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Letter carriers help deliver to those in need with Stamp Out Hunger campaign





Courtesy photos

MAIL: **Postal workers will collect food donations this Saturday for delivery to a local food bank.**

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

After you drop off that letter you're sending home to Ma this weekend, be sure to leave out food items to donate at the mailbox, too, because the 26th annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is happening this Saturday, May 12.

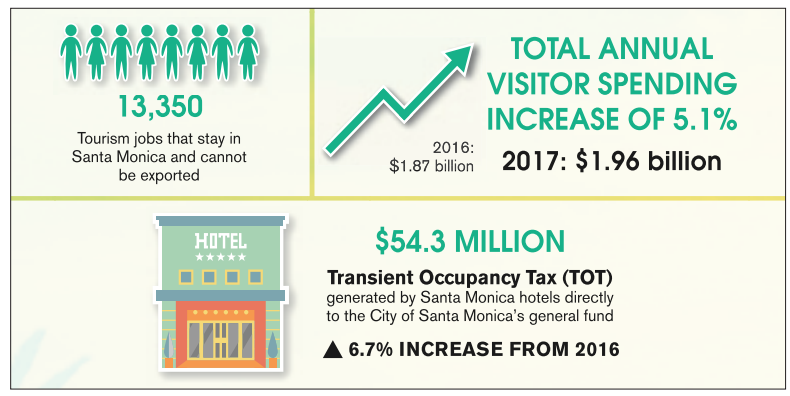
Stamp Out Hunger is the largest single-day food drive in the nation, racking up 75 million pounds of food nationwide last year for those in need.

"It's a community-wide effort to help people that may be down on their luck or having some problems," Tim Thornton, Santa

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International visitors boost local tourism industry



Courtesy image

ECONOMY: **The local tourism economy improved last year.**

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The local tourism industry continued to grow in 2017, with 8.7 million visitors spending an average of 1.36 days in Santa Monica, a 3.6 percent increase over 2016. Visitor spending increased five percent, nearing the $2 billion mark, with the average visitor spending $166 a day, according to statistics provided by Santa Monica Travel and Tourism (SMTT).

"International visitation to Santa Monica grew by 12 percent last year…research continually shows that international visitors are likely to stay longer at a destination, they spend more money and they, unlike us in California, use public transportation," said SMTT's President and CEO Misti Kerns. "To get around Santa Monica they don't need a car."

SMTT found 83 percent of visi-

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Santa Monica moves to control staffing costs

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The city's human resources department will develop a formal compensation philosophy to guide labor negotiations after reviewing an independent audit of Santa Monica's public employee salaries. The City Council also asked staff members to increase transparency online by breaking down how much employees are paid and their benefits.

The report by accounting firm Moss Adams found the city's senior leadership makes about 15 percent more than the median when compared to peers: an average of $215,000 a year compared to $188,000 per year. The city's average wages ranked seventh among eleven nearby cities. The study compared Santa Monica's public worker benefits with Anaheim, Beverly Hills, Burbank, Culver City, El Segundo, Glendale, Inglewood, Pasadena, Redondo Beach, Santa Barbara and Torrance.

The new strategies to control rising staffing costs come after

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: **2019 14th Street and 1530 Pico Blvd. Demolition Projects**. The Project encompasses the following Scope of Work:

- At 1530 Pico Blvd., demolish the existing 1-story, approximately 1,750 sf, including slab on grade and concrete block wall. Phase 1 Report indicates asbestos tile flooring and hot water piping insulation. All utilities shall be terminated and capped. Existing parking lot to remain. Connect utilities (water, electric) to 24' x 60' construction trailer to be installed by others, under Contractor agreement. Stripe parking lot for 9 spaces per plan. Total site area is approximately 11,250 sf.

- At 2019 14th Street, demolish 2 separate buildings, including slabs on grade (foundations to remain) at 1-story, 26' high, 1,300 sf single family home, and 2-story, 26' high, 12,114 sf building. Phase 2 Report indicated asbestos throughout flooring, ceiling, etc. The existing parking lot on site shall remain. All utilities shall be terminated and capped, coordinate with utility companies, as needed. This property is approximately 43,520 sf or 1 acre. Install new fencing, walls and/or trellis to 6' height, surrounding property, as needed. Install 33" high Solar Bollard Light, ten (10) total, per plan, approximately 30' apart.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 1:00 PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2018, at which time said bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after this time will be returned unopened.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN. FAX OR EMAIL PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

1. Contractors License Classification. Contractor is required to have a Class A or B license at the time of bid submission.

2. Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506). The District has established a Labor Compliance Program ('LCP") pursuant to Labor Code §1771.5. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.

3. The Contractor and its subcontractors must be registered with the **Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)** pursuant to Labor Code §1725.5 to be qualified. Bids submitted by contractors not registered with the DIR will be rejected as non-responsive.

4. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60)** days after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

5. Job-Walk. The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on Friday, May 25, 2018, beginning at 11:00 am. Bidder's attendance at the Job Walk is mandatory**. Bidders are to meet at the DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 for conduct of the Job Walk. The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.

6. Substitute Security. Pursuant to California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this Contract.

7. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees on Tuesday, July 3rd, 2018 to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest priced responsive Bid Proposal.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, May 11

Citizenship Classes
An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222. ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hurray for Mommies!
Join us for a mommy and me story time and craft! Make a special pop-up card for Mother's Day. Limited space, tickets available 15 minutes before. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Vegan Food Tasting at Santa Monica Beach
Let your taste buds explore everything the Vegan world has to offer: food tasting, wine tasting, vegan clothing, vegan shoes, vegan makeup, and a vegan car company. 1550 PCH. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. $20

Unnecessary Evil – Stand Up Comedy
An award winning stand up comedy show (CBS Los Angeles & LA Weekly's top 10 Stand Up Shows in Los Angeles) featuring 5 of the country's top comedians and special guests. Past special guests include: Howie Mandel, Ali Wong, Kevin Nealon, Hannibal Buress, Hasan Minhaj, Demetri Martin, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Damon Wayans, Tone Bell, Ron Funches, and Laura Kightlinger. 1323-A 3rd Street. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. $14

Saturday, May 12

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. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SM Reads: An Afternoon with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
Author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston opens the 16th year of Santa Monica Reads with a discussion of Farewell to Manzanar and her connections to Santa Monica, and shares her thoughts on how the book and her family's story resonate in today's world. A book signing follows. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

The Story of David Ben-Gurion
Actor Arnold Weiss performs a dramatic reading of the historical play, The Little Giant: The Story of David Ben-Gurion, by Mark Weston, at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. On May 14, 1948, Ben-Gurion formally declared the establishment of the State of Israel and was the first to sign the Israeli Declaration of Independence, which he helped write. This year marks Israel's 70th Anniversary. Admission is free. 2 p.m. For more, call (310) 575-8273.

Sunday, May 13

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 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Dive Into Santa Monica Swimming Pools This Summer

A summer of fun awaits with recreational swimming available at the Annenberg Community Beach House, the Santa Monica Swim Center and the Lincoln Middle School Pool, in addition to public aquatics events for everyone to enjoy. Here are the details about each facility.

