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The US West had a snowy winter, so why the fiery summer?

DAN ELLIOTT
Associated Press

Acrid yellow smoke clogs the skies of major Western U.S. cities, a human-caused fire in the Columbia River Gorge rains ash on Portland, Oregon, and a century-old backcountry chalet burns to the ground in Montana's Glacier National Park.

Wildfires are chewing across dried-out Western forests and grassland, putting 2017 on track to be among the worst fire seasons in a decade.

A snowy winter across much of the West raised hopes that 2017 wouldn't be a dried-out, fire-prone year, but a hot, dry summer spoiled that.

Here's what happened, and how bad things are:

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Heavy snows last winter brought relief from a long, brutal drought across much of the West and produced a lush growth of natural grasses — thicker and taller than many vegetation experts had ever seen. But the weather turned very hot very fast in the spring, and the snow melted much faster than expected.

All the grass that grew high

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Council returns to work after summer break

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

After a brief summer respite, City Council returns to regular business on September 12 with a relatively easy agenda.

The Consent Calendar, typically reserved for routine or repeat items, contains approval for a pair of events on the beach and a call for new bidders to build pedestrian improvements on 4th Street.

The 1550 PCH parking lot, adjacent to the Santa Monica Pier, can be rented for special events and Council will be presented with two applications for the site.

"The first is an interactive exhibition, Forced from Home, about displaced people and refugees around the world," said the staff report. "The exhibit, sponsored by Doctors Without Borders/Médecins sans Frontières (MSF), will be open to the public from November 13 to 19, 2017; set up will begin on November 11 and move out will be completed by November 20. The other event is the return of the Independent Spirit Awards (ISA) on March 3, 2018. ISA will occupy the 1550 lot for two weeks, from February 21 to March 7, 2018."

The policy allows for multiyear event proposals and the ISA is also suggesting tentative dates for their 2019 and 2020 events.

The proposal marks the second time Doctors Without Borders/Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) staged an exhibit locally. Their first event, "Refugee Camp in The Heart of the City," was held in the same location in 2008.

The new exhibit, Forced from

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MEMORIAL

Courtesy Photos

A new memorial has been installed at the Public Safety Facility recognizing fallen police officers and firefighters. The project was a collaboration between the Police Department and the City's Cultural Affairs Division. Artist Eugene Daub was selected for a piece that officials said reflects the many ways officers and firefighters serve and give back to the community.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, September 9

Authors on Architecture: Schrank on Modernism and the Body

Sarah Schrank discusses her new book, Healing Spaces, Modern Architecture, and the Body, which explores the significance of the sun to modern concepts of healthful architecture. Co-sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians/Southern California Chapter. Book sale and signing follow. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 1 – 3 p.m.

Xerox Transfer with Shannon Freshwater

Studio resident Shannon Freshwater will teach how to make a one of a kind print by manually transferring a xerox copy onto fine art paper. This technique can also be used to transfer images onto wood, fabric and many other materials. More than one technique will be demonstrated and participants are encouraged to bring multiple xeroxed pictures and materials to transfer. 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/59081or call (310) 458-2239. Cost: $5.

Classics Book Group

This long-running book discussion group discusses literary classics from around the world. September 2017's book: A Personal Matter by Kenzaburo Oe. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Second Saturday Open Craft Lounge

Come to the Camera Obscura Art Lab on the second Saturday of every month to work on your projects, take in a mini-workshop, and stretch your craft-legs. Bring your machines and your projects, and work in a congenial setting in this open lab. Free! Open to all adults, reservations appreciated. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/59004

Sunday September 10

Closing Reception West of Lincoln Project

Venice Arts presents the closing reception for Painter Ruth Chase's first solo exhibition, The West of Lincoln Project. At 10:30 a.m., Ruth Chase will be giving a brief talk about how the West of Lincoln Project happened and what it means to use art for positive social change. Venice Arts, 13445 Beach Avenue, Marina del Rey. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. RSVP visit http://bit.ly/2wlgl4y

Muriel Minot's 2nd Post-Grad Recital (51 years, later!)

Soprano: Muriel Minot (performed locally for Mysteries en Brochette & Mayfair Music Hall...Oberlin graduate). Special Guest (tenor): Richard Stephen Podell (lots of Broadway credits) Music includes Opera & Operetta arias by Mozart, Puccini, Gounod, Lehar, etc... Concert is FREE. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.

Summer BBQ BASH

Live Music featuring Starr, Tim, Benny and Chico accompanied by other musicians and performers. Vic will be barbequing. Monica Music Center 1901 Santa Monica Blvd. noon to 4pm

Monday, September 11

September 11 remembrance

The Santa Monica Fire Department Will Commemorate 9/11 at 6:45 a.m. at local fire stations. Station 1 1444 7th Street. Station 2 222 Hollister Avenue. Station 3 1302 19th Street. Station 5 2450 Ashland Avenue.

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SP2401

All submittals shall be in digital format and emailed to the City of Santa Monica Architecture Services Division, Sebastian.Felbeck@smgov.net, no later than 3:00 p.m. on **September 21, 2017**. Each submittal shall be in accordance with this Request for Quotation.

