said.



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Michael Cohen and Cadet Bone Spur

By the time you read this, Donald Trump will have returned from his summit with Kim Jong-un in Vietnam and Michael Cohen will have finished his three-days of testimony to Congress where, stunningly, he referred to Trump as a "con man" a "cheat" and a "racist." (Cohen alleges Trump commented "Blacks are too stupid to vote for me" and, "Name one nation run by a black that isn't a sh*thole country.")

Not surprisingly, Trump seems most offended that Cohen's testimony got higher ratings than Trump's Love Fest #2 with Little Kim. The way Trump fawns over Little Kim, all you need is piano music and it'd be reminiscent of the Lady Gaga/Bradley Cooper duet at the Oscars.

Both leaders practice what Trump calls "truthful hyperbole (aka, lying.) Little Kim claims he learned to drive at 3 and won a yacht race at 9. Similarly, Trump claims he alone can fix everything.

Trump nauseatingly kept repeating it was "such an honor" to meet with Kim Jong-un. I doubt the Otto Warmbier's parents appreciated that. Warmbier was the college student who was visiting N. Korea in 2015 when he allegedly stole a propaganda poster from his hotel and received 15 years of hard labor in a N. Korean prison. Seventeen months later, he was returned to the U.S. in a coma and died days later at age 22.

At Helsinki, Trump infamously said he believed Putin that Russia hadn't interfered with the 2016 election. More recently Trump said he believed the Saudi Crown prince's denial of his part in the brutal murder of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Now, Trump says he believes Little Kim who claims he didn't know about Warmbier. Hmm. Three ruthless, murderous dictators and Trump takes "their word for it." Anyone see a pattern?

On a slightly lighter note, let me say I thought Trump's trip to Vietnam was courageous. Apparently, just the mention of Vietnam could cause Trump to have a painful bone spur flareup. Curiously, when asked on the campaign trail on which foot did he have the bone spur, Trump confessed "I don't remember." This from a man who claims "I have one of the world's great memories;" not to mention, "I have a very big brain;" "I have the best words;" and "I hire only the best people." (A number of whom are now felons.)

Trump has often said, "I would have made a great general." Unfortunately, to be a general you pretty much have to be in the armed services. That damn bone spur. (And what are the odds that the podiatrist who diagnosed Trump's condition to the draft board, would rent his office space from Trump's father, Fred?!)

Following the first summit with Little Kim in Singapore, Trump tweeted, "North Korea is no longer a nuclear threat." The tweet had the same gravitas as "Mexico will pay for the wall;" "I'll release my tax returns after the audit;" "I made my fortune with $1 million from my father" (more like $415 million); and "I don't know anything about payoffs to a porn star."

The Hanoi summit with Kim was dramatically cut short when the "signing agreement" ceremony was canceled (because there was no agreement) as was the final luncheon. There appears no truth to the rumor was that Trump was very disappointed because the menu featured Korean KFC. Or that "Pyongyang Trump Tower" is secretly on track.

Kim's photo ops with Trump dominated Korean state media. Meanwhile, 8,000 miles away, the president's former lawyer/fixer/consigliere, was showing Congress numerous "visual aids" to corroborate his charges.

One was a check signed by Trump in August 2017 to Cohen for $35,000 as partial reimbursement for his payoff to Stormy Daniels. (In part, Cohen is going to prison for this violation of campaign finance laws where, in court filings, Trump is identified as "individual 1," an unindicted co-conspirator.)

The night before the public hearing, Congressman Matt (R-Florida), a staunch Trump ally, tweeted rather threateningly, "Michael Cohen, does your wife and father-in-law know about your girlfriends?" In addition, he wondered if Cohen's wife would remain faithful while he was in prison. (Can you say disgusting?)

In December 2018, Trump suggested threateningly Cohen's father-in-law should be investigated. Now, Gaetz, an attorney, is being investigated by the Florida Bar for his tweet. Some in Congress are even suggesting he be referred for possible criminal prosecution for witness intimidation. (If only.)

Oversight Committee Chairman, Elijah Cummings's closing statement was emotionally powerful. Referring to the lack of civility in the Trump ear, he pleaded with both sides, "We are better than this." I pray he's right.

As for "The Art of No Deal" summit, it could have been worse. At least when Trump climbed the stairs of Air Force One to return to D.C., there was no toilet paper stuck to his shoe.

