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Community says goodbye to Stop'n Cafe



Michael Yermian

CLOSED: The Stop'n Cafe on the Promenade has closed.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Over the weekend the Third Street Promenade said farewell to one of its oldest family-run businesses. After thirty years, the Greek Cuisine: Stop'n Cafe served one last shot of espresso, took the pictures of Santa Monica locals and celebrities off the walls and closed its doors for the very last time Monday.

"I'm very sad," said owner Michael Yermian who opened the restaurant as a yogurt shop in April of 1988. His very first customer was a homeless man who still frequents the Promenade and the cafe, one of dozens of familiar faces who loved the local kebabs and sandwiches and the family who served them.

"I've been here seven days a week. It's hard to leave," Yermian said.

The restaurateur had completely lost his voice after saying so many goodbyes Saturday and Sunday, as a crowd of longtime customers stopped to pay their respects to the local establishment. Diane Miller, a member of Santa Monica's Commission on the Status of Women, was one of the final friends of the cafe to drop in, after her photo graced a restaurant wall for over a decade.

"It's just part of the history and the families we're losing in Santa Monica," Miller said, who at one point picked out the pink color for the walls. Miller wasn't the only local to influence the restaurant. As a little girl, a longtime customer named Debbie taught the kitchen staff how to make her favorite breakfast. Even as she grew up, "Debbie's Breakfast" remained on the menu.

"Our customers were our family and a lot of them came

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SMMUSD to begin formation of dual School Facilities Improvement Districts

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Malibu School District unanimously agreed to begin the process to form dual School Facilities Improvement Districts (SFID). The formation of SFIDs for both Santa Monica and Malibu would allow schools within both communities to have more self-sufficiency in many areas such as facility planning and funding.

Carey Upton, Chief Operations Officer for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, led the presentation describing why the district felt the need for two separate SFIDs.

Upton said that with rising bids and prices for modernization efforts with projects such as construction and PCB abatement, the district considered getting a bond.

"Challenges in previous bonds was between the relationships between the Santa Monica and Malibu communities," Upton said.

Questions community members asked about a potential for dual SFIDs included tax levels and how bonds would work with the imminent split of the soon-to-be two districts.

A staff member with Upton told the Board that money which comes from a bond in a particular SFID could only be used in that SFID; all Malibu bonds spent in and funded by Malibu, all Santa Monica bonds spent in and funded by Santa Monica.

"Other than that, they operate like all of our other bonds. Not a lot to look into," the staff member said.

The process to create the dual SFIDs is a lengthy one. To create the two SFIDs, the district must ask the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (LACBOS) with a resolution requesting that LACBOS allow the district to create the two SFIDs.

"We'll be working with a bond attorney and city staff to set this up, work this out," Upton said.

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DOLPHINS

Courtesy photo

The Venice Dolphins and girl scouts volunteered time to clean the memorial. See Page 5 for more information.

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **C-10** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Appeal 18ENT-0044 of 17ENT-0288 a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification Denial, 470 19th Street. An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's denial of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification (17ENT-0120) to allow a proposed 66" high fence, hedge, and motorized gate along the front parcel line parallel to 19th Street in the front setback where maximum heights of 42" are allowed. The subject property is located in the Single-Unit Residential (R1) zoning district. [Planner: James Combs] **APPELLANT: Mark Goldman. APPLICANT: Amy Fittipaldi. PROPERTY OWNER: Mark Goldman.**

Preliminary Float-Up Discussion of the Ocean Avenue Project, 101 Santa Monica Boulevard. Preliminary review and discussion of the updated design concept for a new mixed-use development project subject to a Development Agreement. The proposed project consists of commercial, hotel, museum, and residential uses, including the retention and rehabilitation of two City-designated Landmark buildings at the property located at 101 Santa Monica Boulevard (Development Agreement 13DEV-004). During this float-up discussion, the Planning Commission will be asked to provide preliminary feedback regarding the Applicant's updated project concept and potential community benefits for consideration with the Development Agreement request. [Planner: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP] **Applicant: M. David Paul Associates / Worthe Real Estate Group.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Planner at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail [firstname.lastname@smgov.net] The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and 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 Peter James 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 18

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.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 1:30 P.M.

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 P.M.

Movie: Goodbye Christopher Robin (2017)
This moving film tells the true story of author A.A. Milne, who was inspired by his son Christopher Robin and his toys to create the magical world of Winnie the Pooh. But the international success of the books came at a price for the author, his wife and young son. (107 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Computer Class: Appy Hour - Library Apps Workshop
Bring your smartphone, tablet or e-reader and receive help in small groups to learn how to use your device. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 19

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.

Housing Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 4:30 p.m.

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission Meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7:30 p.m.

