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Political newcomer nabs key endorsements

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Both the powerful hotel workers' union Unite Here Local 11 and the Santa Monica Democratic Club have endorsed incumbents Sue Himmelrich and Kevin McKeown, and political newcomer Greg Morena for the City Council.

SMDC President Jon Katz told the Daily Press incumbent Pam O'Connor "just blew off the whole thing" and did not seek an endorsement, though she is running for reelection.

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ON THE BEAT

Courtesy photo

Four new officers have joined the Santa Monica Police Department. Officers Kobayashi, Han, Nichols and Allen are lateral transfers from other departments and officials said new recruits are expected to join SMPD in the coming months.

Ashley Powell pulls ahead after first fundraising deadline

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Challenger Ashley Powell has raised more money for her City Council campaign than all other Council candidates combined after the first reporting deadline this week.

Candidates had to file their first set of paperwork by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and only four of the seven City Council candidates had any fundraising activity with Powell far ahead of the pack.

Councilwoman Himmelrich loaned herself $25,000 and she received one $340 donation from Mary Marlow. Himmelrich reported expenses of $16,016 including $7,500 to Denny Zane as a campaign consultant, more than $3,000 to Gould & Orellana LLC

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Safety policy at Roosevelt peeves parents

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Safety in schools is proving to be a divisive issue amongst Santa Monica school staff and parents.

At a Wednesday evening townhall-style meeting at Roosevelt elementary, Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati discussed the Santa Monica school district's reasoning for increased safety measures at schools and engaged in a Q and A with concerned parents.

Some of these measures — with each school having a customized plan while working within an overarching framework — are upsetting parents, specifically a pickup and drop off procedure at certain school sites. Additionally, parents said they felt the policy happened with little to no interaction between the district and parents.

The school district says all schools in the district are in some aspect of this policy right now.

At some schools, parent drop offs and pickups have been altered, with a more thorough vetting of parents to be allowed into school

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Texas police questioned man days before California killings

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER & ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

A man with a history of violence who'd been deported from the United States six times wasn't flagged for arrest by Houston police and fled to California, where he's now charged in a series of killings, authorities said.

Ramon Escobar, 47, came to the attention of Houston police when his aunt and uncle disappeared in August but he was released since no foul play was suspected, Houston police spokesman Kese Smith said Wednesday.

"We had no probable cause to arrest or book him," Smith said.

However, Smith added that foul play was now suspected in the disappearances.

Escobar arrived in California earlier this month, where authorities say he began a string of attacks that killed three men and seriously injured four, most of them homeless.

Investigators believe that Escobar bludgeoned the men with a wooden baseball bat or bolt cutters as they slept on the beach or on the streets of Los Angeles

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What's Up Westside

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Friday, Sept. 28

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Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Life In This Ocean: Opening Reception

Join the artists for the opening reception for 'Life In This Ocean' (on view 9/29/18-1/6/19), an exhibit that brings together four artists deeply connected by their experience as women. Donna Bates, Lena Rushing, Deirdre Sullivan-Beeman, and Kathy Taslitz utilize a variety of materials and mediums to depict surreal images that pose questions about mainstream culture. Light refreshments. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 2 - 4 p.m. Register at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture.

Indian martial art movement with Aparna Sindhoor

Aparna Sindhoor, her students and company members introduce the basic movements from Kalari Ppayattu, one of the oldest martial arts in the world and sometimes called the "mother of martial arts." Training in Kalari assists you to live a healthy life with physical exercises, yoga-like breathing, massage, self-defense techniques, strong form, beauty and diet. No prior experience necessary. 1450 Ocean, 2 - 3 p.m. Cost: $5. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68071 or call (310) 458-2239.

It Was A Book First?!

Was the book better than the movie? Come read the book, then watch the movie to compare! This Month: The Night at the Museum by Milan Trenc. [Film run-time: 108 minutes, Rated PG] Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Running For Life

Warren Mullisen, who has completed 75+ marathons and is an LA Marathon Legacy Runner, will discuss running as a way of life including energy efficient forms, stretches to avoid, shoe selection, choosing where to run, self-care injury treatments, race day strategies and mental mindsets for optimal results. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Abstraction & Narrative Painting with Lisa Diane Wedgeworth

Through painting, we can use the language of abstraction to convey or suggest personal, public and collective narratives. We will address abstraction as a way to open up narrative and how abstraction can convey meaning. No experience necessary, bring a smock/apron or clothes that can take drips. 1450 Ocean, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost: $5 Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/68122 or call (310) 458-2239.

Boost Your Health with Tai Chi

An introductory class for all ages, with Helene Bouboulis at the Kaufman Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. Tai chi is one of the most effective exercises for health of mind and body, fighting stress and helping with balance. Call 310-575-8273 for more details. 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 30

Grow LA Victory Garden Initiative at Ishihara Park Learning Garden

Grow your own vegetables! Become a certified UC Victory Gardener through the Grow LA Victory Garden Initiative. Register now by contacting Teague Weybright at (310) 458-8300 ext 2405 or at gardens@smgov.net. Ishihara Park. 1 - 4 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Local Student Receives $1,000 College Scholarship From National Ocean Sciences Bowl

Who knew an ocean sciences competition could help pay for college? One of last year's Santa Monica High School graduates, Ryunosuke Akiba, or Ryu, can tell you all about that. For three years, Ryu competed in the regional National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) competition, the Los Angeles Surf Bowl, where he studied and answered questions about his favorite oceanic feature, the Kuroshio Current, which affects Japan's climate and fisheries. This year, his team placed second at the national Finals competition held in Boulder, Colorado and also scored first place in the Science Expert Briefing, the NOSB's mock congressional briefing activity centered on the scientific requirements needed to produce sound ocean policy.

