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Council to discuss city challenges at weekend retreat

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Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council plans to have a strategic and broad-based conversation this weekend during an annual retreat at Virginia Avenue Park. The conversation will focus on how to apply new technologies to "transform service experiences" and fix problems without hiring more city staff.

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US experts back marijuana-based drug for childhood seizures

MATTHEW PERRONE

AP Health Writer

A medicine made from the marijuana plant moved one step closer to U.S. approval Thursday after federal health advisers endorsed it for the treatment of severe seizures in children with epilepsy.

If the Food and Drug Administration follows the group's recommendation, GW Pharmaceuticals' syrup would become the first drug derived from the cannabis plant to win federal approval in the U.S.

The 13-member FDA panel voted unanimously in favor of the experimental medication made from a chemical found in cannabis

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Santa Monica High School students plan walkout and protest at Santa Monica City Hall



Helena Sung

PLANNING: Students have been preparing this week for today's event that will bring students to Santa Monica City Hall.

HELENA SUNG

Corsair/Daily Press Staff Writer

Students from several local high schools met in a church hall in Santa Monica on Tuesday night to finalize plans for today's scheduled walkouts at 10 a.m. and a rally at Santa Monica City Hall at 11 a.m. in protest of gun violence. Called the Los Angeles Student Activist Coalition (LASAC), the group is comprised of public and private school students from Santa Monica High School, University High School, Venice High School, Beverly Hills High School, Archer School for Girls, and Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences, among others.

"We want to be a part of this change that people are talking about," said Lea Yamashiro, a junior at Santa Monica High School who is in charge of publicizing the school's walkout and protest at city hall.

Today marks the 19-year anniversary of

the shooting at Columbine High School in Columbine, Colorado that killed 13 people. High schools across the country are again planning walkouts in protest of gun violence. It is the third such national protest since a mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14 galvanized students to walk out of classes on March 14, and organize "March for Our Lives" protests across the country on March 24.

"A lot of this is in anger at what happened to these kids [in Parkland]," Yamashiro said. "When I found out 17 people at a school got shot, I had a full-on panic attack. I felt a connection to these kids. One of the girls was a soccer player, like me, and seeing a projection of myself in a student who was dead completely freaked me out. I see it as future friends of mine, colleagues, and college students who were just stripped away."

Younger students who grew up doing lockdown drills and thinking that they could die at school think that's horrible.

"I was born in 2002 – after Columbine," said Roger Gawne, a freshman at Santa Monica High School. "I was in the fourth grade at Franklin Elementary School [in Santa Monica] when we had a three to four-hour lockdown because of the shooting at Santa Monica College. I remember doing lockdown drills. That fear runs my life."

This time, the stakes are higher for students at Santa Monica High School who chose to walk out of class on Friday. "The school administration was in support of the walkout on March 14, but we didn't walk off the campus," Yamashiro said. "We gathered on the field." This time, they plan to walk out of class and march to Santa

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, April 20

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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.

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.

Organizing Your Closets, Drawers, and Space

Get a clean start with this organizational workshop. Esther Simon shows you there's a place for everything, how to throw things out, and techniques for creating more space. Bilingual Spanish. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 5:30 pm. - 6:30 p.m.

Main Library Docent Tours

Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and the library's collection. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (downtown)

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood which offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Get the Perfect Prom Hair at Home

From timeless classics to this season's hottest looks straight off the runway, an expert stylist on site will give you the how-to for creating your perfect prom look. Space is limited. Call 310-458-8684 to register. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Lego Club

Fun with LEGOS and building. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Zero Waste Earth Day at the Santa Monica Farmers Markets. In the spirit of Earth Day, the Santa Monica Farmers Markets want to inform their customers about how to make the most responsible choices when it comes to disposing of their waste! A team of eco-friendly volunteers will be standing by our waste receptacles to help customers sort their waste, answer "Can I compost this?" questions, and educate patrons in the process. Must RSVP at: <https://goo.gl/forms/3efAND6ctrIIPa5x1> 2640 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Poetry Loves Art with Dinah Berland

Dinah Berland invites poets at all levels to experience the pleasures of "ekphrastic" poetry—the practice of writing poems in response to visual art. Participants in this workshop will read and discuss the work of master poets, look at art in a range of media and styles, and generate new poems within a supportive community of writers. Six-session commitment required. Series cost: \$90.00, drop-in \$20. Drop-ins can come directly to their class of choice to register onsite. Palisades Park. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Wild Women of the West Side

Wild Women of the West Side returns to the historic Rapp Saloon in Santa Monica on Sunday, April 22. This community-centered art collaboration will celebrate Earth Day by honoring local poets and photographers. Please join them for an open house from 4 - 7 p.m. to experience earth-centered poetry and photos.

Wild Women of the West Side, in partnership with HI USA, strives to build community highlighting and affirming women's contributions thereby creating an inclusive and empowering space to celebrate and honor creative expression for all.

HI USA's purpose is to inspire a genuine understanding of people, places, and cultures for a more tolerant world.

