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Series of storms bringing rain and snow to California

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

Bands of sometimes heavy rain rolled over Southern California Thursday and unleashed a mudslide that trapped cars and shut a key canyon highway through mountains along the coast near Malibu.

The front was the latest in a series of storms that have been bringing much needed rain and snow to California, which has seen

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Lawyer in US illegally gets California statewide appointment

SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press

An attorney and immigrant rights activist is the first person living in the U.S. illegally to be named to a statewide appointment in the nation's most populous state,

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Judge rules in favor of City in vacation rental dispute

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

A U.S. District Court judge ruled in the city of Santa Monica's favor this week, writing websites HomeAway and Airbnb did not demonstrate they are likely to prevail on claims Santa Monica's short-term rental ordinance violates the Coastal Act, the Communications Decency Act or the First Amendment.

"In the midst of a statewide housing crisis, (the) decision affirms that the City of Santa Monica can take reasonable steps to protect residential units from conversion into de facto hotels, while also allowing individuals to share their homes with guests for compensation in authorized circumstances," said City Attorney Lane Dilg. "We applaud this important ruling."

Santa Monica mandates property owners who want to open their homes to vacationers must be present during their stay and register with the city.

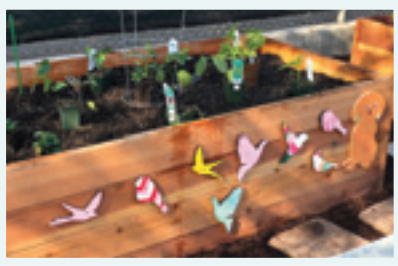
In the ruling, Judge Otis Wright denied a preliminary injunction to halt the enforcement of the ordinance while the case is still active. HomeAway and Airbnb have two weeks to appeal the decision and the Court is scheduled to hear arguments for the City's motion to dismiss the lawsuit March 26. A spokesperson for Airbnb says the company will continue to fight the ordinance.

"Over the last two years Airbnb has sought to work with the City of Santa Monica on a solution that ensures middle-class families who want to visit the coast can find an affordable place to stay," Charlie

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GARDENING AT GRANT

Amy Kay, Anne Hiura, Lynn Gephart and Lisa Penley Moss

Girl Scout Troop 1285 recently helped install a new garden at Grant Elementary as part of their Bronze Award project. See Page 3 for more information.

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Friday, March 16

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Read the book Smile by Raina Telgemeier and join the Montana branch for a book discussion. Light refreshments will be provided. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Annenberg Guest House Tour

Free tours begin at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Saturday, March 17

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market–Downtown

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood, and offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park. 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Lego Club

Fun with LEGOS, build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Accordion Fold Book + Pockets with Debra Disman

Learn how to make an accordion fold or concertina book with pockets to create a literally unfolding story. Add beach photos, stories, dreams, memories, lists, recipes or letters. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 18

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

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

The Satellite Sisters: #StayNoisy

In an era of #MeToo and #TimesUp, Satellite Sisters Lian Dolan and Liz Dolan, award-winning podcasters and writers, host a panel of women from business, entertainment and sports who have spoken up against discrimination and successfully changed practices in their fields. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Grant Elementary launches new kindergarten garden with help of local Girl Scouts

Grant Elementary School has hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of their new "Kinder Garden" created by the 15 fifth grade Girl Scouts of Troop 1285 for their Bronze Award project. The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve.

Support for the project came from the Grant PTA garden committee, sales of Girl Scout cookies, and a generous in-kind donation of soil, plants, and garden supplies from Orchard Supply Hardware's Neighbors Helping Neighbors program.

The scouts cleared a neglected area on the kindergarten yard, built four raised beds (one for each classroom), made custom concrete stepping stones, and painted animal decorations to make the garden fun and inviting to the young students. Through this garden project, these fifth-grade scouts learned about project management, teamwork, permaculture, wood working and philanthropy. As a result of their efforts, 100 kindergartners each year will be able to learn science right outside of their classrooms and have regular daily access to fresh vegetables.

When the Girl Scouts reached out to Orchard Supply Hardware's West LA Local Store Leader Brian Peacock for support to complete the project, he was eager to help. Peacock said, "At Orchard Supply Hardware, our business philosophy is simple - we are, and always will be, neighbors helping neighbors - and neighbors helping communities. We take pride in being active members of the neighborhoods in which we work and live. Each Orchard store has the opportunity to become part of the fabric of the community they serve by supporting and participating in local events, with a special focus on community gardens, schools, and other causes that directly impact children."

Members of the OSH team joined the scouts and Principal Dr. Jezelle Fullwood for the ceremony and helped the scouts complete the planting with the kindergarten classes. Dr. Fullwood shared her appreciation.

