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Global summit rebukes Trump, cheers on work to aid climate

JANIE HAR
Associated Press

Thousands of mayors, climate activists and business leaders from around the world descended Thursday on San Francisco to cheer on efforts to reduce global warming, even after U.S. President Donald J. Trump signaled his disdain for the issue.

The Global Climate Action Summit, organized by California Gov. Jerry Brown, included a report that 27 major cities around the world have seen emissions decrease over a five-year period and are now at least 10 percent lower than their peak.

The cities include Berlin, London, Los Angeles, New York, Paris and San Francisco. Together the cities include about 54 million people.

The star-studded conference included a rousing call to action by Harrison Ford, who implored the audience to protect forests, fisheries and other natural wonders. Former President Barack Obama, under whose watch the U.S. agreed to the landmark Paris climate accord, made a brief appearance by video.

The goal of the conference is to showcase actions already being taken to prevent climate change and to "inspire deeper commitments" among attendees. It was unclear what specific actions might be taken before the summit ends Friday.

"Doing nothing is not an option. Going green is a must. Cities all over the world are on the front lines of climate change," said Frank Jensen, lord mayor of Copenhagen, adding that the bicycle-friendly city wants even more bike lanes.

Giuseppe Sala, the mayor of Milan, Italy, talked up plans to reduce waste from food and other sources.

"I'm very, very proud of waste management. I know it is not a sexy issue,

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Attorneys: Voting rights case verdict will likely come after November election

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Despite the end of oral arguments in the local California Voting Rights Act lawsuit Tuesday, the verdict regarding the legality of Santa Monica's government will likely come after the Nov. 6 election, according to attorneys on both sides of the case. An attorney for plaintiffs Maria Loya and the Pico Neighborhood Association told the Daily Press they have not decided whether to ask the judge to throw out the election results, should they win the lawsuit.

"It's not going to affect the November election," said attorney Rex Parris, who represented Loya in the case challenging Santa Monica elections under the CVRA,

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DEMOCRACY ON TRIAL

Local filmmaker documents Volkswagen's lies and more





Photos courtesy of the Media Policy Center

BACKFIRED: Dale Bell interviews Mary Nichols, Chair of the California Air Resources Board for his new film "Backfired."

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Dale Bell cares. About, well, a lot of things.

The socially minded, award-winning filmmaker co-founded the Media Policy Center in order to "inform, challenge and ultimately engage" citizens with media, according to the group's website.

After documentaries covering everything from the opioid epidemic to making schools greener, Bell and his media group are tackling another topic that affects society—vehicle emissions and their harm towards environment.

'Backfired' is a documentary that covers Volkswagen's much-publicized sin of lying about their emissions tests, creating defeat devices to work around California and U.S. emissions standards to sell non-compliant vehicles on a wide-scale. In the documentary, Bell speaks with climate change leaders, those who broke the story and more.

Bell, currently attending the Global Action Climate Summit, spoke to talk to the Daily Press about his new documentary and how he feels about the environment's future.

CAN YOU EXPLAIN A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF AND THE MEDIA POLICY CENTER'S MISSION?

My business partner Harry Wiland and I

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Friday, September 14

Sunset Swim

Ages 18+ - Enjoy a fun evening at the pool, exclusively for adults. $10 adults, $5 senior (60+). No reservations required. 7 – 10 p.m. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Saturday, September 15

Citywide Yard Sale

On September 15, 2018, many families in the City of Santa Monica will sell usable items to their neighbors rather than sending them to the landfill. For those interested in buying items during the event, keep your eye on www.smgov.net/r3events. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Community Garden Storytime

Kids of all ages can join organizers at the Main Street Community Garden for a special Garden Storytime. Enter the garden through the middle gate on Hollister Avenue. Co-sponsored by the Main Street Community Garden. 10 – 10:30 a.m.

North Beach Playground Opening

On Saturday, September 15 at 10 a.m., the City of Santa Monica will officially open the North Beach playground to the public, the City's newest universally accessible playground. It joins the ranks of four other beachside playgrounds for sand-side fun. 10 – 10:30 a.m.

Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with music, games and crafts. Enjoy the music from different Latin American Regions, folkloric dances; visit our regional costumes of Mexico exhibit, and much more. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Meet Me at Reed | Troubadour Theater Company

Troubadour Theater Company brings "The Funky Punks" - a family-friendly, high-energy, interactive, circus arts, clown extravaganza that features puppetry, stilt-walkers, jugglers, dancers, trampoline tricksters, and super slippery table sliders. Family games at 3:30 p.m. Concert at 5:30 p.m.

Don Carlo: an LA Opera Multimedia Talk

Community Educator Len Lipman presents an LA Opera multimedia talk on Don Carlo. This presentation precedes a simulcast of a live LA Opera screening taking place on Santa Monica Pier, September 22. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Book Signing

Santa Monica resident Frits de Haan will sign copies of his memoir "A Boy's journey from internment camp to the Land of the Free" in the Shores Conference Room, North Building, 2700 Neilson Way from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Nat KIng Cole and Friends

Retired USC Professor of Jazz Studies, Thom Mason, will explore the life and career of legendary vocalist and pianist, Nat King Cole, at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Admission is free. For more details, call 310-575-8273. 2 p.m.

Sunday, September 16

Free Educational Bird Talk

CLAW is a non-profit organization focused on advocacy, conservation, and education on behalf of wild animals and their habitat in the City of Los Angeles and beyond. Presentation on LA's unique wildlife, and the work CLAW is doing to fight the threats they face such as habitat fragmentation and secondary poisoning from rodenticide, as well as CLAW's barn owl nesting box program. Space is limited, please contact Wild Birds Unlimited for more information: 424-272-9000. 10 – 11 a.m. Wild Birds Unlimited: 12433 Wilshire Blvd (across from Armstrong Garden Center; parking in back)

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which makes it easier for minorities to overhaul local governments. "That's probably what everybody is concerned about."

Indeed, several candidates who initially pulled papers to run for City Council dropped out last month, citing the pending litigation. Those candidates said there was no point gathering the resources - including volunteer time and donations - to run for an election that could potentially be blocked by Judge Yvette Palazuelos, should she rule the city is in violation of the CVRA.

