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SMMUSD to support common sense gun laws and student protest

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The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District will support common sense gun laws in the wake of the Parkland, Florida shootings, as well as support student rights to walkout, the Board agreed during a boardmeeting Thursday.

In the common sense gun law resolution, the Board "reaffirms and demands that all students have the right to attend schools that are safe from the threat of gun violence," while also seeking to express to elected officials the Board's "position that removal of semi-automatic weapons from our civil society is a necessary, crucial, and urgent step in ensuring the safety of our students and staff."

In support of common sense gun laws and in response to the Parkland shootings, many students nationwide will walkout of their classes on March 14, a demonstration that will last 17 minutes to honor the 17 students and staff members killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

Superintendent of SMMUSD Dr. Ben Drati said the Board will fully support district students during the demonstration, adding that the chief concern — whether with a potential student walkout or with gun laws — is the safety of children.

"We in the district recognize and respect student rights," Dr. Drati said. "It's freedom of speech. I don't want anyone thinking that because we're looking out for the safety of our students that we're endorsing a political side. In case there's a march, we'll be there to support students in terms of safety. That's always our primary goal, safety."

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Audio policies updated for City meetings

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Daily Press Intern

The City of Santa Monica's audio practices are getting upgraded.

On Feb. 27, City Clerk Denise Anderson-Warren submitted a report detailing suggestions for overhauling current audio recording and retention practices at citywide meetings, including quasi-judicial committees (legislative bodies with investigative powers) and advisory boards (which offer guidance to the City Council).

Currently, recording practices for each of these groups vary. An examination of all 16 advisory boards and four of the seven quasi-judicial committees by the City Clerk's office revealed that, quasi-judicial committee meeting recordings can be found in the Santa Monica City government website's audio archives but advisory body recordings generally cannot.

Audio recordings are kept for anywhere from two years, the average length of time in most cities, to perpetuity.

Audio recordings are made of meetings regardless of online availability but many rooms in which the boards and committees meet

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FRESH FINDS:

Buddha's Hand Citron

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Daily Press Staff Writer



Kate Cagle

NEED A HAND: **The fruit of the Buddha's Hand can be used for its fragrance or rind.**

This weekend may be one of your last chances to hold a Buddha's hand at a Santa Monica farmers market. Murray Family Farms is one of the few California cultivators of the Asian citron fruit, known for its many fingers and named for the teacher of enlightenment.

"Bakersfield weather is very, very unpredictable," said Jazz Bohdi on a recent Saturday selling the citrons at the Virginia Avenue Park Farmer's Market where the Murrays have a stand every weekend. The citrons have been selling out quickly there and at the Wednesday Downtown market. They generally last through the end of February and a week or so into March.

If you manage to snag one (or more) this weekend, Bohdi recommends chopping it into large chunks and saving it in the freezer for zest. Inside the curled yellow fingers there is very little or no pulp; the fruits are all peel and pith, like the spongy white tissue between wedges of a lemon.

Bohdi says she usually buys them in threes. One is used for zest. The second, she saves in the freezer to boil during cold season because the steam eases congestion.

"In ten minutes you get your lungs back and can breath," Bohdi said.

Her third Buddha's Hand doesn't get eaten at all.

"I'll use one whole one for potpourri," Bohdi said. "I chop it up and put it in a wicker basket and let it dehydrate in a cool area. It makes the whole house smell like you just cleaned. It's the best lie for housewives. It's awesome."

In China, the fruit symbolizes happiness and long life, according to information from the University of California Riverside. The tree is popular in Asia as an ornamental, often in bonsai form. A 19th century treatise on citrus mentioned Buddha's Hand had been brought to California from Japan, but as late as the 1980's it was difficult to find outside of private gardens. Now the fruit is available at Asian markets, some groceries stores and two Santa Monica farmers markets while in season.

"They're so funky on the tree," Bohdi said of the plants on the Murray's 350 acres of farmland in Kern County. The fingers start out closed and then bloom outward. Since their season typically begins in October, Bohdi calls them witches' hands. "We say it's the haunted lemon tree on the farm."

While some make the fruit into medicinal oils, the fruit can easily be turned into candy. Simply chop up a hand, blanch the cubes

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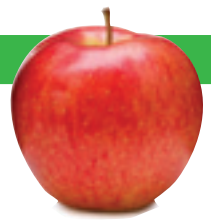

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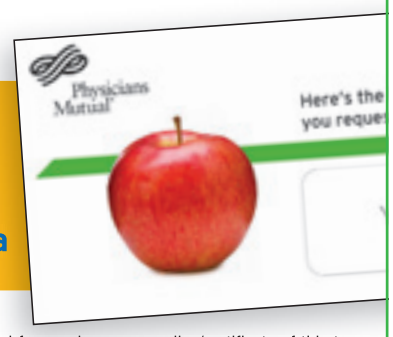
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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 biweekly 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.

