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Pico Block Party empowers youth voices through music and art



Photos by Matthew Martin

PARTY: The event at the 18th Street Arts Center supported the local community through art.

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The 18th Street Arts Center held the third annual Pico Block Party May 19 to promote youth voices by getting them involved in the community. The block party is a community arts festival that featured events for the whole family, with art workshops that kids could participate in, musical performances, artists' open studios, and food trucks for the hungry attendee.

There were also several musical performances throughout the day that showcased kids' talents and established an enjoyable atmosphere at the event. One of the first performances was by the SMC Jazz Vocal Ensemble from

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City moves to control public employee costs

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Facing ballooning pension costs, the City is reorganizing public employees by shuffling vacant positions and eliminating certain jobs. On Tuesday, the City Council approved a proposed operating budget that alters 69 public positions to realign operations.

While the City will add a total of six full-time positions in the next year, seven positions in the airport and broadband departments will be eliminated. Even with the departmental shuffling, the city will need to raise fees to keep up with a 4.4 percent rise in compensation costs for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

"We think we need to set this city on a different trajectory, which means reducing our overall staffing," said City Manager Rick Cole at a recent Council meeting. "That doesn't mean layoffs. We are not in a crisis situation."

Santa Monica has more public employees than any comparable city in the region. A recent audit found the city's 2,293 workers make about average when compared to regional peers like Beverly Hills and Pasadena. Employee expenses make up about $332 million of the city's $508 million budget, according to the audit by accounting firm Moss Adams.

The numerous public workers magnify a statewide problem of escalating public pension costs here. While the city is currently operating in the black, skyrocketing pensions weigh heavy on eco-

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Latino parent group PEMA holds first meeting

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Daily Press Staff Writer

The recently re-established Latino parent group of Parents, Estudiantes, y Maestros Asociación (PEMA) held its first unofficial meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at Samohi.

Despite their unofficial status — the school district says the group hadn't followed necessary guidelines to establish themselves, restricting the Santa Monica Malibu Unified District (SMMUSD) from sending PEMA communication to Latino parents — PEMA managed to pull in nearly two dozen people to their first meeting.

The meeting served as an introduction to the group, providing parents, students, and community members with PEMA's mission, vision, and goals for Samohi and the community at large.

PEMA, founded and advocated for by Dr. Berenice Onofre Vasquez, said its vision is to be a collaboration of parents, students, and teachers in Samohi working together to assist students in reaching a university or post-high school goals and to positively impact their communities. They hope to empower parents and families to become more involved in the academic development of Latino students at Samohi.

The meeting named members of their board and their positions and laid out qualifications to become a board member. They also included a calendar of important events they hope to assist and involve themselves in.

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Friday, May 25

Annenberg Guest House Tour
Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 26

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (downtown)
As Santa Monica's second CFM, it had a different mission to fulfill. With the passage of the California Organic Foods Act of 1990, consumers were eager for more organic produce and another market for weekend shopping. 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.

Interviewing Success with Warren Mullisen
Interviewing expert Warren Mullisen shares tips and tricks for convincing potential employers that you're the right person for the job. He covers pre-interview preparation, strategies for answering common interview questions, and shows you an interview close that will set you apart from every other candidate. Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 27

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)
The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Annenberg Community Pool
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Monday, May 28

Pool Open
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Affordable Housing list opens

Community Corporation of Santa Monica (Community Corp.) has announced the bi-annual opening of the 2018 Housing Opportunity List. Joining the Housing Opportunity List offers the opportunity to apply for affordable housing with their organization.

Beginning May 29, visit 502 Colorado Avenue; select the date and time for the one-hour seminar you would like to attend during the week of June 4. You will receive an appointment card which is needed for entry to the seminar. During the one-hour seminar you will complete an online questionnaire providing vital information regarding household size, income and assets. Community Corp computers will be provided and friendly staff will be available to assist with any questions you may have. An adult household member, age 18 or older, must be present during the seminar.

PLEASE NOTE: If you joined the Housing Opportunity List anytime in 2017 or 2018, do not apply again. You are already on the current Housing Opportunity List. Duplicate submissions could cause you to lose your place on the Housing Opportunity List or be rejected.

Appointment cards will be available May 29 through June 1 at 502 Colorado Avenue. The property at 502 Colorado Avenue does not have parking. Organizers suggest public parking structures downtown or take the Santa Monica Expo Line which stops at 4th Street and Colorado Avenue.

Cards will be available Tuesday, May 29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 12 to 1 p.m.), Wednesday and Thursday, May 30 and 31, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closed 12 to 1 p.m.) and Friday, June 1, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed 12 to 1 p.m.)

The appointment card provides an exact date and time to attend a seminar. You must bring the appointment card with you to the seminar. It is your ticket to enter. Space is limited and entry to the seminar is not guaranteed without an appointment card. An adult household member must be present at the seminar, but all household members need not attend.

WHEN YOU ATTEND YOUR SEMINAR, BRING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR HOUSEHOLD:

* Number of people in the household
* SS#'s for all household members (if you have SS #'s)
* All household income and asset information.

For more details about the organization, Tenant Selection Criteria and Housing Opportunity List, please visit www.communitycorp.org or call (310) 394-8487.

