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Coffee sold in California could carry cancer warning labels

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A future cup of coffee in California could give you jitters before you even take a sip.

A nonprofit group wants coffee manufacturers, distributors and retailers to post ominous warnings about a cancer-causing chemical stewing in every brew and has been presenting evidence in a Los Angeles courtroom to make its case.

The long-running lawsuit that resumed Monday claims Starbucks and about 90 other companies, including grocery stores and retail shops, failed to follow a state law requiring warning signs about hazardous chemicals found everywhere from household products to workplaces to the environment.

At the center of the dispute is acrylamide, a carcinogen found in cooked foods such as French fries that is also a natural byproduct of the coffee roasting process. The coffee industry has acknowledged the presence of the chemical but asserts it is at harmless levels and is outweighed by benefits from drinking coffee.

Although the case has been percolating in the courts since 2010, it has gotten little attention.

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Runway construction clear for take off

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

City leaders are promising a new, safer and shorter runway at Santa Monica Airport by the end of the year. In less than two weeks the City of Santa Monica will begin construction work to remove take off and landing space on both ends of the runway, according to an announcement from the City and a letter that went out to nearby residents. The letter claims construction will be finished by December 30.

The first phase of construction will begin Monday, Oct. 9 and run through Dec. 20. During that time the runway will be completely closed to aircraft every night from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., according to the letter written by Nelson Hernandez, Senior Advisor to the City Manager. The second phase will last ten days, where the runway will be completely closed.

City leaders entered into a controversial Consent Decree with the Federal Aviation Administration in January to put an end to a decades-long legal fight over which party effectively controlled SMO. City leaders say they plan to shut down the airport once they officially gain control over operations in 2028.

In the meantime, the Decree allows the City to remove about 1,500 feet of runway – a move that City leaders say will end business jet charter operations at SMO. A May report from airport planning firm Coffman Associates estimated the shortened runway will reduce jet operations by 44 percent, from around 16,300 flights per year to 9,000.

News of the impending construction plans have been met with skepticism by nearby homeowners, many of whom have been advocating the airport's closure for years and were disappointed with the compromises in the Consent Decree.

"Until it happens, it hasn't happened," Alan Levenson, founder of No Jets Santa Monica

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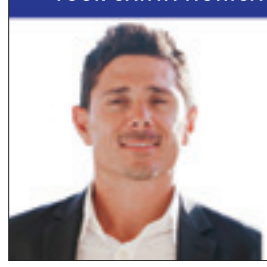


Matthew Hall

PET ADOPTIONS

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter came to the Main Library last week for a pet adoption event. The shelter brought cats and dogs in need of a new home while the Library provided pet themed crafts and a local author who has written books about pet ownership. Visit www.petharbor.com to see animals at the shelter.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, September 26

National Voter Registration Day

The City Clerk's Office is a proud partner and supporter of National Voter Registration Day. Community members may register at City Hall, 1685 Main St., all Santa Monica branch libraries, and online at smvote.org. Please also visit City Hall from 11 AM – 3 PM to test Los Angeles County's new voting system, and attend the 5:30 PM City Council meeting to watch the LA County Clerk's presentation to the Council on the future voting experience. For more info, call the City Clerk's Office at (310) 458-8211.

Banned Books Week Movie Screening: Fahrenheit 451 (1966)

Francois Truffaut directs this adaptation of Ray Bradbury's classic tale of an oppressive future world, where firemen burn books and the state suppresses learning. Starring Oskar Werner and Julie Christie. (112 min.) Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 5:30 p.m.

Mini Makers: Leaf Art

Make art using our favorite fall medium: Leaves! Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 27

Movie Screening: Beatriz at Dinner

A holistic medicine practitioner attends a wealthy client's dinner party after her car breaks down. Starring Salma Hayek and John Lithgow. (83 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Chasing Coral Film Screening

From the director of Chasing Ice comes an epic adventure to capture our changing oceans. A Panel discussion moderated by Joel Cesare, Sustainable Building Advisor, City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment and Vice-Chair Surfrider Foundation, Los Angeles Chapter will follow the screening. The panel will include; Zackery Rago, Youth Outreach Manager for Exposure Labs' Chasing Coral Impact Campaign who is featured in the film and Tom Ford, Executive Director Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program.
This event is free! Please reserve your seats at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chasing-coral-film-screening-tickets-36766268900. The Aero Theater, 1328 Montana Ave. 7 – 10 p.m.

Fairview Teen Advisory Group

Are you looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group and help improve teen services at the library! You can earn community service credit for participating. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 28

Santa Monica Democratic Club meeting

In honor of Back to School month, They're hosting a meeting devoted to the future of Pre-K-through-12 education in California.The panel will include SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati, State senator and former SMMUSD boardmember Ben Allen and 2018 Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction and Former CEO of Partnership for LA Schools Marshall Tuck. McKinley Elementary School cafeteria, 2401 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 9 p.m. Free

Free Yachting Presentation

Join fellow boaters and Yachting enthusiasts for an informative discussion and presentation by Tom Ehman, Founder, Publisher and Editor of SAILING ILLUSTRATED at 7 p.m. in The Fireside Room of The California Yacht Club, Marina del Rey. Tom will provide insight into what's happening with Yacht racing and what's going on down under for the America's Cup #36. Reservations appreciated at reservations@calyachtclub.net. California Yacht Club, 4469 Admiralty Way – Marina del Rey. Call (310) 823-4567 for more information.

