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## Coastal Commission approves plans for Sears building

**MATTHEW HALL**  
Daily Press Editor

The California Coastal Commission has unanimously approved plans to redevelop and

reuse the former Sears Building in Downtown Santa Monica.

As approved, the project will convert the former single-retailer store into a mixed-use building with a combination of food vendors,

retail and office space. Approval for the project came with a set of conditions on parking, landscaping, environmental concerns and limits on future construction.

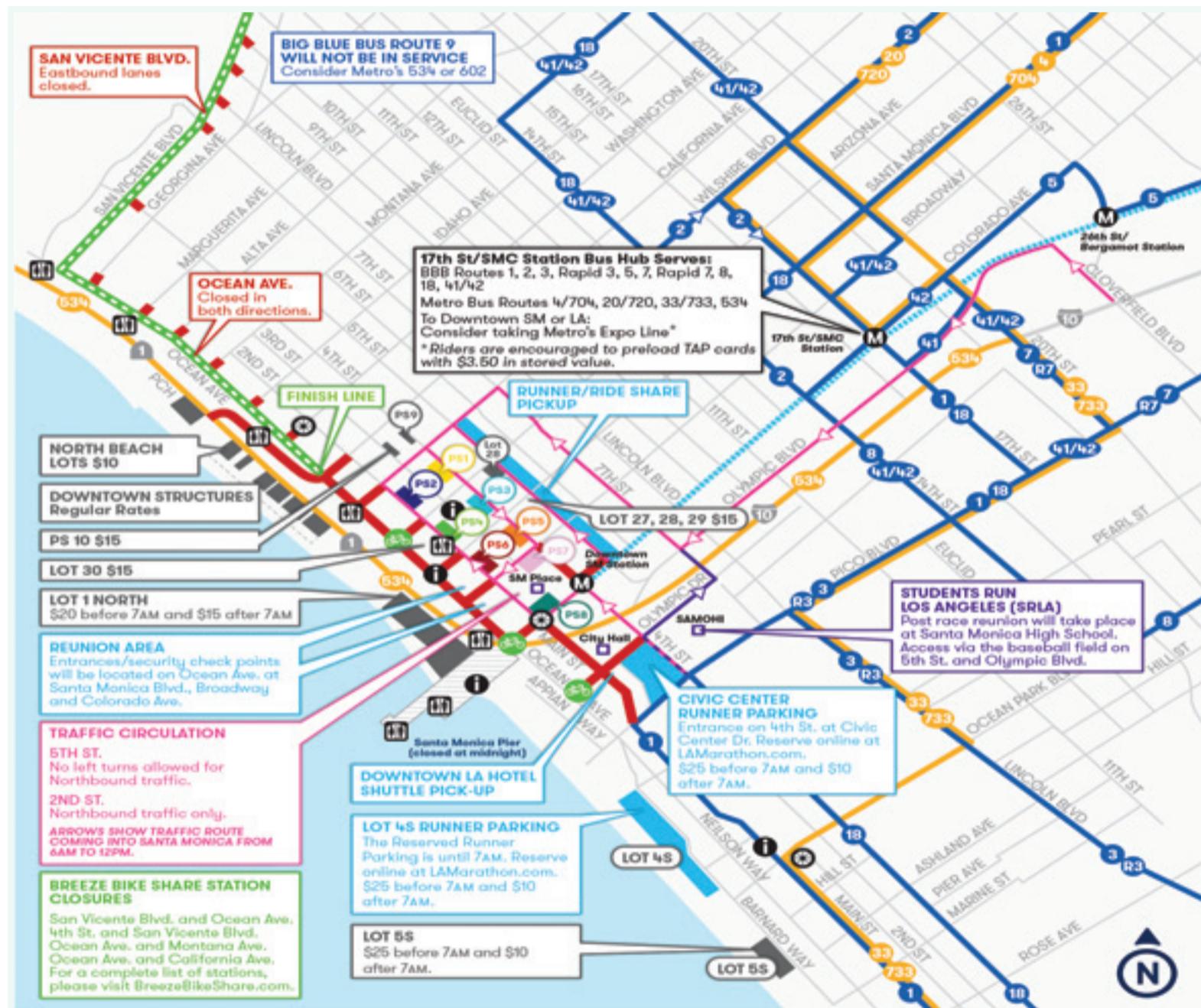
Central Coast District Director

Dan Carl praised the developer for working with the commission to address parking concerns.

"We also worked very closely with the applicant there to resolve an issue with regard to the adequacy of parking on the site," he said.

"The applicant had prepared an analysis of the parking which found the new project, given it would have

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### MARATHON WEEKEND

The Los Angeles Marathon ends in Santa Monica on Sunday. There will be road closures and detours throughout the city. See Page 8 for more information.

## Fresh Finds: Lion's Mane

**KATE CAGLE**  
Daily Press Staff Writer

If you get to the Wednesday Downtown farmers market too late, you will likely miss your chance to try one Cliff Kane's fastest selling products: lion's mane.

In the wild, the mushroom lives up to its name with cascading white fibers that engulf the side of trees. In contrast, whether bunched in small trays or filling a large box, Kane's homegrown variety is reminiscent of puppy paws rather than the king of the jungle. While they may be smaller, the medicinal mushrooms promise the same power used in Chinese medicine for centuries.

"The fibers are like crab meat. They can get pretty shaggy in the wild. It looks really crazy," Kane said on a recent Wednesday as customers who know him by name chose from a variety of oyster, shiitake, pioppino and lion's name gourmet mushrooms. Kane grows a half dozen varieties throughout the year on his farm in La Habra Heights. The former teacher purchased his property with an avocado orchard in 2011. All products from Kane's Family Farm are 100 percent natural, hand grown, hand picked and free of chemicals and pesticides.

Over the past six years, Kane has been slowly expanding his mushroom selection. Three years ago, he grew his first lion's mane. Now, he barely keeps up with demand.

