Rent Control Board abruptly ends talk of potential ballot measure

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Rent Control Board appeared to put the kibosh on the possibility of broad rent control reform this November once and for all at their April 12 meeting when Boardmember Todd Flora moved to suddenly cancel any public discussion of a proposed ballot initiative from staff.

Looking out at a packed chamber, Flora suggested they table the discussion rather than listen to a group of angry landlords who showed up to voice opposition to vacancy control.

“I really don’t think this is going to pass and I’m going to propose something bold ... to avoid a lot of the unpleasantness that’s about to come our way from about thirty people,” Flora said, explaining he wished to save everyone “two hours of a lot of hell.”

His fellow commissioners unanimously agreed and quickly approved a motion to indefinitely table the agenda item concerning vacancy control. While the City Council could take up the cause, they would do so without a recommendation from fellow elected leaders on the RCB.

The discussion on broad reform hinges on the Affordable Housing

Homeless analysis to cost $77,675

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

An initially free analysis of the City’s efforts to reduce homelessness will now cost $77,675 over the next two years due to a previously unknown federal restriction.

The RAND Corporation offered to conduct a free assessment of the city’s Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team (HMST) and Council authorized the partnership in August of 2017. However, RAND later learned that restrictions on the federal money used to fund the appropriate department prevent RAND from doing the work for free. The fee will now be $77,675.

According to a report posted online last week, the new cost is within the scope of approval for the city’s Community and Cultural Services department and does not require additional Council approval. The Department has the budget to pay for the study and does not need new funding.

Santa Monica’s street team model targets homeless individuals who are known to use a disproportionate amount of city services such as contacts with the police department, firefighters or emergency rooms.

“The HMST serves the highest utilizers of local emergency service resources by meeting their complex needs with street-based interventions delivered by a skilled team of interdisciplinary professionals,” said the report.

The team is currently funded with a mix of one-time funds from the City and discretionary funds from LA County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl’s office. Since its launch in 2016, the team has targeted 26 individuals and found housing for 20. The team is staffed by The People Concern (formerly OPCC) and includes a licensed clinical program director, psychiatrist, physician assistant, clinical case manager, substance abuse clinician, housing case manager, and peer support specialist.

YOUTH ART

Safe Place For Youth held their annual artshow and fundraiser on Saturday, April 14. The event includes music performances and displays of art to support services for local, homeless youth. For more information about the organization visit http://www.safeplaceforyouth.org.
Tuesday, April 17

Kids’ Writers Group at Main: “Sock Puppet” Poetry
A group for kids who love to write. This month, the group will use the Sock Puppets app to make video poems. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 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.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18

Santa Monica Certified Farmer’s Market (Downtown)
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.

Thursday, April 19

Citizenship Classes
An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222 ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 4:30 P.M.

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7:30 P.M.
DTSM, Inc. to Host Three Community Workshops Designed to Help Envision the Next Era for Third Street Promenade

In 1989, Third Street Promenade opened its roadway and sidewalks to millions of people who would, over the next 30 years, shop, dine, dance, and make lasting memories on the acclaimed pedestrian mall. Over these three decades, it played center piece as the downtown around it evolved into the destination powerhouse it is today. Now, it’s the Promenade’s turn for an overhaul. This spring, Downtown Santa Monica, inc. (DTSM, Inc.) will host a series of three Third Street Promenade 3.0 Community Workshops designed to spark conversation and build a vision to help steer capital improvements and program ming. Beginning April 18, locals are invited to attend and participate in these curated workshops to feature experts from the fields of urban design, placemaking, retail, and customer engagement. Third Street Promenade was created locally, and all are invited to help ensure that it is celebrated globally for years to come.

