



LOCAL RIVALRY

The Santa Monica High School varsity lacrosse team traveled to Culver City High School and won 13-4 to improve their record to 3-0 in league play and 9-0 overall. Pictured are Jacob Taylor Rhodes from Culver City checking Ronan Casteleyn, Julian Miglino from Samo cradling the ball while being chased by Tyler Higgins and Anthony Novo, Sebastian Casillas from Culver City watching Kyle Kennedy run by and Collin Ferrara from Samo getting checked by Elijah Zavala.

Morgan Genser

City Attorney search continues this weekend

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City Council will meet for a weekend session on Saturday to discuss hiring a new city attorney.

Former City Attorney Marsha Moutrie retired at the end of 2016 and Assistant City Attorney Joe Lawrence has been serving in the interim. At Saturday's closed meeting, the council will be evaluating candidates who were recruited during a nationwide search.

"At this time, there has been a lot of interest in the position and the recruitment is moving forward," said Constance Farrell, Santa Monica's Public Information Officer.

The new City Attorney will oversee a 45-person department that has a budget of \$11 million. The

initial job posting called for someone with an extensive management experience, minimum of 10 years of broad legal practice including working for public entities, superior academic credentials and excellent communication skills. Applications were due by Feb. 15.

According to the job description, the City Attorney's Office represents the city and its employees in civil proceedings, prosecutes state and local misdemeanors on behalf of the People of the State of California, helps draft ordinances, resolutions, and motions, enforces local and state laws that protect tenants and consumers, fulfills civic responsibilities relating to governmental

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Pier, Earthquakes and mini-parks subject of City Council Meeting

BY KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

On Saturday, the City Council will meet in a private, special session to go through resumes of potential candidates for the open City Attorney position. The Councilmembers will evaluate the resumes and determine how many candidates they want to interview. The recruiter will then schedule the interviews.

Tuesday meeting:

LANDMARK DESIGNATION:

Councilmembers have the option to designate the former Home Savings Building at 2600 Wilshire Boulevard as a City Landmark. The two story building is a blend of

Modern and classically formal architecture, featuring a large mosaic beach scene above the front entrance entitled "Pleasures Along the Beach." The back of the building has a large wall of stained glass, which also depicts coastal activities.

The property owner strongly opposes the designation of the building, and his attorney submitted volumes of paperwork to the planning division detailing the history of the building and remarks from a historical consultant who does not believe the property is historical.

In February, the building failed to receive the four necessary votes from the Landmarks Commission to receive the designation. The Santa Monica Conservancy filed

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Friday, March 24

The James Webb Telescope: NASA's Next Big Thing

Get the latest news about NASA's successor to the Hubble Space Telescope - the James Webb Space Telescope - and the efforts to keep the program moving toward a hoped-for 2018 launch. If you miss the March 24 show, mark your calendar for its reprise on March 31. The John Drescher Planetarium, second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). Tickets are available at the door and cost \$11 (\$9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or \$6 (\$5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Word I (MS Office 2016)

Introduction to using Microsoft Word 2016 to create and format basic documents. Intermediate level. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

Lunchtime Chamber Music

Performer/teachers Deborah How (piano and flute), Rik Noyce (flute), and Sylvie Olliver (piano) present French classical music from the 19th century to today. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12 - 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 25

Earth Hour

Visit www.earthhour.org for more information. 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Women in Film on The Bechdel-Wallace Test

A panel of women filmmakers - writer/director Cathryn Michon (Muffin Top: A Love Story, A Dog's

Purpose), actress Marissa Jaret Winokur (Hairspray), producer J.D. Disalvatore (Shelter, Elena Undone), and SAG/AFTRA's Director of EEO & Diversity Ellen Huang - discuss "The Bechdel-Wallace Test" and its implications for the representation of women, both onscreen and off. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Women to Watch Out For Panel Discussion

An amazing group of women comics writers and illustrators - Cecil Castellucci (Shade the Changing Girl, The Plain Janes), Joelle Jones (Lady Killer, Super Girl), Irene Koh (Legend of Korra), Sarah Kuhn (Fresh Romance, Heroine Complex), and Jen Wang (In Real Life, Koko Be Good) - join us for a discussion panel. A book sale and signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Reads Book Discussion: Fun Home

Santa Monica Reads book discussions are hosted by trained discussion facilitators and are free and open to the public. Discussion participants are encouraged to share their thoughts about this year's book selection, Fun Home, and its themes, or are welcome to simply listen and learn more about the book. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sharing/Making Artist Books & Zines with Grace Hwang

Drawing on the rich tradition of artist-created books, zines and paper ephemera, we will delve into the creation our own publications, from one-off text sculptures to one-page zines. Participants are encouraged to bring their own books/zines to show, and the artist will bring her collection of artist-made printed material for inspiration. Cost: \$5. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/56734 or call (310) 458-2239. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sunday, March 26

