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Plans for a Café at the CMD Hit a Snag

MARTHA RAMIREZ
SMC Corsair / Daily Press Staff Writer

The room sits empty and bleak in the middle of a vibrant campus. The walls are stripped bare. The floor is unfinished. In the far corner of the room, a lone volleyball lies abandoned.

The space was supposed to house a café for students, faculty, and staff. Instead, the empty grayness stands in sharp contrast to the bright yellows, oranges, and greens that make up Santa Monica College's (SMC) newest campus, the Center for Media and Design (CMD).

SMC's plans to build a café at the CMD campus have ground to a temporary halt after being unable to secure a vendor to operate the café.

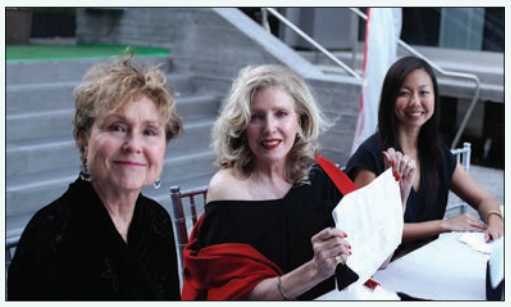
Like SMC's other satellite campuses, the CMD has no operating cafeteria. Should students find themselves wanting to eat or even grab the ever-important cup of coffee, they would need to purchase something from either the vending machines or nearby food trucks.

It's become a source of frustration for students, and many of them have resorted to bringing a packed lunch.

SMC student Marina Miyasato said, "I bring food from home." When asked if she would like a cafeteria on campus, she immediately brightened and enthused, "Yeah, of course! If there

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Omid Razavi

GALA: The Santa Monica Conservancy held their Spirit of Preservation Gala honoring Ernest Marquez and Doris Sosin last week. Proceeds from the gala support the Conservancy's programming and mission to educate and advocate for preservation in Santa Monica

New website groups city data into budget priorities

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City of Santa Monica launched a website Tuesday that provides data on crime, income levels, college readiness and more than 40 other metrics grouped under seven priorities.

The City organizes its work around seven outcomes: community, learning, place and planet, safety, economic opportunity, health and governance. The website connects the outcomes to metrics that show the successes or failures of different programs.

"We want residents to know our citywide priorities and how we're delivering on our commitment to being a sustainable city of wellbeing," said Mayor Gleam Davis. "Visit the dashboard, explore the topics that interest you most, and look for ways to get involved."

The City launched the website as it prepares the budget for fiscal years 2019-2021. Every item in the budget will be mapped to the seven outcomes and the website will be updated once the budget is approved this summer to connect expenditures to outcomes.

"The purpose of the dashboard is to use data and additional information to tell a story about

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Regarding Single-Room Occupancy Housing**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for adoption an emergency interim zoning ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance related to Single-Room Occupancy Uses Citywide. The proposed interim amendments would create revised development standards, land use regulations, residential use classifications, and definitions, with consideration given to changing regional housing trends, and consistent with housing-related goals and policies set forth in the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and 2017 Downtown Community Plan.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, April 23, 2019, AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: SRO Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, Acting Planning Manager, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

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

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

ESPAÑOL

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

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 10

Bad Art Contest
Get crafty and make an original piece that just might be crowned the worst. All supplies will be provided. Grades 6-12 Montana Avenue Branch Library 4 - 5 p.m.

Field Sports Advisory Council Regular Meeting
Regular monthly meeting of the Field Sports Advisory Council (FSAC). FSAC is an advisory council to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Virginia Avenue Park 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation
Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library 7 - 8 p.m.

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

Soundwaves/Jacaranda
A performance of selections from the April 13 program on the Jacaranda concert series, chosen from works for pianos, percussion, and voice by Julius Eastman, Lukas Foss, Frederic Rzewski, and James Tenney. More information at soundwavesnewmusic.com and https://www.jacarandamusic.org/season/ Main Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

Current Events Discussion Group
Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Spring Break Bonanza - Slime Party
Create different types and play! Ages 3-11 [60 min] Montana Avenue Branch Library 2 - 3 p.m.

Día Celebration with Andrea J. Loney
In celebration of Día's commitment to celebrating diversity and motivating children and their families to be readers, we invite you to join author Andrea J. Loney present her book Take a Picture of Me, James Van Der Zee! Free signed book giveaway, while supplies last. For grades Pre-K-3. Ocean Park Branch Library 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Pilates Class
Develop core strength and coordination, this class draws traditional Pilates exercises with breath and correct alignment. Including resistance to body weight training and core isolation. Helping the body to increase movement to joints and tone the abdominal muscles. Pico Branch Library 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall Council Chamber 7 pm.

Friday, April 12

Family Crafting: Spring Holidays
Create something special to celebrate the holidays of Holi, Nowruz, Passover, Easter, or another of your choosing! Fairview Branch Library 2 - 3 p.m.

My Library Crafternoon
Make mini books, buttons and more to celebrate the library! Ages 3-11. Main Library Children's Activity Room 2 - 2:45 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

LEGO Club
Come have fun with LEGOS and build something amazing. Board games also available. Kids aged 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 3 - 4:30 p.m.

CoderDojo Workshop
Practice computer science and coding skills with volunteer mentors from the LA CoderDojo. Use laptops provided by the library or bring your own. Ages 8-17 Call 310-458-8621 or visit the Youth Services Department to register. 3 – 5 p.m. Main Library

VITA Tax Assistance
UCLA provides free federal and state income tax assistance for low to moderate income, seniors and disabled individuals. Pre-registration is recommended (www.vitaucla.org), assistance is given on a first come basis. Ocean Park Branch Library, 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

2019 Sustainable Quality Award (SQA) Winners

Celebrating its 24th year, the Sustainable Quality Awards recognize local businesses that demonstrate excellence in helping Santa Monica continue to move toward a more sustainable future. The annual awards ceremony and lunchtime event, which attracts attendees from across the City, also offers the Sustainable Power Hour, a top-notch, unique opportunity to showcase one's business and civic pride, while networking, enjoying gourmet small bites, and learning from fellow sustainably-minded businesses and officials. The event will take place April 30, at Le Meridien Delfina Hotel to formally recognize this year's winners.

"The SQAs have honored 157 businesses and 198 awards since 1995 for their outstanding leadership in sustainability, and I'm honored to continue as Co-Chair of this year's awards program," states Alisha Auringer, LAcarGUY Manager of the Environment. "This event celebrates those who positively impact the City of Santa Monica through their innovative efforts and approaches to business through sustainable practices."

"Don't miss the active networking and exhibitor hour that will showcase local restaurants and businesses. The hour begins at 11:00 am and is a great opportunity to connect business-to-business and green-to-green leaders in the field to create more sustainable and profitable businesses. There are always new ideas to share and yummy, sustainable bites to savor."