Wild Women of the West Side was originally conceived to highlight contributions of women artists in rock 'n' roll, surf and skateboarding. The show in December 2017 was a collaboration of women artists including women who photographed and filmed along with women musicians, authors, surfers and skateboarders.

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Reed Park

2018 Meet Me At Reed Performance Schedule

Sat. April 21 Meet Me At Reed: The Santa Monica Jazz All-Stars: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games, Parks and Rec BINGO, Community Envisioning Think Tank for the City of Santa Monica's Parks and Recreation Master Plan. 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Santa Monica Jazz All-Stars featuring The Greg Porée Band with special guests Nick Mancini, Paul Cartwright, Frances Livings, and Sidney Jacobs.

Sat. May 19 Meet Me At Reed: Santa Monica International Taiko Festival: 3:30-5:30 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Santa Monica International Taiko Festival: Taiko Heroes featuring On Ensemble & Naruwan.

Sat. June 16 Meet Me At Reed: Only Voices, An A Capella Picnic: 3-5 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 5 - 8 p.m. Only Voices: An A Cappella Picnic featuring several of Southern California's best all vocal groups.

Sat. July 7 Meet Me At Reed: Shakespeare in the Park: 4 - 6 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 6 - 8 p.m. Shakespeare in the Park: A Mid-Summer Night's Dream written by William Shakespeare and performed by the Southern California Shakespeare Festival.

Sat. July 14 Meet Me At Reed: String Theory in Santa Monica: 3 - 5 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 5 - 8 p.m. String Theory in Santa Monica featuring a large scale playable harp strung across the park, contemporary dancers and a rock/world music fusion band.

Sat. July 21 Meet Me At Reed: The Santa Monica Symphony: 4 - 6 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 6 - 8 p.m. The Santa Monica Symphony performs famous selections from Vivaldi, J.S. Bach, Beethoven and more.

Sat. July 28 Meet Me At Reed: The Paul McDonald Big Band: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. The Paul McDonald Big Band. A high energy, danceable 17 piece big band led by local favorite Paul McDonald.

Sat. Sept. 15 Meet Me At Reed: Troubadour Theater Company: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Pre-concert family fun games. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Troubadour Theater Company performs one of their hilarious mash-ups of Shakespeare and Popular Music brought to you by Matt Walker and Beth Kennedy.

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Pizza on Main Street What a “Novel” Idea

I'M NOT EXACTLY GOING OUT ON A LIMB

when I say Santa Monica Park has changed drastically since I moved here in 1974. At the Shores, where I live, 1-bedroom apartments started at \$245. Management put signs marked “\$245 & up” in the ground along with decorative flags. (Now they could have signs: “Don't bother unless you're rich!”)

There were approximately two-hundred vacancies out of 532 units at the Shores in 1974. Today, we're at 99.4% occupancy with a grand total of three vacancies between the two buildings. And the cheapest 1-bedroom is over \$3,000, a mere 1500% increase from the early 70's.

Main Street was also vastly different. Across from the Shores was the Venice Noodle Company where dinner and dessert cost \$5. Down the block was Wildflour Pizza, which sold great pies at an inexpensive price and provided a fun, neighborhood environment for nearly fifty years.

The Noodle Company became a disco, a GAP store, All-American Apparel and for the better part of a year, it's been vacant. As have so many shops on Main. Within a few years, Wildflour, Bravo Pizza, Areal, and Fork in the Road have all have closed. Gentrification of Ocean Park has been great for greedy landlords but brutal for renters and fellow pizza lovers. (For the latter, thankfully, that changed about a year ago.)

I call my friend Mimi “the restaurant whisperer” in that, over the years, she's turned less than booming eateries into winners. That's how Mani's Bakery became the Novel Pizzeria Bistro. How good is Novel's pizza? When they started they sold 40 a month. Now it's 1,700.

Between you and me, I could eat pizza three times a day and consider it a balanced diet. And there's been many a morning I've called cold pizza “breakfast.”

Novel, however, is way, way more than a pizzeria. Just glancing through their extensive menu makes my mouth water. (Unless you're ready to order online or go to the Novel, it may be problematic to read further on an empty stomach.)

From their “starters” to their main dishes, Novel is heaven for taste buds. Consider their salt and pepper shrimps with chili, cilantro. lime and garlic flakes served on a bed of Arugula. Or, their oven-baked mushrooms stuffed with Ricotta cheese served with roasted bell pepper salad with homemade basil pesto. (As I write this, I only wish I had either or both waiting in the fridge.)

Novel's homemade artisan pastas include spaghetti, farfalle, penne, fettuccine, and pappardelle. To name but a few dishes; the carbonara: bacon with free range eggs, topped with cracked pepper; the arrabiata: garlic tomato, dried red chili peppers cooked in olive oil; the puttanesca: tomato and garlic simmered with anchovies, capers, olives and red pepper flakes; and the marinara: seafood mix simmered in a fragrant tomato sauce. And until now I've failed to mention their delicious salads and sides and their



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PIZZA: Novel Cafe has more than just pizza.

amazing variety of mouth-watering pizzas. (Including by the slice.)

