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Council pushes for aggressive street safety plan

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City Council is pushing for new ways to increase pedestrian and bicycle safety in Santa Monica after a spate of pedestrian deaths.

"When a fatality happens, it is a burden that rests on the shoulders of the leaders of the city," Councilmember Terry O'Day said at Tuesday night's City Council meeting where staff addressed pedestrian safety.

While many speculated distracted driving might be the cause of the fatality spike – five pedestrians have been hit and killed by cars

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Letter Carriers go above and beyond

MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will host their annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive this Saturday, May 13.

This is the largest food drive in the nation and began in 1993. Over the course of the 24-year history, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has collected well over one billion

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Helicopter crew warns paddle-boarders about nearby sharks

By The Associated Press

A sheriff's helicopter crew warned a group of paddle-boarders to get out of the ocean after spotting more than a dozen great white sharks along the Southern California coast.

Video posted online by the Orange County Sheriff's Department shows a school of sharks swimming near several people in the water Wednesday at Dana Point.

"You are paddle-boarding next to approximately 15 great white sharks," Deputy Brian Stockbridge announced over the helicopter loudspeaker to people in the water. "They are advising you exit the water in a calm manner. The sharks are as close as the surfline."

Advisories were posted for beaches up and down Southern California after shark sightings this week — including at San Onofre State Beach, where a woman was bitten by a shark April 29. She is recovering from wounds to part of her upper thigh

Sightings are not uncommon along the coast, but attacks are rare.

Fire Capt. Cameron Abel of the Marine Safety Unit in Long Beach said the increase in shark sightings was similar to an influx seen at this time last year.

Marine safety officials have attributed the activity to a "thriving aquatic ecosystem" in the area and estimated that 10 to 20 juvenile sharks swam near Long Beach daily.

The sharks "were around most of the summer," Abel told the Los Angeles Times. "We'd spot them periodically . and toward the end of the summer, they disappeared."

Nearly a year ago, a woman was bitten by a shark while swimming off Corona del Mar, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) to the north of the Wednesday sighting. Experts estimated the shark was at least 10 feet (3.05 meters) in length, judging from the bite marks.







CROSSROADS SCORES FIRST LEAGUE VICTORY

Morgan Genser

The Crossroads High School varsity baseball team hosted Brentwood in a Gold Coast league baseball game on May 10 and won 3-0 to improve their record to 1-11 in league play and 7-17 overall. Pictured are Junior second baseman Joji Baratelli taking a swing, Junior pitcher Benjamin Given on the mound and Brentwood's Trace Webb attempting to pick off Jackson Childers.

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What's Up Westside

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Friday, May 12

Jazz Band Concert

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present a performance by the SMC Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. in the The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street, Santa Monica). Under the baton of Frederick Keith Fiddmont, the band will present a program that revisits the history of how jazz came to SMC many years ago. The concert's featured guest artist will be New York saxophonist Don Braden. Tickets are $10. For tickets and information, please go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or call (310) 434-3005 or (310) 434-4323.

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Saturday, May 13

Mom & Me Spa Day

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Evaluating LA bid for 2024 Olympics requires imagination

BY BETH HARRIS & MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

Evaluating Los Angeles' readiness to host the 2024 Olympic Games takes some imagination. That's because a lot of the pitch still relies on images on a computer screen, or a blueprint of what's to come on a dusty construction site.

Los Angeles Olympic organizers often say their plan for two weeks of international competition is virtually realized, stressing that it requires no new construction of permanent venues. The concept for the LA Games, they say, is ready to go because "it already exists."

But there is a lot that International Olympic Committee members won't see as they visit Los Angeles this week in the run-up to a September decision on whether LA or Paris will get the 2024 Games.

Some of the opening ceremonies, including the famous Parade of Nations, would take place in a $2.6 billion NFL stadium just outside Los Angeles that today is a gouged, fenced-in lot crisscrossed by tire tracks.

The city notorious for its clotted freeway traffic will make use of a "growing public transit system," the LA proposal boasts. Indeed, Los Angeles has billions of dollars of planned rail lines, but how many will be ready for the Games in seven years is largely a guess, given the uncertainties that come with major construction projects. Some aren't scheduled to be completed until 2023 and 2024.

City planners describe the Los Angeles International Airport as the "gateway" for the Olympics. But anyone familiar with the airport knows it inflicts daily misery on travelers, including knotted traffic in and out of terminals. An impressive new terminal opened several years ago for international flights, but many others feel like a walk into a grimy past. Billions of dollars in improvements are planned.

LA's bid is closer to completion than many in past years, but in many ways it comes down to a promise of what's to come.

This week, IOC members are looking for "the ability to deliver," said Chicago-based sports finance consultant Marc Ganis. They want to see "commitment and competence," he said, not just sketches and mock-ups.

On Thursday, members of the IOC fanned out in several groups to privately tour the proposed venues, including the Rose Bowl, the site for soccer matches.

In the background is a looming question. The IOC is considering awarding two Olympics at its September meeting in Peru, 2024 and 2028, one for each city. Officials from both cities stress they are bidding on 2024.

On Wednesday, Patrick Baumann, chairman of the IOC evaluation committee, didn't directly address a question about the possibility of awarding the 2024 and 2028 Games at the same time.

