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Dueling experts testify in voting rights case

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The fourth week of the California Voting Rights Act trial challenging Santa Monica's election system continued to be a battle of experts, with detailed questioning regarding regression formulas, statistics and margins of error, dragging the contentious bench trial into late August and likely well into September. A similar trial in Palmdale lasted only 8 days.

The City's key witness, a political science professor of advanced

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Bird donates $50k matching grant to local organization

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The future of Bird scooters in Santa Monica may be uncertain but the scooter company recently made a move to ensure local students' futures is anything but by donating a matching grant of $50,000 to a local organization.

On Monday, Aug. 20, the Santa Monica Education Foundation announced that Bird launched a matching grant program with the

SEE DONATION PAGE 6

Birds get a place to land

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Nearly a year after the first flock of Bird e-scooters appeared on Santa Monica sidewalks, the city

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BIRDS LANDING

Courtesy photos

eScooters and eBikes get parking spaces via the City's Shared Mobility Drop Zones. The City hopes the parking spaces clear up cluttered scooters on the street, keeping pedestrians and riders themselves safe.



MID CITY

Ross Furukawa

Mayor Ted Winterer blows out the candles at the Co-Opportunity Market + Deli's while long time board member and SMC Professor Lynn Dickenson looks on. The member-owned Co-op, located on Broadway and 16th, turned 44 years old Thursday and recently opened a new location in Culver City.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR BIG BLUE BUS PROPOSED SERVICE & FARE ADJUSTMENTS

Notice is hereby given that three (3) public hearings will be held by Big Blue Bus on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, September 5 from 6pm-8pm**
Felicia Mahood Multipurpose Senior Center
11338 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, 90025

- **Wednesday, September 12 from 12pm-2pm**
Santa Monica Main Library, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 90401

- **Wednesday, September 12 from 6pm-8pm**
Santa Monica Main Library, 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 90401

A short presentation will be conducted for each hearing from 6:30pm to 7pm (evening meeting) or 12:30pm to 1pm (daytime meeting), and a public comment period will be held from 7pm to 8pm (evening meeting) or 1pm to 2pm (daytime meeting).

Service and fare changes are proposed to Big Blue Bus in four (4) areas:

1. Route and schedule changes to reduce light ridership service and increase service where customers use it most.
2. Minor fare change for Rapid 10 Express customers.
3. Introduction of an on-demand pilot providing weekend service on three corridors (Routes 5, 15, 41 and 42) where ridership is too light even for smaller buses.
4. Introduction of a summer-only shuttle service from the Downtown Santa Monica Expo Line Station to the Santa Monica Pier.

See details of this proposal at **bigbluebus.com/meetings**.

Big Blue Bus will review all public comments submitted during the comment period until September 14, 2018. Based on feedback received, Big Blue Bus may make adjustments to the draft proposals as necessary, before submitting a Staff Report for City Council review in November. If approved by City Council in November, service and fare adjustments would become effective March 2019.

Interested parties may comment in person at the hearing, or may submit written comments prior to the hearing. By email at Big Blue Bus, 1660 7th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Attn: Jennie Campos, Community Engagement Officer, or by submitting an email through Santa Monica Works at bigbluebus.com/meetings.

The Felicia Mahood Center and Santa Monica Main Library are both wheelchair accessible. For disability and translation accommodation requests, please contact 310-458-1975 ext. 6545 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing. All written materials are available in alternate formats upon request. Big Blue Bus Routes 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 18, and Rapid 3, Rapid 7 and Rapid 10 serve the Main Library. Big Blue Bus Routes 1 and 17 serve the Felicia Mahood Center. Visit **bigbluebus.com** for trip planning and schedule information.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2582 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2582 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2582 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 2.48.010 to change the eligibility requirement for serving on the City's Commission for the Senior Community from an elector of the City to a resident of the City. The Ordinance also amends Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 2.32.270 to clarify that City Planning Commission members receive compensation or reimbursement only in accordance with otherwise applicable federal, state, and local laws.

The Ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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What's Up Westside
OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, August 22

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

Baby Story Time
Story time series for babies 0-17 months. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 11:15 – 11:35 a.m.

Thursday, August 23

Design in 3D: Open Lab
Explore 3D printing possibilities at the Library. Prepare your own three-dimensional plastic objects for 3D printing. Staff will be available to help with basic troubleshooting. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 5 – 7 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Baby Time
Story series for babies ages 0 to 17 months accompanied by an adult. (August 9 – September 13) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 10 – 10:20 a.m.

Friday, August 24

Craft Supply Swap
Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library each Friday to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Free screening of "Lo and Behold"
This week, Mind Over Movies screens acclaimed director Werner Herzog's documentary "Lo and Behold," an increasingly prescience examination of technology, humanity and connectivity. Screening followed by roundtable discussion and audience Q&A. The Christian Institute, 1308 Second Street. 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit facebook.com/MindOverMoviesLA.

Out of the Blue: Under the Umbrella with Therese Kelly
Join artist Therese Kelly for a hybrid eco walking tour of the Beach House site, plus a natural dyeing workshop for all ages. Tours will range across the site and the dye workshop can get messy; comfortable shoes, sun protection, and clothes you don't mind getting stained are advised. Register at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture. Annenberg Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 25

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: Uncle Vanya
Santa Monica Rep performs Anton Chekhov's dramatic masterpiece Uncle Vanya. Seating is limited, and on a first arrival basis. Late seating is not permitted until a suitable break in the performance. Early arrival is recommended. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Connected Families: Robot Fun
Bring your family to play with robots and coding toys at the library. Work together to complete challenges or see what sparks your imagination. Ages 4-12. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 1 – 3 p.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Kobe Bryant not planning to play in BIG3 league next year

Kobe Bryant won't be coming out of retirement to play in the BIG3 next year.

