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We have you covered

THE BIG ISSUE

O'Connor, McKeown, Gruber score police and fire endorsement

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica police officers and firefighters want to stick with the status quo for City Council.

The Police Officers' Association (POA) and Firefighters, Local 1109 endorsed incumbents Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor, along with former Planning Commissioner Frank Gruber, this week.

The incumbents "have consistent track records of voting for issues that favor com-

munity safety and ensure the highest quality of emergency services," the two groups said in a release. "This year, both Council Members voted to increase both Police and Fire Department staffing to safely provide emergency services during the heavily attended Pier Twilight Concert Series."

Historically low crime rates, the organizations said in their release, are due in part to the council's leadership.

They laud Gruber in a separate portion of the release, claiming that he is committed to providing the resources that will keep

the city safe.

"He is devoted to providing SMPD the tools and resources necessary to protect the community," they said. "Frank Gruber is also dedicated to maintaining the level of service the Santa Monica Fire Department provides as it faces an increasing call volume and expanding scope of emergencies."

As the November election approaches, many of the major endorsements are already on the table.

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Council to review tenant harassment policy

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council will try to strengthen its response to the growing number of tenant harassment claims.

City attorneys are scheduled to review the current ordinance and plans for addressing the issue at council's Tuesday meeting.

Earlier this year, city officials acknowledged that harassment complaints are rising - they nearly doubled in the last fiscal year, which ended in July.

As the real estate market rebounds, incentives rise for landlords who'd like to oust long-time rent control tenants from their

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Meals on Wheels wants more fun in its fundraising

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE Meals on Wheels West is gearing up for Fall with a pair of fundraisers that will help support nutrition programs for clients on the Westside.

Music lovers can attend an evening of performances on Sept. 27 while adults looking for a way to celebrate Halloween can take part in the annual Monster Bash on Oct. 30. Both events are designed to fundraise while increasing the profile of Meals on Wheels in the local community.

Rob Sherman, a local musician, artist and Meals on Wheels Board member is organizing the Sept. 27 event.

Sherman will perform about seven new pieces of music with an ensemble. Heather Bradley will premier four songs. Joey Lugassy, a musician well known as a pioneer in the east-west fusion style of bakti rock will perform. Other performers will include Philippo Franchini, an accomplished touring musician, percussionist Avi Sills and Sherman's brother Paul who will play with the other musicians throughout the evening.

"The event is a celebration of the sustaining power of creativity," he said.

Sherman said he joined the board after being impressed by the organizations ability to leverage a lean budget for significant results and has come to love the work.

"For me as a Board Member with Meals



Charlie Aughenbaugh

SPOOKY: Meals on Wheels Halloween fundraiser will return on Oct. 30.

on Wheels for six years, my involvement feeds my soul," he said. "It's the perfect antidote to being concerned about the economy or international affairs. It's a way to be able to take action in a meaningful way that has measurable, tangible and wonderful results."

He said food is more than just nutrition, it's a way to bring happiness and connections to people. He said he wanted the to

raise funds, but also to raising awareness of the organization.

Executive Director Chris Baca said awareness is the foundation of the organization's success.

"Awareness brings in referrals, which generates new clients who help recruit volunteers," he said. "It results in donations to

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California bill increases Hollywood tax credits

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Gov. Jerry Brown headed to the cradle of the Hollywood film industry Thursday to sign legislation that more than triples the state's tax credit to \$330 million a year for films and TV shows produced in California.

Warren Beatty joined prop makers, producers and others in the entertainment industry to watch Brown ink Assembly Bill 1839 as he sat at a desk in the courtyard of Hollywood's historic Chinese Theatre.

The law, which takes effect next year, increases the annual film and TV tax credit offered by California and eliminates a selection process producers complained is arbitrary and flawed.

Advocates say the new law is crucial to

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Friday, September 19

Volunteer Orientation

WISE & Healthy Aging
1527 4th St, 2nd floor, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Make A Difference: Apply your skills as a volunteer at WISE & Healthy Aging and other local non-profits. Featured Volunteer Opportunities: AARP Tax Aide Program: Help low to moderate income seniors file their federal and state returns at locations throughout the Westside Club 1527 and Adult Day Programs: Teach a course, interact one-on-one or in groups with healthy older adults or older adults facing limitations Benefits Enrollment Center: Aid older adults to sign up for public benefits WISE Connect: Support local seniors to stay living in their homes To register, call (310) 394-9871, Ext. 552

Main Library Docent Tours

Main Library Central Courtyard
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 12:30 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docent led tours of the Main Library cover the library's gold LEED rating of sustainability, its art, architecture and even the library's collection. Docents are able to adapt the tour to fit your interest and time.

9th Annual AltCar Expo & Conference

Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The City of Santa Monica presents AltCar Expo, a free event held in conjunction with AltBuild Energy. Now in its 9th year, AltCar Expo the nation's leading forum for green car ride and drive, public education and demonstration of the latest green technology vehicles. AltCar Expo will present the most extensive array of sustainable vehicles in one place, including: electric, plug-in hybrid, hybrid electric, natural gas, propane, biodiesel, ethanol and hydrogen vehicles. Most are available to test drive and many may even be purchased during the Expo. The event will feature a number of North American vehicle debuts, lec-

tures and demonstration opportunities. www.AltCarExpo.com

Abner Who?

Trip
2101 Lincoln Blvd. 8:30 - 10 p.m.
Abner Who? will perform at Trip Santa Monica. Currently Abner Who? is recording with Grammy nominated Warren Huart and Grammy winning Phil Allen of Spitfire Studios. Admission: \$8. For more information email contact@tripsantamonica.com or call (310) 396-9010.

Film premier

Historic Bay Club
1210 Fourth S., 7 - 9 p.m.
"The Kingdom Within" explores the world of yoga in America, set among a Christian context. The film explores many layers of inquiry behind yoga's presence in America. Beyond the theology, there is a need to answer the question: Is yoga just physical exercise? Admission: \$12. Call (512) 590-4236 for more information.

Saturday, September 20

Autumn Garden Party

Grow Native Nursery in the Veterans Garden
1 Davis Ave., Los Angeles, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The nursery is on the Veterans Administration campus near Constitution Ave and Sepulveda, just north of Wilshire. The event is free to the public. It is a casual celebration of the fall planting season in Southern California, with California native plants for sale, free horticulture/sustainable gardening workshops by Carol Bornstein, Barbara Eisenstein, and Nicholas Hummingbird, an ethnobotanical educator and restoration ecologist. There will also be food tastings of edible native plants, food trucks, and live music.

Sonic Submarine concert

Third Street Promenade

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

3rd Street Promenade Sonic Submarine celebrates Promenade's 25th Anniversary

Downtown Santa Monica Dives into a Funky Music Festival with a lineup of five KCRW DJ's, an interactive photobooth, and entertainment Zones on Sept. 20. Third Street Promenade is turning up the funk for its 25th Anniversary with its first outdoor DJ-driven music festival from 5 - 10 p.m., the Third Street block stretching north from Santa Monica Blvd. to Arizona Ave. will be transformed into an electronic wonderland called the Sonic Submarine. Produced by DTSM, Inc., five of KCRW's finest on-air disc jockeys (Raul Campos, Mario Cotto, Chris Douridas, Travis Holcombe and Garth Trinidad) will roll out hour-long sets in succession as the sun dips and disappears into the Pacific.

This tidal sound-wave of eclectic beats is free to the public to attend. In-step with the production will be an interactive photo booth for Sonic Submariners, digitally capturing the evening festivities. Other entertainment zones will be staged as well, sporting giant bubble wands and various handouts, further immersing dancers into the festival experience. "Downtown Santa Monica stays progressive through energy of the people that call it home. We're excited to add some decibels to this energy with the Sonic Submarine, and watch Third Street Promenade submerge into music and movement," said Mackenzie Carter, Director of Marketing & Operations for DTSM Inc.

Saturday night's Sonic Submarine is the first part of a two-day culmination of Third Street Promenade's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Sunday will feature a daytime block party of bands, parades, and other DTSM community spotlights.

Miles Playhouse

EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

Open House at Miles Memorial Playhouse

Celebrate the Autumn season on Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Miles Memorial Playhouse with a day of family friendly performances, a shadow puppet workshop, Shakespeare, classical music and simple relaxation in Santa Monica's own historic Playhouse. The day will feature a rare open auditorium for a close-up look at the beautiful historic theater, outside activities, food trucks, performances and information about all the acts coming to the Miles Playhouse in the next few months.

Activities begin at noon outside in the park at the North side of Miles Playhouse with the Creating Arts Company's Princess, Prince and Pirate Sing-A-Long and Parade. Creating Arts actors in full costume will host a popular sing-a-long for the whole family. At the end of the sing-a-long there will be a costume parade where everybody will go onstage, take a bow, show off their costume and win a prize.

Immediately following the parade, Santa Monica based Shakespeare Company, "The Colonials", will perform the very funny "play within the play" from Shakespeare's Mid Summer Night's Dream and a teaser from their upcoming Julius Caesar opening at the Miles on Oct. 3.

Activities will move inside the Miles at 2 p.m. when Leslie Gray and her Triumvirate Pi Theatre will present a short Shadow Puppet Show that leads right into a creative workshop where participants can make their own shadow puppets. From 3 - 6 p.m. the Miles will remain open to the general public with a performance by the Santa Monica Symphony String Quartet (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.) and occasional performances of a capella singing, poetry and more. There will be a small snack and beverage station set-up inside the Miles during this time so people can simply hang out and enjoy the beautiful setting.

