



Civic Center Field plans put city leaders on the fence



Courtesy images

FIELD: Drawings for the field at the corner of 4th and Pico drew concern last week due to the inclusion of a large fence along the field's border.

KATE CAGLE

Daily Press Staff Writer

As city leaders move forward with plans to revitalize the ten acres of public land along Fourth Street between Olympic and Pico Boulevard, a drawing of a chain link fence caught their eye.

While the Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field's official design is still in the works, new sketches show an 8-foot galvanized steel chain link fence, topped with 24 feet of netting, will likely encircle the new synthetic turf field planned near the intersection of Pico Boulevard and Fourth Street. The new field for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District teams will be lined for soccer, lacrosse and rugby.

"It's a traditional material for a sports field," said Karen Ginsberg, director of Community and Cultural Services for the City, of the fence. She said the material was chosen for "cost and expediency." (Under pressure from impatient parents, City Manager Rick Cole has promised the new field will be completed before Samohi's current freshmen graduate in the spring of 2021.)

However, the idea of a chain-link fence, 60-foot LED lighting and cinderblock bathrooms near the landmarked Civic Auditorium did not sit well with members of the city's historical association, the Santa Monica Conservancy.

"The spatial context around landmarks is important," said member Ruthann Leher, suggesting more landscaping could create a buffer between the bleacher-lined field and the auditorium. "This is our urban core, our civic center. Better to do it right and have a result that reflects well on the choices our city makes."

The fate of the 73,000 square foot Civic Auditorium has stood in limbo since losing redevelopment funds to fix the building in 2012. The City is looking for a private partner to renovate, operate and manage the

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From Russia, With Swords

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SMC Corsair / Daily Press Staff Writer

Wushu - the Chinese term for martial arts - is both an art form, and a full-contact sport which comprises largely of traditional Chinese martial arts.

"It's not just about the physical. It's mental. It's how you think, how you live, how you deal with life. Wushu made me who I am today," 25-year-old Amina Materukhina says as she strolls onto the football field at Santa Monica College holding several swords and a long wooden stick. Having become a wushu world junior champion at age 13, Materukhina is now at Santa Monica College to start the school's first wushu club, Wushu SMC.

Competitive Wushu is composed of two disciplines: Taolu

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Toxic pesticide use rising at illegal California pot farms

BY DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

Researchers and U.S. authorities are finding what they say is an alarming increase in the use of a powerful banned pesticide at illegal marijuana farms hidden on public land in California.

The pesticide residue is showing up in about 30 percent of the plants themselves, researcher Mourad Gabriel told The Associated Press. U.S. and state authorities will announce Tuesday

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Wednesday, May 30

Preschool Explorers: Night Sky

Explore the moon and stars with stories and hands-on activities. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

A Lego Building Afternoon

Kids are invited to join organizers for fun with LEGO building. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Internet Basics I

Learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate online sources and print web pages. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. Montana Ave Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 4 - 5 p.m.

Art @ Tongva: Native American Program

An evening of performances and visual art by an interdisciplinary group of Native American artists who synchronously activate the intimate "rooms" of Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave., 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

The Art Of Hutch Dano

Artist, Actor and Personality Hutch Dano invites you to attend his first solo art show featuring his abstract artwork. Using texture, color and movement to convey emotions, Hutch Dano's pieces are reminiscent of Pollock, Rothko, and Richter. 7:30 to 10 p.m. Open Mind Art Space, 11631 Santa Monica Blvd.

Santa Monica Democratic Club Membership Meeting

On the agenda for this meeting: Meet Santa Monica's new Chief of Police, Cynthia Renaud. Hear from candidates running for judicial seats on the June ballot. Learn about the five ballot measures on the June ballot. Vote to endorse for County Assessor, County Supervisor, Judicial races, and the ballot measures. The main focus will be a forum on gun violence in America, featuring gun policy experts, victims of gun violence, and local student leaders of the reinvigorated gun control move-

ment. 6:30 - 9 p.m. Santa Monica Library - 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd

Thursday, May 31

Current Events Discussion Group

Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 - 2:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3:30 - 7 p.m.

Online Job Applications

Find out where to find online job applications, how to avoid common errors when applying online, and how to maximize your chances of success. Montana Ave Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 1

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

Saturday, June 2

Fire Station 1 Groundbreaking Ceremony

Join organizers at the Fire Station 1 groundbreaking on Saturday, June 2. The event will kick off at 10 a.m. at the current fire station, 1444 7th St., where there will be arts and crafts for kids. At 10:45 a.m., community members will walk a short distance from the current station to the new site of Fire Station 1, 1337 7th St., where starting at 11 a.m. the public can hear from City officials about the future Fire Station 1, enjoy food, learn sidewalk CPR, and jam to music played by a deejay. All ages are welcome. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Samohi
Dr. Vivian Choi Appointed Samohi House Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Dr. Vivian Choi as a new Santa Monica High School house principal at its May 17 regular board meeting.

Choi joins SMMUSD from Beckman High School in the Tustin Unified School District where she has served as assistant principal since 2013. In her current role, she oversees several functions including special education, discipline, attendance, health, emergency operations, English learner programs and supports the implementation of technology across all subject areas.

Choi has been involved with parent involvement and attendance improvement programs, and she has supported and mentored new teachers.

She previously served as the English Learner program coordinator in Tustin USD and as a Spanish teacher in Los Alamitos and Placentia. Choi has been an educator for more than 10 years and has also taught English in Kyrgyzstan and the Philippines, prior to earning her credentials. "I am honored to have been selected to be a part of Samohi," Dr. Choi said. "I can't wait to meet the students, parents, staff and the community and I am looking forward to working together to do what is best for our students." Choi earned a Bachelor of Arts from University of California, Irvine in Spanish literature; a Master of Arts in secondary education from UC Irvine and a Doctor of Education in educational leadership from USC. Choi is fluent in Korean and Spanish, is currently learning French and also understands and reads Portuguese. She has previously lived in Santiago Chile for 13 years. "I would like to congratulate Dr. Choi on her new position," Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. "I believe she will be a great addition to our leadership team."

SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER GAIL PINSKER

Citywide
Scholarships presented \$21,500 to seven
Santa Monica Police Activities League students

Seven Santa Monica Police Activities League (PAL) youth were honored with personal recognition and individual scholarship funds totaling \$21,500 as presented by the Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships program on Thursday, May 17 at the DoubleTree Suites in Santa Monica. More than 250 guests attended including scholarship recipients and their families, and the Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships donors.

Through a joint gift from Ed Simmons and Standard Parking and from Neil and Karen Carrey, an endowment fund has been established for the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund. This fund provides scholarships for post-high school education expenses to a PAL member who meets required criteria, shows financial need, successfully completes an application package, and is selected by the Chris Carrey PAL Education Fund Committee. The scholarship recipients are presented annually in May at the PAL Recognition Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Now in its 16th year, more than 100 scholarships totaling \$245,000 have been awarded to PAL youth.

The seven Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships 2018 recipients include Erica Atkins, \$3,000; Sammy Bonilla, \$4,500; Katie Bravo, \$3,500; Tanea Bryant, \$4,000; Jacob Duren, \$2,000; Kevin Felix Madrigal, \$1,500; and Jasmine Morales, \$3,000.

Each scholarship recipient provided remarks on receiving their scholarship award that also included their PAL experience:

"The Police Activities League is honestly a wonderful place to be involved in, because you find out who you really are as a person," said Erica Atkins, PAL member for eight years.

"PAL has allowed me to keep my focus on school and the staff constantly push me to keep pursuing my goals to get into college," said Sammy Bonilla, PAL member for 11 years.

"PAL was there to guide me through all the rough patches I had and I greatly appreciate all the members of the Police Activities League. I don't trust or love any organization as much as I trust PAL," said Katie Bravo, PAL member for four years.

"I am very grateful for PAL and I strongly believe that the mentoring program should continue on," said Jacob Duran, PAL member for seven years.

"PAL has changed me, it has made me more of a leader and has brought out the good in me," said Kevin Felix Madrigal, PAL member for nine months.

"I am very grateful for PAL because if it wasn't for PAL my sister and I wouldn't have been able to have a better life," said Jasmine Morales, PAL member for seven years.

The Chris Carrey PAL Scholarship presenters included Phil Brock, Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica; Elaine and Joel Polachek; Karen Carrey; Neil Carrey; Ed Simmons, SP Plus; Baker & Hostetler; Mary Ann and Jim Powell; Patty and Cheryl Loggings; Laurel Rosen and Richard Laurence, Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce; Kathy Irby and Lois Clark; Lauralee Asch; Helen Albright; Jean McNeil Wyner; Jack Walter; and Mike and Adrienne Blackman.

"On behalf of the PAL kids and our entire organization, we are extremely grateful to all of the participants in the Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships program," says Eula Fritz, Director at Santa Monica Police Activities League. "Their donations help each student continue with their academic dream. Without their support, these kids would most likely not have an academic path to pursue."

In addition to the presentation of the Chris Carrey PAL Education Scholarships, the annual PAL Recognition ceremony provides an opportunity for PAL to bestow Community Recognition awards to deserving members of the community who have had an impact on the lives of youth. This year's two award recipients were volunteers Ebonicia Fisher and Kevin Jackson.

The Santa Monica Police Activities League is located at the PAL Youth Center at 1401 Olympic Blvd.. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 12-10 p.m. and Saturday from 12-6 p.m. For more information, call (310) 458-8988 or visit smpal.org.

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Architectural Review Board	2
Arts Commission	2
(Must reside or work in the City of Santa Monica)	
Commission for the Senior Community	3
Commission on the Status of Women	2
Disabilities Commission	3
(One position must be filled by a person with a self-identified disability)	
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.	3
(Must live, work, own property, or hold a business license in the City of Santa Monica)	
Housing Commission	2
Landmarks Commission	3
(One appointment must be filled by a local historian.	
One appointment must be filled by an architect historian)	
Personnel Board (Term ends June 30, 2023)	1
Planning Commission	
Recreation and Parks Commission	2
Santa Monica Library Board	2
Santa Monica Travel & Tourism, Inc. (One term ends June 30, 2021)	4
Social Services Commission	2

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income that may be materially affected by their official action. The applicant appointed to serve in this position will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the City Clerk's Office upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

Applications are available on-line at:

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May is a Highlight Month

THE MONTH OF MAY IS ONE OF THE highlights of the year for the Santa Monica Lions Club. After fundraising, members volunteering, hearing from guest speakers about the amazing services they provide to the community and reviewing thoughtful grant requests, we are able to provide financial support for the missions and visions of some exceptional nonprofits. This year we are proud to announce our 2018 community recipients, in no particular order:

No Limits Theatre for Deaf Children, to help replace costumes for their productions that were destroyed when pipes burst and flooded their entire building.

Santa Monica YMCA, to continue their Diabetes Prevention Program. This was of interest to us as Diabetes Awareness is one of the service projects adopted around the world by Lions International.

Westside Coalition, to support their Homeless Connect Program that helps clients with paperwork to apply for services & benefits, while also helping them with legal issues.

Step Up, to provide meals to the 2nd Street clients and the Transitional Youth Program.

Santa Monica Breakfast Club, for their First Grade dental hygiene education program.

Westside Family Health Center, for their pediatric vision program. Vision is a primary service area for Lions.

Meals On Wheels West, for their Fresh Off The Vine Program to provide fresh produce to homebound clients.

Santa Monica College Associates Dot Gelvin Memorial Scholarship Fund, to provide a scholarship for a student at SMC. This has a special place in our hearts as Dot Gelvin was one of the first two women to join the Santa Monica Lions Club.

