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Storm leaves California with just 39 percent average snow

BY ELLEN KNICKMEYER & RICH PEDRONCELLI
Associated Press

California water officials tromped through long-awaited fresh snowdrifts in the Sierra Nevada mountains Monday, but a welcome late-winter storm still left the state with less than half the usual snow for this late point in the state's important rain and snow season.

Runoff from snow in the mountains historically provides Californians with nearly a third of their water for the whole year. Monday's snow surveys in the mountains by state water officials, with news crews in tow, is one of several closely watched gauges of how much water California cities and farms will have.

Plunging a rod into a snow drift, snow-survey chief Frank Gehrke measured 41.1 inches (104.4 centimeters) of snow Monday, almost all of it laid down by a heavy winter storm that rolled in Wednesday.

On Monday, the Phillips Station measuring location was up to 39 percent of the historical average for the date, compared to just 7 percent of its usual snow before the storm dropped up to 8 feet 2.4 meters) of snow, Gehrke said. Across the Sierra, the state was at 37 percent of normal snowfall as of Monday.

"Of course we don't know what the rest of the month is going to bring," Gehrke said. "But it is a much rosier, happier picture than it was a week ago."

California had accumulated less than a quarter of its normal snowpack for the year before last week's storm. By February, most of Southern California was back in drought, owing to a dud of a rain and snow season so far

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Council will learn homeless count results tonight

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council will learn the scope of the current homeless crisis Tuesday when City Manager Rick Cole reveals the numbers from this year's January homeless tally during their first meeting in March.

The numbers will give the Council a chance to review the City's approach to helping homeless individuals get off the streets by helping them connect to local services. There are now a number of outreach teams already working in the city limits, including a specialized police unit and a multidisciplinary team that includes a social worker.

A new public/private partnership to brainstorm new ways to tackle the homeless crisis also gets off the ground this week. The City's new Homeless Steering Committee (SMHSC) will meet for the first time Wednesday, March 7 at 6 p.m. at Roosevelt Elementary Auditorium at 801 Montana Avenue. The committee is a gathering of more than 50 public and private partners from local businesses, churches, service providers and elected officials to develop strategies to address homelessness.

The SMHSC will focus on advocacy for housing, mental health and employment opportu-

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Residents lose homes after second fire at condominium complex



Courtesy Robbie Piubeni

FIRE: A woman was trapped inside a burning apartment building Saturday night.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

As a chunk of the roof at a condominium complex at 425 Marine Drive melted and collapsed from a raging fire Saturday night, a woman trapped inside was on the line with a 9-1-1 dispatcher.

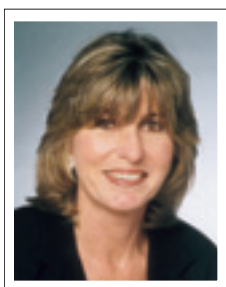
"They couldn't get out because the fire was between them and the exit path," said Santa Monica Fire Department PIO Captain Patrick Nulty.

As the first responders pulled up to the flaming complex, a live electrical power line stretched across the front of the structure. It was less than five minutes after the first 9-1-1 calls lit up dispatcher's telephone lines at the police station and the roof was already coming down. The trapped woman's phone call was the only way firefighters knew there was someone still inside.

"They knew structural compromise had already taken place and it was very dangerous to make entry into the building," Nulty said.

Despite the danger, a team of firefighters ran down a neighboring side yard to get to the condominium located at the back of the property. The firefighters were able to get into her townhouse where the roof remained intact and bring the resident to safety.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

SCBWI Westside Writer's Mingle

A monthly meeting of SCBWI, an organization of children's writers and illustrators. Open to all. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market Downtown

Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 8

Design in 3D: Phone Stand

Use a free computer program called Tinkercad to create a phone stand for 3D printing. Skills learned here are applicable in creating a variety of fun and useful 3D printable objects. No experience required. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 4 - 6 p.m.

Just for Seniors: 'Appy Hour' Device Workshop

Bring your smartphone or tablet and get small group help to get you started with using your device. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 9

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.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon announces professional field

The Conqur Endurance Group announced the professional field for the 2018 Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon, which takes place on Sunday, March 18. More than 30 professional runners from six countries will join over 24,000 athletes to run the iconic "Stadium to the Sea" course. The men's' field is strong and features a showdown with winners from the past three years confirmed, 2017 men's field defending champion Elisha Barno (Kenya), 2016 titleholder Weldon Kirui (Kenya) and 2015 titleholder Daniel Limo (Kenya).

"The storylines run deep in this year's professional field," said Tracey Russell, Chief Executive of Conqur Endurance Group. "With a men's field that features no less than three past champions and a promising women's field with athletes from all corners of the globe, we expect an exciting contest and a great race."

Reigning champion Elisha Barno is seeking to retain his current title as the Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon Men's Champion. With a personal best of 2:09:45, Barno will be challenged by returning Ethiopian runner Gebresadik Adihana, who won in the Marrakech Marathon and Prague Marathon posting 2:08:55 and 2:08:47, respectively. Following closely behind Barno and Adihana will be Houston and Twin Cities Marathon winner Dominic Ondoro from Kenya with a personal best of 2:08:00. Top runners from Ethiopia, Japan, Kenya, Ukraine, and the United States will also join the men's international professional field, including previous Kenyan winners Weldon Kirui and Daniel Limo.