Ryu had much to celebrate when he was also named one of five National Ocean Scholars awarded a one-time, $1,000 scholarship from the NOSB. The scholarships are available to NOSB competitors who have ocean science-based aspirations for the future. At the University of California, Berkeley, Ryu plans to apply his favorite subject – math – to understanding physical oceanography thrrough mathematical models of fluid dynamics. He is also interested in designing blue energy solutions to utilize the ocean for a more sustainable future.

The other 2018 NOSB scholarship winners are Emma Gould (from Woolwich, Maine, attending Eckerd College), Rachel Kuklinski (from Mechanic Falls, Maine, attending Eckerd College), Peyton Lee (from Bellevue, Washington, attending the University of Washington), and James Riddell (from Ann Arbor, Michigan, attending the University of California, San Diego).

The National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) is a program of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership based in Washington, D.C. Now in its 21st year, the NOSB seeks to interest students in pursuing a college degree and a future career in the ocean sciences. Through this educational forum, the NOSB strives to encourage and support the next generation of marine scientists, policy makers, teachers, explorers, researchers, technicians, environmental advocates, and informed citizens to consider and appreciate the ocean. Most high school students do not have the opportunity to study ocean science as part of their formal coursework, which makes the NOSB one of the only ways students gain exposure to this field. Many past NOSB participants have moved on to pursue college degrees and careers in ocean science, helping to solve the growing environmental, economic and security issues facing our ocean and planet.

The Consortium for Ocean Leadership (COL) is a Washington, D.C. nonprofit organization that represents the leading public and private ocean research education institutions, aquaria, and industry with the mission to shape the future of ocean science and technology. In addition to its advocacy role as the voice of the ocean research and technology community, COL manages a variety of community-wide research and education programs in areas of ocean observing, ocean exploration, and ocean partnerships.

SUBMITTED BY ALLISON HAYS

DETROIT

SEC files complaint against Tesla's Elon Musk

U.S. securities regulators have filed a complaint against Tesla CEO Elon Musk alleging that he made false and misleading statements about plans to take the company private in August.

The Securities and Exchange Commission says in the complaint filed Thursday that Musk falsely claimed in an Aug. 7 statement on Twitter that funding was secured to take the company private at $420 per share.

The complaint filed in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan says that Musk had not discussed or confirmed key deal terms including price with any funding source.

The commission is asking the court for an order that would stop Musk from being "an officer or director" of any public company. The SEC also seeks an order enjoining Musk from making false and misleading statements along with repayment of any gains as well as civil penalties.

A message was left Thursday seeking comment from Tesla.

"Musk made his false and misleading public statements about taking Tesla private using his mobile phone in the middle of the active trading day," the SEC said in the complaint. "He did not discuss the content of the statements with anyone else prior to publishing them to his over 22 million Twitter followers and anyone else with access to the Internet."

The statements, the complaint said "were premised on a long series of baseless assumptions and were contrary to facts that Musk knew."

Shares of Tesla fell 11 percent in after-hours trading to $273.56, after falling 2 percent before the market closed Thursday.

TOM KRISHER, AP AUTO WRITER

SANTA CLARA

17 charged in brazen robberies at Apple stores in California

California's attorney general says 17 people have been charged in connection to a string of brazen robberies of more than $1 million in electronics from Apple stores throughout the state.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra announced Thursday officials arrested and booked seven suspects in Alameda County and that another one is in custody in Sonoma County. Arrest warrants have been issued for nine other people suspected in the organized thefts.

Becerra says the defendants wore hoodies and entered Apple stores in large groups snatching iPads, iPhones and other merchandise on display and fleeing in seconds. The robberies were carried out in 19 counties.

He says law enforcement agencies throughout California are helping with the ongoing investigation.

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THOUSAND OAKS

Southern California police bust residential pot grows

A months-long investigation has led to seizure of thousands of marijuana plants from three Southern California homes.

The Thousand Oaks Police Department says it learned of possible illegal pot cultivation in residences in May and served search warrants at all three locations on Wednesday.

In the meantime, detectives had to determine whether the cultivation was within the guidelines of Proposition 64, which allows adults to grow up to six plants at home for personal use.

Investigators also determined that neither the city of Thousand Oaks nor Ventura County had issued permits or licenses to anyone at the residences to grow more than six plants.

The search warrants turned up 3,200 pot plants, suspected marijuana proceeds, four rifles, two shotguns, six handguns, nine high-capacity magazines and four sets of brass knuckles.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles fugitive added to FBI's 10 Most Wanted list

A man wanted for allegedly committing an armed sexual assault in Los Angeles last year has been added to the FBI's list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

The FBI also announced Thursday a reward of up to $100,000 for information leading directly to the arrest of 46-year-old Greg Alyn Carlson, who detectives believe is likely responsible for additional sexual assaults.

In July 2017, Carlson committed a burglary during which he attempted to sexually assault a woman while using a weapon, authorities say.

Carlson was arrested, charged and released on bond the following September and fled to Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. In November, he was seen in Hoover, Alabama, and then in Jacksonville and Daytona Beach, Florida. He once lived in Santa Moncia.

The FBI says Carlson could now be in any state or may have fled internationally.

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LOS ANGELES

150 immigrants arrested by US agents in Southern California

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says it has arrested 150 immigrants across Southern California this week in an operation targeting public safety threats.

The agency says approximately 90 percent of those apprehended Sunday through Tuesday have criminal convictions and about 40 percent were previously released by local law enforcement agencies despite federal detainers.

Detainers ask arresting agencies to notify immigration officers prior to releasing people but California laws put some limits on cooperation.

Among those arrested were a man with an attempted murder conviction and a woman with seven driving under the influence convictions.

In a statement, Immigration and Customs Enforcement official Thomas Giles renewed the agency's complaint that California laws put serious repeat offenders back onto the streets instead of transferring them to jails to federal custody.

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And the Children Shall Lead

In January, 2017, Donald Trump reportedly instructed his administration to treat each day as if it were a reality show. It seemed insane but for two years we've been living it.