QUESTIONS DUE:
September 19, 2017 at 3:00PM

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. Vendors wishing to be considered must submit Quotation containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Quotation.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Captain Kenneth Semko Selected as Interim Chief of Police


SEMKO

City Manager Rick Cole has selected Kenneth Semko, current Captain of the Santa Monica Police Department's (SMPD) Operations Division as interim Chief of Police effective September 29, 2017. Captain Semko will serve in the role while an internal and external recruitment effort is conducted to replace Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks who retires September 28. Captain Semko is a 26-year veteran of SMPD and has held positions throughout the organization, including the Homeless Liaison Program, patrol, SWAT, and as a K-9 handler.

"The public safety challenges in Santa Monica don't stop while we select a successor to Chief Seabrooks," said City Manager Rick Cole. "Captain Ken Semko has the right character, experience and values to step immediately into the role of leading the Department. With a talented Department behind him, Captain Semko will continue to fight the rise in property crime, respond to the regional homeless crisis, deal with the disturbing efforts by so-called "white nationalists" to disrupt peaceful gatherings in our community and advance our efforts to be a model of 21st Century policing."

In 2011, then Lieutenant Semko was selected to create the City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) where he designed and oversaw the development of the City's state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center, implemented citywide disaster preparedness training and recruited members for the City's first Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Lieutenant Semko served as the City's OEM Manager until his promotion to Police Captain in May 2013.

"I am both humbled and excited to have the opportunity to lead the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department through this time of transition," said Captain Semko. "I look forward to building on the relationships developed under Chief Seabrooks' leadership to foster an environment of collaboration to address the issues that have the greatest impact on the wellbeing of the community we serve."

Captain Semko has taught law enforcement audiences on the national stage and he is a subject matter expert on K-9 management and supervision. Promoted to Captain in 2013, Captain Semko has served as the Division Commander for both the Strategic Services and Operations Divisions of the SMPD and served as the Deputy Chief of Police for the second half of 2016. He is a leader in law enforcement homeless engagement practices and has been instrumental in the development of innovative law enforcement protocols to address the rise in the homeless population in Los Angeles County.

Captain Semko holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in organizational leadership. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, California POST Command College, Northwestern University's Executive Management Program, Harvard University's Senior Executive Program and holds an Emergency Manager's certification through the State of California's Office of Emergency Services.

In order to ensure the process is open to all candidates, Captain Semko has voluntarily committed to not being an applicant. The chief selection is anticipated in early 2018.

Captain Semko starts September 29 with the monthly salary of $21,204.

– SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE FARRELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Virginia Ave. Park

Celebrating the Anti-Hate Movement: Linking Arms and Moving Forward

In light of the intrusion of white supremacist provocateurs at their last two meetings, the Committee for Racial Justice (CRJ) on September 10 will celebrate their anti-racist work and reconnect with their strength and solidarity in the struggle. As the world watched the hate unfurl in Charlottesville, VA, CRJ resolved to stand boldly on the side of resilient love and against divisive hate. The CRJ meeting will be held September 10 at Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Room, 2200 Virginia Park Avenue, Santa Monica. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner and the workshop will start at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Kim Harris, currently a Visiting Professor in the Department of Theological Studies at LMU, and the Rev. Janet G McKeithen, minister of The Church in Ocean Park will open a space for a thoughtful joyous celebration of the members and work of CRJ. "Dr. Harris will bring songs that kept enslaved people linking arms and moving forward, as we today strengthen our resolve to do the same," said McKeithen. "CRJ encourages the public to join us as we raise our voices and lift our souls as we move forward together," she said.

And, as parents and students say goodbye to the summer and begin a new academic year, CRJ will discuss what active anti-racism looks like for parents. Santa Monica Parents for Racial Justice, a group formed in early 2016 to explore "raising racially conscious children" will join CRJ in a discussion about addressing race and racism with children in a meaningful and age-appropriate fashion.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice.

Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park.

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Two Ways to Get Your Medicare Benefits

AT A FAMILY REUNION LAST MONTH, MY Aunt Abby and Uncle Glen got into a squabble over the best way to get their Medicare benefits.

Uncle Glen is an Original Medicare man, and has been for nearly a decade. Aunt Abby prefers Medicare Advantage, which is similar to a health plan she had before enrolling in Medicare last spring.

When they turned to me, asking me to referee and declare which form of Medicare is better, I gave them a big smile and said, "Well, it depends."

Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage have different benefits and costs that you should consider based on your personal needs. So grab a cool drink and I'll go over some of the differences. Medicare open enrollment season runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, and it's a good idea to know how the two types of Medicare work before you select one.

With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly. About 70 percent of all people with Medicare have Original Medicare.

The other way to get your benefits is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage is provided by private insurance companies approved by Medicare. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers in the company's network.

If you go outside the network, you may have to pay more.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may offer some services – such as dental, hearing, vision, and prescription drug coverage – that Original Medicare doesn't.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly premium. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you may pay an additional monthly premium to the private insurer that covers you.

With Original Medicare, you or your supplemental insurance must pay deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy a type of supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of the covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays its share.