"I kept coming by but he hasn't

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# What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

## Saturday, March 17

### Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market-Downtown

The Organic Market boasts the largest percentage of Certified Organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd @ Arizona Avenue. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Saturday Certified Farmer's Market (Virginia Ave. Park)

A family market in the heart of the Pico/Cloverfield neighborhood, and offers a variety of organic and conventionally-grown produce, in addition to several prepared food options and coffee. It is also currently the only Santa Monica Farmers Market offering Market Match incentives for WIC and EBT customers. Virginia Avenue Park. 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

### Lego Club

Fun with LEGOS, build something amazing. Board games also available. Ages 4 & up. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Accordion Fold Book + Pockets with Debra Disman

Learn how to make an accordion fold or concertina book with pockets to create a literally unfolding story. Add beach photos, stories, dreams, memories, lists, recipes or letters. Palisades Park, 1450 Ocean Ave. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## Sunday, March 18

### Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Main Street market hosts a variety of activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

### The Satellite Sisters: #StayNoisy

In an era of #MeToo and #TimesUp, Satellite Sisters Lian Dolan and Liz Dolan, award-winning podcasters and writers, host a panel of women from business, entertainment and sports who have spoken up against discrimination and successfully changed practices in their fields. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

### Annenberg Guest House Tour

Free tours begin at 11am, 12pm and 1pm. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

## Monday, March 19

### Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 p.m.

### Architectural Review Board Meeting

The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

### ESL Classes at SMPL

Santa Monica Public Library hosts a series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Tuesday, March 20

### 2018 Julia Morgan Talk - Women in Art, Design and Society

In honor of Women's History Month and the pioneering work of Beach House architect Julia Morgan, Beach=Culture presents an annual discussion on women in public practice. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### 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. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 6:30 p.m.

### Tinker Tuesdays: LEGO Building Challenge

A friendly, timed competition to see who can build the highest LEGO tower. Free giveaways. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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PANEL: St. Joseph's hosted local experts to discuss homelessness and its impact on women.

Citywide

St. Joseph Center hosts a panel discussion

On International Women's Day, St. Joseph Center hosted a lunch panel discussion that included Wendy Greuel (Former Los Angeles City Controller & Current Vice Chair for LAHSA); Molly Rysman (Housing & Homelessness Deputy to Supervisor Sheila Kuehl); and Alisa Orduña (Senior Advisor on Homelessness for the City of Santa Monica). The panel was moderated by St. Joseph Center President & CEO Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum and the event was presented in conjunction with the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women.

As Los Angeles's homelessness crisis continues, St. Joseph Center hosted this panel to provide the community with direct access to local, County, and regional perspectives on a range of topics around women and homelessness. More than 70 guests from the community attended the event.

Issues discussed by the panelists included the unique challenges faced by women experiencing homelessness; systemic responsibilities of various levels of government; and new resources available thanks to Measure H. Molly Rysman observed that, "Measure H is a tremendous opportunity and a huge amount of work." She commended St. Joseph Center and other direct service organizations that are scaling up to meet the challenge of Measure H and said that "the initial impact is looking really good." Wendy Greuel noted that both the City and County of LA neglected homelessness for many years, but that the policies and collaborations that have come about recently are encouraging for future improvement. Orduña emphasized the role that smaller cities have to play, especially when it comes to finding locations to build new permanent housing.

The discussion ended with questions from the audience, many of which concerned how members of community can get involved and make a difference. Greuel highlighted the importance of volunteerism, while Orduña encouraged everyone present to write to their city council representatives to express their support for new permanent housing construction. Dr. Adams Kellum closed the event saying, "I'm sorry we're out of time because I know there's so much more we can discuss around this important topic. Please stay involved and let's keep the conversation going."

St. Joseph Center's Culinary Training Program catered the luncheon. This vocational effort equips women and men with barriers to employment, including bouts of homelessness, with the skills they need to achieve success in the job market. Over the last decade, more than 75% of the program's graduates have obtained jobs within 90 days of graduation.

St. Joseph Center is an independent, non-profit 501 (c)(3), community-based organization whose mission is "to provide working poor families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable and self-supporting members of the community." The Center does not provide religious services or instruction and assists people regardless of their religious affiliation or lack thereof. The Center serves more than 7,000 individuals annually across the Westside and in South Los Angeles through a variety of integrated programs. To learn more about St. Joseph Center's comprehensive services, please visit www.stjosephctr.org.

SUBMITTED BY PAUL RUBENSTEIN, ST. JOSEPH CENTER VP OF DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS,

Downtown

Santa Monica Place Announces Kids Club May - June Performance Calendar

Santa Monica Place presents Kids Club, a monthly music series just for kids. The first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m., Kids Club welcomes the Kidz Rock Family Concert Series, hosted by Twinkle, with special musical guest performances.

On May 2, multiple award-winning children's performer, singer/songwriter and educator Andy Z is set to perform. June 6 features Twinkle Time, Kids Club host and kindie bilingual pop artist, Twinkle's pop, rock and hip-hop concert.

The events will be the first Wednesday of each month, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

May 2: Andy Z

June 6: Twinkle Time

Santa Monica Place is located at 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica, at Broadway and Third Street Promenade. The event will be held on the 3rd floor inside the food court. The events are free to attend. More information about Santa Monica Place and Kids Club is available online at http://www.santamoniacplace.com/Events.

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Citywide

Rebecca Abano Selected as New City Architect

Public Works Director Susan Cline has announced the selection of Rebecca Abano as Santa Monica's new City Architect. Abano comes to Santa Monica from the City of Los Angeles where she successfully managed a number of major capital programs.

Abano will oversee the 18-member team in the Architecture Services Division of the Public Works Department in providing planning, design and construction services for a multi-year capital improvement program of almost \$500 million. Signature projects include the City Services Building, for which staff is pursuing the Living Building Challenge, as well as the Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field, City Yards Modernization and Memorial Park Expansion.

"Rebecca's demonstrated experience overseeing the design of Los Angeles' first net zero energy projects and delivering several LEED certified buildings made her stand out from the rest of the candidates," said Public Works Director Susan Cline. "Her commitment to sustainable practices and high design standards are consistent with our goals and values, and we are thrilled to have her join our team as a seasoned leader."

