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Santa Monica College Corsairs defeat No. 8 Riverside City College Tigers in Regional final

CHELSEA HEALY
SMC Corsair / Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Corsairs (20-11) defeated the Riverside City College (RCC) Tigers (20-9) 66-54 Saturday, March 9 at Riverside City College to claim the Regional Finals.

SMC started out with a 7-0 lead in the first four minutes of the game. Kyle Young (#15) was the first to score with a lay up followed by a jump shot from sophomore Marcus Harris (#24) and then three-point shot by freshman point guard Teddy Parham (#1). The Tigers, ranked #8 seed in the Southern California playoff bracket, took their first timeout at 16:26 to

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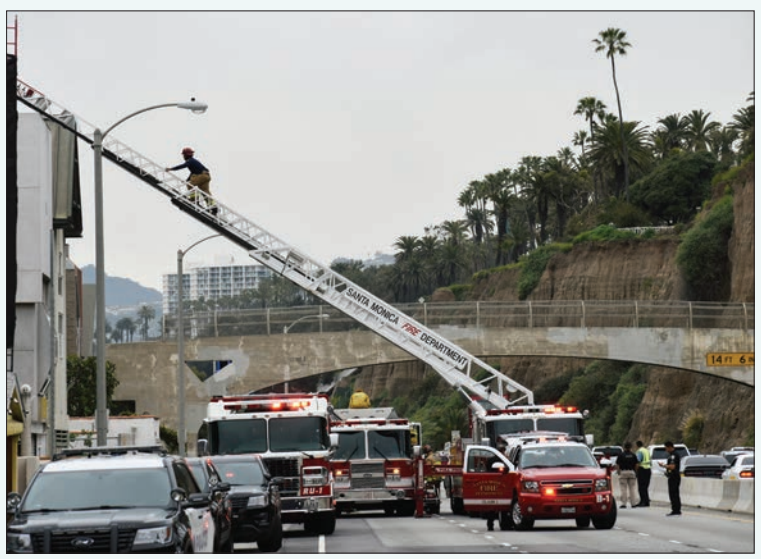
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FINALS: The Santa Monica College Corsairs won the Regional Finals last weekend.

Madeleine Pauker

ARSON ARREST:

A man broke into a home on Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) Monday morning and set it on fire before fleeing to the roof of an adjacent house. All southbound lanes on PCH were closed from the California Incline as police officers and firefighters put out the fire and talked the man down from the roof, eventually arresting him for burglary and arson. SMPD Lt. Saul Rodriguez said a neighbor informed the police that a man had broken into 1323 PCH. Officers found him on a nearby roof and noticed 1323 had caught fire. SMFD extinguished the fire and the house sustained minimal damage.



City asking second court for reprieve in voting rights case

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica has filed new paperwork in an attempt to allow current councilmembers to retain their positions while the City appeals its recent loss in a voting rights case.

Judge Yvette Palazuelos previously ordered new elections be held in July and that current councilmembers would have to vacate their seats by Aug. 15. The City's appeal of that decision automatically delays the election but the order to vacate was reaffirmed by Palazuelos last week. The City's attorneys filed a new request with the state appellate court Friday asking a second judge to also halt the vacate order while the appeal proceeds.

Palazuelos ruled Feb. 15 that the City of Santa Monica's at-large election system violates the CVRA because it suppresses the voting power of the Santa Monica's Latino population. In addition to prohibiting councilmembers who were elected in at-large elections from serving past Aug. 15, she also ordered the City to hold a special election on July 2 to elect councilmembers according to a seven-district

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Drought, flood and smog: Climate Plan contemplates environmental challenges

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica will experience more frequent droughts and coastal flooding, hotter temperatures and poorer air quality as the world's climate changes throughout the next century according to new documents released by City Hall.

However, officials said the city's geography and the City of Santa Monica's Climate Action & Adaptation Plan (CAAP) will shield residents from some of the impacts of climate change. The plan, which was released last month, describes how the City will ensure residents have affordable water during droughts, contain sea level rise and deal with high heat days. It also outlines strategies for Santa Monica to produce 80 percent less carbon emissions than it did in 1990.

"Taken as a whole, the plan is really significant," said

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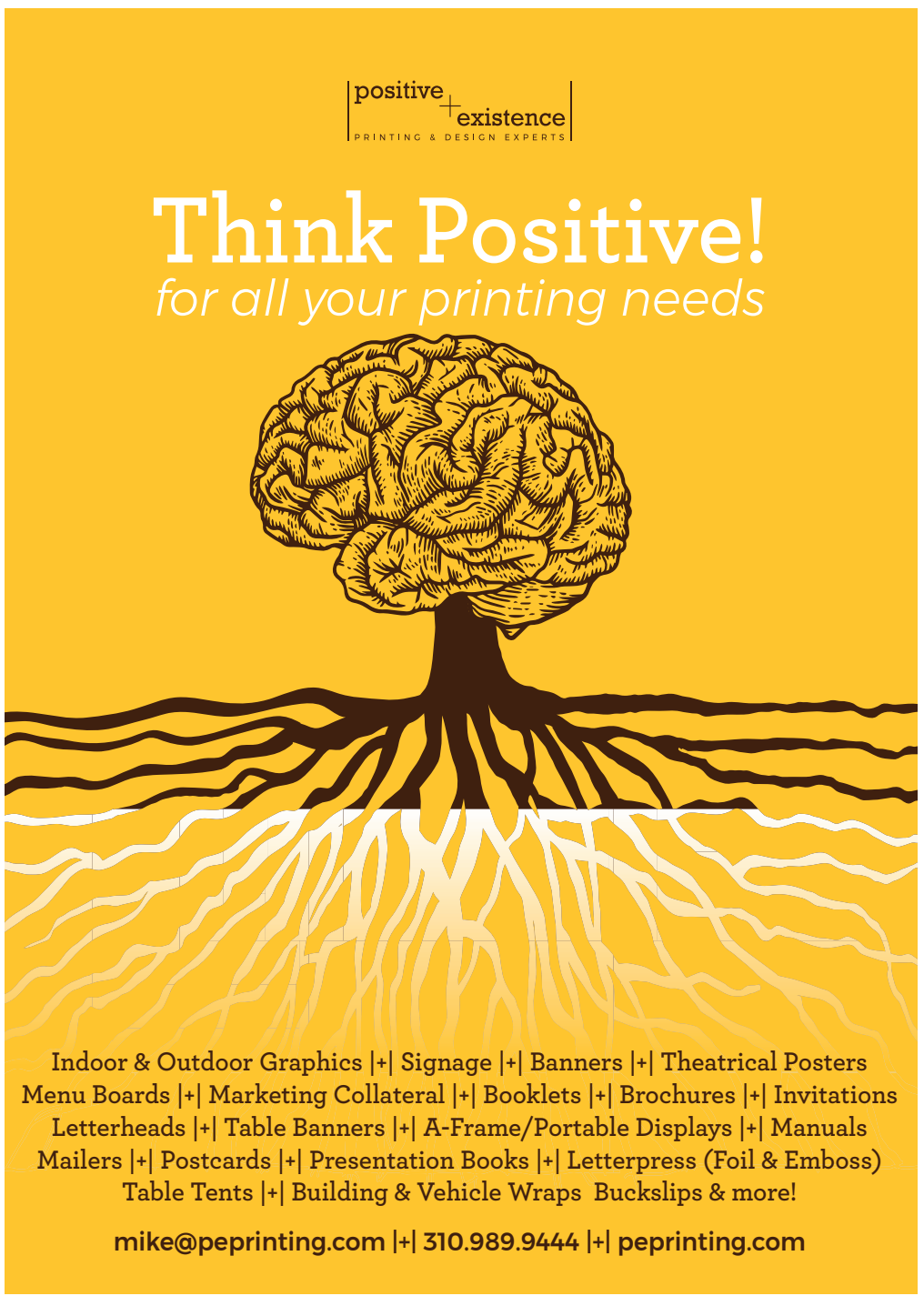
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 12

