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General Obligation Bonds for SMMUSD heads to ballot

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

After a lengthy approval process, the Santa Monica and Malibu communities have agreed to create separate School Facilities Improvement Districts and are now looking for community sup-

port to vote for general obligation bonds on the November ballot in an effort to improve schools throughout each community's respective districts.

The bonds would provide each community with money to improve their schools, Malibu approving \$195 million and

Santa Monica approving \$485 million.

Carey Upton, Chief Operations Officer for the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, led a presentation demonstrating what bonds have done for the communities in the past and what they can do in the future, which can be

accomplished with general obligation bonds.

Upton explained the benefits past measures BB (2006) and ES (2012) have had on the district, a combined \$651 million that went "directly into improving school facilities and learning in the district," he said.

These measures helped address a litany of issues throughout the district: improving libraries and classrooms, building new science labs and offices, and aiding modernization efforts, improving buildings that "hadn't been

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Science Says record heat, fires worsened by climate change

SETH BORENSTEIN & FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

Heat waves are setting all-time temperature records across the globe, again. Europe suffered its deadliest fire in more than a century, and one of nearly 90 large fires in the U.S. West burned dozens of

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Bad week in social media gets worse; Twitter hammered

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

Cracking down on hate, abuse and online trolls is also hurting Twitter's standing with investors.

The company's stock plunged Friday after it reported a decline in its monthly users and warned that the number could fall further in the coming months. The 20.5 percent plunge comes one day after

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FRESH FINDS

Squash blossoms are officially in season and on tables at Santa Monica Farmers Markets. Affianados say they are best stuffed with cheese, dipped in a flour-based batter and fried in oil, but they can also be eaten fresh and mixed into salads to add a floral flair. The blossoms, known as courgette flowers, have a light, zucchini-like taste. The delicate flowers are highly perishable, so if you get some eat them fast. Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kate Cagle

Bystanders watch as woman hit by homeless man

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A Santa Monica woman was punched by a homeless man this week at 2nd and Wilshire but what hurt the woman more were the men at the scene who did nothing to help.

Kady Elliott, 32, was on a morning bike ride home after an Orange Theory fitness class when she saw a homeless man walking the crosswalk ahead of her. Hoping to politely pass him, she pedaled slowly around him, only to receive the hardest hit she'd received in her life.

"He had his arm down at first, then brought it down to his side and swung it, like pitching a baseball. He turned and hit me in my mouth," she said. "I didn't see it coming. It just stunned me. It didn't knock me off my bike completely, I landed on my feet, straddling my bicycle. But my head flew back and I saw white for a minute."

After hitting her, the man muttered, "Swerve at me again and see what happens, [expletive]."

In shock, Elliott was frozen with fear, unable to do or say anything to the man that hit her. While the adrenaline began to fade and pain

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, July 28

Tai Chi class

"Boost Your Health with Tai Chi," an introductory class with Helene Bouboulis, at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. 2 p.m. Tai Chi exercises help with balance, fight stress and foster health of mind and body. Admission is free. Call (310) 575-8273 for more information.

Kate Ingold & Brittany Ransom: New Works

Join organizers for the culminating exhibition of studio residents Kate Ingold and Brittany Ransom, showing new works in paper, fabric, plaster, plastic and silicon. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kate-ingold-and-brittany-ransom-new-works-tickets-44000939996> or call (310) 458-2239. 3 - 6 p.m. Free. 1450 Ocean.

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: Top Girls

Santa Monica Rep performs Caryl Churchill's poignant drama examining the role of women in society and what being a successful woman means. Seating is limited, and on a first arrival basis. Late seating is not permitted until a suitable break in the performance. Early arrival is recommended. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Free Paper Shredding and Electronics Recycling

The City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery & Recycling Division can help you safely dispose of your unwanted records and documents from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during a Free Paper Shredding event. The event is open to Santa Monica residents and will be held at the City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90404. Documents brought to the event will be commercially shredded - safely and properly - by the trained, licensed and bonded document destruction specialists of Confidential Data Destruction. For more information, visit Resource Recovery and Recycling online at www.smgov.net/r3events or call (310)458-2223. 2500 Michigan Ave.

American Stories Book Group

The Movement of Stars by Amy Brill. A love story set in 1845 Nantucket, between a female astronomer and the unusual man who understands her dreams. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 29

A Watercolor Journey with Timothy Kitz

Join watercolorist and urban sketcher Timothy Kitz in a 6-week immersive watercolor course, open to all levels and drop-ins welcome. Timothy will share tips about both medium and technique while going through weekly demo exercises to hone your compositional vision, principles of color values, color mixing and brush work. The gorgeous views framed by the Art Lab's picture windows overlooking the ocean will provide ongoing inspiration. \$35 cash drop-in (please bring exact change!). 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 1450 Ocean, https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/66957

Pool Open

The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Monday, July 30

Ice Cream & Canvas

Come paint and cool off with a cold treat! Limited space. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Monday Funday

Join organizers for the free activity. 12 - 4 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Toddler Time

Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

Tuesday, July 31

ASR Time Travel Tuesdays: Arrival (2016)

A linguist tries to understand the mysterious and powerful language of an alien entity that has landed on earth, amidst the mounting pressure for war. (116 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 5 p.m.