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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Health care disaster
Editor:

The congressional Republican health care plan will be a disaster for working families. Their plan will take health care away from 24 million people across the country and impose painful taxes on working people. Budget experts predict that out-of-pocket expenses will skyrocket because companies will shift prices to their employees. That means thousands of dollars less in the pockets of working people. The proposed cuts to Medicaid will wreck our state budget and hurt people in our community who already are struggling to make ends meet. Their plan weakens Medicare. It takes three years off the life of the Medicare hospital fund in order to give a huge tax break just to people earning more than \$200,000 a year. Their plan does nothing to deal with skyrocketing prices for medical care and prescription drugs. The people cutting America's health care under the banner of reform have never had to worry about care for themselves or their families. CEOs, billionaires and right-wing politicians get the best care because cost isn't a factor for them. The rest of us don't have that luxury. Congress should focus on expanding coverage for more working people, not putting high-quality care out of reach.

Teresa Conrow
Venice

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier
Pacific Park's world-famous Ferris wheel
to go 'Dark' for Earth Hour 2017

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier joins Earth Hour in its "Shine A Light On Climate Action #ChangeClimateChange" campaign as the world-famous Pacific Wheel Ferris wheel, will go "Dark" except for the wheel rim safety lighting, from 8:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. The Pacific Wheel is the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel.

In 2017, WWF and Earth Hour teams around the world will be using the movement to shine a light on the climate issue most relevant in their country or region. In Europe, as the European Union negotiates on crucial climate and energy policy for the period leading up to 2030, WWF will use the Donate Your Feed platform to mobilize public support and their Facebook posts - to call for a clean, renewable energy future for all. In Brazil, people will be invited to join forces to protect one of the country's many biodiversity hotspots from climate change while citizens in South Africa will raise their voice for renewable energy and in China, WWF is working with businesses to encourage a shift toward sustainable lifestyles.

"From Europe to Brazil to China, we can all make an impact from a global to local scale. In Santa Monica, Pacific Park is home to the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel and each year we look forward to participating in Earth Hour to further demonstrate our support for climate awareness and action," said Jeff Klocke, Vice President and General Manager at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. "We work hard to be a leader in our community and industry for sustainability and green initiatives to help our environment."

Starting in 2007 as a single-city event, Earth Hour is now celebrated across all continents. In the past decade, as global climate efforts gained momentum, Earth Hour has helped bridge the gap between the grassroots and the corridors of power, taking climate action from conference rooms to living rooms. It has empowered millions to support and participate in critical climate and conservation projects led by WWF and many others, helping drive climate policy, awareness and action.

From the shores of Argentina where Earth Hour helped mobilize public support for the creation of a 3.4 million hectare-wide marine protected area, to the heart of Uganda where local communities and businesses helped create the first Earth Hour forest, the movement's impact has been a game-changer for popularizing climate action.

Through its own grassroots efforts, Pacific Park received the "Excellence in Stewardship of the Natural Environment" award at the 15th annual Sustainable Quality Awards presented by the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and the nonprofit Sustainable Works.

For additional information and hours of operation, call (310) 260-8744 or visit www.pacpark.com.

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SMC Wind Ensemble Presents Spring Concert March 26

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present "Something Old, Something New," a spring concert featuring the SMC Wind Ensemble. The concert will be held Sunday, March 26, at 4 p.m. in The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street, Santa Monica).

Under the baton of Kevin McKeown, the ensemble will perform an exciting mix of both new and traditional music written specifically for wind instruments. The program will include Red Rock Mountain by Rossano Galante, "Little Fugue" by J.S. Bach/Arr. Romm/Custer, Groovy Loops by J. Scott McKenzie, Symphonic Metamorphosis by Philip Sparke, and Shepherd's Hey by Percy Grainger/Ed. Rogers. All ages are welcome.

Tickets are \$10. For tickets and information, please go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or call (310) 434-3005 or (310) 434-4323.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Adventures with a Playmate of the Year

LAST WEEK I WROTE ABOUT MY TIME writing for the late director Robert Aldrich. I received a number of emails so, under the heading, "Mamas, don't let your babies become screenwriters," here's one about my first paid screenwriting job. Whereas Aldrich was class, my first producer, we'll call "Glen," was crass.

Glen hired me to write a comedy about Jesse, a cowboy from Montana, who falls in love with and "rescues" a Playmate of the Year, from Hugh Hefner and the Playboy empire. (A narcissist, Glen wasn't a cowboy and was raised in Brentwood, but he did somehow woo 1978 Playmate of the Year, Debra Jo Fondren, away from Hef. In our script the magazine was "Centerfold" and the owner was Harold Hunter.) So that's how I came to work with Debra Jo who once gave me a very memorable kiss.

