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Citizenship requirement creates roadblock for some board/commission applicants

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City officials are hoping revisions to the rules for joining the City's Boards and Commissions will spur more involvement in the civic process.

Of the city's 17 boards/commissions four contain language that effectively requires applicants to be citizens while the other 13 only require some kind of residency for participation and in at least one case, interested applicants have been barred from participating on one board while they would qualify for work on another.

The situation came to light with a recent vacancy on the Santa Monica Library Board and language in the City charter that stipulates applicants must be "electors" in the city.

"We discovered that the language was in there that controlled who participated and who didn't," said Director of Library Services Patricia Wong. "We had a couple of potential interested people who withdrew because they were resi-

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California lawmakers push diversity through film tax credit

SOPHIA BOLLAG
Associated Press



Nico James

MOVIES: **Tax credits have been extended for local film production but come with new requirements.**

California lawmakers passed legislation Monday that puts more conditions on state film tax credits to encourage better sexual harassment reporting and diverse hiring amid revelations of misconduct and discrimination in the movie industry.

The legislation would require feature film and television projects that apply for the credits, which are assigned based on jobs created, to report diversity statistics to the state and designate people to handle misconduct claims.

The revised tax credit program, worth as much as $330 million a year, would also require applicants to submit their policy prohibiting harassment and retaliation. In addition, major studios would have to report whether they have diversity programs.

"If you don't have a program, you're going to have to report that you don't have a program," Democratic Assemblyman Ian Calderon, who helped craft the bill, told The Associated Press. "That doesn't look very good."

Assemblyman Rob Bonta and other members of the Asian Pacific Islander caucus pushed for the diversity reporting requirements. The Alameda Democrat cited the films "Ghost in the Shell" and "The Great Wall" that cast white actors in leading roles he said should have gone to Asian actors. He said the films were "hurtful" to the Asian Pacific Islander community.

"We wanted to be productive in our solution and provide some support in terms of encouraging diversity in Hollywood and we think this will do that," Bonta said of the change to the credit.

The bill was negotiated as part of the state budget. It was approved Monday by the Assembly and state Senate and now goes to Gov. Jerry Brown, who is expected to sign it. The new version of the program would start in 2020.

Republican Assemblyman James Gallagher of Yuba City, the only lawmaker to vote against the bill, said he didn't believe it would prevent sexual misconduct because projects would only have to show they have a policy and not prove that they enforce it.

He also said the state shouldn't single out the politically powerful industry for a tax break.

"I think it really misses Me Too," he said, referring to the global movement against sexual

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$2.3 million public potty price tag gives Council pause

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The controversy over two, new public bathrooms at Clover Park had been swirling long before it reached the City Council this month. Several commissioners say they complained about the $2.3 million price tag for two buildings to house toilets long before Santa Monica's most powerful unelected official found himself defending the cost.

"These (restrooms) will take a horrific beating over the next 30 years," said City Manager Rick Cole, after the issue came before the City Council at their June 12 meeting. Cole said the daily use of the facilities combined with the potential for vandalism meant the bathrooms would need to be "industrial strength."

The construction project was the only one of fifteen consent calendar items to give the Council pause that night. The Council quickly passed the remaining fourteen items without any discussion, including a $1 million contract for a new city website and a $336,000 five-year contract with Staples for printer paper.

Councilmember Tony Vazquez pulled the item Tuesday to ask more about the design history of the project and the estimate. Staff recommended awarding the lowest bidder, C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc, the contract, citing construction experience with other bathrooms for Southern California cities. Another company, Calco Construction Services, bid $2.5 million for the project.

Public Works Director Susan Cline said she responded to cost concerns from both the Architectural Review Board and

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, June 20

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.

Connected Families: Robot Playtime
Bring your family to play with robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges or see what sparks your imagination. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 – 5:30 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.

Email Basics
Learn how to use email and create your own free email account. Seating is first come, first served. Length of class is 1-1/2 hours. Beginner Level. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
Canceled.

World's Largest Swim Lesson
Free swimming lesson for ages 6 - 10 years of age. RSVP required. Visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com for details. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH. 7 – 8 p.m.

LGBTQ Pride Month Movie: God's Own Country (2017)
The Library celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month with this award-winning British film about a young Yorkshire sheep farmer whose life is changed when his family hires a Romanian migrant worker. Imperfectly described as a British Brokeback Mountain, this lushly-photographed film is a potent and unexpected love story. (104 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

"Special Day" Story Times: National Pink Day
Come celebrate National Pink Day with a themed story time followed by a craft! Ages 2-5. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Classic Movie & Discussion: A New Leaf (1971)
Film scholar Vivian Rosenberg screens and discusses this classic directed by Elaine May. An heiress, formerly a frumpy botany teacher (Elaine May), is pursued by a broke middle-aged playboy (Walter Matthau). (Film runtime: 102 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Make Music Los Angeles
Santa Monica celebrates the summer solstice and music-making on with a variety of free performances citywide. This is the seventh year the city has participated in Make Music Los Angeles/MMLA, a countywide celebration of music. The event is based on France's Fête de la Musique, a national musical holiday inaugurated in 1982 and celebrated on the same day in more than 800 cities in 110 countries.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Santa Monica

Silicon Beach: Collaborative Collision

The Santa Monica Bar Association (SMBA) invites residents to a discussion focusing on technology and emerging legal issues in the community. Santa Monica is a hot bed for both technology and the legal challenges around new tech. Join organizers the evening of June 20, for their inaugural law and technology event, Silicon Beach: Collaborative Collision, and listen to their distinguished panel, facilitate working relationships with the technology and legal communities and enjoy the beach setting.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Adam Sullivan, General Counsel of Square Enix
- Jor Law, Co-founder of Verify Investor
- Justin Brownstone, VP, Sales & Litigation Counsel at Gavelytics
- Carly Steinbaum, Founder and CEO of De Novo
- Frank Grant, Principal at Interstate Venture Capital

SCHEDULE:

- Registration/Check-in 6 p.m.
- Networking 6 – 6:40 p.m.
- Introductions 6:40 – 7 p.m.
- Panel Discussion 7 – 8 p.m.
- Questions 8:00 – 8:15 p.m.
- Networking 8:15 – 9: p.m.
- Drinks and appetizers throughout

The event will be held at the Annenberg Community Beach House, Garden Terrace Room, 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Public parking on North and South of property. Visit their Sponsor Page at www.smba.net/sponsor.