Original Medicare doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can buy a Medicare Part D plan. Such plans are sold through private companies approved by Medicare. You have to pay an additional monthly premium for Part D.

Medicare Advantage companies must cover all of the services that Original Medicare covers. (However, Original Medicare covers hospice care, some new Medicare benefits, and some costs for clinical research studies, even if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan.) In all types of Medicare Advantage plans, you're always covered for emergency and urgent care.

You can join a Medicare Advantage plan even if you have a pre existing condition — except for End-Stage Renal Disease. People with ESRD usually are covered through Original Medicare.

Keep in mind that Medicare Advantage plans can charge different out-of-pocket amounts and have different rules for how you get service.

For example, you may need a referral to see a specialist. And you may need to stay in the plan's provider network, unless you're willing to pay more to go outside the network.

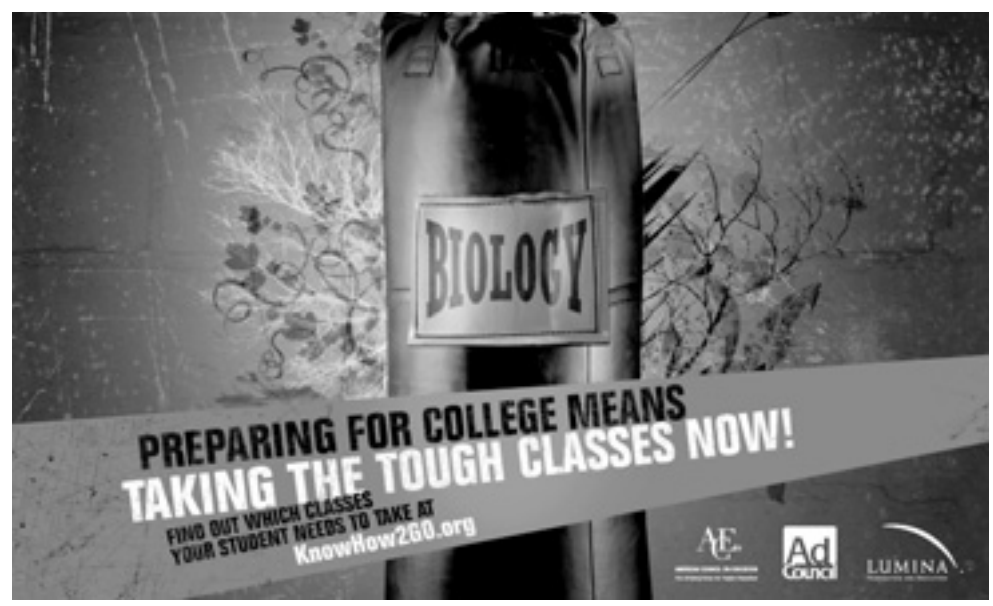
You should always check with the plan before you get a service to find out whether it's covered and what your costs may be. If the plan decides to stop participating in Medicare, you'll have to join another Medicare health plan or return to Original Medicare.

How can you decide whether Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage is better for you?

There's a good comparison of Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage in the "Medicare & You" handbook. "Medicare & You" is mailed to all Medicare beneficiaries every fall. You can also find it online, at https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html.

If you have any questions, call Medicare's toll-free number, 1-800-MEDICARE.

GREG DILL is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).



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FIRE

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dried out, and so did forests at higher elevations, leaving plenty of fuel for wildfires, said Bryan Henry, a manager at the National Interagency Fire Center, which coordinates wildfire-fighting.

Summer lightning storms then dumped less rain than usual and weather conditions kept the humidity low, creating a natural tinderbox in many states.

"It was kind of a bad combination of things," Henry said.

HOW BIG ARE THE FIRES?

By Thursday, more than 76 large fires were burning in nine Western states — including 21 in Montana and 18 in Oregon, according to the interagency fire center.

So far this year, wildfires have burned more than 12,500 square miles (32,000 square kilometers) nationwide. In the past decade, only two years were worse at this point in the wildfire season: 2015 and 2012.

For all of 2015, a record 15,800 square miles (41,000 square kilometers) burned. In 2012, 14,600 square miles (38,000 square kilometers) were scorched.

WHAT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

It's making things worse for fires, said Jonathan Overpeck, dean of the School for Environment and Sustainability at the University of Michigan.

Hotter and drier weather is a symptom of human-caused climate change, and that's making fires worse by leaving forests and other vegetation more flammable.

"It's not of course playing the only role," he said. "There's natural variability at work."

"Humans are contributing to an ever-increasing degree to wildfires in the West as they emit greenhouse gases and warm the planet and warm the West," Overpeck said.

TREE-EATING BEETLES

Two dozen species of beetles have killed trees on nearly 85,000 square miles (220,000 square kilometers) in the Western U.S. since 2000. They're responsible for about 20 percent of the 6.3 billion standing dead trees across the West, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

Researchers disagree on whether forests with beetle-killed trees are more likely to burn, or if they burn differently, than healthier forests.

Any standing dead tree — whether killed by beetles, drought, lightning or other causes — can crash down, posing hazards for firefighters who must adjust their tactics to avoid them.

WHO'S FIGHTING THE FIRES?

