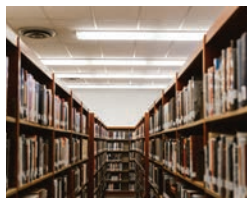


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The case for pretrial diversion

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In two tenant protection cases Santa Monica City Attorneys have pursued against local landlords this year, alleged offenders received the same outcome: rather than go to a criminal trial, both sides agreed to what's known as pretrial diversion.

The legal jargon may not be intuitive, but it essentially means landlords charged with misdeeds — from tenant harassment to price

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Public comment rules could revert in January

EMILY SAWICKI
SMDP Staff Writer

Community organizers, stakeholders and gadflies, take note: rules surrounding public comments at civic meetings could once again be changing in January, after Santa Monica City Council declined to extend a pilot program meant to streamline city council meetings.

With council meetings regularly stretching to the wee hours of the morning, staff and council members have been eager to institute reforms designed to improve the democratic process and get city leaders into bed at a reasonable hour. But a set of changes implemented at the June 21, 2022, special council meeting

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$150,000 WORTH OF TREES ENDANGERED BY ROGUE TRIMMING



Grace Inez Adams

CUT: A row of trees on one side of Georgina have been cut back so drastically that their health is endangered and officials want to know who did it.

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Nine ficus trees along Georgina Avenue between 22nd and 24th Street are nearly unrecognizable after recently receiving a major, potentially fatal trimming, an incident the city's Public Landscape Manager Matthew Wells said amounts to vandalism.

The trees, which line the public median along several blocks in the North of Montana neighborhood (NOMA), are believed by city officials to have been cut by an unauthorized private party earlier this month without a city permit and in violation of the Santa Monica municipal code.

Wells thinks it is likely that the residents of three houses on Georgina Avenue hired a private contractor to essentially chop off the tops of the trees to get rid of the fruit which often causes complaints from residents when it drops into the street. An act which he says is extremely damaging, especially this time of year and in the midst of a heat wave.

"It's pretty much the worst time for a ficus tree because they have very thin bark, so if you remove

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Trump records probe: Tensions flare over special master

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Associated Press

The parallel special master process spawned by the FBI search of Donald Trump's Florida estate has slowed the Justice Department's criminal investigation and exposed simmering tensions between department prosecutors and lawyers for the former president.

As the probe into the presence of top-secret information at Mar-a-Lago continues, barbed comments in recent court filings have laid bare deep disagreements related to the special master's work — not just among lawyers but judges, too. And the filings have made clear that a process the Trump team initially asked for has not consistently played to the ex-president's advantage.

A look at where things stand:

WHO IS THE SPECIAL MASTER AND WHAT IS HIS ROLE?

A federal judge in Florida appointed at the Trump team's request an independent arbiter to inspect the thousands of documents seized from Mar-a-Lago and to weed out from the investigation any that might be protected by claims of either attorney-client privilege or executive privilege.

That arbiter, formally known as a special master, is Raymond Dearie. He's a former federal prosecutor who was appointed a U.S. District judge in Brooklyn by then-President Ronald Reagan. He also has served on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

He was initially tasked by U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee, with reviewing all of the records taken from Mar-a-Lago. But a federal appeals court shrunk the scope of his duties last week, ruling that the Justice Department did not have to share with him the roughly 100 documents with classified markings that were taken during the Aug. 8 search. That leaves for his evaluation the roughly 11,000 other, unclassified documents — which a Trump lawyer said actually total roughly 200,000 pages — recovered by the FBI.

Cannon, meanwhile, has also reined in some of Dearie's work.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN REGARDING CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS?

The past week has revealed stark divisions in how both sides envision the process playing out, as well as the precise role the special master should have.

An early hint surfaced when the Trump team resisted Dearie's request for any information to support the idea that the documents had been declassified, as Trump has repeatedly asserted. A lawyer for Trump, James Trusty, said that inquiry was "premature" and "a little beyond" what Cannon had in mind at the time she appointed the special master.

