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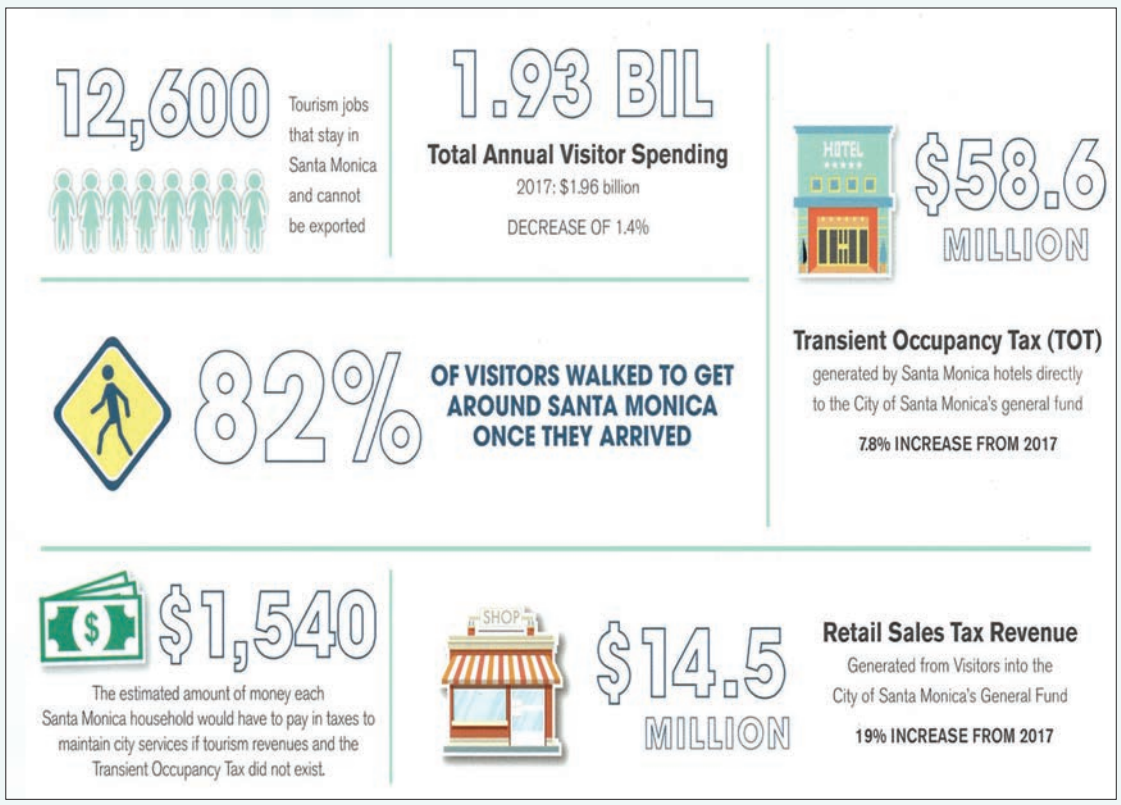
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Tourism declines slightly in 2018



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THE NUMBERS: **Figures from Santa Monica Travel and Tourism showed a small reduction in spending.**

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Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's tourism industry shrunk slightly in 2018 after several years of sustained growth, with total visitor spending falling 1.4 percent.

Visitors spent $1.93 billion in 2018, a slight decrease from a peak of $1.96 billion in 2017. Spending has still grown 18.4 percent in the last five years, however, and it generated significantly more tax revenue for the City of Santa Monica last year. The drop was driven by tourists spending less money on spa, beauty and health treatments and buying fewer beverages, said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of Santa Monica Travel & Tourism (SMTT).

"All the research shows that younger travelers are not looking for a two-day spa experience, but might go for a hike or do a beach cleanup," she said. "They may not spend as much on personal wellbeing and instead prefer to go out and experience things."

Kerns said the small drop in spending isn't a concern for SMTT. The tourism industry still supports 12,600 jobs in Santa Monica and supplies the City's General Fund with more than $73 million in tax revenue, saving every household $1,540 in local taxes.

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Shore Hotel developer fined $15M

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

A developer was hit Wednesday with a record $15.58 million fine for constructing a high-priced hotel on the Southern California coast after initially obtaining a permit for a property with moderately priced rooms, in what state officials called a "bait-and-switch" building scheme.
Sunshine Enterprises violated a state law that enshrines public access to beach areas, according

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Le Petit Cafe set to say 'au revoir' this weekend

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

As gloomy, overcast skies hung over Santa Monica this week, there was a bright, cheery-eyed energy flowing out of an informal bistro.

That restaurant, just past Lionsgate on Colorado, is routinely pretty busy but fairly slammed Thursday afternoon with smiling guests. The reason for the business wasn't just for the escargot that's raved about on Yelp — it's because that restaurant, Le Petit Cafe is set to close this weekend.

Le Petite Cafe, a French

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E-scooters now included in SMPD enforcement sweeps

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

E-scooter riders will be included in a Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) enforcement sweep alongside drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians for the first time Friday.

Officers will be looking for traffic violations made by all four groups that put others at risk, including speeding, failing to stop for signs and signals, making illegal turns and failing

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Community Open House

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This process is to address the growing concern of the size of new home construction in relation to the existing neighborhood context and scale, and to identify potential options on how to revise current development standards. You are invited to join us at one of the following three open house opportunities to learn and participate in the process:

Each open house will be identical, so if you choose to participate, you only need to attend one.

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, East Wing
1855 Main Street
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Saturday, May 18th 10 AM - 12 PM
Tuesday, May 21st 1 PM - 3 PM
Tuesday, May 21st 7 PM - 9 PM

For more information and to **RSVP** to one of the open houses, please visit:
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, May 10

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

MainStay Gallery: Grand Opening Party

MainStay Gallery is the newest addition to the Santa Monica and Venice Beach arts community. Join organizers for their grand opening and debut collection featuring the work of fine art photographer Michael Scott Adams, internationally featured muralist and painter Ivotopia, and the textile sculpture of Emmy nominated costume designer Swinda Reichelt. RSVP preferable (RSVP@MainStayGallery.com). 2443 Main Street, 7 – 10 p.m.