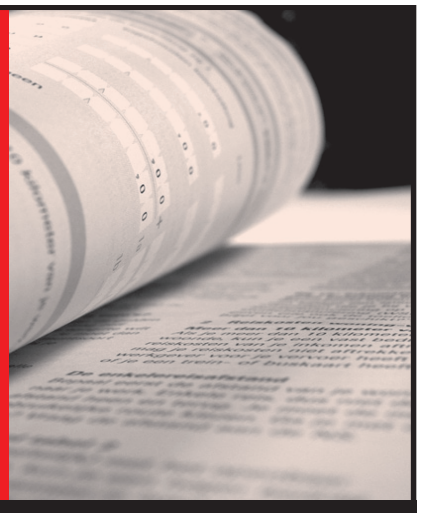
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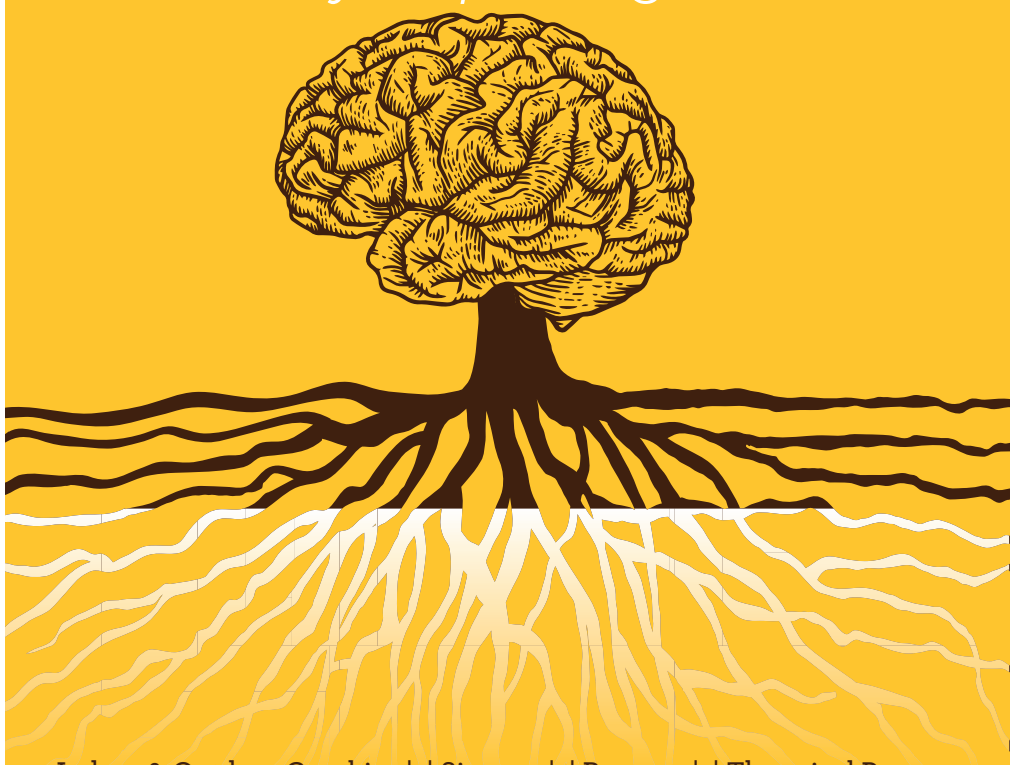
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WELLBEING

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approved the funding unanimously, several councilmembers said the summit, which will be free for residents, should provide tangible results for the community rather than a stage for policy wonks to discuss abstract ideas about wellbeing.

"We are very excited to host the Wellbeing Summit and think it will give us a chance to explore ways as individuals to improve our own wellbeing and that of the community as a whole," said Julie Rusk, the City's chief civic wellbeing officer. "We're hoping there will be interdisciplinary and inspiring conversations and activities drawing on the work being done here locally that people may not be aware of and examine how what we're doing locally connects to the forward-thinking global community working on wellbeing."

The City was awarded $1 million by Bloomberg Philanthropies in 2015 to launch The Wellbeing Project and now conducts a Wellbeing Index every two years that gauges the connection residents feel to their communities, their economic and educational opportunities, their physical and mental health and the quality of the city's natural and built environment.

Davis said the summit would provide clarity on those efforts.

"One of the issues we have is people don't understand what we mean when we talk about wellbeing," she said. "We'll have outstanding experts in the field working on this at the global level speak, and the idea is for people to leave the summit with concrete action plans for their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of their larger community."

Some councilmembers said they want to ensure the money spent on the summit will generate measurable benefits for residents.

Councilmember Sue Himmelrich said $100,000 is the most money she has ever seen allocated from Council's discretionary funds, which total about $700,000. She pointed out that the sum could fund 200 Wellbeing Microgrants, which the City has so far awarded to eight projects that seek to improve wellbeing in the historically underserved Pico neighborhood.

Council will also seek other funding from philanthropic sources. Council members Ana Jara and Kevin McKeown amended the motion to approve the funding to stipulate that the portion of the $100,000 that is not used for the summit be allocated to the Wellbeing Microgrants.

Himmelrich said she wanted to know how many residents could be expected to attend the summit, whether it will include interactive activities and how it will prime community members to improve their own wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around them.

"This is an abstract idea at the moment and when we're spending our discretionary funds … I want to understand what outcome is anticipated here," she said.

Himmelrich also said she thinks the summit seems like an opportunity for the City to promote itself to the international community.

"For a small city like ours that has grabbed onto this great idea of wellbeing, the idea of having a summit seems to be more self-promotion than self-improvement," she said.

Councilmember Greg Morena said he would like to see the City measure how many people understand what wellbeing means and what resources the City provides.

"I would love to see some sort of measurable components so that we know that we're gaining traction," he said. "If you talk to someone and ask, "are you well?" and they say yes and can rattle off a list of answers about what Santa Monica is doing to contribute to their wellbeing, that would be a success."

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PARK

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and at the beach, testifying that children have been finding hypodermic needles, bags of meth and open latrines. Residents also said children frequently encounter people living or prostituting themselves in park bathrooms.

"Kids are scared to go to the park," Rich Hill, a safety officer with Santa Monica Little League, told Council last November.

The commission wrote a letter to Council in January recommending that the Santa Monica Police Department station an officer in Reed Park around the clock for 90 days as a pilot program and schedule more frequent patrols in other parks. It also asked City staff to look into establishing a beach curfew and creating a shelter for homeless individuals to sleep in during the day.