"We will be concentrating on the process that has started and these cities have been going through for the purpose of awarding the host of 2024," Baumann told reporters.

In the Olympics, time is the enemy. As late as March 2000, the IOC considered moving the 2004 Olympics out of Athens, Greece, because of construction delays. Even so, work on the main stadium complex was ongoing just weeks before the Games began.

There are six events planned for Long Beach, a coastal city south of downtown LA. However, most of them will require temporary facilities that don't exist today, including a water polo pool.

The cost of making it a reality can be substantial. Erecting and removing the temporary pool and bleachers, for example, is projected at nearly $14 million. A mountain biking track in the hills east of Los Angeles will cost over $13 million. A temporary outdoor stadium would rise next to the famous Santa Monica pier for volleyball. Cost: $23.4 million.

Even sites that do exist, like the iconic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, home to the 1932 and 1984 Olympics, are works in progress.

It's slated to have a $270 million renovation completed by 2019, but transforming a football stadium into a venue for Olympic track events, then back again, will cost over $100 million, according to projections.

A little stagecraft can help fill in what's missing. At the Rose Bowl, organizers emblazoned the field with the Olympic rings for their IOC guests. Hollywood studios were illuminated with the colors of an LA sunset and the logo for the city's bid to mark the arrival of the IOC. Committee members attended a celebrity-studded dinner Wednesday where guests included retired Lakers great Kobe Bryant, Spanish tenor Placido Domingo and actor Sylvester Stallone.

"A lot of the stadiums for the Olympics are being envisioned for the future. They would not even be built if it wasn't for the Olympics," said Jules Boykoff, a professor at Pacific University in Oregon who has written widely on the Olympics movement.

"If you have existing venues, you don't have to envision as much. It still takes some imagination," he said.

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Don't Let Trump Ruin Mother's Day

WITH MOTHER'S DAY THIS SUNDAY, I'D intended to write about my late mother, Thelma Neworth and her interactions with JFK, Martin Luther King and Eleanor Roosevelt, among others. That is until, Donald Trump put the country in a constitutional crisis. With echoes of Richard Nixon, Trump shockingly fired FBI Director James Comey in a cowardly fashion. (Comey found out on TV.) The dismissal occurred just as Comey was expanding the investigation of Russian interference in our elections. Coincidence? I think not.

Trump purportedly terminated Comey for mishandling Hillary's emails, which is laughable because on the campaign trail he praised Comey for that. Trump's presidency is 113 days old but it feels more like 1013. I'm reminded of Gerald Ford's post-Watergate quote, "Finally our long national nightmare is over." Sadly, ours may be just beginning. (Meaning, we need a Special Prosecutor!)

During Watergate, 47 members of the Nixon administration went to prison. In Reagan's Iran-Contra, even more went to the pen. (And I don't mean became writers.) Trump often brags he breaks records, so who knows.

This also raises Trump's mental state. Reportedly, a la Bogart's Captain Queeg in the "Caine Mutiny," Trump screams at the TV and rails at aides during coverage of the Russian investigation. And seemingly the opposite of "draining the swamp," he's added 26 lawyers to the White House Counsel. On those depressing details, let's return to Mother's Day and some of Thelma's life.

During the Great Depression, my mother dropped out of UCLA to help support her parents and politically became an FDR democrat. Growing up, I recall at my mother's friends houses where it was common to see a framed photo of FDR on the wall as his having been, to them at least, the country's savior.

As a young woman my mother always belonged to Democratic Clubs. Two decades later, in 1960, she helped Ted Kennedy organize Democratic Clubs throughout the state to support JFK that fall. But it was her association with the California Democratic Council, (imagine Tea Party but for liberals) founded in 1952, that vaulted my mother into the big time of grassroots politics.

CDC came into being to diminish Democratic back-room politics. Democrats in power weren't exactly thrilled that ordinary citizens wanted to make them more transparent and accountable. That said, compared to the hate-filled Trump era, the CDC days seem so hopeful. It's actually tragic how corrupt and dangerous to our democracy, the Trump administration is and we've just started.

Hopefully the thin-skinned Trump will be gone sooner than later. That said, then we'll have Mike Pence, who likely wouldn't have won re-election as Indiana's Governor. (Does Pence believe therapy can "convert" homosexuals into heterosexuals because it worked on him?)

Back to the CDC, as a teenager, I unwittingly got them and myself in hot water. There was a rather goofy political campaign to ban pay toilets because they violated "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." (I'm quite sure Thomas Jefferson never had to cough up a nickel to take a leak.)

Frankly, I thought this "movement" (pun intended) was hilarious. I even typed the campaign a letter saying I was interested in helping when, in fact, I was going to lampoon it in my high school newspaper. Unfortunately, not having any typing paper, I used the back of CDC stationery thinking nothing of it. Little did I know, the campaign excitedly thought CDC was taking up their cause.

Needless to say, I got in a bit of trouble. (Which I seem to do even to this day.) Ironically, by 1974, pay toilets were banned throughout the country thanks, in large part, to four high-school students in Pennsylvania. Go figure.

