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Santa Monica sees 11 percent increase in unsheltered population

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The number of homeless individuals sleeping on Santa Monica streets has increased 11 percent to 646 people, according to the 2018 Homeless Count numbers released by the City Tuesday. In addition, the annual count found 311 homeless people in shelters and other institutions, a decrease of nine percent from the 2017 count. Overall, the count found a four percent increase in the homeless population.

The city has 386 shelter beds, but some sat empty on the night of the count, according to Margaret Willis, Human Services Administrator for the city. Willis said sometimes beds are assigned to people who choose to sleep elsewhere for various reasons.

The city has been counting the number of homeless sleeping on the streets and in shelters during one night every January since 2009 to have a constant metric to measure the crisis. More individuals are sleeping on the streets than at any other time over the past nine years.

"The homeless count is a single moment in time. It is a few hours on one night in January," Willis said at a press conference Monday. "It is not the whole story. It doesn't tell us people's stories, it doesn't capture people who move in and out of homelessness throughout the year and it doesn't capture what people experience during the day."

This year's count signal a tapering off of last year's sudden influx of homeless people across the region. In Santa Monica alone, the number of people sleeping

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Parents concerned over reassignment of family engagement coordinator

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

An employee beloved by the Latino community in Santa Monica is to be reassigned, according to an adopted resolution by the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District. Although privacy policy doesn't allow the employee to be named, parents in the community say it's SMMUSD family engagement coordinator Aida Diaz.

In 2016, a similar situation with Diaz occurred. At the time, Diaz was the district's longtime coordinator for English language development programs. The district sought to eliminate that position in lieu of a new parent engagement position as well as a new language coordinator job to improve dual immersion in SMMUSD.

Parents were upset with the change to Diaz's job status then and they are upset with the

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OWL AWARDS

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, Commission on the Status of Women as the Organization of Women Leaders (OWL) host an annual networking breakfast in honor of International Women's Day and Women's History Month. The event recognizes women for their commitment to the community.

US attorney general to talk sanctuary policy in California

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Attorney General Jeff Sessions will travel to California to make a major announcement about sanctuary policies that limit local and state cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

Sessions is expected to speak Wednesday to law enforcement officials at an annual gathering of California law enforcement organizations in Sacramento.

Trump administration officials have promised to crack down on policies that keep local law enforcement from advising federal agents when they release immigrants living in the country illegally.

The administration has heavily criticized California, home to sanctuary cities such as San Francisco.

In addition, Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation last year imposing limits statewide on cooperation

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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.

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.

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.

Annenberg Guest House Tour

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

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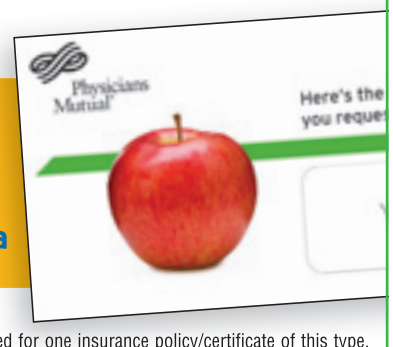
Saturday, March 10

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CORRECTION

In the Saturday, March 3rd edition of the Daily Press in the story, "SMMUSD to support common sense gun laws and student rights," we erroneously quoted Jud Yaker as saying, "there's hardly a grown man on school campuses" as opposed to "there's barely a grown man on campus," in regards to his child's school. The Santa Monica Daily Press apologizes to Mr. Yaker for the misrepresentation of his words and has updated the story to accurately reflect what was said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

18th Street

New jazz compositions at 18th Street Arts Center

Composer, trumpeter and music educator Samantha Boshnack brings her large body of multi-movement work to 18th Street Arts Center's annual Make Jazz Fellowship.

Based in Seattle, Boshnack is in residence at 18th Street Arts Center from through April 29, 2018. The new work she will develop during her time in Southern California explores seismic activity along the Ring of Fire through musical composition, experimenting with the friction of geographic shifts to create a new harmonic topography. This music examines our relationship with the earth we live on, and the element of risk and faith in that uneasy cohabitation. Movements of the work will draw on influences from some of the cultures and people living on the Ring such as Indonesia, Chile, western USA, Mexico and Russia.