The SQA Grand Prizes are given to businesses that excel in the areas of sustainable economic development, social responsibility, and stewardship of the natural environment. Excellence awards are given to outstanding achievements in any one or two of the three categories.

The 2019 Sustainable Quality Awards honors two Grand Prize winners and six Excellence Award winners.

The winners participated in Santa Monica's Green Business Program administered by Sustainable Works and many achieved Green Business Certifications.

SQA GRAND PRIZE

Back on the Beach Café: Offers meals featuring local and seasonal cuisine with breathtaking views of ocean, mountain, pier, and Catalina Island. They have indoor & outdoor dining along with catering services and event planning. "We are grateful to be awarded the Grand Prize along with Tradesy, Inc, I feel proud and fortunate to be in a local community that promotes sustainability and environmental awareness especially when things are dismal on a national and federal level with the current presidential administration and EPA." Jim Christel, Co-Owner.

Tradesy, Inc.: Is an online peer-to-peer resale marketplace for buying and selling women's luxury and designer contemporary fashion.

SQA EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Arthur Murray Dance Center Santa Monica: Excellence in Economic Development

Arthur Murray provides instruction in all styles of social and competitive ballroom dancing through personal sessions, group classes and practice sessions.

Bezian Bakery: Excellence in Economic Development

Where real nutrition and innovative baking come together for highly acclaimed wild yeast breads available exclusively at the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

Global Green: Excellence in Stewardship of the Environment

Global Green creates catalytic projects to serve as models for helping create sustainable communities and identifies policy and financial solutions to bring them to scale.

Salon Tru Santa Monica: Excellence in Stewardship of the Environment

The Salon's full line of plant derived Aveda, Davines and Comfort Zone products and relaxing décor along with a service-oriented staff embrace pure, natural, beauty in every way.

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District: Excellence in Stewardship of the Environment

SMMMUSD serves the coastal communities of Santa Monica and Malibu. With over 11,000 students in preschool through 12th grade, SMMUSD encompasses 10 elementary schools, two middle schools, one middle / high school, one comprehensive high school, and a continuation high school.

Santa Monica Motel: Excellence in Social Responsibility

Located just seven blocks from the beach and accomplishing a recent comprehensive greening remodel, Santa Monica Motel (SMM) is an economy motel that offers very affordable Westside accommodations.

"The Sustainable Quality Awards inspire us to further balance business practices with caring for the environment. The recognition highlights the importance of social responsibility in order to create a healthy environment not only for customers and visitors, but for our employees, tenants, and the community".

Julia Ladd, Assistant Vice President, Property Management, Santa Monica Place/Macerich, Grand Prize Winner 2017

In addition to being recognized at the ceremony by many peers and officials, the recognized businesses are noted regularly on Green Business Tours and in presentations, in the Sustainable Santa Monica newsletter and in media.

The SQA's will take place at Le Meridien Delfina Santa Monica Hotel in the Penthouse Ballroom. On April 30th, the event begins at 11 a.m. with an active networking and exhibitor hour (Sustainable Power Hour). SQA winners will be formally recognized during an award presentation starting at 12 p.m., followed by a sustainably plated lunch.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.smsqa.com or by calling (310) 393-9825. Pre-paid tickets are $60 for Chamber members and $70 for non-members.

For more information visit www.smsqa.com

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Citywide

Santa Monica City Prosecutors Obtain Conviction Against Flagrant and Persistent Violator of the City's Home-Sharing Laws

On April 5, Diana Hayek, a persistent and flagrant violator of the City's Home-Sharing laws, was convicted of five separate criminal misdemeanors consisting of: one count of operating an unlawful business in the City, two counts of violating the City's Home-Sharing Ordinance, and two counts of failing to comply with City administrative citations. These convictions were a result of a multi-year investigation undertaken by the City's Vacation Rental Enforcement Task Force, a unit of the City's Code Enforcement Division trained to target illegal vacation rental businesses operating in Santa Monica.

"The City of Santa Monica has consistently dedicated policies and resources toward producing, protecting, and preserving housing in our community," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen. "These convictions represent just outcomes that affirm these important legislative goals."

The Code Enforcement Task Force began investigating Hayek's unlawful short-term rental activities in 2016. The investigation included substantial witness interviews, site visits, sting operations, and search warrants. The investigation found that Hayek removed at least 13 housing units from the permanent rental housing market and used them for her unlawful vacation rental business. Officers attempted to gain compliance first through education and then with administrative citations. When Hayek persistently refused to comply, on December 15, 2017, the Task Force referred the case to the City Attorney's Office for criminal prosecution.

On April 5, 2019, the day before trial, Hayek entered into a plea agreement with City prosecutors where she accepted responsibility for all 23 counts of charged violations and received convictions for five separate criminal misdemeanors. The five convictions are as follows: one count of operating an unlawful business in the City in violation of SMMC § 6.04.020; two counts of engaging in unlawful vacation rental activities in violation of SMMC § 6.20.030, and two counts of failing to comply with City administrative citations in violation of SMMC § 1.09.160. Hayek was placed on four years of probation with the following conditions:

1. pay restitution to the City of Santa Monica in the amount of $2,118 in investigative costs
2. pay more than $5,000 dollars in criminal fines and statutory penalty assessments
3. pay approximately $9,000 in administrative citation fines
4. comply with all laws, including the City's Home-Sharing Ordinance's prohibition against hosting, facilitating, aiding, or advertising a vacation rental in the City
5. be subject to 30 days of county jail or 60 days of court supervised community service for any future violation of the City's Home-Sharing Ordinance

"We are committed to the complex enforcement efforts required to ensure compliance with Santa Monica's Home-Sharing Ordinance," said Code Enforcement Manager Sharon Guidry. "Through this case, 13 units will be returned to the housing market. That's a win for residents and those looking to call Santa Monica home."

After maintaining a multi-decade prohibition against short-term rentals in residential districts, in 2015, the City eased this prohibition by authorizing a form of short-term rentals known as Home-Sharing, wherein a resident is free to host visitors for compensation for a period of less than 31 days, as long as the resident and visitor are both present in the home. Un-hosted short-term rentals of residential housing, known as Vacation Rentals, remain unlawful in Santa Monica. This landmark legislation struck an important balance by enabling current and prospective residents to supplement income through home-sharing to meet increased rents and housing prices, while ensuring that Santa Monica's housing units, and particularly affordable units, would not be surreptitiously or openly converted into de facto hotels.

For more information on the City's Home-Sharing Ordinance or to apply for a Home-Sharing License, visit www.smgov.net/homeshare.

To report an illegal vacation rental business, contact Code Enforcement at (310) 458-4984.