The inaugural April 18 workshop will focus on the value of placemaking, from its ability to foster strong community connections to its financial implications for businesses and local governments, and will feature guest speaker Kevin Kelley, a leader in the fields of consumer behavior, store design and retail strategy. The May 15 workshop will feature Chris Beynon, Chief Development Officer for MIG, and a national leader in revitalizing city centers and urban environments. Beynon’s directed projects have created real change for cities throughout North America.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

Workshop #1
Wednesday, April 18; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
1212 Restaurant
1212 Third Street Promenade

Workshop #2
Tuesday, May 1; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
The Gallery
1315 Third Street Promenade

Workshop #3
Tuesday, May 15; 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
1231 Third Street Promenade

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: KEVIN KELLEY
Kelley is a co-founding partner and principal of Shook Kelley. Although he started in Charlotte, Kelley has headed up the Los Angeles office since 2002 and serves as the principal-in-charge of retail stores, restaurants, grocery stores and leisure-related projects. He holds two degrees in architecture from the University of NC at Charlotte and has spent a large portion of his career developing a process that combines business, science and design into one integrated approach he calls perception design. Kelley’s specialty is getting inside the minds of consumers to determine how the physical environment affects consumer behavior and purchase decisions. He is also especially adept at helping consumer-based organizations re-think how they innovate their “go to market” strategies. Kelley has worked closely with the leaders of many well-known companies—such as Harley-Davidson, Whole Foods, Kraft, Cadbury, The J.M. Smucker Company and USAF—in their efforts to develop new kinds of immersive brand experiences.

Visit http://downtownsm.com for more information.

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John Wayne Cancer Center at Providence Saint John’s first to enroll patient in nationwide clinical trial

The John Wayne Cancer Institute at Providence Saint John’s Health Center has enrolled the first cancer patient in a groundbreaking clinical trial of three immunotherap y drugs combined to use the body’s immune system to diminish tumors related to sev eral types of cancer.

A woman being treated for advanced melanoma at the Santa Monica hospital has begun the trial, which also will be conducted at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Duke University Medical Center in North Carolina. Steven O’Day, M.D., professor of medical oncology and director of Immuno-Oncology and Clinical Research at the John Wayne Cancer Institute, is known globally for his expertise in melanoma and in immunotherapy for cancer. He brought the trial to the Santa Monica research program and he and the institute’s team of experts expect to enroll patients across a number of tumor types.

The Incyte ECHO-208 trial tests the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of two novel combinations of three drugs that have been used individually and even in pairs, but never as a triplet where each medication provides a complementary function in tackling malignant tumors.

Previously immunotherapy combinations have shown promising results for patients with many different cancers including melanoma and lung, bladder, liver, ovarian and breast cancers, among others.

Incyte Corp. anticipates enrolling 141 candidates across the country. The study is open to patients whose disease has progressed despite treatment, who can’t tolerate treatment or who refuse standard treatment.

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Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) Inviting Bids

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive sealed bids from contractors holding a type “C-20” license, on the following:

Bid #18.17.E5 Districtwide Bard Units Project at Various Districtwide Sites. This scope of work is estimated to be between $153,000 – $187,000 and includes construction of, the removal and replacement of wall mounted Bard air conditioning units and thermostats for existing modular buildings, patching and repairing at exterior and interior to match existing as required and other associated improvements. All bids must be filed in the SMMUSD Facility Improvement Office, 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, California 90406 on or before 5/17/18 at 2:00 PM at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened. Each bid must be sealed and marked with the bid name and number. Bidders must attend a Mandatory Job Walk to be held at the District FIP office, on 4/19/18 at 9:00 AM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (ME/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per the bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit ARC Southern California public plan www.cprplanwell.com and reference the project Bid #.

Prequalification Due Date & Instructions for Application Submission:
All applications are due no later than 5/18 - Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has contracted with Colbi Technologies, Inc. to provide a web-based process for prequalifi cation called QualityBidders. To submit an application at no cost please visit www.qualitybidders.com. Once you have been approved, you will receive an email indicating your approval expiration date and limit. The Districts approved contractors listing can be obtained via the FIP website at http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org/fip-office-website.aspx.

Mandatory Job Walk:
Thursday, 4/19/18 at 9:00 AM

Job Walk location:
District Facility Improvement Projects Office – located at 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Bid Opening:
Thursday , 5/17/18 at 2:00 PM

Any further questions or clarifications to this bidding opportunity, please contact Sheere Bishop at smbishop@smusd.orgdirectly. In addition, any pre-qualification support issues relative to Colbi Technologies, Inc., website or for technical support please contact support@qualitybidders.com directly.

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THIS IS THE THIRD WEEK OF NATIONAL Sexual Assault Awareness month. It’s difficult these days to keep up with the scandals, allegations, declarations of past abuse, and tearful apologies. There is a lot of news and movement in this arena, and as survivors come forward with their stories of abuse and its long-term effects, there is a growing need for not just understanding but also healing practices.