Abano's career in the municipal sector spans nearly 30 years. She worked her way up the ranks at the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works where she served as an architectural associate and architect before being promoted to senior architect. She oversaw major projects including the \$417 million Citywide Public Safety Capital Program funded by Proposition Q, the \$172 million Zoo Capital Improvement Program and the implementation of the Supportive Housing Program funded by Proposition HHH.

"I'm very excited to join the progressive City of Santa Monica, and I look forward to being part of the Public Works team," said Abano.

Abano earned a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of the Philippines. She is an active member of the American Institute of Architecture and the Living Building Institute.

Abano is passionate about sustainability and greener living, and enjoys skiing and nature walks. She is married and has a daughter who attends the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Abano will begin her role on Monday, March 26, 2018, with a starting annual salary of \$177,804.

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PASADENA

Boulder pushed off California overpass kills car passenger

The pregnant wife of a man killed by a boulder that crashed through the window of their car near Los Angeles is pleading for information that leads to the arrest of the person responsible for pushing the rock off an overpass.

The California Highway Patrol says someone pushed the 35-pound (16-kilogram), basketball-sized rock off a freeway overpass in Pasadena late Tuesday, sending it smashing through the windshield.

Twenty-three-year-old Christopher Lopez, who was in the passenger seat of the Toyota driven by his wife, was killed.

Guadalupe Gutierrez was unhurt, as was their 4-year-old daughter in the back seat.

Gutierrez fought back tears Thursday as she asked for potential witnesses to come forward.

The highway patrol says investigators believe someone purposefully pushed the boulder into westbound lanes of State Route 134.

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LOS ANGELES

Judge bars LA from enforcing nearly all gang injunctions

A federal judge barred the city of Los Angeles from enforcing nearly all of its remaining gang injunctions, according to a newspaper report on Thursday.

The order by U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips is the latest blow to one of the city's oldest and most controversial law enforcement initiatives, the Los Angeles Times said.

Phillips ruled that the American Civil Liberties Union is likely to prove that most of those subject to the remaining injunctions suffered a due process violation. The judge found the city did not give them an opportunity to challenge the civil restraining orders in court.

The decision is believed to mark the first time a judge has blocked Los Angeles officials from enforcing the injunctions, which were born from a time in the late 1980s and '90s when gang activity in the city gained national attention. Their use has been credited by law enforcement with helping reduce gang-related crime.

The use of injunctions has been under increasing scrutiny since 2016, when the ACLU and the Los Angeles Youth Justice Coalition filed a lawsuit against the city.

Following an audit by the Los Angeles city attorney's office and the Los Angeles Police Department, 7,300 people were released last year from the conditions of the injunctions, which are civil court orders that can restrict someone from associating with friends, or even family members, in neighborhoods considered to be havens for certain street gangs. Violating the orders can result in arrest.

Since 2000, the city has enforced injunctions against 79 separate gang sets, encompassing roughly 8,900 people, according to the city attorney's office. There were about 1,450 people still subject to the orders after last year's purge, according to a February court filing from the city attorney's office.

Thursday's order prevents the city from enforcing any injunctions that were granted before Jan. 19, 2018, the newspaper said.

In a statement, Los Angeles police officials said they would wait for guidance from the city attorney's office before discussing the ruling. The city attorney's office did not immediately comment.

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**FRESH FINDS**

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had any the past three weeks,” said customer Eme Koffman, who recently featured the white mushroom on her Instagram “cooking with my guru.” Koffman cut the mushrooms into medallions, then sautéed the white fibers until they were golden brown and mixed them into vegan crab cakes. With the mushrooms back in stock, Kane left Kane’s stand Wednesday with a pound ready for her next batch of cakes.

“Right now my (grow) room is doing really well because it’s not as cold as it was a couple weeks ago,” Kane said, explaining how the weather can impact indoor crops like mushrooms.

Lion’s mane is popular because it is associated with cognitive and neurological benefits. Several recent studies have documented their positive impact on the brain and nerve regeneration. For example, a double-blind placebo-controlled study of 50-80 year old Japanese men and women diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment showed marked improvement in cognitive function, according to a recent paper published in the Journal of Restorative Medicine.

“In another trial, administration of (the mushroom) at 2 grams per day (in cookies) over four weeks showed a reduction in some symptoms of anxiety and depression in menopausal women,” wrote the paper’s author Dr. Kevin Spelman in 2017. Kane says his mother takes capsules of lion’s mane from the health food store every day to help with nerve damage caused by back surgery. You can buy the capsules in health food stores and online but Kane’s stand is the only place you’ll find them at the farmers market.

If you’d like to taste the mushroom for yourself, you can find Kane’s booth at both the Wednesday downtown farmers market and Saturday Virginia Avenue Park market.



Kate Cagle

**MUSHROOMS:** The popular Lion’s Mane mushroom is available in limited quantities at the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

Go early for the best chance of grabbing a tray before he sells out.

Once the furry mushrooms make their way into a sauté pan at home, Kane advises his customers to cook the mushrooms in thin slices, low and slow.

“It needs to cook longer than most mushrooms because it has more moisture in it and the flavor develops as it cooks,” Kane said.

Santa Monica has four weekly farmers markets including the Wednesday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and Ocean from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Saturday Downtown market on Arizona Avenue between 4th and 2nd Streets from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the Saturday Virginia Ave. Park market at 2200 Virginia Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Sunday Main Street market at 2640 Main Street from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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**BEFORE AND AFTER:** Plans to reuse the Sears building in Downtown Santa Monica will preserve the landmarked structure while altering the internal business mix.

## SEARS

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provided for this culinary retail and commercial and office space, would have generated a parking demand that would have exceeded the existing 180 parking lot on site.”

According to the application, the development will be 47 spaces sort of covering peak summer weekday demand.

“Of course, they had no additional area to add parking,” said Carl. “They did have a nearby metro train stop. In order to resolve this issue, the applicant has been willing and they have revised the application to incorporate a combination of valet parking service and self-parking, that we believe in combination with those public transportation facilities that are nearby will be adequate.”

