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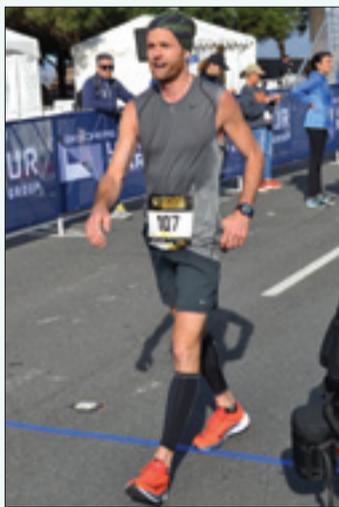
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Local runners log impressive times in the Los Angeles Marathon



Matthew Hall and Courtesy photos

WINNERS: Samuel Bradbury and Ingrid Walters were the fastest Santa Monicans during the 2018 Los Angeles Marathon.



MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Nearly 24,000 runners traveled the 26.2-mile course of the Los Angeles Marathon this weekend and near the front of the pack were Santa Monicans Samuel Bradbury and Ingrid Walters.

Bradbury, 37, finished the race in 2 hours 29 minutes and 56 seconds taking third in the amateur bracket. At a pace of about a 5.8-minute mile, his time would have placed him in the top ten for the Professional division. Walters, 46, clocked in

at 2 hours 55 minutes and 28 seconds, taking first place in her division and fast enough to rank 14th if she'd been part of the Professional group.

Bradbury said his training regime is as much mental as it is physical.

"Honestly, I simply do the same thing as the hundreds of others early every morning ... running on the Santa Monica beach path and beyond," he said. "Of course when I have a race on the books I dial the time and distance up. But I've found that when you just commit to

having fitness as a part of your everyday life without letting it interfere with other work/life priorities ... momentum only builds in every area especially with support from friends and family. Your mindset plays a much bigger role than most people expect. And the beautiful surrounding here in Santa Monica certainly helps as well."

Bradbury began running as an adult post-college. He has completed more than 20 marathons and began running

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Rent Control Board will hold public hearing on surcharges Thursday

KATE CAGLE

Santa Monica Daily Press

Renters, property owners, and other stakeholders will have a chance to argue who should have to pay tax-based surcharges on rent-controlled apartment buildings on Thursday when the Rent Control Board (RCB) holds a hearing on the subject. The Board will deliberate at the hearing and likely move staff to come back with a proposed regulation in April.

The RCB is specifically looking to hear from the public on solutions to an unintended consequence of Proposition 13: large tax

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Victims' families urge California to end gun investments

BY KATHLEEN RONAYNE

Associated Press

Families of mass shooting victims and others called Monday for the nation's largest public pension fund to stop investing in companies that sell assault weapons and devices that allow guns to fire more rapidly.

"Divesting in these companies that sell these weapons will send a clear message that the thoughts and prayers that are sent when these tragedies occur are not enough — the state of California is demanding change," said Renee

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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.

Wednesday, March 21

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown)

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. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting

Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council

on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 1:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Thursday, March 22

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Computer Class: Appy Hour

Bring your smartphone, tablet or e-reader and receive help in small groups to learn how to use your device with our library apps. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Experience Virtual Reality

Experience the exciting new world of Virtual Reality (VR) with a hands-on demo of Oculus Rift. Learn how VR can transform not only how we entertain ourselves, but also how we learn and create. Note: Oculus Rift headset for ages 13 and up only. Fairview Branch Library, 101 Ocean Park Blvd. 3:30 p.m - 5 p.m.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing 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. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Noon - 2:30 p.m.

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Blood Donation Opportunities

Though spring has officially arrived, the American Red Cross blood supply is still recovering from severe winter storms in March. Donors of all blood types are urged to roll up a sleeve and help save lives.

Winter weather in parts of the country forced more than 270 blood drives to cancel, resulting in over 9,500 uncollected blood and platelet donations in the first two weeks of March. No matter the weather, the need for blood to help cancer patients, those undergoing surgeries, trauma patients and others remains.

