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Endorsements surge as campaigns heat up

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

With Labor Day now over, the election season has moved into high gear and the past two weeks have seen a surge in endorsements from local organizations.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

The Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees PAC has endorsed the four incumbents for City Council: Mayor Tony Vazquez, Mayor Pro Tempore Ted Winterer, Councilmembers Gleam Davis and Terry O' Day.

"It was clear that as a team, our City Council is focused on relieving traffic, making smart planning and land use decisions, reducing homelessness. Mayor Vazquez, Councilmembers Ted Winterer, Gleam Davis, and Terry O' Day are the best choice for renters, homeowners, and the city employees who deliver the services," said Lauralee Asch, Coalition PAC President.

The organization represents more than 1,600 city employees from multiple individual unions. In a second statement, the group also opposed Measure LV.

POLICE AND FIRE

The Santa Monica Police Officers' Association and the Santa Monica Firefighters, Local 1109 are also backing the incumbents.

"In the last two years, all four Council Members have voted to increase public safety staffing in response to significant increased demands of the Police and Fire Departments," said the endorsement announcement.

The letter cites the group's support for increasing staffing levels in the police and fire departments, approval of more equipment and prioritization of public safety needs.

The combined Police/Firefighters announcement also included a rejection of Measure LV citing the potential impact on public safety buildings or rebuilding after a disaster.

"For example, Measure LV would necessitate a vote for the recently approved 40' tall Fire Station in downtown Santa Monica," said the release. "The new state of the art structure will replace the existing seismically non-compliant downtown Fire Station which was built in 1955. Measure LV would at best delay

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Santa Monica church to shelter homeless college students

MARINA ANDALON
Daily Press Staff Writer

College can be a fun, exciting and a challenging time in a person's life. Learning responsibilities, self-growth, and unfortunately for some students they learn to live on the streets, in a car and do whatever they can to get through the coursework.

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church is tackling the problem head on by providing a limited number of beds for students attending local schools.

The Bruin Shelter opens on Oct. 2, and they have already accepted 10 students, half are UCLA students and the other half are SMC students. This shelter provides a 90-day stay for females and male students; a waiting list has already formed.

Student homelessness is not a subject that is brought up often. Officials said the homeless youth population can be difficult to estimate as many individuals are embarrassed to admit their living situation.

The recent Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) reported that there are 58,158 homeless students on campus nationwide.

Los Angeles is currently the homelessness capital of the nation, but there are a few safe spaces existing for youth in these dire circumstances. Many students face homelessness due to parental job loss, lack of affordable housing and family or parental conflicts.

Louis Tse, a 26-year-old UCLA doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering, wanted to do something on behalf of his fellow students and created the Bruin Shelter, a student run shelter for his peers who are experiencing homelessness in the greater Los Angeles.

The Bruin shelter is joining

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BEACH CLEAN UP

Courtesy Photo

Heal the Bay educators welcomed more than 800 elementary students from underserved LAUSD schools for a day of hands-on learning and marine exploration Wednesday morning. Many of these youth had never been to the beach before. Kids conducted cleanups and toured the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium as part of the program. The event is a kickoff for Heal the Bay's Coastal Cleanup Day this Saturday morning at more than 40 sites throughout L.A. County. Registration at healthebay.org

100 YEARS AGO:

City buys four water plants

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This monthly feature uncovers Santa Monica's history by compiling notable city happenings from a century ago. The stories are found in old newspaper archives.

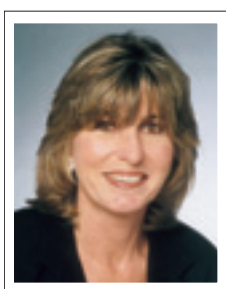
Santa Monica took control of its own water a century ago this month, acquiring four plants following voter approval of a bond.

The City paid more than $660,000 to the four water companies, according to a Los Angeles Times brief, the equivalent of more than $14.5 million in 2016 currency.

Commissioner W.H. Carter of the city public works department took the reins of the Santa Monica Water Company, which accepted a check of more than $404,000.

Officials had also asked the city treasury for money to buy the Ocean Park, City and Irwin Heights water companies. Prices had been previously set by the state Railroad Commission.

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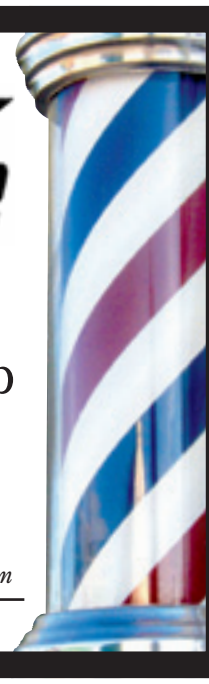
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Concert: The Kaleidoscope Trio

USC-based classical guitar, clarinet, and violin trip play a lively concert of crowd-pleasers and audience requests. All ages welcome. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 – 5 p.m.

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Hispanic Heritage Month Festival

Join us as we celebrate the Hispanic Heritage Month with music, games and crafts. Enjoy folk music and folkloric dances, play Loteria, and learn to embroider Mexican servilletas (napkins). Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

AltCar & Transportation Expo

Alternative Car Ride and Drive/Conference. Civic Auditorium parking lot, 1855 Main St., 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Master Gardeners at the Market

Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 a.m. - Noon. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

Chili Roast

It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest. Join organizers for a southwest style chili roast at the Pico farmers market located in Virginia Avenue Park. Take these delicious chilies home and whip up something tasty or freeze them to use later. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Pico Farmers Market, Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

Sunday, September 18

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St., 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Pinhole Camera-making & Photography with Alexis Macnab

This comprehensive workshop will take you step-by-step through the process of pinhole photography, including capturing images on photopaper, developing your photographs, and creating your own pinhole camera. Cost: $80. 1450 Ocean, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/53709 or call (310) 458-2239.

Monday, September 19

Book Group

This book group, which is open to all, features an eclectic selection of literary fiction and nonfiction. This month the group discusses Karen Joy Fowler's novel We Are Completely Beside Ourselves. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission, Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

STEAM Challenge: Engineering

Help the three little pigs by building a well-designed house that will protect them from the "big bad wolf." Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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

HISTORY

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Carter said the four separate systems would be integrated and that several improvements were planned. A 12-inch main would be built between the Ocean Park and Irwin Heights reservoirs, a $10,000 steel pipe would bring more water to Irwin Heights consumers and meters would be installed throughout the city, according to the brief.

KID ON THE LOOSE

An 8-year-old boy who scaled the interior of a 50-foot chimney to escape from jail in Redondo Beach was found in Santa Monica a hundred years ago this month.

The boy, Aaron Granville, was stopped by a newspaperwoman near the local oceanfront, according to a Times brief. She turned him over to police after trying unsuccessfully to find his guardian.