People are confronting their demons and most have found that dragging the monsters from the closets has been a rewarding and restoring process. Abuse and trauma when- ever suffered will have long term effects, as my friend and publishing client Dr. Debra Warner explained in her groundbreaking book for spouses of male survivors, His History, Her Story. "The effects of abuse usually manifest in a survivor’s life, long before they are willing to confront the abuse directly. Spouse, Boy, Royers and friends are more likely to notice the effects before the survivor will be willing to disclose their his-
tory” Warner said.

As survivors try to control and keep a lid on their emotions and trauma, each year it becomes more difficult to suppress the underlying pain, which continues to fester, and the effects become more noticeable. I have had many of my family law clients dis-
close to me their past history of being abused as children, either through alcoholism, addiction, physical, mental or emo-
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Over the years I have referred many men to therapy, support groups, Alcoholics Anonymous and all the other anonymouses to address the personal issues, even when I could see that the underlying issue was a his-
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The negative self-talk and self-destructive behavior is the story of my friend and fellow Santa Monica denizen Kirsty Spraggon, but as survivors try to control and keep a lid on their emotions and trauma, each year it becomes more difficult to suppress the underlying pain, which continues to fester, and the effects become more noticeable. I have had many of my family law clients dis-
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The negative self-talk and self-destructive behavior is the story of my friend and fellow Santa Monica denizen Kirsty Spraggon, but with a very happy ending. Kirsty is a motiva-
tional speaker and television host who met last year at an awards show that was held on the grounds of the Fairmont Miramar. Kirsty has taken her life experiences and turned them into a message of hope for peo-
ple who are still suffering. She speaks across the globe helping survivors open up and let out the festering pains they have been carry-
ing. She shared her secret at TedXMalibu for the first time in a public forum, and since that day has continued to experience the freedom and healing that comes with being honest and sharing truth.

In fact Truth Telling for Trust Seekers is the name of the live event she is producing this coming Sunday the 22nd in Glendale. She has gathered eight other amazing pre-
senters for a day of honesty, openness and healing. The http://www.truth tellingforthrustseekers.com website lists the follow-
ing presenters: 1) Ken Robert Williams an eloquent speaker, a compelling storyteller, a diligent HIV activist, a constant media pres-
ence, and the creative force behind the award-winning video blog, Ken Like Barbie, 2) AdaPia D’Erizzo whose mission it is to bring understanding and compassion to women who have been neglected, shamed and shamed for decades, 3) Nichole Sylvester an Awakening Mentor who liberated herself from generational patterns of crime, addiction and toxic love, and now helps men and women all of the world do the same.

In addition to the above presenters, Kirsty has brought in three powerhouse vocalists Christine Mercado Simos, Michele Vreeland, and singer and emcee Lynn Rose. I have spoken in action at the Lady and the Champs speaker training I attended in Las Vegas and she is AMAZING! Scheduled to appear is the incredible vibra-
tional healing sounds from Guy Douglas The Gong Guy.

I’ll be attending this event as a partici-
pant, and am looking forward to sharing with Kirsty the following story. I’m in Johannesburg, South Africa at the moment where I’ve been speaking at the Professional Speakers Association of Southern Africa on podacsting. My friend Maggie Georopoulous and I were just wrapping up our afternoon tea, and I said I have to that write my column this week about sexual assault awareness and my friend Kirsty who’s doing an event, “I know Kirsty Spraggon!” She said and proceeds to tell me a story of how these two Aussies accidentally met in Tanzania at an orphanage.

I met Maggie in Auckland last month at the Global Speakers Summit where she was promoting her book, Up The Ladder In A Skirt. She writes about women climbing the corporate ladder and how she had to deal with harassment and prejudice, all while hiding her own mental health issues for fear of repercussions and her own sense of shame. Today she speaks to corporations on women and leadership, and the importance of taking care of our mental health by con-
fronting our demons.

It’s sad how much the topic of sexual assault and shame in general effects all of us. If you have a shameful secret and are ready to face and move on with your life, tickets are still available for Truth Telling for Truth Seekers at http://www.truth tellingforthrust-
seekers.com (use code truth for tickets from $49). If you attend please feel free to come find me, and say hello.

