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Incumbents rack up endorsements

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A flurry of endorsements for local races was announced Tuesday with three organizations taking positions on candidates and/or ballot measures.

Incumbents were generally favored across all races but in some cases, the number of endorsed candidates didn't match the number of open seats.

The Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC) singled out incumbent Sue Himmelrich for their sole City Council endorsement. Himmelrich is one of three incumbents running this year including Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor.

"Councilmember Himmelrich shares our reasonable growth and transparent government goals and actions. She has been a strong voice for residents on the Council to hold developers accountable for the impacts their projects would have on the livability of our city. She is a formidable advocate for affordable housing. She has been reachable and responsive to residents on many issues," said the endorsement.

SMCLC also supports Measure TL to establish term limits for the City Council saying long-term incumbents become less responsive to the public over time.

The Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS) opposes Measure TL citing the need to work with consistent civic leaders over the long-term.

CEPS said it identified four qualified candidates for the three seats available on City Council. They endorsed all three incumbents plus challenger Greg Morena. With four seats available on the SMC Board of Trustees, CEPS has backed incumbents Nancy Greenstein, Louise Jaffe, Barry Snell and challenger Sion Roy.

CEPS only backed three candidates for four open seats on the SMMUSD Board. Incumbents Craig Foster, Laurie Lieberman and Richard Tahlvidaran-Jesswein were endorsed. Incumbent Oscar de la Torre was the only incumbent left off the CEPS list.

CEPS supports measure SMS to establish a new bond for school construction projects and they support Measure RR to revise rules for serving on boards/commissions.

A coalition of municipal employees also announced their endorsements Tuesday, backing all

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Highest state court declines to hear NMS appeal

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

The California Supreme Court has declined to review a 2nd District Court of Appeals decision that upheld a significant judgment against Santa Monica's most prolific developer, Neil Shekhter of NMS Properties. With the denial of NMS' petition for review, the court allowed the terminating sanctions that permitted hedge fund AEW to sell an estimated half a billion dollars worth of NMS property on the Westside.

"The wheels of justice turn slowly but they do turn," said AEW's attorney, James Fogelman of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, who is involved in approximately ten court cases related to NMS and its CEO Neil Shekhter. Fogelman said a separate Federal RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act) case against NMS Properties will now go forward.

The "Lincoln Studios" case involves a 2010 joint venture agreement between Shekhter and AEW to build and manage nine properties in Santa Monica and West Los Angeles. As the local real estate market rebounded from the recession, Shekhter tried to repay AEW its $60 million investment plus interest. AEW refused to accept the buyout money, and NMS filed a lawsuit over the ownership of the properties.

During litigation, the trial court found Shekhter destroyed his personal computer, deleted files and failed to produce at least 21 devices that had access to the details of the joint venture. The court found "widespread misconduct infect(ed) the entirety of the pro-

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Updates and revisions sustain this week's school board meeting

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

The future of sustainability throughout the Santa Monica school district will be discussed at this week's district school board meeting as a sustainability plan draft will be shown to staff and public alike. Construction updates, proposed revisions to numerous policies and more will also be discussed.

In a presentation to be shown at the Thursday, September 20 board meeting, district staff will lay out their vision for a long-term sustainability plan.

To track sustainability performance, the district will measure metrics of total waste generation, diverting waste from landfills, e-waste recycling, and construction/demolition recycling.

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GOLD STAR

Courtesy Photo

Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., in partnership with the Gary Sinise Foundation and Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, hosted the Gold Star Wives on Wednesday, September 12 for a delicious lunch. Twenty-four Gold Star Wives were greeted by Shrimp Louie with goody bags and treated to a selection of appetizers, entrées and desserts while paying tribute to family members lost in combat. The Gold Star Wives are a group of widows, widowers and children who spouses or parents died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Gold Star Wives honor the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country as well as promote activities, provide benefits and aid families.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, September 19

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Scarecrow Stories and Games

Welcome the Fall season with themed stories and mini carnival games. Limited Space. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Pirate Crafternoon

Ahoy! Use pirate speak on International Talk Like A Pirate Day while making pirate crafts, matey! Ages 4-12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 4 – 5 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

Commission for the Senior Community meeting

A special meeting of the Commission for the Senior Community is scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 1:30 pm in the Main Branch of the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, 2nd floor, Community Meeting Room

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting

The Recreation and Parks Commission serves as an advisory board to the City Council and the Director of Community and Cultural Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation.
Meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, 1685 Main Street.

The College Process from A to Z

Learn about the entire college process, including high school academics and course planning, forming a college list, the application process, and financial aid. Presented by Diana Hanson of Magellan College Counseling. Grades 9-12. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Chrysalis Workshop: Cover Letters

Instructors from Chrysalis lead a workshop to help you on the right track to employment. Chrysalis offers employment preparation classes and services designed to improve your job search skills, self-confidence, self-sufficiency, and employability, so you can reach your career goals. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

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

Movie: Battle of the Sexes (2017)

Exactly 45 years to the day, we celebrate the legendary tennis match between women's pro Billie Jean King and showboating men's player Bobby Riggs with the recent film starring Emma Stone and Steve Carell. A brief discussion follows the screening. (Film runtime: 121 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor, Santa Monica, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 20

WISE & Healthy Aging Volunteer Information Session

Free WISE & Healthy Aging: Volunteer Information Session. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, Santa Monica. To register, call (310) 394-9871, ext. 552.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO

US appeals court rules for bartenders, waiters in tip fight

Restaurants must pay waiters and bartenders minimum wage when they are engaged in tasks such as cleaning toilets that are unrelated to their main jobs and do not offer tips, a divided U.S. appeals court ruled Tuesday.

At issue in the decision by an 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals was a federal law that allows an employer to pay workers who receive tips as little as $2.13 an hour as long as their tips earn them minimum wage.

Employers cannot use that tip credit when the workers are engaged in unrelated tasks that don't pay tips, the panel ruled in a 9-2 decision. Employers also can't use the tip credit for tasks related to bartending or serving such as preparing coffee if employees spend a substantial part of the work week on them.

Judge Richard Paez said tips were intended as "a gift to the server, as opposed to a cost-saving benefit to the employer."