Volunteer blood donors from across the country are needed to help ensure lifesaving blood products are available for patients this spring. Make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

UPCOMING LOCAL BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

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3/20/2018: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pepperdine University HAWC, 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy
 3/21/2018: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pepperdine University HAWC, 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy
 3/22/2018: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pepperdine University HAWC, 24255 Pacific Coast Hwy

Marina del Rey

4/15/2018: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way

Santa Monica

3/26/2018: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St
 3/26/2018: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.
 3/27/2018: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.
 4/2/2018: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St
 4/2/2018: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Community Center, 2500 Broadway
 4/8/2018: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th Street
 4/9/2018: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m., American Red Cross Santa Monica Chapter, 1450 11th St

HOW TO DONATE BLOOD

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross is to become a volunteer transportation specialist and deliver lifesaving blood products to local area hospitals. Volunteer transportation specialists play a very important role in ensuring an ample blood supply for patients in need by transporting blood and blood products. For more information and to apply for a volunteer transportation specialist position, visit rdcross.org/driver.

For more information, please visit RedCross.org.

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE WELCH



What's the Point?

David Pizarra

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The Loss Of Our Lawns

MY DOG LOVES TO WALK ON THE boardwalk along the Santa Monica Pier and back to the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel where I have a membership. We've been doing this for 14 years now.

Back in his puppy days, we'd start out around the hotel where there's a green space behind the hotel, which used to be an unofficial dog park. Most days around 4:30 or 5:00 p.m. a small collection of regulars would let their dogs run free in the safety of the grassy green. It's a lovely environment, surrounded by high hedges of bougainvillea, bamboo and some other hedge-y plantings. There's a beautiful mezzanine area with an arch that was used for sunset weddings and receptions. Truly, it is a gem of a location for the community.

Then along came the building inspectors. When the hotel was undergoing some renovations the onslaught of our city's finest regulatory men and women came along to make sure that nothing untoward was happening and that there was strict compliance with every aspect, nuance, and dot and title of the law – all of which came with additional fees and costs of course – never ones to miss a fining opportunity.

It turns out that the ramp, which runs from the street to boardwalk, is too steep in places for strict compliance with the codes. This causes a problem. Never mind that for the past few decades it's been fine, used by hundreds if not thousands of people. Never mind that anyone in a wheeled mechanism could easily circumnavigate the greens and get to the boardwalk and approach the green from the western edge. Never mind that dozens of people enjoyed this de facto community green space daily.

It must be closed to the public as a hazard. Safety first – no one should ever be at risk of anything, ever. We have to think of the community.

The wonderful green space was locked and no one gets to use it now. You cannot rent it out. You cannot enjoy it. The hotel merely gets to maintain it, pay property taxes on it, and one day it will likely be developed into something hideous for a select few people to live on the beach. Well done, City Government. You've removed a green space and kept the money flowing.

The City seems to specialize these days in removing green spaces that can be enjoyed

as they've continued their assault on the lawns at the beach. There were three not insignificant green spaces that were enjoyed by many of us. As you moved from the public parking lot behind the Loews Hotel to the beach there is a state approved ramp that bordered a triangular lawn of approximately 15' by 30' that was a lovely spot to sit and watch the acrobatic exploits of the gymnasts and calisthenics enthusiasts. It was a spot that my dog and I would retire to before the final push back to the hotel after his daily walk. He'd sit on the cool grass and cool down a bit. I'd sit on the cool grass and admire the beauties working out.

But no more. That wonderful grassy plane has been replaced with thorny and annoying Bougainvillea. Precisely to make it unusable for relaxing, picnicking and tanning. I imagine that the Parks and Rec department will give some reasoning about drought-tolerant plants and the high costs of maintenance – blah blah blah. Fire someone and keep the lawn is my attitude. We have more than enough staff on the city payroll and not enough green space.

