Major homelessness plan to be presented to City Council

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Council will tackle homelessness with a major discussion at its Nov. 28 meeting. The council will receive its annual Homelessness Report at the meeting including dense proposals for addressing the local crisis. The report calls for endorsing five concepts currently contained in the city’s Strategic Goal Action Plan including proactive engagement, smart deployment of local resources, proving the effectiveness of models to connect individuals to housing, increasing the availability of housing/services in other communities, ensuring safe use of the Library and working collaboratively with other agencies to address the problem.

Veterans are key as surge of states OK medical pot for PTSD

Associated Press

It was a telling setting for a decision on whether post-traumatic stress disorder patients could use medical marijuana. Against the backdrop of the nation’s largest Veterans Day parade, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced this month he’d sign legislation making New York the latest state to authorize the drug for veterans’ groups.

Retired Marine staff sergeant Mark DiPasquale says the drug freed him from the 17 opioids, anti-anxiety pills and other medications that were prescribed to him for migraines, post-traumatic stress and other injuries from service that included a hard helicopter landing in Iraq in 2005. “I just felt like a zombie, and I wanted to hurt somebody,” says DiPasquale, a co-founder of the Rochester, New York-based Veterans Cannabis Collective Foundation. It aims to educate vets about the drug he pointedly calls by the scientific name cannabis.

When it comes to the Twilight Concert Series, The Pier Board came out against the status quo last week, saying it will recommend the City Council “reimagine” the events, possibly with just one “celebration of summer” and a musical line-up in the fall.

The City tried to reduce TCS costs by scaling back the series in 2017, shifting the dates earlier to compete less with the busy tourist season and the group is similar to Santa Monica’s Multidisciplinary Street Team. The local program is also scheduled for expansion as part of the homelessness report. In addition, council will receive a $70,000 grant from United Way for homelessness training and could create a new Library Services Officer position. “The Homeless Multidisciplinary Street Team, Ambassadors in Tongva and Palisades Park, and homeless outreach in the Main Library, are new models demonstrating efficacy and producing positive results,” said the Pier Board.

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Monday, November 27

Social Services Commission Meeting
Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center (1527 4th St).

Toddler Time
Story series for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months accompanied by an adult. (20 min.) Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 10:30 – 10:50 p.m.

Baby Time
Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months accompanied by an adult. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 10 – 10:20 a.m.

Tuesday, November 28

Movie: The Red Turtle (2016)
In this breathtaking, animated parable from Studio Ghibli, a man is shipwrecked on a deserted island and encounters a red turtle, which changes his life. (80 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 – 8:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, 5:30 p.m.

College Application Drop-In Services
Get free one-on-one assistance with college applications and essays. To submit your application, bring your transcript(unofficial is fine) and Social Security, DACA or Green Card number. Computers provided, or bring your laptop. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club’s College Bound Program and Magellan Counseling. Grade 12.

Wednesday, November 29

GED/HiSET Prep Class at Main
Get prepared to take the Science subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 9 p.m.

DIY Crafty Cards and Gift Tags
Amy Muscoplat teaches participants how to make vibrant and attractive holiday cards and gift tags for the upcoming season. Supplies provided. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Just for Seniors: ‘Appy Hour’ Device Workshop
Bring your smartphone or tablet and get small group help to get you started with using your device. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 4 – 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Malibu

Malibu Library Speaker Series Presents Environmental Activist Dr. Marcus Eriksen, Author of the Book “Junk Ship”

The 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series continues with Dr. Marcus Eriksen, environmental activist, co-founder of the 5 Gyres Institute, and author of the best-selling book that was turned into a documentary film, “Junk Ship,” on Wednesday, November 29, 7 p.m. at the Malibu Library.

“Deconstructing plastic pollution can be a more timely and important subject than the environmental devastation of plastic pollution and what we can do to stop it,” said Mayor Skylar Peak.

“Every person living in Malibu is connected to the ocean, so I urge you to attend this event and learn how we can work together to protect our environment.”

Dr. Eriksen will share expeditions around the world to research plastic marine pollution and co-founded the 5 Gyres Institute with Anna Cummins. To raise awareness about plastic pollution, he sailed 2,600 miles for 88 days from California to Hawaii on the Junk Raft, a sailing vessel built from 15,000 plastic bottles.

