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SMMUSD moves forward on Malibu reimagining

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District will reenvision Malibu education for the 21st century, agreeing at a May 3 board meeting to combine Juan Cabrillo Elementary School and Point Dume Marine Science School, to consider the creation of a separate Malibu Middle School, and to reconstruct Malibu High School.

The board agreed to the alignment decision, with Carey Upton,

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Police raise visibility with mobile command post

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Looking for new ways to combat a rising crime rate, the Santa Monica Police Department has launched a program to deploy its massive, mobile command post throughout the city.

Affectionately nicknamed "Optimus Crime" by officers, the 30-foot vehicle has two conference rooms, air-conditioning, a refrigerator and access to the city's incident management system and law enforcement software.

Generally reserved for big events like the Twilight Concert Series and major incidents, Optimus Crime will now be

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Fresh Finds: Organic Garden



Kate Cagle

PLANTS: If you want to try growing your own food, there are live plants available at the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

If you look beyond the half-dozen rows of lettuce, peppers, tomatoes and other plants, you may notice an empty chair sitting in some shade at the Logan's Garden booth at the Saturday Downtown Farmers Market.

It's the seat Logan Williams and his father, Jimmy, have been reserving for customers every weekend for years.

"We always bring three chairs," Logan said on a recent spring morning in Santa Monica. "Customers just hang out after they buy their plants. We'll talk. Customers have gotten to know us over the years."

It is one of the secrets to the organic gardeners' success. It turns out, friendship and good conversation are essential to helping Santa Monicans grow their own backyard and balcony crops. If you buy a plant from the Williams family, they'll see it through.

"Any problems that you have, take a picture," Logan said. "Come on back. We'll coach you through it. We try to be as helpful as we can be here."

The coaching can be key as amateur gardeners tackle thorny issues when it comes to plants. The Williams family sells about 400 types of heirloom tomatoes alone, and they know from experience how to deal with temperamental plants.

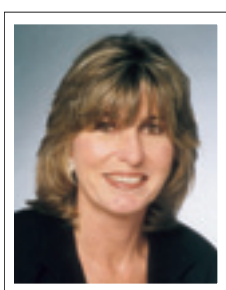
"Sprinkler systems are the enemy of tomatoes, believe it or not," Logan said. "You get mildew on the leaves."

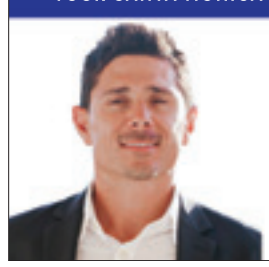
The urban farmers have given so much advice over the years, Jimmy published a book in 2010, "From Seed to Skillet," a collection of gardening advice, recipes and general wisdom. Jimmy has been featured by national publications like Martha Stewart and Modern Farmer. The family's gardening legacy runs deep: Jimmy's great-great-grandmother carried Goosecreek tomato seeds from West Africa on a slave ship. The family has grown them ever since.

Logan always tells his customers to invest in good, organic soil and fertilizer. Beyond that, he said to simply pay attention. New gardeners tend to over water; most plants don't need another drink until the first inch or two of soil is dry. After coaching generations of Santa Monicans who buy his plants, he advises most people to start growing foods they like to eat.

"You're always going to be more inclined to take care of something that you know you like," Logan said. "It's a relationship."

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 5

Superhero Screening: Thor: Ragnarok

Imprisoned on the other side of the universe, Thor finds himself in a race against time to get back to Asgard to stop Ragnarok, the destruction of his homeworld, and the end of Asgardian civilization at the hands of an all-powerful new threat - the ruthless Hela. (130 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Free Comic Book Day – Comic Book Giveaways!

Stop by any Santa Monica Library location to pick up a free comic book. All ages, while supplies last. Santa Monica Public Library Branches. All day.

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, and 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.

Sunday, May 6

Santa Monica Disabilities Commission Art Show

To commemorate Mental Health Awareness Month, experience 15-20 works of art, primarily unframed paintings and drawings, by individuals experiencing mental health challenges. In the Main Library's Lobby. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. All day.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety 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.

Monday, May 7

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ESL Classes at SMPL

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222 ext. 76203 to enroll. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Disabilities Commission Meeting

The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

A Tribute to Mental Health Awareness Art Exhibit at Santa Monica Public Library

The City of Santa Monica's Disabilities Commission and the Santa Monica Public Library collaborate to host an art exhibit tribute to Mental Health Awareness Month beginning Tuesday, May 1 through May 15 in the lobby of the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

The exhibit features eighteen artists acknowledging their struggles with mental health through the creation of artwork in a range of media. The artwork seeks to challenge and expand viewers understanding of complex embodiment and human variation. The Library will display a literary collection on mental health to support the exhibit.

Meet and mingle with the artists in an open to the public courtyard reception on May 6 from 2-4 p.m. at the Main Library.

The purpose of the Disabilities Commission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by increasing awareness of the abilities, rights, and issues of people with physical and mental impairments throughout the community.

