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Applications open for second round of Pico microgrants



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GRANTS: Students in Carmela Morales' class make paper flowers. The project received a small grant recently.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Carmela Morales has loved making paper flowers since she was a child, and now, many of her neighbors do too.

Morales is one of eight people who received a $500 grant from the City of Santa Monica last fall to design a project that would build community in the Pico neighborhood. She used the grant to teach dozens of residents how to make colorful tissue paper flowers, or flores de papel periódico, a craft she learned while growing up in Mexico.

Morales was nervous when she taught her first class, but when she saw her students smiling and chatting as they folded increasingly intricate flowers, she started thinking of herself as a teacher.

"I was proud of myself," she said. "I started thinking about doing more classes for Valentine's Day and Easter."

The City is opening applications for another round of microgrants April 1 that will focus on creating more economic opportunities in Pico, said Julie Rusk, who leads the City's Office of Civic Wellbeing, which is disbursing the microgrants as part of the Pico Wellbeing Project. The office will provide a first information session for people interested in applying April 6 at a financial independence

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Sustainability plan on tap for SMMUSD meeting

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

This week's upcoming board meeting will cover aspects of the future, near-future and present of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District.

Items on the March 21 SMMUSD school board meeting agenda include recommendations for approving a sustainability plan, determining a new name for a school in Malibu and mid-year district advisory committee updates.

The future of the environment will receive attention with the district's Sustainability Plan.

The plan has been appearing on agendas since late 2017, described by staff as a road map for SMMUSD to unite and integrate new and existing sustainability measures into

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MARATHON WEEKEND: The Los Angeles Marathon will end in Santa Monica on Sunday with street closures throughout the day. Visit https://www.santamonica.gov/marathon for more information.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

634 21st Place (2121 Alta Avenue), Appeal 18ENT-0359 of a Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification Denial. An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification (18ENT-0152) to increase the height of a registered non-conforming 6'-0" tall hedge to 9'-0" in height along the front property line and a registered non-conforming 7'-6" tall hedge to 10'-0" in height along the side (south) property line within the front yard setback. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning District. [Planner: Ivan Lai] **Appellant/ Applicant / Property Owner: David and Susan Heckerman.**

630 21st Place, Appeal 18ENT-0360 of a Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification Denial. An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification (18ENT-0153) to allow a 10'-0" tall hedge within the front yard setback along the front and side (south) property lines where a maximum height of 42" is permitted. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning District. [Planner: Ivan Lai] **Appellant/ Applicant / Property Owner: David and Susan Heckerman.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the project planner at (310) 458-8341. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, #10R, and #18 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall 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 un aviso de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 20

Vernal Equinox Offering with Jeremy Hahn

Free! $15 suggested donation. Jeremy Hahn, creator and facilitator of the Expressive Body workshop series at the Camera Obscura, presents a ritual offering in celebration of the Vernal Equinox. Open to the wisdom of your heart while dancing, reflecting, and listening deeply to a live sonic soundscape by multi-instrumentalist Craig Shields. This invitation is open to those who hunger to explore the spirit of movement as an intentional practice for a spring of transformation. 7 - 9 p.m. 1450 Ocean, register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vernal-equinox-offering-with-jeremy-hahn-tickets-53758013666

Planning Commission Meeting

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

Movie: Love, Gilda (2018)

Join organizers as they celebrate Women's History Month with a two-night movie tribute to pioneering comedian Gilda Radner. On the first night, they screen the recent documentary, Love, Gilda (88 min), covering her life from precocious childhood to her legendary comedy career, through to her final battles with cancer. Stick around afterwards to discuss the film, Gilda, and other women comedians who made an impact on your life. Fairview Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Springtime Puppet Parade

Franklin Haynes Marionettes presents a delightful spring puppet surprise with Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail! He's bringing everyone lots of springtime joy! Tickets required; space is limited. Free tickets available 30 minutes before event. Pico Branch Library
Ages 4 -12, in The Thelma Terry Room. 4 - 5 p.m.

Kids' Writers Group: The Once Upon A Time Project

Join this group for kids who love to write. Be part of a project to publish an anthology of our own writing! Ages 8-12.Main Library, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. main Library.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Please note: Dates, times and locations are subject to change up to 24 hours in advance of a meeting. 1:30 p.m. Ken Edwards Center.

Thursday, March 21

Women Who Shape Santa Monica

An annual event honoring women who are a positive influence in shaping Santa Monica. $40 to pre-pay, $50 at the door. 7-10 p.m. at Ocean House (2107 Ocean Avenue)

Recreation & Parks Commission

The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. City Hall, 1685 Main Street. 7:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA airport gets rare super bloom of flowers next to runways

Travelers flying in and out of Los Angeles International Airport are being treated to a rare visual spectacle of large wildflower fields coming into bloom between runways.

Heavy winter rains spawned the super bloom of flowers at the airport and elsewhere around California.

The largest concentration of blooming flowers at the airport is on its north side between two runways that stretch for 10,880 feet (3,316 meters).

The Southern California city of Lake Elsinore about a 90-minute drive from Los Angeles was swamped last weekend with an influx of about 150,000 people who wanted to see this year's rain-fed flaming orange patches of poppies lighting up the hillsides.

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SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco may ban e-cigarettes sales unless FDA-approved

San Francisco's city attorney is cracking down on e-cigarettes that some say aggressively target kids drawn to vaping.

Dennis Herrera announced Tuesday that he's teamed up with Chicago and New York in a letter demanding the U.S. Food and Drug Administration evaluate the impact e-cigarettes have on public health.

Herrera said the review should have been done prior to the product entering the market, but that the agency has given makers until August 2022 to submit applications.

Supervisor Shamann Walton plans to introduce legislation Tuesday banning the sale of e-cigarettes anywhere in the city of San Francisco unless that product has been reviewed by the FDA.

San Francisco was the first in the United States to approve an outright ban on the sale of flavored tobacco and flavored vaping liquids.

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SACRAMENTO

California chief justice says judiciary is more diverse

California's chief justice on Tuesday praised the racial and gender diversity of judges appointed by former Gov. Jerry Brown and highlighted women in leadership roles in state government.

Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye noted that more than half of the roughly 600 judges appointed by Brown are women and 41 percent identify as a race other than white.