This week I intended to write about my neighbor and Samohi senior, Joey Choe, and her involvement with Junior State America. I will elaborate shortly, but, given the last 48 hours and the next 24, I must digress. I'm referring to Judge Kavanaugh's nomination to the Supreme Court, which is surrounded in scandal,

For starters, Trump scheduled a Thursday White House meeting with Assistant Attorney General, Rod Rosenstein, apparently to either fire him, have him resign or as a typical Trump "shiny object" ploy. This to distract from that day's Senate Hearing sexual assault testimony of Professor Ford about Kavanaugh.

Meanwhile, why wasn't Mark Judge, Kavanaugh's best friend in high school, subpoenaed? Why no reopening of his FBI background investigation? The problem with all of this is my deadline was Wednesday.

Thanks to Trump's choreographed chaos, once again my column, fresh off the press, will appear out of date. That said, some readers could care less. Via e-mail, I've been told some use Laughing Matters to line their bird cage, wrap fish or use instead of toilet tissue. (The latter I emailed back, asking, "Is Charmin really that expensive?")

During another dark period in our history, Vietnam, President Nixon coined the "Silent Majority." Today's Trumpsters are the "loud minority." Fortunately for the country, Nixon resigned, albeit five years later. With Trump, five more months seems too long. (#November 6.)

Part mob boss, part snake oil huckster, Trump lies almost hourly. I'd say it's become second nature but, witness his entire life, it's actually his first nature. In his initial 600 days he told over 5,000 lies. (You can tell he's lying when his lips move.) Trump campaigned on bringing coal miner's jobs back, but with his endless falsehoods and administration felons, his presidency has been a boon for fact checkers and defense lawyers.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday at the U.N., Trump made a complete fool of himself. In his nativist "America First" speech he felt compelled to boast about his presidential accomplishments. The result was the General Assembly laughed at him. On Wednesday, Trump held a rambling 81-minute Press Conference filled with buffoonery. Like a schoolyard bully, he claimed he "intended to be funny." Yeah, right. But alas, maybe there's hope in our youth for truth in government.

I'm referring to Junior State America whose motto I love, "Be the People." (By the way, JSA is completely non-partisan and wants to attract young people of all political viewpoints!)

Founded in 1934, JSA 's function is to help high school students acquire leadership skills and knowledge to be effective debaters and civic participants. I learned of JSA in June when I first wrote about my neighbor Joey. (ForJoeyIt'sNowOrNever) Inspired by the courageous Parkland, Florida high school students, Joey created a dramatic anti-gun violence photo. Artistically staged on the beach, Joey won an Honorable Mention in a Congressional Art Competition.

Let me quickly mention notable JSA alumni: Leon Panetta (former Defense Secretary and CIA Director); Mike McCurry (Clinton Press Secretary) Ed Meese (Reagan Attorney General); or); Jennifer Palmieri (Obama White House Director of Communication); businessman Charles Schwab, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and, maybe the most "illustrious," Patriots quarterback, Tom Brady!

Joey joined JSA, the largest student run youth organization in America, when she was a 14-year-old freshman. It's been one of the best decisions of her life. I suspect it's been a factor in her transition from a young girl to a confident young woman. (Being a straight-A student doesn't hurt either, although she cringes when I mention that.)

JSA members debate issues, write bills, vote and pass legislation and send the results to various state legislatures. They have a Governor, Lt. Governor, Senate and Speaker of the Assembly. Among their many events are Leadership Conferences and two-day Conventions.

With her JSA experience, Joey has developed impressive communication skills. She loves her job at JSA, Director of External Publicity. Her duties include contacting media outlets, recruiting prominent keynote speakers and diplomatically reminding opinionated columnist like me JSA is 100% non-partisan!

On their website, JSA has a "donate" tab, which I'm hoping my readers will check out. Given Trump, if you value the truth, a donation to JSA might be a wise investment.

Who knows, a future POTUS, could have begun their youthful interest in government through JSA. If so, as informed and dedicated as he or she would be, they'd never wind up a laughing stock at the U.N.

To learn more about JSA, go to: http://states.jsa.org/socal/ Jack is at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth and jackdailypress@aol.com

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POWELL

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for professional services, $4,000 for office expenses and $1,125 in campaign literature. She reported her ending cash balance as $10,703.

Kevin McKeown reported $10,830 in donations and $3,582 in expenses. With money remaining from past campaigns he reported a balance of $11,059.66. His donations came from 55 individuals who gave between $25 and $340. McKeown has long touted his grassroots approach to fundraising.

"As you review all the candidates' campaign finance reports due today, I hope you'll take note of where my money is coming from. Over 85% of my donors are individuals living in Santa Monica. There is no developer or corporate money," he said by email. "The few donors to my campaign who do not live in Santa Monica include an officer of the Santa Monica Democratic Club and his wife, a former labor organizer who worked with me in solidarity during the living wage "war" at the turn of the century, the owner of a long-standing small Santa Monica business, a progressive Democratic Party activist from Topanga, an attorney supportive of my work for fair wages for restaurant workers, an artist and personal friend from Pacific Palisades, and the UFCW local with whom I stood during the great supermarket strike of 2003-2004."

Councilwoman Pam O'Connor reported $1,485 in contributions and $828 in payments but $700 of those payments had yet to process. She reported five donors, four who gave $340 and one for $100. Combined with her past fundraising and expenses O'Connor ended the period with $1,412 in cash and $6,715 in outstanding debts including expenses incurred before the filing period.

Greg Morena reported $12,674 in fundraising for the period and $21,172 in expenses. Morena came into the filing period with $10,797 in the bank so he had an ending cash balance of $2,299. Morena's fundraising came from 30 individuals who donated between $100 and $340.

Ashely Powell was the big winner for the filing period reporting $63,393 in contributions against $33,407 in cash payments for a balance of $29,985. She reported 212 individual donors of between $100 and $340.