Boshnack will be premiering the new work in two concerts across LA:
Samantha Boshnack: Works in Progress
March 19, Doors 8 p.m., Show at 9 p.m.
bluewhale, 123 Astronaut E S Onizuka St., Ste. 301, LA (Little Tokyo)

Samantha Boshnack: Seismic Belt
Make Jazz Culminating Concert
Friday, April 13, doors 7 p.m., Show at 7:30 p.m., free
Roth Hall @ Crossroads - 1714 21st Street,

18th Street Arts Center hosts its Make Jazz Fellowship annually with support from the Herb Alpert Foundation. This award to honor and support American jazz artists is awarded to an emerging jazz composer, and includes a three-month, fully funded residency and a culminating performance, as well as opportunities to lead master classes. This opportunity offers critical support for the artistic evolution of young Jazz artists who are establishing future directions for this unique American art form.

During her residency, Samantha Boshnack will start writing this expansive new work and continue her quest to adapt her compositional ideas for different kinds of musicians. She will debut the new work in two concerts at the bluewhale in Little Tokyo, and Roth Hall in Santa Monica. In addition, Boshnack will mentor students in the Jazz program at the California Institute of the Arts in Ventura. Boshnack plans to produce a recording of the new compositions at Seattle's Jack Straw Studios after the completion of her residency.

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San Diego

LifeProof Announces Official Sponsorship of World Surf League

LifeProof, the No. 1-selling waterproof case in the U.S., has announced a partnership with the World Surf League across 2018 North American events as well as the season kickoff, the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro Gold Coast.

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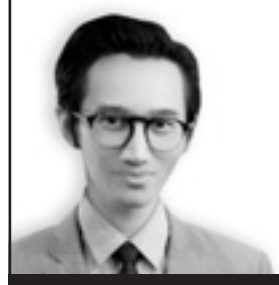
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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) Inviting Bids

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

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

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

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

Bid Opening:
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Why? Why should we have term limits for City Council members? Because we don't like them? Well, there is that…. I'M KIDDING! (They'll swear I'm not.)

The President has term limits. Congress doesn't but here are good arguments pro and con. Most Governors do (38 of 50); ours does. All our elected state officials except the Insurance Commissioner do. Most cities in California have them for their city councils. And here in Santa Monica we have term limits for just about everyone, even volunteer commission and board members — but not for our City Council. You have to ask, why is that?

Or maybe you don't have to ask. In many cities where term limits were established it was their city council who initiated the process. I'd say those are cities with representatives more concerned with serving their constituents by perpetuating good governance and limiting possibilities for corruption, than in personally getting re-elected, over and over and over.

If it's pretty certain you will be a City Council member next year and the next and the next, and another term and another (it's pretty hard for an incumbent to lose), maybe two dozen years running, there's a lot you can get done for people. But some of those people don't live here, or care about our city, only their own bank accounts, and they can make an awful lot of money from what you can do for them, and they will be grateful, and perhaps somehow show their appreciation.

MY GOODNESS, HARUMPH, HARUMPH

That can't happen here. Those who cite oh so many incidents and patterns in the last few years as indications that it has been happening are told that they are just being mean, paranoid and crazy, that there is no actual "evidence," there have been no prosecutions, nothing to see here, people, just keep moving.

So why is the train on Colorado, and on the ground, that makes it less safe and bisects our city and delays emergency services and... benefits developers of "transit-adjacent" properties? I know, there are all those good reasons for it. I just can't remember them right now but you can ask our longtime City Council member, mayor at the time, Metro board member and then chair of the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority Board of Directors, Pam O'Connor.

And if you have accomplished the unusual feat of getting her to talk to you, a constituent, please ask her about all the campaign contributions she has taken over the years from entities who had business in front of the Council, either before or after the contributions. Ask her how she interprets the anti-corruption Oaks Initiative passed by our voters in 2000. I guess City Council member Terry O'Day was not mindful of it when he accepted campaign contributions in the last election that earned him two Oaks violations and a whopping $500 fine for each. But then O'Day spoke in his recent district voting lawsuit deposition of how much money it takes to win a council seat. Not lamenting it, mind you, that's just the way it is, folks.

And while you've got her there, ask O'Connor also about the Elizabeth Riel firing which cost us the local taxpayers nearly a million dollars (Riel sued and won) — but she probably won't talk about it because when the questions turned to that during her recent deposition, she refused to answer and walked out, after 10 minutes. The court referee in the case ruled that California law "overwhelmingly" requires her to finish the deposition. She'll be back.

POSSIBLE CORRUPTION AT CITY HALL?