ESL Classes at SMPL

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St. 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 6

Ocean Park Film Series: Crash (2004)

Film historian Elaina Archer screens and discusses this film about Los Angeles citizens with vastly separate lives who collide in interweaving stories of race, loss and redemption. Ocean Park Branch, 2601 Main St. 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Write Away at Fairview

Gain support and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. Noon - 2:30 p.m.

Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro - Reading

A work in progress reading with playwright and Beach House Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro, who is working on a trilogy of plays that explore California's Central Valley through religion, politics and identity. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

"This Golden State" with Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro

A work in progress reading with playwright and Beach House Writer-in-Residence Luis Alfaro, who is working on a trilogy of plays that explore California's Central Valley through religion, politics and identity. Reservations are available at annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Montana Ave

Jewelry Store Robbery Suspect Identified

The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is seeking the public's assistance in locating the suspect believed to be involved in the armed jewelry store robbery that took place earlier this week at Curated Los Angeles, 1604 Montana Avenue.

The suspect is identified as Robert Art Abalov, a 32 year- old male. Abalov is approximately 5'7" tall, 145 lbs., brown short hair and brown eyes. Abalov is a Los Angeles area resident; however, his current whereabouts are unknown.

Following a preliminary investigation and evidence collected at the crime scene, SMPD Detectives have identified Abalov as the primary suspect involved in the robbery. Abalov should be considered dangerous. Do not attempt to contact him. If seen, please call 9-1-1 or call your local law enforcement agency immediately.

Anyone with information related to this case is encouraged to call the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8491.

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Citywide

Audit Subcommittee Discusses Independent Draft Compensation Study

At its meeting last night, February 28, the City of Santa Monica Audit Subcommittee met to review the draft staffing and compensation study from the firm Moss Adams.

The study, which began in June 2017, reviews policies and practices related to City employee compensation and staffing levels. The report provides observations and recommendations organized in the following categories: Wage and benefits packages, drivers of compensation and public safety overtime.

THE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEWED THE REPORT AND ITS TWELVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Enhance awareness and understanding of personnel costs by making this information readily accessible to the general public and provide explanations of each component of total compensation.
2. Develop and implement a formal compensation philosophy, including, but not limited to, compensation and benefits components, levels, and market competitiveness, to guide labor negotiations and set employee expectations with respect to compensation.
3. Evolve the in-house position-level compensation market study methodology to include medians and percentiles in accordance with best practices, accounting for labor relation requirements.
4. Continue to take steps whenever possible to mitigate the financial threat that pension liability places on the City.
5. Evaluate options to stabilize per-employee health care costs.
6. Consider staggering labor contracts and expanding the duration of all contracts to multiple years to reduce the burden of negotiations on the City.
7. Develop financial and operational strategies to prepare for possible future recessions, since the City may not be able to absorb a future recession as easily.
8. Explore strategies for mitigating personnel costs, such as hiring personnel at lower steps, and leveraging training programs to equip personnel to take on greater responsibility earlier in their career.
9. Implement an evaluation framework to assess the life cycle costs of proposed new programs and services, and evaluate outsourcing options, where applicable.
10. Continue initiatives already underway to develop a strategic plan, comprehensive performance indicators, and leverage the City's data for decision-making.
11. Continue to evaluate police staffing levels and use of overtime.
12. Conduct a staffing study to determine if additional firefighters are warranted to reduce the frequency of mandatory overtime.

The conversation focused on the need to create a plan to implement these recommendations as well as a strategy to curtail the City's unfunded CalPERS pension liability.

"The compensation study provides concrete recommendations that will help guide staffing and compensation decisions in the future to protect Santa Monica's fiscal health," said Councilmember and Audit Subcommittee Chair Sue Himmelrich. "The members of the advisory subcommittee supported the recommendations and emphasized the importance of protecting line level staff and tackling our CalPERS liability."

The report will be finalized and presented to the Audit Subcommittee at its next meeting on April 17, 2018. The Audit Subcommittee expects to vote on whether to present the report to the City Council in May, at which time Council could provide direction to staff to implement the recommendations.

The report was informed by interviews with staff, labor unions and eleven peer cities, including data volunteered by Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Torrance and Pasadena, among others. Data was gathered from the peer cities and from the State Controller's Office Government Compensation in California, and private sector cash compensation data was sourced from Economic Research Institute. This report includes observations and recommendations based on comprehensive data analysis. A previous draft provided to the Audit Subcommittee included early data that has now been refined and in some cases corrected. This has resulted in revisions to the report when compared to the November draft, such as police response times and staff workloads.