More than 26,000 people are fighting the fires, backed by more than 200 helicopters, 1,800 trucks and 28 air tankers dropping water and fire-retardant slurry. Three of those tankers are military C-130 planes.

The military has also assigned surveillance aircraft and at least 200 active-duty soldiers to fight fires and the National Guard has been called out in at least four states — California Montana, Oregon and Washington.

"We're stretched thin," said Jennifer Jones, a spokeswoman for the interagency fire center.

Sometimes the center gets requests for more crews and equipment than it has, so "fire managers on the ground are adjusting their tactics and strategies to accommodate the resources they can get," Jones said.

"We don't pack up our tents and go home."

HOW BAD ARE THE LOSSES?

Nine firefighters have died and 35 have been injured this year, according to the national Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Center. Two of the deaths came during training.

Fires have destroyed an estimated 500 single-family homes and 32 commercial buildings this year, the interagency fire center said.

Janet Ruiz of the Insurance Information Institute sees a hopeful trend in fewer houses lost to wildfires in recent years. Ruiz credits better-equipped firefighters and homeowners who take steps to minimize the danger such as clearing trees away from buildings and installing screens over dwelling openings to keep embers out.

"It's a better-informed public and fire services better able to fight fire," she said.

WHAT ABOUT ALL THE SMOKE?

"It's unusually bad," said Henry, of the National Interagency Fire Center.

Smoke is lingering from northern California and central Nevada to Montana. The air over parts of northern California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington is rated very unhealthy on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's AirNow website. It was not clear whether sources other than fires were contributing.

The air over the towns of Cottonwood and Porthill, Idaho, were listed as hazardous, the worst of six categories.

Fires spew particulates into the air, which are linked to premature death and cancer and can make asthma and chronic lung disease worse, said Dr. Norman H. Edelman, a senior science adviser to the American Lung Association.

"It certainly is bad enough to cause symptoms in people with chronic lung disease but also normal people," he said.

A volcanic eruption is probably the only thing that pumps more particulates into the atmosphere at once than a fire, he said.

HOW MUCH HAS FIREFIGHTING COST?

Federal spending to fight fires appears to be headed for a record.

The two main firefighting agencies, the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Department of Interior, report spending of more than $2.1 billion so far. That's about the same as they spent in all of 2015, the most expensive wildfire season on record.

Those figures do not include individual state spending, which no single agency compiles. Montana has spent $50 million, exhausting its firefighting reserve fund in just over a month. Oregon has spent $28 million, but the state expects to be reimbursed for part of that by the federal government and others.

WHEN IS IT GOING TO GET BETTER?

The outlook is bleak for Montana, most of the Northwest and much of California through September, according to the interagency fire center. The fire risk is expected to remain very high in Montana and the Southern California coast through October.

Montana is gripped by a long, severe drought. Nearly a quarter of the state, near the northeast corner, is rated as in a state of exceptional drought, the worst of five categories on the federal government's U.S. Drought Monitor.

DON'T SOME FIRES HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

Yes. Fires can burn away undergrowth, preventing buildups of flammable vegetation that can make big fires even worse. They can also help some forests and grassland rejuvenate.

But very hot fires can damage the soil and make it water-resistant, which produces heavy runoff during rainstorms and snowmelt, which in turn can cause severe erosion, mud slides and floods.

Silt from fire-damaged valleys can clog streams, which kills fish.

The silt can also settle to the bottom of reservoirs, taking up space needed to store drinking water and forcing utilities to spend heavily to dredge it out.

Associated Press writers Matt Volz in Helena, Montana, and Andrew Selsky in Salem, Oregon, contributed to this report.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

The Santa Monica Fire Department Will Commemorate 9/11

Monday marks sixteen years since the September 11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., and Shanksville, PA. 2,977 perished that day, of whom 343 were firefighters, 60 were police officers, and 8 were private EMT or Paramedics. All told, 411 emergency personnel died on September 11, 2001. To honor their memories and selfless sacrifice, the Santa Monica Fire Department will hold its annual remembrance ceremony consistent with the International Association of Fire Chiefs' recommended protocols. Four of our community fire stations will participate. City staff, as well as the public, especially neighbors of the fire stations, are encouraged to attend at any of the fire stations listed below, promptly at 6:45 a.m. The ceremony should last no longer than 20 minutes. Station 1 1444 7th Street. Station 2 222 Hollister Avenue. Station 3 1302 19th Street. Station 5 2450 Ashland Avenue.

An artifact from the Ground Zero site resides on the second floor of the Public Safety Facility (333 Olympic Drive, Santa Monica CA 90401) just outside the Santa Monica Fire Department's administration office and is open for viewing by the public during normal business hours.

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Home (FFH), will be open for a week between Nov. 13 and 19 with a couple of days on each end for setup and takedown. It would use 78 of the 1,173 spaces in the lot.

It includes five tents and a video dome. At the end of the tour the exhibit includes a Q&A area, Virtual Reality tent and a take action tent. Tours would be free, limited to 20 people per tour, last about an hour and would run every eight minutes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Independent Spirit Awards would take place on Saturday, March 3, 2018 with tentative proposals to return on February 23, 2019 and either February 22 or 29, 2020.