The lawn in front of the lifeguard station was also replaced with the dreaded bougainvillea and assorted thorny obnoxious flora. As was the little lawn across from it where dogs would cool their paws on hot summer days.

I'm not certain, but I bet part of the reasoning was to remove the spots where homeless people were congregating, as they definitely made use of the green spaces. But so did many others who are not homeless. Many of us enjoyed having a lawn to sit on at the beach.

Curiously, the green space where the gymnasts and calisthenics people congregate is being repaired with new grass... hmmm could all of this just be a ploy to relocate the unwanted and unsightly great unwashed homeless? Damn shame no matter what the reasoning and I hope that someone on the Parks and Recreation Commission rethinks this and brings back the usable grassy spots we need.

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Request for Qualifications may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: <http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/>. The Contractor is required to have a "C-32" license at the time of Statement of Qualifications submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Statement of Qualifications containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Qualifications.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



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ED'S LIQUOR: A lottery ticket sold at a local store is worth \$1.2 million.

Citywide \$1.2 Million Powerball Ticket Sold in Santa Monica

If you purchased a ticket in Santa Monica for Saturday's huge Powerball jackpot, check your tickets. That's because one lucky ticket sold there matched 5 of 6 numbers during the draw to win \$1,211,614. That's a great consolation prize for the ticket that was just one number away from hitting the 8th-largest jackpot in Powerball game history.

The ticket was sold at Ed's Liquor, which is located at 825 Pico Boulevard. The ticket matched the numbers: 60, 66, 22, 59, and 57, missing only the red Powerball number 7. They will not know who the winner is until the prize is claimed.

The owners of Ed's Liquor will receive a retailer bonus check of \$6,058 just for selling the winning ticket.

One lucky ticket sold in Pennsylvania matched all six numbers to win the \$456,700,000 Powerball jackpot.

Winners are strongly encouraged to sign the back of their ticket in ink, keep it in a safe place where they'll remember and familiarize themselves with the Lottery's Winner's Handbook, which can be found on the California Lottery's website here. California's latest Powerball winner should visit any of our nine Lottery District Offices during normal business hours. Also, very important: Powerball and Mega Millions winners must produce original winning tickets when they claim their prizes.

Powerball is played in 44 states (plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Draw times are Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:59 p.m. PT. The draw closes at 7 p.m., so players must buy their tickets by then to qualify for that draw. Ticket sales resume (for the next draw) at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased from any of the more than 22,000 California Lottery retailers or one of the more than 4,000 Lottery Lucky Retailers. Please visit the California Lottery's Powerball site for more information on how to play.

The Mega Millions draw is worth an estimated \$377 million. Wednesday's SuperLotto Plus jackpot is worth a guaranteed \$19 million while Powerball is reset at \$40 million.

SUBMITTED BY THE CALIFORNIA LOTTERY

Downtown Democratic Club votes for new leaders

Please join the Santa Monica Democratic Club for its monthly membership meeting on March 22. They will be starting the program at 6:30 p.m. rather than the usual 7 p.m. so they can hear from all of their speakers.

This meeting will also be the final chance to hear from candidates for statewide office before they vote on club endorsements in April. They have confirmed participation from four different candidates at our March 22 event: Dr. Ed Hernandez, running for Lieutenant Governor, Eleni Kounalakis, running for Lieutenant Governor, Michael Bracamontes, running for Governor and Tony Thurmond, running for Superintendent of Public Instruction. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. Parking available. Handicap accessible. The meeting will be Thursday, March 22 starting at 6 p.m. in the Santa Monica Main Library - 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard.

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LOS ANGELES Strong storm heading toward southwest California

A strong Pacific storm tapping into subtropical moisture is taking aim at California, raising the threat of flash flooding and debris flows.

The National Weather Service says the system has the potential to bring the highest rainfall totals of the season to some parts of southwest California.

The so-called atmospheric river is expected arrive Tuesday and last through Thursday night.

Santa Barbara County has issued pre-evacuation advisory for communities near areas burned by four recent wildfires.

