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Airport arts center could get new management



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ART: The studios at the Santa Monica Airport hold an annual art walk open to all.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's two largest artistic hubs could soon be under the same management.

On Tuesday, City Council will discuss awarding the 18th Street Art Center (18SAC), which runs the largest residency program in Southern California, a bid to manage the Santa Monica Airport Art Studios. More than 50 studios spread across several former airplane hangars provide space for artists to create and exhibit their work.

"We believe that artistic excellence and community engagement go hand-in-hand and felt this was an extraordinary opportunity to unite our campus with the airport," said 18th Street executive director Jan Williamson. "We will be very privileged to work with the artists at the airport, and we have many (professionals) who will be able to help the artists in their career aspirations."

The City of Santa Monica has leased the majority of the spaces to a private partner, Santa Monica Fine Art Studios (SMAS), since 2004 at a subsidized rate to keep the studios affordable for artists. The Daily Press reported in June 2015 that SMAS founder Yossi Govrin charged artists more than three times per square foot what he paid to lease them from the City.

The revelation that artists were not getting the deal City Council had envisioned prompted a

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BBB asking to alter 15 percent of its service

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Big Blue Bus is changing the direction of some routes and increasing their frequency, while also eliminating weekend service on certain routes.

Staff recommends redirecting 15 percent of BBB service away from areas and times with low ridership to meet demand during peak hours. The changes will reduce BBB's operating budget and bring in some new passenger revenue to sustain the agency financially amid falling ridership. City Council will certify the changes at its Tuesday meeting.

"BBB has reformulated the way that it provides service, and is recommending several changes to routes and schedules to better match service provision to the needs of today's public bus consumer," said BBB director Edward King. "These changes are intended to attract and retain customers, increase passenger revenue, deploy resources where they are most needed, and reduce operating expenses in order to ensure that BBB maintains a sustainable operating budget."

The reduction in service hours will reduce operating expenses by about $3,073,000 per year while generating an additional $168,560 in passenger revenue, which should close BBB's projected budget gaps through 2021, staff said. The agency lost 12 percent of its ridership in fiscal year 2016-2017 alone as bus ridership fell around the country, and hopes the new plan will capture about 200,000 new riders per year.

The plan features frequency increases during times of heavy ridership on Routes 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and Rapid 12 and cuts in the form of changes to daily start and end times or elimination of weekend service on Routes 1, 5, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 41, 42, 43, and 44, and Rapid 3 and 10 at times when those routes are attracting few passengers.

Staff is asking to reduce the

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Santa Monica will have a new power provider for the New Year

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

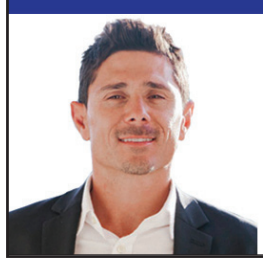
Santa Monicans will no longer receive electricity from Southern California Edison by default come February.

The City of Santa Monica is sending residents several notices to notify them that they are switching electricity providers. Households will be enrolled in the Clean Power Alliance and receive 100 percent of their household electricity from renewable resources such as wind or solar, unless they choose to opt down to 50 or 36 percent or out of the program entirely. Customers will be able to opt down, up, out, or back in at any time.

If every Santa Monica household opted for 100 percent renewable energy, the city's total emissions would be 35 percent lower than they were in 1990. Initial estimates project a rate

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Dec. 18

Gallery
Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-4:00 pm.

Water Neutrality Ordinance Public Meeting & Training
This event is open to all to attend. The presentation will be geared towards architects, permit expediters, pool contractors, landscape professionals, and property owners who are involved in the building permit process. City staff will discuss the approved updates and modifications to the ordinance and how this impacts all new developments in Santa Monica. The same information will be presented at each session. 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Main Library: Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Beach Volleyball-Youth
Ages 7-15; all levels; in a semi-private setting. Annenberg Community Beach House 3:30pm-5:00 pm.

DIY Club: Candles
Create a scented handmade candle to give to someone this holiday season or keep it for yourself! Limited space. Registration starts November 27. For Grades 7-12, in the Annex Room.
Pico Branch Library 4:30pm-6:00 pm.

City Council Meeting
Special Meeting City Hall Council Chamber 5:30pm.

Gentle Yoga at Fairview
In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library 6:30pm.

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group
Join us as we discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. Ocean Park Branch Library 7:00pm-8:30 pm.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market
Today, the Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. 8:00am-1:00 pm.

Gallery open
Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-4:00 pm.

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-10:00 am.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Current Events Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21

Classic Christmas Cartoons
Enjoy some tasty treats as we watch classic holiday favorites. See flyer for details. For families. Main Library Children's Activity Room 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Story Time in Wonderland at the Santa Monica Pier
Enjoy at themed story time at the historic merry-go-round at the Santa Monica Pier and take a picture with mermaids and King Triton! For families. Santa Monica Pier 4:00pm-4:30 pm.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Jeff Bridges to receive Cecil B. DeMille Award at Globes

Jeff Bridges may have once been considered as one of Hollywood's most underappreciated actors, but next month's Golden Globe Awards will showcase his life and illustrious career next month by bestowing him one of its highest honors.

Bridges will receive the Cecil B. DeMille Award during the 76th annual awards ceremony on Jan. 6, 2019, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Monday. The actor been praised for starring in films including "Crazy Heart," ''True Grit," ''Hell or High Water" and "The Big Lebowski," which became a cult classic thanks to his nonchalant, knit-sweater wearing character Jeffrey "The Dude" Lebowski.