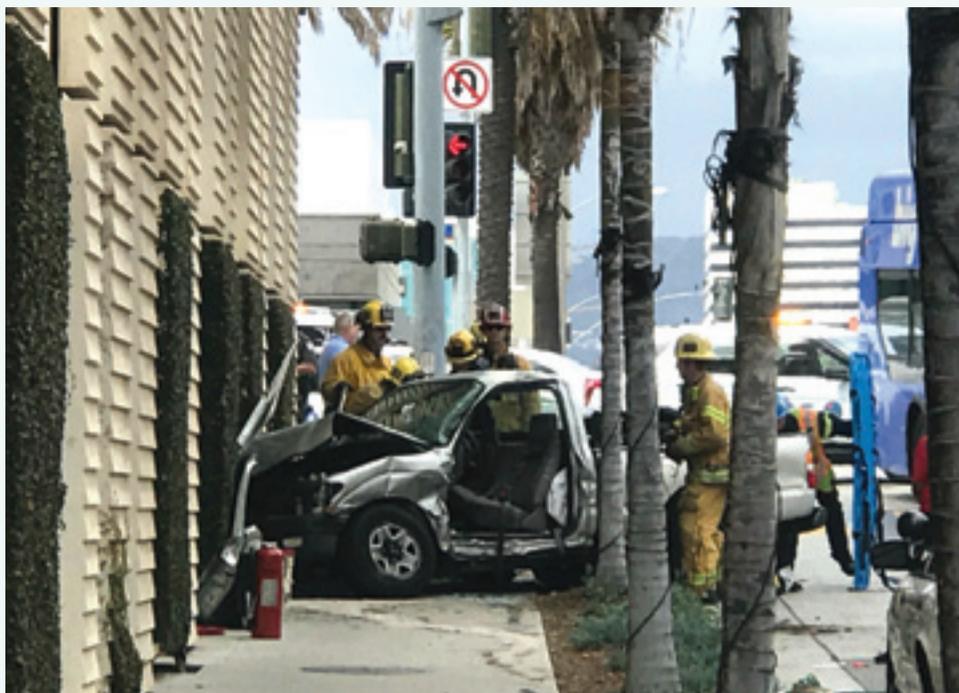
Landscaping on site will be subject to the City’s Landmarks Commission rules but the Coastal Commission did impose a requirement that all landscaping incorporate non-invasive, drought tolerant plants.

An Environmental condition was

imposed to guarantee construction did not impact the local environment and the final condition requires any future development on the site, “including actions that would otherwise be exempt from permit conditions” to return to the Coastal Commission for additional approval.

The store at 302 Colorado Blvd. closed in April of 2017 following the sale of the location to a real estate investment company. In July of 2015, Sears created a new independent, publicly traded real estate investment trust named Seritage. The new company took control of 235 Sears/Kmart stores and joint ventures with several mall operators including Simon Property Group, General Growth Properties and the Santa Monica based Macerich Company. Under the terms of the \$2.7 billion deal, 224 stores were leased back to Sears but Seritage has the right to end some of those leases and find new uses for the property. Seritage exercised that right for the Santa Monica location.

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## CRASH

Matthew Hall

A truck struck the side of the parking structure near Olympic and 4th Street on Friday. Roads in the area were closed while crews worked to remove the car from the roadway.



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## WHICH ROUTES WILL BE IN SERVICE?

The 2018 LA Marathon will be held on Sunday, March 18. All Big Blue Bus service that regularly operates on Sundays will be running, except for Route 9, which will not be in service on race day.

The following BBB routes will be on detour, and most will serve Colorado Ave., between 16th St. and 18th St.: Route 1, Route 2, Route 3 & Rapid 3, Route 5, Route 7, Rapid 7, Route 8, Rapid 12, Route 14, Route 15 and Route 18.

Detours will begin with the first trip of the day, and last until safety officers allow buses to resume regular service. Beyond Santa Monica city limits, detours are typically lifted by 4 p.m. Detours within Santa Monica usually continue until 8 p.m.

To make taking transit to/from Santa Monica easier on race day, Big Blue Bus (BBB) and Metro will offer all transit service from a single bus hub at the 17th St./SMC Expo Line Station.

BBB customers can ride the Expo Line between downtown Santa Monica and the Bus Hub on race day. Please ask the BBB Operator for a pair of courtesy train transfers (one transfer to get to downtown SM and the second transfer to get back to the Bus Hub), before disembarking at the Bus Hub.

On race day, BBB will run complimentary shuttle buses to and from UCLA. The shuttle buses will run between Gateway Plaza (NB Westwood Plaza at Strathmore Ave.) and NB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd. (after the intersection); buses will not serve Hilgard Terminal or Charles E. Young/P2 Hub.

For trips to UCLA from the Bus Hub, BBB Routes 1, 8, and Rapid 12 connect to the UCLA shuttle buses at NB Westwood Blvd. and Pico Blvd. (after the intersection). Routes 2, 17, and 18 do not connect to the shuttle buses.

From Westwood Blvd. & Exposition Blvd. to UCLA:

Complimentary shuttle buses will depart from NB Westwood Blvd. at Exposition Blvd. (before the intersection), then travel north on Westwood Blvd., turn left on La Grange Ave., right on Midvale Ave., right on Missouri Ave., and right on Westwood Blvd. Customers should disembark at the temporary stop at SB Westwood Blvd. at Missouri Ave. (after the intersection), then walk across Westwood Blvd. at the intersection (using the crosswalk), and continue north to the temporary stop on NB Westwood Blvd. at Massachusetts Ave. (after the intersection). Shuttle buses will serve the temporary stop, then continue north on Westwood Blvd. to Gateway Plaza.

From UCLA to Westwood Blvd. & Exposition Blvd.:

Complimentary shuttle buses will depart from Gateway Plaza (NB Westwood Plaza at Strathmore Ave.), then travel south on Westwood Blvd., turn right on Ohio Ave., left on Midvale Ave., left on Massachusetts Ave., and left on Westwood Blvd. Customers should

disembark at the temporary stop on NB Westwood Blvd. at Massachusetts Ave. (after the intersection), then walk across Westwood Blvd. at the intersection, and continue south to the temporary stop on SB Westwood Blvd. at Missouri Ave. (across the intersection). Shuttle buses will serve the temporary stop, then continue south on Westwood Blvd., turn left on Pico Blvd., right on Overland Ave., right on National Blvd., right on Westwood Blvd., then serve the stop on NB Westwood Blvd. at Exposition Blvd. (across the intersection).