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GOP, White House eye deep cuts to corporate tax rate

BY MARCY GORDON & KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

The White House and congressional Republicans are finalizing a tax plan that would slash the corporate rate while likely reducing the levy for the wealthiest Americans, with President Donald Trump ready to roll out the policy proposal at midweek.

The grand plan to rewrite the nation's tax code would be the first major overhaul in three decades, delivering on a Trump campaign pledge and providing a sorely needed legislative achievement. It also is expected to eliminate or reduce some tax breaks and deductions.

The plan would likely cut the tax rate for the wealthiest Americans, now at 39.6 percent, to 35 percent, people familiar with the plan said Monday. They spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of a formal announcement.

In addition, the top tax for corporations would be reduced to around 20 percent from the current 35 percent, they said. It will seek to simply the tax system by reducing the number of income tax brackets from seven to three.

Trump has said he wanted to see a 15 percent rate for corporations, but House Speaker Paul Ryan has called that impractically low and risking adding to the soaring $20 trillion national debt.

The White House and congressional leaders planned an all-out blitz later this week to build support for the plan, which is now Trump's top legislative priority as the GOP has struggled to repeal and replace Democrat Barack Obama's health care law. The political stakes are high for Trump, who has promised to bring 3 percent economic growth and expanded jobs through tax cuts.

Vice President Mike Pence was expected to hold events in Michigan and Wisconsin on Thursday to promote the tax plan with business leaders.

The plan being assembled lays out "pro-growth tax reform," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, head of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, told reporters on Capitol Hill. It will fix a tax code that is "so complex, so costly and so unfair," he said.

Details will be filled in later by the committee, and legislation will be put forward after the House and Senate enact their budget frameworks, Brady said.

Republicans are divided over the potential elimination of some of the deductions, underscoring the difficulty of overhauling the tax code even with GOP control of the House and Senate.

House Republicans planned to hold a Wednesday retreat at Fort McNair, Maryland, a few miles from the White House, to discuss the proposal, with briefings led by Brady and Rep. Peter Roskam, R-Ill.

Trump planned to address the plan in a speech the same day at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis. Cabinet members and other top administration officials were fanning out on Thursday to talk about the benefits of overhauling the tax system.

"The tax reform I think is very critical and he knows that," said Christopher Ruddy, the CEO of NewsMax and a longtime Trump friend. "And that's why he'll push really hard for it. But he's got something big going for him here. The Republicans need to run on something next year and it's tax cuts. So even if they don't want to be particularly helpful to him, I think they're going to give him this. If he has the tax cuts signed, I think it's going to be very helpful for him."

Touching with his conservative base, Trump planned to discuss the tax plan at dinner Monday night with representatives of several conservative, religious and anti-abortion groups.

Outside Republican groups and business interests are also planning a major push to advocate for the tax framework.

Corry Bliss, the executive director of the American Action Network, a conservative advocacy group, said it planned to spend $12 million — atop the $8 million it spent laying the groundwork for the tax overhaul — to help win passage of the plan.

"There's an understanding among outside groups, among members, among Republicans across the country that there is a desperate need to cut middle-class taxes," Bliss said, noting "excitement and relief" among outside groups that it was "finally time" to push the tax package in Congress.

Republicans control Congress but they are split on some core tax issues. They're in agreement on wanting to cut tax rates and simplify the byzantine tax system but they're divided over whether to add to the government's ballooning debt with tax cuts. The GOP also is at odds over eliminating the federal deduction for state and local taxes.

That deduction is prominently in the sights of the plan's architects. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin says the administration wants to eliminate or reduce it because the federal government shouldn't be subsidizing states and wealthy households. Nearly 44 million people claimed the deduction for state and local taxes in 2014, according to the most recent IRS tally, especially in the high-tax, high-income states of California, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

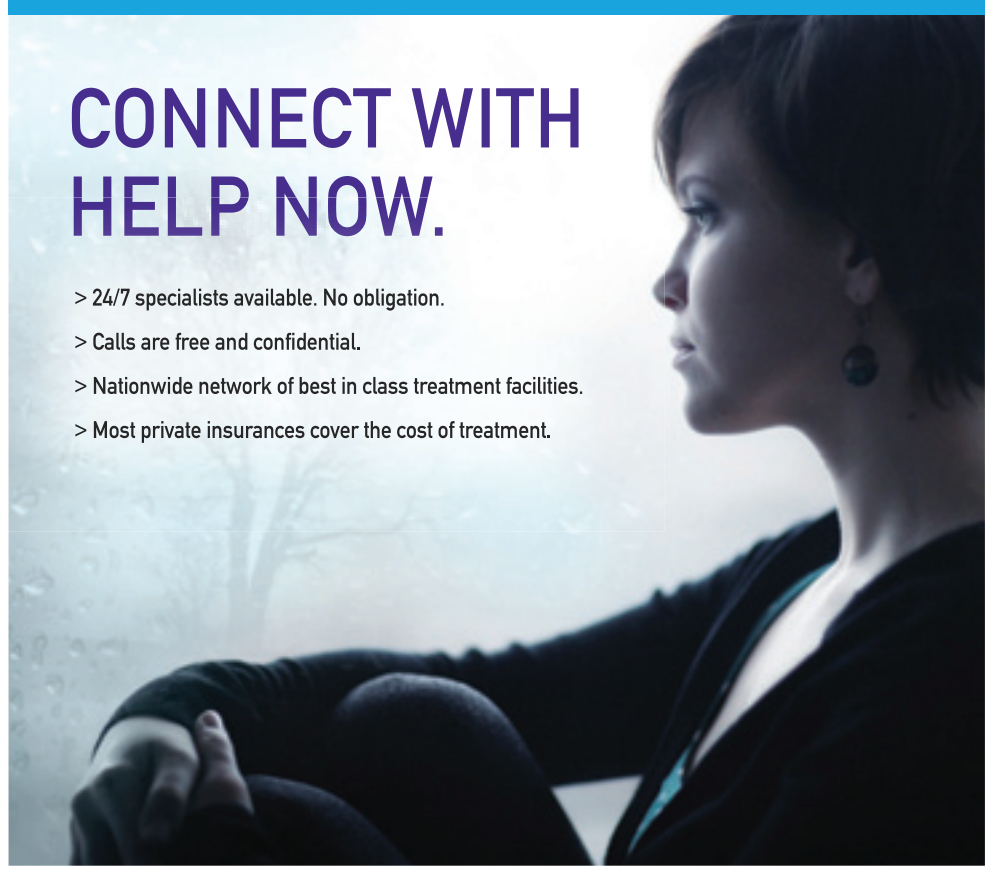
Politics figure heavily. There are a host of GOP lawmakers in those four Democratic-controlled "blue" states — including prominent members like House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California. A number of them are pushing back.