Santa Monica History Museum, to help with the preservation of the Bill Beebe photo collection.

McKinley Elementary PTA, for their Hunger Backpack Program that provides breakfast, lunch and snacks on the weekends during the school year to children eligible for free and reduced cost school meals.

Santa Monica High School, for scholarships for two graduating seniors.

We have been fortunate to work with all these organizations in the past. They provide vital services thanks to dedicated staffs and volunteers. If any of these programs are of interest to you, please reach out to the organizations directly to discover volunteer opportunities or make your own donations.

It should be noted that next year our grant deadline will be earlier, on February 1st. This way the organizations will have the funds earlier in the year to help with program costs. More information about our grant process is on our website, along with the application. For any questions, contact Susan at santamonicalion@gmail.com.

For more information about the Lions Club, visit www.facebook.com/smlions or <http://e-club-house.org/sites/santamonica>, call (310) 623-4499 or reach them at P.O. Box 3435, Santa Monica, CA 90408.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

UCLA guard Kris Wilkes to skip NBA draft, return to school

UCLA guard Kris Wilkes will skip next month's NBA draft and return to school for his sophomore season.

He averaged 13.7 points and 4.9 rebounds – both second-best on the team – last season. The Indianapolis native was named to the Pac-12 All-Freshman team.

Coach Steve Alford said Tuesday that Wilkes knows he'll have a bigger role with the Bruins next season. He said he sees Wilkes as a future first-round draft pick.

Wilkes said going through the pre-draft process was "an eye-opening experience" that he knows will help him improve.

Guard Jaylen Hands has until Wednesday to withdraw his name from the draft. The freshman didn't hire an agent while he sought feedback on his pro prospects, which would allow him to return to school.

Hands averaged 9.9 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.6 assists, starting 15 of the 31 games he played. He sprained his ankle in practice the week before the Bruins' regular-season finale.

The Bruins lost guard Aaron Holiday, who is forgoing his senior year to enter the draft. He averaged a Pac-12-leading 20.3 points last season.

UCLA was 21-12 and lost in a First Four game to St. Bonaventure.

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LOS ANGELES

LA County libraries getting much faster internet access

Wireless internet connections are about to get a lot faster at Los Angeles County libraries, thanks to a \$5 million federal grant.

City News Service reports Tuesday that current library Wi-Fi averages a measly 10 to 20 megabits per second.

Officials say after this year's upgrade, wireless internet users will see speeds up to a hundred times faster – about 1 gigabit per second.

LA County libraries are joining a high-capacity network that serves major research and education institutions statewide.

Library officials say residents from low-income communities who can't afford home internet rely on library access, and they deserve quicker connections.

The money to upgrade the network at 87 county branches comes from the federal E-Rate program, which funds internet services at eligible schools and libraries.

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What's love got to do with it?

YOU CAN TEACH OLD DOGS NEW TRICKS

Woof. Not that I'm old. That's a state of mind. I still play one-on-one basketball several times a week, will travel halfway around the world to a very foreign culture at the drop of a deep discount, and am always open to new music, new ideas, new friends and new ways of looking at old problems.

But I am one year older as of tomorrow, or as of yesterday as you read this. And while I've always regarded birthdays as a celebratory rather than a lamentable event, it can also be cause for reflection. What's it all about, Alfie?

We humans love to give things and events meaning, where there is none. I believe there is only perspective, and lessons to be learned. Am I doing it right? Sometimes. How can I be the better human being I know how to be but am too lazy, stubborn, ignorant and unconscious?

Consciousness is the key, for me. I could easily be a saint, but I forget to even try most of the time. We all do so much by habit, without thinking. If I stopped and thought about and weighed every single thing I did, I would probably do a lot more things... better.

FEAR, AND A LITTLE LOATHING

I've been writing since grade school but most of the time for most of my life it was about music. Deep down I think there was an avoidance, a fear perhaps, of putting weightier things to paper, for the world to see and judge. Music I knew. It is of course subjective but with all my eons of hours of thoughtful listening experience I was comfortable with my knowledge and opinions. All that is probably why that novel of mine is still waiting. For now, I'm okay with what I am doing, and okay if it never sees the light of day.

I can still aim for being the world's oldest first-time novelist to win the Pulitzer. Frank McCourt did that with "Angela's Ashes" but he was still a kid, 66. Harriet Doerr was 74 when "Stones of Ibarra" was published, no Pulitzer but she won a National Book Award. Then there is Millard Kaufman, screenwriter and co-creator of Mr. Magoo, who published his first novel, "Bowl of Cherries," when he was 90. I've got plenty of time.

HEROES

Some are won't to proclaim that they have no heroes. I can understand the reasoning. Hero worship and the cult of celebrity has always baffled me. But I think there is value to be had by recognizing a handful of personal heroes, as inspiration for your own actions or way of being. Of all the legions of musicians whose work I admire and love, I have very few music heroes. Joni Mitchell is one. Maybe Frank Zappa, maybe Van Morrison. (But I'll not start a list, short though it would be.) My Mom and Pop are my heroes. My wife and son and daughter. Mark Twain. Bernie Sanders. Martin Luther King Jr. Colin Kaepernick. All of them are loaded with flaws, but those flaws are not important and are so outweighed by the good and their influence for good on the world that I'm fine considering them my personal heroes.

Henry Rollins is one of my heroes (but he is pretty out there). God knows I wouldn't live my life as he tells us he does, nor would I want to be saddled with the personal characteristics he confesses to that could be debilitating for most. But

Henry travels the world speaking about the truths he has discovered, and it sure resonated with me when I sat, laughing nearly every moment, through his flawless two-hour performance at McCabe's last Saturday evening.

BUT THAT'S THE BLACK FLAG GUY, RIGHT?