Community Corp. will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

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Malibu

Lagoon Field Trips

The Santa Monica Bay Audubon Society (SMBAS) invites all to their monthly Malibu Lagoon Field Trips, held on the 4th Sunday of every month, at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Next dates are May 27 and June 24. Free.

ADULT WALK 8:30 a.m. – Beginner and experienced, 2-3 hours. Species range from 40 in June to 60-75 during migrations and winter. They meet at the metal-shaded viewing area next to the parking lot and begin walking east towards the lagoon. They always check the offshore rocks and the ocean. When lagoon outlet is closed they continue east around the lagoon to Adamson House. They put out special effort to make the monthly Malibu Lagoon walks attractive to first-time and beginning birdwatchers. Organizers said if you are at all worried about coming on a trip and embarrassing yourself because of all the experts, they remember their first trips too. Someone showed them the birds; now it's their turn.

CHILDREN AND PARENTS WALK 10 a.m. - One hour session, meeting at the metal-shaded viewing area next to the parking lot. They start at 10 for a shorter walk and to allow time for families to get it together on a sleepy Sunday morning. Their leaders are experienced with kids so please bring them to the beach. They have an ample supply of binoculars that children can use without striking terror into their parents. They want to see families enjoying nature.

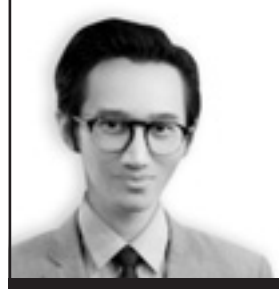
If you have a Scout Troop or other group of more than seven people, you must call Jean (310-472-7209) to make sure they have enough binoculars and docents.

DIRECTIONS: Malibu Lagoon is at the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Cross Creek Road. Look around for people wearing binoculars.

PARKING: Parking machine recently installed in the lagoon lot: 1 hr $3; 2 hrs $6; 3 hrs $9, all day $12 ($11 seniors); credit cards accepted. Annual passes accepted. You may also park (read the signs carefully) either along PCH west of Cross Creek Road, on Cross Creek Road, or on Civic Center Way north (inland) of the shopping center. Lagoon parking in shopping center lots is not permitted.

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From America's Mayor to Trump's Chump



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GIULIANI: **The many faces of Rudy Giuliani as he gets cozy with President Trump.**

FOLLOWING A PARADE OF semi-incoherent appearances on TV "defending," Donald Trump has caused many to ask, "What the hell happened to Rudy Giuliani?" Half the time Rudy makes Trump look guiltier than ever, which isn't easy. My view, however, is that Rudy was always weird!

By weird I'm not referring to his having had three wives. (Like Trump.) Or that wife #1 was his second cousin; or that Rudy announced the breakup from wife #2 on TV, the first she'd heard about it. (Reportedly, she threw Rudy out of Gracie Mansion leaving him to sleep on the floor in a nearby apartment owned by male friends.)

And I'm also not referring to how often Rudy dresses in drag and does it so well. (Too well?) But first a quick look at another disturbingly angry New Yorker.

Last week, Manhattan lawyer Aaron M. Schlossberg went on a vitriolic, fifty-five second racist rant that went viral. Millions of views later, it's causing Schlossberg the hell he so richly deserves.

Schlossberg, an avid Trump supporter (gave $500 to the campaign), had left his law office and went next door to Kitchen Fresh for lunch. He became outraged when two female employees were speaking Spanish to a customer. That alone somehow drove Schlossberg to demean the three women. (What a brave man ...not!)

Still incensed, Schlossberg complained bitterly to the manager, "In my country we speak English!" He threatened to call I.C.E. to deport the women before he was politely asked to leave. Turns out, Aaron has been captured on video attacking immigrants at least two other times. (The man clearly needs help.)

After seeing Schlossberg's wretched rant on the Internet, his landlord permanently barred him from his office. Meanwhile, Schlossberg's condo one morning was serenaded by a Mariachi band and a large gathering of New Yorkers not fond of bigots. As a result, Aaron is on the run. Literally.

To avoid reporters, there's video of Aaron, clutching his briefcase, sprinting down the sidewalk like a scared rabbit and one of him slinking into court. Some are saying Schlossberg's legal career may be over but some Trumpsters are predicting a job at Fox News.

What normal person goes bonkers over people speaking a foreign language in New York City? If he wants "English only" he might move to the south, but with a name like Schlossberg, they may not be fond of him.

Breaking news! (Up music.) Aaron, just released a statement saying that, after watching the video, he's sorry, adding "That's not the real me." (Then who was it? And who was it the other two times?)

Coincidentally, not long ago, Trump said he didn't think the Access Hollywood "pu**y grabbing" video was even his voice. (Wouldn't it be fun if, 24/7, Trump were hooked up to a lie detector?)

Back to Rudy, he became the beloved "America's Mayor" because he heroically reassured us all we would be okay in the days following 911. That was George Bush's job but POTUS 43 was mysteriously M.I.A. Who can forget when Andy Card whispered in Bush's ear, "The country is under attack." Inexplicably, Bush sat frozen for seven minutes lamely holding the children's book "My Pet Goat."