## Route Changes

## ROUTE 1

To UCLA (eastbound): Buses will travel via regular route to Pico Blvd. and 4th St., then detour and continue east on Pico Blvd., turn left on 17th St., left on Olympic Blvd., right on 16th St., right on Colorado Ave., left on 17th St., right on Santa Monica Blvd., right on Sawtelle Blvd., left on Pico Blvd., left on Westwood Blvd., left on Olympic Blvd., right on Sawtelle Blvd., and end service at Sawtelle Blvd. and Olympic Blvd. Trips serve the Bus Hub on NB 16th St. at Colorado Ave. Trips connect with the complimentary UCLA shuttle buses on NB Westwood at Pico Blvd. (after the intersection).

To Venice (westbound): Trips start on NB Sawtelle Blvd. at Olympic Blvd. Trips serve SB 17th St. at Colorado Ave. (Bus Hub). Trips end at regular stop on SB Main St. at Venice Way. Connection to/from UCLA shuttle buses at NB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd. (across the intersection).

## ROUTE 2

To UCLA (eastbound): Trips start at SB 17th St. at Colorado Ave. (Bus Hub). Trips end on WB Wilshire Blvd. at Barrington Ave. No direct connection to UCLA shuttle buses.

To Santa Monica (westbound): Trips start on WB Wilshire Blvd. at Barrington Ave. Trips end on SB 17th St. at Colorado Ave. (Bus Hub).

route 2

## ROUTE 3 &amp; RAPID 3

To Downtown Santa Monica (northbound): Trips start at Hawthorne/Lennox Green Line Station (temporary stop). Trips end on EB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub). To Aviation Station Green Line (southbound): Trips start on EB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub). Trips end at Hawthorne/Lennox Green Line Station (temporary stop).

## ROUTE 5

To Century City (eastbound): Trips start on WB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub).

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To Downtown Santa Monica (westbound): Trips end on WB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub).

ROUTE 7

To Rimpau Terminal (eastbound): Trips start on EB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub).

To Downtown Santa Monica (westbound): Trips end on EB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub).

RAPID 7

To Wilshire/Western Purple Line (eastbound): Trips start on EB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub).

To Downtown Santa Monica (westbound): Trips end on EB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub).

ROUTE 8

To UCLA (eastbound): Trips start on WB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub). Trips end on SB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd.

To Downtown Santa Monica (westbound): Trips start on SB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd. Trips end on WB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub). Connection to/from UCLA shuttle buses at NB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd. (across the intersection).

RAPID 12

To UCLA/Westwood (northbound): Trips travel via regular route; however, trips end on SB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd.

To Palms (southbound): Trips start on SB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd., then trips travel via regular route to Palms. Connection to/from UCLA shuttle buses at NB Westwood Blvd. at Pico Blvd. (across the intersection).

ROUTE 14

To Brentwood (northbound): Trips travel via regular route to Brentwood; however, trips end on SB Bundy Dr. at Montana Ave.

To Playa Vista (southbound): Trips start on SB Bundy Dr. at Montana Ave., then travel via regular route to Playa Vista.

ROUTE 15

To Brentwood (northbound): Trips travel via regular route to Brentwood; however, trips end on SB Barrington Ave. at Texas Ave.

To West Los Angeles (southbound): Trips start on SB Barrington Ave. at Texas Ave., then travel via regular route to West Los Angeles.

ROUTE 18

To UCLA (eastbound): Trips start at regular stop on Via Marina at Admiralty Way. Trips serve NB 16th St. at Colorado Ave. (Bus Hub). Trips end on WB Montana Ave. at S. Gretna Green Way. No direct connection to UCLA shuttle buses.

To Marina del Rey (westbound): Trips start on WB Montana Ave. at S. Gretna Green Way. Trips serve WB Colorado Ave. at 17th St. (Bus Hub). Trips end at regular stop on Via Marina at Admiralty Way.

Citywide  
Marathon road closures

SUBMITTED BY BBB

On Sunday, March 18, the 2018 Los Angeles Marathon sponsored by Skechers Performance will take place. The race will begin at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles and will run through the neighboring cities of West Hollywood and Beverly Hills before finishing in Downtown Santa Monica.

The race course will be closed to the public on March 18. Street closures will begin as early as 2 a.m., and will re-open as safety permits on a rolling basis.

Eastbound San Vicente Blvd. and parts of Ocean Ave. will close starting at midnight with most other downtown street closures happening at 6 a.m.

■ Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) will reopen the streets after the majority of the race participants have finished.

■ SMPD anticipates most of San Vicente Blvd. will be completely reopened by 4 p.m.

■ Ocean Ave. between San Vicente Blvd. and Moomat Ahiko Way will open at approximately 6 p.m. with the exception of Ocean Ave. between Washington Ave. and Wilshire Blvd., which will remain closed until 9 p.m.

Parking is expected to be very limited in the City's public parking spaces as well as private lots that choose to open to the public that day. To make taking transit to/from Santa Monica easier on race day, Big Blue Bus and Metro will offer all transit service from a single Bus Hub at the 17th St/SMC Expo Line Station. All BBB service that operates in Santa Monica on Sunday will arrive/depart from the Bus Hub (except for Route 9, which will not be in service on race day).

Visit [www.santamonica.gov/marathon](http://www.santamonica.gov/marathon) to learn about street closures, bike parking, transit routes, parking, and other details about being a spectator at the LA Marathon.

For a Marathon route map and a complete list of street closures throughout Santa Monica, please visit [www.santamonica.gov/marathon](http://www.santamonica.gov/marathon).