"Finally someone remembered hearing that the boy had escaped from the Redondo Beach Jail and the marshal there was notified," the brief reads.

The boy was placed on a Pacific Electric train car and sent to his mother, who was reportedly waiting for him in Los Angeles.

PAVING THE WAY

Crews were working 100 years ago this month to complete local stretches of Pacific Coast Highway.

Workers were extending the coastal road north towards Topanga Canyon and south towards Manhattan Beach, according to a Times article.

"The road up the Topanga will open up a rich country and will probably mean that the large area of country taken in during the recent annexation election, when Westgate and Brentwood were annexed, will have closer connection with the city proper," the article reads. "Several thousand acres of valuable land lies on the mesa overlooking the sea and affording excellent proximity to the mountains."

BAY WATCH

Residents of Santa Monica were curious about the Pacific Ocean and its creatures 100 years ago this month.

Marine biology classes offered to members of the public by University of Southern California professors in Venice were popular over the summer, according to a Los Angeles Times article.

"The residents of the beach cities showed a decided interest in learning about the marvelous animal life which is lived under the sea," the article reads.

USC was also coordinating trips to survey Santa Monica Bay and Catalina Island, according to the article, and materials gathered were expected to be used in winter biology classes at the college.

CLOTHES LINE

A nude picture in a second-grade reader was the subject of controversy a century ago this month.

Santa Monica schools Superintendent Horace M. Rebok expressed opposition to the picture, according to a Times brief. He reportedly told the Young Men's Club at a meeting in Venice that he was not fundamentally opposed to nude artwork but lamented that the image of an Ancient Greece human lacked quality and didn't have an explanatory caption.

Rebok wrote a letter to the state schools superintendent.

BRASS BATTLE

A member of Santa Monica's municipal band was barred from practicing on his trombone following a complaint by a nearby resident a hundred years ago this month.

The trombone player was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace "by casting a variegated assortment of musical notes into the backyard of S.P. Bradford, who lives in Venice," according to a Times brief.

The trombone player reportedly practiced in a room that stood on the border between Santa Monica and Venice.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

$643,336 Raised for Schools

The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation (SMMEF) raised $643,336 during a five-week matching challenge from SMMEF Corporate Partner Dun & Bradstreet. Inspired by Dun & Bradstreet's $70,000 matching gift, 1,105 individual gifts were made during the match, which ran from Aug. 4 through Sept. 9.

"We are grateful for Dun & Bradstreet's visionary match and thrilled with this tremendous display of support for our students at the start of this school year," said David Vukadinovich, President of the SMMEF Board of Directors. "These funds will directly support incredible arts education, instructional assistants and enrichment programs for every student in the Santa Monica and Malibu public schools."

Donations to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation change the lives of students in the Santa Monica-Malibu public schools. Contributions fund excellent programs – from art to STEM to wellness – that shape our future problem solvers, visionaries and global citizens. For a full list of programs, go to smmef.org.

"Investing in education is critical for our community, our employees and our future entrepreneurs," said Jeff Stibel, Vice Chairman of Dun & Bradstreet. "We are proud to be doing our part in helping to empower the next generation of doers and leaders as a partner of the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation."

Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation has been a beneficiary of Dun & Bradstreet's EdAhead program, which was established to support education initiatives in the communities where Dun & Bradstreet offices are located, for four years. The latest match and resulting gifts bring Dun & Bradstreet's total impact to SMMUSD students to $1,465,831 since 2013.

The vision of EdAhead was to create the nation's first education savings initiative with a multiple match. The company first matched employees' contributions to their 529 college education plans, up to a set amount each year, adding the match to each employee's account on an annual basis. Employee-matched contributions then activated a second match, with the aggregate per office match amount donated to the local public school districts where that office operates.

In addition to the $70,000 matching gift, Dun & Bradstreet donated $30,000 to continue its high school internship and college scholarship program for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students during the summer of 2017. Last summer, six high school students participated in the internship program and were given college scholarships.

For more information or to donate, visit smmef.org.

– SUBMITTED BY ANN CONKLE, COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS MANAGER

Citywide

SMMUSD Seeking New Personnel Commissioner

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is seeking applications for appointment to the Personnel Commission.

Applications are now being accepted for the Personnel Commission vacancy, which becomes available on Dec. 1, 2016. The appointment will expire on November 30, 2019.

The Personnel Commission is the public body responsible for the administration of a "merit system;" for the selection, retention and promotion of classified (i.e., non-teaching) employees in a public school system. By law, it is composed of three members appointed for three-year terms with the term of one member expiring each year.

In order to qualify, an applicant must be:

A registered voter and a resident within the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District boundaries.

Familiar with the "merit system" and support the concept of employment, continuance in employment, in-service promotional opportunities and other related matters on the basis of merit and fitness.

Additionally, an applicant cannot be a member of the SMMUSD Board of Education, or of the County Board of Education, or an employee of the District. Applications are available now at: http://bit.ly/2clvxWW.

Applications must be submitted by November 1, 2016.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Jana Hatch at 310.450.8338, ext. 70279 or 70220.

– SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER, SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Citywide

Works by Cheri Dickinson, Lorraine Ginsburg, & Starrie Ming at SMC's Emeritus Art Gallery

The Santa Monica College (SMC) Emeritus Art Gallery has announced its fall art exhibition, a selection of creative works by Cheri Dickinson, Lorraine Ginsburg, and Starrie Ming.

The exhibition will run Sept. 22-Nov. 2 at the gallery, located on the first floor of SMC's Emeritus College campus, 1227 Second St., in downtown Santa Monica.

The opening reception is from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit and reception are free. For information, please call (310) 434-4306.

The show is a three-artist grouping of outstanding Emeritus students who produce incredibly tight and skillful paintings with stylistic inspirations ranging from photorealism to graphic design to op-art.

Emeritus is SMC's widely praised program offering more than 120 classes and special programs of interest to older adults.

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Seeds Burst With Life

SEEDS BURST WITH LIFE. WONDROUS, seemingly miraculous, in a seed, as tiny as a fleck or grain, is an embryo of a flowering plant, a food, a tree. Those seeds can grow into Nature's vastness as diverse as milkweed, cilantro and California Redwood. Because widespread plant species—including "12,000 year-old food legacy"—propagate with seeds, their wonder and existential significance cannot be taken for granted. The wellbeing of human and natural communities depends on the cycle of life, vivid in the garden with seeds sown, plants grown, flowers blossoming then going to seed.

That is why so many Santa Monica Community Gardeners collect the seeds from their harvest.

That is why the Seed Library of Los Angeles exists, and the Santa Monica Library is establishing a seed library. Those commitments are essential. As the new documentary SEED: The Untold Story relates, "In the last century, 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared."