Annenberg Community Beach House Pool

Operated by the City of Santa Monica located just off the Pacific Coast Highway, the Beach House Pool is one of the remaining elements from the historic Marion Davies Estate. The pool opens seasonally to the public and hosts recreational swim in addition to aquatics events and swim lessons. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy, Santa Monica, CA 90402

Drop In: First come, first served. Day-of passes available from 9 a.m. and must be picked up by 11 a.m. Guests must be present at the window when purchasing drop-in passes.

Online Reservations: A limited number of reservations will be available starting at 7 a.m. 1-3 days in advance online via smgov.net/reserve. Account login required. Click ACTIVITIES, search keyword "ACBH POOL" and select an available date. Limit six pool passes and one parking reservation. Reservations must be picked up at 11 a.m.

Summer Pool Hours:
Pool Opening Weekend: May 26-28 and June 2-3, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Pool Opens Daily Beginning June 9 – September 3, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Fee: $10 Adult, $4 Youth (ages 1-17), $5 Seniors (60+)
For more information on the pool, parking and more, visit annenbergbeachhouse.com or call (310) 458-4904.

Santa Monica Swim Center

Operated by the City of Santa Monica and located on the Santa Monica College campus, the Santa Monica Swim Center boasts two heated pools – the Olympic-sized fitness pool and the splash pool with a maximum depth of 4.5 feet. Newly renovated locker rooms and showers are available at this facility. 2225 16th St., Santa Monica, CA 90405

Summer Pool Hours
June 9, 2018 – August 26, 2018
Recreational Swim: Monday – Sunday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
For swim enthusiast who enjoy diving boards and 25 yard and 50 meter long course swims, check santamonicaswimcenter.org/drop-in for hours of availability.
Fees: Santa Monica residents with valid photo ID and/or current utility bill pay half of the non-resident rate:
Santa Monica Residents*:
Child (ages 2–17) Drop-in: $1.50
Adult Drop-in: $3.50
Senior 60+ / Student Drop-in: $1.75
Drop In Family One-Day Weekend: $8 Includes two children and two adults
Full listing of fees available at santamonicaswimcenter.org/drop-in

Lincoln Middle School

Operated by the City of Santa Monica, the Lincoln Middle School Pool is heated with approximately 25 yards with six lanes. Locker rooms are available. 1501 California Ave.
Hours:
Lap Swim Only
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 5:30 a.m. – 7 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Fees: Same fees as the Santa Monica Swim Center. Santa Monica residents with valid photo ID and/or current utility bill pay half of the non-resident rate:
Santa Monica Residents:
Child (ages 2–17) Drop-in: $1.50,
Adult Drop-in: $3.50,
Senior 60+ / Student Drop-in: $1.75
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Special Public Aquatics Events at Santa Monica Pools this Summer:

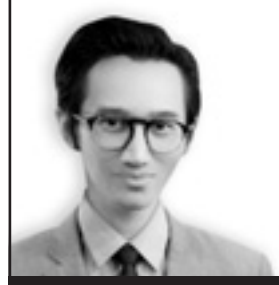
July 13, August 10, September 14 and October 12, 7 – 10 p.m.
Sunset Swim at the Annenberg Community Beach House
Adults can feel like kids again. Enjoy treats like s'mores or frozen fruit bars, and big pool floaties as the sun sets at this 18+ event. Same fees and rules for recreational swimming apply. No RSVP required.

June 21: Worlds Largest Swimming Lesson at Santa Monica Swim Center (1 - 2 p.m.) and Annenberg Community Beach House (7 – 8 p.m.). Partnering with TEAM WLSL™ Santa Monica Community Aquatics hosts a large group swim for Santa Monica residents to build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim to prevent drowning. Open only to Santa Monica residents ages 1-14 on a first come, first served basis. RSVP required via santamonicaswimcenter.org/learn-to-swim.

June 15, July 14 and August 10. 6:30 – 10 p.m.
Teen Night at the Santa Monica Swim Center
Teens rule the pool! Bring your friends and drop by for adult-free fun, with music, food, and games. No pre-registration needed. Same rules and fees for recreational swimming apply. Open to ages 12 - 19 years. No RSVP required.

June 16, July 14 and August 11, 1 - 3:30 p.m. Family Splash Days at the Santa Monica Swim Center
Join an afternoon of exciting fun-filled family activities. Picnics encouraged. Same fees and rules for recreational swimming apply. No RSVP required.

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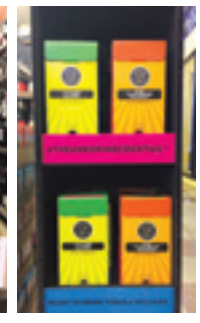
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Mom's Tiny Part in History

IN THE MANY YEARS SINCE SHE PASSED, my mother, Thelma Neworth, has gotten wiser. How? She once told me, "The first draft is always the hardest." I was in the 6th grade at the time so it didn't have much meaning. However, every week for the past six-hundred weeks, as I start these columns, I'm constantly reminded how right she was. (Be grateful you don't see the first draft.)

With two children, a hard-working husband and a comfortable middle-class life, my mother was a stay at home mom. She was a Cub Scout "Den Mother" and PTA President. But not for long.

At Temple Isaiah, she was selected to the board where she'd serve for over forty years. She was also "Social Action Chairwoman." In that role, she founded a Forum Series in which luminaries from many walks of life were invited to speak to the congregation.

The list of notables my mother picked up at LAX (or at a minimum, had dinner with to make notes for their introduction) included: Martin Luther King, Bobby Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt, journalist Daniel Shore, U.S. Senator Wayne Morris, anthropologist Margaret Mead and, my hero as I entered my teens, "Twilight Zone's" Rod Serling. (Yes, mom had definitely outgrown being a den mother.)

My parents were FDR Democrats (a lost term these days) so it was fitting that my mother helped start a local Democratic club and helped start others. But the biggest change was when she became Executive Secretary of the California Democratic Council (CDC). She was even put in charge of the seating at the 1960 Democratic Convention at the L.A. Sports Arena.

In that capacity, she interacted with the Kennedy's, LBJ, Hubert Humphrey, Adlai Stevenson and everybody who was anybody in the Democratic Party. She was also invited to JFK's lavish nomination celebration party at Peter Lawford's Santa Monica beach house. (That story, which tangentially involved Marilyn Monroe, would make a whole other column.)

Among my mother's less glamorous duties at CDC was to mentor three interns who would make history. The trio included Henry Waxman, who would become our Congressman for forty years; Howard Berman, a Congressman for 30 years; and Jerry Brown who was Governor in 1975 and, with many stops along the way, is Governor today. (Brown is the longest serving Governor in California history!)

Occasionally Jerry's name came up at the dinner table when my parents talked about their day. (Remember when families ate dinner together?) Young Jerry drove my mother crazy. The son of the sitting Governor, Pat Brown, Jerry wanted to hold that office asap. Albeit an extremely intelligent one, mom thought he was a brat. Yet drawn to him, she counseled that he should "pay his dues" and work his way up the ladder. She suggested he run for a local office and build his resume before he'd run for Governor, advice she was flattered he seemingly took.

We fast forward to 1992 and Jerry Brown is running for the Democratic Presidential nomination. Rick, a friend and neighbor at the Shores, was a volunteer at the Brown For President headquarters on Pico and 23rd. Often arrogant, he was, however, proud that Jerry knew him by first name.