"Frankly, I think it's a shame Santa Monica is running an election under this cloud," said Parris' co-council, Kevin Shenkman, who has brought similar lawsuits to dozens of cities. Shenkman said while voting may take place, a verdict could come before the election is certified.

Parris and Shenkman will advocate in their final brief that the city of Santa Monica should form districts, where each neighborhood votes for a representative. In a hypothetical Pico neighborhood district, 34 percent of voters would be Latino, as opposed to about 13 percent of the city overall.

The City plans to fight any motion that would upend the election results.

"The City believes the evidence at trial showed that Santa Monica's at-large election system complies with the CVRA and the state constitution," said City spokesperson Debbie Lee. "As a result, we would oppose any motion that would interfere with the casting of ballots or certification of results in the Nov. 2018 election."

Attorneys for plaintiffs Maria Loya and the Pico Neighborhood Association have until Sept. 25 to submit their written closing statements in a form of a brief. By the time the City replies (Oct. 15) and plaintiffs respond (Oct. 25) both sides agree any judgment will likely come after voters go to the polls.

Palazuelos has the ultimate say in whether the city's at-large election system, where every voter can select up to three or four candidates for City Council, is illegal. Both sides have vowed to appeal her decision if it is not in their favor, potentially delaying a decision even longer.

No city in California has successfully fought a challenge based on the CVRA, which says "an at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election." If Santa Monica loses, they must pay Loya's team of six lawyers, which have already reached $8 million without the added cost of an appeal, according to Parris.

Rather than use in-house attorneys to fight the lawsuit, the city hired Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, LLP, a "top tier, very expensive" firm, according to an expert with Valeo Partners, an agency that tracks hourly rates and alternative fee arrangements at large firms. Eight Gibson, Dunn attorneys represented Santa Monica at trial.

The Daily Press obtained information on the approximate hourly rate for three of them:

"Based on past public filings in Valeo, (Marcellus) McRae, (William) Thomson and (Kahn) Scolnick 2018 hourly rates would fall between $1,100 and $1,300 conservatively," said Valeo's partner-in-charge Chuck Chandler.

Lee says the cost of the litigation falls under attorney-client privilege.

"An outside law firm was hired because the claims challenged the very electoral system of our City, with potentially significant implications for our community," Lee said. "The City believed the claims lacked merit, and there have been few case rulings interpreting the CVRA, creating a complex case with many legal questions, particularly in the area of what constitutes racially polarized voting under the CVRA and what plaintiffs must show to prevail in their claims."

The City also argued the lawsuit is self-defeating, since the majority of Latinos in Santa Monica live outside the hypothetical Pico district. Rather than see their votes enhanced, attorneys argue whites would still be a majority or plurality in every single district. Voters have rejected two voter initiatives to create districts here.

"Our community has had an at-large election system for over a century," Lee said. "The voters have chosen to keep this system time and again. While some in the City may prefer districts, the majority of voters in Santa Monica have not agreed. If district proponents with to take the question to the voters, they have every right to do so."

The CVRA says members of a protected class do not have to be geographically compact or concentrated in order to win a lawsuit but it may be a factor in determining the best new election system to impose. The city of Mission Viejo recently settled a CVRA lawsuit from Shenkman but agreed to go to cumulative voting, rather than districts, starting in 2020.

"We tried to have those conversations and we were rebuffed," Shenkman said of efforts to settle with the city of Santa Monica.

During the trial, Judge Palazuelos offered few hints on how she will decide the case, allowing attorneys from both sides to submit a mountain of evidence and testimony during the six week trial. A similar trial in Palmdale lasted just eight days. Parris estimated only about 10 percent of the testimony was actually relevant.

"Everybody got to say whatever they want to say. I've never had a trial where multiple lawyers could question the witness," Parris said. "I liked it. It was very unique and it was designed to put as much information before her as possible. What more could you ask for?"

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DATE/TIME: September 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- 17ARB-0276: 1121 22nd Street: Multi-Unit Residential
- 18ARB-0127: 601 Wilshire Boulevard: Mixed-Use
- 18ARB-0221: 1342 Berkeley Street: Multi-Unit Residential
- 18ARB-0281: 3214 Highland Avenue: Multi-Unit Residential
- 18ARB-0310: 2914 Main Street: Retail
- 18ARB-0324: 3331 Ocean Park Boulevard: Office
- 18ARB-0341: 2700 Pennsylvania Avenue: Office
- 18ARB-0353: 395 Santa Monica Place: Retail
- 18ARB-0385: 2903 Lincoln Boulevard: Multi-Unit Residential

PRELIMINARY REVIEW(S):

- 2500 Michigan Avenue (Development Review Application No. 18ENT-0174). Preliminary review of Phases I-III of the City Yards Master Plan consisting of the demolition of 16 structures and construction of 8 new buildings located in the IC (Industrial Conservation) District.

More information is available on-line at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ or at (310) 458-8341 (en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail james.combs@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica City Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 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).

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Thursday, 9/13/18 at 9:00 AM

Pre-Response Meeting location:
SMMUSD FIP Office – 2828 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Submittal Due Date:
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The Prodigal Senior Returns

NOVEMBER 1, 2017 SEEMED LIKE JUST a typical day for hard-working, local handyman Russell Braunstein. A Santa Monica resident for twenty-five years, Russ was busy on the job at a home in Ocean Park. A teenager at heart, technically Russ is a senior citizen. (Put it this way, he's been AARP eligible for over a decade.)

Inside the two-story house, Russ was high atop a tall ladder installing windows. It's still unclear exactly how but Russ blacked out momentarily and took a horrific fall down nineteen stairs. (While Russ isn't yet 100%, he's hopefully well on his way.)

As a result of the fall Russ suffered a broken wrist, fingers and jaw. He was unconscious for sixty hours and suffered life-threatening bleeding of the brain. All of this left Russ' family and friends (myself included) deeply worried. Never complaining, Russ endured numerous operations and months of rehab.

Recently, Russ returned home to Santa Monica and is residing in an assisted living complex on Colorado and 17th. As I can attest, Russ must be vastly improved because he's back to his irascible self, including his sarcastic jokes. (I expect more when he reads this.)

In full disclosure, Russ and I were roommates for three years. Many years ago, we first met at the Ocean View tennis courts next to the Shores where he and I both worked.