"This is one of the most exciting marathon fields I have been up against with the past three winners of the Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon all competing on March 18th," said Elisha Barno, defending champion of the 2017 Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon. "I can't wait to race against this field; I am going to be pushing myself to the limit to try to defend my crown."

Headlining the women's field defending champion and Grandma's Marathon winner Hellen Jepkurgat (Kenya), with a personal best of 2:31:07, will be competing against Macau 2015 Champion Olena Shurkhno (Ukraine) who has a personal best time of 2:23:32. Two Ethiopian competitors, Dire Tune and Tsehay Desalegn, will also be competing to claim the women's title. Each athlete has personal best times under 2:32:08. The international field will also include Mitsuko Ino of Japan and Yenni Susan Bermudez of Mexico.

"The Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon's Stadium to the Sea course is one of my favorite marathon courses," said Hellen Jepkurgat, 2017 Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon defending champion. "This year's race has attracted some amazing competitors and I can't wait to join them along the course as we push each other towards victory and hopefully, a personal best finish time."

Four U.S. men will round out the men's professional field including Jesus Campos, top three finisher at the Two Cities, Modesto and Bakersfield Marathons, Ruben Ramirez, active service member in the U.S. Marine Corp., and Fidele Jefferson, who ran 2:15:19 at the Chicago Marathon in 2013. Former Olympian and marathon Coach Lee Troop will join the elite field to honor one of his former athletes, Jonathan Grey, who recently passed away.

An accomplished group of women from the United States will challenge the international competitors, including 2017 Colfax Marathon winner Brittany Charboneay, 2017 Skechers Performance Los Angeles Marathon 4th place runner-up Joanna Reyes, and Kobe Marathon 3rd place runner-up Simegn Yeshanbel.

For the complete list of the 2018 Skechers Performance Los Angeles marathon professional field and additional information about the race, please visit www.lamarathon.com. For more information about Conqur visit www.goconqur.com.

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LOS ANGELES

Man arrested, accused of stealing McDormand's Oscar trophy

A man was arrested and is accused of stealing Frances McDormand's Oscars trophy after the Academy Awards on Sunday night, Los Angeles police said.

Terry Bryant, 47, was arrested on suspicion of felony grand theft, said Officer Rosario Herrera, a police spokeswoman.

"After some brief time apart, Frances and her Oscar were happily reunited. They celebrated the reunion with a double cheeseburger from In-N-Out Burger," McDormand's publicist, Simon Halls, told The Associated Press.

McDormand received the Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

The Oscar statuette was allegedly stolen during the Governors Ball after party, authorities said. Bryant had a ticket for the event, Herrera said.

The two-time Oscar winner, who swept trophies at the Golden Globes, Screen Actors Guild, Independent Spirit and BAFTA ceremonies, beat out Sally Hawkins of "The Shape of Water," Margot Robbie of "I, Tonya," Saoirse Ronan of "Lady Bird," and 21-time nominee Streep of "The Post" at Sunday's Oscars.

In "Three Billboards," McDormand played Mildred Hayes, a hardened woman seeking justice for her daughter's murder in the crime drama.

Her first Oscar came for the 1996 film "Fargo," directed by her husband Joel Coen and his brother Ethan.

Bryant was being held on $20,000 bail Monday morning, police said.

A telephone number for Bryant couldn't immediately be located and it wasn't clear if had an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

A video that posted live on a Facebook page that appeared to belong to Bryant showed him kissing and flaunting a statuette during the Governor's Ball.

"Look it, baby. My team got this tonight. This is mine," he said, turning the trophy toward the camera, before kissing it on the head.

As he spun around in a circle, Bryant solicited congratulations from those around him.

"Who wants to wish me congratulations?" he asked fellow revelers who were walking by, before posing for several selfies.

"You know what, I can't believe I got this."

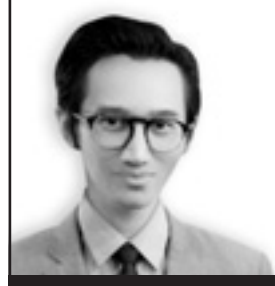
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Change Is Good

AFTER TWO WEEKS IN NEW ZEALAND where I spoke at the Global Speakers Summit, I'm home. I believe that one should see the world to better understand one's home. Touring the north island of New Zealand was an eye-opening experience on multi-culturalism. It is a country that is 73% European, 12% Maori and 15% other (mostly Indian is my guess), where the acceptance of, and hospitality towards immigrants and tourists is stupendous.

My brother and I stayed in several different towns as we toured along the west coast from Auckland to Wellington and up the east coast. At one of these stays we had a hotel staffer named Sergei. He was from Western Siberia and had emigrated to New Zealand in order to build a new life for himself. His was an inspiring story of self-motivation and hard work to rebuild a life in a foreign country.

