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Celebrity backers draw plenty of eyes to 'Myopia'

Local creator leverages Kickstarter campaign to publish new comic book

JENNIFER LOPEZ
Special to the Daily Press

What do Neil Gaiman, George R. R. Martin, Margaret Atwood, and Dean Koontz have in common other than being literary giants? They all backed an independent comic book from local creator Richard Dent.

Dent's path to publication was

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Malibu council postpones school separation request

EMILY SAWICKI
Special to the Daily Press

The city of Malibu is willing to delay its petition asking the Los Angeles County Office of Education to establish a standalone Malibu school district following a request from the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District to allow the district time to pursue its own separation plans.

The Malibu City Council voted recently to suspend its petition while awaiting the District's decision, expected to come in mid-

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Activists seek assurances on Civic Center Field

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The City is moving forward with a $136,000 parking study to submit to the Coastal Commission along with plans for the Civic Center Field after the City Council approved a contract with Walker Parking Consultants, Inc., Tuesday.

Acknowledging a "high level of distrust in the community" over the City's efforts to build the field by March 2021, Councilmember Sue Himmelrich asked staff to write a letter to the Coastal Commission asking whether the study is indeed necessary. The Commission, which governs public access to the beach, recently approved two projects in the same area – a large preschool and the City Services Building – without a parking study.

"There are people who want to believe we are using some sort of stalling tactic," City Manager Rick Cole said after several activists urged the Council to submit the application without a study in order to expedite a decision, and thus construction. "They are not talking to the Coastal Commission. We are."

In June, the Council approved plans for an $8.6 million temporary sports field with about a 10-year lifespan that will replace nearly 700 parking spaces from the surface lot across from Santa Monica High School. Samohi sports teams currently use Memorial Park's baseball and softball fields as well as indoor basketball courts. The School Board is now discussing the needs of specific teams and a possible financial partnership with the City.

Cole said Coastal Commission Deputy Director Steve Hudson has

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TREE LIGHTING
Downtown Santa Monica

Downtown Santa Monica and the City of Santa Monica kicked off the holiday season Thursday, Nov. 30 with a community tree lighting celebration on the Third Street Promenade featuring music from local bands. Santa Claus helped light the tree with Mayor Ted Winterer, DTSM, Inc. Board Chair Julia Ladd and DABSMYLA, the duo who created the Holiday Art Installations.


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St. Monica Annual Boutique Sale

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A Dog's Purpose: Screening & Screenwriter/Author Discussion at Main

Join organizers for a very special of this family movie, based on the beloved bestselling novel by W. Bruce Cameron and directed by Lasse Hallstrom. A Dog's Purpose is the soulful and surprising story of one devoted dog (voiced by Frozen's Josh Gad), who finds the meaning of his own life through the lives of the humans he teaches to laugh and love. Screenwriter Cathryn Michon and author W. Bruce Cameron join us for a post-screening discussion (schedule permitting). Free program. Seating is limited and on a first arrival basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:30 p.m.

Family Folk Concert: The Susie Glaze New Folk Ensemble

Join organizers for a special afternoon of folk music for the family! Sing along with the Susie Glaze New Folk Ensemble, as they play early American folk songs with traditional instruments, like the mountain dulcimer, autoharp, and mandolin. For families. Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Repair Café

This annual event brings together community experts with folks seeking to learn how to repair common household items. Repair stations tentatively include: Archival Book Repair, Bikes, Electronics, Furniture, Glue Station, Hair Trimming, Jewelry, Knife Sharpening, Sewing, Plumbing/HVAC advice and Small Appliances. Donations accepted for consumable materials used in repairs. Dreameco Crafts will lead a holiday crafting table too! New this year, staff from the Santa Monica Public Library will be on hand to help you troubleshoot *not fix, but learn to use- your electronic devices. Drop off larger items curbside right out front before parking. No gas powered appliances allowed onsite. 1450 Ocean, 12 – 4 p.m. www.eventbrite.com/e/repair-cafe-tickets-38882128493

Writer in Residence Office Hours

Visit Sakae Manning during her public office hours. Ask about her work and Beach House residency, receive literary advice, and more. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 3

Holiday Hats with Leslie Robinson

Join Milliner Leslie Robinson for this introductory small hat making class. You will learn the fundamentals of shaping and trimming a headpiece that is perfect for holiday parties. $30 + 20 Cash material fee to be paid to the instructor on the first day of class. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/62403 or call (310) 458-2239. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday, December 4

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. SMI Training Room, 330 Olympic Drive, 2nd Floor.

