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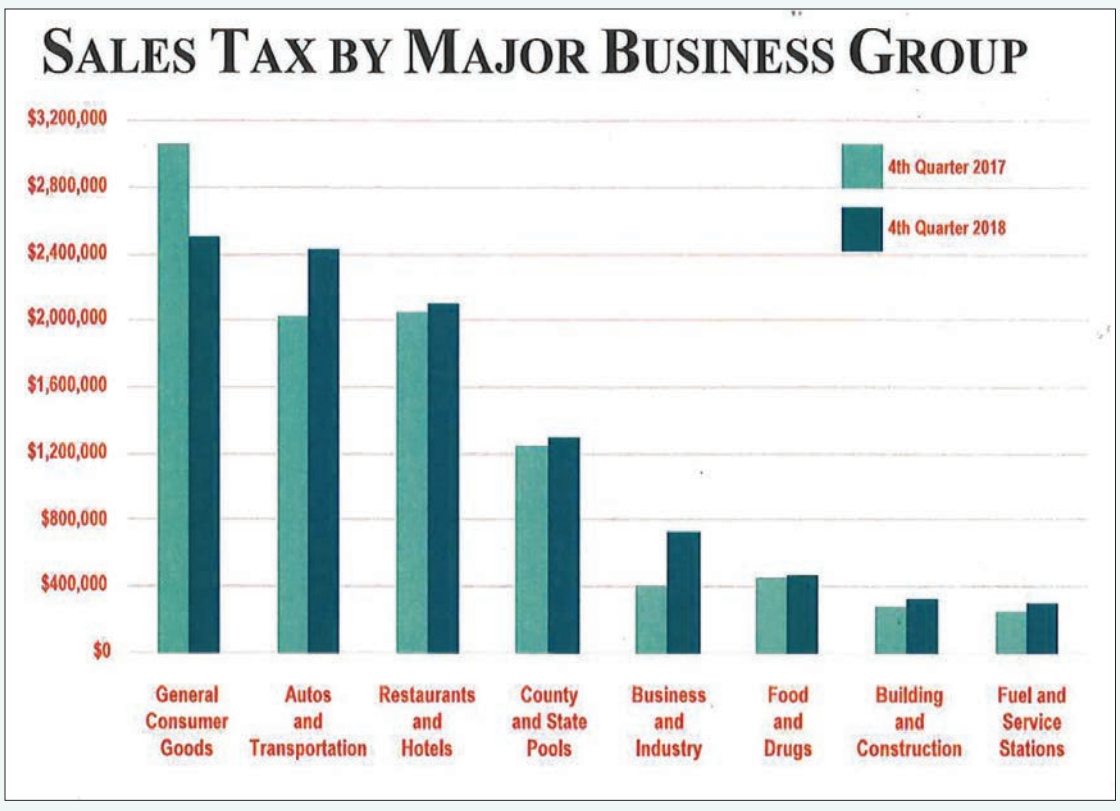
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Retail sales slow but overall tax revenues increase during 2018 holiday season



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FOURTH QUARTER: Sales tax figures from retail stores dropped in the fourth quarter of 2018.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Consumers spent about 17 percent less on goods and slightly more on restaurants and hotels last holiday season compared to the year before, according to a report from the City of Santa Monica on quarter four sales.

Although retailers struggled, taxable sales were up 2.3 percent overall from October through December compared to the same period last year. Santa Monica lagged behind Los Angeles County and the rest of Southern California, where sales were up 3.2 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively.

"It's good to see that revenue was higher than the previous year, but it's starting to flatten

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CVS plans to open in former Downtown grocery store

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

CVS has filed paperwork to open a new store at the corner of 5th and Wilshire in the former Whole Foods building.

A consultant working on behalf of the corporation filed an application to sell alcohol at the location earlier this year. That application was granted in February.

According to the alcohol determination, the store will occupy the current 15,375 square foot property. No changes to the floor area or square footage are proposed. The former Whole Foods had an alcohol license and under current codes, the new business will be permitted to also sell alcohol provided it complies with the conditions of the prior license.

CVS has agreed to keep the parking lot lights active, prohibit loitering in the parking lot, limit noise in the immediate area, conduct deliveries and trash operations between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., and limit alcohol sales to between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.

"The primary use of the premises involves small scale general retail establishment (CVS) with ancillary alcohol

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SAM grants fund $170K of local projects

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A group of Westside philanthropists has pledged more than $170,000 to three local nonprofits that help young adults who have aged out of foster care, teach science to girls in underserved communities and offer design work to people recovering from addiction.

The Sustainability, Accountability, Movement (SAM) Initiative was founded in 2013 by Mindy Freeman and brings together women to pool their financial resources to fund programs in Los Angeles that

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Santa Monica announces it has committed housing trust funds in the amount of $8,300,000 to EAH Inc. for the acquisition of 1413 Michigan Avenue, and predevelopment activities regarding a future supportive, affordable housing development targeted to persons experiencing homelessness. More information about this funding commitment is available at: https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-trust-funds.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

RFP: #231 INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES.

- **Submission Deadline is June 12, 2019 at 5:01 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.



What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, May 17

Main Library Docent Tours
Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection! Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time. Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd Central Courtyard 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Craft, Swap, or Create @ Your Library
Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library 2201 Pico Blvd 2:30 -4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

Master Gardeners at the Market
Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 a.m. - Noon. Helping you grow more of your own food, even in an urban setting! Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Avenue.

Folk Songs for Everyone with Studio Resident Alex Wand
Join organizers in singing and playing folk songs! We'll learn some Woody Guthrie songs and some tunes from "The American Songbag" (compiled by Carl Sandburg). Feel free to bring instruments and perhaps a folk song to teach the group! This repeating event is open to all levels, no experience required. Cost: Free! To RSVP, click online or call (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park 1450 Ocean Avenue 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Shakespeare's The Tempest
Theatre for a Small Space presents William Shakespeare's The Tempest at the Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. May 18 - June 19, www.theatreforasmallspace.org. Tickets at brown paper tickets.com.