A spokesperson for the longtime Los Angeles Lakers star said Tuesday that Bryant isn't playing next season in the 3-on-3 league of former NBA players.

Speculation that Bryant would play had heated up earlier in the day when league co-founder and entertainment executive Jeff Kwatinetz said during the league's weekly conference call that he "did hear from a credible source yesterday that Kobe says he's playing next year."

But Molly Carter, chief marketing officer of Kobe Inc., says the NBA's No. 3 career scorer has no plans to do so.

The BIG3 wraps up its second season with the championship game on Friday in Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

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Golden State Killer trial to be held in Northern California

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

A former police officer suspected of being one of California's most elusive serial killers will face a trial in Sacramento County on more than two dozen charges, including 13 murder counts, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Joseph James DeAngelo, 72, is suspected of being the so-called Golden State Killer who terrorized residents of six counties during the 1970s and '80s. He was arrested in April after authorities linked him to the cold case homicides using DNA.

DeAngelo, who remains jailed in Sacramento, will face trial there because of the complexity of the case, consideration of the suspect's rights, the locations of the crimes and the hardship of victims and witnesses, officials told reporters.

Authorities have said DeAngelo is suspected of being the sadistic attacker who killed 13 people and raped nearly 50 women.

On Tuesday, prosecutors filed amended criminal complaint charging him with 13 counts of murder and 13 new counts of kidnapping for robbery. DeAngelo is set to be arraigned Thursday.

"This human predator, DeAngelo, took a path through all of these counties in our state and wherever he went he left the wake of terror in his path. He committed vicious, violent crimes in all of these jurisdictions," Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas said.

DeAngelo's attorney, Diane Howard, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Tuesday

His alleged crime spree had such an impact on residents that it made "opening the window or walking your dog through the neighborhood a terrorizing experience," he said.

The new charges filed on Tuesday include four alleging that DeAngelo is suspected of "carrying away four women" to commit robberies in Contra Costa County in 1978 and 1979.

The nine other new charges are in connection with attacks committed in Sacramento County, said Sacramento County District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert. While prosecutors don't have DNA evidence in those cases, they are confident that DeAngelo is the suspect based on his "signature marks," she said.

While prosecutors suspect he's committed other crimes, the statute of limitations has run out, including for the crime of rape, the prosecutors said.

DeAngelo was arrested at his home in Citrus Heights in April after investigators matched crime-scene DNA with genetic material stored in an online database by a distant relative.

"We were looking for a needle in a haystack and we found it," Schubert said.

Prosecutors want to move forward toward trial quickly because some of the surviving victims are older, but she said they have to be cognizant of DeAngelo's right to a fair trial, Schubert said.

"We recognize this case will not be something that goes to trial very quickly," she said.

Prosecutors haven't yet decided whether they will pursue the death penalty against DeAngelo.

"It is a very serious, solemn process we don't take lightly," said Ventura County District Attorney Greg Totten. "That process is quite a ways down the road on this case."

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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2581 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2581 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Chapter 1.12 of the Municipal Code to authorize use of digital signatures for official City documents and amends Section 2.32.030 to authorize the City Manager to delegate signature authority for contracts. By its terms, the Ordinance will take effect on September 13, 2018.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 18ENT-0131 (Appeal of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification Approval)
414 California Avenue.
APPELLANT: Dorian King
APPLICANT: Diane and Dorian King
PROPERTY OWNER: Diane and Dorian King

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

An appeal of the Zoning Administrator's partial approval of a Fence, Wall, and Hedge Height Modification (17ENT-0247). The applicant originally requested approval of a fence and hedge height medication to allow a hedge on the front property line ranging in height from 6'-0" to 6'-6" along with a 6'-0" high wrought iron fence and gate, a wall with a lattice fence ranging in height from 6'-3" to 6'-7" along the east side parcel line, and a 6'-6" high hedge and a 6'-10" high wood gate along the west side parcel line within the front yard setback. The Zoning Administrator (ZA) partially approved of the applicant's request which denied the 6'-10" high wood gate within the front yard setback while approving a 4'-6" high hedge along the front parcel line and a 6'-0" high wrought iron fence behind the front parcel line within the front yard setback and a 6'-3" high wall with a lattice fence on the east side parcel line along the alley within the front yard setback. In addition, the hedge, wall, and wood fence where the side parcel line along the alley intersecting the front parcel line with the front yard setback needed to comply with Hazardous Visual Obstruction (HVO) requirements per SMMC Section 9.21.180. The applicant filed the appeal on May 16, 2018. The subject property is located in the Medium Density Residential (R3) zoning district.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

Address your letters to: Ivan Lai, Assistant Planner
Re: 18ENT-0131
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ivan Lai at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at ivan.lai@SMGOV.NET. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid 10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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RFP: #192 SOLID WASTE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS AND RATE STUDY
• Submission Deadline is September 27, 2018, at 9:00 AM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bid-search4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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States blast Trump administration coal plan, mull lawsuits

BY SUSAN HAIGH
Associated Press

States with a history of fighting air pollution generated by coal-fired power plants on Tuesday criticized a move by President Donald Trump's administration to scale back federal restrictions on emissions, with some threatening court challenges.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan was among those who pledged to "take legal action to ensure the federal government does its job" to protect the environment and people's health. She warned the Republican administration's move will have "disastrous consequences." New York Attorney General Barbara Underwood also vowed to sue the Environmental Protection Agency if the plan is approved. Both are Democrats.

"If the Trump administration's proposal to dismantle the Clean Power Plan is adopted, we will work with our state and local partners to file suit to block it — in order to protect New Yorkers, and all Americans, from the increasingly devastating impacts of climate change," Underwood said.

