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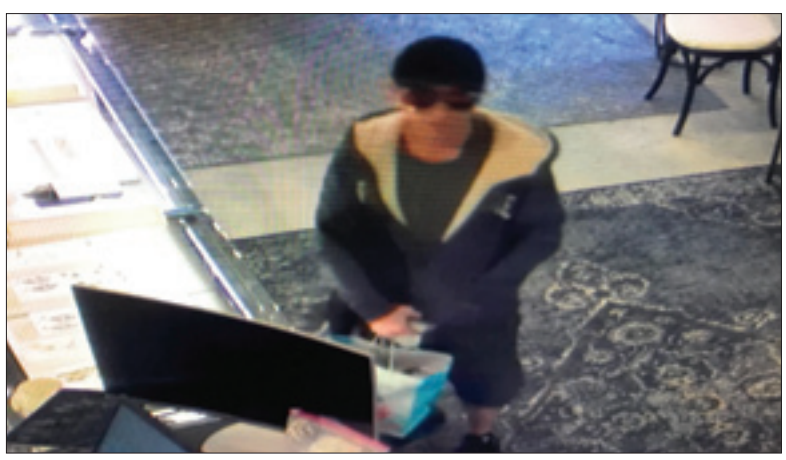
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# Investigation continues into explosives-carrying robber



SUSPECT

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Despite helicopters, K9 units, the SWAT Team and more than 30 officers searching the area, a suspect who tried to rob a Montana Ave. store remains at large.

According to SMPD, officers were called to the store 'Curated Los Angeles' at about 5:36 p.m. on Feb. 28. A man had entered the store carrying a "suspicious device" and demanded merchandise from a store employee. The suspect was given some merchandise but began to argue with the employee. The suspect then dropped the items as he left the store and entered a car. The suspect drove north on 15th Street, striking several parked cars along the road. He eventually crashed into a parked car on the 300 block of 15th, exited the car and ran north into the residential area.

SMPD said the car used in the escape was not reported stolen at the time of the crime and officers are working to establish any connection with the registered owner.

While conducting a search of the abandoned car, officers noticed the suspicious device next to the car and notified the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad.

SMPD said a final report on the device will come from the bomb technicians but the initial assessment was concerning enough to warrant detonation. Lt. Saul Rodriguez said the device had two small propane canisters, similar to those used in a camping stove, a charging device, a timer, cabling and wires. He said the bomb squad utilized their robot to inspect the

SEE ROBBERY PAGE 7

# Storm hits California, evacuations ordered in mudslide area

CHRISTOPHER WEBER & OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

A major winter storm swept south through California on Thursday, bringing heavy snow and strong winds to mountains and steady rain elsewhere, while prompting mandatory evacuations for coastal areas to the south that were devastated by deadly mudslides in January.

As many as 30,000 people were ordered to leave an area of Santa Barbara County before the storm arrived early Friday.

Sheriff Bill Brown said forecasters weren't certain how intense the storm would be when it arrives in Southern California. However, modeling indicates "there is a risk for dangerous flash flooding, mud and debris flows," he warned.

"I'm not going anywhere,"

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# California spent nearly $1.8B fighting major 2017 wildfires

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

California state agencies spent nearly $1.8 billion fighting fierce wildfires that killed dozens of people and destroyed thousands of homes and businesses last year, legislative budget experts reported Thursday.

The federal government will reimburse most of the costs, but the state will still need to come up with about $371 million on top of the state's existing wildfire budget, the Legislative Analyst's Office told the Senate Budget committee. That shouldn't be a problem because state revenue has far exceeded expectations so far this fiscal year and the general fund is flush with cash.

"The 2017 wildfire season in California was nothing short of catastrophic," said Mark Ghilarducci, director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Nearly $1.5 billion was spent fighting fires and on recovery north

SEE WILDFIRES PAGE 6

# Council gives BBB new direction

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council told the head of the Big Blue Bus and city staff to focus on infrastructure and convenience to tackle declining bus ridership on the Westside during a wide-ranging discussion on traffic and mobility Tuesday.

BBB is currently en route to a structural deficit that could deplete reserves as early as 2021 without a boost in passengers. Ridership declined 12 percent in 2015 and 20 percent in 2016 before showing

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**SERVICE:** City Hall is searching for ways to reverse a trend of declining ridership on the Big Blue Bus.

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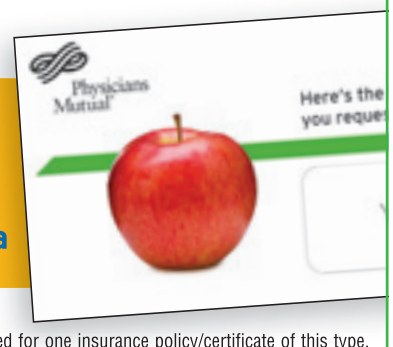
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# What's Up Westside
## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## 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.

### Do you have diabetes?
The UCLA Diabetes Program is hosting its fourth annual Health Living with Diabetes conference from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. UCLA physicians will speak on a variety of topics including updates on diabetes research, nutrition, new patient-centered technologies, and kidney care. Conference Center, UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica, 1250 16th Street, Santa Monica (free parking at 1311 16th Street). The event is free, but registration is required. Call (800) 516-5323.

## Sunday, March 4

### Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)
The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### Charles Phoenix: Addicted to Americana
Charles Phoenix, the showman, tour guide and author known for his live retro comedy slideshow, discusses classic and kitschy American life and style as celebrated in his new book, Addicted to Americana. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### VITA Tax Assistance
UCLA students from VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provide FREE tax filing assistance for Federal and California income taxes. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

## Monday, March 5

### Architectural Review Board Meeting
The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

### Disabilities Commission Meeting
The mission of the Disabilities Commission is to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and staff on those issues. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 p.m.