Regardless of what the administration and the House GOP come up with on taxes, Sen. Orrin Hatch, the Utah Republican who heads the tax-writing Senate Finance Committee, has warned that his panel won't be "a rubber stamp" for the plan.

Republican senators on opposing sides of the deficit debate have tentatively agreed on a plan for $1.5 trillion in tax cuts. That would add substantially to the debt and would enable deeper cuts to tax rates than would be allowed if Republicans followed through on earlier promises that their tax overhaul wouldn't add to the budget deficit. That would mark an about-face for top congressional Republicans like Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who had for months promised it wouldn't add to the deficit.

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Breaking the silence about domestic abuse in the LGBT community

NEXT MONTH IS NATIONAL DOMESTIC Violence Awareness month but the I-Love Me Foundation is starting early with the Breaking the Silence Awards this past weekend. The foundation says it "is the leading national organization providing resources of education, empowerment & advocacy to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning or non-gender conforming survivors of Sexual & Domestic Abuse." Founded in 2015 by abuse survivor Robert Harrell, the foundation hosted an annual awards luncheon attended by Leeza Gibbons, Angel Colon (Pulse Orlando survivor), Brad Sears, and a host of other notables.

The Pink Carpet opened at 12:30 with a strong press presence, I was in the mix, but stepped back to get away from the mad crush of media shouting questions at the celebrities, and wannabe celebrities who were making their way down the 20-foot carpet.

As I stepped back I found myself next to a woman in a peach colored summer outfit who was "wearing it for the last time this year!" Her name is Kirsty Spraggon and she had quite a story. I asked how she found the event, she said, "I got an email so I must be on a list somewhere. I speak professionally about ending shame and stigma so that's the connection I imagine."

Turns out we have more than a few things in common. She is a motivational speaker and has an online show. Her topics are perfectly meshed with some of the projects I've been working on about male survivors of abuse and I can see how she would be a great presenter at the SCRIPT conference that I help with each year downtown to end the stigma of male sexual abuse and trauma.

We're both members of the National Speaker's Association (NSA) and we both see how society "doesn't really understand the damage that shame and stigma cause. It increases addiction, violence, bullying and abusive relationships. By releasing shame and stigma, people benefit from a sense of personal acceptance. Events like this one are so important because when high profile people use their platform to share their truth, we all benefit" said Spraggon.

The I-Love Me Foundation was founded by child abuse survivor Robert Harrell who recognized that there is a lack of resources for abuse survivors, especially in the LGBTQI community. He said he wanted to "to address sexual and domestic abuse in the LGBT community."

Bringing awareness to this vital topic is important because the biggest problem most families face is the crushing silence. Those of us who grew up with abuse in our households know all too well the lesson of "Don't tell the neighbors what goes on in the house." It never occurs to the abusive parents that if they weren't doing anything wrong, there wouldn't be anything to "not tell."

The gay media was out in force for the OUT magazine sponsored event which honored Brad Sears for his efforts with the Williams Institute at UCLA. Former West Hollywood mayor Abbe Land was also honored for her contributions to the cause of equality and visibility.

Proposition 8 Plaintiff couple Paul Katami and Jeff Zarillo were in attendance and leading by example in their advocacy of equality in the modern age. YouTube celebrity James Wright Chanel was there in the most fabulous cape. He was out to support the cause because there was a "point in time when I didn't want to break the silence. And I didn't want to speak to anyone and tell anyone what was going on with me. It's an amazing gift to be there for people that are scared to break the silence, and have their back. To let them know that no matter what you're facing, there's always somebody there that's been through what you've been through."

Sitting under that giant Moreton Bay Fig in the driveway of the Fairmont Miramar, with all these wonderful people who are out to support other was a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

October is a busy month for domestic violence awareness but please also remember that October 11 is also National Coming Out day, so if you're on the fence about when to come out, or if you should, there are many of us who will be there to support you. Feel free to call me if you want to find some support, or reach out to the I-Love Me Foundation at www.i-loveme.org.

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Stand for the flag

Editor:

I just watched the first half-hour of The NFL Today in which they discussed President Trump's recent gross comments about pro teams' response to the playing of the National Anthem.

I grew up in Charleston, SC, played football for ten years beginning at age ten, have the missing teeth and bad knees from it and I am still glad I played. I also spent almost four years in the Army of the UNITED States of America, including one tour in Viet Nam, and served as a Survivor Assistance Officer for military dead. For almost a decade I protested successfully for restrictions on the display of the Confederate flag at U.S. National cemeteries.