Serialist Painting with Max King Cap

Serialism: Repetition in Visual Art. Create a repetitive geometry-based design project. The use of pattern and repetition has a long a varied history in visual art. Through strategies like Pattern & Decoration, Minimalism, and Op Art, artists have employed the most elemental of mark marking to create engaging, mesmeric, and striking compositions. This workshop will help each participant become familiar with some of the basic principles of color and composition. Cost: $5 Register online or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park 1 - 3 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library Literacy Center 1 - 3 p.m.

Open Lab

Explore virtual reality and other emerging technologies during these informal sessions. 3D printing service is available to those who have successfully completed a 3D printing class at the Library. Questions can be directed to ideashappen@smgov.net Main Library Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor 5 - 7 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council City Hall Council Chamber 5:30 p.m.

Ocean Park Film Series Celebrates Women's History Month: Steel Magnolias (1989)

Film historian Elaina Friedrichsen provides an introduction to this classic film celebrating friendship among a group of strong-willed women at a Southern beauty salon. (Film runtime: 117 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Family Story Time

Come to the library in your PJs for stories and make a spring craft For families. Montana Avenue Branch Library 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Downbeat 720 Teen Stage

Downbeat 720, now entering its 11th year, is a free and fun open stage for High School Performers. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month between September and June you'll find us at the Miles Memorial Playhouse in Santa Monica from 7:20 to 9:30 p.m. Hosted by professional poets and musicians, Downbeat 720 provides a safe, supportive environment for teens of all skill levels and interests. Musicians, actors, poets, filmmakers, dancers, and other teen artists work on their expression live. Bring your friends! We welcome ages 13-19 especially (*parents welcome to sit in the back!) For more information please join us at facebook.com/groups/downbeat720. (310) 458-8634.

Wednesday, March 13

ACT Workshop

Presented in partnership with Virginia Ave Park, sign up for a free, 5-week workshop that will help you ace the ACT. Facilitated by Study Smart Tutors. Space is limited and registration for the entire series is required. To register, stop by the Pico Branch or contact Jaime Cruz at the VAP Teen Center at 310-458-8688 ext. 5474. Registration begins February 20, 2019. Pico Branch Library 5:30pm-7:00 pm.

Montana Mystery Book Group: Desert Heat

A cop lies dying beneath the blistering Arizona sun. The police brass claim that Andy Brady was dirty, and that his shooting was a suicide attempt. Joanna Brady, his devoted wife and mother of their nine-year-old daughter, knows a cover-up when she hears one ... and murder when she sees it. But her determined efforts to hunt down an assassin and clear her husband's name are placing Joanna and her surviving family in harm's way. Montana Avenue Branch Library 7 - 8:30 p.m.

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women works to ensure that Santa Monica is a place where women and girls can fully realize their potential and have a strong voice in all aspects of the community. The Commission explores policy and issues relevant to women and girls, and supports leadership and career advancement opportunities. Ken Edwards Center 7 p.m.

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POMONA

Southern California woman rescued from locked rail car

A Southern California homeless woman has been rescued after being locked inside a rail car for several days. Pomona police say officers responding to a 911 call on Sunday began a search and found the woman in about 30 minutes.

A police statement says the woman and a man had been living in the rail car for a week.

On Wednesday, she gave the man money to buy food and drugs, and he intentionally locked the door as he left.

Police say the woman's cell phone didn't function properly until she was able to call 911 around 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

The woman was taken to a hospital for examination, and detectives opened a false imprisonment investigation.

Police also removed another person from a rail car was set up for living.

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BIG BEAR LAKE

Bald eagle lays second egg in Southern California mountains

A second egg has been laid in a nest shared by two bald eagles in Southern California and nature lovers will anxiously watch for the hatchings via an online live feed .

The first egg arrived March 6, followed by the second one on Saturday. The U.S. Forest Service says the parents will share incubation duties. Scientists expect the hatchlings will arrive in April.

The video feed shows an eagle nestling on the eggs Monday as strong, cold winds blow through the San Bernardino National Forest. A count completed last year found 11 bald eagles living in the forest east of Los Angeles.

The Institute for Wildlife Studies web page has thousands of comments from people watching the feed. The camera was installed by the group Friends of Big Bear Valley.

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BAKERSFIELD

Stolen Disney merchandise found in California traffic stop

The California Highway Patrol says an officer conducting a routine traffic stop found $13,000 of stolen Disney merchandise.

The CHP says a Nissan Sentra was pulled over Friday in Kern County after the driver failed to stop when approaching a school bus.

The officer learned the driver's license was suspended and then discovered hundreds of pins and other merchandise allegedly stolen from Disneyland.

Officials didn't immediately identify the motorist. Authorities say the CHP has contacted Disneyland security and made arrangements to return the property.

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SACRAMENTO

California tops 20 million registered voters

More than 20 million Californians are now registered to vote.

That's according to data from Secretary of State Alex Padilla released Monday.

Those 20 million voters make up 79 percent of the state's total eligible voters. That's the highest number of registered voters in California since 1996.

The new numbers from Padilla come roughly a year before California hosts its presidential primaries on Super Tuesday with a handful of other states. The state hasn't had a primary that early since 2008.

Voter registration statistics from February show independent voters continue to outnumber Republicans by nearly 1 million voters. The state has 8.6 million registered Democrats, 4.7 million Republicans and 5.6 million registered independents.

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SAN FRANCISCO

5 teachers sue California union over forced dues collection

Five California educators on Monday filed a lawsuit seeking to stop the state's top teachers union from collecting dues through mandatory paycheck deductions, the latest in a series of similar legal challenges filed across the country.