Summer Activity Program: Brettso The Great

Exciting magic, hilarious comedy & non-stop audience participation. Ages 4-11. Free tickets will be available at 2 p.m. Start time 1 p.m. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

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HIT

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rushed to her bleeding, busted lip, Elliott says the most upsetting experience were the men, eager to get to work, that saw the whole situation and did nothing.

"I was shaking and couldn't do anything — get my phone, say something back, anything. So I stood there and some white men in suits didn't react, didn't call the cops or anything. It almost felt like it didn't happen. I was looking around and the men that witnessed it didn't react. It felt surreal. No one asked me if I was okay. That is something I keep hanging on to. To not even say, 'Are you okay,' it's the saddest thing out of the entire situation."

After the ordeal, she began to bike home, shaken and nursing a busted lip. She said two women chased her down to tell her they saw the whole thing and offered help while a Latino man, who was working, went up to her and told her he'd called the cops.

With the cops on the way, Elliot biked around the immediate area hoping to find the man. She found him in an alley before he ran away at the sound of sirens.

The police asked if she wanted to file a report, noting that if she pressed charges and they were able to locate the man again, not much would change.

"They bring him in, put him on meds, and they release him," Elliott says a cop told her. "[The homeless man] doesn't have his meds when he's back on the streets, and the same thing happens over and over. It wasn't encouraging, but it was honest."

Elliott eventually made it home, where she checked her NextDoor app to find messages

of support and even messages of people who'd faced similar instances with the six foot tall, 30-ish year old, Caucasian homeless man.

While Elliot is hesitant to ride her bike without some form of protection again, she's cognizant that a story like this can lead to negative, broad assumptions about the homeless.

She notes that this incident is a rare occurrence for her, saying she encounters homeless on a daily basis and is never violated or harassed.

"It's a catch-22 because it's so bad that this happened, but it adds to that stereotype because a homeless person did it. It makes people more frightened. That man could've easily overpowered me, yes, but the biggest thing in all of this is finding a solution to the problem. It's not about homeless people being bad or something. It's about helping them with mental illness and drug addiction. You can have all the protection and be aware, but it doesn't solve the problem. I want to live in a world where no one has to be defensive 24/7."

She added that when something like this happens to someone again, she wants to be assured that "someone's on top of things," noting that police seemed blasé about the situation and again addressing the men in suits, hurrying to work, that stood by and did nothing.

"It seems like we should be a neighborhood looking out for each other. I want to know our city leaders are doing something about this or that there's resources or something. I felt really alone, and my neighbors and those few people offered support and that was it. I'm thankful for them."

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STOCKS

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Facebook lost 19 percent of its value in a single day.

Twitter says it's putting the long-term stability of its platform above user growth. That leaves investors seemingly unable to value what the biggest companies in the sector, which rely on their potential user reach, are worth.

Twitter had 335 million monthly users in the quarter, below the 339 million Wall Street was expecting, and down slightly from 336 million in the first quarter. That overshadowed a strong monthly user growth of 3 percent compared with the previous year.

The company said its monthly user number could continue to fall in the "mid-single-digit millions" in the third quarter.

While Friday was Twitter's second-worst loss since it went public in November 2013, the stock has still doubled in value over the last 12 months.

Long criticized for allowing bad behavior to run rampant on its platform, Twitter has begun to crack down, banning accounts that violate its terms and making others less visible.

Twitter is now attempting to rein in the worst offenders after years as one of the Wild West corners of the internet.

At the same time, it must convince people it's the go-to platform in social media, even though it is dwarfed right now by Facebook.

Facebook has more than 2.23 billion users while its apps WhatsApp, Instagram and Messenger each have over 1 billion.

Twitter on Friday reiterated its efforts to "to invest in improving the health of the public conversation" on its platform, making the

"long-term health" of its service a priority over short-term metrics such as user numbers.

As part of these efforts, Twitter said that as of May, its systems identified and challenged more than 9 million accounts per week that are potentially spam or automated, up from 6.4 million in December 2017. The company has previously disclosed these numbers.

A Washington Post report put the total number of suspended accounts in May and June at 70 million. The Associated Press also found that Twitter suspended 56 million such accounts in the last quarter of 2017. While Twitter maintains that most of these accounts were dormant and thus not counted in the monthly user figure, the company also warned that its cleanup efforts could affect its counted user base without giving specific numbers.

"We want people to feel safe freely expressing themselves and have launched new tools to address problem behaviors that distort and distract from the public conversation," CEO Jack Dorsey said in a prepared statement.

Twitter's market value dropped by more than \$6 billion Friday, to around \$26 billion. Investors still value Facebook at \$503 billion. Facebook lost \$119 billion in value on Thursday.