I strongly support Freedom of Speech and lawful, public demonstrations. I did not vote for or support Donald Trump for President. And like it or not, agree with him or not, whether his behavior reflects well on the Presidency or not, Donald Trump is still OUR President for the next 173 weeks.

Having written all of the above, I firmly support the proper respect for OUR National Anthem and OUR American Flag. As Americans everyone has the right and responsibility to express their political views in whichever manner they feel appropriate but protest not on the playing field or court while wearing your teams' uniforms. Jim Brown, Hall of Famer and best running back in the history of the NFL, said it best, "I'm an American. I don't desecrate my flag and my national anthem. I'm not gonna do anything against the flag and national anthem. I'm going to work within those situations. But this is my country, and I'll work out the problems, but I'll do it in an intelligent manner."

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A verdict in favor of the little-known Council for Education and Research on Toxics could send a jolt through the industry with astronomical penalties possible and it could wake up a lot of consumers, though it's unclear what effect it would have on coffee-drinking habits.

The lawyer taking on Big Coffee said the larger goal is to motivate the industry to remove the chemical from coffee, which would also benefit his own three-cup-a-day fix.

"I'm addicted — like two-thirds of the population," attorney Raphael Metzger said. "I would like the industry to get acrylamide out of the coffee so my addiction doesn't force me to ingest it."

Under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, passed by voters as Proposition 65 in 1986, private citizens, advocacy groups and attorneys can sue on behalf of the state and collect a portion of civil penalties.

Metzger represented the council in a case later taken up by the state attorney general that resulted in potato-chip makers agreeing in 2008 to pay $3 million and remove acrylamide from their product.

The law has been roundly criticized for abuses by lawyers shaking down businesses for quick settlements but is also credited with reducing chemicals known to cause cancer and birth defects, such as lead in hair dyes, mercury in nasal sprays and arsenic in bottled water.

But warnings, which can be startling on first encounter, have been less effective due to sometimes inconspicuous placement or vague language. Drivers everywhere appear to prioritize parking in a garage over warnings such as, "This area contains chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects and other reproductive harm."

The state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment adopted new regulations last year that will require more specific warnings that list the chemical consumers may be exposed to and list a website with more information. Parking garages, for example, will have to post that breathing air there exposes drivers to carbon monoxide and gas and diesel exhaust and warns people not to linger longer than necessary.

"The intent is not to scare people," said Allan Hirsch, chief deputy of the office. "The intention is to help people make more informed decisions. If you continue to buy a product that will expose you to a chemical, that's OK as long as you're informed."

Many of the coffee defendants have already posted warnings that specifically say California has determined acrylamide is among chemicals that cause cancer and attorneys have stated others, from mega-chains to mom-and-pop operations, will follow suit if the judge rules against them.

Metzger said many of those warnings often appear after the point of sale or where cream and sugar is provided, which offers no warning to someone drinking black coffee.

Coffee companies lost a first round in the case two years ago and are now presenting their last defense.

Defense lawyers declined to comment on the case but asserted in court that they should prevail under an exemption for chemicals that result naturally from cooking necessary for palatability or to avoid microbiological contamination.

"It is hard to imagine a product that could satisfy this exemption if coffee does not," defense attorney James Schurz said in court papers. "The answer to the question of whether Proposition 65 requires coffee to carry a cancer warning must be an emphatic 'No.'"

In the first phase, Superior Court Judge Elihu Berle said the defense failed to present enough credible evidence to show there was no significant risk posed by acrylamide in coffee. The law puts the burden on the defense to show that the level of the chemical won't result in one excess case of cancer for every 100,000 people exposed. Berle said the epidemiology studies they presented were inadequate to evaluate that risk.

Civil penalties could come to $2,500 per person exposed each day. With penalties reaching back eight years that could ring up an astronomical bill in a state with close to 40 million residents, though such a massive figure is very unlikely.

Starbucks Corp., the lead defendant, would not comment on the case. Its latest quarterly report said it's not "party to any legal proceeding that management believes could have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows."

Two of the defendants have settled in the past month and agreed to post warnings. BP West Coast Products, which operates gas station convenience stores, agreed to pay $675,000. Yum Yum Donuts Inc. agreed to pay nearly $250,000.







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AIRPORT

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Airport, said of the construction plans over the phone Monday. Levenson believes the shorter runway may shift the type of aircraft taking off at SMO but he worries advances in aviation, as well as charter jet sharing services, will keep the runway busy. "The claim of 44 percent is a hopeful figure but it's not proven," he said.

Levenson and his neighbors advocating for SMO's closure would like to see an environmental study done on the effects of the airport on air quality in the nearby neighborhood. Because the existing runway will be reutilized as part of the construction, the City says the project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In addition to reduced noise and air pollution, Hernandez says the work will "create six new taxiways within the already utilized and paved areas of the Airport at regular spacing along the re-aligned 3,500-feet runway, providing improved safety for arriving aircraft that overrun the end of the runway; and bring the runway into compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration safety standards."

The construction comes as pilot groups, including the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) continue to fight in the hopes of keeping the airport open indefinitely. The NBAA has challenged the legality of the "highly unusual agreement," arguing that the closed-door compromise violates mandatory statutory requirements – including a requirement for public notice and input.

"The Agreement should be invalidated and vacated, because it is arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with law," reads a recent brief filed by the NBAA with the U.S. Court of Appeals. Pilot groups argue restricted access to SMO will burden nearby airports.