Yeah, but Rollins decided decades ago he was too curious and restless to let that define the rest of his life. He started working spoken word into his songs, then started performing just that, has written for Rolling Stone and Vanity Fair, acted ("Sons of Anarchy," "Heat" with De Niro and Pacino), starred in his own radio and TV shows, done voice over including winning a Grammy for his narration of his autobiography ("Get In the Van"), and like George Carlin he keeps you in stitches while laundry listing some of the most awful realities we are faced with today. Humor always helps get the point across. You laugh because it's funny and also because it's true.

I take lessons where I find them, when they hit me. Henry cut to the core of many heavy problems we face, did it with humor, and without really trashing anyone. And that brings me to Colin Kaepernick.

Wha? I assume we all know who he is from his black lives matter free speech protest, "taking a knee." But I had never heard him speak until I stumbled across a video recently. He is thoughtful and articulate, and his argument for his protest is to me All-American and Constitutionally consistent. He has a plan of action, and it is getting attention.

I'm seeing a pattern now, in these people and others who have wound up in my path. You need a certain level of motivating anger before you are moved to action, and only action, not talking, gets things done. But all these people are firm in keeping love in their hearts, loving—not hating—the oppressor. Non-violent protest is exactly that: anger with love.

I'm ever more convinced that's what we need here in Santa Monica.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Have you had it with watching your cherished Santa Monica being sucked down the drain, sold off for pennies? Are you mad, mad enough to do something? Get mad, stay mad, get out the vote, run for City Council, time is quickly running out, can't wait for the next election, and the next and the next...

QUOTES OF THE WEEK, from Mark Twain:

"I have achieved my 70 years in the usual way: by sticking strictly to a scheme of life which would kill anybody else... I will offer here, as a sound maxim, this: That we can't reach old age by another man's road."

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."

"When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not."

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18."

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GANN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19**

The City Council, Housing Authority, and Parking Authority of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public budget hearing on June 12, 2018. The Council meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California. All citizens are invited to attend and provide the Council with written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the City's entire proposed budget. At the meeting on June 12, the City Council will also adopt a resolution for the determination of the Gann Appropriations Limit for FY 2018-19. A copy of the documentation used in calculating the limit can be viewed on the internet at <http://finance.smgov.net>.

The FY 2017-19 Biennial Budget, along with the proposed adjustments for the FY 2018-19 Proposed Budget, can be inspected by the public in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall or viewed on the Internet at <http://finance.smgov.net>. Unless otherwise noted, City Hall is open Monday through Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On alternate Fridays, City Hall is open for limited services only.

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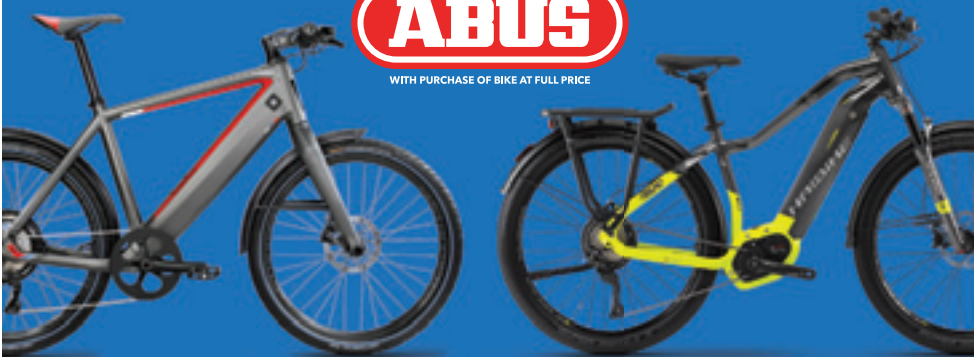
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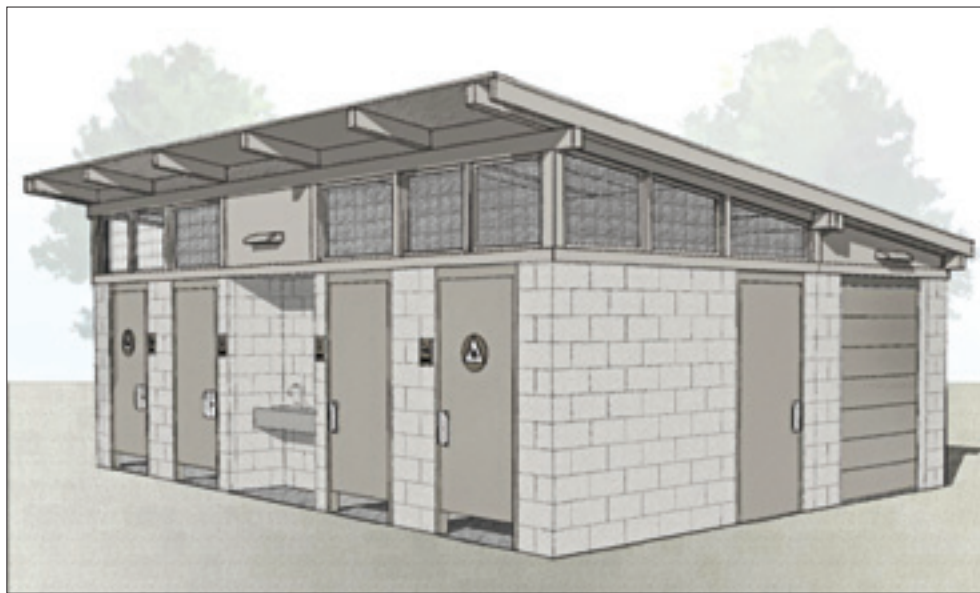
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CONSTRUCTION: The proposal includes construction of cinderblock bathrooms.

FIELD

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1950's era property. Bids for the project were due in April. At last Tuesday's City Council meeting, Cole revealed the City has received one bid with promise that would require significant City funds.