"It's wonderful to see young women and girls serving our community and our school. This project is especially important as we celebrate Women's History Month and is a reflection of the dedication and hard work that they show each day," she said.

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SAN FRANCISCO

University of California to raise tuition for non-residents

The University of California's governing board has approved a tuition increase for out-of-state undergraduate students of 3.5 percent, or $978 a year, starting in the 2018-19 school year.

The Board of Regents voted 12-3 in favor of the increase Thursday and will decide in May whether to raise tuition for California residents.

Thursday's vote increases supplemental tuition for out-of-state undergraduate students to nearly $29,000, up from about $28,000 currently.

The supplemental tuition is an extra cost that out-of-state students pay on top of $12,630 in "system-wide tuition and fees."

The increase will bring tuition and fees for out-of-state undergraduates to nearly $42,000 next year.

The university says the increase will generate nearly $35 million and help compensate for lower than expected state funding at a time of record-high enrollment.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Zoo puts new 'mob' of meerkats on exhibit

The Los Angeles Zoo's new breeding group of meerkats is now on exhibit.

The "mob" of meerkats includes four males that arrived from the Zoo de Granby in Quebec last September and three females that came from Sedgwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas, in January.

The Los Angeles Zoo said this week that the two groups of meerkats were slowly introduced to each other at a quarantine facility before entering their outdoor habitat together in late February.

Meerkats, which constantly tunnel and dig holes, are tiny members of the mongoose family and are native to deserts and grasslands on the southern tip of Africa.

The Los Angeles Zoo is rebuilding its meerkat collection with a genetically valuable group after its elderly meerkats passed away.

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COMPTON

State controller critical of Compton spending

The California state controller says a review found the city of Compton's general fund deficit has largely been caused by overspending, deficient internal controls and a lack of City Council oversight.

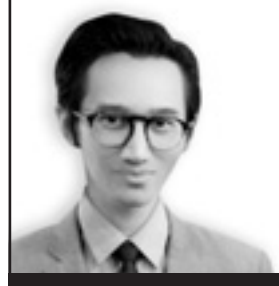
The controller's office says in a press release Thursday that at the start of the 2007-08 fiscal year, Compton had a general fund surplus of $22.4 million and three years later there was a $42.7 million deficit due to overspending of more than $16 million a year.

The report also contains criticisms ranging from elected officials' compensation to staff turnover.

A Compton city statement says its newest leaders recognized many of the same problems and attributes them to past practices. The city says it has since made substantial progress in correcting them, in particular management of revenue and expenditures.

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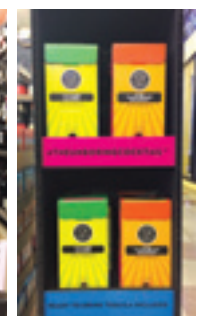
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For "Don the Con," It's Stormy Weather

AMONG THE MOST ALARMING ASPECTS of the Trump presidency is how we've become inured to his vulgarity. We're told it's "just Trump being Trump," as if that somehow excuses it. But replace "Trump" with "Obama" and imagine what would happen. For example, what if it had been Obama who bragged about grabbing women's p***y?

Or, if a week before the election, Obama's lawyer paid a porn star $130,000 to keep her quiet. Or if it was Obama who had Russians in the oval office and revealed classified secrets. What if it was Obama's White House with one hundred and thirty employees without security clearance, including a credibly accused wife-beater who allegedly gave one of his ex-wives a horrific black eye?

Or if, when reminded that Putin routinely murders journalists and dissidents, Obama responded, "Yeah, well we kill lots of people, too!" Tar, feathers and impeachment proceedings would have begun within hours. For Trump, it's just another day at the office.

Another day at the office seems to include cowardly firings of cabinet members via Twitter, KFC buckets, twelve Diet-Cokes (burp) and hours of Fox TV. As for the record White House revolving door, what happened to Trump's "I only hire the best people?"

Still shocking were Trump's remarks at a Pennsylvania rally for the ill-fated GOP Congressional candidate Rick Saccone. Despite spending $13.3 million and personal appearances from Don Jr., Ivanka, and Trump in this ruby red district, Saccone appears to have lost. Having predicted Saccone would "win easily," Trump will likely trash the former candidate rather than admit he, Donald, failed.

At a rally reminiscent of Mussolini, Trump attacked the media as he rambled for seventy-five minutes but only spent five minutes talking about Saccone. Instead, he devoted the speech to the subject Trump loves the most, himself. (Meanwhile, Saccone stooped to accusing supporters of Connor Lamb, a former Marine and federal prosecutor, of hating America and God.)

During Trump's rally, he commented, "Some people think Connor Lamb is good-looking." Trump, who is obese, dyes his hair, hides his huge balding areas, wears orange makeup and is more than twice as old as Lamb, continued, "Personally, I think I'm better looking." And then he pathetically asked his sycophants if they agreed and, like cult followers, they did. As Trump tweets so often, "#Sad."