While the report indicates that every effort was made to get comparable data, not all information can be compared equally. Factors that contribute to this include differences in operating budgets, performance measurements, community priorities, level of outsourcing, geography, and departmental organization.

For more information about the Audit Subcommittee, meeting details and to view the report, visit https://www.smgov.net/departments/council/content.aspx?id=53159

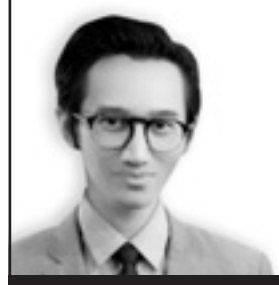
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POLICIES

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lack the proper equipment required to produce high-quality recordings. Only two locations, the Council Chambers and the Ken Edwards Center, possess the requisite technology. At all other locations, meetings are taped on handheld devices or tablets, which pick up unwanted background noises, rendering audio files difficult to understand.

In the summer of 2017, the City Council accepted a proposed schedule for audio retention, but the Council requested additional thought be put towards the length of time files should be required to be retained. This latest Information Item presents the results of Anderson-Warren's findings.

The report suggested two possible solutions. First, all future meetings could be required to take place in either the Council Chambers or the Ken Edwards Center, where high-quality audio recordings could be ensured. However, those sites are often occupied by other events and assemblies. Alternatively, additional recording equipment could be supplied to all locations where quasi-judicial bodies and advisory boards convene. Anderson-Warren estimated that it would cost around $48,000 each year to cover the cost for CityTV to record each meeting. Council would have to approve a budget increase if they wanted CityTV to provide recordings.

The report also proposed a number of steps be taken in an effort to craft a standardized, uniform audio recording protocol for Santa Monica. First, each committee and board would be required to retain meeting recordings for at least two years, with the option to hold them for three more years if necessary. Second, all quasi-judicial committees would be advised to continue to make their audio files available online; advisory boards would have no obligation to do so. Third, these new policies would be discussed with Department Heads, Division Managers, and Staff Liaisons. Fourth, Staff Liaisons would be advised on how to maximize sound quality and relay audio files to the general population. Finally, groups that currently meet at the Ken Edwards Center would be informed about the advanced technology at their disposal so they can fully utilize all of its features.

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SMMUSD

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Dr. Drati added that principals and staff within the district are "constantly evaluating safety protocols, trying to find ways to improve," adding if someone hears or feels something that makes them "feel uneasy", to report the behavior and student to administrators or call a school hotline.

To assist students that may be mentally troubled, the resolution asks elected state and federal legislators to fund schools to better serve students, asking to "hire additional psychologists, mental health coordinators, nurses, counselors, and social workers to support student mental health and well-being," as well as provide funds to help intervene with at-risk youth.

Boardmember Ralph Mechur agreed with Drati, praising the resolution, saying, "We don't need these weapons for a free and democratic society. Far from it. Supporting assault weapons ban and supporting local efforts to help children cope with important issues is necessary."

Public speakers addressed the issue, with local activist Jerry Rubin calling the resolution "much needed to figuring out this problem."

Another public speaker, however, didn't agree with the resolution.

Judson Yaker, a self-proclaimed parent of a student in the SMMUSD, read a letter he wrote for the Board. In his reading of the letter, Yaker questioned why, in his opinion, many public institutions besides schools have armed protection, adding that there's "hardly a grown man aside from a janitor" at schools.

The common sense gun law resolution was unanimously passed.

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Storm spares California area previously struck by mudslides

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

Rain moved through Southern California early Friday, sparing a strip of coastal communities from a repeat of deadly mudslides that struck in January.

Evacuation orders affecting up to 30,000 people on the south Santa Barbara County coast were lifted at midmorning.

"The worst of the storm has passed and we are cautiously optimistic that due to a significant amount of pre-storm preparation we have come through this with minimal impact," said Rob Lewin, director of the county Office of Emergency management.

Rain fell at a rate of 0.6 inch (1.5 centimeter) per hour and initial assessments showed no damage to electrical, gas or water service, the county said.

Some minor roadway flooding occurred, but the region's main highway, U.S. 101, remained open throughout the storm.

Officials said 87 percent of those in the threatened areas complied with the evacuation order, which was issued because of concern the storm could unleash debris flows from mountains burned bare by wildfires.

The order encompassed 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 were Goleta, Santa Barbara, Montecito, Summerland and Carpinteria.

Sheriff Bill Brown said the evacuation was ordered because models of the storm showed a "risk to life and property and risk of disruption to critical services."