Glen, Debra and I were driving to dinner to discuss the script. He stopped at an ATM, leaving me and Debra. Suddenly, she confessed she was just a waitress from Lumberton, Texas and was desperately nervous about starring in a movie but I couldn't tell Glen.

Feeling for her, I had an idea. "Debra, I'll write your 'country girl' character as nervous as you are, so just be yourself." Corny, yes, but it apparently sounded good to Debra who gave me a big kiss. (My one and only from a Playboy Playmate.)

How crass was Glen? An accomplished golfer, during "story conferences," he would incessantly putt golf balls on the carpet into a device that would spit them back. I felt demeaned. Getting paid would be even worse.

Months later, I finally finished a script I was happy with. The title Glen chose was "Sincerely, Debra Jo," which was how Debra signed fan mail. In our script, one such letter was in response to one from Jesse. What he didn't know is that Debra got so many fan letters, Centerfold had a lonely female employee write the letters and Debra only signed them. Meanwhile, the employee developed a crush on Jesse and encouraged him to come to California.

On the day I was to turn the script in and get my hard-earned \$10,000, Glen showed me a book filled with photos of vintage cars. (Collected from other movies he had produced.) He offered me any car as my writing fee. Insulted, I responded, "Glen, I'm a writer, not Cal Worthington!" He wouldn't

budge so, script in hand, I walked out. Ironically, any of those cars today would be worth five times the 10k I was owed.

The next day, Glen phoned to say it was Debra Jo who had a problem with the script. (Debra was using a portion of her "Playmate of the Year" cash prize to fund her half of the production.) I always got along great with Debra, so I gladly agreed to a meeting.

When I walked into Debra's office, the walls were covered with posters of her in various states of undress. Debra had incredibly long blond hair that went below her knees and, in some photos, would be artistically placed to cover her nudity. But in others, she was completely bare. In fact, one of her bent over putting on high heels was directly behind her as she sat at her desk. You'll see why I mention it.

Distracted by the photo, I listened as Debra voiced her complaint. It involved when Jesse kidnaps her from the debauched life of Centerfold and drives her back to his Montana ranch. "Jack, you have me and Jesse spending the night in the motel, but we're not married. My mother's going to see this movie."

Frankly, I thought I was on "Candid Camera," Allen Funt was going to jump out of the closet and the joke would be on me. I explained, "Debra, kidnap victims generally don't have control over sleeping arrangements in a motel." Immediately, she responded, "Well then he just kidnapped the wrong girl, didn't he?"

I agreed to rewrite the scene. Actually, I got a kick out of Debra's feisty, "He kidnapped the wrong girl, didn't he?" and used it in her new dialogue to Jesse. Totally exasperated, he storms off to the truck, gets some rope and strings it between the two beds. Debra was happy with the change and I finally got my \$10,000. (I also got my name in Variety when Hefner sued Glen.)

The lawsuit was dropped when the movie didn't get made. I was disappointed but at least no more having to watch Glen putt. He's 77 now and I'm told he often shoots under his age. Debra Jo eventually moved back to Texas where she lives happily. In 2013, Cal Worthington died at 92. All due respect to Glen, why do the good ones die so young?

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process, governmental ethics and elections and assists in the accomplishment of other tasks and goals set by the City Council.

Several councilmembers said they are looking for a candidate that can adapt to the needs of the city.

"There are so many different kinds of leadership styles," said Councilwoman Sue Himmelrich. "I don't think we can know until we meet people if they are the kind of leader we're looking for. I hope we see people with lots of experience with the issues we have here. Issues like rent control and noise ordinance and affordable housing and all the intricacies of being an attorney in a city that has so many different things going on at once."

Mayor Ted Winterer said a new City Attorney will need to get up to speed on the city's existing legal issues, such as litigation over the California Voting Rights Act or airport issues, while preparing for new potential challenges related to the federal government.

"There's a changing landscape in D.C." he said. "The elimination of critical funds can impact the city and we need to know what

our rights are if that should happen."

Winterer said land use will continue to be a big part of, but not the entire, job.

"First and foremost, I want someone of the highest ethics and management skills," he said. "I'm hoping to get someone who intends to be there at this job for a number of years and we're looking for someone who can mesh seamlessly with the existing organization and staff."

Councilman Kevin McKeown said the department is in good shape and a new leader will need to think on their feet.

"Marsha Moutrie left us with an excellent and effective staff of attorneys," he said. "The expertise is there, and the challenge for our new City Attorney will be managing all the unanticipated issues that arise in such a complicated city. I'm looking for a nimble multi-tasker who can maintain a calm demeanor while both steering and steadying our legal ship when storm waves hit from multiple directions."