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

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier

## The S.T.E.A.M Machines Innovation Fair Returns to the Santa Monica Pier

The 5th Annual S.T.E.A.M Machines Innovation Fair is a free one-day expo on the Santa Monica Pier designed to inspire the next generation of innovators, artists, designers and scientific leaders. On Sunday, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., S.T.E.A.M. Machines will entertain and enlighten with an Innovation Exhibition, a Path to Innovation Panel and a National Rube Goldberg competition, inviting all to playfully dive into an interactive experience that connects the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

**INNOVATION EXHIBITION**

Innovation exhibits hosted by event partners will be sparking curiosity and engagement throughout the Pier:

Hyperloop Transportation Technologies: explore the HyperloopTT station and capsule in a VR experience.

Urban Objects: explore the transcendent nature of ordinary objects with artist Aaron Kramer.

Heal the Bay / Aquarium: experience an "Underwater Treasure" VR in their on-site exhibit reDiscover Center.

STEMup4Youth: an astounding toothpick sculpture and identified flying objects activity.

T4T.org: create Ultimate Recycling Machines using imagination and fun upcycled materials.

Creamistry: using liquid nitrogen to prepare customized, handcrafted ice cream.

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**PATH TO INNOVATION PANEL**

2 – 3:30 p.m.

A panel of tech wizards will share visions from the future and hopes for their groundbreaking fields:

Morgan Cable, JPL

Dirk Alhborn, Hyperloop Transportation Technologies

Chris Garcia, Uber / Elevate

Gray Bright, Tomorrow Show Host

Sharlene Loh, StemUp4Youth Founder & CEO

**RUBE GOLDBERG CURIOUS CONTRAPTION CONTEST**

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

How complicated can it be to pour a bowl of cereal?

That's the challenge posed to student teams from Santa Monica to Arkansas – and the objective their Rube Goldberg contraptions must execute in minimum of 20 chain reactions. Up and down the Santa Monica Pier, over 10 machines will be operating in 10'x10' plots, each tinkering towards that final milk-pouring mechanism. The winning team will be judged and awarded a cash prize and entry to the national competition by a creditable committee: Lyle Tavernier (NASA Educational Technology Specialist), Hector Alvarez (Two Bit Circus Creative Director), Brett Doar (celebrated Rube Goldberg machinist), Martin Tomasz (analog/radio/mixed-signal engineer), and Heather Doyle (S.T.E.A.M. Innovation Fair Creator).

This regional competition features tiers of middle school, high school, and university squads in a battle of Rube Goldberg machines – overly engineered contraptions that achieve a simple end-game through the most complicated (and humorous) paths imaginable. Inspired by the Pulitzer Prize winning inventor and cartoonist Rube Goldberg, these contraptions inspire creativity and innovation.

For more information, visit SteamMachinesLA.com or SantaMonicaPier.org.

Search for the official event hashtag #SteamMachines.

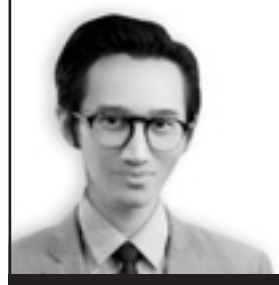
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**SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING**

**DATE/TIME:** March 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 17ARB-0240: 2817 3rd Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 17ARB-0482: 1322 Third Street Promenade: Retail
- 17ARB-0578: 2311 Lincoln Boulevard: Automobile Service Center
- 17ARB-0583: 1550 Euclid Street: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0010: 1517 9th Street: Multi-Family Residential
- 18ARB-0063: 2317 Lincoln Boulevard: Automotive Service Center

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S): None

More information is available on-line 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 rathar.duong@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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## Laughing Matters

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# "Deferment Don" Dreams He's Rambo

**DURING HIS FIRST 544 DAYS IN OFFICE,** Donald Trump has told over 2,000 lies or misleading statements. (Frankly, that figure seems low.) This doesn't include the 2016 campaign during which Trump suggested Ted Cruz' father helped Oswald kill JFK and compared Dr. Ben Carson's youthful anger "pathology" to that of a child molester. Trump talking about other people's "pathology" is rich.

Some of Trump's endless lies include: "I hire the best people." Really? Like Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort and now five in his administration who are convicted felons, one pleading guilty to "conspiracy against the United States."

And 29-year-old completely unqualified Communications Director, Hope Hicks, who testified she lied for Trump and resigned the next day. And Jared Kushner, also with no experience and now downgraded security clearance, reportedly hustling $500 million in real estate loans after the lenders visited the White House! (Can you say "grifter?")

Another whopper, "I have no business interests in Russia." This while his attorney, Michael Cohen, was negotiating for a Trump Tower in Moscow. Or, "The tax bill will hurt me, folks," when Trump will likely save $30 million. But the biggest and most offensive lie was this past Monday.

With widespread grieving in Parkland, Florida, still ongoing, Trump, like he's Rambo, inexplicably told a group of Governors, "I would have run into the building, even without a weapon." This, from a 71-year-old obese man who's admittedly afraid of sharks, germs, stairs, having his food poisoned, the sight of blood and wind blowing his weird hairdo.

Trump visited a massacre survivor and, with Melania, smiled broadly posing for a photo alongside her hospital bed. Shamelessly, however, Trump is using the photo in a fund raising effort for 2020. (I'm counting on Bob Mueller that Trump won't be in office in 2020.)

Trump's fear of blood is so great that he once turned away from what he thought was a dying man at a charity event at one of his hotels. On the Howard Stern Show in 2008 Trump described the incident. "An 80-year-old man fell off the stage, a guy that a lot of people didn't like." (What does that have to do with anything?) "So what happens is, this guy hits his head, and I thought he died. And you know what I did? I said, 'Oh my God, that's disgusting,' and I turned away."