In 2014, 5 Gyres published a scientific study that, for the first time, estimated the level of oceanic plastic pollution in the world’s oceans at 5.25 trillion particles weighing 269,000 tons. Dr. Eriksen co-authored a paper on plastic microbead pollution in the Great Lakes that led to a federal ban on microbeads.

The 2017 Malibu Library Speaker Series is a program of the County of Los Angeles Public Library, Malibu Branch, and the City of Malibu, featuring experts, authors and notable figures discussing a wide range of subjects, including the entertainment industry, literature, science, motivation, the arts, education, sports, travel, food and the environment.

JAKKS Pacific Nails Deal with Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

Santa Monica toymaker JAKKS Pacific, Inc. has announced it has extended and expanded its licensing agreement with Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., for the popular Black & Decker and Stanley brands.

JAKKS will continue its long-standing partnership to exclusively manufacture, market, and distribute to all retail channels Black & Decker branded kids role-play tool toys. In addition, a new program will be introduced of Stanley branded kids products such as toy hand and power tools and toy workbenches at Walmart this holiday season. All products will be available in the US and Canada.

“Construction play is timeless, as is the Stanley Black & Decker brand which is built on a foundation of innovative, high-quality building tools. We are excited to infuse the same standard of innovation to our line of toys designed for children of all ages to create, construct and play,” said Tara Hetter, Senior Vice President, Global Licensing at JAKKS Pacific.

The inventor of the first portable electric drill with pistol grip and trigger switch, Black & Decker has evolved from a small machine shop in Baltimore, Maryland to a global manufacturing powerhouse with a broad line of quality products used in and around the home.

Stanley, a brand of Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. is a diversified manufacturer of innovative tools and engineered solutions for professional, industrial, woodworking, construction, automotive repair, organizational, and do-it-yourself use. Headquartered in New Britain, CT, Stanley is committed to manufacturing tools in the USA with global materials. Annually, Stanley produces a large variety of hand tools including tape rules, knives, blades, hand saws, screwdrivers, plastic storage, and accessories in multiple manufacturing locations in North America.

JAKKS Pacific, Inc. is a designer, manufacturer and marketer of toys and consumer products sold throughout the world, with its headquarters in Santa Monica, JAKKS Pacific’s popular proprietary brands include BIG-FIGS, XPV, Max Tow and Friends, Disguise, Head mode, Moose Mountain, Funoodle, Maui, Kids Only!, a wide range of entertainment-inspired products featuring premier licensed properties; and C’est Moi! for youth and make-up brands.

Citywide

The Clayhouse Holds Annual Sale December 8-9

Twenty-eight local potters and sculptors will be emptying the kilns and setting up displays to exhibit and sell more than 500 pieces of handmade pottery and sculpture at The Clayhouse Pottery Showcase & Sale on Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9 in Santa Monica.

The annual community event will showcase a wide variety of bowls, vases, glasswork, dishes, mugs and platters, along with pieces of sculpture in the Clayhouse’s gallery and expand potential buyers. Shoppers will be treated to reasonable prices for these one-of-a-kind ceramic and glass crafts. They will also be treated to refreshments served in the studio throughout the two-day event.

Established in 1971, The Clayhouse studio and gallery is the oldest high fire pottery studio on the Westside. There are fewer and fewer studios of this nature due to limited space and obstacles in using gas-burning kilns. Gas kilns produce rich, beautiful glaze colors and unique visual effects with universal appeal. The Clayhouse gallery, displaying the works of more than 50 artists, opens into a 2,000-sq. ft. studio with sculpting tables, wheels, kilns and pottery in various stages of completion. Ongoing classes are offered to the community. The Clayhouse is proud to be a member of the Buy Local Santa Monica campaign and is featured in this year’s Tis the Season to Buy Local Holiday Gift Guide.

The sale’s scheduled hours are as follows: Friday, December 8, 4 – 9 p.m., and Saturday, December 9, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Clayhouse is located at 2909 Santa Monica Blvd., (310) 828-7071. Visit www.theclayhousesantamonica.com for more information.

Morovati, Founder of Crayon Collection. “We hope that the screening of STRAWS will emphasize inspiring solutions to plastic pollution. Attendees will receive their own reusable stainless steel straw provided by Plastic Pollution Coalition.

As part of observing America Recycles Day, a national call to action to reduce, reuse and recycle waste, the City of Malibu and the local environmental education non-profit Crayon Collection will host a screening of “STRAWS,” a film about reducing plastic waste, on Thursday, November 30 at City Hall. This award-winning documentary shares an inspiring story of how it is possible to make a sea of change, one straw at a time.

