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Battle over resuming California executions heads to court

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

The battle over California's voter-backed effort to resume executions will begin in earnest when state officials and death penalty supporters head to court to seek an end to orders that have blocked executions since 2006.

State officials and a former NFL player whose family was murdered want Marin County Superior

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Fast-food offerings expand

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

There are a lot of places to eat in Santa Monica, about 544 businesses serve food according to city tax data and a wave of new openings this year will expand the already large casual dining scene.

Del Taco, Fatburger/Buffalo's Express and Firehouse Subs all opened recently. Chick-fil-A and Mel's Drive-in both plan to open in

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Bird scooters migrating to the north and east

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Bird, the Santa Monica based electric scooter company, will expand service to San Francisco, San Jose, and Washington, DC.

The announcement included a "Save Our Streets" challenge issued to other similar companies that Bird said will help guide expansion of electric vehicle services without some of the problems associated with unrestricted growth.

Bird began in Santa Monica offering a dockless sharing system. The company's electric scooters can be picked up anywhere for a fee of $1 plus 15 cents per minute. When a ride is complete, the user can leave the scooter anywhere.

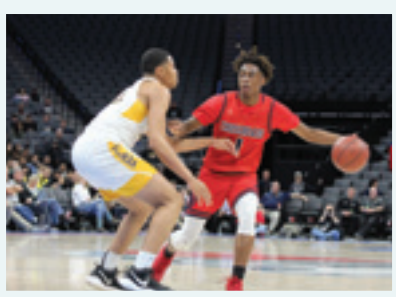
The dockless nature of the system brought the company into conflict with city regulators who took the company to court. Critics say the scooters block the public right of way and users do not obey relevant laws. The company settled the court case and has increased educational outreach efforts for users. The complaints have done little to impact the popularity of the scooters with thousands of users signing up since the service launched last year and Bird claims to have completed more than a million rides with about half of those coming in the last 30 days. The company has also raised more than $15 million in investment this year.

The expansion is the third wave for Bird. After launching in Santa Monica, the service expanded to the adjacent Venice and UCLA areas. It later grew to San Diego.

"Californians hate sitting in traffic and care passionately about the environment," said founder Travis VanderZanden in a state-

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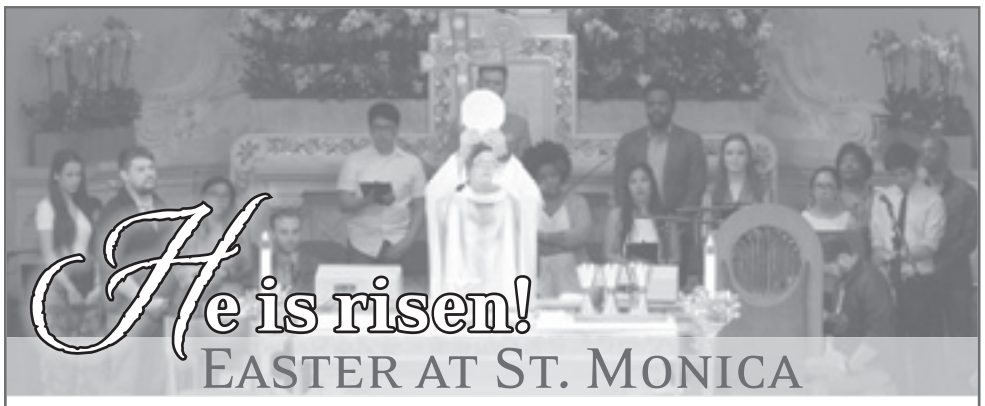
Jeff Goodman

Crossroads beat Alameda 59-53 Friday night for the CIF Division 2 State Championship at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, their first state title since 1997. The Roadrunners were trailing 18-13 in the end of the first quarter, but found their rhythm and controlled the remainder of the game. They outscored the Hornets 15-8 in the second quarter, 16-14 in the third and 15-13 in the fourth. Led by senior Shareef O'Neal with 29 points, 17 rebounds and five blocks, the team maintained composure throughout the evening. Senior point guard, DJ Houston, finished an incredible season with a huge night, contributing 15 points and seven rebounds. The entire Crossroads squad played focused, sinking 19 of 27 free throws and going two for four beyond the arc. It was an incredible finale to a hard-fought season for the Roadrunners.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 28

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown)

Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Art @ Tongva: The Wonder Room

Tongva Park's Art @ Tongva program launches March 28 with the fifth annual The Wonder Room, an evening of performances and visual art by an interdisciplinary group of artists who synchronously activate the intimate "rooms" of Tongva Park. Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

A Lego Building Afternoon

Join the library for fun with LEGO building. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Yoga Class

Every Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. the Church in Ocean Park holds a free yoga class at 235 Hill Street. Children encouraged to attend, and all ages are welcome. Experience is not necessary. Contact the church at (310) 399-1631 for more information.