In addition to tennis, Russ and I shared an often frustrating affection for the Dodgers, and Lakers and, on occasion, a fondness for beer. We also were friends of the late tennis legend, Gussy Moran, who was born and raised in Santa Monica.

Russ was a pre-teen when Gussy first gave him tennis lessons whereas I crossed paths with her while writing for a tennis website. I still have letters she would send me after reading my columns. Even at 89, Gussy was was sharp as a tack and her handwriting was flawless.

Proud of their friendship, Russ was always kind to Gussy, especially in her last months. He got her prescriptions, groceries, helped with her laundry and drove her to doctor visits. Gussy was very appreciative and, on occasion, commented on Russ' athletic talent going back to his youth. (In addition to tennis, Russ and Danno, his doubles partner, would flip an Orbee Flyer, a long distance Frisbee, the equivalent of a city block as passersby would watch in amazement.

Gussy especially enjoyed my stories of Russ' roommate peccadilloes. One goes back to when Netflix first began and we rented DVDs by mail. From time to time, I also checked out DVDs from the Ocean Park library. A "slight" problem occurred when Russ inadvertently mailed the library DVD to Netflix. When he sheepishly said he was "just in a hurry to get our next movie," I was more than a little exasperated.

I immediately contacted Netflix but they said there was no way to track down the library DVD. That's when Russ came up with a "brilliant" idea. (Brilliant is in quotes because it wasn't exactly kosher.)



BRAUNSTEIN

His plan was to rent the same movie from Netflix and then return that movie to the library. All we had to do was tell Netflix the DVD got lost in the mail, as they routinely absorbed the "loss." (Of course there was no loss because Netflix had the library DVD.)

Since the statute of limitations has long since expired, I confess I was the one who returned the Netflix DVD to the library. It was probably my guilty conscience but when I checked it in, I could have sworn the employee gave the DVD an unusually critical eye that seemed to last minutes. Then there was the time Russ and I were in charge of collecting the mail for our mutual friends and neighbors Arleen and Andy who were on vacation. Each day I put the mail in a large plastic bag very similar to the one in which we collected recycling. Russ says it was me and I say it was him, but one way or the other we "recycled" Arleen and Andy's" mail. (Yikes!) Suffice it to say, they never asked us to collect their mail again.

In Russ' return to Santa Monica he's not used to being dependent on others for his day to day needs etc. He also misses working, something he's been doing since college. On the plus side, he has his big screen TV hooked up to cable. Now if the Dodgers would only cooperate and make it to the World Series.

As I write this, it's not looking great for the Blue Crew, which gives Russ something to grouse about. Then again, the more he grouses, the more I think he's closer to his old self. I'm hopeful that means soon he and Danno will once again be flipping the Orbee and amazing onlookers.

If you don't have Russ' cell number or want to visit him, email me at jackdailypress@aol.com

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By Rick Cole

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Not waiting for Sacramento to tackle pension liability

WHEN IT COMES TO ASSETS AND liabilities, the City of Santa Monica has one of the strongest balance sheets among the 482 cities in California. We have consistently earned AAA (the highest) rating from all three national bond rating agencies. So it is significant that the challenges facing CalPERS (our state's public employee retirement system) are so stark that even Santa Monica has real cause for concern.

The nationwide problems with public pensions have frequently been in the news. Yet because the crisis is a long-term, slow-moving one, other issues often divert attention from this serious threat to public services and our future standard of living and quality of life.

In states like New Jersey and Illinois, their dire problems stem from state governments simply failing to adequately fund their annual obligations to keep pension systems solvent. In California it is both a little more complicated and less dire. Yet given that CalPERS is the world's largest pension fund, the shortfall in current pension assets should be troubling to taxpayers and public workers alike.

During the boom of the Nineties, CalPERS enjoyed many years of high returns that resulted in what's called "superfunding." They actually had collected more money than they were projected to need to pay for the pensions of state and local workers. In retrospect, lawmakers and the governor made a catastrophic miscalculation, based on rosy assumptions of future earnings. They authorized retroactive increases in pension benefits for some state workers. The vast majority of local governments soon fell into line. Why not? They believed in the now shattered delusion that because of the "superfunding" this would come without cost – and so made no plan to cover those costs.

It was the great recession that clobbered that false sense of security – and of course public pensions weren't the only ones socked with cold reality. Millions of people nationwide lost their homes to foreclosure and others had their personal retirement accounts slashed. But for CalPERS, which had invested heavily in stocks, real estate and other volatile markets, assets dropped precipitously. Despite nearly ten years of economic recovery, CalPERS is still significantly short of the funds needed to ensure it can meet its long-term promises to government workers.

Reforms have been put in place since the crash in 2008. In 2012, the State passed a landmark law that reduced pension formulas, raised the retirement age and fixed a number of loopholes that had artificially increased pension benefits. But it only applies to workers hired after it went into effect. Under long-standing California court rulings, pension benefits cannot be reduced. That applies not just to benefits already earned – which only seems fair – it also applies to future benefits accruing. That means in Santa Monica, for example, two thirds of the workforce (those hired before 2012) continue to earn benefits under a system we know was not fiscally sound.

That rule is under court challenge, but for cities like Santa Monica, the reality is stark. The total pension shortfall for Santa Monica is approximately $450 million. I say "approximately" because you will hear different numbers in that range (that's because the number is recalculated every year based on complicated actuarial assumptions and the actual annual returns CalPERS makes on its existing investments).

In theory, the whole shortfall will be retired in 30 years through increased payments. But in fact, the current estimates might actually underestimate the magnitude of the shortfall if there is another painful recession. Even if the projections are correct, the higher rates CalPERS needs to make up the shortfall will force local governments – including Santa Monica – to make painful choices about public services and employee pay in the years ahead in order to meet their pension obligations.

So Santa Monica is not waiting for Sacramento to tackle this challenge. Last year, we made a $45 million advance payment to CalPERS to chip away at our shortfall, bringing our total advance payments to CalPERS to over $77 million. In Southern California, only Newport Beach has been able to afford to do something similar (although a few cities are setting up investment trusts as an alternative to trusting their additional payments to CalPERS.) We have recently solicited and selected a proposal from specialists in this complicated financial arena to advise us on the most prudent fiscal approach to the problem. The initial results of this study will be available in mid-Fall and will include a spectrum of possible actions to mitigate this problem.