The SMBA has been around since 1928. They have a collection of lawyers and other professionals in various fields mostly situated in Santa Monica, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Brentwood, Venice, Marina del Rey, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and West LA. Visit www.smba.net for more information.

LAGUNA BEACH

Smuggling boat aground on Southern California beach

A panga boat was found on the beach at Southern California's Crystal Cove State Park for the second time in two weeks.

Laguna Beach police tweeted Tuesday that four occupants of the boat were located after a quick search that prompted a lockdown at a nearby elementary school. It's unclear if they were arrested or if there were more than four people on board.

Pangas are open boats designed for fishing but commonly used by smugglers trying to bring people or drugs north from Mexico.

An empty panga was found at Crystal Cove on June 11. Its occupants ran from the vessel and were not found.

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THOUSAND OAKS

4 new mountain lions kittens found in California mountains

Four new mountain lion kittens have been found by researchers studying the wild cats living in Southern California's Santa Monica Mountains.

The Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area said Tuesday that the four female kittens are about 5 ? weeks old.

Video posted on Twitter showed the blue-eyed, spotted kittens meowing underneath a crevice while their mother was away.

One even hisses and swipes at the researcher filming.

They're the first litter of kittens found in the Simi Hills, a small area of habitat between the Santa Monica and Santa Susana mountain ranges north of Los Angeles.

Researchers have added the four kittens to their ongoing study of mountain lions in the area.

They've taken tissue samples, conducted a general health check and marked the kittens with ear tags.

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WEST HOLLYWOOD

Investigators: California man was injured before fatal fall

Los Angeles County sheriff's investigators say a man who plunged to his death from an apartment window was injured before the fall.

Officials say deputies responding to reports of a stabbing found the man dead on a residential block in West Hollywood early Monday.

A sheriff's statement says there is evidence the victim was injured before he fell to his death. Detectives are trying to determine whether that injury was self-inflicted or caused by someone else.

Sheriff's Lt. Derrick Alfred tells KABC-TV there were signs of a possible scuffle inside the apartment, and detectives are working to determine if the fall was intentional or accidental.

An autopsy is pending.

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SACRAMENTO

California lawmakers debate creating regional electric grid

A contentious proposal to link oversight of California's electric grid with other western states faces a crucial test Tuesday in a state Senate committee.

Supporters say regionalizing the grid would make it easier and cheaper to deploy renewable energy across the western United States. But critics, including some environmentalists and consumer advocates, say California would jeopardize its efforts to require the expansion of renewables.

California has greatly expanded the use of renewable energy sources, particularly wind and solar, but that's brought new challenges for grid operators to manage supply and demand as weather patterns and sunlight vary.

Proponents of a regional grid say improving cooperation across the western United States would make it easier to use renewable resources from other states to meet demand in California, and vice versa.

But critics say that same infrastructure could be used to boost demand for natural gas or coal power produced elsewhere.

The refined measure, AB813, proposes transitioning the California Independent System Operator, which is overseen by a governor-appointed board, to a regional group comprised of appointees from the states that join.

Regionalizing the grid has powerful backing from Gov. Jerry Brown, national environmental groups and some utilities.

Consumer Watchdog, a Los Angeles-based advocacy group, warned it would open up the energy market to financial speculation at a higher cost for consumers.

"This is the same bag of goods that was sold to Californians in the late 1990s, when Enron swooped in and took advantage of this speculative market," said Jaimie Court, Consumer Watchdog's president.

Several unions representing workers in the renewable energy industry said they worry the measure would create incentives to supply California's energy needs from other states, eliminating jobs locally.

The idea, which was first proposed in the 1990s and shelved during the state's energy crisis, re-emerged several years ago but has failed to clear the Legislature. It was the subject of a fierce lobbying push in the final days of the legislative session last year but never got a vote.

The Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee will vote on the measure Tuesday.

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AGUA DULCE

More than 500 guns seized from Southern California homes

Authorities have seized more than 550 guns at two Southern California homes and made one arrest after getting a tip that a convicted felon was storing an arsenal.

Sixty-year-old Manuel Fernandez was arrested last week after Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and state and federal investigators raided his Agua Dulce home.

Officials Monday say the searchers found 432 rifles and handguns, then returned later and found 91 more hidden weapons.

Finally, 30 guns were seized at another home believed linked to an associate of Fernandez who hasn't returned to the home.

Fernandez was booked on suspicion of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition and illegally possessing an assault rifle and large-capacity magazines.

He's free on bond. A call to his listed phone number rang unanswered Monday.