Because of its ample space (5000 sq. ft!), Novel is different from almost all Main Street restaurants. At most Main eateries, your table is so cramped other diners can see what you're eating and hear what you're saying. And even worse, you can hear what they're saying! In order to comprehend your friends' conversation they have to shout and vice versa. When you leave and step into the relative quiet outside, you realize you're exhausted. (Or is it, just me?)

Rather than being noisy and migraine-intense, the atmosphere at Novel is, as some of my younger readers might say, “chill.” It's a throwback to old Santa Monica, before the hotels and bumper-to-bumper traffic. (A few weeks back I walked to the Main Library and literally passed cars!)

Last Friday, I watched Novel customers enjoying their meal but, seemingly as important, socializing with friends. And not having to shout to do so! Novel is an amazing space that Mimi & Co. have only begun to fully develop. (Soon may include art shows displayed on the many walls.)

Novel also has al fresco dining on the charming patio, used most during warm months. (With global warming that could be year-round very soon.) The patio is also great people watching as residents and tourists stroll by. Next to the patio is a glass heated cart with succulent pizza slices tempting passersby to buy one. Or three

Another popular Novel menu item is the \$8.99 breakfast special served M-F from 8-11 a.m., which includes a free cup of the superb Lavazza coffee, the best java on Main since Peet's closed. Novel also offers 5% discount for online orders and, when you buy one pizza, mention this column and get a second at 50% off. (Actually, you don't have to mention this column, but do it anyway.)

The Novel Pizzeria is located at 2507 Main Street, has free Wi-Fi and is open 7 days a week from 8 am to 9 pm. Phone: (310) 396 7700. For more info go to www.novelsantamonica.com. When JACK'S not wolfing down pizza he can be reached at jackdaily@aol.com.

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Police say teen who searched for missing pal was his killer

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A 16-year-old who was part of a search party looking for a missing high school sports star led the group to discover the boy's body but investigators suspect he was the person who fatally stabbed his longtime friend and left his body in bushes near a riverbed, Los Angeles County sheriff's detectives said Thursday.

Jeremy Sanchez, 17, was found dead Wednesday afternoon in a riverbed in South El Monte, about 13 miles (20 kilometers) from downtown Los Angeles, investigators said.

The teen's father assembled a group of the boy's close friends to search for him after he didn't show up for school on Wednesday. The suspect and another friend found Sanchez's body Wednesday afternoon.

"The person who killed him is the one who said 'look there here is,'" sheriff's homicide Lt. John Corina said.

Investigators believe the teenage suspect, whose name hasn't been released because of his age, stabbed Sanchez multiple times and left his body in the wooded area. Detectives are still trying to pin down a motive for the killing but said the two were "very good friends."

Sanchez's cousin, Briana Amigon, said in a post on GoFundMe that he loved playing

sports, was on his high school's varsity football team and on the wrestling team.

"We have no words to describe the grief that their family is experiencing right now," she wrote.

Edward Zuniga, the superintendent of the El Monte Union High School District, said Sanchez was a popular student athlete and that school officials are still in shock over his death. The school district is offering grief counseling to other students, he said.

The teenage suspect was arrested early Thursday morning when detectives grew wary of his story after hearing conflicting statements during interviews, Corina said.

"Some things didn't add up," he said. Corina said it was disturbing and out of the ordinary for the suspect to be involved for the search of the friend he allegedly killed.

"This person kills his friend and then acts like, 'Oh, I'll go out and try to find him,'" Corina said. "It is almost like he was trying to throw everyone off."

Detectives obtained a search warrant and raided the teenager's home early Thursday, where they found evidence that was "very helpful" to the investigation, Corina said. He declined to elaborate on the evidence in the case but said it was enough for detectives book the suspect on a murder charge.

California lawmakers move to limit gay conversion therapy

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Associated Press

Selling or advertising gay conversion therapy may soon be classified as a fraudulent business practice in California under a bill passed Thursday by the state Assembly.

Conversion therapy, the practice of trying to change someone's sexual orientation, has been shown to be ineffective, said Assemblyman Evan Low, who wrote the bill that now heads to the state Senate.

Low, who is gay and leads the Legislature's LGBT caucus, said the therapy is harmful and those who are defrauded by people advertising or selling the therapy should have legal recourse.

"This is a very personal issue to me," the Campbell Democrat said. "This notion that we would accept as a legal practice that conversion therapy works is antithetical to my very existence in this body."

Several lawmakers voiced concerns about whether the bill could inhibit freedom of religion by preventing discussions of sexual orientation change. They asked Low to clarify how the bill would affect religious organizations.

Low says the bill does not impede freedom of speech or religion and applies only to commercial practices and financial transactions. He said people will still be able to preach about changing sexual orientation but cannot advertise or sell conversion therapy.

The bill does not prohibit people from selling books about conversion therapy or

from talking about it.