Color Me Chill
Unwind and de-stress after tax day with relaxing coloring, and enjoy some coffee, tea, or hot cocoa. All ages. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, April 20

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Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Westside Family Health Center to Support National School WalkOut

Westside Family Health Center (WFHC) will close at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 20, in support of student efforts across the country to stop gun violence. WFHC will honor those students, faculty and staff who have lost their lives in tragic school shootings and support those students who are working to make changes in gun laws. The community at large is invited to join WFHC in front of their location at 1711 Ocean Park Boulevard from 10 – 10:30 a.m. WFHC will have signs available with the names of students, faculty and school staff who have been killed by gun violence. After the rally, team members will hold private in-service trainings about gun violence as a key social determinant of health.

National School WalkOut was organized by Lane Murdock, a sophomore at Connecticut's Ridgefield High School along with three of her classmates, who wondered what they could do following the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018. They organized a National School WalkOut through a student-based organization that includes 150 chapters nationwide, all run by students in each community. The date of Friday, April 20 2018 was chosen as it commemorates the 19th anniversary of the horrendous shooting at Columbine High School in Columbine, Colorado. The goal of the National School WalkOut is to work with other students across the country to change the dialogue on gun violence. The students hope to work on some gun-sense legislation that addresses the gun violence issues such as bump stock bans and universal background checks.

Since 1974, Westside Family Health Center, located in Santa Monica at 1711 Ocean Park Boulevard has been at the forefront of providing outstanding health care and health education to low-income and uninsured women, men and their families who live throughout Los Angeles County. Using the same philosophy of education, empowerment and partnership as the founders, Westside Family Health Center currently provides five core programs: Family Practice, Blooming Babies Prenatal, Strong Start Pediatrics, Reproductive Health Services and Community Outreach and Education. Westside Family Health Center also provides low or no cost immunizations for children.

Westside Family Health Center is a non-profit community health center providing a wide range of low-cost health care services and serves more than 12,000 low-income and uninsured women, men and children, regardless of one's ability to pay. Please visit www.wfhcenter.org.

SUBMITTED BY CELIA BERNSTEIN

The Pier

Celebrate Earth Day with Heal the Bay and the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium will celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 21, opening early and hosting special eco-friendly activities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those who participate in Heal the Bay's beach cleanup on the sand just north of the Pier between 10 a.m. and noon will be welcomed to the Aquarium free of charge all day on the 21st.

Make a biodegradable planter and plant some California poppy seeds; check out wildlife with Aquarium naturalists at a nature observation station on the west end of the Pier from 1 to 4 p.m.; listen to an Earth Day-themed story time at 2 p.m.; and be part of the "Who Pollutes?" interactive presentation in the Aquarium's Dorothy Green Room at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

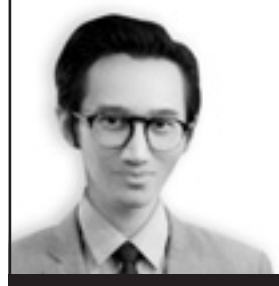
Find the Aquarium at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beach level at the Pier, beneath the Merry-Go-Round building.

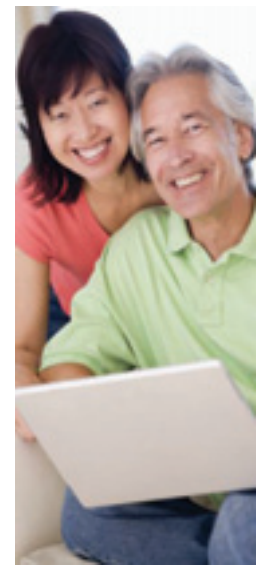
More information is available at https://healthebay.org/event/aquarium-earth-day-celebration/

ABOUT THE SMPA

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is Heal the Bay's marine education facility, which inspires understanding and conservation of Southern California coastal waters, watersheds and marine life through education, interaction and discovery. Located beach-level, just below the Carousel at the Santa Monica Pier, the Aquarium is open to the general public and attracts nearly 100,000 visitors per year. Over its 15 years of operation, the Aquarium has welcomed more than one million visitors during public hours, and in-house education programs have reached close to 200,000 students.

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Curious City

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A plan for our future? Ugh

IT'S THAT DAMNABLE BUILDING

That set me off. You know, the rendering of the beautiful long shiny-white sumptuous, curving redesign of the historic Miramar Hotel at Ocean and Wilshire that so many are falling all over themselves to praise, with all the happy Santa Monicans pictured strolling the now-open grounds and enjoying new access to our mighty, historic, landmarked 130-year-old Moreton Bay Fig tree.