A broader use of the tip credit would allow employers to underpay bartenders and wait staff and put off hiring staff such as janitors who don't receive tips and therefore must get paid minimum wage by employers, Paez said.

The ruling upheld a U.S. Department of Labor regulation that limited employers' use of the tip credit. It also revived lawsuits by 14 bartenders and servers accusing restaurant chains including P.F. Chang's China Bistro and J. Alexander's of failing to pay minimum wage.

Emails to attorneys for J. Alexander's and P.F. Chang's were not immediately returned.

The broader impact of the ruling was not immediately clear. Seven states require that employers pay workers the state minimum wage on top of any tips they receive, according to the labor department's wage and hour division. Six of those states fall under the 9th Circuit's jurisdiction: California, Alaska, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

SUDHIN THANAWALA, ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

LA Times Beijing bureau chief quits after sex investigation

The head of the Los Angeles Times' Beijing bureau has resigned four months after the newspaper suspended him following sexual harassment complaints from two women.

Los Angeles Times spokeswoman Hillary Manning confirmed Tuesday that Jonathan Kaiman has left the newspaper.

Kaiman was suspended last May after the Times launched an investigation into the allegations made by a former Wall Street Journal editor and a former roommate of Kaiman's.

Manning says that investigation has been completed, but she added that she could not elaborate.

Kaiman did not immediately respond to an email from The Associated Press.

He previously told the AP his actions, including having sex with Felicia Sonmez of The Wall Street Journal, were consensual.

He apologized to his former roommate after she accused him of pressuring her to have sex.

JOHN ROGERS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Visa, Mastercard in new settlement of credit card fee suit

Visa and Mastercard said Tuesday they will pay $6.2 billion to settle part of a long-running lawsuit brought by merchants over fees on credit card transactions.

Visa says it will pay $4.1 billion and Mastercard will pay about $900 million. The two companies say they've already set aside money to cover the payment.

A group of 19 merchants and trade groups alleged Visa and MasterCard conspired to fix fees that are charged to stores for handling credit card payments. Tuesday's settlement covers the monetary claims in the lawsuit.

But the lawsuit still has two other pieces to it that need to be resolved: a dispute over the rules Visa and Mastercard impose to accept their cards, and the merchants who chose not to participate in the settlement, which is likely to number in the thousands.

The original lawsuit against Visa and Mastercard dates from 2005, when the companies were owned by the banks and not public. Merchants alleged that Visa and Mastercard used their dominant market position to impose fees that were artificially too high, resulting in billions of dollars paid in excess swipe fees. Visa and Mastercard denied that and did not admit to wrongdoing as part of Tuesday's settlement.

Visa, MasterCard and a group of merchants reached a financial settlement in 2012, but some retailers and consumer groups objected and that settlement was ultimately thrown out by a federal appeals court.

KEN SWEET, AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK

Record low viewership for Emmy Awards

Television's biggest night wasn't that big. A record-low audience of just under 10.2 million people watched the awards show that kicked off a new television season on Monday night.

The Nielsen company says that's down from the virtually identical audiences of 11.4 million from the past two years.

Michael Che and Colin Jost of "Saturday Night Live" hosted the awards show on NBC. Amazon's "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel became the first show from a streaming service to win best comedy, while HBO's "Game of Thrones" was the top drama.

The dip in viewership follows a recent trend that also affected the Academy Awards and Grammys earlier this year.

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Scooters, City Council & Joni

THANK YOU, DONALD TRUMP

For anyone not stark raving delusional, those words are almost always proffered dripping with sarcasm.

In this case it occurred to me that the destructively clownish reign of orange too often reflects what's going down in our own city. In DC and in SM, our government is not acting on our behalf, and it not fulfilling its first directive to keep us safe.

As with the tRump deluge of new oh no! moments, when the torrent of crimes and malfeasance is so unrelenting, people tend to get numb. Oh, that? Again? Still? Yeah. Scooters. Whatever.

A YEAR OF SCOOTERS

And the Council is still seeming to attempt incremental fixes, expecting our patience. Each day passes and we pray our Council will simply enforce the laws — as Obama recently pleaded, incredulously, is that so hard?! And they haven't. And now they say they need another year's trial to figure things out.

Here's what they should expect: our patience is long gone, and we will show them in November that how they handled the scooter invasion from day one was a monumental disregard for our safety that rescinds their privilege to serve us. They've had a good 365 chances to act for us, and they haven't. We have suffered, been injured, and with Sacramento now declaring that fewer people are required by law to wear helmets, I will repeat what I hear everywhere: someone is going to get killed.

How we're going to show them in November, with voter ignorance, campaign/bribe money, programs of misinformation, and the powerful influence of SMRR and Unite Here and other unions unchecked, I don't know. But I'm working on it. I'm thinking. Hard. — any good ideas out there?

ASK MARY

My sweet neighbor, laid up at a local rehab facility after tripping over a scooter left in the street near a crosswalk, if she feels our Council has acted to keep us safe. Because of her injuries and advanced age, when she is released she will have to give up her beloved apartment in our complex where she has lived alone, just fine thank you, for more than 40 years, walking distance to friends and church, six blocks from the beach, and have to move to an assisted care facility. Her remaining years are changed forever. Thanks, Council.

And now, in the same facility, I have to go visit my cool buddy Bob, who was getting an argument from a woman who dumped four Birds in his driveway, and as he was telling her it didn't matter what their app said, it's his building and his driveway and he was not allowing it, he stepped backward a little and tripped on them, fell hard to the ground, couldn't move (she ran away after he asked her to call 911, he said), and wound up needing an emergency hip replacement, narrowly averting the amputation of his entire leg. Thanks, Council.

I asked a woman at the front desk of the rehab facility if there were any other scooter-injured patients. "Oh, lots of them," she answered. "We get them all the time." Thanks, Council.

Take that into the voting booth. There is absolutely no excuse for our City Council and staff to have so disregarded our safety.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: One year ago today was my son's last day on earth. He did not see it coming. If you knew today was your last day, what would you do with it? It's a good question for me to ask myself, every morning when I open my eyes and see I have the gift of another day.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Never done this before: I'm running last week's quote again because I'm so taken with it, always have been. (Yes, it's from a song lyric but I used it in QUOTES OF THE WEEK last Wednesday.)