The lawsuit challenging the California Teachers Association's mandatory collection of dues follows a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on June 27 barring the practice in the public sector.

"These dues are a negative financial impact to a lot of teachers who live in the Bay Area where there is a high cost of living," said Bethany Mendez, one of the plaintiffs and a special education teacher at the Fremont Unified School District. Mendez said she pays $1,500 per year in union dues.

The teachers are represented by San Francisco lawyer Harmeet Dhillon and the Freedom Foundation, an Olympia, Washington-based politically conservative think tank. The Freedom Foundation has represented teachers suing unions in several states.

About 70 percent of the nation's 3.8 million public school teachers belong to a union, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Teacher unions across the country have been bracing for litigation since the high court ruled 5-4 that requiring dues payments forces public sector workers to endorse political messages that they may be counter to their beliefs.

"This is just another lawsuit from the Freedom Foundation to continue the attack on public education and public employees," California Teacher Association spokeswoman Claudia Briggs said.

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map drawn by the plaintiffs in the case, Maria Loya and the Pico Neighborhood Association.

The City appealed the final ruling last month, automatically staying the mandatory order to hold a special election until the appeal concludes. It is still unclear, however, whether the prohibitory order to vacate Council is also stayed. (It will be at least one year before oral arguments can be heard in appellate court, the City's attorneys said.)

The City's attorneys argued in the petition for writ they filed Friday that the prohibitory order is actually mandatory in effect because it coerces a change to the status quo and electoral process in Santa Monica. The order is therefore automatically stayed on appeal, wrote defense attorney Theodore Boutrous.

"This is indistinguishable from many other injunctions that the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal have found to be mandatory in effect," Boutrous wrote. "It requires the City to strip its current Council members of their elected positions, scrap an at-large election system that has been in place for more than seven decades, and hold an election this summer under a brand-new, court-imposed district-based system."

The petition asks the California 2nd District Court of Appeal to confirm the order is mandatory and automatically stayed. Alternatively, if the court finds the order is prohibitory, the petition asks it to issue a stay anyway.

"This Court should exercise its discretion to stay the (order) during the appeal to avoid irreparable harm to the City, its Council members, and the public," Boutrous wrote. "Among other things, the enforcement of (the order) could leave the City without any governing body for some period of time."

The City requested the court either issue a decision on its petition by Apr. 1, the date when Council would need to pass a resolution calling for a special election in late July, or extend the Aug. 15 deadline. If the court does not reply to the petition by Apr. 1, the City would be forced to notice a district-based election in early April, Boutrous said.

A special election would cost almost $1 million, according to the petition.

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Inside Outside

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She's Gleaming - Three Questions For Our New Mayor

On December 11, 2018 Gleam Davis was chosen as Santa Monica new Mayor - and the seventh female mayor in Santa Monica's history. I first met Davis back in 2001, when as a local public school advocate, she contacted me and other City Councilmembers about increasing City support for our public schools. She struck me then as she does now - smart, direct, to the point and with a caring heart. As she prepares to present at the Chamber of Commerce's State of the City event this Wednesday, I asked her three questions:

QUESTION:

There is a lot of talk about a Green New Deal on a federal level. What does that concept mean for us in Santa Monica?

MAYOR DAVIS:

My understanding is that a "Green New Deal" means a 100% reliance on renewable energy, mitigation of climate change and increasing green jobs. Santa Monica committed to a local version through its Sustainable City Plan long ago. Today we are part of a Clean Power Alliance, where the default for every Edison customer in Santa Monica will be that 100% of the customer's electricity will come from clean, renewable power sources. Similarly, we now require that all new single-family residential construction be powered by solar energy. The City will also apply these requirements to its own structures: the new 50,000 square foot City Service Building (being constructed behind City Hall) is being built as part of the Living Building Challenge. When completed, it will be one of the greenest buildings in the nation.

Transportation remains one of the greatest sources of greenhouse gas emissions. That's why we worked so hard to bring light rail to Santa Monica, complementing our award-winning Big Blue Bus service. We also have robust bike and pedestrian action plans to make Santa Monica easier to navigate without an automobile. (Over 20% of downtown Santa Monica residents do not own a car!). Santa Monica was also the first Los Angeles County city to launch a bike share program, as well as a groundbreaking shared mobility pilot program to regulate electric scooters and bikes.

What we need more of is "greening" our development patterns. Smart infill that increases residential opportunities near jobs and transportation, reducing the need to drive, is a key way to make significant dents in our carbon footprint.

QUESTION:

State law often greatly affects what cities can do in this respect. With Democrats having a super-majority in both houses the next two years, what changes will Santa Monica be lobbying the legislature on?

MAYOR DAVIS:

California is in the midst of a historic housing affordability and availability crisis. The biggest blow to Santa Monica's ability to develop and protect affordable housing was the State's elimination of the Redevelopment Authority, which Santa Monica greatly benefited from after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake - with approximately $70M going towards affordable housing from 2007 to 2011 alone before the program was shut down. The City has spent the last few years working hard to replace those important funds. In 2016 Santa Monica voters contributed significantly to this effort by passing Measures GS and GSH, which allocated a portion of new sales and use tax revenues to affordable housing. Statewide Proposition 1, which was passed by voters November 2018 ballot, will also be a source of such funds.

State legislators are just beginning to introduce new bills to hopefully promote the development of sustainable infill development. As they are not fully fleshed out, it is hard to evaluate their merit. But you can be sure that the Council will be paying close attention to them as they develop.

Perhaps the most important thing the legislature could do is put teeth into the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. By state law, every city is assigned a RHNA number that sets forth its theoretical five-year goal for developing new housing. Historically, Santa Monica has met its RHNA assessment. But many other California cities, including some on the Westside, repeatedly fail to meet theirs. There is no real penalty for such failure, so these cities displace their housing development responsibility upon their regional neighbors. If there was some meaningful consequence for failure, more communities might build housing and spread the regional burden more fairly. Our new Governor Gavin Newsom has just proposed this idea.

QUESTION:

We first met when you were a local education activist. What was your impression of municipal government at that time from the outside, and how has that changed now that you have served from within?

MAYOR DAVIS:

Before I joined the council, my impression of municipal government was that the primary obstacle to progress was the effort it takes to develop political will. There are some issues that automatically demand city council attention: development, housing, and sustainability. In addition, every council member has her particular issues. Sometimes, it is possible to build political will around those issues; sometimes not. For example, it took the circulation of a petition to place a charter amendment on the ballot that would help fund public schools before education really caught the council's attention.

Now it is clear to me that political will is necessary but not sufficient, because external factors such as federal or state law or technological advancement can play an outsized

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role in the City's ability to govern. Often, these are where we face the deepest criticism. For example, our toolbox for helping people experiencing homelessness is often limited by state law regarding evaluating whether a person is a danger to herself or others, and federal court rulings protecting the rights of homeless persons in public spaces. Similarly, much of the recent uptick in crime may be attributed to changes in state law that place the responsibility for dealing with property and other crimes on already-overburdened county and local facilities and resources.