Oh, those architectural renderings, that were unveiled last week. All part of the program, the program of deception through optics; of less is more (of what they wanted all along), of sensitivity to residents' desires, community deference through compromise. Feh. We're being taken for a ride, folks, in a sleek shiny vehicle following a roadmap they had in their back pocket all the time.

What you see is Plan B. I'm sure there is a Plan C, too, but chances are B will go through and there will be dancing in the aisles of Ocean Avenue LLC, Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects, and every organization that benefits financially and/or politically from this overblown, wrong-for-Santa Monica explosion-expansion precedent. The waves and ripples have already spread far and wide to every group that salivates at the further unchecked development of what precious little open space we have left in our hemmed-in hamlet.

PLAN A?

Oh, ha ha ha, you mean that 21-story ugly tower that looked like a bad Lego — I know it was offered with the straightest of faces, and architectural plans, and plenty of stooges saying Ooo I love it! But come on, you know that was a decoy. Everyone does it; it's up to us to remember that and not get sucked in. Did the Huntley waste all that time and effort to block it? No. Because you will jump at Plan A if people are foolish enough to give it to you.

This Plan B is much prettier. But it is the 21-story monstrosity flattened to fill the entire block. The owners get everything they wanted, all the very expensive condos and more expensive hotel rooms, restaurants and retail. We get something that benefits the City coffers only slightly more — the Fairmont Miramar as it stands today is making a nice profit — but lands a monster on our precious Ocean Avenue that does not look like it fits in an historic seaside small city of under 100,000. Rio? Honolulu? Monaco? Miami? We've got some great-looking plans for you that we can't use.

Oh, that poor fig tree. Used for commercial gain, trotted out and propped up front so we might not notice so much the behemoth that's being wrapped around it. If it wasn't for that distractive value and that pesky historic designation I'm sure it would've been turned into firewood to make way for one more very expensive hotel room across from the Pacific Ocean. Because, money talks. In today's America, it screams everything else down.

"OUR" FIG TREE?

Charles, I do believe you are living still in the mythical land of the '70s People's Republic of Santa Monica. (Even though I didn't "discover" Santa Monica until moving to Mandeville Canyon in 1980, finally landing here in 1986.) Without going into that whole complex, very interesting time in our local history that preceded me, I will admit to being a reluctant capitalist. A Bernie Sanders-style democratic socialist. (Oh, the howls! The derision, the laughter. But you knew that.)

If you are a Santa Monica resident of some intended permanence, who understands and values our history and unique position in the Los Angeles megalopolis, if there's anything going down in Santa Monica that you're not happy about — this horizontal horrorshow or the other two skyscrapers still being proposed with straight faces for nearby on Ocean Avenue (but see, the Gehry tower has already been reduced, lucky us) or a 12-story block-square hotel smack dab in the middle of town where a town square ought to be, or low-income housing built next to the freeway or the Wall of Lincoln — follow the money. Follow it to City Hall, to Sacramento, to D.C., to Moscow. Follow it throughout history.

Money makes the world go 'round, and it did in the late 18th century when some young rebels in America (the average age of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was 44, more than a dozen were 35 or younger, with several qualifying as Founding Teenagers and 20-Somethings) thought they had a better idea for the future than what Olde Europe offered. They were capitalists, they were the economically elite, but they were also idealists who understood that greed can bring it all down, and so they tried so meticulously, so wisely, with such insight to the future that what they created worked really well, for almost 200 years. 197, I'd say. They gave us the sacred vote, and it has been perverted and subverted. They gave us checks and balances, an independent judiciary, so many things that money has now bought.

Of course people or corporations should be able to do what they want with their property. But with restrictions. Should the Miramar be allowed to build a nuclear plant there if it's a more profitable use of their property? There are reasonable restrictions. This is our city. Not Dell's, not the union's, not Frank Gehry's, not SMRR's. We have the votes, nationally and locally, to be able to choose representatives who will actually represent US.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: But will we?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge'." Isaac Asimov

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter." Winston S. Churchill

"As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron." H.L. Mencken (26 July 1920)

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Venice

Venice Dolphins and Girl Scout Troop 5325 maintain the Venice Ja Memorial Monument

After besting the Hollywood Dodgers at their morning basketball game in Montebello, the Venice Dolphins basketball team came directly to the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards. They swept up the sidewalk debris from the two bus stop shelters on Venice and on Lincoln to the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument, and wiped down the VJAMM with Windex and soft cloths. Girl Scout leader Victoria Yamashita offered to volunteer her Scouts, many of whom also play basketball for the Venice Dolphins, to spruce up the VJAMM in time for the VJAMM Commemoration on Thursday, April 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the site of the VJAMM. The VJAMM Committee said they deeply appreciate the participation of Iris Hirata, Lindsey Kojima, Ally Lee, Amanda Matsubara, Jacklyn Oldoerp, Chrissy Wakasa, and Ally Yamashita.