Meanwhile, back in 1958, CDC dominated the mid-term elections in California . (Like the Tea Party did in 2010.) As a result, my mother, a CDC officer, was put in charge of the seating at the 1960 Democratic Convention at the L.A. Sports Arena. She dealt with JFK, RFK, Teddy, LBJ, Adlai Stevenson, Eleanor Roosevelt and many others. Amazingly she took it all in stride. (I got to attend the convention, which, at 16, was a huge deal!)

My mother was even invited to the lavish party to celebrate JFK's nomination held at Peter Lawford's beach house here in Santa Monica. A huge JFK fan, I waited up well past midnight to see if my mother talked to him.

To my horror, she told me that she personally saw JFK climb a wall and ditch the secret service to rendezvous with Marilyn Monroe. Incredibly naive, I refused to believe it and, in frustration, accused mom of being "another Hedda Hopper." (My dad gave it to me big time the next day.)

If your mother is still alive consider yourself lucky and wish her Happy Mother's Day because I can't with mine. Then again, I suppose I just did.

Note: During Wednesday's Oval Office meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Trump banned U.S. Press but Russian photographers were permitted. **JACK** can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com

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California governor seeks smaller education, child care cuts

BY JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

California Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday dialed back his proposed cuts for schools and child care, citing an improved fiscal outlook since he outlined the cuts in January.

He said the economic picture would allow $1.5 billion more in general fund spending in his $124 billion proposal — even amid uncertainty as the Trump administration seeks to overhaul the federal health care law.

"We're trying as much as possible to keep us on an even keel," Brown said in reversing his proposed cuts for K-12 schools. By law, about half the state's spending goes to K-12 education and higher education.

Brown also wants to reverse a proposed $500 million cut for low-income childcare that he sought in January and revise his proposal to shift nearly $600 million in costs to counties. After county officials warned they could not absorb the expenses, the state would now shift $141 million under Brown's proposal.

The release of Brown's spending plan kicks off a month of negotiations with the Democrat-controlled Legislature. His plan would need the approval of lawmakers.

"Spending has gone up far more than anybody ever imagined," Brown said, citing a tax increase and improving economy. Yet he warned again that the economy could tank, taking the state's budget with it and forcing sharp cuts in future years if lawmakers overspend now.

"What we're doing is fighting as hard as we can so that never happens," he said.

Democratic legislative leaders gave a tepid response to Brown's initial budget plan in January, rejecting his proposed cuts to college scholarships and child care providers while insisting they would push to increase spending on social welfare programs.

Brown had proposed a $122.5 billion budget that kept general fund spending mostly flat. The Democratic governor called for more than $3 billion in cuts because of a projected deficit he pegged at $1.6 billion. His administration later acknowledged it miscalculated health care costs.

His less-dire budget now cites increased revenue based primarily on higher capital gains. His finance director, Michael Cohen, said the deficit is now pegged at about $400 million.

Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, called the plan an improvement from his January proposal.

Assemblyman Phil Ting, a San Francisco Democrat, chairman of the Assembly Budget Committee, said the state's economy is in good enough shape to "craft a budget that helps more of our people prosper and build a better future for their kids."

That includes preserving middle-class college scholarships, increasing Medi-Cal payments to doctors and funding affordable housing, he said in a statement — none of which were included in the governor's proposal.

Assembly Minority Leader Chad Mayes, a Yucca Valley Republican, called Brown's latest budget "a bait and switch," citing voters' approval last year of tax increases that he said were meant to fund health and dental care and support schools. Brown's budget siphons that money to general state spending instead, Mayes said.

The ranking Republican on the Assembly Budget Committee, Jay Obernolte of Hesperia, was kinder, adding that the revised budget makes some responsible choices based on the state's fiscal uncertainty. He praised Brown's plan to pay down part of the $200 billion of unfunded pension health care liabilities.

Brown proposes to use much of the tobacco tax increase to cover normal growth in Medi-Cal, a publicly funded health plan that covers 1 in 3 Californians. The initiative had been promoted by doctors, dentists and others who thought the money would be used to increase their payments, which are significantly lower than private insurance.

The budget negotiations come as the U.S. Congress considers repealing former President Barack Obama's health care law, which California embraced to add nearly 4 million people to Medi-Cal. Administration officials say under a bill passed by the House last week federal funding for Medi-Cal would fall by $6 billion in 2020 and by $24 billion by 2027.

"We've got ongoing pressures from Washington, and the economic recovery is not going to last forever," Brown said.

Tax collections have slowed since the governor's previous spending plan was released. Revenue in April — the most important month for tax collections because of the deadline for filing personal income taxes — fell far short of expectations.

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so far this year – statistics from the Santa Monica Police Department point to a separate cause: unsafe turning.

Ten years of crash data shows most pedestrians hit by a car were walking legally in the right-of way when hit. When pedestrians are at fault, Lt. Candice Cobarrubias told the City Council the pedestrians were not necessarily distracted by their phones either. She said pedestrians who were at fault were either jay walking or failed to yield to a bike or car.

"There is a false sense of security when it comes to pedestrians doing that, and they feel if they just walk in front of a car, the car is going to have enough time to stop and then sadly that's not the case," Lt. Cobarrubias said. However, she added the department is looking into ways to encourage pedestrians to pay more attention to their surroundings when they are crossing the street.