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

Augmented Reality Poster Making with Selwa Sweidan
Learn how to create your first Augmented Reality (AR) art work. Participants will be taken through steps to learn how to create their first AR-activated poster. Bring a laptop (Windows 7 or later; macOS 10.11 or later.) No experience required, one laptop is available for use during the class; email camera@smgov.net if you require it. Limited spots; register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/augmented-reality-making-lab-learn-how-to-create-your-first-augmented-reality-ar-art-work-tickets-59613004100. 1450 Ocean. 12:30 - 6 p.m.

Bottle into Rope with Studio Resident Dahn Gim
Learn how to make a simple and portable plastic bottle cutter and leave with yards of plastic to use as heavy duty cordage, for weaving and basket-making, in jewelry applications, and, with a little heat, as a way to join items together. Bring clean smooth PET bottles (such as soda liter bottles); tools provided. Limited capacity workshop: please let us know if your plans change after making a reservation. 1450 Ocean. 12 - 2 p.m. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bottle-into-rope-with-studio-resident-dahn-gim-tickets-59086444145.

Dragon Night Story Time
Author and illustrator J.R. Krause reads and draws characters from his new picture book, Dragon Night, about a boy who's afraid of the dark. For families with babies to preschool children. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 11 - 11:55 a.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

The Pier

'Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon' Children's Book Now On Sale

Pacific Park's mighty Sea Dragon comes to life in the pages of the new children's book Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon, now on sale at local bookstores and online retailers.

James Harris, Santa Monica Pier Historian, and his 10-year-old daughter Stella, wrote Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon. The children's book is about a young girl named Stella Rose and how she gathered the courage to finally ride a "big kid" ride at the Santa Monica Pier while befriending a green Sea Dragon, modeled after Pacific Park's Sea Dragon ride.

To celebrate the release of the new book Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon, authors James Harris and his daughter Stella, and Illustrator Michael Bailey, will be available for interviews at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m.

Pacific Park will also be giving away free rides on the Sea Dragon for anyone who purchases a copy of the book at the release event. Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon will be on sale at Pier Gear on the Santa Monica Pier.

In a special note in the book, James states, "Stella and I conceived of this story over several bedtime discussions about how she could build up the courage to ride the Sea Dragon ride at Santa Monica Pier's Pacific Park amusement park. For a long time she had considered the Wave Jumper (speed boats) to be her favorite, but she always had her eye on the ominous dragon, wondering and wishing. When she was eight years old, she finally gathered the nerve to confront and ride the Sea Dragon, and it has been her favorite ride ever since!"

The Sea Dragon is described as a swinging wooden ship ride with two lifelike dragon heads making passengers feel as if they're caught in the turbulent seas. The ship moves back and forth in a 180-degree arc.

Stella Rose and the Sea Dragon is illustrated by Michael Baily, designed by Amy Woo and published by Resonant Books, LLC.

"James is a terrific asset to the Santa Monica Pier and great friend of Pacific Park," says Nathan Smithson, Director of Marketing and Business Development at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. "It's been a terrific experience for us to be a part of James's and his daughter Stella's collaboration on their new book."

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, LA's only admission free amusement park, offers 12 amusement rides, 14 midway games, an oceanfront food plaza and beachside shopping. In addition to the Pacific Wheel solar-powered Ferris wheel, Pacific Park's signature rides include The West Coaster, a steel roller coaster that races 55 feet above the Santa Monica Bay; and Inkie's Air Lift Balloon Ride, the high-flying, family-sharing kids' ride. For additional information and hours of operation, call 310-260-8744, visit www.pacpark.com, follow on Instagram and Twitter: @pacpark and Like at Facebook: facebook.com/pacificpark.

SUBMITTED BY CAMERON ANDREWS

11th Street

Tango music Spring Concert 2019

Does the word "Bandoneón" bring any images to mind? This musical instrument, one of the mainstays of tango music, will be featured in a concert on Sunday, May 19, at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica.

The music department will be presenting their Spring Concert: "A Festival of Music" at 7:30 p.m. Featuring world reknown Argentinian bandoneónist, Mariano Dugatkin in "Misa Tango" by Luis Bacalov, the 60 voice choir and Los Angeles Concert Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. James Smith, will also present "Requiem" by John Rutter. Suggested donation is $20; seniors and students, $10. Plenty of free parking across the street from the church, 1008 Eleventh Street. For more information contact the church office at 310-393-8258.

SUBMITTED BY DR. JAMES E. SMITH

CVS

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sales," said the application.

The company has also filed paperwork to conduct an interior remodel of the building. Work includes demolition of interior partitions, interior finishing and a new non-passenger type lift. Work on the outside of the building includes repainting, a new trash enclosure, new lights and new mechanical units on the roof.

The permit also describes two new ADA compliant bathrooms, drinking fountain, sinks and a utility sink.

The parking lot will be restriped along with improvements to some of the underground plumbing.

Whole Foods left the building in August of 2017 when the company opened its 365 store on Pico. The property has been vacant since that time but the parking lot has been open for public use.

Plans for the new CVS follow news that Target is also opening in Downtown.

The Architectural Review Board will hear a design review for a proposed store at 420 Broadway at their May 20 meeting. The company is considering occupying the former Fred Segal building at the corner of 5th and Broadway with a goal of opening in 2020.

The store will occupy 24,000 square feet of space in a building that retailer Fred Segal vacated in March 2016. Renderings of the location show a one-story building with wood paneling and windows facing the street.