Decolonizing Culture: A book launch + conversation with Anuradha Vikram and Bean Gilsdorf

Vikram's Decolonizing Culture includes seventeen essays that address questions of race and gender parity in contemporary art spaces. 1639 18th St. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 29

Soundwaves Concert: PianoSpheres Vicki Ray at Main

Concert series in the Main library, new music for piano and electronics. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join the Fairview library for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222. ext. 76203 Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 30

Crafty Kids - Wind Chimes

Celebrate Spring with the Montana library by decorating your own wind chimes. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

California sues Trump administration over citizenship query

California is suing the Trump administration over its decision to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 U.S. Census.

In announcing the lawsuit Tuesday, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra says adding such a question is a reckless decision that would violate the U.S. Constitution and cause a population undercount.

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla says the move "rolls back the clock on civil rights and voting rights in America."

The Commerce Department announced the question would be added to the 2020 Census on Monday night, saying it will help enforce the Voting Rights Act.

Required by the Constitution, the U.S. Census is taken every 10 years. It helps determine the number of seats each state has in the House and how federal money is distributed to local communities.

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COMPTON

31 old police guns stolen from Southern California vault

Southern California authorities say 31 firearms have been stolen from a vault in the old Compton City Hall building, where they had been stored since the city's police department disbanded nearly two decades ago.

City News Service reports Tuesday that officials have announced a $10,000 reward for information that helps them find out who took the 23 Beretta .40-caliber handguns and eight Glock .40-caliber pistols.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department last did an inventory of the weapons in March 2017. The Sheriff's Department took over police functions in Compton in 2000.

Investigators believe the weapons were stolen during March and August of last year.

The investigation is being conducted by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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LOS ANGELES

Decade-long makeover of King Tut's tomb nearly completed

A nearly decade-long project to better protect and preserve Egypt's legendary tomb of King Tut is nearing completion.

The Getty Conservation Institute of Los Angeles said Tuesday the project has added a filtration system to keep out dust and humidity and a barrier to keep visitors from getting too close to the tomb's wall paintings.

The effort was launched in 2009 by the institution, known worldwide for its conservation work, in collaboration with Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities.

The tomb discovered in 1922 contains the remains of Tutankhamen, the legendary boy king who ruled Egypt more than 3,000 years ago.

Brown spots visible on some of the tomb's colorful paintings will remain.

Researchers say the spots aren't getting worse and removing them now would cause more damage.

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NEW YORK

Fair housing advocates sue Facebook, alleging discrimination

Fair housing advocates have sued Facebook, saying it lets landlords and real estate brokers target advertising to discriminate against families with children, women and others.

The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in New York federal court by the National Fair Housing Alliance and other organizations. It comes as Facebook faces criticism over allegations British political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica used details of 50 million Facebook users to help Republican candidate Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential campaign.

The housing groups say Menlo Park, California-based Facebook has abused its power as the biggest advertising agency in the world.

The lawsuit alleges investigations by fair housing supporters in New York, Washington, D.C., Miami and San Antonio, Texas, prove Facebook lets advertisers discriminate. It seeks unspecified damages and a court order to end discrimination.

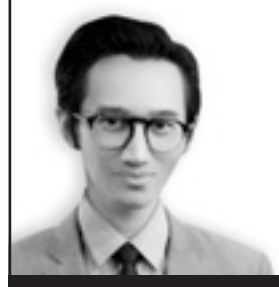
Facebook hasn't responded to a message seeking comment.

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FAST-FOOD

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the coming months.

As of last year, about 13 percent of the City's eateries were considered fine dining. Fast-casual restaurants were 11 percent, casual dining was 33 percent and quick-service restaurants were 43 percent. Of the new openings, all would fall into the quick-service category except Mel's. None are located in the Downtown where City Hall has previously tried to incentivize sit-down dining.

Del Taco has opened at 2425 Wilshire Blvd. replacing the former Jack-in-The-Box location near Douglas Park.

"Del Taco has built a tremendous following in Los Angeles over the years by offering an unbeatable combination of fresh food, served fast and at a tremendous value," said Barry Westrum, Del Taco's Chief Marketing Officer in a statement. "Whether guests are craving our Grilled Chicken Taco, a fan-favorite with quality ingredients like freshly grilled chicken and hand-grated cheddar cheese, or one of our Epic Burritos or even our famous Crinkle-Cut Fries, we enjoy offering the Los Angeles community an assortment of items sure to satisfy every craving."

While the Mexican chain replaces a burger joint, the city has gained a new burger and fries restaurant with the Fatburger/Buffalo's Express combination at the corner of Lincoln and Pico. It's the 46th location for the company.

"Opening in Santa Monica is a sort of homecoming for us. After years of restructuring, growing internationally and undergoing an IPO, it's still a big deal to us to serve this community," said FAT Brands CEO Andy Wiederhorn in a statement. "Aside from our fan-favorite burgers and shakes, we're also excited to get our recently launched Impossible Burger and our sister brand Buffalo's Express wings in the hands of Angelenos. Our menu is the perfect way to provide something for everyone in the family."