HFPA President Meher Tatna said in a statement the Golden Globe winner has "captured hearts and minds" of audiences worldwide.

Bridges, 69, won a Globe in 2010 for best actor for his role in "Crazy Heart," when he remarked at the time during his acceptance speech about "chipping away" at his underappreciated status. He went on to win an Academy Award that year, and also received previous Globe nominations for his performances in "Starman," ''The Fisher King," ''Contender" and "Hell or High Water."

The DeMille Award is given annually to an "individual who has made an incredible impact on the world of entertainment." Past recipients include Oprah Winfrey, Morgan Freeman, Meryl Streep, Jodie Foster, Barbra Streisand, Sidney Poitier and Lucille Ball.

The Globes next year is also adding the Carol Burnett Award, an accolade that focuses on life achievement in television. The inaugural award will go to the 85-year-old Burnett, a five-time winner at the Globes.

In 1983, Bridges founded the End Hunger Network, a nonprofit dedicated to feeding children globally.

Bridges co-executive produced the 1996 television film "Hidden in America," which focused on poverty in America.

This year, he appeared in the mystery thriller "Bad Times at the El Royale" starring Chris Hemsworth, Jon Hamm and Dakota Johnson.

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LOS ANGELES

Massive boom in Pacific Ocean not corralling plastic trash

A trash collection device deployed three months ago to corral plastic litter floating between California and Hawaii is not collecting any trash.

But Boyan Slat, who launched the Pacific Ocean cleanup project, told The Associated Press in an interview Monday he is confident the 2,000-foot long floating boom will be fixed.

The 24-year-old innovator from the Netherlands says one of the main issues is the plastic is not staying within the u-shaped boom with a net that hangs below the surface is the device's speed.

He says the boom is moving slower than the plastic, allowing the trash to float away.

Slat says a team of engineers is being sent out to sea to fix the speed problem.

He says he hopes the first load of trash will be hauled back to land by next summer.

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BUS

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Rapid 10 fare from $2.50 to regular fare, but no further price changes are included in the proposal. (The line lost 75 percent of its ridership since the Expo Line opened.)

The proposal also recommends extensions of Route 18 on Sundays to UCLA, Route 17 on weekends to UCLA, Route 14 to Inglewood to connect to the new Crenshaw Line, and Route 7 to connect to the Purple Line at Wilshire Western Station. It recommends rerouting Route 18 to UCLA's Gateway Plaza via Gayley Avenue to reduce overcrowding of buses at Hilgard Terminal.

The proposal includes the elimination of weekend service on Rapid 3 and Rapid 7, and Routes 5, 15, and 42 due to extremely low ridership. Staff also recommend reducing midday weekday service on Rapid 3 to conserve resources.

"Each route is customized to offer the most service when the most customers are riding," King said.

There is one new service in the proposal: a limited pilot for a new Route 45 which would run from July 4, through Labor Day 2019 and connect the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Line Station with the entrance of the Santa Monica Pier via Colorado Boulevard, and the Third Street Promenade on Santa Monica Blvd. Route 45 will feature a single bus running in a loop.

Staff will return to Council in spring 2019 for a study session on fare equity, overall system revenue generation and farebox recovery policy.

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US homeless count up slightly, but declines in key cities

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Associated Press

A federal report released Monday provides a possible glimmer of hope for the homeless crisis that has gripped many cities up and down the West Coast.

The number of people living on the streets in Los Angeles and San Diego, two epicenters of the homelessness crisis, fell this year, suggesting possible success in those cities' efforts to combat the problem.

Cities in California, Oregon and Washington have driven an overall spike in the number of homeless people nationwide in recent years. This year's count continued that trend, showing 552,800 people without homes across the country, up by about 2,000 from 2017, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's point-in-time tally. It was the second consecutive increase after seven straight years of declines.

The number of people living in the streets, encampments or other unsheltered places was more than 194,000 — also up from last year.

But the decrease in Los Angeles and San Diego is a rare positive sign in cities that have struggled to cope with an exploding homeless population. It also comes as those cities are planning to spend big on affordable housing and other steps.

Last year, for instance, Los Angeles voters approved $1.2 billion to build 10,000 units of affordable housing over a decade. Local officials there also have ramped up outreach efforts to connect homeless people with services.

This year's point-in-time count, conducted in January, found just under 50,000 homeless people in the city, with three-quarters of them unsheltered. Both numbers were down from the year before.

San Diego, California's second most populous city, also saw a decline in both total homelessness and those on the streets. After a hepatitis A outbreak spread among the homeless population and killed 20 people in 2017, the city turned to industrial-sized tents to house hundreds of people. As the tents went up, officials also cited people camping on downtown streets. Encampments downtown cleared out quickly, but the number along the San Diego River doubled.

The city is considering a ballot measure to raise money for affordable housing in 2020.

Nationwide, the overall increase this year was driven by a 2 percent rise in the unsheltered homeless population — those living in vehicles, tents and on the streets — along with 4,000 people in emergency shelters after hurricanes, wildfires and other disasters, according to HUD. The numbers of homeless veterans and families continued their long-term declines.