"The judiciary now is more representative of the communities we serve in every way," she said during her annual address to California lawmakers.

She also said the civil rights movement, as evidenced by #MeToo and Black Lives Matter, has more work to do.

Two-thirds of the state bench is made up of white judges, but that percentage has been falling since 2006, according to the Judicial Council. Overall, a little more than a third of the roughly 1,900 judges in the state are women.

Cantil-Sakauye said the judiciary has to ensure that income inequality does not create a two-tiered system of justice; that court fines and fees do not fall on those least able to afford them; and that minor traffic offenses do not overburden the poor. It must also make sure its own workplaces are safe from discrimination and harassment, she said.

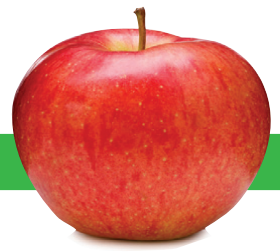
Last year, Cantil-Sakauye – the second woman and first Asian American to serve as the state's chief justice – launched a review of judicial policies on harassment, discrimination and other inappropriate conduct in the workplace.

A task force she created was expected to come back with recommendations in the summer, she said. She said she wants to include judges in training aimed at overcoming unconscious bias.

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The Church In Ocean Park

IS STILL A LEADER

In all causes of human rights and justice. Why don't you hear more about it? Isn't that what we supposedly pride ourselves on in The People's Republic of SM?

It's Rev. Janet Gollery McKeithen's fault. She's not Jim Conn. Who? Who?

See? Even if you have lived in Santa Monica a long time, you may not be familiar with her work or even know her name. Just today I met a local official, longtime resident, who drew a blank at the mention.

It's her personal style, I think. She speaks quickly but very softly. She's diminutive. Humble, a gentle spirit. Thoughtful with her words. Not flashy or flamboyant in any way. More interested in listening than talking. She's self-deprecating but makes it clear she is not afraid of anything and is willing to take on the biggest challenges. If the cause is right, having only the slimmest chance of success is not even a consideration for her.

CHARISMATIC

Only some might call her that, but that's OK. We love charisma, don't we? But it's overrated.

Often it's useful. Dr. King's charisma and oratorical skills brought attention and respect to the Civil Rights Movement that perhaps no one else could have. Same with Gandhi. I keep hearing that Donald Trump has charisma, but I just can't seem to find it. (Maybe it's being audited, with his tax returns. Maybe it's under one of those strategically-coiffed flying buttresses of dyed blond hair.) JFK had charisma, Malcolm X, Cesar Chavez, New Zealand's Jacinda Ardern, Gavin Newsom, Beto seems to, Bernie has his own kind.

Her predecessor, Rev. James Conn, had a lot of charisma, and he accomplished a lot. Conn was ambitious and ran for City Council and was appointed Mayor, and some say that changed him, for better or worse. His legacy in Santa Monica is undeniable and large; many credit him with single handedly turning a scruffy beach town in the '70s into the poster child of all things progressive.

That's the big shoes McKeithen came to fill, and she's done it much more than many people know. Very quietly, of course. But it's time to familiarize yourself with, and support, all the good work Rev. Janet does at the Church in Ocean Park (CIOP), because we may not have her, or the church, for much longer.

MESSING WITH THE METHODISTS

There's a big fight going on now in the second-largest Protestant church in the US, and while you do not want me to bore you with the details (it's concurrently shameful and not surprising), the end result may hit us hard right here in Santa Monica.

(The LA Times ran a long front page story on the Methodist problem Tuesday.)

The Rev came close to being ousted a few years ago by a bishop who didn't think her church service was "Christian enough." No altar, no crosses, no vestments, no Bibles being thumped, and a really mixed congregation including Jews, Catholics, atheists, Buddhists, all races, all genders, all abilities, you name it. Very Santa Monica, not so Methodist.

She survived that one (the bishop was sent packing to Northern California) but this one is not about her, it's the whole worldwide church. And their firm stand against gays.

The Methodists have a Book of Discipline, which contains the law and doctrine they follow. The BofD frowns menacingly upon homosexuality; it does not allow gay ministers, and it punishes any minister who performs a gay marriage with a year's suspension without pay for the first violation, and permanent expulsion, no trial, for the second. Rev. McKeithen says she loves the CIOP and feels it is what she was called to the ministry for, and would hate to lose it. Unfortunately, the United Methodist Church (UMC) owns all their church buildings and land. (Also, losing her pension after 35 years as a minister would be a personal disaster.)

BRING IT ON

But morality and principle put everything else in the back seat for her. The UMC had a special session in St. Louis last month, to consider the growing division over the stand on gays, and she spoke out in no uncertain terms.

"It may come to a schism, a split," she told me. "If that happens I know which side I'm on. The progressive wing of the church is all over the place — as progressives usually are — but I cannot be part of some compromise to what I know is right.

"There was some pretty strong language at the conference, gays were called everything including 'spawn of Satan' — I have seen what terrible damage that does, when you tell someone, especially a young person, that they are damaged goods, broken, wrong in their very being. I won't be a part of that."

She has performed quite a few same-sex marriages since landing here almost 14 years ago, has not yet received any discipline for it yet but is a known "rogue minister" to the church's conservatives. There are a few policy procedures to go through before the next quadrennial session in January but it looks like the deck is stacked, she said, and it would be a miracle if things could be resolved in a way that keeps her here or even in the United Methodist Church. (Her husband is also a UMC minister.)

She doesn't know what she will do but she does know what she won't do.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I am quite sure now that often, very often, in matters concerning religion and politics a man's reasoning powers are not above the monkey's." — Mark Twain

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Colleges weigh fate of students with tainted applications

COLLIN BINKLEY
AP Education Writer

In the wake of a massive college bribery scheme, the schools caught in the middle have been left facing a thorny question: What to do about the students who may have been admitted through fraud?

The University of Southern California announced late Monday it had placed holds on an undisclosed number of students, meaning they can't register for classes or obtain transcripts until their cases are reviewed. After a review, USC officials said they would take appropriate action, "up to revoking admission or expulsion."

At Yale, the president declined to comment on specific cases but said it's a "longstanding policy is to rescind the admission of students who falsified their Yale College applications." Stanford similarly noted that students could be "disenrolled" or have offers of admission rescinded.