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Earth Day

Dear Editor:

With the 50th observance of Earth Day on April 22nd, each of us can contribute by reducing our driving, use of electric energy, and consumption of animals.

Yes, that. Last Fall Oxford University’s prestigious Food Climate Research Network and Germany’s Heinrich Bole Foundation concluded that solving the global warming catastrophe requires massive shift to a plant-based diet. A 2010 United Nations report blamed animal agriculture for 70% of global freshwater use, 36% of land use, and 19% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Carbon dioxide is emitted by burning forests to create animal pastures and by operating farm machinery to grow animal feed. The more damaging methane and nitrous oxide are released from digestive tracts of cattle and from animal waste gasses, respectively.

Moreover, meat and dairy production dumps more animal waste, crop debris, fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants into our waterways than all other human activities combined. It is the driving force behind wildlife habitat destruction.

In an environmentally sustainable world, meat and dairy products in our diet must be replaced by vegetables, fruits, and grains, just as fossil fuels are replaced by wind, solar, and other pollution-free energy sources.

Let’s celebrate the 50th observance of Earth Day at our supermarket.

Ed Laren
Santa Monica
Act, a proposed statewide initiative that is still gathering signatures to qualify for the November ballot. The initiative would repeal Costa-Hawkins, the state law that eliminated the RCB's authority to set maximum allowable rents in any apartments built before 1978.

Before Costa-Hawkins, Santa Monica had one of the most progressive rent control laws in the country. A few weeks ago, the RCB's own attorney wrote a memorandum warning voters could inadvertently throw a wrench into the City Charter if they pass the Act, allowing new tenants to argue for 1978 level rents.

"Will Costa-Hawkins be repealed? Nobody knows," Lewis said at the public meeting. "It's certainly not something that is outside the realm of possibility."

Lewis told the Daily Press he thought it was prudent to warn the RCB of the possible loophole. He suggested an amendment to the City Charter that would tie the rent ceiling to April 2018 in the event Costa Hawkins suddenly disappears.

Landlords reacted quickly to the staff suggestion of reinstating vacancy control and flooded the inboxes of elected officials. In fact, the Board received more than 100 emails on the matter, mostly from angry landlords worried about losing their ability to raise rents when a tenant moves out.

"Imposing vacancy control would destroy my retirement plan," wrote landlord David Miller. "Imposing vacancy control would not create one more unit of housing."

At the meeting, multiple boardmembers said the timeframe to get a companion measure in front of Santa Monica voters was simply too short. In March, there was little consensus over how a measure should look.

"It would be irresponsible for us to rush to judgement by putting something on the ballot that's not well thought out without proper stakeholder engagement," Boardmember Caroline T orosis said in an email to the Daily Press. If Costa Hawkins were to be repealed, she would look at expanding rent control to more recent construction. "That would require careful study."
HOMELESS
FROM PAGE 1

Services, such as medical and behavioral health interventions, are provided in locations such as jails, hospitals, courtrooms, or libraries.

“The project scope includes evaluating the cost-benefits and first responder cost avoidances of providing multidisciplinary intensive clinical services on the street to historic high utilizers of local emergency services (police, fire, hospitals); assessing client outcomes like housing stability and improvements in health; and recommending outreach strategies and configurations of additional teams,” said the report.

Additional resources are already approved for similar projects such as a new C3 team working in the field. However, long-term strategies will be based on the RAND assessment, additional data and reports from the existing teams.

MEASURE
FROM PAGE 6

I’m interested in providing stability and maintaining what little diversity we have left, and I want to do so in a thoughtful manner.

At the April 12 meeting, Flora expressed doubt the statewide initiative will pass.

“My concern is there has been really a tremendous amount of anxiety stirred up this week that I think is really unnecessary. We did not ask for us,” Flora said of staff’s recommendation. “This board did not ask for the statewide initiative.”

Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, the influential political group that helped establish rent control here in the 1970’s, opposes any local companion initiative to the Act.

“SMRR believes the prudent course is to await the November election results, and, in the event the AHA passes, work toward a ballot measure approved by the City Council, and a special election funded by the City Council,” the group wrote in an April 11 email to the RCB.