Rick insisted that I join him on the beach in a jogging fundraiser for Jerry who would naturally be the main attraction. I could see how important it was to him so I reluctantly agreed. We began jogging in a big crowd with Jerry up front surrounded by security. At Rick's insistence, we worked out the way to Jerry and jogged alongside. Sure enough, Jerry said very enthusiastically, "Hi, Rick." (Rick should have left well enough alone.)

To impress me further, Rick responded, "Jerry, I'd like you to meet Jack Neworth." Jerry quickly asked, "Are you related to Thelma Neworth?" Surprised, I responded, "Well, yes, she's my mother."

Jerry stopped on a dime, causing a traffic jam of joggers. "I was an intern for your mom!" Jerry said excitedly. I resisted saying, "Actually, she thought you were a brat."

Hearing that my mother's health was failing, and seemingly teary-eyed, Jerry insisted, "After this go home, promise you'll call your mother and tell her I said hello." She was delighted when I told her as I could almost hear tears in her voice.

Jerry's fuss about my mother rained on poor Rick's parade. Not surprisingly, he never invited me to another rally. He was, however, a delegate at the 1992 Democratic convention and proudly cast a vote for Brown.

That's it for this week. Maybe next year on this holiday I will elaborate on that JFK nomination party at Lawford's house and how Marilyn Monroe figured into the equation.

In closing, to those celebrating mothers living and passed, have a very Happy Mother's Day! (Now I can finally delete that brutal first draft.)

To hear my mother introduce MLK in 1960, click here: http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Listen-to-MLK-s-Speech-at-Temple-Isaiah.html?soid=1101432446165&aid=p2BLUErIV5w/. **JACK** is at jackdailypress@aol.com

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Man Charged with Convenience Store Robbery

A 33-year-old man has been charged with robbing a convenience store at knifepoint and possessing drugs, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Redmond James O'Neal (dob 1/30/85) has been charged with six counts in case SA097989: one count each of second-degree robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a smoking device, possession of an injection/ingestion device and two counts of possessing a controlled substance.

The felony complaint includes a special allegation that the defendant personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, a knife, during the commission of the robbery.

The charging document also alleges O'Neal was previously convicted of possession of a controlled substance in jail in 2009 and possession of a firearm by a felon in 2015.

The defendant is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department W30 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Airport Branch. Prosecutors are asking that bail be set at $125,000.

On May 8, O'Neal allegedly armed himself with a knife, entered a Santa Monica convenience store and demanded cash from the clerk, prosecutors said.

Authorities were called and the defendant was arrested near the store, according to prosecutors. When police took O'Neal into custody, they reportedly discovered that the defendant was in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

If convicted as charged, O'Neal faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in state prison.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

SUBMITTED BY SARAH ARDALANI, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Malibu

Give the Gift of Life and Donate at Malibu's Annual Blood Drive

The City of Malibu is partnering with the American Red Cross to host the annual Malibu Blood Drive on Thursday, June 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at City Hall (23825 Stuart Ranch Road).

"As a professional firefighter, I can attest first-hand to the countless lives that are saved because regular people donate blood," said Mayor Rick Mullen. "There are not many ways you can make such a positive contribution to the community with so little effort, so I urge everyone to give blood."

The American Red Cross must be prepared to respond to patient emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Blood is needed for people of all ages and backgrounds and for various reasons including trauma victims, blood transfusions and chronic disease patients. Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. To avoid the possibility of a local blood shortage, become a donor and schedule your appointment today.

To make your life-saving appointment, or for more information, contact the Malibu Senior Center at 310-456-2489 ext. 357 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code "CityofMalibu."

SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MALIBU MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER

LOS ANGELES

Sick pelicans showing up along Southern California coast

A wildlife organization says there's been a surge in the number of sick and dying brown pelicans along the Southern California coast in the past week.

International Bird Rescue said Thursday that more than 25 pelicans have been brought to its wildlife center in the San Pedro district of Los Angeles.

The big birds are showing signs of emaciation, hypothermia and anemia. The organization did not cite a cause.

Wildlife center manager Kylie Clatterbuck says it's normal to receive recently fledged baby pelicans this time of year but the current wave includes many second-year birds.

The organization says there are many cases of pelicans landing on city streets, residential yards and airport runways.

A well-publicized incident occurred last week when two pelicans landed at Pepperdine University's graduation ceremony in Malibu.

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LOS ANGELES

Rap video, social campaign targets teen pot smokers

A new rap video aimed at Los Angeles-area teens depicts a common high school scene: young people hanging out at a party, empty beer cups strewn about and joints being fired up.

But instead of rapping about hook-ups and going to the club, the teens in the video warn those lighting up about the downside of marijuana in catchy lyrics like, "Girls won't think you're fly if your bank account is dry."

The video is part of a $2 million social media campaign launched Thursday by Los Angeles County officials who hope the use of teens helps deliver the message to their peers.

The campaign comes on the heels of marijuana legalization in California. Washington, Oregon, and Washington, D.C. have launched similar campaigns and Denver is planning one this summer.

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SACRAMENTO

More Californians shun registering with political party

More than a quarter of California voters aren't registered in a political party, making independents the fastest growing share of voters in the state.

Registration numbers released Thursday by the Secretary of State show that as of April, 4.73 million Californians are registered as 'no party preference,' up by 1 million voters since 2014.

Republicans are slightly ahead with 4.76 million registered voters, a slide of roughly 300,000 since 2014. That number is even down slightly from Republican totals in January, a poor sign for the party heading into the June 5 primary.

Forty-four percent of voters are Democrats, and the party grew by about 700,000 since 2014.

Republicans have been steadily losing ground in California and risk having no candidate on the November ballot for U.S. Senate or governor.

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nearly three years of scrutiny by the Council's Audit Subcommittee, a group of elected leaders and residents who oversaw the study by Moss Adams.

"This is probably the most comprehensive study of local government pay and benefits undertaken by any city in Southern California in the last decade," said City Manager Rick Cole at Tuesday's City Council meeting where Moss Adams presented their findings. "It is well beyond what most cities do."

The study found Santa Monica has a higher workload and higher costs for many programs and services. For example, the City Attorney's Office has a budget for 45 full-time employees, compared to an average of 19 among peer cities. Those employees write nearly 2,000 legal opinions a year, far more than the average of 347. It also received 82 lawsuits, compared to 19 lawsuits in the next highest city. The total operating cost for the City Attorney's Office is $10.9 million, compared with an average of $7.3 million among peers.

"Santa Monica's City Attorney's Office manages a unique caseload including consumer protection and criminal litigation, using primarily in-house employees. Most other City Attorney offices do not handle these cases, and typically outsource prosecution," the report said.

Cole said the 150-page report will provide a blueprint for making improvements and saving taxpayer money. Employee expenses make up about $332 million of Santa Monica's $508 million budget. The report found Santa Monica had the most employees out of all the cities.

In fact, Santa Monica and Pasadena were the only two cities in the study that employed more than 2,000 people - 2,293 and 2,218 respectively. Mayor Pro-Tempore Gleam Davis said they the city employs many positions that are contracted by peer cities.