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Ordinance Number 2576 (CCS)
Emergency Ordinance Number 2577 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Number 2576 (CCS) and Emergency Ordinance Number 2577 (CCS), which were adopted by the City Council at its meeting of June 12, 2018:

Ordinance Number 2576 makes changes, corrections, and clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance, including (i) eliminating first story street wall height requirements and utilizing minimum ground floor floor-to-floor height requirements instead, (ii) adding regulations relating to tandem parking, mechanical tandem parking, and fully automated parking systems, and (iii) increasing certain maximum size standards for accessory dwelling units. This ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption

Emergency Ordinance Number 2577 limits the Fiscal Year 18/19 renewal period of any vendor permit issued to a company to rent Shared Mobility Devices to September 16, 2018, with one extension of up to 90 days if the Director of Planning and Community Development determines that additional time is required for implementation of the new Shared Mobility Operator Permit Pilot Program. This emergency ordinance is effective upon adoption.

The full text of the ordinances is available from the Office of the City Clerk located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

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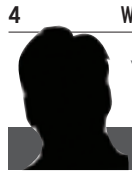
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Labor peace hurts small businesses

AS A RESIDENT FOR THE PAST SIX DECADES and former mayor of this great city, I am very concerned about the pending consideration of what is known as a labor peace agreement at the Santa Monica City Council.

For anyone who knows me knows that I am a friend of labor. I believe in workers' rights to organize and have been a member of six unions over the years including serving as vice president of the state's largest police union that played a major role in creating our state's public employee's meet and confer law which paved the way for public employee unions in California.

We have all seen the changes that have been occurring in this City. Local businesses that have been here for years have begun to leave. Vacancies are sprinkled along Main Street, Ocean Avenue, Montana and across the City. National corporate chains are coming into the City to fill these vacancies.

If the City Council moves forward with ANY labor peace agreement, there will be an acceleration of national chains coming in here.

During my tenure on City Council, we paved the way for many of the character-defining elements of our community like the Pier and the Promenade. Any labor peace agreement would greatly harm the independent businesses and our uniquely Santa Monica character.

The idea of this labor peace agreement is very concerning considering we have never had an issue in this City that a LPA would solve. In fact, to date, we have not seen any evidence of any problem that would impact City revenues. If anything may impact City revenues, it would be the enactment of an LPA because more businesses would leave.

Beyond the devastating impact this would have our City's unique character of local businesses, I do not like the provisions that would eliminate workers' privacy. The San Francisco Airport "model LPA" would allow any union to obtain workers' home addresses and phone numbers regardless of workers' permission. Furthermore this opens up safety risks as there are no safeguards or even background checks on who has access to this very personal information.

The Council also heard firsthand how an employee was approached at her home by the union and how she felt that her privacy was violated. We cannot allow for this type of intimidation to occur in our City.

We should not let longstanding, good employers who have dedicated their careers to Santa Monica be bullied by a union that does not represent their employees.

I am proud of being a part of this progressive City and proud of the business community that supported providing workers' higher wages and paid sick leave. Why should we now go that bridge too far and force them to actually leave.

Please join the effort to oppose any LPA on Tuesday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. We all need to support our local businesses and now is the time!

NAT TRIVES is a Santa Monica resident and former Mayor.

CITIZENSHIP

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dents but they weren't 'electors' and that means they had to be citizens."

"There shall be a Library Board consisting of five members to be appointed by the City Council from the qualified electors of the City and no member of said Board shall hold any paid office or employment in the City government," reads the charter.

The Library Board, Personnel Board, Airport Commission and Commission for the Senior Community have explicit citizenship requirements. The Social Services Commission lacks clarity on its participation requirement but could be interpreted to require citizenship. Other groups only require residency, work, property ownership or a business license in the city.

Rules governing the boards/commissions can be located in the City Charter, Municipal Code or an ordinance. As the Commission for the Senior Community is governed by the Municipal Code, removing its elector rule would just require action by the Council. However, the remainder of the rules are located in sections of the Charter and would require a public vote.

Including Task Forces, non-profit appointments and District Boards, Santa Monica has 24 organizations that make recommendations to the City Council. The 171 members of the various groups cover the Airport, Architectural Review, Arts, Audit, Building and Fire-Life Safety, Clean Beaches and Ocean Parcel Tax, Disabilities, Downtown Santa Monica, Environment, Housing, Landmarks, Library, Personnel, Planning, Recreation and Parks, Redevelopment, Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Travel and Tourism, Senior Community, Social Services, Status of Women, and Urban Forest.

Wong said her board isn't as competitive as something like Planning Commission and the stricter rules make it more difficult to fill vacancies when they arise.

"This is actually, we hope, a suggestion to Council that this is a nice way of cleaning up language that is probably a little dated and as a community we wanted to really make sure that it was inclusive as of many different kinds of people as possible."

She said the Library has a strong commitment to be as representative of the community as possible and to be as diverse as possible.

She said the information item published is advisory in nature and it will be up to Council to decide if they want to pursue changes to the system.

"We hope it will be a good conversation for council in terms of rethinking things to be more in the spirit of equity in the city," she said.

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Curious City

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Pensions Cause Tensions

MY MECHANIC RUBEN

He's been taking care of me and my various automobiles, and those of my family, and friends, for about 30 years now. Lincoln Auto Electric, just north of Lincoln and Ocean Park, walking distance for me, how great is that? And it's literally all downhill to get there, in case said auto is barely moving.

I've seen almost every car made sitting there waiting its turn for Ruben's expert attention, from DeLoreans to RVs to Aston Martins to beat-up pickups to vintage T-birds, Mustangs, Corvettes, MGs or Bentleys. One of the clinching reasons we got our first Prius in 2003 was because Ruben saw the future of this new technology and took classes to be ready for what he accurately predicted became a wave of Prii in Santa Monica.