"By allowing 'local control' driven by a vocal minority, with complete disregard for system-wide impacts, the loss of this critical reliever airport shifts the burden of accommodating air traffic to other area airports and has a major negative impact on area residents, businesses and general aviation and the flying public," NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen said.

The Circuit Court denied the NBAA's motion to halt construction until the court can review the settlement. The legal battle is only one route aviation groups have used to fight the eventual closure of SMO. Earlier this month, U.S. Rep Ralph Abraham (R-Louisiana), a pilot, introduced an amendment to an appropriations bill that would have stripped federal funding from enforcing the Decree. The amendment was blocked.

The City has approved a park expansion for 12-acres of land adjacent to the airport as part of the on-going saga to transform SMO. Construction plans for the park include synthetic turf sports fields, 60 community gardens and natural landscaping. Half of the land reopened to the public this summer after staff cleaned debris from former airport parking spaces, removed reflectors and plane tie-downs.

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **67.5°**

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **0 ft** knee to chest high
Flat occ. 2ft

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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ON SEPTEMBER 12

Officers saw a suspicious vehicle with no plates parked in the parking lot of the Pavillion's Motel – 2338 Ocean Park Blvd. Officers noticed the ignition appeared to be tampered with and conducted a check of the VIN. The car was reported stolen out of Riverside County with a description of the suspect. Officers monitored the car and noticed a female walking towards the car. The female matched the suspect description of the suspect. The female saw the officers and walked away from the car. Officers detained the suspect. The suspect was evasive with providing any identifiable information. The suspect then ran from officers and was taken into custody a short distance away. Officers learned the suspect was wanted for theft of the vehicle under investigation and an additional warrant for theft. Vallerie Lupe Encinas, 28, from Moreno Valley, was arrested for grand theft auto, resisting arrest and false ID to Police Officer. Bail was set at $35,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 374 calls for service on Sept. 24.

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

Traffic collision Ocean/Wilshire 12:16 a.m.
Drunk driving Ocean/Hollister 12:32 a.m.
Speeding 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 1:12 a.m.
Traffic collision 2700 block Washington 2:18 a.m.
Sexual assault 200 block Bicknell 2:34 a.m.
Speeding 11th/Wilshire 2:42 a.m.
Traffic collision 100 block Interstate 10 5:14 a.m.
Lewd activity Harvard/Wilshire 8:25 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 800 block 18th 8:40 a.m.
Assault w/deadly 4th/Colorado 8:45 a.m.
Petty theft 1500 block Ocean 10:00 a.m.
Encampment Lincoln/Strand 10:07 a.m.
Panhandling 1400 block Wilshire 10:07 a.m.
Hit and run 4th/Pier 10:18 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block 5th 10:34 a.m.
Drunk driving Neilson/Bay 10:38 a.m.
Battery 1700 block Cloverfield 10:41 a.m.
Fight 1800 block Lincoln 10:54 a.m.
Traffic collision 4th/Olympic 11:08 a.m.
Construction noise 1400 block 11th 11:12 a.m.
Fight 600 block Santa Monica 11:19 a.m.
Auto burglary 400 block Adelaide 11:39 a.m.
Grand theft 1800 block 10th 11:58 a.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Marine 12:02 p.m.
Theft suspect 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 12:06 p.m.
Encampment 800 block Bay 12:09 p.m.
Petty theft 200 block Santa Monica Pier 12:12 p.m.
Lewd activity 2500 block Main 12:25 p.m.
Indecent exposure Ocean/Colorado 12:29 p.m.
Armed robbery 1400 block Lincoln 12:45 p.m.
Traffic collision 26th/Santa Monica 1:09 p.m.
Hit and run 1400 block 2nd 1:17 p.m.
Vandalism 1000 block Bay 1:23 p.m.
Petty theft 900 block 21st 1:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 20th 1:41 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 2:11 p.m.
Bike theft 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 2:15 p.m.
Vandalism 1600 block Santa Monica 2:24 p.m.
Fight 600 block Santa Monica 2:38 p.m.
Drunk driving 2300 block 4th 2:43 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln/Grant 3:08 p.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block Arizona 3:19 p.m.
Petty theft Barnard/Ocean Park 3:43 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 3:48 p.m.
Fraud 300 block Marguerita 4:21 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1800 block 7th 5:05 p.m.
Traffic collision 4th/Pico 5:11 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Santa Monica Pl 5:17 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1700 block Lincoln 5:17 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 5:41 p.m.
Stalking 800 block Santa Monica 5:49 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 5:52 p.m.
Drunk driving 1000 block Wilshire 6:41 p.m.
Petty theft 300 block Broadway 6:53 p.m.
Speeding 16th/Ocean Park 7:22 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 800 block California 7:39 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 7:42 p.m.
Hit and run 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 7:44 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 1600 block Ocean 7:53 p.m.
Grand theft 900 block 20th 7:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block Pacific Coast Hwy 8:11 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1800 block Ocean 8:32 p.m.
Battery 300 block Colorado 8:49 p.m.
Drunk driving 3rd Street Prom/Broadway 9:06 p.m.
Counterfeit money 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 9:08 p.m.
Encampment 1000 block Colorado 9:09 p.m.
Vandalism 17th/Arizona 9:16 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 21 calls for service on Sept. 24.