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EAH HOUSING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Notice of Community Meeting

For the proposed development at: 1413 Michigan Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Date: Monday June 3, 2019
Time: 6 PM
Location: Virginia Avenue Park, Patio Room
2200 Virginia Avenue

EAH Inc, a non-profit housing developer, will hold a community meeting at 6pm on Monday June 3, 2019 at Virginia Avenue Park, Patio Room. This meeting is regarding the proposed future development of approximately 42 units of supportive affordable housing at 1413 Michigan Ave (14th St and Michigan Ave). EAH is the recipient of an acquisition and predevelopment loan from the city of Santa Monica Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

This is the first of two meetings that will be held. This meeting is intended to be an information session and a community design meeting. EAH will introduce the project and the design team. Meeting participants will be presented with early stage conceptual designs and will be able to give feedback on the design, size, units and other proposed programming. A second design meeting will be held later.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting please contact Sonia Suresh at 310-598-3549 or Sonia.Suresh@eahhousing.org. The meeting location is wheelchair accessible. For other accessibility accommodations please call 310-458-8688. Translation services will be provided upon request with a 72-hour advance notice.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: **May 20, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 19ARB-0046: 2703 Santa Monica Boulevard: Automobile Rental
- 19ARB-0097: 3007-3009 3rd Street: Landscape
- 19ARB-0129: 328 Santa Monica Boulevard: Signs
- 19ARB-0149: 711 Colorado Avenue: 100% Affordable

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 1802 Delaware Avenue: 3-Unit Condo

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

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Laughing Matters

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If Men Could Get Pregnant



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STEINEM SATIRIZES PREGGERS CARTER

Deservedly, these are trying times for the male species. To name but a few, consider Bill Cosby, Harvey Weinstein and Jeffrey Epstein, poster boys for "Me Too" and "Time's Up." (And unlikely guest speakers at the National Organization For Women conference in July.)

Cosby can't attend because he's serving 3 to 10 for rape. Weinstein can't because he's facing two sexual assault criminal charges. And billionaire financier, Epstein, can't because he's a convicted pedophile. But instead of a life sentence in 2008, he got 13 months with "work release," and only spent 8 hours a day in jail. How? Ask Alex Acosta then U.S. Attorney, now Trump's Labor Secretary.

Right about now I can imagine readers muttering, "Gee, Jack, I don't see the humor here." My answer: Me, too. (Pun intended.)

Fast forward to February, 2012 and the GOP House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on birth control access...without a single female witness! The Democrats were allowed Georgetown student, Sandra Fluke, but Chair Darrell Issa, rejected her as "not qualified."

Issa had made a $¼ billion fortune from his anti-auto theft devices business. It's ironic because, as much as I hate the sound of car alarms, is how much I hate the sound of his voice. (Thankfully, Issa, Putin's pal, was resoundingly defeated in 2018 and hopefully his car got stolen!)

Eventually, Ms. Flake was "allowed"to speak and raised the question why were Viagra and other erectile dysfunction medications covered by health insurance but birth control pills weren't. The next day on his radio show, former Oxycontin junkie, Rush Limbaugh, said of Fluke, "Why should we pay for her being a slut?" (Ms. Fluke has since become an attorney and women's rights activist while Rush is still a bloated blowhard.)

This bring me to today's subject, women close to losing their reproductive rights. Yes gang, with recent state bills in Ohio, Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama, the overturning of Roe v. Wade is right on the horizon. Or, or as a rapper might say, "The sh*t just got real."

Even though Roe has been "settled" law for 45 years, suddenly it's extremely unsettled. This the latest chapter in "Pro Choice" v. "Pro Life." (Which, if it weren't so serious, almost sounds like an MMA pay for view.)

Ever notice how many "pro lifers" are adamant supporters of the death penalty? And ever notice how once the baby is born, for pro lifers, it's now on its own? In any event, with this current Supreme Court, Roe may soon be gone and, with, it 45 years of "stare decisis," (precedent).

The draconian Alabama law, signed by a female Governor, is even too extreme for Pat Robertson! Not only does it ban all abortions, there's not even an exemption for rape or incest. That means if, for example, a 13-year-old girl were raped by her father and gotten pregnant she would have to carry that baby to term.

Even if the father went to prison, she would likely have to fight him in court to prevent visitation rights of his "grandchild." (Did I mention Alabama is 50th in the country in education?)

While this law is so harmful to women, and society on so many levels, this seemingly "incest waiver" might reinvigorate the scene from "Chinatown," where Faye Dunaway says, "She's my sister; my daughter; my sister, my daughter." (Sorry, but the thought of actually overturning Roe is so bleak even my humor is dark.)

In the Alabama Senate, the vote was 25-7. Surprise, surprise, all 25 were old, white Republicans. One of the female Senators tried unsuccessfully to get vasectomies classified as felonies. (You go girl!)

By the way, my title above is an abbreviated quote from Gloria Steinem who popularized the full quote in 1971, two years before Roe. "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament." The statement is profound, but in her memoir, Steinem said she first heard it from an elderly female Boston cab driver. (Already, I like that cabbie's attitude.)

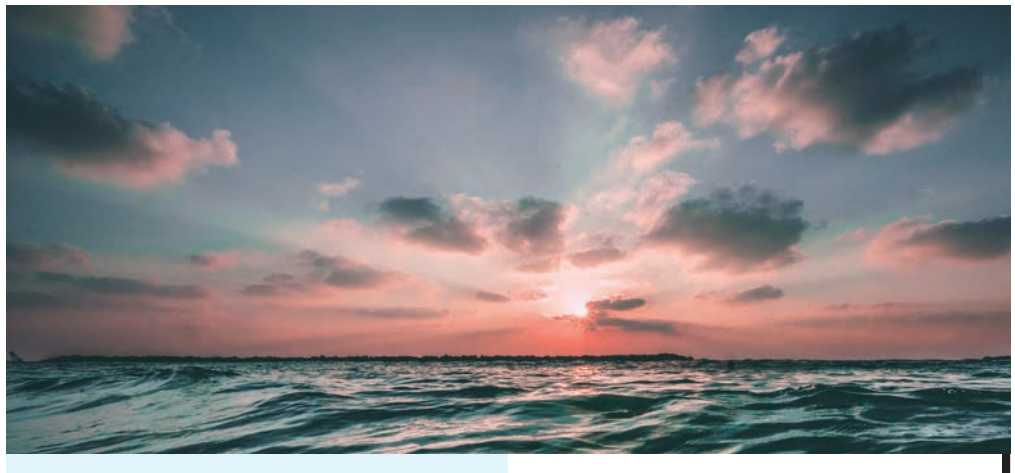
With many polls showing 70% to 79% of America want Roe to stand as is, why is this fight being waged so fiercely? Also, since recent federal elections reveal that 54% of the voters were female, why aren't they rioting in the streets? (Yes, I know many women favor overturning Roe but they are by far the minority of their gender.)