I almost could hear Bush silently screaming, "Daddy, help!" Seven minutes in the nuclear age can be an eternity. Literally. Bush sat still because he, "Didn't want to scare the kids." (I've always thought the 7 minutes was to give his pants time to dry.)

As a result of the goodwill he earned from 9/11, Rudy earned over $100 million as a security adviser to major corporations. What security? After the 1993 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, al-Quada vowed to return. How did Rudy prepare? Don't ask the majority of 9/11 first responders who think Rudy was more criminal than hero.

Rudy failed to upgrade radio communication and, against advice, placed the city's Command Center in the WTC. Many attribute Rudy's abysmal 2008 presidential campaign to his 9/11 blunders. How abysmal? He started as the front runner and, $50 million later, he didn't win a single delegate!

Now Rudy is as confused and rambling as his boss. Take his response to George Stephanopolous's simple question, "Did the President know about Michael Cohen's payment to Stormy Daniels?"

Rudy responded, " At some point yes, but it could have been recently. It could have been a while back. Those are the facts we are still working on. This is more rumor than anything else."

Stephanopolous countered, "But you stated it as fact!" Rudy said sheepishly, "Well, maybe I did, but right now I'm at the point where I'm learning. I can prove it's rumor but I can't prove it's fact." And I can prove Rudy seems to make more sense when he's in drag rather than being a drag.

Google "Schlossberg's racist rant," and "Jimmy Kimmel Rudy confused." **JACK** is at jackdailypress@aol.com. Author's note: On Saturday, 5/24, Shores residents will celebrate birthday #82 for beloved building dog walker, Frits. May Frits walk forever.



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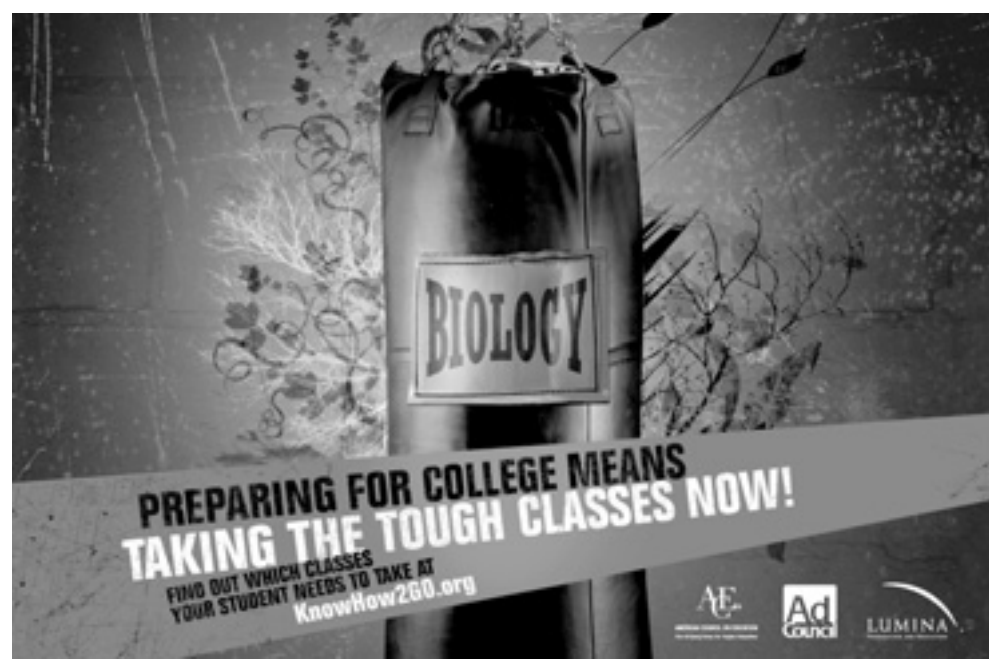
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Myths and Truths about Affordable Housing

COMMUNITY CORPORATION'S WAITING list is opening for one week on May 29th. Many believe it's impossible to obtain affordable housing here in Santa Monica.

As the Executive Director of the Community Corporation of Santa Monica (Community Corp.), one of the largest developers of affordable housing in Southern California – I hear many different reasons why potentially eligible individuals and families don't apply to become residents in our properties.

Some say that there is an endless waiting list. Others believe that it requires overwhelming paperwork and a perfect credit score, or that you need inside connections.

So many of these perceptions are incorrect. I'd like to set the record straight about a few common myths about affordable housing in our community. This is for anyone who wants to apply, advocate for affordable housing, or to become better informed about it.

Myth: Someone can only get into Community Corp. housing if they know a Community Corp employee or a member of the Santa Monica City Council.

Truth: No one can get into Community Corp housing just by knowing staff or City Council. Our procedures do not allow that.

Myth: Only applicants with perfect credit can get into Community Corp. housing.

Truth: We accept applicants with less than satisfactory credit and have recently made it easier to accommodate people with past challenges on their credit history. We also allow co-signers in some circumstances.

Myth: Community Corp. does not prioritize tenants who are being evicted.

Truth: Tenants subject to Ellis Act evictions, in the City of Santa Monica, are our number one priority and jump to the top of our waiting list. Some other no-fault evictions, such as owner-occupied, also count. All tenants still have to income-qualify.

Myth: Community Corp. housing does not give preference to Santa Monica residents.