The discussion is not open to the public but any action taken will be announced at the conclusion of the meeting.

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Senate votes to undo privacy rules that protect user data

BY TALI ARBEL &
RICHARD LARDNER
Associated Press

The Republican-led Senate moved Thursday to undo Obama-era regulations that would have forced internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon to ask customers' permission before they could use or sell much of their personal information.

Senators voted along party lines, 50-48, to eliminate the rules. The Federal Communications Commission, then controlled by Democrats, put the regulations in place in October. They're not in effect yet.

The regulations would have required a company like Verizon to get approval before telling an advertiser what websites customers visited, what apps they used, their health and financial information, or their physical location. Under the regulations, many more people likely would have chosen not to allow their data to be shared than if they had to take an extra step of asking a company to stop sharing or selling their information.

Industry groups and Republicans protested the regulations. They said broadband providers would have to operate under tougher privacy requirements than digital-advertising behemoths like Google and Facebook.

Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., said undoing the rules won't change existing consumer privacy protections. But Democrats and consumer advocates say it will be easier for phone and cable companies to use and sell customer data. Flake is chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on privacy and technology.

The House and President Donald Trump

must still approve rolling back the privacy rules.

Cable companies, cellphone carriers and the advertising industry attacked the rules as an overreach. If the permissions requirements went into effect, it may have been more difficult for telecom companies to build advertising businesses that could serve as stiffer competition to Google and Facebook, as they want to do. Internet companies like Google doesn't have to ask users' permission before tracking what sites they visit.

Republicans and industry groups have blasted that discrepancy.

"The commission's rules suffocate industry and harm consumers by creating two completely different sets of requirements for different parts of the internet," Flake wrote in a recent opinion column.

The cable companies' trade group, the NCTA, had argued broadband providers should be allowed to use web browsing and app history data unless a customer specifically told them to stop. There is no evidence, NCTA said, that consumers are harmed by this "opt out" approach.

The Senate voted to overturn the broadband privacy rules using the Congressional Review Act, which lets lawmakers undo regulations enacted in the last months of the Obama administration with a majority vote. It gets around the Democrats' filibuster power.

A similar resolution has been introduced in the House, which Republicans also control. And then it would go to President Trump, who has already signed three such measures overturning Obama-era regulations.

Undoing the regulation means that a future FCC couldn't pass the broadband privacy measure again.

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Hundreds rally in LA to protest GOP plan to scrap Obamacare

Hundreds marched through downtown Los Angeles protesting President Donald Trump's plan to dismantle his predecessor's signature health care law.

The demonstration Thursday came as congressional leaders postponed a vote on the American Health Care Act, which the White House hopes will replace Obamacare.

Protesters cheered loudly when the postponement was announced.

Marchers hoisting signs reading "save our health care" said people have come to rely on coverage provided by the President Barack Obama's plan. They said they fear millions of Americans would be left without health coverage.

The rally coincided with similar events across the state and nation.

GOP leaders hope to reschedule a vote Friday.

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SAN FRANCISCO

California Supreme Court expands shoplifting under crime law

The California Supreme Court has expanded the list of crimes that could qualify as shoplifting under a voter-approved initiative that cut penalties for certain drug and property offenses.

In a 5-2 ruling, the court said Thursday that shoplifting under Proposition 47 does not just refer to taking merchandise from a store. A majority of the court said it also includes other theft of property worth \$950 or less.

The decision came in the case of a man convicted of felony burglary after authorities say he cashed stolen checks at a bank.

The high court said his crime qualified as shoplifting under Proposition 47. Proposition 47 made shoplifting a misdemeanor.

The state attorney general's office had argued for a narrower shoplifting definition.

An email to the office was not immediately returned.

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LOS ANGELES

LA Zoo's alligators awaken from cold-weather state

The Los Angeles Zoo says its two alligators have awakened from brumation – a hibernation-like state that cold-blooded animals use during cold weather.

The zoo said this week that the alligators, Reggie and Tina, are now swimming, floating and sunning themselves.

They are now getting along after what the zoo says was a bumpy introduction.

Reggie was a cast-off discovered living in a park lake in the Harbor City area of Los Angeles in 2005. He became famous as he eluded captors until he was wrangled in 2007 and brought to the zoo.

Tina lived 18 years at the suburban Pasadena Humane Society, where she ended up in 1998 when a traveling wildlife program failed to get proper California permits. She was moved to the Los Angeles Zoo last August.

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THOUSAND OAKS

LA Rams sign Aaron Murray to be their 3rd-string quarterback

The Los Angeles Rams have signed quarterback Aaron Murray.

The Rams announced the deal Thursday.