I came across many people who were reinventing their lives. It seems that thinking globally is a truly Kiwi attitude and I found out why when we stopped at a glassblower's gallery. The chatty saleswoman (who was of 'a certain age') shared with us that post-WWII, when she was a young woman, the government and business community encouraged people to travel the world for two years. Industry considered two years of world travel as an appropriate resume line item that qualified one for priority in hiring. Coming from a good family that could afford to help her, she traveled extensively and as she put it, "It expanded my understanding of the world, and my country."

Part of travelling is dealing with the changes, both expected and unexpected, that come with new situations. For example, I was driving on the left side for 5 days; in a right-hand drive car. I didn't cause, or get into any accidents, and I even parallel parked twice, but it was definitely an experience in realizing how much of my driving is done on autopilot. I am used to the turn signals being on the left, but that's the wiper actuator on a right-hand drive car. I had a very clean windshield for the first two days.

It is the change in outlook though that I think was so valuable. Change is important as it keeps us on our toes. I was exceptionally alert as a driver my first three days driving because of the new situation. I believe that there is value in that. I was paying more attention to the road, and to the sights along it as a consequence.

Change is good and we need more of it in our society. I'm not the only one to think so either. There is a petition being circulated to impose term limits on our city council. This petition would put to the voters the question of whether or not to limit our councilmembers to 3 terms for a lifetime maximum of 12 years on the council. Mary Marlow, chair of the Santa Monica Transparency Project and current city councilmember Sue Himmelrich are the proponents.

The proposal would apply to current councilmembers so they would be limited to three more elections, if I read it correctly. As a city, we have had quite the history of what were almost lifetime members on the council. I think this is a bad thing.

I know the argument in favor of long serving members is that they have an institutional memory, that they "prevent" the lobbyists from taking over and controlling 'freshman' members. I'm not buying that. We have quite the extensive city bureaucracy to fulfill the role of 'institutional memory' and if the lobbyists have to work a bit harder for their money, so be it.

Every democracy needs fresh insights on a regular basis and we should make sure that happens with term limits. It was good enough for President George Washington to self-impose a voluntary term limit, but that was in the days when there was some honor left among government servants. These days it appears they will not self-limit, so we need to impose limits upon them.

It does not speak well of our servants that they do not have regular rotation of leadership (the honorific of Mayor being excepted therefrom) and allow newer, underserved populations to put forth a representative on the council.

There's really only one proper quote to close this column with, and it's from Mark Twain of course, "Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Conspiracy charges filed against 2 lawyers for Suge Knight

One current and one former attorney for rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight have been indicted on charges including conspiring to bribe potential witnesses in his upcoming murder trial.

Los Angeles County prosecutors announced Monday that Matthew Fletcher and Thaddeus Culpepper were also charged with three other felony counts.

The indictment says Fletcher attempted to pay off witnesses who could provide favorable testimony at Knight's trial, and alleges Culpepper agreed with a confidential informant that he would provide false testimony.

Knight remains jailed while awaiting trial for running over two men in January 2015, killing one.

The attorneys were released Monday on their own recognizance after a court appearance. They're scheduled to be arraigned March 16.

Culpepper, and Fletcher's attorney Mark Geragos, did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment.

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LOS ANGELES

Diver rescued after becoming ill off Southern California

The Coast Guard says a woman was reported to be in stable condition after being medevaced from a diving vessel off Southern California.

The Coast Guard was called Sunday afternoon when the 53-year-old woman experienced chest pains after surfacing from a dive near Anacapa Island.

A helicopter from the Coast Guard base at Point Mugu hoisted the woman aboard and flew her directly to the UCLA health system's hyperbaric chamber.

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FIRE

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The trapped woman and four of her neighbors lost their homes but did not require medical attention.

Video shared on social media showed flames shooting several stories into the air as neighbors evacuated their homes. Firefighters worried a single spark could spread the fire to other buildings. They immediately called for a second alarm, which brought in all remaining SMFD units along with additional personnel from the Los Angeles Fire Department.

It took 53 firefighters nearly two hours to put out the roaring fire that destroyed the six million-dollar Ocean Park condos. The building has been red-tagged and investigators are focused on figuring out what sparked the blaze.

On Monday, firefighters were looking into hiring a crane to lift some of the wreckage out of the way so they could have a better look through the remaining debris.

"The cause won't be known any time soon because of the amount of damage," Nulty said.

The co-op was constructed in 1975, according to real estate website Redfin, with a single two bedroom, two bathroom unit worth up to $1.3 million.

Firefighters responded to a fire at the same address last year on Dec. 13 but were able to contain that blaze to the first floor of one unit. The first fire broke out in a condo in the process of being remodeled and no one was home at the time. Neighbors were able to evacuate and were unharmed. All of them, however, were displaced because flames damaged the electrical feed and crews were unable to restore power.

Fire investigators are looking into a possible connection between the two incidents.