Finally at 8 p.m., Shakespeare Santa Monica will present the final performance of "As You Like It" out in Tennis Court #1. The Performance is "Pay What You Can" with a suggested donation of \$10.

For more info about the Miles Open House on Sept. 20 e-mail MilesPlayhouse@SMGov.Net or call Justin Yoffe at (310) 458-8634 or visit www.milesplayhouse.org.

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Citywide

Santa Monica's fiber network now 100 gigabits per second

The City of Santa Monica has upgraded its fiber optic network capacity and speed to 100 Gigabits per second, continuing to raise the benchmark for municipal broadband networks across the nation.

"This is only the latest milestone in a long line of advancements Santa Monica has made in the broadband arena. We are considered a leader in social tech and have leveraged our fiber optic network to advance free Wi-Fi in public parks and major bus routes, provide

internet to our libraries, and connect our schools and college locations. These efforts have contributed to education, economic development, and provide impressive Internet speeds for large conferences and events. We are proud to be the 1st, 100 Gigabit municipal network in the U.S.," said Jory Wolf, the City of Santa Monica's Chief Information Officer.

Santa Monica's tech, entertainment, and healthcare firms will likely be among the first to leverage the new 100 Gigabit network for service models, content distribution trends, and telemedicine initiatives.

Gary Carter, Broadband Program Administrator said, "With the internet and internet of things governing how we interact with life, the ability for a city to control and influence issues such as net neutrality, security, network capacity, and customer service becomes increasingly significant. A 100 Gigabit network, is our response to the question, what should every city in the U.S. have today?"

Jeremy Foint, IT Manager of Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel overwhelmingly approves.

"With the annual American Film Market campus, tech expos, and Fortune500 corporate events convening in Santa Monica, it's comforting to know Loews can accommodate the most demanding network requirements," he said. "I know CityNet will take care of us." CityNet's network staff operates in synch with their customers' IT staff. "You will never hear us say, you don't need a network that fast. We constantly evaluate new technology that will support pioneering network projects and have fun doing so," said John Meschyan, Broadband Services Engineer. CityNet has received a number of awards including a Government IT Innovator Award from InformationWeek and a Top 25 Innovations in Government by the Ash Center at Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

For additional details on Santa Monica CityNet visit www.smcitynet.com.

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Santa Monican sponsors first orchestra concert

Supporting classical music is a family tradition that Santa Monica's John Bohn is carrying on with enthusiasm. He is continuing this tradition by sponsoring Orchestra Santa Monica's season opening concert in October.

"My aunt studied at Girard School of Music in New York and was a music professor at Northwestern University in Chicago, so she brought a love of classical music to our family," explains John Bohn. "I believe that Orchestra Santa Monica is a marvelous orchestra that contributes to the vibrancy of our wonderful community. I am excited to sponsor this concert and help share their music with a wider audience."

OSM Music Director Allen Robert Gross described Bohn as beloved and respected for his many contributions to Santa Monica.

"We are a new orchestra and John has been an ardent supporter since our beginning in 2012," he said. "Last year OSM awarded John Bohn with its first Virtuoso Community Leader Award for his many contributions to Santa Monica. We are so pleased that he sees the value of OSM and recognizes the importance of classical music to the West Side music scene."

The opening concert of the season, on October 26, will be held at Barnum Hall on the campus of Santa Monica High School. Entitled "Heroic Beethoven and More," the orchestra will perform Beethoven's Egmont Overture and the "Eroica" Symphony. Grammy-winning pianist Gloria Cheng will perform the west coast premiere of Latvian composer Georgs Pelecis' "Concertino Bianco", which uses only the white notes on the piano.

John Bohn is a past president of the Santa Monica Rotary Club, a past Chairman of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and is still active in both organizations. He is also a past president of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica. Additionally, he is a board member of the Santa Monica Historical Society, is a former Santa Monica City Councilman, and has been a member of the Santa Monica Planning Commission, the Santa Monica Personnel Board and the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency.

In addition to Bohn's sponsorship, Orchestra Santa Monica has received two grants from the City of Santa Monica to support its programs this year as well as grants from the Leo Buscaglia Foundation and the Santa Monica Rotary Club Foundation. Important support for the orchestra also comes from Agensys, Inc., RAND and Pacific West Bank.

Complete information about the season's programs can be found at www.orchestrasantamonica.org

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dishonest

Editor:

Reynold Dacon's column, "Dealing with the Facts" in the Sept 12, 2014 issue of Santa Monica Daily Press, contains several misleading statements.

He claims that over 15,000 Santa Monica residents signed measure D because they saw it as a pro-airport petition.

In fact, measure D was not presented to the people who were urged to sign it as a pro-airport petition. It was presented as a measure to promote democracy by requiring a majority vote of the citizens, rather than a majority vote of the City Council to decide on the future of the SM airport. The tactic was based on the belief by the proponents of measure D that the average voter could be manipulated more easily than members of the City Council.

He claims that measure D was started by local residents who recognize the value of the airport to the local community. In fact a large percentage of the proponents of measure D are not residents of Santa Monica. They are residents of Brentwood, Beverly Hills, Pacific Palisades and other nearby communities. They are predominantly wealthy owners of private planes and corporate jets, and the operators of flight schools and aircraft maintenance facilities.

He also claims that "a park is not a possibility." This is particularly dishonest. A park covering the 227 acres of the airport is not a possibility but smaller parks within the area covered by the current airport is a strong possibility. Economic and quality of life benefits that would accrue to Santa Monica from closing the airport would far outweigh the claimed benefits to the citizens of Santa Monica from maintaining the airport.

Alfred Barrett

Santa Monica

Only in Santa Monica

Editor:

I wouldn't believe my eyes if I were anywhere else, but still how does the City Council come up with its newest idea of development to fund open space and housing? For me development and open space are opposite ends of the spectrum. The residents of Santa Monica do not want anymore development. SMRR wants development to increase their voter base and it is painfully apparent which City Councilors are puppets of SMRR.

I can only imagine what would become of the airport if the City gets its hands on it. Sure there would be "open space," but there would also be millions of square feet of office space and entire new city of low income housing. I would love to see a City Councilor advocate a policy of no increases in the population of Santa Monica and no increases in water usage.

When it comes time to vote, please don't be fooled by those running for office who want to close the airport, increase open space and add low income housing. What they are really advocating is for development and associated traffic and environmental unsustainability.

Sincerely,

Frank Greenberg

Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Hurricane Zoe Hits Santa Monica

THIS SCORCHING HEAT WAVE SEEMS

endless. I've never perspired so much indoors in my life. In forty years of living here I can't remember it this hot for this long. Today is supposed to be cooler but then it's going to heat up once more. All I can say is wake me when it's winter.

Actually, I'm reminded of what Mark Twain said. "Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it." At this rate, the meek won't inherit the earth, those with air conditioning will.

Speaking of weather, a political hurricane has recently hit Santa Monica in the form of City Council candidate Zoe Muntaner. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Zoe describes herself as a "Puerto Rican rainmaker."

In fact, Zoe, who moved here in 1997, was the last council candidate to qualify for this year's ballot. And, if you like your candidates strong, controversial and opinionated, Zoe might be one of your choices in November.

A media and communications professional, Zoe responded to my Facebook post publicizing a link fundraising for the family of Daniel Archuleta, our late and longtime Managing Editor at the Daily Press.

Daniel, 38, passed away almost two months ago, leaving behind his widow, Gayatri, and two daughters, Lila, 10 and Gabriella, 8. His passing is a huge loss for us at the paper (and the community) that we will likely feel for years. Having met Daniel, Zoe asked if she could help his family by dedicating the entire 11 days of the Compassion Games in Santa Monica in his memory.

For those uninitiated the Games came about in 2012 when the enlightened Mayor of Louisville, Greg Fisher, declared his city the most compassionate city in the world. (Until proven otherwise.) Seattle jumped in saying "Game on!" and that's when the Compassion Games were born.

Last September, Zoe came to prominence locally when, all by herself, she brought the Charter for Compassion to a successful unanimous vote at City Council. This made Santa Monica the first city in Los Angeles County to sign.

Sunday is the United Nations International Day of Peace but on Saturday, to celebrate, Zoe is inviting everyone to the Herb Alpert Educational Village at New Roads School at 3131 Olympic. From 7:30 to 9:30 pm there will be art, music, films and speakers.

But back to the hotly contested council race where Zoe is a whirlwind of energy, ideas and optimism. Not to rain on her parade (am I overdoing the "weather theme"?) this is my 20th election in Santa Monica and I can count on one hand the

number of council candidates who've won without big time endorsements. And for the last three-plus decades that has meant SMRR.

Faced with my cautions, Zoe proclaims boldly, "I don't have a molecule of doubt in my body but that I will win." I'm not sure how much Yiddish is spoken in Puerto Rico but Zoe definitely has chutzpah.

Among Zoe's many role models is Bobby Shriver, because "He thinks globally." (Her personal motto is "Go big or go home.") She also admires spiritual teacher, author and lecturer, Marianne Williamson who, interestingly enough, supports Shriver in his current Supervisor's race.

Zoe and I have a bit in common. Well, kind of. She gets up at the crack of dawn and then meditates for two hours. I, on the other hand, often am climbing into bed at the crack of dawn and instead of meditating, I take a shower. Zoe has taught yoga and Pilates whereas I eat yogurt and can spell Pilates. (The similarities are uncanny.)

Though decades apart, we also both went to UCLA. But Zoe's education includes the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts and Sarah Lawrence. In high school I once dated a girl named Sara Lawrence. (Who didn't appreciate my joke about the coincidence of her name, minus the "h," and the school. Go figure.)