“This screening and panel discussion about how we can stop pollution from plastic straws is a great way to inspire the community to be part of Malibu’s mission to protect the environment,” Mayor Skylar Peak said. “We’ve made great progress in addressing plastic pollution, including bans on plastic bags, plastic sandbags, and polystyrene foam, and I hope that we can make Malibu a plastic-straw-free zone soon.”

The evening will start off with delicious plant-based meals for purchase by Green Truck, including Mother Trucker Burgers and Super-Food Salad Bowls, starting at 6 p.m. The free screening will begin at 7 p.m. in Malibu City Hall’s Civic Theater. Environmental non-profit Lonely Whale’s PSA “Stop Sucking” will be screened along with the feature “STRAWS.” Singer-songwriter Joe Sumner will give a special performance of his song “Hope” following the screening. A lively panel discussion will round out the evening and emphasize inspiring solutions to plastic pollution. Attendees will receive their own reusable stainless steel straw provided by Plastic Pollution Coalition.

“I hope to get people thinking about how small habits can add up to huge impact,” said filmmaker Linda Booker. “Removing plastic straws is a tangible, simple change people and businesses can do that truly makes a difference.”

THE PANELISTS INCLUDE:

Linda Booker, filmmaker behind “STRAWS”
Jackie Nuñez, founder of The Last Plastic Straw
Grace Lee, Director of the Outreach Programs at The Bay Foundation
Kim Nilsson, President of Solid Waste Solutions, Inc.

The City will co-host the event with the local non-profit Crayon Collection, whose focus is local environmental education. The international organization diverts lightly used crayons from going into landfills and donates them to underserved classrooms as part of their free art education program.

“Similar to throwing away still good-crayons, the use of single use plastic straws is a habitual behavior of our society that severely impacts our environment,” said Sheila Morovery, founder of Crayon Collection. “We hope that the screening of STRAWS will empower people to reduce and refuse the use of plastic straws.”

This event is free, but space is limited. Your tickets are available at www.straws.eventbrite.com or call (310) 456-2489 ext. 236.

— SUBMITTED BY JENNIFER TAYLOR, BUY LOCAL SM COMMITTEE CHAIR

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— SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER, CITY OF MALIBU

Downtown

Bicycle registration

Registration has opened for all of the upcoming winter youth basketball league at the Santa Monica YMCA. You can register on line at the Santa Monica YMCA website (www.smymca.org) or by calling 310-828-7071.

All players must be at least half of every game they attend.

This event is free, but space is limited. Reserve your tickets at letters@smdp.com

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Dear EarthTalk:

It’s obvious that our cars are getting greener every year, but what about 18-wheelers?

Pauline McCrae
Sebastian, FL

WE ALL RELY ON HEAVY DUTY TRUCKS TO haul as much as 80 percent of the goods we use and consume. But those ubiquitous 18-wheelers are also a big contributor to the overall pollution footprint of the transportation sector, given they get only 4-8 miles per gallon on average and travel large distances transporting heavy loads. Currently, some two million big rigs make up just five percent of the vehicles on American roads while accounting for upwards of 20 percent of the transportation sector’s overall greenhouse gas emissions.

But like with cars, things are changing quickly for big rigs. The U.S. got serious about curtailing truck emissions back in 2010 when the Department of Energy launched its SuperTruck Initiative to improve heavy-duty truck fleet efficiency by 30 percent. Some of the technologies that have started to trick- le down out of the SuperTruck program into trucks on the road include predictive cruise control, chassis “light-weighting” and battery-assisted air conditioning systems to reduce overnight engine idling. These upgrades are saving operators tens of thousands of dollars in fuel costs annually — the average long distance American trucker spends some $70,000 a year on fuel — as well as shaving off greenhouse gas emissions.

Then in August of 2016 the Obama administration announced aggressive new standards requiring big rigs plying U.S. roads to reduce their carbon dioxide emissions 25 percent by 2027, which should save more than a billion metric tons of greenhouse gases from escaping into the atmosphere over the next decade—that is, if it’s not overturned (as threatened) by Trump.