"We're trying to address with pedestrians: what's the best way to get them to look up," Cobarrubias said.

Out of an average of 1,400 crashes reported every year, SMPD estimates about 82 percent only involve cars. However, 62 percent of the crashes that are fatal involve someone on foot. Most crashes happened on major streets with the highest volume of traffic during the evening rush (4 to 7 p.m.).

The problem is not unique to this city, nationwide the number of pedestrian-involved crashes has grown to 15 percent, up from 11 percent in 2006.

After a lengthy study session Tuesday night, the City Council directed staff to look into more way to improve road safety for those traveling on foot and on bike, even if the proposals may be politically unpopular.

"There are no quick, simple, easy or popular ways to make our streets safe," City Manager Rick Cole said. "Our streets were designed to speed automobiles for 50 years."

Santa Monica Forward presented the Council with more than 200 signatures on a petition asking for a "Safer Streets Coordinator" in next year's budget. The coordinator would work across city departments to advocate for pedestrians and implement better lighting and safer crosswalks across the city, among other tactics. City staff will now look into the feasibility of creating the new position.

The Council, lead by Councilmember Kevin McKeown created a lengthy list of items for staff members to look into implementing in the city, including parking protected bike lanes, discouraging left turns, pedestrian and bicycle corridors and reducing speed limits.

"Here I go, (jumping) in with both feet and a pair of handlebars and sometimes a steering wheel," McKeown said.

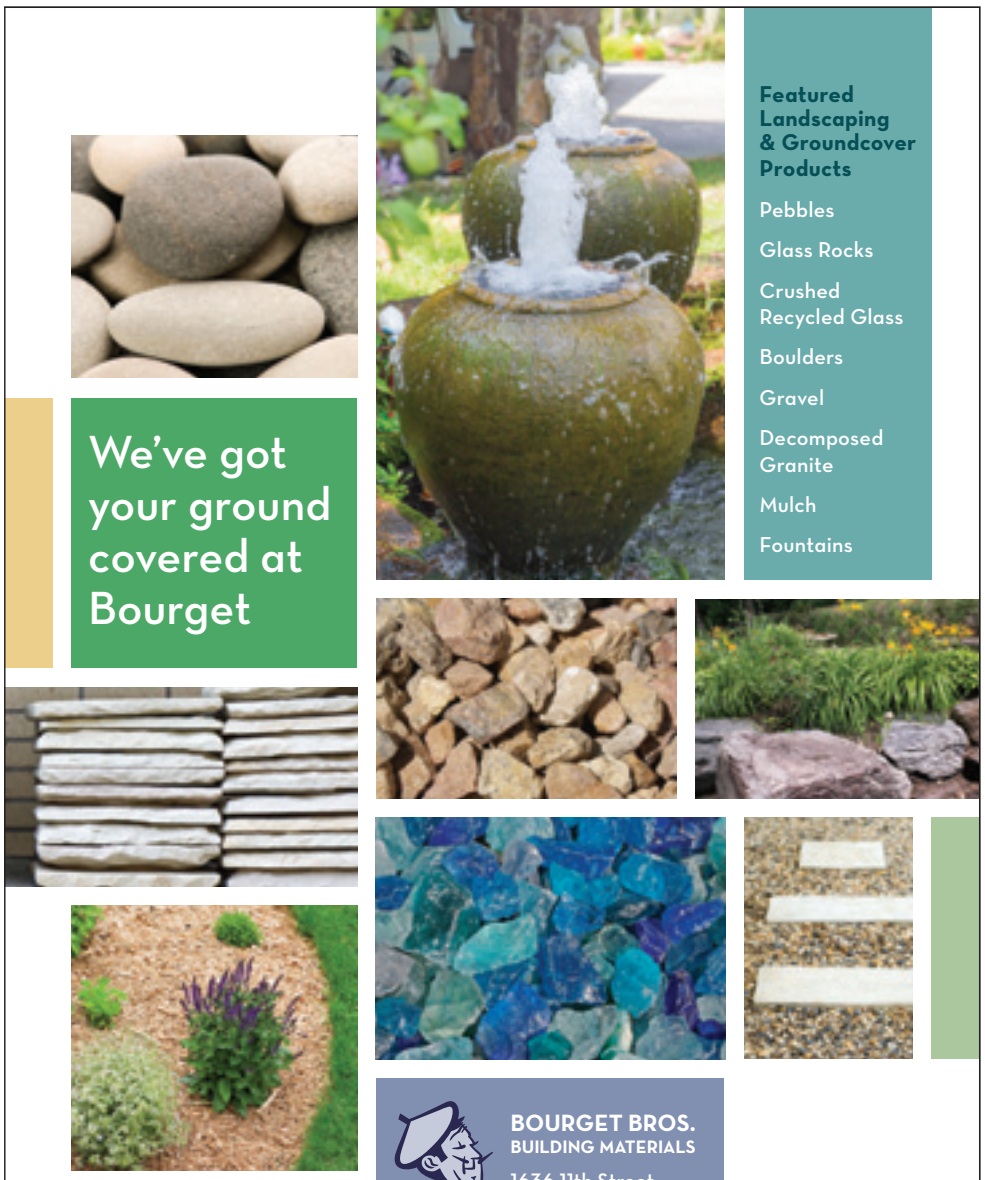
The City will also increase outreach between local schools and Santa Monica College to implement education campaigns.