But this issue goes well beyond experts – it affects all of us, especially those who benefit from (and pay for) city services (taxpayers) and those who benefit from and pay into the pension system (city government workers.) As City Manager, I'm responsible for submitting balanced budget recommendations to the City Council. So I'm convening a committee of 11 members to meet to understand, debate and look for answers to this sobering financial challenge. After taking a deep dive into how the pension system is structured and future costs, the committee will advise me about options and priorities for addressing significantly rising pension costs and eliminating or significantly reducing the unfunded liability.

Seven members of the Pension Advisory Committee will be members of the public. Four will represent our workforce — who also have a stake in solutions. It's clearly important that we look for people with the education and experience to grapple with a half billion dollar challenge – and who represent a variety of backgrounds and perspectives.

There are no easy answers. Still, there is a great opportunity for thoughtful informed analysis of the problem and potential responses. I hope that undertaking such an effort can contribute to rational collaboration to ensure Santa Monica is fiscally sustainable.

If you are interested in serving on the Pension Advisory Committee, visit www.smgov.net/departments/cmo/ for more information and the online application.

RICK COLE is Santa Monica's City Manager

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Katharine McPhee To Perform At Saint John's Health Center Annual Gala Celebration

The Saint John's Health Center Foundation and Irene Dunne Guild has announced that chart-topping recording artist and actress Katharine McPhee will perform at their annual gala celebration, which will take place on Saturday, October 20 at the Beverly Hilton. The Gala, themed "The Power of Partnership" this year, honors the people of Saint John's who make the difference – physicians, researchers, staff, trustees, volunteers and grateful patients – all working together to save lives. Net proceeds will benefit vital programs, services and greatest needs within distinguished areas of excellence at Saint John's Health Center including cancer, cardiac care, maternal and child health, men's health, neuroscience, nursing, orthopedics, thoracic surgery and urology.

"We are looking forward to another remarkable evening celebrating the work of our incredible physicians and nurses, the innovative research we continue to pursue on our campus and our devoted supporters who help make it all possible," and supporters who make what they do possible," said Robert Klein, President and CEO, Saint John's Health Center Foundation. "We are thrilled to have Katharine McPhee joining us to share her beautiful voice and headline what is sure to be an unforgettable night!"

Leadership support for this year's event includes Irene Dunne Guild gala chair Christina Arechaederra. Christina is supported by the gala committee including Maria Arechaederra, Sylvia Balbona, Jane Loh, Cheryl Robertson Thode and Kathy Yawitz.

This year's Dinner Chairs include Kathy and John Danhakl, Lynda Oschin and Jerry B. Epstein, Mary and Jay Flaherty, Martha and David Ho Family, Robert and Elizabeth Lowe, Teresita and Shelby Notkin, Dominic Ornato, and Donna Schweers and Tom Geiser.

Individual tickets to the October 20 Gala Celebration are $750 and sponsorship packages are available. For more information, please contact Tess Csiszar at Saint John's Health Center Foundation at (310) 829-8168 or email Tess.Csiszar@stjohns.org. For more information, visit www.SaintJohnsFoundation.org.

SUBMITTED BY ELYSE WEISSMAN

11th St.

The Broad Stage presents: An Evening with Madeleine Peyroux

The Broad Stage presents the return of acclaimed singer, songwriter, and guitarist Madeleine Peyroux, touring in support of her latest album, Anthem, on Friday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. Peyroux's band includes Gregg Fine, electric guitar; Andy Ezrin, keyboards; Paul Frazier, electric bass; and Graham Hawthorne, drums.

Madeleine Peyroux's extraordinary journey is one of music industry's most compelling. Eight albums and 22 years since her debut Dreamland, Peyroux continues to challenge the confines of jazz, venturing into the fertile fields of contemporary music with unfading curiosity.

Coming ten years after Bare Bones, the singer-songwriter's previous album of original songs, Anthem finds Peyroux wiser with finer articulation powers. Inspired by her idol Leonard Cohen's ability to "suffer for the work, but still present the listener with just a friendly thought", Peyroux sends a spiritual but clear message of hope, optimism and resilience in the face of a turbulent reality.

Peyroux was born in Athens, Georgia and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Her mother sang and played ukulele and bought one for young Madeleine; the two liked to spend time singing and playing together. Her parents split up when she was around 13, and Peyroux moved to Paris with her mother. "In retrospect, it was a wonderful thing," says Peyroux, "but at the time I didn't like being uprooted right after the divorce; I was not happy." Without a clear plan for her life, Peyroux began busking on the streets of Paris, and at age 16, she dropped out of school to do it fulltime.

"Being given the opportunity to surround myself with people on the street who played music was the key. I could learn from them, and I saw an opportunity to sing," said Peyroux. "It was Paris that created all this for me. If I had stayed in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, that would have never happened."

Tickets are on sale at www.thebroadstage.org or by calling (310) 434-3200.

SUBMITTED BY LAURA SHANE

SAN DIEGO

Government offers separated families a 2nd shot at asylum

The Trump administration has agreed to reconsider asylum claims of many parents and children who were separated at the Mexican border under an agreement to settle lawsuits over its "zero-tolerance" policy on illegal crossings.

The settlement could give "well over 1,000 parents" a second chance at asylum, according to two groups involved in the litigation, Muslim Advocates and Legal Aid Justice Center.

The agreement, reached late Wednesday and subject to the approval of a federal judge, follows weeks of negotiations over claims by lawyers for separated parents and children that their clients were not treated fairly when seeking asylum. The judge is expected to consider the deal at a hearing on Friday.

If approved, it would mark a victory for some of the 2,500 children - as well as their parents - who were separated at the border under the zero tolerance initiative and still remain in the United States. President Donald Trump effectively ended family separations on June 20 amid heavy criticism.

The agreement leaves open the possibility that some of the hundreds of parents deported without their children can return to the United States, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, which sued the government. Those claims would be considered on a case-by-case.

Immigration lawyers have said some parents were misled into dropping asylum bids on the mistaken belief that it would allow them to rejoin their children.

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SUMMIT

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but we commit to a future without waste," he said.