At 45 and the third youngest in the field, Zoe is proud to be a bilingual candidate with extensive travel throughout her life. "I possess a perspective of global progressive policies which I feel will be valuable for Santa Monica."

Contending that "The future of our city is being forged right now," Zoe adds, "we need slow, creative growth, and need to protect tenants' rights and enforce tenant harassment laws." While hurricanes are currently causing havoc in Baja, Hurricane Zoe promises she'll do the same at City Hall.

Zoe's adamant that our City Attorney and Rent Control Board have fallen down on the job of enforcing anti-tenant harassment laws. And, with regard to the airport, she's also highly critical of the city's "botched handling of the lawsuit against the F.A.A." (Please e-mail her not me!)

Being realistic, I don't know if Zoe has a ghost of a chance. However, I can safely say this. Given this heat we could definitely use a rain maker.

For more information go to: www.CompasionateSantaMonica.org and www.zoe4citycouncil.org To help the Archuleta family go to: <http://tinyurl.com/ArchuletaFund>. JACK can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.



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A Major Shift Is In The Wind

Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 5 p.m.
Hear educator and counselor Dick Larson explain why, despite all appearances, we have reason for hope. Life can and will change quickly and certainly - not just for a few, but for all.

Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald

Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library
11820 San Vicente Blvd., 2 p.m.
Actor and writer Larry Vanderveen will perform his one-man show, "Meeting F. Scott Fitzgerald," at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library. Vanderveen assumes the persona of the legendary novelist as he reflects on his life and work at a Los Angeles book club meeting in December 1940. Admission is free. Call (310) 575-8273 for more information.

Doggy dash cause for Paws

Crescent Bay Park
2000 Ocean Ave., 8 a.m.
All proceeds from the 5K/10K will be given to Pet Cancer Awareness and Southern California Golden Retriever Rescue. For more information call (714) 988-3817 or visit www.doggydash.info

Chili Roast!

Virginia Avenue Park Farmers Market
2200 Virginia Ave 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
It's late summer and the chilies are ready for harvest! Join us 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. Call (310) 458-8712 x 2 for more information.

Coastal Cleanup Day, Dive and Lifeguard Paddle Out

Santa Monica Pier
On the sand at Towers 20, 27, 1550, and water north of the Pier
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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coastline. For more information call 1-800-HEALBAY or visit www.healthebay.org/ccd

Full SAT practice test

Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m.
Space is limited. Sign-up at the Youth Reference Desk. Call (310) 458-8621 during library hours for more information. For grades 10 - 12 only.

Home Energy Efficiency Workshop

AltCar Expo
Civic Center Auditorium - East Wing
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) allows qualified property owners to get a tax-deductible loan through the HERO Program. Qualified property owners looking to upgrade their homes or businesses with energy and water-saving products like solar, drip irrigation, etc. should come to the workshop to meet City representatives, HERO program experts, and local contractors certified to retrofit your home and let the savings begin.

Make Vegan Cheese

1450 Ocean
11 a.m.
Learn to make three kinds of vegan cheese using cashews, soy milk and agar.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Draft Zoning Ordinance Update

This is the nineteenth hearing on the Draft Zoning Ordinance.

Over the course of 18 hearings, the Planning Commission has reviewed the draft Zoning Ordinance and discussed a variety of issues related to land uses and development standards throughout the City. These discussions and proposed changes to the draft Zoning Ordinance have resulted in the need to consider corresponding revisions and clarifications to the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE). This hearing will address the following LUCE amendments for preliminary review and comment:

- Consider amending the title of all “Building Height Standards” graphics in Chapter 2.1 of the LUCE to “Building Height Guidelines” to clarify that the graphics do not establish mandatory development standards.
- Consider striking the following text from throughout Chapter 2.1 of the LUCE: “similar to the established stepback standards of the zoning ordinance in effect as of May 27, 2010.”
- Consider clarifying throughout the LUCE that Tier 1 is baseline, by-right development up to the discretionary review thresholds established by the Zoning Ordinance.
- Consider eliminating the two Activity Centers on Wilshire Boulevard located at Wilshire Boulevard/Centinel Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard/14th Street.
- Consider removing Tier 3 from the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) land use designation with the exception of the following MUB areas:
 - o Lincoln Boulevard south of Wilshire Boulevard
 - o 4th Street between the I-10 freeway and Pico Boulevard
 - o Within the area bounded by Colorado Avenue, Olympic Boulevard, 20th Street, and Cloverfield Boulevard
- Consider removing Tier 3 from the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) land use designation with the exception of the following MUBL areas:
 - o Broadway
 - o Colorado Avenue
 - o Within any remaining Activity Center boundaries
- Consider amending the text on LUCE page 2.1-41 (first bullet on the left) to include the following: “and a 3-foot height bonus above the 32-foot base height”.
- Consider eliminating the requirement that Tier 2 Residential Projects and Mixed-Use Projects with Residential Only above the first floor be processed by development agreement unless the projects provide nonresidential uses above the first floor.
- Consider allowing market rate housing in the Industrial Conservation and Office Campus land use designations through approval of a Conditional Use Permit in addition to allowing affordable housing by-right.

In addition to the LUCE amendments, this hearing will also address potential changes to the existing LUCE map that may be required for certain parcels, principally to address inconsistencies between existing zoning designations and land use designations. The Commission will review and comment on staff’s preliminary analysis regarding the 31 parcels in the City whose land use designations may be changed to create consistency between zoning and land use designations. The staff report identifies the specific parcels in the attachments. The staff report can be found at <http://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/>.

The Planning Commission may preliminarily review and comment on additional LUCE amendments and LUCE map changes.

Any LUCE and LUCE map changes would require formal Planning Commission review/recommendation and Council action. This process would be commenced by staff’s preparation of and the Commission’s action on a Notice of Intent to initiate the LUCE amendment process.

A revised meeting schedule will be published on the City of Santa Monica’s Draft Zoning Ordinance Update webpage. For further information, see <http://www.smgov.net/departments/pcd/>.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about the Zoning Ordinance update, please contact the Project Planner Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341 or by e-mail at tony.kim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City’s web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica “Big Blue” Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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

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Arson, battery and criminal threats

Crime Watch is a weekly series 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 14, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:26 P.M.

Patrol officers observed the suspect vehicle blocking a crosswalk. As the vehicle started driving toward the patrol car the officers could see the suspect inside talking on her cell phone. The driver came alongside the officers, pulled her phone from her ear, and asked the officers for directions. The officers instructed the driver to turn into the parking lot at 630 Wilshire Boulevard so that they could assist her. As the officers approached the vehicle to speak with the driver they noticed several symptoms of alcohol intoxication, including red and watery eyes and a distinct odor of alcoholic beverages. The suspect admitted to having a few beers in the hours prior to the stop. After giving the suspect the standardized field sobriety tests, she was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for a breath test. She was booked for DUI and driving with a blood alcohol content in excess of 0.08%. Alona Iglesias, 36, transient, had bail set at \$5,000.

ON SEPTEMBER 13, AT ABOUT 12:58 A.M.

Officers responded to a domestic violence call in the 900 block of Margarita Avenue. When the officers arrived they were immediately approached by the victim who asked for their assistance. The suspect, who was also out on the street by that time, told the officers the victim was his girlfriend and denied that anything happened. The victim told officers that earlier in the evening the suspect became angry when she refused to watch a movie with him. The suspect retaliated by shaking her violently, head butting her, and causing her to fall. The suspect followed the victim into another room, threw a surfboard in the victim’s direction and then punched a small window, causing it to break. When the victim tried to call for help, the suspect squeezed her neck with his forearm, choking her. The victim managed to escape to the alley where she called police. The suspect was arrested for battery on a cohabitant causing visible injury. He was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked. Paul Pollack, 22, of Santa Monica, had bail set at \$50,000.

ON SEPTEMBER 13, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:57 A.M.

Officers received a call of a fight that just occurred in the Albertson’s parking lot, 2627 Lincoln Boulevard. The victim of the incident told officers that he had been standing outside the Subway eating a donut when the suspect approached him and tried to punch the victim in the stomach. When the victim tried to shield himself from the blow, the suspect punched the victim several times in the head. The victim and suspect fell to the ground, with the suspect on top of the victim choking him. Before the victim lost consciousness, a security guard from the Albertson’s intervened and was able to separate the two. The victim last saw the suspect walking westbound through the parking lot to Lincoln Boulevard. Another officer in the area detained a man matching the suspect’s description in the area of Lincoln Boulevard and Pier Ave. The victim was able to positively identify the man as the instigator of the fight. The suspect was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and transported to the Santa Monica Jail. Robert Edward Westbrook, 44, transient, had bail set at \$34,500.

ON SEPTEMBER 13, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:29 P.M.,

A patrol officer in the 1500 block of Palisades Park was flagged down by a passerby who pointed out a suspect from an assault that occurred earlier in the day. The officer contacted the suspect who immediately lay down on the ground and put his hands behind his back. When the officer asked the suspect for his name, the man became increasingly agitated. A wants and warrants check showed the suspect is currently on probation and had violated several registration requirements. The victim of the earlier assault incident was contacted and declined prosecution or a report. The suspect was arrested for the probation violations and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. Matt Wesley Sturm, 51, transient, had bail set at \$20,000.

ON SEPTEMBER 12, AT ABOUT 4:50 A.M.,

Officers working as part of the homeless detail contacted a male subject as part of a periodic check of the beach parking lots. The suspect was sleeping against the wall of a closed restaurant. He was surrounded by personal belongings, indicating that he was camping overnight in violation of the Santa Monica Municipal Code. The suspect lied to the officers when they asked for his name and other information for a citation. A computerized criminal history check revealed the suspect, whose true name had been established when the officers searched his backpack for ID, was wanted for a parole violation. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Santa Monica Jail for booking. He was later taken to County Jail to be released to parole officers. David Lee Ferrell, 49, transient was held without bail.

