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SMMUSD discusses substance abuse policy changes

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Moving towards the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District's efforts to become an all-around 21st century learning environment, the district discussed how discipline may take shape in their near-future discussing controlled substances and substance abuse on campus.

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City bans private wells pending new groundwater plan

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City of Santa Monica has temporarily outlawed construction of new private wells in the city while staff work towards adoption of a new set of rules governing the use of groundwater.

Council approved a measure banning new construction or expansion of existing wells at their

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Council formally backs Costa Hawkins repeal as part of position package for November election

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica City Council has taken positions on a pair of state ballot measures, formally supporting a proposal to expand rent control protections and opposing an effort to repeal a statewide gas tax. Council has also voted to support a new county tax to support clean water efforts.

The Council Discussion items occur at the end of the meeting and are specific requests from councilmembers. The items often schedule future discussions but can be used to ask the City to support broader issues.

Councilmembers Terry O'Day and Pam O'Connor asked the council to oppose Proposition 6.

If passed, Prop 6 would repeal gas and diesel taxes enacted in 2017. It would also require voter approval for future increases to fuel or vehicle taxes. Repealing the tax would reduce or eliminate money used to pay for current transit projects.

Staff said that Santa Monica would lose state funding for projects such as Safe Routes to Schools, electrification of Big Blue Bus vehicles and the City's Vision Zero bicycle/pedestrian safety plan.

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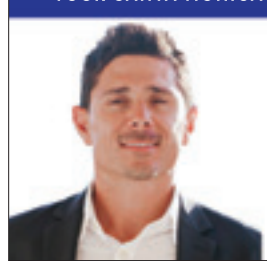


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EMCEE: Actor, spoken word artist, humanitarian, and TED speaker Sean Hill will host the evening's festivities.
FOOD TRUCKS: The Gastrobus (farmers' market bistro with locally-sourced dishes), the Yalla Truck (falafel and chicken kabob sandwiches) and the Paradise Cookies & Ice Cream (fresh baked cookies and homemade ice cream).
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Jewelry Challenges - a discussion with Metal Arts Society of Southern California

Join organizers for an exchange of jewelrymaking ideas and techniques. The topic: "How I dealt with the annual Metal Arts Society of Southern California (MASSC) Jewelry Challenge." Speakers include Rachel Shimpock, Virginia Hyatt, Diane Weimer, and other MASSC members. Listen to jewelry makers talking about their craft and showing slides of their work. For more information visit www.masssconline.com. 1450 Ocean, Free, RSVP at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68065 or call (310) 458-2239, 2 – 4 p.m.

Summer Reading Finale Concert: The Hollow Trees

Upbeat Americana music combining bluegrass, country, blues, and traditional folk songs will have you singing along! Co-presented by the Topanga Banjo Fiddle Contest. For Families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 – 3 p.m.

Indian Classical dance for all with Aparna Sindhoor

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Pickling for Kids

Sweet pickles or dill pickles, come learn how easy it is to turn those summer cucumbers into pickles that you'll enjoy on a sandwich or on their own. Presented by Santa Monica Community Gardens. Ages 6-10. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 19

Mt. Olive Jazz

Jazz great Count Basie will be remembered with special music and guest musicians during the 9am worship service on Sunday, August 19 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, 14th & Ocean Park, Santa Monica. More information at www.mtolivelutheranchurch.org .

31st Annual Poetry Fest

Enjoy an afternoon of original, imaginative and creative poetry read by this year's 28 participating local poets. Admission is free. Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Call 310-575-8273 for more information. 2 p.m.

Jazz on the Lawn

The Jazz on the Lawn summer concert series returns for its 13th season in August. The community is invited to grab friends, family and dancing shoes for free concerts in the park. A sampling of genres curated through the jazz lens, free dance lessons, intermission performances, and some of the area's finest food trucks will be presented in Gandara Park (formerly Stewart Street Park). 5 – 7 p.m.

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, August 20

Task Force on the Environment Meeting

2200 Virginia Ave. Park, Patio Room. 7 p.m. https://www.smgov.net/Departments/OSE/Task_Force_on_the_Environment/Task_Force_on_the_Environment.aspx

Main Library Book Group

This long-running book discussion group, which is always welcoming to new members, alternates between fiction and nonfiction on a month-to-month basis. The August book title is The Art of Living by Epictetus and Sharon Lebell. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

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smdp Editorial

Matthew Hall Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Considering districts

SANTA MONICA IS IN THE MIDST OF A court case to determine the future of City Council elections.

If the city loses, the City Council will be split into districts if it wins, the status quo will probably remain.

It's an important case but unfortunately, we're going to have endure a great deal of meaningless grandstanding before we get to the substantive result in a few weeks.

There's no shortage of armchair lawyers and Facebook experts eager to frame their opinions about the case and its merits as absolute fact. Nor is there a shortage of actual lawyers on both sides who want to make a name for themselves by broadcasting their very black and white versions of the facts.

That means there's a lot of noise surrounding the case but the silver lining is the court of public opinion is irrelevant to deciding the merits of the case. The judge isn't eagerly monitoring Facebook posts nor does she care about diatribes from one side or the other on Nextdoor.

In a month or so, we'll have a decision but even then, there will likely be appeals and delays before the court question is finally settled either way.

Regardless of your opinion on the merits of the case, it's worth thinking about what could happen if districts are required.

There's no outright rule about how many districts there will be or precisely where the borders will fall. No-one map is required or even more likely at this point. Some factors are required, some are just advised when drawing districts but there will considerations such as population equality, communities of interest, being compact and contiguous, respect for past voter selections, plans for growth and if coming as a result of the lawsuit, addressing racially polarized voting.