There is much to learn about the priceless value of seeds. Anyone who eats or gardens would relish knowing how to protect our food resources. SEED: The Untold Story, according to the media release, reveals a stark and marvelous confrontation, "As biotech chemical companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight a David and Goliath battle to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds."

Opening on Friday, Sept. 30, at Laemmle Monica Film Center, SEED will be showing for a week with the filmmakers speaking on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1. Viewing SEED can help extend what good community gardening means, which involves sharing lessons and important stories—as well as seeds, particularly those from our organic, non-GMO community gardens.

Sitting in the shade of a passion fruit vine, for a couple of tranquil hours last weekend I gathered cilantro seeds, gently rolling them between my fingers to separate them from the dried flowers. I wrapped the round seeds in paper to carry home. Having seasoned our guacamole, salads, and soups, the cilantro would be planted again to flavor our future meals. Well, almost. For a mother and her adult daughter visited the Main Street Gardens and regaled my partner and me with their container gardening efforts. In return, we offered them the packet of our cilantro seeds to plant in their little garden on a window sill or on their porch.

Small gifts from human being to human being, seed to seed, can burst forth with so much life.

CRIS GUTIERREZ is a Main Street Gardener and part of the Santa Monica Community Gardens Advisory Committee.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Smoke screen

Editor:

Kerjon Lee, Public Affairs Manager, reported on Los Angeles' Proposition HHH as a $1.2 billion bond measure to build housing for the homeless. Unfortunately, only $250,000,000 is earmarked for homeless housing while the rest is a plan for low-cost housing, which, in the LA area is unaffordable to most people. Prop. HHH is a smoke screen and ruse perpetrated by LA and now enjoined by LA County, supported by a mayor and City Council who were elected three years ago to address the homeless problem.

With perfect timing, just in time to run for reelection, they have dreamed up a scheme that will take care of a fraction of the 25,000 homeless in LA over the next ten years. Prop. HHH is really a giveaway to the contractors and entrepreneurs who have overdeveloped our city as well as Santa Monica (and who contribute to reelection campaigns) into a gridlocked nightmare that is not a paradise anymore. The homeless has increased 12% in the past year alone. The problem will still be here in ten years with and without Prop. HHH, which will require a $2 billion payback.

What is not addressed by Mayor Garcetti's "Housing First" initiative is the failure to supply food, healthcare, showers and toilet facilities to the homeless, priorities essential to restoring dignity. In addition, the young homeless, the most rapidly growing age group in the beach area, are generally not interested in permanent housing or a residence away from the beach, where they now live and play. And what about the failed public housing in Chicago and Detroit, where 20-story structures have been imploded to make way for lesser projects that hopefully will not fail?

There are almost 50,000 homeless in LA County. Homelessness is a national disgrace that requires a coordinated effort with the states and the federal government. LA cannot effectively deal with the tragedy of homelessness alone, but must work with all levels of government. When almost half of the homeless have tents or other protective aids, tent cities can be mobilized quickly, efficiently and effectively in our cities and counties with responsibility and commitment by the less fortunate among us, who will have food, healthcare, a stake (job) and the other amenities every community must have. Mayor Garcetti and his minions had three years to come up with a rational plan that didn't break the bank. He missed the boat and should not be allowed back onto it.

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The Library Lowdown

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A Path to Achieving Educational Dreams

WHEN DESCRIBING SANTA MONICA, many would consider it to be a well-educated community. However, the City of Santa Monica's 2014 Youth Wellbeing Report Card shows that 8% of high school students in Santa Monica do not graduate. The level of education attained greatly affects people's success in their lives and careers. Santa Monica Public Library is here to help members of the community achieve their educational dreams!

As part of the Library's Vibrant Learning Center strategic plan focus area, the library is providing two paths for adults to reach their educational goals: Career Online High School, and the Second Chance Learning Program. Both tie in with the City of Santa Monica's Cradle to Career initiative's objective of "helping 16-24 year-olds build the skills needed to get jobs and careers that lead to livable wages and room for advancement."

Through a grant from the California State Library, Santa Monica Public Library is offering qualified community members age 19 and up the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through Career Online High School. Part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, Career Online High School is specifically designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce.

"Earning a high school diploma is a life-changing achievement," said Erica Cuyugan, Interim Director of Library Services. "By offering Career Online High School, we're empowering our community to seek new opportunities and transform their lives."

Santa Monica Public Library will award scholarships for Career Online High School to qualified learners looking to earn a high school diploma and advance their careers. Once enrolled, Career Online High School pairs each student with an Academic Coach, who assists with developing an individual career plan, offers ongoing guidance and encouragement, evaluates performance, and connects the learner with the resources needed to demonstrate mastery of the course material. Classes are supported by board-certified instructors and students have 24/7 access to the online learning platform. Coursework begins in one of eight high-growth, high-demand career fields (across a wide spectrum from child care and education to certified transportation), before progressing to the core academic subjects. Many students are able to graduate in as few as four to six months by transferring in previously earned high school credits.

Those interested can learn more about Career Online High School at http://smpl.org/cohs.aspx.

Beginning its second year at the library is the Second Chance Learning Program, which offers formal General Education Development (GED) preparation instruction designed to complement the courses offered at the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District's Adult Education Center. The focus of the Second Chance Learning Program is helping community members attain higher levels of education to enable them to reach greater levels of success.

The Second Chance Learning Program consists of twice weekly GED preparation classes for the public offered at the Pico Branch Library, and provides support with GED and career resources at the library. The library will also provide vouchers to cover the GED test registration fees to learners who meet attendance requirements.

Learners in the successful first year GED cohort at Santa Monica Public Library overwhelmingly reported greater confidence in their ability to pass the GED exam, and increased their scores on the official GED Ready practice test. Their goals are within reach, and they are looking forward to continuing the GED classes this Fall.

For more information on the Second Chance Learning Program and the GED preparation classes, please email stephanie.archer@smgov.net.

STEPHANIE ARCHER is the Montana Avenue Branch Manager, and the coordinator of the Career Online High School and Second Chance Learning Program for Santa Monica Public Library.

BRUIN

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Harvard Y2Y in providing for vulnerable youth in local communities along with re-examining the assumptions about what being homeless means. The Bruin shelter is the second of its kind in the entire country and the first on the West Coast.

Tse met with Rev. Eric Shafer at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and both decided to team up and have the shelter be located at the church.

Rev. Eric Shafer said, "I am very humbled and inspired by the work these students have done. They are very smart individuals, and to see Louis make his dream a reality is truly remarkable. I am happy we are able to get students off the streets, now I am hoping other congregations will follow our step and help these kids out." He goes on to say, "This is a convenient spot for the shelter, and the students are able to hop on the bus right outside that will lead them to UCLA. Speaking of UCLA I have no doubt they will get involved and help out in the future."