To get the ball rolling, DoE launched SuperTruck II, pledging to match commitments of up to $20 million by manufacturers working on even more cutting edge technologies to boost the efficiency of big rigs. Peterbilt, Navistar and other truck makers are using these matching funds to bolster efforts to develop newer technologies including active aerodynamics, cylinder deactiva- tion, hybridization, electrified engine components and alternative engine designs.

Regardless, Tesla will be ready with its new Semi. This futuristic all-electric big rig incorporates proprietary lithium ion batteries to power four independent motors—and promises the lowest energy cost per mile in the world of trucking. The Semi also features enhanced autopilot to help avoid collisions, a centered driving position in a cockpit designed to maximize visibility and control, and a low center of gravity to prevent rollovers, among many other forward-thinking features.

In the meantime, truckers with regular old big rigs can save money on fuel and reduce emissions by adopting better day-to- day practices, such as changing gears gently, avoiding sudden braking and acceleration, and slowing down — a truck can use 25 percent less fuel by driving 65 miles per hour instead of 75 mph.

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DEAR EARTHTALK: (Continued from page 3)

Thank you for your email. Your question is one of many about the development of more efficient trucks. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been working on truck emissions standards for over a decade, and has recently proposed new standards for large trucks that would reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. These standards are important because the transportation sector is a significant source of greenhouse gases, and trucks play a major role in this sector.

In addition to the federal government, several states and cities have also set their own standards for truck emissions. For example, California has some of the toughest truck standards in the country. These standards are important because they help to reduce air pollution and improve public health.

Overall, the development of more efficient trucks is an important goal. However, it is also important to consider the costs and benefits of these advancements. For example, some argue that the increased cost of new technology could be a burden for truck operators. Others argue that the benefits of reduced emissions outweigh the costs.

Your question is a complex one, and it is difficult to provide a complete answer without more information. However, I would encourage you to continue to look into this topic and to stay informed about the latest developments in the effort to reduce truck emissions.
Street Lighting Modernization Program

For the week of November 27, construction will continue throughout the project area, which is bound by 16th Street, Ocean Boulevard to the east, Ocean Park Boulevard to the south, Lincoln Boulevard to the west, and Pico Boulevard to the north. There may be sidewalk closures and temporary no parking posted throughout this area. Should you have any questions, please contact Robert Zak, City of Santa Monica, Project Manager (310) 458-2283.

Marine Park Irrigation Retrofit Project

For the week of November 27, the contractor will continue working on the installation of electrical conduits for the irrigation system at Marine Park. Please plan accordingly and avoid this area if possible. Should you have any questions, please contact Carlos Rosales, Project Manager (310) 458-8721 ext. 2620 or Daniel Lee, Construction Manager, (714) 730-9052.

Montana Avenue Traffic Signal Replacement

For the week of November 27, work will continue along the Montana Avenue corridor at 4th and 14th Streets. Concrete restoration and ramp installation will occur. Work areas will be contained; crews will make practical efforts to minimize sound, dust, and disturbance to the neighboring community. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained. Work is scheduled to take place between the hours of 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., Monday – Friday, until December 1. If you have any questions, please contact the City’s Project Manager, Andrew Maximus, at (310) 458-8291.

Expo Maintenance Work – Bike Path Closures

For the week of November 27, Maintenance work for the EXPO line will continue on the Exposition Corridor bike path between Centinela Avenue and Stewart Street. Maintenance work is scheduled to be completed by November 30. Should you have any questions, please contact Exposition Construction Authority (at (213) 243-5534 or Skansa Rados Joint Venture at (213) 598-8104).

Parking Structure #5 Tenant Improvement Project

For the week of November 27, construction will take place in Parking Structure #5 at 1440 4th Street, and street closures may impact traffic in the area. Should you have any questions, please contact Tim Purcell, Project Manager (310) 458-2205 ext. 5027.

Storm Drain Catch Basin Pipe Screens Project

For the week of November 27, small work areas will be corded off around catch basins that are being repaired at various locations Citywide. This work may impact traffic with slight lane closures at catch basin areas. Please contact Public Works Inspector Michael Valentine, Civil Engineering Division, (310) 420-6829 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

Parking Structure #1 Repair Project

For the week of November 27, Parking Structure #1 will undergo a series of retrofits and maintenance work. Construction may temporarily impact parking. Entrances and exits to the garage will be left open for smooth traffic flow. Please Robert Zak, Civil Engineering Division, (310) 458-2283 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 351 Calls For Service On Nov. 25.