Trump saying he'd run into that high school is beyond ludicrous. Actually, imagining Trump running anywhere is ludicrous. I'm reminded of a G8 conference where all the other leaders were walking briskly as a bloated Donald Trump rode in a golf cart.

And to believe for a second Trump would jeopardize himself for children he doesn't know is laughable. I recall video of Trump walking up the stairs of Air Force One during a rain and windstorm. He had a huge umbrella and was clearly worried that his hair would get mussed.

Seconds later we see Barron coming up the stairs. Trump was more concerned with protecting his hair than his 10-year-old son! It gets worse. Then Melania comes up as Trump is not the least bit concerned she's also getting wet. Makes me wonder what the over/under is for how soon after he gets impeached will she divorce him.

Assuming that Trump could somehow get his lard butt to actually run, there's the bone spurs that accounted for one of his five deferments during the Vietnam era. Painful as they supposedly were, when asked by a reporter on which foot did he have the spurs, Trump said with a straight face, "I don't remember." Again the Howard Stern Show Trump described his personal Vietnam, "Was just avoiding sexually transmitted diseases." And Trump had the gall to say John McCain wasn't a war hero.

In his infamous Inaugural Address Trump said, "American carnage stops now." In the first forty-six days of 2018 there were seventeen school shootings. Trump's idiotic answer is to arm teachers. (Following the Pulse Nightclub massacre Trump said if the patrons, dancing and likely inebriated, had been armed, "Bullets would have been flying in both directions." as if that were an answer.)

In 2016, at a pro-gun campaign rally in Franklin, Tennessee, Trump proudly revealed that he had a concealed/carry license. Channeling, in his words, "the late, great Charles Bronson" in Death Wish, he used his fingers to simulate holding a gun. And then he made gun shot noises like we did when we were kids playing cowboys and Indians. As if a then 70-year-old man pretending to shoot an imaginary gun isn't weird enough, the noises he made were "bing, boink, bing."

Let's not forget this Rambo/Bronson wannabe, who thinks he's a tough guy,uses hairspray and bobby pins. Like all bullies, he's essentially a coward. Clearly, as long as he's president this country is in serious trouble. Did I mention I'm counting on Bob Mueller?

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Pico Blvd.**

### Santa Monica College and VA sign agreement to expand support services for student veterans

Santa Monica College (SMC) has announced a recently-signed agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will give SMC student veterans access to a VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) counselor, who will assist the SMC Veterans' Resources Center with counseling and support services to help them succeed in college and transition to careers in the civilian workforce. SMC will share a VSOC counselor with UCLA, and is one of only 13 community colleges in California to offer this service.

"SMC is very pleased that the VA has provided this new addition to our current array of support services especially for veterans," said SMC Superintendent/President Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, "and our team is committed to assisting veterans, meeting their particular needs, and helping them plan for their academic and career success today and in the future."

In the past academic year, SMC served over 2,100 veterans at its Veterans' Resource Center. The center serves as a one-stop shop where veterans enrolled at the college have exclusive access to academic and career counseling; tutoring; therapy; and referrals to community resources and various veteran-serving programs in the West Los Angeles area. The VRC also offers a computer lab and assistive technology, and a "veteran lounge/study room" where they can connect with peers.

W. Anthony Roeback, Chief of the VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service, said that the Department of Veteran Affairs is also "appreciative of this new partnership with Santa Monica College."

"The focus in this partnership is to assist SMC students who receive VA educational benefits in the completion of their educational endeavors," said Roeback. "We're excited about this opportunity to provide support to SMC student veterans."

The VSOC counselor will be on-site beginning the middle of the current spring semester and will be assigned to SMC for two weekdays, and to UCLA for three. The counselor will help streamline the complex transition process encompassing services such as referrals for VA medical and mental health services, career counseling, job placement assistance, and more.

Elaine Morton, who currently heads the SMC Veterans' Resource Center, gave credit to retired VRC Faculty Leader Linda Sinclair for the successful outcome to her efforts to bring a VetSuccess counselor to SMC. "Ms. Sinclair was a strong advocate for having a permanent vocational rehabilitation counselor on campus," said Morton. "We are pleased to offer this additional support service to our students and are indebted to her for her dedication and diligence."

U.S. Army veteran, SMC alum, and Loyola Marymount University Political Science major Domingo Tomas — who had faced poverty, a difficult childhood, and a rough transition after serving a decade in the military — said that the SMC Veterans' Resource Center was "a safe haven."

"That told me the SMC community cares for veterans," he said. He plans on applying to law school after graduating from LMU this spring, and continuing his personal philanthropic mission of the past several years, delivering school supplies to needy children in his native Zaculeu, near the western Guatemala city of Huehuetenango.

For more information on the SMC Veterans' Resource Center and all its services, visit www.smc.edu/veterans or call 310-434-8260.

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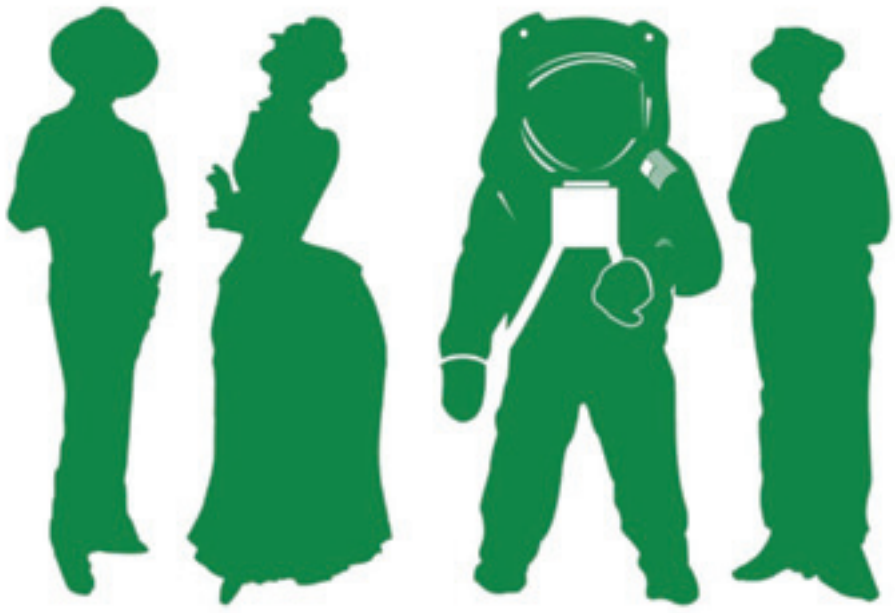
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## BBB

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modest growth at the end of 2017.