The UCLA Graduate Student Association provides part of the funding for this shelter. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church also received a grant from the Lutheran Synod to help with the shelter's finances.

The Bruin Shelter guests have access to their own bed, hot dinner and to-go breakfast bags, individual storage lockers, and communal living spaces with printing, TV, and study areas.

In addition, UCLA med students are available to help with medical, dental and vision co pays, along with a comprehensive network of on campus resources. There will also be counseling services, internship and career planning workshops.

There are no pets, drugs, weapons or alcohol allowed in the shelter. Everyone's belongings are to be searched before entering to ensure the safety of everyone.

To be eligible students need to be part of the UCLA or SMC community who are experiencing homelessness and are between the ages of 18-24.

The Bruin Shelter accepts donations, from furniture, housing necessities, cleaning supplies, food, school supplies, and most importantly hygiene items.

There will be a benefit concert in support of the UCLA Bruin Shelter, Friday October 14 at 8 p.m.

For more information visit www.bruing-shelter.com or www.mtoliveluther-anchurch.org.

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Ballot Measures and Propositions

MEASURE GS ADVISORY VOTE ONLY — If a local transactions and use tax is enacted in Santa Monica, should half its revenue be used to improve and maintain local public schools, including attracting and retaining high-quality teachers, expanding access to pre-schools, assisting at-risk students, and improving school technology, arts, music, math, and science instruction; and half to help preserve and ensure housing in Santa Monica that is affordable, protect residents from displacement by rising housing costs, and reduce homelessness?

MEASURE GSH — To maintain and improve Santa Monica community services including support for preservation of affordable housing, reducing homelessness, school repair and improvement, education of Santa Monica children and students, and other general fund services, shall an ordinance be adopted to enact a Santa Monica one-half percent Santa Monica's transactions and use tax, subject to independent annual audits, all funds used locally, no money going to Sacramento, raising approximately $16 million annually, until ended by the voters?

MEASURE LV — Shall the City's General Plan and Municipal Code be amended to require: a new permit process for major development projects exceeding base sizes or heights of 32-36 feet, with exceptions such as single unit dwellings and some affordable housing projects; voter approval of major development projects and development agreements, excluding affordable housing and moderate income and senior housing projects, among others; and voter approval of changes to City land use and planning policy documents?

MEASURE SM — Shall Article XXII of the City Charter be amended to, among other things: expand the prohibition against kickbacks as rewards for certain official actions, create an exemption for volunteers serving certain City-funded non-profits, clarify the application of the Article's prohibitions, the City Attorney's authority and enforcement responsibilities, and the scope of available remedies?

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE: MEASURE V — To improve local access to affordable higher education for high school graduates/ adults/ veterans; improve education/ career training in math, science, writing, arts, business; shall Santa Monica Community College District issue $345,000,000 in bonds at legal rates, with citizens oversight/ annual audits, to repair, upgrade, construct, modernize, equip facilities for technology, science/ biotech, college readiness; repair aging, leaky classrooms, remove asbestos, upgrade disabled access, seismic and campus safety?

Proposition 51 — School Bonds. Funding for K–12 School and Community College Facilities through $9 billion in bonds.

Proposition 52 — Medi-Cal Hospital Fee Program. Voter approval would be required before state lawmakers could divert money from a mandatory hospital fee supporting Medi-Cal programs to other general fund priorities.

Proposition 53 — Revenue Bonds. Voter approval would be required before the state could issue bonds of more than $2 billion for infrastructure projects.

Proposition 54 — Legislature rules. Requires posting of bills for a least 72 hours before a vote can be made, requires recordings of meetings be made and published within 24 hours, allows recording of any open meeting.

Proposition 55 — Tax Extension to Fund Education and Healthcare. Extend a tax first approved in 2012 on incomes over $250,000. Money is earmarked for education.

Proposition 56 — Cigarette Tax to Fund Healthcare, Tobacco Use Prevention, Research, and Law Enforcement. Increase taxes on cigarettes by $2 per pack and equivalent amounts on other tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

Proposition 57 — Criminal Sentences and trial decisions. Judges would determine if minors are tried as adults and felons convicted of non-violent crimes would have more opportunities for parole.

Proposition 58 — English only instruction. Would repeal most of a 1998 law that required English learners to be in English only classrooms. Would allow schools to use bilingual education for English learners.

Proposition 59 — Citizens United. Advisory measure asking voters if they support overturning the Citizens United decision allowing corporations to participate in elections as if they were people.

Proposition 60 — Adult Films. Mandates the use of condoms when making adult films.

Proposition 61 — State Prescription Drug Purchases. Requires state agencies pay the same price as the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for prescription drugs.

Proposition 62 — Death Penalty. A yes vote would repeal the death penalty in California. *If Prop. 62 and Prop 66 pass, whichever has more votes will determine the outcome of the death penalty.*

Proposition 63 — Ammunition Sales. Would require background checks for the purchase of ammunition and prohibit ownership of large capacity magazines.

Proposition 64 — Marijuana Legalization. Legalizes recreational marijuana and hemp.

Proposition 65 — Carryout Bag revenue. Earmarks money from the sale of carryout bags for a new environmental fund managed by the Wildlife Conservation Board. *If Prop 65 and Prop 67 both pass, whichever has more votes will determine the use of the money.*

Proposition 66 — Death Penalty. Retains the death penalty in California but hastens the appeals process. *If Prop. 62 and Prop 66 pass, whichever has more votes will determine the outcome of the death penalty.*

Proposition 67 — Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags. A "Yes" vote retains the existing ban on plastic bags while a "No" vote overturns the existing ban on plastic carryout bags. Prop 67 allows the store to utilize the fees charged for compostable carryout bags to recover costs or provide educational materials. *If Prop 65 and Prop 67 both pass, whichever has more votes will determine the use of the money.*



ELECTION

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construction after a public campaign to educate voters on the needs of the Fire Department, and at worst result in the station being voted down and the lengthy design and building process to restart."

The group said Measure LV, also known as the LUVE initiative, would delay reconstruction after a disaster posing additional dangers to public safety employees.

"Delaying reconstruction of buildings after any large scale disaster not only negatively affects the residents who live in the buildings, but hinders public safety for all of Santa Monica, as uninhabited structures are magnets for squatters and other criminal behavior," said the release.

SANTA MONICA DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

Local democrats held two meetings to determine endorsements. The organization issued recommendations for candidates and measures in the past week.