Both attorneys general are part of a coalition that includes officials from 15 other states, the District of Columbia, four cities and one county who defend former President Barack Obama's 2015 Clean Power Plan, which requires reductions in climate-changing emissions from fossil-fuel-burning plants. Two other states and the city of Los Angeles also joined in comments the coalition filed in April opposing the repeal of the Clean Power Plan. The Trump administration's proposed plan would give states more discretion in regulating coal power plants.

"This is a declaration of war against America and all of humanity — it will not stand," said Democratic California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Trump critic.

But some states welcomed the move on Tuesday.

West Virginia U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, a Republican, called the Clean Power Plan "a complete overreach" by the federal government that was "disastrous" for her state's coal industry.

"I'm encouraged the EPA's newly proposed Affordable Clean Energy plan allows state input and clearly signals the 'War on Coal' is over," she said in a written statement.

Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith of Mississippi predicted the president's proposal should protect her constituents from threatened power plant closings and electricity rate hikes.

In Connecticut, where there is only one coal-fired plant left, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Rob Klee called it "mind-boggling" that the administration would take steps to protect a "dying technology" over the health of citizens. He noted how the jet stream pushes the polluted air emitted from the coal plant smokestacks west to east, adversely impacting northeastern states.

"We're downwind from everyone and that's one of our major challenges," Klee said. "And that's bad air that our citizens and residents, particularly in urban areas, have to breathe."

Klee said he hopes Connecticut eventually takes legal action as a state or as part of a group, after the various comment periods for this proposed rule change are exhausted. In 2013, the owners of a Pennsylvania coal-fired power plan agreed to stop burning coal in two generating units and provide $1 million toward environmental mitigation in Connecticut and New Jersey, following a lawsuit filed by the two states seeking to enforce the federal Clean Air Act. Klee said Connecticut also has challenged other states for "not being good neighbors" when it comes to regulating air emissions.

He said the fact this new proposal gives some of those same coal states "the flexibility to do nothing or next to nothing" gives him the most concern.

Some critics of the administration's plan to scale back the limits on climate change emissions noted the timing of the proposal. Colorado Democratic Gov. John Hickenlooper tweeted: "Wildfires burning all over the world — smoke everywhere — and President Trump wants to burn more coal with fewer clean air protections by dropping the Clean Power Plan." He said Colorado is "staying the course" and working to improve air quality.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson, both Democrats, plan to hold a news conference Wednesday on the administration's proposal, hinting they might take some kind of action.

"We will not stand by and allow this cynical action to threaten our state," they said in a joint statement, noting how Washington hasn't yet lost a case challenging Trump administration actions.

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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Greed For Power

POLITICAL SCHOLARS AGREE

That the tenor of a government, the spirit, always comes from the top. It doesn't have to be direct or even overtly stated. Underlings understand what the boss wants, and they get in line.

But while most rational people would acknowledge the ick in DC, most in Santa Monica would see no parallel here with our City government, and certainly wouldn't think there's any comparison. They would be wrong, on at least one count.

As messy and ugly as it may get in our Council chambers, they have little chance of igniting a nuclear war. But like a volatile tRump on the world stage, our Council does have the power to ruin our world and our governance along the way. Not through walls or tariffs, saber rattling, cozying up to Russia or demonizing our press, but through overdevelopment, overspending, and an agenda that prevents appropriate response to major issues.

Trump apologists come up with amazingly absurd justifications. Here, all the talking points seem logical, normal and difficult to refute. But Santa Monica has many moving parts, a complex web with so much hidden from those not "on the inside." When you do gain some understanding, you get a different picture. The politicians, the movers and shakers, the staff, all know the code. You don't.

HOUSING, HOUSING, MORE HOUSING

More affordable housing, how can we get more affordable housing, we must, we must build more and more, we have a housing crisis! We've been hearing that for years and despite Santa Monica having built more than its share compared to other cities in the region, the drumbeat continues. A high-minded goal, but could part of the motivation be to collect development fees, to keep that tax base up, to trade cash for allowing builders to break the zoning and other regs -- all to pay for our skyrocketing City budget, now approaching a billion dollars, to pay for the most bloated, overpaid staff in California and their looming budget-busting pensions, for a $140,000,000 City offices building, for $2.3M restrooms, for a self-inflicted failing local economy, unconscionable crime and homelessness, and on and on.

The housing "strategy" is a deal with the devil. We have an affordability crisis here, not a housing crisis. Santa Monicans may wind up with no more right to that housing than someone's grandma who just got off the plane from Moscow. And you would be shocked if you examined the parameters of "affordable." What we need are strategies to keep people in Santa Monica who have lived here but are being forced out of their homes, and this ain't it. It's a gnarly but very important dilemma, and I don't have the answers, but in focusing so much on just building more housing, our City Council doesn't seem to have noticed that they are building us into un-liveability. Longtime residents who loved this city are moving out, and declaring their intention to, in numbers I've never seen in 32 years here.

ARE THEY EQUIPPED?

This City Council? I say no. The message, the spirit they put out seems good, but the reality is different, and they proved it two weeks ago.

Like any politicians (every politician?), they demonstrated that what is most important to them, their number one principle, above all else, is not any of those things they pontificate about. It is greed. Specifically, greed for power. They will do anything to retain their power, no matter what the consequences may be to their constituents.

One of the pieces of business at that Council meeting was to recommend people for commission positions. These are volunteer positions, and commissions have no real power except to recommend, to Council.

There is certainly politics involved. But once on a commission, if a person has participated responsibly and not stolen funds nor slit anyone's throat, you would expect them to get a second term. 22 people were up for renewal, but only 21 were renewed. Very unusual.

The one who was not: Phil Brock, on the Arts Commission. By all accounts, he was not only a responsible commissioner but an innovative and valuable one. Yet he alone was rejected, 5-2 (Sue Himmelrich voted both rounds to keep him).