Truth: Community Corp gives preference to applicants who live or work in Santa Monica. The majority of our new residents are individuals who live and/or work in Santa Monica. However, due to fair housing law, we cannot prohibit or exclude people who don't live/work in Santa Monica from our units. In addition, the City's regulations do allow for people who work (not live) in Santa Monica tobe given preference.

Myth: You need to earn a lot of money to live in Community Corp. housing.

Truth: Affordable housing is just that—affordable to low-income people. That said, we do like to see a minimum income per household so that we know residents will be able to pay rent and live stably in our housing. We typically look to see that no more than 42 percent of your household income would go toward Community Corp. rent.

Myth: You can never get into Community Corp. housing. I've tried for years and am still on the waiting list.

Truth: The sad reality is that we do not have enough affordable housing units for everyone who wants one, but our goal is to produce more affordable housing so that we can better serve the community's needs. We also recently changed our waiting list system. Formerly, we purged it annually and had households reapply. Now, once you are on our list, you keep your place in line and simply refresh your paperwork.

Sadly, our waiting list has more than 5,000 people—and other local providers such as Thomas Safran have equally long waiting lists. Quality affordable housing is in high demand on the Westside. Please help support our goal by advocating for proposed affordable housing in your neighborhood!

Myth: Community Corp. frequently evicts residents.

Truth: Our goal is to preserve housing stability. We are likely the most understanding landlord in our community and work with each resident to problem-solve on any potential housing instability issue. We rarely evict tenants, instead really trying to work with each person as much as possible. If people do get evicted it is for just cause.

Myth: Community Corp. housing is Section 8 housing.

Truth: Our affordable housing is typically funded with City of Santa Monica affordable housing trust funds, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, or a combination thereof. It is not "Section 8 housing" as people sometimes refer to it, but we do happily accept Section 8 vouchers if you have one.

Myth: The paperwork that you need to complete to get into Community Corp. housing is impossible to understand.

Truth: The paperwork aspect of getting into affordable housing can be challenging. However, we are here to serve the community and guide you through the process every step of the way. Our leasing process begins with a seminar in which we explain how to complete the early paperwork and process successfully.

Now that we've sorted fact from fiction, you should have a much more clear and comprehensive understanding to bring to any affordable housing application or discussion. We hope that those who are interested in living in our homes apply and are able to successfully become part of the Community Corp family.

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In attendance were community members in support of and those curious about the group including SMMUSD board members Oscar de la Torre and Maria Leon-Vasquez.

Lewis Alexander, a founder of Parent Connection Group, said he went to the meeting to "see what this group was about" and to see how the group would support students at Samohi.

"I thought the meeting was very productive and informative," Alexander said. "I felt like there are people in the room that are very influential, that can help guide this group in a positive way. I'm excited to see how they partner with the school and how they tackle things for kids in the community."

Oscar de la Torre, a SMMUSD board member and an honorary member of the board of directors for PEMA, said he was there to "strengthen opportunities for students."

"This is what public education should be about," de la Torre said. "Partnering with parents and partnering with the community to support these kids. The Latino student population is one of the largest and soon-to-be largest groups at Samohi; the more parent engagement, the better."

Marco Marin, president of PEMA, credits Dr. Onofre Vasquez for the "historical first meeting" and reestablishing a home for Latinos after a "more than 13-year absence" of a group dedicated to Latinos. Dr. Onofre Vasquez says PEMA is currently in the process of replicating the group locally and beyond, with Marin saying it's all to serve the youth.

"All Latinos, students, parents, and teachers — let's better the lives of our students and make a better community," Marin said. "What comes next? Let's ask the students. It's all for them."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Brentwood

Author readings

Coming this week to DIESEL, A Bookstore:

Fran Hawthorne discusses and signs The Heirs on Sunday, May 27 at 3 p.m.

After breaking her hip in a serious accident, Eleanor Ritter's mother, Rose, a Holocaust survivor now living in northern New Jersey, suddenly starts talking about her harrowing childhood in Poland and the taboo subjects she has refused to discuss for half a century -- even speaking in long-forgotten Polish. Around the same time, Eleanor learns that the parents of her nine-year-old son's soccer teammate, Tadek, are Catholics from Poland.

As Eleanor becomes fixated with digging into the histories of both her mother and Tadek's family, her obsession strains her already difficult relationship with Rose, as well as her marriage to Nick, an IT technician who is himself caught up in preparing for the feared Y2K turn-of-the-millennium.

Eleanor starts flirting heavily with the soccer coach, ignoring her twelve-year-old daughter's growing rebellion and her son's misery when he becomes the team pariah for badly messing up several games. Meanwhile, the "sure-fire" tech stock that Eleanor bought behind Nick's back is losing money. Even as her quest nourishes an odd friendship with Tadek's mother, it forces Eleanor to face the unavoidable questions: How many generations does guilt carry on? What did your grandparents do to my grandparents?