On Tuesday, Council will review and comment on several strategies the City is using to address safety, public health and maintenance issues at the parks and beach, which include stepping up police presence, holding more events, outreach to the homeless and collecting waste. Council can then ask staff to develop new approaches.

Residents have largely blamed Santa Monica's homeless population for safety and public health problems, but Council and staff have stressed that it will not address such issues by criminalizing homelessness. The staff report on Tuesday's discussion item also states that the parks and beach do not have a higher crime rate than the rest of the city.

However, staff said the City recognizes some of the most visible criminal or anti-social behavior is committed by homeless individuals and is deploying outreach workers to house people living on the streets. The City is developing care plans for a list of homeless individuals regularly found in Reed and Tongva Parks and coordinating Los Angeles County-funded outreach teams to cover the beach, staff said. (Funding for the City's outreach workers will expire in June and replacement funding has not yet been secured.)

"Public spaces must be accessible to everyone, and while the City cannot regulate who can use public spaces, the City can and does place reasonable limitations on allowable behavior in public spaces," staff wrote. "Where drug use and criminal activity enter our public spaces, the City will continue to respond to ensure protection of our community space."

Council and staff have also promoted holding events at the parks as a way to discourage unwanted activity, noting that criminals tend to prefer deserted parks. The City expanded on its Meet Me at Reed series in 2019 by holding four weekend events at Reed Park in January, but lacks the capacity to further expand the series or take it to other parks, staff said.

To address public safety, staff will look into installing needle drop boxes at the parks, which the City installed at the beach last October, is installing new lighting and making safety improvements to park bathrooms, and is considering deploying Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. ambassadors to certain parks.

The report did not support establishing a beach curfew, noting that the California Coastal Commission recommends against restrictions to beach access.

The City will be monitoring a set of data points to measure the effectiveness of its current and future strategies to make the parks and beach safer, cleaner and more welcoming, staff said. The data points include the numbers of events, police officers deployed, park rule violations and homeless individuals connected with services.

Council will meet Tuesday, March 5 at City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Open session will begin no earlier than 6:30 p.m.

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SCHOOLS

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Development Center, another charter lobbying group, said the bill sets onerous restrictions that in some cases go beyond what's required of public schools. The conflict of interest requirements in particular may be difficult for charter schools to navigate, the group said on its website. A representative from the group did not immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment.

Whether or not charter schools are subject the same transparency laws as public schools is a yearslong debate. Attorney General Xavier Becerra issued an opinion saying they were in December — seven years after Lassen County's district attorney requested a ruling on the matter. Robert Burns, a former district attorney, didn't immediately respond to a phone message seeking comment about what prompted the question.

Newsom's spokesman, Nathan Click, said the governor plans to sign the law. Similar efforts in the past died in the Legislature or were vetoed by former Gov. Jerry Brown.

"The governor took a leadership role in helping get this bill to the finish line," Click said in an email. "He is pleased that this effort has received support from a broad coalition of teachers, parents, charter school supporters and open government advocates."

Democratic State Sen. Connie Leyva, the bill's author, said it will provide communities and parents "fair and open access to participate in the decisions and collective missions of their charter schools."

Women's History Month



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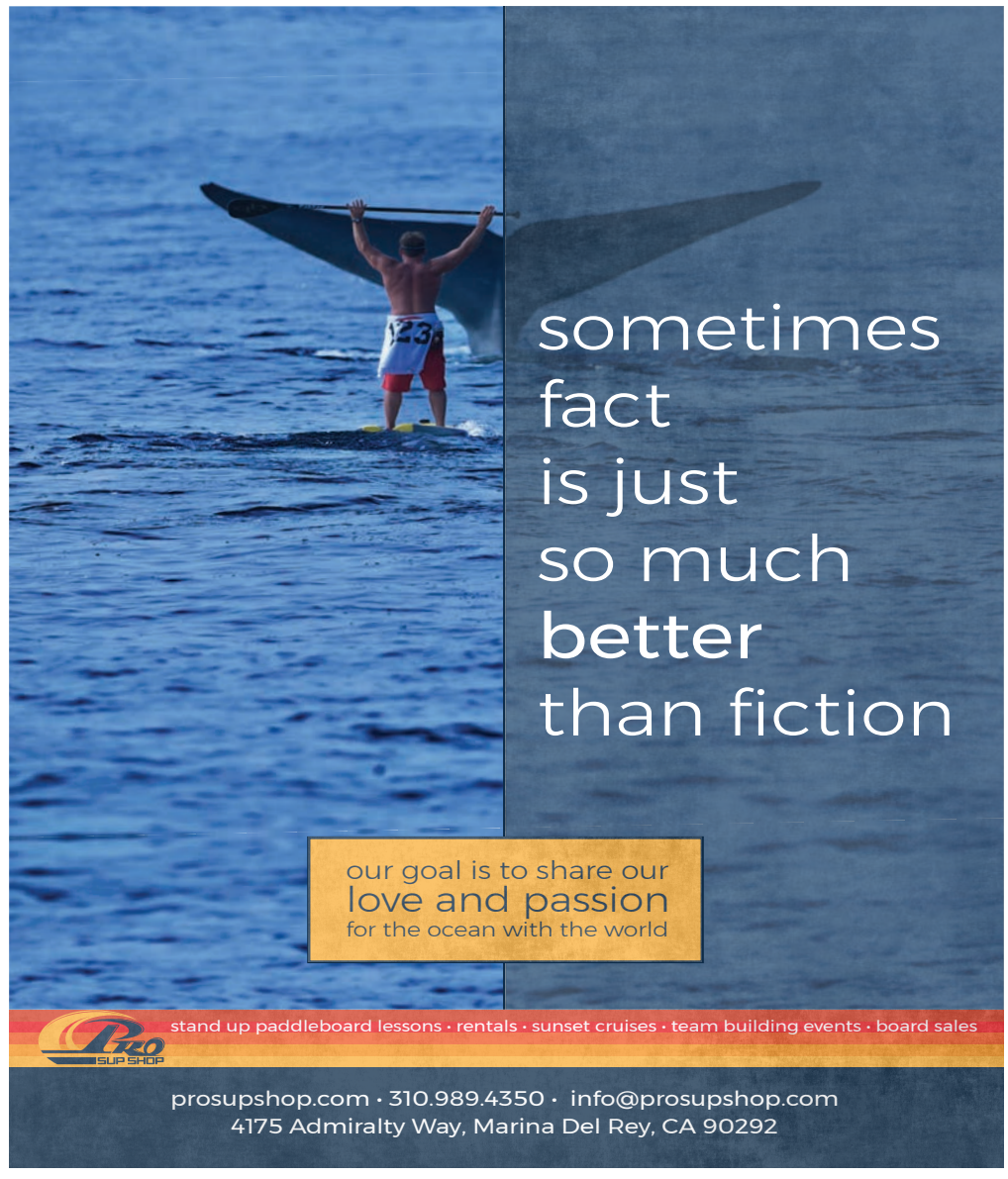
Lunchtime Women's Rights in Health Care Advocacy
Friday, March 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at Westside Family Health Center FREE • *Hosted by Westside Family Health Center*