CITY COUNCIL — Ted Winterer, Tony Vazquez and Gleam Davis.
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE TRUSTEE — Sion Roy, Susan Aminoff and Rob Rader.
RENT CONTROL BOARD — Anastasia Foster and Caroline Torosis
SANTA MONICA MEASURES — YES on GS, GSH, SM and V. NO on LV.
COUNTY MEASURES — YES on M and A.
STATEWIDE MEASURES — YES on 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64 and 67. NO on 53, 65, 66.

SANTA MONICA FORWARD

Santa Monica Forward is an advocacy group that lists equity, sustainability and diversity as their guiding principles. The organization is active in promoting affordable housing, transit options and a strong local economy. Forward is actively opposing Measure LV and has formed a PAC to run a "No" campaign.

The organization's steering committee voted to support the four Santa Monica City Council incumbents running for reelection (Vazquez, Winterer, O'Day and Davis).

"While we may not always agree with every decision made by the Council, we believe that our current council members have and will continue to do excellent work in shaping the future of our city, as well as encouraging civil, constructive, and fact-based dialogue around the issues we care so much about," said the endorsement letter.

Forward also voted to support several ballot measures. The Committee endorsed Measure V (a bond to fund Santa Monica College), Measures GS and GSH and County-wide Measures M and A.

"While Measures GS and GSH won't solve our housing crisis or provide all the funding we need for our schools, these measures together are necessary to pass if we are to maintain our commitment to diversity and to quality accessible education for our children," said the press release.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

The American Institute of Architects Los Angeles chapter (AIA|LA) released a statement officially opposing Measure LV.

"Santa Monica currently has one of the region's most extensive, thorough and transparent public approval processes for development projects. The chapter believes Measure LV would undercut this process with costly, inefficient election campaigns that favor only the largest projects and the wealthiest developers. The AIA|LA encourages a No vote on Measure LV in November," said the statement.

SANTA MONICA COALITION FOR A LIVABLE CITY

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City said they are endorsing Measure LV.

"Without LUVE, the City's failed development and traffic policies and millions of square feet of planned new development will lead to ever worsening gridlock, spreading even more into our neighborhoods. With LUVE, developers will be forced to come up with better projects, knowing residents will have the final say," said their statement.

Several neighborhood groups have previously endorsed Measure LV. The Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition passed a resolution in June.

"WILMONT supports the Land Use Empowerment initiative (LUVE) initiative to control development, preserve our open skies and beach-town quality of life, fight traffic, protect renters from gentrification, and discourage developers from tearing down small buildings so they can build bigger ones," it said.

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Small Southerly swell mix and little NW windswell.

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small Southerly swell mix and little NW windswell.

NOTICE OF GRANTS AVAILABILE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO CULTURAL DESTINATIONS

The City of Santa Monica Cultural Affairs Division provides grants to Santa Monica schools and nonprofits for transportation to and from cultural activities. Funds are provided by the County Proposition A Local Return program. Trips must be accessible to the public and destinations accessible to the disabled. Grantees may use private or SMMUSD buses, Big Blue Bus or other public transport.

Applications are now available for trips between Sept 2016 and June 2017. **Application Deadline: Monday, November 21, 2016 at 5 pm.** To apply visit http://www.smgov.net/Portals/Culture/Grants/Arts_Transportation_Grant_Program/Guidelines___Application.aspx or email nathan.birnbaum@smgov.net

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2015 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2015 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2015-19) and Action Plan (2015-16) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2015. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 26, 2016. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address or via email at humanservices@smgov.net by September 26, 2016.

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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 7, AT ABOUT 5:19 A.M.

Officers were on patrol in the area of the 500 block of Wilshire Blvd. Officers observed a subject lying down in front of the doorway to a business at the 500 block of Wilshire Blvd. The location has a trespass letter on file with the SMPD authorizing arrest of subject trespassing on the property. The subject had been previously advised that she could not loiter on the property. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.
Monique Felice Williams, 45, homeless was arrested for trespass and outstanding warrants. Bail was set at $36,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 351 calls for service on Sept. 15.

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

Trespassing 2200 block of Colorado 12:29 a.m.
Fight 2000 block of 18th 1:09 a.m.
Audible burglar alarm 1400 block of 14th 1:25 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation 800 block of Santa Monica 1:53 a.m.
Hit and run Neilson/Kinney 2:45 a.m.
Threats Investigation 2500 block of Pico 3:07 a.m.
Stakeout 7th/ San Vicente 4:11 a.m.
Hit and run 20th/ Wilshire 5:33 a.m.
Trespassing 2900 block of Main 5:48 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th/ Pico 6:41 a.m.
Mark and tag abandoned 2100 block of Dorchester 6:59 a.m.
Trespassing 300 block of Bicknell 7:15 a.m.
Armed robbery 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk 7:16 a.m.
Person with gun 700 block of Broadway 7:26 a.m.
Domestic violence 1700 block of Ocean Front Walk 7:50 a.m.
Domestic violence 1800 block of The Beach 7:51 a.m.
Hit and run Intersection of Lincoln/ Olympic 7:51 a.m.
Trespassing 2000 block of Pico 8:05 a.m.
Elder abuse 1500 block of Euclid 8:20 a.m.
Person with fun 1500 block of Ocean 8:20 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2200 block of Colorado 8:45 a.m.
Grand theft 1500 block of 2nd 9:09 a.m.
Traffic collision 500 block of Broadway 9:34 a.m.
Hit and run 1700 block of 21st 9:56 a.m.
Trespassing 2600 block of Lincoln 10:06 a.m.
Hit and run Lincoln/ Olympic 10:23 p.m.
Grand theft auto 300 block of Santa Monica 11:24 a.m.
Public intoxication 2500 block of Main 11:58 a.m.
72 Hour psychiatric hold 1100 block of Yale 12:22 p.m.
Traffic collision 1300 block of Pico 12:54 p.m.
Battery 1900 block of 17th 1:12 p.m.
Trespassing 1900 block of Lincoln 2:15 p.m.
Elder abuse 2000 block of Arizona 2:31 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield/ Pico 2:32 p.m.
Traffic collision 19th/ Santa Monica 3:12 p.m.
Trespassing 2000 block of Main 4:23 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th/ Olympic 5:03 p.m.
Mark and tag abandoned vehicle 1000 block of Pine 6:20 p.m.
Missing person 2100 block of Santa Monica 7:50 p.m.
Hit and run 2900 block of 31st 8:18 p.m.
Assault 3100 block of Lincoln 8:55 p.m.
Child abuse 2200 block of Lincoln 9:25 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 10th/ Wilshire 10:49 p.m.
Trespassing 300 block of Olympic 11:06 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 30 calls for service Sept. 15.