Twitter's second-quarter net income hit \$100.1 million, after a loss last year during the same period. It's the company's third profit in a row, the third it has ever posted.

Per-share, the San Francisco company's net income was 13 cents, or 17 cents adjusted, in line with expectations, according to a poll by Zacks Investment Research.

Revenue of \$710.5 million, up 24 percent and edging out expectations of \$696 million.

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VCA lawsuit is needed

AS A LATINA MOTHER RAISING TWO BOYS

in Santa Monica's Pico Neighborhood, I filed a lawsuit against the City of Santa Monica for violating the California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) and the California Equal Protection Clause. The reason for this is because Santa Monica maintains an at-large election system that works to dilute the vote of minorities with the intent to prevent candidates of color from winning a seat on the City Council. Our country has seen people fight and sacrifice to secure protections under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Our lawsuit is a continuation of that struggle in Santa Monica. The Mayor and the City Council of Santa Monica would like the public to believe that the City is a homogenous community where no marginalization exists. The truth is that there is a long history of racial injustice against Mexican and Black residents in Santa Monica.

The Pico Neighborhood was created out of restrictive covenants and red lining that corralled people of color into a neighborhood that was neglected and marginalized. Part of the Pico Neighborhood was zoned industrial which facilitated the dumping of hazardous and undesirable development such as the I-10 Freeway, landfill and waste facilities. Pico Neighborhood residents suffered the effects of Council neglect and the trauma of gun and gang violence. City's own well-being reports show that PN residents "feel most disconnected from their government" and consistently score lowest on key quality of life indicators. Santa Monican's know that there has been a North/South divide for decades. This divide was exacerbated by the adoption of the at-large election system in 1946. According to a case study of the Pico Neighborhood in Santa Monica by Deirdre Pfeiffer in 2007, Wilshire Blvd. was known to many in Santa Monica as "the Mason-Dixie line". Long-term residents recall that if people of color were found north of Wilshire they would be stopped by police and had to provide a letter from their employer justifying a reason to be in that part of town. Since the adoption of an at-large election system in Santa Monica, the majority of the people elected to the City Council have lived north of Wilshire. This is no coincidence; this outcome was by design, to make it difficult for people of color to attain fair representation.

Many people think Santa Monica is a liberal city that passed rent control in the 80's earning the nickname "The People's Republic of Santa Monica". You would then think that Santa Monica would support a law that is heralded as a victory of the Civil Rights Movement. How is it possible that "liberals" and "progressives" would vote to spend millions of the public's funds to fight against a

voting rights act challenge by people of color representing a neighborhood that historically suffered from the City's rigged election system? The quick and honest answer is the preservation of power and privilege. Historically people in power have fought to preserve their position at the cost of the public good. They try to find a way to either circumvent the people's right to vote or suppress their vote all together by creating rules such as Jim Crow Laws or by establishing election systems such as at-large elections that work to dilute the votes of minorities. This is exactly what happened in 1947 when the current at-large election system was adopted in Santa Monica and this is what is happening now in 2018 as a majority white City Council spends millions of public dollars to continue a legacy of exclusion and institutionalized racism. Mayor Ted Winterer recently wrote an op-ed in the LA Times that these matters were best dealt with by the voters and not the courts. Absent these court decisions, we would probably still have Jim Crow Laws and segregated schools.

As a person who has dedicated her life to pursuing social and economic justice, I have witnessed and experienced the marginalization that exists in Santa Monica. In an effort to secure a voice for Pico Neighborhood residents, I ran for City Council in 2004 and although I won every precinct in the Pico Neighborhood, I was unable to garner the necessary votes to win a seat on the City Council. I wasn't alone in my defeat. In fact, since the City started holding elections only two men of color have been elected to serve on the SM City Council. Neither lived in the Pico Neighborhood. Let me now address the "new" Latina on the City Council, Gleam Davis. Who really believes Councilwoman Gleam Davis's recent claim that she is Latina? Definitely not any of the Latino elected officials in Santa Monica and surely not the voters. I can respect one discovering their roots and celebrating their new found identity. However, it's reprehensible for one to claim an identity of a historically marginalized group in order to undermine that group's ability to change an unjust election system.

On August 1, 2018 we are set to begin our historic CVRA trial and we are confident that the law and historical facts will prove what the City's own paid consultant Dr. Kousser recommended: that the at-large election system in Santa Monica should be abolished in exchange for district elections because it is unconstitutional and it dilutes the votes of minorities. Our lawsuit presents us with the opportunity to right a historic wrong in Santa Monica's election system and with this change we will have a chance to advance policies that will strengthen our democracy and voting rights.

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Rhoda Newman
Santa Monica

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Downtown

"Catching a Wave: How Malibu Rode the Surfing Craze to Global Fame"

The final lecture of the Conservancy's highly successful summer series, "Catching a Wave: How Malibu Rode the Surfing Craze to Global Fame," will feature the fascinating history of Malibu and its role in popularizing surfing, not only as a sport, but as a desired lifestyle beginning in the mid-1940s.