Right away, everyone should understand that the current neighborhoods will be altered under any districting plan. At least one current neighborhood will cease to exist entirely and it could be more depending on the number of districts. In fact, it probably should be more because while districts have their benefits, there's still value to retaining at least some city-wide representation.

Someone should be thinking about what's best for the entire city, not just the individual districts and having some at-large viewpoints will improve the quality of debate surrounding local issues.

Hybrid systems with council districts and an at-large mayor exist up and down the state. In Santa Monica, we think a good compromise would have five council districts with two at large seats. Five districts would yield about 20,000 residents per district and successful candidates would be elected with between 1,500 and 4,000 votes depending on turnout and registration.

To maximize turnout every cycle, voters should always have an at-large election and with two at-large seats, there would always be a reason to go to the polls. The at-large representatives would serve as Vice-mayor for their first two years and Mayor for the second two.

The trial is likely to persist for several more weeks and the impact on the near-term election is still unknown. However, any district plan is going to come with its own set of problems so there's no downside to giving some thought to potential outcomes.

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Fortunately, Medicare can help protect you from Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C, the most common types of viral hepatitis in the United States.

Hepatitis is contagious. The Hepatitis B virus, for example, spreads through contact with the blood or other body fluids of an infected person. People can also get infected by coming in contact with a contaminated object, where the virus can live for up to 7 days.

Hepatitis B can range from being a mild illness, lasting a few weeks (acute), to a serious long-term illness (chronic) that can lead to liver disease or liver cancer.

Medicare Part B covers Hepatitis B shots, which usually are given as a series of 3 shots over a 6-month period. You need all 3 shots for complete protection.

Medicare covers these shots for people at medium or high risk for Hepatitis B.

Risk factors include hemophilia, end-stage renal disease, diabetes, if you live with someone who has Hepatitis B, or if you're a healthcare worker and have frequent contact with blood or body fluids. Check with your doctor to see if you're at medium or high risk for Hepatitis B.

You pay nothing for Hepatitis B shots if your doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts Medicare payment.

MEDICARE ALSO COVERS A ONE-TIME HEPATITIS C SCREENING TEST IF YOUR PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR OR PRACTITIONER ORDERS IT AND YOU MEET ONE OF THESE CONDITIONS:

- You're at high risk because you have a current or past history of illicit injection-drug use;
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- You were born between 1945 and 1965.

Medicare also covers yearly repeat screenings for certain people at high risk.

Medicare will only cover Hepatitis C screening tests if they're ordered by a primary-care doctor or other primary care providers. You pay nothing for the screening test if the doctor or other qualified health care provider accepts Medicare payment.

Hepatitis shots and screening are among the many preventive-health services that Medicare helps pay for. These screenings and tests help detect preventable and chronic diseases early, in their most treatable stages.

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- Cervical and vaginal cancer screening;
- Colorectal cancer screening (This helps find precancerous growths or cancer early when treatment is most effective);
- Diabetes screening and diabetes self-management training;
- Flu and pneumococcal shots;
- Glaucoma tests;
- HIV screening;
- Lung cancer screening;
- Obesity screening and counseling;
- Prostate cancer screening;
- Smoking and tobacco?use cessation counseling (to help you stop smoking or using tobacco products).

You pay nothing for most Medicare-covered preventive services if you get the services from a doctor or other qualified healthcare provider who accepts Medicare payment.

However, for some preventive services, you may have to pay a deductible, coinsurance, or both. These costs may also apply if you get a preventive service during the same visit as a non-preventive service.

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Theft, Lies, And Videotape

I AM AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THE police department in Santa Monica, so will share with you my personal experience with them—and let you make up your own mind.

Several months ago, I sent my son three boxes of presents to his home in Santa Monica for his birthday. I live in New York City and paid for priority mail and two-day delivery. When the boxes didn't arrive as scheduled, my son contacted the local authorities and, as required, filed an official complaint with the postal inspector and Santa Monica police.

The police took their time about meeting with my son—they were far too busy with "serious" stuff like ordering take-out at Sushi Roku—but ultimately took down the particulars of the theft, assigned a detective to the case, and asked me, as the sender of the packages, to provide an itemized list of their contents. Fortunately, they all added up to over $1,000—I say "fortunately," because, despite the monetary loss, that meant the police had three years to find "their man"—as opposed to one year for anything of lesser value—and as I was to discover, even that wouldn't be enough time for the police to get their act together.

Meanwhile, the manager at my son's apartment complex informed us that owing to a rash of mail robberies on her premises, a video camera had been set up over the delivery area, and the entire incriminatory incident had been filmed from start to finish. I couldn't have been more delighted. When the videotape was screened, in fact, you could see as clear as day (which was in fact when the robbery had taken place: at 4:19 p.m. and 48 seconds, to be precise) the faces of the two people who had stolen my son's presents—one a white blond woman in what looked like her early thirties; the other a young black man who could have been in his late teens. You could also see the two of them transporting the three boxes from the mail area to the back of their car, loading them into the trunk where other stolen packages had already been stored, and—mirabile dictu—flashing the license plate of their car as they drove obliviously away.

Piece of cake, I thought to myself: They've got a picture of the culprits. They've got a tape of their committing the theft, and they have the license plate of their car. An open-and-shut case. Fait accompli. End of story. Boy, was I ever wrong. Several weeks later, I learned that although my son contacted the authorities a number of times—both police and postal inspectors—there were no new leads in the proceeding, and they were no closer to arresting the individuals in question than they were on the day they opened the case. Finally, I myself called.