Department of Public Works official Tom Fayram said there would have been problems if not for work that had been done to clear channels of debris from the January storm.

A voluntary evacuation was also lifted in neighboring Ventura County, where debris blocked a rural highway.

The storm pressed on across metropolitan Los Angeles, where the National Weather Service said there could be flooding near five wildfire burn areas. Heavy snow was expected in the mountains.

In the Sierra Nevada, a snowboarder who went missing during a blizzard Thursday was found dead at Squaw Valley near Lake Tahoe. Placer County authorities identified him as Wenyu Zhang, 42, of Rocklin. The cause of death was not immediately determined.

The blizzard warning expired Friday in the Sierra Nevada, where forecasters said moderate to heavy snow and howling winds would last through Saturday. Travel through the range was discouraged.

Twenty-four-hour Sierra snowfall totals by early Friday included 4 feet (122 centimeters) at Mammoth Mountain.

The snow will help the snowpack, which is vital to the state's water supply and has only been about a quarter of its normal depth for this time of winter. It's also a boon for skiers and snowboarders.

AP reporter Scott Sonner in Reno, Nevada, contributed to this story.

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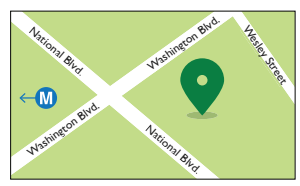


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March Events from the Santa Monica Conservancy

The History of Carnegie Libraries
Saturday, March 10, from 3 - 4 p.m.
Ocean Park Library
2612 Main Street

In honor of the Ocean Park Library's 100th birthday this year, the Santa Monica Conservancy is co-hosting a talk on the history of Carnegie libraries by Ken Breisch, Conservancy board member emeritus and USC professor. As the author of the panoramic and visually stunning American Libraries 1730-1950, Breisch will trace the development of Carnegie libraries in the United States and how the Ocean Park branch was funded and built. This event is free but seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Julia Morgan Legacy Day
Sunday, March 11, from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway

Join the Conservancy in a special commemoration of Julia Morgan, California's first licensed female architect. She designed more than 700 projects, including the Marion Davies' Guest House and pool at the Annenberg Community Beach House as well as Hearst Castle. Morgan was posthumously awarded the AIA's highest honor, a Gold Medal, and her brilliant and pioneering work continues to gain public recognition.

Tour the Guest House and learn more about Julia Morgan from Karen McNeill, Ph.D. in her talk, "Women Who Build: Julia Morgan & Women's Institutions." Conservancy docents will provide insights into Morgan's life and work. The event is free and reservations are requested. RSVP online or call (310) 458-4904.

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Kate Cagle

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and then boiled them in simple syrup. After draining and cooling over night, the resulting gummies are similar to candied lemon peel: chewy and sweet and not at all bitter.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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WATER TEMP: **56.8°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
SW/S swell mix for exposures. Small windswell.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FEBRUARY 21, 2018 AT 7:30 A.M.

Officers were conducting a periodic check at the 1600 block of the I-10 Freeway for any quality of life issues, located two subjects, male and female, sleeping in a sleeping bag on the embankment. Officers recognized both subjects from previous encounters. Both subjects had court ordered stay away orders from that area. The male subject had an order against him being in contact with the female subject due to previous assaultive behavior. Shane Ryan Ikenroth, 32, homeless was arrested for violation of Protective Order and a municipal code violation. Bail was set at $20,000. Kendra Renee Croad, 38, homeless, was arrested for warrants and a municipal code violation. Bail was set at $70,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 362 Calls For Service On Mar. 1.