One of the Girls Scouts, Lindsey Kojima, will soon be interviewed for her proposed Gold Award Project. Kojima will create a children's book and a video about the VJAMM. The project will feature images of the VJAMM, and interviews with former Manzanar internees who provided poignant quotes for the VJAMM. VJAMM Committee member Phyllis Hayashibara will help coordinate Kojima's interviews with VJAMM Committee members who had been incarcerated at Manzanar, including Mae Kakehashi of Venice, Arnold Maeda of Santa Monica, Brian Maeda who was born in Manzanar, and Amy Ioki (not a VJAMM Committee member) of Malibu, and Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa (not a VJAMM Committee member).

The late Yosh Tomita, formerly of Venice, interned in Manzanar as a youngster, and a charter member of the VJAMM Committee, provided a quote that expressed gratitude to the "many Nisei and Sansei who worked successfully for redress and reparations with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988." The April 19 VJAMM Commemoration will pay tribute to the 30th anniversary of the Civil Liberties Act, signed by President Ronald Reagan. The Act acknowledged that the basis for the forced removal and incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry stemmed from "race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership" rather than valid national security concerns. The act granted each surviving internee $20,000 in reparations, apologized on behalf of the people of the United States, and provided for a public education fund to ensure that the past internment does not set a precedent for future violations of Constitutional rights.

The Commemoration will also remember that seventy-six years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order on February 19, 1942, setting the stage for the forced removal of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast, and for their incarceration in American concentration camps for the duration of World War II, in complete violation of their Constitutional rights of due process and the writ of habeas corpus.

Kojima's Gold Award book and video project will bring the VJAMM and Japanese American history to a younger generation. She will also conduct workshops for students to learn about the VJAMM and the history the VJAMM represents, encouraging her students to visit the VJAMM with a study guide/questionnaire, and will develop a patch program for Scouts and other youth groups, so the lessons of this history is never forgotten.

The final lesson of the VJAMM comes in the last paragraph on the front of the monument: "May this Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument remind us to be forever vigilant about defending our Constitutional rights. The powers of government must never again perpetrate an injustice against any group based solely on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race, or religion."

Please visit www.venicejamm.org for the complete VJAMM text and all five quotes.

FREMONT

Tesla shuts down Model 3 assembly again to fix bottlenecks

Shares of Tesla Inc. traded lower Tuesday after reports that the company had shut down production of its Model 3 mass-market electric car again to solve manufacturing bottlenecks.

The automaker told employees this week there would be a four- or five-day production hiatus. The company says it warned of future production pauses when it shut down the line to improve automation in February .

Tesla says shutdowns are common when a new model is launched and will improve production rates. But Autopacific analyst Dave Sullivan says manufacturing doesn't normally stop for days, especially nine months after production began.

Tesla shares dropped 1 percent to $287.80 in morning trading. The broader markets were up about 1 percent.

Model 3 production began in early July in Fremont, California. Pricing starts at about $35,000.

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by yesterday, so upset because their family is leaving," said Michael's son, Andrew, who waited tables in the restaurant during summer vacations from school. "It's where a lot of them came to get a home-cooked meal."

Despite rumors of escalating rent, the Yermians said they had a good landlord who worked with them to keep the restaurant open for so many years. However, the thin margins of running a family business on the Promenade meant Michael himself managed the operations nearly 365 days a year.

After several difficult discussions, the family decided the thirtieth anniversary would be the right time to close the family business. They will commemorate 73-year-old Michael's retirement with an upcoming three month trip around the world. When they return, Michael will help Andrew with his real estate financing business, Lotus Mortgage and Realty.

"It's always disappointing when downtown loses a long-standing business like the Stop'n Cafe," said Downtown Santa Monica, Inc's director of marketing and communications, Mackenzie Carter. "We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors."

While the restaurant appealed to locals and nearby office employees, Andrew says the restaurant was also a favorite stop for celebrities like French actress Corinne Calvet, Sean Penn, Brooke Shields and Paris Hilton.

"It attracted everybody. It was a safe haven for a lot of celebrities who came here," Andrew said. "They knew when they came here they wouldn't be bothered because we protected them."

As Michael, Andrew, his brother, Azad and mother, Jaleh, posed for one last photo in front of the red and white umbrellas, they noticed a familiar face nearby. The homeless man who had been the shop's very first patron in 1988 stood in the background.

The Yermian family knew their story had come full circle.

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There would then be a vote to pass the resolution. Typically, counties have a "you make the request and it happens" standing order, but, "LA county likes to listen to and vote on each one," according to Upton.