"These are not radical idea," Councilmember Gleam Davis said. "It's working from the margins into the middle but these are not radical ideas. These are things other communities are doing successfully."

The City Bike Action Plan marked its 5-year anniversary this year.

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CARRIERS

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pounds of food.

Letter carriers all across the country and here in Santa Monica will be picking up outgoing mail from mailboxes as well as donated food items. At last year's food drive, Santa Monica residents donated over 35,000 pounds of food.

After 25 years, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is still going strong and so is Santa Monica letter carrier, Tim Thornton.

"I have been at the Santa Monica Post Office since 1985 and been volunteering with this event since it began in 1993," said Thornton. "My experience with the food drive has been good because I know that I am doing something positive and for a worthwhile cause especially when I can help feed someone."

Thornton has been a coordinator for the Santa Monica Branch with friend and colleague Justin Landrum for five years now and it doesn't sound like he is going to step back any time soon.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is meant to raise awareness about the ongoing problem of hunger in every community. The NALC stated in a recent press release that hunger affects about 50 million people around the country, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans. Last year the food drive brought in a record 80 million pounds of food.

Each year the food drive receives more and more attention as well as more volunteers and donations.

Customers leave their donations of non-perishable goods next to their mailbox before the delivery of mail on Saturday. Letter carriers collect all food donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes.

"Last year the participation from the city was great. I think people out here in Santa Monica really do like to help those in need," said Thornton. "All the food donated throughout the food drive stays within the local community."

Thornton explains the reason NALC host the food drive in May is because many local food banks and pantries run low on food. "This food drive kinda gets them over the summer time hump and get them to the winter season," said Thornton.

Once the food is retrieved from the carriers it is brought back to the post office, then sorted out by volunteers and sent over to the Santa Monica Westside Food Bank.

"Last year, nearly 200 volunteers helped us sort over 100,000 pounds of donated food," said Allison Griffith, Westside Food Bank Volunteer and Program Coordinator.

The Westside is in need of volunteers from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Sat., May 13th to help sort through the donations. Volunteers are welcomed to show up at the warehouse at 7 p.m. (1710 22nd St.).

For more information about the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive visit https://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive . For more information about the Westside Food Bank you can visit http://www.westsidefoodbankca.org .

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CRIME WATCH
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ON MAY 5, AT ABOUT 8:05 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the 1600 block of 11th Street regarding a suspect who attempted to take a woman's purse. Officers met with the victim who told them she was walking on the sidewalk when the suspect approached her. The suspect tried to take the victim's purse, strapped on her shoulder. The victim was able to hold on to her purse and get away from the suspect. The suspect fled the area on foot. Officers in the 1600 block of 12th Street detained the suspect. The victim was able to identify the suspect. The suspect was taken into custody and transported to SMPD Jail for booking. Charlie Erwin Hooks, 40, homeless, was arrested for robbery. Bail was set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 373 calls for service May 10.

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

Stolen vehicle 1700 block Ocean Park 12:06 a.m.
Petty theft Ocean/Hollister 12:17 a.m.
Speeding 26th/Santa Monica 5:38 a.m.
Encampment Ocean/Seaside 6:50 a.m.
Hit and run 800 block Washington 7:24 a.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Virginia 7:36 a.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block 19th 8:03 a.m.
Rape report 11th/Santa Monica 8:58 a.m.
Threat Investigation 300 block Olympic 9:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Wadsworth 10:07 a.m.
Petty theft 2700 block Colorado 10:13 a.m.
Auto burglary 1900 block 6th 10:13 a.m.
Public urination 2300 block 4th 10:27 a.m.
Burglary 700 block Idaho 10:37 a.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 11:11 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Broadway 11:28 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 11:49 a.m.
Runaway 1400 block Palisades 11:50 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Lincoln 12 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 7th 12:09 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 10th 2:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 2400 block Ocean Park 2:16 p.m.
Grand theft auto 400 block Wilshire 2:35 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Fraser 3:07 p.m.
Speeding 200 block Georgina 3:29 p.m.
Petty theft 3100 block Wilshire 3:49 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 bloc Santa Monica 4:04 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block Euclid 4:05 p.m.
Traffic collision Main/Pacific 4:27p.m.
Traffic collision Yale/Santa Monica 4:29 p.m.
Petty theft 1900 block Lincoln 4:44 p.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 1400 block Ocean 4:49 p.m.
Suspicious person 200 block 25th 5:05 p.m.
Burglary 2600 Pico 5:10 p.m.
Speeding Stanford/Wilshire 5:13 p.m.
Hit and run 1800 block Oat 5:20 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Wilshire 5:21 p.m.
Vandalism 2000 block 20th 5:29 p.m.
Auto burglary 2cd/Arizona 5:59 p.m.
Public intoxication 1900 block 6th 6:13 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 6:22 p.m.
Petty theft 2500 block Beverley 6:30 p.m.
Bike theft 1400 block 3rd 6:31 p.m.
Traffic collision Franklin/Broadway 7:16 p.m.
Person down 4th/Pico 7:16 p.m.
Battery 2200 block Virginia 7:23 p.m.
Person down 800 block Bay 8:18 p.m.
Burglary 400 block Georgina 8:48 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block PCH 9:00 p.m.
Encampment 1300 block PCH 9:52 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block The Beach 11:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 46 calls for service on May 10.