Pajama Storytime

Wear PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 6:30 – 7 p.m.

National Cookie Day with Author Linda Shayne

In honor of this delicious day, Linda Shayne will read her new book, Longfellow Finds A Home, about a dachshund who feels small in this big world. Then we'll decorate our own dachshund cookies! For Families. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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Gentrification: A Threat to Black Communities

After celebrating the work in 2017 and hearing from the Emeritus Gospel Choir, Committee for Racial Justice's next workshop on Dec. 3 will focus on the threat to Black communities from gentrification and will explore alternative forms of economic development. In the past Black neighborhoods have been decimated by the placement of highways in cities across the U.S.

Today's threats may be more related to developments coming into communities around the expanding mass transit train system in our area. Developers have been active in neighborhoods close to the trains with new projects that have the potential to raise rents, which can force more people of color to move away from where they have been living.

Damien Goodmon, a leader of the Crenshaw Subway Coalition, and other community leaders have been studying and discussing issues involved in gentrification. They are in a process of identifying principles of healthy community development. They want to create a lens through which to evaluate all proposed & current development and help to articulate a vision for a better and just future for communities. Goodmon and other presenters will further our understanding of how to address and change the "down side" of gentrification.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice. Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park.

For more information, call (310) 422-5431.

Free. Sunday, Dec. 3, 6 - 8:30 p.m. (singing group meets at 5:30 p.m. in Thelma Terry Bldg). Potluck supper at 6 and program at 6:30 p.m. Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Bldg., 2200 Virginia Ave.

– SUBMITTED BY JOANN BERLIN

Citywide

LA County, PCH Taskforce Secure Funding for PCH Highway Improvements

The County of Los Angeles and PCH Taskforce Co-Chairs Senator Henry Stern (D-Agoura Hills), Senator Ben Allen (D-Redondo Beach), and Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) announced that they secured a $150,000 safety corridor grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) in order to improve safety on Pacific Coast Highway/CA-1.

The PCH Taskforce Safety Corridor grant will fund three pedestrian and bicycle safety assessments and trainings within the corridor and educational outreach aimed at all users of the highway, with a focus on bicycle and pedestrian safety.

"For too long, Pacific Coast Highway has been not just a picturesque California landmark, but also a dangerous road with a harrowing record of fatal traffic collisions," said Assemblymember Richard Bloom. "Our communities have lost too many loved ones along this road; today's grant is an important step in confronting the highway's dangers and making it safer for all who use it."

In 2016, the four law enforcement agencies responsible for patrolling the PCH Taskforce jurisdiction- California Highway Patrol West Valley, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Malibu-Lost Hills Station, Los Angeles Police Department West LA, and Santa Monica Police Department- reported a total of 617 collisions. The PCH Taskforce Safety Corridor grant is augmented by funding provided by OTS for enforcement activities along the corridor.

"Thank you to the County of Los Angeles and the stakeholders involved in the PCH Taskforce for their efforts in securing this safety grant, which will be instrumental in improving the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and drivers on the Pacific Coast Highway." said Senator Ben Allen.

Activities associated with the grant aim to address unsafe speed, unsafe pedestrian crossings, education on bicycle laws, distracted driving and incidents of DUI, in order to reduce the number of injuries and deaths to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians along the corridor.

"Improving safety along the highway will require a multi-pronged approach that includes increased education, enforcement, and necessary roadway improvements," said Assemblymember Bloom. "I am thankful to all of the partners that have undertaken this mission together and am encouraged by some of the improvements that have already been implemented to the highway."

"I lost friends growing up on PCH. This is very personal to me. The taskforce co-chairs are grateful for the leadership shown by the County of Los Angeles, City of Santa Monica, City of Los Angeles, City of Malibu and especially, Councilmembers La Monte and Rosenthal," said Senator Henry Stern.

The County of Los Angeles applied to OTS for the grant on behalf of the PCH Taskforce. Grant resources will be used throughout the corridor from Santa Monica to the Ventura County line.

"When I convened the first PCH Task Force meeting as a member of the State Assembly twenty years ago, it was my hope we could make this vital roadway even safer for all who use it," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl (Third District). "This year, the County was pleased to provide the lead in the grant application and happy we could work together so successfully with our taskforce partners."