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

EMS 1500 block 6th 12:51 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Main 2:48 a.m.
EMS 100 block Interstate 10 Fwy 5:05 a.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 5:25 a.m.
EMS 1400 block Palisades 6:50 a.m.
Flooded condition 300 block Wilshire 7:01 a.m.
EMS 14th / Pico 7:07 a.m.
EMS 300 block Olympic 7:39 a.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 8:22 a.m.
EMS 4th / Olympic 8:24 a.m.
EMS 700 block Adelaide Pl 8:52 a.m.
EMS 1500 block 4th 9:41 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Ocean Front Walk 11:32 a.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 2:39 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pl 3:25 p.m.
EMS 300 block Santa Monica Pier 4:47 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 5:03 p.m.
EMS 2500 block Georgina 5:21 p.m.
EMS 800 block Santa Monica 6:48 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block 15th 9:31 p.m.
EMS 1300 block Santa Monica 9:39 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
Draw Date: 9/23
24 45 55 56 57
Power#: 19
Jackpot: 66M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/22
5 39 54 63 66
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: 15M

Super Lotto
Draw Date: 9/23
4 6 8 13 46
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 17M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/24
13 16 21 24 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/24
MIDDAY: 1 3 8
Draw Date: 9/24
EVENING: 4 2 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/24
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:48.35

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WORD UP!

monticule

1. a small mountain, hill, or mound.
2. a subordinate volcanic cone.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Medical History

■ This week in 1903, inventor extraordinaire Thomas Edison weighed in on the potential of new-fangled X-rays. He wasn't a fan. In a front-page story in the New York World, under the headline "Edison Fears Hidden Perils of the X-rays," he recounted a history of injuries to his lab employees caused by X-rays, including cancers and vision damage. It was enough to persuade him to abandon his own research on x-rays and other radioactive materials. "I am afraid of radium and polonium too, and I don't want to monkey with them."

Phobia of the Week

■ Phalacrophobia: Fear of becoming bald

MYSTERY PHOTO

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The first person who can correctly identify where this image was captured wins a prize from the Santa Monica Daily Press. Send answers to *editor@smdp.com*.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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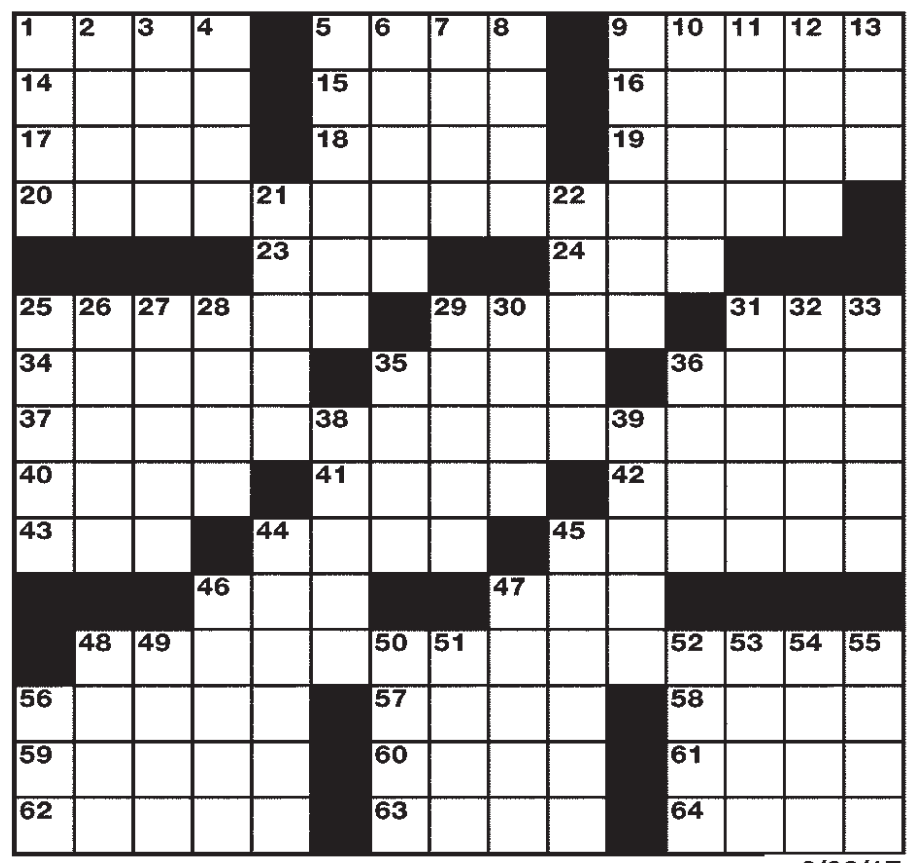
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Newsday Crossword

FALL IS HERE by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Potato, informally
5 The latest events
9 Informal eateries
14 Short memo
15 A Great Lake
16 "Humble" home
17 Word-of-mouth
18 Toward sunrise
19 Red cosmetic
20 Fall __ (get delayed)
23 Suffix meaning "resident"
24 Allow
25 "We've been approved"
29 Settled a debt
31 "Steady as __ goes"
34 Canine, slangily
35 Religious group
36 Horse-stopping shout
37 Fall __ (break into pieces)
40 Play a trick on
41 Low-calorie, on labels
42 Native American tent
43 Secret agent
44 "Quite contrary" girl of rhyme
45 Motorcyclists
46 Border of a cup
47 Metallic rock
48 Fall __ (make an embarrassing error)
56 Everest or Rushmore
57 Largest continent
58 Wrinkle-removing appliance
59 Sudden burst of electricity
60 Walk wearily
61 Peruse
62 Color of lettuce
63 Dad's boys
64 Small rugs