In an outside review in April 2016 to determine if there was any, conducted by attorney John C. Hueston, the review did not find that O'Connor violated anti-corruption laws in the dispute, only that she was "not mindful" of rules that prohibit the Council from either direct or indirect influence in hiring and firing. Not mindful. I guess that applies to all those campaign contributions too. If I run a stop sign or pass a bad check, will I get off by claiming I wasn't mindful at the moment?

Somehow Hueston missed checking a little further into the activities of council member and former Mayor Tony Vazquez, and his wife and 20-year SMMUSD school board member Maria Loya-Vazquez. They both have been investigated, by the school district and by the LA County district attorney's office regarding contracts given by the board to firms that hired Tony as a consultant (but he did not report those earnings). And I don't even have time to get into school board member Ralph Mechur's fees for remodeling the Vazquez' home, his contracts approved by the board and his subsequent appointment to the board.

So it turns out all the accusations all this time that elicited all the cries of no evidence, no prosecutions, you're crazy! — do perhaps have some basis in fact. We'll see. No one has yet been convicted and you are still innocent until proven guilty in this country. It is pretty interesting what depositions can do, to separate speculation from fact.

The fact remains that the City is fighting the district voting lawsuit gold tooth by gold polished nail. The attorney for the suit, Kevin Shenkman, told me that his deposition of Loya-Vazquez is being fought by the City's lawyers, "claiming this will invade her right to privacy and might hurt non-parties. They filed a motion for protection order but the discovery referee, same judge, threw it out. We had great difficulty trying to serve her with the order to testify and finally had to do it at a school board meeting."

Maybe, just maybe, term limits will make it less likely that these scenarios take place. Personally, I think it should be two four-year terms, not three. It's not a hot button issue like Hines or LV so the petition gatherers are slow in inching towards the 10,500 signatures of registered Santa Monica voters that they need. But we need this. It's a no-brainer. There really is no credible argument against it.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: "We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions." — Ronald Reagan

"When the President does it, that means that it is not illegal." — Richard Nixon

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Man charged with felony theft of Frances McDormand's Oscar

A 47-year-old man has been charged with stealing Frances McDormand's Academy Award.

Los Angeles County prosecutors said that Terry Bryant was charged Tuesday with stealing the statuette McDormand won for best actress from the official Oscars after-party in Hollywood on Sunday. Bryant could get three years in jail.

Video captured by The Associated Press appears to show Bryant walking with the statuette out of the party, the Governors Ball, and holding it up proudly to photographers and gawkers waiting outside.

One photographer didn't recognize him as an Oscar winner and followed and confronted him.

Police say Bryant handed back the statuette without a struggle. It was soon returned to McDormand, and Bryant was arrested.

McDormand won the award for her performance in "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri."

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LOS ANGELES

Playboy Mansion to get protected status under deal with city

The new owner of the Playboy Mansion has agreed to maintain the facade in its original condition under an agreement with the city of Los Angeles.

Daren Metropoulos entered into a permanent protection covenant for the 5-acre (2-hectare) property he bought for $100 million. He agreed to not demolish the 20,000-square-foot (1858-sq. meter) main residence as he proceeds with plans to connect the mansion and its grounds to his 2-acre plot next door.

The deal, announced Tuesday by Councilman Paul Koretz, will remain in effect for future owners. City News Service says the designation stops short of giving the building landmark status.

Hugh Hefner, who died last year, bought the estate in 1971 and made it into the epicenter of his Playboy brand and one of the world's most famous homes.

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NEW YORK

Investor group cancels deal to buy Weinstein Co.

A group of investors says it has pulled out of a deal to buy the beleaguered Weinstein Co., citing "disappointing information" about the viability of the sale.

Businesswoman Maria Contreras-Sweet made the announcement in a statement Tuesday. She did not offer more details about why the deal fell apart but said the group may still be interested in acquiring assets of the movie and TV studio out of bankruptcy proceedings.

The announcement came just days after Contreras-Sweet and the Weinstein Co. had revived the deal following arduous negotiations with New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who has filed a lawsuit against the company.

The studio has been trying to stave off bankruptcy since sexual assault and harassment accusations emerged last fall against its co-founder, Harvey Weinstein.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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RFP: #158 JOINT HOMELESS OUTREACH SERVICE PROVIDER

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REASSIGNMENT

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changes now.

During the school board meeting, seven public speakers spoke in support of Diaz, questioning why parents were informed on short notice (many telling the Daily Press they were informed Monday, February 26 of the Thursday, March 1 decision) that the district would reassign Diaz's position, a position that's made her invaluable to the Latino community.