At a time when rents are rising faster than wages — especially for lower-income people — an essentially stagnant count is a not a bad sign, said Steve Berg, vice president for programs and policy at the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

"Given what's going on with rental housing, it's not exactly good news but it means communities are pushing back against the headwinds," said Berg, who like other advocates urges caution about reading too much into one-year trends in the homeless count.

The homelessness data picture is incomplete because several West Coast areas with large populations, including San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, and California's Orange County, did not conduct new counts of unsheltered homeless populations this year. Those places will do fresh surveys in early 2019.

Homelessness has exploded along with a soaring economy in several West Coast cities in recent years and has become a top local political issue. From 2015 through last year, voters on the West Coast approved more than $8 billion in spending — most of it in tax increases — to address homelessness.

In Seattle, which has the nation's largest homeless population outside New York or Los Angeles, the count this year rose to more than 12,000 — more than half of them unsheltered. The number was less than 9,000 just four years ago, and the city has been wrestling with what to do about the problem.

The City Council in May passed a $48 million tax on businesses to raise money for affordable housing. But under pressure from Amazon, Starbucks and other companies, it repealed it the next month.

HUD Secretary Ben Carson said on a conference call with reporters Monday that no one should be declaring victory over homelessness despite decreases in certain cities.

"We still have a long way to go even though there's been significant progress," he said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUPPORTING THE APPEAL

Editor:

I enthusiastically support the City of Santa Monica in appealing a judgment in the CA voting rights lawsuit, Loya v. City of Santa Monica, that divides the City and our community into voting districts. Such an appeal is essential to protecting all voters' rights in Santa Monica—including those of a Latina, like me.

I was born in Santa Monica, as were all of my nine siblings, and have lived here for 37 years. My parents had settled in Santa Monica by 1946 following my dad's World War II service flying a P-47 Thunderbolt. I have been an educator and a peace, justice and environmental activist for decades. I take very seriously what it means to protect our freedoms in the United States and uphold the rights and responsibilities of being free embodied by "We, the People." I take very seriously what it means to serve the public, common good.

Loya v. City of Santa Monica is sadly and dangerously misguided; the tentative ruling against the City is in error. Should that ruling prevail leading to a judgment, it must be appealed. Unchallenged, a judgment in favor of the plaintiffs would be devastating and divisive, undermining our civic vitality, our communal good will and our resiliency in Santa Monica.

Why would anyone want to decrease and diminish a resident's voting power by 86%? District voting, in effect, would disenfranchise voters. Instead of my having a chance to vote for seven candidates over four years for council office, I would be constrained to vote for only one!

Why would anyone seek to break up and divide our community by advocating that each city council member need only be answerable or accountable to a fraction of voters? Ours is a modest-sized electorate that can only be strong and sustainable as it is unified. Each vote both expresses one's voice and enacts a singular way of personally relating voter-to-representative in our self-government. Our local self-government is the most personal, up-close expression of our representation that is defined by our republic and democracy.

Why would anyone desire to segregate and marginalize voters from any ethnic or racial background? Little districts would lock voters into segmented enclaves. Council members would be expected and encouraged to have blinders on when considering decisions.

Why would anyone claim to represent or be standing up for a "protected class," such as Latinos, just because one lives in a certain neighborhood with numerous Latinos, ignoring the majority of whom, like me, who live in other Santa Monica neighborhoods? Yes, the Pico neighborhood wonderfully is home to a large number of Latinos, but that number amounts to about 1/3 of all Latinos residing in Santa Monica. That means that my protected class, impressively, lives throughout Santa Monica. Approximately 2/3 of us live outside the Pico neighborhood.

The CA Voting Rights Act aims to safeguard Latino rights as a "protected class." The lawsuit and a judgment against the City would not.

It is time to communicate with the City Council and to support the appeal of a judgment in Loya v. City of Santa Monica that would carve up our community in voting districts, severely weakening us. The community needs to have confidence that the Council will stand up for all of us, including Latinos. The appeal is a priceless commitment to helping ensure the health and power of our local multicultural, diverse democracy.

CHRISTINE "CRIS" GUTIERREZ, SANTA MONICA

NO GERRYMANDERING

Editor:

I was delighted to see that the City has lost its case regarding district voting. That victory will enable Santa Monica to broaden its choice of candidates for our City Council. We have been burdened too long with "career" council members who have spent too long in their jobs and who no longer speak for all of us.

Interested parties would do well to make sure that the Council does not attempt to delay implementation and to have a say on districts. The Council members only want to preserve their power and hope to adjust the districts so as to help them stay in office. If we leave the districts to the Council, I could easily imagine some very creative "gerrymandering" of the districts so as to make sure that the current Council members all end up in different voting districts.

"Public input" is also just another of the Council's ploys to avoid their fate. The output of public focus groups here in Santa Monica typically means producing results that fit what the Council wants.

Those who have been in public focus groups will know what I mean. Some years ago, I participated in a City focus group. Appalling. From the beginning of the session, it was clear that the moderator was responding positively to some inputs and negatively to others. He seemed to know what was needed and was determined to provide it. He wasn't just gathering information and recording it.

Those who went to the focus group session on the future use of the Civic Auditorium will no doubt agree. Some of the participants told me that the outcome seemed pre-determined and that they were only going through the motions. People who went to the public session at Lincoln Middle School a few years ago on the Land Use document reported a similar situation. They had given a variety of negative inputs and constructive criticism on certain parts of the document in public focus groups and were assured that those inputs would be incorporated into the final document. When the final document was produced just before the Lincoln School event, they found that their inputs had been ignored. Public input in Santa Monica is a sham. Have you ever been to a City Council meeting? They hear but do not listen.