The RCB may still recommend an initiative for the November ballot that addresses tax-based surcharges passed down to tenants in rent controlled apartment buildings. In January, the Board eliminated the surcharges for new tenants and new landlords and now wants to provide relief for tenants who saw their surcharges skyrocket along with property values in the city by the sea.

The city is one of the few rent control jurisdictions that allowed building owners to pass through certain taxes approved by voters. Tens of thousands of renters currently apply surcharges on Measure 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.

The RCB will continue to discuss a cap on surcharges at the May 10 meeting at City Hall.
TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

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The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 300 Calls For Service On Apr. 15.

Here is a sampling of those calls chosen by the Santa Monica Daily Press Staff.

Loud music 200 block San Vicente 12:37 a.m.
Fight 2000 block Wilshire 11:31 a.m.
Hit and run 2600 block Nicholson 2:14 a.m.
Burglary 1300 block 3rd St Prom 2:23 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block Lincoln 3:44 a.m.
Traffic collision 100 block 4th St Prom 3:58 a.m.
Indecent exposure 300 block Colorado 6:19 a.m.
Bike theft 1000 block 10th 6:36 a.m.
Bike theft 17th / Colorado 7:04 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block Euclid 8:24 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block Euclid 9:04 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block Chelsea 9:08 a.m.
Petty theft 1600 block The Beach 9:29 a.m.
Battery 1600 block Franklin 9:58 a.m.
Traffic collision 1500 block The Beach 10:00 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2800 block Santa Monica 10:34 a.m.
Person down Yale / Santa Monica 10:41 a.m.
Auto burglary 3300 block Ocean Park 10:45 a.m.
Rape report 2000 block 20th 11:17 a.m.
Burglar alarm 1300 block Stanford 11:39 a.m.
Petty theft 500 block Colorado 11:49 a.m.
Grand theft 2100 block Ocean 12:40 p.m.
Trash dumping 800 block Maple 1:08 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Ocean Park 1:16 p.m.
Lewd activity 1000 block 3rd 1:39 p.m.
Traffic collision 500 block Pico 2:12 p.m.
Traffic collision Franklin / Santa Monica 2:19 p.m.
Trespassing 600 block Kensington 2:32 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block California 2:34 p.m.
Burglar alarm 1700 block Robson 2:53 p.m.
Battery 1200 block Franklin 3:52 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 block Appian 4:05 p.m.
Child endangerment 1100 block 21st 4:09 p.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block PCH 4:29 p.m.
Petty theft 2600 block 2nd 4:46 p.m.
Threats 300 block Santa Monica Pier 5:46 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 block Appian 5:47 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block Lincoln 6:03 p.m.
Fight 10th / Pico 6:30 p.m.
Armed robbery 2700 block Main 6:37 p.m.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 33 Calls For Service On Apr. 15.

Here is a sampling of those calls chosen by the Santa Monica Daily Press Staff.

Emergency medical service 500 block San Vicente 12:13 a.m.
Dumpster fire 100 block Bicknell 4:09 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 4:44 a.m.
EMS 400 block Expo Line 6:09 a.m.
EMS 700 block Pico 7:37 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block Princeton 8:28 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Cleverfield 9:29 a.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 10:54 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 19th 11:05 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Pico 11:10 a.m.

DUMPSTER FIRE 800 block Maple 1:09 p.m.
Traffic collision 16th / Ocean Park 1:18 p.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block Wilshire 2:13 p.m.
EMS 700 block 21st 2:45 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Wilshire 3:20 p.m.
EMS 700 block 21st 3:26 p.m.
EMS 1100 block Centinela 4:09 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Ocean Front 4:14 p.m.
EMS 20th / Wilshire 4:45 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 19th 5:22 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Pico 6:09 p.m.
EMS 20th / Pico 7:20 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block 2nd 7:23 p.m.
EMS 2500 block 26th 8:20 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:08 p.m.
Outside fire 15th / Wilshire 10:08 p.m.
EMS 5th / Arizona 10:29 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Santa Monica 10:29 p.m.
EMS 2600 block 25th 10:36 p.m.
EMS 4th / Pico 10:39 p.m.
EMS 6th / Wilshire 11:27 p.m.

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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 28, 2018 AT ABOUT 1:15 A.M.