LACBOS would then hear the resolution "end of the month, beginning of next, somewhere around May 1st," with district staff coming back to the board May 3rd to pass a resolution of intent — intent to create a SFID in Malibu.

On May 17, staff would come back to the Board to ask to create a resolution of intent for Santa Monica.

The two resolutions are split up by design, one meeting in Malibu, one in Santa Monica, to give both communities time to work on their respective resolutions.

"Once we start this process, we'll be on two different parallel paths. We want to make sure we're including voters on both sides," Upton said.

On June 12, the district asks for a resolution of formation to finally form the SFIDs.

On July 19, "that would be the moment you call for elections," Upton said. The formation of SFIDs would go on the ballot November 6.

Creation of the SFIDs doesn't "lock you in" to using the SFIDs, Upton said, until July 19 when it's voted to be put on the ballot.

"We feel there's a lot more discussion with our communities to talk about this, but to get in line to start all of this up, that's why we're starting with this before we've even done a lot of feasibility, to start us down the road to get this on the ballot."

Superintendent Dr. Drati has formed a feasibility committee, having had one meeting already with another to have before a May 3 board meeting. Upton said staff has begun polling.

"When we meet with you (the Board) May 3rd, we'll also discuss what that polling is and get direction to move forward towards a bond. There are lots of different steps along the way. Of course, we need our community with us, we need to work ... to communicate what's working and great with previous bonds, what we're in the process of doing, and establish we have substantial need."

The Board unanimously passed the resolution.

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ON MARCH 29, 2018 AT ABOUT 8:55 A.M.

Officers were made aware from a female witness/victim that a male subject was seated in the lobby of Public Safety Facility exposing himself. Officer learned the subject was in the PSF to register himself as sex offender. The subject was placed under arrest for indecent exposure. Jesse Lee Curtin, 39, homeless, was Booked for indecent exposure and an outstanding warrant. Bail was set at $ 60,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 341 Calls For Service On Apr. 16.

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

Trespassing 700 block Wilshire 12:31 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 6th 12:38 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1200 block Lincoln 12:39 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 6th 12:40 a.m.
Panic alarm 2400 block Santa Monica 1:14 a.m.
Fight 2600 block Santa Monica 1:17 a.m.
Battery 100 block Santa Monica 1:28 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1800 block Berkeley 3:10 a.m.
Prowler 800 block 26th 6:35 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block Ocean 6:43 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Harvard 7:35 a.m.
Trespassing 700 block Strand 8:31 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 8:53 a.m.
Traffic collision 3400 block Pico 8:57 a.m.
Grand theft Auto 1700 block Appian 8:57 a.m.
Burglary 2600 block 34th 9:19 a.m.
Person down 4th / Arizona 9:37 a.m.
Elder abuse 1600 block Ocean 10:26 a.m.
Hit and run 1700 block Ocean 10:54 a.m.
Panic alarm 2400 block Arizona 11:10 a.m.
Hit and run 1500 block 2nd 11:27 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 11:38 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block The Beach 11:40 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 5th 11:47 a.m.
Public intoxication 2600 block Main 11:52 a.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/ Broadway 11:59 a.m.
Civil dispute 1900 block 18th 12:02 p.m.
Identity theft 900 block 2nd 12:04 p.m.
Fraud 1000 block 19th 12:25 p.m.
Identity theft 600 block Santa Monica 12:29 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block Broadway 12:39 p.m.
Fight Ocean / Colorado 1:54 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block 4th 2:02 p.m.
Prowler 1700 block Appian 2:37 p.m.
Hit and run 6th / Broadway 2:53 p.m.
Rape 500 block Olympic 3:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Idaho 3:17 p.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Santa Monica 3:47 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block 4th 3:55 p.m.
Fraud 1000 block 19th 4:00 p.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 4:09 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1400 block Ocean 5:01 p.m.
Prowler 1700 block Appian 5:25 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 3rd St Prom 5:43 p.m.
Person down 2600 block Pico 6:10 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 block Appian 6:16 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd St Prom 6:54 p.m.
Burglary 2000 block Euclid 7:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On Apr. 16.

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Automatic alarm 1400 block Ocean 12:02 a.m.
Emergency medical service 2000 block Lincoln 12:58 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Chelsea 4:10 a.m.
Flooded condition 2900 block 31st 6:08 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Wellesley 8:13 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Lincoln 9:48 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 11th 9:49 a.m.
EMS 3rd / Idaho 10:37 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Arizona 10:38 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 10:41 a.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 11:11 a.m.
Wires down 800 block 21st 11:23 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Maple 11:32 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 12:21 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 11th 1:04 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 1:17 p.m.
EMS 6th / Broadway 2:53 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Lincoln 3:48 p.m.
EMS 19th / Georgina 3:58 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 4:09 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 6th 4:44 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 6th 4:53 p.m.
Structure fire 1000 block Euclid 5:33 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 3rd St Prom 5:42 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Berkeley 6:15 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 6:32 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Chelsea 6:54 p.m.
EMS 26th / Broadway 7:12 p.m.
Flooded condition 20th/ Marguerita 7:38 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 7:42 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 8:23 p.m.