More than 30 parents have been charged in the scheme in which prosecutors say a disgraced college admissions consultant, William "Rick" Singer , took millions of dollars in bribes to assure their children's entry into top colleges by getting them recruited for sports they didn't play and by arranging for standardized tests to be rigged.

Federal prosecutors say some students never knew about the bribes and fraudulent entrance exams that got them into some of the nation's top universities, but investigators say some students did and were even involved in submitting false information about athletic feats in their applications.

One student posed for photos in 2017 that were allegedly doctored to make it look like he played water polo, according to court records. Investigators say the family bought a water polo ball and cap on Amazon.com to be used for the photos. The photo was edited and used in a fraudulent "athlete profile" that helped him get into USC. His father, Devin Sloane, is accused of paying $200,000 for the scheme. Messages left for Sloane were not immediately returned.

"The parents, the other defendants, are clearly the prime movers of this fraud. It remains to be seen whether we charge any students," U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling in Boston said in announcing the charges last week.

Several schools said they are still considering what to do about students whose admission may now be tainted.

At Georgetown University, the indictment cast a shadow over the applications of about a dozen students. The school said it was examining its records and "will be taking appropriate action."

Wake Forest University said a student mentioned in the indictment remains enrolled, and school officials have no reason to believe the student was aware of the alleged crimes.

Only USC has said definitively that it revoked offers of admission from applicants tied to the scheme. More than half the parents charged were trying to bribe their children's way into the school in downtown Los Angeles.

The scheme is remarkable in part because of its scale and the cast of rich and famous defendants, including actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, who allegedly paid $500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as crew team recruits.

But colleges are hardly unfamiliar with efforts to bend the rules. An entire industry has been built to catch people who cheat on the SAT and other standardized tests.

The same day that prosecutors in Boston revealed details about the bribery ring, in fact, their counterparts in Los Angeles announced arrests in a scheme to help Chinese nationals obtain student visas. Prosecutors say five people used fake passports to impersonate the Chinese nationals and take an English fluency test on their behalf.

Mark Sklarow, CEO of the Independent Educational Consultants Association, said schools are increasingly on the lookout for applicants coming from China with faked transcripts, recommendations and other application records.

"It's an issue that I think every college in America has been dealing with over the last few years," Sklarow said.

In cases from abroad, colleges typically don't have to deal out justice on their own: The people involved are often deported or denied visas. But in other cases, colleges have been swift to boot students who get in through fraud.

Cornell University expelled a student in 2013 after finding that she transferred with a forged transcript showing a 4.0 grade point average, when in fact she had a 2.79. The student, Cavya Chandra, was sentenced to five years of probation for loan fraud in that case because she had received federal student aid.

More recently, colleges have drawn attention for using their power to rescind admission in cases unrelated to fraud.

Harvard University ignited a debate in 2017 when it rescinded offers to at least 10 students because they made offensive comments online. The school found that students had joked about the Holocaust, sexual assault and racial minorities in a private Facebook group. Some observers called it a violation of free speech, while some applauded Harvard for taking a strong stance against racist comments.

In 2017, the University of California at Irvine revoked admission to nearly 500 applicants because more students had accepted than officials expected.

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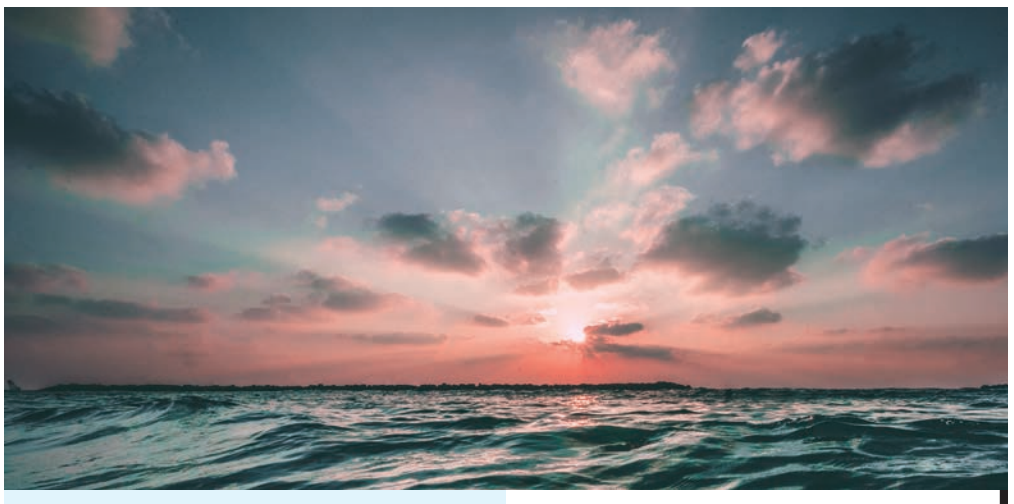
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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and
Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME) Program funds

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica will hold two public hearings to receive community input to inform the development of the upcoming Draft 2019-20 Action Plan, scheduled for release on March 15, 2019. Annual Action Plans implement the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan adopted by City Council and are submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Action Plans delineate the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds to address the City's housing and community development high-priority needs as specified in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan. The 2015-19 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.smgov.net/ccsgrants.

The upcoming FY 2019-20 Action Plan will be available to the public for a 30-day community review period, currently scheduled to begin on March 15, 2019 and end April 15, 2019. Copies will be available at City Hall and on the web at http://www.smgov.net/hsd or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to humanservices@smgov.net or to the above address by April 16, 2019. All interested members of the public are also encouraged to attend these meetings and provide input.

The Public Meetings are scheduled at the:

Housing Commission
Thursday, March 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

Social Services Commission
Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00pm
at the Ken Edwards Center
1527 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA, 90401

Parking is available at the Ken Edwards Center and will be validated. The meeting place is wheelchair-accessible. If you require any special disability related accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting, access to an amplified sound system, etc.), please contact the Housing Division at (310) 458-8702 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting.



PICO

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workshop held at the Pico Branch Library between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Local leaders say the microgrants have allowed residents to contribute to their community and gain valuable skills and experience.

"It helped people like (Morales) expand their leadership skills and self-confidence, and it challenged them to use their gifts to connect people," said Liz Cruz, a longtime Pico resident who co-chairs Virginia Avenue Park's advisory board.