But…if we are forced into focus groups on district, the City Council should NOT manage them, nor should the Planning Department manage them, nor should any supposedly "neutral" group hired by the City manage them. The very fact of being paid by the City could pre-dispose even a "neutral" company to produce an outcome favorable to the City.

Rather, let the judge and the plaintiffs decide on the districts (they won, after all). If public input is desired, let them work together with the various neighborhood associations (North of Montana, Ocean Park, etc.), but keep the Council out of it entirely.

REYNOLD DACON, SANTA MONICA

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Silicon Valley East: Google plans $1B expansion in New York

MAE ANDERSON
Associated Press

Silicon Valley is becoming Silicon Nation.

Google announced Monday it will spend more than $1 billion to build a new office complex in New York City that will allow the internet search giant to double the number of people it employs there.

It is the tech industry's latest major expansion beyond the Seattle-San Francisco Bay corridor. It follows recent steps by Amazon and Apple to set up operations well outside their home areas.

Tech companies are "coming to the realization that the Bay Area, which has traditionally been the major center of tech activity in the U.S., is getting expensive and crowded," said Andrew Bartels, principal analyst at Forrester Research.

"A lot of vendors are coming to the realization that 'We can probably find top talent elsewhere at a more affordable costs, and perhaps a better style of life for employees who may be struggling to make ends meet.'"

The Northeast is proving to be a good match, with its large concentration of highly educated young people. New York in particular boasts key qualities, including proximity to the financial industry, a large base of existing tech workers, and the second-largest concentration of tech startups behind the Bay Area, Bartels said.

Google, based in Mountain View, California, will fashion a complex exceeding 1.7 million square feet along the Hudson River in the city's West Village neighborhood, Ruth Porat, senior vice president and chief financial officer, said in a blog post.

Google opened its first office in New York nearly 20 years ago and now employs 7,000 people in the city. Its footprint has expanded continuously. Google said this year that it would buy the Manhattan Chelsea Market building for $2.4 billion and planned to lease more space at Pier 57, both along the Hudson about a mile north of the newly announced complex.

A month ago, Seattle-based Amazon said it would set up new headquarters in New York's Long Island City neighborhood and in Arlington, Virginia, creating upwards of 25,000 jobs in each location.

But it's not just the East Coast that is benefiting from the expansion.

Apple, based in Cupertino, California, said last week that it plans to build a $1 billion campus in Austin, Texas, that will create at least 5,000 jobs.

And Google is expanding elsewhere, too. It plans to develop a 50-acre area into offices, homes, shops, restaurants and parks in San Jose, California, the heart of Silicon Valley. And this year it opened new offices and data centers in cities including Detroit; Boulder, Colorado; and Los Angeles, as well as in such states as Tennessee and Alabama.

The bidding for programmers is driving salaries higher, which in turn is catapulting the average prices of homes in many parts of the San Francisco Bay Area above $1 million. Many high-tech workers are choosing to live elsewhere, forcing major tech employers to look in new places for the employees they need.

Facebook, based in Menlo Park, California, has over 2,000 employees in New York.

Google hopes to move into the new campus by 2020. Porat said that the company's most recent investments give it the ability to more than double the number of Google employees in New York over the next 10 years.

Tech companies see New York as a way to gain a new perspective, one that is different from that of Silicon Valley, which can be seen as an "out-of-touch echo chamber," Bartels said.

"New Yorkers consider themselves to be more in tune with the reality of life in U.S. urban centers and believe this helps them innovate products and services that are more closely aligned with the needs of the average American," he said.

Not all tech companies are investing in areas outside of their original headquarters, however.

Microsoft is overhauling its headquarters in Redmond, Washington, with an 18-building construction project that will make room for an additional 8,000 workers. It currently employs about 47,000 in the area.

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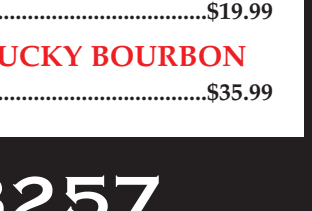
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In that scenario, the average customer will see about a $6 increase from their Southern California Edison bill, and low-income qualified customers will see no increase in costs at all. Residents who have installed solar panels will also receive more money for the excess electricity they generate.

Every household is receiving two notices in their electricity bill before and after the city makes the switch in February – four in total. The notices will contain information on how customers can opt down to a lower percentage of renewable energy to save money on their bills or stick with Southern California Edison entirely.

"It's a big change and we don't want people to freak out," said Dean Kubani, the City's chief sustainability officer. "We want them to know what's happening and what the benefits, potential costs and options are."

City Council voted in December 2017 to become a member of the Clean Power Alliance (CPA), which provides electricity for communities across Los Angeles and Ventura counties using Edison's power lines. Council voted Oct. 23, 2018 to set the default level of renewable energy ratepayers will receive at 100 percent.

Besides sending mailers, staff will also conduct outreach through blogs, newsletters, social media and in-person presentations.

Other communities with a 100 percent renewable default option include Culver City, West Hollywood, South Pasadena, San Buenaventura, Ojai, Rolling Hills Estates, and Ventura County.

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reevaluation of how the City would lease and manage the studios.