Lawn Bowling open house

The Santa Monica Bowls Club wants you to try lawn bowling and experience how much fun it is. Free sessions are at noon on Saturday May 11, 18, and 25. Come as you are but wear flat, smooth soled shoes - they provide everything else. This is a very social sport that is easy to learn and you can play for a lifetime. They are located in Douglas Park at Wilshire Blvd and 25th Street.

Landlord workshop, "Pet Policies-Know the Facts"

This workshop will be focusing on the latest pet policies, statistics, and pet-friendly practices. Landlords will also be provided an overview of LA's current rental trends, new construction and more on the Westside. Apartments.com Retail Store: 1020 Wilshire Blvd, 10 - 11 a.m.

FOSP to honor Capt. Jerry Parker

30th Annual General Membership Meeting of Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP), one of the seven city-recognized neighborhood organizations. This year, FOSP will honor Captain Jerry Parker, who recently retired from the Santa Monica Fire Department. Mt. Olive Church parish hall, 14th & Ocean Park Blvd., 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 12

Hatmaking with Leslie Robinson

Join Milliner Leslie Robinson for this introductory Hat Making class. You will learn the fundamentals of blocking, shaping and trimming a hat, beginning with an unformed base. Make a cloche, fedora or wide-brimmed hat. Returning students welcome - we'll cover more advanced techniques. Cost: $60 + $30 cash material fee payable to instructor. 2 – 5 p.m. 1450 Ocean. Register online at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/73004

Gallery Opening and Performance

And then there is California: opening reception and performance by frankendee and Chloe Levaillant. Opening reception with the artists 12 – 5 p.m. Performances 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. 'And then there is California.' is curated by Beck+Col and features work by Santiago Acero, Alia Ali, Diego Barrientos, Kira Doutt, Philipp Farra, lydon frank, Hanieh Khatibi, Serena Himmelfarb, Chloe Levaillant, Alicia Piller and Kelly Wall. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. Reservations available online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/and-then-there-is-california-opening-performance-by-frankendee-and-chloe-levaillant-tickets-61472158882

Monday, May 13

The Social Services Commission Special Meeting

The Social Services Commission works to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all Santa Monica residents through research, outreach, and advocacy. The Commission advises City Council and City staff on identifying needs, setting priorities, planning programs, and analyzing fiscal impacts on social services. Ken Edwards Center, 7 p.m.

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. The Commission normally meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall. 7 p.m.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Monthly Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board Meeting Administration Conference Room near Computer Commons. Main Library, 7 - 9 p.m.

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Biden rakes in $750,000 at Hollywood fundraiser

BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

Joe Biden raked in over $750,000 during a fundraiser attended by Hollywood powerbrokers, a massive haul that demonstrates the entertainment industry's lasting affection for the former vice president.

Biden's 2020 Democratic presidential campaign declined to comment on how much was raised Wednesday evening at the home of interior designer Michael S. Smith and his husband, James Costos, a former HBO executive who was President Barack Obama's ambassador to Spain.

But two people with direct knowledge of the event told The Associated Press on Thursday that over $750,000 was collected, and one of the people said checks were still being tabulated. They were not authorized to reveal the fundraising numbers and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The sum raised was first reported by CNBC.

The Wednesday night event was co-hosted by industry titans including media mogul Peter Chernin, DreamWorks co-founder Jeffrey Katzenberg and talent agency head Chris Silbermann, as well as former Google CEO Eric Schmidt, according to an event invitation. Other sponsors included Sen. Dianne Feinstein's husband, Richard Blum, and several former Obama administration ambassadors.

More than 300 guests noshed on hot dogs, cheeseburgers with organic beef, and french fries in the front yard of Smith and Costos' Brentwood home while a jazz band played. Later, Biden took the stage.

"I promise you if we elect a Democrat this time — whether it's me or someone else — we're going to see this country come together like it hasn't in a long time," Biden said. "Because people are tired, they're sick and tired of what's happening. Let's lift our heads up. Again, not a joke, remember who the hell we are. And let's go take it back."

The event was one of three Biden fundraisers held during a two-day swing through Los Angeles. Earlier Wednesday he was feted at the home of Cynthia Telles and telecommunications executive Joe Waz. And on Thursday, he attended a breakfast at the Jonathan Club in downtown Los Angeles, where he joked about the crowded Democratic primary, saying that he always expected tough competition but never anticipated running against "300 people."

The quip came after Tom Girardi, an attorney who is married to "Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" star Erika Jayne, hyped recent polling that shows Biden as a front-runner.

Biden said he expects the race will be a marathon and recalled the advice of an old football coach who said, "Joe, don't read your clips."

"I know all that polling stuff looks good, but it is a marathon and we have a long way to go," he said.

"There's a lot of people who are qualified and decent and running. And I think it's one heck of a field, although I never anticipated there'd be 300 people running," he continued, prompting laughter from the audience.

Although some candidates have criticized Biden, particularly his coziness with megadonors and industry leaders, he said he would "never speak ill" of another Democratic competitor.

E-SCOOTERS

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to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. E-scooter and bike riders will be stopped for riding on the sidewalk, not complying with stop signs and signals and riding on the wrong side of the road. Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way.

Funding for the program, which is scheduled between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m., is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. SMPD regularly conducts grant-funded programs, but this is the first time the department is including scooter riders in one of its enforcement actions.

"OTS approved SMPD to use funding that is normally designated for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety operations to also include e scooter enforcement," said Lieutenant Candice Covarrubias. "With the recent insurgence of scooters being used in cities throughout the state, OTS recognizes the need for education and enforcement of shared mobility devices."

SMPD will be including e-scooters into some bicycle and pedestrian safety campaigns going forward, she said.

The department has issued more than 1,500 citations to scooter riders since the devices first arrived in Santa Monica. Under the City of Santa Monica's shared mobility pilot program, motorized devices are not permitted on sidewalks, in parks, on the beach bike path, the Santa Monica Pier and the Third Street Promenade.