So if 54% of the electorate are females, why in the House and Senate, are only 20% of the legislators female and that is a record because the blue wave in 2018. 20%? Why not 50%? If women need any more incentive to vote against this war on their reproductive rights I pray this will do it. Actually, I'm hoping in 2020 it turns out 2018 was just a warm up.

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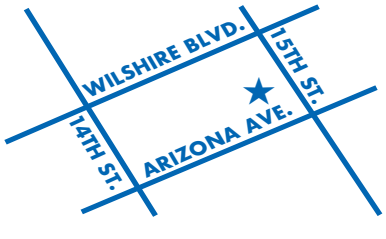
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SAM

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promote social change and benefit women, children and families. This year, the organization is funding A Sense of Home, New Village Girls Academy and Creative Matters, as well as a conference at the UCLA Anderson School of Management that invites businesses to explore solutions to social challenges.

The SAM Initiative supports local programs that empower vulnerable groups, Freedman said.

"I'm a native Angeleno and there are organizations brought to me through the SAM Initiative that I never even knew existed," said Lisa Kirschner, a board member and Santa Monica resident. "It's an eye-opening experience."

A Sense of Home focuses on youth who age out of the foster system, a population that often gets left behind. The nonprofit furnishes their first homes through new and donated furniture and the help of volunteers.

"When recipients walk in and see a kitchen put together or age-appropriate things for their children, their apartment goes from four bare walls to a home," Kirschner said.

The $52,000 grant from the SAM Initiative will go toward a truck and shelving for A Sense of Home's warehouse that will allow them to accept more furniture and furnish more homes.

The New Village Girls Academy, a tuition-free, all-girls charter school, also works with youth who have been marginalized, Kirschner said.

"They're an at-risk population of young women that did not work in other schools for a multitude of reasons," she said.

The $90,000 grant will fund the school's science program done in partnership with the California Science Center.

"The validation and belief in what we are doing demonstrated by this generous grant is incredible," said principal Jennifer Quinones. "It says you know that we at New Village can truly make a difference for the trajectory of our students' lives."

Creative Matters will receive a grant of $30,000 to support their work therapy program staffed by recovering addicts, which will be doubled by a matching Grant.

The agency employs people recovering from addiction and produces advertising campaigns primarily for nonprofits. It provides work training and therapy, helping those struggling with addiction return to the workforce.

"SAM's grant provides Creative Matters with the resources necessary to scale its program and help even more recovering addicts," the agency said in a statement. "Our work has a ripple effect on the non-profit ecosystem as a whole."

As someone with a family member who is a recovered alcoholic, Kirschner said she has seen firsthand that offering someone the chance to do meaningful work helps prevent relapses.

"They're very productive people that are going through issues and giving them a path to encourage them and show their talent is so valuable," she said.

The SAM Initiative's next giving cycle begins in October. Nonprofits must be at least three years old, benefit women, children and families, non-denominational and based in the Los Angeles area.

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Correction:

The City Council has asked staff to develop a citywide ordinance governing trees on private land. Incorrect information was printed in the May 16 issue of the Santa Monica Daily Press



SALES TAX

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out," said Jennifer Taylor, an economic development administrator with the City. "This holiday season performed pretty well overall, but retail and consumer sales didn't do as well as last year in one of their busiest times of the year."

Taylor said the drop in spending on goods was a result of some retail foreclosures and a shift in business strategy from the city's department stores.

"Nordstrom and Bloomingdale's are shifting to online sales, so you go into the store to see the products and then they direct you to order online," she said. "A lot of retailers throughout the country are using that strategy."

The sales tax generated from those online sales goes into county and state sales tax pools that Santa Monica gets a share of, Taylor said. The city received a slightly larger share last holiday season compared to the year before.

"It's a good reminder to folks to think about buying local in terms of the revenue it generates to support our schools and parks," she said.

Despite soft retail sales the 2.3 percent in overall growth was driven by a combination of factors including auto sales and new businesses entering the city such as grocery stores and restaurants. Higher fuel prices also contributed to the uptick.

"We continue to be lucky to have a diversified range of businesses to counter the ebbs and flows of sales tax activity," Taylor said.

During the holiday season, the consumer goods and auto and transportation industries each comprised a quarter of the city's sales tax revenue. Restaurants made up a fifth, although only fine dining and quick-service restaurants grew last holiday season.

Of the top 25 producers of revenue, 12 were car dealerships or leasing companies.

"Lexus and Mercedes always perform really well here in Santa Monica, but Tesla's newer showroom on the Promenade has also done well," Taylor said.

Santa Monica-based startups Ring, Bird and Fair Financial were key sources of revenue for the city, as were local hotels Shutters on the Beach and the Fairmont Miramar Hotel.

Apple, Nordstrom and Vons also made the list. The other high producers were two home improvement stores, a marketing firm and an equity firm. Business services, a category that includes marketing and financial services companies, took in almost 200 percent more revenue.

"There's probably been an increase in business-serving activity in the city due to the growth of Silicon Beach," Taylor said.

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SANTA MONICA TOP 15 BUSINESS TYPES

*In thousands of dollars	Santa Monica		County	HdL State
Business Type	**Q4 '18***	**Change**	**Change**	**Change**
Auto Lease	547.3	-3.5%	-7.4%	-11.4%
Business Services	256.2	191.3%	-8.8%	14.7%
Casual Dining	885.1	-1.1%	2.6%	2.5%
Electronics/Appliance Stores	— CONFIDENTIAL —		3.3%	-1.6%
Family Apparel	487.7	-10.5%	1.6%	0.5%
Fast-Casual Restaurants	248.0	-3.3%	2.9%	4.5%
Fine Dining	373.2	12.0%	7.0%	6.7%
Grocery Stores	232.3	-4.8%	-19.3%	-11.7%
Home Furnishings	239.3	-11.4%	0.7%	0.0%
Hotels-Liquor	272.9	4.1%	6.4%	7.2%
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	1,544.6	27.7%	5.4%	5.8%
Quick-Service Restaurants	232.6	9.3%	7.0%	6.6%
Service Stations	265.6	20.1%	28.4%	28.5%
Specialty Stores	258.3	-26.0%	-10.8%	-10.8%
Women's Apparel	228.7	3.7%	-0.4%	-3.6%
Total All Accounts	**8,883.5**	**4.0%**	**9.0%**	**7.0%**
County & State Pool Allocation	**1,301.9**	**4.0%**	**9.0%**	**8.6%**
Gross Receipts	**10,185.4**	**4.0%**	**9.0%**	**7.2%**