"We have one proposal that has some very positive aspects and a very large financial hole and figuring out whether that hole can be bridged... is not a walk in the park," Cole said.

The website to track the public bidding process does not yet list any results. In the meantime, the Council has set aside \$8.15 million to build the adjacent sports field and broken ground on a preschool on the property.

Planning Commissioner Nina Fresco

urged the Council to "avoid the negative impact of chain-link and cinder block in this sensitive location." The fence will line the walk from the Ocean Park neighborhood to the Expo Line downtown stop.

"Anything but chain-link will do," Fresco said.

But with cost and efficiency in mind, the Council ultimately agreed to keep the sketch of the chain-link fence when they made several minor text clarifications to the Civic Center Specific Plan Tuesday. After all, they argued, the best quality of a chain-link fence is the ability to see right through it.

"I view it as a temporary solution that will probably need a longer term replacement once we get a better sense of what we're doing nearby," Mayor Pro-Tempore Glean Davis said.

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PESTICIDE
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that they will use \$2.5 million in federal money to target the illegal grows.

Researchers found the highly toxic pesticide Carbofuran at 72 percent of grow sites last year, up from 15 percent in 2012, said Gabriel, executive director and senior ecologist at Integral Ecology Research Center and one of the few researchers studying the ecological impact of illicit grow sites.

California has long allowed medicinal marijuana and legalized recreational pot this year. While U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott will enforce federal laws that ban the drug, he said he is targeting illicit grows on public land with cooperation from California's attorney general and the state's National Guard.

"What is happening here is illegal for all purposes under anybody's law," he said in an interview before Tuesday's announcement.

Most of the illegally grown California pot is destined for Midwestern and Eastern states where it is more profitable, Scott said.

He and other officials toured a remote contaminated grow site last week where piles of trash remained months after 3,000 to 4,000 plants were removed. Officials said they are concerned the chemical residue could wash into a watershed and eventually reach areas where increasingly rare salmon breed.

A danger before legalization in California was the uncertainty of what was in pot products, but authorities say the rise in Carbofuran use poses an increased danger.

WUSHU
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(forms) and Sanda (sparring). An athlete versed in wushu will be proficient in fighting, grappling, acrobatics, stances, kicks, punches, throws, sweeps, as well as being able to handle both short and long weapons - such as Materukhina's striking, elegant long sword, now slung over her shoulder.

Materukhina was born in Moscow, and her parents - who work in education - were fans of martial arts. They sent both her and her brother to a wushu class - but Amina was the one who excelled when she started at the age of four.

By the time she was five, she entered a free government-run, full-time wushu school. She then crammed a traditional education alongside Mandarin classes, training in many of the social, mental, spiritual and cultural aspects of Chinese culture and thinking, and hours of wushu.

The training was intense. Materukhina enjoyed it but was aware it was a lifestyle of discipline and dedication. "If you sleep less than eight hours, you can't perform," she said. "You can't drink alcohol. You must eat well. You stay focused."

At the age of nine, Materukhina won her first International Junior Championship in China. In 2006, Materukhina became the wushu world junior champion at the age of 13. At age 16 she entered Moscow State University, where she gained a degree in Economics, she competed in her final world junior championship her last year of University. She started to teach wushu and found out that she had a gift for sharing her knowledge with students. Two degrees later,

Gabriel's research found that traces of the chemical are showing up in pot but did not attempt to quantify how much was in each sample or its effects on people.

The chemical is intended for use as an insecticide but is so powerful that a quarter of a teaspoon can kill a 300-pound (136-kilogram) bear, Gabriel said.

Research by Gabriel and colleagues previously showed that the use of pesticides at illegal marijuana farms is poisoning significant numbers of California's few hundred remaining fishers, a threatened weasel-like mammal.

Carbofuran can't legally be used in the United States, and every bottle found at the grow sites since 2012 has been labeled in Spanish, Gabriel said.

Scott said it is being smuggled in from Mexico by drug cartels and laborers hired to clear forestland and replant it with illegal marijuana. Laborers, who must carry the plants, fertilizer, irrigation hose and camping supplies into faraway sites, tell Gabriel that the remoteness is one reason highly toxic Carbofuran is so popular.

"What they are saying to us is this is extremely effective — it takes a little amount to kill a deer or a bear — so we don't need to bring a lot of it to last a season," he said.

At normal levels, a typical bottle containing less than 1 liter should be diluted with up to 5,000 gallons (18,927 liters) of water, he said. But illegal growers are diluting it with just 3 to 5 gallons (11 to 19 liters) of water to spray plants or using the concentrate directly to kill wildlife.

Materukhina decided to take on a new challenge: America.

In 2017, Materukhina entered Santa Monica College to start studying Kinesiology. "It makes it more interesting because I'm studying in a language which is not mine," she explains. After finding support and encouragement from the professors in her department, Materukhina came up with the idea to start a wushu club at SMC.

"It wasn't hard to find people who wanted to learn," she says. Like most clubs at SMC, there is no payment required, and the club meets twice a week on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. in the Core Performance Center in room 218. Materukhina patiently teaches fellow students with a quiet, focused dedication while a large, shaggy dog sits watching in the corner.

Materukhina admits she sometimes misses competing professionally but continues a regular practice for herself and now has time for other pursuits, including surfing and yoga. Her ferocious desire for knowledge is also satisfied by the continual challenge of studying in yet another language - English - she is determined to master in addition to her native Russian and proficient Mandarin.

The logo for the club features a graphic version of a photograph of Amina. In it, she's flying vertically, ponytail swinging, her body suspended, for a moment, in the air. "I love wushu. It changed my life. I want to share that with people" she says, smiling, and then walks away before turning back. "When are you coming to practice? I'll be waiting for you."

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Small SSW and NW swell mix.

THURSDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: **2-3 ft** waist to stomach high
Small blend of S Hemi and some more NW windswell.



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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, AT ABOUT 9:20 A.M.

While patrolling the area of Casa Del Mar - 1910 Ocean Way, officers saw a subject walking out of hotel matching the description of an earlier radio call for service of a subject attempting to break into an apartment. The subject was detained for an investigation. As officers searched the suspect, they located a narcotics smoking pipe, a bank card belonging to another person, and a small baggie containing methamphetamine. The subject was transported to SMPD Jail for booking. Sadique Jhalon Compton, 26, homeless, was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia, identity theft, and possession of methamphetamine. Bail was set at \$50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 364 Calls For Service On May 28.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Person down 2800 block Main 12:13 a.m.
Shots fired 1500 block 5th 12:21 a.m.
Assault 200 block Bay 5:22 a.m.
Trash dumping 10th / Arizona 5:25 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Cloverfield 6:56 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 3300 block Meyer 7:25 a.m.
Traffic collision 300 block Olympic 8:05 a.m.
Bike theft 2800 block Santa Monica 8:28 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1900 block Idaho 9:26 a.m.
Hit and run 1200 block Pacific Coast Hwy 10:04 a.m.
Assault 500 block Olympic 10:09 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2000 block 18th 10:34 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 4th 10:45 a.m.
Grand theft 1400 block 26th 10:56 a.m.
Traffic collision 31st / Ocean Park 11:32 a.m.
Traffic hazard 2nd / Broadway 11:59 a.m.
Threats investigation 0 block Vicente 12:17 p.m.
Encampment 2900 block Exposition 12:34 p.m.
Hit and run 11th / Hill 12:37 p.m.
Fight 1100 block Palisades Park 12:54 p.m.

Petty theft 2600 block Main 12:57 p.m.
Lewd activity Cloverfield / Pico 12:58 p.m.
Fight 1100 block 4th 1:23 p.m.
Prowler 1200 block Berkeley 1:45 p.m.
Hit and run 1700 block Franklin 1:50 p.m.
Indecent exposure Main / Ashland 2:31 p.m.
Grand theft 3100 block Main 2:31 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block 12th 2:57 p.m.
Traffic collision 700 block Marine 2:59 p.m.
Petty theft 1200 block Wilshire 3:19 p.m.
Illegal weapon 3rd / Strand 3:30 p.m.
Petty theft 1000 block Euclid 4:40 p.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block 4th 4:50 p.m.
Illegal weapon 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 5:38 p.m.
Drunk driving 7th / Pico 5:43 p.m.
Theft suspect 1300 block Wilshire 5:54 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block 4th 5:59 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Appian 6:53 p.m.
Fight 200 block Colorado 7:00 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block Main 7:08 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 7:10 p.m.
Trash dumping 800 block bay 7:11 p.m.
Indecent exposure Ocean / Colorado 7:23 p.m.
Petty theft Main / Hollister 7:44 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Appian 8:08 p.m.
Burglary 500 block 10th 8:11 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 7th 8:33 p.m.
Fight 10th / Wilshire 8:36 p.m.
Shots fired 20th / Pico 8:39 p.m.
Lewd activity 200 block Georgina 8:56 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean / Colorado 9:29 p.m.
Vehicle parked 700 block Idaho 9:34 p.m.
Hit and run 23rd / Ocean Park 9:38 p.m.
Burglary 800 block Wilson PI 10 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 35 Calls For Service On May 28.

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CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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EMS 700 block Pico 12:11 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Main 12:13 a.m.
EMS 4th / Santa Monica 1:46 a.m.
EMS 400 block Marguerita 2:53 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 3:35 a.m.
EMS 1800 block Ocean 4:20 a.m.
EMS 400 block 22nd 4:50 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Berkeley 7:02 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 7:23 a.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 7:50 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 23rd 8:53 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 9:24 a.m.
EMS 3100 block Ocean Park 11:31 a.m.
EMS 2300 block Cloverfield 11:50 a.m.

EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 12:26 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block Main 1:33 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:49 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 23rd 1:52 p.m.
EMS 10th / Santa Monica 1:54 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 2:23 p.m.
EMS 700 block Marine 2:58 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block 4th 4:59 p.m.
EMS 17th / Colorado 5:24 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Franklin 5:47 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Neilson 6:48 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Montana 7:14 p.m.
EMS 200 block Montana 7:39 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block Broadway 7:54 p.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block Broadway 7:56 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Santa Monica 8:20 p.m.
EMS 3100 block Pennsylvania 8:29 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 2700 block Barnard 8:42 p.m.
Wires down 800 block Stanford 9:03 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 11:17 p.m.

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1. to think out; devise; invent.

2. to study intently and carefully in order to grasp or comprehend fully.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Autism and Vaccines

■ A study published in JAMA Pediatrics reports that children who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder are less likely to get the full complement of recommended vaccines than their younger siblings. Researchers suggest that parental refusal may play a role, possibly based on the debunked theory, which has no scientific basis, that vaccines can cause autism. Without full vaccination, these children are at greater risk of acquiring numerous vaccine-preventable diseases, such as tetanus, polio and certain types of the flu.

Body of Knowledge

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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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Newsday Crossword

TICKETS, PLEASE by Carolyn Stewart
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 A US alliance
5 Freeway exit
9 "Yep!"
14 At the apex of
15 Garfield's doggie pal
16 Lasso loop
17 Squishy
18 Poems of praise
19 Horses' hair
20 Disneyland and Six Flags
23 Be helpful
24 Curved letter
25 Point a finger at
29 Agitated
34 Hold responsible
35 Cake decorator
36 Greek vowel
37 Fast transatlantic trips
41 Hot tub
42 Ale serving
43 Societal customs
44 Approximation
47 Fully grown
48 Muscle twitch
49 Droop
50 Powerball and Mega Millions
58 Passed out the cards
59 Declare
60 Dutch cheese
61 Spooky
62 *Tonight Show* host before Fallon
63 Prefix for dynamic
64 TV political network
65 Soon, to a bard
66 "Dam it!"