County emergency management director Rob Lewin says based on the forecast the storm will be the most powerful since the Jan. 9 deluge that triggered massive and deadly debris flows in Montecito.

Also, residents can go to any fire station in the city for free sandbags. Sand is located any time at Memorial Park, 1401 Olympic Blvd in the parking lot next to the tennis courts.

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Kirui of Kenya, Gedo of Ethiopia win Los Angeles Marathon

Weldon Kirui of Kenya pulled away in the 24th mile to win the Los Angeles Marathon for the second time in three years. Sule Utura Gedo of Ethiopia won the women's race.

Kirui crossed the finish line in Santa Monica in 2 hours, 11 minutes, 48 seconds on Sunday, followed about 10 seconds later by Gebresadik Adihana of Ethiopia. Kirui also won in 2016.

Defending champion Elisha Barno of Kenya was third in 2:12:14.

Gedo won the women's title in 2:33.49, sprinting to the finish to break out of a pack race with countrywoman Tsehay Desalegn and defending champion Hellen Jepkurgat of Kenya. Desalegn was 8 seconds behind, while Jepkurgat was 13 seconds back in third.

American Christina Vergara-Aleshire finished fourth.

Organizers said nearly 24,000 runners traversed the 26.2-mile course that began at Dodger Stadium in downtown Los Angeles and ended near the Santa Monica Pier.

The winners both earned \$23,000.

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the Los Angeles race in 2013 after moving to Santa Monica in 2012 to work in marketing for Red Bull. He was sidelined by an ankle injury for a couple of years but returned to competition in 2016 with a time of 2 hours 44 minutes 24 seconds.

He said he began distance running on a dare from a friend.

"I accepted the challenge and made my own course on the Maine seacoast," he said. "Shortly after we both signed up for the Berlin marathon in 2008 (2:55 was my first official finish) and ever since I've been doing 2-3 a year with an epic group of inspiring friends."

Santa Monica's fastest woman, Ingrid Walters, began distance running after years of competitive swimming. She said training for the Los Angeles Marathon is important because the course can be more troublesome

than many people first think.

"I've done this route about five times," she said. "I never knew how to run it, it's very hard, it's very deceptive. They say you're running down to the beach but they don't mention the hills that are in-between. The first eight miles are up hill and there's a strategy to it and if you don't know that, if you don't train for those hills, you get to mile 20 and you are dead and that's always where I bombed."

She said training can be hard work but it's not a burden.

"I never got injured, she said. "I was eating healthy and living my life and running is for me. It wasn't 'oh gosh, I have to get up and run.'"

Walters said finishing the race in her hometown is a special feeling.

"I always start tearing up," she said of entering the homestretch. "My team comes out and they run the last part with me and it means so much because this is where I live, this is where I'm from and you know everyone that is cheering for you."



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SURCHARGES

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increases on renters when Santa Monica's multi-million dollar real estate changes hands. This city is one of the few rent control jurisdictions that allows building owners to pass through certain taxes approved by voters. Tens of thousands of renters currently pay surcharges on Measures X, S, BB, and AA. Landlords can also pass along a stormwater management user fee, the clean beaches and ocean parcel tax and a 2008 school district special tax.

The median combined surcharge amount for renters is \$24.41 but can vary widely from unit to unit depending on the assessed value of the property. The highest monthly surcharge paid by a tenant is \$137.03.

In January, the RCB abolished the surcharges for new tenants and new property owners (in 2012, an amendment to the City Charter eliminated surcharges from future ballot measures). Instead of waiting for the program to phase out as tenants and properties gradually turn over, board members want to act to help already rent-burdened tenants who have seen their surcharges skyrocket after the sale or reassessment of their building.

The Board has identified four possible approaches: do nothing, impose a dollar-amount cap on how much tenants can be asked to pay, require landlords to pay a portion of the tax or a combination of ideas.