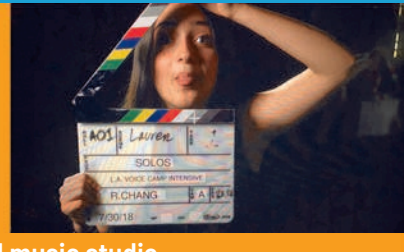
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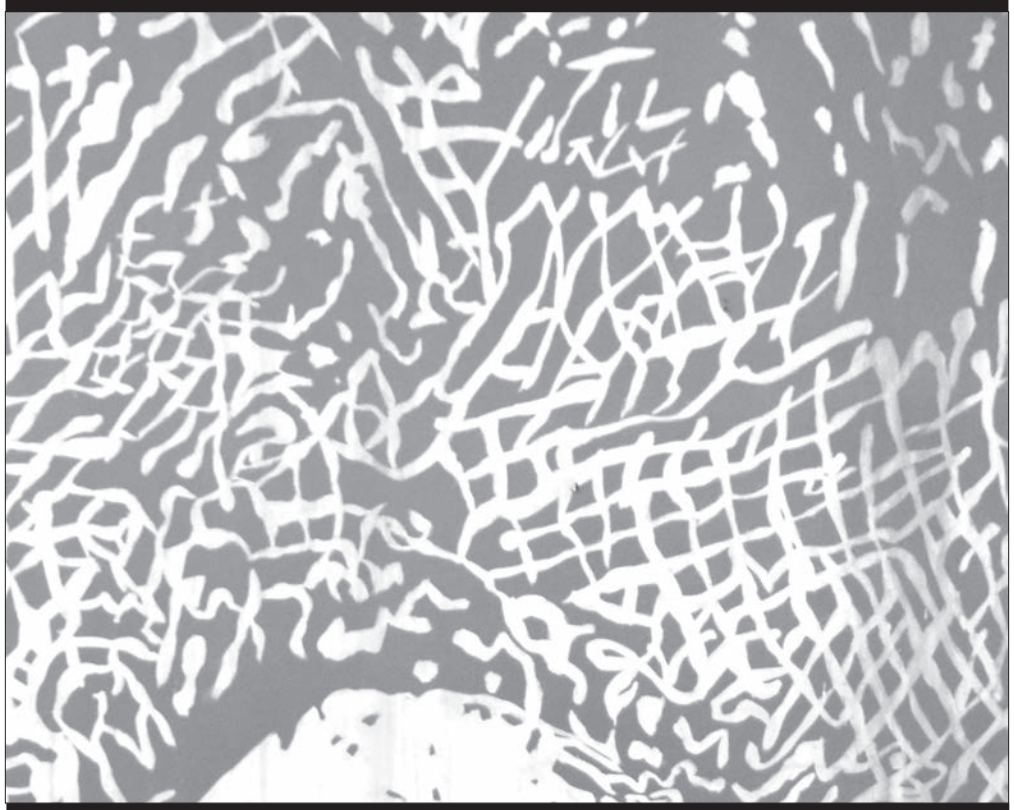
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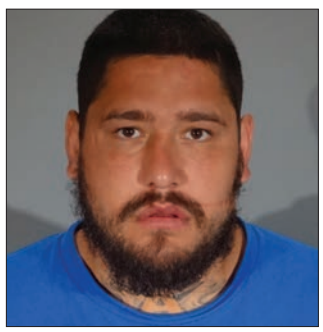
CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

IN JANUARY 3, 2018

A report was filed for a Commercial Burglary at Opskings located at 1207 4th Street. There was video surveillance that provided pictures of the suspect as well as fingerprints. In March 2019, detectives were notified that a match was made from the suspect's fingerprint. The suspect was also responsible for another commercial burglary committed in 2017. The same suspect was on formal probation for Burglary and had an appointment to meet with his probation officer on May 2, 2019. Detectives went to meet with the suspect at the Probation office and he was arrested. Robert Joseph Flanagan, 28, from Pomona was arrested for burglary. Bail was set at $20,000.



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 320 CALLS ON MAY 15

Oversize vehicle violation 1100blk 21st St 12:10 a.m.
Public intoxication 1700blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:01 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:44 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace report 2100blk 21st St 5:45 a.m.
Indecent exposure now 20th St / Arizona Ave 6:01 a.m.
Violation of posted sign 3300blk Barnard Way 6:02 a.m.
Construction noise 1200blk 17th St 6:41 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2400blk 34th St 7:48 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:59 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1500blk 4th St 8 a.m.
Petty theft report 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 8:33 a.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 2200blk 24th St 8:40 a.m.
Construction noise 1200blk 17th St 8:41 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 700blk Ocean Ave 9:12 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 800blk Montana Ave 9:20 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 9th St / Washington Ave 9:21 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 2600blk Main St 9:22 a.m.
Burglary report 200blk Pacific St 9:26 a.m.
Grand theft auto report 1700blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2000blk 3rd St 9:33 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2900blk Glenn Ave 9:46 a.m.
Elder abuse 400blk San Vicente Blvd 10:03 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk Ocean Ave 10:12 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1800blk 9th St 10:51 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2600blk 2nd St 10:56 a.m.
Indecent exposure now Lincoln Blvd / Wilshire Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1200blk 18th St 11:03 a.m.
Burglary report 1100blk 16th St 11:23 a.m.
Grand theft report 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 11:59 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1400blk 16th St 12:26 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 900blk 2nd St 12:31 p.m.
Battery just occurred Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 12:37 p.m.
Battery just occurred 2200blk Virginia Ave 1:01 p.m.
Threats report/investigations 2400blk 16th St 1:07 p.m.
Battery just occurred 17th St / Olympic Blvd 1:21 p.m.
Panhandling 700blk Broadway 1:28 p.m.
Fight 11th St / Olympic Blvd W 1:28 p.m.
Fraud report 2200blk 23rd St 1:35 p.m.
Petty theft just occurred 700blk Broadway 8:59 p.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries 5th St / Strand St 9:46 p.m.
Family disturbance 1300blk Yale St 9:50 p.m.
Fight 1400blk 17th St 10:01 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 27 CALLS ON MAY 15