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SMO, and L.A. Times so Stupid

A CAN OF FLYING WORMS

I knew it. Years ago, during one of our several Santa Monica Airport kerfuffles, whenever the first one was after I started writing this column in 2011, I said to myself: this issue won't be settled for many years, and it's a very deep and messy can of worms that you want to avoid as long as possible.

I think the can of worms is the kind where you take off the lid and they all come flying out at you, yaaahhh!!! — intended to induce a coronary. Because that's what my last column did, for my life. Not the coronary, but the quick, extreme and massive reaction.

It's an emotional issue in SM, and it seems most people have an opinion and a bit of information. Not quite enough, though. Heck, I don't have enough. There are people who have been working on this, city planners, pilots, parks specialists, on both sides, since the last time Magic and Kareem ruled LA.

Lots of folks have written to me or interacted on social media. I've sat down and talked with some. I've seen documents. I haven't changed my mind.

To (try to) be very clear: I have not been in favor of keeping the airport. I supported and voted for LC. To me the biggest reason is safety. Even though no one on the ground has been killed yet, I think it's inevitable when an airport is so closely surrounded by homes.

But I have also sunk to new levels of cynicism about the power of the greedy. That 227 acres is worth billions, too much to let the vultures be stopped by any concern for the future of SM and its residents, nor by any promises or even laws, and our City Council has a lousy track record in that area. It may be simplistic but my solution for now to prevent a Century City II from rising there: keep the airport.

For now. It's a long way to 2029.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can the esteemed LA Times be —

SO STUPID?

Yes, esteemed, for all you casual observer naysayers. It has fallen a little but it is rising again, under new ownership. 44 Pulitzers since 1942 (about even with the Washington Post), most recent in 2016 (great columnist Steve Lopez a finalist that year, also in 2018 — give him one!). Went into a slump with severe economic times for print journalism, many deep staff cuts, lost some great people especially in the arts, but new owner billionaire surgeon Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong returned it to local control after 18 years when he bought it from the Chicago Tribune group last year for half a billion, and may likely be its savior.

"I've not gone into this transaction from a financial basis at all. There's an opportunity to make a major impact on the nation," Soon-Shiong said. "LA Times is one of the three newspapers that can have a national and international impact." Trump approached him about being an adviser but they didn't exactly see eye to eye on the standards of journalism.

Here's the deal, doc. Attention to detail. Journalism is all about credibility. That's why real news outfits immediately correct and apologize when they make a mistake, and Faux News doubles down.

But when someone on your staff in charge of email news blasts continually blabs the "reveal" in the subject line about events many readers are DVR recording for their later enjoyment, thus completely ruining the events for them if they even glance at their list of emails, that makes you and the paper look like yokels who just moved to town.

This is LA. Hollywood. Never heard of "spoiler alert" or "reveal"?

Instead of "Breaking news: Virginia wins NCAA men's basketball title" — which they sent out just before 9 p.m. Monday night, just as I returned home and was settling into my Barcalounger, so looking forward to the Big Game — how about "NCAA men's basketball title decided"? Or duh, skip "'Green Book' snags Best Picture Oscar," make it "Best Picture Oscar awarded" or even, like the SM Patch, "ALERT: Academy Awards Live Update: Ali Wins Best Supporting Actor" — my eyes won't go farther than "ALERT: Academy Awards..."

They've been doing it for years and the couple times I called and tried to find the right person to speak to, I couldn't, and the person I spoke to clearly thought I was loony. But I don't think I'm the only one who glances often at their email list to see if there's anything important or immediate.

And by the way, Dr. PS-S, since you are part owner of the LA Lakers as well, do you think you could do something about that disaster? Please? Absolute WORST record in the NBA for the last six years total.

The email subject line thing is so obvious and easily fixed, the fact that no one has changed it does make me think that small part of your LA Times operation really is —

SO STUPID!

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CAFE

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were, I would buy."

Fellow student Nathan Lopez said that although he sometimes brings a packed lunch, he would also like there to be a cafeteria on campus. "That way I wouldn't have to go to main campus just to get something to eat," he explained.

Plans have been in place for years to build a café in the media wing of the CMD. As stated in SMC's official website, "the new café [would] provide students, faculty, and staff with a convenient and informal meeting space in the center of the site."

According to records from SMC's College (Operational) planning Committee, a "selection for a food vendor was tentatively scheduled for February 2018," but these plans appear to have fallen through.

In March 2018, Santa Monica College published a legal notice stating SMC was still seeking proposals from food vending firms to operate a retail food service operation at the CMD.

Brad Carpenter from Clive Wilkinson Architects was the Project Manager for the CMD. Carpenter said, "A furnished café was never part of the original construction project. We didn't participate, but my understanding is that... the College did not receive a successful bid from a vendor to develop and staff the café."

Chris Bonvenuto, Chief Director of Business Services at Santa Monica College, confirmed Carpenter's statement. "The District did go out to bid last year to lease space at the CMD campus to a food service provider, but unfortunately, no bids were submitted," Bonvenuto said.

Bonvenuto clarified why no bids were submitted. For one, the space allocated for the café is small — approximately 1,106 squared feet. More importantly, it is not equipped for a kitchen, meaning that any vendors would be forced to prepare the food off-campus and transport it daily.

Bonvenuto explained the college's plans going forward, stating, "To improve the possibility of securing a food service vendor... the District is currently evaluating possibilities to make the facility more attractive to potential vendors. Unfortunately, the process to make improvements to a facility is a lengthy one, that may include a required review/approval by the State of California. Because of this, we do not expect that we will be able to go to bid again until the 2019-2020 fiscal year."

Even if a vendor is found during the next fiscal year, it appears unlikely a café will be completed any time soon. The bleak, gray room that sits near the CMD parking structure will remain empty for the time being.