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

Emergency Medical Service (EMS) 100 block Wilshire 1:11 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 2:50 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Montana 3:36 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Montana 6:26 a.m.
EMS 600 block Grant 7:27 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Pico 7:44 a.m.
EMS Colorado 8:19 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:14 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block San Vicente 10:20 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Franklin 10:25 a.m.
EMS 18th/Montana 10:27 a.m.
EMS 700 block Pico 11:41 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Wellesley 11:58 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Hill 12:18 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 12:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 7th st 12:51 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block Montana 1:34 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Santa Monica 2:27 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Centinela 2:28 p.m.
Vehicle fire 1000 block PCH 2:32 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Lincoln 3:28 p.m.
Assist LAFD 500 block Moreno 3:44 p.m.
Elevator rescue 500 block Colorado 4:10 p.m.
EMS 1400 block Montana 4:19 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 6th 4:26 p.m.
EMS Main/Pacific 4:27 p.m.
EMS 3300 block Ocean Park 4:56 p.m.
Haz Mat-Level 1 Yale/Santa Monica 5:13 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Virginia 5:45 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Lincoln 5:51 p.m.
EMS 4th/Pico 7:12 p.m.
Arcing wire Neilson/Hart 7:17 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 7th 7:21 p.m.
Structure fire 600 block Pacific 7:41 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 8:15 p.m.
EMS 800 block Bay 8:18 p.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 8:28 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 14th 8:41 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:45 p.m.
EMS 400 block Santa Monica 8:57 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100 block Montana 8:58 p.m.
EMS PCH/California Incline 9:00 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Virginia 9:17 p.m.
EMS 2400 Ocean Park 10:25 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 400 block Pier 11:25 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/10
29 31 46 56 62
Power#: 8
Jackpot: 184M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/9
6 29 45 69 73
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 30M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/10
7 16 17 36 38
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 37M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/10
10 15 23 25 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/10
MIDDAY: 0 7 1
Draw Date: 5/10
EVENING: 6 9 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/10
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:46.62

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WORD UP!

saudade

1. (in Portuguese folk culture) a deep emotional state of melancholic longing for a person or thing that is absent: the theme of saudade in literature and music.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Turn on Your Heart Light

■ Successful cardiopulmonary resuscitation is all about a steady, appropriately paced number of chest compressions per minute. The Bee Gees' aptly named hit "Stayin' Alive" is perfect at 100 beats per minute, but there are lots of other therapeutic tunes out there.

■ New York-Presbyterian hospital has created a Spotify playlist with recommended up-tempo songs when needed. The list includes "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor, "Heartbreaker" by Mariah Carey and "Rock Your Body" by Justin Timberlake. It also lists "Another One Bites the Dust" by Queen, but we won't go there.

■ Alas, Neil Diamond's 1982 hit, inspired by the movie "E.T." didn't make the cut.

MYSTERY PHOTO

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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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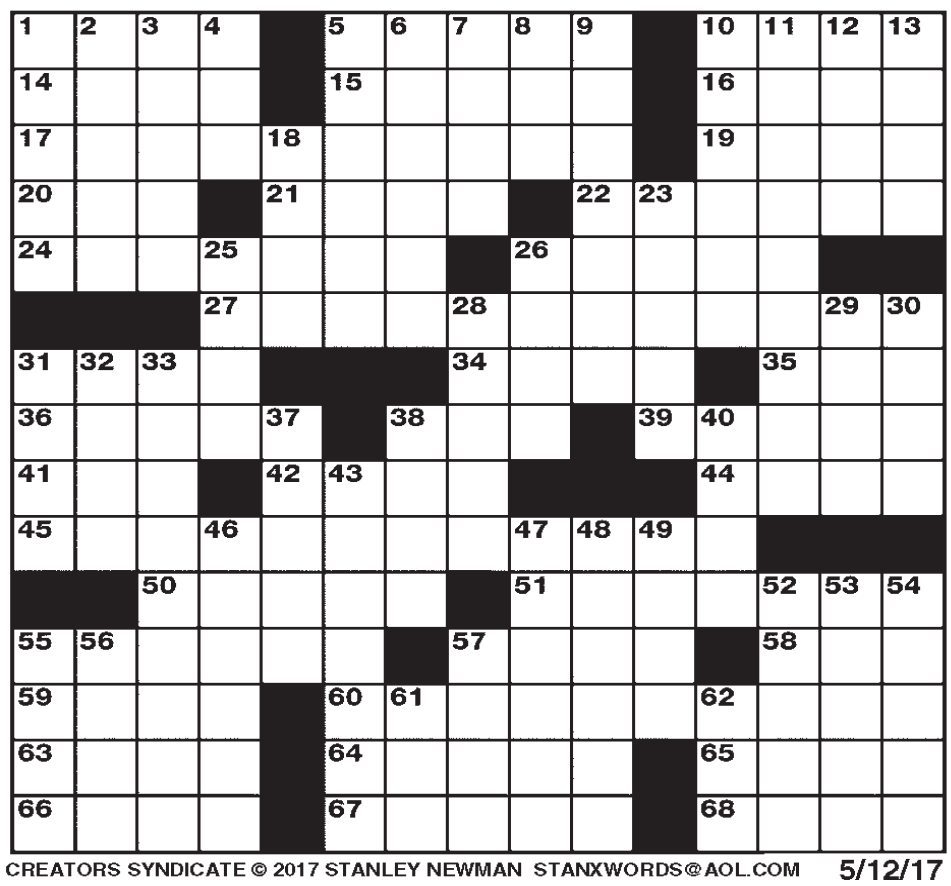
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Saver's concern
5 43rd state
10 Some fast drivers: Abbr.
14 Wetlands wader
15 Austrian mathematician
16 45th state
17 Exacerbated
19 Juliet or Jane Eyre
20 Coleridge piece
21 German "Johnny"
22 Harps (on)
24 Juliet or Jane Eyre
26 Eccentric
27 Trailer accessories
31 Retro recording
34 Daily's department
35 Casserole morsel
36 Get up
38 Nonstandard negative
39 Texas NBA team
41 Unduly
42 Sound of surf
44 Whom FedEx uses for some deliveries
45 Press release, e.g.
50 Toss out
51 Rarely seen plants
55 Gaps in terrain
57 Big drink
58 Small drink
59 Sleek, for short
60 Hawaii-themed eatery
63 Ending like -arian
64 Sound off
65 Mutation location
66 *Meet the Press* moderator
67 Guilty feelings
68 Any MD, presumably