Murray is expected to be the Rams' third-string quarterback. He was a fifth-round pick by Kansas City in 2014, and he spent two seasons with the Chiefs before getting cut and finishing last season on Philadelphia's practice squad.

Murray played collegiately at the University of Georgia, where he spent two seasons handing off to Rams running back Todd Gurley.

The Rams don't intend to re-sign quarterback Case Keenum. He started the first seven games last season before giving way to Jared Goff, the No. 1 pick in the 2015 draft.

Sean Mannion is expected to be Goff's backup after spending two years as the Rams' third-stringer.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles Kings recall F Jonny Brodzinski for NHL debut

The Los Angeles Kings have recalled forward Jonny Brodzinski from their AHL affiliate in Ontario.

Brodzinski could make his NHL debut Thursday night when the Kings host Winnipeg.

Brodzinski leads the AHL club with 25 goals and 47 points, along with nine power-play goals. The Minnesota native has appeared in 121 AHL games over the past two seasons, scoring 75 points.

Brodzinski will rejoin Kings forward Nic Dowd and defenseman Kevin Gravel in Los Angeles. The trio played together for two seasons at St. Cloud State from 2012-14, advancing to the Frozen Four in 2013.

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LOS ANGELES

Chargers re-sign Branden Oliver after season-ending injury

The Los Angeles Chargers have re-signed running back Branden Oliver to a one-year deal.

The team also announced Thursday that safety Adrian Phillips has signed his exclusive-rights free agent tender, keeping him with the Chargers.

Oliver missed the entire 2016 season in San Diego after tearing his Achilles tendon in a preseason game against Minnesota.

He joined the Chargers as an undrafted free agent in 2014, and led the team in rushing with 582 yards as a rookie. The 5-foot-8 Oliver has started eight of his 22 career games, rushing for 690 yards and three touchdowns.

Phillips was another undrafted free agent signed in 2014. He made 38 tackles and had one interception last season.

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MEETING

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an appeal within days, allowing the City Council to potentially override the Commission Tuesday night.

SEISMIC RETROFIT ORDINANCE

The public will have one last chance to comment on the City's vast seismic retrofit ordinance Tuesday night when it comes up for second reading. Once the ordinance passes, the City will begin sending out notices to building owners May 1st that they must hire an engineer to evaluate the structural integrity of their building. Most owners of buildings that need retrofitting to meet current seismic standards will have two years to complete any construction.

The City Manager is urging the Council to move forward with the ordinance, which is coupled with several new tenant protection laws aimed at helping renters whose buildings will need structural renovations. The City will gain oversight of hazardous material abatement (such as asbestos dust or lead) and may hire environmental consultants to evaluate compliance.

PARKLET SMOKING BAN

A half dozen parking paces on Main Street will be transformed into "parklets" this summer – featuring plants and seating as a way to encourage walking along the busy street. Three parklets will be built using a pair of street parking spaces in front of Finn McCool's, Ashland Hill and Holy Guacamole. The restaurant operators will provide furniture and maintain the parklets.

On Tuesday, the City Council is poised to ban smoking in the parklets, which should be completed by the end of July. Staff has recommended amending the City's existing smoking ordinance to add parklets to the list of places smoking is already banned.

PROVIDENCE SAINT JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER EXPANSION

A procedural amendment before the Council would give them more power over the upcoming expansion of Providence Saint John's Health Center. The City would have the power to set up a performance schedule for infrastructure, traffic improvements and community benefits.

The Planning Commission and City Council will likely hold public hearings about community benefits and traffic next year or 2019.

PIER USE AND TWILIGHT CONCERT SERIES

The ever-popular Twilight Concert Series will be cut back this year from ten to eight concerts because of escalating security costs. The City Council will hear other measures aimed at reducing the amount of money going to the event, such as using private security officers instead of police officers to monitor the crowd.

In addition to the Pier concerts, Santa Monica's famous landmark requires a lot of maintenance. It faces stress from heavy use, climate change and potential sea-level rise. The Council will look at potential improvements to the Pier, including replacing the bridge with either a switchback ramp system or a single sloping bridge with an additional elevator, escalator and staircase.

City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St. on March 28.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **59.7°**

FRIDAY – FAIR – SURF: 3-4 ft waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Primary SSW/S swell holds, while secondary WNW swell eases. Conditions looking more manageable.

SATURDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
Mix of easing SSW/S swell, old/fading WNW swell, and possible new/building WNW swell.
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON MARCH 16, AT ABOUT 5:44 A.M.