As for technology, the unexpected and sudden placement of electric scooters on Santa Monica's streets led to a year in which whether dockless mobility devices even should be allowed in the City dominated the discourse and limited our ability to address other pressing issues.

Despite these inevitable disruptions and limitations, we established strategic priorities in 2015 and have made significant progress on them - creating a new model of mobility, reducing homelessness, encouraging lifelong opportunities to learn and thrive, maintaining an inclusive and diverse community and regaining control of City land occupied by Santa Monica Airport. We now have folded them into a new framework for budgeting priorities that will guide our budgeting process.

Michael Feinstein is a former Santa Monica Mayor (2000-2002) and City Councilmember (1996-2004) and a 2018 Green California Secretary of State candidate.

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Dean Kubani, the City's chief sustainability officer. "This is a goal that requires a transformative change in our society."

Santa Monica's deep, wide beaches will help protect the city from rising sea levels, Kubani said, but the City will still need to mitigate the impacts of flooding on the coast.

It is already collaborating with the Bay Foundation to restore the beaches' sand dunes as a storm barrier and will evaluate the efficacy of the program over the next 10 years. The CAAP also suggests setting guidelines for flood-proofing buildings near the ocean and identifying the coast as a hazard zone in real estate transactions.

While the City works to prevent seawater flooding, it will also be bolstering Santa Monica's freshwater water supply to be more resilient to regional droughts.

Santa Monica previously imported more than half of its water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California that depends on the Colorado River, which is going through its longest drought in history and could be subject to rationing by the mid-2020s. By 2023, it will import just one percent of its water, with the rest coming from local groundwater, recycled water and harvested rainwater. The City will be funding three projects at a combined cost of $78 million to meet that goal.

"Even when we have a prolonged drought, we're going to be taking and making our own water and recharging our aquifers, so that's going to give us a level of resilience we wouldn't have if we were importing our water," Kubani said.

The City's other strategies to respond to climate change include building community and government networks that can respond to events like high heat days or flooding, making infrastructure and buildings more resilient to climate change and growing more food locally.

Kubani said it will be particularly important to protect vulnerable groups, such as homeless or elderly individuals, from high heat days and the hot-weather diseases that climate change will propagate.

"We'll be working with public health agencies and private health providers to make sure they have places to go when it gets really hot, such as cooling centers," he said.

The CAAP's other section describes the City's plans to reduce current carbon emissions by 60 percent.

Transportation comprises the bulk of Santa Monica's current emissions – about two-thirds – and the CAAP calls for half of local trips to be taken by foot, bike, scooter or skateboard and a quarter of commuter trips to be taken by public transit. It also projects 50 percent of vehicles to be electric or zero emission.

It will be a challenge to initiate the cultural shift required to get people out of their cars and onto trains, buses, bikes and their own two feet, Kubani said. The CAAP proposes raising parking prices to discourage driving, expanding public transit and adding electric bikes to the City's Breeze Bike Share fleet.

"It will require slowly changing the behavior of the entire community and how we get around, which includes things like building housing near transit, more dense housing developments, making the city more walkable and making it safe for people to ride their bikes around town," Kubani said.

Electricity and natural gas used in buildings make up the second largest piece of the carbon pie at 30 percent of Santa Monica's emissions. The CAAP sets a goal of zero net carbon buildings, which would comprise a quarter of the plan's total reduction in emissions.

The City recently switched residents to the Clean Power Alliance (CPA), which provides 100 percent renewable electricity as a default option. While residents have the option to stay with the slightly cheaper Southern California Edison (SCE), Kubani said few are opting out of CPA.

Other targets to reduce carbon emissions from buildings include installing solar panels, reducing fossil fuels use in existing buildings by 20 percent and discouraging the use of fossil fuels in new development.

The City's zero waste by 2030 plan aims to cut emissions by another three percent. The CAAP stipulates that 95 percent of Santa Monica's waste be diverted from landfills, largely through composting, recycling, preventing food waste and discouraging single-use containers and packaging.

The City is soliciting public input on the plan through the end of the month. It is available online at https://smclimateaction.konveio.com.

"We're asking people to review this and give us their ideas, and if there are ideas we missed, we're going to include those in the plan," Kubani said. "We also want to hear where there's pushback or concern because that's going to help us think of different ways to address certain areas."

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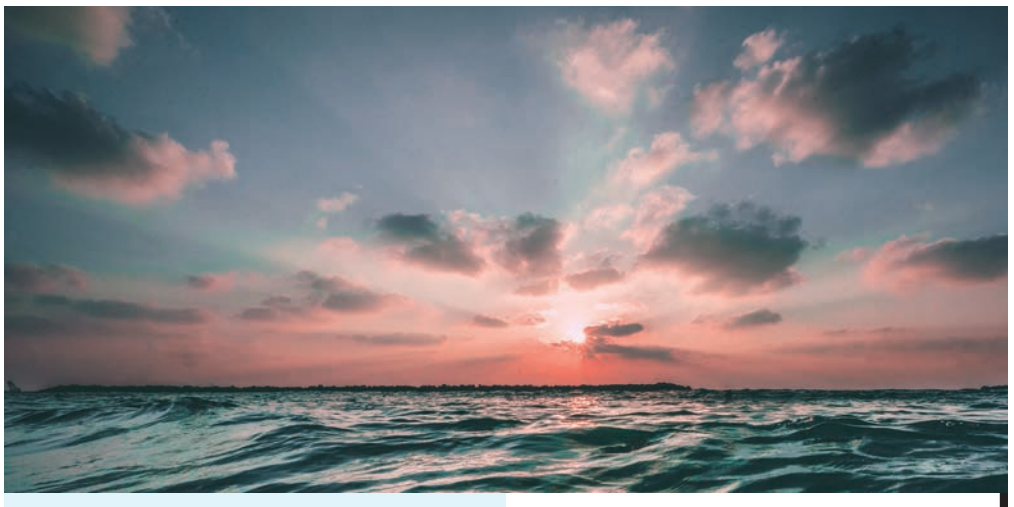
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adjust to the momentum SMC came with into the game. Riverside's CJ Clark (#0) answered back by scoring 9 points to tie the game 11-11 at 10:57. RCC took the lead with nine minutes left in the first half and maintained SMC scoreless for five minutes. The Tigers rebounded and got SMC into foul trouble to have a 9 point lead with 5:56 remaining in the first half. In the last five minutes SMC managed to make a comeback with Teddy Parham (#1), Marcus Harris (#24) and Eli Degrate (#23) adding each a three pointer to the scoreboard to make the score 26-26. After Degrate managed to make a three pointer he fouled Riverside's CJ Clark (#0) to give him two free-throws. Clark only managed to make one of the shots that led the score 27-26, but SMC's Marcus Harris (#24) dunked the ball in the last 34 seconds of the first-half to make SMC lead 30-29 at half-time.