Officers responded to 400 Colorado Avenue to assist Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies with a nude male. SMPD Officers arrived and located the male being detained by LASD Deputies. The subject was displaying signs of being under the influence of narcotics. The subject was placed under arrest. As the subject was walked to the patrol vehicle, he became combative and kicked an officer in the leg. The subject continued to struggle until he was placed in the car. The subject proceeded to spit at officers as he was in the back seat. The subject was booked at SMPD Jail. Ian Andrew Goldschmidt, 21, from Malibu, was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, public nudity, resisting arrest and battery against a peace officer. Bail was set at $20,000.
Best Medicine
■ A man goes to the doctor and complains that his wife can’t hear him.
■ “How bad is it?” asks his doctor.
■ “I have no idea,” replies the husband.
■ “OK, do this test,” says the doctor. “Stand 20 feet away from her and say something. If she doesn’t hear you, get closer and say the same thing. Keep moving closer and closer, repeating the comment until she does hear you. That way we’ll have an idea of her range of hearing loss.”
■ The man goes home, sees his wife in the kitchen chopping vegetables for dinner. From 20 feet away, he says “What’s for dinner?” No response. From 10 feet, he repeats the question with no answer. From five feet, the same thing. Finally, he’s standing right behind her: “What’s for dinner?”
■ The wife turns, looks at him and says, “For the fourth time, beef stew.”

WORD UP!
ken
1. knowledge, understanding, or cognizance; mental perception: an idea beyond one’s ken.
2. range of sight or vision.
3. Chiefly Scot. a. to know, have knowledge of or about, or be acquainted with (a person or thing). b. to understand or perceive (an idea or situation).

Solutions to Yesterdays Crossword

Solutions to Yesterdays Sudoku

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8 9 32 42 59
Megaplier: 3
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Mega#: 19
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Mega#: 6
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BY SCOTT LAFEE

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Slow Draw.

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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Sudoku

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Newday Crossword

ACROSS
1 “Not guilty,” for one
5 Hoarse-sounding voice
9 “Hush up!”
14 __ Grey tea
15 General Robert __
16 Drop __ to (write)
18 Shape of an egg
19 Prima __ (opera star)
20 Astronauts’ org.
21 No longer obligated
23 Easy running gait
25 One __ time (individually)
26 Plan in detail
29 Begins to blossom
31 Massachusetts’ Cape
34 Appliances for baking
35 Casino’s number-picking game
36 Honolulu’s island
37 Ensnaring
40 Flying toy with a tail
41 Winter outerwear
42 Household task to do
43 Crathy
44 Bride’s dress
45 Major for a doctor-to-be
46 Source of solar energy
47 Fortune-teller
48 Sold in pieces, as pizza
53 Ford hope
57 Mystical glows

DOWN
58 Immediately, in a memo
59 Notion
60 Took a nap
61 “__ Off to See the Wizard”
62 Fly high
63 Female and male
64 Food for a canary
65 Alternately
66 Keynote (eagle)
67 Knob

NOT-SO-GREAT GOLF
by Sally R. Stein
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38 Smartphone app symbols
39 Land measure
40 Hotel patrons
45 Sounded like a baby chick
46 In good __ (physically fit)
47 Frighten
48 Low choral voice
49 Christmas season
50 Fearsome dinosaur, for short
51 What police forces enforce
52 “That makes sense”
54 Object of adoration
55 Sail the seven __
56 Rabbit’s relative

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (April 17)

You’ll experience a sharp upturn in confidence, self-sufficiency and ambition over the next two months. You’ll often find yourself in a serious schedule with big responsibility. So when it’s time to play, be sure to have fun like it’s your birthright. The education you get in November will markedly increase your means. Pisces and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 5, 49, 30 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) When relationships go through changes, both people in the relationship are a part of that. The very nature of relationships is co-involve-ment. Today the blame and credit are likely to be misplaced. It’s something to think over.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Want to find out everything? All you have to do is ask, “How are you?” and the whole story comes out. Share your story, too, otherwise it’s not as fun (or as fair!)