The PCH Taskforce is an active coalition comprised of resident and bicyclist representatives, law enforcement, city and traffic engineers, Caltrans, and local and state elected officials. The taskforce jurisdiction stretches from the McClure Tunnel in Santa Monica to the Ventura County line and includes the cities of Santa Monica, Los Angeles, Malibu and unincorporated Los Angeles County. Funding for the project will come from a grant by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Richard Bloom represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

– SUBMITTED BY NARDOS GIRMA, OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN RICHARD BLOOM

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COMIC: A local creator leveraged some celebrity backing to help launch his comic book.

MYOPIA

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hardly a straight line and in fact, the project began life in an entirely different medium with some detours along the way.

Initially a screenplay, one that placed as a finalist in the Francis Ford Coppola Screenwriting Competition and the Austin Film Festival Screenwriting Competition, Myopia was set to be published as a graphic novel, a deal that never materialized when the publishing company collapsed.

Left without a publishing company, Dent took it upon himself to self-publish his work. Yet, there was a dilemma. Though Myopia was already set to be a graphic novel, the attached artist was part of the now defunct company and no longer available. Owner of an incomplete book with no company to publish or distribute, Dent looked to Kickstarter to realize his book. He reached out to other creators and writers via letters and emails telling them of his project. He did not expect much of a response but he received a personal letter of endorsement from Margaret Atwood as well as Neil Gaiman who contributed signed books to give away as pledge rewards.

With attention and money coming in, the Myopia Kickstarter campaign closed with 186 backers pledging $14,786, enough to not only finish the book but to also gain the attention of Dynamite Entertainment (D.E.), one of the comic industry's bigger independent publishing companies.

Before the Kickstarter was finalized, Myopia was backed by D.E's CEO and Publisher, Nick Barrucci. With Barrucci's support came connections with other writers such as George R. Martin and Jim Butcher, both who have comic book adaptations of their novels published by Dynamite. "It was easy to accept Dynamite's offer … it just made things so much easier to distribute," Dent said.

With Dynamite, Dent maintained creative control over his comic, choosing to collaborate with Patrick Berkenkotter, an artist who has worked with creators such as Alex Ross and Jim Krueger.

Myopia #1 was released on November 2 to swift applause as a unique science fiction work with steampunk elements. The story is set in a not too distant dystopia and Dent described it as a story about a genetically altered man who wants to save a world corrupted by complacency.

Dent is excited and joyous when speaking about his comic and its influences.

"I was watching old sci-fi flicks like the Matrix and I wanted to challenge myself, sci-fi is always something I loved but never really thought I could write," he said.

Dent is familiar with other genres such as poetry and literary fiction. He also teachers Creative Writing and Screenwriting classes at Loyola Marymount University or National University

"Works grounded in reality, in realness, speculative fiction, and dystopias are what I like," he said when asked of his interest in science fiction, "and I wanted to contribute to that."

Following the success of the first issue, Myopia: Rise of the Domes, a 30-page special, is set for release in February 2018. It will be the follow up to Myopia #1 and is now available for pre-order at your local comic book shop including Hi De Ho Comics in Santa Monica (http://www.hidehocomics.com).

"This comic represents the indie-creator," Dent said. "In a way, Marvel and DC Comics are limited in the stories they can and want to tell. There are fantastical elements to this story with no extended backstory ties and it's relevant to what is happening now in our country."

For more information about Dent or the comic, visit https://www.richdentwriter.com.

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February.

Just a couple of months ago, Malibu went forward with a petition signed by city council requesting the Los Angeles County Office of Education begin exploring "unification" of a Malibu-only school district independent of Santa Monica, to which Malibu has been attached for decades. The request came in the midst of ongoing talks between Malibu and Santa Monica advocates but the issue came to a head recently.

At a pair of October meetings, the Board established the Malibu community is committed to splitting from Santa Monica and said a set of payments over the next 50 years could alleviate their concerns over finances for a standalone Santa Monica district. However, the Board also criticized the effort by the Malibu council to have County officials forcefully split the districts, without any financial obligations. The Board requested Superintendent Ben Drati work with Malibu to pause their effort while SMMUSD continued to hammer out its own plans with a goal of voting on some kind of proposal on Feb. 15.

This week, the Malibu council begrudgingly agreed at the request not only of the SMMUSD Board but AMPS (Advocates for Malibu Public Schools). However, they were not happy with the process, particularly the discussion of a 50-year payment plan.