"You can still try to pray the gay away if you'd like, but it hasn't proved to be effective," said Assemblywoman Susan Talamantes Eggman, a Stockton Democrat. "To advertise that you can change someone's orientation is simply that — fraudulent."

Assemblyman Matthew Harper said he still believed the bill infringed on religious freedom.

"This is a bill that would be overturned by a higher court on the grounds of the First Amendment," the Huntington Beach Republican said.

Assemblyman James Gallagher, a Yuba City Republican, said he worried the bill would prevent people who want conversion therapy from accessing it.

Mental health providers in California are already prohibited from performing conversion therapy on minors under a law enacted in 2012 that has been upheld in federal court against First Amendment challenges.

Many professional medical and mental health organizations, including the American Medical Association, oppose the practice of sexual orientation change therapy because studies have not shown it to be effective and have shown it can cause psychological harm.

Low's bill is supported by several medical associations including the American Academy of Pediatrics and the California Psychological Association. It is opposed by several conservative religious groups including the California Family Council.

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MARIJUANA

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— one that does not get users high. The panelists backed the drug based on three studies showing that it significantly reduced seizures in children with two rare forms of childhood epilepsy.

“This is clearly a breakthrough drug for an awful disease,” said panel member Dr. John Mendelson, of the Friends Research Institute in Baltimore, Maryland.

The drug carries a potential risk of liver damage, but panelists said doctors could monitor patients for any signs. More common side effects included diarrhea, vomiting, fatigue and sleep problems.

FDA regulators are due to make their decision by late June. Approval would technically limit the drug, called Epidiolex, to patients with hard-to-treat forms of epilepsy. But doctors would have the option to prescribe it for other uses and it could spur new pharmaceutical research and interest into other cannabis-based products.

More than two dozen states allow marijuana use for a variety of ailments, but the FDA has not approved it for any medical use. The FDA has approved synthetic versions of another cannabis ingredient for other medical purposes.

Several patients and parents at Thursday's meeting spoke about the benefits of Epidiolex. Sam Vogelstein, 16, said he experienced daily seizures — at times more than 100 per day — before enrolling in a study of the drug.

“I just went to South Africa for two weeks without my parents on a school trip,” said Vogelstein, who lives in Berkeley, California.

“I would not have been able to do that if I had not tried this medication.”

It's not yet clear why the medicine reduces seizures.

Epidiolex is essentially a pharmaceutical-grade version of cannabidiol, or CBD oil, which some parents have used for years to treat children with epilepsy. CBD is one of more than 100 chemicals found in the cannabis plant and it doesn't contain THC, the ingredient that gives marijuana its mind-altering effect.

CBD oil is currently sold online and in specialty shops across the country, though its legal status remains murky. Most producers say their oil is made from hemp, a form of cannabis that contains little THC and can be legally farmed in a number of states for clothing, food and other uses.

It's unclear how FDA approval of a CBD drug would affect products already on the market. Executives for the British drugmaker GW Pharmaceuticals say their goal is to provide a more standardized, research-backed version.

“We're not looking to impact the availability of other products on the market,” GW executive Steve Schultz said before the meeting. “Our goal is to provide an additional option for patients and physicians who desire a purified version of CBD for treatment of seizures.”

The company declined to comment on the price of the drug before the approval decision. Wall Street analysts estimate it could cost more than \$25,000 per year.

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Helena Sung

PROTEST: Students planning to march to City Hall are protesting gun violence.

WALKOUT

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Monica City Hall, where they will be joined by students from several area high schools who will be walking or driving to city hall.

“We thought about protesting in front of the Federal Building [on Wilshire Boulevard],” said Lorenzo De Los Reyes, a senior at University High School, which is located on Texas Avenue between Barrington and Westgate Avenues. “But we thought Santa Monica City Hall would be best because it’s more legislative and we wanted to use city hall as a platform.”

In addition to planning for counter-protesters, finalizing the schedule of speakers, and deciding on what type of food to order, the small group of student activists discussed the potential consequences at their respective schools for walking out of class on Friday and leaving campus.

"They haven't said we can't walk out," De Los Reyes said, referring to his school's administration. "They're just worried about our safety. They said, 'Once you step off campus, we're no longer liable for you.'"

Aislinn Russell, a sophomore at Crossroads, wondered about her First Amendment rights as a student at a private school. "The dean is fine with it as long as parents sign us out and we get a slip from the school and give it to the guards who will let you out," she said. "But I'm not sure how it's all going to work."

Yamashiro said she attended a recent meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) to ask the school board a question. “I needed to know that kids, knowing the consequences for walking out, will be able to physically

leave the campus,” she said. The board was not able to answer her at the time, but later notified Yamashiro that the school would not prevent students from leaving campus, but that it would be marked as an “unexcused cut” on their attendance records.

On April 19, SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati issued an official message stating, “[W]hile we honor and respect student rights for freedom of speech and civil disobedience...SMMUSD schools are not sanctioning, coordinating or facilitating any activities for April 20th.”