Geoffrey Neri, Nathaniel Jones and Scott Bellomo filed limited paperwork required for individuals that have less than $2,000 in total fundraising activity.

The first reporting period is for activity between July 1 and Sept. 22 of this year. The next funding report will cover Sept. 23 through Oct. 30.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

The Committee for Racial Justice and The League of Women Voters present forums

As the November 2018 elections approach, The Committee for Racial Justice (CRJ) and The Santa Monica chapter of The League of Women Voters will collaborate to present two community forums for candidates running for office in Santa Monica. To the first forum, all candidates for the Rent Control Board and the City Council have been invited.

The rent control candidates will go first, and, after making opening statements, they will each respond to questions posed by CRJ, The League of Women Voters, and members of the audience. This is a great chance to hear these candidates respond to social justice questions that they probably will not be asked at other forums. This forum will be moderated by Sabrina Fields, Program Manager for the Youth Resource Team at St Joseph's Center.

On November 4th CRJ and the League of Women Voter will host a second forum that will feature candidates for the SM-Malibu School Board and the Santa Monica College Board. The second forum will be moderated by Dr. Karen Gunn.

As usual, we will be meeting in the Thelma Terry Bldg. at Virginia Avenue Park in Santa Monica at 6 p.m. for potluck supper and the program starts at 6:30 p.m.

This is part of an ongoing monthly workshop series sponsored by the Committee For Racial Justice. Co-sponsored by Virginia Ave. Park; the African American Parent, Staff, Student Support Group; and the Church in Ocean Park. For more information, call 310-633-1093

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Man gets prison for random stabbing of Los Angeles woman, 75

A man has been sentenced to seven years to life in prison for a random knife attack on a 75-year-old woman in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says 26-year-old Christian James pleaded no contest Wednesday to premeditated attempted murder in a plea agreement. He was immediately sentenced by Superior Court Judge Jose I. Sandoval.

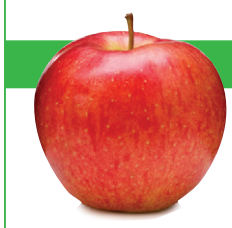
Authorities say the victim was attacked around 11:30 a.m. on May 24, 2017, while walking in LA's Pico-Union neighborhood.

According to court testimony, James walked up behind the woman and stabbed her 14 times in the face, neck and hands with a 2½-inch blade. James was quickly arrested with the help of descriptions from witnesses.

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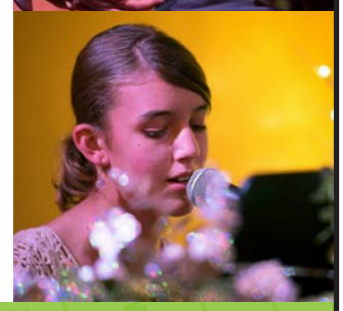
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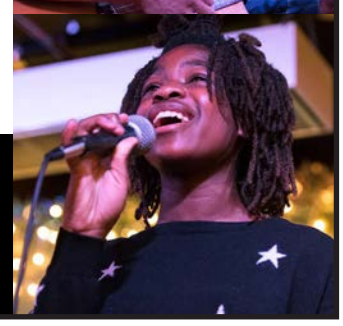



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Angel Carreras

SAFETY: Parents met with school officials to discuss safety this week.

ROOSEVELT

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sites. The district says the goal is to prevent school shootings, violence, abductions or similar incidents.

"I recognize this is an emotional topic," Drati said about school shootings and safety. "I've been in three school districts and this is a hot topic everywhere. Last year, it really picked up with student involvement and everything taking place ... this topic consumes our minds at all times … but one issue hit home this summer, the suicide at JAMS."

Drati said he was present during the suicide, giving him and staff more urgency to prevent a possible violent occurrence. He wondered aloud if that person got on campus with a gun during school hours, would staff have been able to do anything?

After discussing aspirational measures with Malibu and Santa Monica police, the district took a look at what could be fixed immediately. Pickups and drop-offs were an immediate candidate.

Roosevelt recently implemented new safety measures to deter unwanted visitors and increase awareness of the adults on campus during drop off and pick up. These measures were taken after a woman attempted to lure a child off campus, as well as homeless and walking into campus.

To boost safety, the school reduced the number of gates in the school to better regulate adult access on campus, reducing the total number of enterable gates from six to three. The school also changed it's pickup and drop off procedure to have parents do so at two main gates instead of allowing parents to come into the schools unchecked each morning.

Additionally, Roosevelt Principal Lynda Holeva created a parent volunteer valet program to reduce cars and increase student safety and a parent volunteer safety committee to discuss safety concerns and revisions to the changes.

Many parents railed against the changes, most saying not being allowed to walk their children into class and visit with teachers was destroying a sense of community as well as possibly harming their children emotionally.

Sean Milliken, a parent at Roosevelt, said the policy made him feel criminalized, making him feel as if parents are now excluded from their child's learning environment.

Another parent did a deep dive into school shooting data, saying that no school shootings that have occurred would've been prevented by a closed campus. They said that while they understood the proposed policy change, it didn't make sense for Roosevelt.

"If we know who's on campus, that's great, but here's what we lose: our community … this is a public school and I feel like the public didn't get a choice in this."

A teacher at Roosevelt, who asked not to be named, took issue with the district's claim in an email that 83% of teacher's approved of the new policy.

"I've heard teachers for and against this," the teacher said. "No one spends more time here than teachers. There's so much gray area in this policy and teachers have wealth of knowledge of how this could be done … teachers have been engrossed with planning and teaching and we haven't given voice to this yet."

A parent that sided with the changes lambasted those who felt they were losing their community, saying those parents were "more concerned about social hour than for the safety of our kids."

After many back and forths and in betweens, the nearly three-hour meeting ended. Drati reiterated no final actions are being taken yet, that this policy and implementations thus far are to be considered a draft and staff will assimilate concerns and continue seeking out dialogue between the community, police, and staff to finalize a plan.