As part of their request to the county, the council added advisory language stating they would be amenable to a transition payment system that guaranteed both districts a 3.5 percent growth rate until a potential Santa Monica district reached that growth rate on its own. That language passed the council but prompted several members to voice displeasure with the SMMUSD position that payments continue for a fixed time regardless of revenues.

Council Member Lou La Monte said the district didn't deserve any more time but he would support the proposals out of respect for the Council's negotiation process.

He was more forceful in his opposition to the idea that Malibu could be paying off Santa Monica for half a century — an idea that seemed popular in Santa Monica when it was introduced earlier this month.

"As far as the continuing support of the Santa Monica school system is concerned, I'm hearing this number float around of 50 years, and as far as I'm concerned, that is absolutely a nonstarter, from me," he said.

La Monte said he agreed with the concept of a transitional period but 50 years was too long.

"The concept of mortgaging the lives of the citizens of Malibu for the next 50 years to support the Santa Monica School District in a city that is 10 times larger than we are, eight times larger than we are, is insane, from my perspective."

Several members of the council echoed his sentiments.

"The reality is it's not about the money, it's about independence and we have been negotiating in good faith and willing to do a transition plan, we're still willing to do one … I don't think we're talking about the 50-year plan here, we're talking about something reasonable, something more equitable," said Mayor Pro Tem Rick Mullen.

Despite their discomfort, the council voted unanimously to send a letter asking the county to hold off on processing the council's petition pending the Feb. 15 SMMUSD meeting.

Daily Press Editor Matthew Hall contributed to this story.

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implied the study is necessary in order to assess how the field will impact nearby parking lots and access to the beach. The two projects recently approved by the Commission negatively impact available parking in the area. The Early Childhood Lab School (ECLS) run by Santa Monica College will replace 230 parking spaces across from the RAND Corporation on Main Street. The City Services Building (CSB) will consolidate staff into one building, increasing demand on nearby garages.

Cole said the study "will indisputably prove for all time that we have parking solutions for the Civic Center." Staff anticipates the consultants will finish the study next summer.

The parking surveys provided for the approved projects found many of the 1,779 parking spaces near the Civic Auditorium sit empty during the week and on weekends. The Commission's Executive Director Jack Ainsworth implied the city might have spaces to spare – saying Santa Monica has more parking than any other coastal city in the state. Activists who consider the parking study a waste of money echoed his words during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

"As a reminder, the Coastal Commission also asked for a parking study for both the ECLS and for CSB but ultimately didn't require it because the City refused to conduct the study and successfully argued there was sufficient parking based on parking utilization information," Nikki Kolhoff said, asking why the City would not push back once again for the field.

In order to placate the field activists, Himmelrich requested staff send a letter to the Coastal Commission asking whether they would accept an application before the parking study is complete.

"I would be happy to write that letter," Cole said. "And if we get a better answer than we've gotten consistently, good on everyone."

The Council unanimously voted to move forward with the study.

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Officers responded to a radio call for service at Ye Old Kings Head – 116 Santa Monica Blvd- regarding a subject not able to pay his bill. Officers arrived and made contact with the subject involved. Officers learned the subject entered the bar at about 11:30 p.m. and ordered several drinks and cigarettes. At closing time, the subject was unable to pay the bill, which totaled $129.15. The bar was desirous of prosecution. Ledarious Dominic Prince, 24, from Long Beach, was arrested for defrauding an Innkeeper. Bail was set at $500.

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The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 384 Calls For Service On Nov. 30.