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# iLatin Food Fest! Supports Westside Food Bank at 6th Annual Event



Courtesy photos

**FUNDRAISER:** A food festival on the Santa Monica Pier will support the Westside Food Bank.



Westside Food Bank

¡Latin Food Fest! ([www.latinfoodfest.com](http://www.latinfoodfest.com)) is partnering with Westside Food Bank to celebrate its sixth annual culinary extravaganza March 23–24 on the Santa Monica Pier. The annual Hispanic culinary celebration includes a high energy kick-off party “Chefs Night Out” and “Gran Tasting,” the festival’s signature event featuring food, beverage, wine, beer, and spirits stations, Cooking Demos, Chef Awards, VIP Tent, and Live Music by Latin rock sensations, Sonsoles.

Chefs Marcela Valladolid, Aarón Sánchez, and Enrique Olvera will conduct cooking demonstrations on the main stage, discuss culinary trends, and sign copies of their books. ¡Latin Food Fest! Gran Tasting also includes the most comprehensive tasting of Latin spirits in the U.S., including dozens of tequilas, Agave Liquor, Beer and Wines from Latin America and Spain and a Michelada Bar. Tastings will include Venezuelan Arepas, Salvadoran Pupusas, Cuban Ropa Vieja, Argentine Empanadas, Spanish Paella, Oaxacan Corn, Chilean Cebiche, Dominican Chicken Yora, Honduran Tapado Costeño, Brazilian Moqueca and other Hispanic cuisine.

“The festival draws a diversity of attendees while helping to raise awareness and funds for the fight against hunger for Westside Food Bank. We are honored to have such important partners whose commitment to quality pairs perfectly with the food and beverages that are



tasted at the festival.” -Lucia Tovar-Matthews, ¡Latin Food Fest! Director. Festival attendees have the option to make a donation when purchasing tickets, and proceeds from the Silent Auction will also go towards WSFB’s efforts to end local hunger and food insecurity. “Westside Food Bank is honored to be the charity partner for the Latin Food Fest. We are looking forward to experiencing this exciting event celebrating the many delicious Hispanic culinary traditions while supporting local hunger relief.” – Genevieve Riutort, Chief Development Officer

To purchase tickets and make a donation, visit [www.latinfoodfest.com](http://www.latinfoodfest.com)



# Your column here

By Greg Dill

Send comments to [editor@smdp.com](mailto:editor@smdp.com)

## New Medicare cards are coming!

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Medicare will automatically mail your new card — at no cost — to the address you have on file with Social Security. So make sure your mailing address is up to date.

If your address needs to be corrected, contact Social Security at [ssa.gov/myaccount](http://ssa.gov/myaccount) or 1-800-772-1213. TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.

If Social Security has your current mailing address, there's nothing else you need to do to receive your new card.

Mailing everyone a new card will take time. Your card might arrive at a different time than your friend's or neighbor's.

Once you get your new Medicare card, take these three steps to make it harder for someone to steal your information and identity:

1. Destroy your old Medicare card right away.

2. Doctors, other health care providers, and health plans approved by Medicare know Medicare is replacing the old cards. They are ready to accept your new card when you need care.

3. Beware of anyone who contacts you and asks for your new Medicare number, personal information, or to pay a fee for your new card. There are no charges whatsoever for the new cards.

Guard your card. Treat your new Medicare number like you treat your Social Security or credit card numbers. Only give your new Medicare number to doctors, pharmacists, insurers, or other people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.

Medicare will never call you uninvited and ask you to give us personal or private information to get your new Medicare card.

Scam artists may try to get personal information (like your current Medicare number) by contacting you about your new card. If someone asks you for your information, or for money, or threatens to cancel your health benefits if you don't share your personal information, hang up and call us at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

Your new Medicare card will be paper. Paper cards are easier for many providers to use and copy, and they save taxpayers a lot of money. Plus, you can print your own replacement card if you need one.

Carry your new card and show it to your healthcare providers. Doctors, other providers, and healthcare facilities will ask for your new Medicare card when you need care.

If you forget your new card, you, your doctor or other health care provider may be able to look up your new Medicare number online.

If you're in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), your Medicare Advantage plan ID card is your main card for Medicare — you should still keep and use it whenever you need care.

However, you also may be asked to show your new Medicare card, so you should carry this card with you, too.

If you don't get your new Medicare card by April 2019, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

## Homeless family of 4 found dead in parked van in California

AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

A homeless family of four was found dead inside a parked van that had its windows covered with blankets and a sunshade at a Southern California strip mall in what authorities suspect was a tragic case of carbon monoxide poisoning, police said Friday.

Garden Grove police Lt. Carl Whitney said a man, a woman and their two young children were found inside the white Honda van outside a CVS store late Thursday after a woman reported a foul odor coming from the vehicle.

"They were in pajamas and sleeping gear and it looks like they were all asleep inside the van," Whitney said.

There were no signs of obvious trauma. The cause of death is still under investigation, but authorities suspect carbon monoxide poisoning based on their initial observations, Whitney said.

Both children appeared under the age of 2 and were still in diapers, he said.

The case comes as Southern California

grapples with a rise in homelessness amid soaring housing costs.

The family had been living in the van for some time and relatives were aware of the situation but the father did not seek help, Whitney said.

"What is tragic about this is we have our special resources teams that have connections to different resources," Whitney said. "We don't want these people living in their cars, and especially with small children. We want them to be off the streets for their own safety."

Police declined to release the names of the victims until their identities were confirmed by Orange County Coroner investigators.

The family had been dead for at least two or three days by the time police arrived and the van was not running, Whitney said.

A clerk at the CVS store declined to comment early Friday. The strip mall — which also has a tea house, shoe store, pizza shop and mobile phone retailer — is located at a busy intersection in the city of 175,000 people about 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

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 NW swell-mix. Minor S swell mixing in. Westerly winds rise up, light early.

**SUNDAY - POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high  
 Leftovers of old/fading NW swell. New South swell filling in. Conditions suspect.