Council prohibited subleasing at the airport in March 2016 and its February 2017 agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration to close the airport in 2028 requires that all non-aviation airport tenants be charged market-rate rents. Artists will now lease space directly from the airport and pay market-rate rents. The majority of the artists will pay less in rent under that arrangement, staff said.

The City assembled an independent committee to choose between three organizations that applied to manage the studios. The committee recommended contracting with the 18th Street Art Center because of its national reputation and decades of experience working with artists. The committee also said its budget invests more funding directly into programming than the other proposals.

"Its programming plan is specific, realistic, and yet innovative," the staff report said. "The proposal includes a carefully crafted budget that supplements the City's budget with substantial existing and new funding sources."

Govrin submitted a proposal under the newly-formed Maxima Arts Initiative, which the committee said presented an imbalanced and unclear budget that invested most of its funds in salaries rather than programming.

The staff report Council will hear on Tuesday revealed that a number of artists told officials that Govrin verbally abused them and entered their studios without giving notice. The committee did not consider those allegations in the selection process because the City was not in a position to verify them, staff said.

Some artists maintain that Govrin has created a respectful and creative space for artists over the years. More than 1,300 people have signed a change.org petition in support of his directorship.

Luigia Martelloni, who has rented a studio at the airport since 2004, praised Govrin for the events, exhibitions and lectures he brought to the studios.

"Yossi has been a professional, honest and wonderful leader of our artistic community," Martelloni wrote in an email to the City. "He has always been helpful to everyone that asked for help in many different situations – even assisting artists who at times had become economically disadvantaged (by) allowing them to stay in their studios."

Many artists attended a Nov. 19 Arts Commission meeting to speak in support of Govrin. The commission recommended that Maxima manage the studios for the next two years with increased City funding. The motion passed six to one with three abstentions.

Arts Commission Chair Mike Myers said the process of selecting a new manager sowed division among Santa Monica's artistic community, which he attributes to a lack of transparency around why the City wanted the studios to change hands.

"It feels like the City just wants to take it away from somebody," he said.

Myers said the commission may ask City Council to redo the selection process in a way that is more responsive to community input.

Council will meet to authorize the new management agreement at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 inside City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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WATER TEMP: 63.3°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 4-6 ft shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7 ft
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WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-5 ft waist to head high
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Party complaint 800blk 14th 12:03 a.m.
Person with a gun 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:01 a.m.
Fight Ocean / Colorado 12:42 a.m.
Public intoxication 2600blk Main 1:10 a.m.
Person down 100blk Hill 12:29 a.m.
Party complaint 900blk 16th 12:56 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Olympic 12:27 a.m.
Speeding Lincoln / Olympic 1:38 a.m.
Speeding 1600blk Lincoln 1:44 a.m.
Auto burglary 100blk Alta 1:00 a.m.
Public intoxication 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:59 a.m.
72 hour psych hold 1100blk 6th 1:56 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic 2:54 a.m.
Battery now 1500blk Olympic 2:04 a.m.
Auto burglary 800blk Santa Monica 5:23 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 19th 6:25 a.m.
Domestic violence 2100blk Virginia 6:49 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Stewart 7:17 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk Wilshire 7:47 a.m.
Fight 5th / Broadway 8:54 a.m.
Vandalism 4th / Broadway 9:50 a.m.
Expired registration 2100blk Ocean 9:46 a.m.
Drunk driving 600blk Bay 9:58 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 900blk 15th 9:49 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Stanford 9:11 a.m.
Bike theft 100blk Santa Monica 10:23 a.m.
Encampment 1200blk 18th 11:04 a.m.
Indecent exposure 14th / Wilshire 11:33 a.m.
Panhandling 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 11:43 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Wilshire 2:15 a.m.
Encampment 5th / Ocean Park 11:26 a.m.
Indecent exposure 15th / Wilshire 12:29 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 00blk Pico 12:00 p.m.
Construction noise 11th / Marine 11:31 a.m.
Petty theft 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:28 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1800blk Broadway 10:10 a.m.
Injured person 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 2:19 p.m.
Overdose 900blk Pico 2:41 p.m.
Attempt suicide 1800blk 10th 2:31 p.m.
Burglary 2300blk Lincoln 1:29 p.m.
Hit and run 9th / Olympic 3:04 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1200blk 4th 10:54 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 300blk Santa Monica 2:09 p.m.
Vandalism 1200blk Ocean Front Walk 4:09 p.m.
Person with a gun 600blk Wilshire 3:42 p.m.
Burglary 1300blk Santa Monica 5:56 a.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:31 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 1:34 p.m.
Battery 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:58 p.m.
Grand theft 1600blk the beach 3:54 p.m.
Encampment 600blk Kensington 3:33 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk 15th 4:39 p.m.
Drunk driving 10th / Broadway 5:03 p.m.
Domestic violence 2600blk 32nd 10:11 a.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2500blk Beverley 4:51 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:15 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:51 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:01 p.m.
Battery 200blk Ocean 5:18 p.m.
Person with a gun Lincoln / Colorado 5:24 p.m.
Domestic violence Lincoln / Pico 5:50 p.m.
Prowler 2300blk Virginia 5:12 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Lincoln 5:48 p.m.
Animal related incident 1500blk Olympic 6:21 p.m.
Person down 2500blk Santa Monica 7:39 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 11th 2:49 p.m.
Drunk driving 11th / California 8:04 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:19 p.m.
Battery now 700blk Broadway 8:05 p.m.
Battery 1500blk 5th 9:03 p.m.
Hit and run 1400blk 4th 6:46 p.m.
Fight 200blk Santa Monica Pier 3:20 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 4th / Georgina 8:12 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Idaho 6:55 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
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EMS 1400 block 16th 12:33 a.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 12:42 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 1:39 a.m.
Automatic alarm 400 block California 2:09 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Olympic 2:27 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block 2nd 3:24 a.m.
EMS 800 block 12th 3:30 a.m.
EMS 700 block Pico 3:54 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Santa Monica 4:07 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 5th 5:42 a.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 8:50 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 9:14 a.m.
EMS 2600 block 32nd 10:16 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 10:18 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1800 block California 11:19 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 1:54 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Ocean 2:19 p.m.
EMS 900 block Pico 2:41 p.m.
Vehicle fire 4th / Interstate 10 2:43 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 500 block Pico 4:41 p.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica Pier 5:22 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Colorado 5:39 p.m.
EMS 200 block 19th 6:54 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Airport 7:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2300 block 22nd 7:32 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Santa Monica 7:39 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Ocean Park 7:57 p.m.
Elevator rescue 100 block California 8:21 p.m.
EMS 100 block Colorado 9:09 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Kansas 9:18 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 9:38 p.m.
EMS 800 block PCH 9:53 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Broadway 10:03 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Vicente Ter 11:50 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