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Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 1:20 a.m.
Encampment 1500 block 2nd 5:17 a.m.
6:03 a.m.
Loitering 1500 block 7th 6:08 a.m.
Encampment 2900 block the beach 6:28 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 7th 6:35 a.m.
Encampment 600 block Palisades Park 6:36 a.m.
Encampment 300 block Santa Monica Pier 6:38 a.m.
Theft recyclables 1100 block 20th 7:18 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 2000 block Pier 7:52 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 4th 8:08 a.m.
Encampment Moomat Ahiko / Ocean 8:11 a.m.
Encampment 2500 block Santa Monica 8:22 a.m.
Vandalism 1100 block Wilshire 8:49 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block 10th 9:07 a.m.
Encampment 800 block Pacific Coast Hwy 9:38 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1700 block the beach 9:52 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 10:06 a.m.
Encampment 1800 block Ocean Front Walk 10:20 a.m.
Encampment 2600 block 34th 10:39 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Pico 11:04 a.m.
Lewd activity 1300 block Palisades Park 11:08 a.m.
Battery Lincoln / Pico 11:12 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block Palisades 11:15 a.m.
Burglary 1900 block ocean 11:39 a.m.
Traffic collision Ocean / Santa Monica 11:59 a.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 12:06 p.m.
Overdose 6th / Broadway 12:07 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block Michigan 12:07 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block Ocean 12:13 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Barnard 1:02 p.m.
Encampment 3200 block Colorado 1:09 p.m.
Grand theft 2200 block Colorado 1:17 p.m.
Speeding Paula / Marine 1:18 p.m.
Encampment 1600 block the beach 1:29 p.m.
Vandalism 2400 block Main 1:37 p.m.
Identity theft 3400 block Ocean Park 1:38 p.m.
Prowler 300 block 19th 1:39 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Michigan 1:48 p.m.
Speeding 21st / Pico 1:53 p.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block Euclid 1:55 p.m.
Speeding 11th / Broadway 2:01 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block 21st 2:04 p.m.
Burglary 100 block Wilshire 2:04 p.m.
Auto burglary Main / Bay 3:30 p.m.
Vandalism 1500 block 17th 3:58 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block Lincoln 4:13 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block Lincoln 4:24 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Michigan 4:42 p.m.
Burglary 2000 block 14th 4:50 p.m.
Theft suspect 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 5:29 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block 17th 6:13 p.m.
Panhandling 2000 block Lincoln 6:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 5th / Arizona 6:28 p.m.
Battery 1800 block 14th 6:31 p.m.
Vandalism 1000 block Pico 6:38 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block Lincoln 6:46 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 7:29 p.m.
Panhandling 2000 block Lincoln 7:31 p.m.
Burglary 900 block 3rd 7:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 5th / Arizona 8:17 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 8:42 p.m.
Traffic collision Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 8:58 p.m.
Traffic collision 1800 block Ocean Park 9:19 p.m.
Auto burglary Main / Bicknell 9:22 p.m.
Encampment 2200 block Broadway 10:36 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 10:37 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block Lincoln 10:54 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 11:01 p.m.
Encampment 1400 block Ocean Front Walk 11:43 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 27 Calls For Service On Nov. 30.

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

Emergency Main / Hill 2:15 a.m.
Emergency 1200 block 10th 2:51 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 2700 block Donald Douglas Loop 5:43 a.m.
Emergency 1000 block 17th 7:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block Montana 9:51 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 15th 10:26 a.m.
Emergency 1100 block Centinela 11:16 a.m.
Emergency 5th / Broadway 12:07 p.m.
Emergency 1900 block Pico 12:33 p.m.
Emergency 1100 block Arizona 1:41 p.m.
Emergency 1200 block 16th 1:48 p.m.
Emergency 1400 block 21st 2:41 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Chelsea / Arizona 14:41:25
Emergency 100 block bay 2:51 p.m.
Emergency 2400 block 7th 3:51 p.m.
Emergency 2000 block Arizona 4:05 p.m.
Emergency 2100 block Ocean 4:17 p.m.
Emergency 900 block 2nd 5:59 p.m.
Emergency 1000 block 14th 6:35 p.m.
Emergency 2700 block Neilson 7:05 p.m.
Emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pl 8:06 p.m.
Emergency 1300 block Georgina 8:13 p.m.
Emergency 2500 block Ocean Front Walk 8:22 p.m.
Emergency 4th / Broadway 9:06 p.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 10:21 p.m.
Emergency 300 block Santa Monica Pier 10:42 p.m.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Ordinance Numbers 2558-2563 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following summaries are for Ordinance Numbers 2558 through 2563, which were adopted by the City Council at its meeting of November 28, 2017.

Ordinance 2558 extends the taxicab franchise granted to Bell Cab Company, Inc., by one year.

Ordinance 2559 extends the taxicab franchise granted to Independent Taxi Owners' Association by one year.

Ordinance 2560 extends the taxicab franchise granted to All Yellow Taxi, Inc., doing business as Metro Cab, by one year.

Ordinance 2561 extends the taxicab franchise granted to TMAT Corporation doing business as Taxi! Taxi! by one year.