For many of the microgrant recipients, the program has also been an avenue to preserve the culture of the neighborhood as its demographics change – and help newer residents understand its history.

Japanese, Black and Latino communities settled in Pico during the 20th century, when it was one of the only parts of Santa Monica where racially restrictive housing covenants were not widespread. Historically a low-income pocket of the city, Pico has struggled with crime, gang violence and a lack of public services. Over the past decade, however, it has experienced rapid gentrification, pushing out the Latino community that has saturated the neighborhood since the 1970s.

Daniela Wiener and Chiara Arroyo used their microgrant to start Escuchamos para entender: Las caras de pico (We Listen to Understand: The Faces of Pico). Students at Edison Language Academy, a bilingual elementary school in Pico, interviewed Spanish-speaking seniors about their lives, compiling an oral history of the neighborhood. The project is ongoing and Wiener and Arroyo plan to launch a podcast of the recorded interviews in May.

Edison, now a sought-after magnet school, was underserved and racially segregated when the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and community leaders decided its students should be taught in both Spanish and English. Wiener, an Edison parent, said the school has attracted more students from elsewhere in Santa Monica, many of whom were unfamiliar with Pico and its history.

"A lot of kids don't know who built this neighborhood," she said. "They get dropped off at Edison and don't necessarily venture into the surrounding area."

Learning about the lives of long-term residents helped the students understand what life in Pico was like throughout the 20th century, Wiener said. She hopes they feel more connected to the community in which they go to school, she added.

Janeen Jackson's project, My Community Kitchen, and the Latinx/Ethiopian community workshops staged by Marco Marin and Mulugeta Tadele also sought to connect older and newer residents.

Marin said he frequently takes his children to Virginia Avenue Park and noticed they were often playing with the children of Ethiopian immigrants. He said he hadn't realized that Pico had become home to a significant Ethiopian population.

"I didn't know anything about Ethiopian culture," he said. "I wanted to build trust between Latinos and Ethiopians and address the challenges we share."

Marin said he is continuing to hold the workshops on a monthly basis and eventually hopes to host outdoor screenings of American and Ethiopian movies.

Jackson hosted a community gathering to gather recipes from the neighborhood's different culinary traditions, creating a 25-page cookbook called "A Taste of Pico." The cookbook includes a recipe from someone who has lived in the neighborhood for one year alongside recipes from families who have lived there for generations, she said.

Jackson, who moved to Pico 11 years ago, said she has immersed herself in the community that long-term residents have built and wants to see recent arrivals engage with it too.

"My project was really about saying, "Hey new neighbor, who's lived here for five years and I've never seen around, come on out and get to know this amazing community"," she said.

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SMMUSD

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education and actions that will have a direct impact on the future of the environment.

Aspects of the plan include integrating sustainability practices such as climate protection, resource efficiency and waste management into day-to-day operations in schools throughout the district.

The plan is built on eight focus areas: education & engagement, energy efficiency, food nutrition, green buildings, water, waste, transportation and material procurement. Metrics will be implemented for the Sustainability Plan with goal deadlines in 2020, 2025 and 2030.

District staff will be recommending that the Board of Education adopt the SMMUSD Sustainability Plan.

"Now is an urgent time," sustainability coordinator of SMMUSD Caroline Coster said. "We no longer can wait to fight climate change. SMMUSD is in a position where we can make change and have control over the change we can make here in Santa Monica. We have staff, educators, and students that can work towards this goal."

In regards to the near future, Malibu will soon be naming an elementary school post-Malibu Schools Alignment.

As part of the alignment, Juan Cabrillo Elementary and Point Dume Marine Science School are to be consolidated into one school. This leaves the new site nameless and without a mascot or school colors.

Students, staff, parents and community members gave staff over 200 suggestions through a survey.

Green and blue were picked as the school colors with a narwhal being chosen as the school mascot for the newly (upon Board of Education approval) named Malibu Ocean Elementary.

As for the present, this SMMUSD meeting will receive an update on the district advisory committee (DAC) responsible for Early Learning with a mid-year report.

The DAC for Early Learning is responsible for determining how the district can provide preschool educational opportunities to all Santa Monica residents. Throughout the year this DAC studies challenges that impede the program as well as identifying resources that help families and students.

The DAC's goal is to ensure education is accessible to all families in the district.

Staff will be updated on accomplishments to date, highlights to note, and budgetary implications.

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Hawaii bills push 1st state ban on plastics in restaurants

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Associated Press

Hawaii would be the first state in the U.S. to ban most plastics at restaurants under legislation that aims to cut down on waste that pollutes the ocean.

Dozens of cities nationwide have banned plastic foam containers, but Hawaii's measure targeting fast-food and full-service restaurants would make it the first state to do so. The liberal state has a history of prioritizing the environment — it's mandated renewable energy use and prohibited sunscreen ingredients that harm coral.

A second, more ambitious proposal would go even further and prohibit restaurants, stores, wholesalers and government agencies from distributing and using plastic drink bottles, utensils, stirring sticks, bags and straws.

The Hawaii efforts would be stricter than in California, which last year became the first state to ban full-service restaurants from automatically giving out plastic straws, and broader than in Seattle, San Francisco and other cities that have banned some single-use plastics.

Activists believe the foam container measure has a better chance of passing in Hawaii.

"We have this reputation of setting the example for the world to follow, and that's what we're trying to do here," state Sen. Mike Gabbard, lead author of the more ambitious measure, said to the Senate. "Our state can once again take the lead in protecting our environment."

Gabbard, father of Democratic presidential candidate and U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, said 95 percent of plastic packaging worldwide is thrown out after being used once. In the U.S., 500 million plastic straws are used and thrown out every day, he said.

Discarded, slow-to-degrade plastic is showing up at sea, as in a massive gyre northeast of the Hawaiian islands, and on beaches.

Plastics also contribute to climate change because oil is used to make them, said Stuart Coleman, Hawaii manager for the Surfrider Foundation.

Eric S.S. Wong, co-owner of two fast-food establishments on Oahu, said not being able to serve food in plastic foam containers would drive up his costs at a time when he faces rising health insurance charges for his employees and a possible minimum wage hike that lawmakers also are considering.

He said he'll have to raise prices.

"Now all of the sudden, your family's $30 dining experience became $37 or $38," Wong said.