The exhibit is free and open to all ages. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10 and 18. The Expo Line and Big Blue Bus lines 2, 3, R3 and 9 stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN LAMB, PRINCIPAL LIBRARIAN FOR REFERENCE SERVICES

Virginia Ave Park

MLK's Legacy Lives On: 2018 Poor People's Campaign – LA Area's Efforts

At the May 6th Committee For Racial Justice Workshop, leaders from the Poor People's Campaign : A National Call for Moral Revival will be sharing information about the 4 areas of focus (racism, poverty, war economy, and ecological devastation) for the campaign as well as opportunities to get involved in the upcoming 40 Days of Moral Action that will be taking place in CA and around the country from May 13 to June 23.

The three speakers will be: Pastor Eddie Anderson, a leader in organizing the state of California to participate in the current Poor People's Campaign, who is a third generation Pastor who serves the historic McCarty Memorial Christian Church located in the West Adams neighborhood of Los Angeles; Rev. Carolyn Wilkins, a staff minister of the Agape International Spiritual Center where she serves as the director of their GlobalWorks Ministry, and who is an international speaker, business consultant and interfaith and intercultural activist in programs, locally and globally; and Kait Ziegler, a co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign in CA and a co-founder of LA's version of Rev. William Barber's Moral Mondays.

This is the kick off of a multi-year campaign committed to public morality rooted in a critique of greed, racism, and injustice. This national call, which has strong representation in the LA area, has emerged from grassroots community work, leaders, organizations, and movements which have been fighting to end systemic racism, poverty, militarism, and environmental destruction. The campaign aims to build a just, sustainable, and participatory society.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice. Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group and the Church in Ocean Park.

For more information, call Joanne Berlin at (310) 422-5431.

The event will be held Sunday, May 6, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. (singing group meets at 5:30 p.m. in Thelma Terry Bldg). Potluck supper at 6 p.m. & program at 6:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave. Free Workshop.

SUBMITTED BY JOANNE BERLIN

SAN FRANCISCO

Google to verify identity of US political ad buyers

Google says it will do a better job of verifying the identity of political ad buyers in the U.S. by requiring a government-issued ID and other key information.

Google will also require ad buyers to disclose who is paying for the ad. Google executive Kent Walker is repeating a pledge he made in November to create a library of such ads that will be searchable by anyone. The goal is to have this ready this summer.

Google's blog post comes short of declaring support for the Honest Ads Act, a bill that would impose disclosure requirements on online ads, similar to what's required for television and other media. Facebook and Twitter support that bill.

Google didn't immediately provide details on how the ID verification would work for online ad buys.

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LOS ANGELES

Authorities detail RV chase suspect's getaway and arrest

California authorities say a paroled sex offender who led police on a wild 3?-hour motorhome chase with his young kids inside told authorities he eluded arrest by running for three hours, shaving his beard and hopping a train headed to Arizona.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Eddie Hernandez said Friday that 46-year-old Stephen Houk had a meal at a homeless shelter and slept outside a library during his time on the run.

Houk was arrested Thursday in the Mojave Desert city of Barstow. He was found in a rail car and arrested.

His arrest came two days after he led dozens of officers on a 100-mile (161-kilometer) chase from Hollywood to Bakersfield.

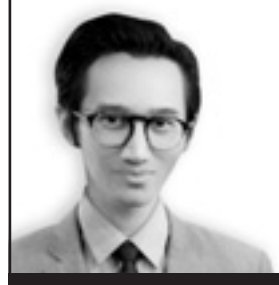
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Thursday, May 10, 2018

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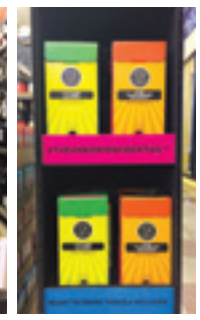
1) Consideration of amendments to Regulation 3120, respecting limitations on surcharges that may be added to controlled rents.

All interested persons are invited to present their views. Copies of the staff report will be available prior to the hearing from the Board's office in Room 202 of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, and on the Board's website at: www.smgov.net/rentcontrol.

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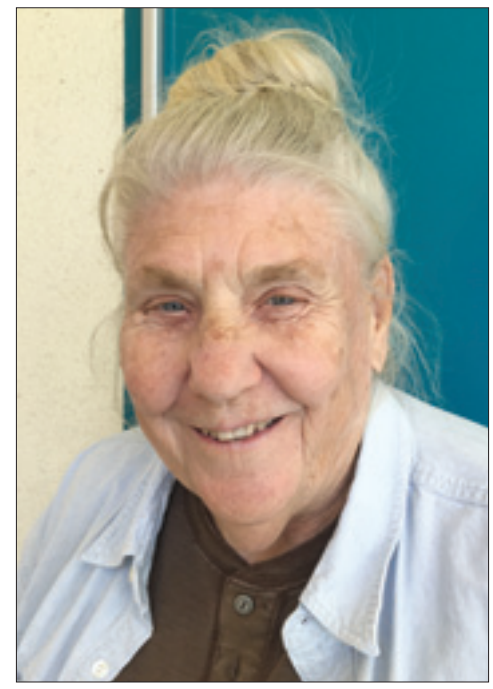
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Educator Spotlight

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The Educator Spotlight recognizes those who contribute to the education of local students. Educators were chosen by consulting with site PTA, student government organizations and staff. Educators were chosen for their reputations with students, staff, parents and the community.