ON SEPTEMBER 12, AT APPROXIMATELY 1:25 P.M.

Officers working undercover in plain clothes on a burglary suppression detail near the intersection of 23rd Street and California Ave noticed a dark colored Ford Explorer slowly drive north in the 1100 block of 23rd and park along the east curb. After a few minutes, a male suspect approached the driver side front window, which had been rolled down, and have a brief conversation with the driver, a female. As officers watched, the male started walking along the street side of cars parked on 23rd Street, bumping the vehicles with his hip. The officers knew from their training and experience that this tactic is often used by auto burglars to test a vehicle’s alarm and see if it would activate. The Explorer slowly followed the male suspect as he moved northbound past the officers.

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They continued monitoring the suspect as he peered into several vehicles, and then entered the passenger seat of the Explorer. The officers stopped the vehicle nearby and arrested the male suspect, a probationer, for vehicle tampering and a probation violation. Luis Beltran, 48, of Fontana had bail set at \$10,000.

ON SEPTEMBER 12, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:26 P.M.

Officers responded to Tongva Park regarding a male suspect who had confronted a City of Santa Monica grounds keeper, yelling obscenities at the worker and challenging him to fight. A Public Services Officer who was already on scene attempted to protect the worker by getting in between him and the suspect. As responding officers approached, they saw the suspect ball his hands into fists and approach the PSO in an aggressive manner. The PSO attempted to back away and told the suspect to stop his approach. Believing he was about to be attacked, the PSO sprayed the suspect with pepper spray, effectively ending the assault. The suspect, who was showing signs of alcohol intoxication, was treated at the scene by SMFD paramedics and then transported to the Santa Monica Jail. The suspect was booked for disturbing the peace, public intoxication, and two outstanding warrants. Shea Jaitam Voeller, 30, transient, had bail set at \$100,500.

ON SEPTEMBER 10, AT APPROXIMATELY 10:40 P.M.

Officers responded to a call of a suspicious fire at the BMW dealership, 1127 Santa Monica Boulevard. Responding police and fire personnel found several vehicles engulfed in flames and could smell a strong odor of gasoline. Witnesses in the area told officers they saw a suspect douse the vehicles with liquid from a red plastic gas can and then set them on fire. They described the suspect to officers and told them he was last seen running southbound in the 1400 block of 12th Street and out of sight. Officers later located a possible suspect who was positively identified by witnesses and transported to the Santa Monica Jail. It was later determined by the investigating detective that the arrestee was not responsible for the arson and he was released. The incident is currently under investigation.

ON SEPTEMBER 10, AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 A.M.

Officers responded to the Ocean Park Community Center, 1751 Cloverfield Boulevard, regarding a report of threats made against an employee by a former client. The client, who uses the Center as his mailing address, became upset when he was asked to leave the facility because of prior abusive behavior toward staff. The suspect approached the victim, who he believed was responsible for his removal from the facility, and made several threats to the victim's safety. The suspect also challenged the victim to fight. Officers located the suspect the following day at an abandoned warehouse in the City, his usual camping spot. The suspect was arrested for making criminal threats as well as several warrants. James Andrew Yates, 50, transient, had bail set at \$53,250.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**Marina Del Rey
The Bay Foundation Hosts 10th Annual KAYAK
and Stand Up Paddleboard**

The Bay Foundation (TBF) will host its 10th Annual Marina del Rey (at Mother's Beach) Kayak Cleanup Day Event on Sept. 20 from 8:15a.m. - 1 p.m. as part of the greater annual Coastal Cleanup Day (CCD) which draws over 14,000 volunteers from across Los Angeles County to hundreds of events. As the longest-running kayak and SUP cleanup site, the TBF event is immensely popular each year. The goal of TBF's kayak clean-up is to change people's behavior and habits so that they will recycle more, use less plastic (i.e. zero waste lunches, packaging, etc.), and help protect the benefits and values of Santa Monica Bay and the coastal ocean. Last year, the TBF kayak event drew 114 volunteers and collected 114 pounds of trash and 30 pounds of recyclables. TBF invites eager volunteers to come and participate with their own (or rented) kayak, SUP board, or boat; TBF's donated items are already booked up. In other words, BYOK! or "bring your own kayak!" TBF will provide small nets for volunteers to pick up trash from the ocean.

CCD is an international event with over 90 countries around the world participating, making it one of the largest volunteer efforts on the planet. It began 1985 as a way to combat the increasing marine debris along our shorelines. California Coastal Cleanup Day is coordinated in Los Angeles County by Heal the Bay in conjunction with the California Coastal Commission (statewide) and the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches & Harbors.

To sign up contact Carrie Baldwin, CCD coordinator at cbaldwin@santamonicaabay.org.

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Thank you Jeff Worthe ... will anyone else step up to save our City?

THE MEASURE D CAMPAIGN IS ALLEGING

in the press that somehow Mr. Worthe's donation to CLCSMAL was associated with the award of a contract by the City relating to the Bergamot Station Art Center. While flattering, this is of course ridiculous and typical of the dirty tricks and deceptions by the measure D folks. It is my understanding that Mr. Worthe's proposal was favored by the Coalition for a Livable City, the Bergamot gallery owners, heads of neighborhood organizations, and others. It was also the only proposal with a labor agreement in place. All good reasons for the Council to decide as it did.

Mr. Worthe donated on line on the CLCSMAL website. Neither I nor anyone else involved with CLCSMAL have spoken with him, but we are very grateful for his much needed contribution. Mr. Worthe lives in Santa Monica, and it is my assumption that like the rest of us, he cares deeply about the City and the environment in which he and his family live. I am quite sure that was the reason for his donation, and I would encourage others who care about our City to donate also. CLCSMAL has received literally hundreds of donations, most of them small. In fact, Mr. Worthe's donation comprises a small fraction of donations received to date. We are a community-funded campaign, but because each donation is small, they do not show on the 'large donation' filings that only cover donations of \$1,000 and above.

During this election cycle, we are looking at what may ultimately be over a million dollars of spending by the other side to promote the deception that is Measure 'D'. Funding for measure D currently stands at \$406,043 according to their financial disclosures so far. Of that amount 80 percent is from out of state (primarily from AOPA and NBAA), 16 percent is from aviation businesses and pilots, including the recent donation of \$25,000 from Harrison Ford, 4 percent comes from other parts of California. In total they have received just \$1,650 from ordinary local residents, that is 0.4 percent. It seems to me that the D campaign is hardly in a position to throw stones regarding funding sources.

By contrast 98 percent of CLCSMAL donations are from Santa Monica and surrounding ZIP codes, the remaining 2 percent was from a couple of local residents that recently moved out of state. In other

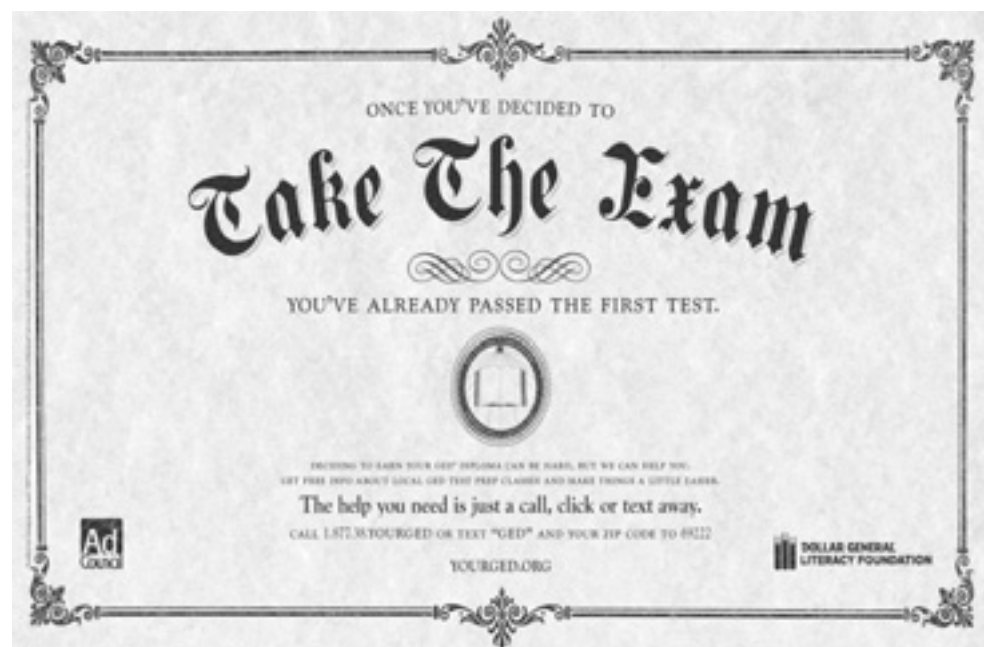
words, CLCSMAL is essentially 100 percent funded by local residents such as Mr. Worthe who are concerned about adverse airport impacts and who resent aviation lobbyist heavy handed and arrogant attempts to subvert local politics and deceive the electorate.

If you look at the list of people and organizations that have formally endorsed a "Yes on LC, No on D" vote as displayed on our website (www.ItsOurLand.org), you will see that it has hundreds of entries and reads like a veritable who's who of Santa Monica. By contrast Measure D is yet to post their first 'endorser' because it turns out that the people of Santa Monica are not as gullible as they must have originally thought. The dramatic contrast in endorsement lists alone should make it clear which side has the best interests of this City and its people in mind, and which does not.