Trump's speech went from incoherent to racist and misogynistic when he attacked Senator Elizabeth Warren and Congresswoman Maxine Waters. Like a schoolyard bully, he repeatedly called Warren "Pocahontas," and referred to Waters as a "low IQ individual." Waters responded, "I'm not intimidated by 'Don the Con.'" (Maybe Waters reads "Laughing Matters" because, on 4/21/17, I titled my column "From Honest Abe to Don the Con.")

Wouldn't it be poetic justice if Trump, who gets away with vile behavior most wouldn't tolerate from a middle-schooler, is brought down by porn-star and exotic dancer, Stormy Daniels? If you don't believe me, check out the ratings of this Sunday's already-filmed "60 Minutes" Anderson Cooper interview with Stormy. (Trump reportedly had sex with Stormy only a day after Barron's birth.)


Courtesy photo
TROUBLE: Former porn star Stormy Daniels is causing problems for President Trump

Given the historic indictments and investigations in only the first fourteen months of his presidency (with a Republican House, Senate and Special Prosecutor) Trump has been great for defense attorneys. And also porn star strippers as Storm's nightly earnings have quadrupled. (Trump lawyers are reportedly trying to get an injunction to prevent CBS from showing the interview and, while it may be postponed a week, almost all legal pundits predict ultimately it will air. A little thing called the First Amendment.)

Poor Melania. If you'll recall, she looked miserable even during the Inauguration. Twice in public, she has slapped Trump's hand from touching hers, has conspicuously not attended important events with Trump (like Davos) and reportedly spent three days in a New York hotel away from her husband.

It's rumored that details of Stormy's sex with Trump include photos and even videos, and a photographer friend who listened in on Trump's many calls. All of this might make Trump's grim "Gridiron Dinner" joke about White House staff leaving, "Maybe Melania might be next," seems prophetic.

One person Trump won't be able to bully is Stormy's attorney, Michael Avenatti. A former Le Mans racecar driver, Avenatti, as opposed to Trump, is calm, thoughtful, smart and actually tough.

It says something when a porn star has an infinitely better attorney than the POTUS. Michael Cohen, Trump's bumbling personal attorney, expects us to believe he paid the $130k to Stormy out of his pocket and with no approval from Donald. Borrowing a put-down from Trump, Cohen seems like a "low IQ person."

According to polling, a considerable majority of Americans essentially see Trump as a clown. It's also likely they wish the circus was over.

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LAWYER

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California's Senate leader announced Wednesday.

The Senate Rules Committee appointed Lizbeth Mateo to be an adviser on college access and financial aid. Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon framed the decision as a rebuke of Republican President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

As a member of the Student Opportunity and Access Program Project Grant Advisory Committee, Mateo will advise the California Student Aid Commission to help low-income and marginalized people attend college. The position is not paid.

The Senate Rules committee, which oversees such appointments, does not have a record of ever before confirming a person living in the country illegally to a statewide position, according to de Leon's office.

Mateo, 33, was born in Mexico and moved to California with her parents at age 14. She was the first person in her family to earn a college degree.

"I hope to be able to draw from my own experiences as an undocumented, first generation college graduate," she said in a statement. "I have no doubt that California can do more for all underrepresented students, especially in regions with low college participation rates, and I appreciate the opportunity to be able to help in any way I can."

De Leon announced Mateo's appointment the day after Trump visited California to view prototypes of his proposed border wall and a week after the U.S. Justice Department sued the state over policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration authorities. Democrats who run California government, including de Leon, vehemently oppose the wall and Trump's conservative stance on immigration.

Mateo's appointment comes as the U.S. Congress is struggling to reach an agreement about the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which grants temporary protected status to people living in the country illegally who came to the U.S. as children. The program's future is uncertain after Trump attempted to cancel it last year and tasked Congress with reauthorizing it.

Although she isn't a DACA recipient herself, Mateo has been a vocal advocate of the program.

Assemblyman Travis Allen, a Republican from Huntington Beach, criticized the appointment.

"This is an insult to every California citizen and legal resident," he said in a statement. "The California Democratic Party now prioritizes illegal immigrants over California citizens."

But De Leon said Mateo embodies California values.

"Ms. Mateo is a courageous, determined and intelligent young woman who at great personal risk has dedicated herself to fight for those seeking their rightful place in this country," he said in a statement.

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- 1242 20th Street (Development Review Application Nos. 16ENT-0048 and 16ENT-0049). Preliminary review of a proposed Wellness Center comprised of a new three-story, approximately 67,513 SF building with five levels of subterranean parking and the retention of an existing two-story Tudor style mortuary building that is listed on the Historic Resources Inventory located within the Healthcare Mixed Use (HMU) District.