Nancy Gutierrez, a 20-year bilingual community liaison, praised Diaz as, "for years, the glue that holds underrepresented parents, liaisons, and school administrators together," building a bridge for predominantly Latino and Spanish speaking parents to schools and the school system.

"Underserved parents require nurturing to fulfill their role as a parent in the district," Gutierrez said at the board meeting. "They connect with individuals they trust. For years, Aida Diaz has built many relationships with families. When they have problems, they seek her out because they trust her."

Gutierrez said that from her experience, parents had become more participatory in different programs and meetings solely because they knew Diaz would be there to assist parents personally or guide them to helpful resources.

Maria de Luna and Laura Hernandez are both parents who have benefitted from Diaz's personal touch, both discovering programs through Diaz to assist their special needs children.

"It helped me a lot because as a parent, I need someone else that knows how to help with special needs," Laura Hernandez said. "It's helped me meet parents meet others in that community. Aida also gives us a lot of support in Spanish. Spanish speakers are scared sometimes to speak up and Aida helps us engage with people."

Maria de Luna says Diaz is "like family, a true advocate," saying the family coordinator helped her get involved with the community, attending LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) and DELAC (District English Learners Advisory Committee) meetings as well as helping to meet others at the JOY Foundation and a special needs support group.

"It takes trust and it takes time to build a connection," de Luna said. "Losing Aida as a coordinator, you can't just start from scratch. If they (the Board) could at least sit there and go to the meetings and see her effect on the community, they could see what she does for us and change their mind."

"I strongly encourage you to listen to the parents," Gutierrez said, concluding her speech to the Board. "Honor what the parents are telling you, they want and need Aida Diaz." Gutierrez finished by commenting replacing Diaz would set relationships between minority parents and the school district back "years".

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unhoused and outside shelters leapt 39 percent in 2017 and the overall number that included those in shelters increased 26 percent.

Those numbers reflected a countywide trend, where homelessness increased 23 percent, with about 58,000 homeless people in the region. The County will provide context for Santa Monica's 2018 numbers when they release their own count information later this spring.

So far, the City has focused on alleviating the crisis by connecting individuals with existing services for housing, healthcare, food benefits or even bus tickets to get home to their families. Police, fire and library personnel have received additional training on how to deal with homeless individuals in public spaces and those who suffer from mental illness.

"We will engage every single person on the street in the city," City Manager Rick Cole told the Daily Press. Under Cole, the City has implemented SaMoStat, a monthly meeting between departments to compare notes and address citywide issues. Those meetings address public areas and individuals impacted by homelessness. The City has worked to build profiles of individual homeless residents and share information between departments (Cole says the departments do not share medical information or other data restricted by Federal and State laws).

"We're dealing with 650 folks on this list. We should know their names. We should know which ones are meth addicts, which ones are folks who are down on their luck and those kinds of things are within our ability," Cole said.

Next week, the city will expand its outreach program downtown with a new "C3 team" with a substance disorder clinician, a psychiatrist, and a part time physician to focus on helping individuals in parks and the downtown area.

"They'll be getting to know who's out there in the community, introduce themselves to the population and start to be a familiar face," Willis said.

The additional police officer training has freed up Santa Monica Police Department's Homeless Liaison Program to focus on the chronically homeless in the city, said the program's leader Sgt. Erika Aklufi. Aklufi shared a recent success story where her team was finally able to convince a 66-year-old homeless veteran to get medical help from the Veterans Administration.

"We found him very early one morning in one of our parks during park closure hours," Aklufi said. "It was extremely cold and we convinced him that now was the time he should try the VA again. He agreed and we were able to give him a ride over to the VA and fast track his intake into the VA and get him the medical services he needed."

While the city's outreach teams celebrate success stories, tackling the homeless crisis remains a daunting task without enough beds to get people into temporary or permanent housing. Through Los Angeles's Measure HHH, 460 new beds have been approved in that city, with about 1,100 likely to follow, according to Santa Monica's new Senior Advisor on Homelessness, Alisa Orduna.

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 opportunities 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.

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SANCTUARY

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with federal immigration officials, although there are exceptions.

ICE has said it will increase its presence in California, and Sessions wants to cut off funding to jurisdictions that won't cooperate.

His announcement comes after Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf warned of an immigration sweep in advance. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said hundreds of immigrants eluded detention because of her warning. Agents still arrested more than 200 people during a four-day sweep.