"We're not going to solve everything tonight," Drati said. "This is about collecting data and thinking about how we can address our needs, all of ours."

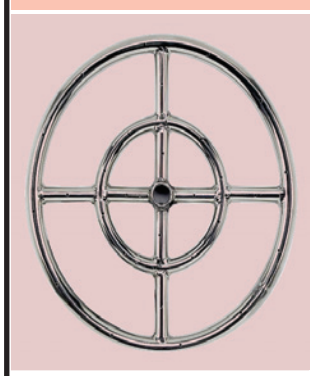
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NEWCOMER

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"The club is really fans of Sue Himmelrich and Kevin McKeown based on their tenure on the Council and they have been active with the club," Katz said. "They come to all the meetings and we were really enthusiastically supportive of their reelection. We felt the opposite way about Pam O'Connor."

Katz said democratic membership was impressed by local restaurant owner Greg Morena and chose to endorse him. Another political newcomer, Ashley Powell, sought an endorsement but did not receive one.

"It was pretty overwhelming for the three that got endorsed," Katz said.

Unite Here spokesperson Danielle Wilson said McKeown and Himmelrich have demonstrated a commitment to local workers by "co-authoring one of the strongest living wage laws in the country."

Wilson said they decided to endorse Morena after an extensive interview process where the businessman met with union members.

"I believe he will continue engaging with our membership and learning what our interests are," Wilson said. Unite Here represents about 1,500 hotel works in Santa Monica and its volunteers are crucial to the local election ground game, often canvassing the city's eight square miles for candidates.

The Los Angeles County Federation of Labor also endorsed the same slate of candidates.

The Santa Monica Police Officers' Association and the Santa Monica Firefighters' Local 1109 endorsed all three incumbents and Greg Morena. They also endorsed a "yes" vote for Measure SMS, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District bond.

"We feel it is imperative to improve our school's safety and security systems, as well as upgrading and repairing aging facilities so that our children have a safe place to thrive and develop into young, productive individuals," the groups said in a statement.

SMDC endorsed Measure TL, the local initiative that would instate term limits on the Council. After a debate between local activist Mary Marlow and Mayor Pro-Tempore Gleam Davis over the measure, Katz said the membership was persuaded by the argument term limits would encourage turnover.

"It allows for new people to come in and more voices in the community can become part of the government," Katz said, adding members were concerned about the "corrupting influence of power."

For the Rent Control Board, the membership voted to endorse Nicole Phillis, Naomi Sultan and Steve Duron. The SMDC also endorsed Proposition 10, the measure that would allow municipalities to expand local rent control laws.

For Santa Monica College Board, the SMDC endorsed Louise Jaffe, Nancy Greenstein, Sion Roy and Barry Snell.

The SMDC recommended its members vote no on Proposition 6, the gas tax repeal, yes on Proposition 7, to establish permanent daylight savings time. On local measures, the group recommended voting "yes" on Measure SM, which would require a supermajority vote to amend local land use plans, "yes" on Measure RR, which would allow non-citizens to serve on boards and commissions, and "yes" for Measure SMS.

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SUSPECT

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and Santa Monica in order to rob them.

Escobar was charged Wednesday in Los Angeles County with three counts of murder, five counts of attempted murder and four counts of second-degree robbery in attacks involving homeless men. He was ordered held without bail pending a Nov. 8 arriagnment.

It could not be immediately determined if he had an attorney.

The El Salvador-native has a long criminal history, including six felony convictions for burglary and illegal re-entry, but U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement released him from custody after Escobar won an appeal in immigration court in 2016.

Immigration records are generally not public, so it remained a mystery how he won.

Andrew Arthur, a retired immigration judge, said the Board of Immigration Appeals may have allowed Escobar to stay in the country and be released under ICE supervision by granting him asylum or some other form of relief, like "withholding of removal" or protection under the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

"Even people with horrendous criminal records are able to access humanitarian relief to remain in the United States," said Arthur, a fellow at the Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates for restrictions on immigration.

John Sandweg, a former acting director of ICE, said a serious criminal record can hurt an asylum claim but doesn't disqualify someone from withholding of removal. Unlike asylum, withholding of removal does not include a path to citizenship and is therefore considered less appealing.

Last November, Escobar was arrested on the misdemeanor assault charge by Harris County, Texas, authorities, according to Texas Department of Public Safety records. He was convicted of the misdemeanor in May.

It wasn't immediately clear why he remained free after the conviction.

ICE spokeswoman Paige Hughes declined to comment on Escobar's case beyond a statement issued late Tuesday. The Executive Office for Immigration Review, which oversees the immigration courts, did not provide information.

Escobar was looking for work and needed a place to stay so his aunt and uncle, Dina and Rogelio Escobar, took him in, his cousin Ligia Salamanca, told KTRK-TV in Houston on Tuesday.

Days later, 65-year-old Rogelio Escobar went missing, Houston police said in a statement. Dina Escobar, 60, was last seen on Aug. 28 when she went looking for her brother.

Her burned van was found in Galveston, Texas, a few days later.

"She loved him as she would a son," Salamanca said of her mother's devotion to Ramon Escobar.

Ramon Escobar was questioned and released by Houston police on Aug. 30.

Immigration status is checked by Houston police only when a person is being booked into the city jail after being charged with a crime, Smith said.

After he arrived in California, the attacks began.

Two homeless men sleeping on the Santa Monica beach were bludgeoned in the head early on Sept. 8 and Sept. 10, leaving one in critical condition, officials said.

Another man who apparently was sleeping on the beach was found dead under the Santa Monica Pier on Sept. 20. Steven Ray Cruze Jr., 39, of San Gabriel, had been beaten to death.

Authorities at first described him as homeless, but family and friends said the father of two, who loved to fish at the pier, worked boats in neighboring Marina del Rey and sometimes camped out under the pier to avoid the long commute home.

The Santa Monica Police Department arrested Ramon on Monday.