Several landlords have already told the RCB that the surcharges are fair because tenants should pay the costs of voter-approved tax increases. Critics say limiting or eliminating surcharges could hinder future bond measures.

"You will kill funding in this city for schools if you go back on...the understanding," local landlord Michael Millman said at a recent meeting. "All I want to do is say 'this is a trainwreck.' The optics are wrong."

"This argument overlooks the fact that Santa Monica still includes many so-called 'mom and pop' landlords who also live locally, and also benefit directly from those things that local assessments pay for," said the staff report on the issue. "It also overlooks the fact that some of those benefits - notably good schools - benefit even absentee landlords by driving up the value of their property."

For the past five months, a local artist and tenant at 1025 Ocean Avenue has championed surcharge reform at the RCB's monthly meeting. Nani Grenell says her pass-throughs skyrocketed to \$121.23 after her building sold to a new owner in 2016. The widow says without a reduction, she may have to leave Santa Monica.

"I now live alone and support myself," Grenell said in a recent letter to the RCB. "I never knew about tax surcharge pass-throughs until I was presented with my rent increase by the new owner in August 2017. There is no mention of me having to pay these pass-throughs in my original lease from 2012. It was a complete shock to me."

An available fully furnished two-bedroom, two bath apartment in Grenell's rent-controlled building was recently leased for \$7,995 a month according to internet search results.

The public hearing on surcharges will take place Thursday, March 22 at 7 p.m. inside City Hall Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON MARCH 5, 2018 AT ABOUT 11:42 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in front of 1540 2nd Street regarding a subject brandishing a knife. The subject was last seen walking north on the 3rd Street Promenade. The subject was located in the 1400 block of the 3rd Street Promenade. The subject was detained. A computer check revealed the subject had several outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was placed under arrest. A search of his person led to the recovery of a debit card belonging to another person. Armando Rodelo Valdez, 52, was arrested for appropriation of lost property and outstanding warrants. Bail was set at \$55,500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 357 Calls For Service On Mar. 18.

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

Burglar alarm 1300 block Broadway 12:05 a.m.
Battery 1700 block Wilshire 12:11 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block California 12:20 a.m.
Trespassing 600 block Wilshire 12:58 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Arizona 1:03 a.m.
Auto burglary Lincoln / Arizona 1:05 a.m.
Burglary 2800 block Pico 1:14 a.m.
Fight 700 block Ocean 1:19 a.m.
Battery 2600 block Main 1:50 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block Bentley 2:06 a.m.
Fight 3100 block Santa Monica 2:32 a.m.
Shots fired 1300 block 7th 2:38 a.m.
Person down 200 block Arizona 3:09 a.m.
Fight 1500 block 2nd 4:22 a.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 2nd 5:26 a.m.
Burglar alarm 300 block Santa Monica 7:14 a.m.
Attempt burglary 100 block Fraser 7:44 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon Lincoln / Olympic 8:09 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln / Pico 8:21 a.m.
Trespassing 600 block Wilshire 8:28 a.m.

Burglary 2800 block Colorado 8:37 a.m.
Burglar alarm 2200 block Colorado 8:41 a.m.
Trespassing 1100 block 6th 8:53 a.m.
Traffic collision 1200 block 2nd 9:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block Main 9:44 a.m.
Person down 1500 block Ocean Front 11:03 a.m.
Defecating in public Lincoln / Pacific 11:10 a.m.
Petty theft 2600 block Kansas 11:29 a.m.
Grand theft auto 900 block 18th 11:58 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 12:01 p.m.
Drunk driving 1100 block Pico 12:17 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block 6th 12:29 p.m.
Battery 14th / Santa Monica 12:42 p.m.
Grand theft auto 300 block Wilshire 12:49 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd St Prom 1:06 p.m.
Fight Cloverfield / Pico 1:49 p.m.
Fight 23rd / Pico 1:49 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2200 block 20th 1:55 p.m.
Public intoxication 1800 block Colorado 2:21 p.m.
Burglary 200 block Wilshire 2:24 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Michigan 2:27 p.m.
Trespassing 800 block 21st 2:30 p.m.
Petty theft 600 block Santa Monica 2:47 p.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 5th 3:21 p.m.
Battery 1100 block Lincoln 3:34 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica 3:52 p.m.
Assault 2500 block Wilshire 4:28 p.m.
Counterfeit money 700 block 17th 4:47 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd St Prom 9:03 p.m.