Ordinance 2561 extends the taxicab franchise granted to LA Taxi Cooperative, Inc., doing business as Yellow Cab Company by one year.

Ordinance 2563 amends Section 6.49.070 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to extend the expiration of taxicab driver permits to December 31, 2018.

The ordinances will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinances are available from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 11/29
24 26 28 59 63
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 177M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/28
10 17 47 51 61
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 145M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 11/29
3 7 26 27 33
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 36M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/30
1 9 10 19 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/30
MIDDAY: 8 5 3
Draw Date: 11/30
EVENING: 5 8 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/30
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:40.72

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WORD UP!

cockcrow

1. daybreak; dawn; the time at which a cock characteristically crows.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical Myths

■ You can find them at swap meets, alternative health stores and occasionally the odd purveyor of trinkets: copper bracelets that allegedly cure arthritis. Makers claim absorption of copper from the bracelet through the skin helps speed natural regeneration of cartilage, whose progressive deterioration is the cause of arthritis. But there's no proof that copper can be absorbed through the skin and most people get sufficient copper in their ordinary diets (vegetables, legumes, nuts and grains). Conversely, excessive copper can result in poisoning. In severe cases, leading to liver damage.

MYSTERY REVEALED

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Marcelo Serrano correctly identified the photo as the new SMC Center for Media and Design on Stewart Street.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

1	3	7	8	4	9	2	6	5
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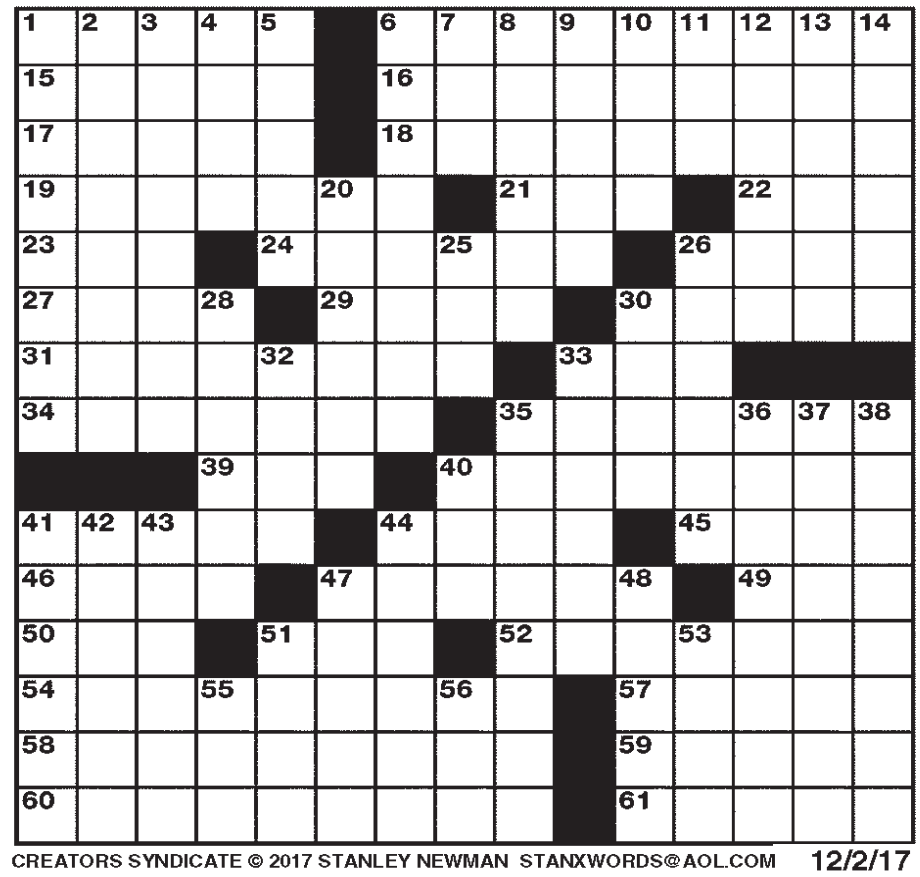
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Lester Ruff
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ACROSS
1 Attack inciter
6 Construction paper
15 Large bill
16 Imaginary strings
17 Deciding on pitches
18 Employee file stat
19 Much more than miffed
21 Clear for keeping
22 Freedom of movement?
23 Grille cover
24 Stick with to the end
26 Instrument Bach wrote for
27 Predecessor of George I
29 Voucher opponents
30 LEGO City Passenger __
31 Crisis condition
33 Middling bond rating
34 Bryan's "matter of choice," not "chance"
35 Boast the faculty of
39 Went nowhere
40 Unwritten constitution
41 Pineapple portion
44 It means "surrounding"
45 Carnival cruise stop since 2016
46 What Brits call "presenter"
47 Jeans category
49 Sundance sister channel
50 On target
51 Oater heroine
52 Not as extended
54 Boyardee's "bowl of classic comfort"
57 Its valley has 300+ châteaux
58 Wins easily
59 Tiring tasks
60 Going on and on
61 Dogmatic stance