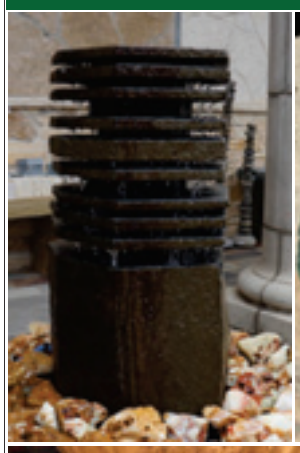
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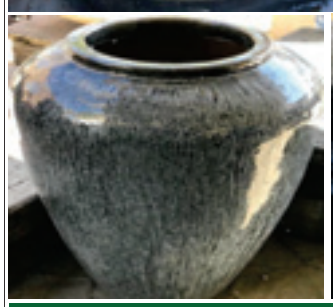
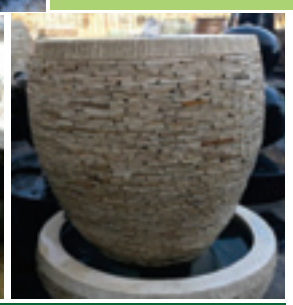
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DISPUTE

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Urbancic said. "We strongly believe (the) ruling is wrong and inconsistent with the law, and we will be exploring all options moving forward."

Santa Monica's ordinance says sites like Airbnb should only complete booking transactions for properties listed on the City's public registry. A recent city report estimated there were 950 apartments and homes listed on Airbnb during the peak tourism season, while only 187 home-shares are actually registered. Despite the threat of fines, Airbnb and hosts have collected over $31 million from legal and illegal rentals since the ordinance, according to the report. The City Attorney's Office declined to comment on what the recent ruling means for current enforcement measures.

Attorneys for the vacation rental websites argue Santa Monica's ordinance is preempted by the Coastal Act, which regulates access to California beaches. The City's Land Use Plan does not address vacation rentals at all. The City argues short-term rentals have been banned for years, and, while restrictive, the short-term rental ordinance actually liberalized city policy by allowing home sharing.

"The Court finds this to be a close issue that would benefit from further evidence and briefing," Wright said in his ruling. "Neither party presents evidence regarding the history of the City's enforcement (or lack thereof) in relation to the so-called long-standing ban on vacation rentals."

As to the Communications Decency Act, the court pointed to a recent decision in Airbnb v. San Francisco, where a judge ruled cities can enforce an ordinance that holds sites accountable for booking services for unregistered units.

"The City's Ordinance does not penalize Plaintiff's publishing activities; rather, it seeks to keep them from facilitating business transactions on their sites that violate the law," Wright said.

Wright said the ordinance restricts conduct, not speech, and is thus not in violation of the First Amendment.

San Francisco settled with Airbnb and HomeAway last May, with the websites allowing only registered hosts by January of this year. The day the requirement kicked in, the number of Airbnbs in San Francisco fell by 55 percent, according to tracking by Host Compliance, a company that monitors vacation rentals.

AirBnb remains the cheapest way to stay in Santa Monica, with an average nightly rental rate of $163. When guest houses are removed from the equation, the average nightly rent is $92.

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STORMS

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a belated spate of wet weather in an otherwise largely dry winter.

The 2:30 a.m. slide blocked State Route 27 for the third time since a brush fire burned away vegetation in Topanga Canyon in January.

Mud, boulders, debris and ash flowed down a steep slope, clogged a drain and spilled onto the roadway in three locations within a span of about 1,000 feet (305 meters), the California Department of Transportation said.

Authorities closed 4 miles (6.4 kilometers) of the road north of Pacific Coast Highway where several cars were mired in muck.

"It was raining really hard so it caught us by surprise, didn't expect it," Ivan Contreras told KTTV. "It was pretty horrible. Just got stuck, couldn't drive, couldn't even get out of the car."

His companion, Jennifer Cruz, said she thought they might go off the edge of the road and fall down the canyon slope.

"I got scared," she said.

Rescuers freed them, but the cleanup was not expected to be so quick despite the arrival of earth-moving equipment.

With more rain expected, Caltrans planned keep the road closed through at least Sunday night. It's one of just a handful of routes through the Santa Monica Mountains that connect LA's San Fernando Valley with the coast.

Smaller mud flows occurred elsewhere in Los Angeles County but were cleared quickly.

Since the deadly Jan. 9 debris flow that smashed the Santa Barbara County community of Montecito, the region has so far avoided further major storm damage despite a number large despite large wildfire burn scars.

Statewide, periods of rain and snow were expected to continue into the weekend. A winter storm warning was in effect in the Sierra Nevada and a winter weather advisory covered a large portion of far northern counties.