In the second-half, Santa Monica started off slow, unable to score in the first three minutes. Riverside's Elbert Bibbs (#24) made the crowd go wild as he slammed dunked at 17:38 that put his team ahead 35-30. Riverside managed to come back with a lead but could not confine SMC's height for rebounds and size.

"Riverside is smaller than us in height. We have a lot of length and size and I think that disrupted their flow a little bit," said SMC Coach Joshua Thomas.

The Tigers are known for being a good three point shooting team and SMC managed to limit their three point attempts by playing tight defense and making them work for their points. Riverside was only 2-11 from the three-point range.

With fourteen minutes left in the second half, the Corsairs managed to make another comeback. RCC's Cam'Ron Wilson (#5) fouled Marcus Harris (#24) which led to a three-point play. Harris was unable to finish the free-throw and it was rebounded by Lucas Zemen (#11) for an easy shot in the paint to make SMC's lead 40-37. It was from that point on that SMC would remain in the lead by maintaining the Tigers' three-point shots and playing tight defense. The Corsairs had their largest lead at 7:11 by fifteen points. The final score of the game was 66-54 in favor of Santa Monica.

Marcus Harris led the Corsairs with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Eli Degrate added 11 points shooting 4-7 from the field. Lucas Zemen finished with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

The Corsairs will now advance to the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Tournament at Ventura College, which features the final eight playoff teams. They play in the quarter-finals against City College of San Francisco (29-1) who is rated #1 in the NorCal division Thursday, March 14 at 5 p.m.

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Tesla walks back its plan to close most showrooms

BY TOM KRISHER AP
Auto Writer

Tesla is walking back plans to close most of its showrooms worldwide and announced price hikes for most of its electric vehicles.

Tesla announced last month that it would shutter most of its stores to cut costs so it could sell its lower-priced Model 3 for $35,000. The company continues its shift to toward online-only sales, but now says it won't close as many stores as originally thought.

The $35,000 base Model 3 will still be available, but the company is raising prices by 3 percent on all other models.

In a Monday filing with government regulators, Tesla now says it closed 10 percent of its stores, but a few of those will now remain open. Another 20 percent are being evaluated and some could remain open.

The company gave no numbers, but said it would close only about half the stores that it had intended to. It has 378 stores and service centers worldwide and about 100 stores in the U.S. If the company closes 30 percent of the stores that would equal about 110.

"As a result of keeping significantly more stores open, Tesla will need to raise vehicle prices by about 3 percent on average worldwide," a company statement said. "We will only close about half as many stores, but the cost savings are therefore only about half."

Remaining stores could have fewer workers but will have vehicles available for test drives and a small inventory in case people want to buy immediately, the statement said.

Also Monday, a New York attorney announced that Tesla's former chief of security has filed a whistleblower complaint with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Attorney Andrew Meissner said in a statement that Sean Gouthro provided information about Musk's Aug. 7 tweet that he had the financing to take the company private at $420 per share. As it turned out, Musk didn't have the funding secured. The SEC filed a securities fraud complaint, and Musk and Tesla agreed to each pay $20 million and to governance changes including a Twitter monitor for Musk.

The SEC submission says the go-private plan was discussed internally at Tesla many days before Musk's tweet "and that many were suspect of the purported deal's legitimacy," Meissner's statement said.

Tesla also announced Monday that it has purchased car-hauling trucks and trailers from a California company in a stock deal worth about $14.2 million. Tesla paid for the purchase with about 50,000 previously authorized shares. Tesla wants to increase its vehicle transportation capacity and cut delivery times.

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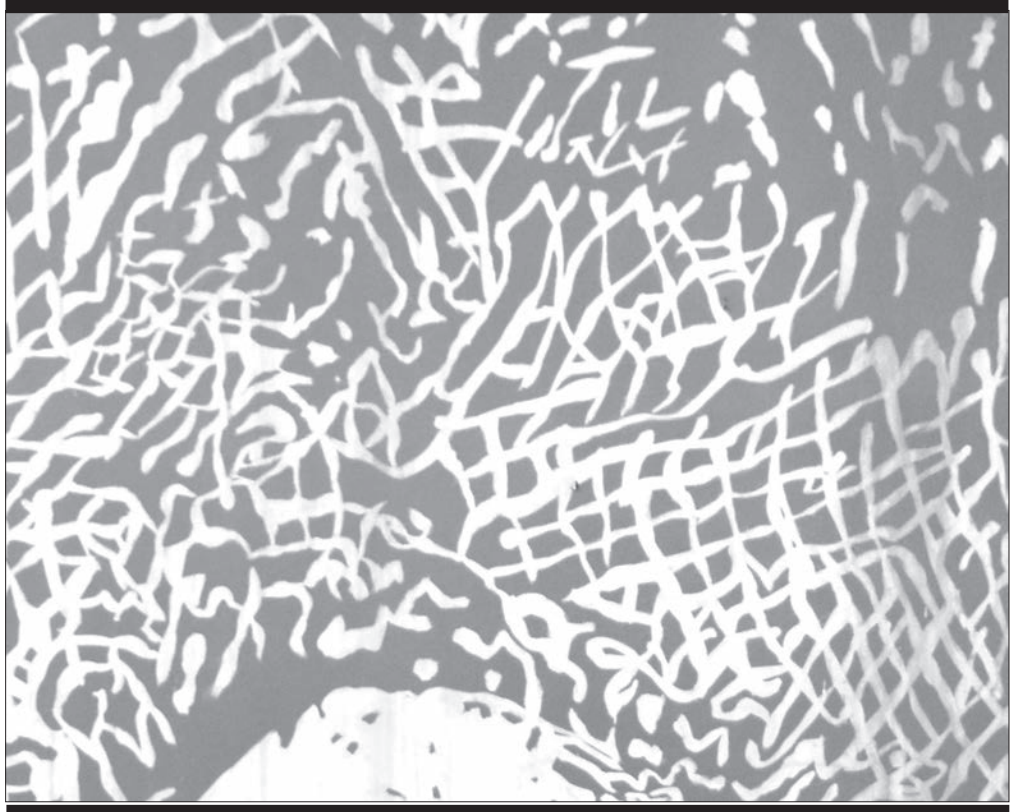
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SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 215 CALLS ON MARCH 10