The detective—one Carlos Jaén—was unfailingly polite and respectful, but the only information I gleaned during the entire time we spoke was that the police department was "working on it."—a mantra, as I would come to realize, after continual and meaningless repetition— that could mean absolutely everything—or, as was probably true in this case, nothing at all. I pressed the detective over and over again for more information, but that was his continual response: "We're working on it…we're working on it…." I asked why in three months' time there had been no arrests made or any developments whatsoever in the case. I mentioned that there was a similar robbery in my apartment complex in New York during the same time period, and though the robber was videotaped, they didn't have a license plate for his car as was true with my son's case, yet within five days he was within police custody. Jaén applauded the New York police profusely for their achievement as if they had accomplished some unusual act of heroism instead of conducting what I would have thought was a routine arrest.

I asked the detective why nothing had been done about following up with the license plate of the car of the two thieves who had stolen my son's packages. Jaen said it was evident from their investigation that the car was registered to someone other than the two people who had committed the theft. I said that clearly, the car owner had to know the people who had used his car on that day (unless it had been stolen or belonged to—what?—the mayor of Santa Monica or the police chief?!). No, said the detective—and again all he would volunteer was the cryptic "we're working on it," and—the equally mysterious—"we don't want to tip our hand." Tip your hand about what? I pressed. To whom? To the car owner? To the thieves? Why, I insisted, would that even matter? Well, said the detective, they didn't want the thieves to flee. Oh? said I. Three months had already passed since the packages had been stolen. For all they knew, the thieves were already on their way to Utah, Timbuktu, or a Wrinkle in Time. What's more, how could the most routine "follow-up" investigation be considered "tipping their hand"? Didn't they always contact a car owner when a vehicle had been involved in a crime? Wasn't that the customary "next step"? Too obvious to even bear mentioning. The mind boggled.

Jaén then suggested that they were waiting for the two thieves to act again. What, I muttered? This was bringing inanity to the brink of insanity. Were they really waiting for the two criminals to make off with someone else's packages and did they hope to have a police official standing by who could not only identify them as the two individuals who had stolen my kid's packages several months earlier but witness enough wrongdoing to make an arrest that would stick? The likelihood of that, I thought to myself, was about as good as winning the Power Ball. Twice.

My most telling communiqué with the detective, however, was yet to come. I suggested—actually half in jest—that the thought had come up to post a picture of the two culprits on social media and ask if anybody could recognize them. I was even considering offering a reward for information leading to their arrest. The detective seemed to think this was a pretty good idea. He acknowledged that the police department could never do such a thing—a violation of "standard procedure," natch—but I was perfectly welcome to do so if I thought it might pan out. Huh? I again wondered. What about "tipping my hand." Wouldn't that give the whole thing away and telegraph to the thieves that not only did we know who they were but, in the case of their car, literally have their number? I even wondered if it might not be a bit dangerous to myself or my son to show "our hand" like this, and perhaps the police were better equipped—make that "protected"—to move in for the kill? Again, all I got was the same repeated noncommittal statement, "We're working on it…we're working on it," said Detective Jaén, as if that might provide some kind of reassurance or put all my unease to rest instead of raising a thousand other doubts. So here's my final question de jour, which I address to you, dear reader, if not to the largely (in)active members of your local police force: I wonder how much it costs to rent a couple of billboards outside Santa Monica, California….

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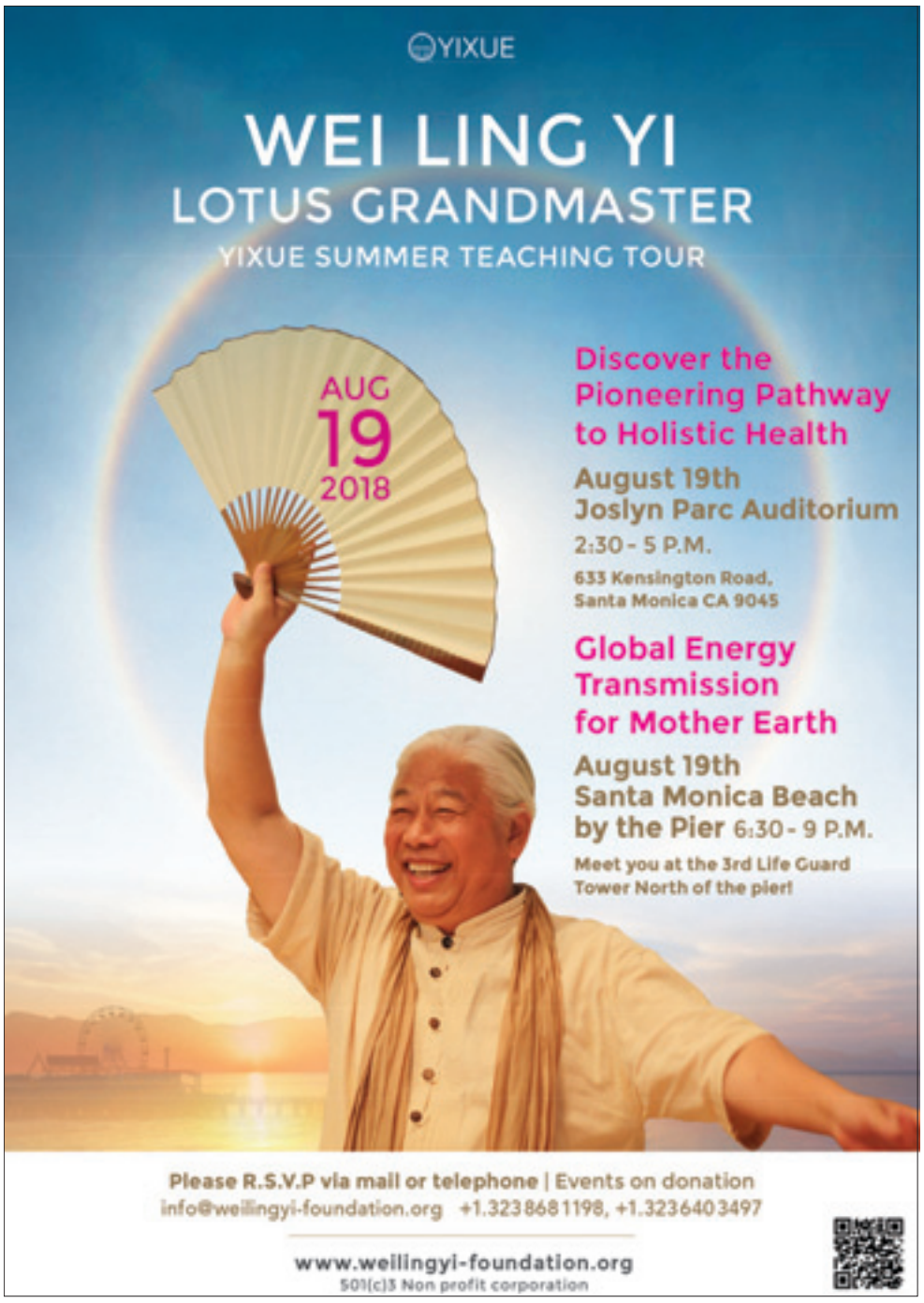