"We believe that people who are working in our city and do good work should get the good wages and good benefits that public service brings," Davis said. Davis said the city should keep its progressive values in mind as it moves forward with hard economic decisions to control costs.

The study did not look the major issue all eleven cities share - ballooning pension and healthcare costs as retired workers live longer. The Moss Adams report suggests the city establish specific targets for funding its pension liability. Last year, the city contributed $45 million toward its long-term unfunded pension obligations for staff members under CalPERS. Pension costs make up approximately seven percent of the City's overall budget.

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VISITORS: Santa Monica Travel and Tourism provided its annual report this week.

TOURISM

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tors walked to get around Santa Monica once they arrived, a nearly 30 percent increase from 2010. International visitors make up about half the tourism market, with 13.9 percent coming from Australia, 8.3 percent from England, and 5.9 percent from Scandinavia. It's estimated an SMTT campaign in Australia alone generated 1,144 hotel bookings and $419,848 in revenue.

Tourism industry leaders had worried global politics could decrease the number of people vacationing in the United States. Last year, global approval of U.S. leadership under President Donald Trump hit a historical low of 30 percent, according to Gallup.

"Despite that uncertainty, Santa Monica continues to thrive," Kerns said. In fact, travel to the entire state expanded in 2017, bringing in $10.9 billion in tax revenue.

"Tourism brings economic prosperity to every region in California," said the CEO of Visit California Caroline Beteta, who addressed local leaders at an event at the Jonathan Club Wednesday.

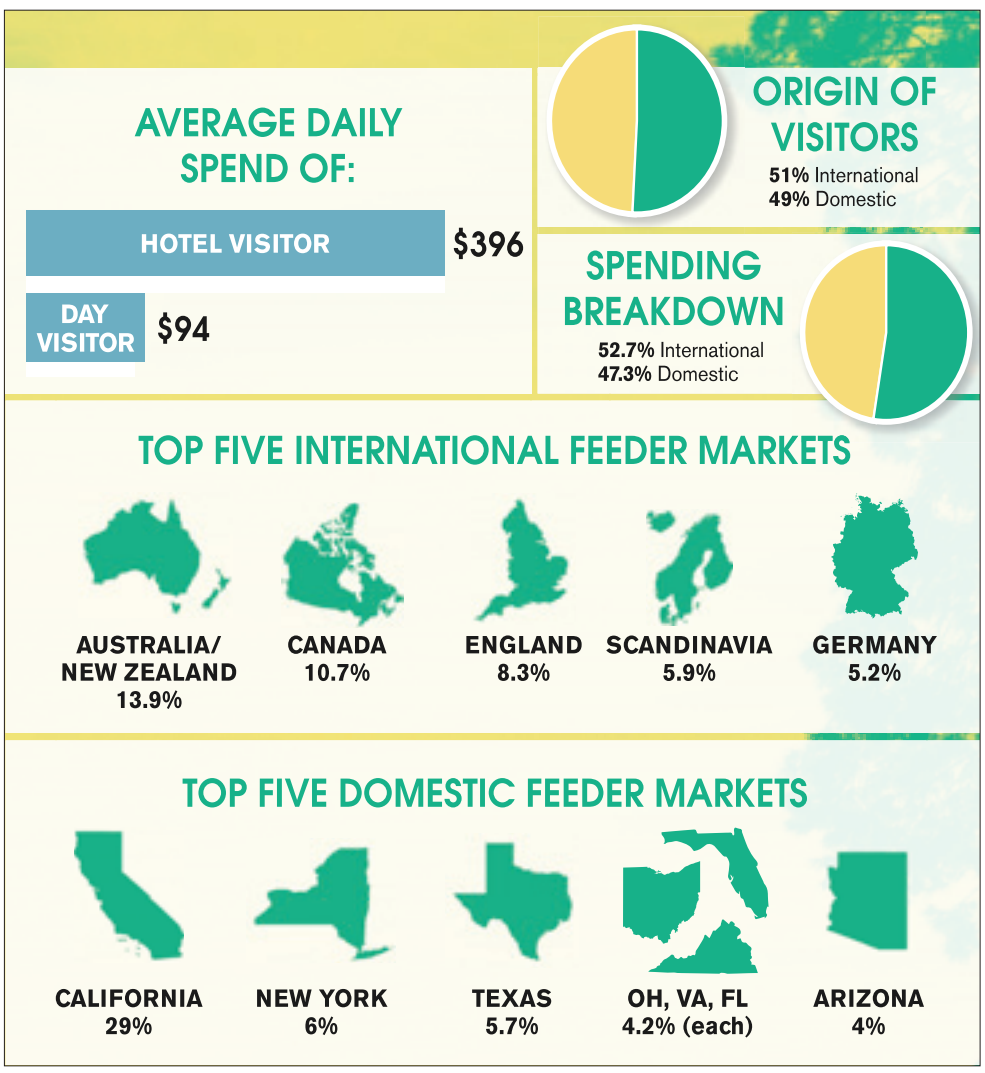
Despite receiving more tourists, Santa Monica was not immune from the "retail apocalypse" that has dented sales at brick-and-mortar stores across the United States. Retail sales tax revenue decreased 2.5 percent here in 2017, to $12.1 million.

Most of the local tourists were day visitors, with only about nine percent of visitors staying in Santa Monica hotels. Overnight guests accounted for about fifty percent of the spending, however, staying an average of three days and spending about $400 per day. Those visitors generated $54 million in hotel tax revenue to the city, up 6.7 percent from 2016.

Kerns said the local tourism industry supports about 13,000 jobs in Santa Monica.

SMTT is a non-profit organization that promotes Santa Monica as a travel destination. It has offices in key feeder markets like Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and India.

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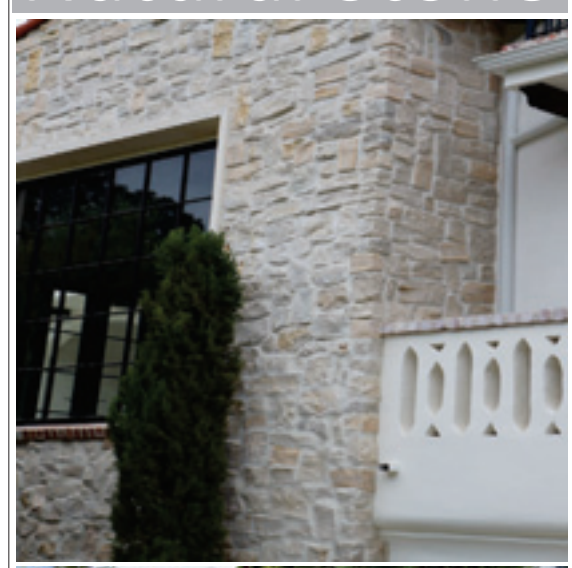
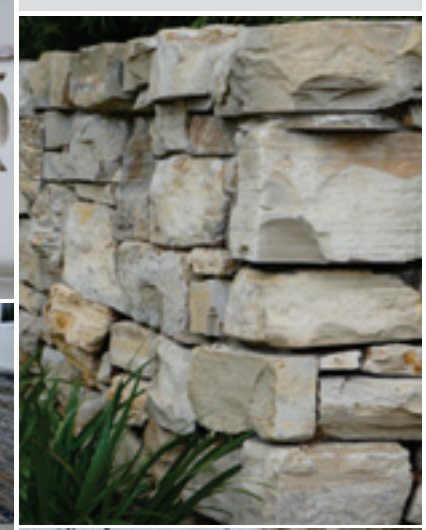
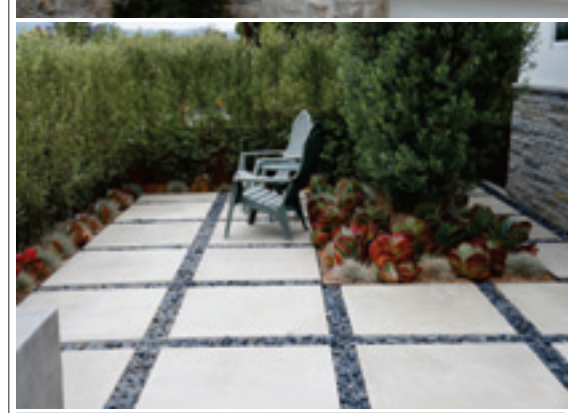
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TOURISTS: Australia/New Zealand and Canada are the largest international markets.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **63.3°**