Malibu's consistent and well-shaped waves drew many of the era's best surfers and put Malibu on the map as a world-class surf mecca. Guest speaker Michael Blum, executive director of Sea of Clouds, will describe the youthful, energetic and bohemian culture of surfing and its rise in pop culture. Blum will also bring to life the history of heiress Rhoda Agatha Rindge and the Adamson House, the Malibu Pier and Malibu Colony, an expensive beachfront enclave of celebrity homes.

Today, Surfrider Beach, between the Malibu Pier and Colony, is a Malibu Historic District and the first listing in the National Register of Historic Places centered on surfing history. Blum will talk about his work on the front lines of securing the listing as well as the important conservation objectives that the designation achieves.

Please note that this lecture will replace the previously scheduled "Boulevards to the Sea: An L.A. Story."

Advanced purchase is recommended as space is limited. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for the public. Register online (www.smconservancy.org) or send a check to Santa Monica Conservancy, P.O. Box 653, Santa Monica, CA 90406-0653 with your name, email, address, and the number of tickets as well as the lectures you'd like to attend. Parking is available in the city lot across the street and the site is accessible by bus.

The event will be held Sunday, August 19, 7-8:30 p.m. at the historic landmark Rapp Saloon, 1438 Second Street, Santa Monica.

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The Beach

Out of the Blue Program Returns to Annenberg Community Beach House

Out of the Blue is back and joined this summer by artists, Molly Allis and Therese Kelly, who will create projects that promote joy and illuminate our relationship with water. Santa Monica Cultural Affairs coordinates the Out of the Blue program, bringing artists to the Annenberg Community Beach House to create projects that embody the sights, sounds and people at the site.

From Tuesday, July 10 through Saturday, August 11, interdisciplinary artist and musician Molly Allis will be onsite every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon until 7 p.m., creating "The Storytelling Machine," a narrative sculpture made of stacked kinetic diorama boxes. Altogether, the dioramas will tell the story of a child's wonderful day. The completed sculpture will be unveiled on Saturday, August 11 at 10 a.m. and will be available until 6 p.m. for play and exploration with the artist.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

■ Friday, July 27 and Friday, August 3, 11 - 11:40 a.m. and 2 - 2:40 p.m. Storytelling Circles - informal gatherings where youth and families can exchange stories and inform the creation of The Storytelling Machine.

From Friday, August 10 through Friday, August 31, artist and environmental activist Therese Kelly will showcase a hybrid project called "Under the Umbrella" beginning with a series of placards she created that will pop-up in unexpected places on site will point to often-overlooked water experiences.

Kelly will also lead small group tours around the Annenberg Community Beach House grounds and showcase little-known facts about water usage, treatment, and ecology in Southern California. An accompanying iPhone app-based tour with archival photos and more details will be available to tour guests. Participants can also get their hands wet in a Shibori (Japanese tie-dye) indigo dyeing workshop that covers the Arashi (storm) technique, which uses plumbing pipes. All ages are welcome to participate in tours and workshops, but space is limited.

FREE TOUR/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

■ Friday August 17, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

■ Saturday August 18, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

■ Friday August 24, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

■ Sunday August 26, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

RSVP for workshops online. Guests are encouraged to arrive early; reservations expire 15 minutes before the start of each session. To participate in a tour or workshop, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/out-of-the-blue-under-the-umbrella-with-therese-kelly-tickets-47494912562>.

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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2580 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2580 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") sets the Fiscal Year 2018-19 ad valorem tax rate for the City of Santa Monica general Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2012 (Library Improvements Project) at \$.003213 per \$100.00 of assessed value for property located within the City of Santa Monica. In accordance with City Charter section 619(c), this ordinance became effective upon adoption by City Council on July 24, 2018.

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Lions Roar

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A new year of service

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE IN THE second half of 2018, but if you are a Lion, it is the beginning of a new year of service. With the motto, We Serve, Lions focus on five pillars of service from July 1st to June 30th – vision, feeding the hungry, diabetes awareness, helping the environment and childhood cancer. The Santa Monica Lions have been serving Santa Monica and the Westside since 1923 and here are some of the activities we have planned for the coming year.

September is the month of our biggest fundraising event, our 64th Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, September 29th from 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. at the SM Boys and Girls Club on Lincoln. Tickets are only \$5 for fluffy pancakes, eggs, delicious sausage, orange juice, coffee and milk. For more information or to get tickets, please contact Kingsley Fife at 310-454-2960 or santamonicalion@gmail.com. All proceeds from this event go directly back into the community through grants we give out in the spring.

In October and November we are planning a couple of hands-on projects with local nonprofits (details to come), and we have our first of two Young Leaders in Service Awards announcements to honor 9th – 12th grade youth for their commitment to community service. Wrapping up 2018, in December, we will join with the Salvation Army in their bell ringing campaign.

Starting in 2019, grant application for the funding of specific programs or services that

help the Santa Monica and the Westside communities will be due FEBRUARY 1st. This change was made to better accommodate some of our applicants that need funding earlier in the spring.