DOWN
1 Minolta competitor
2 Domicile
3 Beeping device, often
4 Paranormal power
5 Chameleon cousin
6 Put on
7 Tosses in
8 Giggle sound
9 Proverbial nonlearners
10 Light-dawning cry
11 Highest point in Greece
12 Like a seven-footer
13 Misses, for instance
18 17th state
23 Will suffice
25 Shouts of approval
26 Memorized
28 Challenge intro
29 Culprit, so to speak
30 Bratty talk
31 "Later"
32 *Bruder* of Moses
33 Blazed a trail
37 Flare up
38 Formula for a condiment
40 Seven-footer, say
43 Minimizing driving
46 Where Tolkien taught
47 Sound from some litters
48 "Mother of ___" (Miss Liberty epithet)
49 Canceled
52 Deeply held
53 Humana rival
54 Facilitate
55 Plaster mold
56 *Dallas Buyers Club* Oscar actor
57 Smartphone cover
61 Craft-beer designation
62 Boot worn by surfers



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FILM REVIEW

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY VOL. 2

Rated PG-13
136 Minutes
Released May 5

James Gunn works the way I wish all film directors would work. He builds his script around the soundtrack. With Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2, he has chosen some great, not overused 70's music to channel emotions. Whether you are of an age group for whom these songs will conjure up memories or of a younger generation who may be hearing them for the first time, the music works. It is so well meshed with the rhythm, the story and the characters that it provides a backdrop of universal emotions. The Guardians of the Galaxy films are stylistically set apart from other comic book films (with the exception maybe of 2015's Ant-Man). This is due in large part to the way writer/director James Gunn built the screenplay. He chose the songs for the movie while he was writing the script and building the visual concepts. Listen and watch carefully to how he has used Fleetwood Mac's "The Chain," Glen Campbell's "Southern Nights," George Harrison's "My Sweet Lord," and "Brandy" by Looking Glass.

You know a screenplay is well written and the cinematic effects are perfect when two of the most endearing characters are a plant and a raccoon (voiced by Vin Diesel and Bradley Cooper). "Groot," the plant, has a great dance scene to Electric Light Orchestra's "Mr. Blue Sky," oblivious to a huge fight that is taking place behind him. Ironically the lyrics include the phrase "hey there you with the pretty face, welcome to the human race…" That's another brilliant aspect of this movie – it's full of ironic and sarcastic, self-deprecating humor.

It's refreshing to see a Marvel film in which every other scene does not have to be a battle scene. And, the battles that do arise are very well choreographed, with an imaginative rhythm and sense of humor – not simply pieces of visuals coming at you at disorienting speed, as in most action films.

The skill of the actors makes their characters feel as if they are in a living room with you even as they play out the story in the vast expanse of outer space. Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Michael Rooker, Karen Gillan, Pom Klementieff and Kurt Russell are superb. I only wish that Russell's scenes could have had a less saccharine backdrop and more complex dialogue.

The incredible work of cinematographer Henry Braham is one of those details that you will probably never notice, yet it is instrumental to the success of the film. He understood that his camera work and the equipment he used had to be as unobtrusive as possible in order for the actors to feel the intimacy of each moment and to keep the rhythm flowing, even with technically complex framework involved in every scene. In an interview Braham noted that the movie was "a huge collaboration (of) a great deal of people. That's filmmaking at its best."