"It's coming on Christmas, they're cutting down trees, they're putting up reindeer, and singing songs of joy and peace, oh I wish I had a river I could skate away on." — Joni Mitchell

It moves me. I find it really evocative and poignant. And a brilliant switch of expectations from the first words to the last.

The second half of the lyrics of "River" paint a story of regret over a love thrown away and the urge to run away from what she did, consciousness of being "so hard to handle, I'm selfish and I'm sad," a wish to be back home in Canada, leave "this crazy scene" in LA behind.

But that is the sign of great art. Anyone can make of it what they find, what strikes them or unfolds, filtered through their own life experiences. Not everything is art, of course, and not all art is great. In a lifetime of looking and listening critically, I have found that while most great art seems to be created with intention, that which finally emerges, and its effect on other people, is unpredictable. It's a mysterious exercise, of giving and receiving, the art and the process of it. Some artists literally live for the creative act, others struggle and suffer mightily to set it free.

Here's another sign, for me: when, after the familiarity of many exposures, I abruptly realize something different from it. In reading again the lyrics to "River," I paused after the line, "And he loved me so naughty/Made me weak in the knees."

Mitchell has always written with great honesty, exposure and vulnerability about her feelings surrounding love affairs. When I read that this time — the image, in so few words, so striking and complete — questions popped up rapid fire. Really, Joni? OK, let's say, really. Was it that way with every man you were with? Did you pick them for that? What effect might giving yourself over so completely have on a relationship? Could be cementing, could be destructive.

But then, the unanticipated thought those words never brought up before: maybe she created that feeling, independent of who was standing (or lying) there. Certainly the right chemistry has to exist but maybe Joni Mitchell has this extraordinary, special ability to create and feel epic passion and even epic love in moments more ordinary to ordinary mortals. And quite possibly, that is inextricably intertwined with her breathtaking songwriting gifts.

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Canadian marijuana imports OK'd by US for California study

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In a rare move, the U.S. government has approved the importation of marijuana extracts from Canada for a clinical trial, highlighting a new avenue for American researchers who have long had trouble obtaining the drug for medical studies.

The University of California San Diego's Center for Medicinal Cannabis Research announced Tuesday the Drug Enforcement Administration has OK'd its plans to import capsules containing two key cannabis compounds — CBD and THC — from British Columbia-based Tilray Inc. to study their effectiveness in treating tremors that afflict millions of people, especially those over 65.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, making it impossible for researchers to simply obtain forms of the drug from one of the many medical marijuana programs approved by individual states — even a state with a pot culture as prevalent as California's.

Instead, federal law dictates that researchers typically must obtain any weed for clinical trials through the National Institute on Drug Abuse, which uses cannabis grown at the University of Mississippi. Scientists have long complained about the difficulty of obtaining that marijuana, as well as its limited quality, variety and usefulness for clinical research.

The University of California San Diego researchers said they needed marijuana extracts in capsule form because it's easier to monitor the doses that patients receive, compared to having patients smoke or vaporize it. They also believed many older patients would be reluctant to participate in the study if they had to inhale the drug, according to Dr. Fatta Nahab, a UCSD neurologist and the tremor study's principal investigator.

NIDA doesn't offer capsules, so the researchers spent about two years going through regulatory hoops to obtain permission to import the drug from Canada, where medical marijuana is federally legal and where recreational sales begin nationwide next month.

Paul Armentano, deputy director of the marijuana law reform organization NORML, said that illustrates how badly American researchers need alternative sources for cannabis. The House Judiciary Committee last week passed a bill to require the Justice Department to issue at least two more licenses to U.S. facilities to grow pot for research.

"It's very telling that you have researchers in the U.S. willing to exert the patience and go through the regulatory hurdles to make this happen at the same time the United States has its own domestic supply source," Armentano said.

Marijuana compounds have been imported for clinical trials before, including by Britain-based GW Pharmaceuticals, which won approval this year to sell its purified CBD capsule, Epidiolex, to treat severe forms of epilepsy — the first cannabis drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. While GW Pharmaceuticals developed that drug in-house before bringing it to the U.S. for testing, Tilray, which recently became the first marijuana company to complete an initial public stock offering in the U.S., said it can work with researchers to develop the cannabis formulations they hope to study.

"It's a really big milestone for Tilray and also just for the whole industry," said Catherine Jacobson, Tilray's director of clinical research. "Researchers in the U.S. have really been limited to doing research using dried flower. We have been able to prove to the FDA that we can manufacture investigational study drugs containing cannabinoids that meet their standards."

Neither the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates clinical trials, nor the DEA had immediate details on how often the agencies have approved the import or use of foreign-made cannabis drugs in research, but DEA spokeswoman Katherine Pfaff said: "It is done. There are definitely situations where, when there's no source in the U.S., a registrant can import a cannabis-derived drug from another country."

The National Institute on Drug Abuse usually provides marijuana as bulk flower or joints to be vaporized or smoked, though it also can supply cannabis oil.

NIDA intends to expand how much marijuana the University of Mississippi grows for research. The agency's contract with the university provides for the possibility of offering cannabis capsules, but it has not yet done so, said Don Stanford, assistant director of the Research Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the university.

There is no drug designed to treat essential tremor, a shaking condition. Unlike Parkinson's disease, which causes shaking when someone is not moving, people with essential tremors shake when they are, making everyday activities like writing, drinking and speaking difficult. The condition afflicts 10 million people nationally and millions more across the globe, according to the International Essential Tremor Foundation.

Many patients try to control the shaking by repurposing other drugs, such as blood pressure medicine, with limited success.

Nahab said he started looking into whether marijuana could be used to treat essential tremor after two patients showed sudden improvement after smoking pot or consuming CBD purchased online.

The FDA application outlined the drug formula — a 20:1 ratio of CBD to THC, to minimize any high study participants might feel — as well as its purity, toxicity, shelf life and other details. Researchers also had to get safety approvals from the university and present their plans to a California research advisory panel.

The university hopes to have 16 to 20 patients in the study, which will begin early next year. Researchers will monitor the tremors with a device placed on the wrist and record changes in the severity of the shaking.