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TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to waist high
S swell lingers. Minor NW swell.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
 Draw Date: 3/17
 22 57 59 60 66
 Power#: 7
 Jackpot: 40M

MEGA MILLIONS
 Draw Date: 3/16
 1 13 26 33 52
 Mega#: 11
 Jackpot: 377M

SUPER LOTTO
 Draw Date: 3/17
 10 11 16 25 35
 Mega#: 6
 Jackpot: 19M

Fantasy 5
 Draw Date: 3/18
 1 14 18 24 27

DAILY 3
 Draw Date: 3/18
 MIDDAY: 6 8 4
 Draw Date: 3/18
 EVENING: 2 4 3

DAILY DUBBY
 Draw Date: 3/18
 1st: 08 Gorgeous George
 2nd: 11 Money Bags
 3rd: 10 Solid Gold
 RACE TIME: 1:48.91

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1. a small stone that is easy to throw.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LALEE

Counts

■ 30: Percentage of women in science, technology, engineering and math professions who say they've experienced gender discrimination at work

■ 30: Percentage of STEM women who say they earn less than male peers in same roles

★ SOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Phobia of the Week

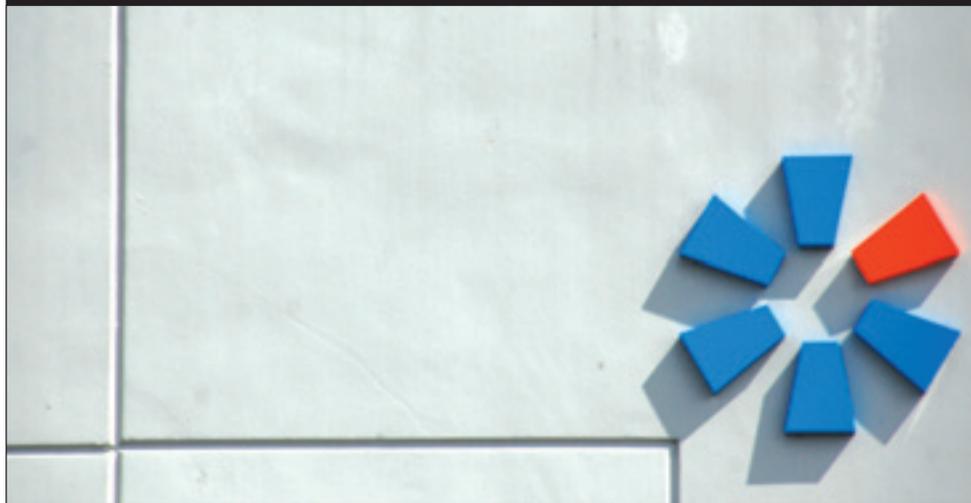
■ **Metathesiophobia:** fear of change

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for onions is 8.5 ounces (three Maui onions) in 1 minute, held by Eric Booker. Whether anybody lingered to congratulate Booker on the record is not known.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

END OF WINTER by Sally R. Stein

Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

- 1 Writer __ Allan Poe
- 6 Wooden pins
- 10 Castaway's escape vehicle
- 14 New Hampshire neighbor
- 15 Real estate measure
- 16 Money in Spain
- 17 Spot of land in the sea
- 18 The one over there
- 19 Genesis paradise
- 20 Diplomatic improvement
- 23 Phone-book listings: Abbr.
- 24 Double-curve letter
- 25 Maze-running rodent
- 29 Gasoline or propane
- 31 Relaxing resort
- 34 Notion
- 35 Part of the eye
- 37 Geographical reference book
- 39 Be delicious
- 42 Chose, with "for"
- 43 Money in Mexico
- 44 Lake beside Cleveland
- 45 Urban thoroughfares: Abbr.
- 46 Gorillas, for instance
- 48 Lariats
- 50 "Halt, __ goes there?"
- 51 Tool for rowing
- 52 Do some fridge maintenance