Emergency Medical Service 1800blk 18th St 12:34 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 5:29 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 5:36 a.m.
Structure fire 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:16 a.m.
Elevator rescue 2800blk Neilson Way 1:21 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Neilson Way 1:30 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 2:18 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Oak St 2:31 p.m.
EMS 1800blk 10th St 4:51 p.m.
EMS 800blk 10th St 5:40 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:48 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Colorado Ave 5:58 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Euclid St 6:00 p.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 6:01 p.m.
EMS 100blk Marguerita Ave 6:02 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Main St / Bay St 6:51 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 6:55 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Yale St 7:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 6th St 7:21 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1200blk 9th St 7:30 p.m.
EMS 700blk Montana Ave 8:25 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 23rd St 9:09 p.m.

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7 17 33 61 68
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Draw Date: 05/14
11 59 66 67 68
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: $339 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 05/15
5 22 23 27 38
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: $45 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/15
14 18 19 22 39

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 05/16
Midday: 5 1 0
Draw Date: 05/15
Evening: 0 9 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 05/15
1st: 11 - MONEY BAGS
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
RACE TIME: 1:40.71

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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.5°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high
Fading SW/SSW swell. Potential for NW windswell to continue. Overnight onshore winds may ease sunrise into mid-morning before rebuilding.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Smaller leftovers from the SSW. Minor NW swell. Possible onshore wind all day.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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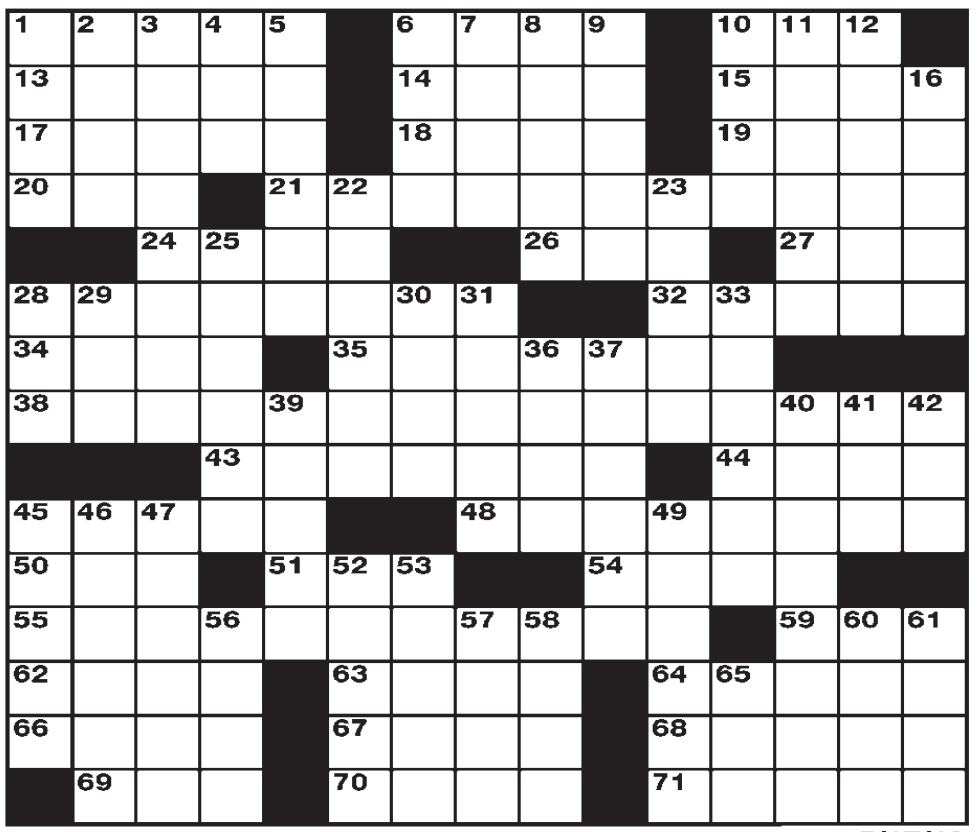
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Hole in one, almost always
6 Early LP format
10 Fall off
13 Portion of pistachio
14 Big screen franchise
15 Tiny tantrum thrower
17 Tomasso's "please"
18 Female zebra
19 '30s pop idol Vallee
20 "May I help you?"
21 28-Grammy music legend
24 Gobsmack
26 Starter for worthy or water
27 Internal restrainer
28 *Gentille* bird of song
32 Churchillian greeting
34 One of the Apostles
35 Metaphor for guidance
38 Spanish classical composer
43 On hand
44 Part of a Zorro costume
45 Purchase for a prom
48 Numbers game
50 Tic-tac-toe line
51 Not a lot
54 Teased for a while
55 Belgian singer/songwriter
59 Officeholder
62 Not mention
63 ESPN media partner
64 Optical counterpart
66 Alien-seeking pgm.
67 Close up, as a hole
68 Where bills are stored
69 Street cred
70 Long haul
71 Ultimate heights

DOWN
1 Spot in the distance
2 Field fraction
3 Turns out badly
4 Daily record
5 Verne's era
6 *Rent* role
7 A Gulf State
8 Undercover contingent
9 Type of daisy
10 River through Aragon
11 Nation surrounded by Malaysia
12 Rogue
16 '80s title holder
22 "A pack of lies!"
23 Certain Indonesian
25 Flowers that sound like kissers
28 Big lug
29 Data-sharing acronym
30 Things to 67 Across
31 All fired up
33 Not touching
36 Sixth 007 novel
37 Of age
39 Alphabetic excerpt
40 Mideast fruit source
41 Pull (out)
42 Call on
45 Judo schools
46 Nomad
47 Cause to be 31 Down
49 Nabokov novel
52 *Cheers* regular
53 One of a John Williams quintet
56 Brand in many makeup kits
57 Undisguised
58 File companion
60 Gawk at
61 Ending like -free
65 Amp jack label