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** waist to stomach high
waist to stomach high

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** knee to waist high
Lingering WNW swell. Small SW swell



CARRIERS

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Monica's NALC Steward says. Thornton has been with the post office since 1985 and has participated in the food drive since its inception in 1993. For the past 5 years, Thornton has helped coordinate the drive and continues to do so, saying he does it for the good of mankind. "The food that's collected stays in the community its collected in. So, you're literally helping out your neighbors, those in the city who might be having a hard time."

To donate, Thornton says all Santa Monica residents have to do is set out non-perishable food items by their mailbox as early as possible for their letter carrier (before 9 a.m. is a good time, Thornton says), and carriers will take those items to the Westside Food Bank.

Genevieve Riutort, Chief Development Officer for the Westside Food Bank, says Santa Monica residents donated over 130,000 pounds of food locally last year. This food drive is the most beneficial haul for the food bank, bringing in as much as 10,000 pounds of food within an hour of the drive.

Riutort adds that this time of year is crucial for donations as holidays are primarily the most popular times to donate. That leaves the rest of the year's food supplies as somewhat of a gamble at a time the food bank needs steady donations for those most vulnerable.

"We're making a real effort to feed as many children as we can over the summer," she says. "Thousands of kids get food from school and when school isn't in session, kids miss those meals. So we're looking for as many donations, easy quick meals, things to put into summer food bags for kids. We appreciate the community's support and hope folks donate food they'd want to feed their own families."

Riutort says summer food donations additionally aid their Veteran Lunch Bag and College Campus food programs.

Although the Westside Food Bank doesn't organize the event, they do receive the food. They welcome donations of all within date packaged foods, with a special need for: protein/energy bars, breakfast cereals, pop tarts, pull tab cans, grab and go items, microwaveable soups, and peanut butter.

For more information, visit http://www.stampouthungerfooddrive.us/

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 358 Calls For Service On May 9.

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

Bike theft 3100 block Wilshire 10:54 a.m.
Person down 2800 block Broadway 11:03 a.m.
Battery 2000 block Lincoln 11:06 a.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block Pico 11:08 a.m.
Domestic violence 20th / Pico 11:24 a.m.
Fraud 900 block Princeton 11:36 a.m.
Burglary 100 block Broadway 11:55 a.m.
Grand theft 600 block Santa Monica 12:07 p.m.
Identity theft 1000 block Pico 12:32 p.m.
Fight 900 block Ocean 12:29 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block 10th 12:49 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 17th 12:57 a.m.
Trespassing 900 block Lincoln 1:53 a.m.
Overdose 800 block 3rd 2:24 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1700 block 21st 3:14 a.m.
Burglar alarm 3100 block Pico 5:06 a.m.
Trespassing 2800 block Santa Monica 6:59 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block 4th 7:15 a.m.
Bike theft 800 block Ashland 7:28 a.m.
Battery 1600 block Santa Monica 7:49 a.m.
Loitering 2900 block 2nd 8:12 a.m.
Auto burglary 500 block Washington 8:45 a.m.
Battery 1500 block 2nd 9:02 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 9:16 a.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Arizona 9:48 a.m.
Child abuse 800 block Montana 9:49 a.m.
Auto burglary 500 block Washington 10:27 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 9th 10:46 a.m.
Prostitution 300 block Olympic 12:38 p.m.
Prostitution 1500 block 6th 12:38 p.m.
Threats 2900 block Main 1:00 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/ Colorado 1:53 p.m.
Petty theft 400 block Santa Monica 2:43 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 4th 3:15 p.m.
Drunk driving 600 block Pico 3:21 p.m.
Prowler 2400 block 4th 3:35 p.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block Ocean Park 3:53 p.m.
Trespassing 1800 block Wilshire4:02 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Oak 4:20 p.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 4th 4:23 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block Palisades Beach 4:47 p.m.
Bike theft 2800 block Ocean Park 5:33 p.m.
Hit and run 18th / Ashland 6:04 p.m.
Hit and run 2600 block Lincoln 6:20 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1200 block 10th 6:25 p.m.
Loud music 1100 block 11th 6:37 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th/ Wilshire 6:53 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 12th 7:35 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 37 Calls For Service On May 9.

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Emergency medical service 1800 block Lincoln 12:48 a.m.
EMS 200 block San Vicente 1:08 a.m.
EMS 800 block 3rd 2:24 a.m.
EMS 700 block 12th 2:37 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Ocean 3:23 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 4:07 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 10th 5:12 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 5:38 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 3rd 5:40 a.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 6:20 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Pico 7:03 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 8:30 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Broadway 11:04 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Lincoln 11:08 a.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block Pico 11:09 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Arizona 11:40 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 1:08 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block Ocean 2:09 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 3rd 5:08 p.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 5:39 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 6:09 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 6:10 p.m.
EMS 300 block Arizona 6:14 p.m.
Traffic collision 14th / Santa Monica 6:41 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Neilson 6:45 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 6:54 p.m.
EMS 200 block Bicknell 6:58 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Santa Monica 7:08 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block 6th 7:50 p.m.
EMS 200 block Arizona 8:06 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Pico 9:21 p.m.
EMS 800 block Ocean 10:18 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/9
11 16 38 50 69
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 257M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/8
8 15 39 64 67
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 45M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/9
4 7 28 37 41
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 13M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/9
18 27 30 32 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/9
MIDDAY: 6 9 1
Draw Date: 5/9
EVENING: 4 4 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/9
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:41.34

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1. a pet name.
2. the practice of using a pet name.
3. the use of forms of speech imitative of baby talk, especially by an adult.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Self Exam

■ Q: The heart is the hardest working muscle in the human body. Over the course of 24 hours, it generates enough energy to drive a semi-truck how many miles?