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

Petty theft 2600 block Main 12:20 a.m. Person down 17th / Oak 12:41 a.m. Battery 1500 block 2nd 2:01 a.m. Person down Ocean / Arizona 2:34 a.m. Petty theft 1500 block Santa Monica 2:47 a.m. Burglary 1000 block 21st 3:35 a.m. Rape 1200 block 15th 4:16 a.m. Battery 1500 block 6th 4:47 a.m. Vandalism 1300 block 2nd 5:58 a.m. Theft recyclables 2400 block 3rd 6:17 a.m. Encampment 1400 block 22nd 7:39 a.m. Theft recyclables 2400 block 3rd 7:41 a.m. Speeding Cloverfield / Interstate 10 8:21 a.m. Auto burglary 900 block 25th 8:34 a.m. Fight 3200 block Airport 9:55 a.m. Battery 1500 block 6th 10:45 a.m. Burglary 2700 block Neilson 10:57 a.m. Indecent exposure 1400 block Palisades Park 11:47 a.m. Traffic hazard 23rd / Santa Monica 11:52 a.m. Auto burglary 2100 block Navy 12:07 p.m. Traffic collision Vale / Wilshire 12:23 p.m. Petty theft 300 block Colorado 12:29 p.m. Petty theft 2900 block 4th 1:36 p.m. Person down 6th / Broadway 1:42 p.m. Grand theft 2200 block Colorado 1:44 p.m. Theft 1700 block Ocean 3:57 p.m. Domestic violence 1000 block Michigan 4:26 p.m. Speeding 800 block Pacific Coast Hwy 4:35 p.m. Encampment 2200 block Lincoln 4:40 p.m. Speeding Lincoln / Santa Monica Fraud 500 block 16th 5:50 p.m. Grand theft 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 5:56 p.m. Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 6 p.m. Bike theft 200 block Broadway 6:09 p.m. Burglary 1000 block 22nd 7:42 p.m. Suicide 2100 block Santa Monica 7:47 p.m. Battery 9th / Colorado 8:23 p.m. Person with a gun 1100 block 3rd 8:30 p.m. Grand theft 1500 block 4th 8:37 p.m.
T o continue making progress, the City is re-tooling its approach to homelessness, expanding efforts that focus on ‘where’ (highly impacted public spaces) to complement existing strategies focused on ‘who’ (Santa Monica program eligible individuals),”

Homelessness has skyrocketed locally and across the regions. According to the 2017 homeless count, Los Angeles County saw a 23 percent increase in its homeless population and the Santa Monica area also saw its numbers rise. Homelessness increased in the city by 26 percent. Surrounding areas such as the Supervisorial district and the City of Los Angeles council district that surrounds Santa Monica also reported increases.

The percentage increase comes even as the county continued to increase the number of people that found housing. In 2016, the county found permanent homes for 14,214 people, a 30 percent increase over the prior year. However, 74 percent of Los Angeles County’s homeless population were still unsheltered (42,828 people countywide).

The City’s homeless count was the highest since counts began in 2009. Santa Monica reported 921 homeless individuals this year, an increase from the record low of 728 (26%) the year before. The unexpected spike actually put the city on par with numbers from the first count, effectively undoing years of decline in the figures.

The sheer increase in numbers would be problem enough but there’s also a changing face of homelessness locally. More individuals are new to the city, pass through more quickly and are not engaged with services.

“This shift has challenged the City’s homeless policies and practices, which are built to serve long time local homeless individuals with intensive care management, interim housing and permanent supportive housing,” said the report.

City Hall is basing much of its homeless response on proactive engagement.

“Proactive engagement of homeless individuals will be increased by the proposed 10-12 new outreach workers; re-deployed and augmented Police Department resources; a software solution that enriches first responders’ contacts with homeless people; and a full time social worker in the Library system,” said the report. “Proactive engagement with residents, businesses, houses of worship and civic organizations will include deploying new training in effective interaction with homeless people; a broad community information and activation campaign; and citywide collaboration through the Santa Monica Homelessness Steering Committee that is being organized by key community partners.”

For more information on the report, visit www.smgov.net.

Closed session will begin at 5:30 p.m. with open session to begin no earlier than 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 1685 Main St. on Nov. 28.
VETERANS
FROM PAGE 1
New York's nearly two-year-old medical marijuana program to include post-traumatic stress disorder proliferated because of other conditions but felt the drug ease his anxiety.