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 17)

You'll have the power to choose where you spend most of your time and with whom; your destiny springs from these choices. The exceptional fortunes of July include an expensive ticket gifted to you. Hobbies turn into moneymakers in 2020. Devote yourself to making and marketing your reputation. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 12, 5, 18 and 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being a good judge of character is part talent and part skill. You've always had a sense about who to pursue, tolerate or avoid, though you've occasionally been tricked by charm or good looks. Not anymore. You're seasoned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's something relaxing about maintenance appointments such as routine doctor or dentist visits or an automobile oil change. You're where you're supposed to be and the world outside just has to wait.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Every relationship has rules, though most of them are unspoken. You'll be aware of how the rules change as you move in and out of the various concentric circles that span the realms between intimacy and distance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). We may walk the same earthly plane, but there's a vastly different internal reality inside each person. You'll be extremely effective with this knowledge at the core of today's interactions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't need people to be just like you in order to feel a kinship and affinity with them. You thrive on knowing a diverse set of people, and today will bring proof that you're much better for the wide variety of interests.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When the action doesn't go to plan, you'll quickly come up with a new one. This is better than passively riding out the direction everything seems to be falling in. There's something to save or affect here. Believe in yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you know that something is right but you don't know why it's right, then you'll make the correct choice, but you won't be able to convince others to make it, too. Find out the reasons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Time all to yourself seems like an impractical indulgence when it should seem more like what it actually is – a choice for health and well-being. You're happier and more loving once you've tended to your tranquility needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). "You're going places," said the casting director to the actor, "just not with us." You may echo this sentiment as you meet really talented and appealing people whom you don't quite know how to "cast" in your life yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Wanting to be a part of a different scene is a waste of the one you're in. This one is good! Trust that there are plenty of opportunities to be excellent from exactly where you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Valuable things become even more so when they are shared, while insubstantial things are diminished when too many people get their hands on them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The Irish proverb "Praise youth and it will prosper," was a novel idea when it first came about. Culture has shifted. Many claim children are now praised to a perilous degree. You'll dole praise judiciously and fairly.

Mercury's Inescapable Destiny

The ancient Chinese divination text suggests that wisdom comes through interaction and communication among friends of a harmonious nature. If you can't seem to strike a harmonious chord, don't worry. Either the Mercury and Pluto trine will strike one for you, or you'll become even wiser through discord. Good luck is inescapable.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST

ARIES: People go in the direction that excites them and makes them feel powerful or at least feel comfortable. TAURUS: Is there any animal as greedy as a human? Some appetites are never sated. Desire only makes people hungrier. GEMINI: Communication is essential to building trust. Good communication, high trust level. No communication, no trust. CANCER: Showing love takes courage. Showing love the way someone wants it to be shown takes intelligence. LEO: Your heart sees what your eyes cannot. VIRGO: It's harder to get a busy person's attention, but people who are extremely busy will still find time to answer and tend to the people they love and/or are very interested in. LIBRA: Between romantic ideas and romantic decisions there is a gap. That's where contemplation and journaling go. SCORPIO: Love feels like a dream, but whose? SAGITTARIUS: Relationships have their own math. If it doesn't add up, something's either missing or extra. CAPRICORN: It's the casual moments when someone doesn't feel observed that you can learn most about that person. AQUARIUS: You follow the golden rule of love: Do unto others as you'd like done to you. Also, you don't do what you wouldn't like done to you. PISCES: One sincere and well-earned compliment is better than a hundred random ones.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND

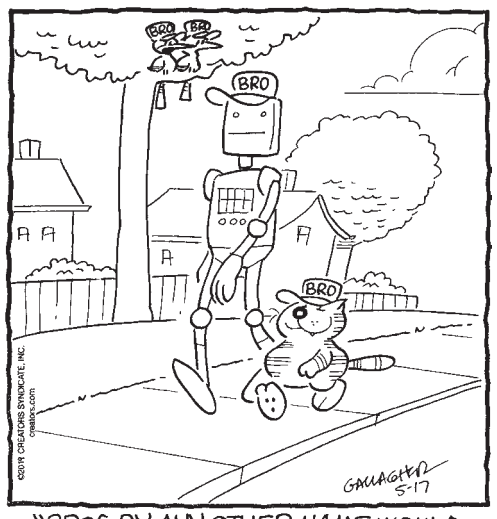
The Taurus sun and Scorpio moon pull across the sky from one another in the sort of exquisite tension that carries television dramas and violin strings alike. Taurus is Venus-ruled and embodies the beautiful energy of the love goddess, while Scorpio is well-known for having the most potent charisma of the zodiac. These two are anything but a lighthearted tryst. The longing runs soul deep. Write to Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis@gmail.com.

WORD UP!