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Jackpot: 122M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/13
8 9 32 42 59
Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 67M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 4/14
5 14 27 31 39
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 27M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/16
10 12 16 17 24

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 4/17
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 4/16
EVENING: 8 5 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 4/16
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 07 Eureka
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■ It also contains 170 milligrams of cholesterol (57 percent); 1,790 mg of sodium (75 percent); 82 grams of total carbohydrates (27 percent); 6 g of dietary fiber (24 percent); 11 g of sugar and 60 g of protein. Yikes multiplied!

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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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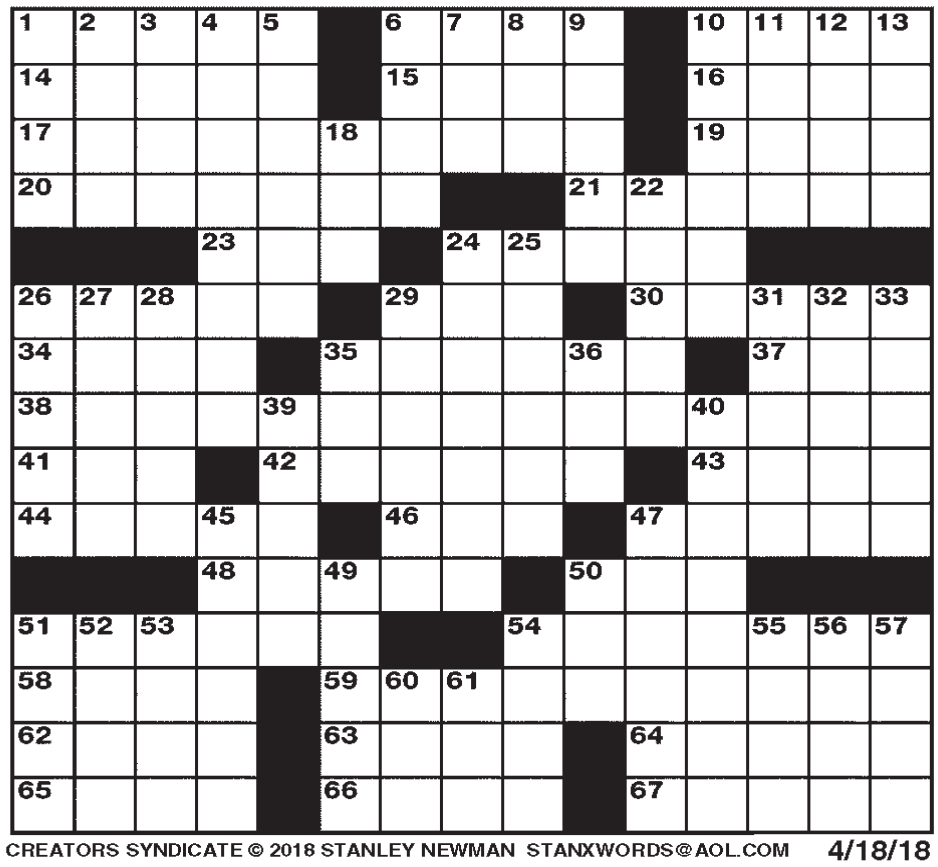
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Buddhist priests
6 Underground water source
10 Wide belt
14 In the know
15 Billion-selling cookie
16 Popular fish for sandwiches
17 What's a balance-of-payments stat?
19 Footnote abbr.
20 Luxurious residences
21 Where Iberia is
23 Encountered
24 French sci-fi pioneer
26 Gemstone weight measure
29 Director Howard
30 Ignore all distractions
34 At the summit of
35 Courage that may be "proven"
37 ID scanned by cashiers
38 What's Tom Hanks' job in *The Post?*
41 Casino cube
42 Escaped from
43 Smallest ship of Columbus
44 Released for home viewing
46 Reason for extra innings
47 Squad of substitutes
48 Poe's black bird
50 Golf peg
51 New Orleans cuisine
54 Table sugar
58 Letterhead illustration
59 How else can you say "That's a bit off"?
62 Molecule part
63 Small city
64 Engine
65 Sticky situation
66 Attempt, so to speak
67 Act too broadly