White House spokesman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Schaaf's tweet was an "outrageous" attempt to circumvent federal authorities and was under review by U.S. Justice officials.

Sessions has blamed sanctuary city policies for crime and gang violence and announced in July that cities and states could only receive certain grants if they cooperate. California is suing to force the administration to release one such grant.

His audience Wednesday includes members of the California Peace Officers' Association and groups representing police chiefs, sheriffs, district attorneys, narcotics investigators and the California Highway Patrol.

The groups' members have often been split on sanctuary policies. None of the groups favored the state law restricting cooperation with immigration officials, but only the California State Sheriffs' Association was actively opposed and some individual officials voiced support.

Protesters from labor unions, Democratic Party and immigrant rights organizations planned to rally along with some state and local elected officials outside the hotel where Sessions will speak.

State Attorney General Xavier Becerra is speaking to the same law enforcement organizations later Wednesday.

Becerra, a Democrat who is up for election in November, has been sharply critical of Republicans Trump and Sessions, particularly on immigration policies.

He has said federal authorities need to have warrants before collecting information from state employers or entering non-public areas.

He and other defenders say sanctuary policies increase public safety by promoting trust between immigrant communities and law enforcement, while allowing police resources to be used to fight other crimes.

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WEDNESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SSW/WNW swell creeps up.

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ON FEBRUARY 19, AT ABOUT 7:11 P.M.

Officers responded to Parking Structure #3 to assist a Public Service Officer with a subject that was found loitering in the lot. The subject was being detained for loitering in the parking structure, a violation of the municipal code. The subject refused to provide officers with any form of identification or identifiable information. The subject was taken into custody and transported to SMPD Jail. Rodney Lee Gorden, 35, homeless was arrested for loitering in a parking structure. Bail was set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 367 Calls For Service On Mar. 5.

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

Burglar alarm 1600 block Montana 12:35 a.m.
Threats 2200 block Colorado 12:41 a.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd St Prom 1:17 a.m.
Trespassing 2600 block Main 1:51 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1600 block Wilshire 2:24 a.m.
Public intoxication 1200 block Ocean 2:33 a.m.
Panic alarm 600 block 24th 2:58 a.m.
Public intoxication 300 block Olympic 3:30 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 2nd 4:59 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1000 block California 6:25 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2700 block Main 7:08 a.m.
Threats report 2200 block Colorado 7:50 a.m.
Trespassing 2500 block Santa Monica 8:59 a.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 5th 9:16 a.m.
Battery 4th / Santa Monica 9:19 a.m.
Public intoxication 1000 block Palisades 9:23 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 5th 9:57 a.m.
Battery 2300 block Main 10:13 a.m.
Fraud 500 block Arizona 10:53 a.m.
Domestic violence Lincoln / Wilshire 11:19 a.m.
Trespassing 1700 block 15th 11:25 a.m.
Rape 100 block Hill 11:35 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 11:37 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2200 block Michigan 12:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block PCH 12:16 p.m.
Trespassing 1600 block 5th 12:39 p.m.
Grand theft 2600 block Main 12:51 p.m.
Fight 1900 block Santa Monica 12:58 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block PCH 1:17 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 5th 1:21 p.m.
Hit and run Princeton / Santa Monica 1:34 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block 10th 1:48 p.m.
Public intoxication 26th / Broadway 2:41 p.m.
Battery 3100 block Santa Monica 2:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 2600 block Barnard 2:56 p.m.
Hit and run 5th / Santa Monica 3:07 p.m.
Domestic violence 1700 block Santa Monica 3:15 p.m.
Traffic collision 300 block Broadway 3:19 p.m.
Burglar alarm 200 block 19th 3:34 p.m.
Burglar alarm 200 block 19th 3:51 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block 15th 2:51 p.m.
Traffic collision 2600 block Barnard 3:55 p.m.
Traffic collision 5th / Wilshire 4:44 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 300 block Santa Monica 5:00 p.m.
Grand theft 100 block Santa Monica 5:04 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 5:14 p.m.
Hit and run 12th / Alta 5:30 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block Ocean 5:42 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 21 Calls For Service On Mar. 5.

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

Emergency Medical Service 2600 block 28th 12:03 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 21st 12:57 a.m.
EMS 800 block Woodacres 3:59 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 4:14 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Montana 4:43 a.m.
EMS 4th / I-10 9:03 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:16 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1000 block Pico 10:00 a.m.
EMS 100 block Washington 11:37 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 12:15 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block 23rd 3:28 p.m.
EMS 800 block 11th 4:13 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 5:07 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 5:31 p.m.
EMS 2300 block 6th 5:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2800 block Wilshire 6:08 p.m.
Odor investigation 700 block Palisades 7:50 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 11th 8:08 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Pico 10:58 p.m.
EMS 700 block Idaho 11:38 p.m.