Meanwhile, planning continued for the walkout and protest at Santa Monica City Hall “to stand up for our human rights and advocate for gun reform,” according to LASAC’s Facebook page.

"I'm transgender and I'm going to be talking about how gun violence affects the LGBTQ+ community, particularly the transgender community," Gawne said. "I don't want to die. I don't want to die while in school. I don't want to get shot anywhere I go because I have the audacity to be trans. I don't want anyone else to be shot because they aren't white, or because they're poor."

Other speakers will be addressing school shootings and policy brutality, among other topics. Gawne said they are still finalizing the schedule of events for the protest at city hall.

"This whole thing is impromptu," said Camille Hannant, a senior at Santa Monica High School who is dual enrolled at Santa Monica College. "We're teenagers. We have homework, and sports, and chores, but we're still making time for this."

This story is published as part of a partnership between the SMC Corsair student newspaper and The Daily Press.

A woman with short dark hair is shown in profile, looking out a window. The background shows a city skyline with a prominent bridge, likely the Golden Gate Bridge, under a clear sky. The lighting is soft, suggesting daytime. The woman is wearing a dark top and a large, dark, circular earring. The overall mood is contemplative and hopeful.

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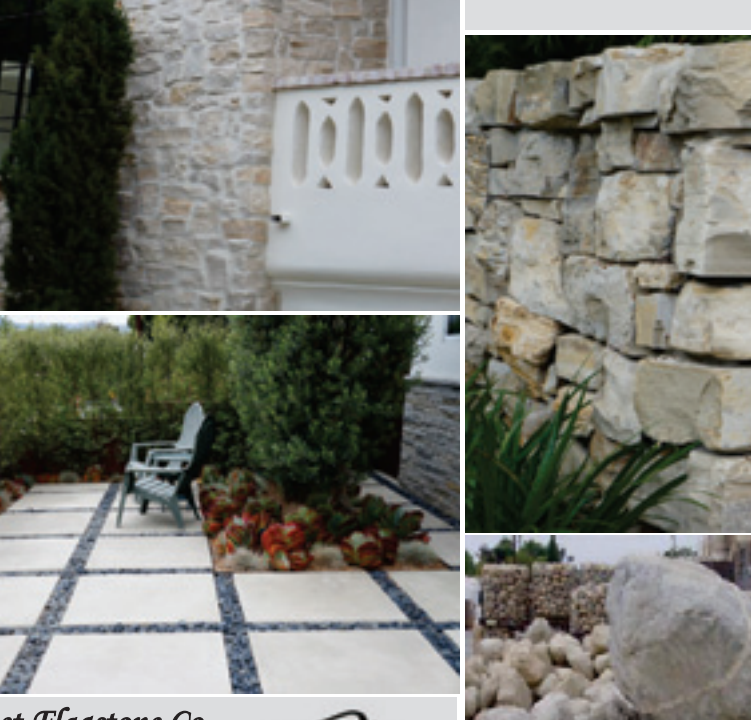
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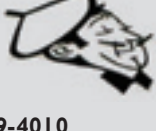
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SPECIAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: April 23, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Santa Monica Institute Training Room, Second Floor of the Parking Structure, 330 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica, CA 90401 Entrance on Olympic Drive (wheelchair accessible) directly across from the Public Safety & Police Department Building

PROPERTIES: None

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S): None

DISCUSSION: Architectural Review Board Retreat

- Review of and Discussion on the Architectural Review Board’s Mission and Purview;
- Re-Affirm Basic Principles, Guidelines, and Standards and Criteria;
- Sign Code Discussion; and
- Materials and Details

More information is available on-line at <https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/> or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail rathar.duong@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica “Big Blue” Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. 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, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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 APRIL 13, 2018 AT ABOUT 4:21 P.M.
Officers responded to a radio call for service of a person brandishing a knife in a threatening manner. Upon arrival, officers were flagged down by several witnesses that pointed out the female subject. Officers walked over to contact the subject, she did not comply with officers and tried to walk away from the officers. Officers walked to her and struggle ensued. During the struggle, the subject attempted to remove an officer’s duty pistol from its holster. The subject was restrained from removing the pistol. Additional officers arrived and she was taken into custody. The subject was transported to SMPD Jail for booking. Kathy Pan-Tran, 27, from Denver, CO, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, forcibly resisting arrest and attempt to remove a firearm from a peace officer. Bail was set at \$30,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 298 Calls For Service On Apr. 18.

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

Drunk driving 1800 block Lincoln 12:18 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln /Colorado 12:23 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 2nd/Wilshire 1:00 a.m.
Traffic collision Princeton /Santa Monica 1:05 a.m.
Hit and run 2400 block Kansas 1:15 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block 9th 1:42 a.m.
Fight 2600 block 28th 3:53 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 4th 5:06 a.m.
Grand theft 2200 block Wilshire 6:02 a.m.
Trespassing 700 block Broadway 7:01 a.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 block Lincoln 7:49 a.m.
Burglary 1200 block 5th 8:21 a.m.
Trespassing 1600 block 5th 8:57 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2900 block 4th 9:04 a.m.
Petty theft 100 block Santa Monica 9:15 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block Ocean 10:01 a.m.
Burglar alarm 100 block Broadway 10:35 a.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block 14th 10:49 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 11:46: a.m.