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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type "B" license, on the following: **Bid #18.18.ES-DSA#03-118524 Malibu Middle High School – Paint, Floors & Doors Bldg. F, I & G Project at Malibu Middle High School.** This scope of work is estimated to be between **$550,000 - $750,000** and includes construction of, Painting, Flooring, Doors, Interior Renovations and other associated improvements. All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90405 on or before 4/19/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the site, on 3/8/18 at 10:30 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan room www.crplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 4/5/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalification called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Job Walk:
Thursday, 3/8/18 at 10:30 AM

Job Walk location:
Malibu Middle High School located at 30215 Morning View Drive, Malibu, CA 90265 – All Attending Contractors MUST meet representatives at the Construction Managers Project Job Trailers located in the upper parking lot near the Boys & Girls Club.

Bid Opening:
Thursday, 4/19/18 at 2:00PM

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

CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON FEBRUARY 22, 2018 AT ABOUT 3:20 P.M.

Officers responded to a request from the Fire Department regarding a person acting erratically with an infant. Officers arrived and detained the subject for an investigation. Officers met with Fire Department Personnel and learned they were flagged down by several passersby about the subject walking through traffic with a stroller carrying an infant. The subject was weaving in and out a traffic nearly colliding with several vehicles. Offices noticed the subject was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. The subject was determined to be the father of the infant. The subject was taken into custody. The child was released to the custody of the mother. The infant was not injured. Maarten Borghans, 47, from Santa Monica was arrested for child neglect and public intoxication. Bail was set at $100,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 303 Calls For Service On Mar. 4.

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

Domestic violence 900 block 3rd 12:02 a.m.
Overdose 300 block Santa Monica 12:05 a.m.
Fight Main/ Hill 1:22 a.m.
Attempt burglary 2500 block 7th 1:45 a.m.
Panic alarm 800 block Santa Monica 1:57 a.m.
Sexual assault 2900 block Main 2:23 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block Montana 2:43 a.m.
Traffic collision 2nd/ Broadway 4:06 a.m.
Party complaint 1000 block Ashland 4:45 a.m.
Burglary 2600 block Centinela 7:19 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd/ Arizona 8:37 a.m.
Trespassing 2500 block Pico 9:07 a.m.
Assault 1200 block Lincoln 10:10 a.m.
Traffic collision 17th/ Ocean Park 10:21 a.m.
Trespassing 2400 block 34th 11:36 a.m.
Battery 1500 block Ocean 11:55 a.m.
Burglary 1000 block 9th 12:08 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block Wilshire 12:13 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block 26th 12:35 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Ocean Park 12:52 p.m.
Trespassing 2500 block Santa Monica 1:04 p.m.
Person down 3rd / Ocean Park 1:07 p.m.
Battery 1100 block 7th 1:25 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Olympic 1:35 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Centinela 1:40 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block Broadway 1:54 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1000 block Chelsea 2:03 p.m.
Person down Lincoln/ Pico 2:06 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block 32nd 2:15 p.m.
Loitering 1600 block 7th 2:19 p.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 14th 2:42 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean / Pico 2:57 p.m.
Trespassing 2500 block 6th 3:11 p.m.
Illegal weapon 2000 block Main 3:52 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield / Santa Monica 4:24 p.m.
Burglar alarm 3100 block Wilshire 4:30 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block Maple 4:39 p.m.
Burglar alarm 400 block 9th 5:09 p.m.
Drunk driving 22nd/ Wilshire 6:21 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Colorado 6:24 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 6:49 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block Ocean 7:26 p.m.
Trespassing 1200 block Lincoln 7:33 p.m.
Burglar alarm 2200 block 23rd 7:47 p.m.
Fire 400 block Marine 8:41 p.m.
Party complaint 2300 block 5th 9:06 p.m.
Battery 2000 block Colorado 9:31 p.m.
Loud music 1700 block Ocean 9:41 p.m.
Fire 2400 block Beverley 10:40 p.m.
Fight 600 block Ocean 11:34 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 42 Calls For Service On Mar. 4.

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

Emergency Medical Service 500 bock Ocean Park 1:38 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:56 a.m.
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EMS 2600 block 32nd 2:56 a.m.
EMS 500 block Ashland 5:54 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 7:04 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Beverley 8:05 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Santa Monica 8:19 a.m.
Structure fire 2800 block Colorado 9:32 a.m.
EMS 800 block California 10:01 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 10:24 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Colorado 10:36 a.m.
EMS 15th / Arizona 10:53 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 11:07 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Pacific 11:21 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600 block Pico 11:43 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Wilshire 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Stanford 11:59 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 3rd St Prom 12:57 p.m.
EMS Main / Olympic 1:31 p.m.
EMS 2900 block 31st 3:27 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 3:44 p.m.
Traffic collision 26th / Broadway 3:50 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 9th 4:10 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 4:12 p.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Pico 4:40 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 4:49 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 15th 5:07 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 5:16 p.m.
EMS 200 block Ocean 5:29 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 6:04 p.m.
EMS 900 block Wilshire 6:25 p.m.
EMS Euclid / Santa Monica 7:43 p.m.
EMS 6th / Hollister 8:11 p.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 8:41 p.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block Palisades 11:08 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 11:15 p.m.
EMS 12th / Montana 11:16 p.m.
Outside fire 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 11:19 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 24th 11:21 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Lincoln 11:23 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 9th 11:26 p.m.