CLCSMAL is happy to receive funds from anyone concerned about our city's future and environment, and I would encourage others like Mr. Worthe to step up and help save the City we all love. Regrettably however, nobody associated with CLCSMAL is on either the Planning Commission or the City Council, and the only 'favor' we can promise in return is the knowledge you will have helped defend your City from outside attack, and you will have earned the lasting gratitude of all of us that live here.

And to everyone reading this that cares about our ability to control the future of our own land, and about our environment and quality of life, I call on you now to go to our campaign site www.ItsOurLand.org, scroll down, and read about what it going on. Once you realize to scale of the deception that is being perpetrated on the electorate by the national aviation lobby, I am confident that you, like everyone else that learns the truth about this critical choice facing our city, will decide to click on the 'Take the Pledge' button to volunteer, or go to the 'Donate Now' page, just as Mr. Worthe did, and help save our City. You can't just sit this one out, we are under a massive attack, we are being vastly outspent, and we all need to get involved to stop this travesty. Thank you in advance.

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homes. Under vacancy decontrol laws, landlords can bring rents back to market rate when a tenant leaves.

Council and the Rent Control Board heard reports on the issue earlier this year. City attorneys outlined a plethora of tactics being used by some landlords.

They might, for example, pretend not to have received a payment and use that as a means of eviction. They might pretend to serve notices that haven't actually been served.

Even if the tenants beat the phony eviction cases in court, they are costly and time-consuming for the resident.

In the city attorney's recent report, they acknowledge that existing law does permit them to go after landlords who falsely claim not to have received rent.

"In cases where there is a genuine misunderstanding, or where tenants have in fact failed to pay their rent, staff works to educate the parties about their responsibilities under the law," city attorneys said in the report. "Staff will also report back to Council on developments relating to this issue."

In the report, attorneys lay out the reasons that a landlord can legally enter a residence. These include: during an emergency, to make necessary or agreed upon repairs, and under a court order.

The landowner can't simply schedule an inspection without a valid, stated reason and, if they do enter for that reason, they can't start checking out other parts of the residence.

"Staff plans to increase awareness of the entry and privacy laws through public education and to monitor the results of this effort," city attorneys said. "Staff will report back to Council on this effort and whether the results suggest that local law should be

changed."

City attorneys recently announced that they are suing a landlord who, they say, harassed tenants through sham inspections executed under the guise of checking smoke detectors.

In this case, and in others, the landlord allegedly offered to buy the long-term tenants out of their residences - a move that city attorneys say is legal. They are not, however, allowed to mislead them about their rights or threaten and intimidate them if they don't agree to the buyout.

"Rent Control staff recommends that Council change the law to require all tenant buyout offers to be simultaneously filed with the City, or the Board, similarly to how eviction notices are filed under current law," city attorneys said. "Such information could be useful to City Attorney staff in its investigation of some tenant harassment cases."

At past meetings, Rent Control Board and council members repeatedly asked the attorneys responsible for handling these tenant harassment cases if they're understaffed. They generally said that, with some hesitation, that they are not understaffed. The report for Tuesday's meeting proposes adding a new member to the team.

"Staff believes there could be significant benefit from adding at least a part-time employee who would act as the City Attorney's main liaison with the public on housing cases and who would assist with the initial investigation of housing questions and complaints," they said. "This would free up time and resources for the pursuit of larger investigations by other staff, among other benefits."

The position would cost less than \$60,000.

They will likely come back to council with an official request at the end of the year.

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preventing other states and countries from continuing to lure away film and TV production by offering their own lucrative incentives.

"California is on the move and Hollywood is a very important part of that," an animated Brown said as he stood near the concrete-embedded footprints of Peter O'Toole and Mary Pickford before signing the bill.

He lavished praise on Republicans as well as his fellow Democrats for getting the measure passed, saying it will create thousands of jobs.

"It isn't just government, it isn't just people in business, it isn't just labor unions, it's all of us working together," Brown said.

Under the new law, a lottery system used

to award tax credits is being replaced by one based on the number of jobs a production creates and its overall positive impact on the state. Tax credits will also be allowed for bigger-budget productions than in the past.

Nearly a dozen speakers preceded Brown to the podium at the TLC Chinese Theatre IMAX as people dressed as Superman and other movie characters strolled by on Hollywood Boulevard.

Renata Ray, a prop master on TV's "Pretty Little Liars," tearfully recounted having to work out of state while her mother was at home dying of cancer because there were no jobs available in Hollywood at the time.

State Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar, has said that in-state film production has dropped by nearly half during the past 15 years. This year, California approved 26 projects for tax credits after



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Annenberg Beach Community House

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Friday & Saturday, 10 AM - 5 PM
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COASTAL CLEAN UP DAY
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Saturday, 9 AM - 12 PM
Santa Monica Beach by the Pier, Ocean Park or Bay Street

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FARMERS MARKET BRING A BAG, GET A BAG EVENT
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Heritage Square, 2640 Main Street

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BUY LOCAL SANTA MONICA WEEK: BUYING LOCAL GIVES BACK
Visit local businesses partnering to give back to the community. Festivities include sidewalk sales, canned food drives & happy hour fundraisers.
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GREEN PRIZE FOR SUSTAINABLE LITERATURE PRESENTS THE LEGACY OF JOHN MUIR
Mike Brune (Sierra Club) and Ruskin Hartley (Heal the Bay) reflect on Muir's impact on modern environmentalism.
Wednesday, 7 PM
Santa Monica Public Library, Main Branch

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FED UP - MOVIE SCREENING
The film the food industry doesn't want you to see, followed by a discussion with Evan Kleiman, Stephanie Soechtig, Clare Fox, Ann Gentry, and Dean Kubani.
Thursday, 7:30 PM
Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Avenue

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COMPOST GIVEAWAY
Haul off free compost. Five reused burlap coffee sacks will be provided to each resident.
Saturday, 9 AM - 2 PM
City Yards, 2500 Michigan Avenue

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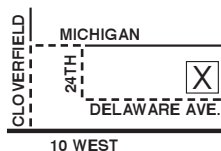


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UNION

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Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), the city's largest political party and purveyors of what is arguably the most important endorsement, did not endorse any candidates at its convention this year. The group's Steering Committee voted to support McKeown and Planning Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy. They may vote to support a third candidate somewhere down the line, according to the group's co-chair.

In 2012, the year of the last council election, SMRR spent nearly \$166,000, according to campaign disclosure statements filed with City Hall. As of its most recent filing, SMRR has more than \$73,000 on hand.

The POA spent more than \$60,000 in the last election year and currently holds more than \$81,000. The firefighters political fund spent \$11,127 in the last election year and have \$28,000 on hand as of the most recent filing.

Unite Here Local 11, a hospitality union, endorsed Gruber and McKeown earlier this month. The union is known for its ability to

provide door-to-door campaigning on behalf of the candidates it supports.

On Labor Day, the Coalition for Santa Monica City Employees endorsed O'Connor, McKeown, and former Mayor Michael Feinstein. That group spent \$18,000 in the last election year and holds nearly \$11,000 as of last filing.

McKeown and Planning Commissioner Sue Himmelrich were endorsed by the Santa Monica Democratic Club, which spent more than \$10,000 in the last election year. The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City, an organization that has opposed numerous developments and decisions by city and elected officials, was first out of the box, endorsing McKeown, Himmelrich and Planning Commissioner Richard McKinnon while candidates were still pulling paperwork. The group spent nearly \$16,000 in the last election year.

Residocracy, a slow-growth group formed this year that successfully challenged a controversial development through a referendum, is taking its time. As of last check, they planned to run an online membership poll to determine who will be endorsed.

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MEALS

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us and without those donations, we couldn't be doing what we're doing."

Baca said Meals on Wheels recently began a new project, Heal Healthy at Home, delivering meals to patients recently released from the hospital. Baca said many patients returning from a serious medical situation don't know where their next meal is coming from so increasing support for Meals on Wheels is critical to caring for those new to the service.

"Half of those clients don't have the ability to pay and we have to be able to raise money to feed those clients."

Some of the money to pay for those services will be raised at the Oct. 30 Monster Bash. The event includes a costume contest, casino night, specialty drinks and other activities.

Baca said the event will build on last year's changes, including a broader appeal to more residents and a focus on grown-up fun. "Halloween is the second largest event for adults and we will have a great fun event for adults," he said. "There will be free small

plates, drinks from the open bar. I know other Santa Monica events tend to be more family oriented and this will be a little more grown-up."

Baca said the event will be sponsored in part by Google and that he hopes to attract a broad cross-section of residents to the event.

He said Meals on Wheels services, including their delivery of emergency kits to those at risk, have a ripple effect that benefits the community at large by allowing seniors to stay in their homes and providing security for struggling residents. "Our program not only feeds people, and their pets, it also allows for a diverse cultural experience in Santa Monica," he said.

The special benefit performance will be held on Sept. 27 at The New Center, 2014 Sawtelle Blvd. in West LA. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased online or at the door. The Halloween Bash will be held on Oct. 30 from 7:30 - 11 p.m. at the Loews Santa Monica Beach Hotel. Tickets can be purchased online. For more information visit www.mealsonwheelswest.org or call (310) 394-5133 x 5.

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GOP pushes diverse candidates, but will it matter?

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The California Republican Party is promoting one of its most diverse, youthful sets of candidates in years for this November's election. The question heading into this weekend's state party convention is whether it will matter in an overwhelmingly Democratic state.

Republicans face enormous disadvantages in fundraising, demographics, voter registration and political organization. In the race at the top of the ticket, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown is seen as having a virtual lock on re-election. He has pushed liberals in the Legislature to the right of their comfort zone, simultaneously appealing to moderate Republicans and the growing slice of voters who are unaffiliated with any party.