SMPD has announced a second safety enforcement action for May 13 and May 16, both from 6 - 8 p.m. to educate bicyclists, drivers, and pedestrians on traffic laws, rules and responsibilities.

"Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way," said the press release. "Bike riders will be stopped when riding on the sidewalk, the wrong side of the road, not complying with stop signs and signals, or other violation of the same traffic laws that apply to them as drivers.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth
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From Den Mother to Activist Mom With MLK, Eleanor, RFK

Fridays before Mother's Day, I frequently write about my late mother, Thelma Neworth. Because of her public speaking skills for political and social causes, she crossed paths with luminaries from many walks of life.

The list includes: MLK, Eleanor Roosevelt, RFK, Rod Serling, Daniel Schorr, Margaret Mead, and Wayne Morse, the first Senator to oppose the Vietnam War. Only in her last years, however, did I discover her oratorical talent began when she was a mere child.

In the 1920's, decades before TV, neighbors socialized by visiting each, generally after dinner. They would usually gather in the parlor, often the fanciest room to reveal the relative prosperity of the host. It's impossible to imagine in our i-Phone world but the art of conversation was often the sole entertainment.

My grandfather Louie, who passed long before I was born, was extremely proud of my mother who would read book passages or even tell stories. (Slightly like what I do here each week, except, hopefully, without the cornball jokes.)

My mother confessed her older sister, Amelia, was more glamorous and her younger brother, Irving, was more charismatic. But she got praise from her oratory. It explained why in my youth, when I would hear her speak before, to me, frighteningly large groups, she always remained poised. (Then again, when in just talking to me she occasionally lapsed into more formal speech, I would jokingly turn around as if looking for the crowd that must have suddenly come into our den.)

Once my sister, Brenda, 14 at the time and I was 10, attended a 65th birthday party for my Aunt Lilly. (To my cousins possibly reading this, longevity doesn't run in our family so #65 was a big deal.) At one point, everyone at the party stood and, somewhat nervously, said a few words in honor of the occasion. My mother, on the other hand, rose and gave a speech reminiscent of FDR.

Also her expansive vocabulary included a few words that hardly anyone, including us, knew the meaning of. One such word was "behoove." On the way home, as we chatted in the backseat, we intentionally included behoove in the conversation and giggled. My father must have been working because we never would have joked like that if he was there. To this day, if my sister and I catch the other pontificating, all we have to do is say "behoove" and "pontificating party" is immediately outed.

Growing up, my mother seemed like all the other housewife moms. She was our Cub Scout Den Mother and a perennial PTA President. But a tip off to me something was "special" was when her photo was often in the local paper extolling her grass roots political organizing.

But in the photo above taken at an alligator farm in Los Angeles, she was just a regular mom. My sister, 8, is blithely sitting atop a 500 reptile whose mouth thankfully is roped shut. (But how strong is the rope?)


File Photos

FREAKED: Sis is content, mom poised and I'm freaked.

Meanwhile, I was 4, stylishly (?) attired in shorts seemingly held up by one suspender and donning the "fashionable" striped tee shirt of the day, frantically looking for the nearest exit. Meanwhile, always poised mom looks as though she could launch into an impromptu speech on the evolution of the alligator.

Keep in mind, less than 12 years later, mom, 45, would be shaking hands with Senator John Kennedy, 43, and his younger brothers, Robert and Ted. She was in charge of the seating at the L.A. Sports Arena, home of the 1960 Democratic National Convention. As such, she conversed with, every important Democrat. She even attended JFK's exclusive nomination party at Peter Lawford's Santa Monica beach house.

If my mother had been born in a later era, I think she might have been a Congresswoman. (She could have been too busy to take us to the alligator farm, which, frankly, would have been fine with me.)

There are so many times I remember mom. For example, in school, when I'd struggle spelling a word, she would wisely say, "Sound it out slowly." Over the decades, I can't tell you how many thousands of times I've "sounded it out" and each time I can almost hear her voice. (I certainly can't say that about spell-check.)

With Mother's Day on Sunday, it would behoove me (sorry about that) to mention how much pride I always felt that my mother was so well respected. (My father, too, for that matter.) It's actually always been a very high bar but one I still strive for.

I close by saying how much I miss and love my mother. But then, I hope you already knew that.

To hear Thelma Neworth introduce MLK in 1960, Google "King speaks at Temple Isaiah," or click on the following link http://templeisaiah.com/MLK_Speech.php Jack can be reached at jackdaily-press@aol.com.

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SHORE

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to the California Coastal Commission Commissioners unanimously approved the fine — the largest in the agency's 40-year history — but decided not to immediately levy an additional, staff-recommended $5.9 million in mitigation fees linked to approval of a new permit.

The fees would have been held in an account to help fund projects offering lower-cost alternatives for people who might have stayed in the moderately priced rooms, such as rehabilitating old motels or expanding campgrounds.

Instead, the commissioners postponed a decision on issuing the fees and granting an after-the-fact permit. Commissioners indicated that they wanted to see dozens of replacement rooms created either at the current hotel or nearby. No deadline was given.

"Past behavior is often a predictor of future behavior," Commissioner Aaron Peskin said before the vote. "I don't want their money — I want their hotel rooms. Why can't they just convert 87 of the 164 rooms to an affordable price point?"

Sunshine Enterprises was permitted to rebuild and expand two motels — the Pacific Sands and a Travelodge — that were among a dwindling number of affordable accommodations along a tourist-heavy strip of pricey hotels near the Santa Monica Pier. The new hotel would not offer a bar, restaurant, spa or other "luxury" amenities and rooms would cost about $165 a night, according to the permit application.

But the company let that permit expire and instead built the boutique Shore Hotel, where rooms with a "bed and breakfast package" start at around $300 and ones featuring Pacific Ocean views can run up to $800, documents show.

Under the landmark Coastal Act, the commission protects resources including marine habitat, fisheries, shoreline public access and less-expensive visitor accommodations.