"We still carry 14 million people a year and that keeps a lot of cars off the streets of Santa Monica and the Westside and we provide a very valuable service to our customers and this community," BBB director Ed King told the Council. The Council suggested forming an advisory body consisting of drivers, riders and other stakeholders to address technical issues. Nearly 90 percent of the BBB service is now outside of city limits.

With traffic getting worse, bus service has seen a 22 percent decrease in the average travel speed, King told the Daily Press Thursday. King said everything is on the table to improving public transit, including working with ride hailing services like Uber and Lyft to add flexibility to buses.

"There's going to be more disruptive factors in the transportation industry and we have to take a different approach with those being partners rather than competitors," King said.

Two weeks ago, Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi told Goldman Sachs tech investors he eventually wants to run bus systems, according to the website recode. A week later, Uber launched Express Pool in Santa Monica and Los Angeles, a cheaper option that targets commuters by requiring them to walk a few blocks to catch a car filled with riders going the same direction. Because users may be matched with different riders each time, the pickup location and travel time changes from day to day, trip to trip. Technology website Gizmodo's reviewed the service and suggested readers "honestly, just take a bus."

Last year, BBB overhauled its popular Dial-A-Ride service for seniors with a partnership with Lyft that is anticipated to increase efficiency and save money. King says it could be a model for future changes to the BBB. Uber and Lyft and the Expo Line are just three examples of BBB's relatively new competition. More people also got behind the wheel of their own car. Between 2000 and 2015, the share of households without vehicles feel 30 percent, according to regional statistics from the Southern California Association of Governments.

"People don't want to wait," Mayor Protempore Gleam Davis said Tuesday. Davis sometimes takes Route 3 down Lincoln Boulevard to El Segundo for work. She suggested moving buses off unpopular routes and onto major arteries to increase frequency and simplify the system. She encouraged the BBB to look at innovative ways to reach riders who live far from thoroughfares. "It's not a question of reducing service. It's a question of redeploying the assets we already have."

The BBB lines that go down Pico Boulevard, Lincoln Boulevard, Main Street and Santa Monica Boulevard have the lowest cost per passenger in the system, according to a recent report. Multiple councilmembers said they would support prioritizing buses on city streets by either restricting lanes or giving them traffic signal priority. Mayor Ted Winterer said he had a call scheduled Friday to talk to Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti about extending the new bus-only lanes on Lincoln Boulevard past Santa Monica city limits.

"The bus will be much more competitive, more attractive if it gets people to their destination faster than they can riding in autonomous vehicles, traditional vehicles, etc. etc.," Winterer said.

On Friday's call, Winterer said he would also bring up Wilshire Boulevard, which already has bus-only lanes in Los Angeles during peak commuting hours.

King said it would make total sense for Wilshire to be the next corridor to be explored.

During the meeting, bus drivers and other employees complained about aggressive riders, fare theft, and recent changes in routes that eliminated many east/west lines because of the Expo light rail line which runs along Colorado Avenue.

"Over the three years that I've been here, I have seen major cuts in runs and it devastated communities. We took runs away from communities that were thriving for the sake of a train," said bus driver Christine Ivey. "Those routes should have stayed intact until we were able to get enough information on whether cutting those routes would be feasible."

If the Council's discussion is any indication, those riders and drivers will likely see more changes coming to their routes over the next few years as the BBB adjusts to a new reality. The Council said they would also support more perks for riders like sponsored Wifi and more comfortable seating.

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## WILDFIRES

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of San Francisco in October, including debris removal and infrastructure repair. A series of fires in wine country and other areas killed 44 people and destroyed 8,800 buildings, prompting $10 billion in insurance claims.

The state spent about $300 million on December fires in Southern California, including the largest blaze in state history that swept through Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. The preliminary numbers are likely to increase as officials get a better account of spending.

Gov. Jerry Brown has proposed spending $35 million in next year's budget to backfill lost sales, property and hotel tax revenue for local governments and to repair infrastructure. He also proposed spending $350 million from the state's tax on carbon emissions for forest management on fire prevention, new helicopters, fire engines and other purposes.

Meanwhile, fire chiefs from around the state are asking lawmakers for $100 million to boost the state's mutual aid system for sharing resources across departments.

That could include overtime for firefighters positioned ahead of time in areas experiencing dangerous weather and for new technology such as satellite tracking to monitor fire engines.

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**INVESTIGATION:** **Officers gathered outside the new store following a robbery attempt.**

## ROBBERY

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device and after surrounding it with sandbags, detonated it using their equipment.

"They looked at it as definitely a threat," he said.

Local K9 and SWAT Teams were used in the search but the suspect, described as Hispanic or Caucasian male, 30 years old, 5'9" tall, last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and dark colored shorts, remains at large.

Rodriguez said SMPD was notified of the incident when witnesses called to report the suspect running down the street. He said by the time officers arrived, the suspect had already fled, crashed and fled again. He said officers never saw the suspect and were relying on witnesses to establish their search perimeter.

While the suspect had not been identified by press time, Rodriguez said the investigation had useful evidence.