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Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 265M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/5
6 8 11 30 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/5
MIDDAY: 2 5 5
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Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/5
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3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
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1. an abnormal fear of work; an aversion to work.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Bad Bug

■ This has been a very nasty flu season, both in terms of prevalence and severity. A primary reason is that the H3N2 influenza strain is more dominant this year than in other years, and the strain tends to make people more miserable and causes more death than other strains.

■ Helen Branswell at STAT cites three factors:

■ –H3N2 causes more outbreaks in long-term care homes, taking a bigger toll on the elderly whose cases of the flu can quickly become life-threatening pneumonia.

■ –Flu vaccines vary in efficacy. Current vaccines against strains like H1N1 are more effective than those against H3N2.

■ –H3N2 is a particularly cagey foe. It mutates and evolves at a faster rate than H1N1 or influenza B viruses, making it more difficult to subdue.

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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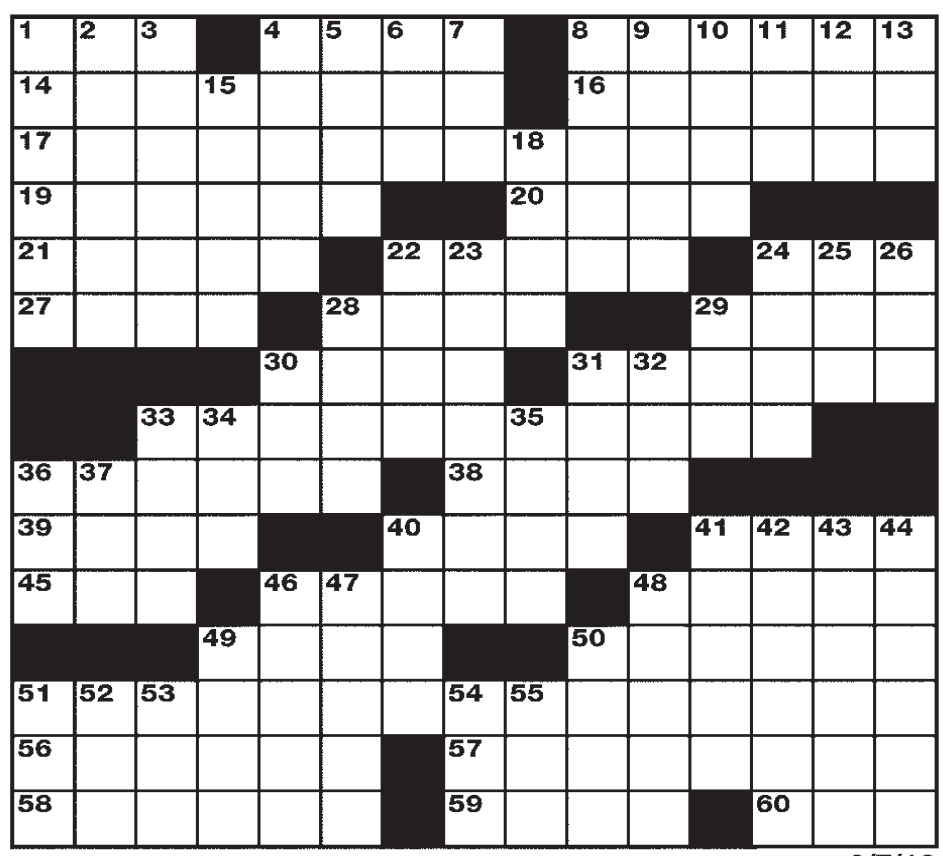
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4 Remedy
8 Insect or bird
14 Gives new form to
16 Venue
17 Very happy
19 Keen insight
20 Teheran's land
21 Toys with tails
22 Caulking material
24 Finance deg.
27 Snow vehicle
28 Armed conflicts
29 Peruse
30 Frisbee or puck
31 Thais and Taiwanese
33 Very happy
36 Of horses
38 Object of worship
39 Deceptive plan
40 "No ifs, __ or buts!"
41 Worry (about)
45 Go bad, as vegetables
46 Courageous
48 Big name in farm machines
49 Japanese soup ingredient
50 Quiet and restful
51 Very happy
56 Computer networking device
57 How some rye breads are made
58 Accentuate
59 Venus de Milo's lack
60 Home for hogs