In February the student speaker contest kicks-off with more than \$21,000 in college funding available. The topic will be announced fall 2018. This contest is for local high school students. Please check with your speech, drama or English departments for more information.

In March we hold our annual Lions Eyes Across California vision screening, which will also include a diabetes awareness program. In April we will work with the City of Santa Monica for the Arts and Literacy Festival, as well as planting trees in our community. In May we have the second Young Leaders in Service Awards honoring additional high school student that are committed to helping others.

These projects make for a very full, but gratifying year. If you think you might like to give back to the community, feel free to call us and join as a volunteer for one project, or consider becoming a Lion. To learn more about the Santa Monica Lions or attend a lunch meeting on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month from 12:15-1:30 p.m., please contact Yoriko Fisher at santamonicalion@gmail.com. Our meetings are held at the Elks Lodge on Pico, between 10th and 11th Streets.

SUSAN DEREMER is part of the Santa Monica Lions Club

BONDS

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touched in decades”, bolstering buildings seismic effectiveness and replacing windows at schools, some of which were nearly 60 years old.

While the past measures helped to improve the district, Upton said there's more work to be done, such as: remaking Samohi, reorganizing Malibu High and Malibu Middle School, replacing 40 year old portable classrooms, updating HVAC at schools, improving sustainability, and improving security throughout the district.

“Kids are using desks that their parents used ... and security is becoming more vital and important. Time, attention, and funds need to go to all of this,” Upton commented.

Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati spoke after Upton, applauding staff for directing him to create a feasibility committee in regards to the bonds and SFIDs.

Drati said the committee, comprised of Santa Monica and Malibu community members, met with numerous stakeholder groups to “talk facts of the bond.” The community outreach of sorts led Drati and the committee to talk with city councils from both cities, PTA groups, the League of Women Voters, and the police union. Drati says he and the committee plan to talk to more groups in the coming months.

Drati said a lot of work went into getting public approval for the bonds, handing off the presentation to Jared Boigan, a staff member of TBWB, “a strategy and communications consulting firm specializing in public finance ballot

measures supporting programs, services and facilities.”

Boigan shared the results of a survey performed by Goodwin Simon Strategic Research, which was sent online and via direct mail (over 50,000 sent). Boigan said the survey received a “tremendous response”, getting back over 600 responses via direct mail alone.

While the communities are looking to split their school districts, they do share many common concerns.

According to the survey, the top three causes Santa Monicans want bond money to go towards is removing hazardous materials from schools (PCBs), improving fire safety and security systems, and improving classrooms to improve STEM. Malibu's concerns were the same, albeit a different order; PCB removal, STEM, then improving fire safety and security.

Boigan noted that of those surveyed, 70% of Santa Monicans approve of the bonds while 61% of Malibu residents approve.

There were no public comments in regards to the presentation, but the school board was overwhelmingly positive in their praise, with Laurie Lieberman calling the amount of work involved the Yiddish phrase of “meshuggah.”

“The amount of work behind this is exemplary,” she said. “Kudos to drati for working with the community and seeing the incredible fortune we have with the community we live in. This is the most solid planning we've had in support of a bond measure.”

The vote to put bond measures on the November ballot was passed unanimously.

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Self-education is the key to smart voting

CITY COUNCIL AVOIDED A SELF-MADE controversy this week when they chose not to proceed with a ballot measure to update the City Charter in anticipation of changes to state rent control laws.

There's certainly some confusion about what will happen in November but a troublingly consistent theme throughout the local discussion was how little renters and landlords know about the rules that govern either their income source and housing respectively.

This woeful lack of knowledge is particularly distressing because a significant revision to rent control rules will be on the ballot this year and if those whose livelihoods are dependent on the system are so ill-informed, what should we expect from the thousands of voters who are not part of the system?

Rent control governs housing units built before 1979. Rent for those units is set at 1978 levels plus any rent increases approved by the Rent Control Board (RCB). Those increases are determined by an established formula and the RCB can establish a dollar limit to the increase.

Units exempt from rent control include rentals to tourists of less than 14 days, owner-occupied buildings of three or less units, rentals by an approved list of organizations (hospitals, convents, monasteries, extended medical care facilities, asylums, non-profit homes for the aged), dormitories owned and operated by an institution of higher education or government housing.

Not covered are single family homes and condos if they meet certain qualifications and all newly constructed units built after 1979.

These rules were modified with the adoption of state laws known as Costa Hawkins and the Ellis Act.

Prior to Costa Hawkins implementation, rents began at 1978 levels and were subject to increases at the discretion of the Rent

Control Board. A new tenant paid the rent most recently paid by the prior occupant: the 1978 level plus any allowed increases.

After Costa Hawkins, rents are set to market rate when a tenant leaves.

The Ellis Act allows landlords to evict tenants if they are removing the property from the rental market.