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 3/3
13 17 25 36 40
Power#: 5
Jackpot: 348M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/2
24 28 42 60 64
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 265M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 3/3
6 24 42 43 45
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 15M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/4
11 15 20 26 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/4
MIDDAY: 7 7 1
Draw Date: 3/4
EVENING: 5 0 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/4
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:45.94

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WORD UP!

peculate

1. to steal or take dishonestly (money, especially public funds, or property entrusted to one's care); embezzle.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1998, American researchers announced they had cloned calves perhaps capable of producing medicinal milk. Creating two identical, genetically engineered calves containing human DNA was declared a step toward mass production of human drugs in animals. Their goal was to turn cows into drug factories, mass producing milk that contains human proteins important for treating human diseases.

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for rice balls is 20 pounds in 30 minutes, held by Takeru Kobayashi; no doubt temporarily depriving several local Japanese sushi bars and a few weddings of raw material.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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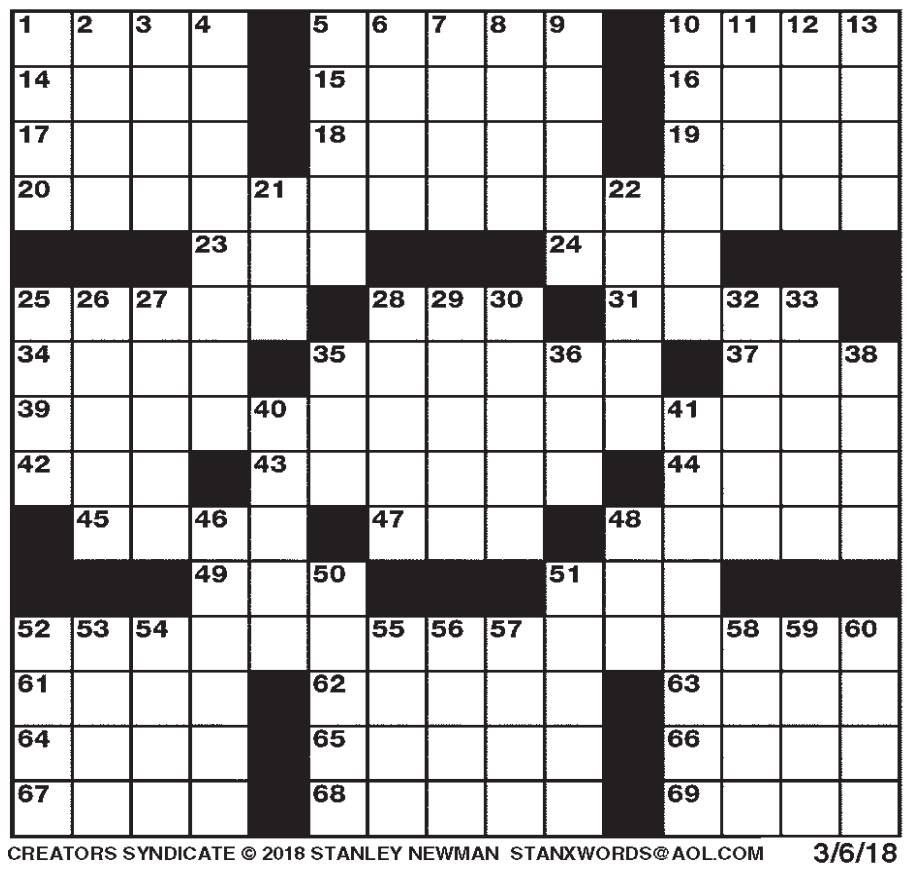
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Newsday Crossword

WORD OF MOUTH by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Cover with asphalt
5 Logical rationale
10 Kitchen invaders
14 Small bills
15 Sports venue
16 Sandbox bucket
17 Fix, as a manuscript
18 Distrustful
19 Untidy heap
20 "I'll never tell a soul"
23 "Give __ break!"
24 Liquid for frying
25 Watchband
28 Well-chosen, as words
31 Lump of whipped cream
34 Pirates' plunder
35 Deliver a sermon
37 Church bench
39 Loaded with weapons
42 Writer Edgar Allan __
43 "You are not!" comeback
44 Pseudo-sophisticated
45 Separate into pigeonholes
47 Sailor's affirmative
48 Doesn't leave
49 Airport landing abbr.
51 __ Baba
52 Verbal lapse
61 Broad-based
62 Dog biscuit, for a dog
63 Spaces between things
64 Exclamation from a 37 Across
65 Itty-bitty
66 On the peak of
67 Clutter-free
68 Takes a break
69 Nashville's st.

DOWN
1 Limerick, for one
2 Raggedy doll
3 Bride's headwear
4 Educated guess
5 Model-plane wood
6 Vicinity
7 Crystal ball user
8 About, in a memo
9 Final approval
10 Horrify
11 Hammer's target
12 Word-game piece
13 Snow coaster
21 Vitality
22 Black billiards ball
25 High-five sound
26 Spanish bulls
27 Juliet's love
28 Pleasant scent
29 Small-minded
30 Lake near Reno
32 Gig for a soprano
33 Crocker of cake mixes
35 High-school support grp.
36 Corporate VIP
38 __ and wherefores (motives)
40 "Same here"
41 Bothering a lot
46 Be regretful
48 __-mo replay
50 Subsequent to
51 Legal representatives: Abbr.
52 Graceful bird
53 Green citrus fruit
54 Creative spark
55 Family diagram
56 Cackling birds
57 Toward the sunrise
58 Entrance through a fence
59 "Once __ a time . . ."
60 Basketball fan's channel



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COUNT

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nities for the homeless, public safety, preserving public and open spaces and volunteerism. The meeting is open to the public and those interested in joining can contact humanservices.mailbox@smgov.net.