Spagat reported from San Diego. Associated Press writer David Warren in Dallas contributed.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 370 Calls For Service On Sept. 26.

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Armed robbery 3100 block Main 4:10 a.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block 5th 5:08 a.m.
Petty theft 400 block Santa Monica Pier 5:27 a.m.
Battery 2600 block the beach 6:16 a.m.
Traffic collision 3400 block Ocean Park 6:51 a.m.
Petty theft 1900 block the beach 7:14 a.m.
Battery 300 block Colorado 7:16 a.m.
Elder abuse 2000 block Santa Monica 7:21 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 17th / California 7:25 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500 block 16th 8 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300 block 17th 8:22 a.m.
Injured person 1300 block the beach 8:36 a.m.
Vandalism 2800 block Main 8:48 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block the beach 8:56 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block Santa Monica 9:06 a.m.
Rape 28th / Pico 9:08 a.m.
Hit and run 2100 block Lincoln 9:19 a.m.
Fraud 1400 block Lincoln 10:09 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1800 block 10th 10:39 a.m.
Encampment 1200 block Olympic 11:02 a.m.
Petty theft 1400 block 2nd 11:03 a.m.
Traffic collision 2500 block Lincoln 11:18 a.m.
Battery 300 block Santa Monica 11:57 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 200 block Palisades 12:05 p.m.
Fraud 1600 block Montana 12:21 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block Harvard 12:46 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd street prom 1:00 p.m.
Traffic collision Main / Ocean Park 1:30 p.m.
Grand theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 2:23 p.m.
Petty theft 1600 block Montana 2:26 p.m.
Injured person 4th / Colorado 2:58 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 2nd 3:04 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 400 block Santa Monica Pier 3:06 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 900 block 3rd 3:22 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Ocean 3:34 p.m.
Battery 10th / California 3:40 p.m.
Grand theft 2000 block Pearl 3:57 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1000 block 7th 4:28 p.m.
Traffic collision Stewart / Olympic 4:40 p.m.
Bike theft 2000 block 20th 4:49 p.m.
Battery 2100 block Ocean 5:17 p.m.
Petty theft 3200 block Pico 5:30 p.m.
Shots fired 5th / Olympic 5:49 p.m.
Traffic collision Olympic / 26th 6:09 p.m.
Traffic collision Cloverfield / Olympic 6:20 p.m.
Grand theft 23rd / Pearl 6:31 p.m.
Person down 1200 block Stanford 6:31 p.m.
Encampment 1000 block 9th 6:41 p.m.
Shots fired 5th / Olympic 6:47 p.m.
Fraud 1800 block 9th 6:50 p.m.
Burglary 1300 block 4th 8:01 p.m.
Traffic collision 2200 block Cloverfield 8:19 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper progress 1200 block 3rd Street Prom 8:20 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 9:39 p.m.
Bike theft 1400 block 2nd 9:59 p.m.
Auto burglary 2400 block Main 10:01 p.m.
Grand theft 200 block Santa Monica Pier 10:30 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block 3rd Street Prom 10:47 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 26 Calls For Service On Sept. 26.

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

Automatic alarm 1700 block Ocean 12:12 a.m.
EMS 200 block Santa Monica 12:27 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln / Broadway 1:01 a.m.
EMS 200 block San Vicente 1:08 a.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 2:21 a.m.
EMS 1900 block 20th 2:55 a.m.
EMS 2000 block California 3:28 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 5:54 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 3400 block Ocean Park 6:51 a.m.
EMS 900 block 24th 8:52 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 2500 block Lincoln 11:18 a.m.
EMS 1500 block Berkeley 12:02 p.m.
Public assist 1900 block Lincoln 12:17 p.m.
EMS 4th / Colorado 2:58 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 27th 3:03 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 4:30 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Stanford 6:31 p.m.
EMS 800 block 10th 7:56 p.m.
EMS Ocean / Colorado 8:55 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 4th 10:10 p.m.
EMS 400 block 16th 10:56 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 11:05 p.m.
EMS 200 block Pico 11:10 p.m.
EMS 3rd / Washington 11:25 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 11:27 p.m.



DAILY LOTTERY

Powerball
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Power#: 8
Jackpot: 213M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/25
8 16 32 48 61
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 336M

Super Lotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/26
9 21 28 32 36
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/26
5 7 19 30 31

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/27
MIDDAY: 1 0 6
Draw Date: 9/26
EVENING: 8 8 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/26
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:42.55