### CITY OF SANTA MONICA

#### Ordinance Numbers 2570 (CCS)

(City Council Series)

The following ordinance summary is for Emergency Ordinance Number 2570 (CCS), which was adopted by the City Council at its meeting of March 6, 2018:

Emergency Ordinance Number 2570 amends Articles I and III of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to authorize the City Manager to promulgate Administrative Regulations to implement the Administrative Hearing procedures set forth in the Municipal Code and to set forth regulations for shared mobility systems and devices, which shall sunset on January 1, 2019, unless otherwise extended.

The ordinance is effective upon adoption. The full text of the ordinance is 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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## CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**ON MARCH 7, AT ABOUT 4:25 P.M.**  
 Officers responded to a radio call for service at 1548 6th Street regarding two male subjects in the parking garage with bolt cutters trying to steal bicycles. Upon arrival, officers began to search the complex for the subjects. Officers located a subject in the garage pushing two bicycles trying to walk into a hallway. The subject admitted he did not live in the complex. Officers reviewed the surveillance video of the garage and were able to identify the second subject. The second subject was not located. The building manager was desirous of prosecution. The first subject was taken into custody. John Sethzebad Momon, 37, homeless, was arrested for burglary and an outstanding warrant. Bail was set at \$55,000.

### DAILY POLICE LOG

- #### The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 387 Calls For Service On Mar. 15.
- HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.
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| <p>Trespassing 700 block Idaho 12:05 a.m.<br/>                 Fight 1500 block 2nd 12:42 a.m.<br/>                 Burglar Alarm 1000 block Berkeley 1:40 a.m.<br/>                 Panic Alarm 500 block 14th 1:49 a.m.<br/>                 Trespassing 700 block Arizona 2:12 a.m.<br/>                 Burglar Alarm 2900 block 25th 2:34 a.m.<br/>                 Trespassing 2200 block Colorado 2:59 a.m.<br/>                 Burglar Alarm 800 block 17th 4:26 a.m.<br/>                 Traffic Hazard 17th / Olympic 4:54 a.m.<br/>                 Hit and Run 1800 block Arizona 6:01 a.m.<br/>                 Burglar Alarm 1000 block Princeton 6:19 a.m.<br/>                 Burglar Alarm 1400 block 4th 7:12 a.m.<br/>                 Attempt Burglary 700 block Wilshire 7:17 a.m.<br/>                 Trespassing 700 block Arizona 7:24 a.m.<br/>                 Burglar Alarm 2200 block 27th 8:00 a.m.<br/>                 Burglary 2200 block Lincoln 8:14 a.m.<br/>                 Trespassing 800 block Wilshire 8:25 a.m.<br/>                 Public Intoxication 1800 block Wilshire 8:27 a.m.<br/>                 Identity Theft 1900 block 18th 8:34 a.m.<br/>                 Battery 1700 block Main 9:16 a.m.<br/>                 Battery 1300 block 2nd 9:18 a.m.<br/>                 Traffic Collision 20th / Olympic 9:50 a.m.<br/>                 Auto Burglary 200 block 4th 10:08 a.m.</p> | <p>Petty Theft 2600 block Centinela 10:09 a.m.<br/>                 Traffic Collision Cloverfield / Olympic 10:23 a.m.<br/>                 Auto Burglary 4th / Adelaide 10:30 a.m.<br/>                 Person Down 400 block Pico 10:49 a.m.<br/>                 Person Down 1800 block Lincoln 11:11 a.m.<br/>                 Traffic Collision 18th / Carlyle 11:28 a.m.<br/>                 Hit and Run 2000 block Santa Monica 11:39 a.m.<br/>                 Drinking in Public 1200 block 3rd St Prom 11:41 a.m.<br/>                 Petty Theft 3000 block 3rd St Prom 11:45 a.m.<br/>                 Auto Burglary 500 block Adelaide 12:09 p.m.<br/>                 Defecating in Public 200 block Montana 12:28 p.m.<br/>                 Threats Report 2200 block Santa Monica 12:36 p.m.<br/>                 Burglary 1400 block 5th 12:38 p.m.<br/>                 Hit and Run 29th / Pico 12:47 p.m.<br/>                 Hit and Run 1200 block 9th 1:04 p.m.<br/>                 Trespassing 1400 block Lincoln 1:10 p.m.<br/>                 Petty Theft 300 block Santa Monica 2:19 p.m.<br/>                 Petty Theft 1000 block 25th 2:31 p.m.<br/>                 Person Down STANFORD ST / Colorado 2:36 p.m.<br/>                 Hit and Run 1300 block 2nd 3:02 p.m.<br/>                 Elder Abuse 2200 block 20th 3:17 p.m.<br/>                 Grand Theft Auto 2600 block 6th 3:50 p.m.<br/>                 Hit and Run 1600 block Appian 4:03 p.m.<br/>                 Elder Abuse 800 block 2nd 4:36 p.m.<br/>                 Elder Abuse 500 block Olympic 4:37 p.m.<br/>                 Public Intoxication 2600 block Ocean Park 6:31 p.m.</p> |
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### COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**LOS ANGELES**  
**Former Suge Knight lawyers deny witness-tampering charges**  
 Two former lawyers for Marion "Suge" Knight have pleaded not guilty to charges that they conspired to pay off witnesses for false testimony in the rap mogul's murder trial. Matthew Fletcher and Thaddeus Culpepper entered the pleas Friday in Los Angeles County Superior Court to counts including conspiracy to commit bribery and conspiracy to obstruct justice. Fletcher's attorney Mark Geragos said outside court that the men's indictment is a "full frontal assault on those who practice criminal defense." Culpepper, who was kicked off Knight's case by a judge last week, emphatically denied that he tried to get witnesses to lie. Knight is awaiting trial for murder and attempted murder after hitting two men with his truck outside a Compton burger stand in 2015. He has pleaded not guilty.

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**SAN DIEGO**  
**It's grunion run time on the Southern California coast**  
 It's grunion run time on the Southern California coast. The small, silvery fish flop onto beaches by the thousands from March through August in a predictable nighttime spawning ritual. Danny Beckwith of the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla tells The San Diego Union-Tribune grunion runs are triggered when tides are at their highest, at the full and new moon, and continue for four consecutive days. The fish ride waves onto beaches and the females wriggle into the sand tail-first to lay eggs. Males then curve around the females and release milt, which fertilizes the eggs. The grunion are then carried back out to sea by successive waves. Pepperdine University biology professor Karen Martin calls grunion the original surfers.