It's not that complicated but it might not be day-to-day useful so perhaps every renter and landlord doesn't need to have this knowledge on the tip of their tongue but they should know how to find it (it's in the City Charter and Municipal Code, both available online). If that's too complicated, there's an entire agency devoted to providing context and explanation. Give them a call, it's literally what they are there for.

Individuals need to undertake this basic self-education because we can't get to the substantive debate over a complex issue without a foundation in the basics. Spending meeting after meeting on remedial education saps the limited time and resources available. It also opens individuals up for manipulation by anyone with an agenda.

In this case, bad opinions didn't create bad policy ... yet.

There will be a spirited debate over Prop. 10. The proposal repeals Costa Hawkins and gives local jurisdictions control over their rent control rules. Hopefully voters will have a working knowledge of the subject when they begin to vote later this year. If it does pass, that knowledge will be needed again because something will have to be done to adapt the local rules to the new landscape.

The tools to shape yourself into an educated voter, on this subject or any other, are readily available, and we all have a responsibility to use them.

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON JULY 18, 2018 AT ABOUT 6:14 P.M.

While patrolling the area of 2nd Street and Colorado Avenue, officers stopped a man for a narcotics violation. As officers were speaking with the man, an uninvolved subject began yelling at officers from across the street and walked over to the officers. The subject continued to yell at the officers and interfere with officers. The subject was asked to walk away but refused to do so. The subject was also under the influence of alcohol. The subject was taken into custody. Jovane Bernard Leonard, 42, from Beverly Hills was arrested for interfering with a police officer and jaywalking. Bail was set at \$10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 363 Calls For Service On July 26.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE
CALLS CHOSEN BY THE
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Battery 3rd/Washington 12:03 a.m.
Suspicious person 200 block Santa Monica 2:56 a.m.
Disturbance 2700 block Barnard 4:10 a.m.
Vandalism 1400 block 2nd 6:39 a.m.
Traffic Collision Lincoln/Broadway 6:53 a.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 7:37 a.m.
Grand theft 2200 block Main 8:18 a.m.
Loitering 1100 block 5th 8:49 a.m.
Assault 2200 block Virginia 8:52 a.m.
Traffic collision 14th/Montana
Incident 300 block Olympic 9:26 a.m.
Medical aid 500 block 7th 9:49 a.m.
Burglary 800 block Broadway 9:50 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block 6th 9:56 a.m.
Hazard 2600 block Euclid 10:16 a.m.
Missing person 1600 block 11th 11:04 a.m.
Person down 2nd/Broadway 11:06 a.m.
Hit and run 500 block 17th 11:21 a.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica
72 psych hold 1600 block 5th 12:00 a.m.
Disturbance 1400 block Lincoln 12:08 a.m.
Fight 1400 block California 12:31 a.m.

Vandalism 1600 block Lincoln 1:50 p.m.
Person down 20th/Pico 1:58 p.m.
Medical emergency 300 block Santa Monica 2 p.m.
Traffic collision 33rd/Pico 2:32 p.m.
Fight 1700 block Ocean 2:54 p.m.
Disturbance 1200 block Ozone 2:57 p.m.
Burglary 800 block 6th 3:43 p.m.
Disturbance 2500 block Kansas 3:45 p.m.
Grand theft 2800 block Main 4:43 p.m.
DUI Ocean/Pacific 4:56 p.m.
Battery Ocean/Colorado 5:20 p.m.
Vandalism 700 block Broadway 5:22 p.m.
Threats 4th/Broadway 5:30 p.m.
Burglary 1800 block 18th 5:33 p.m.
Disturbance 2700 block Barnard 6:17 p.m.
Suspicious person 200 block Bay 7:14 p.m.
Robbery Ocean/California 7:17 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block The Beach 7:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision Lincoln/Colorado 8:57 p.m.
Fire Cloverfield/I-10 8:05 p.m.
Lewd Activity 4th/Bay 8:37 p.m.
Fight Centinela/Santa Monica 8:44 p.m.
Disturbance 2300 block Ocean 8:52 p.m.
Suspicious person 1400 block 2nd 9:14 p.m.
Vandalism 300 block Santa Monica 9:48 p.m.
Medical Emergency 300 block Santa Monica 10:33 p.m.
Robbery 2nd/Wilshire 10:56 p.m.
Theft 2500 block Michigan 11:02 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica 11:13 p.m.
Fight 1500 block Pacific Coast 11:37 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 22 Calls For Service On July 25.

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

Alarm 2400 block Virgina 3:03 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1800 block Lincoln 3:42 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Broadway 6:52 a.m.
EMS 3rd/bay 8:02 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 8:04 a.m.
EMS 1800 block 9th 8:34 a.m.