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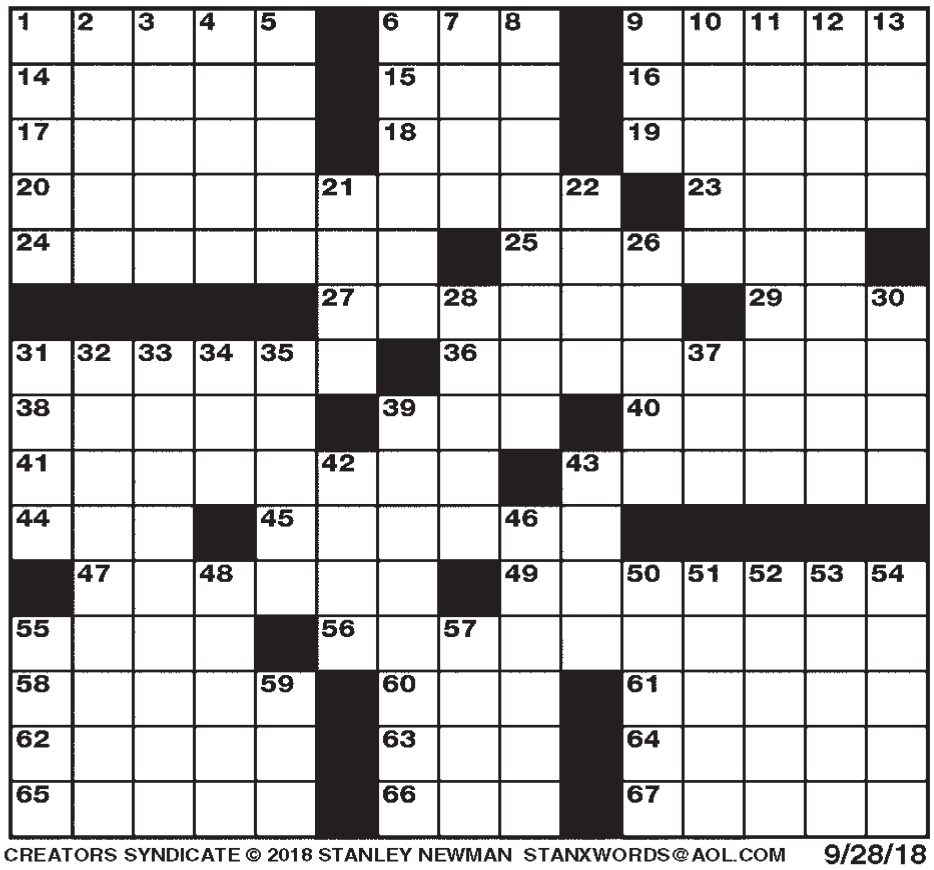
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6 "Big" request, informally
9 Want nothing to do with
14 Cover for a crime
15 Install, with "up"
16 Anagram of MY CAR
17 Hand-drying substance
18 Trucker's place
19 Deplete gradually
20 With 39 and 56 Across, how a Tory and a pundit might differ in decisiveness
23 City near Des Moines
24 Submits
25 Wide-eyed witness
27 Tart mart
29 Deg. for some curators
31 Scopes
36 City named for women and trees
38 Victor at Gettysburg
39 See 20 Across
40 Gas bill measure
41 Trattoria staple
43 Turbulent
44 Wagering venue, for short
45 Extreme self-involvement
47 Hungarian master composer
49 Dumas dueler
55 Hardly ever spotted
56 See 20 Across
58 Special group
60 NY tech school
61 Gandhi, for one
62 John Major successor
63 Neurology test: Abbr.
64 Pique
65 Santa Claus in *Elf*
66 Drilling expert: Abbr.
67 Bar round

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7 Brown cat's origin
8 Putin, circa 1985
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10 Ariel Sharon predecessor
11 Certain Blue Cross client
12 Catalog sheet
13 Things to eat or drink
21 Family members
22 Needlework need
26 Friend of Doc and Bat
28 Island visited by Captain Cook
30 Military group
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33 Uncivilized
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 28)

Your optimism will prove warranted; magnificent things are starting to happen for you, the first sign if which will come with a new arrangement you make in the next five weeks. More highlights: money in the mail, confessions of love you longed to hear and perfect timing for the sale of a large item. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 22, 9, 37, 10 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
There's a standard cost for one kind of work and quite another cost for work that includes anything custom, super-quick or in any way unpleasant. Because this is only fair, you'll either pay or be paid more today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Dealing with people will be a forte of yours today and you'll enjoy it. This is what makes you a great manager -- of others, and also of your own playful spirit, which sometimes needs a little reigning in to be effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
In order to surround yourself with the right people, you must first understand your own strengths and weaknesses. Then you'll know who can fill in where you need help, and whom you can serve with your strength.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
There's not a single area of life that isn't improved today by your clear vision of what it should be. People understand your expectations. You'll give them feedback as to how everyone is doing and what is next to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'd rather not have to figure out the complexities of a nuanced political situation before you roll up your sleeves and get to work. The best scenario is one in which the talking points are the same as the doing points.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You're someone that others consider to be a good and caring person. Don't underestimate the value in this. It's a detail that, on paper, may seem insignificant or cliche, but is, in actuality, is all that really matters.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
While most people open their eyes in the morning recalling what they must do, you'll take a different approach today. You'll think, what fun can I get into? How can I maximize this day's potential for enjoyment?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Spend an hour early in the day handling all those small details that have been bugging you. It will keep your mind from flitting around to unfinished tasks later in the day when you'll really need to concentrate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Because you do what it takes to get the favorable outcome, people who understand power dynamics will finger you as the leader whether or not you actually have the title.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You and a certain someone share a language that, when spoken between you, creates a series of mental and emotional shortcuts that outsiders won't begin to understand. Cherish this. It's super special.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Oddly, you'll let go of the controls and then things start to happen for you. This is partly because you set things up so well in earlier stages, and partly because key people feel freer to perform once you take a few steps back.

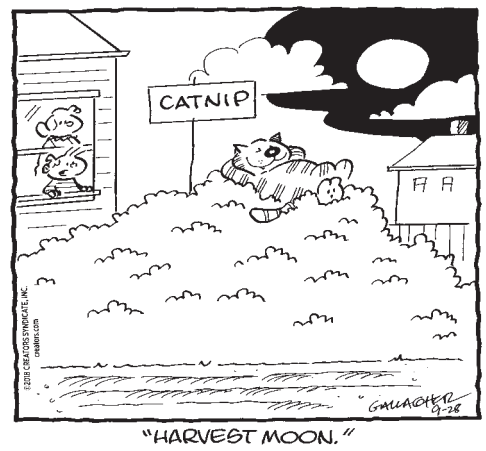
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
What happens today will definitely help you hone your critical ability to recognize the difference between superb, mediocre and shoddy work. Mastering this will ensure you continue to gravitate toward excellence.

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The moon in Taurus, the sign of appetites, gets mischievous today, first with Neptune, then Pluto and finally Jupiter. So don't be surprise if your cravings can't be sated, your itches go unscratched or your desires turn fickle on you. It almost goes without saying that it's not a good time to throw money at your hunger, as it will certainly shift.