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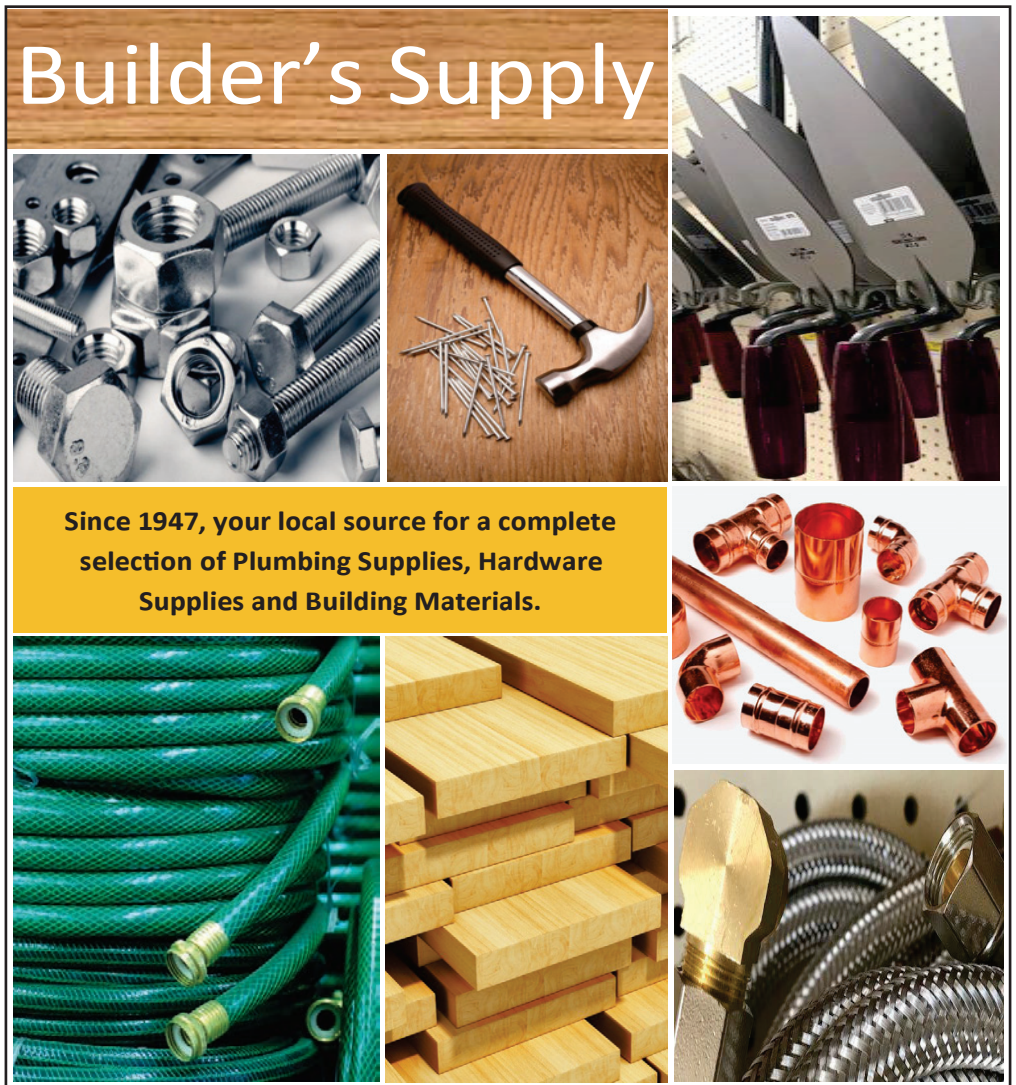
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how we're delivering on top priorities," said Tim Dodd, chief performance officer.

Below are some key takeaways from the data the City has provided.

COMMUNITY

About one-third of Santa Monicans volunteer at least once a month, significantly higher than the one-quarter of Californians and Americans who volunteer monthly. However, that proportion has declined from 38 percent in 2014 to about 35 percent in 2017.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

About 23 percent of Santa Monica households spent more than half of their income on rent in 2015, a proportion that remained fairly constant between 2010 and 2015. The City has not yet provided data past 2015.

There are deep differences in income between different racial groups in Santa Monica. In 2016, whites earned $72,645 on average, while Latinos earned $32,629 and Blacks earned $33,488. Asians earned $71,210 and Native Americans earned $15,687.

Women also earn significantly less money than men. In 2017, men earned $66,770 on average and women earned $50,137, 28.5 percent less. The disparity is higher than the national average of 19.5 percent and the California average of 12 percent, the lowest of any state.

The economic opportunity category also includes measures of the health of the business community.

90 percent of commercial space was occupied in 2018 and the occupancy rate has been stable since 2010, previously peaking in 2000 and 2007 and falling several percentage points during the recession.

Santa Monica's top five industries by employment are accommodation and food services, professional, scientific and technical services, information services, health care and social assistance, and retail trade. About 65 percent of workers are employed in those industries.

Another 7.5 percent work in local government and three percent each work in real estate, finance and arts, entertainment and recreation, and wholesale trade. About nine percent work in other administration and services.

HEALTH

Almost four percent of residents were in poor health in 2018, several percentage points less than the rest of Los Angeles County. Eight percent reported feeling severely lonely or isolated, which is on par with the United Kingdom and Western Europe. Loneliness peaks in the 18-24 demographic and in downtown Santa Monica, according to the City's 2014 Wellbeing Index.

LEARNING

Only 63 percent of Santa Monica children graduated preschool ready for kindergarten in 2018, but that proportion has increased steeply since 2012, when just 48 percent of preschoolers were kindergarten-ready.

Santa Monica High School graduates lag in college readiness, especially those from marginalized communities.

As of 2018, about 70.5 percent of all students meet entry requirements for California's public, four-year universities, but half of Black students do not. 95 percent of Asian students, 95 percent of white students and 71.5 percent of Latino students are college-ready. Samohi graduates who matriculate to Santa Monica College earned a 2.47 GPA their first semester in 2017, but that fell to 2.2 for Black and Latino students.

ECOSYSTEMS

The City has made progress on reducing its carbon footprint, which is 20 percent below 1990 levels, but has not yet met its goal of cutting emissions to 581,000 tons per year. As of 2015, the city released 1.11 million tons of carbon.

It is, however, on track to meet its goal of water self-sufficiency. By 2023, it will import only one percent of its water. The City has also set a goal to divert 95 percent of waste from landfills by 2030 and diverted about 84 percent in 2018.

SAFETY

Crime rose 86 percent between 2014 and 2017 and fell by about eight percent in 2018. However, serious crime also increased by about eight percent, mainly due to theft and burglary. There were 1,280 crimes in 2018, 170 of which were violent crimes. About half of residents felt safe, down from 60 percent in 2013.

GOVERNANCE

The City has a $467 million unfunded pension liability caused by the effects of the recession on the state's pension fund that it must pay down over the next 10 years. The City could lose between $10 to $40 million each year in the 2020s – even more if a recession hits in the new few years – if it doesn't cut services while it makes payments to CalPERS.