EMS 500 block Olympic 8:44 a.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 9:20 a.m.
Haz Mat 2nd/Arizona 9:30 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Delaware 12:18 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Pacific 12:51 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 1:58 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 3:05 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Stewart 4:27 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 5:17 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 1500 block 9th 7:32 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 8:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pico 9:55 p.m.
EMS 3300 block Ocean 10:26 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 10:31 p.m.
Traffic collision 2300 block 26th 11:09 p.m.
Odor Investigation 500 block Hill 11:20 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 7/25
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Power#: 26
Jackpot: 168M



Draw Date: 7/24
1 2 4 19 29
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 40M



Draw Date: 7/25
6 16 27 30 40
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 18M



Draw Date: 7/26
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Draw Date: 7/26
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2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:43.88

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1. British, Australian. a small container or basket for strawberries or other fruit.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1993, the first lab test was released in Arizona confirming a bee involved in a fatal on attack on a small dog at a Tucson home involved an Africanized honeybee. Because of their more intense defensive swarming behavior, such non-native bees earned the name “killer bee” in the media. Arizona was the second state to be invaded, less than three years after this species spread north into Texas from Mexico. The bee is now found throughout much of the U.S. Southwest, as far north as central California and southern Utah. Pockets have also been identified in Louisiana and southern Florida.

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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.

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Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

1 Common crossword notation

5 Square figures

10 Different

14 Common interview question

16 Long-running HBO comedy

17 Common pub fare

18 Start to lock

19 One on a drive

20 Intended for instruction

22 Instructional file

25 Much to see in Greece

26 Supporting people

29 Appointment at an institute

30 Comes together

31 Paid

33 Patrons, politely

35 Evacuation order

36 Get to

37 Center for sportsmen

38 Exclamation of excitement

39 Left

41 Wind-formed topography

43 Name on a 2012 ticket

44 Lefties can't play it

45 It's not news

46 Unloads

47 "(A Little More) Mascara" show, for short

49 Book including Adam, Moses and John the Baptist

51 Consumption of energy

55 Causes to roar

DOWN

1 Doesn't dawdle

2 *Blazing Saddles* sheriff

3 Big wheel at some parties

4 Othello's other name

5 Short-lived FDR agency

6 ___ timer

7 Planning metaphor

8 Patron saint of Hawaii

9 Running back's leg-power builder

10 One gone

11 Mediterranean course

12 Well fixed

13 Big pictures

15 Mayo is held here

21 Had a battle, perhaps

23 Put in

24 *Petit nombre*

26 Opposite of "aggregated"

27 What's seen beside some red arrows

28 Most basic

32 Opposite-view introducer

33 Venerable shipbuilding center

34 Let fall naturally

37 Mineral with magnesium

40 Addresses without exchanges

41 Skunk

42 Refrains

44 Word from the Greek for "wanderer"

46 Sling, essentially

48 Green stuff, for short

50 Exclamation of frustration

52 Birthplace of the largest religions

53 Bucks

54 Great facility

57 Real-life Superman opponent in a '78 comic book

58 "I can't remember this guy" epithet

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 28)

You keep creating and making things happen, and that's why this year brings four major celebrations of you. October brings special courage, and you'll dive into a daring aim – something you wouldn't have had the guts or skills for in the past. You'll be ready! This will begin a trajectory you'll follow through to your next birthday. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 29, 44 and 12.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your intuition is spot on today – not because you can see the future but because you can make the future. You've a sense about what's possible and how much work it will take. You do it until it's done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

A weak teacher will tell you that the reason you didn't succeed in the class is that you didn't work hard enough. A strong teacher makes you want to work hard; a strong teacher considers your success a joint mission.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

In order to fit into the group agenda, you might have to compromise on your approach, plan or product, but you shouldn't have to compromise who you are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You'll be invigorated by people working together to accomplish a common goal, especially if the goal has something to do with improving themselves or improving the world through kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Ask yourself the questions that will help you get clear about what you want to accomplish. Then the “how” won't matter so much. As you focus on the effect that you want to have, the details work themselves out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There's a pleasant (not outrageous or startling) surprise in this day just for you, a little something to make your ride smoother and your smile wider.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

To get more problems, obsess about all the problems you already have. To get fewer problems, focus on just one problem and solve it. Then move to the next.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Even though you know better than to get “attached to an outcome,” for better or worse, you're invested in what happens next. It just happens that way when you love something this much.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Life doesn't always fall into a lovely pattern; sometimes it has to be forced or puzzled together into one. Actually, the forcing usually only works for a short term. Better to toy around and find something that fits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Every time you introduce a new variable, things change. One person alters the whole group, and indeed every person is the “one” person who does this. So don't discount your contribution, even in very large gatherings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This is an excellent time to look at your expenses and cut the subscriptions and recurring payments that go to things you don't really use. It will bring your finances and more back into balance without a sense of sacrifice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Even though your reflexes are superior, you'd rather live proactively so that you're not in a reactive position. Tonight brings a hint that will help with the mystery you've been trying to solve.

Call the Cosmic Clean-up Crew

Considering yesterday's multitude of aspects, including the full moon, there may be ruffled feathers to smooth over. The Greek philosopher Epictetus suggested, “We have two ears and one mouth, so that we may listen twice as much as we speak.” And that's exactly the success plan for these first days of the Mercury retrograde.