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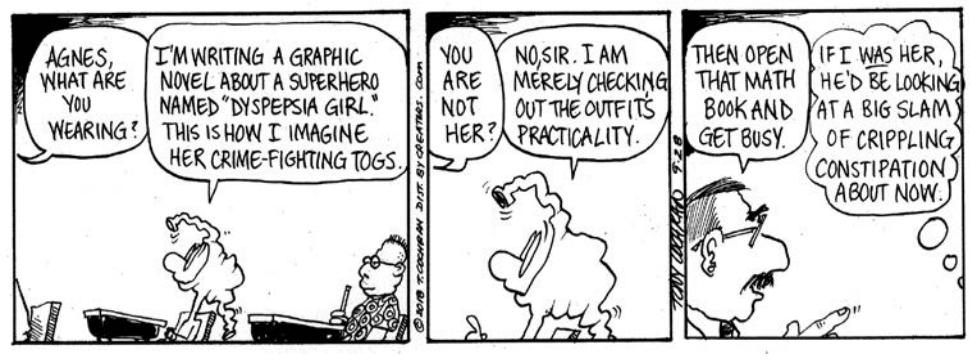


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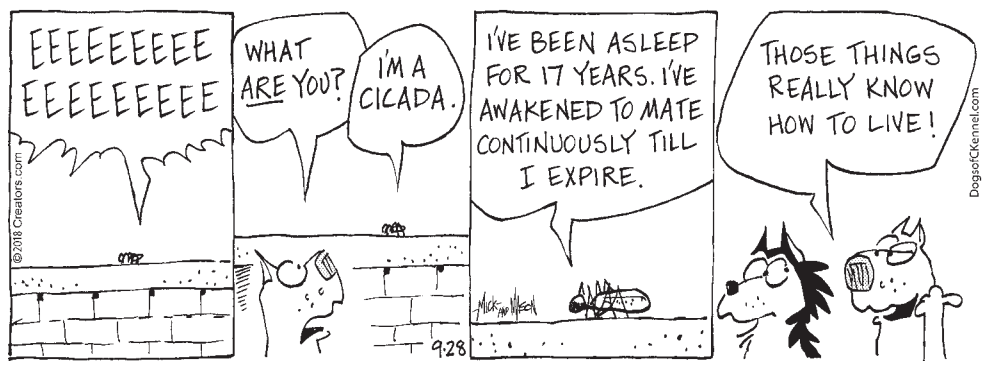
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LOS ANGELES

LAX allows pot in airport but TSA says it's still a crime

Here's another thing travelers can consider bringing when a trip takes them through Los Angeles International Airport – marijuana.

Just be careful about carrying it onto the plane.

A written policy posted by airport police says small amounts of weed may now be brought into one of the world's busiest airports. But, police warn, possession of any amount is still a federal crime and TSA agents may find your stash.

What happens if they do remains a little murky.

TSA spokeswoman Lorie Dankers said Thursday that agents won't take it away but will summon the police and let them deal with it.

"TSA's focus is on terrorism and security threats to the aircraft and its passengers," Dankers said in an email.

"Whether or not the passenger is allowed to travel with marijuana is up to law enforcement's discretion," she added.

If it turns out a traveler is carrying no more than 28.5 grams (about an ounce), or 8 grams in concentrated form, airport police will simply turn them loose.

"Because there is no crime," said airport Officer Alicia Hernandez.

Still, police caution people to think twice before embarking on a cannabis-fueled vacation.

"Passengers should be aware that marijuana laws vary state by state and they are encouraged to check the laws of the states in which they plan to travel," says the statement posted on the website flylax.com last January after California legalized recreational marijuana.

So far, few if any other airports seem to have followed suit.

San Diego International Airport has no policy on pot, said spokesman Jonathan Heller.

In Colorado, one of the first states to legalize recreational marijuana in 2012, it is still illegal to bring it into Denver International Airport.

Airport spokeswoman Emily Williams says that's because possession is still a federal crime and air travel is governed by federal authorities.

In any case, few have been caught carrying pot, she said, and for those who have the penalty was light if the amount was small.

"If it's a small amount the TSA and the Denver Police Department will ask that person to dispose of it and if that person is willing to do that they move through," she said.

Still the best advice to travelers, says Douglas Kidd, executive director of the National Association of Airline Passengers, is to leave your stash at home. You can always buy more when you get there.

"The first thing the TSA is going to do is if they find something that is illegal for federal purposes is they're going to refer it to local law enforcement," Kidd said.

"Now local law enforcement may say, 'We're not going to do anything.' But still, the delay could cause you to miss your flight."

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LOS ANGELES

Judge reverses order barring court photos of murder suspect

A Los Angeles judge reversed an order barring journalists from publishing courtroom photographs of a Texas man charged with beating to death three men in Southern California.

The Associated Press and Los Angeles Times on Thursday successfully challenged Superior Court Judge Gustavo Sztraicher's order as an unconstitutional intrusion on free speech.

Sztraicher on Wednesday ordered reporters to stop filming and photographing when an attorney for Ramon Escobar objected.

Deputy Public Defender Jennifer Friedman said Thursday she worried that the photos could taint testimony of potential witnesses.

Dan Laidman, who represented the Times and AP, argued that higher courts have struck down prior restraint orders limiting coverage of criminal proceedings.

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SACRAMENTO

California governor vetoes 2 bills to help immigrants

Gov. Jerry Brown has vetoed two bills seeking to expand the rights of immigrants living in the country illegally and protect them from deportation.

One bill vetoed Thursday would have allowed anyone to serve on state boards and commissions regardless of their immigration status. Brown says requiring citizenship is "a better path."

Another sought to prohibit immigration authorities from the making arrests inside courthouses, a key point of contention between California officials and the Trump administration. Brown says he supports the intent of the bill but it may have unintended consequences.

Both bills were written by Democratic Sen. Ricardo Lara of Bell Gardens.

Brown signed another Lara bill that prohibits hotels and bus companies from releasing the names of their customers to immigration authorities without a court order.

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