Brock previously served for years on the Recreation & Parks Commission and chaired it. Born and raised in Santa Monica, third generation, doing public service since he worked at the Boys & Girls Club as a teen, coached in our schools, honored by Kiwanis and Elks, Samohi alumni president -- it's a very long and impressive list. He knows the City like few do and has served tirelessly, without pay. Could his very unusual rejection possibly be because he has run for City Council and probably will again, has been critical of some of their actions or lack of action, and his common sense approach is a threat to the power elite? But what of the residents of Santa Monica, who will be deprived of his knowledge, energy and service?

The very next morning tRump revoked the security clearance of former CIA Director John Brennan, a man praised by all his colleagues for his decades of outstanding service, and for his knowledge and experience which is so valuable to our nation's security. But he has been very critical of tRump, so he paid no attention to Brennan's ongoing value to our country and tossed that aside for purposes of personal power.

The direct parallel was striking, too much to ignore.

I don't want a President or a City Council whose top priority is holding on desperately to their own power, over the good of their constituents.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Things will get better over the scooter situation, it already is, but only because the City is desperately trying to make up for months of miscalculation, manipulation and hidden agenda, and the question is, how short is your memory? When all seems much better, will you remember what we had to go through until the Council and staff were forced to make some decisions that protected an enraged and disgusted population?

Do not forget, come November, how recklessly your City Council handled it all because they are so enamored of our reputation as an innovative transportation city.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: "When it comes to racism, discrimination, corruption, public lies, dictatorships, and human rights, you have to take a stand as a reporter because I think our responsibility as journalists is to confront those who are abusing power." -- Jorge Ramos

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DONATION

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Ed Foundation. The program stipulates that Bird will match all donations to the organization for up to $50,000 until September 4.

"What an incredible way to start the school year," Linda Greenberg, Executive Director of the Ed Foundation said. "We are grateful for [Bird's] philanthropic leadership and inspiring dedication to our Santa Monica students."

Funds from the grant as well as monies that the organization raises go towards many programs throughout the Santa Monica school district ranging from elementary school arts programs, ballroom dance classes, instructional aide, and creative grants that schools spend as they wish.

"Santa Monica is Bird's hometown, which means we care deeply for its well-being both now and into the future," Carl Hansen, Director of Government Affairs said in a press release. "We are proud to offer this match so that the thousands of students impacted by the Ed Foundation can have access to critical education programs. Bird hopes this investment will encourage fellow community members to join us in ensuring all students in Santa Monica experience an enriching education."

Earlier this month, a key committee did not endorse Bird as one of the four companies to operate shared electric scooters as part of an official pilot. The committee recommended giving contracts to ridesharing giants Lyft and Uber instead. Planning Director David Martin is expected to announce whether Bird will be allowed to stay by the end of the month.

While some might see the matching grant donation as a cynical PR move to save face with the City, Bird's philanthropic efforts with the Ed Foundation predate the committee pilot endorsement and last week's Save the Birds rally.

Additionally, Bird has previously supported local groups such as Safe Place for Youth (SPY) and surrounding community events, including LA Pride and Venice Pride.

Ann Conkle, Communications and Events Manager for the Ed Foundation told the Daily Press that Bird donated $11,500 to the organization last year, calling Bird "very agreeable" and "happy to help".

"I always make the assumption that people want to give and support people in the community," Conkle said. "They're the new company in town and they're someone willing to donate. We don't take political stands; we're just appreciative that they want to support education and support our kids."

Bird will be matching donations to the Ed foundation until September 4th. For more information, visit https://www.smedfoundation.org/

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University to expand into LA's old Herald Examiner building

Associated Press

The ornate former headquarters of the defunct Los Angeles Herald Examiner will be renovated for an expansion of Arizona State University.

The university has announced plans to lease the century-old building in a part of downtown LA undergoing a sweeping resurgence.

The university says the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications and Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts will hold classes at the building, which ASU expects to occupy in 2020.

Media mogul William Randolph Hearst founded the Los Angeles Examiner in 1903 and the building was completed in 1914. The newspaper, which ultimately became the Herald Examiner, shut down in 1989.

Renovation will include a mix of restaurants and retail on the first floor with classroom and office space on the upper floors.

Lobbyist claims California state senator threatened her

Associated Press

State Sen. Joel Anderson is facing an investigation after a lobbyist said he threatened to hit her during a fundraiser at a Sacramento restaurant last week.

California Nurses Association lobbyist Stephanie Roberson filed a complaint with the Senate Rules Committee, said Bonnie Castillo, executive director for the nurses' union.

Castillo said the incident occurred Aug. 13 during a fundraising event at the Diplomat Steakhouse, a bar and restaurant across the street from the California Capitol. The restaurant escorted a man, allegedly Anderson, out of the restaurant for threatening to strike a woman, a restaurant spokesman told The Sacramento Bee .

"This threat was observed by restaurant staff who immediately intervened and escorted the male out without further incident," spokesman Patrick Harbison said.

Anderson called the incident a "misunderstanding" and said his comments weren't directed at Roberson.

"I have the utmost respect for Stephanie and I sincerely regret my word choice that was not directed at her. I welcome the Rules Committee investigation to clear up this misunderstanding," he said Tuesday in a statement.

Anderson is the latest California lawmaker to face accusations of inappropriate conduct or behavior. The state Legislature has been re-examining its harassment policies since last year, when nearly 150 women signed a letter detailing what it said was a pervasive culture of harassment by men at the Capitol.

Three male lawmakers resigned and at least one female lawmaker is the target of an investigation over groping allegations.

Anderson, of Alpine, is prevented by term limits from seeking re-election. He's now running for a state tax board called the Board of Equalization.

The California Nurses Association called on him to resign and end his campaign. Castillo said the union is reviewing legal action.

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BIRDS

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has painted the first parking spaces for shared mobility devices.