- 61 Woodwind instrument
 - 62 Lean slightly
 - 63 Make an exchange
 - 64 Receive, as a salary
 - 65 Poker pot starter
 - 66 Puts up, as a painting
 - 67 Sandwich breads
 - 68 Explorer Ponce de __
 - 69 So far
- DOWN**
- 1 Give off
 - 2 100-yard race
 - 3 __ monster (Arizona lizard)
 - 4 All over again
 - 5 Part of the eye
 - 6 Trails for hiking

- 7 Canyon sound
- 8 Mardi __
- 9 Small sofa
- 10 Fishing-line holders
- 11 German auto
- 12 Worry (about)
- 13 Broadway award
- 21 Away from home
- 22 Koran reader's faith
- 25 VIPs' autos
- 26 Highly capable
- 27 Waist straps
- 28 At any __ (nevertheless)
- 29 Monetary penalties
- 30 Finds a function for
- 31 Speaks unclearly
- 32 Backyard barbecue spot
- 33 Campfire residue
- 36 Lariat
- 38 Tips of socks
- 40 Montana neighbor
- 41 Of the sun
- 47 Of mail
- 49 Franklin of soul music
- 50 Small songbirds
- 51 Frequently
- 52 Active person
- 53 Online auction site
- 54 Golfer's shout
- 55 Fork prong
- 56 Female choir voice
- 57 Historical periods
- 58 Comically outlandish
- 59 Outer border
- 60 Remainder

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20)

As your personal life settles in, you'll gain clarity on a goal. Analyze the power structure; figure out the different roles how they work together and why. With a studious approach and a willingness to change and grow, you'll quickly rise up the ranks of an organization and get the reward that comes with this. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 20, 13, 27 and 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You are a firm believer in fresh starts, and the clean energy of this special day renews you like a trip to the oxygen bar. Your high spirits create distance between you and yesterday's problems.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

The key is not to expect people to do things they are incapable of doing. This, of course, requires you to learn the capabilities of others. You can learn something by observing, and more by testing, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your friendships work in the larger context of your friend group, but they must also work in the smaller one-on-one context to satisfy you. Today you'll finally get the individual attention you need.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Middles sag. That's the very nature of middles. Whether it's a story, a body or a project, it takes tremendous effort to create lift in the middle. Put in the work so you can get the satisfaction at the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You've often felt as though you're doing the right thing with the wrong person, though you've almost never felt the opposite of that. Because when you're with the right person, whatever you do, even nothing at all, feels so right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Life is zesty for people in love. And even if you're not quite there, a flow of positive feelings and thoughts is still creating a bubble of happiness around you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Mental expansion ignites other parts of your life. It actually doesn't even matter what you're learning. Regardless of the subject matter, going from ignorance to mastery is the thrill that makes you feel most alive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You can accomplish quite a mound of work in the span of a few hours. You'll get busy, and you won't stop until the agreed upon time. The end of the day will bring a well-deserved boon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You underestimate how others feel about you. While it's better to err on the modest side of such matters, you should know that if you don't show up, certain people are going to be very disappointed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Most people you know could use a little help every now and then. Then there are those who are needy on an entirely different level. You may feel ready to help someone like that, and it will be a most rewarding experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You'll get the chance to fine-tune the image you present to the world. Actually, you could do this at any time. But today will give you both the motivation and the necessary tools.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

After years of tolerating others, you've become spiritually robust. The generosity that used to seem like work to you is now innate. To be the bigger person will require no thought at all.