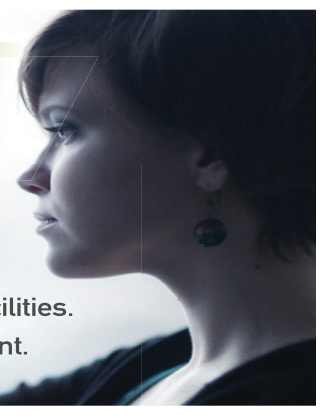
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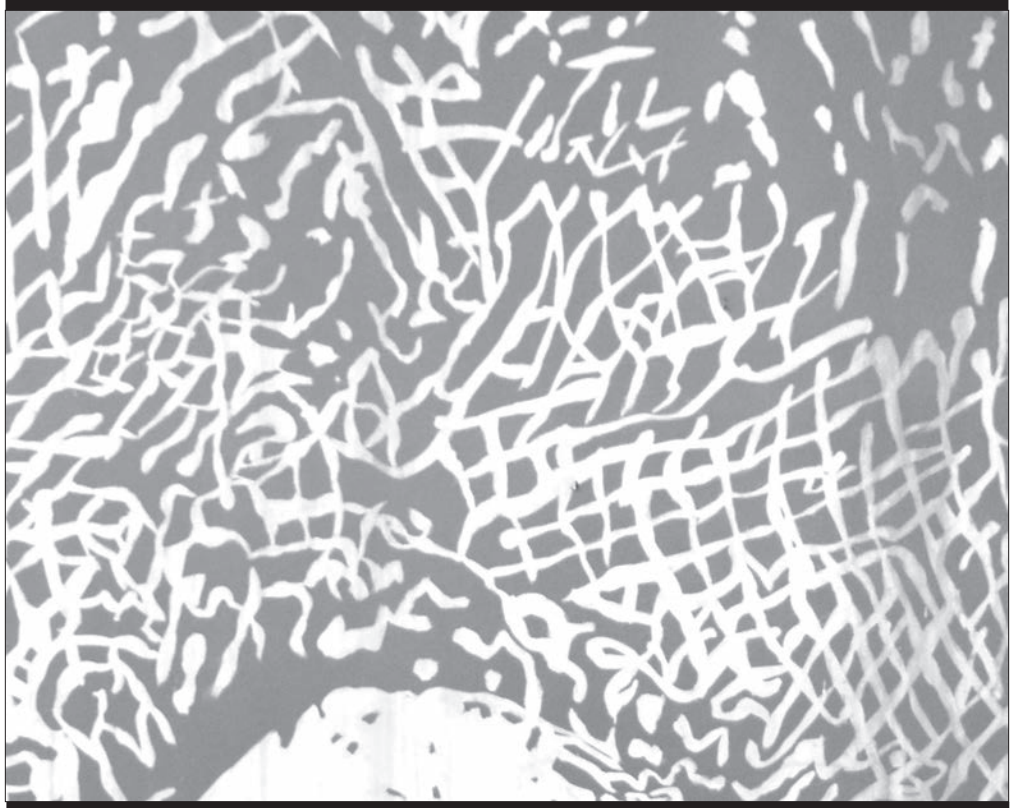
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CRIME WATCH

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 27, AT ABOUT 12:12 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the 1300 block of the 3rd Street Promenade regarding a male subject threatening passersby with knives. Officers located the subject and detained him for an investigation. A search of the subject's bag led to the discovery of two knives with serrated edges. Officers spoke to several witnesses which stated the subject was acting erratically, threatening and scaring anyone he encountered. A computer check of the subject revealed that due to his mental condition, he was restricted from possessing any deadly weapons included fixed blade knives. The subject was taken into custody. Thomas John Wichie, 54, from Hazleton, PA, was arrested for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. Bail was set at $20,000.



File Photo

THOMAS JOHN WICHIE

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 358 CALLS ON APRIL 8

Traffic collision - no injuries 400blk Pier Ave 1:28 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 3:33 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Ave 5:26 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 6:13 a.m.
Burglary 2500blk Colorado Ave 6:39 a.m.
Auto burglary 200blk Bay St 6:44 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 900blk 22nd St 7:43 a.m.
Indecent exposure 3rd St / Washington Ave 7:54 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 900blk 19th St 8:15 a.m.
Petty theft 2600blk Main St 8:16 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th St / Idaho Ave 8:45 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th St / Washington Ave 8:55 a.m.
Identity theft 1000blk 7th St 8:58 a.m.
Hit and run 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:05 a.m.
Hit and run 2400blk 28th St 9:09 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1400blk Washington Ave 9:29 a.m.
Battery 1400blk Arizona Ave 9:39 a.m.
Burglary 1700blk 14th St 9:50 a.m.
Burglary 2200blk 29th St 10:17 a.m.
Bike theft 1400blk Yale St 10:38 a.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:57 a.m.
Battery 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:10 a.m.
Bike theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:19 p.m.
Burglary 900blk 5th St 12:19 p.m.
Bike theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 12:26 p.m.
Hit and run 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:27 p.m.
Fraud 800blk 3rd St 12:45 p.m.
Hit and run Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 12:48 p.m.
Threats 500blk Olympic Blvd W 1:24 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:24 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1700blk Avenida Mazatlan 1:54 p.m.
Battery 1900blk 6th St 2:07 p.m.
Petty theft 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:19 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk the beach 2:28 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1400blk 17th St 2:42 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 2:47 p.m.
Battery 4th St / Broadway 3:25 p.m.
Bike theft 1400blk 4th St 3:35 p.m.
Bike theft 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:45 p.m.
Person with a gun 300blk Santa Monica Pl 3:48 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1400blk 2nd St 4:16 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Auto burglary 2500blk 4th St 4:32 p.m.
Overdose 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 5:09 p.m.
Petty theft 14th St / Colorado Ave 5:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:16 p.m.
Exhibition of speed Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:18 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk 19th St 5:39 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON APRIL 8

EMS 1700blk Michigan Ave 12:32 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 6:15 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Pier Ave 7:33 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 7:49 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 8:40 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Main St 8:51 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 9:44 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 10:10 a.m.
EMS 800blk Broadway 11:31 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 30th St 12:05 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Colorado Ave 12:27 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 12:40 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Centinela Ave 12:49 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 12:57 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:39 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 2:01 p.m.
Wires down 2200blk Delaware Ave 2:43 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 2:55 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 11th St 3:31 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 4:25 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 4:35 p.m.
EMS 600blk Broadway 4:39 p.m.
EMS 1000blk 10th St 4:50 p.m.
Structure fire 1400blk 2nd St 5:07 p.m.
EMS 200blk Wilshire Blvd 5:15 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 7th St 6:28 p.m.
Public assist 25th St / Ocean Park Blvd 6:32 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:06 p.m.

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 04/05
8 22 24 38 64
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: $120 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 04/06
1 23 29 33 42
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $34 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 04/08
2 3 6 27 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 04/08
Midday: 4 4 5
Draw Date: 04/08
Evening: 4 4 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 04/08
1st: 11 - MONEY BAGS
2nd: 7 - EUREKA
3rd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
RACE TIME: 1:42.02

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.1°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high
Short-period NW swell-mix on tap. New SSW/S swell picks up. Low tide in AM hours will offer options for nooks/crannies. Stay tuned.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Shorter-period NW swell-mix lingers. New SSW/S swell holds. Winds looking light early with low tide.