Tilray is providing the drug and limited financial support but said it will have no role in reviewing the study's results.

"Essential tremor is 10 times more common than Parkinson's and yet nobody really knows about essential tremor," Nahab said. "That we're finally getting to a potential therapeutic option in an area that is untapped is a big deal."

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ceedings" and evidence suggested Shekhter lied under oath. Forensic evidence showed Shekhter's son, Alan, searched Google for "secure wipe hard drive" and "how to avoid computer forensics" the morning the computers were to be searched.

"That same day, they executed the plan by removing a hard drive from Shekhter's home computer, replacing it with a new hard drive that looked similar to the old one after manipulating it by backdating the computer's clock to make files appear older than they were and then flooding it with more than 75,000 backdated files and folders. This resulted in the permanent loss of evidence and metadata," according to court documents.

"Mr. Shekhter has already acknowledged that he threw out his old computer," said Shekhter's attorney Skim Miller, of Miller Barondess, LLP. "He admitted it was a mistake. He shouldn't have done it."

Miller maintains Shekhter's claims regarding buy-back provisions in the joint venture have never actually been adjudicated. He plans to file a new complaint next week alleging AEW committed fraud.

"Then, we're going to unwind the sale," Miller said, regarding the Nov. 2016 sale of the properties for $407 million.

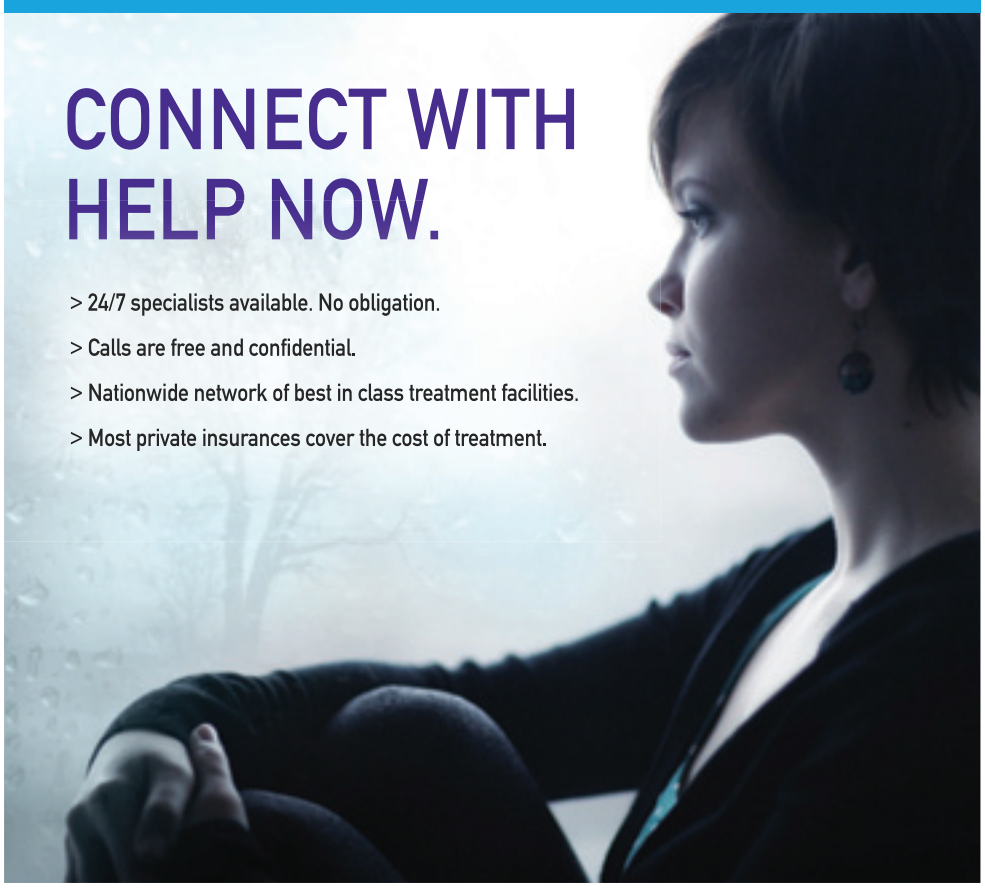
Attorneys for AEW said the Supreme Court's decision to deny NMS' petition for review represented a "huge victory," validating the prior decisions that allowed them to sell the properties and remove NMS as the property manager.

In the RICO case, AEW alleges Shekhter attempted to strike fear into AEW and potential buyers of the property of significant economic loss and protracted legal battles if they became involved in the venture.

The properties involved in the litigation include the Lido at 1440 5th Street, Quonset at 829 Broadway, Lincoln Walk at 1447 Lincoln Blvd, San Marco at 1420 5th Street, Rapallo at 1430 5th Street, Luxe Broadway at 1502 Broadway and 1511 15th Street. One other property is in Los Angeles: 9901 Washington Blvd, and another is in West Hollywood: Luxe La Cienega at 375 N. La Cienega Boulevard.

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ENDORSEMENTS

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three incumbents for City Council.

"The Coalition of Santa Monica City Employees is proud to endorse Councilmembers Sue Himmelrich, Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor for reelection to the Santa Monica City Council." said Micah Michalski, Coalition PAC President in the release, "Our slate of endorsed candidates have a proven record of standing up for Coalition member priorities, fighting to protect services that Santa Monica residents expect, and ensuring that Coalition members, especially those at the bottom end of the salary scale, are paid a fair wage in keeping with the great work they do for the City of Santa Monica. In addition, these Councilmembers have a vision for Santa Monica that is in tune with our own and we look forward to mounting an aggressive campaign in support of their election."

The Coalition PAC includes non-sworn employees in all City departments.

The glut of endorsements this week precedes endorsements from the Santa Monica Democratic Club that will occur on Sept. 20 and 26. Last week, Santa Monica Forward listed their endorsements backing McKeown, O'Connor and Morena for Council, Lieberman and Tahlvidaran-Jesswein for School Board and Greenstein, Jaffe, Roy and Snell for SMC Board. Forward opposed Prop 6, Measure SM and TL. They support County Measure W, Measure SMS and Measure RR.

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The district's sustainability efforts will additionally focus on areas including: water, solid waste, transportation, making buildings and their operations green, energy efficiency, education and engagement, and material procurement.