Capturing even one statewide office remains a long shot, but Republicans at least hope to pick up some legislative seats by running moderate candidates.

In the statewide races, Republicans are pinning their hopes on Pete Peterson for secretary of state and Ashley Swearengen for controller, both of whom have polled within striking distance of Democrats.

They also are pointing to candidates such as Korean-American Young Kim, who is trying to unseat Democrat Sharon Quirk-Silva in the 65th Assembly District, an Orange County seat Republicans lost two years ago, and Cuban emigrant Mario Guerra, who faces former Assemblyman Tony Mendoza, a Democrat, in the 32nd Senate District in the Los Angeles area. Most of the territory is in the current Senate district of Sen. Ron Calderon, a Democrat who was indicted earlier this year on federal corruption charges.

"They're making really large strides in this election to make sure that the candidates reflect the neighborhoods that they're running in," said Carson Bruno, a research fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University who focuses on the California GOP. "The tricky part will be convincing other Californians the party is changing."

At the top of the ticket for Republicans this year is Neel Kashkari, a 41-year-old Indian-American who has sought to expand the party's base in his bid for governor by addressing income inequality, typically the purview of Democrats.

He has taken steps to mend fences with conservatives since coming in second in the June primary ahead of tea party favorite,

Assemblyman Tim Donnelly.

But unlike previous conventions in gubernatorial election years, Kashkari was not given a prime speaking slot at the convention, which is being held at a hotel near Los Angeles International Airport. Instead, he is relegated to addressing party delegates on Sunday morning.

Kaitlyn MacGregor, a spokeswoman for the party, said organizers slotted Kashkari then because all the delegates will be present, unlike luncheons and dinners that require attendees to buy tickets.

"We think it's a great opportunity for him," she said.

The biggest draw for many Republicans will be Saturday's lunchtime address by Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, a prospective 2016 presidential candidate who has been traveling the country this year. Saturday night, California Republicans will hear from newly elevated House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, from Bakersfield.

The convention theme is "Reclaim California," and it will open with a Friday dinner featuring women of the Republican Party.

However, the night's keynote speaker, Swearengen, appears to have been distancing herself from other Republicans since

advancing in the June primary. The Fresno mayor declined last month to endorse Kashkari's candidacy and has opted out of fundraising and speaking events with the rest of the statewide ticket.

Republicans see the best shot of advancing their agenda in reclaiming the so-called "super-minority" status in the state Assembly and Senate. They also hope to help Republicans retain control of the House of Representatives ahead of 2016.

Still, state Republicans have been pitching themselves as being on the verge of a comeback for several years, even as voter registration continued to slide. Republicans comprise 28.5 percent of California's electorate this year, compared to 43.5 percent for Democrats and 21 percent for independents.

In an email to supporters Thursday, former state party chairman Shawn Steel said the party really has evolved.

"In the heart of conservative Orange County, four Asian American women - all immigrants who've spent years involved in their community - are running in safe or competitive Republican districts," he wrote. "If the quartet runs the table, it will be the most dramatic demographic change in the party's elected leadership."

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End of era: Ellison steps aside as Oracle CEO

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison is stepping aside as CEO after 37 years at the helm of the business software maker, ending a colorful reign marked by his flamboyant behavior and outlandish wealth amassed while building one of the world's best-known technology companies.

With the changing of the guard announced Thursday, Ellison will be handing over his job to his two top lieutenants, Safra Catz and Mark Hurd, who become co-CEOs.

Ellison, 70, intends to still play an influential role at Oracle Corp. He is taking over as Oracle's executive chairman, replacing Jeff Henley in the position, and will oversee the engineering departments as chief technology officer. What's more, Ellison remains Oracle's biggest shareholder with a 25 percent stake in the Redwood Shores, California, company that accounts for most of his \$51 billion fortune.

Catz, Oracle's chief financial officer until Thursday, will be responsible for manufacturing, legal and finance, while Hurd will supervise sales and all services. Both of them will report to Oracle's board instead of Ellison. Oracle isn't hiring a CFO to replace Catz.

"I am going to continue to do what I have been doing the past several years and they are going to continue doing what they have been doing the past several years," Ellison told analysts during a Thursday conference call.

Given that Catz and Hurd are already handling many of the same duties as Oracle's co-presidents, the new pecking order may not seem like much of a change, especially among investors who worried about the company's sluggish growth in recent years.

Oracle's stock slipped 86 cents, or 2 percent, to \$40.69 in Thursday's extended trading following the company's announcement. The downturn may have had more to do with Wall Street's disappointment with Oracle's fiscal first-quarter earnings, which were also announced late Thursday and missed analyst targets, than with the reshuffling of management duties.

The shake-up comes at a critical point in Oracle's history. It is trying to adapt to the technological upheaval that is causing more of its corporate customers to lease software applications stored in remote data centers instead of paying licensing fees to install programs on machines kept in their own offices. The shift to Internet-connected software has become known as "cloud computing."

"While there was some speculation Larry

could step down, the timing is a bit of a head scratcher in our opinion and the Street will have many questions," said FBR Capital Markets analyst Daniel Ives.

Although Ellison has steadfastly insisted that Oracle is well positioned to sell more cloud computing services, smaller rivals such as Salesforce.com Inc. and Workday Inc. have been growing at a much faster clip. Both Salesforce, started by former Oracle executive Marc Benioff, and Workday, founded by longtime Oracle nemesis David Duffield, were created explicitly as cloud computing specialists.

In a post on his Twitter account, Benioff cast doubt about whether Ellison is really relinquishing any control. "There always has been, and always will be, one CEO at Oracle," Benioff tweeted.

Since he co-founded Oracle with \$1,200 of his own money in 1977, Ellison has become as well known for his antics away from the office as his accomplishments as the company's CEO.

Through the years, Ellison has driven fancy cars, flown his own jet, raced yachts, wooed beautiful women and owned ornate homes in San Francisco, Malibu and an exclusive Silicon Valley neighborhood, where he spent \$170 million on a 45-acre compound designed to remind him of Japan and the samurai warriors that he admires. In 2012, he bought his own Hawaiian island by acquiring 98 percent of Lanai.

Last year, Ellison staged the boating race for America's Cup in the San Francisco Bay, where a team of professional sailors that he personally financed won the trophy for the second straight time.

Ellison, a close friend of late Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, has always relished his status as the richest person in the nation's high-tech heartland, where free-flowing stock options sometimes turned receptionists and cafeteria workers into millionaires. Money is "a method of keeping score," Ellison once told an interviewer.

Catz, 52, is a former investment banker who joined Oracle in 1999. Hurd, 57, has been with Oracle for four years, but is best known the former CEO of Hewlett-Packard Co.

Hurd stepped down from HP in 2010 after that company's board raised questions about his expense reports and his relationship with a company contractor.

Ellison ridiculed HP for its treatment of Hurd, a close friend, and hired him at Oracle.

"Safra and Mark are doing a spectacular job and deserve the recognition of their new titles," Ellison told analysts Thursday.

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Apple locks itself out of devices with passwords

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) Apple has tightened its technological security so not even the company can pry into a password-protected iPhone or iPad, a move meant to reassure the millions of people who are increasingly storing vital pieces of their lives on the devices.

The additional safeguard is part of Apple's latest mobile software, iOS 8, which the Cupertino, California, company released Wednesday. Apple Inc. revealed the stronger protection in a new section of its website that is prefaced with a letter from CEO Tim Cook who emphasized the company's "fundamental" commitment to privacy and security.

"Our commitment to protecting your privacy comes from a deep respect for our customers," Cook wrote. "We know that your trust doesn't come easy. That's why we have and always will work as hard as we can to earn and keep it."

Apple is highlighting its heightened security following a mortifying episode that unfolded earlier this month after computer hackers broke into the online accounts of Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence and other celebrities who stored copies of personal photos on the company's iCloud service.

Nude photos of Lawrence and other female stars were posted on various websites, causing some security experts to question whether Apple had taken adequate precautions to thwart hackers trying to break into user accounts.

Since the nude photos appeared, Apple has been stressing the need for its users to rely on passwords that are difficult to guess. It has also recommended the adoption of a security feature known as two-step verification that requires a special code sent to mobile phones to be entered along with a password to log into accounts.

Apple's inability to unlock password-protected smartphones and tablets could frustrate law enforcement officials who sometimes obtain court orders to vacuum personal data off the phones for potential evi-

dence in criminal investigations.

The personal information will be blocked on more than just Apple's newest mobile devices, the iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, that go on sale Friday. That's because Apple is giving away iOS 8 to anyone with devices dating back to 2011. The software can be downloaded to devices as old as the iPhone 4S and the iPad 2. That covers hundreds of millions of devices already in use.

The number of legal requests that Apple gets for personal data off devices is relatively small. Apple provided some data in nearly 6,500 of the roughly 9,600 requests that law enforcement agencies around the world submitted for devices during the first half of this year, according to the company's own accounting. Apple says the requests came in most cases after a device was stolen.

Like other technology companies, Apple is trying to depict itself as a trustworthy steward of people's information after former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden leaked documents revealing government spies' efforts to snoop on emails and other personal information as part of an effort to identify potential terrorists.

Apple, like its peers, has lashed out at the U.S. government's digital surveillance programs and stressed that it isn't cooperating with any of the spying.

Cook is seeking to draw an even bigger distinction between Apple and other prominent technology companies such as Google Inc. and Facebook Inc. that offer free online services financed by ads that are based on the personal preference expressed in emails that are scanned, search requests that are tracked and social media posts that are analyzed.