DOWN

1 Outer-space agency
2 Molecule part
3 Soybean curd
4 Chooses, with "for"
5 Dormmate
6 Augmented with
7 Outward manner
8 Nuisance
9 Remove a disguise from
10 Scratchy-throated
11 Goose sound
12 Employs
13 "For ___ a jolly good fellow"
21 Three-legged stand
22 Gem from an oyster
25 Disparage
26 Paper fasteners
27 Gem measure
28 Foul ball caller
29 Movie excerpt
30 Considerable weight
31 India's first prime minister
32 Speak
33 Out of fashion
35 "What's ___ for me?"
38 Quickly
39 Mirror reflection
40 Understood
45 Where Roma is capital
46 Snowsuit attachment
47 ___ of honor (wedding official)
49 Shorthand expert
50 Understands
51 Waterproof covering
52 ___ *Land* (2016 musical film)
53 Baking appliance
54 Peruse
55 Creative thought
56 Be deserving of
57 Urban pollution
58 End of a yr.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 30)

You long ago realized that you're the one who gives your life meaning and the lengths you'll go to do that will make this a magical year indeed. You'll make a courageous move before June is over that sets the tone for the year. Business favors you in July and August. New friends bring joy and fun to 2019. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 2, 22, 28 and 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Social grace is at least as much about knowing what to say as it is about leaving room for others to be themselves. You'll nail this and enjoy the spontaneous trajectory things take because of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

When it comes to making others happy, no striving or straining will be necessary. Do what's natural, and then rest. Working too hard to please people will only make you a prisoner, trapped in the bars of needing their approval.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

It's the same on the "Wheel of Fortune" board as it is in life. The more turned letters you have, the easier it is to fill in the blanks. Ask for more clues and the next correct action will be obvious.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You'll be connecting with those you haven't seen in a while. You might feel like you can't get to the hanging out part until you play catch-up, but if you only have limited time, go for the hanging out. It's what you both need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It's not the big events that determine what a relationship is, not really. It's the forgettable Wednesdays that are made somehow unforgettable by the unique laughter and love you share with each other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The deep conversation between I and me will not lead anywhere productive, rather it's a dialogue that tends to corkscrew down to a basement of moods. For a lift, focus your energy on others instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

There's not a "right" moment for things to happen, just a moment in which things do happen because 1) they have built up to a place in which they must, or 2) you follow the impulse to make them happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

If you choose something that, it turns out, you don't like so much after all, do not stick with it out of a loyalty, fear or a sense of challenge. It won't serve anyone in the long run, least of all you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

It's an excellent habit you've developed – not offering up information unless you're pretty sure. This works toward building your reputation. People will trust what you say because you say what you know to be true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Clicking with someone's sense of humor is nothing to take for granted. Humor requires a match of so many factors that it's quite rare for people to make each other laugh on a regular basis.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Meetings will be far more interesting when you have a stake in what goes down. Prepare yourself with questions and relevant information about your side of things.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

When you show up, you aim to do so with at least as much enthusiasm as you had back when you accepted the invitation. You'll keep this in mind before accepting new invitations today.

Full Moon Debriefing

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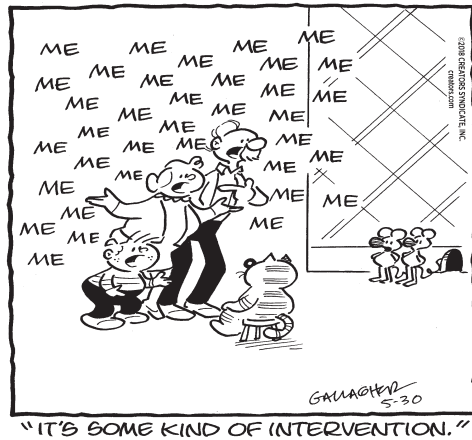
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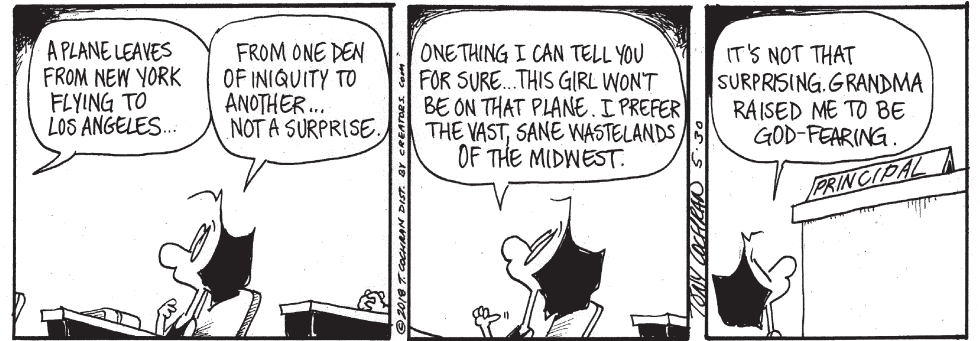
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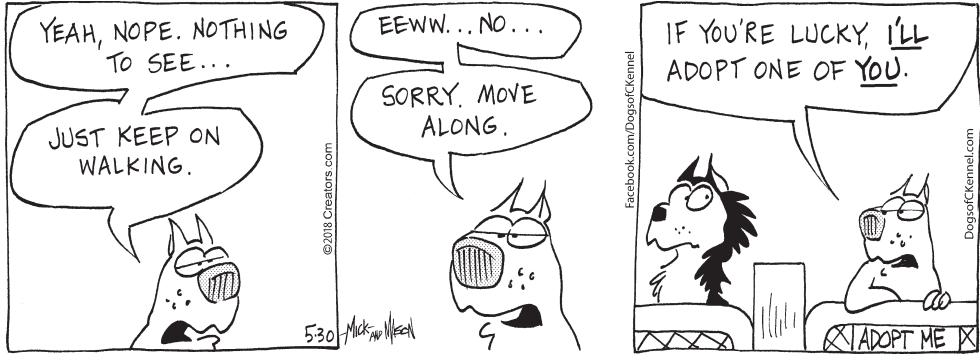
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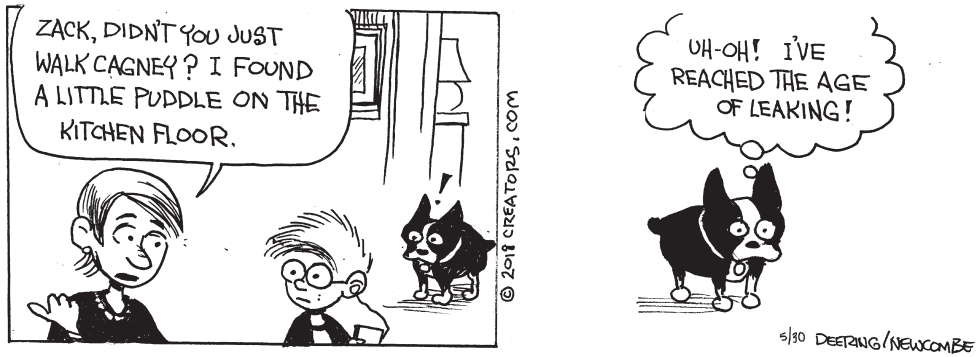
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Lincoln Middle School