Buffalo's Express is a recent addition to the company's portfolio, opening its first location in 2012. The menu includes chicken wings, proprietary wing sauces, fries, sides, wraps, salads and desserts.

Fatburger's location is part of a group of stores that have been rehabilitated recently and it replaces a Hawaiian fast-food restaurant. It shares a parking lot with the newly opened Firehouse Subs.

Firehouse opened their first Santa Monica location this month under the ownership of husband and wife, Pete and Kamelia Abolverdi.

According to the company, the Santa Monica location is the first in a multi-unit franchise agreement with the owners that will cover seven restaurants in the area.

"We're so thankful to be a part of the Firehouse Subs family, and look forward to carrying on the brand's commitment and passion for hearty and flavorful food, heartfelt service and public safety," said Pete who grew up in Florida where the company began. "We couldn't ask for a better place than Santa Monica to open, or a more perfect brand to invest with and grow."

Firehouse was founded by former firefighters and the company has a charity operation that supports firefighters. Each store includes a mural depicting a local fire company.

Chick-fil-A, Inc. and Mel's Drive-in confirmed their Santa Monica restaurants are on track to open this year.

"We are excited to confirm Chick-fil-A will be coming to Santa Monica in Spring 2018 at the corner of Lincoln Blvd. and Pacific St.," said a statement from Chick-fil-A, Inc. The Santa Monica location will replace a Taco Bell.

Mel's said their restaurant at Lincoln and Olympic will open this summer.

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A Well-Regulated Militia

ANTARCTICA, WASSUP!?

All day last Saturday, they're telling and showing us on TV mass demonstrations to stop gun violence are taking place all over the US and on every continent—"except Antarctica."

I won't make a lame joke mocking snowbound protesters in tuxedos, but couldn't a few scientists have put on a parka, grabbed a sign and walked around the Quonset hut once? That's all it would've taken to make the news and bring attention to science and climate change, what with Maryland-sized chunks of ice falling off our southernmost continent into the ocean and threatening to put Miami underwater (but it could give me oceanfront property here on the hill in Ocean Park).

All those mentions of Antarctica sent chills down my spine. Because do you know how much it costs to go there? I do. Thousands. Thousands. My wife wants to go there. A lot. She wants to check the last two continents off her travel list. (Buenos Aires on the way—no non-stop flights to McMurdo Station, duh.) Me, I'm fine with the five continents I've got.

At least we don't have to put aside twice that amount. I won't be going, because I agree with my friend Mary's axiom: the words "fun" and "cold" do not belong in the same sentence. I planned our family's whole year-long 2011-12 trek around Europe and North Africa upon where we could escape when chill winter temperatures hit— turned out to be halfway down the Moroccan coast.

So if anyone out there knows of a way to get from here to Antarctica (and back… I suppose) for under five figures, please, please let me know. Or feed me some winning lottery numbers.

SUB-VERSIVE

When I get a sub sandwich, my first choice is Jersey Mike's. I like 'em! And I like to patronize chains that make an effort to be good citizens of their communities. So you should go have a Jersey Mike's or two or six right now because today, Wednesday 3/28, they are donating every penny that comes through the door to various charities.

Our JM's here, at Lincoln and Pico, is part of the LA group giving money to Operation Gratitude, who send care packages to our troops. I'm no big fan of anyone's military — you know, death, destruction, unfathomable pain and suffering — and I think ours has a particularly bad history, but that's the politicians' fault. My nephew Joseph joined the Navy recently, and it's done him a world of good.

Here's a suggestion, Jersey Mike's: drop the Operation Gratitude from your 170 LA stores and give instead to good causes your other CA locations have picked: Boys and Girls Clubs, Children's Miracle Network, City of Hope, Make-A-Wish, Children's Hospitals Davis and San Diego, Child Abuse Prevention Council, and yes, Wounded Heroes Fund. This, of course, is only the opinion of one Vietnam era vet, me. Nonetheless, y'all should definitely still go today and scarf up JM's subs. I will. I love it when giving tastes this good. (They claim to have contributed $28M since 2010.)

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR!

Phil Brock! Or elk of the year (a much smaller, more furry constituency), I'm not sure. Is it hunting season? But if you show up at the funky-cool Elks Lodge on Pico tomorrow (Thursday) night, you can join the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks honoring Arts Commish Brock for his decades of service to Santa Monica, and also get a dang good salmon or tri-tip dinner for 20 bucks (a portion of the proceeds will go to help formerly homeless veterans at the VA facility), and a pretty cheap bar to boot. Line up the Jameson and Coke, thank you very much. Now that's an event I call shakin' the local thang, small-town SM-style. Some ladies, pillars of the community, have even threatened to show up with boas and attitude. (Well—they always bring the attitude.)