Los Angeles-area forecasters said there was a decent chance of even more rain next week but a low-pressure system over the Pacific had slowed down and it would take a few days to determine when a new storm may arrive.

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WATER TEMP: **58.3°**

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell mix continues. S swell easing. Westerly winds rise up, lightest early.

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Fading westerly swell-mix. Minor S swell mixing in. Westerly winds rise up, light early.



CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON MARCH 7, AT ABOUT 10:29 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 2200 Colorado Blvd- an apartment complex - regarding a vehicle burglary in the parking structure. Officers met with the victim. The victim told officers she noticed that her car was rummaged through and was missing some personal items. As officers were talking to the victim, a witness advised officers that the suspect was now in another car with an alarm sounding. Officers located the car with the suspect still inside. The suspect was detained for an investigation. Officers located the car owners cars and determined the cars were locked and secured. The victims did not know the suspect and were desirous of prosecution. The suspect was in possession of stolen property taken from a car. Chester Tabenera, 25, homeless was arrested for burglary and possession of stolen property. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 370 Calls For Service On Mar. 14.

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

Person down 100 block Wadsworth 12:05 a.m.
Trespassing 100 block Broadway 1:01 a.m.
Trespassing 1300 block 4th 2:05 a.m.
Shots fired 1700 block Centinela 2:46 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1300 block 2nd 3:12 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Pearl 4:26 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1000 block California 5:34 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1600 block 9th 5:53 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block Wilshire 6:56 a.m.
Rape 600 block Palisades 7:12 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block Harvard 7:30 a.m.
Fight 1100 block Lincoln 8:37 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 2nd 9:02 a.m.
Hit and run 2500 block Broadway 9:39 a.m.
Defecating in public 16th / Ocean Park 10:15 a.m.
Trespassing 200 block California 10:36 a.m.
Panic alarm 2500 block 29th 11:01 a.m.
Identity theft 1900 block 18th 11:03 a.m.
Bike theft 700 block Montana 11:04 a.m.
Fight 1700 block Ocean Front 11:10 a.m.
Burglary 2300 block 4th 11:25 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block Euclid 11:39 a.m.
Identity theft 1500 block Ocean 11:48 a.m.
Burglar alarm 400 block Palisades 11:58 a.m.
Person down 2500 block Santa Monica 12:05 a.m.
Fraud 1500 block 6th 12:35 a.m.
Petty theft 2200 block Colorado 12:54 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block Broadway 12:58 p.m.
Elder abuse 600 block Ocean 2:27 p.m.
Person down 2nd / Colorado 2:27 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd/ Arizona 2:28 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block 14th 2:56 p.m.
Threats 1300 block 3rd St Prom 3:06 p.m.
Drinking in public 1800 block Lincoln 3:35 p.m.
Grand theft 2500 block Broadway 3:39 p.m.
Trespassing 1200 block 14th 3:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block Stanford 3:59 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block Montana 4:43 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block Harvard 4:44 p.m.
Fraud 2500 block Wilshire 4:52 p.m.
Battery 1300block Wilshire 5:10 p.m.
Traffic collision 3rd / Ashland 5:32 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block PCH 5:42 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1400 block Palisades 5:49 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1200 block 14th 6:41 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 6:57 p.m.
Grand theft auto 3rd St Prom / Santa Monica 7:23 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block Wilshire 8:25 p.m.
Prowler 3000 block Ruskin 8:59 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 3/14
6 12 24 41 68
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 455M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 3/13
6 30 58 60 61
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 345M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/14
4 9 18 24 32
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/14
6 16 27 30 31

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/14
MIDDAY: 1 8 5
Draw Date: 3/14
EVENING: 4 5 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/14
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 07 Eureka
RACE TIME: 1:42.06

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WORD UP!

dekko

1. British Slang. a look or glance.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Best Medicine

■ A patient complained to his doctor: "Doc, you have to help me. I'm addicted to Twitter."
■ The doctor replied, "I'm sorry. I don't follow you."

Observation

■ "If you can solve your problem, then what is the need of worrying? If you cannot solve it, then what is the use of worrying?"
–AUTHOR TULKU THONDUP

Last Words

■ "Am I dying or is this my birthday?"
■ –Lady Nancy Astor (1879-1964), upon briefly awakening to find her family surrounding her bed

MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

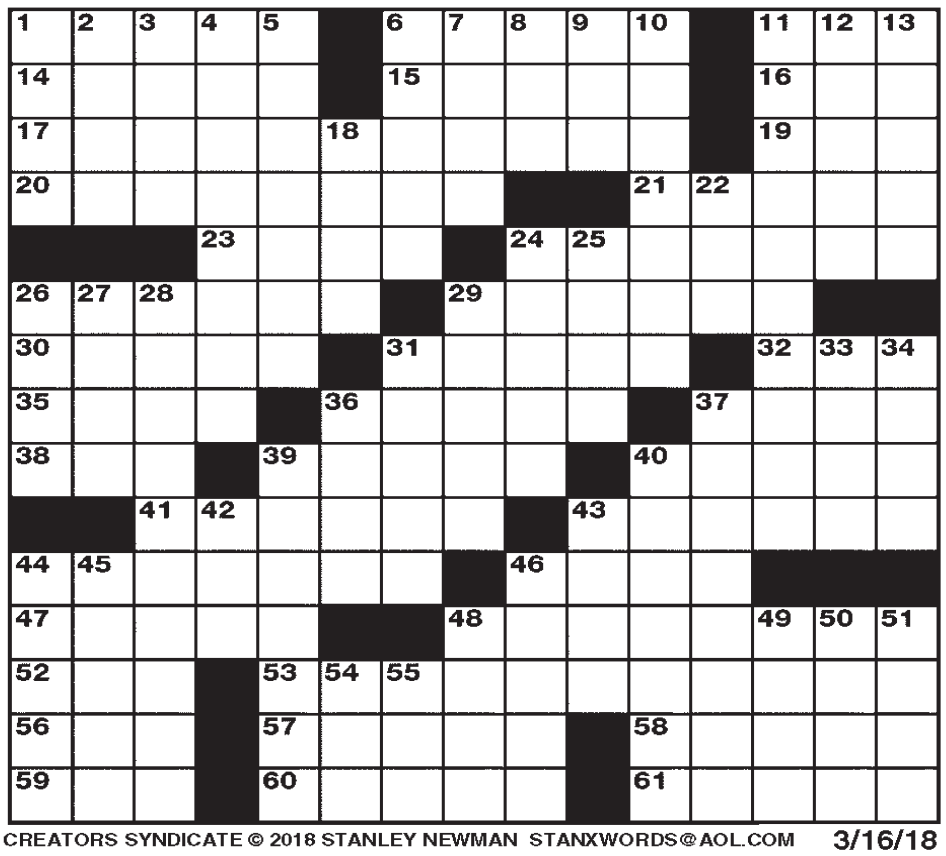
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ACROSS

1 "All done!"
6 Major hurricane of 2005
11 Family nickname
14 Two-fisted ones
15 Milieus
16 "That's not very enticing!"
17 Peace symbol
19 Factor in golf-club selection
20 Links on many home pages
21 Worked with decorative stones, perhaps
23 Haulers on highways
24 Minced-onion containers
26 Trading-day conclusions
29 Two-dimensional
30 Tries to draw
31 Shoves off
32 RAM measure
35 Something said with a sigh
36 What the puzzle's keywords each lack
37 Dark time, in brief
38 Pullet Surprise, e.g.
39 Capital city of song
40 Big part of a grade
41 Uncle Sam feature
43 Screen image, essentially
44 Spoke ill of
46 Subway fare
47 Mongoose's prey
48 Muzzles
52 Pointless fuss
53 Decoration depicting Washington
56 Name on the cover of *Ben-Hur*
57 "Recently Deleted" folder filler
58 Golf Hall of Fame nickname
59 Bracket shape
60 Lion-colored
61 Stigmatize

DOWN

1 Part of Edison's signature
2 Prefix for pad
3 Throw out
4 Flip-flops
5 The other side
6 Navigational distortions, in sci-fi
7 Parts of some portfolios
8 Dawson or Deighton
9 Cheese's popular partner
10 Hearth accessories
11 Source of the Lone Ranger's ammo
12 Not as chummy
13 Sports-team postings, informally
18 They ride on some carousels
22 Dossier letters
24 Marsh gunk
25 Vigorous
26 Sound of approval
27 Quite a sight
28 Venerable New Year's event
29 "Bearer," at times
31 Render unreadable
33 Bibliography abbr.
34 Takes shape
36 Have prestige
37 The early '70s
39 Balcony's edge
40 Topper with a long rear brim
42 Rebus conjunction
43 South American "King of Football"
44 With 45 Down, architect's creation
45 See 44 Down
46 Rolling, as topography
48 Test drive
49 "Please?"
50 Poetic land
51 Change one's mind about dropping
54 Whom Quentin directed in three films
55 Unprocessed



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 16)