Apple doesn't need to resort to those tactics, Cook said, because the company makes its money from the devices and services that it sells.

"A few years ago, users of Internet services began to realize that when an online service is free, you're not the customer," Cook wrote in his letter. "You're the product. But at Apple, we believe a great customer experience shouldn't come at the expense of your privacy."

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Associated Press

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None of the 142 passengers and five crew members was injured during the evacuation, though medical personnel tended to three passengers at the scene and one other was taken to a hospital for observation, airport spokeswoman Cassie Perez-Harmison said.

Flight 1416 was bound for Austin, Texas, when the crew declared an emergency after an "overheat warning" for one of its two engines, she said.

One of the passengers, Dean Delbaugh, said that about 10 minutes into the flight, he heard a pop, felt a weird vibration and then smelled an odd stench. Delbaugh was flying to Austin to visit in-laws with his new wife.

"Smoke came billowing out of the air vents and filled up the cabin in about 10 to 15 seconds," Delbaugh said by telephone from his home in Dana Point. "The fumes

were ridiculous. I can still kind of taste them in my mouth."

Flight attendants manually deployed oxygen masks, which are designed to automatically drop only in the event of a loss of cabin pressure.

The pilot activated a fire-suppression system within the engine, but it was not immediately known whether there was a fire, JetBlue spokesman Anders Lindstrom said. Long Beach fire personnel told reporters they saw no sign of flames, though they did not look inside the engine.

As the plane landed, the pilot told passengers to brace themselves, Delbaugh said.

"As soon as I saw the runway, it was a sigh of relief," he said. "I didn't care if landing gear came down. We could slide down the runway as long we were on the ground."

According to the tracking website FlightAware, the Airbus A320 took off at 9:17 a.m. and landed at 9:30 a.m.

The airport's main runway was closed for about two hours due to the evacuation. Eventually the plane was towed away for further investigation, and air traffic resumed.

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710 Wilshire Boulevard, 14CA-012, 14ARB-0173, Zoning: C3C (Downtown Overlay), C3 (Downtown Commercial) Districts. The 710 Wilshire Boulevard Landmarks Commission/Architectural Review Board Joint Design Review Body will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness application 14CA-012 and Architectural Review Board application 14ARB-173 for approval of building design, colors, materials and landscape plans for the construction of a new 275-room hotel that includes the retention and adaptive reuse of a City Landmark office building (Santa Monica Professional Building), a bridge connection between the Landmark building and the new hotel building, and 15,210 sf of ground-floor retail/restaurant space. Applicant: Howard Laks Architects. Owner: Maxser and Company. *(Continued from June 30, 2014)*

When: Monday, September 29, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
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Questions/Comments

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Espanol

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SUNDAY – FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
SW-SE swell mix drops further at exposed spots; Watching for some potential steep NW swell - stay tuned pending development

MONDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Small NW swell due, old SW swell drops out

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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
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Escorial Canyon at (S) Maradero State Beach.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreaga).	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	D	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (privately).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Xanterra storm drain.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	ns
Ledger Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Adhland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Salonica Canyon at Dee Blecker County Beach.	A	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	B	ns	Venice Beach at Winward Ave. drain.	B	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location) - daily.	A+	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - Vagabond tower.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	C	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.	A	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns			

LEGEND
DRY — each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET — grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns — no sample taken

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MLS says Chivas USA might not play in 2015

RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK Chivas USA might not play in 2015 and perhaps longer, a decision that won't be made until a new owner takes over the Major League Soccer team.

"We expect to be able to close an agreement by the end of the season," MLS Commissioner Don Garber said Thursday after a news conference to launch the league's new logo. "Once we get an ownership group in place, we'll sit down with them and make a decision as to whether or not we're going to keep that team operating in 2015 and beyond."

The league hopes to have a schedule by late fall. With the addition of New York City and Orlando, MLS will have 20 or 21 teams next year, depending on whether Chivas USA plays.

Chivas USA was formed in 2004, and MLS announced in February it had assumed operation of the team from Jorge Vergara and Angelica Fuentes, who have controlled the Mexican club Chivas Guadalajara since 2002.

Former Chivas USA youth coaches, Daniel Calichman and Theodoros Chronopoulos filed a discrimination lawsuit against the team in 2013, a case that was resolved without a trial.

Chivas USA is last in the Western Conference at 6-16-6 and is averaging 6,942 for home games this season, less than half the figure of the team with the second-lowest average. Chivas USA shares the StubHub Center with the Los Angeles Galaxy in Carson, California, and Garber has said the new ownership group must intend to build a new stadium, perhaps at the site of the L.A. Sports Arena.

Garber also said the league had fined Los Angeles Galaxy coach Bruce Arena \$20,000 for criticizing MLS over the uncompleted deal to acquire American midfielder Sacha Kljestan from the Belgian club Anderlecht.

During an Aug. 25 interview with The Washington Post, Arena was quoted as saying: "We had all of our ducks in a row. We were positioned to sign a player. I won't go into detail, and just say forces within the league worked real hard to make sure that didn't happen. ... because they are children and there have to be adults in the process, and we didn't have enough of them. I think we are back into the old days in the league when the rules are somewhat arbitrary."

Garber said "it was a deal that did not come to the league for approval, and had it we would have not approved it." He differentiated Kljestan from goalkeeper Julio Cesar, who spent the early part of this season on loan to Toronto from Queens Park Rangers, by saying "we had certain rights in the Julio Cesar deal that we didn't have in this deal."

"All of our employees, whether they are

league executives or they are club executives, even going so far as to including our owners, are bound by an agreement that we will not criticize the system that our ownership is fully committed to," Garber said. "It pains me to have to fine him for making comments that he obviously feels strongly about but which he is required by league rules to keep to himself."

Galaxy spokesman Brendan Hannan said the team declined comment.

Garber also said the league is reviewing criticism by Toronto midfielder Michael Bradley of Canadian referee David Gantar who called a foul and disallowed what would have been a go-ahead goal in the 90th minute by Gilberto in a 1-1 tie against Chicago last weekend.

"That referee did not get it right in that game, and we shouldn't be ashamed of saying that," Garber said. "I feel for Toronto FC."

The league's new logo, replacing the ball-and-cleat image in use since MLS started play in 1996, has a shield with a slash that extends on the lower side in a tail and three stars representing club, country and community. It will be used starting next season in various colors to match different teams.

"If you look around at all the league logos around the world, they all have a ball in it. The shield represents an identity that we think is very soccer- or football-oriented," Garber said. "We don't believe that we need to take elements of the game to tell the world or our fans that we're a soccer league."

The logo is part of an "MLS Next" rebrand that was announced at a venue in New York's Meatpacking District, an area where Garber said "many of the millennials and those that are supporters of our league live and hang out. The new logo represents our commitment to what's next."

On other topics, Garber said:

- He is back at work following prostate cancer surgery that was successful.

- MLS hopes to volunteer for video review experiments FIFA may authorize "so that we can ensure that games are not determined by calls that in retrospect can be looked at as being wrong." However, goal line technology such as the systems used by the Premier League and FIFA "is incredibly expensive, and for the amount of times that that's an issue throughout the year, we don't believe that it's an expense that should be a priority for us."

- David Beckham's group continues to seek a site for a downtown stadium in Miami and is not considering the suburbs: "Right now we're really focused on having a downtown stadium. We've seen how that has worked for us in so many other markets."

- New York City FC, which starts play next year at Yankee Stadium, continues "to work with the City of New York to try to find a permanent stadium solution."

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MOVIE TIMES

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ORDER IN TONIGHT, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Your imagination and penchant for fun are likely to come out, though you could feel uncomfortable at the last minute, as if you need to rethink your plans. Take care of an ongoing responsibility in the best, most effective way possible. Tonight: A must appearance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You might opt to stay close to home. If you're working, work from home. You could hear news from a friend that will make you want to shift gears and daydream. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You have a flair for words. Use that ability to help a loved one or dear friend who might not be comfortable with recent changes. Your perspective mixed with a touch of humor will prove to be very healing. Pat yourself on the back! Tonight: Meet up with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Everyone gets possessive from time to time, but you seem to be having a major attack of the green-eyed monster. Schedule a long-desired trip or buy tickets to a favorite concert. You clearly are in need of a distraction! Tonight: A loved one changes his or her tune.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You will be on top of your game right now, no matter what situation you find yourself in. Your personality tends to attract many people. Learn to say "no" more often, or establish stronger boundaries if need be. Only you know what will work. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Once your creativity emerges, it sometimes can be hard to restrain. Enjoy yourself, yet be willing to adapt plans for a key person in your life. You might be uncomfortable with the many fast changes today presents. Learn to go with the flow. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You will be surrounded by people today. Because of your friendly disposition, your popularity is high. Don't hesitate to use it to support a project or goal. Others will respond in kind to your imagination and ideas. Tonight: Out with your pals and admirers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ You could be one of the few people who gets stuck holding down the fort for others. Know that you can ask them to return the favor later. You might enjoy getting into a project or two and not worrying so much about your other responsibilities. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You'll be a bundle of energy today. You could stress others out if they feel the need to keep up with you. A family member might want to have an important talk with you. Tonight: Try out a new blues or jazz spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Don't hold on to pent-up anger; it is quite possible that you aren't even aware of how angry you might be. You often suppress your feelings, but do not be surprised if this backfires on you. Tonight: Cozy up over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others will seek you out so much so that you might need to adapt your plans. Be careful, as one area of your life needs tending. Keep your eye on a long-term goal, and you will know exactly what to do. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ A meeting could prove to be very different from what you originally had anticipated. Do not hesitate to zero in on what you want. You could feel as if it is time for a change in your diet or routine. If you feel that it would make a difference, go for it. Tonight: Play it easy.