Whataboutism
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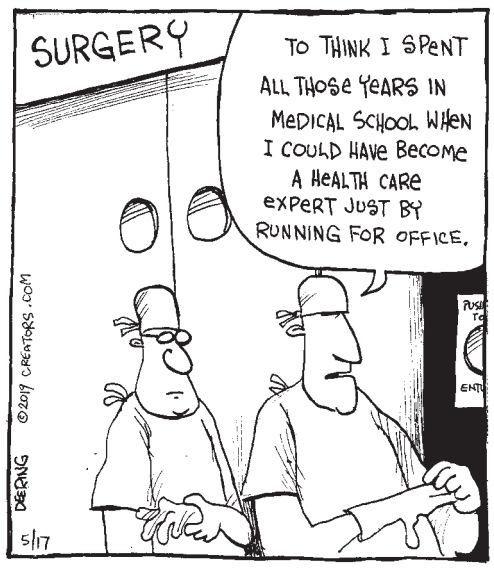
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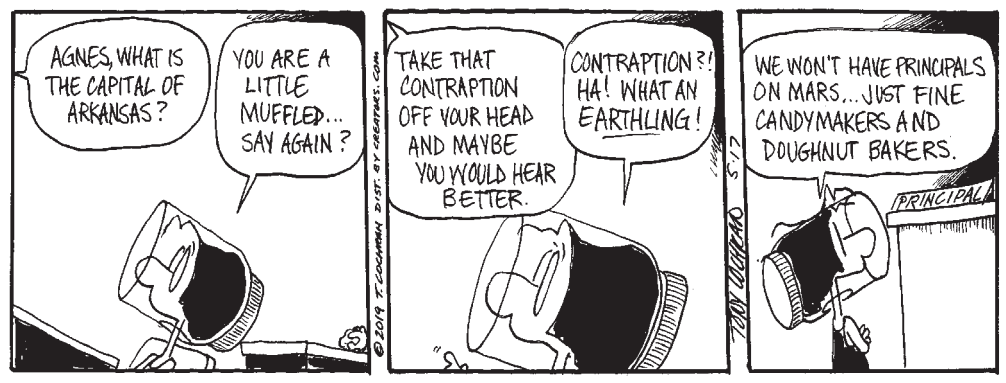
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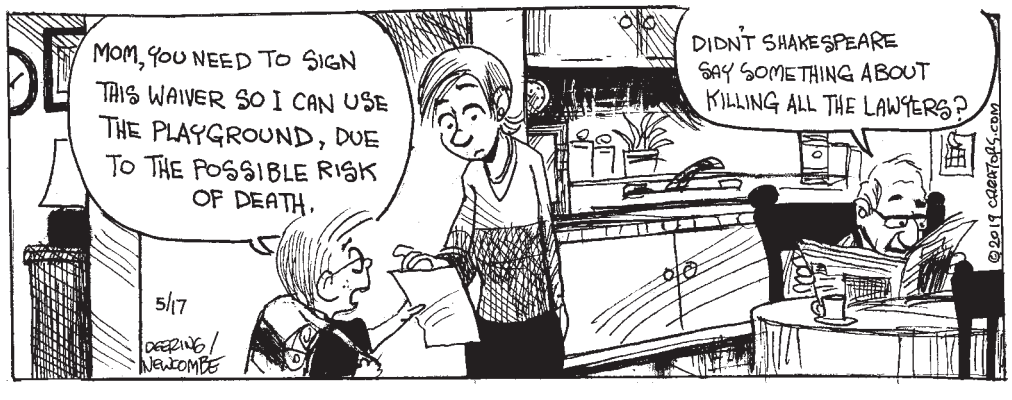
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Snow in spring? California storm cheers skiing fans

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Fresh snow coated the slopes of the Sierra Nevada on Thursday as a late-spring storm with winter-like potency moved through California, forcing rescues and adding to snowpack and rainfall totals that are already well above normal.

Authorities rescued four hikers caught in the weather on the far north's Redwood Coast and two people trapped on a tiny island in the suddenly fast-flowing Los Angeles River.

Mammoth Mountain, a popular ski area in the Sierra, reported a foot (30 centimeters) of new snow on its peak, boosting the season total at the summit to nearly 58 feet (18 meters). The resort already announced it had enough snow to allow skiing and boarding through the Fourth of July.

Jason Elrick eagerly followed the storm's progress from his desk at a staffing office in Chino, east of Los Angeles. As the snow piled up at Mammoth, he vowed to make the five-hour drive to the resort late Thursday and hit the slopes in the morning.

"I have a bit of flexibility at work so I can say, 'Boss, it's snowing. I have to go,' " Elrick said. "The conditions are prime. It's like the middle of winter up there."

Elrick, 37, said he expects Friday to be a "bluebird day" — skier slang for sunny conditions following a major snow dump.

The wettest winter in years nearly eliminated drought conditions in California. While frequently disrupting travel, a long series of storms stoked a big part of the state's water supply — the Sierra snowpack that melts and runs off into reservoirs during spring and summer.

More snow was expected, and winter storm warnings would remain in effect until early Friday for the southern Sierra from Yosemite south to Kern County, the weather service said.

"Looks like a Winter Wonderland in mid-May!" the Sacramento National Weather Service tweet ed, showing traffic camera images of snowy Interstate 80, a major route that crosses the Sierra north of Lake Tahoe.

The unusually cold and wet late-season storm not only put a gray, wintry cast on the Golden State, it posed a problem for travelers and outdoor enthusiasts who normally find moderate conditions by late spring.

The California Department of Transportation closed State Route 89 over Monitor Pass. Yosemite National Park earlier announced the closure of a popular road because of the storm.

Sequoia National Forest officials warned people wondering when campgrounds and access roads will open that snow is deeper than normal, and recreation sites, roads and trails will be wetter than average. Forest crews normally try to open most campgrounds in time for the Memorial Day weekend, the forest said.

The storm unleashed rain in Northern California on Wednesday. Some San Francisco Bay Area cities received around an inch (2.5 centimeters), and an area to the north in Sonoma County that's typically very wet got more than 5 inches (12.7 centimeters).

Before dawn, Humboldt County sheriff's deputies found four hikers who had trekked from their vehicles several miles to camp at Gold Bluffs Beach. The storm blew away their tent, and they took shelter in a restroom facility.

The rain spread south and reached Southern California in time to make the Thursday morning commute slippery and adding to seasonal rainfall that's already above normal.

Alicia Ochoa said she briefly considered staying home from her job as a street vendor in Santa Ana. Instead she bundled up with a sweater, jacket and hat and ventured out in the rain.

"The water isn't going to stop me," Ochoa, 74, said in Spanish while setting up sodas for sale. "We've got to work."

The storm turned the normally languid Los Angeles River into a torrent, trapping two people on a small island of vegetation northeast of downtown. A Fire Department swift-water rescue team managed to reach them by boat.

Snowfall in Southern California mountains could reach elevations as low as 6,000 feet (1,829 meters) Thursday night, the San Diego weather office said.

Forecasters predicted more rain during the weekend and into early next week.

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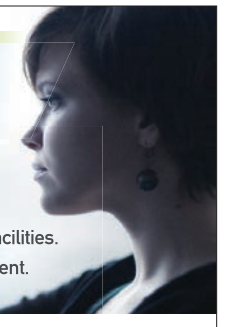
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