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

EMS 1700 block of Delaware 12:02 a.m.
EMS Ocean/ Colorado 1:02 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 10th 2:03 a.m.
EMS 900 block of Marine 4:54 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block of Colorado 5:25 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Wilshire 6:01 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Pico 6:44 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Berkley 7:24 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Pico 7:55 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block of 6th 8:09 a.m.
EMS 700 block of Strand 8:23 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of 22nd 9:28 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of Pico 10:04 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 7th 10:27 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block of Georgina 1:15 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 22nd 1:36 a.m.
EMS Cloverfield/ Pico 2:32 p.m.
EMS 1600 block of Ashland 3:30 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 16th 4:17 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 6th 4:21 p.m.
EMS 17th/ Olympic 5:03 p.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 5:31 p.m.
EMS 3300 block of Barnard way 6:10 p.m.
EMS 4th/ Colorado 6:45 p.m.
EMS 2500 block of Ocean Front Walk 6:53 p.m.
EMS 2300 block of 5th 7:24 p.m.
EMS 2800 block of Neilson way 9:21 p.m.
EMS 2100 block of Navy 9:31 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Neilson 9:42 p.m.
EMS 100 block of San Vicente 10:20 p.m.
Elevator rescue 600 block of Arizona 10:21 p.m.

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Wayne Lindberg correctly identified the image as the lower left corner of a mural at the 17th Street Expo station. He wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Body of Knowledge

■ The average person's total skin covering weighs about six pounds.

Get Me That, Stat!

■ Would you walk a mile for a smoke? Probably not. A new study finds that the longer smokers have to walk from their homes to buy cigarettes, the more likely they are to eventually give up the habit. For every additional 500 meters they had to travel, said researchers, smokers were 16 percent more likely to quit. The takeaway is that moving tobacco retailers farther away from residential areas might boost anti-smoking efforts.

Life in Big Macs

■ One hour of slow ballroom dancing (waltz, foxtrot, samba) burns 204 calories (based on a 150-pound person) or the equivalent of 0.3 Big Macs.

Doc Talk

■ Foreverectomy: a surgical procedure that lasts a very long time



DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/14
10 11 23 28 31
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 244M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/13
6 15 17 39 56
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 133M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/14
8 25 32 35 45
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 35M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/15
3 8 26 30 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/15
MIDDAY: 6 9 1
Draw Date: 9/15
EVENING: 7 8 2

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/15
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:49.90

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1908 – The Wright Flyer flown by Orville Wright, with Lieutenant Thomas Selfridge as passenger, crashes, killing Selfridge. He becomes the first airplane fatality.

1914 – Andrew Fisher becomes Prime Minister of Australia for the third time.

1914 – World War I: The Race to the Sea begins.

1916 – World War I: Manfred von Richthofen ("The Red Baron"), a flying ace of the German Luftstreitkräfte, wins his first aerial combat near Cambrai, France.

1920 – The National Football League is organized as the American Professional Football Association in Canton, Ohio

1924 – The Border Protection Corps is established in the Second Polish Republic for the defence of the eastern border against armed Soviet raids and local bandits.

1924 – The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian is formed.

1928 – The Okeechobee hurricane strikes southeastern Florida, killing more than 2,500 people. It is the third deadliest natural disaster in United States history, behind the Galveston hurricane of 1900 and the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

1930 – The Ararat rebellion is suppressed.

1932 – A speech by Laureano Gómez leads to the escalation of the Leticia Incident.

1939 – World War II: The Soviet Union joins Nazi Germany's invasion of Poland during the Polish Defensive War of 1939.

1939 – World War II: German submarine U-29 sinks the British aircraft carrier HMS Courageous.

1939 – Taisto Mäki becomes the first man to run the 10,000 metres in under 30 minutes, in a time of 29:52.6.

1940 – World War II: Following the German defeat in the Battle of Britain, Hitler postpones Operation Sea Lion indefinitely.

1941 – World War II: A decree of the Soviet State Committee of Defense, restoring Vsevobuch in the face of the Great Patriotic War, is issued.

1941 – World War II: Soviet forces enter Tehran marking the end of the Anglo-Soviet invasion of Iran.

1943 – World War II: The Russian city of Bryansk is liberated from Germans.

WORD UP!

overweening

1. presumptuously conceited, overconfident, or proud: a brash, insolent, overweening fellow.

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. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

9	8	3	7	6	1	2	4	5
6	7	4	5	3	2	1	9	8
1	5	2	8	4	9	3	6	7
5	4	6	2	7	3	8	1	9
8	9	7	1	5	6	4	2	3
2	3	1	9	8	4	5	7	6
7	1	9	3	2	5	6	8	4
3	6	8	4	1	7	9	5	2
4	2	5	6	9	8	7	3	1

Crossword

By STANLEY NEWMAN

Stanley Newman crafts a fresh and challenging puzzle every day of the week! Stay sharp and challenge yourself to solve each and every one.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

Answer to previous puzzle

A	R	I	A	L		P	A	L	M	S		D	O	W
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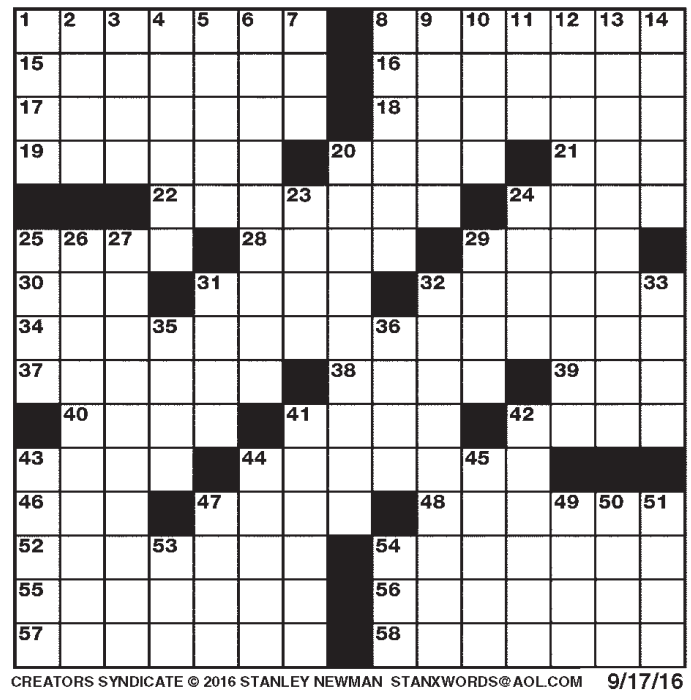
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell
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ACROSS
1 Biathlon, in part
8 Cain descendant, per ancient literature
15 Takes it slow
16 Start of a stretch
17 Taking it slow
18 Only female role in a certain Bard romance
19 Wild one
20 Sounds that a toy makes
21 "Thinks what ne'er was, __ is": Pope
22 Unexpected break caused by a fall
24 Airer of the Sharktopus franchise
25 Kidder's comment
28 Skunk
29 "Side missions" in the video game L.A. Noire
30 Early investor in Disneyland
31 Archaeological treasure
32 Google deliveries
34 Disapproval for a change
37 Exotic diagnoses, in medical slang
38 Palm, perhaps
39 ABBA compilation with *"Gracias Por La Música"*
40 Golf pro with a Loudmouth clothing line
41 Town on Mauna Loa
42 Island seat of Clan MacLeod
43 First beverage brand sold in six-packs
44 Chicagotraveler.com offering
46 Capitol Records buyer in 1955
47 Bottles used by locksmiths?
48 1950 classic its author wanted to call *Mind and Iron*
52 How sets begin
54 Explanation for disorder
55 Betray awe
56 What anchors cover
57 Silly String, essentially
58 Get no help