Caeli Wolfson Widger w/Julia Fierro discusses and signs Mother of Invention on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

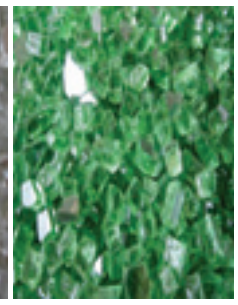
Meet Silicon Valley executive Tessa Callahan, a woman passionate about the power of technology to transform women's lives. Her company's latest invention, the Seahorse Solution, includes a breakthrough procedure that safely accelerates human pregnancy from nine months to nine weeks, along with other major upgrades to a woman's experience of early maternity. When Tessa discovers disturbing truths behind the transformative technology she's championed, her own fear begins to rock her faith in the Seahorse Solution.

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PICO

FROM PAGE 1

Santa Monica College's music department.

One of the organizations participating was the Brighter Future Charity, a non-profit started five years ago that promotes growth in kids with autism along with community understanding. The charity helps kids with autism by letting them sell their hand-made crafts and taking part in community events. The purpose is for them to learn financial skills and give them a chance in life that they might otherwise not get. Brighter Future helps them build social skills, confidence and helps spread awareness within the community about autism.

Ray Tate, 22, was one of the charity's youth who got to showcase his talents at the event. Tate was there to sell his own hand-made crafts with a toy-theme, mainly key-chains and necklaces. It is free for the kids to sell their crafts, and the festival provides them a way for them to have an income and be a part of the community. "It's a lot of fun to sell my jewelry here," Tate said.

The Santa Monica Library was at the Block Party to inform people about all the free events and workshops that are going on in the Santa Monica community. Kids are encouraged to participate in the different programs they offer, such as homework help, reading clubs and other summer activity programs. The library also has a teen advisory council, which promotes leadership and serves as a voice for teens in the community. "It helps youth develop productivity in society," said Ivy Weston, librarian and teen services supervisor.

Santa Monica local Tracey Roden and her son Cyrus, 5, attended the event for the first time. At the various workshops, Cyrus created things such as a robot LED-card and a balloon animal. Roden enjoys attending street fairs with her family and she wanted to attend when she found out a lot of non-profits were going to be at the event. "I work for a non-profit, and I like to support local non-profits in our neighborhood," Roden said.

Pico Youth and Family Center, a local non-profit of Santa Monica since 2002, was another organization promoting the young performing artists. The non-profit offers many different free services and programs to kids ages 14-24, such as tutoring services, financial literacy, well-being workshops and community involvement. Interested children and teens can get involved in their music program and record music at their youth center. The organization aims to help kids find jobs, transfer and get out of gangs. The organization partners with the Homeboys and Homegirls club at SMC, and sometimes host the club's fundraising events in order to support their mission in promoting personal academic growth for previously incarcerated students.

Officials said Pico Youth and Family Center strongly believes in still helping young people over 18 that need assistance. Julian Ayala, music consultant at the organization, believes there should be more programs that can help, since the cut-off age is usually 18 for most services. "You still need help getting your life together. You don't stop needing help just because you've turned 18 and that's what we're here for," Ayala said.

Ayala is passionate about the community and has always loved giving back to the kids as he struggled himself when he was younger. He faced a lot of adversity as a kid and wants to pay it forward.

"Kids can relate to me because they know I went through the same," Ayala said. "I give advice and tips on how to get through things. I'm more than a music consultant, I'm also like a counselor, therapist and a friend."

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

ON MAY 17, 2018 AT ABOUT 11:25 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at Casa Del Mar regarding a female subject acting violently with staff and swimming in the pool. Officers located the subject swimming in the pool and began to yell profanities at officers and hotel staff. Officers determined the subject was not a guest at the hotel. The subject exited the pool and refused staff and hotel security's requests to leave the property. She also refused officer's requests to leave the property. The Hotel Manager requested a private person's arrest for trespassing. Officers attempted to take the subject into custody. The subject began to kick and scream at the officers. The subject was placed in handcuffs. As officers began walking her to a police car, she continued to resist and kneed an officer in the groin area. The subject was eventually placed in a police car and transported to SMPD Jail. Sarah Bradford Wetherell, 30, from Santa Monica, was arrested for interfering with a business, battery on a police officer and interfering/resisting arrest.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 321 Calls For Service On May 23.

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

Person down 2200 block Neilson 12:05 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Idaho 12:46 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 2nd 12:47 a.m.
Battery 2100 block Colorado 12:57 a.m.
Party complaint 1400 block 7th 1:52 a.m.
Trespassing 1900 block Pico 3:26 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1100 block 3rd 4:24 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1200 block 2nd 5:49 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1100 block Palisades 7:11 a.m.
Battery 1300 block Wilshire 7:34 a.m.
Traffic collision 200 block Santa Monica Pier 7:51 a.m.
Loitering 1200 block 5th 8:24 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2100 block Pier 9:08 a.m.
Panic alarm 1700 block 4th 9:16 a.m.
Fight 700 block Santa Monica 9:52 a.m.
Indecent exposure 5th / Wilshire 9:57 a.m.
Traffic collision Euclid / Pico 10:18 a.m.
Hit and run 14th / Pico 10:20 a.m.
Burglar 2900 block Main 10:24 a.m.
Burglar alarm 700 block 24th 10:36 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Wilshire 10:52 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1500 block 11th 11:04 a.m.
Hit and run 900 block 4th 11:09 a.m.
Burglary 600 block Idaho 11:12 a.m.
Grand theft 1100 block 5th 11:18 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block 15th 11:34 a.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Pico 12:13 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Ocean 12:23 p.m.
Loitering 1100 block 12th 12:32 p.m.
Loitering 1600 block 5th 12:35 p.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block Oak 12:40 p.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Wilshire 1:02 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1100 block 4th 1:05 p.m.
Auto burglary 2200 block Virginia 1:06 p.m.
Fraud 2700 block 3rd 1:32 p.m.
Assault Ocean / Colorado 1:52 p.m.
Hit and run 200 block Santa Monica Pier 2:18 p.m.
Battery 19th / Santa Monica 2:20 p.m.
Identity 1500 block 5th 2:57 p.m.
Auto burglary 400 block 11th 3:34 p.m.
Fraud 1700 block 18th 3:50 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 4:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 600 block Arizona 4:09 p.m.
Drunk driving Lincoln / Pico 4:19 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th / I-10 4:25 p.m.
Juvenile annoying 2400 block Montana 4:35 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block Ocean 4:44 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block Palisades 4:46 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 26 Calls For Service On May 23.