ISA will occupy using 526 of the 1,173 spaces for about two-weeks. According to the report, the event has economic benefits to the city including over $28,000 in direct revenue from room fees, purchased meals on the Pier, and the after party at the Carousel.

The proposed rental fee to the Beach Fund for Forced from Home is $11,538 and the proposed rental fee for ISA is $104,580.

Also on the consent calendar is a recommendation to reject a bid for roadwork on 4th Street.

The opening of the downtown Expo station prompted City Hall to rethink roadplans on adjacent streets and the east side of 4th Street between Broadway and Colorado was redesigned this year.

"On June 19, 2017, the City issued Request for Proposal (RFP) #123 for professional design services for the 4th Street Phase II Project," said the report. "The project consists of preparation of a final design, construction level plans, and specifications for walking and biking enhancements on 4th Street between Colorado Avenue and Olympic Drive. On July 10, 2017, one (1) proposal was received. Staff recommends rejecting the single proposal for RFP #123 and re-advertising the RFP with a more defined scope of services."

Staff are said the rejected bid exceeded the available budget for design services and the team lacked experience working with Caltrans (as will be required on the freeway overpass).

The proposal will be revised to include the budget for design services, revise scope of work to specify Caltrans involvement and increase the bidding duration to one month.

Also on the consent calendar for Tuesday is a contract for plumbing services, contract for graffiti removal, contract for custodial services, contract for railing and lighting work on the Pier, purchase of 1,980 plastic bins for residential recycling over the next five years, extend an agreement for workers' compensation medical bill reviewing, extend a contract for signage downtown, and purchase tires for city vehicles.

Council will meet on Sept. 12 in City Hall, 1685 Main St. Closed session begins at 5:30 p.m.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON AUGUST 31, 2017 AT ABOUT 12:30 A.M.

Officers were conducting a periodic check of Tongva Park when they made contact with a several subjects inside the park. Officers spoke with them to tell them the park was closed and needed to leave the area. As officer conducted a consensual search of one of the subjects, narcotics paraphernalia was recovered from the subject. The subject was also in possession of an identification card and a credit/bank card under the name of another person. The subject was placed under arrest for the violations. Christopher Todd Young, 48, homeless was arrested and issued a citation for possession of narcotics paraphernalia, and appropriation of lost property.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 368 calls for service on Sept. 7.

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

Drunk driving investigation 1300 block of Broadway 12:33 a.m.
Trespassing 1000 block of Colorado 12:52 a.m.
Trespassing 2200 block of Broadway 1:13 a.m.
Person down 7th/Idaho 1:57 a.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 3:55 a.m.
Trespassing 800 block of 6th 5:04 a.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 4th/Civic Center 5:16 a.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 2nd 6:01 a.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 6th 6:46 a.m.
Encampment 2800 block of Ocean Front Walk 7:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block of Fraser 7:10 a.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/Alta 7:14 a.m.
Trespassing 2400 block of Olympic 7:52 a.m.
Burglary report 2300 block of Michigan 8:40 a.m.
Auto burglary report 100 block of Fraser 8:42 a.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 8:50 a.m.
Illegal weapon 100 block of Colorado 8:52 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 800 block of Montana 10:06 a.m.
Encampment 1300 block of Wilshire 10:42 a.m.
Burglary report 2000 block of Ocean 10:51 a.m.
Encampment 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 11:52 a.m.
Domestic violence 200 block of California 11:53 a.m.
Grand theft auto 900 block of 21st 12:07 p.m.
Identity theft 1500 block of Berkeley 12:50 p.m.
Person down 2000 block of Ocean 1:21 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block of 19th 1:24 p.m.
Person down 1400 block of Santa Monica 1:40 p.m.
Trespassing 1400 block of 17th 1:50 p.m.
Person with a gun 1600 block of Santa Monica 2:43 p.m.
Public intoxication 1600 block of Santa Monica 3:19 p.m.
Person down 500 block of Colorado 3:31 p.m.
Hit and run 2800 block of Main 3:39 p.m.
Traffic collision 800 block of Montana 4:47 p.m.
Trespassing 1600 block of Santa Monica 4:47 p.m.
Assault with deadly weapon 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:13 p.m.
Encampment 2800 block of The Beach 5:46 p.m.
Public intoxication Lincoln/Pico 5:48 p.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 5:57 p.m.
Hit and run 30th/Ocean Park 6:35 p.m.
Drinking in public 1900 block of Pico 6:49 p.m.
Burglary 2200 block of Ocean 7:19 p.m.
Public intoxication 800 block of Pacific 7:37 p.m.
Person down 4th/Broadway 8:29 p.m.
Person down 1900 block of Wilshire 9:08 p.m.
Encampment 3000 block of The Beach 9:26 p.m.
Traffic collision 1400 block of 4th 9:34 p.m.
Encampment 3200 block of Urban 11:30 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 52 calls for service on Sept. 7.