This is a rousing party of a movie. It's beautifully crafted, hugely imaginative, with awesome visual elements. The characters are fleshed out with intricate personalities. The best thing about this movie is that it doesn't take itself too seriously – and that allows it to encompass some pretty deep concepts while still having fun.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 12)

You will be respected by many and widely praised and cherished by your inner circle. The second half of the year will be spent assimilating the exciting events of the warp-speed first half. Younger people will make your heart glad. Responsibilities will change in August. October is where your artful talents get featured. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 19, 30, 44 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The promise you make without saying the words "I promise" will be the easiest to keep. An action comes naturally, produces mutually satisfying results, and sets up an expectation that both will benefit from fleshing out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Love is acceptance. People who love you won't ask you to change who you are in order to suit their purposes. They may make requests, but their requests will not require you to be someone else.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're multifaceted; it's true. And yet you're still very clear about who you are at any given moment, even in the transitional moments of becoming the next iteration of yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Forgetfulness and obliviousness benefit you today. It might help you be more productive if you think of focusing as simply ignoring everything that's not what you want to accomplish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll make plans. The more realistic you are about the cost of things (monetarily and energetically) the more successful your plan will be. Be sure and take into account every existing commitment you have in every area of life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You'll be involved in the type of project or goal that seems quite impossible to accomplish -- until it is accomplished, and then it will seem de rigueur. Right now it just needs a little more mind and elbow grease, that's all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Pruning seems counterintuitive. Why cut healthy branches when the goal is growth? And yet, many generations of humans have known that making cuts can aid in maintaining the health and longevity of the entire organism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Everyone needs attention, and many will take to the brand you're giving now. You have a way of making people feel special. Some might call it flirting, though really you're just inclined toward congeniality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
If it seems too good to be true, maybe you just haven't worked out what's in it for the other person yet. Dig deeper. Ask more questions. Figure that part out, because it's very important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Contrary to the old saying, you absolutely can judge a book by the cover. Obviously you won't know the whole story, but you'll certainly get a feel for the tone, genre and sensibility of what's inside. Trust your first impression.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Socially aware, you're usually careful not to make things all about you. You think it's rude to draw too much attention. Today you don't have to worry, though: You're supposed to be the central character in this story.

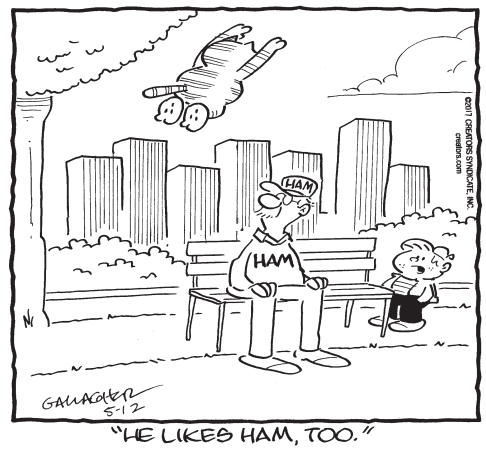
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
As much as you'd like to compartmentalize your life, personal commitments affect your energy just as much as work commitments do. You can afford to be choosy now about what you take on.

Harmony Between Mars and Jupiter

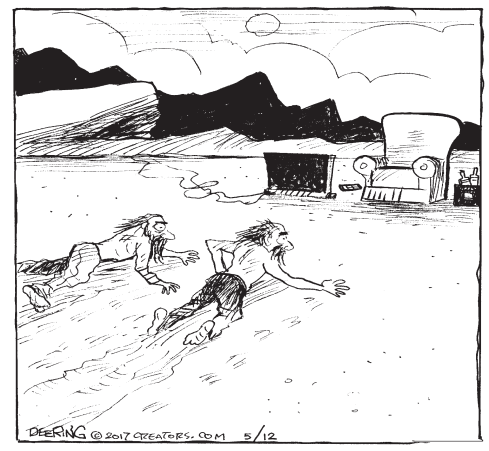
Our minds are like food processors. We've a small area for the intake of new information and can only really process one item at a time, but we've a large capacity for assimilating that information with what we already know. The harmonious trine between Mars and Jupiter suggests a rather delicious and nutritious life blend.

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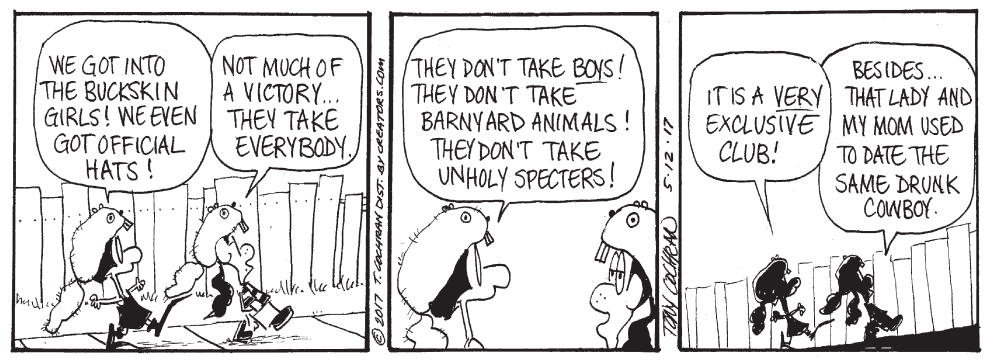
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