"We are working some pretty good leads," he said. "We're hopeful, based on evidence and investigation on going, to identify and bring the suspect into custody."

The Feb. 28 robbery was the second of the year on the busy street following a similar incident on January 5.

In that case, L'Oliphant Jewelry Store, on the same block as Curated, was robbed. The suspected entered the store posing as a customer. She selected two pieces of jewelry (valued at $12,000) and ran from the store. The suspect fled in a waiting vehicle but was later identified as Lexis Monee Willis, a 23 year-old woman from Long Beach.

She was arrested on Feb. 5. And charged with grand theft/ felony theft.

Rodriguez said that despite the proximity of the two stores, the two thefts are unlikely to be connected and the methods of the two suspects were vastly different.

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## STORM

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Montecito resident Harriet Mosson said.

The 76-year-old said the three-story condo building where she lives was not damaged in January because it's on the ocean side of U.S. 101, which helped divert the mudslides that came down the mountains.

"Can it happen again? Yeah, I guess it can. Will it, now? I doubt it," she said. "And if something terrible happens I'll be able to get out of here."

People cannot be forced to leave their homes under a mandatory evacuation order, but authorities said they should not be expected to be rescued while the storm event is occurring.

To the north, a blizzard warning was issued for parts of the Sierra Nevada, where winds could gust up to 125 mph (200 kph) on ridges and 60 mph (95 kph) in some valleys, the National Weather Service said.

The cold front is expected to bring snow to foothill areas as low as 3,500 feet (1,066 meters), and officials warned people to stay off mountain roads.

The California Department of Transportation said 90-miles stretch of Interstate 80 was closed between Colfax, California, and the Nevada state line due to whiteout conditions.

Chains or snow tires were needed on stretches of Interstate 80, U.S. 50 and U.S. 395. Dozens of collisions were reported on San Francisco Bay Area highways.

Northern mountains were expected to receive as much as 5 feet (1.5 meters) of snow and reach 7 feet (2.1 meters) in some areas.

The snow will help the Sierra snowpack, which is vital to the state's water supply and is only about a quarter of its normal depth for this time of winter.

Stephanie Myers, a spokeswoman for Heavenly Mountain Resort and Kirkwood Mountain Resort in Lake Tahoe, estimated snow was falling at about 2 inches an hour.

"We're thrilled about this storm," Myers said. "Once the storm moves out of the area, we'll have a beautiful bluebird powder day."

Predictions of widespread showers raised concern about flash flooding when the storm reaches Southern California.

Santa Barbara County ordered the immediate evacuations for residents of areas burned by three major wildfires over the past 18 months.

The order encompasses Montecito, where a Jan. 9 storm triggered flash floods that destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes. Twenty-one people were killed and two remain missing. Other areas impacted by the order are Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria.

The county is following a rigorous new system of alerts that emphasizes evacuations well in advance of storms rather than suggesting residents can use their discretion.

"We want everyone to be out of the area, and out of harm's way, by nightfall," Brown said, adding that evacuations in areas stripped bare by wildfires will be part of "the new normal" following the devastation in Montecito.

Associated Press writers Amanda Lee Myers and John Antczak in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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New NW swell mix to build in the PM as onshore wind also builds. Stay tuned.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
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# CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

### ON FEBRUARY 21, AT ABOUT 12:46 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 2910 Nielson Way regarding two subjects trying to steal bicycles from a subterranean garage. The reporting party indicated he was monitoring the subjects via surveillance video. Officers arrived on scene, began to search the immediate area and subterranean parking lot for the suspects. As officers were walking towards an entry way to the subterranean lot, a subject was exiting the lot with a bicycle. The subject matched the suspect description provided by the reporting party. The subject was taken into custody. The reporting party, property security guard, was able to identify the suspect. A search of the suspect and his belongings led to the recovery of stolen property – cellular telephones, watches, wire cutters and bindle containing methamphetamine. Jerel Dewayne Richardson, 36, from Inglewood, was arrested for burglary, possession of burglary tools and possession of methamphetamine. Bail was set at $50,000.

## DAILY POLICE LOG

### The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 380 Calls For Service On Feb. 28.

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

Attempt burglary 600 block San Vicente 12:32 a.m.
Trespassing 1200 block Pico 1:24 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block Arizona 1:47 a.m.
Battery 1800 block 21st 3:36 a.m.
Burglar alarm 3100 block Lincoln 4:10 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1500 block 17th 4:51 a.m.
Trespassing 1200 block Pico 6:09 a.m.
Traffic collision 1400 block 7th 6:13 a.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Pearl 6:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 2700 block Main 6:45 a.m.
Trespassing 600 block Santa Monica 7:44 a.m.
Burglar alarm 3300 block Ocean 7:54 a.m.
Runaway 300 block Olympic 7:56 a.m.
Panic alarm 2500 block 29th 8:14 a.m.
Fraud 2600 block 3rd 8:38 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block Montana 8:54 a.m.
Person down 20th / Pico 9:16 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block 9th 9:26 a.m.
Identity theft 1400 block Harvard 9:47 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1300 block Ozone 10:20 a.m.
Hit and run 700 block 22nd 10:29 a.m.
Trespassing 900 block Olympic 10:32 a.m.
Petty theft 2200 block 21st 10:45 a.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block 4th 11:15 a.m.
Trespassing 2400 block Olympic 12:05 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield/ Santa Monica 12:35 p.m.
Burglary 800 block 2nd 1:36 p.m.
Public intoxication 2200 block Pico 1:45 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block 20th 2:02 p.m.
Battery 200 block Bicknell 2:16 p.m.
Civil dispute 1400 block Ocean 2:22 p.m.
Elder abuse 400 block Pico 2:32 p.m.
Elder abuse 1200 block 6th 2:34 p.m.
Traffic collision 1800 block Ocean 3:08 p.m.
Traffic collision 22nd / San Vicente 3:23 p.m.
Hit and run 2400 block Colorado 3:31 p.m.
Traffic hazard 500 block PCH 3:57 p.m.
Trash dumping 2400 block Kansas 4:18 p.m.
Fraud 900 block Broadway 4:34 p.m.
Burglary 700 block Marine 4:50 p.m.
Fraud 300 block 16th 4:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 3rd / Hollister 5:08 p.m.
Burglary 200 block 21st 5:22 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Wilshire 5:43 p.m.
Person down 4th / I-10 5:44 p.m.
Traffic collision 18th / Ocean Park 5:53 p.m.
Burglary 1900 block 16th 6:32 p.m.
Person down 700 block Broadway 7:11 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block Main 7:20 p.m.
Public intoxication 1300 block Wilshire 7:43 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 23 Calls For Service On Feb. 28.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1900 block Main 04:48 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block Broadway 10:10 a.m.
Odor of gas 1200 block Franklin 10:24 a.m.
EMS 700 block 21st 11:06 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Ashland 11:19 a.m.
EMS 2300 block Main 12:06 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Bryn Mawr 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 2:03 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Pearl 3:02 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Kansas 3:11 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3400 block Pico 3:14 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 3:53 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2800 block Neilson 4:15 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1800 block Olympic 6:07 p.m.
EMS 700 block Broadway 7:03 p.m.
EMS 200 block 17th 7:06 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pico 7:26 p.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 8:14 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:44 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 9:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision 1700 block Main 9:07 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2500 block Broadway 10:26 p.m.