Milan and Copenhagen are among the 27 major cities cited by C40 Cities Climate Leadership, a group whose board is headed by philanthropist and former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg.

In a speech, Bloomberg called the conference a way to broadcast that the U.S. is still committed to the cause.

"Climate change is a global challenge and Washington ought to be leading from the front," Bloomberg said.

Many people around the world wrongly concluded that America was "walking away from climate action" when Trump pulled the country out of the Paris climate accord, Bloomberg said, stressing that "nothing could be further from the truth."

The 2015 Paris agreement commits countries to set their own plans for cutting emissions.

Bloomberg and Brown, both Democrats, said they calculate the U.S. is within striking distance of the reduction in greenhouse gases it previously promised.

Trump announced last year that he was withdrawing from the l climate accord. His administration is also pursuing policies that would boost methane emissions and roll back California's strict vehicle emissions standards.

In response to a question Thursday at a news briefing, Brown said Trump will likely be remembered poorly when it comes to the environment. "I think he'll be remembered, on the path he's now? I don't know. Liar, criminal, fool," the governor said.

The CEO of Salesforce, one of the world's largest online business software companies, urged fellow technology leaders at the conference to help fight climate change.

CEO Marc Benioff announced that Salesforce and 20 technology companies have signed a pact to "decarbonize" by reducing greenhouse gas emissions worldwide through supply chains, regulations and customer efforts.

Salesforce recently opened a 61-story office tower in San Francisco that it says relies on clean energy to operate.

Outside the conference, hundreds of protesters said Brown could do more in California, and about a dozen briefly interrupted Bloomberg's speech with chants that natural resources were not for sale.

"America's a wonderful country. Here we have environmentalists protesting an environmental conference," Bloomberg said earlier in the day.

Police escorted 10 demonstrators from the meeting hall and briefly detained two protesters outside who were cited for misdemeanors and released.

Protesters also called on Brown to ban the practice known as fracking, which injects high-pressure liquid into the ground to extract gas. In response, the governor said California has the most integrated and comprehensive oil reduction plan in America.

"You don't snap your fingers and say now it's done," Brown said. "We're definitely moving in the same direction as the critics. They just like us to go a little faster and we would like to go a little faster ourselves."

The U.S. Climate Alliance, which involves 17 governors, announced Thursday that it would commit to several actions, including making clean energy cheaper for consumers and promoting vehicles and transit that rely on renewable energy.

The summit came with 2018 on pace to be the fourth hottest year on record globally. The eight warmest years in more than a century of record keeping have all been in the past 13 years.

Associated Press writer Juliet Williams contributed to this report.

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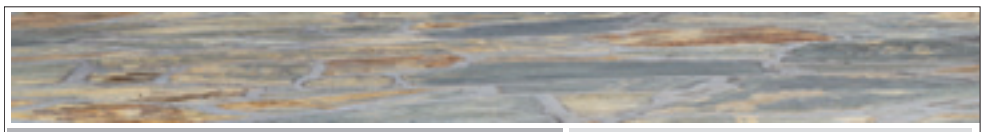
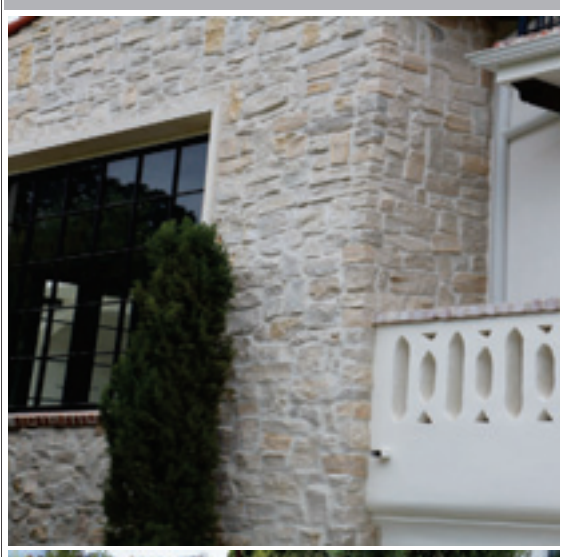
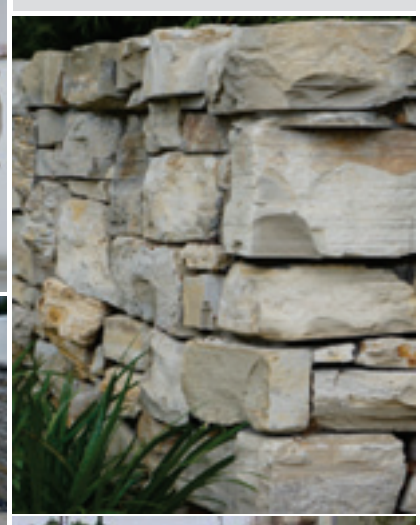
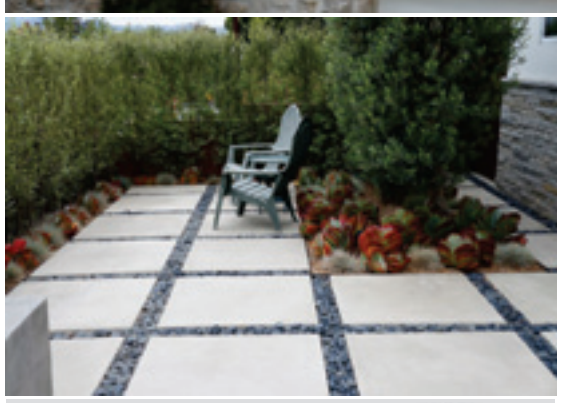
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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SEPTEMBER 6, AT ABOUT 3:39 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a burglary that just occurred. The suspect was seen fleeing the area carrying packages stolen from a residence. As officers arrived, a male subject was seen running and fleeing the area. Officers were able to contain the subject and detain the subject in the 1500 block of Appian Way. A search of the subject led to the recovery of a methamphetamine pipe. The subject refused to provide any identifiable information. The subject was identified via fingerprints and found to have a "No Bail" warrant. Jonathon Rearden, 35, was arrested for resisting arrest, possession of narcotics paraphernalia and a parole violation. He was held without bail.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 430 Calls For Service On September 12.