The Divorce Hacker's Guide to Untying the Knot
Saturday, March 9, 2 p.m.
at the Santa Monica Main Library FREE • *Hosted by Santa Monica Public Library*

#GirlPowerful Tween Workshop: Intro to Self-Love
Sunday, March 10, 11 a.m.
at Annenberg Community Beach House PAID • *Hosted by Sand Sisters Los Angeles*

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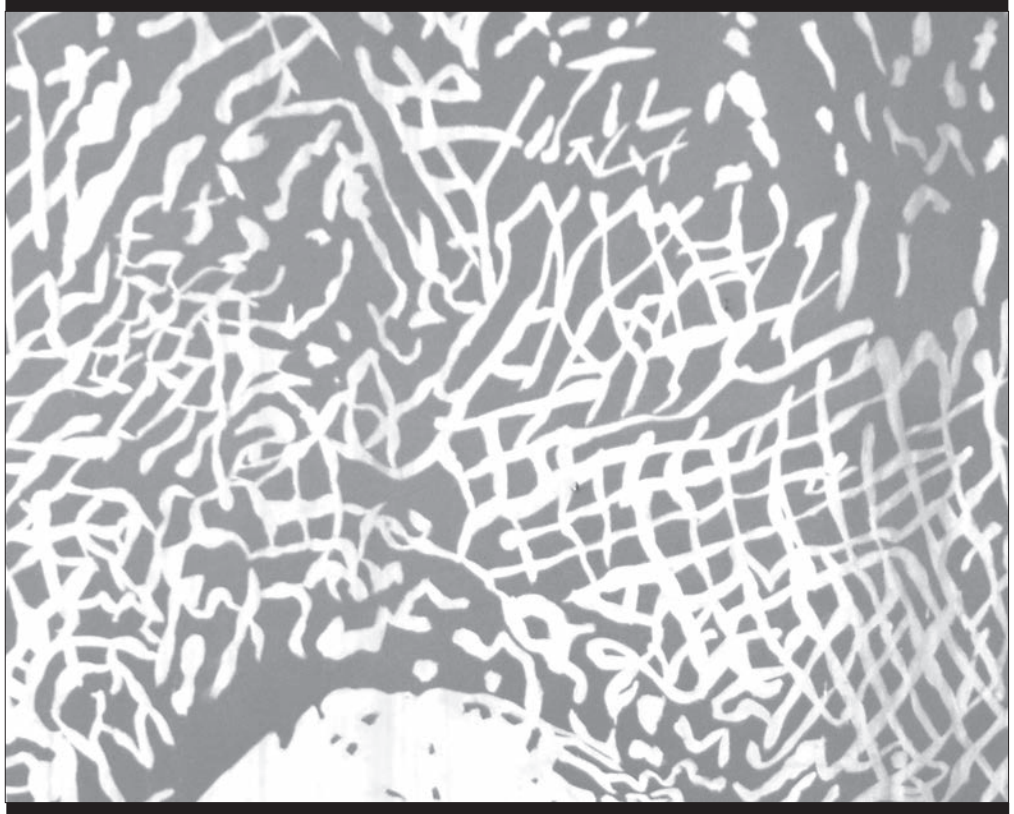
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Calls For Service are a list of all calls into SMPD Dispatch
SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 309 CALLS ON FEB. 27