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Emergency medical service 1100 block 7th 3:26 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 4:51 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 26th 6:59 a.m.
EMS 800 block 19th 7:06 a.m.
Flooded condition 1300 block Euclid 8:37 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 10:01 a.m.
Wires down 2100 block 6th 10:04 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd St Prom 11:02 a.m.
Traffic collision 20th / Pico 12:17 p.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 1:17 p.m.
EMS 800 block 15th 1:47 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean 2:14 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Santa Monica 3:07 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 3:39 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 4th 3:53 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th / I-10 4:26 p.m.
EMS 700 block Pico 4:31 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 16th 4:33 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block Broadway 6:53 p.m.
EMS 900 block Centinela 7:12 p.m.
Flooded condition 25th / Washington 9:30 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pl 9:32 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 9:57 p.m.
EMS 18th / Pico 11:08 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 11:19 p.m.

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Power#: 7
Jackpot: 50M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/22
16 17 21 36 48
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 73M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/23
6 34 38 39 44
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/23
10 15 31 33 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/23
MIDDAY: 2 0 6
Draw Date: 5/23
EVENING: 0 2 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/23
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 04 Big Ben
RACE TIME: 1:45.96

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2. of or relating to the forenoon.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1966, James M. Schlatter applied for a patent for peptide sweetening agents. His invention eventually led to the marketing of aspartame under the name NutraSweet. A few months earlier, Schlatter had accidentally discovered the first example of such compounds. To pick up a paper, he had licked his finger, tasting an unexpected sweet trace of a substance that had, he realized, earlier splashed onto the outside of a flask he had handled. It was L-aspartyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester – the primary ingredient of aspartame.

Phobia of the Week

■ Anthophobia: fear of flowers.

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Carrie Weil correctly identified the photo as the mural at The Leaf and Petal Co. at 4th and Colorado. She wins a prize from the Daily Press.

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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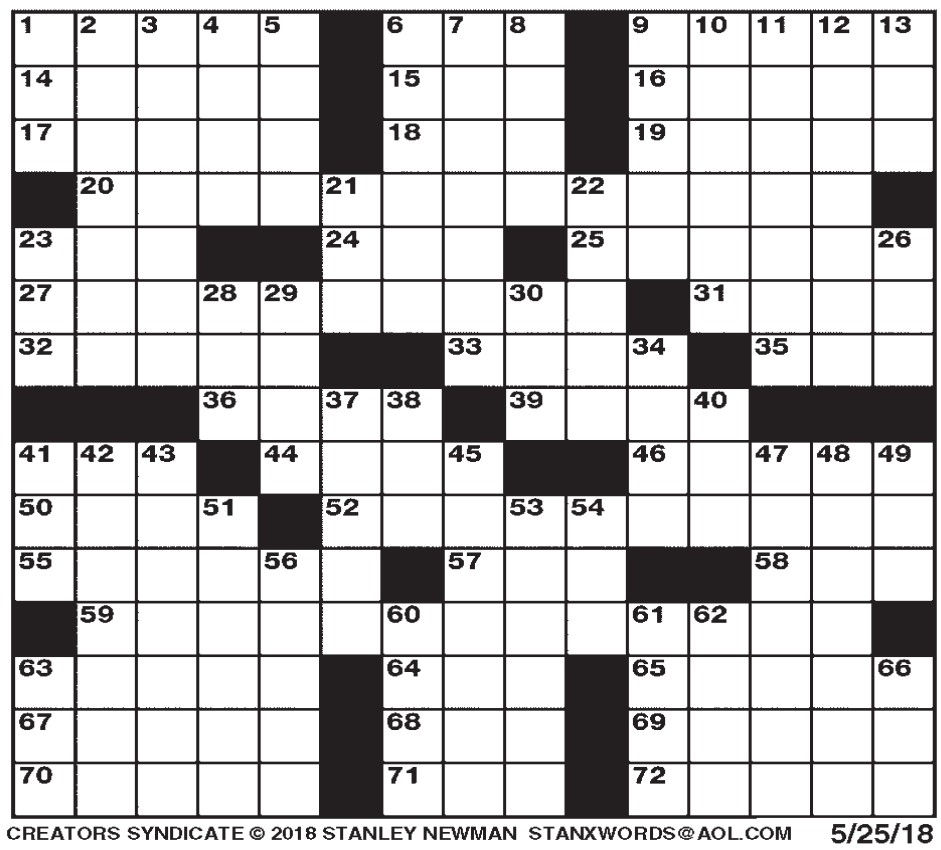
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Newsday Crossword