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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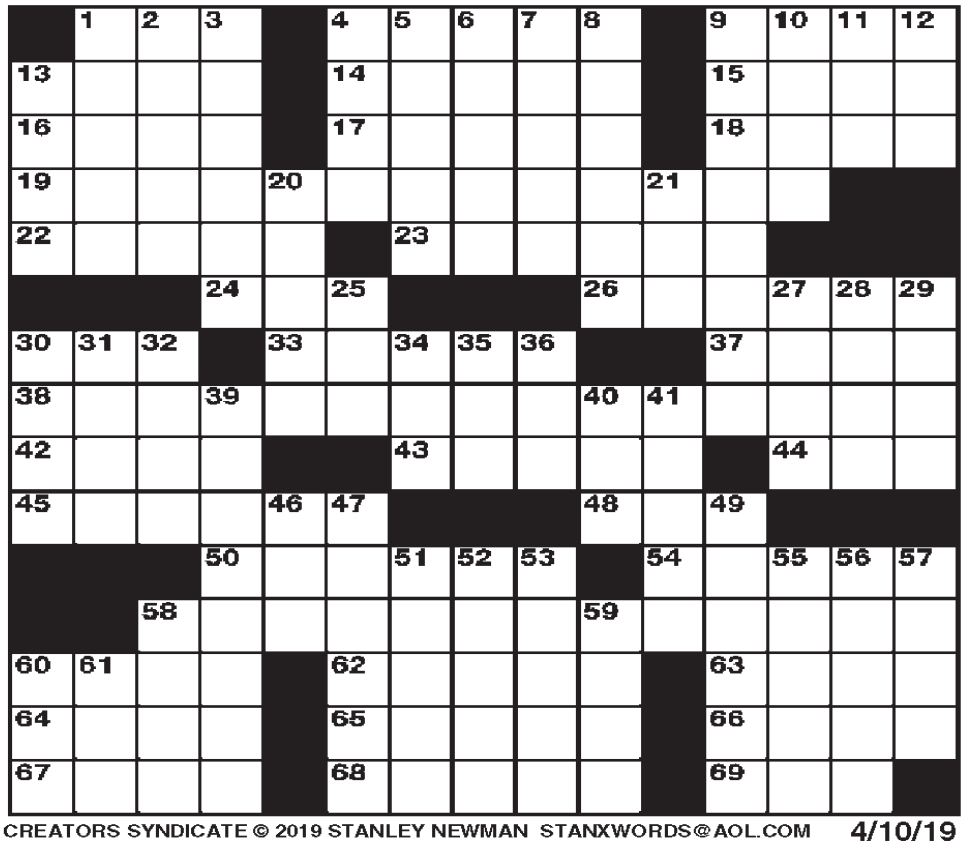
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Newsday Crossword

TIMELINES by Mark McClain
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Once around a track
4 Sailboat poles
9 Bits of paint
13 Honeycomb site
14 Be patient for
15 State on Lake Erie
16 Foreshadowing sign
17 Group of mountains
18 Nonverbal OKs
19 Very gullible
22 Prefix meaning "bone"
23 Stinging insect
24 Singing couple
26 Small amount of computer storage
30 Bro or sis
33 Express gratitude to
37 *Wizard of Oz* dog
38 Behavioral science magazine
42 Inauguration ritual
43 Between ports
44 Pilot's landing guess, for short
45 Minor modifications
48 "Honest" president
50 Bites gently
54 Perform better than
58 News anchor's farewell
60 Leisurely gait
62 University of __ Dame
63 Trickle (out)
64 Revered celebrity
65 Heroic tales
66 Argued, as a case
67 Bills with Hamilton
68 Computer whizzes
69 Followers of kays

DOWN
1 Vehicles for VIPs
2 Prevent from happening
3 Wrote
4 Foal's mom
5 Flooded (with)
6 __ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
7 Striped roarer
8 Buffet fuel
9 Aid financially
10 Sailor's greeting
11 Auction offer
12 Distress call
13 Wandering rail rider
20 Adolescent, for instance
21 Lions' home
25 "What have we here!"
27 Method
28 Coup d'__
29 Spanish portraitist
30 Location
31 Part of Caesar's boast
32 Data measure
34 In the manner of
35 "__ too bad"
36 UK weight measures
39 TV selections
40 Vote in favor
41 Forbidden
46 Set to assemble
47 Compact piano
49 Where Italy is
51 Terrain inclination
52 High storage area
53 Lady Liberty's light
55 Fairy tale baddie
56 Takes a snooze
57 Was beholden to
58 "When you wish __ a star . . ."
59 Major disorder
60 Kindled
61 Poetic tribute



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10)

You'll help someone and get twice helped. You'll love someone and wind up with heaps of the stuff. It's impossible for you to do anything selfless without gaining some kind of enrichment. A tangent will turn into your main gig. There's a move or a big domestic update. For luck, include family in a business venture. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 38 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A good day, like a good life, must include uncomfortable situations. It's a sign that you're living adventurously and courageously. Each new pickle will teach you a helpful skill.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll soon be in a position to state your terms, haggle a price or negotiate a salary. Start thinking about the value you give, what it's worth and what you really want. It's going to take some time to settle on the right amount.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Put your feelers out because your work is too much for one person to handle alone. Find one good person to help you with your project and soon you'll be surrounded by good people, as like attracts like.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some types of education seem pointlessly inapplicable, but your commitment to learning is anything but. Even if you've consciously forgotten what you learned, it's still in there, and you're building on it every day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In the weeks to come you will open your heart to many people, some of them very different from you. The more diverse your group is, the stronger it will be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your problems aren't bigger than the problems of others. It just seems like it because everything seems bigger up close. Change the channel. Go somewhere new. Meet more people. Then come back. Perspective restored!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A wave of ambition will wash over you, thanks to your exposure to a certain inspiring person. What you're starting to dream about for yourself is a lot, but it's possible. You can do this!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Negotiations ensue. You long ago learned that holding out for everything usually precipitates walking away with nothing, which is not always a bad thing. It depends on what's on the table. You're good at this. Trust yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Of course there's no such thing as a perfect relationship, but certainly, there are more and less compatible people. Events today will show you who fits into which category.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Two sorts of people can be hard to tolerate: those very different from you, and those too much like you. Love those who challenge you because it will broaden your capacity to love everyone, including yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It could very well be that there's an ideal in your head that's blocking the reality in front of your nose. It's one of those days when you have to try a little harder to find something to love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At this point, you're not sure if your aim is within the realm of reason. But some things are worth trying to do even if you're pretty sure they're impossible. Some things are worth doing (SET ITAL) because (END ITAL) you're pretty sure they're impossible.