His Wiki Wiki Drive Inn takeout counter in Honolulu sells sandwiches, breakfast meals and Hawaii favorites like Loco Moco, which features white rice topped with a hamburger patty, fried egg and gravy.

A package of 200 foam boxes costs him $23, while the same number of biodegradable boxes would cost $57, he said.

Chris Yankowski of the Hawaii Restaurant Association, which represents 3,500 restaurants, said lawmakers are trying to do "too much too fast."

Yankowski, who is also president of Triple F Distributors, argued that good alternatives to plastic products are not yet available. Hawaii's cities and counties also don't provide composting facilities, so there is no organized place to dispose of compostable containers that lawmakers say restaurants should use instead, he added.

"It's almost like we want to do great things for the environment, but we're not ready to handle it when we change it over," Yankowski said.

The Hawaii Food Industry Association, which counts the state's biggest supermarkets and convenience stores as members, initially opposed the foam container ban but now supports it.

The group said in written testimony that it's encountered difficulties coping with varied local regulations and it wants the state to create a consistent standard. Two main counties — Hawaii and Maui — have already adopted plastic foam bans. Maui's took effect on Dec. 31, while Hawaii's takes effect on July 1.

The association still opposes the broader measure, which also would ban plastic garbage bags.

The president of Island Plastic Bags, a Hawaii company that makes plastic bags, said the legislation would prohibit his company from selling trash bags to nursing homes and hospitals as well as restaurants and hotels.

Grocery stores wouldn't be able to sell trash can liners, Adrian Hong said in written testimony. It would create a "public health crisis," he said.

Gabbard said his proposal was in the early stages so lawmakers have time to address such concerns.

The state Senate has passed both bills. They still must get through several House committees and the full House before heading to the governor.

Cindy McMillan, a spokeswoman for Gov. David Ige, said he hasn't stated a position on the measures yet.

Justin Macia, a pharmacist in Honolulu, said he would like people to use less plastic and stop using plastic foam entirely because of how long it takes to degrade. Cardboard containers would be a great alternative, he said.

"It's definitely something that's got to go," he said, after eating a sandwich from a foam takeout box.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The California Court of Appeals issued a temporary stay of Judge Palazuelos' order requiring the City Council to vacate by Aug. 15. The final ruling will come after both sides have filed additional paperwork with the court.

The original version of the article "Two serious accidents, one fatality over the weekend," published March 18, incorrectly stated there were nine pedestrian fatalities in 2016 and zero in 2017. In fact, there were nine fatalities in 2017 and zero in 2018.

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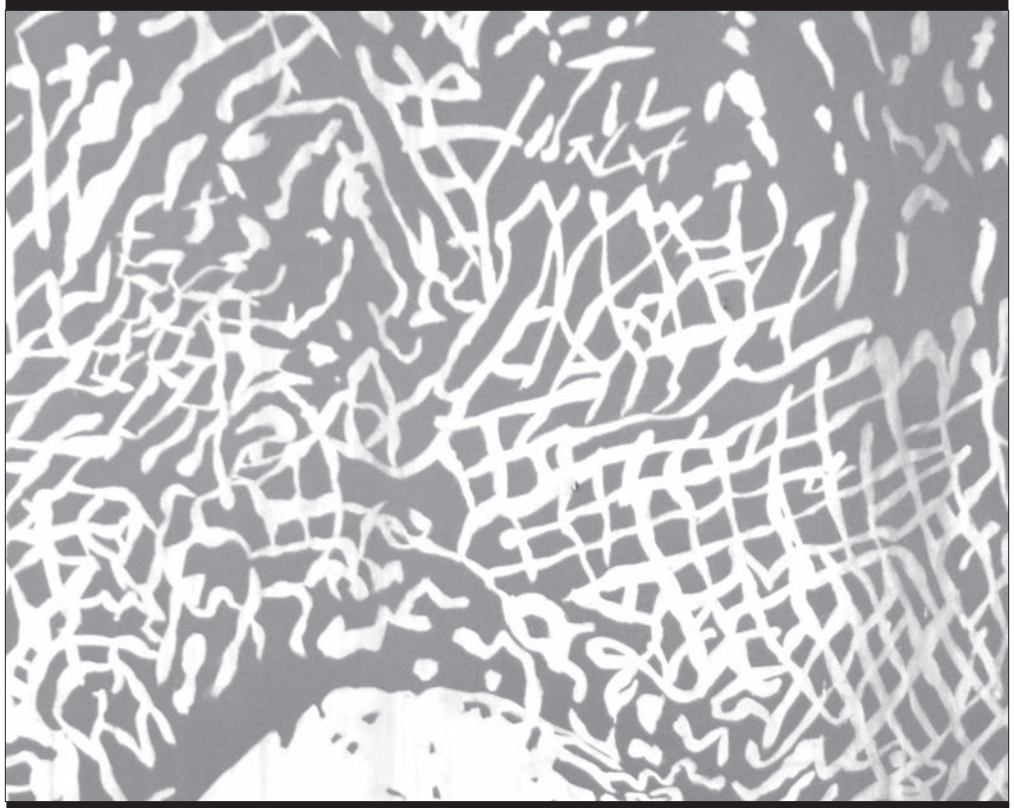
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON MARCH 7, AT ABOUT 7 A.M.

While patrolling the area of Broadway & 2nd Street, a motor officer saw a pedestrian enter the marked crosswalk against the "Don't Walk" signal in violation of the vehicle code. The officer recognized the subject from previous contacts and was aware the subject was on parole for burglary. The officer stopped the subject for the violation. A computer check of the subject led to the discovery of a no bail parole warrant. The subject was placed under arrest. Jeremy Lee Sutliff, 43, homeless, was arrested for a parole violation. He was denied bail.