Friday, September 19, 2014

This year you tend to be emotionally guarded, not for any particular reason -- you just feel more comfortable that way. If you are single, relating to you could be challenging, as you do not easily share your feelings. As a result, you are more liable to be hurt. If you are attached, your sweetie could become a little insecure because of this change. You will benefit from spending more one-on-one time together. You might want to do a workshop on communication together. LEO has a strong ego and can be proud. You seem to understand this sign well.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★Dynamic

★★ So-So

★★★★ Positive

★ Difficult

★★★ Average

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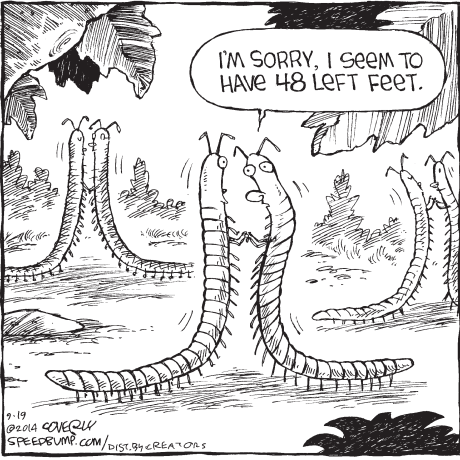
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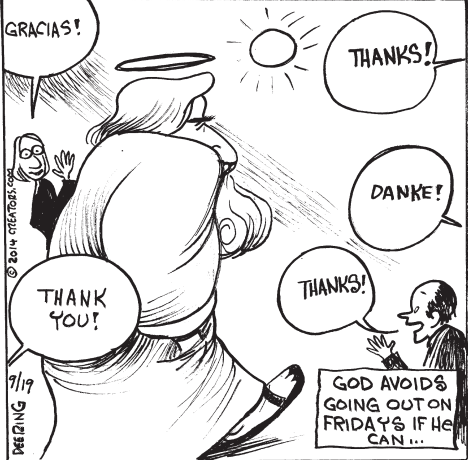
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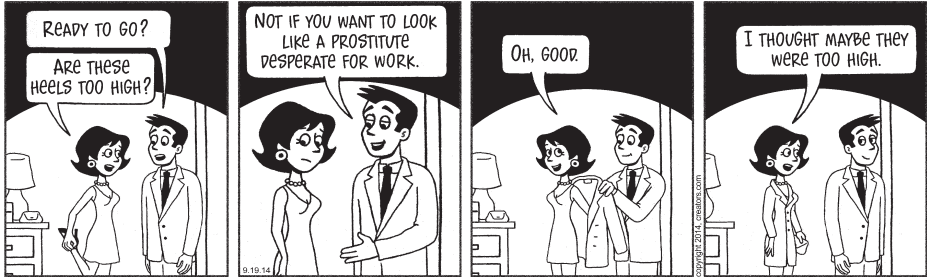
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The Meaning of Lila

READY TO GO?

ARE THESE HEELS TOO HIGH?

NOT IF YOU WANT TO LOOK LIKE A PROSTITUTE DESPERATE FOR WORK.

OH, GOOD.

I THOUGHT MAYBE THEY WERE TOO HIGH.

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).

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 412 calls for service on Sept. 17.

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

Trespassing on the 600 block of Broadway at 1:06 a.m.
Elder abuse on the 1100 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 6:29 a.m.
Theft of recyclables on the 1500 block of 5th St. at 7:04 a.m.
Traffic accident at 7th and Kingman at 7:43 a.m.
Drunk driving at Stewart and Colorado at 8:36 a.m.
Burglary on the 900 block of 4th St. at 9:34 a.m.
Bike theft on the 1200 block of 12th St. at 9:36 a.m.
Bike theft on the 1800 block of Stewart St. at 9:55 a.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 10:46 a.m.
Vandalism on the 3000 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 10:50 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 400 block of 9th St. at 11:01 a.m.
Traffic accident at 20th and Pico at 11:56 a.m.
Grand theft auto on 2000 of Ocean Park Blvd. at 12 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1000 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 12:19 p.m.
Threats report on the 100 block of Ocean Ave. at 1:29 p.m.
General parking problem on the 1300 block of 5th St. at 1:31 p.m.
Battery on the 2000 block of 14th St. at 1:44 p.m.
Drinking in public on the 1800 block of 9th St. at 1:55 p.m.
Auto burglary at 6th and Colorado at 2 p.m.
Indecent exposure on the 1200 block of 9th St. at 2:28 p.m.
Battery on the 600 block of Pico Blvd. at 2:39 p.m.
Public intoxication on the 2800 block of Virginia Ave. at 2:54 p.m.
Traffic accident at 7th and Washington at 3:03 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1200 block of 9th St. at 3:35 p.m.
Trespassing on the 1600 block of 5th St. at 3:44 p.m.
Threats on the 400 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 3:56 p.m.
Overdose on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 4:27 p.m.
Bike theft on the 1800 block of Stewart St. at 4:38 p.m.
Identity theft on the 1800 block of 10th St. at 5:33 p.m.
Drinking in public on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 5:47 p.m.
Hit and run on the 1700 block of 21st St at 5:54 p.m.
Loud music on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 6 p.m.
Theft on the 1400 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 6:01 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1300 block of the 3rd St. Promenade at 7:06 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1800 block of 17th St. at 7:26 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 1400 block of PCH at 7:59 p.m.

MYSTERY PHOTO

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Flies and gnats
- 6 Some Europeans
- 11 Advice
- 12 Use
- 13 Play place
- 14 "Picnic" heroine
- 15 Quirk
- 16 Diminish
- 18 Motel freebie
- 19 Mine matter
- 20 Stew sphere
- 21 Horse bit
- 22 Diminish
- 24 Swift jets
- 25 Fallon's show
- 27 "Blast it!"
- 29 Fold
- 32 Maze runner
- 33 Be a contender
- 34 — Aviv
- 35 Bordeaux buddy
- 36 Charged particle
- 37 Writer Tarbell
- 38 Drivers, e.g.
- 40 Concerning

- 42 Boredom
- 43 Ball, for one
- 44 Stop-watch button
- 45 Moved slowly

DOWN

- 1 Starter's need
- 2 Complete
- 3 Distant outposts
- 4 Harbor boat
- 5 Increase, as an incline
- 6 Rio rhythm

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Yesterday's answer

- 7 Mendes of movies
- 8 They have antennas
- 9 Lion, e.g.
- 10 Cold showers?
- 17 Del Toro of "Traffic"
- 23 Drunk
- 24 That lady
- 26 Hurled explosive
- 27 Bureau part
- 28 Surname in punk rock
- 30 Act the temptress
- 31 On cloud nine
- 33 Drop in
- 39 Expected
- 41 Pasture sound

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DAILY LOTTERY



Draw Date: 9/17
18 25 36 48 50
Power#: 23
Jackpot: \$196M



Draw Date: 9/16
25 45 51 53 73
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: \$72M



Draw Date: 9/17
6 7 13 39 46
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: \$10M



Draw Date: 9/17
2 20 24 25 37



Draw Date: 9/17
MIDDAY: 6 0 1
EVENING: 5 9 5



Draw Date: 9/17
1st: 03 Hot Shot
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:43.44

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ For their first anniversary in August, Londoners Dan MacIntyre and Dunya Kalanter decided on an odd commemoration: their out-sized fascination with their city's notorious 2013 crisis over the 15-ton "fatberg" that clogged a sewer line. They giddily donned waders and went exploring for more masses of the congealed-oil-and-sanitary-wipes, but told The Guardian that they mostly encountered only smaller chunks. (Update: Their timing was off; a "fatberg" "as long as a 747" was spotted in a sewer in west London about a week later.) [The Guardian, 8-19-2014] [Sky News, 9-1-2014]

■ Plastic surgeons, first in University of Missouri research in 2000 and recently in a study by Singapore doctors in the journal of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, have postulated that the "ideal" navel is basically vertically shaped with slight hooding -- and, of course, an "innie." The earlier study "analyzed" photos of 147 females aged 18 to 62, while the Singapore surgeons gazed at shots of 37 Playboy playmates and used a computerized tool to measure "vertical ratio," "midline horizontal position," length "from the xiphoid process ... to the lower limit of the vulvar cleft," and how nearly oval-shaped the belly buttons were. [Today.com (NBC News), 8-22-2014]

TODAY IN HISTORY

1982 - Scott Fahlman posts the first documented emoticons :-) and :-(on the Carnegie Mellon University Bulletin Board System.

1985 - A strong earthquake kills thousands and destroys about 400 buildings in Mexico City.

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1300 Block

This one-night only musical journey is free and fantastic, featuring the sonic beats of KCRW's Premiere DJ's.

Raul Campos | Mario Cotto | Chris Douridas

Travis Holcome | Garth Trinidad

September 21 | 11-3 pm

Community Celebration

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Join in the fun by participating in a parade down the Promenade, followed by an ice cream party with musical performances by the Promenade's most talented buskers.

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"At the center of bustling Downtown Santa Monica is Third Street Promenade—a quintessentially Southern California experience. This three-block, pedestrian-only stretch boasts a vibrant street scene with outdoor dining, throngs of local and out-of-town visitors, street performers and terrific shopping, all just steps from the beach."

For more information about the Third Street Promenade and the 25th Anniversary celebrations, please visit Downtown Santa Monica, Inc.'s new blog at www.santamonicacentric.com. Information can also be found at www.downtownsm.com