Party complaint 700blk Kensington Rd 1:44 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:53 a.m.
Domestic violence 1500blk 2nd St 3:13 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 4:12 a.m.
Burglary 2900blk main St 5:06 a.m.
Burglary 2900blk main St 5:32 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 6th St 8:18 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2400blk Oak St 8:29 a.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 17th St 9:13 a.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:23 a.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 17th St 9:40 a.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 17th St 9:40 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Santa Monica Pier 10:06 a.m.
Petty theft 2400blk 11th St 10:27 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600blk Barnard Way 10:37 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1300blk 17th St 11:28 a.m.
Speeding 200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:30 a.m.
Auto burglary 2200blk 7th St 11:44 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 2nd St 11:44 a.m.
Vandalism 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 26th St / Olympic Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600blk Barnard Way 12:15 p.m.
Assault 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:15 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 700blk Raymond Ave 12:15 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 4th St 12:17 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 2nd St 1:37 p.m.
Check temporary no parking signs 800blk 16th St 1:53 p.m.
Grand theft 2300blk 5th St 2:36 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 200blk 24th St 2:51 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1400blk 4th St 3:03 p.m.
Vandalism 7th St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:27 p.m.
Grand theft 800blk Georgina Ave 3:31 p.m.
Sexual assault 300blk Colorado Ave 4:00 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 4:04 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Appian Way 4:17 p.m.
Speeding 5th St / Broadway 4:34 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2200blk 21st St 4:46 p.m.
Hit and run 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 4:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:24 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1600blk 12th St 5:27 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1700blk Ocean Ave 5:34 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Olympic Dr 6:05 p.m.
Auto burglary 4th St / Broadway 6:14 p.m.
Vandalism 900blk Colorado Ave 6:57 p.m.
Fight 200blk Santa Monica Pier 7:02 p.m.
Petty theft 2000blk Ocean Ave 7:02 p.m.
Auto burglary unk downtown structure 7:17 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation Neilson Way / Hollister Ave 7:21 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 7:28 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2600blk Pico Blvd 7:33 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon Main St / Olympic Dr 8:10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 22 CALLS ON MARCH 10

Emergency Medical Service 2300blk 34th St 12:01 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 14th St 1:07 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 3:22 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 3:58 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Hill St 7:17 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 7:28 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 8:27 a.m.
EMS 100blk Colorado Ave 8:57 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 21st St 11:43 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:48 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 1:42 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 2:09 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 21st St 4:18 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 4:31 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:55 p.m.
EMS 500blk Ocean Ave 6:03 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:15 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 1000blk Pico Blvd 6:29 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:44 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 8:54 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 12th St 10:12 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 10:34 p.m.

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5 6 45 55 59
Power#: 14
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/8
4 9 42 62 68
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $50 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/9
6 14 19 22 39
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: $26 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/10
3 5 11 17 25

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/11
Midday: 1 7 7
Draw Date: 3/10
Evening: 8 1 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/10
1st: 4 - Big Ben
2nd: 9 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 8 - Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:47.01

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WATER TEMP: 57.6°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft+ waist to shoulder high
Steep NW swell holds. N-NW winds rise up, along with NW windswell.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Old NW swell drops out. New NW swell moving in while mixing with NW windswell. Small SSW swell. Winds/conditions still look dicey with NW winds possible.

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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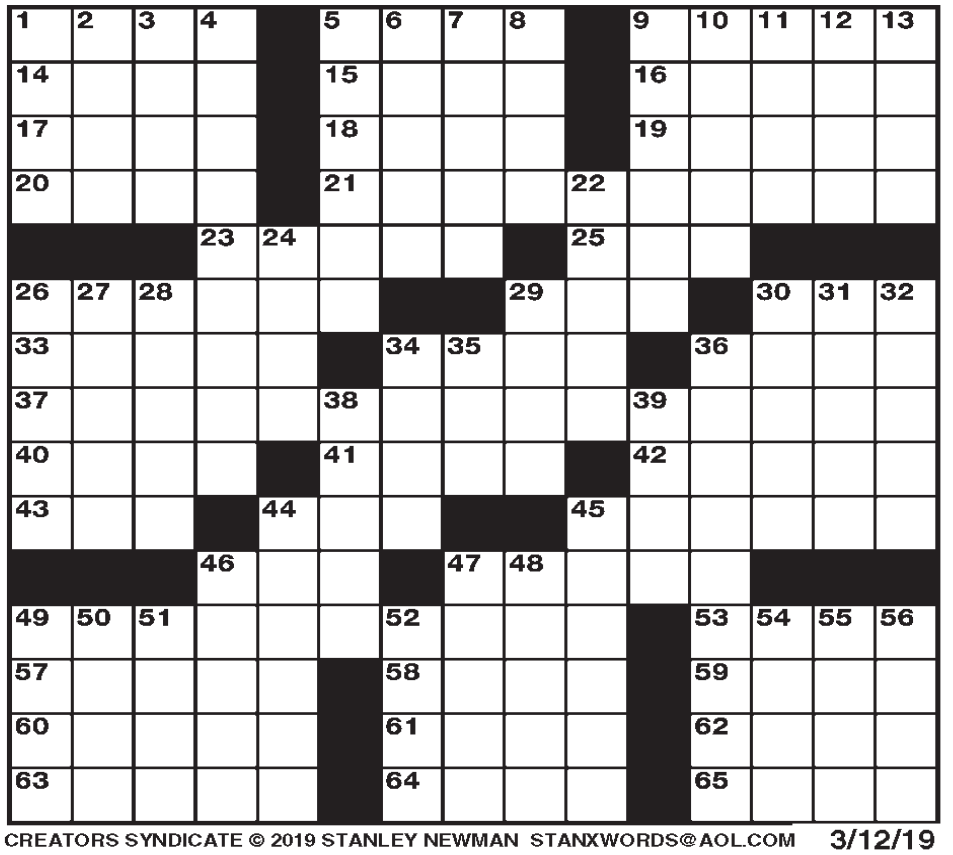
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Newsday Crossword

BE QUICK ABOUT IT by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Practice boxing
5 Polite address for a lady
9 Swampy ground
14 Walk back and forth
15 Barely defeat
16 " . . . had a farm, __"
17 Low-denomination bills
18 Castle's watery surroundings
19 Signs of the future
20 Midterm, for instance
21 Quick mall exercises
23 Luster
25 Butterfly catcher
26 Sweet fruity drink
29 Performed
30 "Mamma __!"
33 Mistake
34 Gourmet cook
36 Actress Hatcher
37 Quick, clever replies
40 Sardine cans
41 Trade show, for short
42 Perform beautifully
43 "Understand?"
44 Tire pressure meas.
45 Easter or Thanksgiving event
46 __ Paulo, Brazil
47 "All kidding __ . . ."
49 Quick paths to success
53 Trumpet sound
57 Performed a role
58 Stylish
59 "This looks bad"
60 Town __ (old-time news source)
61 Apple's center
62 Ready for harvesting
63 Washcloth fabric
64 Two-year-olds
65 Fond of snooping