Native son Brock has an unmatchable record of service to our community, from teenage years behind the desk at the Boys and Girls Club to coaching to longtime Rec & Parks chair, Kiwanis Club and Samohi Alumni and now the Arts Commission, where he has made a difference, working especially with chair Mike Myers. I've come to know a lot of natives and decades-long residents here, but Brock has the longest, widest, unbroken record of giving back to his beloved city that I'm aware of. The honor is well-deserved.

BACK TO THE KIDS

That's what we're calling them, these demonstrators led by the Parkland massacre survivors, because they are, but only by age. They are warriors, fighting for their lives, against their own countrymen and so-called representatives.

I know, don't jinx it, but I am convinced they will win. It's not just their steely resolve but their sophistication as to how the system works. They are not going to quit, and in the process, I do believe they will change this nation. After they get the gun insanity fixed they will look around, I'm convinced, at universal health care, wealth inequality, campaign financing and so many other vital issues.

As a veteran of the '60s "revolution," that wasn't, but had more good lasting effects than most give credit for, I can see how much more sophisticated these youngsters are about the system and what it will take to make real change.

I've been criticized for conflating the national and the local situations. But I always search for larger truths over particular fixes. These new revolutionaries (good God! — it's revolutionary to say we shouldn't have military weapons in the hands of anyone who wants them, and that more than 300,000,000 guns in America is a good and normal thing?) — they organized, in short order, through social media, marches in nearly 1,000 cities across the globe, and wrested the world's attention away from the philandering orange news hog. Pretty good start.

But I really like their REV cry: Register (to vote), Educate (to vote), Vote! It's what we need here in Santa Monica to make things right: large numbers of people, working to create educated, informed voters.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Ted Talks? Next week.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." — Dr. Angela Davis

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EXECUTIONS

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Court Judge Roy Chernus to lift his injunction on an execution in that case.

They say California now has the necessary regulations to execute condemned inmates using a single dose of powerful barbiturates.

A hearing on the request is set for Wednesday.

Judges previously rejected the state's three-drug method of carrying out executions, forcing the adoption of new rules this year.

The case in Marin County is one of four in the courts holding up executions. No executions can take place until all the judges agree to lift the ban.

California has the nation's largest death row with nearly 750 inmates. Only 13 have been executed since 1978. Currently, condemned inmates are more likely to die of old age during decades of appeals.

A 2016 voter-approved ballot measure attempted to remove regulatory hurdles to executions.

Death sentence opponents plan to fight the state's new execution method in federal court. Two other procedural challenges are underway.

Former NFL defensive back Kermit Alexander filed the Marin County motion, joined by state officials who are urging the judge to end the "unwarranted delay regarding executions."

Alexander was a proponent of the ballot measure designed to streamline death penalty regulations and appeals and speed executions. His mother, sister and two nephews were murdered in 1984.

"This injunction harms the public interest, and it harms the particular interests of families who have already waited far too long for justice," his motion states.

Opponents counter that the state must still go through the normal time-consuming regulatory process for procedures related to executions that were not specifically exempted by the ballot measure.

That includes things like determining if an inmate has become insane behind bars, selecting witnesses to executions, and disposing of inmates' bodies and property.

A separate lawsuit filed last month in Marin County by condemned inmate Jarvis Jay Masters and the nonprofit organization Witness to Innocence challenges the new execution rules on similar procedural grounds.

Meanwhile, the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California contends in legal action that state lawmakers cannot delegate the responsibility for drafting execution regulations to unelected prison officials.

Officials say those three procedural cases must likely be resolved before a separate legal battle before U.S. District Court Judge Richard Seeborg of San Francisco renews the fight over how to humanely execute condemned murderers.

His predecessor on the bench ruled in 2006 that the previous execution method violated the 8th Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Seeborg will have to decide if the new process is humane.

"Are all these appropriate safeguards in place to avoid the substantial risk of severe pain? Those remain real questions," said Linda Lye, a senior ACLU staff attorney.

David Senior, one of the attorneys representing condemned inmates in that case, said death penalty opponents are likely to challenge how executioners are selected and trained, which facilities and equipment they use, and how the lethal drugs are selected, mixed and stored.

The main objection has been whether the barbiturates allowed under the new rules can be safely obtained. The rules call for using either pentobarbital or thiopental, depending on which is more readily available.

The federal government bars importing thiopental and the maker of pentobarbital prohibits using it in executions.

The state regulations allow for buying the drugs from compounding pharmacies, but those businesses may have trouble importing the ingredients, said Ana Zamora, formerly an ACLU criminal justice policy director.

Zamora also questioned how the state would guarantee the chemicals would be properly mixed, increasing the possibility of botched executions. Inmates can also choose the gas chamber.

"It's the nature of the death penalty litigation that they fight everything they can," said Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation that advocates for crime victims and is pushing to resume executions.

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Trump floats using military budget to pay for border wall

JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

Still angry about the budget deal he signed last week, President Donald Trump has floated the idea of using the military's budget to pay for his long-promised border wall with Mexico, despite the fact that such spending would likely require approval from Congress.