"We don't want beaches to become only a place for the wealthy. We have many residents who don't live within driving distance to the coast and they should be able to enjoy it and spend some time," Commission Supervisor Andrew Willis said earlier this week.

Efforts to make sure lower-income people can visit beaches and also afford to spend the night are central to the commission's mission, said Sean Hecht, a law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Commissioners lambasted Sunshine Enterprises before the vote.

"It's almost textbook environmental injustice," Commissioner Mark Vargas said.

Sunshine Enterprises had said in a Tuesday statement that it will pay all penalties and work with the commission to reach "full resolution of this matter."

"Shore Hotel recognizes the hotel was opened without the Coastal Commission's permit and regrets this violation took place and the length of time it has taken to rectify this violation of the Coastal Act," the company said.

Sunshine Enterprises lost in court after suing when commissioners denied an after-the-fact permit for the new Shore Hotel. An appeals court this year upheld the commission's denial.

"The court upheld that it was a bait-and-switch," Lisa Haage, the commission's chief of enforcement, said of Sunshine Enterprises' actions.

PETIT

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restaurant staple of Santa Monica, announced in an email late April that it will bid adieu to the community after a quarter century of service. Saturday, May 11 will be the restaurant's last day of service.

"It's bittersweet," Robert Bourget, owner of Le Petit Cafe said. "Our clientele are so friendly and they come back and bring their family. We've had people invite us when they get married, have kids, we met customers' grandchildren ... it's odd, closing. This is very difficult."

Bourget says the Le Petit Cafe lease was up and the landlord wouldn't renew the lease. The landlord only offered Bourget a month-to-month lease, which would have Bourget potentially be asked to leave at some point regardless or open his cafe to massive rent increases.

"We're not young to keep it going anymore," Bourget said of he and his wife, who co-owns the restaurant. "We could've stayed month-to-month but ... The only thing left to do is sell it. We'd like some money for retirement. What can you do?"

Despite a cheerful disposition, employees were internally gloomy due to the news of Le Petit's impending closure.

"Very sad, like us," Bourget said. "We're all emotional."

Many kitchen staff members have been with Le Petit for decades, some since near the restaurant's beginning— one chef had been with Bourget 22 years, another for 12. Even one of the staff's busboys has been at his position for 12 years.

"They're not just employees, they're family to us," Bourget said.

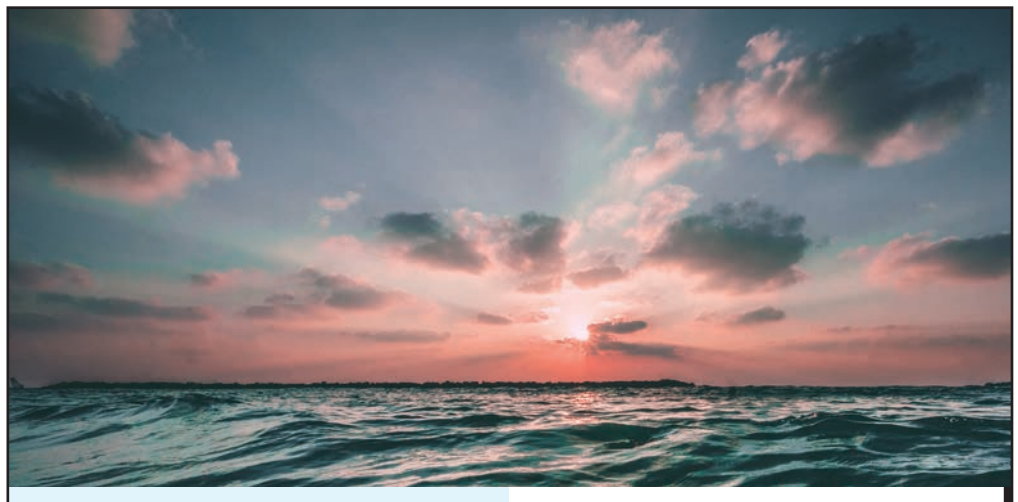
While Bourget's staff look toward their future endeavors, Bourget looks back at the restaurant's legacy and looks forward to a nice retirement.

"Me and my wife are looking forward to no responsibility," Bourget said with a laugh. "Vacation, relax. This small business is big responsibility. It's a worry. You have to be there all day, 24 hours, 7 days a week. There's no way you can have someone replace you when you're not here. So, we are excited to enjoy life."

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TOURISM

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There are several threats to local tourism, however, according to a brand perception study that SMTT commissioned last year. Kerns discussed the study, which analyzed 7.8 million conversations on social media and surveyed 2,300 residents, at SMTT's annual summit Wednesday.

Santa Monica is increasingly defined by the very rich and very poor and it's changing how travelers see the city. The survey found that high costs of living and running a business are taking away some of the city's charm by shutting out mom-and-pop stores and restaurants. At the same time, visitors are concerned about homelessness, safety and cleanliness.

Santa Monica Pier and the beach are a microcosm of that changing atmosphere, according to the report. The high rents on the pier are driving small, independent businesses away, Kerns said, and that trend holds true in the rest of the city.

"There's a concern that we're losing some authenticity," she said.

The homeless population in nearby Palisades Park also impacts perceptions of the pier and beach. It's an issue that the entire California tourism industry is grappling with, she said.

There are also issues that stem from the perception of the United States as a whole. The United States has been less welcoming to international travelers since the 2016 election, Kerns said. Those visitors, which make up more than half of local tourism, are critical because they stay longer and spend more.