Santa Monica is currently in the final stage of a three-phase approach in making the district greener; phase one was engaging with stakeholders and the community, phase two was the process of reviewing current sustainability programs and creating more goals and strategies, and phase three is to develop and execute said goals and strategies. On December 13, the Sustainability Plan will return for discussion. Final approval of the plan will be scheduled in early 2019.

In addition to sustainability plan discussions, the board will also be updated on construction occurring throughout SMMUSD.

Construction updates on Samohi and Malibu modernization as well as JAMS field and gym, synthetic turf installation and roof restorations and more will be presented.

Another item to be discussed (only discussed, no action items on the Thursday agenda) will include a deep-dive update on district-wide academic performance. The data-driven presentation will analyze success and areas of improvement, looking at how students of different racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and English proficient subgroups perform.

Proposed revisions in the agenda will include prohibiting the collection of information in regards to a student or student's family member's citizenship or immigration status, reflecting law AB 699.

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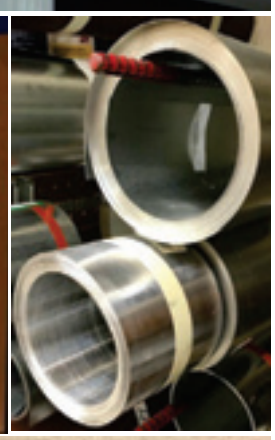
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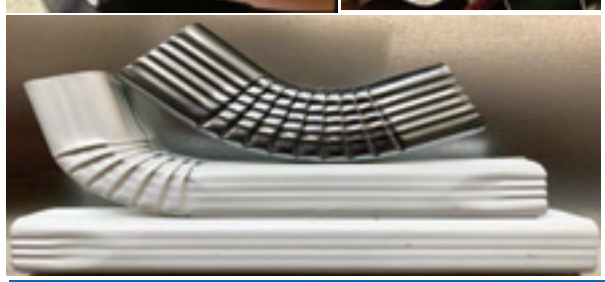


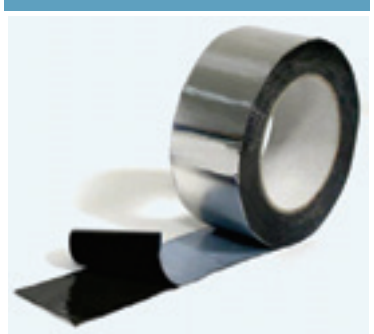


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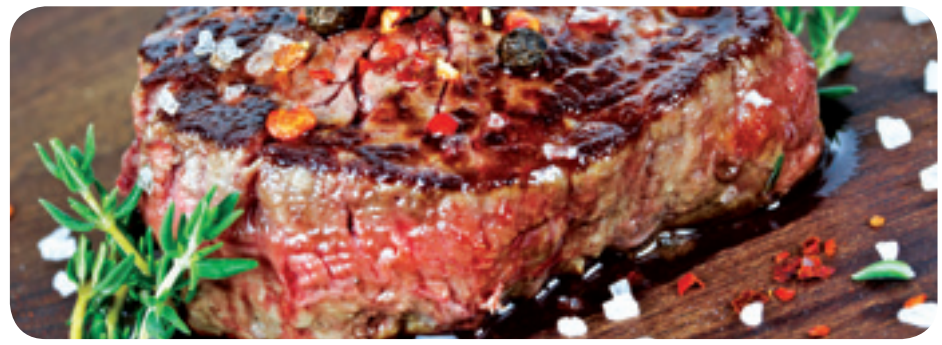






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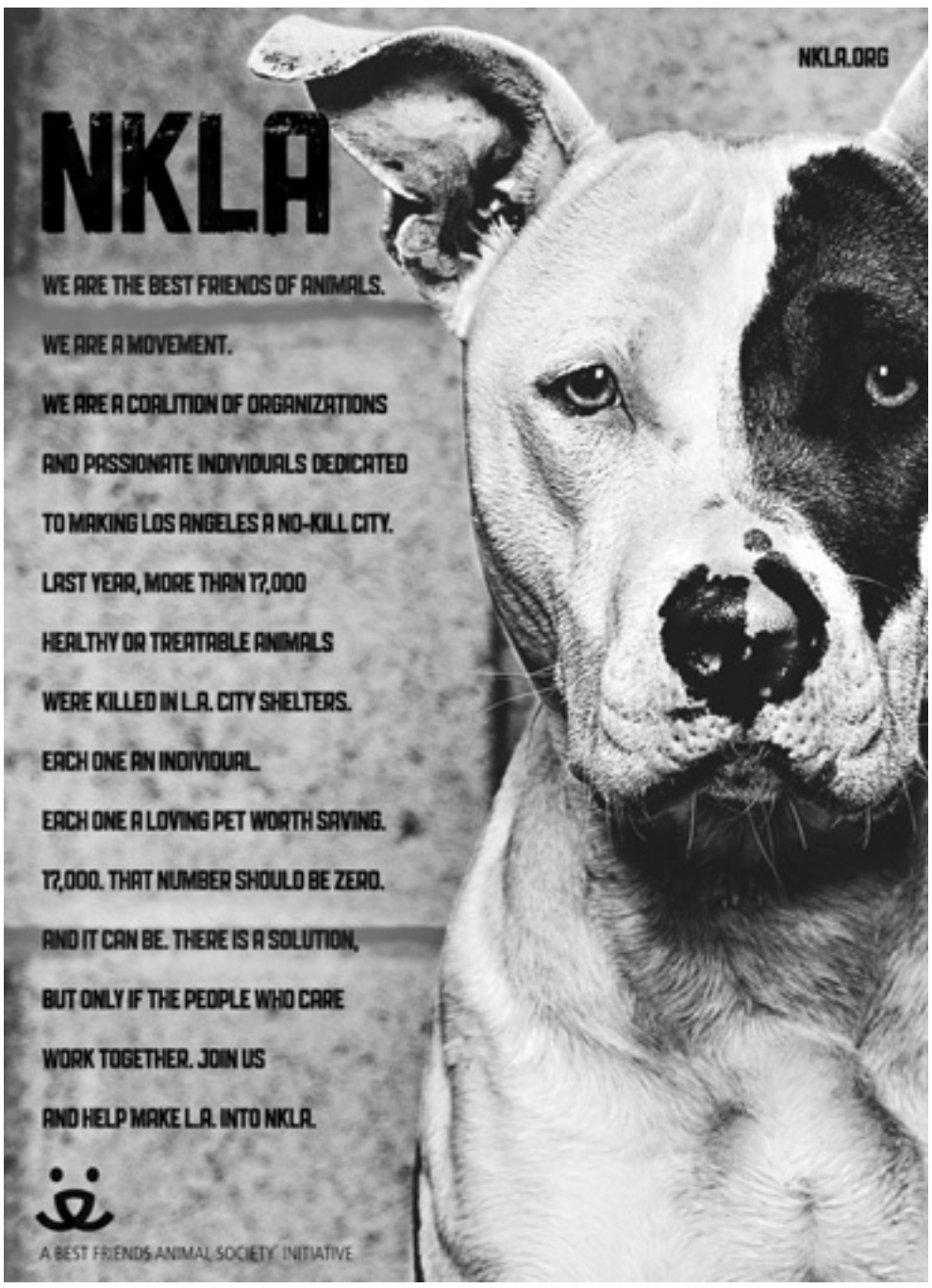


SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **70.3°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
S swell eases - larger sets for focal points through the western half of the region.
Potential NW windswell mixing in.

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** waist to stomach high
S swell eases - larger sets for focal points through the western half of the region.
Potential NW windswell mixing in.



CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SEPTEMBER 4, AT ABOUT 6:26 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the beach restrooms in the 1600 block of the beach regarding several subjects loitering, drinking alcohol and using drugs. Officers arrived and located several subjects in the immediate area. Officers determined several subjects were in violation of the camping municipal ordinance. One of the subjects was found to be in possession of a stolen bicycle and narcotics paraphernalia. Sebastian Silveira, 24, from Katy, TX was arrested for possession of narcotics paraphernalia and possession of stolen property. Bail was set at $1,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 422 Calls For Service On Sept. 17.

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

Indecent exposure 100 block Broadway 12:19 a.m.
Burglary 700 block Ocean 02:41 a.m.
Fight 2500 block Lincoln 03:47 a.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 700 block Broadway 03:52 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block Ocean 04:00 a.m.
Burglary 2300 block Santa Monica 04:41 a.m.
Illegal weapon 2800 block Ocean Front Walk 05:05 a.m.
Prowler 1200 block 17th 05:26 a.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block Lincoln 07 a.m.
Burglary 200 block Hill 08:17 a.m.
Vandalism 00 block Pico 08:20 a.m.
Domestic violence 1900 block 22nd 09 a.m.
Encampment 900 block Ozone 09:14 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block Pico 09:33 a.m.
Person w/gun 5th/Santa Monica 09:43 a.m.
Elder abuse 1400 block 17th 10:53 a.m.
Death investigation 1300 block Franklin 11:17 a.m.
Illegal weapon 1000 block Ozone 11:22 a.m.
Person down 300 block Santa Monica Pier 11:29 a.m.
Grand theft auto 300 block 4th 11:34 a.m.
Burglary 500 block Pier 11:43 a.m.
Grand theft auto 100 block Fraser 11:44 a.m.
Animal related incident 1100 block Chelsea 12:05 p.m.
Sexual assault 1900 block Pico 12:07 p.m.
Elder abuse 900 block 3rd 12:23 p.m.
Encampment 3100 block Frederick 12:41 p.m.
Lewd activity 1700 block Michigan 1:19 p.m.
Battery 1200 block Pacific Coast Hwy 1:33 p.m.
Burglary 1900 block Ocean 1:58 p.m.
Burglary 1200 block 6th 2:02 p.m.
Assault 2900 block Main 2:17 p.m.
Fight 1600 block Appian 2:21 p.m.
Encampment Ocean/Seaside 2:28 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block 11th 2:53 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2100 block Michigan 3:13 p.m.
Grand theft 32nd/Pearl 3:37 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon Ocean/Colorado 3:40 p.m.
Person down 300 block Santa Monica Pier 3:43 p.m.
Encampment 800 block Hill 4:07 p.m.
Elder abuse 500 block Olympic 4:17 p.m.
Person down 800 block Hill 4:21 p.m.
Grand theft auto 1500 block 7th 4:34 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block 20th 5:18 p.m.
Indecent exposure 800 block Wilshire 5:22 p.m.
Battery 6th/Broadway 5:57 p.m.
Burglary 1100 block 11th 6:09 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300 block Palisades Park 6:37 p.m.
Domestic violence 800 block 20th 7:03 p.m.
Burglary 2600 block Arizona 7:19 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery Neilson/Ocean Park 7:50 p.m.
Vandalism 400 block Colorado 8:14 p.m.
Armed robbery Euclid/Arizona 8:43 p.m.
Armed robbery 800 block 18th 9:32 p.m.
Auto burglary 200 block Pico 9:34 p.m.
Civil dispute 1600 block Lincoln 11:36 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 45 Calls For Service On Sept. 17.

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

Emergency medical service 1500 block 2nd 12:53 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 01:30 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000 block Main 01:44 a.m.
EMS 18th/Ocean Park 02:10 a.m.
EMS 1400 block 4th 02:19 a.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 02:22 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 4th/California 02:35 a.m.
EMS 700 block Ocean 04:06 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Oak 05:24 a.m.
EMS 700 block Ocean 06:37 a.m.
EMS 600 block 20th 06:42 a.m.
EMS 100 block Wilshire 07:59 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 3000 block Wilshire 09:18 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 09:35 a.m.
EMS 1700 block Cloverfield 09:40 a.m.
EMS Ocean/Santa Monica 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 11:16 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2200 block Colorado 11:25 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 15th 11:58 a.m.
EMS 1100 block Euclid 12:04 p.m.
EMS 2900 block 31st 12:32 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Franklin 12:48 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 2nd 12:52 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 3rd Prom 12:54 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 26th 3:18 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Oak 3:27 p.m.
EMS 19th/Wilshire 3:38 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Wilshire 3:39 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica 3:49 p.m.
EMS 1500 block San Vicente 3:51 p.m.
EMS 800 block Pacific 4:11 p.m.
EMS 7th/Pico 4:24 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 5:34 p.m.
EMS 2600 block Main 6:05 p.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 7:10 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 16th 7:40 p.m.
EMS 200 block San Vicente 8:50 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Kansas 8:59 p.m.
Odor of natural gas 200 block Santa Monica 9:23 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 9/15
2 18 19 24 34
Power#: 3
Jackpot: 163M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/14
23 30 40 43 66
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 252M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 9/15
17 20 28 34 39
Mega#: 27
Jackpot: 33M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/17
2 5 6 9 32