DOWN
1 Bayonet accessory
2 One rescued by Rambo
3 Breyers and Oreos, e.g.
4 Depot data
5 Word related to "measure"
6 Merit badge craft
7 All fired up
8 Telescopic discovery of 1781
9 Flier to fens
10 Masters stroke
11 Eradicated
12 *Patria di Pavarotti*
13 Choctaw, for one
14 Soprano
20 Be sorry
25 Something rolled for breakfast
26 Big name in green slices
28 Rankles
30 Come to an end
32 Unreliable gossip
33 Enduringly mischievous, as some guys
35 Warning from Trebek
36 Newton's second law, essentially
37 Follow Nemo, perhaps
38 Clark's New Year's Eve successor
40 Seat with a book rack
41 Poorly maintained
42 Three Tenors genre
43 Great respect
44 All-time highest-ranking woman in Presidential succession
47 Worth more, often
48 British composer of German descent
51 Something fixed by astronomers
53 Capacity
55 Like *la*, to 56 Down: Abbr.
56 Author best known for her journals



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Westside Food Bank Honors Bank of America Charitable Foundation for National Philanthropy Day

BY GENEVIEVE RIUTORT
Westside Food Bank

National Philanthropy Day was November 15th. The holiday began in 1986 as a way to recognize the efforts of donors, volunteers, foundations, corporations and all those engaged in philanthropy. To mark the occasion, the Association of Fundraising Professionals Greater Los Angeles Chapter held a ceremony at the JW Marriott Hotel at LA Live in downtown Los Angeles on November 2nd. Producer, host and actress LaFern Cusack served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Westside Food Bank nominated the Bank of America Charitable Foundation for the Chapter's 2017 Outstanding Foundation award. The award recognizes foundations whose philanthropic work has a profound impact on the community. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is playing a key role in leveling the playing field for underserved communities, granting over $6.4 million dollars annually to organizations in LA County. Its grants go to a host of charitable organizations, including Westside Food Bank, to address basic needs such as food, shelter and affordable housing, as well as capacity building, community revitalization and creating economic opportunity. One of the things that makes the Bank of America Charitable Foundation unique is its strong belief that people's opportunities should not be limited by their zip codes. The Foundation consistently supports programs that create paths to economic mobility and community vitality.

Raul Bustillos, Bank of America's Senior Vice President for Community Relations accepted the award at the National Philanthropy Day luncheon. "We are honored to be recognized by both the Association of Fundraising Professionals and Westside Food Bank on National Philanthropy Day," said Raul Bustillos, SVP, Community Relations, Greater Los Angeles, Bank of America. "Bank of America has one purpose - to make financial lives better. An important way we do this is by working with local nonprofits to remove the barriers that hinder economic progress, like hunger and shelter. Many families are just one life event away from needing the services of food banks, which play a critical role getting families back on the path of success. That is why Bank of America provides more than $6 million in grants to nonprofit organizations across Los Angeles County along with our own bank employees volunteering almost 50,000 hours to these important nonprofits to help make a difference in the community."

Other award recipients included Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for Outstanding Corporation, Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking for Outstanding Nonprofit, Bill and Brenda Galloway for Outstanding Philanthropists, Stephanie Campbell for Outstanding Volunteer, and Charlotte Jackson for Outstanding Youth Volunteer.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 2)

Your heart connections are what fortify and inspire you, and in the months to come your expressions of love will be received in kind. Because you've been a stellar team player, you'll feel what it's like for the whole team to rally behind you — awesome! There's a payoff in February and another in July. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 44, 19 and 32.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You were blamed for something that wasn't your fault, but that's just part of love. Two people in love project things, mistake each other's identities, see only who they want to see instead of who is actually standing before them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There is no circumstance or person who is completely on one side of morality. "All human beings are commingled out of good and evil." — Robert Louis Stevenson