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

EMS 7th/Idaho 1:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500 block of 9th 2:03 a.m.
EMS 4th/Pico 2:05 a.m.
Odor investigation 800 block of 2nd 2:28 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 4:18 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Cloverfield 4:57 a.m.
EMS 200 block of 4th 5:55 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Alta 7:14 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Ozone 8:09 a.m.
Vehicle fire Cloverfield/I-10 8:15 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 8:34 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Ocean 9:06 a.m.
Haz Mat – Level 1 Ocean/Alta 9:11 a.m.
Transformer fire Princeton/Santa Monica 9:41 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block of 2nd 9:46 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Stewart 9:46 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Colorado 10:06 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of Hill 10:11 a.m.
EMS 300 block of San Vicente 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 10:17 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Ocean Front Walk 11:15 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Palisades Beach 11:51 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 15th 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 15th 12:49 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 3rd St Prom 1:21 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Santa Monica 1:41 p.m.
EMS 2700 block of Neilson 2:25 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Lincoln 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of Franklin 2:35 p.m.
EMS 500 block of Colorado 3:30 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of 21st 4:24 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Pacific Coast 4:27 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Wilshire 4:31 p.m.
EMS 2600 block of Lincoln 4:37 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 5:12 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd St Prom 5:31 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 5:51 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Wilshire 6:01 p.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of Palisades Beach 6:28 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ocean 7:04 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/6
8 14 32 58 67
Power#: 17
Jackpot: 102M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/5
11 17 59 70 72
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 70M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 9/6
13 25 31 43 47
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/7
5 7 18 20 27

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/7
MIDDAY: 8 9 6
Draw Date: 9/7
EVENING: 2 3 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/7
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:47.33

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1. Australian. to hunt; seek; ferret out.
2. Australian. Mining. to undermine another's digging; search for waste gold in relinquished workings, washing places, etc.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Phobia of the Week

■ Photoaugliaphobia: fear of glaring lights. This condition is unknown in Hollywood.

Never Say Diet

■ The Major League Eating record for cupcakes is 72 in six minutes, held by Patrick Bertoletti. The feat made him something of a stud muffin in some circles.

Self Exam

■ Q: How many years of an average human lifespan are spent eating?

a) 1
b) 3
c) 5
d) 10

■ A: 5 years

MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*



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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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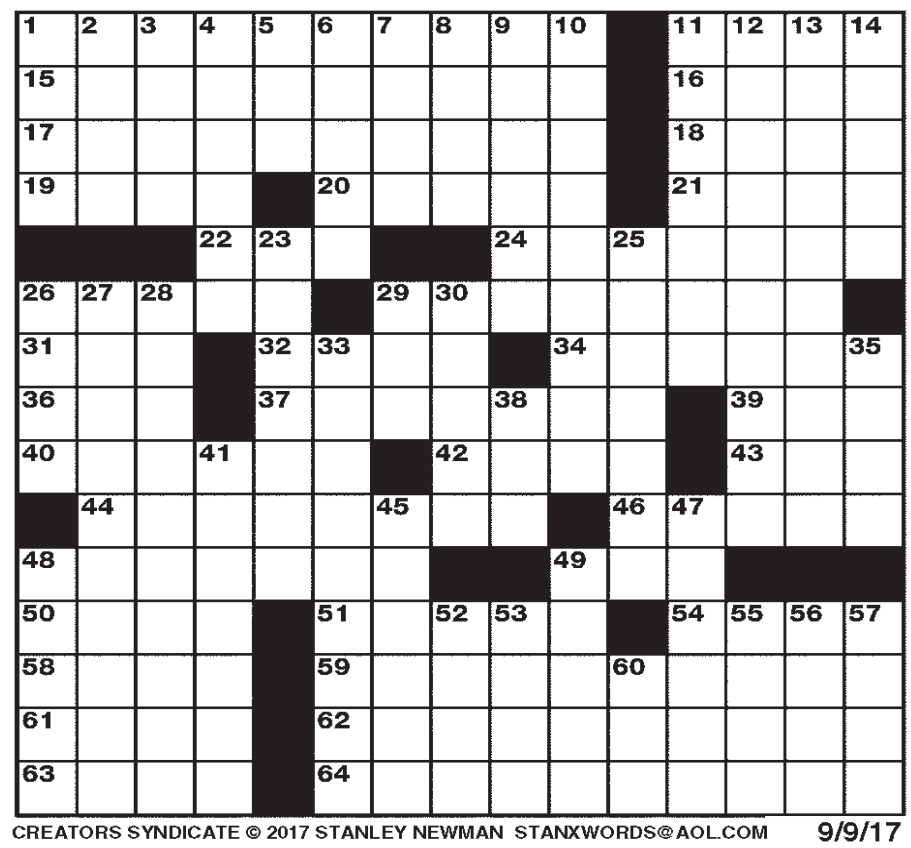
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Summer-suit accessories
11 Oblong edible
15 Big name among smart speakers
16 Youngest of a Yorkshire literary trio
17 Couple in a canoe, maybe
18 Not at all ludicrous
19 Two-handed face
20 No longer pressing
21 Shoestring source
22 Polishing team: Abbr.
24 Lisa Marie's acting ex
26 Very, to Vivaldi
29 Actualized
31 Many a river's destination
32 "__ kept flocks . . .": Genesis
34 Stands at conventions
36 No paragon of polish
37 Millions of Angelenos
39 It may be a hip design, informally
40 Puts into words
42 Yarn-shop lineup
43 Control-tower figure, for short
44 Sacramental symbol
46 Wasn't true
48 Symbol of Scotland
49 797-episode franchise
50 Carried off spiritually
51 What to aim at
54 Large manufacturer of car brakes
58 Merrill Edge offerings, briefly
59 Polka-band staple
61 Ordinary
62 Vampire Aristocrats, in Dungeons & Dragons
63 Wine brewed like beer
64 Cause of coastal erosion