Officers responded to Von's Supermarket - 710 Broadway regarding a subject who attempted to hit an employee. As officers approached the location, the victim pointed toward the suspect who was walking in the parking lot. The suspect was detained in the parking lot for an investigation. An investigation revealed the victim, a loss prevention agent at the store, recognized the subject as a previous theft suspect on many prior occasions and had been asked to leave the store many times. On that day's incident, the Loss Prevention Agent approached the suspect and asked him to leave. The suspect became upset and challenged the Loss Prevention agent to a fight. The suspect attempted to punch the victim with a closed fist but missed and then the suspect left the store. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. Daniel Alan Berkley, 36, from Los Angeles was arrested for assault and a probation violation. Bail was set at \$20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 384 calls for service on March 22.

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

Encampment 500 block Santa Monica Pier 1:16 a.m.
Party complaint 1200 block 26th 1:47 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block Harvard 2:20 a.m.
Armed robbery 1600 block Ocean 3:02 a.m.
Death 1400 block 15th 6:17 a.m.
Burglary 400 block Pico 7:13 a.m.
Traffic collision 22nd/Ocean Park 7:15 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block Santa Monica Pl 7:29 a.m.
Battery 2nd/Broadway 7:33 a.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 7:39 a.m.
Traffic collision 100 block Interstate 10 8:06 a.m.
Hit and run 2900 block 31st 8:23 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block 14th 8:24 a.m.
Traffic collision 11th/Michigan 8:42 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Ashland 8:45 a.m.
Death notification 1700 block 21st 8:53 a.m.
Death 2800 block Neilson 9:17 a.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Hill 9:22 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Michigan 9:36 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block Stanford 10:16 a.m.
Hit and run 23rd/Navy 10:55 a.m.
Burglary 200 block 12th 10:59 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block Stewart 11:22 a.m.
Stolen vehicle 800 block 9th 11:48 a.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block Pico 12:18 p.m.
Burglary 2300 block 5th 12:44 p.m.
Traffic collision 1700 block 9th 12:48 p.m.

Petty theft 2500 block Beverley 1:00 p.m.
Encampment 900 block Arizona 1:12 p.m.
Fraud 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 2:01 p.m.
Assault 3300 block pearl 2:07 p.m.
Indecent exposure 20th/Pico 2:19 p.m.
Fraud 2300 block 31st 2:48 p.m.
Battery 2600 block Expo Line 3:05 p.m.
Panhandling 800 block Santa Monica 3:44 p.m.
Battery 2500 block 2nd 4:11 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 2000 block California 4:22 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block Harvard 4:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 18th/Colorado 4:33 p.m.
Fraud 2400 block 34th 4:45 p.m.
Speeding 6th/California 4:53 p.m.
Petty theft 2100 block Main 6:38 p.m.
Lewd activity 2000 block Yorkshire 7:39 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 7th 7:56 p.m.
Burglary investigation 500 block Bay 8:09 p.m.
Alcohol & beverage code violation 2600 block Main 8:12 p.m.
Alcohol & beverage code violation 2600 block Main 8:12 p.m.
Alcohol & beverage code violation 100 block Wilshire 8:13 p.m.
Alcohol & beverage code violation 2900 block Main 8:13 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1400 block 2nd 8:14 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/Marine 8:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block San Vicente 9:10 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Broadway 9:12 p.m.
Drunk driving Centinela/Pico 9:32 p.m.
Indecent exposure 10th/Pico 9:46 p.m.
Speeding 3rd Street Prom/Wilshire 10:11 p.m.
Speeding 23rd/Ocean Park 10:12 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 3100 block 6th 10:50 p.m.
Party complaint 2100 block Ocean Park 11:26 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 32 calls for service on March 22.

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

Emergency 1100 block Euclid 12:39 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1400 block 5th 1:31 a.m.
Emergency 2000 block Santa Monica 4:11 a.m.
Emergency 1400 block 15th 6:15 a.m.
Emergency 22nd/Ocean Park 7:16 a.m.
Emergency 2nd/Broadway 7:46 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block 20th 8:27 a.m.
Emergency 700 block 20th 8:43 a.m.
Emergency 1100 block Michigan 8:45 a.m.
Emergency 2900 block Lincoln 8:45 a.m.
Emergency 2900 block Lincoln 8:46 a.m.
Emergency 400 block 25th 8:50 a.m.

Emergency 2800 block Neilson 9:10 a.m.
Emergency 1500 block Broadway 9:12 a.m.
Emergency 1000 block Chelsea 9:20 a.m.
Emergency 1000 block Chelsea 9:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block California 10:25 a.m.
Emergency 2000 block Santa Monica 11:45 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 11th/Ocean Park 12:49 p.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 1:47 p.m.
Emergency 1900 block Stewart 2:57 p.m.
Emergency 200 block Hollister 3:19 p.m.
Emergency 1400 block 24th 3:19 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block Civic Center 3:32 p.m.
Emergency 1600 block 7th 4:32 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block 10th 4:39 p.m.
Emergency 2600 block 3rd 5:17 p.m.
Emergency 2200 block Main 5:37 p.m.
Emergency 200 block Broadway 6:33 p.m.
Emergency 300 block California 9:18 p.m.
Emergency 2500 block Santa Monica 11:10 p.m.