The 2017 homeless count found more people living on the streets than at any time since the City started conducting yearly counts in 2009. The number of people sleeping unhoused and outside shelters leapt 39 percent from 416 to 581 last year.

Over the same time, the County of Los Angeles saw a 23 percent increase in homelessness with 58,000 sleeping on the streets across the region. It is estimated that 30 percent of the homeless suffer from some form of mental illness.

In response to the crisis, Santa Monica hired a Senior Advisor on Homelessness, Alisa Orduna, to coordinate efforts across departments. She started her new role in February. The City will soon issue a Request for Proposal to hire a full time social worker for Santa Monica's Main Library. Every police officer has undergone new training on how to engage with homeless residents and those with mental illness.

There are also a number of initiatives that tackle housing, including a pilot program to help rent burdened seniors stay in their homes.

Two major spending initiatives approved by Los Angeles County taxpayers also promise to help the crisis, although their benefits will be spread throughout the region. Measure GS/GSH will finance more affordable housing through a $1.1 billion bond. It's estimated an approved Measure H sales tax increase will yield an additional $350 million per year for countywide homeless services.

The City Council will meet tonight, Tuesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. inside City Hall Council Chambers 1685 Main Street. The Council will enter closed session for legal discussions before moving on to public items.

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WEATHER

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this year.

It would take six more storms to bring the state up to its normal winter precipitation by April. The odds of that happening are about one-in-50, the National Weather Service cautioned.

March is typically the last month of the rain and snow season in the state.

California emerged only last year from a historic five-year drought that forced mandatory water conservation for cities and towns, dried wells, and caused massive die-offs of trees and many other native species.

The Los Angeles-based Metropolitan Water District, the country's largest urban supplier of water, plans to vote in April on increased funding for conservation programs, spokeswoman Rebecca Kimitch said.

"One storm isn't going to ... make up for what has been a very dry few months," Kimitch said.

California's rainy season is often this kind of a cliffhanger, Daniel Swain, a climate scientist at the University of California, Los Angeles, said last month.

The state is dependent on a handful of significant storms for its water, so things can turn around quickly, he said.

California's reservoirs are at 106 percent of their historical average for this point in the year thanks to last year's rains, said Chris Orrock, a spokesman for the state Department of Water Resources.

While the heavy snows in the Sierra Nevada are the main gift from the latest storm, it helps that arid Southern California got doused as well, Orrock said.

Rain in Southern California rain means reservoirs get filled and vital below-ground natural reservoirs depleted during the drought are replenished.

Knickmeyer reported from San Francisco

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6)

The next three weeks will bring exciting news, goodwill gestures and the completion of a task that's taken years to accomplish. Three key relationships will lead up to a grand adventure in the summer. A discovery will change your mind, and October brings a move. The best time to invest will be July and September. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 20, 22 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Focus on the issue at hand — or better yet, make sure it is squarely in front of your face. Give yourself a choice among options, but don't give yourself the option of procrastinating or doing nothing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

This is a day when you will begin and end things well. You'll have a stellar sense of what to start and how. But more importantly, you'll know how and when to conclude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Maybe you'd rather chitchat for 15 minutes than embrace for five seconds. There's something so intimate about a hug that it can be a little unnerving at times. Go for the hug anyway. It's what you need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Your creativity is flowing strong. All your ideas are good, but they're not all shareable. You don't want to overwhelm your audience. Stay on point. You don't want them to lose sight of the forest because one of the trees was so interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Much of the day will be spent doing things that you used to do because you had to. The difference is that now you're doing them because you can. It's an honor to be able to contribute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your life is mundane exuberance today — a riot of color — all because you know where to look and how to look at it. It's not just about the visuals, either... all of your senses are tuned in and searching for the celebration of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If you put up your shield against bad moods, you'll also be blocking out the livelier parts of life. Much will depend on the range you're willing to accept. The pendulum swings as far north as it does south.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Think twice before trading your information for a prize today. Most transactions are harmless, but err on the safe side. An adage for the digital age: If something is free, that means you are the product.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You have a knack for making the scene more vivid to those lucky enough to share it with you. Your secret: The layers of protection you've shed have allowed you to experience things more keenly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The richest one could be the one who has the most, or the one who needs the least. Either direction is acceptable. Go whichever way appeals to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

A lot of the conversation today is a competition. If you had to distil it to its essence, it would go something like this: "I'm the best." "No, I'm the best."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

To understand that money doesn't buy happiness doesn't necessarily make anyone happier with less money. Bottom line, you want more money, and you have your reasons, many of them nonemotional.