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**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 2/27
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Jackpot: 243M

**SUPER LOTTO**
Draw Date: 2/28
6 7 9 14 25
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 14M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 2/28
1 12 13 35 39

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 2/28
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Draw Date: 2/28
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**DAILY DERBY**
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3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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2. the act of deviating from the ordinary, usual, or normal type.
3. deviation from truth or moral rectitude.

## WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

### Medical Myths

■ Every year around this time, there are reports that scientists have determined that a particular date in January is statistically the most depressing day of the year. Typically it's a Monday.

■ In fact, no such evidence exists.

■ According to Snopes.com, the concept of "blue Monday" took root in 2005 with a press release detailing "a purported formula that calculated factors including weather, debt, time elapsed since Christmas and unsuccessful New Year's resolutions." When those factors were combined, a "sadness algorithm" identified January 24, 2005 as the single most depressing of the year.

■ The news release turned out to be the work of a travel company trying to encourage folks to take vacations to sunnier, warmer climes in January.

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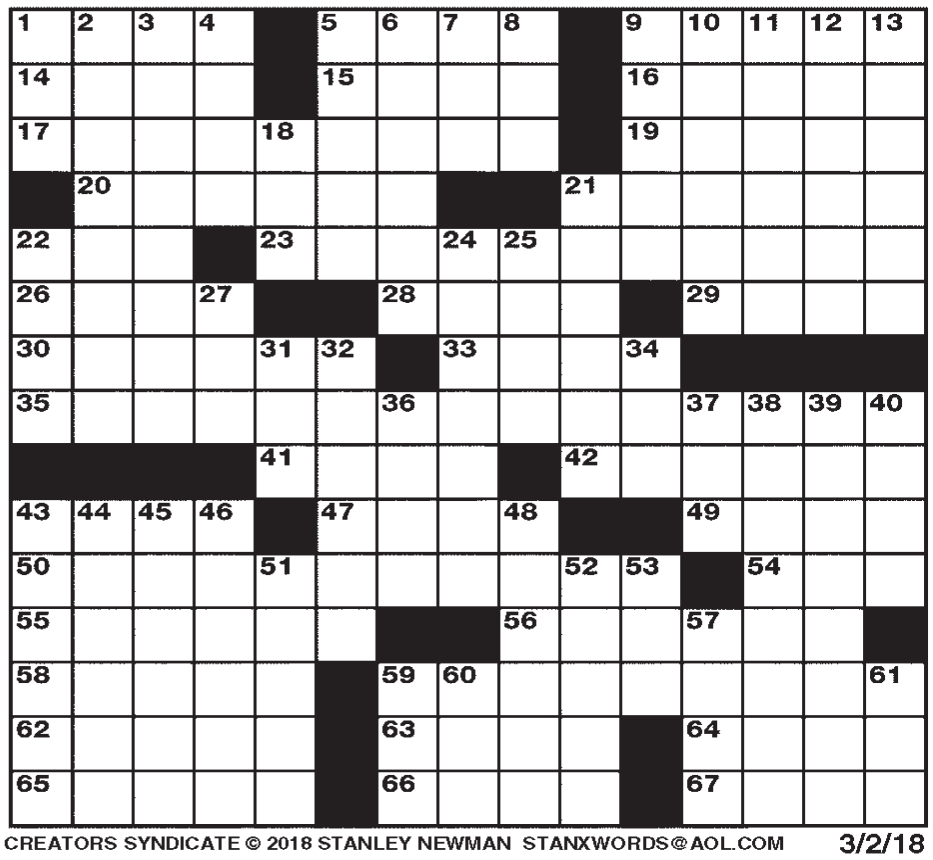
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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**
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5 Guilty pleasure
9 Sudden fear
14 Covered-wagon rod
15 Venerable race place
16 Ring-fitting device
17 One-time rocket rivalry
19 Cut back a lot
20 Raw-bar selection
21 Cody's star attraction
22 Ending for enzymes
23 Bond's interest rate
26 Western part of Hungary's capital
28 Name on the cover of *Beloved*
29 Chap
30 Classroom accessory
33 "You're putting __!"
35 "Call me sometime"
41 French literature Nobelist
42 Abe of Japan
43 School near Sunset Blvd.
47 Articulated
49 WWII milestone
50 Where improvement is needed
54 Major stretch
55 Prolific western author
56 City west of Los Angeles
58 Brainchildren
59 Debate factions
62 Dally (with)
63 Male elephant
64 South African leader
65 Is apt (to)
66 Something witty
67 Online craft store