Domestic violence 2700blk 2nd St 12:55 a.m.
Assault 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 3:20 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:33 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:25 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 6:34 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 4th St 6:48 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 14th St / Michigan Ave 7:27 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 7:29 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1700blk the beach 7:33 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 17th St 7:39 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 8:20 a.m.
Petty theft 1200blk 6th St 8:37 a.m.
Armed robbery 2400blk Virginia Ave 8:46 a.m.
Burglary 2800blk Washington Ave 9:00 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2600blk 4th St 9:04 a.m.
Fraud 1700blk Sunset Ave 9:12 a.m.
Burglary 2600blk 4th St 9:13 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 9:31 a.m.
Hit and run 2500blk 4th St 9:45 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 500blk Ocean Ave 9:50 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 300blk Montana Ave 10:01 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 300blk Montana Ave 10:08 a.m.
Burglary 300blk Idaho Ave 10:28 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1300blk 20th St 10:32 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk Colorado Ave 10:41 a.m.
Speeding 5th St / California Ave 10:50 a.m.
Petty theft 2500blk Barnard Way 10:53 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 11:07 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 2000blk Delaware Ave 11:16 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 11:43 a.m.
Fraud 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:55 a.m.
Bike theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:02 p.m.
Rape 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:03 p.m.
Hit and run 2000blk Stewart St 12:32 p.m.
Malicious mischief 1500blk 19th St 12:34 p.m.
Petty theft 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:38 p.m.
Burglary 2400blk 4th St 12:54 p.m.
Arson 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:02 p.m.
Auto burglary 800blk 15th St 1:12 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1200blk Arizona Ave 1:15 p.m.
Indecent exposure Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 1:23 p.m.
Hit and run 25th St / Georgina Ave 1:42 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1700blk 4th St 1:45 p.m.
Death investigation 2000blk 14th St 1:53 p.m.
Elder abuse 300blk 22nd St 2:03 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved Lincoln Blvd / Hill St 2:08 p.m.
Battery 1100blk 14th St 2:10 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Montana Ave 2:18 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500blk Montana Ave 2:19 p.m.
Speeding Euclid St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:15 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk 20th St 3:30 p.m.
Auto burglary 3000blk Airport Ave 3:39 p.m.
Battery 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:46 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 800blk Grant St 3:47 p.m.
Burglary 300blk Idaho Ave 3:47 p.m.
Burglary 300blk Idaho Ave 3:48 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2400blk 6th St 3:58 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk 14th St 4:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 4:48 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 5:12 p.m.
Petty theft 500blk Olympic Blvd W 5:59 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2400blk Montana Ave 6:32 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk 12th St 6:33 p.m.
Fraud 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 6:35 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 6:38 p.m.
Petty theft Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:47 p.m.
Malicious mischief 2900blk Main St 6:48 p.m.
Battery Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 7:57 p.m.
Battery 2800blk Pico Blvd 8:20 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1300blk 14th St 8:27 p.m.
Battery 400blk Broadway 9:46 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1900blk 18th St 9:57 p.m.
Threats 1700blk Main St 10:33 p.m.
Fraud 900blk 3rd St 10:41 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 800blk 21st St 10:52 p.m.
Fraud 900blk 3rd St 11:25 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

Calls for service are a list of all calls into the SMFD Dispatch.
SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 42 CALLS ON FEB. 27.

Emergency Medical Service 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:14 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 22nd St 1:02 a.m.
EMS 1200blk California Ave 2:10 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 3:58 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Arizona Ave 4:07 a.m.
EMS 500blk Raymond Ave 4:35 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:25 a.m.
EMS 900blk 4th St 6:43 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 14th St / Michigan Ave 7:27 a.m.
EMS Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 7:43 a.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 8:59 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 9:05 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Main St 9:07 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:15 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:30 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Hill St 9:37 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 20th St 11:23 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Expo Line 12:36 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1000blk 17th St 12:39 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 12:52 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:58 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 21st St 1:41 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:46 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 14th St 1:53 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:16 p.m.
Elevator rescue 800blk 4th St 2:38 p.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Euclid St 3:50 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Marine St 4 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 5 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400blk 22nd St 5:38 p.m.
Smoke investigation 800blk 4th St 5:40 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Exposition Blvd 7:07 p.m.
EMS 1500blk California Ave 7:10 p.m.
EMS 28th St / Pico Blvd 8:00 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Pico Blvd 9:18 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:37 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 10 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:55 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 2/27
21 31 42 49 59
Power#: 23
Jackpot: $348 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/26
10 12 14 24 60
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: $267 M

SuperLOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 2/27
2 11 25 26 32
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $23 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/27
10 12 26 30 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/28
Midday: 5 3 7
Draw Date: 2/27
Evening: 1 8 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/27
1st: 6 - WHIRL WIN
2nd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
3rd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
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SURF FORECASTS

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WNW swell-mix to continue, steep new NW swell showing in the PM. Small new SSW swell moving in. Deep AM high tide.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Steep NW swell. Watching winds/conditions as a stronger storm system nears the region - possible E/SE winds in the AM. Deep AM high tide.