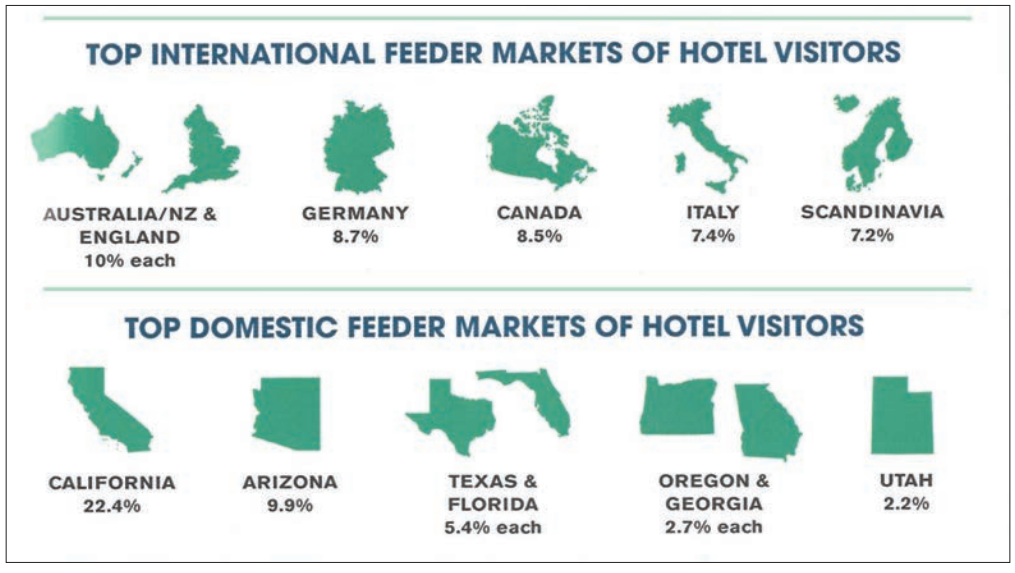
"What happens in Washington does affect us here in Santa Monica in terms of travel," she said.

SMTT is developing an experience management plan in response to the study's findings. Local stakeholders will be developing plans to address the high cost of doing business in the city, a shortage of hotels and livability issues such as homelessness.

Ensuring the long-term health of Santa Monica's tourism industry is critical to the local economy, Kerns said. Tourists typically shop in brick-and-mortar stores and dine in restaurants, while residents are more and more likely to shop online or use food delivery apps.

"If we want to have little local restaurants, they can't just survive on the resident population," she said. "Visitors are doing what a lot of us aren't doing."

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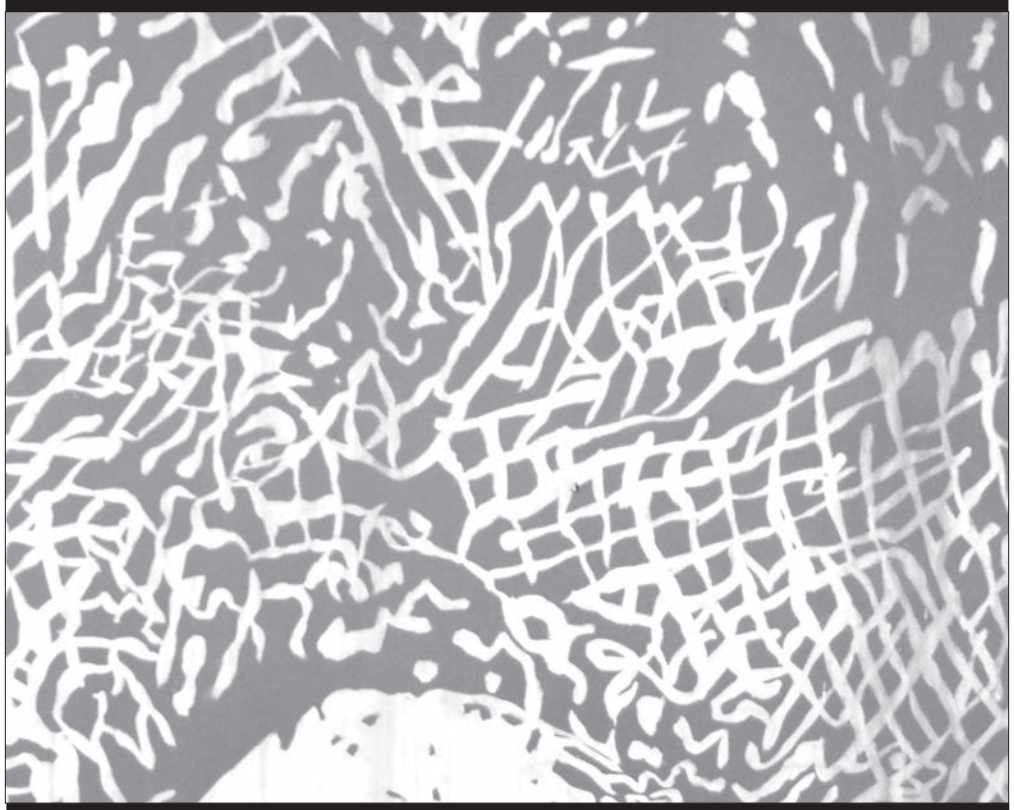
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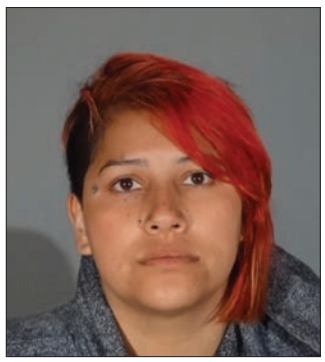
CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON APRIL 8, 2019 AT 12:41 AM

Officers were flagged down in the area of 26th and Santa Monica Blvd about an armed robbery. The victim was in the area of 1300 26th Street when he was approached by a male suspect who pointed a handgun at him demanding his property. The victim fearful he was going to be shot, ran from the suspect and flagged down the officers. Officers were searching the area when they observed a person in a car that matched the suspect description. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the vehicle would not pull over. Officers pursued the vehicle into Los Angeles. The car crashed and the occupants all fled on foot. A search of the area was conducted but the suspects were unable to be found. Evidence secured from the vehicle lead detectives to make an arrest of the driver of the vehicle. Jessica Yahaira Gonzalez, 28, from los angeles, was arrested for evading police. Bail was set at $75,000.