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

Shots fired 2nd / Washington 12:09 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block Ocean 12:22 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 600 block Palisades 12:28 a.m.
Drunk driving PCH / Lincoln 1:18 a.m.
Burglary 1700 block Hill 1:35 a.m.
Theft recyclables 1100 block 17th 6:07 a.m.
Encampment 800 block Grant 6:45 a.m.
Encampment 2900 block the beach 6:47 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block Lincoln 6:51 a.m.
Encampment 2700 block the beach 6:58 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hart 7:38 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block 14th 7:44 a.m.
Petty theft 800 block Montana 7:59 a.m.
Person down Main / Pacific 8:15 a.m.
Forgery 1500 block Euclid 8:20 a.m.
Fraud 1000 block 4th 8:49 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 18th 9:05 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block 10th 9:28 a.m.
Auto burglary ocean / bay 9:39 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 16th 9:46 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200 block Grant 9:48 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900 block Ocean 9:50 a.m.
Person down 1600 block 5th 9:52 a.m.
Petty theft 2200 block Wilshire 10:15 a.m.
Found senile person 1500 block Palisades Park 10:19 a.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block Pacific Coast Hwy 11:13 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block the beach 11:24 a.m.
Elder abuse 700 block Idaho 11:31 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 11:33 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block 11th 11:38 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th / Bay 11:51 a.m.
Injured person 2300 block Ocean 11:54 a.m.
Sexual assault 700 block Montana 11:55 a.m.
Burglary 2800 block Lincoln 12:11 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block San Vicente 12:50 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 1300 block 17th 1:17 p.m.
Traffic collision 1600 block 7th 1:23 p.m.
Domestic violence 1600 block Ocean 1:23 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Ocean 1:33 p.m.
Traffic collision 1100 block Arizona 1:36 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 1:38 p.m.
Encampment 100 block Colorado 2:06 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block Ashland 2:27 p.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 900 block 2nd 2:32 p.m.
Elder abuse 100 block Adelaide 2:32 p.m.
Vehicle blocking 1400 block 26th 2:40 p.m.
Burglary 1700 block Ocean 2:44 p.m.
Fraud 1200 block 10th 3:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hart 3:16 p.m.
Traffic collision 11th / Pico 3:48 p.m.
Battery 0 block Pico 4:04 p.m.
Traffic collision 400 block Colorado 4:11 p.m.
Bike theft 500 block san Vicente 4:15 p.m.
Battery 200 block san Vicente 4:39 p.m.
Fraud 1000 block Ocean Park 4:58 p.m.
Petty theft 2400 block Broadway 5:50 p.m.
Grand theft 1500 block Ocean 5:58 p.m.
Theft suspect 1200 block 4th 7:00 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 14th 7:05 p.m.
Vehicle parked 1200 block 26th 7:06 p.m.
Battery 1400 block 18th 8:12 p.m.
Battery 1700 block Santa Monica 8:13 p.m.
Traffic collision 900 block 18th 8:17 p.m.
Traffic collision Ocean / Olympic 8:50 p.m.
Bike theft 3000 block Lincoln 8:57 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block Santa Monica Pier 9:25 p.m.
Fight 1400 block 4th 9:42 p.m.
Traffic collision 2900 block Arizona 10:41 p.m.
Burglary 600 block Navy 11:44 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 30 Calls For Service On September 12.

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

EMS 1300 block Franklin 12:30 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 2:09 a.m.
EMS 1700 block 12th 2:56 a.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 2:58 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Oak 4:23 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block Main 5:09 a.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block Ocean 7:15 a.m.
EMS 900 block 3rd 8:38 a.m.
Flooded condition 2200 block 5th 9:07 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Lincoln 9:13 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 5th 9:52 a.m.
EMS 1000 block 12th 10:26 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Euclid 10:53 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Michigan 10:54 a.m.
EMS 10th / Montana 11:32 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Lincoln 3:01 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Lincoln 4:24 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pico 4:27 p.m.
Public assist 1900 block Ocean 4:46 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 7th 5:25 p.m.
EMS 2100 block 6th 5:26 p.m.
EMS 2nd / California 6:29 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Lincoln 6:41 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Ocean 8:55 p.m.
Arcing wires 2600 block 7th 9:39 p.m.
EMS 3300 block Ocean Park 9:40 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 9:46 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100 block California 10:33 p.m.

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Jackpot: 147M

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Draw Date: 9/11
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Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 227M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 9/12
3 14 37 39 41
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 32M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/12
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DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/13
MIDDAY: 2 0 7
Draw Date: 9/12
EVENING: 4 5 1