The travel will give you a lucky start. Then you'll begin with your team. Whether assembled by design or the product of organic convergence, the result will be the same — working and succeeding at a common purpose. You'll love and internalize some of what you learn for your super solo jaunt in July. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 22 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It may seem radical to you to think about what's in it for you first and then decide if giving makes sense. Many people operate like this every day. Anyway, it's best for today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Traveling takes planning. It's the plans you make long before you really must that will be the most economical. Do it now. It will help you ramp up the excitement over the months to come.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You never want someone you love to feel alone, especially not in your presence. Life gets busy today and there will be a lot competing for your attention, but nothing will be more important than the ones you love.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
When you and your partner are on the same side facing the problem together, it will seem very small against your joint effort. But if you approach it as separate individuals, the problem will seem insurmountable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The small dog goes ballistic when a very calm larger dog walks by. This is insecurity in action. Feeling vulnerable can cause a serious loss of grace. One has to be strong to be gentle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Perhaps those who travel in a pack will be an intimidating group force, but each individual gives something up to have this kind of impact. Would it be worth it to you? You could be more effective as a lone wolf.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Lava flow, aurora borealis, glowing jellyfish: all natural phenomenon that can nonetheless seem somehow otherworldly and miraculous. You're providing some such phenomenon today. Be careful how you wield your power.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You'll do your best for the people around you, and truly you can do no better than that. Don't push too hard, and don't relax either. Love and encourage yourself without getting too comfortable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You need color and fun in your world. It's energizing. When you lose your sense of humor, you've passed the point of productive work. Take a break. It will give you the gumption to keep going.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Self-generated restraint is honorable. You'll be credited for this sort of grace. They don't have to know why you developed it — i.e., you'd rather limit yourself than be limited by others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Avoid gambling or speculating with your money today, as the current astral lineup could have you feeling as though you can't go wrong. Tomorrow will bring a more accurate picture of risk.

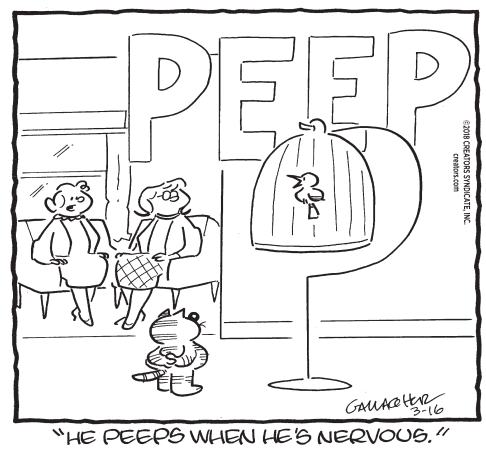
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The bottom line is that you need to get to a top line. There's a larger spiritual and creative picture that governs your life, and you'll get a better vantage on this as you sail up and up through your imagination and intuition.

Pisces Prods Promethean Flame

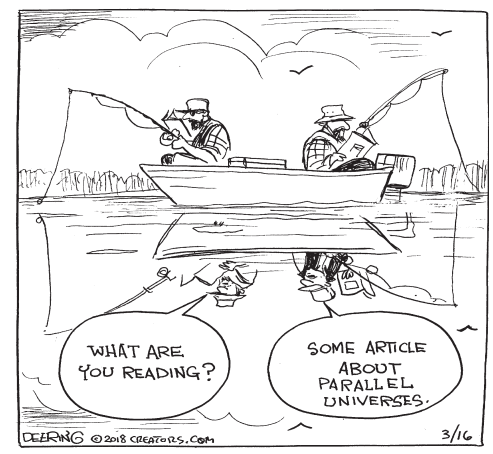
The ancient Greeks attributed the life force to an internal "Promethean fire" by which the heat of passion was lit — or was the fire passion itself, by which life was kept lit? On days like today it feels as though we live for love and not the other way around. The Pisces moon pokes the flame with angles to Neptune and then Jupiter.

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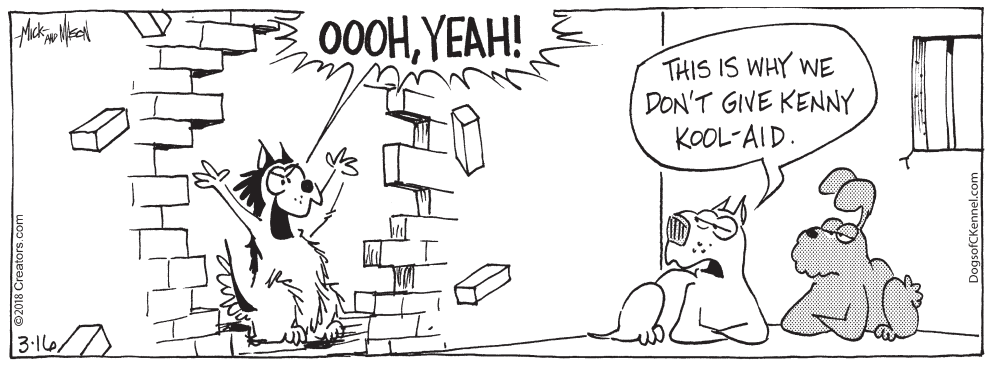
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California could cut pot taxes in bid to lure legal users

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD & DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Less than three months after California launched legal marijuana sales for adults, the state could consider temporarily slashing hefty tax rates that some say are driving buyers into the black market.