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

Shots fired 1500 block 12th 12:43 a.m.
Loud music 1700 block Ocean 12:50 a.m.
Transport prisoner 300 block Olympic 12:55 a.m.
Grand theft 1400 block Santa Monica 1:00 a.m.
Drunk driving 220th / I-10 1:06 a.m.
Trespassing 400 block Santa Monica Pier 3:16 a.m.
Battery Wilshire / Centinela 4:36 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean 5:20 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1400 block 3rd St Prom 6:14 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block Ocean 6:32 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 6:56 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2500 block 23rd 7:07 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 2nd 7:15 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block Hill 7:41 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block Euclid 7:57 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block The Beach 8:01 a.m.
Prowler 2600 block 29th 8:15 a.m.
Stalking 500 block Euclid 8:26 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Centinela 8:36 a.m.
Hit and run 25th / Wilshire 8:41 a.m.
Burglary 800 block 6th 8:51 a.m.
Hit and run Franklin / Arizona 9:05 a.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block Pico 9:24 a.m.
Trespassing 700 block Santa Monica 9:59 a.m.
Fight 1100 block Lincoln 10:54 a.m.
Grand theft auto 300 block 22nd 10:59 a.m.
Petty theft Chelsea / Wilshire 11:04 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 6th 11:09 a.m.
Petty theft 3200 block Santa Monica 11:13 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 3100 block Wilshire 11:20 a.m.
Traffic collision Ocean / Colorado 11:59 a.m.
Fight Ocean / Colorado 12:19 p.m.
Trespassing 2400 block Santa Monica 12:28 p.m.
Elder abuse 1900 block 10th 12:44 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Wilshire 3:10 p.m.
Person down 200 block Broadway 3:10 p.m.
Battery 3000 block 16th 3:30 p.m.
Traffic collision 1700 block Ocean 3:41 p.m.
Panic alarm 1900 block Main 4:29 p.m.
Fraud 400 block San Vicente 4:30 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 5:50 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln / Santa Monica 6:23 p.m.
Traffic collision Stanford / Wilshire 6:29 p.m.
Public intoxication 2nd / Santa Monica 6:47 p.m.
Traffic collision 1900 block Lincoln 7:17 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 block Santa Monica 7:58 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Arizona 8:08 p.m.
Hit and run 3rd/ Marine 11:18 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 41 Calls For Service On Mar. 1.

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Emergency Medical Service 1300 block Franklin 12:20 a.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block Santa Monica 12:26 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Oak 1:46 a.m.
EMS Lincoln / Wilshire 6:25 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 2nd 6:29 a.m.
EMS 3100 block 17th 7:59 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 8:05 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1600 block Wilshire 8:07 a.m.
EMS 200 block 19th 8:20 a.m.
Traffic collision 14th / Pico 8:39 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block Pico 9:08 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 10th 9:22 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 9:29 a.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 11:59 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Euclid 12:13 p.m.
EMS 2600 block 28th 12:22 p.m.
EMS 700 block Pico 12:23 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Euclid 12:25 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:07 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Neilson 1:41 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 2:26 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block Wilshire 3:06 p.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 3:09 p.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 3:12 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Euclid 3:25 p.m.
Traffic collision 6th / Ocean Park 4:04 p.m.
EMS 16th / Montana 4:37 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 3rd 5:08 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 5:15 p.m.
Traffic collision Stanford / Wilshire 6:30 p.m.
EMS 2nd / Santa Monica 6:46 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1100 block 4th 7:19 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 7:49 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield / Pico 8:51 p.m.
Assist LAFD 26th / San Vicente 9:31 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Ocean Park 10:16 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Georgina 10:24 p.m.
EMS 800 block Broadway 10:28 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Arizona 10:42 p.m.
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Power#: 16
Jackpot: 321M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/27
10 17 21 38 43
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 243M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/1
4 12 13 15 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/1
MIDDAY: 6 8 4
Draw Date: 3/1
EVENING: 2 6 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/1
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:44.54

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

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■ In Kansas, a man came down with a salmonella infection after taking rattlesnake pills (which contain dehydrated, ground-up rattlesnake meat) he had purchased in Mexico. The pills are often marketed as a treatment for cancer and HIV infections, neither of which has been proven.

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for pulled pork sandwiches is 45 in 10 minutes, held by Joey Chestnut, who also holds the current records for most pork rib meat (13.67 pounds in 12 minutes), pulled pork sliders (62 in 10 minutes) and pork roll sandwiches (43 in 10 minutes). A professional speed eater, Chestnut clearly knows how to make a pig of himself.