Spring Equinox

This vernal equinox, Mercury and Venus conjoin to bring home the spring feeling of buds opening and green shoots thrusting toward the light. "And time remembered is grief forgotten/ And frosts are slain and flowers begotten/ And in green underwood and cover/ Blossom by blossom the spring begins." - Algernon Charles Swinburne

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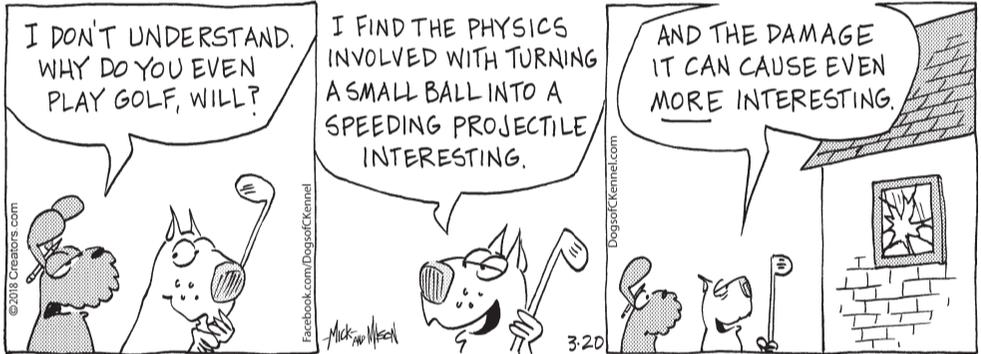
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GUNS

FROM PAGE 1

Wetzel, whose husband, Mike, was killed in the 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack. "Don't let my husband's death be in vain."

The California Public Employees' Retirement System board declined to take action and will further discuss its investments and divestments in gun-related companies next year. Several board members argued remaining an investor gives the fund more influence over shaping company policy.

Four of the five gun retailers CalPERS invests in, including Dick's Sporting Goods and Walmart, have already stopped selling assault weapons and devices like bump stocks. The fund does not invest in assault weapons manufacturers.

California Treasurer John Chiang, a Democratic candidate for governor who is leading the effort, said he wants the board move forward on divesting from the fifth company, Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings. A spokesperson for the company could not immediately be reached for comment.

"At some point you have to stand up and you have to put up a big fight so people understand it's just not talk," he said.

Joining Chiang were Wetzel and about a dozen other family members of San Bernardino and other mass shooting victims, as well as California alumni of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, where 17 people were killed in February. New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois and New York also are discussing divesting from gun-related companies.

Critics called the effort a political ploy that would hurt the pension fund's bottom line.

"This is nothing more than a political ploy for you and your run for governor," said Jason

Perez, a representative of the Corona Police Officers Association who said the board should focus on keeping the fund in good financial shape instead. The system has enough money to cover roughly 70 percent of the money it owes to 1.8 million members.

The retirement system has roughly \$850 million in holdings in Dick's Sporting Goods, Walmart, Kroger, Big 5 Sporting Goods and Sportsman's Warehouse Holdings. The pension fund in California, which severely restricts the sale and possession of assault-style weapons, has a total value of \$354 billion.

The fund approached all five companies in the fall, asking them to stop selling assault weapons and devices such as bump stocks. Following the Florida shooting, Dick's and Kroger said they would stop selling such guns and would, along with Walmart, only sell guns to those 21 and older. None sell bump stocks.

Walmart and Big 5 Sporting Goods, which also doesn't sell bump stocks, had previously stopped selling assault weapons

Experts have long questioned the financial and political effectiveness of divestment. By divesting, shareholders give up their power to exert influence and often times simply turn over the shares to other owners who may not take the same political or social stance.

"If we divest, we lose our seat at the table," board member Theresa Taylor said.

Divestment initiatives had cost the pension fund more than \$8 billion as of June 2017, according to a fund memo.

Still, the fund has previously used divestment to make political statements. It decided in 2016 to sell off the last of its tobacco investments and has similarly started reducing its investments in coal. The state began divesting from gun manufacturers in 2013 following the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut.



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