DOWN
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2 SAT taker's implement
3 Sharp-witted
4 Behind-the-back garments
5 Conversant with
6 Penalty caller
7 Superlative suffix
8 On one's toes
9 Emphatic refusal
10 Computer screen image
11 Scratch up
12 Totally
13 Was in first place
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22 Time gone by
23 Bratty kids
24 Intend
25 Make illegal
26 Billboard displays
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29 River, in Mexico
30 Family room
31 Pop singer Tori
32 Spain's Costa del __
33 Remove from office
34 Compete
35 Sea swirl
36 Go wrong
37 Preserve the status __
40 Like __ of bricks
41 Not tame
42 Actor Keanu
43 Novelist Hemingway
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7)

This year it's ambition, faith, effort... then throw it in reverse. Everything is doable when you apply yourself consistently and sometimes relentlessly. Love is the luckiest thing that touches your life in the next three months. Keep showing how you feel. Connections and lifestyle improvements are part of the summer fun. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 30, 16, 28 and 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Wanting to do the thing or not wanting to do the thing is beside the point. You do the thing because you said you would, because it's good for you, because it's right. This is the way of exemplary character.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
It's said that the best things in life are free, exempli gratia: love, clouds, podcasts... and so much more today. Bonus: Someone will buy your way — not free, exactly, but close enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Head foggy? Does it take you longer to come to a conclusion? Do you forget why you walked into the room? It's because part of your mind is working on something mind-blowing and the other part of your mind is blown.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
There are tasks to be completed, and there is pleasure to be had. And there's no reason that both of those things can't be combined in the same activity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You can be cuddly, and you can try to snuggle in with your flock, but don't be surprised if they can't completely let down their guards. See, you're not a sheep. You're a lion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Time to face the "yuck" of yesterdays. Have no fear. There are many ways to let go of the past that don't include lying on your back in a therapist's office while repeatedly answering the question, "How did that make you feel?"

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You'll either burst through emotional blocks or wear them down by pushing ever-forward. You really can overwrite past baggage by creating new successes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Motivating people is your thing today. You'll be free with your enthusiasm, encouragement and ideas. Bonus: You'll be well-compensated for this, though perhaps not in a financial sense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
We are living in a realm of opposites — a dimension of polarization and contrast. One sign of emotional maturity is when people stop pointing out the contradictions of life and start accepting them as the norm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Watch your step. Perceptiveness on your part will help you to discover the golden opportunities hidden in a social situation — while avoiding the quicksand that's also hidden there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
If you're not making a mess, you're not living big enough. Though you usually clean it up solo, it's not always possible to get it back in order all by yourself. Ask for help.

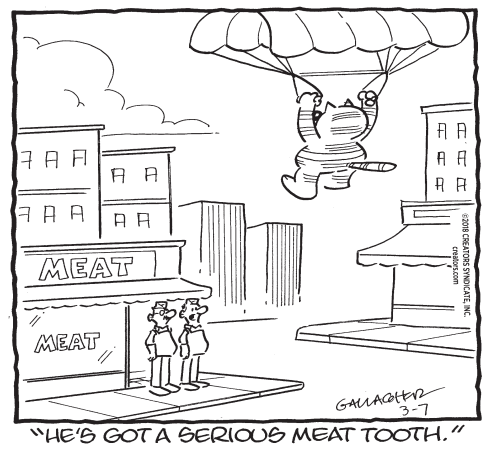
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You tell yourself that you don't really need closure — that life is a circle and therefore there is no end, and by extension, nothing to be closed. Tell yourself. But if you still feel incomplete, what exactly are the words you long to hear?

Last Day of Jupiter Direct

When the choice is between getting out in the world and meeting people or staying home and keeping to yourself, choose meeting people. It might not be more fun in any observable way, but it will put you in a position to focus on others. On the last day of Jupiter's forward motion, focusing on others is a key part of happiness, and it's an art that takes practice.