DOWN
1 Snooty person
2 Skin opening
3 Great Salt Lake state
4 Sandwich shop
5 Must
6 Clear a blackboard
7 Milwaukee's state: Abbr.
8 Eve's third child
9 Checked the ID of
10 Approximately
11 Out of bounds, in baseball
12 Outer boundary
13 Look at
21 Period after sunset
22 Privileged group
25 Apple tablet computers
26 Fill fully, as a gas tank
27 Covered with suds
28 Land measure
29 Small-minded
30 Soreness from overexertion
31 In good __ (physically fit)
32 Base-clearing hit
33 Facilitates
35 Mix with a spoon
36 Row on a wall calendar
38 San Antonio attraction
39 Pigpens
44 Tot's hand warmer
45 Pumpernickels and ryes
46 Cooking appliance
47 Pungent burger topping
48 Singers in a quartet
49 Entice
50 Short snoozes
51 Capital of Norway
52 Not squishy, as a mattress
53 Neighborhood
54 Layer of paint
55 Concludes
56 Flavor enhancer letters



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The New Look of Breeze

Have you noticed something different about our Breeze bikes? A bit more color rolling around the city?

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1. Take a photo on a Breeze Bike with the new Hulu design and post it on Instagram.
2. Tag us (@breezebikeshare) and one friend (@friend) in your photo, and tell us what you love about Breeze!
3. Share your photo on Facebook and Twitter and receive two extra entries!

We will be randomly selecting the winner on Sunday, October 1. The draw closes at 12:00pm and we will be announcing the winner on Instagram at 1:00pm! Get out there and snap some pics with our new design!

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TRANSPORTATION TUESDAYS



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 26)

There are people whose lives get better because of what you contribute this year, and that is among the most satisfying of feelings. The last part of 2017 focuses on honing your talents and economizing your life. There's a burst of happy love at the beginning of 2018. Exciting, glamorous events punctuate your calendar. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 7, 20, 19 and 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
In some ways you feel like you're finally getting the respect you deserve, and in other ways it feels like too little too late. Why isn't this enough? That's a valid question. Perhaps the attention is coming from the wrong person.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Pushing won't make things happen any faster. Back off instead: That might work. Certainly people will want to rush to you when you give them a compelling enough reason and then leave the right amount of space between you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You can't help but be curious, and your compassion makes it difficult for you to shut a door once it's ajar, therefore people will open up to you whether you want them to or not.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
The fact-finding part of your mission could go on longer, but the law of diminishing returns would apply. You have all of the information you need to make your decision.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Whatever game you choose to play, you'll be good for the game. Your high level of sportsmanship will bring out the best in your opponents. You're especially well-matched with Sagittarius and Aries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your point of view isn't wrong, though it may seem a little stale today. You've seen things from this angle for too long. Spin the globe. When it comes to worldviews, all reference points are relative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Because you put care into the little things, people will trust you with the big things. From dressing yourself to presenting big projects, attention to detail is what will make the difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Wrap up those loose ends, because a new chapter is opening up for you very soon. You're about to meet someone who will help you do the very thing you've wanted to for so long but never had the opportunity to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Smiles improve moods. Even fake ones. So does sunshine. So do hugs. The things that make you feel happier may seem corny to you, but don't let that stop you from trying them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You appreciate agreeable people, but you're more likely to trust those who disagree with you, since it takes nerve to disagree with someone as strong as you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Choose your words carefully. Semantics matter. That's why car dealers advertise "preowned vehicles" instead of "used cars." Consider which words might give you an emotional advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
You don't have to work in so-called "artistic" media for what you're doing to be considered an art. Love is an art. Walking is an art. Artistic impulses will be validated by like minds who see the deeper levels.

Mercury and Saturn Extend the Tension

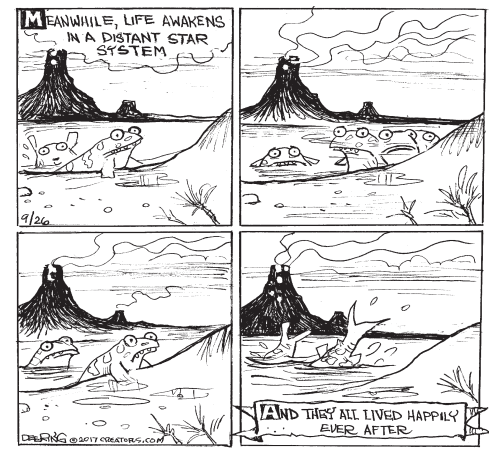
The Mercury-Saturn tension is still going strong. For some it causes an ache of desire. Desire isn't born out of loss. It's not a longing for what we lack. We all lack many things that we don't feel desire for. Desire isn't about lacking something; it's about wanting extra — a buildup of energy that magnetizes a particular focus. Fortune favors bold action.