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You're finding out that it's better to have numerous friends than to depend on one person for affection. Tonight you'll be the star, so dress the part. You'll enjoy it more when your outside reflects the role.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Those close to you have needs, but you're not the only one who can fill them. Check in with yourself. Assess what you have to give. The saying goes, "You can't pour from an empty cup."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll reel in the admirers with your social ease. And as long as you stay aware of other people's sensitivities and steer clear of them, you'll keep those admirers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A level of detachment will help you achieve the peace you crave. Neutrality helps you recognize the consequences of any action. Often consequences are neither reward nor punishment — just the cause of another effect.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Financial exchanges are clean, but there's something magical about volunteer exchanges that beats a clean deal. Tonight a friend's introduction will set off a chain of fortuitous events.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You're not sure what someone wants from you, but you know there's something. Get closer and find out. Extend a social invitation, and let the conversation fly loose and lively.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Just because you're fortunate (and there are many ways in which you have been blessed) doesn't mean you're happy. Normalcy must be breached! Challenge! Change! All are necessary components of joy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today you're more of a pen than a pencil. Pencils are creative and flexible, willing to be erased, blended, reworked. Some days you're like that, but today your moves will be bold — maybe even indelible.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
While the scenario at hand may be very fun, you're also being assessed inside of it. People are getting to know your style, and they are testing your character by your reaction to freedom and temptation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Attention-neediness is a turnoff to you. You strive to be self-sufficient emotionally and every other way. Unfortunately, you can't be. No one is. People need people. The question is, how much?

Mercury Adds Marbles

There are two types of people who are ideal for the competition going on today. They are 1) the people who enjoy the game so much they would play it competition or no, and 2) the people who enjoy competition so much they'll compete at anything. Mercury retrograde is an open a bag of marbles on the floor of our wacky escapades.

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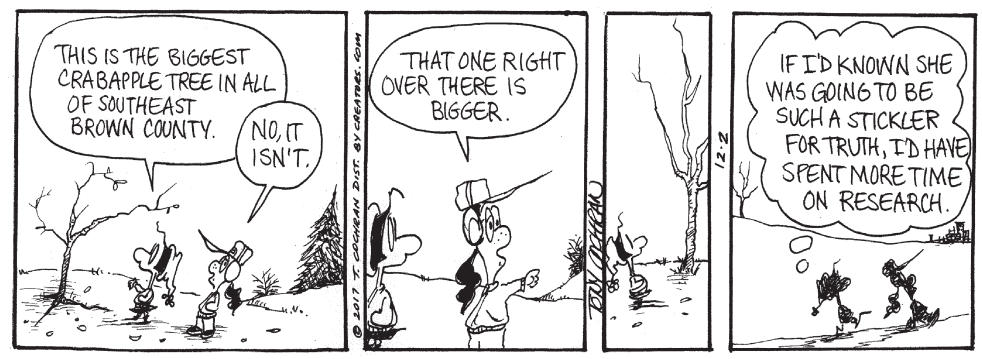
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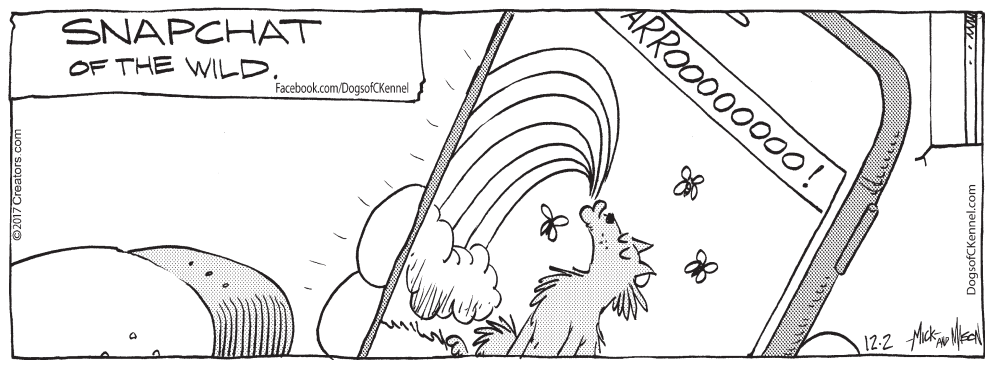
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