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/17
MIDDAY: 1 8 1
Draw Date: 9/17
EVENING: 5 5 3

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/17
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:44.50

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Body of Knowledge

■ In maximum ordinary breathing, the speed of air passing through the nose equals 10 feet per second, or Force 2 on the Beaufort wind scale, e.g., a light breeze.

Best Medicine

■ If diarrhea runs down only one leg, is it called monorrhea?

MYSTERY REVEALED

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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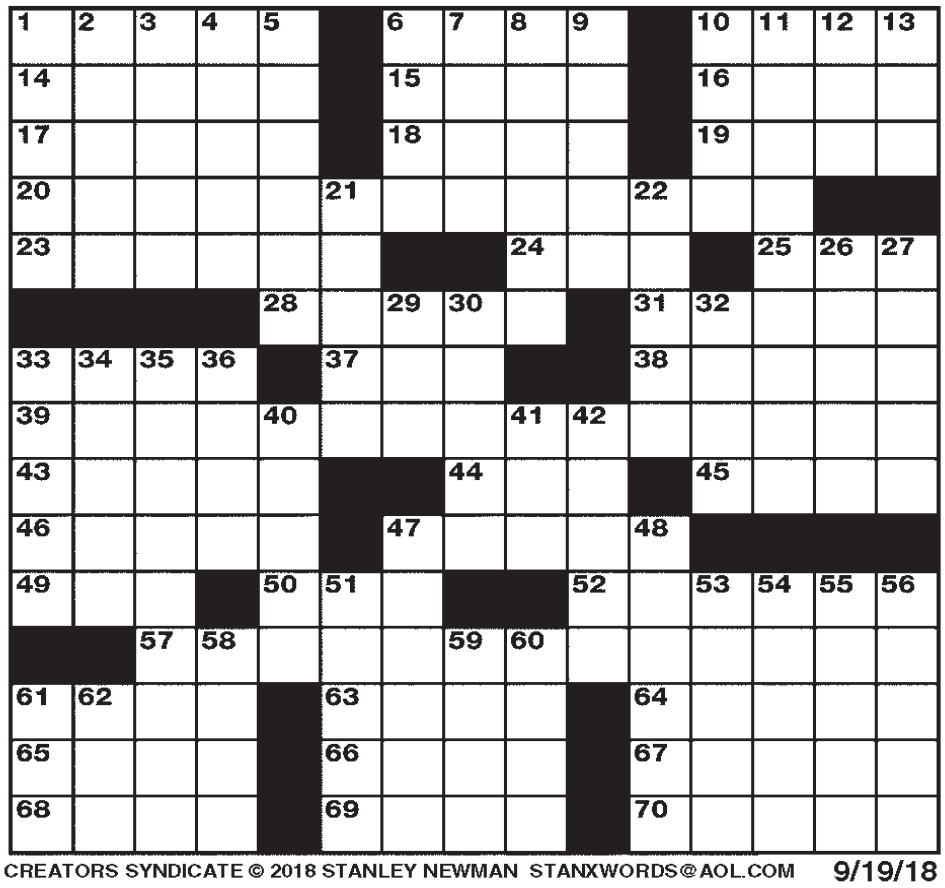
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Biblical song
6 Staircase surface
10 Urban air pollution
14 New Delhi's nation
15 Roman moon goddess
16 Hawaiian port
17 Appears to be
18 Not __ of roses (unpleasant)
19 Took advantage of
20 Authorization to take into custody
23 Auto's wheel guard
24 Hair stylist's goop
25 Once around the track
28 Smart-alecky
31 "If __ you . . ."
33 "The weekend at last!"
37 Purring pet
38 Relay-race stick
39 Classic Italian "farewell" song
43 Ship's freight
44 Scratch up
45 Lunch or brunch
46 Writer of praiseful poems
47 Camera lens setting
49 Full collection
50 New Haven collegian
52 Bent out of shape
57 Spanish chicken/rice dish
61 Pasta like penne
63 Industrial mogul
64 To no __ (in vain)
65 Verified an age, in a bar
66 "Sad to say . . ."
67 1983 Streisand film
68 Pea holders
69 Former *Tonight Show* host
70 Donkeys

DOWN
1 Mideast seasoned rice
2 Napper's noise
3 Decorate
4 Was fond of
5 Church services
6 Picnic side dish
7 Hefty horn
8 Pep
9 Military chaplain
10 Steer clear of
11 Christmas season decoration
12 World Cup cheer
13 Zeus or Athena
21 Vestige
22 Legal excuse
26 Scent
27 Of punishment
29 Feeling gloomy
30 Thin parts of goblets
32 Hotter than cold
33 Folded Mexican munchies
34 Part of GPA
35 Feeling annoyed
36 Mediterranean fruits
40 Ballot caster
41 Untrustworthy one
42 Royal headgear
47 Sputter out
48 Yellow tropical fruit
51 From the neighborhood
53 Wanders around
54 Blueprints
55 Upper-crust group
56 Action figures, essentially
58 Frees (of)
59 James of *The Godfather*
60 Roughly
61 Move swiftly
62 Oath affirmation



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 19)