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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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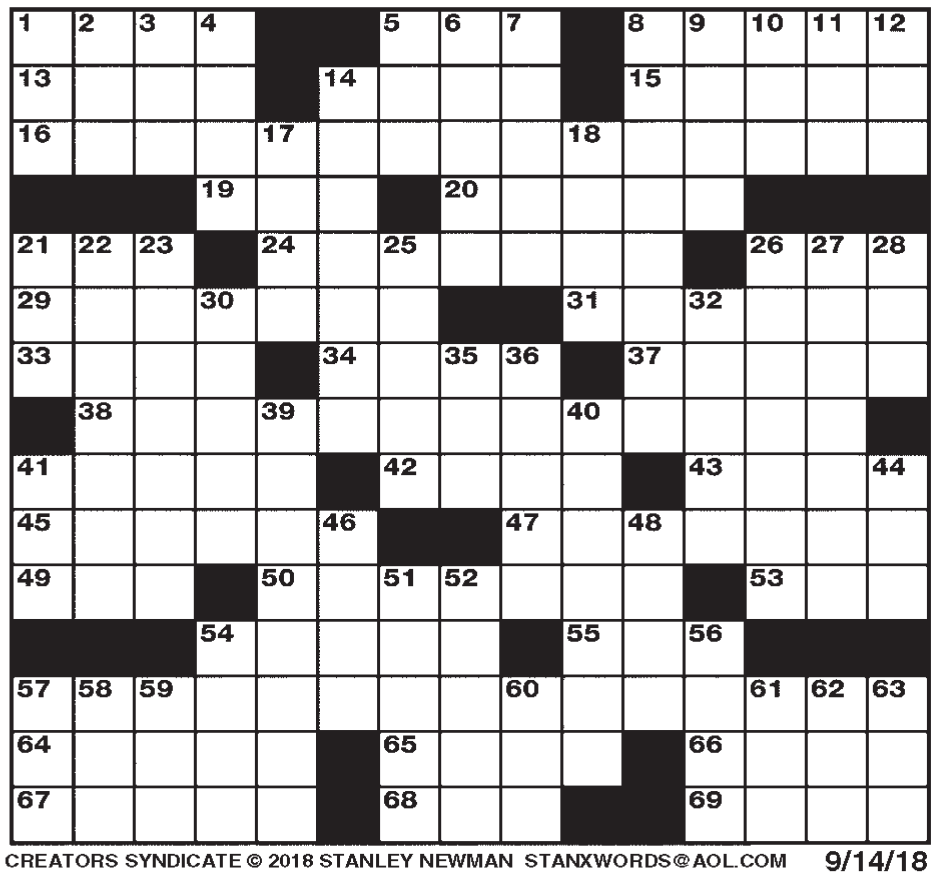
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19 No nickname for Satchmo
20 Sends regrets, perhaps
21 Rachel on *Glee*
24 Rode with rude remarks
26 Poky, in brand names
29 What many beachgoers walk on
31 Enter gradually
33 Compulsion
34 Waste time
37 Draw __ in the sand
38 Author of 16/57 Across
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42 Pies, in slapstick films
43 Really move
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47 Not shaken or stirred
49 Inserted, with "in"
50 Trade blockage
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54 Strong suit
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57 See 16 Across
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67 Buyback agreements, for short
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4 '90s German leader
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6 Bedeck
7 Brats and knocks
8 Cause to freeze
9 Stumblebums
10 One of two in *Don Giovanni*
11 Sound on MacDonald's farm
12 Philosophy
14 More often than not
17 Tiniest bit
18 Jacques-__ Cousteau
21 Pelican State sch.
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26 Dutch philosopher
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32 Shaw's Cockney heroine
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

California governor reverses parole decision for killer

Gov. Jerry Brown has reversed a parole decision for a man convicted of raping and killing his stepmother and a family friend more than 40 years ago in Southern California.

The Orange County District Attorney's Office said Thursday that Brown reversed a May decision by the Board of Parole Hearings in favor of parole for 61-year-old Gregory Coates.

Coates was convicted of raping and killing his stepmother when he was 17 years old. He was also convicted of killing a friend's mother in Riverside.

For both murders, he was sentenced to 12 years to life in prison.

Brown says Coates needs to do more to understand and explain these horrible crimes and releasing him would pose a danger to society.

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NEW YORK

Beyond fake news? Facebook to fact check photos, videos

Facebook says it is expanding its fact-checking program to include photos and videos as it fights fake news and misinformation on its service.

Malicious groups seeking to sow political discord in the U.S. and elsewhere have been embracing images and video to spread misinformation.

The company has been testing the image fact-checks since the spring, beginning with France and the news agency AFP. Now, it will send all of its 27 third-party fact-checkers disputed photos and videos to verify. Fact-checkers can also find them on their own.

Facebook will label images or video found to be untrue or misleading as such.

Facebook says the fact-checkers use visual verification techniques such as reverse image searching and analyzing image metadata to check the veracity of photos and videos.

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WASHINGTON

California AG to attend Sessions' meeting about social media

California's attorney general will attend a meeting with U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions later this month that has been planned to discuss concerns over whether social media companies are "stifling the free exchange of ideas."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, whose office has filed dozens of lawsuits against President Donald Trump's administration, has been at odds with the Justice Department on a slew of issues and is often jokingly referred to by colleagues as the "man who files the most lawsuits against Trump."

In a statement to The Associated Press, Becerra says that as the chief law enforcement officer in the nation's technology capital, he has a "wealth of insight and experience to share."

The Justice Department has said the Sept. 25 meeting with several state attorneys general has been planned to discuss a "growing concern that these companies may be hurting competition."

The meeting comes weeks after Trump said on Twitter that social media companies were "totally discriminating against Republican/Conservative voices."

A handful of other attorneys general, including Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, are expected to attend the meeting.

Becerra said he looked forward to a "thoughtful conversation in Washington, DC."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 14)

Take on more than you think you can handle, because you'll grow into responsibilities. Besides, you've been underestimating your talent and luck. A peaceful close of 2018 allows for self-education, solo experience and soul searching. The next turn is in a direction you wouldn't have guessed. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 30, 16, 33 and 1.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

While it's unnerving to lose personal items, it's also an opportunity to put better organizational systems in place. To assign a single resting place for the keys, etc. is to save hours a year searching for things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Going on a tangent means you're creative and it also makes you creative. Maybe it will require patience from the more linear-minded audience trying to keep up with you, but don't let that deter you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

You have what it takes, now the trick is knowing when and how exactly to use it. Timing can make or break this deal, but the good news is, you'll learn either way, and the next deal will come along almost immediately.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Even the interests you are most passionate about can lose their appeal at times. Daily exposure will do that, but it's not a signal to move on so much as an indication that a zigzag may be in order just to keep it fresh.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today will present a case in which sincerity and accuracy will not exactly match up. Nobody's fault, and you're all in the story together. You may just have to work out one that can be agreed upon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Embrace where you're at on the optimism scale, which is determined by both genetics and experience. While obvious benefits befall optimists, there are powerful advantages that go to the trouble-seers, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

To see and deal in objective reality will save you time and money. When presented with a good-looking front, a positive spin or a distracting dance, take it for the red flag that it is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You know who doesn't worry, talk or fuss about being a "good person"? Good people. They know their intentions are benevolent and they don't have to talk about it. Be wary of anyone obsessed with the moral high ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

While it may be scientifically unclear whether satisfied people move more, or movement produces feelings of satisfaction, the link between activity and happiness is undeniable. Move and smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You'll be surrounded by intelligent people. In fact, your presence seems to awaken the intelligence inside others and they'll show you their brightest insights and moods.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Deep in your heart you feel happy to help. So you don't need the gold star to tell you that people appreciate you. In fact, you might even get greater satisfaction from being invisible in the exchange.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

There's an influx of fresh excitement this afternoon that will energize your creativity for weeks to come. Don't worry about keeping anything about this, as trying to hold on to it will be like grasping at water. Just enjoy.