DOWN
1 Knitter beginner's challenge
2 Hindu Cupid
3 Penguin designation
4 Liking
5 Like kiwifruit
6 They ran on Rolls-Royce engines
7 Romney's major at BYU
8 Long-term trainee
9 Make tangible
10 All __
11 '30s "fair competition" agcy.
12 Major scrape
13 "That's all, folks"
14 Stone's father in *. . . Spider-Man*
20 Radio format for those 25 to 55
23 Locust, for instance
24 Imprecision, for short
25 Queen Bey's consort
26 "Apt" instrument in Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*
27 Key inspector
29 Adverb from Old English for "shelter"
31 Dr. Watson outburst
32 Six-pack descriptor
33 Cherry cousin
35 Google deliveries
36 Excessively charming
41 Judean sage
42 Exhibits
43 SkyTeam member
44 Resealable bag material, for short
45 Excessively charming
47 Up for __ (gossipy?)
49 Accessory with metal aglets
50 14th anniversary stone
51 Dome for some, perhaps
53 Broody or pensive
54 Christmas cookie shape



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FILM REVIEW

BRIDGET JONES'S BABY

Rated R
122 Minutes
Released September 16th

Bridget Jones's Baby is a charming romantic comedy with a modern twist. It features some hilarious inter-generational and American vs. British mistaken-identity gaffes that serve as background for the latest awkward romantic escapades of Ms. Bridget Jones. Millennials, tech moguls, even Ed Sheeran are not immune to the fun. Watch for Sheeran's comical cameo. Several of the characters from Bridget Jones's Diary are reprised. Even the director is the same. Sharon Maguire, helmed the original film (she is actually the model for the character "Shazza" in the story).

Renee Zellwegger is a courageous and dedicated actress, one who chose that career to act rather than to be famous. In high school she joined the drama club. She took acting jobs while waitressing in Houston. While on set playing a small role in the sequel to Texas Chainsaw Massacre, Renee befriended fellow Texan Matthew McConaughey, and won a role on a project he was working on, Love and a .45. For that work, she earned enough critical acclaim to muster the confidence to move to Hollywood. Soon Cameron Crowe cast her in Jerry Maguire, a performance that brought her fame. In 2000 she starred in the comedy Nurse Betty, and in 2001 she gained 20 pounds to create the role of the endearing Bridget Jones in Bridget Jones's Diary. Never afraid of a challenge, Zellwegger, who had never sung nor danced on stage, endured ten months of rigorous training to play "Roxie Hart" in the film version of the musical Chicago. Her portrayal of "Ruby Thewes" in Cold Mountain also brought critical raves. In addition, Zellweger has worked on numerous independent films.

Lately entertainment news has been more interested in Zellweger's plastic surgeries than in her extraordinary body of work. As an audience, we seem to decide that once we've embraced an actor's image on screen, we own that image. Every personal decision the celebrity makes becomes our business. Those stories shouldn't interest us – I know first-hand how they twist reality.

In Bridget Jones's Baby, Zellwegger again completely embraces the role of "Bridget Jones. She is one of the few American actors who can create a believable British character - she seems to instinctively know that most of the "British'isms" are in the formation of the words, not in the actual pronunciation. It is the inflections, the pursing of the lips and twisting of the facial muscles, as if to always be apologizing for overstepping a boundary of the conversation, that defines the expression of the Brits.

Although slightly haphazard at the beginning, the story gains legs as it goes on. Emma Thompson, who also was one of the writers of the film, portrays a dry, repressed, middle-aged gynecologist and drives home a laughable, sarcastic look at upscale British society. Kate O'Flynn, as Bridget's tough and much younger millennial boss, is hilarious. The filmmakers were smart to cast Patrick "McDreamy" Dempsey as an American tech mogul whose business acumen outshines his social skills - Grey's Anatomy fans will flock to see this film. This is an enjoyable movie that flings very funny self-effacing arrows at the social posturing of modern British and American society.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 17)

You'll look back on this year with great pride. Your focus on a difficult and involved goal will be an advanced workout for your soul. You'll grow in power and discover new emotional and intellectual resources. As for the exciting love that begins its reign in March, all you have to do is show up and be yourself. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 22, 2, 10 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Care a little, but don't obsess. If you deliberate too closely over the details you'll totally miss the irresistible coolness and nonchalance that comes with having better things to do than worry about how to impress people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Pay attention, because you're likely to observe something truly, subtly wondrous -- something that you're uniquely qualified to understand and appreciate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You are present to serve, help, nurture and promote others. One way to this end is through self-expression and creativity. Self-expression can seem like a narcissist's cry of "look at me," but the fact is, the world needs entertainment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Impatience is rooted in the self-centered belief that one's own time frame is superior to all others. Avoid impatience today, as it will only sass and anger the universal spirit -- she doesn't like to be rushed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Most mistakes happen because of a lack of knowledge, though the answer is not always to learn more. We cannot possibly learn everything there is to know, therefore the answer is to admit that we don't and remain open.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
To watch his walk, see her smile, remember that charming moment, the funny remark, the way you laughed -- these are the things that stand out in your mind and drive you to create more good times with a person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Before you can effectively influence a person, look at his choices. Did she choose out of desire, or were there a lack of available options? What is really wanted? You'll be as persuasive as you are observant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The will and the intention to connect with others is powerful. Sometimes it can, in and of itself, create magic. And when the sweetness of that intention is not enough to create magic, it (SET ITAL) is (END ITAL) the magic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You've seen a lot of the world, so it's harder to surprise you. You'll be impressed by the one who can hold your attention by showing you something different and making you feel something new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Intolerance is among the most dangerous and destructive evils. Just as small acts of kindness can go far toward creating havens on earth, small fights against intolerance can go far toward protecting these havens.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Someone in your circle needs help. Not everyone realizes this. You have such a way of stating things and rallying the troops. You'll gain the glad assistance of all for your cause.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
For motivation that verges on magical, make a date way into the future. The anticipation of this far-off event and the actions you'll take to get ready for it will change you in days and weeks to come.