Quite a story behind that funky garage. Ruben's from Peru, wife Anna from Argentina, now his sons Nick and Alex, who literally grew up in the shop, are running most of the business so I think I'm good for another 50-60 years. (Wonder if I'll still have my driver's license at 120?) He's had his repair shop (it's not just electrical) in Santa Monica for nearly 40 years.

But before he settled into this business his early life was the stuff of telenovelas. I've gotten that part of the story in dribs and drabs over the years, usually having to pull it out of him, although he is a world-class talker, a storyteller, philosopher, a political pundit.

So after all these years and all these stories it's about time I share that with you. But I can't. Yet. Why?

Because I still have to write about what's happening to our City, and who's responsible. Wish I didn't.

I DON'T HATE OUR CITY COUNCIL OR STAFF

Honestly I don't. Although I'm pretty sure most of them believe that, and would be happy to "return the favor." I would likely get along with all of them over a scotch if politics were not discussed. They have devoted much of their lives to public service, and I laud them for that. I believe most went into local politics with the best intentions and the best interests of our residents, our City and its future at heart.

But … I figured out a long time ago that the motivation for taking a government job, or even a volunteer position, may have more to do with what you can get after you leave, than the job's immediate salary and benefits. (I'm not saying this applies to any of our current City Council members.)

Used to be the opposite: you took a bureaucratic position that paid less than the private sector would, because you knew the benefits at the end were sweet. Now you get both, high pay now (especially in Santa Monica) and big bucks when you leave.

Nearly half the City Hall retirees here last year (219) walked away with six-figure annual retirement checks, for life, nearly triple the average for California public employees. Just that check alone puts them more than 50 percent over the $64,300 median household — household — income countywide. The state average for those six-figure retirement plums, per city, is 15 percent, not our 42. We paid out more than Beverly Hills. Two of our former police chiefs are getting $244K and $234K each year from us, and a former city manager also clocks in at $244K. One more and we've got our own Million Dollar Quartet (but no Jerry Lee).

AM I JEALOUS?

Maybe a little. Writers are usually jealous of the checks bank clerks, fry cooks and folks on disability cash. But I certainly understand that police chief and city manager are two tough jobs I would not want to take on, especially for decades at a time.

But that's got nothing to do with it. I'm not talking about my bank account but our City's, which we all pay into and are responsible for, and it's got some heavy, heavy accounts payable sitting there. Nearly half a billion dollars, just for pension payments. Much of it unfunded or underfunded.

Is this normal? Out of our control? No. There's nothing we can do about pensions already promised, but we can do something about the future. I remember a neighborhood association meeting of a couple years ago where the City envoys were metaphorically wringing their hands and explaining to the uninformed (which was not most of us) that there is just nothing we can do about pensions due. Duh.

Finally former longtime Council member Bob Holbrook, apparently fearing continued silence was not good for his blood pressure, stood and said, of course you can't change the past but you can affect the future, starting tomorrow. 20 years ago we faced this same realization, he recounted, and the Council enacted hiring cutbacks and reduction of salaries going forward. I don't believe City services suffered, he offered. But in the ensuing years that resolve has been lost and here we are again. If you want to solve this problem you have to do something now, he advised.

Have we? No. In fact, we keep adding new six-figure positions and employees as though pensions don't exist, or are nothing to worry about. If the national economic picture changes drastically, and that's a gamble we shouldn't take in the era of Trumpenomics, Santa Monica could plummet into bankruptcy quicker than you can say "Bob Holbrook was right!"

The pension liability is probably our biggest threat. But coupled with the Council's propensity for acting like money is printed in the basement of City Hall, we are grasshoppers counting on the kindness of ants. It does no good to hold toothless citizen assemblies about homelessness or crime or traffic if we never have any funds we can apply to it.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is there really any more important issue here than overdevelopment? Don't almost all of our most pressing problems come from that? (Sound familiar? Worth repeating?)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "You can't be a progressive and be opposed to pension reform." — Gina Raimondo

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harassment sparked when dozens of women publicly accused movie producer Harvey Weinstein of rape, assault and harassment. He has denied the allegations.

To attract jobs and economic activity, more than 30 states give tax breaks to productions. California created its program in 2009 and it has been hailed for keeping productions in the state.

Prior to the program's inclusion into the Budget, Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) co-authored AB 1734 to extend the program, with Assemblymembers Rob Bonta (D-Alameda), Ian Calderon (D-Whittier) and Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher (D-San Diego).

"Today, we voted to extend one of California's most successful tax-incentive programs," said Assemblymember Bloom. "California has been the capital of the entertainment industry since its inception. It is an industry that employs hundreds of thousands of people, including many of my constituents, and supports small businesses throughout the state. SB 871 helps us stay competitive and will help keep Hollywood in California, where it was born."

Feature films and television shows apply for the credit before they begin filming. The California Film Commission, the state agency that oversees the program, prioritizes the projects that will generate the most jobs.

HBO's "Westworld," for example, planned nearly 300 filming days in California and was approved for nearly $30 million in credits, contingent on meeting the targets in its application.

The film "A Wrinkle in Time" was slated to receive more than $18 million in credits.

The film commission assigns credits based on a production's "below the line" jobs, including set builders, makeup artists and extras — not the highest profile workers, such as starring actors and directors.

Applicants who receive the tax credit would help fund a program to train people from underrepresented communities to do "below the line" jobs on film sets.

The industry initially expressed reservations about some of the diversity reporting requirements but supported the final version of the bill, Bonta said.

"The high level concept of wanting more diversity in film, there was always agreement on that," he said. "How we get there, how it becomes part of the film tax credit, was always a concern."

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 366 Calls For Service On June 18.