DOWN
1 Spread mate
2 *Quant* __ (personally, in Paris)
3 Zip
4 Pretty-but-poisonous plant
5 Jamaican guy
6 *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* setting
7 Daughter of Titans
8 Terrif
9 "Case closed"
10 Keep plugging away
11 Presents with a ring?
12 Effortlessly
13 Compounding base
14 Gratifies
23 Pekingese or Bavarian
25 Interferes with
26 Beginning
27 Range getting scoured
28 Site of San Diego's Lemur Walk
29 Made good on
30 Courtroom clearer, perhaps
33 Pilgrimage destinations
35 Opposite of "highly"
38 Refuse
41 Essential attraction
45 What covers Sinatra on many album covers
47 Rising figure?
48 Crops
49 Art on some sopranos' stationery
52 Acct. statement, at times
53 A third of *vierundzwanzig*
55 2008 compilation album that includes "GoldenEye"
56 __ car
57 Wisecracks and zingers
60 Washington's ne'er-do-well Dutchman



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A Look Back at Westside Food Bank Part Two: Community Leadership



BY GENEVIEVE RIUTORT
Chief Development Officer , Westside Food Bank

Westside Food Bank has played a major role in developing the social service safety net on the Westside of Los Angeles County and throughout the state of California.

WSFB is a founding member of the California Association of Food Banks and its Executive Director since 1989, Bruce Rankin, is the CAFB's board member with the longest tenure of service to the organization. WSFB is also an active member of the California Association of Nonprofits, serving to guide and inform policy makers about the needs of nonprofit organizations and their clients.

Locally, WSFB is a founding member of the Westside Coalition on Housing Hunger and Health, an alliance of Westside nonprofits, faith groups, governments, and concerned individuals working in collaboration to address the critical needs of vulnerable people in our community. It's the Coalition that mobilizes the hundreds of volunteers needed to conduct the biannual homeless count in our area and it facilitated the implementation of the City and County's Coordinated Entry System to better track homeless clients across multiple service providers. For more than two decades, a WSFB staff member has served on the committee that puts on the Coalition's annual Celebrating Success Breakfast, an event that brings the community together to honor formerly homeless clients of Coalition member agencies, many of whom received services from multiple agencies that make up the continuum of care in Western Los Angeles County. This year, Westside Food Bank's warehouse manager, Milton Gonzalez, will receive the Coalition's Community Support Award for his more than 30 years of service at the Celebrating Success Breakfast taking place on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at 7:30am at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. For tickets go to www.westsideshelter.org

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 9)

Regardless of your relationship status, life is made better through happier and more equitable agreements with others. You'll sharpen your communication skills and apply those skills to creating a better home life. You'll execute a masterful performance in October. Awe-inspiring events happen in December and May. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 30, 14, 28 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You already have the tools for being perfectly happy in the moment, but those skills have been a bit neglected. You can access great contentment through your senses, emotions and detached observations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Avoid getting stuck in an unhelpful brain loop that includes a lot of time-jumping. Stop and take note of how you're feeling, what you're sensing right now and what's going on in your immediate environment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
To meet today's challenge, it will help if you ratchet up your power in the situation. Power plays include keeping calm and determining your own mood. If you refuse to be reactive, others will conform to your mood.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
When it comes to winning your affection, the people you don't know have an unfair advantage. With the people who are familiar to you, inevitable and real problems crop up, while of course you'll be blind to the negative qualities of people at a distance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Not everything has to be assessed. In fact, overanalyzing can be tedious, and if done publicly, doubly so. It can be much cooler to have an experience without talking about it. Luckily, the habit of judging can be turned off as easily as the flick of a light switch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Ideas can appear to be solid like mountains and continents when they are really more like changing weather. Ideas have an effect. But like a cloud crossing the sky, it's an effect that passes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Your feelings are not the enemy. Emotions are messages that connect you intimately to the adventure of being alive. You might feel that you're not in control of your feelings, and you're not, but you can certainly manage them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Sometimes the strongest response is nothing at all. You've the option to ignore just about anything you want to today in your quest to focus exclusively on the good, right and wholesome aspects of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
If you treat today's social opportunity as if it were the first and only time people are going to get to hear what you have to say, you'll likely deliver the message and overall impression you most want to get across.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Wanting things to be different seems like the start of making them better, but it isn't necessarily so. Acceptance is more powerful than wanting. One recipe for quick change: Accept it; move it along a bit; repeat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
A little surprise will wake you up, invigorate you and stimulate your curiosity. Too much surprise, however, creates anxiety and destabilization. You'll be drawn to situations that are unpredictable, but only to a point.