On Tuesday, August 21, the City of Santa Monica revealed a part of an upcoming pilot project with something called Shared Mobility Drop Zones. The drop zones would create specially designated, stencil-outlined areas throughout the city where e-scooters and e-bikes could be parked.

The efforts come as the city attempts to reign in bad behavior by riders and work with companies to get a handle on the burgeoning industry that relies on the ubiquity of their product for success.

"The City of Santa Monica committed to doing everything we can to ensure safe, convenient, and legal options that protect the public right of way and keep streets accessible to everyone and free of clutter," said Constance Farrell, Public Information Officer for the City.

Farrell says the City hopes drop zones incentivize the public to safely park their e-vehicles, noting emergency ordinances still apply as far as punitive actions for the scooters, such as impounding. The City impounds scooters that impose an immediate hazard or are outside of the legal locations to ride and park, such as the bike path.

"Be responsible e-scooter riders," Farrell said on behalf of the City. "We want everyone to enjoy the streets of Santa Monica."

THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS HAVE DROP ZONES OR WILL HAVE DROP ZONES BY END OF WEEK:

- Olympic Drive and Ocean Ave (installed)
- Ocean Ave and Colorado Esplanade (installed)
- Ocean Ave and Arizona (Installed)
- Parking Structure #4 on 2nd Street (Aug. 22)
- Across from Parking Structure #6 on 2nd Street (Aug. 22)

THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS WILL HAVE DROP ZONES EARLY NEXT WEEK:

- City Hall near Breeze Station
- Pier Ave east of Main Street
- Main Street (Sea Shore Hotel)
- Pacific Ave at Main Street
- 6th Street at Broadway
- 5th Street at Broadway
- 6th Street at Arizona

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CASE

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quantitative methods at UCLA, Dr. Jeffrey Lewis, was back on the stand Tuesday. Attorneys for the city painstakingly reviewed his analysis of dozens of elections for City Council, local boards and propositions over the past two decades.

Dr. Lewis testified that since 2002, 71 percent of Latino-preferred candidates have won Council seats, and 82 percent of Latino-preferred candidates have won seats on other boards. Dr. Lewis criticized opposing expert analysis that found racially polarized voting, saying there are too few Latinos in any given precinct to draw that inference. Santa Monica is just over 13 percent Latino.

"There's substantial uncertainty," Dr. Lewis said. Because voters do not disclose their identity and can vote for up to three or four candidates, the experts disagree on the accuracy of formulas and graphs that analyze precinct behavior.

The Pico Neighborhood Association sued the City of Santa Monica in 2015, arguing its at-large election system makes it too difficult for Latino candidates to get onto the dais. Their attorneys argue Judge Yvette Palazuelos should only weigh Council elections when considering the case. One of the plaintiffs, Oscar de la Torre, has won several Santa Monica Malibu School Board elections and is currently running again. Sitting Councilmember Tony Vazquez and Mayor Pro-Tempore Gleam Davis both have Latino heritage.

De la Torre, a fervent critic of city officials, has been waiting to take the stand for weeks. In their trial brief, the City accused him of purposefully throwing his 2016 campaign for City Council to win the lawsuit. De la Torre claims the city has systematically discriminated against the Pico Neighborhood. His lawyers propose switching to a district-based voting system, where the Pico Neighborhood would be approximately 30 percent Latino.

The expert on his side, Cal-Tech professor Dr. Morgan Kousser, testified that voters split along racial lines in several elections, including the 1994 City Council race when Councilmember Tony Vazquez lost his seat. Kousser has served as an expert witness in dozens of federal and state voting rights cases, including litigation in Santa Clara and Palmdale that resulted in major reforms.

It's unclear how the trial will impact the November election, should Judge Palazuelos rule Santa Monica's election system is illegal. The City Clerk says it would be impossible to make last minute changes, since Santa Monica's elections are consolidated with Los Angeles. In the Palmdale case, the judge refused to certify election results after finding its system discriminated against minorities.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON AUGUST 9, 2018 AT ABOUT 5:29 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the Santa Monica Pier regarding a subject brandishing a hammer and making threats. Upon officer's arrival, the reporting party/victim immediately pointed out the suspect. The suspect was detained for an investigation. Officers learned the victim, a performer on the pier, was performing when unprovoked the subject approached and began interfering with his performance and yelling obscenities. The victim told him to leave him alone. The subject continued to bother the victim. The subject revealed his waistband and displayed a metal hammer. As the subject did so, he threatened to harm the victim. The victim walked away and called the police. The subject was taken into custody. Nelson Santos Flores, 44, was booked and later issued a citation for brandishing a weapon.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 407 Calls For Service On August 20.

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

Grand theft auto 1700 block Appian 00:27 a.m.
Battery 700 block Broadway 00:57 a.m.
Person down 5th/Arizona 01:02 a.m.
Battery 2400 block Ocean Front Walk 06:38 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 07:49 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block Washington 08:09 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block Berkeley 08:22 a.m.
Battery 200 block Santa Monica 08:27 a.m.
Animal related incident 1800 block 10th 08:40 a.m.
Burglary 2000 block Ocean 08:50 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block 15th 08:53 a.m.
Overdose Lincoln/Michigan 9:00 a.m.
Encampment 800 block Pico 09:05 a.m.
Found person 300 block Olympic 09:10 a.m.
Assault 800 block Broadway 09:33 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 2nd 09:36 a.m.
Burglary 1100 block 7th 10:00 a.m.
Vandalism Yale/Montana 10:18 a.m.
Battery Appian/Arcadia 10:30 a.m.
Grand theft 2000 block Ocean Park 10:36 a.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 17th 10:49 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 11:39 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 12:18 p.m.
Burglary 200 block Washington 12:21 p.m.
Animal related incident 12th/Marguerita 12:25 p.m.
Grand theft 1800 block Lincoln 12:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 800 block Pacific Coast 12:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 4th 1:06 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block Berkeley 1:26 p.m.
Person down 1800 block 17th 2:01 p.m.
Civil dispute 1300 block Santa Monica 2:05 p.m.
Bike theft 200 block Broadway 2:29 p.m.
Threats 2000 block Main 2:51 p.m.
Person down 200 block Broadway 3:12 p.m.
Fight 1600 block Ocean 3:30 p.m.
Threats 1700 block Washington 3:48 p.m.
Fight 4th/Colorado 4:00 p.m.
Person down 1600 block Ocean 4:11 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 9th 4:39 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 40 Calls For Service On August 20.