The Santa Monica Police Department is currently experiencing technical difficulties with their internal reporting system. Crime Watch will return when these issues have been resolved. .

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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California withdraws 'text tax'

California regulators have canceled a plan to charge a fee for text messaging on mobile phones.

The California Public Utilities Commission reversed course after a Federal Communications Commission ruling classified text messaging as an information service and not a telecommunications service. The federal Telecommunications Act limits state authority over information services.

Regulators announced Friday that CPUC commissioner Carla Peterman withdrew the text proposal "in light of the FCC's action" on Dec. 12. State officials said the tax was intended to help support programs that make phone service accessible to the poor.

The wireless industry and business groups had been working to defeat the plan and calculated the new charges could total about $44.5 million a year.

They said that under the proposal the charge could be applied retroactively for five years – and could amount to a bill of more than $220 million for California consumers.

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■ "June 3. Cold Harbor. I was killed." -- A note found in the blood-stained diary of a dead Union soldier at the Battle of Cold Harbor in Virginia, June 3, 1864.

Body of Knowledge

■ Every day, the heart creates enough energy to drive a truck 20 miles. In a lifetime, that's equivalent to driving to the moon and back.

Observation

■ "Ah, well, then, I suppose that I shall have to die beyond my means." -- English writer Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), in response to a quoted fee for a medical procedure

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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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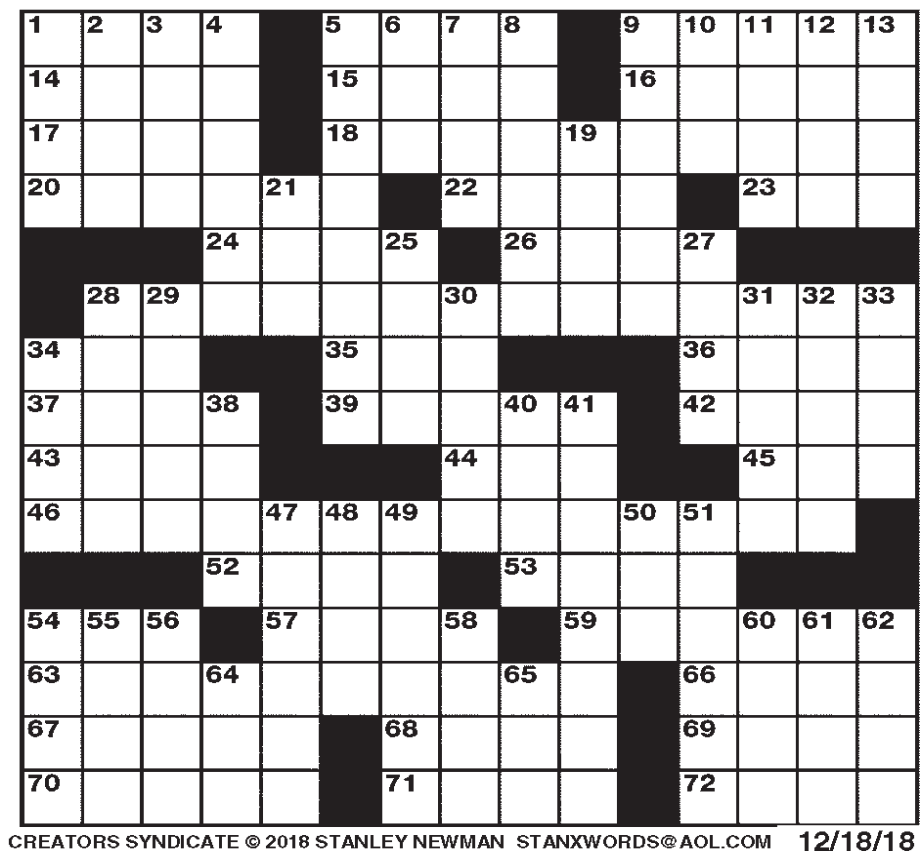
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ACROSS