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JESSICA GONZALEZ YAHAIRA

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 315 CALLS ON MAY 8

Encampment 1500blk the beach 12:18 a.m.
Drinking in public 100blk Broadway 12:33 a.m.
Counterfeit money 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 4:15 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 5:46 a.m.
Petty theft 2300blk Main St 6:02 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk 7th St 6:42 a.m.
Construction noise 1700blk Sunset Ave 6:46 a.m.
Burglary 100blk Idaho Ave 6:50 a.m.
Injured person 5th St / California Ave 7:21 a.m.
Traffic control request - level 1 1300blk 2nd St 7:22 a.m.
Bike theft 2500blk 28th St 7:30 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 2nd St 8:03 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1700blk Ocean Ave 8:29 a.m.
Battery 1400blk 7th St 8:43 a.m.
Assault 1300blk 2nd St 8:50 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100blk Hill St 8:50 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 300blk Idaho Ave 8:54 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1000blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:07 a.m.
Petty theft 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 9:14 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 2nd St 9:33 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2000blk Delaware Ave 9:37 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 7th St / Montana Ave 9:59 a.m.
Violation of temporary no parking signs 1100blk 25th St 10:02 a.m.
Check temporary no parking signs 3100blk Colorado Ave 10:08 a.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1000blk 7th St 10:33 a.m.
Grand theft 800blk Euclid St 10:50 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 10:57 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 14th St 10:59 a.m.
Speeding Centinela Ave / Pico Blvd 11:05 a.m.
Failure to pay parking fee 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:13 a.m.
Fraud 1200blk Berkeley St 11:17 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 10th St / Colorado Ave 11:35 a.m.
Fraud 1600blk Berkeley St 12:12 p.m.
Fight 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 1300blk 6th St 12:46 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1100blk 26th St 12:47 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1000blk Arizona Ave 1:12 p.m.
Grand theft 1800blk 17th St 6:57 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 300blk Montana Ave 7:17 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 1000blk 14th St 7:24 p.m.
Threats /s 1400blk 7th St 7:32 p.m.
Battery 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 7:38 p.m.
Grand theft 1800blk 17th St 7:51 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 p.m.
Grand theft Stanford St / Broadway 7:56 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2nd St / Colorado Ave 8:06 p.m.
Burglary 800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:09 p.m.
Rape 1200blk 16th St 9:17 p.m.
Battery 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 35 CALLS ON MAY 8

Emergency Medical Service 800blk 7th St 12:23 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 3rd St 5:53 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:46 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Euclid St 6:47 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 6th St 7:17 a.m.
EMS 5th St / California Ave 7:19 a.m.
EMS 500blk 20th St 8:37 a.m.
EMS 800blk Woodacres Rd 8:50 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 800blk 15th St 9:26 a.m.
EMS 500blk Lincoln Blvd 10:20 a.m.
EMS 19th St / Michigan Ave 11:35 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 11:46 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 11:55 a.m.
EMS 1300blk Franklin St 12:07 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Colorado Ave 12:12 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 12:38 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 4th St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Hill St 1:48 p.m.
EMS 800blk 19th St 1:55 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 21st St 2:22 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 2:27 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 3:36 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Oak St 4:14 p.m.

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Draw Date: 05/07
3 6 34 54 63
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: $295 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 05/08
12 17 26 39 44
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: $43 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/08
2 18 19 29 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 05/08
Midday: 4 2 7

Draw Date: 05/08
Evening: 7 5 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 05/08
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2nd: 02 - LUCKY STAR
3rd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.0°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Old S swell drops. New long period SSW swell shows.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Long period SSW swell on the rise through the day.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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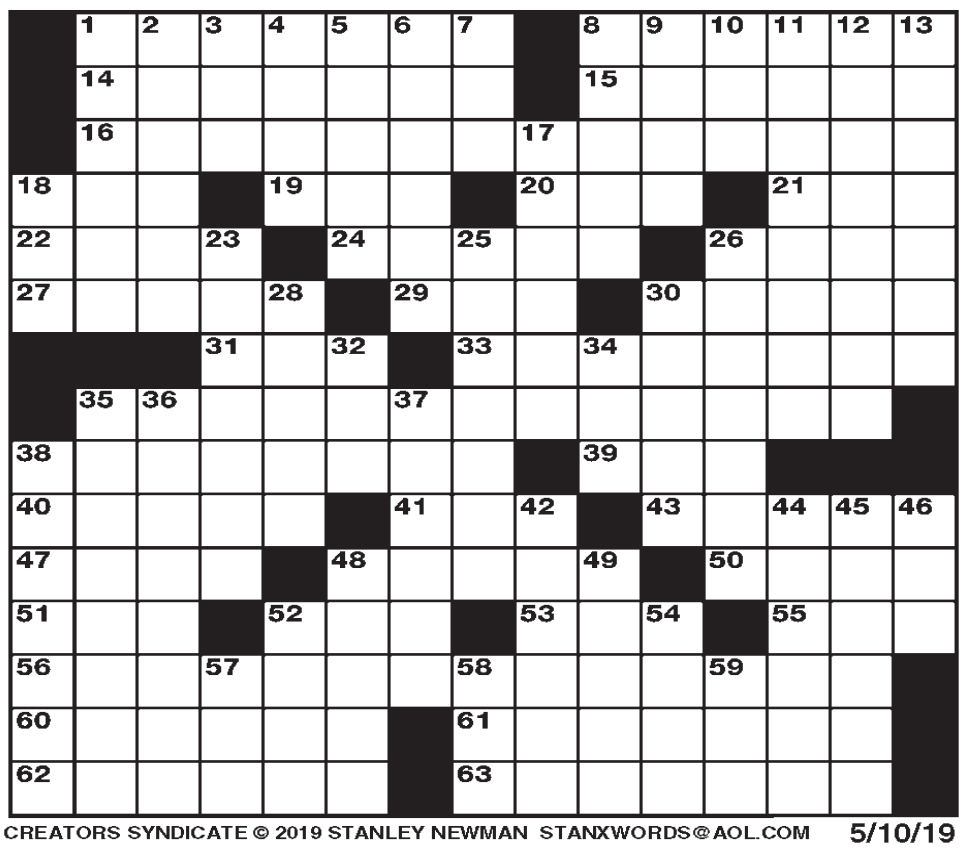
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Royal Air Force concern
8 Somewhat less than stellar
14 Briefly
15 Welty of novels
16 Cuba GOODing, Jr. film line
18 Dartmouth graduate degree
19 GPS reading
20 Lets pass
21 Some tablets
22 Math branch
24 Much-honored architect
26 What some tables are made of
27 Foolish talk
29 Monk's title
30 Risky situation
31 Cartoony "That hurts!"
33 Puccini opera
35 Charles GOODyear discovery
38 Source of "avatar" and "guru"
39 Radio frequency meas.
40 Nonmainstream, as movies
41 Crossed (out)
43 Family ride
47 Regimen
48 Cutoff point
50 What a collar covers
51 YMCA course
52 Clatter
53 47 Across stat
55 Foolish talk
56 Benny GOODman's nickname
60 Certain hand-wipe
61 Condo buyer, perhaps
62 Had too much of
63 Thrown weapon