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

Automatic alarm 1500 block California 00:40 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 2000 block Arizona 00:46 a.m.
EMS 30th/Pico 00:56 a.m.
EMS 5th/Arizona 01:02 a.m.
EMS 5th/Olympic 02:12 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 03:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block Wilshire 03:57 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 05:05 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 06:02 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Expo Line 06:26 a.m.
EMS 100 block Ocean Park 07:35 a.m.
EMS 2400 block 23rd 07:41 a.m.
EMS 2600 block 11th 08:20 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Michigan 09:00 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 09:29 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 4th 09:36 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Arizona 09:42 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 12:12 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:11 p.m.
EMS 2300 block Santa Monica 1:23 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 1:50 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 26th 2:11 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Wilshire 3:46 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 4:07 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 17th 4:17 p.m.
Public assist 2500 block Michigan 4:37 p.m.
EMS 2200 block Virginia 6:02 p.m.
EMS 900 block Wilshire 6:16 p.m.
EMS 3000 block Wilshire 6:58 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Pico 7:21 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 1800 block Ocean Front Walk 7:29 p.m.
Haz Mat Level 1 Ocean/Broadway 7:31 p.m.
EMS 300 block Pico 8:05 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Lincoln 8:28 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Neilson 8:42 p.m.

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Draw Date: 8/18
4 5 24 30 38
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 25M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/20
9 25 26 33 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/21
MIDDAY: 4 6 4
Draw Date: 8/20
EVENING: 2 0 6

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/20
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2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
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1. to bark or yelp noisily or foolishly; yap.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Overdose, Then Worse

■ People who survive an opioid overdose are at increased risk of death in the following year, though not always due to drug use. A new study in JAMA Psychiatry looked at 75,000 adults treated for an opioid overdose between 2001 and 2007; more than 5,000 of whom died within 12 months of the event.

■ Of those deaths, 25 percent were related to drug use, 13 percent to circulatory system diseases and 10 percent to cancer. And compared to the general population, opioid overdose survivors are more likely to die of viral hepatitis, suicide and chronic respiratory diseases.

■ Study authors said some of the higher risk reflects risky behaviors more common among drug users, such as smoking. More than 63,000 Americans died of drug overdoses in 2016, primarily opioids.

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Sudoku

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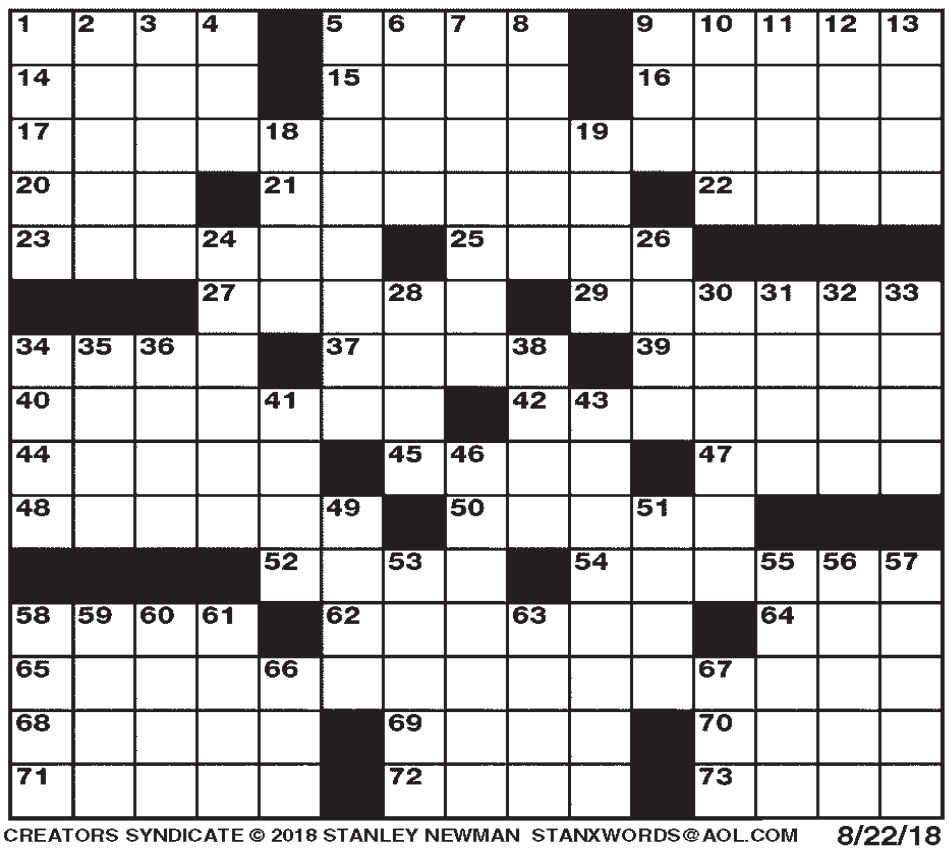
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Newsday Crossword