Trump raised the funding plan with House Speaker Paul Ryan at a meeting at the White House last Wednesday, according to a person familiar with the discussion who spoke on condition of anonymity.

And he's publicly tweeted that building "a great Border Wall" is "all about National Defense," and called to "Build WALL through M!", meaning the military.

Departments, however, have limited authority to reprogram funds without congressional approval. Pentagon spokesman Chris Sherwood referred all questions on the wall to the White House, where spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders deflected them, saying she was "not going to get into the specifics of that."

Trump threw Washington into a tizzy on Friday when he threatened to veto the omnibus spending bill, in part because it didn't include the $25 billion he'd tried to secure for the wall in a last-minute bargaining spree.

The $1.3 trillion funding package did include $1.6 billion in border wall spending. But much of that money can only be used to repair existing segments, not build new sections. Congress also put restrictions on the types of barriers that can be built.

Trump has tried to justify signing the deal by pointing to the boost in funding it provides for the military. But he nonetheless remains frustrated, according to people familiar with his thinking, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Trump first publicly floated the idea of having the Pentagon pay for the rest of construction in an obscure tweet that left many confused.

"Building a great Border Wall, with drugs (poison) and enemy combatants pouring into our Country, is all about National Defense," he wrote Sunday. "Build WALL through M!"

He retweeted his message again Monday night.

Some people close to the president have also suggested creating a GoFundMe campaign that Trump could use to raise money from the public to fund construction. The White House did not immediately respond to questions about the idea, and it's unclear whether it has gained any serious traction.

Congress, under the Constitution, has the power to determine federal appropriations, and the administration has little authority to shift funding without congressional approval. The Senate Appropriations Committee was not aware of any authority that would allow the Defense Department to fund the wall without congressional approval, said a GOP aide.

Sanders said Tuesday that Trump would work with the White House counsel to make sure any action taken was within his executive authority. And she insisted the "continuation of building the wall is ongoing and we're going to continue moving forward in that process."

Building the wall was one of Trump's top campaign promises, and the idea that drew the loudest cheers from supporters at his rallies. Trump also insisted he'd make Mexico pay for the construction. But Mexico has made clear it has no intention of doing so directly.

Trump has also proposed making Mexico pay for the wall indirectly through measures such as increasing visa fees, imposing new tariffs and targeting remittances.

Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro and Lolita C. Baldor contributed to this report.





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SW/S swell mix for exposures. Small windswell.

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON MARCH 15, AT ABOUT 4:30 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 1932 Wilshire Blvd regarding a female subject acting strangely and appeared to be having a seizure. Officers located the subject as she was sniffing "huffing" from a can of compressed gas duster containing nitrous oxide. Santa Monica Fire Department Paramedics responded to treat the subject. She was treated at the scene and placed under arrest for possession of nitrous oxide. Mary Chirstine Srabian, 24, from Santa Monica was issued a citation for possession of nitrous oxide with an intent to inhale.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 366 Calls For Service On Mar. 26.

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

Petty theft 700 block Broadway 12:11 a.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 5th 12:34 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Franklin 1:02 a.m.
Person down 2900 block Main 1:12 a.m.
Battery 1700 block Ocean 1:25 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Franklin 1:42 a.m.
Drunk driving 5th / California 2:23 a.m.
Bike theft 800 block Broadway 3:45 a.m.
Battery 1600 block the beach 6:49 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block the beach 6:50 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 7:32 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 14th 8:22 a.m.
Battery 3rd / Hill 8:47 a.m.
Grand theft 4th / Colorado 9:32 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Yale 9:47 a.m.
Petty theft 100 block Wilshire 10:02 a.m.
Vehicle parked 2100 block Oak 10:03 a.m.
Death 1400 block Franklin 10:12 a.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block 7th 10:14 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block Interstate 10 10:21 a.m.
Death 1500 block 5th 10:24 a.m.
Threats 100 block Wilshire 10:44 a.m.
Identity theft 300 block Santa Monica Pl 10:47 a.m.
Vandalism 4th / Wilshire 10:53 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200 block Yale 10:59 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block Berkeley 11:16 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200 block 23rd 11:26 a.m.
Battery 600 block Santa Monica 11:26 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 900 block 2nd 11:35 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block Colorado 11:43 a.m.
Smoking violation 800 block Pine 12:21 p.m.
Burglary 500 block Broadway 12:27 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 400 block Santa Monica 1:15 p.m.
Grand theft 1500 block Ocean 1:41 p.m.
Hit and run 2000 block Lincoln 1:58 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block Wilshire 2:46 p.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block 2nd 2:48 p.m.
Battery 2200 block Wilshire 2:48 p.m.
Injured person 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 2:49 p.m.
Encampment 1100 block Lincoln 3:16 p.m.
Threats 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:24 p.m.
Battery 200 block Santa Monica Pier 3:28 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block the beach 3:34 p.m.
Fraud 300 block San Vicente 3:45 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Lincoln 4 p.m.
Hit and run 6th / Pico 4:31 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block 3rd 5:09 p.m.
Attempt suicide 1400 block 4th 5:49 p.m.
Vandalism 2300 block Ocean Park 5:50 p.m.
Armed robbery 1400 block Olympic 6:04 p.m.
Bike theft 1100 block 2nd 6:32 p.m.
Illegal weapon 1500 block 2nd 6:37 p.m.
Encampment 1100 block Lincoln 6:50 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / California 6:50 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 14th 7:06 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Wilshire 7:24 p.m.
Person down 600 block Broadway 7:28 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Colorado 7:44 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 2000 block Ocean 8:32 p.m.
Auto burglary Centinela / Ocean Park 9:06 p.m.
Petty theft 6th / Colorado 9:36 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Ocean 9:50 p.m.
Burglary 2900 block Colorado 9:52 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 40 Calls For Service On Mar. 26.