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

Critical missing person 3000 block Colorado 12:45 a.m.
Battery 800 block Lincoln 2:07 a.m.
Drunk driving 16th/Santa Monica 4:49 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block Broadway 6:08 a.m.
Trespassing 1500 block 4th 6:40 a.m.
Trash dumping 1300 block Berkeley 7:11 a.m.
Person down 1500 block Colorado 7:36 a.m.
Animal related incident 900 block 6th 8:07 a.m.
Person with a gun 10th/Pine 8:17 a.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Appian 9:03 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2800 block The Beach 9:46 a.m.
Animal related incident 3200 block Ocean Park 9:56 a.m.
Lewd activity 200 block Santa Monica 10:33 a.m.
Vandalism 1700 block Wilshire 10:51 a.m.
Lewd activity 14th/Broadway 11:03 a.m.
Bike theft report 900 block 11th 11:08 a.m.
Encampment 3100 block 2nd 11:18 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 18th 12:01 p.m.
Public intoxication 2100 block Lincoln 12:10 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 12th 12:25 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 6th 12:42 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 300 block Colorado 1:02 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 16th 1:11 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block Santa Monica 1:38 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block Hill 1:45 p.m.
Lewd activity 1700 block 17th 2:41 p.m.
Lewd activity 1100 block Lincoln 3:13 p.m.
Auto burglary 1200 block 4th 3:15 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block 6th 3:31 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1700 Ocean 4:02 p.m.
Battery 2200 block Colorado 4:12 p.m.
Indecent exposure 23rd/Arizona 4:18 p.m.
Public intoxication 1700 block Santa Monica 4:30 p.m.
Hit & run 300 block Santa Monica Pier 4:41 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Arizona 5:08 p.m.
Battery 2nd/Colorado 5:14 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block 6th 5:25 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Arizona 5:28 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block 23rd 5:40 p.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica Pier 6:21 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 2nd 6:26 p.m.
Encampment 4th/Colorado 6:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Euclid 6:54 p.m.
Overdose 1700 block Centinela 7:06 p.m.
Found senile person 1300 block 20th 7:06 p.m.
Fraud report 2400 block 3rd 7:53 p.m.
Person with a gun 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:52 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1000 block 9th 9:17 p.m.
Shots fired 600 block Hill 10:12 p.m.
Public intoxication 1400 block 3rd 10:37 p.m.
Encampment 900 block The Beach 11:32 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 23 Calls For Service On June 18.

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Emergency Medical Service 17th/Colorado 2:55 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 6:37 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900 block Santa Monica 6:57 a.m.
EMS 2100 block 7th 7:21 a.m.
EMS 800 block 18th 7:36 a.m.
EMS 3400 block Ocean Park 7:36 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 4th 8:53 a.m.
EMS 3400 block Ocean Park 9:23 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front 10:26 a.m.
EMS 800 block 4th 11:27 a.m.
EMS 1200 block Ocean Front 11:49 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Lincoln 11:50 a.m.
EMS 400 block 10th 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 2:17 p.m.
Wires down 2400 block 3rd 4:36 p.m.
EMS 900 block 10th 2:47 p.m.
EMS 1800 block Wilshire 4:45 p.m.
EMS 1700 block Centinela 7:06 p.m.
Structure fire 1600 block Ocean Park 7:28 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1400 block Stanford 8:15 p.m.
EMS 2nd/Arizona 8:47 p.m.
Assist LAFD 0 block Ozone 10 p.m.

BATHROOMS

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Recreation and Parks Commission.

"We did take the construction estimate on this project to an outside estimator so the construction numbers were validated by a third party estimator," Cline said. "Construction costs are rising."

The project will replace two 30-year-old facilities at Clover Park that require extensive maintenance and upgrades. Temporary restrooms will be provided for public use during construction, which is anticipated to begin this July and last nearly a year, ending by late May 2019.

Cole said the hefty price tag took into consideration the added costs of working with city government including insurance, fair wage guidelines, audit potential and OSHA requirements.

"I don't think anybody on staff is happy about these costs," Cole said.

Moving forward, Councilmember Sue Himmelrich said she hoped the city would consider ways to save money, including buying prefabricated buildings.

"I, for one, would appreciate at least looking at (those) as an alternative to things we design and build in view of our looming and threatening possible deficit," Himmelrich said.

After the brief discussion, the Council unanimously voted to approve the $2.3 million contract.

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Fox News Channel faces backlash from Hollywood creators

DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

Fox News Channel faces a growing backlash among Hollywood creators that intensified Tuesday following Laura Ingraham's description of "zero tolerance" detention facilities for children separated from their parents as "essentially summer camps."

"Modern Family" co-creator Steve Levitan raised the possibility of no longer working with the 20th Century Fox television studio after tweeting his disgust with Ingraham's remarks. The Fox News Channel prime-time host tried to walk back her remarks even before her show concluded Monday night, but the damage had already been done.

Seth MacFarlane, creator of Fox's "Family Guy," donated $2.5 million this week to National Public Radio and Southern California Public Radio's newsgathering efforts. On Sunday, MacFarlane tweeted that he was "embarrassed to work for this company" after pointing to a remark by Fox News' Tucker Carlson that viewers should assume the opposite of what major news stations reported.

Hollywood producer Judd Apatow challenged more Fox stars and executives to speak up and "make a huge difference in this national debate" about President Donald Trump's immigration policies. Paul Feig, a filmmaker who's done films for 20th Century Fox, posted Tuesday that he can't condone the support of Fox News "toward the immoral and abusive policies and actions taken by this current administration toward immigrant children."

Fox News had no comment on the issue Tuesday.

Hollywood types aren't exactly the favorite of Fox News Channel personalities or viewers, but the developments could have business implications. The ownership of the 20th Century Fox television and film studios, which are sister companies to Fox News, are currently up for grabs, the subject of a bidding war between Disney and Comcast.