HUMP DAY by S.N.
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ACROSS
1 Stinging insect
5 When planes are due to leave: Abbr.
9 In first place
14 Sore spot
15 Boat builder of Genesis
16 Humongous
17 Nickname for a camel
20 Prefix for sense
21 Combined, as resources
22 Lumberjacks' choppers
23 Hot Wheels or Matchbox vehicle
25 Type like *this*: Abbr.
27 Big aluminum company
29 Emphatic admission
34 Unknown author: Abbr.
37 Alternatively
39 First full spring month
40 With 42 Across, British author of "How the Camel Got His Hump"
42 See 40 Across
44 Fernando's farewell
45 Examined closely
47 ". . . against __ of troubles": Shak.
48 Racket game
50 Skillful
52 Garbage barge
54 *Pride and Prejudice* author
58 Weeps loudly
62 Historical records
64 Ecology agcy.
65 Biblical camel riders to Bethlehem
68 Open, as shoelaces
69 Web addresses, for short
70 Unlock
71 Male pigs
72 Whispered bid for attention
73 Apt to pry

DOWN
1 "Rome __ built in a day"
2 Sound of a sneeze
3 Gleaming
4 Lively energy
5 Any police officer
6 Canine in Oz
7 Showy flowers
8 Piece of paper
9 Spanish cheer
10 Astronauts' org.
11 Fearsome dinosaur, for short
12 Fairy tale meanie
13 Beagles and bunnies
18 Whitish gemstone
19 WWII turning point
24 Grand __ State (Arizona)
26 High jump
28 Ye __ Tea Shoppe
30 Pie-fight sounds
31 Part of the eye
32 Have a fine meal
33 Gymnast Korbut
34 Smell __ (be suspicious)
35 Unclothed
36 Chief Norse god
38 __ out a living (scraped by)
41 Without a warranty
43 High-principled person
46 Snoozefests
49 Lasting mark
51 Fairy tale character "in boots"
53 Slightly ahead, in golf
55 Symphonic speed
56 Fencing swords
57 Kids' caretaker
58 Checkbook remnant
59 "This is terrible!"
60 Phi __ Kappa
61 Mix with a spoon
63 Hole-punching tools
66 "For __ a jolly good fellow . . ."
67 Extremely long time



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22)

Your social life ramps up this solar return with several fortuitous meetings. An introduction in September will soon have you thinking of the world and your place in it very differently. Work-wise, you'll build on what you've learned, but you'll take it in a very surprising direction. Truly, you will be a creative force. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 33, 32, 10 and 30.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Your stars are excellent for striking a deal. Look for sales. Believe that you can find high quality at a lower cost. There's always a way. Don't settle for the first thing people offer unless it's crazy-good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Early success is seen as a gift, though it may be a bad one, as it robs a person of the extensive body of knowledge that comes with early failure. You'll win, but try to stay humble so you can still learn all you possibly can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Your skills might not seem to be a great match for the challenges of the day. Don't let this stop you. Intention and creativity will make up the difference. You don't have to be technically good at something to pull it off.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You admire people who know what they're doing and do it very well. You become more creative and professional when you stick close to such people and learn what they know.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Sometimes you find yourself pulling away from others without knowing why. Try to figure out why, though, because the knowledge will help you in this relationship and others to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You will do as most people who have a choice will do -- that is to say, what you feel like doing. You'll also be in a position to lead others, which will require that you help them feel like doing the thing you want them to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
For what are you willing to trade your hard-earned cash? Your eye may be drawn to the luxuries and extras you don't really need but somehow still really want. Note that value sometimes has very little to do with cost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
You're wondering what someone sees in you, where the relationship stands, and the nature of the feelings being silently exchanged. Be patient. Feeling comes first and then seeing. Words come last, if at all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
The people you love will cause more work for you. It's what they're good at! It's part of why you love them! It keeps you in service, and in shape. You're better off for it, though it's not always pleasant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
When people have something better to do, they do better. You won't take this as a fact of life; rather, you'll go the distance and take it as a challenge, a responsibility, even. What better thing can you offer them to do?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Though you're working with a team, it's still crucial that everyone is individually acknowledged, including you. When it's your turn to accept the applause, take a bow.

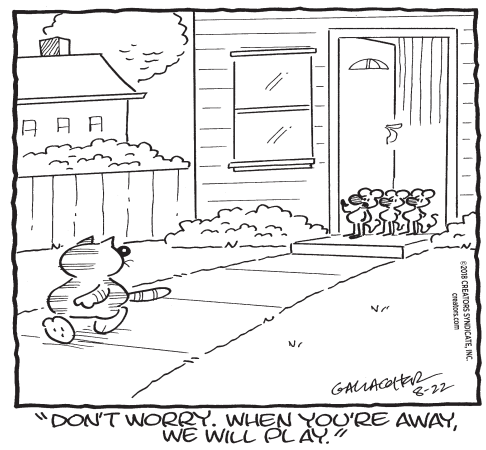
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Life is a lot less stressful for the people who happen to be around you because you use your sense of humor to lighten things up. Bonus: You feel loved and appreciated when you hear their laughter.

Leo Sun Home Run

Babe Ruth said that every strike brought him closer to a home run. Of course, he was committed to learning from strikes. Others have been similarly inclined with the sun's journey across all the bases of its Leo home. A commitment to learning is more important than a commitment to winning. No one controls the win, but learning improves the odds.