Jupiter Retrograde

The difference between a comedy and a tragedy is where you end the story. The same goes for good and bad luck. What seems terrible in the short term could be what saves all in the end. And a candy-sweet moment could lead to the karmic equivalent to rotten teeth. Jupiter retrograde lesson number one: Don't be too quick to judge.

VENUS IS IN PISCES

There are still 10 days left of the Venus transit through Pisces. Make the most of them with these tips for tuning in to your heart's intuition. Have a head-to-heart talk.

1. Use voice-recognition software.

Your heart's voice is gentle and compassionate. It doesn't yell or berate you. It never speaks harshly. Listen for the voice of kindness and love. Tune out the rest.

2. Write to your heart.

Your writing hand is moved by your heart. Pen to paper is the magical connection.

3. Ask a simple, direct question.

The better your question, the clearer the answer will be. Write down your question. It will help you get the essence right. Then ask your heart and write down the answer. Let your hand go across the page and start writing. Don't hesitate or require it to make sense. Nonsense is OK. Keep going past the rabble, hand moving unthinkingly. Trust that you'll know the answer when it comes.

4. Acknowledge. Appreciate. And thank.

Your heart needs attention, recognition and care, just like the rest of you. Building the bond between heart and mind will embolden your heart to weigh into your daily life more noticeably, and often so that you can make decisions to invite and fortify the power of love in your life.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

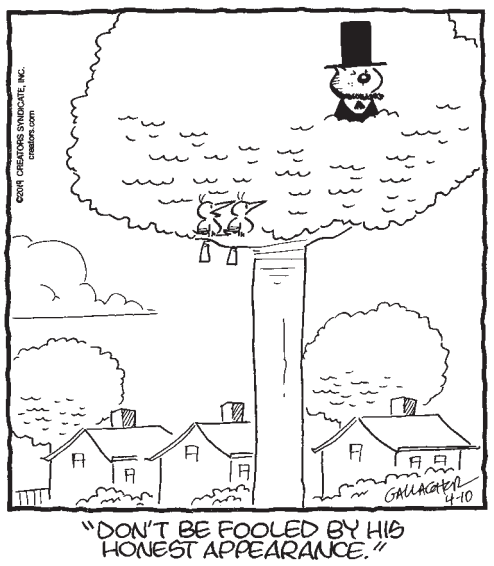
"This Is Us" star Mandy Moore is lovely on screen, though she also has a huge career off screen as Hollywood's voiceover queen with several major credits, including Rapunzel in "Tangled"; Cassandra in "High School USA!"; and the adorable kitty Sheriff Callie in "Sheriff Callie's Wild West." Born to enchant, Moore is an Aries with a natal Leo moon, the luminary of show business and entertainment. Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis@gmail.com.

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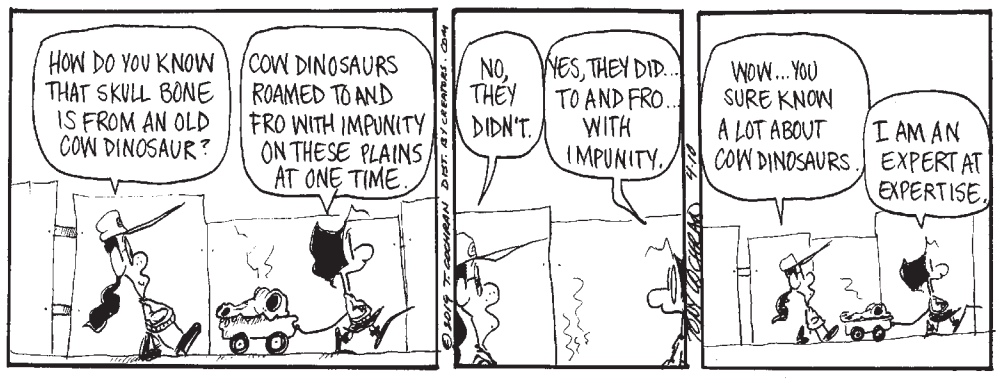
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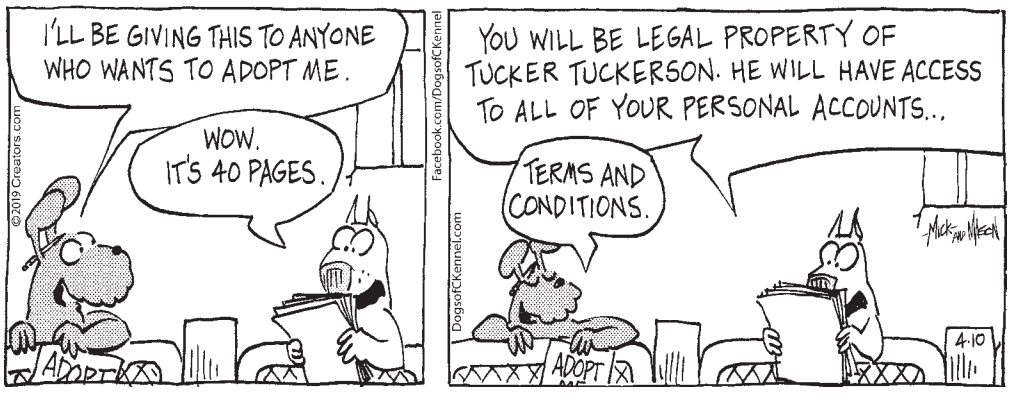
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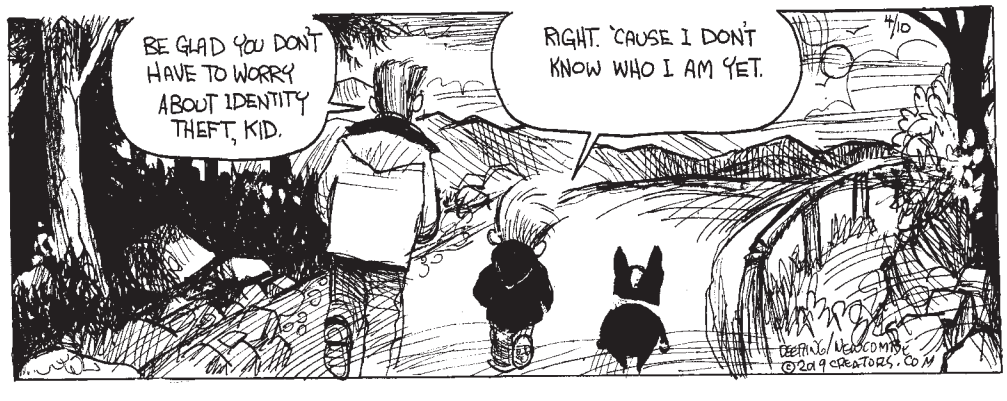
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UCLA hires Cincinnati's Mick Cronin as basketball coach

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

Mick Cronin was hired as UCLA's basketball coach Tuesday, ending a bumpy, months-long search to find a replacement for the fired Steve Alford.