Battery 2900 block Colorado 12:20 p.m.
Elder abuse 2900 block Virginia 12:34 p.m.
Drinking in public 1800 block Lincoln 1:25 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Ocean 1:30 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica 1:37 p.m.
Traffic collision 1000 block PCH 1:56 p.m.
Hit and run 800 block PCH 2:24 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Cloverfield 2:39 p.m.
Traffic collision 1400 block Lincoln 3:19 p.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block 14th 3:29 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Ashland 3:34 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Santa Monica 3:36 p.m.
Hit and run 26th / Montana 3:38 p.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 20th 3:58 p.m.
Identity theft 1200 block Ocean 4:07 p.m.
Hit and run 26th / Montana 4:20 p.m.
Fraud 1300 block 2nd 4:37 p.m.
Trespassing 1100 block Colorado 5:12 p.m.
Burglar alarm 2300 block Pier 5:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 5:16 p.m.
Fraud 1700 block Montana 5:20 p.m.
Fight 1000 block Wilshire 5:29 p.m.
Fight 1000 block Wilshire 5:37 p.m.
Burglar alarm 300 block 18th 5:38 p.m.
Public intoxication 20th /Washington 6:26 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Colorado 6:42 p.m.
Theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 6:46 p.m.
Battery 1900 block Pico 7:32 p.m.
Battery 2900 block 31st 8:04 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 26 Calls For Service On Apr. 18.

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Emergency medical services 2700 block Neilson 3:07 a.m.
EMS 400 block San Vicente 4:29 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Navy 8:04 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Euclid 8:21 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 11:08 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1900 block Santa Monica 11:21 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 11:29 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Pacific 12:41 p.m.

Automatic alarm 1500 block 2nd 12:51 p.m.
EMS 600 block San Vicente 12:55 p.m.
Structure fire 800 block Washington 1:40 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Wilshire 1:49 p.m.
EMS 1200 block PCH 1:56 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 3rd St Prom 2:24 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Santa Monica 2:45 p.m.
EMS 1700 block 18th 3:08 p.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 4:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block 5th 4:40 p.m.
EMS 200 block Broadway 5:04 p.m.
EMS 200 block 19th 5:21 p.m.
EMS 2600 block 34th 5:24 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Expo Line 6:03 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:05 p.m.
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■ a) It's a myth that stress can turn hair gray, but it can cause hair loss.

■ b) Chronic stress in childhood can impair developmental growth.

■ c) Stress causes capillaries to open, worsening bleeding if a flesh wound should occur.

■ d) Peptic or stomach ulcers are caused by bacteria, not stress.

■ A: c) Stress causes capillaries to close and restricts bleeding in the case of a flesh wound. Chronic childhood stress can lower production of growth hormones from the pituitary gland. Peptic ulcers are most commonly caused by the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori* or long-term use of aspirin and certain other painkillers. Stress, though, can make symptoms worse.

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ACROSS

1 Lid with a woolen ball

4 Pitch-raising notation

9 Picks up

14 Energy Star org.

15 Fully horizontal

16 Transpire

17 Carrier to Calgary [OUT-STANDING]

19 Mass-produced conclusions

20 Less than

21 Wed

23 Reminiscent of vinegar

24 Tub treat [GOOD]

29 Demographer's cohort, for short

30 Travel guide mainstay

31 "Rainbow Connection" singer

32 Travel guide listings

35 Electrified bits

36 Swiss souvenir [AVERAGE]

39 USAF delinquent

41 Meteor's path

42 Got beaten by

45 Maestro's talent

46 GPS reading

49 Settled in for the night [POOR]

52 Scare off

53 Very early hr.

54 Snapchat posting

55 Bowl over

58 Sell via chances [UNSATISFACTORY]

61 Begrudge

62 Over yonder

63 Muddy concoction

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1 Something to dunk in a mug

2 Individually

3 *Old Man and the Sea* adversary

4 Barbecue side

5 Fam female

6 Popular baby girl name

7 Do some audio editing

8 Secondary strategy

9 Lenin wore one

10 Masonry giant owned by Buffett

11 Cruise sculpture medium

12 "Maria" singer in *The Sound of Music*

13 Commencement VIPs

18 Opposite of "prepaid"

22 Category

24 Fishing spot

25 High hairstyles

26 Haywire

27 Cupcake holder

28 Cleveland ___, OH

30 Bub

32 Tree stump mover

33 Web-crawling software

34 Bookcase assembly accessory

36 Shivery

37 Tend (towards)

38 Catamaran mover

39 Fighter jets' HQ

40 Barely visible

43 Articles of faith

44 Rapturous verse

46 Exclamations of elation

47 Unsuitable

48 Sounded like a setter

50 Moves suddenly

51 City on the Missouri

52 Catamaran address

54 Urgent call

55 Play a scene

56 "You don't mean me?"