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

Emergency Medical Service 700 block 9th 12:36 a.m.
EMS 400 block Colorado 1:36 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 3:04 a.m.
Flooded condition 1800 block 9th 4:15 a.m.
EMS 600 block Wilshire 4:32 a.m.
EMS 11th / Wilshire 4:39 a.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 6:10 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Pico 6:33 a.m.
EMS 400 Block of EXPO LINE 6:44 a.m.
Vehicle fire Centinela / I-10 6:52 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Michigan 7:25 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2800 block Colorado 8:50 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Oak 9:23 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Franklin 10:12 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 5th 10:23 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 10:52 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 11:32 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 11:38 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block 4th 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 14th 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 1:02 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Ocean Park 1:12 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd St Prom 1:17 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 1:35 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Ocean Front 2:50 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Euclid 3:00 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Lincoln 4:04 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Wilshire 4:53 p.m.
Outside fire Lincoln / I-10 5:11 p.m.
Hydrant shear Centinela / Delware 5:13 p.m.
Lock in/out Cloverfield / Pico 5:40 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 5:46 p.m.
EMS 2nd / Colorado 6:19 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 6th 6:45 p.m.
EMS Lincoln / California 6:51 p.m.
EMS 6th / Broadway 7:30 p.m.
EMS 4th / Colorado 8:24 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 21st 8:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 23rd / Oak 11:59 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 3/24
10 33 45 53 56
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 40M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 3/23
4 8 23 53 59
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 458M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 3/24
1 9 15 22 43
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 21M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/26
3 7 8 14 19

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/26
MIDDAY: 9 1 5
Draw Date: 3/26
EVENING: 1 9 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/26
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:43.75

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Curtain Calls

■ Lawrence of Rome, one of Pope Sixtus II's deacons, was purportedly roasted alive on a giant grill in during the persecution of Christians by the Roman emperor Valerian in 258 AD. It's said Lawrence joked, "I'm well done. Turn me over." Lawrence was later elevated to sainthood and is now considered the patron saint of cooks, firefighters and comedians.

Counts

■ 90: Percentage of all deaths tied to pollution that occur in low-income and middle-income countries

SOURCE: LANCET

Doc Talk

■ Cardiac tamponade: compression of the heart from fluid buildup, such as blood

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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.

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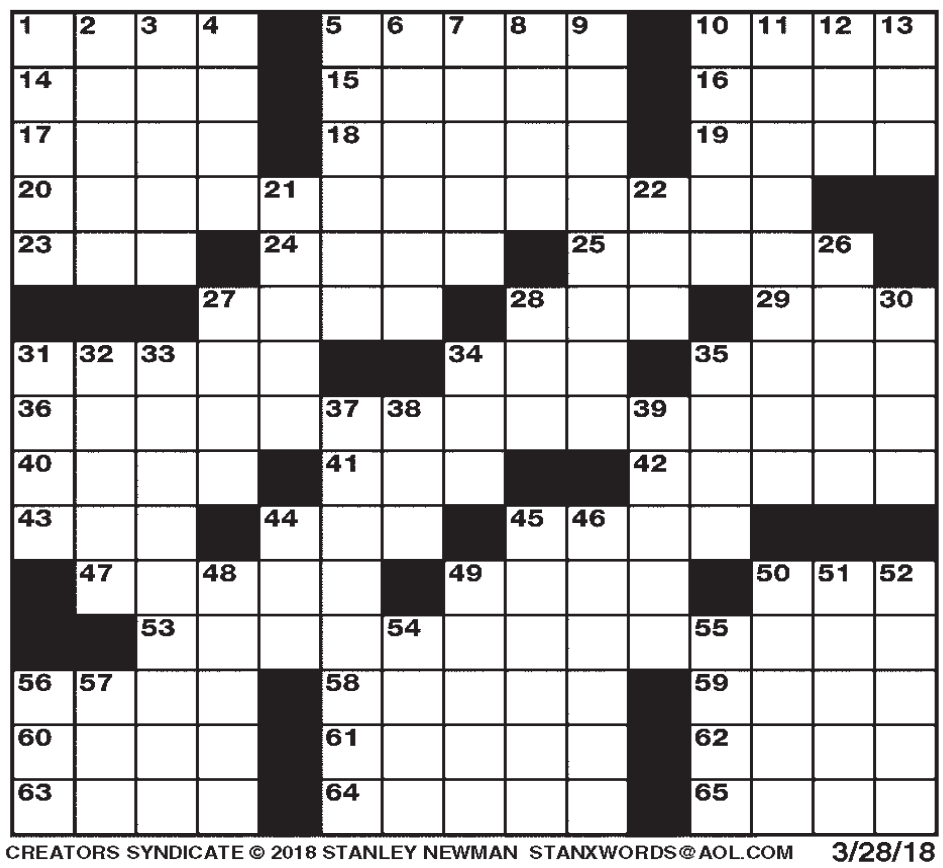
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Newsday Crossword