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August 14 meeting until the City adopts a comprehensive groundwater management plan that specifically allows such construction.

A Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is required by California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and Santa Monica is in the midst of drafting the rules in partnership with City of Culver City, City of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and the County of Los Angeles.

"In order to protect the city's main water supply from overdraft, pollution, and contamination, the proposed ordinance would prohibit the installation of new private wells or the expansion of existing wells until two criteria are met," said Sustainability Administrator Shannon Parry. "The first is a groundwater sustainability plan as adopted, and the second is that the construction of new wells, or the expansion of existing wells is expressly authorized in the groundwater sustainability plan."

According to City Staff, well construction was handled by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Division prior to the new moratorium. No rules were in place to prohibit private or commercial wells and once built, there is no limit on the amount of water a private well can consume.

While staff only know of one private residential well in the City, they said unregulated construction in the future could jeopardize the city's ability meet the needs of all residents if the wells lowered the overall amount of water available. They are also concerned that unregulated private wells would make it impossible for Santa Monica to become water self-sufficient.

Mark Gold, chair of Santa Monica's Task Force on the Environment, asked Council to go a step further and make the ban permanent because he said the aquifer belongs to all residents and the City and it shouldn't be allowed for private use at all.

"As you will see next month, Santa Monica has tremendous challenges in meeting the self-sufficiency goals that this council has laid out for them," he said. "Any private pumping of Santa Monica's precious groundwater resources will make compliance with the self-sufficiency goal that much harder. Although there aren't many Santa Monica users right now of our local aquifers, the demand for this resource could grow tremendously overtime, as we are seeing the availability of imported water from metropolitan water district is under increasing pressure, as we've seen from the State Water Resources Control Board's reduction and requirement."

He said private pumping is common outside the city and he said local golf courses are a good example of the kind of private use he'd like to see banned.

Some councilmembers appeared open to discussion a more restrictive ban.

"Well Dr. Gold talked about this being groundbreaking and I appreciate the irony of our taking groundbreaking action, to prohibit breaking ground to dig a new well," said Councilman Kevin McKeown. "I am not sure that making this permanent is what staff intended, so I'd like to find out from staff how they would feel about dropping that clause, if that removes some flexibility you anticipated needing or some legal coverage we needed until we have a plan in place."

Council ultimately kept the caveats in the ordinance that could allow private wells in the future after hearing from staff that an outright ban would be less legally sound.

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In Remembrance

Alex G. Goodfellow

October 21,1925 – April 9, 2018











Alex G Goodfellow was born October 21,1925 in Oxnard, CA. He was a resident of the Santa Monica Bay Area his entire life. Graduated from Venice High School Summer of 1943. A veteran of World War II, Alex served in the South Pacific and Japan as an army sergeant. Upon returning home he worked as a machinist and plant superintendent. He retired from Bay Swiss Manufacturing of Dayton, NV in 1995. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Marion, in 2005 and devoted daughter, Leslie Corson Bro, in 2015. He is survived by his son-in-law (Gerard Bro), his granddaughter (Jennifer Haskett) and her husband (Craig Haskett), and his great-granddaughter (Piper Haskett).
He passed away on April 9, 2018.....
we miss you....every day.



SMMUSD

FROM PAGE 1

At a Thursday August 16 board meeting at the Santa Monica district offices, Tara Brown, director of student services in the district, discussed a proposal for a new method of disciplining students in the district who abuse controlled substances, with restorative justice acting as a the foundation of the proposed policy changes.

In the revised policy change — ranging from the elementary to secondary education levels — students abusing controlled substances would be suspended from school (the policy change shortens the amount of days suspended), but give students an individualized action plan, providing them with substance abuse help from the CLARE Foundation (an alcohol and drug rehab organization) as well as help from district's mental health counselors.

"The purpose is to have more balanced approach to our response and better utilize our services," she said. "We don't want to use a one-size approach any more."

Brown says the goal of the discipline is meant to engage students to reflect on the harms of substance abuse. While the student would be punished, the action plan provides rehabilitation for the student, a safety net of sorts that Brown says the school doesn't currently have.