57 Wabash, in Chicago: Abbr.

59 Fr. pronoun designation

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 20)

It's like you can grow things with your eyes. You see the good in people, and they will become better because of it. Also, you'll focus on the part of your financial life that's working the best, and you'll wind up making what you need to move forward with a venture with the potential to free your time and your mind. Pisces and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 11, 28 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You're somehow involved in a game of chicken, and it's still unclear who is going to back down first. Of course, it will be the one who needs to be right more than they need to be smart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Someone believes that he or she is contributing to your happiness. Is that really the case, though? If so, perhaps reward is due in the form of appreciation. If not, it's time to communicate your wants more clearly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You are so empathetic today that you will echo the feelings of those around you with your own heart. It is therefore important that when you need to get something done, you work where you won't be disturbed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You are very important to all of this – vital, even. Inseparable, actually. The ocean is the wave, and the wave is the ocean. So don't waste a minute doubting your relevance. Jump in and contribute.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It's said that it's not the having or the getting that bring happiness, but the giving. If this is true, why is it so much fun to have and get? Anyway, you'll experience all three today. You'll get; you'll have; you'll give.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The light is different in each different place, in each moment, and so you'll see things differently. Fortune favors you as you refrain from making statements or decisions that are absolute in nature.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There's a flow to all you do today. Does it really matter how this is happening? Don't stop to analyze whether this comes from within or moves you from the outside. Just enjoy it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The easy way is actually the hard way. Push past the fear that makes you want to back down from the action – from the thing that must be done to move you into who you want to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Beware of what looks cool but can't deliver on its promise. If it doesn't work, it doesn't work. In some cases, looking cool is important, but sooner or later the piper must be paid.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Emotions, responsibilities, relationships, possessions – all baggage. Baggage is necessary. That's why we pack it for the journey. But the more you have, the more it weighs, the more you pay.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Following the path of least resistance is a way to get moving, but once you're moving, you'll want to take charge of where you're going. Just remember that all traps have easy, juicy offerings up front.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

There are no improvements that happen without difficulty. You pay with work or sweat. You pay with money you earned or someone earned. There was effort somewhere in the chain. Today you're deciding what's worth it.

Moon of Home

A perk of living alone is that you have greater control over your attention when you're home and can focus on what pleases you. A perk of living with others is that you never know what disturbance or delight is coming to keep you on your toes. Whatever your living arrangement, celebrate that state as the moon is in Cancer, the sign of home.

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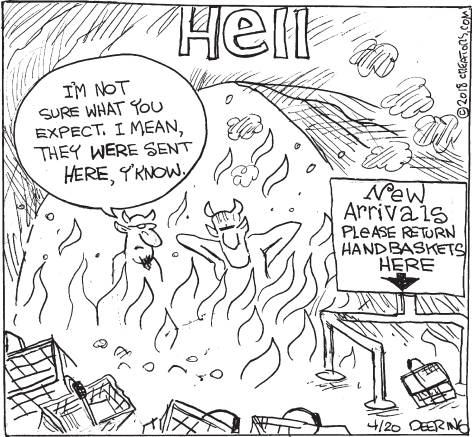
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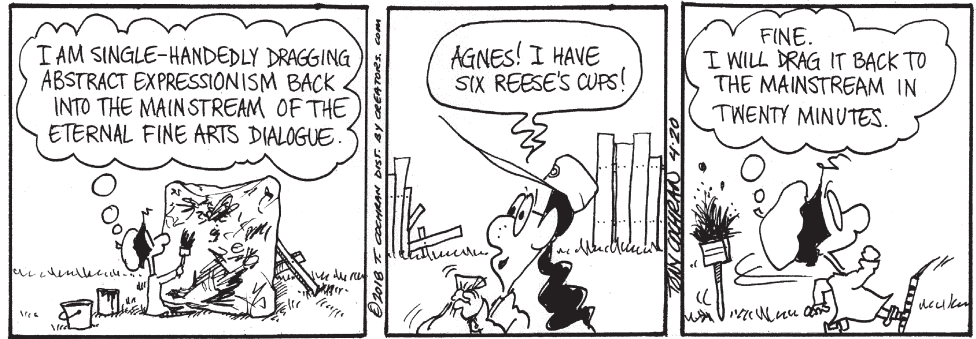
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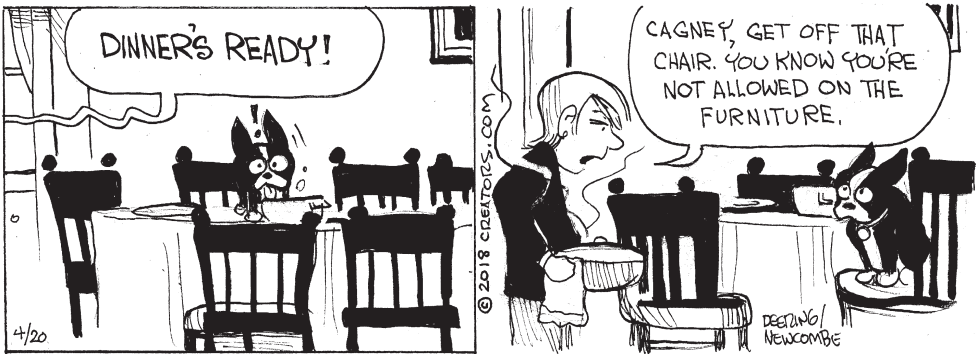
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“Like other traditional industries facing disruption in recent times (Newspapers, record companies, automobiles, travel agents, etc) we must re-examine every aspect of our operating model or face brutal choices down the road,” says the staff report from City Manager Rick Cole’s office.