FIRST-WORD ADVICE by Greg Johnson
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ACROSS
1 "Uncle!"
6 Scriptural pronoun
9 Benefits
14 Harmonic and melodic
15 Something stored in sheds
16 Desktop font
17 Eastern European capital
18 Energy Star org.
19 Brit WWII leader
20 See to completion
23 Org. with the Colts and Browns
24 "Looky here!"
25 April 1, in 2018
27 Phrase in grocery 71 Across
31 5-to-500 currency
32 Go after
33 Minor misunderstanding
35 Streaming-lecture acronym
36 Quick bite
39 "Without delay" directive
41 Southern pie filling
44 Nursery rhyme home
46 *The Two Fridas* painter
50 It spans 11 time zones
52 Be smashing at stand-up
55 Action-film art
57 __ clip (bike pedal part)
58 Kids' programming designation
59 *The Search for Spock*, e.g.
63 Smooth-talking
64 Dug-up commodity
65 Show and tell
67 They're in the book
68 Dudes
69 Desk basket labels
70 Fruit pulp
71 Sale announcements
72 Shabby

DOWN
1 That thing's
2 Lose one's temper with
3 Sharp, as a snapshot
4 Resort west of Denver
5 Mideast flag carrier
6 "Pinball Wizard" rock band
7 Get moving
8 Shout of approval
9 "American" Pacific territory
10 Stir up
11 14th-century BC ruler's nickname
12 Diner sign's suggestion
13 Conniving
21 "How exciting!"
22 Navigation hazards
23 Roll-call response
26 Pretzel shape
28 Winning streak
29 Toppers of org charts
30 Subject of lots of Clancy plots
34 Knockoff
37 Be vociferous
38 The way
40 Norm
41 Exotic wool source
42 Normally
43 Quantity of coins created
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48 Auto in Disney comedies
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 25)

You are learning to use your emotions (both positive and negative) for what they can give the world. Joy is a contagion. Anger is motivation. What you used to envy others for, you now embody. This new relationship to your feelings will translate into improved relationships and very successful projects. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 20, 33 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It's minor things that happen today — subtle, even. Your interpretation of events will influence your destiny (and mood!) more than the events themselves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Certain people have proven to be so much trouble for you that you know to avoid them completely. As for the unknown trouble sources — it's just a sense you get, and today an extremely accurate one. Heed your own warning.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You have an excellent rapport with a lot of different kinds of people. But what you have with one person is much more. It's a deep and lasting connection, made possible by your intimate understanding of this person's pain and joy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You may be in line for a certain product, but it's not the product you're after, not really. You want the experience — the dance of this. You want the story this quest is sure to give you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You wonder if the right sort of partnership could lift your life to a new place. What would the relationship have to be? What would you ask of the other person? There may be a way to embody these things yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
The saying goes: "You get out what you put in." That's not entirely true. If you wanted the same thing you put in, you'd just keep it. As for the trades you're currently making, some no longer seem fair or worth it. Change it up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
If a tourist came into your life right now, that person would see some parts of it as romantic, fascinating and fun and other parts as uncomfortable and in need of a lift. What do you see with your "tourist" eyes?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Most people wait for holidays and breaks to spend time with the ones they love, but you don't have to. You can create the moments; steal them. You'll be inspired to make up your own meaningful events.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Believing is a funny thing. You sometimes believe in things you know aren't real because it's more interesting that way, or because everyone is doing it, or because what the belief encompasses is more real than reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
There are a number of things that are far more contagious than head colds: manners of thought, emotional expressions, luck, attitudes, sayings, skills, abilities, viewpoints... You'll be in the mix and picking up plenty.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You want clarity, productivity, high energy and success. Well, you want at least three of those things anyway, and there's one you're not so sure of. If you can convince yourself, the impediments will fall away.

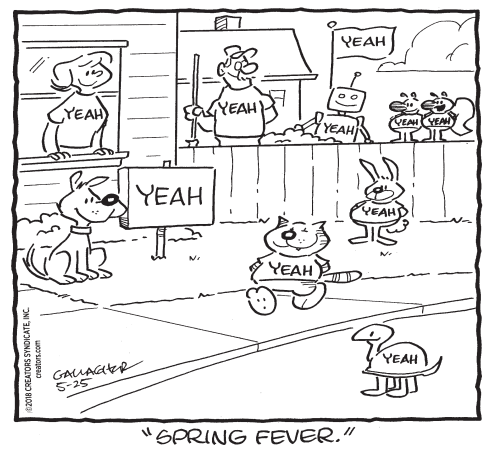
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
For a discipline to make a difference in your life it must be constant in nature. Repetition is the only way a practice can become engrained as second nature and adopted as character.