DOWN
1 Detect in the distance
2 Window glass
3 Top blackjack cards
4 Interstate pull-over areas
5 Dues-paying person
6 Like a lot
7 Yet another time
8 Big Apple baseballers
9 Cried like a cat
10 Set as a goal
11 Fishing-line holder
12 Submerge
13 Cowpoke's ride
22 Kitchen cutter
24 Angelic instrument
26 Homes for hatchlings
27 Bert's *Sesame Street* pal
28 Tall construction machine
29 Floor model, for short
30 Tourist magnet
31 Annoyed
32 Theatre walkway
34 211, in Roman numerals
35 Move like a rabbit
36 April filing for the IRS
38 "Answer __ no!"
39 Necklace ornament
44 Towel off gently
45 Fish of the zodiac
46 Do the driving
47 Sound of a sneeze
48 Kilt, essentially
49 True statement
50 Land measure
51 Move slightly
52 Where an S&L deposit is placed
54 It's east of Indiana
55 "Clumsy me!"
56 ". . . the harder __ fall"



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 12)

Some of your closest loved ones come from a worldview very different from your own, a dynamic that creates good fortune, amusement, adventure, education and pleasure. In the spirit of tolerance, together you'll do something important for the world. A financial boon comes in the next 10 weeks. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 5, 18 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A foreign place intrigues you. What's so appealing? Which element of your personality is hooked into this fantasy? The answer to these questions will help you make yourself happy in the here and now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Powerful internal forces can be resistant to progress. Put another way, in the zoo of your mind you are both the elephant and the animal trainer. Use treats. All moves, however slow, should be taken as progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Remember when you felt in sync with the world and excited by the challenge before you? That had something to do with the people around you offering the same kind of camaraderie and encouragement you'll receive today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). How you got caught up in a particular belief system is a long and perhaps currently irrelevant story. You're caught in its net. To get free, take out your mental scissors and snip away at everything that's not freedom.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though the gentle way is, over time, the most powerful, some projects and relationships are so brief that unless you exert yourself in powerful bursts you're not going to get the chance to make a change or even an impression.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Lead with your warmth. Your warmth will relax the socially rigid. You'll connect with people who aren't easy. Your emotional sunshine will melt away the fear people have about letting down their guard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Think carefully about how you're positioning your ideas. The first thing you present to people will put a thought in their mind by which all subsequent references will be compared.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you sense that people will act illogically and unpredictably, you'll stand back and watch what's going on for a while. This information-gathering moment will be your ticket to success – or at least your way of avoiding trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do not doubt that practice will make you better. The slow, deliberate, consistent kind will, in fact, take you beyond where you ever thought you'd be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Apply that massive creativity that's running through your veins today to your own scene. If you can somehow align your more serious goals to what you're doing for fun, two areas of your life will improve at once.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's not that you're overly afraid what people think of you; it's that you really want to do what's most respectful and appropriate to the situation. There's something beyond just you that depends on it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Habits get established without regard to health or effectiveness in solving a problem. Instead, they are created because the logistics have aligned in such a way to make them the easiest sequence to follow.

Moon of Duality

The rose family of flowering plants includes pears, apples, almonds, peaches, apricots, plums, cherries and so many more things we don't think of as roses. By the way, you're not one thing either. The moon in the sign of duality is a reminder that there are many lovely and surprising varieties that come under the umbrella of "you."

10 CRIB NOTES FROM POLYHYMNIA, MUSE OF NATURE:

1. The asteroid 33 Polyhymnia has what is known as a "chaotic orbit," which will change randomly over time due to planetary gravitational perturbations.

2. Besides nature, Polyhymnia is also the Muse of, among other things, hymns, geometry and pantomime.

3. Polyhymnia is usually depicted as very serious and meditative.

4. Considering that the natural world is the greatest inspiration known to man, Polyhymnia's job should be easy, but apparently it's not. In the modern age, many humans have lost their respect for nature.

5. New research is being done in regards to "blue space" (oceans, rivers, lakes, etc.) and "green space" (trees and the like) and its impact on human well-being.

6. In some studies increased green space in urban communities correlates with lower rates of crime, depression and poverty.

7. Some poets who wrote (on and on) about nature include Walt Wittman, Robert Frost, John Keats, William Wordsworth and Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

8. Almost all the religions of the world have ceremonies and rituals that involve nature, whether it's a pilgrimage, the burning of certain woods, herbs, the drinking of specific juices, baptisms and other rituals with water, ceremonial flowers or plant usage and adornment.

9. Many mythologies around the world feature talking trees.

10. Your body is nature. Remember that.

WORD UP!

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adjective [mahy-op-ik, -oh-pik]
unable or unwilling to act prudently; shortsighted.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



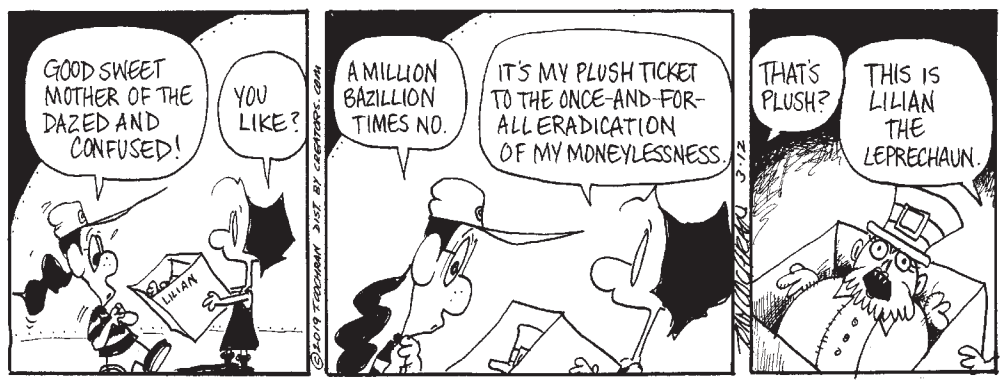
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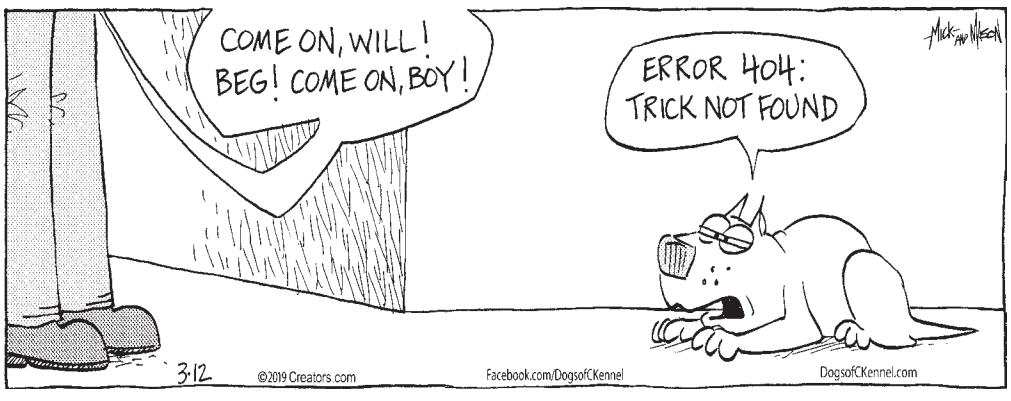
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Highlights of Trump's $4.7 trillion budget request

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

President Donald Trump's $4.7 trillion budget request proposes steep cuts to domestic spending, a funding boost for the Pentagon and $8.6 billion for his signature border wall with Mexico. Leading Democrats immediately rejected the plan, signaling another bruising fight just weeks after a standoff that led to a 35-day partial government shutdown, the longest in U.S. history.