DOWN
1 Narrow street
2 Impresses greatly
3 Actor Damon
4 Tourists' sightseeing aids
5 Trio doubled
6 Wines and dines
7 Make a blunder
8 Allow
9 Last-place finisher
10 Hi-fi sound system
11 Station wagon, for instance
12 Break sharply
13 __ and hearty
18 Puppy or parrot
22 In need of a meal
24 Elected
25 Main course
26 Positive-thinking
27 Had dinner at home
28 Used oars
29 Public esteem
31 Adorable child
32 "Once __ time . . ."
33 "Get lost!"
35 Prefix for function
36 Was in first place
39 Accelerator or brake
40 Kitchen-to-bedroom sound system
45 Motorcycle sounds
47 Evolved into
49 Air-conditioning outlets
50 Formal attire, for short
51 Chowder morsel
52 Repetitive learning method
53 Swelled heads
54 Shipped off
55 *Beetle Bailey* dog
56 Job opening
57 Brontë novel heroine
60 "That's impressive!"
61 Early afternoon



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 18)

There's something new to want out of this year. It may seem overly simplistic, but it's really the way it will go: You'll believe in yourself, and you'll make it happen. You'll change your morning ritual in May, and this will change everything. Friends and family will contribute differently than they did before. A gamble pays off in November. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 22, 8 and 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Humans are fallible creatures with a strong capacity to learn and grow. It's why you don't even mind when someone criticizes you today. It's a chance to improve and maybe even solve something you've been struggling with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The wise Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius suggested that it is not the external things that pain us, but our judgment of them, which is within our power to wipe out. To alleviate stress, you'll change your mind about something today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Some people throw stones; other people build with them. Figure out whom you're dealing with and what they can and can't be trusted with. What hangs in the balance here may be your heart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
When people act out of love, it brings them together. When they act out of fear, it drives them apart. This is why no one can be forced, intimidated or manipulated into loyalty, affection or love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Ask any pilot: Course correction is more or less a constant in the air. To avoid the storms, air traffic and more, pilots and autopilots are constantly making adjustments to the flight plan. Today's course will require this of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
So much about the interactions of the day won't be personal. Stay a bit detached to better see how things work. Bottom line: The person you want to pay attention to you will need some extra reason to do so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
As for the rules of the game, it's not what they are that matter — rather, it's that all of the players agree on what they are. To know this for sure, you may have to break it down point by point.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The cosmic suggestion is to throw kindness like confetti — which is to say, directly up, so it can rain down wherever. If you aim kindness, or confetti, too forcefully or directly, injury can occur.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Take a look around you to determine whether your surroundings are supporting you in the direction you want to grow. Location isn't everything, but right now it's much, much more important than you might have guessed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'd like to be sure you're on the same page as those under your charge. But if you give them too much of the plan up front, they'll either be intimidated by the task, or they'll second-guess you. Keep it on a need-to-know basis.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
People will do illogical things to regain power. They will act irrationally to preserve a sense of self or the continuity of their personal story. If you want them to be predictable and manageable, pose no threat whatsoever.

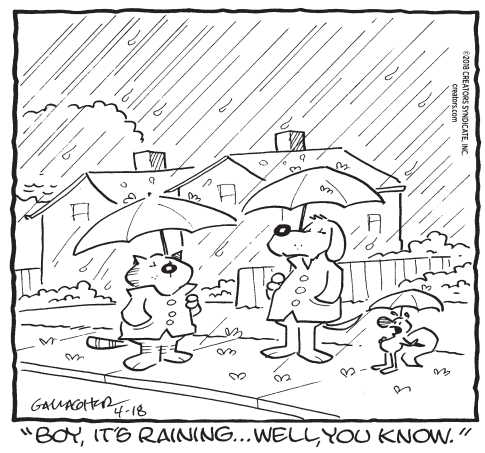
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Small problems, if not corrected, can become big problems. Good news: It won't take you very long at all to rectify the seemingly little and inconsequential issues (that actually have great potential for consequence).

Conjunction of the Sun and Uranus

The saying "Don't shoot the messenger" speaks to the common error of associating bad news with the neutral party who has the misfortune of delivering it. Today's sun-Uranus conjunction suggests that people can have an unpredictable response to the criticism, advice or even praise they hear. The safe choice: Mind your own business.