This year, veteran educator, Vicki Justis, will retire after 47 years in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District's Child Development Center's childcare programs. Described by her colleagues as a "real stalwart," Justis has taught the children and even grandchildren of some of her first students. She credits her success and inspiration to her mentor, Docia Zavitkovsky, who founded SMMUSD's childcare program in 1943, when childcare programs didn't really exist due to stay at home parenting.

Justis Speaks

Originally, I started pursuing a career in secondary education but took a class in Early Childhood Education and fell in love with preschool through, then, 6th grade children.

When I was in school learning was not easy for me. I was fortunate to have had some patient and caring teachers who took the time to help me overcome the frustration and be successful. Being a teacher challenges me to keep learning and growing so I can create a variety of programs and activities that will advance the learning of my students.

In my current assignment I have the opportunity to work with children from transitional kindergarten to 3rd grade. It is exciting to watch them change from the sometimes slightly apprehensive five-year-old, entering their new classroom in a new school, to the confident third graders ready to take on all new adventures.

My inspiration was Docia Zavitkovsky who founded the childcare programs in the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District 75 years ago. She taught me to look at and create programs that provided for the whole child, their social, emotional, physical and educational growth and development. Docia would always remind us to start at the point where the child was confident and successful and help them to continue to grow from there. She would say, "Always know that a child can accomplish great things if given the chance."

She also taught us that play is an essential part of a child's growth and development. It is through play that children begin to learn and develop the skills that they need and will use as adults and future parents.

Having children show the world that they can do, what many thought was impossible, watching the light bulbs go on when they finally understand a concept for the first time, and seeing their sense of humor grow and change makes the job worthwhile. To have child come back to you years later and tell you that they remember the activities you did with them and how excited they were and then introduce you to their children, and in my case their grandchildren, makes you feel appreciated.

My long-term goals for the children I work with are to have them be confident, respectful, contributing members of the community. I want them to always know that they are important and what they have to say is important. I want them to know that they can accomplish anything they want to do with hard work and commitment.

It had been a long and rewarding career and has created many great memories.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A big thank you

Editor:

I attended the Free Older Adult Tech Fair recently at the Main Library. To put it mildly, the day was a huge success. There were so many volunteers, and every one of them had a big smile and welcoming comment for all. I learned more in 20 minutes with a one-on-one teacher than I did spending hours on the phone with tech support and visiting my phone vendor. Every single volunteer there was eager to help and inform. I congratulate the library on assembling such a large number of knowledgeable people who were nice, patient, and helpful. There were a number of different workshops, and every one of them presented useful information that was easy to understand and follow. I learned a great deal and got answers to all my questions. The Santa Monica Public Library is an enormous asset to the City of Santa Monica. I've attended many workshops. I never cease to be amazed and grateful for the variety of programs that are offered and the quality of those workshops. On my computer stand, I have a shark cell phone holder that was made in a 3D printing class. I love it. Thank you Santa Monica Public Library for all you offer and the nice people who are there to help.

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POLICE

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parked all over town.

"We listen to you," said Sergeant Roberto Villegas, explaining why the department chose Reed Park for the first stop Thursday. "It's about providing a safe community for everyone."

The department couldn't have chosen better weather to congregate at the park. As a dozen cops crowded around the vehicle, two nannies played with babies in the grass while an elderly man read the Los Angeles Times. A half dozen homeless people dozed throughout the park.

For the most part, everyone seemed at peace.

Lt. Saul Rodriguez said there have been recent resident complaints about criminal activity at the park. Rodriguez said a group of young transients are responsible for complaints throughout the city.

"They're moving around quite a bit, but we've been picking off a few here or there for various violations," Rodriguez said. "We know where they're at, then we'll make an arrest, then they move."

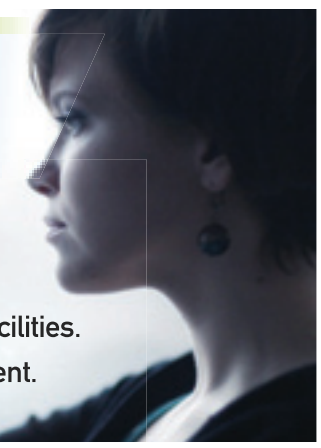
Rodriguez would not reveal future destinations of the substation, but said they will include public spaces like Palisades Park and private parking lots like the Vons on Lincoln Boulevard. The community can reach out to the SMPD through social media websites like Facebook and Twitter to request Optimus Crime in their neighborhood.

"We want to let people know we're here, we know it's a problem," said Lt. Saul Rodriguez.

The command station was purchased for about $650,000 after the 2013 Santa Monica shooting that left six people dead across the city. It is expected to last the next 20 years, according to city documents.