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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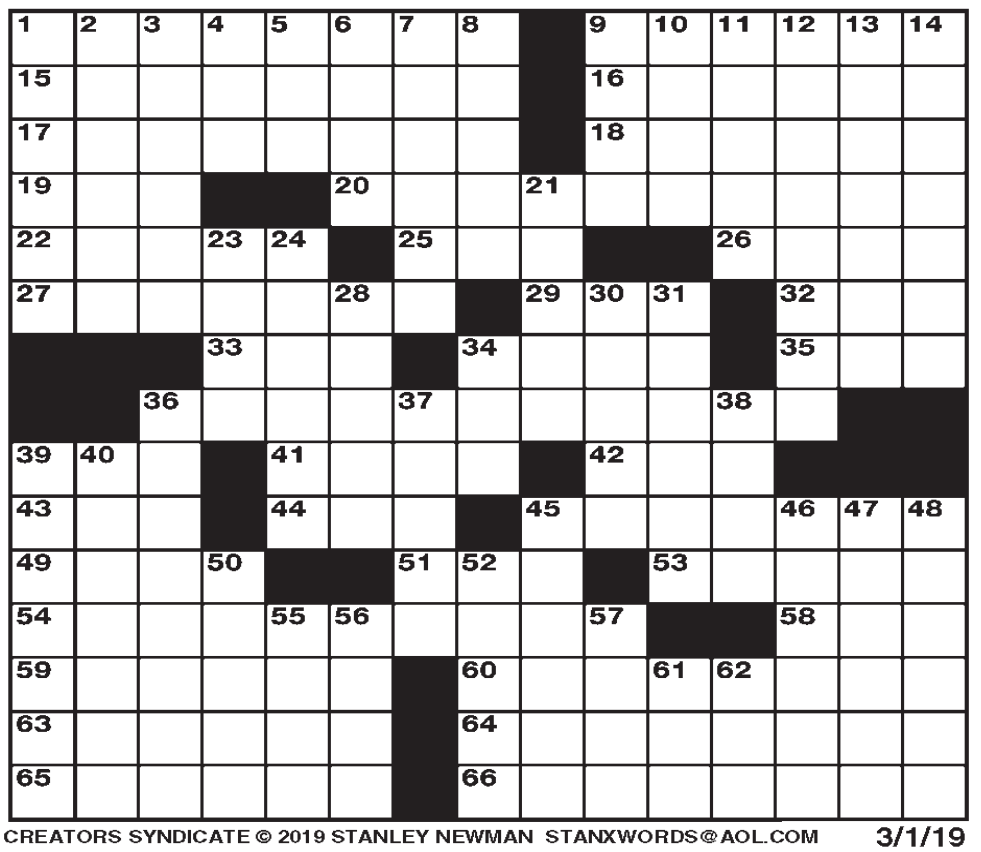
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Golf-cart descriptor
9 Votes to enact
15 Most populous landlocked nation
16 "The competition begins!"
17 Traffic advisory
18 Metaphor for nurturing
19 *On the Road* narrator
20 DC suburb
22 Berlin Olympics hero
25 LAX overseer
26 Film with Aykroyd as a wasp
27 Evincing congestion
29 *30 Rock* lead role
32 Important part in ballet
33 Litigate
34 Of prime quality
35 Unburdened (of)
36 Title of the puzzle
39 Setter of water standards
41 Pan-cooked loaf
42 One of Seuss' little people
43 Mark, as a questionnaire
44 Wintry, in brand names
45 Main address
49 Part of an auto's ABS
51 Lobster __ Diavolo
53 Intel mission
54 Pennsylvania home of the Wyeths
58 An NBA airer
59 Calculate
60 Pupil's perfection
63 It has eight National Parks
64 Meshy utensil
65 End of some sonnets
66 Product development platforms

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4 Liquid sample
5 Govt. drop-off points
6 Latter-day "Impressive!"
7 Highest keno number
8 Hamlet and family
9 Pt. of 39 Across
10 Sainte Jeanne __
11 Union Pacific headquarters
12 Ostentatious academicism
13 Giant of Russian lit, alternatively
14 Derided, with "at"
21 Intrepidity
23 *New Horizons* launcher
24 Makes noise with noodle soup
28 Divulge
30 Feeling wowed
31 Mild breeze
34 Word after drinking or voting
36 Choral works
37 Switch labeling
38 Make more effective
39 Two-horse bets
40 Flask flaw
45 Defensive skill
46 Fuel datum
47 Served, as spaghetti
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52 See 62 Down
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56 Petty clash
57 Cable-bill add-ons
61 Pack it away
62 With 52 Down, beef dinner



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 1)

This year features the warrior in you – the part of you willing to work up the courage take on your fears and obstacles and to fight for those who need you. You'll have a breakthrough in your work that connects you with people you never thought you'd know. Beauty in your home life has to do with far-off influences. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 1, 11 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The most frustrating thing is when something doesn't quite work right, but it doesn't work wrong enough to warrant the cost of repair or replacement. Hold on. What you're dealing with isn't broken, just temporarily wonky.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your prize for doing everything right may be simply that you get to keep doing it. Is it worth it? Doing a thing differently to satisfy your own curiosity will be lucky for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
No need to agonize about your choices today because there won't be any wrong paths, just paths that get there a little sooner, or paths that don't get "there" at all but go somewhere delightful nonetheless. Enjoy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
When you please that one certain person, the rest goes better. Maybe this person has too much power. Or it could be that this is just what works for both of you. The good news is that this person will be easy to please today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The prize may seem just out of reach, and as uncomfortable as this is, it's a great sign. One leap, shove or gust of wind is all it will take to bring this to hand, so keep that hand outstretched.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
There are things you're experiencing that can't be described in words because words are inadequate. And yet, there are parts that can be described, and when you try to do this, you'll gain new insights and understanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Sweet afterthoughts, door prizes, party favors – the add-ons do make a difference. And while the novice finds them frivolous, the seasoned expert has counted them as part of the package all along and made it into a surprise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Your ambition is high gear, but the question that keeps coming up is: At what cost? The biggest clue will come from observing the people around you. What's it costing them?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You do have an overactive inner critic; it's true. But your inner ambassador also has a lot of energy, as does your inner cheerleader. Pit them against one another if necessary – whatever it takes to do your best work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You're still sorting something out – your feelings, your involvement in a process, what you are and are not willing to do. You don't have to decide all of this in a day and anyone pressuring you has an agenda. Factor that in, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
One pop song suggests that "it's too late to apologize..." and yet it never really is. The apology may not hold any sway, but if it's sincere, it shouldn't come with such contingencies in the first place.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
To impact the world, one must first impact the personal. It sounds big, but it's accomplished in all the small actions you take to assume responsibility for yourself and your surroundings. Give yourself credit for this.