Deep Cosmic Conversation

For human history, gold has been a recycled item. The gold in your ring could have been mined by Romans two thousand years ago. As Mercury is in conversation with the deeper forces of Pluto today, many will have a sensitivity to the elements of the material world and the vibrations they've picked up through time.

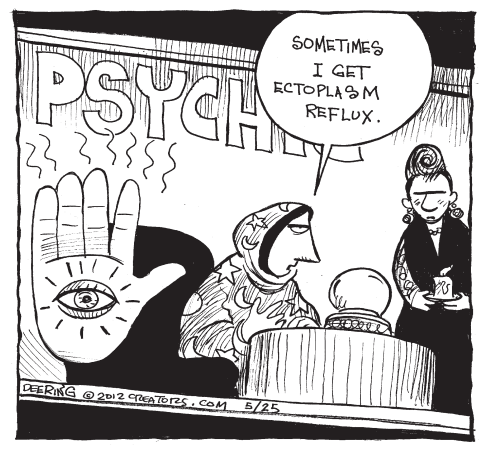
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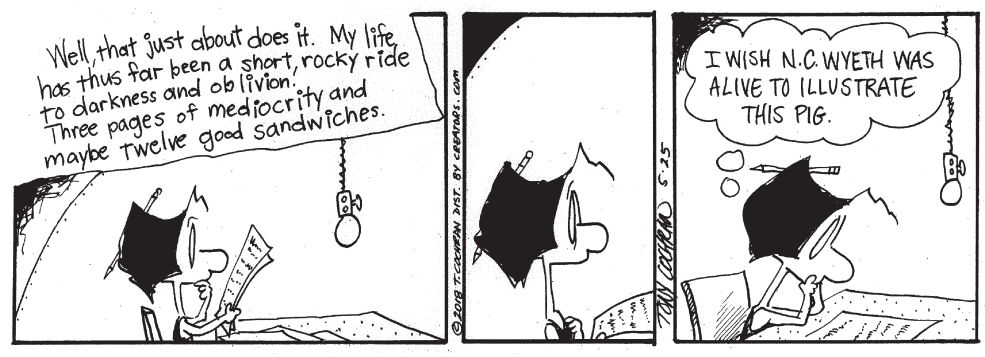


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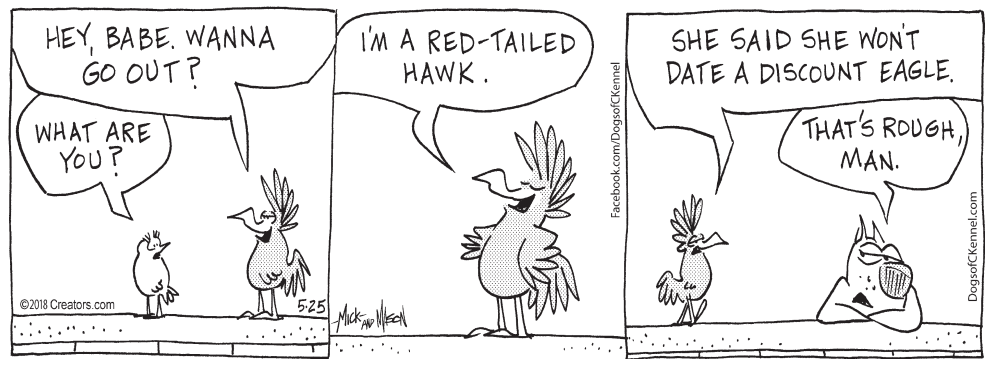
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nomic forecasts. The City currently has a $461 million unfunded pension liability. Finance Director Gigi-Decavalles-Hughes has led the effort to curb climbing costs. By the end of the year, Santa Monica will have paid $77.5 million in voluntary advanced payments, which will save the city about $6 million a year in annual contributions.

However, over time the offsets are not enough. Decavalles-Hughes says without additional measures the City will find itself in the red.

"Over the next several months we will be analyzing various alternatives to manage these pension cost increases and potentially lower our unfunded liability further," Decavalles-Hughes said. "Continuing along our current path will lead us to deep, structural deficits in year four and five."

The finance director says it is critical city leaders control operating costs. The anticipated 4.4 percent increase in staffing costs include salary, healthcare, retirement and workers' compensation.

"We have some control over salaries but we have other things outside that we can't control as much so that's a big challenge for us," said Mayor Ted Winterer.

While the city is in a hurry to fill 20 vacant police department positions, the city manager says there is potential to save money by repurposing or eliminating at least some of the 130 other unfilled positions. Cole has committed to cap the size of staff at current numbers for the next two years.

"The first rule of holes is when you find yourself in one you stop digging. So we have stopped digging," Cole said.

Over the next year, the City will add three new jail employees, a part-time Deputy City Attorney and extend two limited term positions: the Senior Advisor on Airport Affairs and a Human Resources Information Systems Analyst. Staff also recommended hiring a Network Engineer and eliminating an open position for a Community Broadband Analyst. The new positions add $100,000 to the general fund.

To offset the additional employees, the City will delete five airport positions and transfer two broadband-related positions to the General Fund.

The City Council approved five new fees to help pay for escalating costs, including a $95 impound fee for dockless bikes and scooters left in the public right-of-way, a $20 administrative fee for having a parking ticket dismissed and a $361 fee for processing new address assignments and change requests.

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