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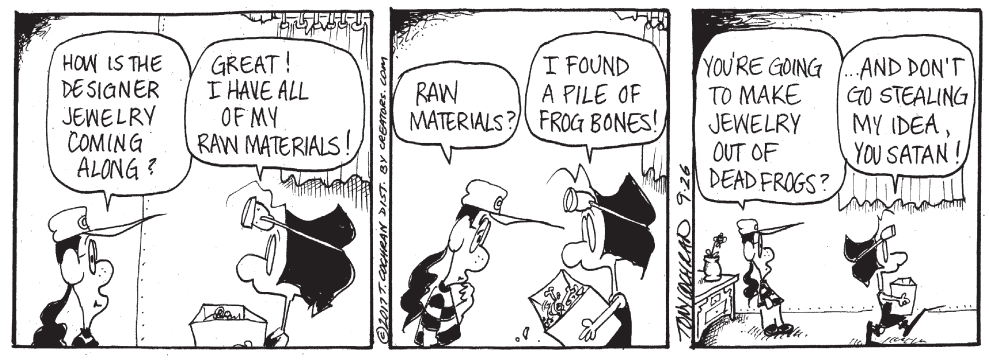
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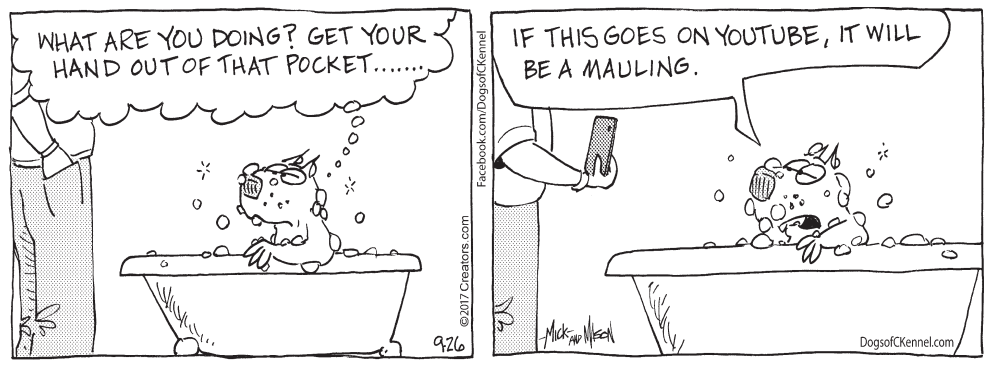
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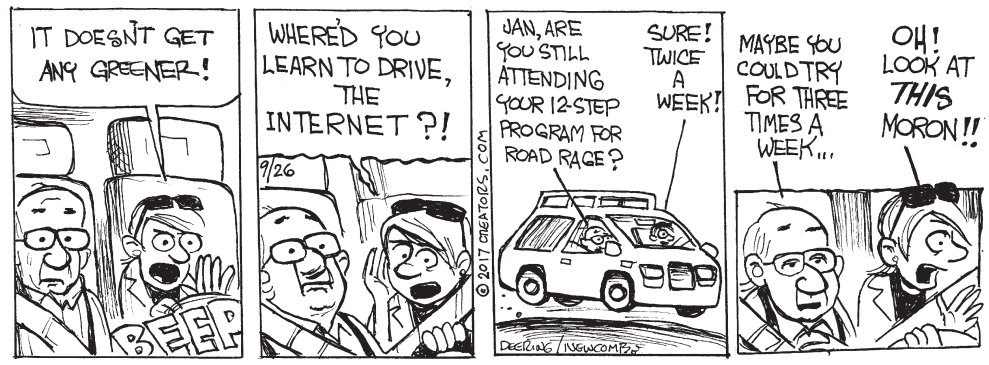
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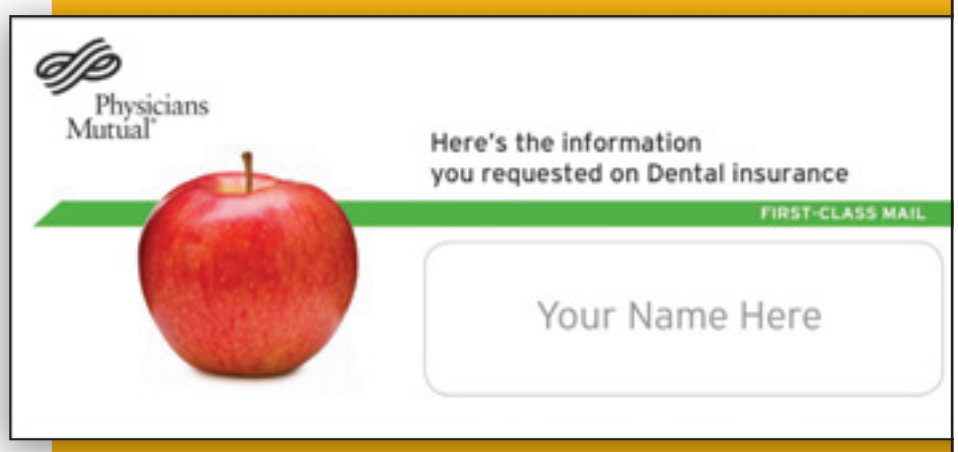


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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2016 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2016 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2015-19) and Action Plan (2016-17), adopted by City Council in May 2016 and submitted to HUD. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 27, 2017. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at www.smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Marc Amaral at the above address or via email at humanservices@smgov.net by September 27, 2017.

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., October 10, 2017**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

MINOR USE PERMIT, 17ENT-0045, 1128 Ocean Park Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Minor Use Permit (MUP) to allow for a new wireless telecommunications facility located on the roof of an existing three story residential building within the Medium Density Residential (R3) zoning district. The project consists of installing nine new panel antennas within three different sectors behind a new fiber reinforced plastic (FRP) screen wall designed to match the existing roof line/eaves and architectural style of the building, installing two new equipment cabinets inside a new non FRP equipment enclosure located on the roof of the building, and installing new fiber cables and associated power lines. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.32.060(A). Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.32.060(B), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of an MUP. [PLANNER: Michael Rocque] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Jillianne Newcomer, J5 Infrastructure Partners/1128 Ocean Park Blvd., LLC.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(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. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, #8, #9, Rapid #10, and #18 service City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

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