IT'S BEDTIME by Carolyn Stewart
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ACROSS
1 Quiche ingredients
5 Feelings of hunger
10 Big hairdo
14 Cover of an orange
15 Past adolescence
16 Air-show maneuver
17 Aware of
18 "Satellite" dashboard device
19 Very long time
20 Peg's place in a card game
23 Source of 1 Across
24 Poetic tributes
25 Moat without the water
27 Looks at closely
28 New England fish
29 Once owned
31 Bird's warbling sound
34 "__ name it"
35 House, in Mexico
36 Highly defensive attitude
40 "Sad to say . . ."
41 Feedbag bit
42 Lions' hair
43 Street cred
44 Verbalize
45 Faucet annoyance
47 Fathered
49 Really impresses
50 Bar bill
53 Dairy food with curds
56 Signs, as a document
58 Writer Zola
59 Soft cracker spread
60 Part played
61 Puts on the market
62 Memo directive
63 Very long time
64 Lock of hair
65 Strong longings

DOWN
1 Era
2 Literary category
3 Arrive
4 Neatnik's opposite
5 Veterans Day event
6 Old sayings
7 Many museum sculptures
8 Smooth-talking
9 Was conspicuous
10 On the ball
11 Ecological diet hierarchy
12 Director Howard
13 Spying activities, for short
21 Scottish singing star Susan
22 Be of help
26 Excessive speed
27 Rocky Mountain grazers
28 Swindle
30 Some calendar squares
31 Skier's transport
32 Makes a judicial decision
33 Up the creek
34 Up until now
35 Sound of thunder
37 Car shopper's tryout
38 Could possibly
39 Pennsylvania Dutch group
44 Group of tennis games
45 Resides
46 School break
48 Thorny flowers
49 Dexterous
50 Worded concisely
51 Broad cuisine category
52 Voicemail sounds
54 From the US
55 Cyberauction company
56 Long-term investment, for short
57 Yuletide beverage



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MARCH 28)

Belonging to the group has been important in the past, and it will be so again in the future. But this solar return begins with it individuality. You take your life in your own hands and earn the right to later say, "That was all me." Intellectual pursuits call you next month. Apply what you learn to the complexities of the summer. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 36, 3, 20, 22 and 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A glorious day: The goal of the team will be accomplished by the team! For today, the victory you claim together will be just as sweet for you as any you could claim on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You don't mind leading the dance, so to speak. You're a smooth leader, after all. Since you know where you're going, there will be a certain ease in taking people there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
The drama is there for the taking. Anyone who needs a little extra will find it readily available. And though you may be tempted, as today's drama appears especially juicy, you also have much better things to do. Productivity will win out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The hardest lessons happen when we forget that life is a classroom. So remember. Learning happens everywhere when you're paying attention and occasionally asking the difficult questions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Though you may, for an hour or so, stretch your imagination into interesting places, embellish reality and enjoy a bit of fantasy, in the end it will be your practical solution that saves the day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You've a talent for giving. The best gifts aren't material. They're the right words at the right time, a manner of showing up, a smile, a joke. Sensitive and observant, you naturally gravitate to delivering what people need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
In the digital world, it's pretty easy to get snarled into distractions and purchases, but it's also easy not to: Unsubscribe; block the call; don't go to the website. Such limits will keep you on task today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Today's opportunity is stellar in every way. Stepping into the situation will bring such a warm, inviting, hopeful feeling that you'll keep right on stepping. Before you know it, you're immersed in the culture of this thing...

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You know the nonverbal cues that tell you when people are wanting you to speak and when they are ready for you to stop. Others are not so attuned, which is why you'll need your advanced social tools to navigate this day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Being first may give you a slight advantage, but it also comes with risk. In today's dealings, it will be better to hang back and study the scene awhile.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The people around you all want different things. Just ask them! Each one will have a different answer. Bonus: You'll discover that you have a purpose that coincides perfectly with that of another.