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b) 9
c) 18
d) .05

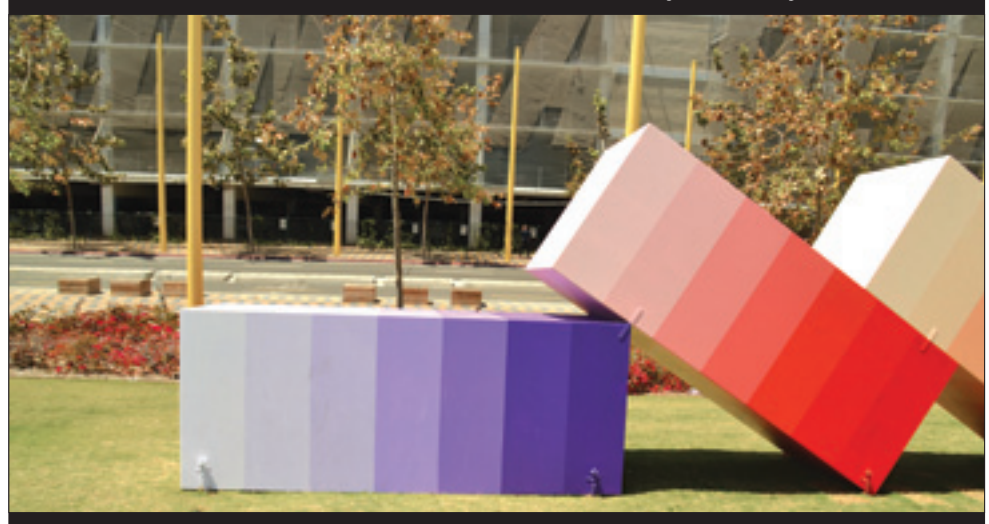
■ A: c) 18 miles. Over an average lifetime, that's equivalent to driving to the moon and back, or roughly 477,800 miles.

Curtain Calls

■ The famed Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe died in 1601 from complications of a burst bladder after refusing to leave a dinner table to relieve himself because it would have been a breach of etiquette.

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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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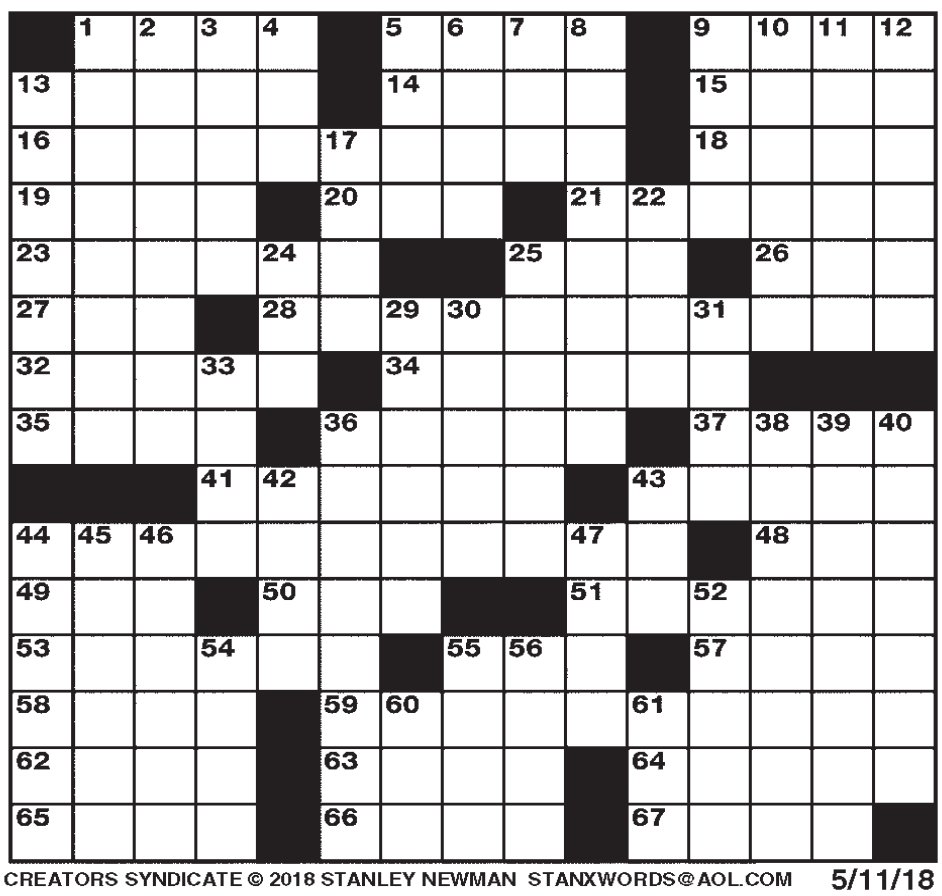
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 False show
5 Bit of a nest
9 Cop show broadcasts
13 Birch of *American Beauty*
14 Field trip of a sort
15 Humdrum
16 THIS IS NOT A DRILL
18 Bound bundle
19 Scandinavian port
20 Groan of disgust
21 Title character portrayer in *Ghost*
23 Rug city of Iran
25 Sound of success
26 DC-based alliance
27 Get dressed (up)
28 THIS IS NOT A DRILL
32 Portray
34 Secure for a project
35 Ivy League nickname
36 Be a temp
37 Brewery buy
41 Finds culpable
43 Snowy
44 THIS IS NOT A DRILL
48 Bylaw, briefly
49 Unified
50 Patch of pitch
51 Spinning
53 Sent regrets, perhaps
55 Sound of "Silence!"
57 Last Stuart monarch
58 THIS COULD BE A DRILL
59 THIS IS NOT A DRILL
62 Mag presenting Style Awards
63 Busy working
64 German for 43 Across
65 Frat letter
66 Inclined path
67 Exam for some srs.

DOWN
1 Sacagawea, e.g.
2 Roughneck
3 Strong spirit
4 Scratch or dent
5 Roughneck
6 Also starring
7 Presidential nickname
8 Big name in Jazz Age music
9 Big name in disco music
10 Take advantage of
11 Author admired by Proust
12 Exclamation of frustration
13 Country/western dance
17 Strong spirit
22 Part of VFW
24 Well-put
25 Oscar winner as Disraeli (1929)
29 Goethe's home
30 Get into
31 Make a deep impression
33 *Power Lunch* airer
36 Diner amenity
38 Maharajah Lounge operator
39 Least forgiving
40 People on lanes
42 Guitar ancestor
43 56 Down follower
44 Montezuma's captor
45 Loafer liner
46 Uprising
47 Sounds gratified
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54 Response to a charge
55 Slight of girth
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61 Hole punch



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 11)

There will be glamour and excitement to boast of, but that's not the good part. Your willingness to offer up compassion, steer clear of gossip, and participate in efforts that focus on the highest and best resonance of humanity that will elevate you. Life changing commitment in September. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 4, 8, 11 and 26.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
To display riches and titles with pride leads to downfall. But letting people know what you do isn't about pride now, it's about making a sale. Ultimately you want to improve lives, which you can't do if you don't get the sale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Be comfortable and happy. The losses are temporary — so are the gains. If you rise high enough above the situation, you'll notice that even the most permanent-seeming losses and gains are relatively insignificant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You will have absolutely no problem coming up with a new idea. The hardest part will be believing this, which you must. Otherwise it will be impossible to pry your mind from the old idea. Just let it go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You'd love to exceed expectations in all areas of life, but this is not only an unreasonable thing to ask of yourself, if you were to achieve it you'd annoy all around you. Success comes from choosing one area to master.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Once you find what works, you have to ask yourself if you really need to keep all the rest. You tell yourself that you'll use it from time to time, but will you really? You're extremely efficient, after all. Maybe you should liberate the excess.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
There are doors in your mind that open into places you really don't need to go, maybe ever, but certainly not today. So if you find yourself standing on the threshold, your hand resting nonchalantly on the knob, think better of it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Make your goal public. This will be scary, mainly because it sets up some accountability that you'll probably only appreciate when you finally make it to your goal. That's the same reason it will be effective

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You know what's universally liked? Noting and no one. If it's great, it's attracting attention both positive and negative. So don't read the comment section until you've executed your vision your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Before you extend a topic of conversation or post on a subject, you ask yourself how it's going to impact others. Quite simply, if they're not going to feel or be better for it, you'll find another direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
This isn't right for every day, but the best way to deal with stress today is to avoid it entirely. Consider building your day differently from the ground up so that you really don't even have to participate in that stressful situation.