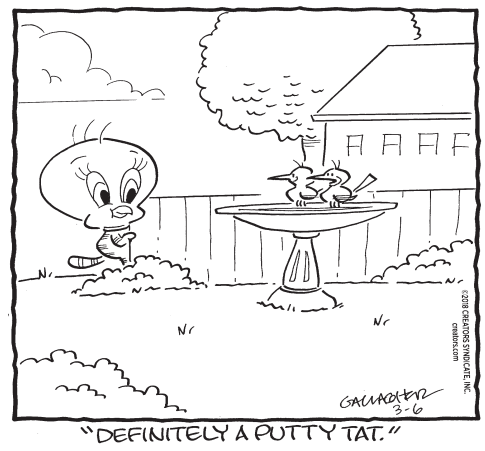
Transitional Time for Venus and Mercury

Do you believe that you deserve to have fun? How you answer may have more to do with your generation than your personality. Whether you think fun is a birthright or a reward for work, without enjoyment you're not going to be at your best. Give yourself some fun during this transitional time of Venus and Mercury moving into Aries.

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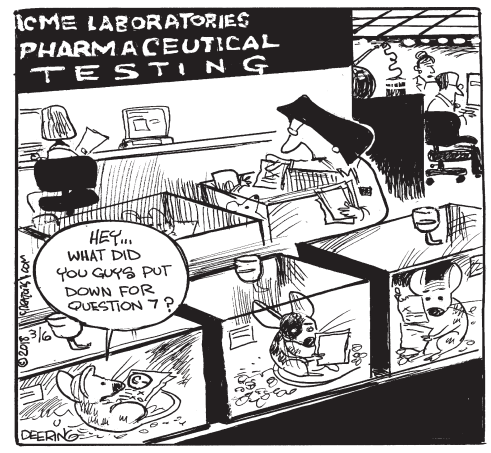
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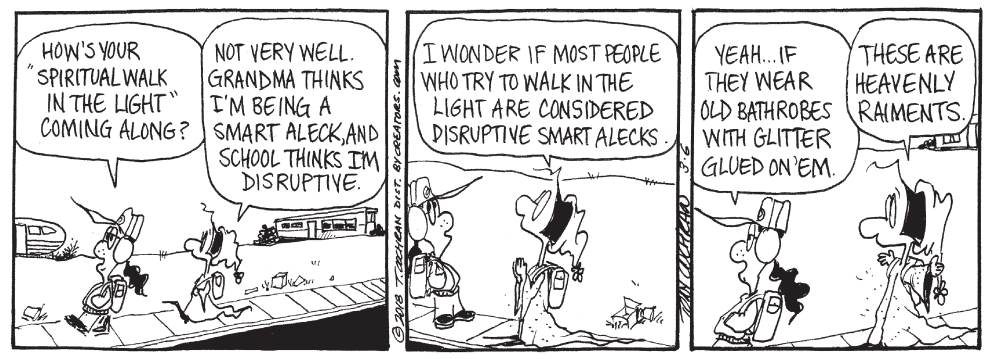
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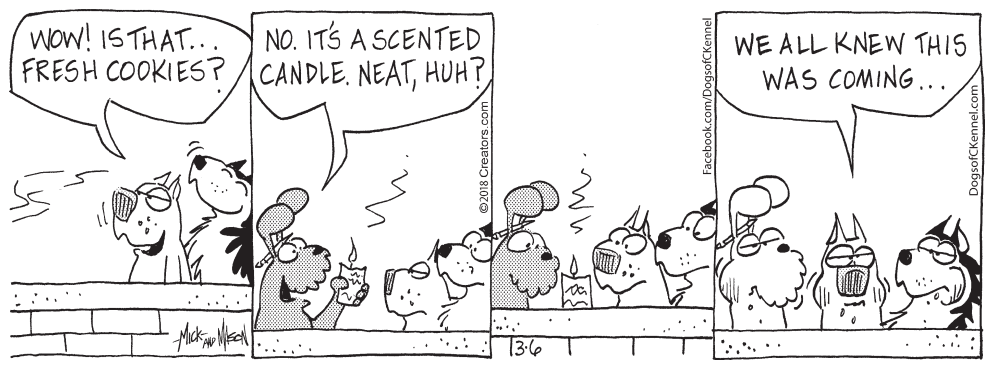
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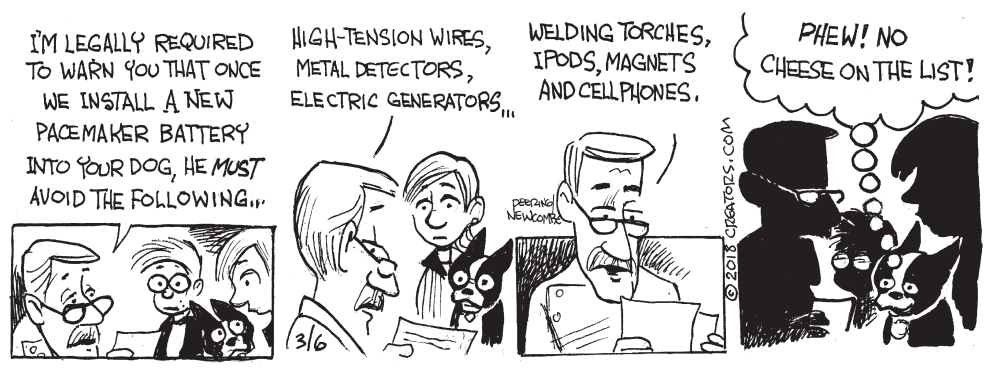
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By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

69th Annual "Stairway of the Stars" Concerts Set for March

For 69 years, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has presented an annual musical extravaganza, showcasing the talents of students from every school in the district and sharing its outstanding music education programs with parents and the community.