SMMUSD Announces New Lincoln Middle School Assistant Principal

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Darci Keleher as the new assistant principal of Lincoln Middle School at its regular May 17 meeting.

Keleher has worked as a special education coordinator at SMMUSD for the past 10 years, serving secondary students, most recently at Santa Monica and Olympic High Schools.

Prior to this position, she was a special education teacher at Lincoln Middle School for seven years, where she served as department chair for five years.

Keleher began her teaching career in Ohio, worked in Beverly Hills Unified for a short time, and has served SMMUSD for 17 of her 20 years as an educator. "I am so grateful for the opportunity to return home to Lincoln Middle School after 10 years," Keleher said. "I cannot wait to join the amazing team at Lincoln. I look forward to collaborating with our staff, families and students, to continue Lincoln's record of excellence and equity for all students."

Keleher earned a Bachelor of Arts in special education from the University of Toledo and Master of Arts in both special education and educational administration from Cal State Northridge.

"We would like to congratulate Ms. Keleher on her new position at Lincoln Middle School," Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati said. "She will have a positive impact at Lincoln Middle School, and be a strong addition to the Lincoln leadership team."

SUBMITTED BY COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER GAIL PINSKER

Malibu

Malibu City Council's Historic Ban on Single-Use Plastic Straws, Stirrers and Cutlery Goes Into Effect June 1

The Malibu City Council's historic ban on the sale, distribution and use of single-use plastic straws, plastic stirrers and plastic cutlery within the City goes into effect June 1, 2018 amidst national and international press coverage highlighting the City's progressive leadership on environmental protections.

"Malibu is ahead of the curve on addressing the plastic pollution that threatens to destroy our ecosystem, from our previous bans on plastic bags, plastic sandbags, and polystyrene foam, to our most recent focus on plastic utensils," Mayor Rick Mullen said. "Malibu's beautiful natural shores and mountains are an integral part of our way of life in Malibu, and we must protect them. We are proud to serve as a leader by example."

In a community that places a high priority on protecting its natural surroundings, Malibu's businesses and customers are on board. Many local restaurants began replacing single-use plastic straws and utensils with paper straws and wood cutlery well in advance of the June 1 deadline.

The ordinance, which the City Council approved on February 26, 2018, is part of the City's campaign to eliminate the use of all kinds of single-use plastic items in order to reduce plastic pollution. An estimated 500 million plastic straws are used and discarded every day in the United States – enough to wrap around the earth 2.5 times. In California, the annual "Coastal Cleanup Day" has tracked the amount of trash collected since 1992, and plastic straws and stirrers are the sixth most common item collected. Plastic cutlery is the fifth most common item collected.

The ordinance also requires that even sustainable alternatives such as paper straws and wood cutlery can only be distributed upon request.

The plastic used in single-use straws and cutlery never biodegrades. Nearly all plastic, regardless of whether it has been recycled, still exists. In the environment, the plastic is broken down into smaller and smaller pieces. It is estimated that there are over five trillion pieces of plastic in the ocean. Tiny plastic fragments in the ocean are eaten by marine wildlife and enter the food chain.

To raise awareness among the business community of the City's ordinance and the need to eliminate single-use plastic straws, the City provided a box of environmentally safe paper straws to each local food service business and conducted outreach and education to help train their staff on how to implement the change. The paper straws, which carry the City's "Keep it Clean Malibu" slogan, will demonstrate to both businesses and consumers that single-use plastic straws can be easily replaced. There are many sustainable, reusable straws and cutlery options available in metal, wood, glass, bamboo and other materials.

To maximize the impact of this local initiative, the City of Malibu has joined the Lonely Whale Foundation in its nationwide campaign "For A Strawless Ocean" to raise awareness about the need to stop plastic pollution and advocate for cities across America to enact legislation to eliminate single-use plastic straws.

The City is also running an awareness campaign on social media, offering a free, reusable smoothie-size steel straw with a cleaner carrying the "Keep It Clean Malibu" slogan to anyone who comes to City Hall, requests a straw, and posts a photo on their social media account with the hashtags #keepitcleanmalibu and #strawlessocean.

To learn more about the City's efforts to reduce plastic pollution, visit www.MalibuCity.org/PlasticFree.

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