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) You’re the star of someone’s thoughts today. And while you’re not quite the person they think you are you’re so much deeper than their limited knowledge of you, you might have fun trying on the role.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You want to explore, but there’s plenty to do right where you are. How can you justify training around the world (or the internet) with your current load of responsibility? Set a timer. A few minutes of novelty is all you need to refresh your outlook.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Whatever “it” is today, it will require hard work. Hard work isn’t always heavy lifting, sweat or hours of toil. Hard work is efficiently getting it done, even if “it” is mostly just thinking something through.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You’re not getting the response you desire. It’s not something you’re entitled to; rather, it’s a puzzle to solve. An experimental approach will work well for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The question of the day is an existential one that can be taken many different ways and directed to yourself or to others: “Who do you think you are?” The answer will change by the minute.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) When the social impulse to be with the group plays against the fact that there’s apparently nothing in the situation for you, boredom ensues. But there is something here for you. You’ll have to dig deeper for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Passion isn’t necessary for achievement, but it often leads to it. The passionate person usually gets there sooner, too, because passion is fast-burning fuel. Today you’ll be propelled by your passion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A secret is supposed to be something hidden or unknown. And yet, secrets are told and sold every day, in books and on billboards, in texts and on television. That’s why your ability to really keep a secret is so remarkable and rare.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Like a good murder mystery novel or a Steven Soderbergh movie, some things are best presented in jumbled puzzle pieces that you have to put together yourself. That will be half the fun today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Sometimes happiness has you cheering. Other times it inspires quiet reverie. Happiness can move you to tears, make you dance, write, sing or drive long distances. Stay flexible so you can recognize happiness however it shows up.

Saturn Retrograde

"Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it," said Archimedes, "and I shall move the world." He might have added something about the integral strength of the lever. Saturn retrograde reminds us just how heavy world can be. Nonetheless, figure out your point of leverage; be strong; and make things happen.

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Eccentric heir Robert Durst faces key hearing in murder case

It's been more than three years since the arrest of eccentric New York real estate heir Robert Durst in the execution-style shooting of his best friend years earlier in Los Angeles. Prosecutors could move closer to bringing him to trial if they can show probable cause at a hearing beginning Monday that Durst killed Susan Berman to silence her from revealing what she knew about the death of the multimillionaire's first wife, which has already been cleared not guilty. With all that has emerged about him publicly from an HBO documentary series and a string of unusual court hearings, it seems likely a Los Angeles Superior Court judge will order the case to trial. Durst's death, Lewin said. He intends to present evidence that Robert Durst rouged up his wife to try to control her through fear and had the capacity for violence that escalated. Goldman said the judge will have to evaluate the relevance of the evidence, whether hearsay is permissible and if the phone offer of testimony outweighs the bias it could create against Durst. California has rejected terms of the federal government's initial plans for sending National Guard troops to the border because the work is considered too closely tied to immigration, two U.S. officials told The Associated Press. Gov. Jerry Brown elicited rare and effusive praise from President Donald Trump last week for pledging 400 troops to the Guard's third-large-scale border mission since 2006. But the Democratic governor conditioned his commitment on troops hav- ing nothing to do with immigration enforcement, such as fighting criminal gangs and drug and gun smuggling. Brown's offer of troops for the mission that Trump wants up to 4,000 troops to perform is still in place. But state attorneys told federal officials late last week that the California Guard will not perform tasks in an initial rollout planned for all four border states, according to officials with knowledge of the talks who spoke condition of anonymity because they were not author- ized to discuss the matter. The Guard's existing duties include ground and aerial surveillance and providing "mission support," which can include clerical work, buying and handling payroll, the officials said. California National Guard members have done such work in previous border security missions. The state was awaiting a formal response from the administration and had no additional details beyond the governor's proposed agreement released last week that includes a ban on immigration enforcement. Evan Westrap, a spokesman for the gov- ernor, did not immediately answer detailed questions about the California's position on specific jobs that the Trump administration has proposed, including ground surveillance and vehicle repairs. Brown last week characterized his deci- sion to contribute troops as a welcome infu- sion to the agency's efforts to fight illegal immigration, drug trafficking and transnational criminal gangs and guns and smugglers. According to one U.S. official, the California Guard has suggested assigning about 40 troops to marijuana eradication. Talks between U.S. and California offi- cials about the duties the California troops would perform, however, took place after state officials told them they would not participate in the initial tasks proposed for California. Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, the U.S. officials said.
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