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Draw Date: 3/22
2 9 27 29 42
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 40M



Draw Date: 3/21
4 45 53 73 75
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 151M



Draw Date: 3/22
8 26 28 33 42
Mega#: 23
Jackpot: 23M



Draw Date: 3/22
1 3 18 23 29



Draw Date: 3/22
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Draw Date: 3/22
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:45.13

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Throttlebottom

1. (sometimes lowercase) a harmless incompetent in public office.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

One Flu Over

■ This might be a case of the early bird getting the, uh, flu.

■ A new study, published by the CDC, suggests that it's possible to get your flu shot too early. Seasonal sign-ups can begin as early as July or August, though flu season typically reaches peak activity December through March.

■ CDC researchers found that, depending upon the particular strains targeted by the flu vaccine (it changes yearly), a flu shot's effectiveness may decline over time. Five or six months out, a vaccine's effectiveness could diminish to nearly zero. The CDC currently recommends people get vaccinated by the end of October.

MYSTERY PHOTO

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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

PET SOUNDS by Matthew Sewell
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Jaws theme instrument

5 Round of four

10 Premium coffee variety

14 Sardine cousin

15 Nancy Drew novel byline

16 Like Col. Kurtz in *Apocalypse Now*

17 Marco Polo greeter

19 Gut-buster

20 Female variant of Cecil

21 Sanction

23 La-Z-Boy alternative

26 Ben Hogan contemporary

29 Sac-fly result, often

30 Ergonomic utensil brand

31 Book before Obadiah

33 Establish through statute

37 Incline (to)

40 Wigged out

42 Far from ruddy

43 (In) place (of)

45 Forensic tool

46 New Deal power agcy.

48 Incessant struggles

51 Hoops infraction

55 Comes (to)

56 Bleach target, at times

60 Celestial explosion

61 Cuba neighbor

64 Spun platters for pay

65 Regal pronouncement

66 Online handicraft marketplace

67 Second fiddle

68 "Where Brilliance Belongs" sloganeer

69 Oodles

DOWN

1 Disapproving remarks

2 Disapproving remark

3 Newborn

4 Goes outside the lines?

5 Lift-offering businesses

6 "Spider!"

7 Verbal shrug

8 "___ candor . . ."

9 Higher-ranking

10 Tolstoy princess

11 Past due

12 Roundup circle

13 Refashion

18 Playwright Ayckbourn

22 How some cheese is served

24 Yellowish brown

25 Bard's bustle

26 Source of fizz

27 WWII side

28 Dance without inhibition

32 Harvest bundle

34 Adapter designation

35 Traffic control device

36 Word that begins with an apostrophe

38 Move to act

39 ___ top of the other

41 Sci-fi walkers

44 Erin, on EU license plates

47 Expression of patriotism

49 Perdition

50 WWII side

51 Conservation group's symbol

52 Modern pictograph

53 Was rootless

54 In reserve

57 Shower with attention

58 Disney toon singing "Let It Go"

59 Routes

62 Subject of many an *Inferno* tale

63 Windows-opening machines

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Celebrate Spring With Westside Food Bank!

BY MICHAEL GIRSBACK
Development Associate, Westside Food Bank

Want to help local families in need get a fresh start this spring? Consider making a donation to Westside Food Bank. Many people enjoy making gifts to food banks and other non-profits during the fall and winter months when the holiday season reminds us to be thankful and encourages us to embrace the spirit of giving. Unfortunately, during the spring and summer months, incoming donations begin to run low for non-profit organizations. So maybe while you're doing your "spring cleaning" or planting your spring garden, consider making a donation

to help others in need. To help you get started, here are some items you can bring directly to Westside Food Bank's warehouse:

- High protein items such as peanut butter, canned meats and hearty soups or stews.
- Cereals, pastas and other packaged grains
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Low sodium, organic, and whole grain foods
- Baby food and infant formula
- Diapers and baby wipes
- Toiletries such as toothpaste, soaps and shampoo
- Monetary donations – every donated dollar can provide 4 meals!