Cosmos Coming Up Roses

Venus in Capricorn forms a terse angle to the ever-surprising Uranus in Aries, suggesting that love will be like a rose, and every non-genetically modified rose has its thorns. As for the GMO roses, they have their own issues. Though these are issues that are unlikely to show up for years to come, so it will take a while to test this metaphor.

WORD UP!

Petrichor
noun [pe-tri-kawr, -trahy-]
a distinctive scent, usually described as earthy, pleasant, or sweet, produced by rainfall on very dry ground.

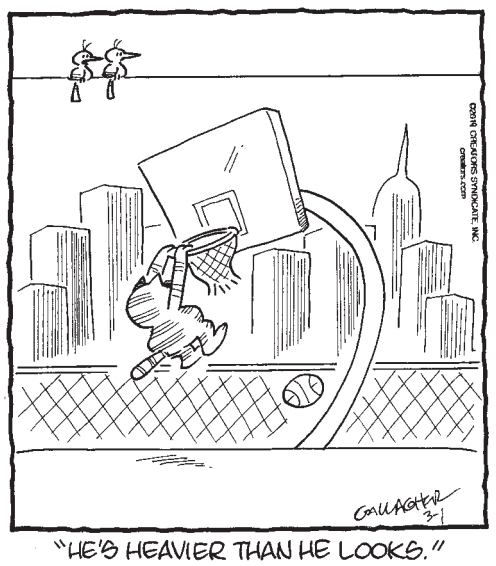
WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Med School
n Q: What are lancets, fleams and scarificators?
n A: Before the invention of the hypodermic needle (1853), these were instruments for puncturing veins to extract blood. Lancets were small, broad two-edged surgical knives, often with a sharp point. Fleams had several shafts that folded up like a pocketknife, each with a different-sized cutting blade. Scarificators were especially scary: Each had a set of 12 spring-driven rotary blades. Released by a trigger, the blades made several quick, shallow cuts.

Get Me That, Stat!
n According to the National Association for Sport and Physical Education, only 1 in 3 children in the U.S. are physically active every day. So it follows that, according to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, that almost 20 percent of American youth, ages 12 to 19, are obese.

Never Say "Diet"
n The Major League speed-eating record for vinegar pickles is 2.7 pounds in 6 minutes, held by Brian Seiken, who happily suffered no dill effects.

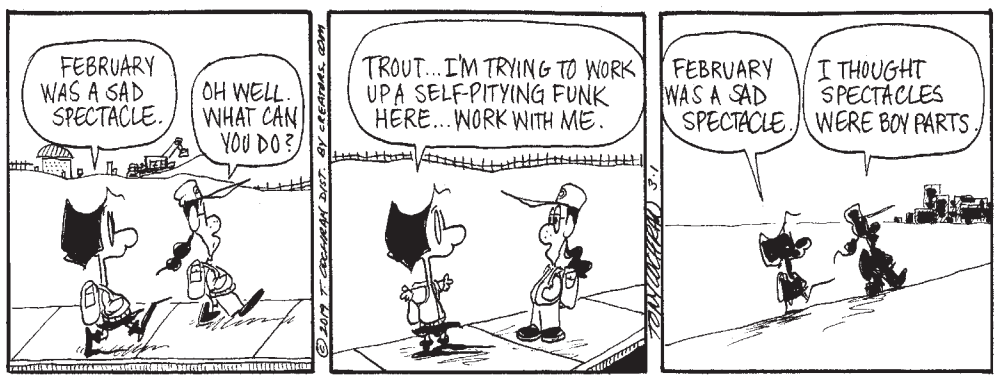
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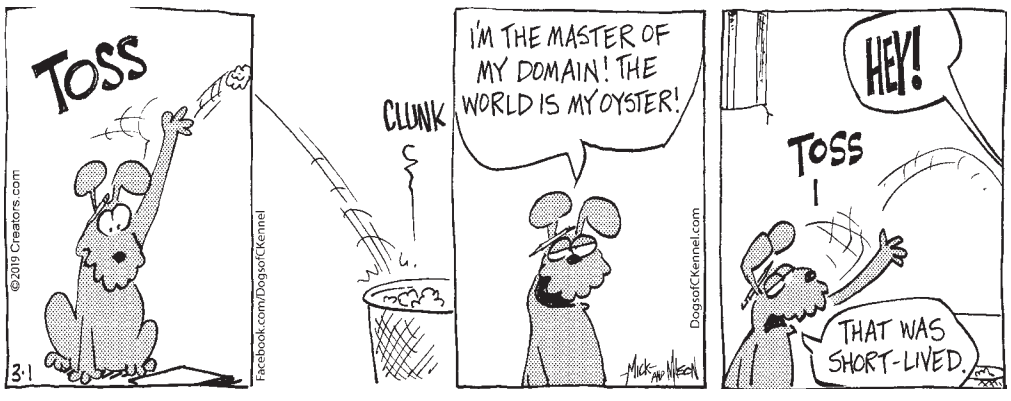
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Sacramento

Bloom Selects Kathy Griffin as "Woman of the Year"

Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) has selected Kathy Griffin, comedian and civil rights advocate, as the 50th Assembly District's 2019 "Woman of the Year." Griffin will receive the award during a formal ceremony on the Assembly Floor on March 4, 2019 where she, along with other women from across California, will be recognized by their state senators and assemblymembers for their accomplishments and contributions to the State.