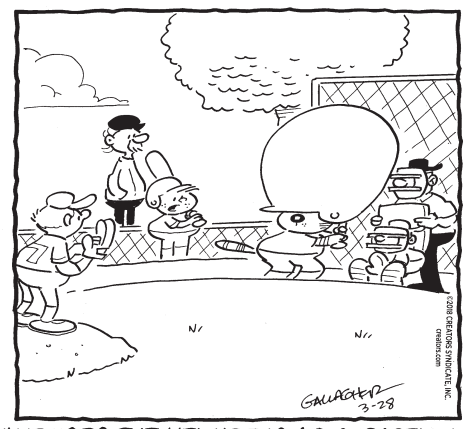
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
There's a time to turn your natural magnetism up and a time to tone it down. Today this mostly will have to do with the size of the space. When you're out in the big world, radiating to fill it will have definite benefits.

Venus and Uranus Conjunction

The reason you are not an average person and you have never known an average person is because there is no average person. An average is a mathematical summation – an idea abstracted from things, not a thing itself. Today is best approached on a case-by-case basis. As Venus and Uranus align, each individual is a specific kind of surprise.

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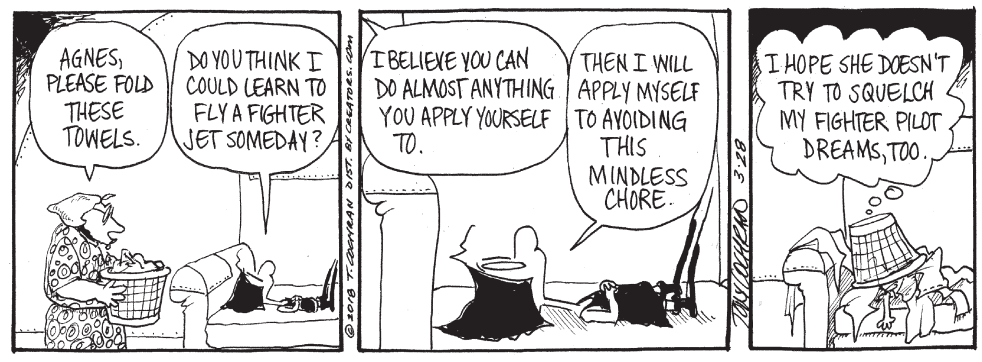


"HE USES THE HELMET AS A DISTRACTION."

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California county votes to join Trump's 'sanctuary' lawsuit

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Leaders of Orange County, California, voted Tuesday to join a Trump administration lawsuit against the state over its law aimed at protecting immigrants from stepped-up deportations.

The all-Republican Board of Supervisors in the county of 3.2 million people made the decision in a closed 3-0 vote. It took place ahead of a raucous public debate about another proposal targeting the California law — whether to support an effort by the small city of Los Alamitos in Orange County to opt out of the policy.

Residents and activists on both sides lined up to speak. Some held American flags and signs reading "Support Our Constitution" as they thanked the supervisors for taking a stand against illegal immigration. Others decried what they called a racist, anti-immigrant position aimed at gaining votes, not public safety.

A short time later, supervisors voted on a separate resolution condemning the sanctuary law. About a dozen people carrying American flags who supported the idea cheered after the second vote.

The California law bars police in many cases from turning over suspects to federal immigration agents for deportation.

"This legislation prevents law enforcement from removing criminals from our community and is a threat to public safety," Supervisor Shawn Nelson said before the vote.

Outside, several dozen immigrant advocates played music and held signs with slogans such as "Set Our People Free" and "Melt ICE" to urge supervisors not to join the U.S. lawsuit.

"Orange County has moved forward over the last decade, and what supervisors are doing today is moving us back to a hateful time," Salvador G. Sarmiento, legislative director for the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, told reporters.

The county's vote comes after it moved this week to improve communication with federal immigration agents by publishing the release dates of inmates online. The sheriff's department used to screen inmates in the county's jails to help Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents identify those subject to deportation but had to stop when the state law passed.

Orange County, which is home to Disneyland and wealthy beach communities where many people vacation, has a five-member Board of Supervisors, and all are Republican.

While Republicans still outnumber Democrats in the county, Democrats have gained significant ground in recent years, and Hillary Clinton won more votes than Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

California, a liberal state that is home to more than 10 million immigrants, passed its so-called sanctuary law last year to limit local police collaboration with U.S. immigration authorities.

Supporters argue that the measure would encourage immigrants to report crime without fearing deportation, while critics say local police should provide more assistance to federal authorities.

Officials in Los Alamitos, a community of about 12,000 people 20 miles (32 kilometers) southeast of downtown Los Angeles, raised constitutional concerns about the law and sent letters to other cities seeking their support.

Legal experts and immigrant advocates have said cities can't simply opt out of state law and will face lawsuits if they try.

Sameer Ahmed, a staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, said some cities appear to be discussing largely political resolutions, not local laws like Los Alamitos. But the idea that Orange County would consider taking such a stand is concerning to immigrant advocates, he said.

"We definitely think it is wrong, and offensive as well, that these cities and the county are saying they would rather further the anti-immigrant agenda of the Trump administration than protect the rights of their own immigrant residents," he said.

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