DOWN
1 Oust, legally
2 Depict as angelic
3 Schwarz of toydom
4 "Take that away!"
5 Request for one's stir-fry
6 Worked on a watercraft
7 MIT summer setting
8 Not at all cool
9 Jamaican exports
10 Hubbub
11 First *Jeopardy!* announcer
12 Skyline structure
13 Product obtained from seawater
17 Persian Gulf strait
18 End of Chaucer's century
23 Takes a chill pill
25 Brisk seller
26 Inhabitant
28 "Social contract" philosopher
30 Ways to go
32 Considerably
34 Force (through)
35 Suddenly gone
36 Data recovery command
37 Disallowing
38 Cassette tape conclusion
42 Don't agree
44 Fixed a toe, say
45 Orbital extreme
46 Goalie's place
48 Fine shirt fabric
49 Sense of tact
52 Natural history museum exhibit
54 Exact match
57 Humbled and horizontal
58 www.aspca.__
59 Shelter made of money



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10)

You show up to handle things. Or you just show up, and then life gives you new things to handle. Because you're bold and public about being ready for anything, you'll quickly find the people and jobs most suited to you. The words that best characterize this solar return are: industrious, collective and fulfilling. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 2, 22 and 28.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can see the flaws, but only a spoilsport would be quick to point them out. You hang back, cool and observant. Some people are still having fun trying to believe, and what's the harm in that?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are days to meander, thus increasing your chances for inspiration, felicity and novelty, and days when meandering will disproportionate increase your desire to stay the course (today).

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When you get too caught up in small details that don't matter, it will set off alarms in your head that say you might be playing too small. Pay attention to bigger things and the alarms subside.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's said that when one door closes other opens. Since 90 percent of the doors you walk through will be opened or closed by your own hand on the knob, don't wait around for any of that nonsense.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't always do things for the money. In fact, for you to get involved, there have to be at least two other good reasons beyond the financial. If the proposed line of action will lead to a better story, you're likely to take it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). On some level, it's good to be among people who make you feel uncomfortable. In that environment, you'll learn very fast and in ways that couldn't be duplicated in any other setting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many minds on the problem make excellent solutions more likely. If the others are thinking big, try thinking small. If they are thinking fantastical, think practical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Doing what's fair and doing what's correct are often the same action. Not always. Today shows you an instance where following the rules and the "correct" way is actually biased and unfair.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though wishing can't make it so, much that is so began with a wish. Spend time with people who follow through and you'll be inspired to do the same.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While it may feel momentarily great to be the smartest person in the room, it's a sign that you're in the wrong room. Go where you can learn something from the others. You'll thrive in environments that challenge you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's so much that can be solved with proper sleep that it could be a major waste to apply any other fix before the right amount of rest and relaxation has been achieved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Honesty is an expensive emotional investment. You have to be rich in integrity to be honest, and have deep pockets of courage, too, because it's risky to tell people what they might not want to hear.

Lunar Squares Highlight Rejection Risk

With the confrontational lunar square to Uranus and then Mercury, socializing can be scary. It is natural to avoid rejection, but in doing so the best things in life get avoided simultaneously. Life's magic happens not despite the risk of rejection but because of it. Risk is so essential to the story that without facing some kind of stakes, there is no story.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: Just as a candle loses nothing by lighting another candle, you'll share without depleting yourself. TAURUS: Under what circumstances would you agree to a date? List them, remember them and uphold them. GEMINI: Your secret? You make it incredibly easy for people to love you. CANCER: Incuriousness and loneliness go hand in hand. Your drive to understand others is a balm to their soul. LEO: It takes confidence to initiate conversation and will count for much more than just responding well to another person's advances. VIRGO: You're gaining social command with awareness of things like your resting face and the way your body language supports your social intentions. LIBRA: Address the other person's objections and concerns right up front. It's a way to get closer. SCORPIO: The standout experiences include a touch of mystery. This will count for major points with you. SAGITTARIUS: You want to make an impression – to overwhelm the senses – but not to the point of tiring the other person out. CAPRICORN: Taking turns is an important part of the relationship. There's beauty in the rhythm of this. AQUARIUS: You'll give before the other person knows they even want it. PISCES: You keep conversation starters in your social bag. Leave the subject line open and the conversation gets really interesting.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

The award for most romantic couple goes to Taurus and Leo. Even though Leos are known for their love of the spotlight, when Taurus is in the picture the cat swivels that focus to make Taurus the star – attention the bull appreciates. The danger is that Taurus will come to expect the established level of adoration, so Leo should be careful not to set a standard that will be difficult to uphold. Write to Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis@gmail.com.