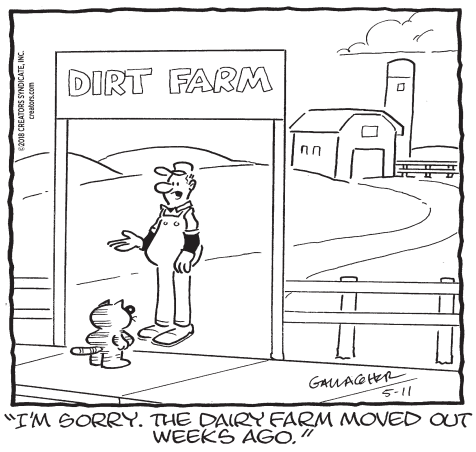
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You'll really enjoy imagining a fantasy future in vivid detail - the one you want, of course, not the one you don't. Why would you make that mistake? Many do, but not you. Not today!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
With all the choices out there, it would be wrong to assume others have the same influences as you. People who seem to have similar tastes and interests will surprise you with how varied their taste can be.

Trine of the Sun and Pluto

Indoor plumbing, hot dinners in five minutes, clean clothes at the touch of a button... yesterday's amazements are now commonplace. Today's amazements like self-driving cars and and conversational robots will soon be just as ordinary. The sun/Pluto trine focuses on amazements that never go out of style: genuine connection and feeling.

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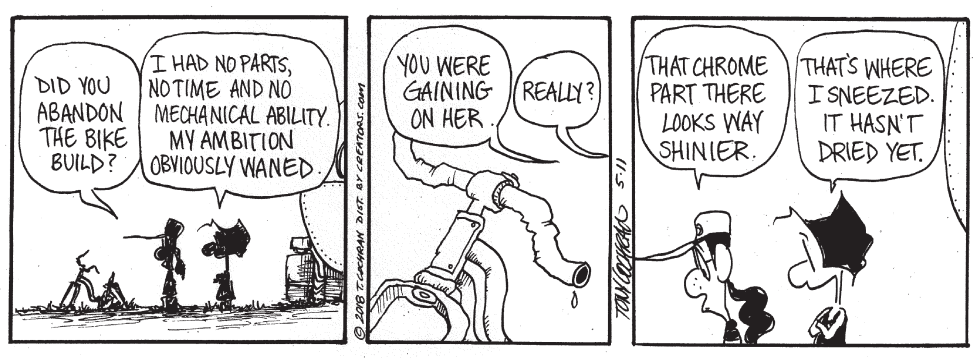


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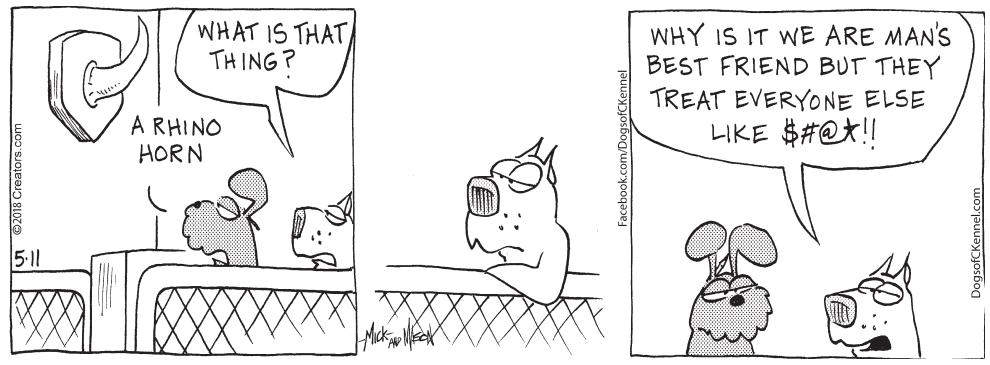
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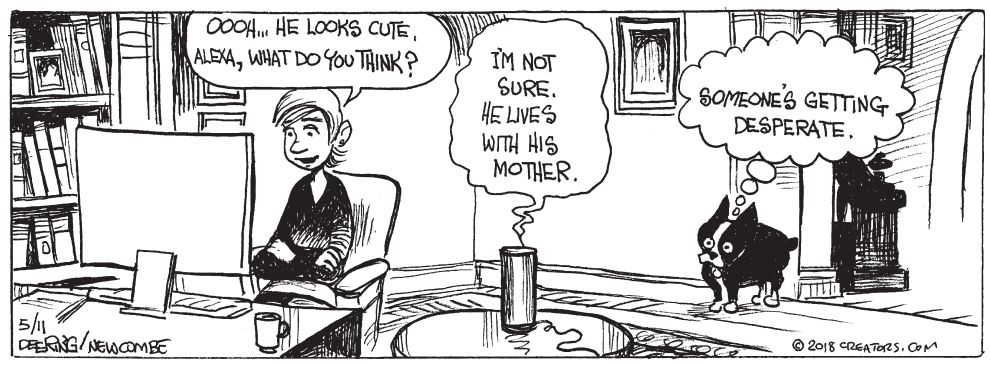
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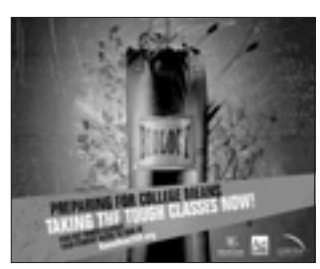
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Flower town grapples with blossoming pot industry's stench

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

This picturesque coastal town cradled by mountains and sandy shores is a scene out of a Southern California postcard. Residents of Carpinteria say they feel lucky to live in what they consider a slice of paradise.

But change is in the air. And sometimes, they say, it stinks.

That's because marijuana has become a new crop of choice in the farmlands surrounding this tight-knit community of 14,000, which has long helped fuel the U.S. cut flower industry.

Residents say a thick, skunk-like odor from the marijuana plants settles over the valley in the evenings and before dawn. To keep out the stench, they have tried stuffing pillows under doors, lighting incense and shutting windows, a reluctant choice since it also keeps out the cool ocean breezes that are part of the town's allure.

"We don't want a marijuana smell," said Xave Saragosa, a 73-year-old retired sheriff's deputy who was born and raised in the town and lives near a greenhouse that grows marijuana. "We want fresh air."

Saragosa said the odor pervades his hillside home at night and keeps his wife up coughing.