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Draw Date: 3/13  
**MEGA MILLIONS**  
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Draw Date: 3/14  
**SUPER LOTTO**  
 4 9 18 24 32  
 Mega#: 3  
 Jackpot: 18M

Draw Date: 3/15  
**Fantasy 5**  
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Draw Date: 3/15  
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Inductee in the Rock & Roll (2000) and Blues (2010) halls of fame
- 6 Title equivalent to "emperor"
- 10 Word from Old French for "portion of food"
- 14 Pacific plate phrase
- 16 T-Bonz purveyor
- 17 Must-have
- 18 Area above an arch
- 19 Dynamic rate-adjustment system
- 21 Assists with deliveries
- 24 Point-of-view prelude
- 25 Kept stinging
- 26 His crown is stolen in *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie*
- 30 Indonesian grazers
- 32 Dollars to donuts, jocularly
- 33 Lay's brand named for its pileability
- 34 Word on the Cirque du Soleil venue list
- 35 Modern storm front?
- 37 No fuddy-duddy
- 38 Hexadeca-fraction
- 40 Rowing machine, for short
- 41 Capital of a Caspian country
- 44 Occasion for throwing in and folding
- 46 Cuisine with vinegar-pickled chilies
- 47 Video-game alteration, to insiders

- 48 Tea sampler descriptor
- 51 "Short short stories," today
- 55 Four levels up from knight
- 56 Needing explanation, perhaps
- 60 The Jordan Valley is its low point
- 61 Avert a mishap, say
- 62 Deintensification
- 63 To a great extent
- 64 Order to leave

- 7 "America's First Name in Comfort Since 1901"
- 8 Heading
- 9 Apt name for a chicken
- 10 Certain costumed cheer leaders
- 11 13 years of study
- 12 Jaunt
- 13 Metaphorical pittance
- 15 Breaking formation?
- 20 Ghoulie
- 21 *Heart of Darkness* narrator
- 22 Home of the youngest Ivy
- 23 Numerous Founding Fathers
- 26 At first
- 27 Longest-serving UN head
- 28 Hip-hop dance that looks Scottish

- 29 Swell
- 31 Unflinching
- 32 Evade, as an issue
- 36 Contorted
- 39 Electronic engineering exam subject
- 42 Running off
- 43 Takes off the back bumper
- 45 Something said with a facepalm
- 48 Carry out
- 49 Advances, with "up"
- 50 Speaker with the HomePod
- 51 Bold, skillful thing
- 52 Attack, with "out"
- 53 One of two for the devil in *Faust*
- 54 Will, in legalese
- 57 Religion and art, per Cather
- 58 Confessional music
- 59 Frequent formation on leaves

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**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 17)**

Creating your own joy is your chief responsibility. You'll have the guts to decide what's important and dismiss the rest. Because your loved ones mean so much to you, their needs make it on the list, too – but you've healthy boundaries about this. May and August show the opportunity to transcend routine. Capricorn and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 13, 49, 12 and 1.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

Anticipation can enhance or detract from an experience. The wait can make the experience seem more amazing, or, if it wasn't worth the wait, underwhelming. Before you play the waiting game, calculate your odds.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

Take the relationship on your terms, not the other person's. Hopefully both of your terms match up pretty well so you don't have to make a big deal out of this. But if it happens that you have to choose, choose yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**

You'll prove your value to others then add more value and then double that. It's really not for them. This is like the reps a bodybuilder does to get into top form. Your reps are building your character.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

As for grabbing the brass ring, the way to do it is to take a calculated and confident leap. Don't impulsively lunge for it: You may lose your balance. If you're not quite ready this time, let it pass. Wait until it comes around again.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

You're getting increasingly invested in a casual arrangement, and it's time to make sure you're getting something back. Think about what's fair, and then think about what you really want, fair or not.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

For the majority, memory is among the more imperfect record-keeping systems. And even though yours is better than most, don't rely on memory for what's precious to you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)**

It's an ugly thing when the privileged undervalue their gifts. You certainly wouldn't want to commit that crime. (You might be surprised who sees you as privileged.) Don't devalue what you have with overly modest words.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)**

Your favorite relationships of the weekend will be the ones that promise you excitement, fun, connection and mutual respect. Actually, they don't even have to promise: An implication will be enough to go on.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

While some scientific evidence suggests that enlarging your social circle may lengthen your life, other studies point to the healthful necessity of solitude. Whether you give love to them or you, love is still the answer.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

The energy of judging people is rotten regardless of the semantics. The verbiage is really irrelevant because it all boils down to the same tone of superiority. Leave the conversation. Go where you feel the love.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

You'd rather not give the situation a definition or a label just yet. You're enjoying yourself! The fun you're having is contagious, and your playful spirit keeps it continuous as well.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

You are open to the gift of intuition and will be frequently and boldly guided by divine forces. Through this month, keep asking your higher self what the most advantageous next step might be.

**St. Patrick's Day New Moon**

The new moon on St. Patrick's Day suggests that this celebration will not only be one of heritage but also of spiritual bonding. Old grievances will be put to rest. New intentions will get off on the right foot. Say a prayer for the evolution of your soul and the soul of the planet. Mars enters Capricorn today, too, lending power to the purpose.

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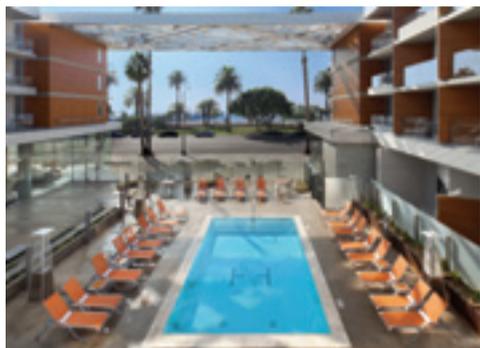
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