Walk-in donations are accepted Monday - Friday, 7am-5pm at 1710 22nd Street, Santa Monica, 90404. For more ways on how to help or to learn more about Westside Food Bank, visit WSFB.ORG



TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 24)

You'll see more of the world this year. A change of venue brings something fresh and fiery to your personal life. In April you'll reach back and fix something that you broke a few years ago. June is for stretching your emotional muscles and taking risks with your heart. August will introduce you to new income. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 20, 1 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You can make a promise about what you'll do, because you have a reasonable amount of control over that. To make a promise about how you'll feel, though -- it's just not something you can predict at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Life will be sweet. Today will present you with an embarrassment of riches. Such a thing can be dangerous. Better to share with a friend than to have the whole pie to yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Some say that it's possible to know the character of a person through his or her errors. Others suggest the better moments point the way to a person's soul. Right now it will be enough just to pay close attention, for better or worse.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Something a tad jarring may stir you from the comfortable spot you were in. The trouble with waking up to reality is that, once awake, you have to confront that you were, in some sense, asleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You tell yourself to do something and then do the opposite. That's just human. Sometimes you can tolerate this, other times, like today, you can overcome it. You'll clear away the contradictions wherever possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Relationships are complicated, sure. Is a never-ending, always-growing love even really possible? Believe that it is. Cynicism is the enemy of love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

It's not always so easy to find common ground with people, but when you can't find it, you still will find a way of showing support. Your eyes and attitude will say it all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

It's exciting where you are right now in your life. It's not perfect, and there is still room for growth. But you've accomplished something, and you'll build on that. Feel good about it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're not aiming to get a return on your relationships. You go with your heart and your attractions. The fact that you are rewarded so richly today is a bonus.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The more desirable a scene is, the more people want it all to themselves. Don't be discouraged. With enough intention and will, you'll soon break through.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

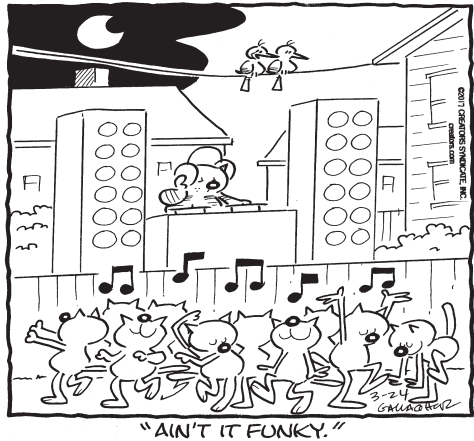
Don't worry about making choices that are in keeping with the current style. Fashion doesn't even apply to you now. Your classic ways and tastes will always be in favor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You won't exactly solve the problem going on between two people you love, but you can make it better by hearing both sides and being generally neutral.

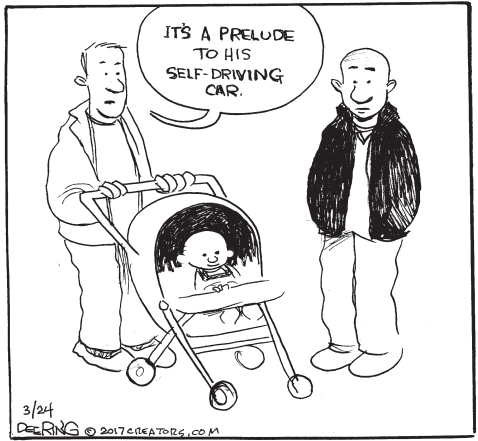
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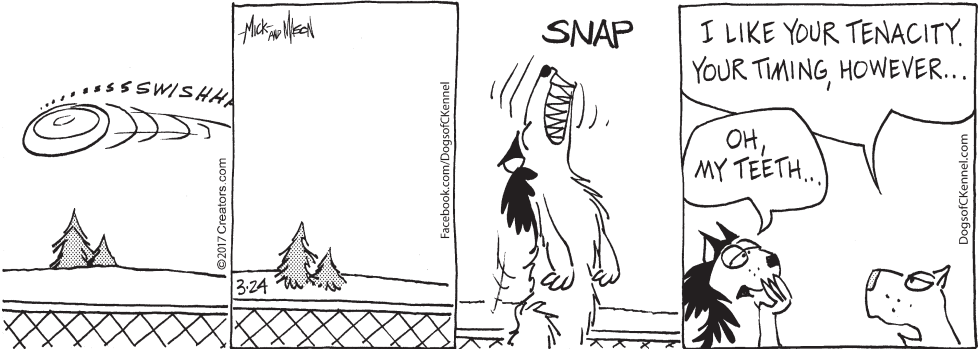
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Venus Warning: Avoid Conflict

If everyone did the right, considerate, fair and loving thing, then no one would need to be governed. The trouble is that even people in the same family can't agree on what the right, considerate, fair and loving thing is. Venus is currently retrograde, hiding, and transiting the sign of the warrior. Steer clear of conflict, as it's likely to be futile.

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\$27,991

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C 300

\$30,994

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2014 MERCEDES-BENZ

C 250

\$24,981

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C 300

\$29,994

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C 300

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C 250 Coupe

\$27,981

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2015 MERCEDES-BENZ

C 300

\$30,981

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C 300

\$31,494

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