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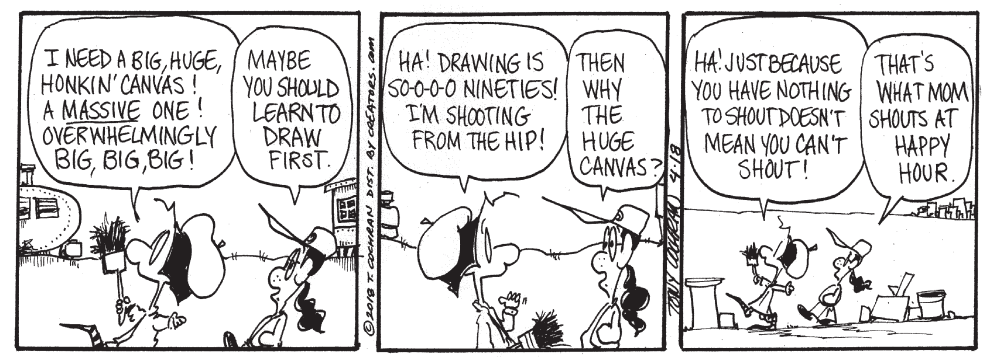
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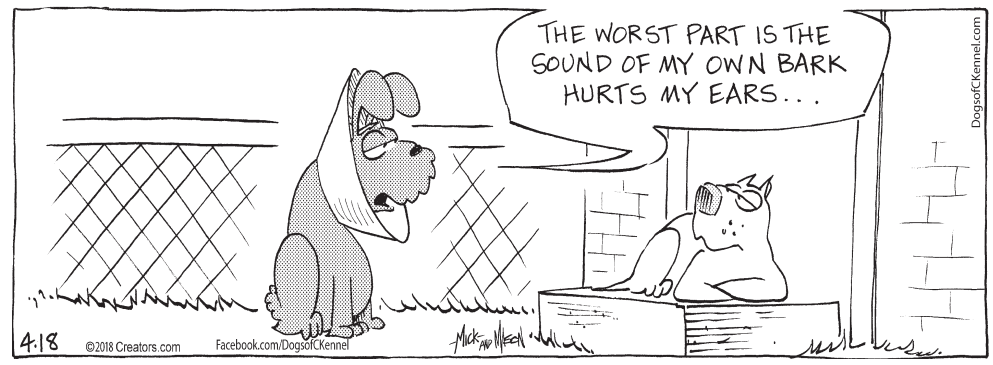
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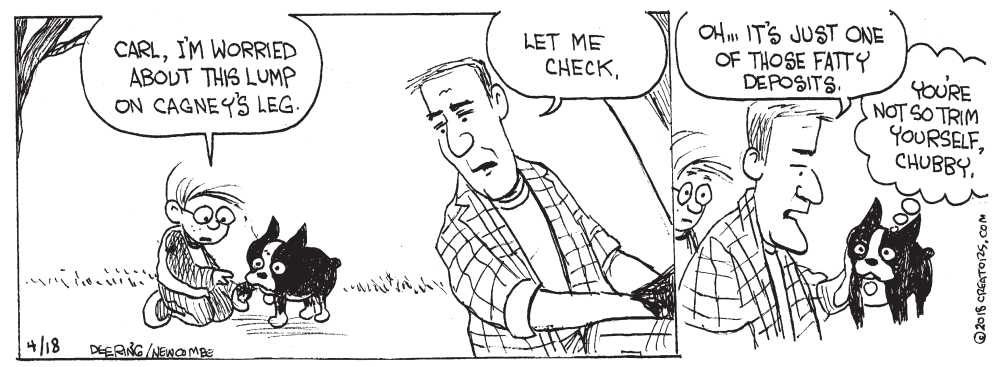
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Los Angeles councilman says Waze causing traffic, accidents

A Los Angeles councilman is asking the city to consider legal action against Waze over complaints that the navigation app is recklessly guiding motorists off thoroughfares and into residential neighborhoods in search of shorter or quicker routes.

Councilman David Ryu sent a letter Tuesday to the city attorney's office, outlining what he says are dangerous conditions created by Waze users.

Ryu claims one narrow street in his Sherman Oaks district sometimes sees more than 675 vehicles an hour because of drivers using the Google-owned app. He says the increased traffic is causing accidents and damaging roads not meant for heavy traffic.

An email seeking comment from Waze was not immediately returned.

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Man charged with murder, arson after LA music studio fire

A California man has been charged with murder, attempted murder and arson after a fatal fire at a music studio that killed two people.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says Efrem Demery is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday.

Police said he had been arguing with 28-year-old Devaughn Carter and 30-year-old Michael Pollard hours before Saturday morning's fire. Investigators suspect Demery filled up a gasoline container across the street from the studio and then went inside, spread the gas and lit it ablaze.

Carter and Pollard died in the fire. Two other people — a man in his 20s and a 15-year-old girl — were critically injured.

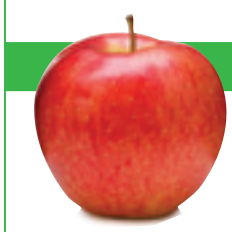
Prosecutors say they haven't yet decided whether to seek the death penalty.

A telephone number listed for Demery rang unanswered Tuesday.

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