1 Backyard storage structure
5 Art __ (retro building style)
9 Abstains from eating
14 Aviation-related prefix
15 "__ out?" (card dealer's query)
16 Opening statement, for short
17 Be patient
18 Entryway with a bug barrier
20 Campaigner's oration
22 Hard-to-please actress
23 Summer hours in CA
24 Scottish girl
26 Local sandwich shop
28 Paper-repairing roll
34 Crunchy sandwich, for short
35 Top poker card
36 Checklist line
37 __ 1 (speed of sound)
39 Trimmed off, as a rind
42 Flower stalk
43 Workplace protection agcy.
44 Spanish cheer
45 "Poison" climbing plant
46 Border around some schoolyards
52 Speckle-coated horse
53 Video arcade giant
54 Commotion
57 Spot of land in the ocean
59 Usual
63 Auto's front glass
66 Speed contest
67 Game show host
68 Author Wiesel
69 Vegetable in gumbo
70 Appears to be
71 Took advantage of
72 Unwanted garden plant

DOWN

1 Wood-cutting tools
2 Disorderly stack
3 One of the Great Lakes
4 "I'm all ears!"
5 Product to clean dinnerware
6 Envelope insert: Abbr.
7 Strong rope
8 Tater Tots maker
9 Last song in a show
10 "In addition . . ."
11 Eight-sided street sign
12 Trampled (on)
13 Arrange into stacks
19 __ so (nevertheless)
21 Baseball great Ripken
25 Pet adoption org.
27 "You know how __"
28 Don't go together, as plaids with stripes
29 __ Sketch (drawing toy)
30 Long-legged wading bird
31 Home's upper storage area
32 Pet __ (ongoing annoyance)
33 Television award
34 Popular college guy, for short
38 Salon sweepings
40 Antlered animals
41 Stood up for
47 Annoying sounds
48 Place for mascara
49 Taking the place (of)
50 Self-esteem
51 Not very wide
54 Amazes
55 Thinnest American coin
56 A single time
58 Electrified fishes
60 Manufacture
61 Farmland measure
62 Starring role
64 Republican's opponent: Abbr.
65 Tell untruths



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 18)

You never stop educating yourself this year, and you become freer with every hour of study. Knowing how things work -- emotionally, spiritually, practically -- gives you advantages you'll use time and again. Major fun at the start of 2019 happens because you dare to do things different from your predecessors. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 14, 4 and 32.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You're not asking much out of this day, but you would like to know that you've made a difference in the experience of others. You'll get the feedback you desire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
There was a time when it took extra energy to be thoughtful and considerate. But that was long ago, when you were still learning how you wanted to operate in the world. Now it takes no energy. It's just who you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You pay attention to the tone of interactions and try to raise the energy level, if only just a little so that you're always leaving people in a better mood than they were in when you started.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
While it may feel like you're giving more love and attention to someone than you're getting back, that's only if you're capping off the count at the end of the day. Extend the deadline. This has potential to be a long relationship.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
There are more moving parts today but don't let it overwhelm you. The only moving part you need to concern yourself with is your own, and you can trust that it will connect beautifully where it's supposed to.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
People respect your power because you use it quietly, applying influence only where you really think it is necessary, and where it will do the most good for the situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
The third eye is the one that sees what's really important. But it's vision can vary in accuracy, which is why it will be interesting to write down your predictions so you can look back later and track what you got right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Sure, you have your preferences -- certain people you care to be around more than others -- but you see things to love in many people around you today. Do you think it's possible to love everyone?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your mind doesn't always fire off thoughts that create the neural pathways to feeling good, but luckily today you can take hold of the situation and feed it what it needs to get some favorable chemistry going.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Doing what you don't want to do because you feel you should is the most direct route to wasted time. Your best bet is to either figure out a better reason to follow through, or bail fast.

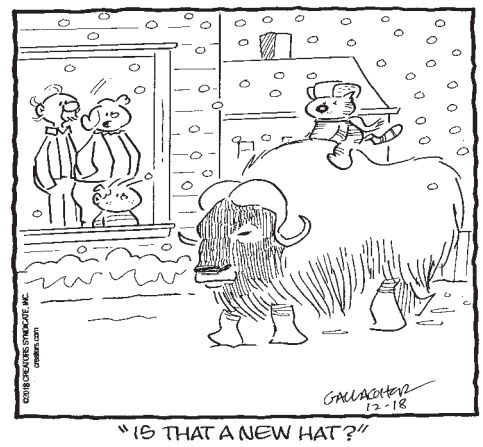
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Don't worry about success or winning or anything along the lines of gaining approval. The only approval you need now is your own. Honest contemplation is in store. Can you still stand behind your choice?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Mostly, things are going in your favor, and will continue to do so, as you show more enthusiasm for your good fortune, however small it may seem.

Sagittarian Solar Advice
These last days of the Sagittarian sun will be an education. Being able to differentiate between what you know and don't know -- that's the trick. And it's a lot more difficult than it seems. There are many assumptions people make in this regard, as humans love to feel knowledgeable, but the wise will step back and wonder.