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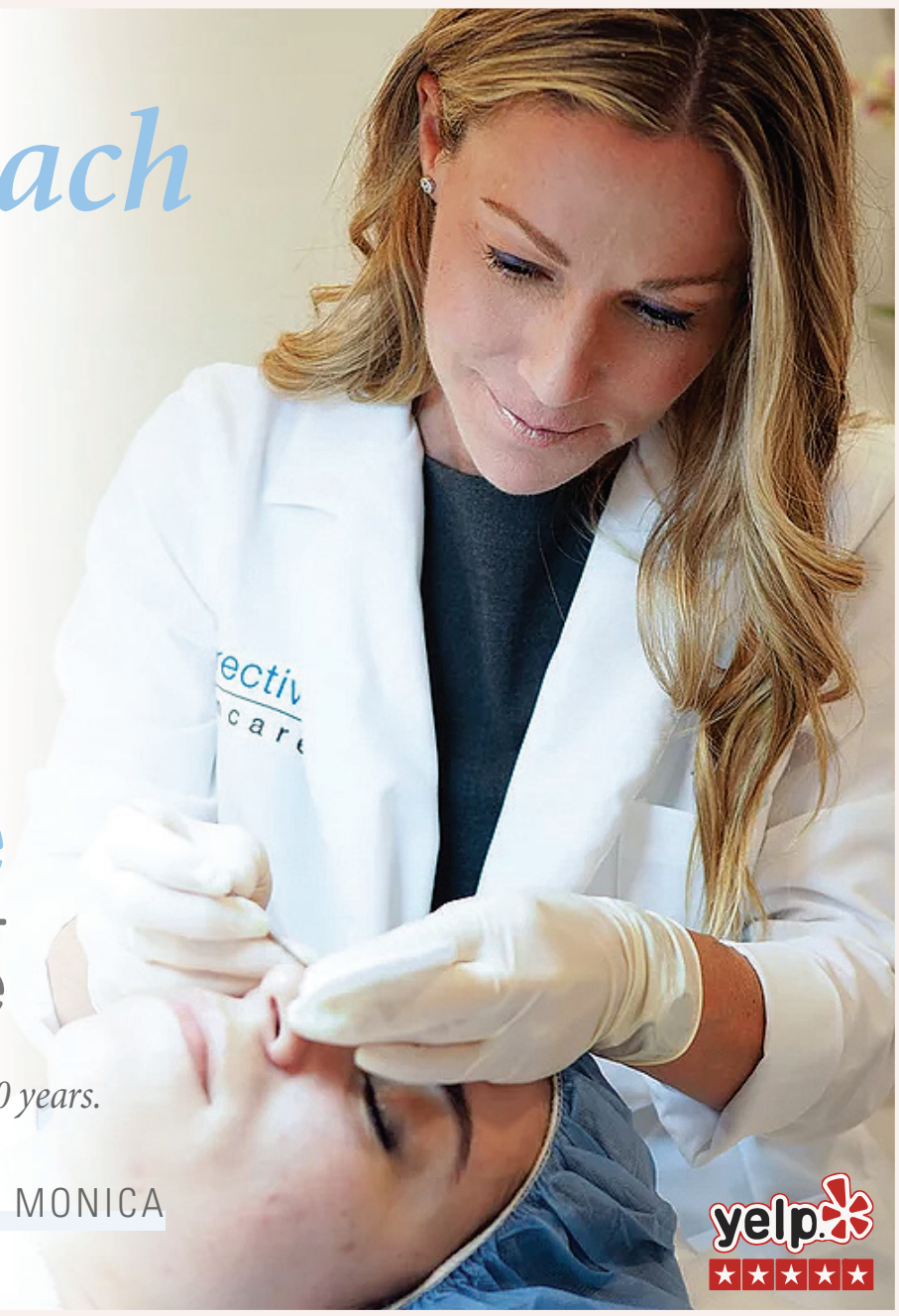


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Kate Cagle

CROPS: Some of the plants sold locally start as outdoor plants, making them easier to replant.

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Herbs like mint and rosemary grow like weeds in Southern California and can be good for beginners. The Williams family sells four varieties of mint: spearmint, strawberry, banana and ginger. Because the half-acre nursery is outdoors, Logan says his plants will make an easy transition from their home in Silver Lake to the West Side. In contrast, many plants sold by grocery stores and other corporations start out indoors.

"A lot of time you get plants that are greenhouse-grown and then you take them outside and it's like dropping someone off from the suburbs in Detroit," Logan joked. "They're not going to like it."

While spring is a great time to get started, Logan says Southern Californians can grow lots of plants year round. It means his customers get to come back again and again.

"We've literally gotten to see people grow up," Logan said. "Not just the plants grow but the relationship and the families. It's cool to watch that process."

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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This program is free and all ages are welcome. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10 and 18. The Expo Line and other bus routes stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the Library.

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Tesla's Musk defends comments made during conference call

Tesla CEO Elon Musk is going on the defensive in a series of tweets, saying the people he shut down during a contentious conference call were analysts who believe investors could profit by betting that the company's stock price will fall.

Musk, who's been known for his quirky behavior, came under scrutiny after the conference call for Tesla's quarterly earnings Wednesday went awry. Musk was criticized for cutting off two analysts that asked about the electric vehicle and solar panel company's cash needs and orders for its Model-3. Musk called the questions "dry" and "not cool."

On Friday Musk tried to clarify some comments he made during the call, tweeting that he deemed a question about capital expenditures "boneheaded" because the answer was already given in a first-quarter newsletter.

Musk also said a question about Model-3 demand was absurd because Tesla reservations far surpass current production levels, noting it'd take two years just to fill existing demand.