Growers and sellers in the nation's largest legal marketplace have been complaining that taxes that in some cases can near 50 percent are too high. Many consumers, they say, are shopping in the underground market to save a buck.

Finding a sweet spot for marijuana taxation has been an issue in other pot-friendly states.

Washington state, for example, initially imposed separate 25 percent taxes up to three times: when the grower sold it to the processor, when the processor sold it to the retailer and at the point of public sale. In 2015 that was pushed down to a 37 percent tax at the point of retail sale, plus sales tax. In Seattle, that combined rate is about 47 percent for recreational sales.

In Sacramento, Republican Assemblyman Tom Lackey and Democratic Assemblyman Rob Bonta proposed a plan Thursday to dial back the state tax rates to encourage buyers to patronize legal shops.

Lackey, who spent 28 years in the California Highway Patrol, told reporters that the cumulative tax burden is high for an industry being regulated for the first time.

"Without tax relief to make taxes more affordable, we will continue to empower California's mature black market," said Lackey, of Palmdale.

Criminals don't pay taxes, check IDs to avoid selling to underage buyers or follow safety regulations, Lackey added.

It wasn't immediately clear when the bill might be considered, or its level of support within the Legislature.

California began legal sales for adults on Jan. 1 as part of a sweeping plan to transform its long-running medicinal and illegal markets into a multibillion-dollar regulated market. The reshaping of such an expansive illegal economy into a legal one hasn't been witnessed since the end of Prohibition in 1933.

Black market dealers can ignore an array of state and local levies that push up prices in the legal market.

The state imposes a 15 percent excise tax, then local governments can add taxes, too, which vary around the state. There are separate state taxes on cultivation, along with regular sales taxes. There are new costs for testing and distribution, which could also be rolled into the counter price.

Generally, an eighth of an ounce of good-grade pot, enough to roll five or six joints, sells for around $35 in legal shops in the Los Angeles area. Direct taxes alone would slap over $12 on that price: the 15 percent state excise tax, the city's 10 percent tax on recreational purchases, and the usual sales tax, nearly 10 percent. Store policies appear to vary on how much of that cost is reflected in the advertised price on websites.

State cultivation taxes include $9.25 for each ounce of cannabis buds, and $2.75 for an ounce of leaves, which can also be included in the sales price.

The lawmakers' proposal would trim the state excise tax to 11 percent from 15 percent, and suspend the cultivation taxes for three years.

According to one estimate, the proposal would cut the cost for consumers at the sale counter by 9 percent, they say.

The state has estimated it would collect as much as $1 billion in marijuana taxes within several years. It wasn't immediately clear how deeply the proposed cut would reduce that revenue.

Yolo County Board of Supervisors chairman Oscar Villegas said his county has a June ballot measure that would boost taxes there in cooperation with the legal marijuana industry, but said lower state taxes will help.

"The one thing we all do agree on is that no matter what tax rate, whatever structure we put together, the likelihood of this entire system being undermined by the black market is very real," Villegas said.

Bonta said the proposal was intended to help legal businesses during the transition period into the regulated

"If we don't get it right in the beginning, it will be hard to make up for it later and correct in the future," Bonta said.

Blood reported from Los Angeles.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

Lawsuit seeks protected areas for West Coast humpbacks

A new lawsuit accuses the Trump administration of failing to follow the law on protecting humpback whales.

Two environmental groups and a nonprofit that represents Native American tribes filed the lawsuit Thursday in federal court in San Francisco.

There have been increasing reports of humpback whales tangled in fishing gear that cause some to die. Federal authorities have designated three groups of West Coast humpbacks as endangered or threatened.

The lawsuit says that obligates federal officials to designate special areas of the ocean as critical to protecting the humpback whales. It says authorities missed the legal deadline for doing so by 2017.

Spokeswoman Jennie Lyons of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the agency does not comment on litigation.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Interim Ordinance Extending Interim Ordinance 2569 (CCS)

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance extending Interim Zoning Ordinance 2569 (CCS) which amended portions of Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.07.030 to revise development standards for maximum parcel coverage, maximum building height, and additional minimum stepbacks for upper stories in the R1 Single-Unit Residential District.

On January 23, 2018, Council adopted the initial interim ordinance that established interim development standards in the R1 Zoning District pending adoption of the permanent revisions to the R1 development standards. The interim ordinance is set to expire on May 22, 2018. The proposed interim ordinance extension would continue, until November 22, 2019, to provide an opportunity to conduct a comprehensive revision to the R1 development standards, particularly with respect to the size and scale of new construction.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018, AT 6:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: R1 Interim Zoning Ordinance Extension
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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