A look at the highlights from the White House proposal.

BORDER WALL FIGHT RENEWED

Trump's proposal for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 includes $8.6 billion to build the U.S-Mexico border wall. The proposal shows Trump is eager to renew his confrontation with Congress over the wall, a centerpiece of his agenda that congressional Democrats have staunchly resisted.

The budget request for more than 300 miles of new border wall would more than double the $8.1 billion potentially available to the president for the wall after Trump declared a national emergency at the border last month. The politically contentious declaration would circumvent Congress, although there's no guarantee Trump will be able to use the money in the face of a legal challenge from California and other states. Lawmakers from both parties oppose the emergency declaration, but Congress appears to lack a veto-proof margin to block Trump.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump "was forced to admit defeat" after Congress refused to fund the wall in the current budget, and they predicted a similar outcome if he continues to press for money for the wall. Money targeted for the wall "would be better spent on rebuilding America," they said.

BIG BOOST FOR DEFENSE, CUTS IN DOMESTIC SPENDING

Trump's budget proposes increasing defense spending to $750 billion — and building the new Space Force as a military branch — while reducing nondefense accounts by 5 percent. The $2.7 trillion in proposed domestic spending cuts over the next decade is higher than any administration in history. Proposed cuts include economic safety-net programs used by millions of Americans.

To stay within prescribed budget caps, the proposal shifts about $165 billion in defense spending to an overseas contingency fund, an action critics view as an accounting gimmick.

RED INK FLOWS

Under Trump's proposal, the budget deficit is projected to hit $1.1 trillion next year — the highest in a decade. The administration is counting on robust economic growth, including from the 2017 Republican tax cuts, to push down the red ink. Some economists say the economic bump from the tax cuts is waning, and they project slower growth in coming years. The national debt is $22 trillion.

Even with his own projections, Trump's budget would not come into balance for a decade and a half, rather than the traditional hope of balancing in 10 years.

Maya MacGuineas, president of the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, warned that the debt load will lead to slower income growth and stalled opportunities for Americans.

ENVIRONMENTAL SPENDING SLASHED

Trump again is asking Congress to slash funding for the Environmental Protection Agency by about a third, a request that Congress has previously rejected. The budget request seeks $6.1 billion for the EPA, down 31 percent from current spending. The White House says it aims to ensure clean air and water and chemical safety, while "reducing regulatory burden and eliminating lower-priority activities."

But Ken Cook of the Environmental Working Group says it would work to appease Trump's political base and boost the fossil fuel and chemical industries.

REPEALING OBAMACARE – AGAIN

The budget request would re-open two health care battles Trump already lost in his first year in office: repealing "Obamacare" and limiting future federal spending on Medicaid for low-income people. Under the budget, major sections of both the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid would be turned over to the states starting in 2021.

With Democrats in charge of the House, Trump's grand plan has no chance of being enacted. And few Republican lawmakers want to be dragged into another health care fight.

EDUCATION CUT, SCHOOL CHOICE EXPANDED

The budget request would cut Education Department funding by 10 percent while expanding money for school choice, school safety and apprenticeship programs. The $64 billion proposal would eliminate 29 programs, including a $2 billion program meant to help schools improve instruction and a $1.2 billion program to create community centers.

Meanwhile, it would add $60 million for charter schools and $200 million for school safety initiatives.

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos says the plan would end programs better handled at the state or local level. She also proposed up to $5 billion in federal tax credits to support school choice scholarships.

MORE CHOICE FOR VETERANS

The White House is seeking just over $93 billion for the Department of Veterans Affairs, an increase of $6.5 billion from current spending.

The request would support implementation of a law Trump signed last year to give veterans more freedom to see doctors outside the troubled VA system, a major shift aimed at reducing wait times and improving care by steering more patients to the private sector. The plan again targets reducing veteran suicides as a top priority and sets aside $4.3 billion to improve the department's computer system and website.

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TESLA

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The moves come on the day that lawyers for Tesla CEO Elon Musk have to file a legal brief explaining to a New York federal judge why he shouldn't be held in contempt of court for an inaccurate Feb. 19 tweet that could have influenced the company's stock price.

On Feb. 19 Musk tweeted that Tesla would produce around 500,000 vehicles this year — a tweet that wasn't blessed by the person in charge of baby-sitting Musk's Twitter account as required by the fraud settlement. The tweet was later corrected.

The judge has ordered Musk to file a brief by Monday explaining why he isn't in contempt for violating the court-approved settlement.

The store-closing reversal shows that Tesla had second thoughts about shuttering the stores and whether buyers would make such a large purchase without a test drive. The company says it still plans to offer buyers the ability to return purchased vehicles at no cost after a seven-day or 1,000 mile test drive.

Gartner analyst Michael Ramsey called the move "startling" and said it undermines the credibility of Musk and Tesla's management.

"How else can you view it except to see it as a remarkable example of lack of foresight or planning?" Ramsey asked. "It's almost as if the decision was announced and made without any analysis of what the outcome would be."

The move made no sense to begin with because Tesla had spent millions fighting in courts and state legislatures trying to change laws that prevented companies from selling vehicles at their own stores, Ramsey said.

But he also said the move to close 10 percent of stores and evaluate others is the right thing to do, and said most retail companies do that all of the time.

A Tesla spokesman declined comment Monday beyond the company's statement.

Shares of Tesla Inc. edged up less than 1 percent in Monday trading.

In announcing the move on Feb. 28, CEO Elon Musk said it was necessary to cut costs in order to profitably sell the mass-market version of the Model 3 sedan for $35,000. That's a price point needed to reach more consumers and generate the sales that the company needs to survive, Musk has said.

Before the announcement, the cheapest Model 3 started at $42,900.

On Feb. 28, the company said shifting totally to online sales would allow it to lower all vehicle prices by 6 percent, on average, including its higher-end Model S and Model X.

At the time, Musk also walked back the company's guidance that it would be profitable in all future quarters, saying it would post a loss in the first quarter of this year.

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