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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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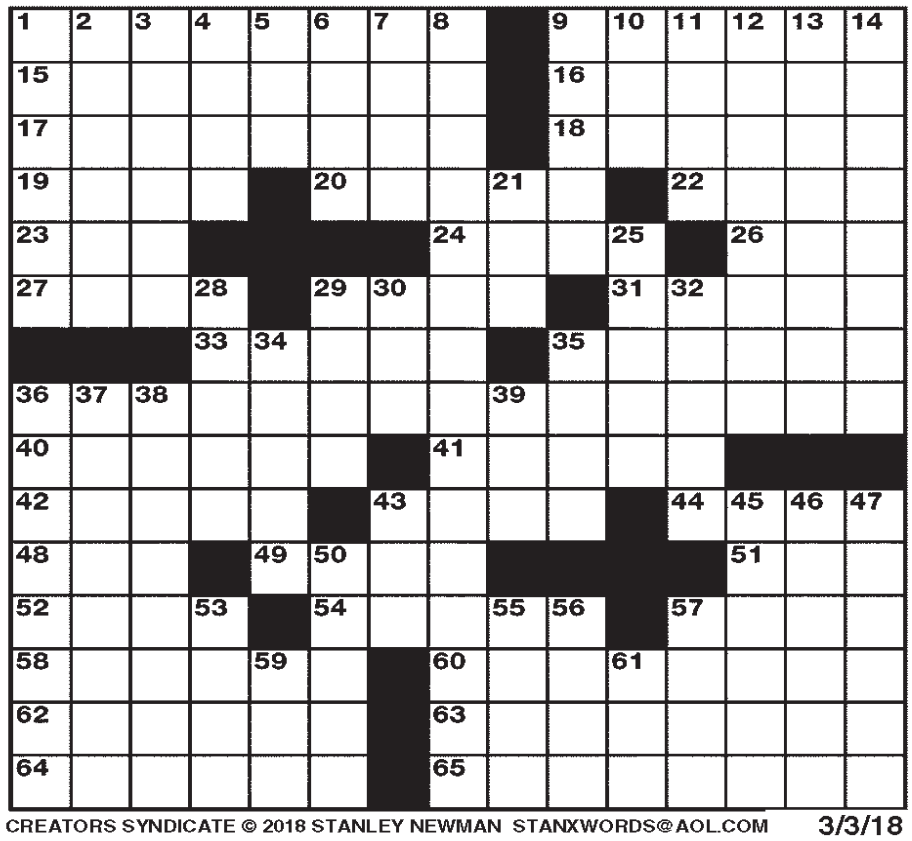
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Sidekicks, from the Spanish
9 Nursery rhyme start
15 Prefix for calling
16 Not quite coming to
17 Chuck E. Cheese's, in part
18 Animation
19 Go slow, in a way
20 Colorado's North and South Table Mountains
22 "Freedom from" feeling
23 "I [heart] INSURANCE" button wearer
24 What an orchestra tunes to
26 Name on Bourbon Pecan Pie pints
27 Group-activity ending
29 Sound of thinking
31 Displayed disfavor
33 Take a wrong way
35 Seashell used for leis
36 Procrastinator's justification
40 Scrap heap, perhaps
41 Call up
42 Look at very closely
43 College exam that includes Integrated Reasoning
44 Most tailor's chalk
48 *Exclamación de entusiasmo*
49 Apple purchase of 2010
51 Pal preceder
52 Center of power
54 Land south of Athens
57 At hand
58 Botanical berry
60 Raccoon cousin
62 Band leader
63 Foster
64 Bus fares
65 Numerous sitcom characters

DOWN
1 Culminate
2 Mid-Atlantic state symbol
3 They play *Carmen*'s title role
4 Fully level
5 Maestro
6 Where Dell Computer got started
7 English analog of the Nordic nickname Ditte
8 Some DVD set starters
9 *Violino* __
10 Sight from many a pass
11 *Confidante*
12 Hotel Maitai Polynesia locale
13 Opinion introducer
14 Antonym of "skipper"
21 Nickname of the president born the same day as Darwin
25 Kindling material?
28 Sushi bar stock
29 Highlanders and Cherokees
30 Cost
32 Baby with big eyes
34 She beat Evert for her first pro win
35 Black waterfowl
36 Fake
37 FBI agent in *Tower Heist*
38 Saw . . . *Kimmy Schmidt*
39 Knoxville-based agcy.
43 Exclamation of frustration
45 List of talking points
46 Added ornamentation to
47 Gets over
50 Online navigation aids
53 Hardly thrill-filled
55 What's up with some weddings
56 Penetrating nature
57 __ soap
59 Product produced from peat
61 Animation



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 3)

This year you'll have the sort of people in your life who will grow and change right along with you, celebrating all of your incarnations – what an astounding treasure! Also it will get easier and easier to see and take the steps leading to your own happiness – simple, yes, but people are generally not so good at this. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 27, 6, 10 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your leisure is another person's work, and your work is another person's leisure. From this frame, it's really not what you do, but the quality of relaxation you bring to it that puts it in the category of enjoyment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The biggest winners have failed the most times. The great people have failed greatly. Failure is the best teacher, though a reviled one. Is that really fair? Befriend it instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's said that fate doesn't like to be tempted, although you're not one to live your life by the preferences of others, not even fate. You're curious about what will happen if you hang a temptation in the air, and you'll find out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The confident move is to let people take as much space as they need without interjecting your own feelings on the matter. However, it should be noted that sometimes the most confident move doesn't accomplish your aims.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Your instinct will be to make quick decisions. Often they will be fast, sometimes not – and that's fine, too. Wrong choices lead to right choices for those committed to learning from them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Count on it: This is not going to unfold in the way you expect, but it will unfold in the way it's supposed to. Interruptions will be lucky and lovely. Extras and additions will be better than the main event.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
There are many ways to expand your creative potential, but the one that will most appeal is the same one you employed so often as a child: copying the older kids as you played and managed the challenges of life together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. A conversation is only as strong as its most sensitive topic. And a relationship is only as strong as its most vulnerable aspects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Because learning comes with its own payoff (complete with a wonderful change in brain chemistry at that "I've got it!" moment), it can be very seductive to stay in the education bubble. Take courage. Step out and apply it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'll be around physical beauty and intellectual beauty, both equally attractive at first. However, over time, intellectual beauty may grow as quickly as physical beauty fades.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You'd rather solve your own problem than appear needy. But people want to help. That's a need, too, and one that would be easy for you to serve. Just ask for the help they need to give.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Plato suggested to his young student, "Time will change and even reverse many of your present opinions" – a fine reason to steer clear of the big topics. The same will apply to you today.