Carpinteria, about 85 miles (137 kilometers) from Los Angeles, is in the southeast corner of Santa Barbara County, a tourist area famous for its beaches, wine and temperate climate. It's also becoming known as a haven for cannabis growers.

The county amassed the largest number of marijuana cultivation licenses in California since broad legalization arrived on Jan. 1 — about 800, according to state data compiled by The Associated Press. Two-thirds of them are in Carpinteria and Lompoc, a larger agricultural city about an hour's drive to the northwest.

Virtually all of Carpinteria's licenses are for small, "mixed-light" facilities, which essentially means greenhouses.

The result is a large number of licenses but small total acreage. Only about 200 acres of the county's farmland is devoted to marijuana, compared with tens of thousands sown with strawberries and vegetables, said Dennis Bozanich, who oversees the county's marijuana planning.

The area's greenhouses have their roots in Carpinteria's cut flower industry, which was sapped after the U.S. government granted trade preferences to South American countries in the 1990s to encourage their farmers to grow flowers instead of coca, the plant used to make cocaine.

In an ironic twist, some California flower growers weary of import competition have started trying to grow cannabis, a plant that, like coca, is deemed illicit by the federal government. Others have sold their greenhouses to marijuana investors.

"We have literally no carnation production in the United States any longer because South America grows them so cheaply," said Kasey Cronquist, chief executive of the California Cut Flower Commission. "Farmers had to move crops, and that is what we have seen happen over time — they've gone to crops that are more valuable or more difficult for Ecuador and Colombia to ship."

Domestic cut flower growers saw their share of the U.S. market drop to 27 percent in 2015 from 58 percent in 1991. Sales of imported cut flowers grew to more than $1 billion during the same period, according to data compiled by the commission.

Greenhouses that once produced flowers are seen as ideal for marijuana. In Carpinteria's climate, the greenhouses heat and cool easily and inexpensively, and the plants thrive. It takes only about three months to grow cannabis in pots of shredded coconut husks, so farmers can get multiple harvests each year.

In the hills of the so-called Emerald Triangle of Northern California, where most of the state's pot is grown, there is a single harvest each year.

Some farmers see cannabis as a plant that can help preserve the area's farming culture, said Mollie Culver, a consultant for the Cannabis Business Council of Santa Barbara County. Many growers live locally and welcomed the county's recently crafted regulations requiring odor abatement, she said.

"Santa Barbara isn't like cannabis run amok," said Jared Ficker, a partner at advocacy group California Strategies who consults with local cannabis growers. "It is actually the most compliant market we've seen in the state."

Some residents said the stench has decreased in recent months as some growers installed systems aimed at reducing the smells. Others said the problem persists.

The county passed rules in February requiring growers to submit odor abatement plans and designate a representative to handle complaints. They are expected to take effect in some county areas this year and in Carpinteria following a review by state coastal regulators.

Californians voted to legalize marijuana in 2016, but counties and cities have a say on whether they allow cannabis production, distribution or sales.

Even before the ballot measure, Santa Barbara County recognized a number of farmers were growing marijuana to supply the state's medical market. So officials started looking at establishing odor, security and other rules.

"We have a lot of people who are interested in being compliant and getting into the regulated market," Bozanich said. "If we can continue that kind of relationship where they're going to stay in the regulated market," it will be easier to target and eliminate black market growers, he said.

All of the county's licenses are to grow medical marijuana, Bozanich said, though the state allows some crossover into the adult market.

In Carpinteria, some residents worry property values will fall if the town keeps reeking of pot. They hope the smell will fade as more growers install odor control systems and those who don't are shut down.

Toni Stuart, an 80-year-old retired Episcopal priest, said the odor doesn't creep into the area near the beach where she lives, but she worries about the community changing.

"I would not like Carpinteria to be the 'cannabis capital' of Southern California. I like it the way it is. It's a very quiet, unpretentious beach town," she said.

"If people want to grow cannabis instead of flowers or avocados or macadamia nuts — I suppose that's their right. But they've got to think about their neighbors."



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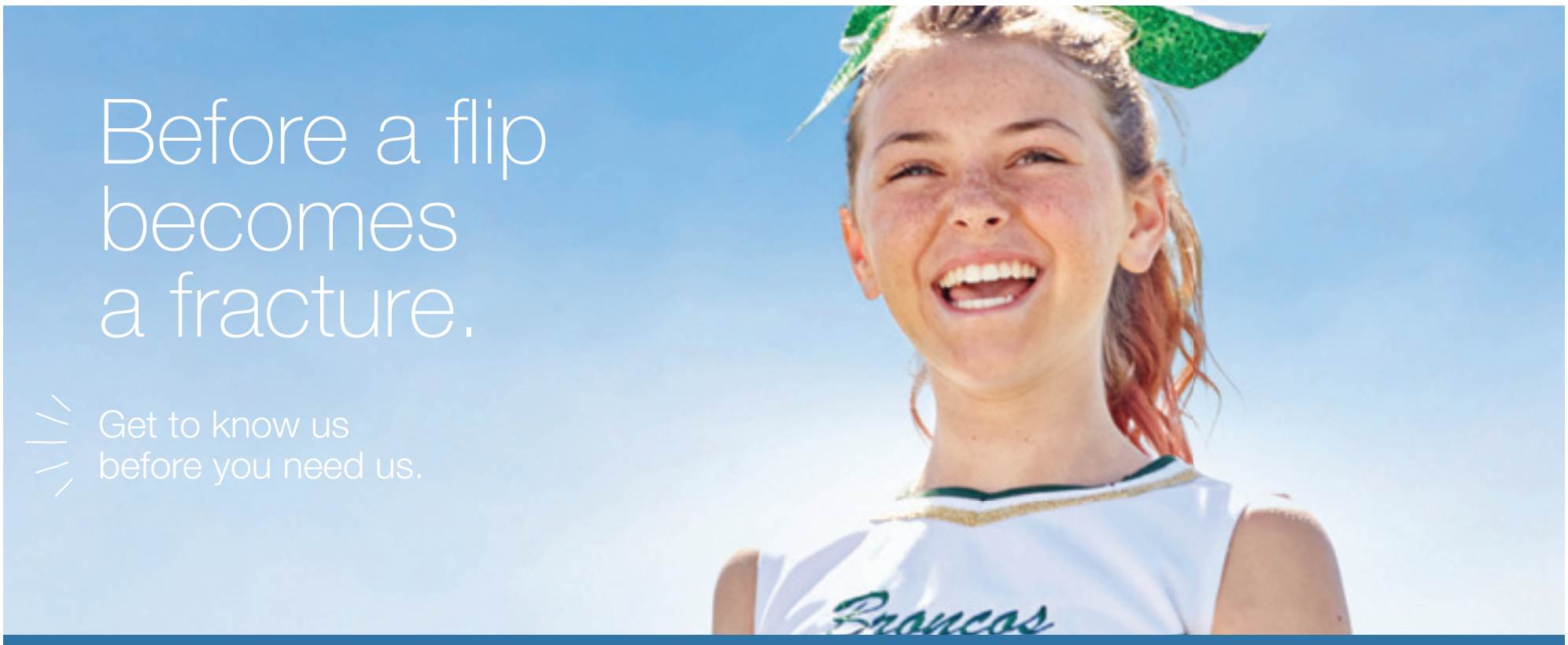
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