The conference call Wednesday night came just after Tesla Inc. announced a record first-quarter loss. The quarterly performance, coupled with the conference call, saw Tesla's stock drop quickly in after-hours trading and continue to decline on Thursday. But following Musk's comments to his 21.6 million followers on Twitter, the shares have started to recover: up about 1.3 percent in Friday morning trading.

Tesla investors have been hoping that by enduring millions of dollars of short-term losses for years that they will see a long-term payoff. Musk's comments may have been enough to assuage them for now.

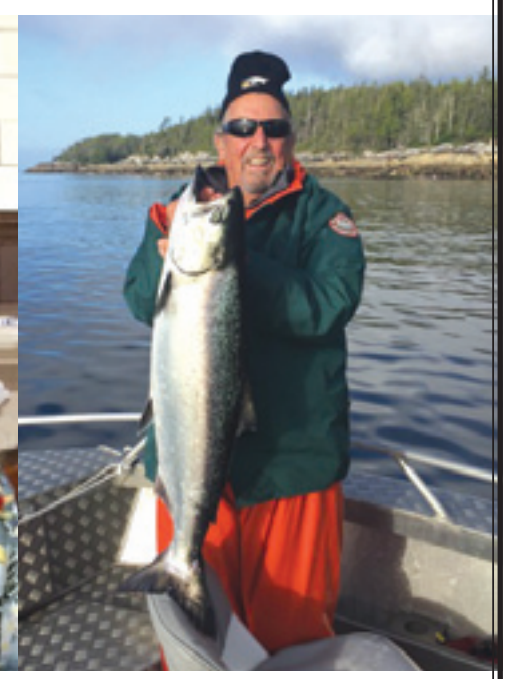
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Cletus John (Rudy) Rudolph, 87, of Santa Monica Ca. died April 24th, 2018, with his family by his side. He passed away at his home in Santa Monica, after a long battle with cancer. Cletus was born to the late Joseph Francis Rudolph and Elizabeth Mary Rudolph, June 4th, 1930, in New Hampton, Iowa. He is survived by his wife and "love of his life" Joanne Rudolph, 3 daughters Charisse, Marci, Kari and son Chris, along with his 7 grandchildren Paige, Chase, Skye, Alexandra, Nicole, Captain, Liliana and 3 great-grandchildren Gianni, Lauren and Kinsley. Cletus graduated from Santa Monica high school in 1949 and went on to become a General Contractor and Real Estate investor. He continued to build and design homes until he retired in 1980 at the age of 50. After retirement, he loved to design and share his ideas with friends and family and continued to invest in real estate. He also loved to travel, hunt and fish, as well as spend time with his family, grandchildren and friends. His energy, wisdom, sense of humor and stories will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Services will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at Woodlawn Chapel at 2PM. 1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, Ca. 90404. Please arrive early to park and be seated in the Chapel.

A celebration of his life will follow at the home of CJ and Angie Rudolph.

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CRIME WATCH

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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 21, AT ABOUT 1:15 P.M.

While patrolling the area of Lincoln Blvd and Santa Monica Blvd, an officer saw a subject walking in traffic creating a traffic hazard nearly being hit by several cars. Officers attempted to stop the subject. The subject walked away from an officer and refused all commands. The subject continued to walk away until other officers arrived to assist and were able to detain him at 9th Street and Broadway. The subject was taken into custody. A search of the subject led to the recovery of a narcotics smoking pipe concealed in his clothing. Ezra Brenes, 33, homeless, was arrested for resisting arrest, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and walking in the roadway. He was denied bail.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 392 Calls For Service On May 3.

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

Burglar alarm 100 block Santa Monica Pl 12:42 a.m.
Battery 1300 block Colorado 12:48 a.m.
Rape 100 block Wilshire 1:06 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Lincoln 2:00 a.m.
Burglar alarm 600 block Montana 3:15 a.m.
Trespassing 1000 block 19th 4:42 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1600 block 12th 5:30 a.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 5:42 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Berkeley 5:48 a.m.
Public intoxication 100 block Broadway 6:10 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1400 block 4th 6:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 300 block Marguerita 7:10 a.m.
Person down 100 block Broadway 7:22 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Pico 8:44 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block Ocean Park 9:10 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 2nd 9:22 a.m.
Burglary 300 block 10th 9:30 a.m.
Hit and run 2500 block Airport 9:55 a.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 10:55 a.m.
Elder abuse 200 block San Vicente 11:43 a.m.
Elder abuse 1000 block 12th 11:43 a.m.
Fraud 1500 block 5th 12:22 p.m.
Battery 1800 block Cloverfield 12:53 p.m.
Hit and run 1800 block Cloverfield 12:55 p.m.
Fight Cloverfield / Olympic 1:27 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Michigan 1:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 2:06 p.m.
Petty theft 800 block PCH 2:20 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1300 block Marine 2:27 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block Lincoln 2:40 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Montana 3:16 p.m.
Loitering 700 block Pine 3:32 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block 4th 4:01 p.m.
Burglary 800 block California 4:29 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Centinela 4:35 p.m.
Fraud 1100 block 18th 5:25 p.m.
Traffic collision 2900 block Lincoln 5:44 p.m.
Hit and run 11th / Hill 5:55 p.m.
Trespassing 2000 block Pico 6:12 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1600 block 9th 7:15 p.m.
Grand theft 3000 block Santa Monica 7:19 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 5th 7:22 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 7th 7:23 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 23rd 8:18 p.m.
Fraud 100 block Strand 8:44 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 2nd 9:07 p.m.
Person down 1400 block Lincoln 9:53 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Berkeley 10:20 p.m.
Traffic collision 2600 block Lincoln 10:34 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 29 Calls For Service On May 3.