Virgo Sun Counter Offer

To counter the relentless industriousness of the sun and Mercury in Virgo, consider that striving never ends. To reach and to want is exciting in spite of (or perhaps because of) the fact that it never arrives. What if the penultimate success in this lifetime is to be content in oneself? Happiness is not about becoming more but accepting more.

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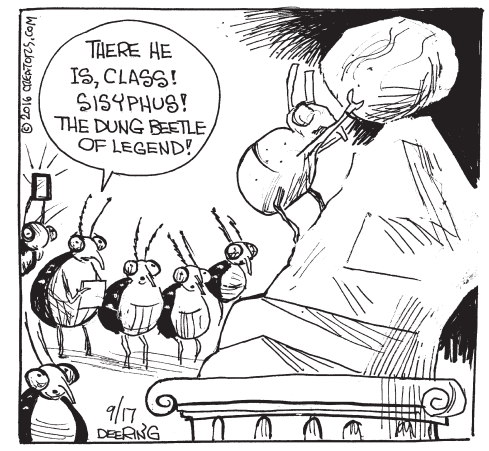
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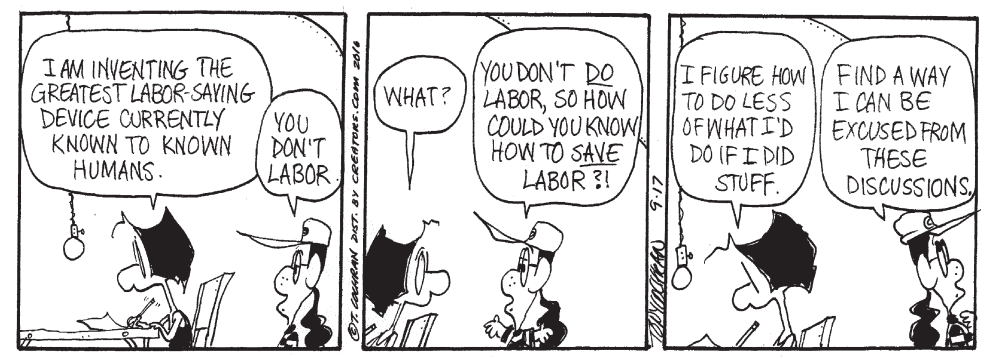
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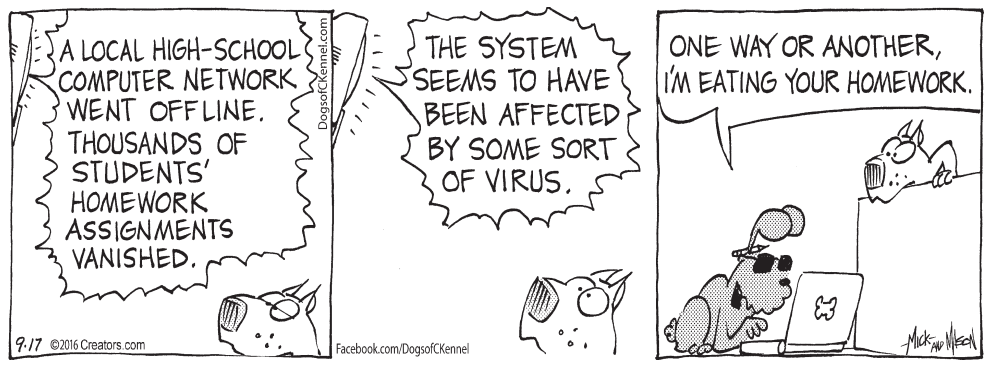
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NOTICE OF CORRECTION REGARDING PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE 1828 OCEAN AVENUE AND 1921 OCEAN FRONT WALK PROJECTS

DATE: September 15, 2016

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Monica
City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, California 90407
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A Notice of Preparation/Notice of Scoping Meeting was sent out for the project. However, there was an inadvertent error on the notice regarding the day of the scoping meeting. Please note that the scoping meeting will be held at the following date and location:

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING:

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Monday, September 26, 2016
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St
Santa Monica, CA 90401

The City will consider all comments, written and oral, in determining the final scope of the evaluation to be included in the EIR.

PROJECT APPLICANT: Koning Eizenberg Architecture

PROJECT LOCATIONS: The project sites are located in the Oceanfront District of the City. The 1828 Ocean Avenue site is bordered by Ocean Avenue to the east, Vicente Terrace to the north, Shutters on the Beach Hotel to the west, and Pico Boulevard to the south. The 1921 Ocean Front Walk site is bordered by Ocean Way to the east, Hotel Casa del Mar to the north, Ocean Front Walk to the west, and Bay Street to the south. Regional access to the sites are provided from the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) and Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) via the California Incline. Local access is provided from Ocean Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS:
The 1828 Ocean Ave project would remove an existing 127-space paved surface parking lot utilized by Hotel Casa del Mar and construct a 47-foot-tall mixed-use residential building with 83 residential units and 2,000 square feet of ground-floor commercial tenant space (including approximately 1,000 square feet of outdoor dining). This project would also provide approximately 277 vehicular parking spaces within a semi-subterranean/subterranean garage, including 127 spaces to replace the existing on-site parking spaces currently utilized by Hotel Casa Del Mar. The total floor area of the development (excluding subterranean/semi-subterranean, and outdoor dining square footage), would be approximately 89,985 square feet, resulting in a floor area ratio (FAR) of 2.0. The 1921 Ocean Front Walk project would construct a 47-foot-tall mixed-use building with 22 residential units and 4,000 square-feet of ground-floor commercial tenant space (including approximately 2,000 square feet of outdoor dining) on a vacant 23,180 square-foot lot. The project would also provide approximately 62 vehicular parking spaces in a semi-subterranean/subterranean garage. The total floor area of the 1921 Ocean Front Walk Project (excluding subterranean/semi-subterranean and outdoor dining square footage) would be approximately 45,489 square feet, resulting in an FAR of 2.0. The projects include 16 deed-restricted affordable housing units (12 units for 1828 Ocean Avenue and 4 for 1921 Ocean Front Walk), with the affordable housing for 1921 Ocean Front Walk being provided either off-site at 1828 Ocean Avenue (Scenario "A") or on-site (Scenario "B").

REVIEW PERIOD: As specified by the State CEQA Guidelines, the Notice of Preparation will be circulated for a 30-day review period. Please go to the City's webpage http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/1828-Ocean-Avenue/1921-Ocean-Front-Walk-EIR/ for the NOP and associated project info. The City of Santa Monica welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information related to your agency's responsibility that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Comments may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2016** and addressed to:

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