Tolerance Moon

There are those who fear of diversity. The good news is that this condition, which is a sign of insecurity and immaturity, can be outgrown through positive experiences and understanding. The Sagittarius moon encourages us to trust ourselves to react well to the unknown — a confidence that translates to tolerance of one another's differences.

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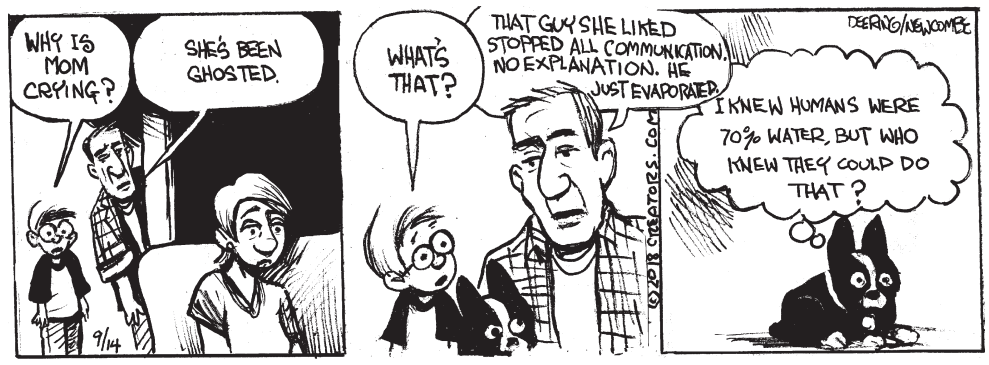
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FILMMAKER

FROM PAGE 1

created the Media Policy Center in 1999 to create social justice media that we could leverage on multiple platforms, nationally, with the expectation or hope that we could change lives.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE DOCUMENTARY?

The story in the film is about how a company deliberately lied and created lethal emissions for our 600,000 consumers in this country and 11 million consumers globally.

In the process, they forced buyers of these "green cars" to be their complicit accomplices in polluting the air wherever they drove. Additionally, shareholders in Germany are suing VW because of loss of value of their stocks. Even with the $25 billion in fines that our Attorney General Kamala Harris, our DOJ, our EPA, and our CARB were able to levy against VW, this whole scandal and its ramifications are still rolling out.

The film is a morality play that'll inform what's going on in San Francisco's Global Climate Action Summit these next few days and describes what has been going on with California leadership in all of this existential struggle with global climate change.

WHAT LED TO THIS SUBJECT? ASSUMING YOU READ HOW THEY LIED ABOUT THEIR EMISSIONS AND DID SOME DIGGING?

When I made the documentary 'Woodstock' in 1969 and first came to California, I could not see the mountains, there was so much smog. When I married my wife Liz, she told me about California environmental history and her relationship to it through Jerry Brown in his first campaign.

When the VW scandal broke a few years ago, practically to this day, I said to her, is this the time to call Mary Nichols, Chair of California Air Resources Board? I wanted to make a film about California's role in environmental history, jumping off the VW scandal as a can opener. Called Mary, she got back to me the next day. She liked the idea.

Within weeks, I was on an airplane, an unofficial cameraman to the Paris COP 21 talks about climate. I followed those talks and made the film. I was just yards away from Jerry Brown, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Kevin de Leon, major climate leaders.

Tech, policy and legislation are all so combined. Those people plus many, many, many others are wrestling with how to keep California in the center of climate change talks. Not just locally but nationally and internationally.

WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH 'BACKFIRED'?

I want people to think differently about their choices. Walking instead of driving, for example. The decarbonization of our tech. I want people to start their own grassroots movements to combat threats to our communities, threats to our planet.

ON THAT NOTE, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE EARTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT'S FUTURE? YOU SEEM RESOUNDINGLY UPBEAT WHEREAS MOST IN THIS FIELD SEEM CYNICAL.

I'm not a scientist, so I can't project solid data for you. But I do believe in grassroots social movements where people pull together on the same rope in order to create a spark of communitarianism.

And a movement, any movement, really begins with active citizens and young people.

Children can be made aware of their role in all this. Remember, it was children who began the recycling movement; kindergarten teachers would have kids separate plastic from trash ... Look at Andy Lipkis and TreePeople and look at that today. Look at Denny Zane and his MoveLA campaign. Look at Black Lives Matter, the #metoo movement and Occupy Wall Street. All began with young people.

Young people like grad students who were the first that saw VW were cheating. These were kids in their 20s who said, there's something wrong with my dials or our methodology; why are these emissions so large? That became the moment. That brought the California Air Resources Board into the solving of this big ol' thing. But it's young people who had the smarts to be bold enough to say something.

That can be an ember that smolders through communities and spreads into flames, a propellant that keeps us moving forward.

This climate change issue is something that can be handled. California and young people are going about it in the right way, from what I can perceive.

WARREN OLNEY OF KCRW NARRATES THE FILM. ASSUMING THE SANTA MONICA CONNECTION HELPED WITH THAT HIRING?

Absolutely. I wanted a good Santa Monica connection.

Also, Warren and I are both octogenarians, so I figured we both needed a long view that only octogenarians have. (laughs) When it came time to pick a narrator, he said he'd maybe have some time and I said that means you can narrate this film!

A serendipitous thing I discovered from Warren is that his great granddad hiked in Yosemite with John Muir. Together they created the Sierra Club. The stories that Warren was able to gather from around the dinner table or on hikes were all filled with this lore of John Muir, a great environmentalist spirit.

SPEAKING OF SANTA MONICA, HOW ARE YOU FEELING ABOUT THE CITY'S EFFORTS IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT?

From what I get, I sense from Dean Kubani and the sustainable works from SMC and Ben Allen and Ted Lieu and Henry Waxman's role, I think that we are doing what communities may not be able to do. I think what we demonstrate is people working together to find common ground.

It's Santa Monica, it's California, and we're progressive. We have the capability of building policy and legislation that can withstand any Trump attempt to find a ladder tall enough. It ain't ever going to be tall enough.

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Petitioner or Attorney: JOHN PARIENTI STERNER filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: JOHN PARIENTI STERNER to JOHN BURTON STERNER . 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.
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