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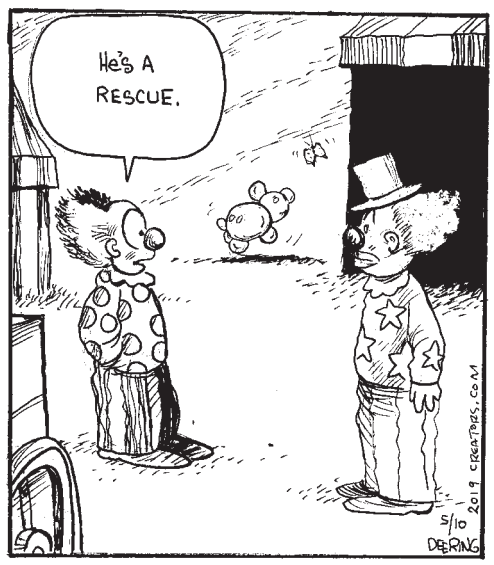
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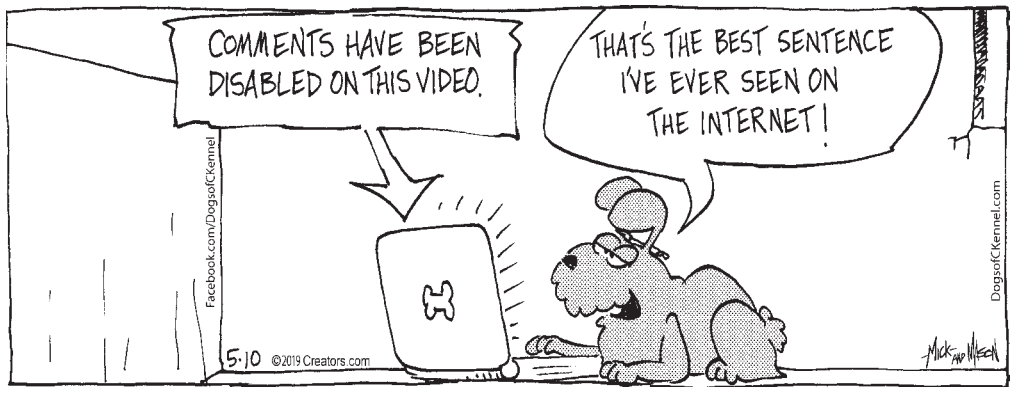
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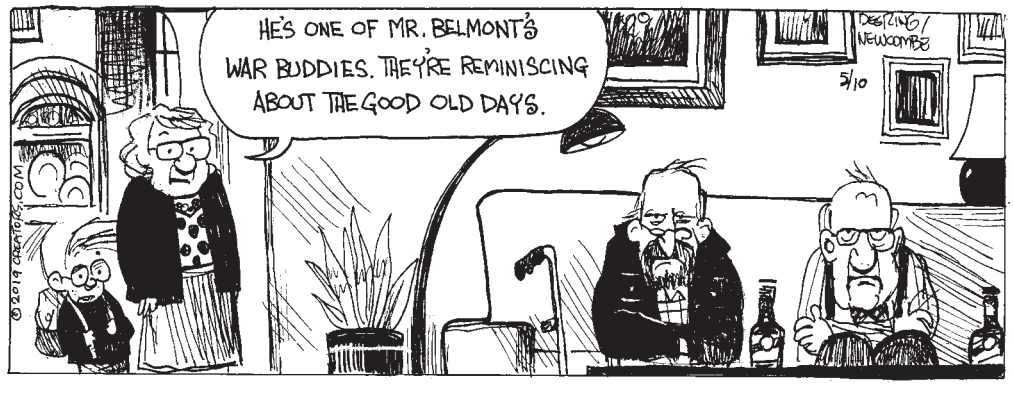
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California governor proposes $213B state spending plan

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California Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed a $213 billion state budget Thursday that boosts spending on K-12 education, wildfires and homelessness while putting more money toward state reserves and debt.

The revised budget is up $4.5 billion from his first proposal in January and maintains a $21.5 billion surplus, the state's largest in at least 20 years.

His announcement kicks off negotiations with lawmakers, who must pass a budget by June 15 or lose pay.

Newsom is proposing $150 million more in grants to communities to help the homeless than he did in January, as well as $40 million to public colleges and universities to help homeless students. He's also added $20 million to help renters facing eviction.

"This homeless issue is out of control," Newsom said. "It is a stain on the state of California."

Newsom echoed themes of his predecessor, former Gov. Jerry Brown, as he highlighted the importance of saving money for a future recession and paying down debt. He has proposed boosting the state's "rainy day" fund to $16.5 billion and for the first time putting about $400 million toward an education reserve fund.

While the state is flushed with cash now, Newsom warned the good times may not continue. He projected revenues would be down by several billion in future years.

"The headwinds are real," he said.

Newsom is boosting spending in some key areas, but his new budget is unchanged in many ways from January. He has already proposed new spending to expand health care for young immigrants living in the country illegally, prevent and fight wildfires, spur more housing and boost early child care programs.

He wants to add a new tax on drinking water while taking away taxes on tampons and diapers, though he's only proposed that tax cut for two years. Democratic lawmakers wanted it to continue for at least five.

The governor also proposed a tax increase to bolster the state 911 system. Such increases would create a long-term, sustainable pot of money, he said.

Newsom has until June 30 to sign a spending plan that will cover the fiscal year beginning July 1.

He is facing pressure from lawmakers and outside groups to unleash the historic surplus.

Democrat Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer has asked for $100 million for youth development and pre-arrest diversion programs for children under 18.

Democratic Sen. Anna Caballero, who represents many Central Valley communities without clean water, has a proposal to tap surplus from water infrastructure improvements rather than enacting a new tax.

Gun control groups have asked for $39 million toward violence prevention, and some lawmakers have proposed expanding health care to all immigrants living in the state illegally rather than just those up to age 26.

Newsom is also poised to suggest other new spending.

In April, following the deadly shooting at a San Diego-area synagogue, he vowed to spend $15 million on grants for security enhancements at nonprofits vulnerable to hate crimes. On Tuesday, he unveiled a "parents' agenda" complete with hundreds of millions of dollars in new spending on child care, paid family leave and tax credits for families with children under 6.

About $147 billion of the budget comes from the state's general fund, the pot of money that Newsom and lawmakers can spend however they choose. The rest is in special and bond funds dedicated to specific purposes.

Associated Press writer Kathleen Ronayne contributed.

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