Ingraham made her remark while defending the Trump administration's policy of separating children from parents of families caught illegally trying to cross the border into the United States.

"Since more illegal immigrants are rushing to the border, more kids are being separated from their parents and temporarily being housed in what are essentially summer camps" or facilities that look like boarding schools, she said in the opening monologue of Monday night's show.

Shortly before her hour-long program ended, Ingraham had apparently gotten word that there was a social media backlash to her "summer camps" remark. In a description of one of the facilities in Texas on Sunday, the Associated Press reported that hundreds of children were waiting in a series of cages created by metal fencing.

"Apparently there are a lot of people very upset because we referred to some of the detention facilities tonight as essentially like summer camps," she said. "The San Diego Union-Tribune today described the facilities as essentially like you would expect at a boarding school. So I will stick to there are some of them like boarding schools."

Ingraham, who has three adopted children, including one from Central America, suggested that people concerned about Trump's policy "take care of them the right way. Open your hearts and homes to them."

She wasn't immediately available for comment on Tuesday.

Levitan linked to a report about Ingraham's summer camp comment in a tweet that said, "let me officially join Seth MacFarlane in saying I'm disgusted to work at a company that has anything whatsoever to do with Fox News. This (expletive) is the opposite of what 'Modern Family' stands for."

In tweets later on Tuesday, Levitan suggested he would no longer work for 20th Century Fox after the current "Modern Family" deal ends in a year. But his agent later put out a statement saying Levitan was taking a wait-and-see attitude about that.

Former Fox News personality Eric Bolling said that he "cringed a little bit" when he heard Ingraham's comment.

"There are statements on the left and the right that kind of fire up their base, but it doesn't really help out," he said. In many cases, it's an attention-getting device. Some Trump supporters have described children being held in detention facilities as "child actors." Meanwhile, Ingraham on her show aired quotes from Trump opponents that described the policy as "child abuse" and said Trump was essentially creating orphans.

AP Television Writer Lynn Elber in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

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Trump administration pulls US out of UN human rights council

BY MATTHEW LEE & JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

The United States announced Tuesday it was leaving the United Nations' Human Rights Council, with Ambassador Nikki Haley calling it "an organization that is not worthy of its name." It was the latest withdrawal by the Trump administration from an international institution.

Haley, Trump's envoy to the U.N., said the U.S. had given the human rights body "opportunity after opportunity" to make changes. She lambasted the council for "its chronic bias against Israel" and lamented the fact that its membership includes accused human rights abusers such as China, Cuba, Venezuela and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

"We take this step because our commitment does not allow us to remain a part of a hypocritical and self-serving organization that makes a mockery of human rights," Haley said.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, appearing alongside Haley at the State Department, said there was no doubt that the council once had a "noble vision."

"But today we need to be honest," Pompeo said. "The Human Rights Council is a poor defender of human rights."

The announcement came just a day after the U.N. human rights chief, Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein, denounced the Trump administration for separating migrant children from their parents. But Haley cited longstanding U.S. complaints that the 47-member council is biased against Israel. She had been threatening the pull-out since last year unless the council made changes advocated by the U.S.

"Regrettably, it is now clear that our call for reform was not heeded," Haley said.

Still, she suggested the decision need not be permanent, adding that if the council did adopt reforms, "we would be happy to rejoin it." She said the withdrawal notwithstanding, the U.S. would continue to defend human rights at the United Nations.

The move extends a broader Trump administration pattern of stepping back from international agreements and forums under the president's "America First" policy. Although numerous officials have said repeatedly that "America First does not mean America Alone," the administration has retreated from multiple multilateral accords and consensuses since it took office.

Since January 2017, it has announced its withdrawal from the Paris climate accord, left the U.N. educational and cultural organization and pulled out of the Iran nuclear deal. Other contentious moves have included slapping tariffs on steel and aluminum against key trading partners, recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving the U.S. Embassy there from Tel Aviv.

Opposition to the decision from human rights advocates was swift. A group of 12 organizations including Save the Children, Freedom House and the United Nations Association - USA said there were "legitimate concerns" about the council's shortcomings but that none of them warranted a U.S. exit.

"This decision is counterproductive to American national security and foreign policy interests and will make it more difficult to advance human rights priorities and aid victims of abuse around the world," the organizations said in a joint statement.

Added Kenneth Roth, the executive director of Human Rights Watch: "All Trump seems to care about is defending Israel."

On Twitter, al-Hussein, the U.N. human rights chief, said it was "Disappointing, if not really surprising, news. Given the state of #HumanRights in today's world, the US should be stepping up, not stepping back."

But the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank close to the Trump administration, defended the move, calling the council "notably incurious about the human rights situations in some of the world's most oppressive countries." Brett Schaefer, a senior fellow, pointed out that Trump could have withdrawn immediately after taking office but instead gave the council 18 months to make changes.

Haley has been the driving force behind withdrawing from the human rights body, unprecedented in the 12-year history of the council. No country has ever dropped out voluntarily. Libya was kicked out seven years ago.

The move could reinforce the perception that the Trump administration is seeking to advance Israel's agenda on the world stage, just as it prepares to unveil its long-awaited Israeli-Palestinian peace plan despite Palestinian outrage over the embassy relocation. Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, is visiting the Middle East this week as the White House works to lay the groundwork for unveiling the plan.

Israel is the only country in the world whose rights record comes up for discussion at every council session, under "Item 7" on the agenda. Item 7 on "Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories" has been part of the council's regular business almost as long as it has existed.