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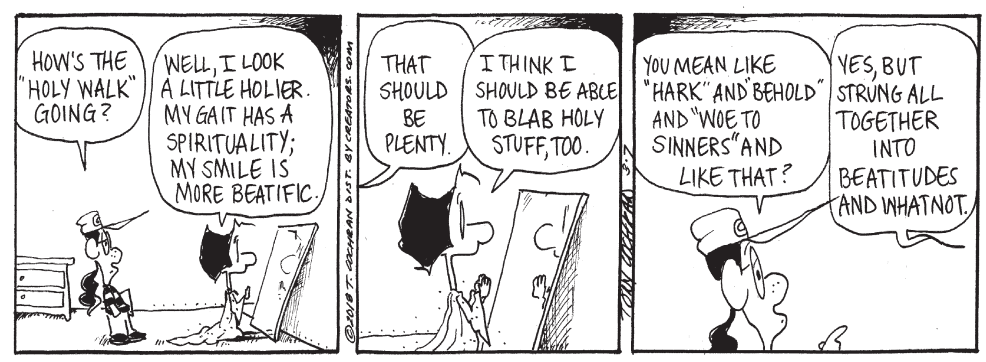


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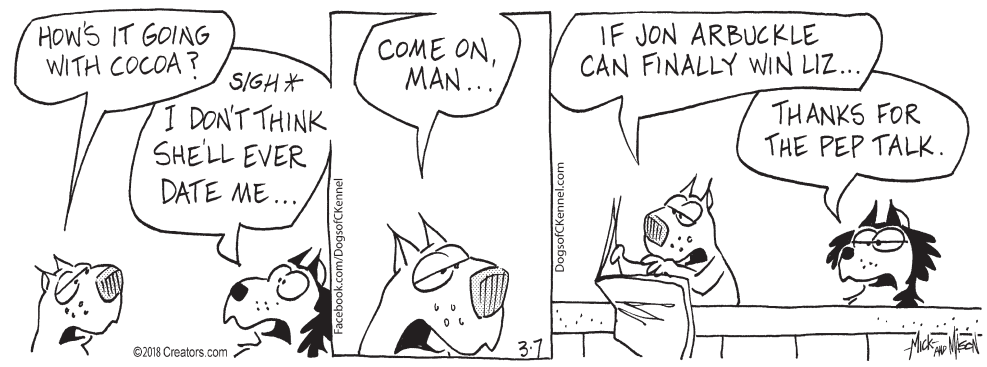
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Facebook, Twitter urged to do more to police hate on sites

KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press

Tech giants Facebook, Twitter and Google are taking steps to police terrorists and hate groups on their sites but more work needs to be done, the Simon Wiesenthal Center said Tuesday.

The organization released its annual digital terrorism and hate report card and gave a B-plus to Facebook, a B-minus to Twitter and a C-plus to Google.

Facebook spokeswoman Christine Chen said the company has no comment on the report. Representatives for Google and Twitter did not immediately return emails seeking comment.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the Wiesenthal Center's associate dean, said Facebook in particular built "a recognition that bad folks might try to use their platform" into its business model. "There is plenty of material they haven't dealt with to our satisfaction but overall, especially in terms of hate, there's zero tolerance," Cooper said at a New York City news conference.

Rick Eaton, a senior researcher at the Wiesenthal Center, said hateful and violent posts on Instagram, which is part of Facebook, are quickly removed but not before they can be widely shared.

He pointed to Instagram posts threatening terror attacks at the upcoming World Cup in Moscow. Another post promoted suicide attacks with the message "You only die once. Why not make it martyrdom."

Cooper said Twitter used to merit an F rating before it started cracking down on Islamic State tweets in 2016. He said the move came after testimony before a congressional committee revealed that "ISIS was delivering 200,000 tweets a day."

Cooper and Eaton said that as the big tech companies have gotten more aggressive in shutting down accounts that promote terrorism, racism and anti-Semitism, promoters of terrorism and hate have migrated to other sites such as VK.com, a Facebook lookalike that's based in Russia.

There also are "alt-tech" sites like GoyFundMe, an alternative to GoFundMe, and BitChute, an alternative to Google-owned YouTube, Cooper said.

"If there's an existing company that will give them a platform without looking too much at the content they'll use it," he said. "But if not they are attracted to those platforms that have basically no rules."

The Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Center is dedicated to fighting anti-Semitism, hate and terrorism.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED FY 2018-19 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program funds

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive community input to inform the development of the 2018-19 Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2015.

Copies of the Proposed FY 2017-18 One-Year Action Plan will be available to the public for a 30-day community review period, currently scheduled to begin on March 22, 2018 and end April 20, 2018. Copies will be available at City Hall and on the web at http://www.smgov.net/hsd or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by April 20, 2018.

All interested members of the public are also encouraged to attend this meeting and provide input.

The Public Meeting is scheduled at the
Housing Commission
Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
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1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

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