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Vault fire 1400 block 2nd 12:41 a.m.
Emergency medical service 600 block Wilshire 2:26 a.m.
Public assist 2600 block Pearl 3:40 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 200 block Santa Monica 4:34 a.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 7:12 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 6th 8:16 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 26th 9:25 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 9:27 a.m.
Wires down 300 block Marguerita 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 10:30 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Wilshire 11:35 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 11:58 a.m.
EMS Lincoln / Navy 12:12 p.m.
Odor investigation 1900 block Pico 12:35 p.m.
EMS 200 block Arizona 12:52 p.m.
Broken gas main 900 block 2nd 1:17 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Michigan 1:28 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 2:43 p.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 2:51 p.m.
Elevator rescue 500 block Wilshire 3:17 p.m.
EMS 27th / Pico 4:02 p.m.
Elevator rescue 500 block Colorado 4:42 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 4:59 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 5:33 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block Civic Center 5:56 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block 12th 6:41 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 7:18 p.m.
Odor investigation 900 block 4th 8:04 p.m.

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Jackpot: 143M

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Draw Date: 5/2
11 25 28 33 44
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/3
8 16 25 28 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/3
MIDDAY: 2 6 4
Draw Date: 5/3
EVENING: 8 9 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/3
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2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 07 Eureka
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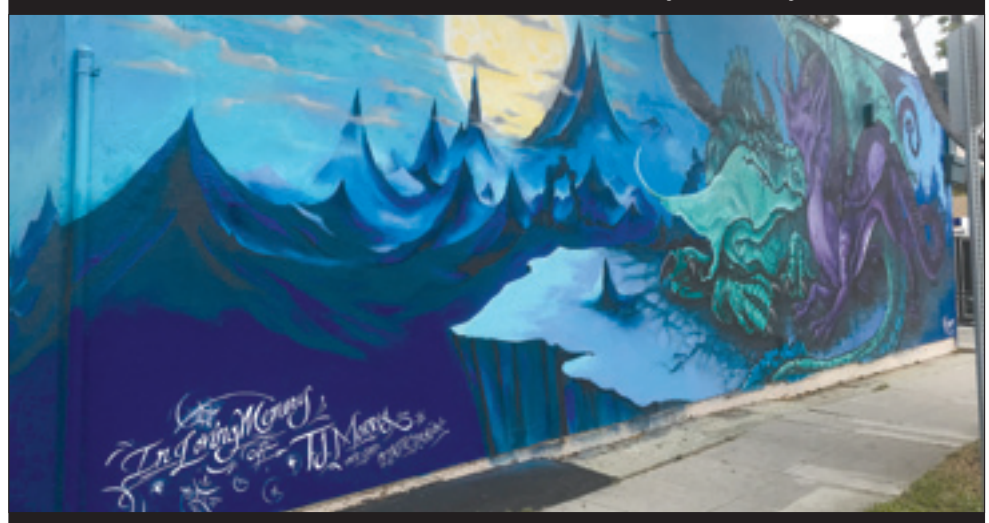
■ First guy: "I'm scheduled for a colonoscopy tomorrow."
■ Second guy: "Oh man, I hear the prep is the worst part."
■ First guy: "No, they've improved it. All I have to do is consume four large cans of alphabet soup."
■ Second guy: "What does that do?"
■ First guy: "It produces a huge vowel movement."