File Photo

JEREMY LEE SUTLIFF.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 371 CALLS ON MARCH 18

Petty theft 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:15 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 2:22 a.m.
Domestic violence 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:06 a.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 3:18 a.m.
Rape 1400blk 9th St 4:15 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:24 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 4th St / Interstate 10 5:59 a.m.
Hit and run felony 500blk Olympic Blvd W 5:59 a.m.
Battery 2600blk Main St 6:03 a.m.
Battery 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:30 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 600blk Pico Blvd 8:03 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:04 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 14th St / Olympic Blvd 8:23 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1300blk Yale St 8:30 a.m.
Hit and run 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 8:38 a.m.
Fight 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:05 a.m.
Petty theft 500blk Olympic Blvd W 9:14 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 26th St / Pennsylvania Ave 9:28 a.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:39 a.m.
Petty theft 2400blk 34th St 9:47 a.m.
Petty theft 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Identity theft 200blk Alta Ave 10:19 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2200blk Oak St 10:23 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Olympic Blvd 10:34 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 900blk Harvard St 10:42 a.m.
Grand theft auto 15th St / Washington Ave 10:54 a.m.
Vehicle out of space 1400blk Olympic Blvd 11:02 a.m.
Fraud 900blk 3rd St 11:14 a.m.
Illegal weapon Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 11:56 a.m.
Lewd activity 1500blk Princeton St 12:06 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2200blk Virginia Ave 12:17 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 2nd St 12:26 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 900blk Ozone Ave 12:31 p.m.
Identity theft 2300blk 34th St 12:34 p.m.
Fraud 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Auto burglary 1900blk Montana Ave 1:31 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 1:53 p.m.
Grand theft 1500blk Broadway 2:11 p.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:20 p.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Main St 2:28 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1600blk San Vicente Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 28th St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:54 p.m.
Lewd activity Esparta Way / San Vicente Blvd 3:08 p.m.
Failure to pay parking fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:23 p.m.
Indecent exposure 9th St / San Vicente Blvd 3:24 p.m.
Critical missing person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:35 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:51 p.m.
Burglary 1400blk Euclid St 4:02 p.m.
Vandalism Appian Way / Arcadia Ter 4:11 p.m.
Hit and run 7th St / Broadway 4:18 p.m.
Death 100blk California Ave 4:24 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 28th St / Pearl St 5:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Appian Way 5:27 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Fraser Ave 5:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Appian Way 5:52 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 6:01 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON MARCH 18

Emergency Medical Service 2900blk 3rd St 12:05 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1200blk Harvard St 1:43 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 26th St 2:17 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 2:31 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 2:39 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Main St 3:18 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 3:29 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 5:15 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 5:59 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300blk Wilshire Blvd 6:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm 9th St / Pico Blvd 6:53 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 17th St 7:38 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2700blk Colorado Ave 8:11 a.m.
EMS 14th St / Olympic Blvd 8:23 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Urban Ave 9:33 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Euclid St 10:09 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 14th St 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 21st St 10:36 a.m.
EMS 700blk Grant St 1:08 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Sunset Ave 1:08 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 11th St 1:22 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100blk 20th St 1:56 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:57 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 3:39 p.m.
EMS 100blk California Ave 3:40 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 3:47 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 6th St 3:59 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:03 p.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 4:47 p.m.
EMS 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:23 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 3/16
30 34 39 53 67
Power#: 11
Jackpot: $550 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/15
3 29 56 62 64
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: $45 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 3/16
2 21 23 28 45
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: $28 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/18
2 3 6 11 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 3/19
Midday: 5 4 7

Draw Date: 3/18
Evening: 6 3 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 3/18
1st: 4 - BIG BEN
2nd: 5 - CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
3rd: 11 - MONEY BAGS
RACE TIME: 1:48.68

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WATER TEMP: 60.1°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 5-7 ft - head high to 2 ft overhead
Stronger WNW swell. New SSW swell builds. Offshore wind early. Deep mid AM high tide.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 5-8 ft head high to 3 ft overhead
Stronger WNW swell eases. SSW swell peaks for exposures. Winds/conditions look dicey.

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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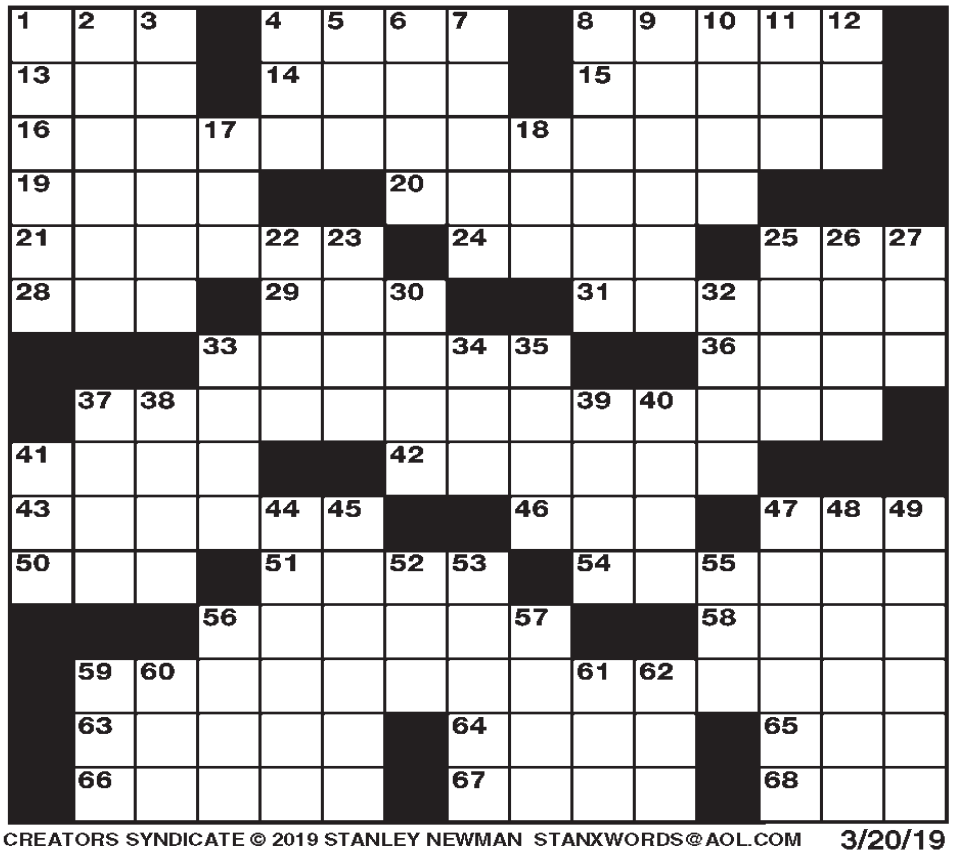
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Newsday Crossword