**DOWN**
1 Austrian article
2 Public presentation
3 Dabbled in
4 They're above the abs
5 Greenish songbird
6 Needing a change
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8 Word after evil or eagle
9 Evaluate
10 "Lady Marmalade" rapper
11 Rhododendron family shrub
12 Flip for a profit
13 Stevenson villain
18 Sentence shortener
21 Pizza topping
22 Fourth person
24 A wife of Julius Caesar
25 "That's __ hadn't heard"
27 Farm beast
31 Stress-test reading
32 *Mad About You* star
34 Indefinite degree
36 Cheese that rarely spoils
37 Ending like -ish
38 Sell for less than
39 Early 20th-century Russia and Bulgaria
40 DC collegian
43 Boost
44 Metaphor for early nurturing
45 Wok concoction
46 On deck, for example
48 Betrays eagerness
51 Ardent desires
52 Ennoble
53 True-crime author Rule
57 Wood-smoothing tool
59 School lunch staple
60 Wish one could undo
61 Formal objection



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## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 2)

There are teams you're born or thrown into, and there are teams you choose. Choosing well will bring your great delight. Your ambition may get the best of you, but you'll shock all by proving it wasn't even lofty enough. May and July are the best times to give, invest and commit. Someone younger makes your heart soar. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 3, 38, 2 and 49.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your willingness to proceed cautiously and carefully building your projects and relationships will pay off in the trust you earn from those around you. You certainly will not want for companionship!

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Are you in touch with your innate gifts? You truly can pull up energy from the earth, and you will do this when you need strength. Nature is your ally today and a powerful one at that.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're in a playful mood, and if you keep this up you may just become someone's favorite friend. In some cases, you don't want to be in the friend zone, but you'll quite naturally find your place in that situation as well.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The person who has teaching or preaching as his primary purpose is a dull as a bad poem. Even if you happen to be the teacher (or the preacher), with play as your main purpose you'll be the delight in their days.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You have resolved to give your best to a relationship and you'll reaffirm this to yourself now. This is the part of the connection that you can control, and control it you will.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Sometimes happiness means making the most of what's going on right now and finding something exciting about it, and sometimes happiness means declaring (if only to yourself), "Next!"

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your digital inbox may be a wild jungle of a place, and so, too, is the inbox of your life right now. So many offers! Some of them are random; some are general. You can weed all of that out and focus on the shining gems.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Seek training, on-point conversation, criticism, inspiration and interactions to keep your skills sharp. It's better to put in the work now before you really need to. This will give you an advantage later.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Harmless flirting isn't. There are sensitive people around who will make a story out of it and spin things in a direction that does nobody good. Be careful where you wield that charm.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
If you didn't want the thing until a friend, influencer or advertiser built your appetite for it, you might not really want the thing as much as you think. Take a step back. What's the need inside the want?

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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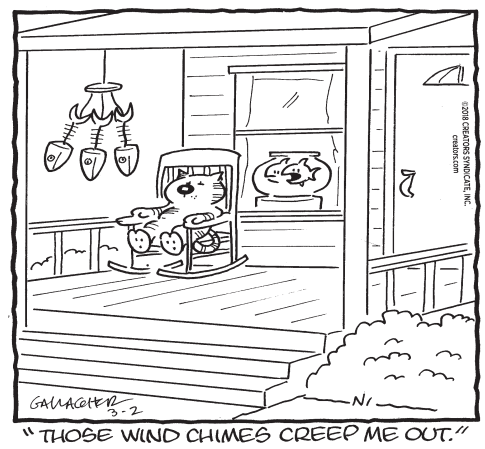
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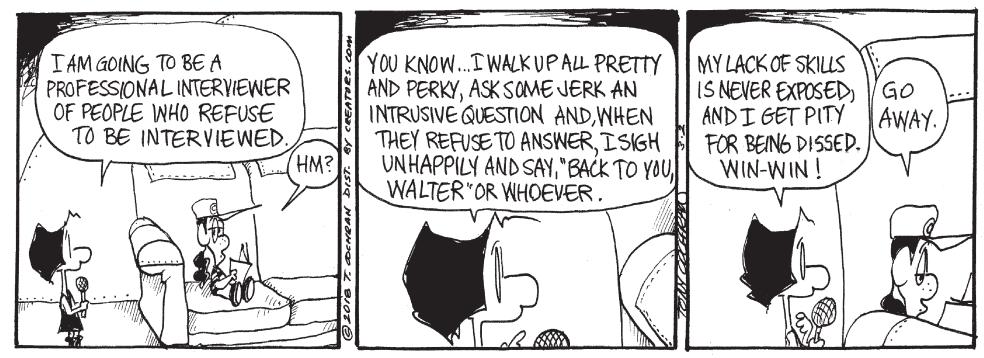
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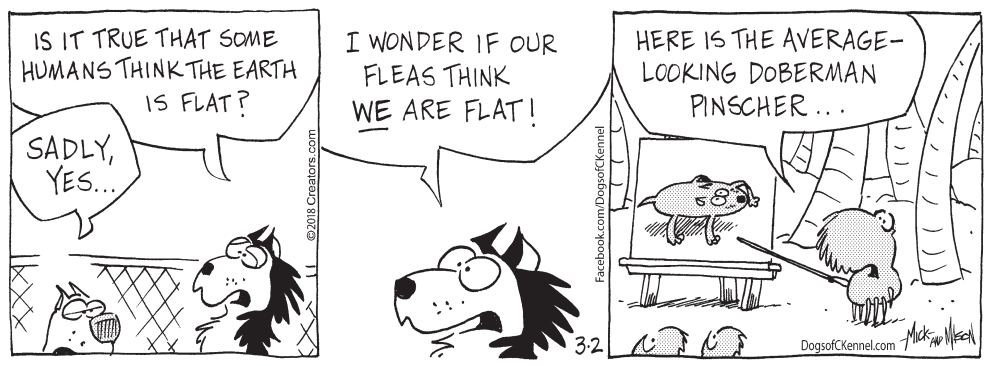