Listening Moon

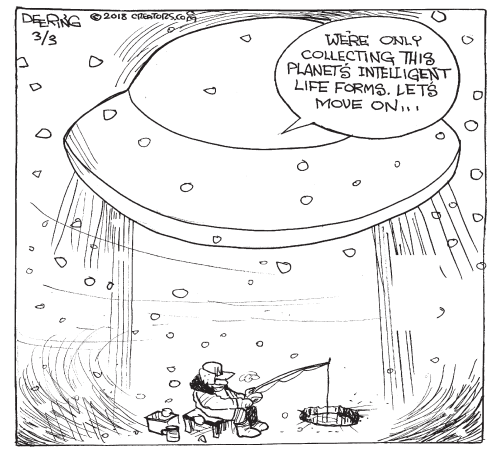
One way to ensure that you're always right is to speak strictly on topics you know everything about. You can also employ this strategy when your aim is to be an insufferable bore. No? Then, forget about right and be attractive instead. That's mostly accomplished through good listening. The Libra moon helps with these kinds of graces.

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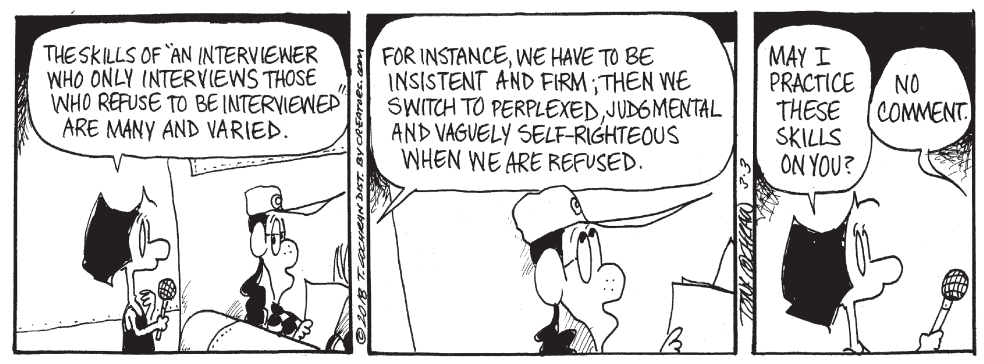
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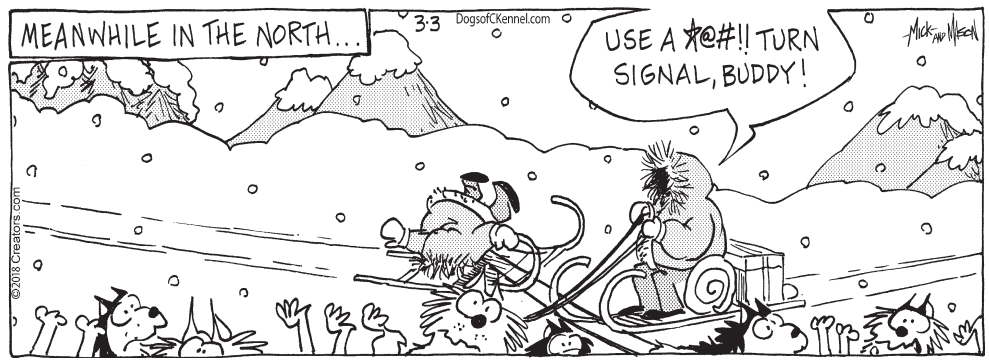
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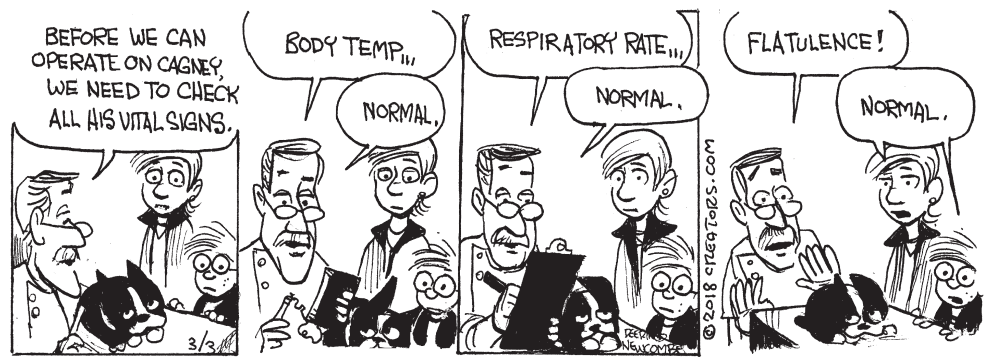
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Westside Food Bank