The university said Cronin agreed to a $24 million, six-year deal.

UCLA's search has been marked by a series of starts and stops since Alford was dismissed on Dec. 31. The school had never before fired a coach during the season.

Cronin wasn't the first choice of athletic director Dan Guerrero, who headed a search committee that included Golden State Warriors general manager Bob Myers, a former Bruin.

The Bruins were interested in Texas Christian's Jamie Dixon, but couldn't reach a deal because of his $8 million buyout. Then they turned to Tennessee's Rick Barnes, and again couldn't come to terms.

"Throughout what was a thorough and exhaustive search, those of us on the committee repeatedly discussed and emphasized the importance of bringing in a coach who really wants to be here," Myers said in a statement.

So Cronin moved to the forefront.

He had a 296-146 record at his alma mater Cincinnati over 16 seasons and led the Bearcats to the NCAA Tournament in each of the last nine years. However, they made it past the first two rounds just once during Cronin's tenure, earning a Sweet Sixteen berth in 2012.

Twice in the last three years, the Bearcats beat UCLA, including a 29-point rout in December not long before Alford was fired.

The Bearcats went 28-7 this season, winning a second consecutive American Athletic Conference tournament championship before losing to Iowa in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"Mick has built a fantastic program at Cincinnati, backed by integrity and discipline, and he has instilled an undeniable toughness in his student-athletes," Guerrero said in the statement. "I am confident he will build this program the right way and lead UCLA basketball back to national prominence."

Cronin, 47, will be introduced at a campus news conference Wednesday.

"UCLA is a very special place with a strong tradition of excellence," he said in the statement. "To be able to join such a world-class institution is truly a privilege, and I can't wait to get started in Westwood."

Alford wasn't a popular hire among UCLA supporters, who didn't think he was an upgrade from Ben Howland, who took the Bruins to three Final Four appearances. They wanted a bigger name.

How boosters react to Cronin and his emphasis on defense remains to be seen. Attendance has also lagged in recent years.

"I have great hopes for Mick Cronin and am confident he understands our values of academic and athletic excellence, recognizing the very high bar set by Coach John Wooden," UCLA chancellor Gene Block said in a statement.

Except for brief stints at Louisville and Murray State, Cronin has spent his career in his hometown of Cincinnati. He graduated from the university in 1997.

His only other head coaching stint was at Murray State from 2003 to 2006, when the Racers were 69-24. Cronin was associate head coach at Louisville under Rick Pitino from 2001 to 2003 and worked as an assistant and video coordinator from 1996 to 2001 under Bob Huggins at Cincinnati.

Cronin returned to Cincinnati as head coach in 2006, reviving the program after Huggins was forced out.

Health issues forced Cronin to miss most of the 2014-15 season as he recovered from an aneurysm that was discovered after he complained of lingering headaches. He returned to his coaching duties ahead of the next season.

Cronin built a reputation as a recruiter who could identify and lure top talent to Cincinnati, including future NBA players like Lance Stephenson of the LA Lakers.

Alford was a solid recruiter as well, although critics believed UCLA underperformed during his tenure.

The Bruins' roster will be depleted by the early departures of sophomores Kris Wilkes and Jaylen Hands, who recently announced their plans to hire agents and declare for the NBA draft.

But next season will mark the return of guard Tyger Campbell and forward Shareef O'Neal, who both missed their freshman year. Campbell had a knee injury and O'Neal had heart surgery. Among the incoming recruits are Jaime Jaquez and Jake Kyman.

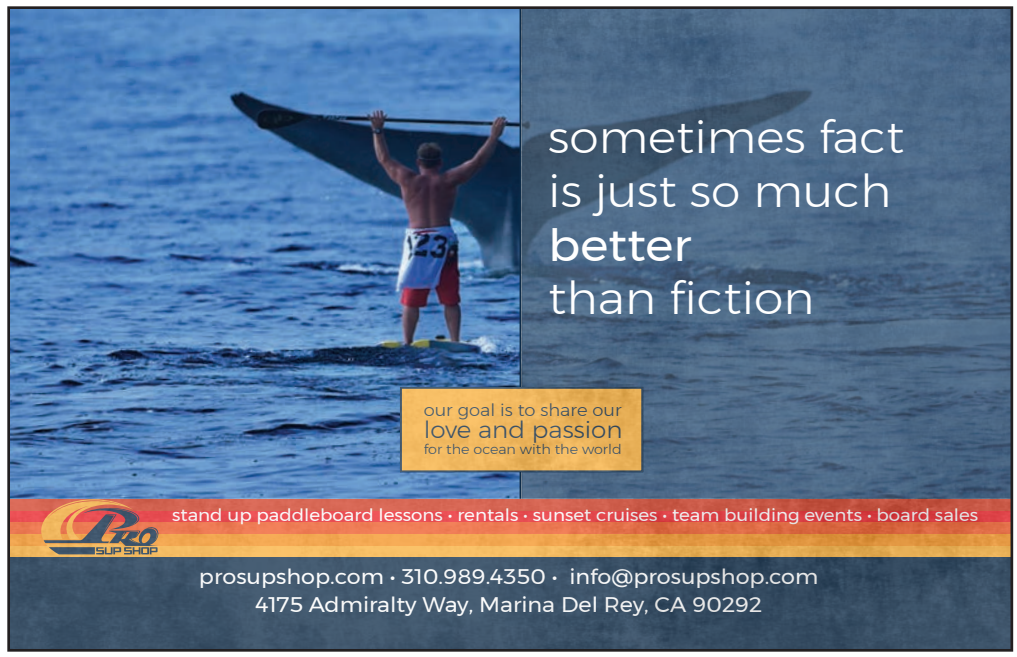
Alford was fired after the Bruins began the season with a 7-6 record. At the time, they were mired in a four-game skid that included home losses to Belmont and Liberty.

Alford had a 124-63 record in Westwood after taking over the program in March 2013. The 54-year-old coach won one Pac-12 tournament title but never a regular-season league title, and made four NCAA Tournament appearances, including Sweet 16 berths in his first two years.

But the drop-off was swift for a school that owns a record 11 national championships. The Bruins lost to St. Bonaventure in the First Four last season, the first time in school history that UCLA was relegated to a play-in game.

They failed to make the NCAA Tournament in 2015-16, when the team went 15-17 for the program's fourth losing record since 1948 when Wooden became the coach.

They also didn't make the NCAAs this season under interim coach Murry Bartow, who took over from Alford and guided the Bruins to a 17-16 finish, including a 9-9 Pac-12 mark.



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