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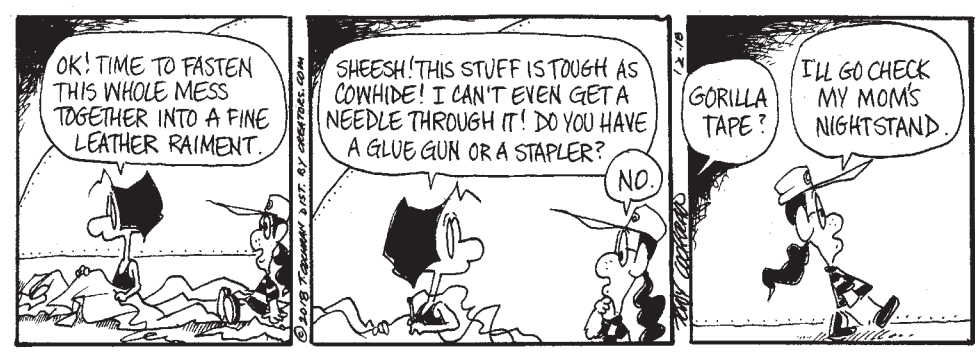
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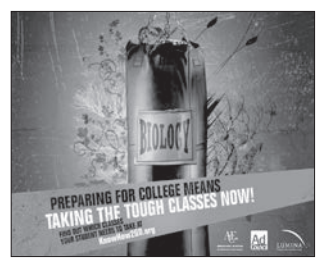
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Pelosi flashes survival skills - and she'll need them in '19

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Rep. Nancy Pelosi is formidable but not immortal.

The California Democrat seems to have sewn up her return as House speaker next month, but she also has accepted a maximum four-year expiration date on her tenure. She previously had resisted any term limit, saying it would weaken her.

Pelosi had overwhelming support among Democrats for the top job. But to ensure the majority — probably 218 votes — she will need when the full House elects the speaker Jan. 3, she had to quell a rebellion by a stubborn faction of Democrats demanding a new generation of leaders.

It took five weeks but she prevailed, wielding skills she will need to manage the roughly 235 Democrats, among the 435 representatives, who will comprise the House majority in the new Congress.

A look at what that fight suggests about the coming year:

SKILLED, RESPECTED AND SOME SAY FEARED ...

Pelosi can find adversaries amenable to negotiation and cut deals with them, outnumber and isolate opponents and count votes. She can use a network of allies inside and outside Congress to exert pressure. She has experience and relationships built during three decades in Congress — the last 16 years leading Democrats as House minority leader or speaker, the job she held from 2007 into January 2011.

Her ability to apparently nail down the votes she will need is evidence of the broad and deep support she has from Democrats. That should give her a strong starting point when she needs to make strategic decisions for her party or round up votes for legislation.

Rep. Linda Sanchez, D-Calif., among the rebels who opposed Pelosi's election as speaker until the term-limit deal, said no rival for the speaker's job emerged because no one wanted to directly challenge her.

"She's tough, she's good, she's a woman, she's done it before," Sanchez said.

"People are afraid of her," said Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore., who remains against Pelosi. "And it's tough to take pressure, I guess."

... BUT SHE DID MAKE A CONCESSION

Pelosi, 78, didn't seem to clinch her victory until agreeing in writing to serve no more than two two-year terms as speaker.

She says that means she won't be a weakened lame duck, since she can potentially be re-elected to the job in 2020. Her backers note she'd be approaching her 83rd birthday as that second term expires and say she wasn't going to serve forever anyway.

Still, the agreement marked a retreat from initial statements that she would not specify an end date to her service because she did not want to lose clout. To any Democrat watching, it showed that as with any congressional leader, rank-and-file lawmakers in sufficient numbers can extract concessions.

WHICH DEMOCRATS COULD CAUSE HER PROBLEMS?

While Pelosi's most outspoken Democratic opponents span the ideological spectrum, many are moderates in a party that tilts decisively in a liberal direction. Yet once it comes to writing and passing bills, Pelosi's thorniest problems may well come from the party's left wing, not its centrists.

The most hard-left Democrats could try pushing Pelosi to move faster and further than she would like on universal health care and trying to impeach President Donald Trump. The notion of government-paid health care for all scares off many moderates wary of its huge costs. Fearful of moving prematurely and making Democrats look partisan and overzealous, Pelosi has said that impeachment needs to be handled with caution.

To show that Democrats can govern, there may be times when Pelosi will want her colleagues to produce bills that can get Trump's signature, perhaps on infrastructure. That would require passing legislation acceptable to Republicans. In those instances, it could be hardcore liberals, not Democratic moderates, who are likely to cause most of Pelosi's heartburn.

THIRST FOR CHANGE REMAINS

While Pelosi seems assured of being speaker through 2020 and perhaps two additional years beyond that, the desire for fresh leaders will remain an important dynamic among Democrats.

There are plenty of younger, ambitious Democrats jockeying to move up as Pelosi prepares to move off the scene. Reps. Steny Hoyer of Maryland and James Clyburn of South Carolina, the second- and third-ranking leaders, are also in their late 70s and some Democrats want them to get out of the way too, though neither has displayed any enthusiasm about that.

Democrats have elected five fresh faces to lower-level leadership jobs: Reps. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, Hakeem Jeffries of New York, Cheri Bustos of Illinois, David Cicilline of Rhode Island and Katherine Clark of Massachusetts. Jeffries and Lujan are in their 40s; the others are in their 50s.

"I think the change has started. I think it's going to accelerate," said Rep. Ed Perlmutter, D-Colo., who wanted new leaders and helped negotiate the term limits Pelosi accepted. "And I think we maintained somebody, in my estimation, who's going to be really good at the helm during some tumultuous times."

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