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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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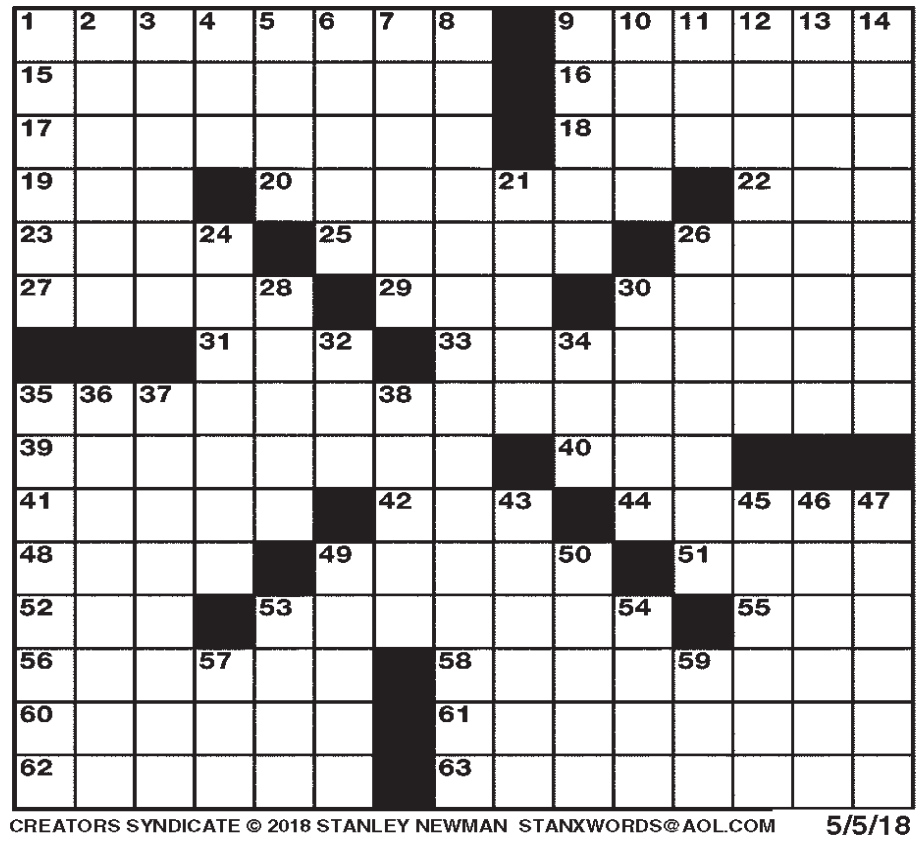
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ACROSS

1 Site for Sea Hunter and Sunseeker sales
9 Exclamation of consternation
15 Jay Gatsby, notably
16 Snoozefest
17 Work-for-hire agreement
18 Former name for the flu
19 TV focus of a traveling science exhibition
20 Easy undertaking
22 Trying to be
23 Isn't quite right
25 Any of the Federalist Papers
26 Airport courtesy vehicle
27 Universe
29 European nickname for Helena
30 Opposite of "angst"
31 Guy without grace
33 Iowan, for instance
35 Modest explanation for achievement
39 Confirmation inquiry
40 What the sun enters in August
41 Units first suggested by Mendel
42 Cricket's striker
44 Rhythm in Gershwin's *Cuban Overture*
48 Source of power
49 A way to serve squash
51 Petitions
52 USN's successor to "passed midshipman"
53 Gloater's shout
55 HS helpers
56 Annoyingly noisy
58 Talk Like a Pirate Day intro
60 Name on a Creole Christmas cookbook
61 One voting twice
62 Laugh at, in a way
63 Jamboree setup

DOWN

1 Former evening commuter convenience
2 Genericized totwear trademark
3 Would-be sacker of Constantinople
4 *Participante de reunión familiar*
5 Mason's gap filler
6 Winter Olympics athlete at 11 (1924)
7 Backup introducer
8 Succeeds nicely
9 Biggest song for Motown's first female star
10 Alpaca product
11 Initialism since 1939
12 Marching, maybe
13 Succeeds
14 "I would like to help ___": Alfred Nobel
21 Pouring
24 Cubby-like
26 Rather remote in reasoning
28 Drugstore fountain fare
30 Early text messager
32 Metaphorical flier
34 Contraction that oughta have two apostrophes
35 Fiddled with
36 Account identifier
37 Word from the Latin for "left"
38 1.5 Roman feet
43 Evidence of amusement
45 Alter one's 41 Across
46 Stirred enough
47 Charge as true, in complaints
49 "You see, but you do not observe" writer
50 Dose delivery media
53 Fell some
54 Destination for some 50 Down
57 Metric prefix
59 Gym ___



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 5)

You're a principled person, and your belief about what things mean will add dimension to this year's passions and quests. Loved ones will accept your help and act on your advice. You'll trade in an old habit for a more energetic existence. Someone will travel far to see you. In 2019 it's you who will be going the distance. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 41, 12 and 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Maintaining a positive attitude is often a matter of putting things in the right scale. Some things cannot be measured on their own. They need to be assessed in the greater scheme of things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you find yourself spending a lot of time convincing yourself that you're right, chances are you're not, at least not completely. There's good fortune in this chance to be thorough, retracing your steps to find the one you missed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
While people around you are trying to find their edge, play their advantage and determine the opportunity, you'll be focused on mutually fulfilling exchanges. Success will be yours over and over.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Trying out a slightly different personality can be as easy as poking your head into one of those cardboard cutouts at tourist spots. You duck in to try it out and maybe get a bit silly, getting a smile out of those around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll pick up the burden that's already there, but you're careful not to create anything new to carry. You don't want to require help with your load. You want to keep your independence, and that means keeping it light.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Most voting doesn't happen on a ballot. It happens with body language — a smile, a frown, a nod — or the attention you give others or, most commonly, your money. You'll vote many times today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Adults often continue parenting themselves in their head in the way they were parented as children. But you can also customize your inner-parenting style to suit the life you have now and the person you want to become.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
In real time, action prevails where words fail. But when it's about the past or the future, the words win. The story that's told can overwrite the story that happened and shape tomorrow's story, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your opinion matters — not only to you but also to those who watch you. You're a thought leader, whether you realize it or not. You're really careful to be fair and also discreet if that's what seems right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Finally, you'll hear the words you've been waiting for. Now you can move forward. The work is really just beginning, but early results will show up to encourage you along these first stages.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today represents a quick perspective shift. You really will see things as your loved one does (at least as much as it is humanly possible to do that), and your relationship will improve because of it.