"I feel this satisfies the need of having a hard line but at same time bringing that hug that the student needs," she said.

Board reaction was generally positive, with some trepidation in regards to some nuances of the policy.

Board member Vice President Jon Kean applauded the efforts, saying that the policy change goes from punishment to a series of disciplinary moments for the student, but took umbrage with taking students out of school via suspension.

"Sending kids home, it's expected parents are there with them," he said. "But if parents aren't there, maybe you've disrupted things more than you intended."

Brown defended the suspensions, saying that the suspension would be an active one with the online course and action plan. She said discussions of in-school suspensions were had, but there isn't typically enough suspended students at one time to require a staff member to reside over those students.

Oscar de la Torre asked for more clarity and flexibility in the policy, finding it strange that "bringing a pound of something" would lead to counseling while selling a joint would lead to expulsion. He further pressed staff about the different effects of certain drugs, marijuana or tobacco, vape pens to edibles, and how discipline should be handled in those situations.

Dr. Mark Kelly, assistant superintendent acknowledged there are gray areas to the policy and says that conversation would continue. In reference to de la Torre's "bringing a pound of something" comment, Kelly said students could be expelled for such an offense, with supplemental findings and seriousness of the offense being key factors.

Board member Craig Foster said that while SMMUSD wants to "change the paradigm of education" and that a lot of the proposed policy change "takes a 19th century policy and straps a bunch of 21st century help on top," he didn't feel punishment in general was effective, discussing the suspensions, saying they'd harm the district's most vulnerable students.

Brown said she and staff made the best policy changes possible with community involvement, making compromises where they felt necessary.

"We've had meetings where parents feel we're not being hard enough. Others institutions want to get to why [students are] abusing drugs. That's why we brought in the action plan, why we individualize plans ... Here's how we're going to help you and get you to a better place. Which isn't going on at the moment."

The change to policy was just a discussion item on the agenda and will return to the board for final action at a later date.

IN THE NEW POLICY:

Elementary: a reduced number of days of suspension: one day for first offense, three for second. While suspended, student would have to complete an online education program.

Possible cancellation of interdistrict permit for first offense, definite cancellation second offense.

Principal or designee works with student and parents and on a second offense with a mental health counselor to develop an action plan.

Middle schoolers would have to perform five hours of community service, high schoolers 10

Potential loss of graduation for failing to complete action plan.

Brown said there hasn't been a substance abuse violation at the elementary level in three years.

Secondary: Reduced number of days of suspension — three days for first offense, five for second. While suspended, student would have to complete an online education program.

Principal or designee works with student and parents and a mental health counselor to develop an action plan to prevent a second offense. Requires individualized assessment by counselor regarding students use of substances or alcohol. Mandatory meeting with mental health counselor trained in identifying drug or alcohol dependency. Counselor will recommend further counseling. This will take place during suspension.

Possible cancellation of an interdistrict permit for first offense, definite cancellation second offense. Currently, students would get suspended 5 days. No meetings, no action plans.,

Middle schoolers would have to perform five hours of community service, high schoolers 10.

After a second offense, staff would revisit the student's action plan to revise it or possibly transfer student to another school, involuntarily. Potential expulsion.

Middle school: 10 hours of community service, High School: 15

Potential loss of graduation.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON JULY 30, 2018 AT ABOUT 8:05 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at CVS – 1411 Lincoln Blvd – regarding subject in the store with an active stay away order from the store due prior thefts. The subject was loading a basket with merchandise from the sales floor. An officer observed as the subject continued to grab merchandise from the sales floor and eventually attempt to exit the store without paying for any of the merchandise. As she was walking out, the officer attempted to stop the subject and ordered her to stop. A struggle ensued and additional officers arrived to assist in taking the subject into custody. Shandoria Channell Curry, 32, homeless was arrested for violating a court order, resisting a peace officer and shoplifting. Bail was set at $10,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 385 Calls For Service On August 16.

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

Missing person 2300 block 23rd 12:20 a.m.
Disturbance 500 block Euclid 12:33 a.m.
Suspicious person 1400 block Ocean 4:32 a.m.
Burglary 2900 block Montana 6:21 a.m.
Fight 1700 block Ocean 6:15 a.m.
Encampment 500 block Santa Monica 7:33 a.m.
Burglary 200 block 22nd 8:15 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block Marine 8;32 a.m.
Person down 800 block Wilshire 9:06 a.m.
Loitering 1100 block 9th 9:29 a.m.
Battery Lincoln/Bay 9:55 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block 5th 10:16 a.m.
Person down 2400 block Wilshire 10:30 a.m.
Disturbance Main/Pico 10:37 a.m.
Shots fired 1900 block Stewart 11:58 a.m.
Suspicious person 900 block Lincoln 12:49 a.m.
Missing person 1300 block 2nd 1:16 p.m.
Grand theft 5th/Arizona 1:19 p.m.
Disturbance 1100 block Lincoln 2:07 p.m.
Fight 1300 block 16th 2:59 p.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block 7th 3:17 p.m.
Petty theft 2000 block Santa Monica 3:40 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block 26th 4;25 p.m.
Injured person 300 block Ocean 5:03 p.m.
Hit and run 2700 block Ocean 5:10 p.m.
Vandalism 21st/Santa Monica 5:23 p.m.
Disturbance 00 block Pico 6 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block Wilshire 6:02 p.m.
Traffic collision 2200 block Virginia 6:16 p.m.
Battery 500 block 10th 7:14 p.m.
Burglary 200 block 22nd 7:39 p.m.
Disturbance 1500 block Euclid 8:23 p.m.
Medical emergency 300 block Santa Monica 8:28 p.m.
Fight Main/Pico 8:37 p.m.
Suspicious person 500 block Colorado 8:57 p.m.
Petty theft 1100 block Chelsea Ave 9:32 p.m.
Vandalism 1700 block Ocean 9:57 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block 2nd 10:08 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 34 Calls For Service On August 16.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1400 block 20th 12:01 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Berkeley 2:36 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 6:04 a.m.
Vehicle fire 1100 block Centinela 7:04 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Lincoln 7:58 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Arizona 8:28 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Colorado 8:40 a.m.
EMS 800 block Wilshire 9:06 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 9:53 a.m.
EMS 0 bloc Village 10:28 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Wilshire 10:30 a.m.
Fire out Investigation 1000 block 3rd 11:01 a.m.
EMS 300 block Wilshire 11:06 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 11:13 a.m.
Alarm 1900 block Ocean 11:22 a.m.
Wired down 1900 block Delaware 11:28 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Ocean 11:42 a.m.
Alarm 1500 block 5th 12:38 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 11th 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 3:36 p.m.
EMS 400 block Pico 3:39 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Colorado 3:48 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Seaside 3:52 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Pico 3:52 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th/Pico 5:14 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Ocean 6:10 p.m.
Traffic collision 14th/Olympic 6;19 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 6:26 p.m.
EMS 1800 block 9th 6:48 p.m.
Alarm 1700 block Ocean Front 8:15 p.m.
Alarm 1300 block 17th 9:12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean 9:54 p.m.