The headliner of the very first show, DiPasquale, 42. But "I'm back to my old self. I love people again." In a sign of how much the issue has taken center stage, the 2.2-million-member American Legion began pressing the federal government this summer to let Department of Veterans Affairs doctors recommend medical marijuana where it's legal. The Legion started advocating last year for the nearly century-old organization.

"People ask, 'Aren't you the law-and-order group?' Why, yes, we are," Executive Director Verna Jones said at a Legion-arranged news conference early this month at the U.S. Capitol. But "when veterans come to us and say a particular treatment is working for them, we owe it to them to listen and to do scientific research required."

Even Veterans Affairs Secretary Dr. David Shulkin recently said "there may be some evidence that this (medical marijuana) is beginning to be helpful," while noting that his agency is barred from helping patients get the illegal drug. (A few prescription drugs containing a synthetic version of a key chemical in marijuana do have federal approval to treat chemotherapy-related nausea.)

Medical marijuana first became legal in 1996 in California for a wide range of conditions; New Mexico in 2009 became the first state to include PTSD patients. States have signed on in growing numbers particularly since 2014.

"It's quite a sea change," says Michael Krawitz, a disabled Air Force veteran who now runs Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access, an Elliston, Virginia-based group that's pursued the issue in many states.

Still, there remain questions and qualms — some from veterans — about advocating for medical marijuana as a treatment for PTSD. It was stripped out of legislation that added six other diseases and syndromes to Georgia's law that allows certain medical cannabis oils. The chairman of the New York Senate veterans' affairs committee voted against adding PTSD to the state's program, suggesting the drug might just mask their symptoms.

"The sooner we allow them to live and experience the kind of emotions we do, in an abstinence-based paradigm, the sooner that they are returning home," said Sen. Thomas Croci, a Republican, former Navy intelligence officer and current reservist who served in Afghanistan.

The American Psychiatric Association says there's not enough evidence now to support using pot to treat PTSD. The 82,000-member Vietnam Veterans of America group agrees.

"You wouldn't have cancer treatments that aren't approved done to yourself or your family members," and marijuana should be subjected to the same scrutiny, says Dr. Thomas Berger, who heads VVAs Veterans Health Council.

A federal science advisory panel's recent assessment of two decades' worth of studies found limited evidence that a synthetic chemical cousin of marijuana might help relieve PTSD, but also some data suggesting pot use could worsen symptoms.

Medical marijuana advocates note it's been tough to get evidence when testing is complicated by pot's legal status in the U.S. A federally approved clinical trial of marijuana as a PTSD treatment for veterans is now underway in Phoenix, and results from the current phase could be ready to submit for publication in a couple of years, says one of the researchers, Dr. Suzanne Sisley.

An authentic Italian neighborhood restaurant, celebrating 30 successful years in Santa Monica.
**Fatty Breath**

When you exercise, you burn carbohydrates, such as sugar. If you exercise long and hard enough, you burn fat, too. Currently, the only way to know for sure when you’re actually burning fat is to measure biomarkers in blood or urine, which is obviously problematic if, say, you’re in the middle of a swim or long run.

**Chrometophobia:** fear of money

Swiss researchers, however, have developed a small sensor that can detect the presence of a particular biomarker that is expelled with breathing: acetone. (It leaks into the breath from the blood supply feeding pulmonary alveoli in the lungs.) The sensor is about the size of a quarter, and appears reasonably accurate in tests. Researchers are working to make it more efficient and smaller. They’re also working on chips to detect airborne biomarkers that test for kidney function and lung cancer.

**Phobia of the Week**

Chrometophobia: fear of money (though presumably they’re still looking for an actual case)

**Never Say Diet**

The Major League Eating record for garlicy greens is 7.5 pounds in 6 minutes, held by Pete Davekos. Due to the nature of the contest, there were no close congratulations to the winner afterward.

**Best Medicine**

A guy goes to the doctor. He has two burned ears.

“What happened,” asks the docdor.

“I was at home, doing some housework. The phone rang, and I accidentally picked up the hot iron,” the guy replied.

“What about the other ear?” inquired the doctor.

“They called back.”

**Epitaphs**

“This Grave contains all that was mortal, of a Young English Poet, on his Death Bed, in the Bitterness of his heart, at the Malicious Power of his enemies, destined these words to be Engraven on his Tomb Stone: Here lies One Whose Name was writ in Water.”