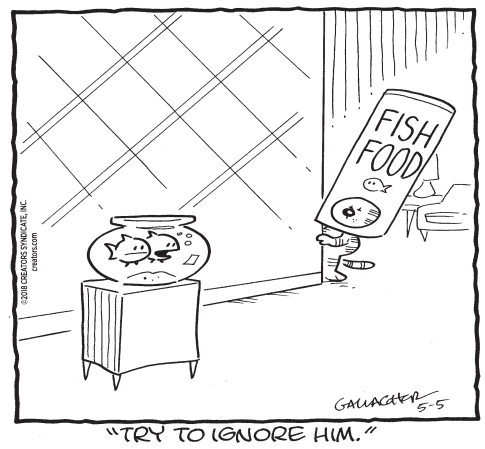
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You are not motivated by money alone, though you may be highly motivated by a challenge involving a monetary prize. It's the other factors that make the goal so juicy to you.

Capricorn Moon of Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo celebrates a victory of the Mexican army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. The Mexican army was severely outnumbered, and yet they prevailed. In the United States the fifth of May is a prime opportunity to celebrate Mexican culture and heritage. The festivities will be guided by a Capricorn moon, which can't help but remind us of the responsibility that comes with all things in life, even celebration.

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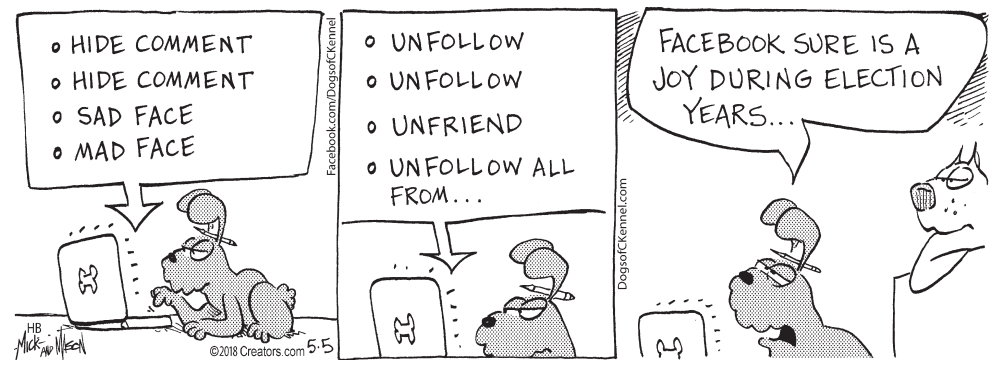
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SMMUSD

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Chief Operations Officer of SMMUSD, stating the school alignment would be beneficial to both the schools and the district. Reasons listed included opportunities for more course offerings due to increased population, greater collaboration between teachers and students (a key reason, with the advent of inquiry-based learning) due to a larger community, and decreased expenditures by eliminating one of two small schools (both schools operate with less than 200 students each).

Aligning the schools will include a process of procuring an architecture/engineering company to develop program needs, development of education specifications, and campus plans and phasing. A transportation plan will also be formed to assist with the disruption the elimination of Juan Cabrillo will create.

As far as staff realignment for Point Dume, Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said he and his staff will configure a "temporary leadership support" to make the move "amicable." Once solidified, Drati said he will talk to staff and the community to get their feedback.

Alignment will also separate Malibu Middle School (MMS) from Malibu High School (MHS), placing the middle school on the soon to be vacant Juan Cabrillo campus. This will give MMS more operating freedom as well as free up space for the reimagined MHS.

The alignment is planned to begin in the 2019 school year.

As for MHS and it's reimagining, the board agreed to suspend modernization and PCB abatement this summer and fall in order to set up its next steps for the MHS campus reimagining plan and funding.

The decision to suspend PCB abatement at MHS will still allow all court-ordered PCB removal to be completed by December 2019-19 and may allow for alternative options to complete the court order, such as requesting for the judge to modify the court order.

Suspending the PCB abatement may delay non-court ordered PCB removal of PCBs over 50 parts per million past January 2020. Upton said that although that delay may happen, his staff has performed extensive sampling and that all spaces are below exposure levels. "We are not placing students and staff in an unsafe situation," Upton said.

Board member Oscar De La Torre supported the alignment, but expressed concern over PCBs. He acknowledged that while school spaces are safe, he'd like PCB data included in quarterly reports concerning the alignment and MHS modernization.

Public opinion was overwhelmingly positive for the alignment and Malibu High reimagining, with many Malibu public speakers and residents praising superintendent Dr. Drati and board member Craig Foster. One resident added, "[Malibu] haven't felt listened to like this since Neil Schmidt."

Foster, the lone Malibu resident on the SMMUSD board, was effusive with his praise for all involved in reaching these decisions for Malibu.

"This is so beyond wonderful, I'm so excited about this," Foster said. "This has been courageous in so many ways." Foster went on to personally thank Dr.Drati for his involvement as well as staff for their "long, long hours" and for sometimes "doing things outside of their job description" to work in getting a recommendation from the Board.

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