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Draw Date: 8/14
11 26 44 45 46
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 88M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 8/15
8 10 36 39 47
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 24M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/16
1 5 6 27 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/16
MIDDAY: 0 7 3
Draw Date: 8/16
EVENING: 1 0 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/16
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:47.09

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2. a corporate bureaucracy.
3. a company characterized by bureaucracy.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Observation
■ "When I'm not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded."
AMERICAN COMEDIAN STEVEN WRIGHT

Epitaphs
■ "No comment."
■ American writer and environmentalist Edward Abbey (1927-1989). The words are also reportedly the last ones he uttered before dying.

Body of Knowledge
■ The average number of extra calories a pregnant woman needs to eat to give birth to a 7-pound baby is 136 calories per day. That's the equivalent of three Oreo cookies.

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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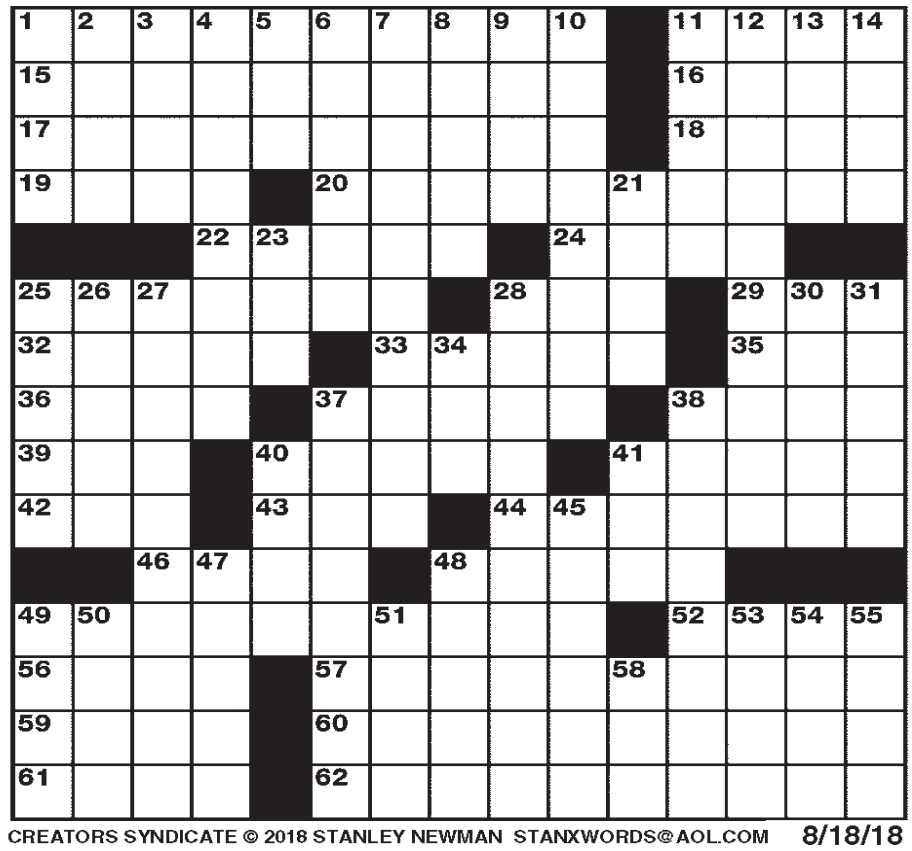
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
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ACROSS
1 Mixed-up game
11 *Auto Pioneering* autobiographer (1949)
15 *Grande produzione musicale*
16 Narrow meeting place
17 Poster of "please" signs
18 Barbed comments, say
19 Lam it
20 Game with an '80s heyday
22 Let out
24 Stabling mottling
25 Pep talk directive
28 Current or cushion preceder
29 Discomfit
32 Recall announcers, often
33 Number for lithium
35 Alternative to "leo" in "leotard"
36 Try to stay unseen
37 Tries to avoid a bump, perhaps
38 Princess whom John wrote for
39 Spinning tray fillers
40 __ Beach, CA ("Clam Capital of the World")
41 Patton, c. 1918
42 "You deserved that"
43 Color add-on
44 Salad-making aids
46 Fourth in a moist mnemonic
48 Conservation, to many
49 Flat-bottomed vessels
52 Use a fork on
56 Mesa howler
57 Without much of a break
59 End of a rebellious idiom
60 Went quietly
61 Jay-Z and Dr. Dre, by birth
62 Pep talk directive