The United States' current term on the council ends next year. Although the U.S. could have remained a non-voting observer on the council, a U.S. official said it was a "complete withdrawal" and that the United States was resigning its seat "effective immediately." The official wasn't authorized to comment publicly and insisted on anonymity.

That means the council will be left without one of its traditional defenders of human rights. In recent months, the United States has participated in attempts to pinpoint rights violations in places like South Sudan, Congo and Cambodia.

The U.S. pullout was bound to have ripple effects for at least two countries at the council: China and Israel. The U.S., as at other U.N. organizations, is Israel's biggest defender. At the rights council, the United States has recently been the most unabashed critic of rights abuses in China — whose growing economic and diplomatic clout has chastened some other would-be critics, rights advocates say.

There are 47 countries in the Human Rights Council, elected by the U.N.'s General Assembly with a specific number of seats allocated for each region of the globe. Members serve for three-year terms and can serve only two terms in a row.

The United States has opted to stay out of the Human Rights Council before: The George W. Bush administration opted against seeking membership when the council was created in 2006. The U.S. joined the body only in 2009 under President Barack Obama.

Associated Press writers Jamey Keaten in Geneva and Edith M. Lederer at the United Nations contributed.

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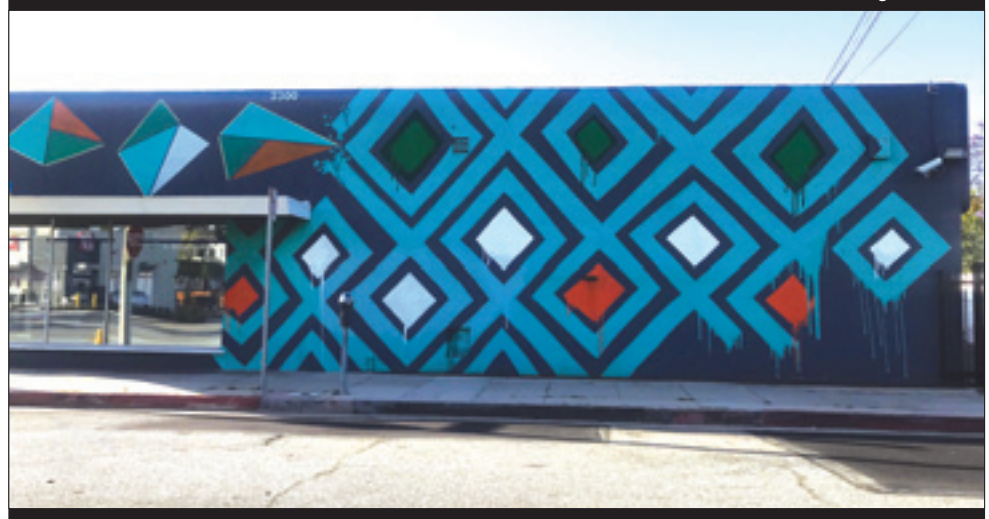
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

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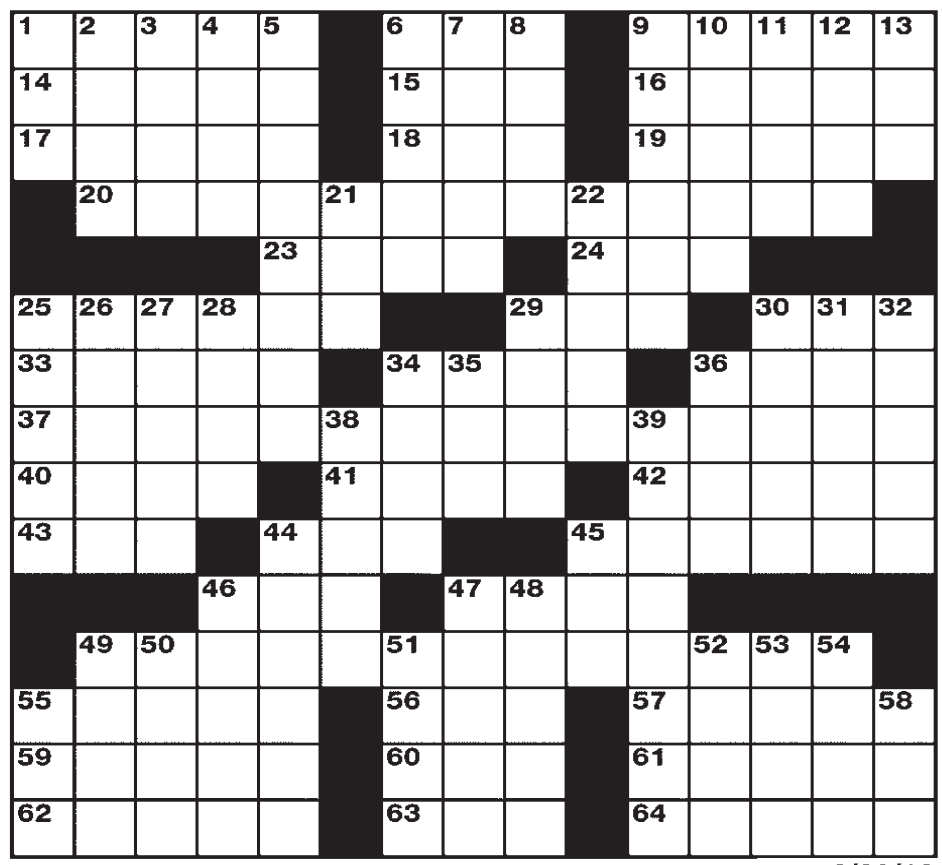
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1 "Dear Sir or __ . . ."
6 Height: Abbr.
9 Performance with sopranos
14 San Antonio landmark
15 Scratch up
16 Is very fond of
17 Devoured
18 Suffix meaning "inhabitant"
19 Wine sediments
20 North Pole staffers
23 Ascend
24 Workplaces for surgeons: Abbr.
25 Quarterback who's throwing
29 Aussie leaper
30 Boxing punch
33 Nebraska city
34 Line on a list
36 By oneself
37 Attorneys' staffers
40 Was aware of
41 Cruel
42 Triple-decker cookies
43 Newspaper classifieds
44 Be untruthful
45 Loud and bold
46 Ship's emergency signal
47 Feathered missile
49 Elementary school staffers
55 Exotic jelly flavor
56 Conk on the head
57 Purple flower
59 Atlas closeup
60 Urban rd.
61 Camel's Peruvian cousin
62 Formation-flying birds
63 Cash in Tokyo
64 Director Woody