ZIP IT by Charles Slack
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ACROSS
1 Beast of burden
4 Accelerates, with "up"
8 Muscle twinge
13 Hot tub
14 Castle's watery ring
15 Garden bulb
16 "Zip it!"
19 Business school subj.
20 Strata
21 Peace Nobelist Mother ___
24 Annoying one
25 Drain of energy
28 Optimist's "limit"
29 Baby beagle
31 Beethoven piano piece
33 Glossy fabric
36 Dumbbell metal
37 "Zip it!"
41 Female toon explorer
42 Loch legend's nickname
43 Well-coordinated
46 PC bailout key
47 Scratch up
50 Morsel in fried rice
51 Commits a blunder
54 Take turns
56 Common polar surface
58 ___ and sciences
59 "Zip it!"
63 Samuel of the Supreme Court
64 Told a whopper
65 Rural stopover
66 Evil spirit
67 Starring role
68 Butterfly catcher

DOWN
1 Items of value
2 Oscar actress Sissy
3 Appetizing
4 Actress Adams
5 Bovine bellow
6 One of the Beatles
7 Rein, essentially
8 Emphasize
9 With 40 Down, American commonwealth
10 Wistful word
11 Command to a canine
12 Dashboard letters
17 U-turn from WSW
18 "See ya!"
22 Minor falling-out
23 Limo, for instance
25 Dress of New Delhi
26 Perched on
27 Review poorly
30 Quaker State school
32 Africa's longest river
33 Command to a canine
34 CBS symbol
35 Carrot, for Frosty
37 Cram for exams, with "up"
38 Celestial bear
39 KGB's country
40 See 9 Down
41 Filling for a party bowl
44 Must
45 Coloring stick
47 Printed-page border
48 Bring into harmony
49 Take offense at
52 ___ Grande
53 Narrow racing boat
55 Brown shade
56 Sticklike in build
57 Toledo's lake
59 Contained
60 Spanish cheer
61 "Hot" or "iced" drink
62 Unconventional



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20)

This will be an exciting year of firsts, even if you thought you'd already experienced all the firsts. You're changing. You've learned all you can about some topics, exhausted the value in certain situations, and now you'll move gracefully into new interests, professional situations, domestic arrangements, friendships and more. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 33, 37 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Gentle times like these are the calm before the storm. So instead of enjoying the lull, do exercises to get yourself ready for a future that requires your strength.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People have different signals, signals they don't learn so much as create, signals never formally communicated. Yet you're the kind of person they think will understand them anyway, and somehow you actually do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are some who don't like schools categorically. If everyone is going in a direction, one stream of thought or another, there are those who will resist on principle. It's a checkpoint opportunity but nothing to take too personally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's a day to appreciate the difference inherent in generations. Youth is movement. Age is movement, too, but slower and multidimensional, sometimes internal, sometimes symbolic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Doing what you know isn't going to help you explore, grow or conquer new realms. Doing what you don't know is going to make you feel stupid. The more comfortable you get with that, the bigger and better you'll be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are new people you don't meet, so much as recognize. These soul-to-soul reunions don't have to be anything heavy. They can be incredibly lighthearted and yet feel like strange validation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have your own way of seeing things, and it's not accurate, because no one's way of seeing things is accurate. As an evolved person, you recognize your limitations, and perhaps even celebrate them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When was the last time you marveled at something? When was the last time your curiosity shattered the limitations of the usual wondering, pushing into extraordinary realms of awe?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've been working very hard. Could you trust others to do the same? People will do more if you ask them to do more, but do even more if you leave a need for them to do more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a subtext in your dialogue. Whether or not you want that to reveal more than you intended, you can't help it. Such is the exchange of language.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Yes, the constant craving is real. There's a difficulty in being that is not and will never be resolved. The wise will get used to the thirst, as it will not be quenched.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're not in charge of what others see in you, and concerning yourself with that would be a major waste of time today. You know how you'd like to develop. All is well when you stay headed in that direction.

Here Comes the Supermoon

The spring equinox is upon us, with the Aries sun pulling across the sky from the full supermoon in Libra. Weather allowing, this shining lunar occasion will be a bright signal for happy relationships. But even under cloud cover, the Libra full moon will be a harbinger of fast friendship, instant affinity and versatile, flexible, helpful arrangements.

DECLARATION OF THE VERNAL EQUINOX

The change of seasons can be bittersweet. The past weeks have given us a chance to identify with the world a little differently. Neptune rules Pisces and is the planet of dreams, imagination and faith. The Pisces energy can do funny things to our sense of self as we begin to feel our role in the collective. Now it's time to shake off the dewy Pisces energy and hold on as the focus shifts from introspective to extroverted. The call of the Aries sun is "I am," not "Who am I?" The wisdom of Aries is to declare the self as is, not a body, not a collection of possessions, positions and roles, but something other than these temporal extensions – something unchanging. As the vernal equinox begins this zodiac cycle, remember that nothing is ever really lost, just transmuted into a new incarnation. Endings are beginnings. Closings bring opportunity. And through it all, you are and ever will be.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Few have had a more positive impact on children's media than the gentle-spirited Fred Rogers. The ordained minister had a simple message: Love yourself and others. At a time when children's programming was limited to cartoon violence, he pleaded with government officials for a better way. Rogers' natal sun, moon and Mercury were all in Pisces, the sign of empathy.

WORD UP!

Obscurantism
noun [uhb-skyoor-uhn-tiz-uhm, ob-skyoo-ran-tiz-uhm]
opposition to the increase and spread of knowledge.