DOWN
1 Development facilitator
2 "Fire" valuable
3 City near the Comstock Lode
4 Negative
5 Burst of excess
6 Gone
7 *Concentration*, essentially
8 General who cowrote *A World Transformed* with George H.W.
9 Something tonged at a brunch buffet
10 Hirers of dishwashers
11 One end of the first bullet-train route
12 Common sushi ingredient
13 "I'm impressed!"
14 Cause for some alerts
21 Nostalgia trigger
23 Groovy group of the '60s?
25 Come out quickly
26 Come out slowly
27 "Tropical" treat in WWII rations
28 All modesty aside
30 Choice words
31 Mullah's moolah, maybe
34 Be indecisive
37 Products of fermentation
38 Notary, for instance
40 Considerable inconvenience
41 Vegas airport code
45 Busy times
47 Knee-slappers
48 Recurring O'Keeffe subject
49 Make a crook out of
50 "Parrot fashion"
51 Film advancer
53 Its first logo had two feet and antennae
54 Service call
55 Rather big breakaway
58 The tennis US Open is played on it



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 18)

It's a power year. You will weave a mystery in November. Maybe you don't start out trying to do this, but it happens, and your life story gets very interesting with this bit. Professions of love happen in March and June. The financial picture gets more to your liking in September, and a deal in January makes a difference too. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 1, 27 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The price of a thing is not money. Money is only a representation of effort — someone's effort, though maybe not the person exchanging the money. Things are worth the life that's been exchanged for them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A visit is in the works. Having some time to prepare will give you an advantage. Of course, what happens in the moment is all that matters. But preparation relaxes you, and that makes said "moment" all the more pleasurable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Being surprised or startled might be fun for some and a lot less fun for others. When it comes to control, people have varying needs. Life might startle you today — not your favorite thing, but you'll do something good with the rush.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Though you live in the midst of an interesting and ever-active crew, you could only describe this existence from a distance. It's why you owe yourself, and everyone, really, a vacation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
This existence is one of interpretation. One thing can mean many things, depending on whom you ask. The truth is often a soft blend of many different interpretations, which is why it's important to stay open to ambiguity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
There are things you're compelled to do. It feels as though providence is pushing you toward them in spite of rationality. What makes no sense and is costly and, by all objective opinion, rather dumb might actually be just the thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
It doesn't have to be an official party to be a "party." There will be quite a lot of details to tend to in the name of making a gathering memorable. Remember, a party is only as good as the people attending it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind, or so they say, although maybe it's just a matter of being kind and truthful upfront instead of letting untruths linger, stagnate and become toxic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You wake up thinking about a thing then fall asleep thinking about it and then wake up again with it on your mind. Time to do something about that, as it's taking up more room in your brain than is fair to the other things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Don't concern yourself with the comings and goings of other people. Concern yourself with your own happiness and most of that will, by extension, be settled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
There's almost nowhere you can go to air your opinions without offending or delighting someone. Take care in your choosing of confidantes. The walls have ears.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
It's no fun to watch someone doing the thing they know they can do. The fun is in watching a person do the thing they think they can't do. Internal conflicts are more real than external ones.

Mercury Change
All things come to an end — good, bad and otherwise. The Mercury retrograde hasn't lived up to its experience as a negative omen, and anyway, it's coming to a close. What is your takeaway from these last few weeks? Do you feel you can communicate better or worse with your loved ones? Do you feel better or worse off for the mishaps?

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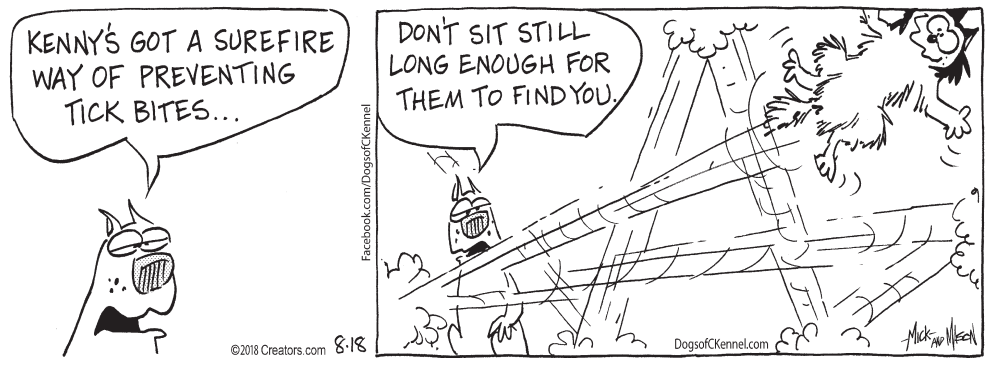
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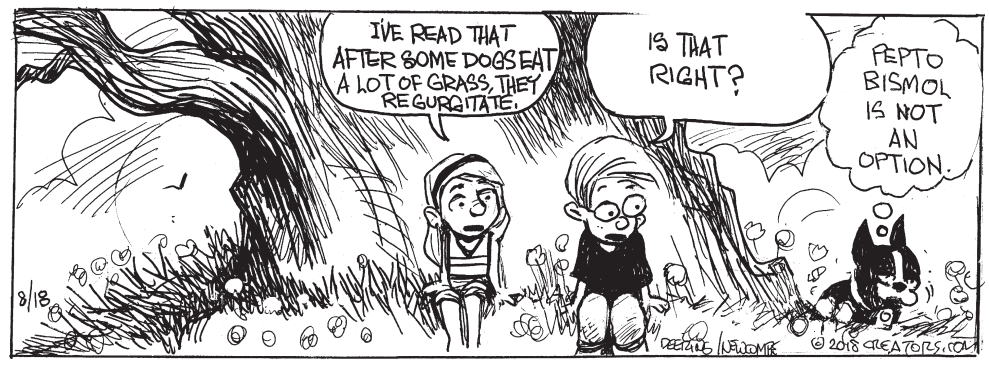
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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

would have a negative impact on our mobility not only in Santa Monica but the region, the county and the state of California," said O'Connor.