—Joan Welsh

**Today’s Birthday (Nov. 27)**

What you once thought of as a lofty aim is proving to be well within your capability. You’ll barely have to reach and it’s yours at the turn of the year. You’ll accomplish something remarkable with a trusted friend. Publicize this! There will be a fun twist in your family story, followed by a journey together. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 22, 35, 14 and 19.

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

The daydreaming has been fun, but now you’re in the mood to make it happen — to embrace your inspiration and turn it into a practical plan. Start with research, and ask for personal recommendations.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**

It’s as if you can’t stop your good fortune. You’ll receive when you are trying to do is give. Tonight you could change everything just by holding someone’s hand.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**

Dark clouds will pass quickly. Just make sure your windows are closed. Controlling your own personal environment is much easier when you stop fretting about the uncontrollable larger setting.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

Creating moments with people is kind of your thing today! And if there are missteps, just chalk that up to part of the fun. They’ll later forget the particulars and mostly remember how you made them feel.

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

You know you’re not the finished product yet. You’ll never be! You’re always growing and changing. So don’t let the little instructional corrections along the way get you down, nor should you let the compliments go to your head.

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

You’ve got your eye on a person or business you’d like to be involved with, but you don’t know everything about it yet. If you’re to be in this kind of relationship, adjustments must happen. Find out first: Will it be worth your while?

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

Numbers are a part of the game you can’t avoid. How can you get the numbers up? This probably has to do with seeing, advertising to and interacting with more people.

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

Exert your autonomy. Don’t attach too much weight onto the connection you have with another person or accept anyone else’s definition of who you are or what you’re doing.

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

Trust and openness do not happen overnight. It takes time to build a relationship that allows you to reveal information without fear that it will be used to undermine your position.

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

Everyone is a little worried about being misinterpreted and coming off badly. Let’s hope that makes you feel a little better about your own minor insecurities.

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

You’ll get to decide the meaning of a situation. Whether this scene feels positive or negative to you, assign a meaning that helps you move on from it with the greatest ease.

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

There’s a dark emotional place to flush out. Face it; walk into it and turn on your flashlight. Sweep the cobwebs. Scare the creatures. Generally clean this space up so you can keep going. Don’t dwell in it!

**Heathcliff**

By Peter Gallagher

Strange Brew

By John Deering

Agnes

By Tony Cochran

Dogs of C-Kennel

By Mick & Mason Mastroianni & Johnny Hart

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11 Tic-tac-toe
14 Dance “it takes two” to do
15 King’s headgear
16 “It’s my turn”
17 Giddy
19 Angry dog’s sound
20 Pasta like ziti
21 ___ and aahed
23 Square cracker
27 Areas of expertise
28 Puts a padlock on
29 Large beer container
31 Basketball targets
32 Skin openings
33 One ___ million (rare)
36 Rumble, as hair
37 Dish that holds dinner
38 Potato, informally
39 Poem of praise
40 “Dr.,” who created the Grinch
41 Italian resort isle
42 Most recent
44 To a greater extent
45 Corkscrew shape
47 In addition
48 Residences
49 Bread that’s browned
51 Bit of barbecue

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1 Ocean off Florida: Abbr.
2 Mai ___ cocktail
3 London’s country: Abbr.
4 “Yuck!”
5 Pastry-covered entrees
6 Film excerpt
7 Teheran’s country
8 Intersection point
9 Leave speechless
10 Out of the rain
11 Not talking
12 See eye to eye
13 Thin ropes
18 Barnyard cacklers
22 Metallic rock
23 Foolish one
24 For all to hear
25 Very flexible, as a dancer
26 Recipe amts.
27 At no cost
29 Be a braggart
30 ___ and crafts
32 In addition
34 Surgeon’s assistant
35 Spanish farewell
37 Orange’s covering
38 Dress of India
40 Hides away
41 Shares top billing
43 Exist
44 Netlike fabric
45 Hedge plant
46 Social composure
47 Big name in aspirin
49 Informal farewell
50 Above
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54 Right away
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57 Bear’s dwelling

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County of LOS ANGELES
On (Date)07/2017. /s/: LEILANI PASCUAL.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on (Date)07/2017.

A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THE DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use of a fictitious business name. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be served on the registrant and any other person or entity who claims to be doing business under the fictitious business name(s) stated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

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