In 2015, the Council adopted five strategic goals to focus their attention on key issues including mobility, maintaining an inclusive and diverse community, the Santa Monica Airport, homelessness and education. Starting this year, a strategic goal team will publish a performance report every fall to track metrics and milestones.

Cole’s office issued a report this week tracking achievements for each of the goals.

MOBILITY:

The city has opened a bus-only lane on Lincoln Boulevard to reduce travel time during the morning and afternoon commutes, encouraged more riders to abandon cash to pay for fares and completed an electric vehicle action plan to install more chargers around town.

The city also held COAST 2017 as an open streets festival, provided about 318,000 bike trips through Breeze and held a monthly walk or ride with the Mayor to showcase local parks.

Still, the city faces many challenges when it comes to reducing traffic and greenhouse gas emissions from cars. The Big Blue Bus lost 12 percent of its overall ridership in fiscal year 2016-2017. The city’s goal of reducing traffic fatalities (Vision Zero) got off to a terrible start,

with eight pedestrians and one cyclist killed in 2017. Even COAST, which the city frames as a way to promote biking and walking saw attendance decline 20 percent in its second year.

INCLUSIVE AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY:

The city has completed an initial inventory of services and programs for low and moderate income residents to try to identify service gaps. Last year, 39 long-term affordable units were constructed. The city is currently tracking data from the American Community Survey through SaMoState to reduce the projected decline in middle class and poor residents.

The staff report admits this is a difficult issue, concerning the recent real estate boom that has property values surging.

“Without intervention, market forces, combined with the impacts of a variety of state laws, have the potential to transform Santa Monica from an economically diverse community to a community where only those with significant financial resources can afford to live,” the report said.

In just the past year, home values in Santa Monica rose 8.4 percent to a median of \$1.53 million. The median list price per square foot is more than double of the surrounding metro area, according to Zillow. The median rent price here is \$5,100.

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT:

In January 2017, the Council agreed to settle several cases with the Federal Aviation Administration and regain control of the airport in 2029. In the meantime, the city has shortened the runway to 3,500 feet in an effort to reduce jet traffic over Santa Monica neighborhoods. Sunset Park residents have

complained for years about noise and pollution from SMO.

The report says local control will help mitigate adverse health and safety impacts from airport operations and allow the city to ultimately convert the airport to a park.

However, just months after reaching an agreement over the fate of SMO, the FAA launched the Southern California Metroplex, a modernization project that affected thousands of LAX flights over Santa Monica skies. Residents have complained the changes increased noise for those under the flight paths, and a city investigation found 28 percent of aircraft flew below the 7,000 feet minimum altitude.

HOMELESSNESS:

Late last year, the city launched a comprehensive plan to help pair people on the streets with local services, shelters, or a bus ticket home. Police, Fire and library employees have received additional training on how to best deal with homeless individuals. The city has also deployed a “C3” homeless outreach team to work with individuals in Santa Monica. More than 130 library patrons have been connected to social services through events at the Main Library and another 65 through an on site social worker.

The number of homeless individuals sleeping on Santa Monica streets increased 11 percent to 646 people, according to the 2018 Homeless Count numbers. The annual count found 311 homeless people in shelters and other institutions. There are more homeless people living in Santa Monica than at any other time since the city began keeping count nine years ago.

EDUCATION:

The city aims to ensure all children are on track for kindergarten, increase racial equity, and help vulnerable youth and their families. This year, the Council increased the number of subsidized child care slots to serve an additional 10 children, up from 70 the year before. About 6,000 families have participated in Kindergarten Readiness and 16 local preschool and daycare providers have received additional training from Connections for Children. The city also broke ground on the Early Childhood Lab School, which will reserve 15 percent of spaces for low-income families when it opens fall 2020.

The city’s effort to expand access to high quality preschools met push back when a private school for 4-to-6-year-olds sought permits to open on a street zoned for single-family homes in January. The neighborhood residents near Gandara Park claimed traffic and noise from the school would “destroy the fragility and peace that we hold onto desperately.” The head of the preschool, who ultimately prevailed, said she chose to open her school in the 90404 zip code because of the lack of options for low income families.

The City Council will discuss their goals this Saturday at a special meeting starting at 9 a.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Auditorium, 2200 Virginia Avenue.

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