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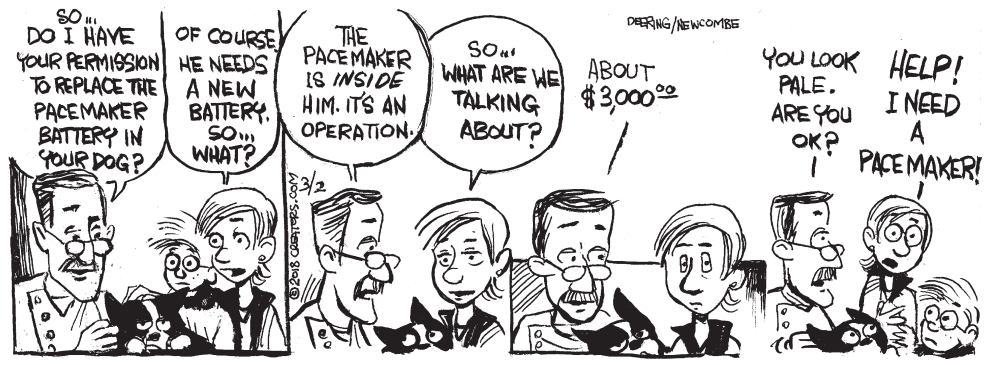

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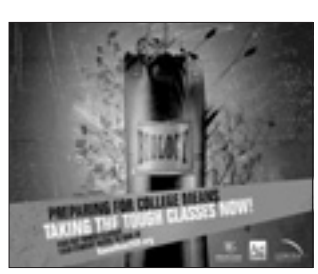
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LOS ANGELES

## Former congressional aide convicted of taking pot shop bribe

A former California congressional aide accused of promising to "make things happen" to keep an illegal pot shop in business was convicted Thursday of taking a $5,000 bribe.

The conviction came after Michael Kimbrew, 44, pleaded not guilty in federal court last year to one count each of attempted extortion and bribery of a public official.

A jury returned the verdicts on both charges after six hours of deliberation.

Kimbrew did not take the witness stand in his defense. He could face up to 18 years in prison when he's sentenced June 4.

Kimbrew "left a pretty damning trail," Assistant U.S. Attorney Lindsey Greer Dotson told jurors.

He was working in the Compton field office of Rep. Janice Hahn in 2015 when he approached a marijuana shop that was operating illegally and told an employee it would be shut down if he couldn't reach a deal with the owners, according to prosecutors.

Kimbrew then met with the owners at Compton City Hall, where Hahn had a district office. He told them he was working with state and federal agencies, including the FBI, and for $5,000 could "make things happen" to get the proper medical marijuana permits, an indictment states.

Kimbrew had no authority over marijuana shops, which were illegal in the city at the time, prosecutors said.

Kimbrew later met at City Hall with an FBI agent who was posing as the owners' business partner.

Jurors watched a video of Kimbrew sitting down with an undercover agent and discussing the bribe, which the agent had hidden in a restaurant menu and passed to the defendant during a second meeting, the indictment says.

Hahn, who is now a Los Angeles County supervisor, was not named in the indictment.

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SACRAMENTO

## California Assembly fires employee over sex misconduct

The California Assembly fired a longtime employee in February after an investigation substantiated sexual harassment claims against him from at least six years ago.

Documents released Thursday show Gerardo Guzman likely engaged in sexual misconduct during his time working for former Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes, who held office from 2007 to 2012. His behavior included showing and talking about sex toys with female employees.

Guzman was most recently working in the office vacated by former Assemblyman Raul Bocanegra, who resigned in December while facing his own misconduct allegations from his time working for Fuentes.

The documents also confirmed accusations against Bocanegra, including that he put a female subordinate's bracelet in the front of his pants and asked her to retrieve it.

Neither Bocanegra nor Guzman could immediately be reached for comment.

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE, ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEVERLY HILLS

## Emotional afternoon of sisterhood at Essence pre-Oscar lunch

The speeches by the recipients of Essence magazine's 11th annual Black Women in Hollywood Awards have a theme: We are here, and we will be seen.

"Black Panther" and "The Walking Dead" star Danai Gurira, "Thor: Ragnarok" and "Westworld" actress Tessa Thompson, Emmy-winning writer and actress Lena Waithe and comedian Tiffany Haddish were recognized by the magazine Thursday in Beverly Hills, California.

The powerhouse room at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel was filled with Oscar winners and superstars, including Lupita Nyong'o, Angela Bassett, Ava DuVernay, Janelle Monae, "Get Out" star Daniel Kaluuya, Amandla Stenberg and Rosario Dawson.

The Oprah Winfrey Network will air a special on the luncheon on Saturday.

BY SANDY COHEN, AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK

## Buyers revive deal for Weinstein Co. assets after talks

A group of investors says it has revived a deal to buy assets of the Weinstein Co., potentially saving the beleaguered studio from bankruptcy.

The announcement Thursday came just four days after the Weinstein Co. announced it was pulling out of the sale and would file for bankruptcy for protection. However, the buyers and the company soon resumed talks, along with New York state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who had filed a lawsuit that threw a wrench in the deal.

Businesswoman Maria Contreras-Sweet is leading the investors' group. She says in a statement that her group "has reached an agreement to purchase assets from The Weinstein Company in order to launch a new company."

Contreras-Sweet called it "potential deal." It was unclear when it might be signed.

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON AND MICHAEL SISAK, ASSOCIATED PRESS

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