This solar return, the excitement will be tinged in glamour. More highlights this year: You'll see the value in a discarded thing and take that insight to the bank. Someone younger will idolize you; this is a chance to make a remarkable difference in the world. And a debt will finally be repaid at the end of 2018. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 7, 27, 32 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Everything will get accomplished whether you hurry or not. If you doubt it, look to nature, which happens in its own time. The bee doesn't complain that one flower hasn't bloomed yet; it goes where the blossom is open.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
When what you want turns out to be impractical, the answer is not to accept defeat but rather to think bigger, stranger and bolder. Jupiter will favor those crazy enough to pursue a dream.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Other worlds are projected in glorious golden light on the movie screen of the mind, though beware; foreign places that seem charged with the magic of possibility may provide less promise than what you have back home.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You've been nice, sporting and polite. But now it's time to really go for what you want. Be assertive so the less qualified can be respectfully eliminated from the game, free to pursue more fitting positions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
The truth isn't yours to determine or discover today, so you don't even have to worry about it. To serve the well-being of all, focus instead on what is helpful or useful and what isn't.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Status quo may seem fine, but it won't be next week. Start looking for ways to expand your horizons. Professional organizations, classes and online research are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Once you put in the mirror time, dress appropriately and check in with your heart to make sure you're coming from the right place, you'll proceed without worrying what people think about you. That is why they like you so much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Many care. Fewer turn this into an action. You are ultimately the one who will be nurtured by your nurturing efforts. Jump in and involve yourself where it seems you have much to contribute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Among the treasure trove of insights by the great thinker Aristotle is the one in which he suggests that excellence is a habit. You know this instinctively, which is why you won't let the little things slide today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Not so easily impressed, you're extremely selective about whom you like and follow. It takes an exceptional individual to inspire you, and you'll encounter such an influence today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
It's safe to allow yourself to be seduced by the wonder of distances. Indeed, such an urge to explore has often been the savior of mankind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The attitude you bring to what you do definitely changes your feelings about the work, but not only yours. It's also a part of the experience of others, which will be well demonstrated this afternoon.

Dual Tone Day

The lunar influence suggests a day of two tones. Morning energy will support acting responsibly, paying respect, making nice noises to all the powers that be, duty, diligence and protocol. Evening energy will support socializing, whimsy, helping others, technological tinkering and highbrow humor.

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Strange Brew
By JOHN DEERING



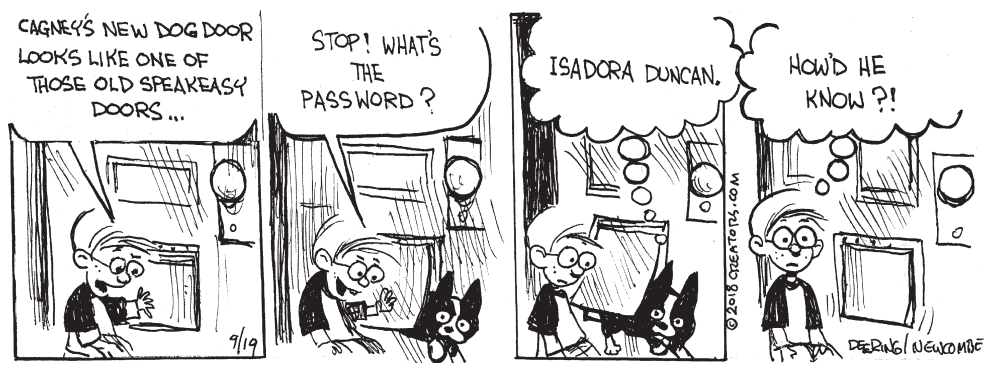
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Los Angeles takes step toward banning sale of fur products

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Associated Press

Los Angeles, one of the world's major fashion centers and long a symbol of glitz and glamour, is taking steps to ban the sale of new fur products, a move that would make it the largest city in the U.S. to do so.

A proposal to ban the sale of fur products advanced in the City Council on Tuesday. The council voted unanimously to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance that will prohibit the manufacture and sale of new fur products. The ordinance must be presented to the council at a future date for final approval.

"This is something that is not just a good legislative win, it's a moral win," Councilman Bob Blumenfield said. "We feel like we're evolving as a city as people to stop this kind of unnecessary cruelty."

The vote also directed the city attorney to report back to the council on several issues, including how fur apparel is utilized by religious organizations, and possible exemptions, as well as potential conflicts with federal and state laws relating to sale of fur products derived from legally trapped animals.

A ban would take effect two years after final approval of the ordinance.

The ban would cover apparel made in whole or in part of fur, including clothing, handbags, shoes, hats, earmuffs, jewelry and keychains. Only used fur products could be sold.

Councilmen Bob Blumenfield and Paul Koretz submitted the motion.

Blumenfield said there's no reason to wear fur in 2018. "Certainly not in sunny Los Angeles," he said.

"There's nothing humane about raising an animal and killing it for unnecessary vanity," Koretz said.

The effort to ban the sale of fur products in Los Angeles is part of a national movement, said Christina Sewell, campaign manager at People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

"Millions of these animals are killed in the fur industry every year, and we're just slowly chipping away at this progress here in the United States, and we won't stop until every city in the U.S. is completely fur free," Sewell said.

Neighboring West Hollywood along with Berkeley and San Francisco already have fur bans, although their ordinances differ in some specifics. West Hollywood's law was changed to exempt fur from animals that are legally trapped under state law.

Major fashion companies, including Michael Kors, Armani and Gucci, have also moved away from using fur. Earlier this month, Burberry said it would stop selling real fur.

Activists condemn the fur industry as inhumane, contending that the animals are subject to brutal conditions and meet torturous deaths. A number of celebrities, including actresses Maggie Q and Joanna Krupa, as well as No Doubt bassist Tony Kanal, joined the news conference outside of Los Angeles City Hall to support the ban before the unanimous vote.

Keith Kaplan, spokesman for the Fur Information Council of America, a trade group for manufacturers and fur merchants, denied the accusations and said the City Council motion is being put forward on the basis of "lies and false studies."

A fur ban in the city could have an economic impact, Kaplan said Monday.

"There's a lot of fur sold in LA. It's in over 500 designer collections, it's on shoes, it's on handbags," he said. "So yes, it will have an impact on jobs, it will have an impact on tax revenues."

Retail fur sales globally accounted for $35.8 billion, and the fur industry employed more than 1 million people in 2014, the latest year that figures were available from the industry, Kaplan said.

Koretz said the ban would clearly disrupt the industry, but the phase-out period will allow a smoother transition. "It's overdue, and we have to do it today, and I think we will set an example for the rest of the country and the rest of the world," he said.

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