"Throughout her career, Kathy Griffin has used her voice and her comedic talent to speak on behalf of those who might not be able to stand up for themselves," said Assemblymember Bloom.

The Woman of the Year event was founded in 1987 by Assemblymember Bev Hansen (R) and Assemblymember Sally Turner (D) in response to the California Legislature's lack of events for the month of March, Women's History Month. The now-annual event, sponsored by the Women's Caucus, allows each state senator and assemblymember to invite one woman from their district to the Capitol to be honored for their accomplishments.

Griffin, a two-time Emmy and Grammy award-winning actor-comedian, writer, and producer has been an outspoken advocate for the underrepresented and a fierce ally of the LGBTQ community. She has helped raise more than $5 million for HIV/AIDS services and LGBTQ causes and has performed for active military servicemen and women serving in countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Uzbekistan. Griffin is a fervent champion for First Amendment rights and a host of causes for which she has dedicated considerable energy and time.

Griffin's passionate advocacy for women, the LGBTQ community, veterans, and other disenfranchised groups have earned her several awards and honors which include: The Human Rights Campaign's Ally for Equality, GLAAD's Vanguard award, Equality California's Equality Award, Trevor Project's The Trevor Life Award, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America's Leadership in Entertainment honor, the City of West Hollywood's Rainbow Key Lifetime Achievement Award, the Harvard College Distinguished Service Partner Award, Veterans Tickets Foundation Distinguished Donor Award, the Lambda Legal Liberty Award, a two-time Ladies' Home Journal "Funny Ladies We Love" Award, and a Gracie Award for Outstanding Female Lead.

"Kathy Griffin is a study in grit and persistence punctuated by laughter. Pushing beyond threats to her career and personal safety, she has refused to back down from defending her values, preferring to share her experiences with her audiences and fans, always with a razor sharp wit," said Bloom.

Richard Bloom Chair's the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Resources and Transportation and represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW ALDAMA, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT

Malibu

Submit your Nominations for 2019 Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award

The City of Malibu Parks and Recreation Commission is accepting nominations for the Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award through Friday, April 5, 2019.

The Jake Kuredjian Award is a great opportunity to celebrate the ordinary people who do extraordinary things, and make Malibu a better place to live, work and play. It underscores how much passion Malibu residents have for their community.

Members of the Malibu community are invited to submit nominations at MalibuCity.org/AwardNominations. Nomination forms are also available in person at Malibu Bluffs Park and Malibu City Hall. The nomination period closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding individual who has given their time and resources to enhance the quality of recreation programs for the Malibu community. Past recipients of this award have demonstrated a commitment to improving the quality of life in Malibu through recreational opportunities and have made a lasting contribution to the community.

The Jake Kuredjian Citizenship Award is in honor of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Hagop "Jake" Kuredjian. Deputy Kuredjian was killed in the line of duty on August 31, 2001, while he and other law enforcement personnel were engaged in a shootout with a suspect in Stevenson Ranch. Deputy Kuredjian often worked as an Armenian interpreter for the Sheriff's Department, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the FBI. The Gold Meritorious Conduct Medal was presented to Deputy Kuredjian in 1989, for rescuing a woman from a cliff while stationed in Malibu.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. The Commission will select a recipient then make its recommendation to the City Council. Once approved, the award is presented by the Council to the selected nominee at a Regular City Council meeting.

For more information, including a list of past award recipients, visit https://www.MalibuCity.org/JakeAward.

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF

Annenberg Beach House

Celebrate Women's History Month with Julia Morgan's Legacy

Join the Santa Monica Conservancy in a special commemoration of architect Julia Morgan. Morgan was California's first licensed female architect who designed over 700 projects and collaborated with William Randolph Hearst on the Hearst Castle and designed the guest house and pool at the Annenberg Community Beach House.

JULIA MORGAN LEGACY EVENT – VISIT WWW.SMGOV.NET TO REGISTER

On Sunday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Laura Sorvetti, Reference Archivist at Cal Poly's Special Collections and Archives will give a talk introducing the Morgan collections, share fascinating materials discovered in her research, and describe recent projects that open the collection to a larger audience in the digital era. Then tour the Morgan designed Guest House and pool from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. with docents from the Santa Monica Conservancy who will provide insights into Morgan's life and pioneering work.

JULIA MORGAN LEGACY TALK – WWW.SMGOV.NET TO REGISTER

On Tuesday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Beach=Culture presents the Julia Morgan Legacy Talk, an annual discussion on women in public practice. This year we welcome architect Angela Brooks, artists Deborah Aschheim and Susan Narduli, Santa Monica City public art supervisor Chris Guerra, and historic preservation planner Stephanie Reich. They join moderator and City Architect Rebecca Abano to discuss Julia Morgan's pioneering achievements in the context of present-day issues of equity in architecture and design.

The Beach House is made possible by a generous gift from the Annenberg Foundation, at the direction of Wallis Annenberg, and in partnership with the City of Santa Monica and California State Parks. Additional funding was provided by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development. The Annenberg Community Beach House is wheelchair accessible and ADA compliant. For disability related accommodations, please call Guest Services at (310) 458-4904. The Annenberg Community Beach House at Santa Monica State Beach is operated by the City of Santa Monica. For more information, visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com.

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