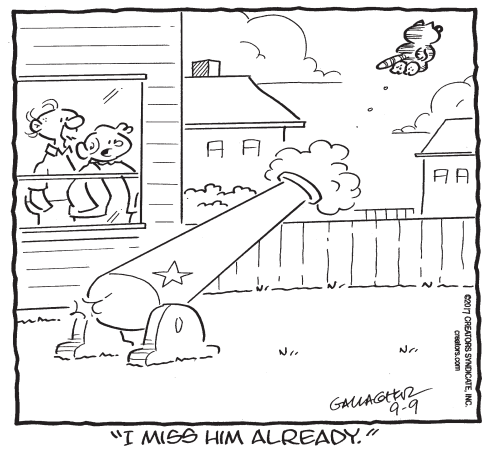
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Empathy and appreciation will go a long way toward helping you get comfortable and learn as much as you can about a new situation. When people sense that you feel and respect them, they'll let you in.

Mercury Returns to Virgo

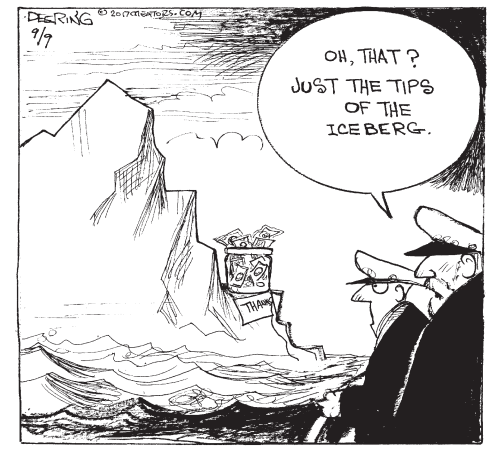
Respect is a form of obedience. It's meeting the expectations of behavior in regard to a given situation or person. Self-respect is meeting your own expectations of behavior. For many, those rules will change in the months to come. Mercury's return to Virgo is an excellent time to review your personal standards for yourself and others.

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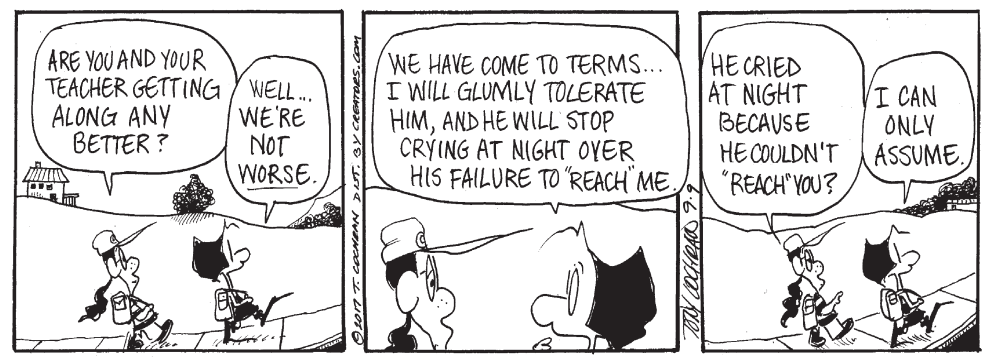
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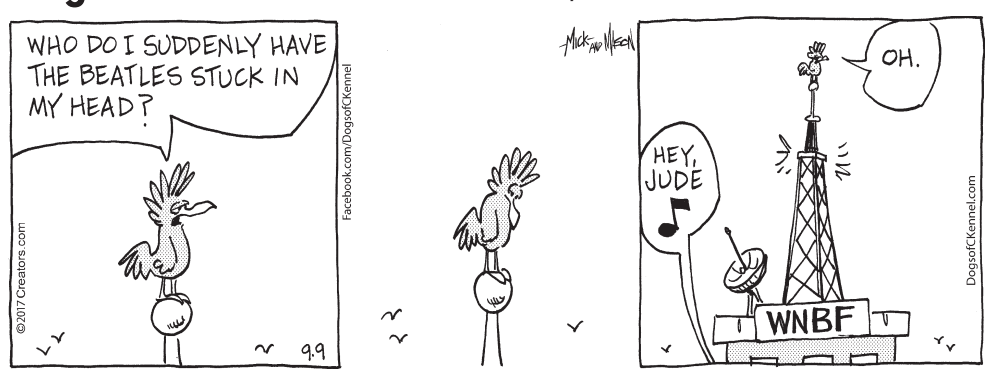
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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. SS029232
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of MIRIAM B. JAFFE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: MIRIAM B. JAFFE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: MIRIAM B. JAFFE TO MIRIAM RENATA JANOUSEK. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: OCTOBER 13, 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room: A203
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, ROOM 102, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: AUG 24, 2017

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Case No. SS029231
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of RODNEY JASON FARMER for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner: RODNEY JASON FARMER filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: RODNEY JASON FARMER TO JASON BRENDAN FARMER. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: OCTOBER 20, 2017 Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room:
The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, ROOM 102, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.
Date: AUG 24, 2017

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