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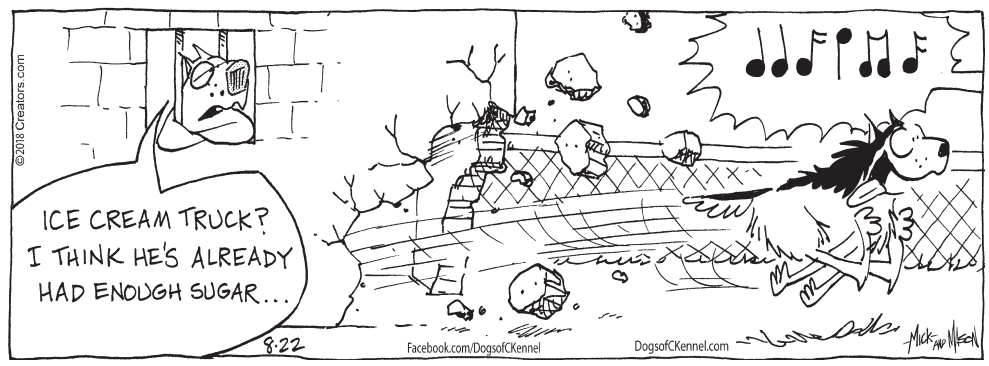
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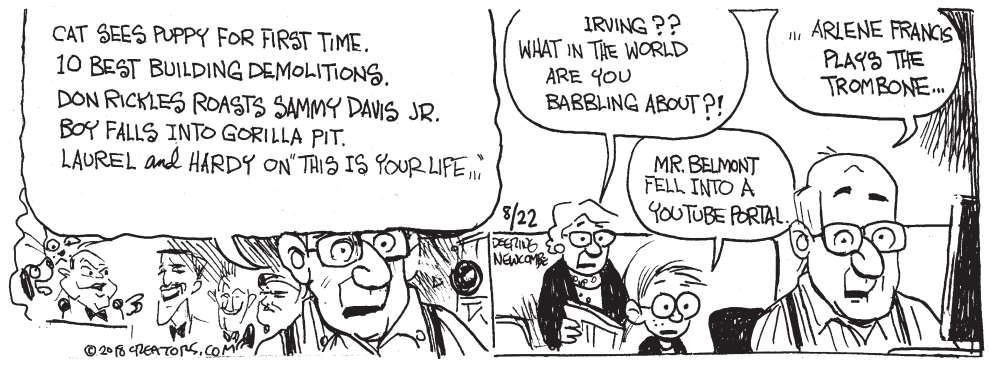
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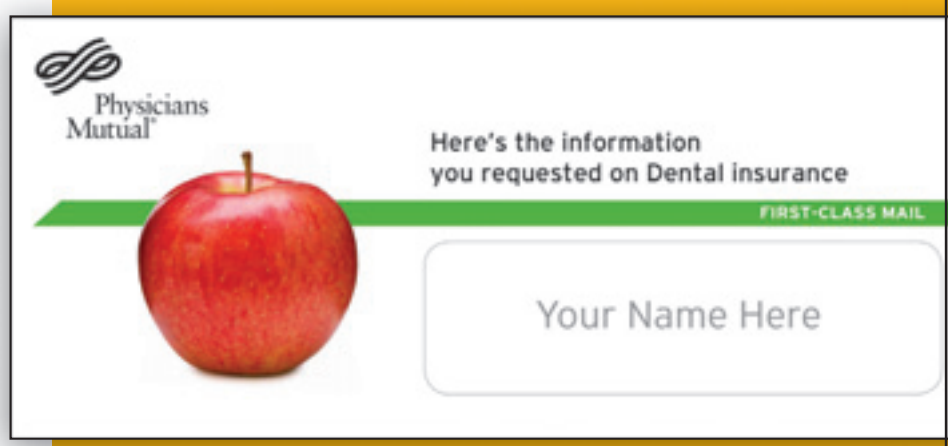


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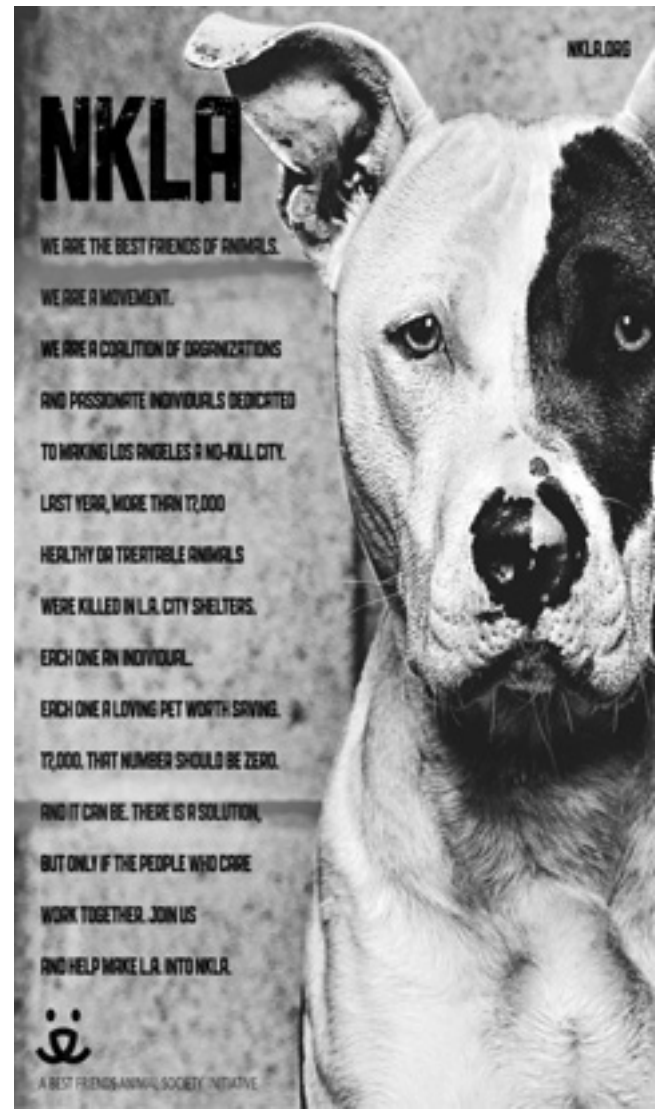
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