The second grade class at Saint Matthew's Parish School observed the 100th day of classes this year with a food collection and math project benefitting Westside Food Bank and the college food pantries it serves. The project has become a tradition at the school, and serves to introduce young learners to the idea of helping those less fortunate while practicing important math skills like estimating, adding, and analysis. "We love to use the 100th day of school to combine math with service learning. St. Matthew's Parish School has been a huge supporter of the Westside Food Bank for many years. The Second Grade teachers and students are thrilled to be able to contribute in this small, but meaningful way. We practice grouping and counting the cans by 2s, 5s and 10s and then use mental math to arrive at the total. This year we broke all our previous records with 195 cans!" commented Sarah Miller, Second Grade teacher. This year's food collection was focused on foods that would be useful to college students such as pop-top cans of soup and beans, peanut butter, and granola bars. Food insecurity among college students has reached record levels with one in 4 UC students and two thirds of community college students lacking access to enough food. The food will go to college students in need via food pantry programs at UCLA, Santa Monica College, Mount Saint Mary's College and West Los Angeles College.

For more information on Westside Food Bank and its member agencies, visit www.wsfb.org



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100: Some schools use the 100th day of class as a teaching tool.

Tax bill could prompt development in poor neighborhoods

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More than 800 of California's poorest neighborhoods could see new development thanks to tax breaks included in last year's federal tax bill.

A little-noted provision of the federal tax overhaul passed in December allows investors to avoid paying taxes on all or part of their capital gains from investments in areas designated as "opportunity zones." The goal is to spur development in areas that have traditionally been overlooked.

Gov. Jerry Brown can recommend up to a quarter of California's high-poverty census tracts as places where developers are eligible for the breaks if they invest in housing, business parks or other developments. On Friday he recommended mostly poor urban neighborhoods around Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire, but also included portions of 54 of the state's 58 counties.

The program could help extend the economic boom that has rained prosperity on some areas of California, Panorea Avdis, director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, told reporters in a conference call.

"We know that it hasn't be realized consistently between Northern and Southern California and even between the coastal and inland areas of the state," Avdis said.

Some experts, though, are skeptical.

Evidence on the success of programs similar to the opportunity zones is inconclusive, and if executed poorly, it could end up displacing residents of poor neighborhoods or benefit developers in neighborhoods already seeing development, Adam Looney, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, wrote this week on the organization's website.

The impact on local residents is ambiguous, he said.

"It's a subsidy based on capital appreciation, not on employment or local services, and includes no provisions intended to retain local residents or promote inclusive housing," Looney wrote.

Investors won't have to pay taxes on their earnings as long as they hold onto the investment for at least 10 years. They can avoid a portion of the capital gains tax if they sell after five years. An estimated 3 million people live in the affected neighborhoods, but it's unclear how many investments would likely result from the tax breaks, said H.D. Palmer, a spokesman for the state Department of Finance.

Brown focused his 798 initial recommendations on areas with especially high poverty and at least 30 businesses, hoping that the development spurred by tax breaks will include job-creating firms on top of badly needed housing.

A third of them are in Los Angeles County, 97 in the Inland Empire counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, 31 in Orange County and 43 in San Diego County. In Northern California, six counties surrounding the more prosperous San Francisco Bay would get 67 opportunity zones and Sacramento County would get 38.

Brown is seeking feedback by March 15 on areas to add or remove from the list and must finalize his recommendations by March 21. The U.S. Treasury Department has the final say on which census tracts are eligible for opportunity zone tax breaks.

States have used a variety of methods for choosing which areas to make eligible for tax breaks. Connecticut Gov. Daniel Malloy, for example, is encouraging local governments to apply for his consideration.

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