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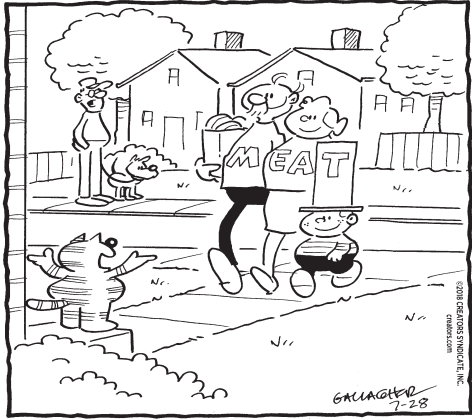
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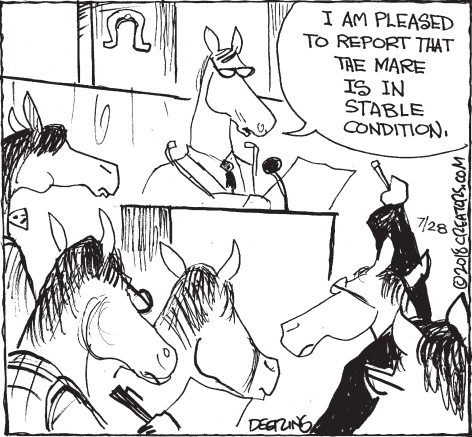
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HEAT

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homes and forced the evacuation of at least 37,000 people near Redding, California. Flood-inducing downpours have pounded the U.S. East this week.

It's all part of summer — but it's all being made worse by human-caused climate change, scientists say.

“Weirdness abounds,” said Rutgers University climate scientist Jennifer Francis.

Japan hit 106 degrees on Monday, its hottest temperature ever. Records fell in parts of Massachusetts, Maine, Wyoming, Colorado, Oregon, New Mexico and Texas. And then there's crazy heat in Europe, where normally chill Norway, Sweden and Finland all saw temperatures they have never seen before on any date, pushing past 90 degrees. So far this month, at least 118 of these all-time heat records have been set or tied across the globe, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The explanations should sound as familiar as the crash of broken records.

“We now have very strong evidence that global warming has already put a thumb on the scales, upping the odds of extremes like

severe heat and heavy rainfall,” Stanford University climate scientist Noah Diffenbaugh said. “We find that global warming has increased the odds of record-setting hot events over more than 80 percent of the planet, and has increased the odds of record-setting wet events at around half of the planet.”

Climate change is making the world warmer because of the build-up of heat-trapping gases from the burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil and other human activities. And experts say the jet stream — which dictates weather in the Northern Hemisphere — is again behaving strangely.

“An unusually sharply kinked jet stream has been stuck in place for weeks now,” said Jeff Masters, director of the private Weather Underground. He says that allows the heat to stay in place over three areas where the kinks are: Europe, Japan and the western United States.

The same jet stream pattern caused the 2003 European heat wave, the 2010 Russian heat wave and fires, the 2011 Texas and Oklahoma drought and the 2016 Canadian wildfires, Pennsylvania State University climate scientist Michael Mann said, pointing to past studies by him and others. He said in an email that these extremes are “becoming more common because of human-caused climate change and in particular, the ampli-

fied warming in the Arctic.”

Climate scientists have long said they can't directly link single weather events, like a heat wave, to human caused climate change without extensive study. In the past decade they have used observations, statistics and computer simulations to calculate if global warming increases the chances of the events.

A study by European scientists Friday found that the ongoing European heat wave is twice as likely because of human-caused global warming, though those conclusions have not yet been confirmed by outside scientists. The World Weather Attribution team said they compared three-day heat measurements and forecasts for the Netherlands, Denmark and Ireland with historical records going back to the early 1900s.

“The world is becoming warmer and so heatwaves like this are becoming more common,” said Friederike Otto, a member of the team and deputy director of the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford.

Erich Fischer, an expert on weather extremes at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich who wasn't part of the analysis said the authors used well-established methods to make their conclusions.

Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb said the link between climate change and

fires isn't as strong as it is with heat waves, but it is becoming clearer.

A devastating fire in Greece — with at least 83 fatalities — is the deadliest fire in Europe since 1900, according to the International Disaster Database run by the Centre for the Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters in Brussels, Belgium.

In the United States on Friday there were 89 active large fires, consuming nearly 900,000 acres, according the National Interagency Fire Center. So far this year, fires have burned 4.15 million acres, which is nearly 14 percent higher than average over the past 10 years.

The first major science study to connect greenhouse gases to stronger and longer heat waves was in 2004. It was titled “More intense, more frequent and longer lasting heat waves in the 21st century.” Study author Gerald Meehl of the National Center for Atmospheric Research said Friday that now it “reads like a prediction of what has been happening and will continue to happen as long as average temperatures continue to rise with ever-increasing emissions of greenhouse gases from burning fossil fuels. It's no mystery.”

Borenstein reported from Washington, Jordans from Berlin.

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