She said reducing money for road maintenance would make travel more dangerous and a lack of funding for public transit projects would increase pollution.

"It's going to make air quality worse because it's going to eliminate funds dedicated to expanding rail transit lines, buses, and public transportation," she said. "Those are the services that directly reduce air pollution and carbon emissions that cause climate change."

While Councilmember O'Day had asked for the discussion, he had left the meeting before the midnight discussion but the remaining six councilmembers unanimously voted to oppose Prop 6.

The six-person council also unanimously voted to support expanded rent control protections throughout the state.

The Costa Hawkins act allows rent-controlled units to be set to market rate rents when a tenant leaves. Measure 10 repeals Costa Hawkins and allows local jurisdictions to maintain control of rents in private buildings covered by rent control. If repealed, rents would be set by the Rent Control Board, not landlords and the prevailing markets.

"Repeal of Costa Hawkins is one of the most important things that could return a semblance of affordability to Santa Monica and it's one of our council priorities to keep our diversity in this town and the repeal of Costa Hawkins would certainly move towards that ends," said Councilman Kevin McKeown.

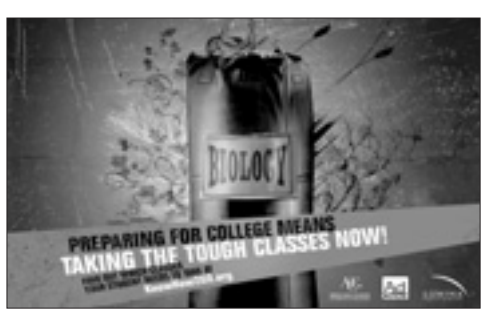
Council also voted to support a county measure that would generate approximately $300 million by implementing a parcel tax of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surface area on private property in the LA County Flood Control District.

"Proceeds would be used to protect coastal waters and beaches from trash and contaminants in stormwater, to recapture billions of gallons of stormwater that currently are lost, and require strict community oversight to ensure that local monies stay local," said the agenda item.

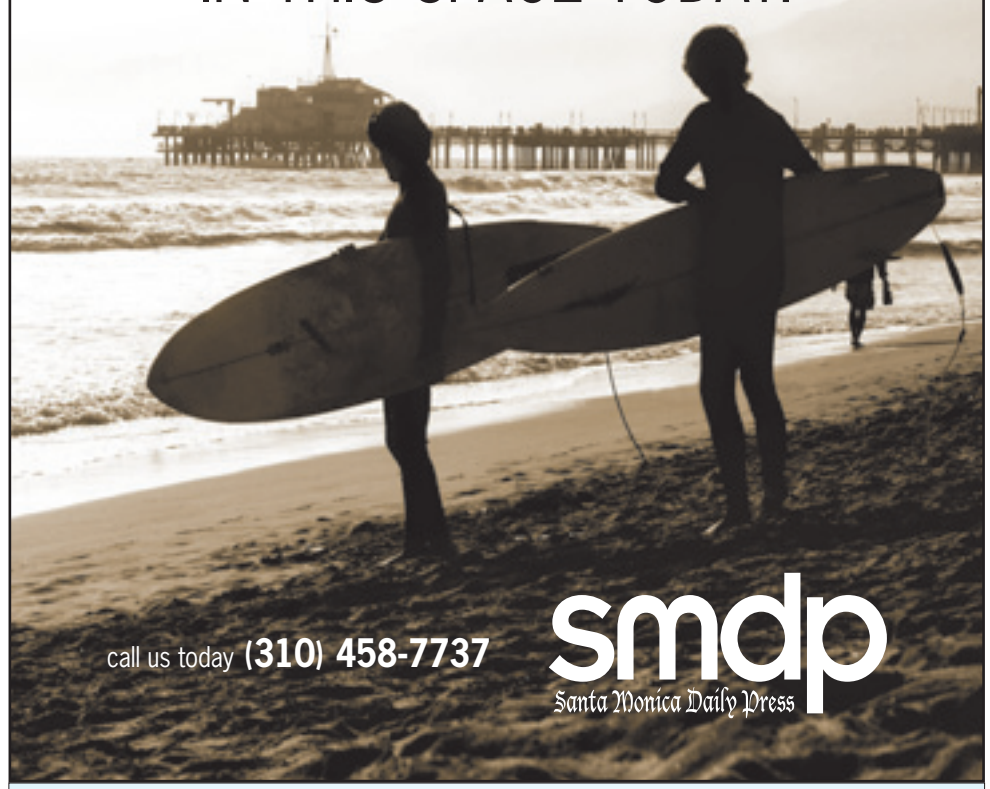
"While we as a city have been very proactive about addressing stormwater measures other cities have not been able to do so simply because they do not have the resources," said Councilwoman Gleam Davis. "This is a countywide solution to provide resources that we will begin to see other communities begin to deal with in their stormwater issues."

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