Nearly 1,000 elementary, middle, and high school students will star in three separate "Stairway of the Stars" concerts at Santa Monica High School's historic Barnum Hall auditorium. All three concerts will begin at 7 p.m. Parking will be available in the Civic Center parking structure on 4th Street at Civic Center Drive.

Tickets are available online on a first-come, first-served basis until noon on the day of each concert. Remaining tickets for each concert will be on sale at the Barnum Hall box office from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be assigned seating. Proceeds from the ticket sales go right back into the district's award-winning music programs. All SMMUSD staff members can attend for free by showing an official school or district photo badge at the box office the night of any concert. Concert schedule:

Choir Concert – Monday, March 12, 2018
https://stairwaychoir18.brownpapertickets.com/
Band Concert – Wednesday, March 14, 2018
https://stairwayband18.brownpapertickets.com/
Orchestra Concert – Friday, March 16, 2018
https://stairway2018orch.brownpapertickets.com/

"These three concerts are the culmination of hard work and dedication by our students and music instructors, and we look forward to exceptional performances again this year," said Superintendent Ben Drati. "We appreciate the support of our community through attending events and through direct donations, as well as through donations to our Education Foundation, which contributes to many of our successful visual and performing arts programs."

There will be a different guest conductor for each of the three Stairway concerts.

Choir Concert Guest Conductor — Lou De La Rosa is the Director of Choral and Vocal Studies and Chairman of the Department of Music & Dance at West Valley College in Saratoga, California, and his choirs have performed at the Kennedy Center and at Carnegie Hall. The choir concert will feature music by Handel, Beethoven, Rossini, Schumann, Smetana, Aaron Copland, and Maria Eugenia Leon. Band Concert Guest Conductor — Dr. Emily A. Moss is the Director of Bands and Director of Instrumental Music Education at California State University, Los Angeles. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Effective Teaching and Learning at Cal State LA. The band concert will feature music by John Philip Sousa, Gustav Holst, Dmitri Shostakovich, film composer James Newton Howard, and Grammy Award-winning jazz band leader Gordon Goodwin. Orchestra Concert Guest Conductor — Thomas Loewenheim is Professor of Cello and Director of Orchestras at California State University, Fresno, as well as Music Director of the Youth Orchestras of Fresno. He earned his bachelor's degree at the Rubin Academy of Music and Dance in Jerusalem, his master's degree at the University of Michigan, and his doctorate at Indiana University. The orchestra concert will feature music by Franz Joseph Haydn, Johannes Brahms, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov, Leonard Bernstein, and Astor Piazzolla.

The 2018 Stairway Honor Award will be presented to Tessa Vinson, a member of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band. After graduating from Santa Monica High School, she attended UC Santa Barbara, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the Manhattan School of Music, and joined the "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in 2008. On January 20, 2009, Tessa participated in the inaugural ceremony and parade for President Barack Obama before an estimated crowd of 1.4 million people.

SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

LOS ANGELES

Jury finds German man was sane when he set Los Angeles fires

A German man who set dozens of fires across Los Angeles during several nights of terror six years ago to avenge his mother's deportation was sane at the time, a jury decided Monday.

Harry Burkhart, 30, was previously found guilty of nearly 50 arson counts for fires he set around New Year's 2012.

Burkhart made good on threats to "roast America" following his mother's extradition to Germany on fraud charges, prosecutors said.

He placed fire-starting devices under cars in Hollywood, the San Fernando Valley and West Hollywood on three different nights, authorities said. Some vehicles were in carports and in 19 cases the fires spread to homes and apartments.

No one was seriously injured during the fires that caused an estimated $3 million in damage, but the blazes ignited widespread fear.

A surveillance video captured an image of the suspect and a deputy U.S. marshal recognized Burkhart as a man who had made an anti-American outburst during his mother's 2011 detention hearing.

He was arrested after a volunteer sheriff's deputy pulled over a van that matched the description of the vehicle the suspected arsonist was seen driving.

Defense attorney Steve Schoenfield argued that Burkhart was seriously mentally ill and asked jurors to find him insane. He said medical records from doctors in Germany, where Burkhart had lived in Frankfurt, had documented mental illness symptoms over many years.

Schoenfield said Burkhart believed his separation from his mother meant the world was coming to an end.

Burkhart was convicted of the arsons in September 2016, but the jury couldn't reach a verdict during the sanity phase of the trial.

Burkhart could face up to almost 90 years in prison when he is sentenced March 23.

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