DOWN
1 Ginnie __ (mortgage agency)
2 "That's too bad"
3 Facts and figures
4 Prayer's last word
5 City in Quebec
6 Not quite right
7 Wood-shaping tool
8 Genealogy chart
9 Seasoned vet
10 Skin openings
11 ". . . happily __ after"
12 Bylaws, for short
13 Donkey
21 Make public
22 Appears ominously
25 Oktoberfest dance
26 Modify
27 Wise advisors
28 *Pygmalion* playwright
29 Horse controller
30 Indiana portrayed by Harrison Ford
31 Female choristers
32 Too demanding
34 "Gotcha"
35 Baggage-screening org.
36 __ Lee cakes
38 Some Pennsylvania Dutch
39 Burrito's shell
44 Search for successfully
45 Bikini top
46 Squirrels away
47 Took the wheel
48 Colorado ski resort
49 Melody
50 Make less complicated
51 "Buy It Now" website
52 Pickle herb
53 Mideast airline
54 Identical
55 Band's booking
58 Is able to



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 20)

Your efforts to change the world will be successful. Sure, it starts as something very small, but don't underestimate the ever expanding power in this. July offers a different revenue stream. August presents prime opportunity to use and expand your talent. You'll find love in the process. Aquarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 38, 17 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This is a balancing act between openness and vigilance. As it is with tightrope walkers, special tools (e.g., the right shoes and a flexible horizontal rod) can help you maintain the equilibrium. Seek helpful accouterments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You may hardly notice when loved ones and acquaintances seem incurious about you. While there's no ill intent in such an error, it really is an error. You deserve and need attention. Go where it flows toward you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
It's a strange dance, the dance of intimacy. In the beginning, you're not sure how much you want to know and be known: This is the stage to savor. Soon enough, familiarity will change everything. Why rush it?

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
What you give to one person you'll get back from another, seemingly unrelated source. Some would call this coincidence; others would call it karma. Whatever you call it, it's a cycle that will continue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Feeling important isn't the same as being important. In fact, those who really are essential to the outcome of any given equation are rarely overly aware of their position, because they are too busy doing the work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You don't need others to admire you in order to feel good about yourself, and yet, it's nice, isn't it? You get a slice of admiration today, and it certainly doesn't hurt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Consider that your self-imposed limits might be far more stringent than the rules of the game or of society, and they may also be stricter than would allow you to develop to your full potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
It's the little things — the things that matter to others that you can gladly supply. Those will be the wins of the day. For instance, remembering and addressing people by their names: It will make a difference.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Humans learn at an early age that sadness tends to elicit comfort-giving. Ideally, the baby's cry brings a parent's attention. Hopefully, you won't be sad today, but if you are, don't ignore it. Provide your own comfort.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Be wary of words or actions meant to show one person's superiority, uniqueness and specialness. Solutions rarely venerate one person, and it's solutions that will make the world a little better today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
The parenting concept of "planned ignoring" speaks to the efficacy of diverting focus from unwanted outcomes in the hopes that they will lose power without attention to fuel them. It will be an effective tactic for many situations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Tantrums come in many forms. You're throwing a form of tantrum right now — a silent, internal and complex rebellion against something you've requested of yourself. The childlike part of you will make some good points!

End-of-Season Training

We're highly developed animals, but we're still animals with the same motivational systems as whales and dogs. We can train ourselves with tiny goals and treats. Before we know it we are jumping through our own hoops. It's the last day of the Gemini sun and the end of a season — a good day to set up a reward system to carry us to summer goals.

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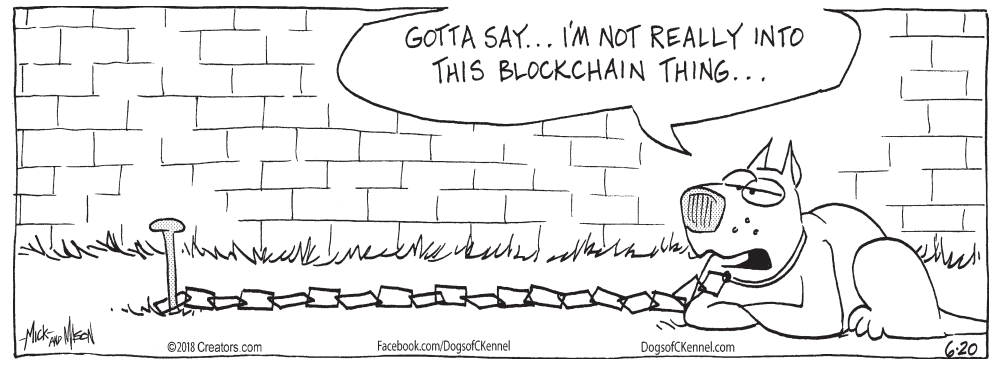
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