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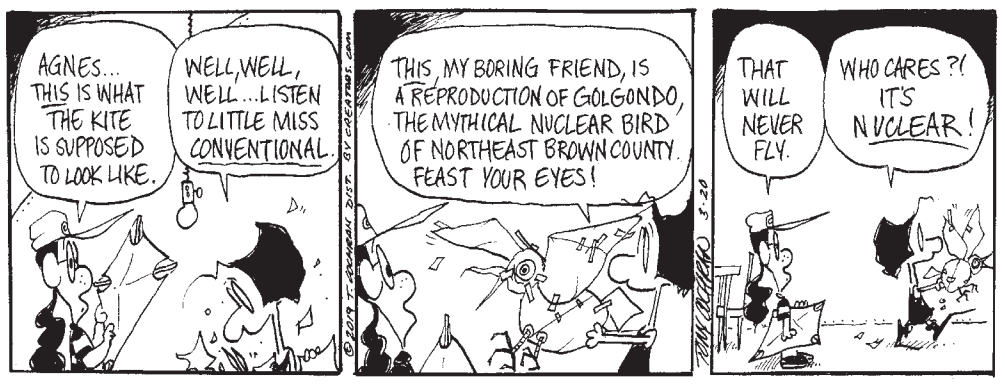
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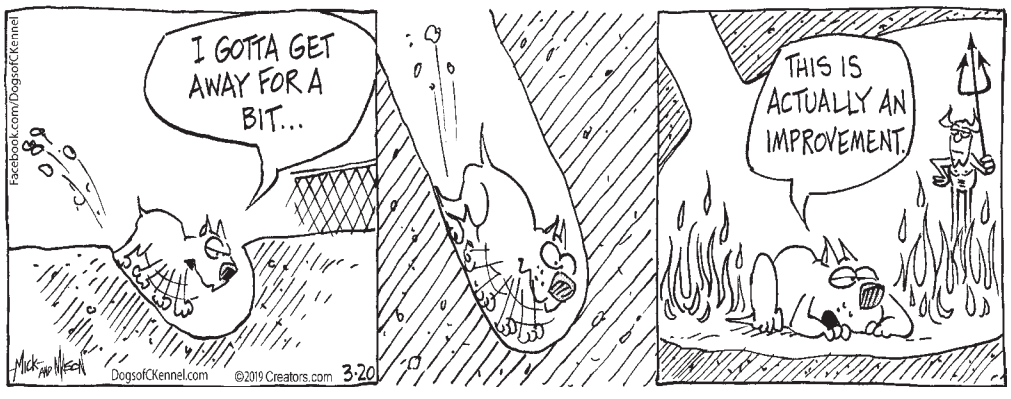
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Heat records falling twice as often as cold ones

BY SETH BORENSTEIN AND NICKY FORSTER
Associated Press

Over the past 20 years, Americans have been twice as likely to sweat through record-breaking heat rather than shiver through record-setting cold, a new Associated Press data analysis shows.

The AP looked at 424 weather stations throughout the Lower 48 states that had consistent temperature records since 1920 and counted how many times daily hot temperature records were tied or broken and how many daily cold records were set. In a stable climate, the numbers should be roughly equal.

Since 1999, the ratio has been two warm records set or broken for every cold one. In 16 of the last 20 years, there have been more daily high temperature records than low.

The AP shared the data analysis with several climate and data scientists, who all said the conclusion was correct, consistent with scientific peer-reviewed literature and showed a clear sign of human-caused climate change. They pointed out that trends over decades are more robust than over single years.

The analysis stopped with data through 2018. However, the first two months of 2019 are showing twice as many cold records than hot ones. That's temporary and trends are over years and decades, not months, said National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration climate monitoring chief Deke Arndt.

"We are in a period of sustained and significant warming and — over the long run — will continue to explore and break the warm end of the spectrum much more than the cold end," Arndt said.

Former Weather Channel meteorologist Guy Walton, who has been studying hot and cold extreme records since 2000, said the trend is unmistakable.

"You are getting more extremes," Walton said. "Your chances for getting more dangerous extremes are going up with time."

No place has seen the trend more clearly than the Southern California city of Pasadena, where 7,203 days (more than 19 years) went by between cold records being broken. On Feb. 23, Pasadena set a low temperature record, its first since June 5, 1999.

Vermont native Paul Wennberg felt it. He moved to Pasadena in 1998 just before the dearth of cold records.

"Even with the local cold we had this past month, it's very noticeable," said Wennberg, a California Institute of Technology atmospheric sciences professor. "It's just been ever warmer."

In between the two cold record days, Pasadena set 145 hot records. That includes an all-time high of 113 degrees last year.

"Last year was unbelievable here," Wennberg said. "The tops of a lot of the hedges, they essentially melted."

Scientists often talked about human-caused global warming in terms of average temperatures, but that's not what costs money or sends people to the hospital. A study this month found that in just 22 states, about 36,000 people on average go to the hospital because of excessive summertime heat.

"The extremes affect our lives," Arndt said, adding that they are expensive, with hospital stays, rising energy bills and crop losses.

National Center for Atmospheric Research climate scientist Gerald Meehl, who has published peer-reviewed papers on the rising hot-to-cold ratio, said people pay more attention to climate when records are broken.

The AP counted daily records across 424 stations starting in 1920 and ending in 2018. The AP only considered daily — not all-time — high maximum temperatures and low minimum temperatures and only used stations with minimal missing data. Temperatures that tied previous records were counted in addition to temperatures that broke previous records.

More typical than Pasadena is Wooster, Ohio. From 1999 on, Wooster saw 106 high temperature records set or broken and 51 cold ones. In the previous eight decades, the ratio was slightly colder than one to one.

At MW Robinson Co., people are lining up for air conditioning installation as the climate seems to get have been getting hotter over the years, said Lori Bowersock, who coordinates the firm's HVAC installations.

"It's more and more every year," Bowersock said. "Usually we don't have them lined up like this."

The AP's other findings:

— Since Jan. 1, 1999, just under half the stations had at least twice as many hot records set than cold ones, including Wooster.

— In all, 87 percent of the weather stations had more hot records than cold since 1999. There have been 42 weather stations that have at least five hot records for every cold one since 1999, with 11 where the hot-to-cold ratio is 10-to-1 or higher, including Pasadena.

— All nine of NOAA's climate regions have seen more hot records set than cold ones since 1999, with the West, Southwest and Northeast having a 3-to-1 ratio.

— All four seasons have had more hot records broken than cold for the same time period.

— Most decades in the 20th century had close to an even ratio of hot to cold. The 1930s, driven by Dust Bowl summers, had about 1.4 hot records for every cold. The 1960s and 1970s had about 1.5 cold records for every hot. The 21st century has a 1.9-to-1 hot-to-cold ratio.

"As a measure of climate change, the dailies (temperature records) will tell you more about what's happening," said climate scientist Chris Field of Stanford. "The impacts of climate change almost always come packaged in extremes."

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