The following day, in a setback for the Trump team, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit overruled an order from Cannon that had temporarily halted the Justice Department's ability to use the seized classified documents in its probe. Besides restoring the department's access, the order also lifted Cannon's mandate that investigators give the special master those records.

More conflict followed, this time related to the scanning and processing of non-classified government records that were seized.

Government lawyers revealed in a letter Tuesday that none of the five document-review vendors they had recommended for the job was "willing to be engaged" by the Trump team. The Justice Department said it was confident it would be able to secure the arrangements on its own while noting that it continued to expect the Trump team to pay.

But Trusty responded with his own letter Wednesday attributing the difficulty in securing a vendor to the sheer quantity of documents, which he said totaled roughly 200,000 pages — a number the Justice Department has not itself stated in court filings.

He said the department's deadlines for the production of documents was overly "aggressive" — "It would be better to base deadlines on actual data and not wistful claims by the Government," he noted at one point — and scolded the department for what he said were "antagonistic" comments.

"DOJ continues to mistake itself as having judicial authority. Its comments are not argument, but proclamations designed to steamroll judicial oversight and the Plaintiff's constitutional rights," Trusty wrote.

WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN NEXT?

The FBI's investigation took a major step forward when the appeals court lifted Cannon's hold on its ability to scrutinize the seized classified documents as it evaluates whether Trump or anyone else should face criminal charges.

Dearie's work as special master will continue alongside that probe, though there's little chance any action he takes at this point could substantially alter the outcome of the FBI investigation or affect major decisions that lie ahead.

But early disagreements between Cannon and Dearie over the scope of his duties also bear watching. For instance, Cannon on Thursday overturned a directive from the special master that would have required the Trump team to say whether it had any objections to a detailed FBI property inventory cataloging all of the items agents removed from the home.

That response could have been illuminating given that Trump and some of his allies have raised unsupported suggestions that the agents who searched his home may have planted evidence. If his lawyers were to affirm the inventory's accuracy, they would likely be contradicting their own client's claims while also acknowledging the presence of classified materials in the home.

The Justice Department this week made what it called minor revisions to the inventory, but said it was an otherwise full and accurate accounting of what was taken.

Yet newly disclosed correspondence showed the Trump team balking at being forced to assess the inventory's accuracy.

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Silent Robbery Alarm 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:02 a.m.
Speeding 26th St / San Vicente Blvd 12:35 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 1:15 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1600Blk Ocean Ave 1:17 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 2:16 a.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1500Blk 2nd St 4:53 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:59 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 1700Blk The Beach 5:39 a.m.
Encampment 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:26 a.m.
Encampment 1200Blk The Beach 6:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:13 a.m.
Burglary 400Blk Marine St 7:58 a.m.
Encampment 1300Blk The Beach 8:00 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 800Blk 10th St 8:02 a.m.
Prowler 200Blk 20th St 8:19 a.m.
Petty Theft 1600Blk The Beach 8:29 a.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 8:30 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 19th St / Colorado Ave 8:33 a.m.
Fight 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 8:41 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 1700Blk Ocean Ave 8:54 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 19th St / Colorado Ave 9:00 a.m.
Loud Music 1700Blk Dewey St 9:31 a.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 2200Blk Cloverfield Blvd 9:46 a.m.
Speeding Main St / Olympic Dr 9:49 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2800Blk The Beach 10:12 a.m.
Bike Theft 400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Burglary 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 10:31 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 3200Blk Olympic Blvd 10:40 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1400Blk 4th St 10:41 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 800Blk 4th St 10:50 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:54 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:07 a.m.
Person Down 20th St / Olympic Blvd 11:35 a.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:37 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100Blk Broadway 11:42 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3300Blk Barnard Way 11:43 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3000Blk Pennsylvania Ave 11:45 a.m.
Attempt Burglary 1100Blk 5th St 12:14 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500Blk 2nd St 12:18 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1200Blk Ocean Ave 12:23 p.m.
Speeding Stanford St / Nebraska Ave 12:35 p.m.
Burglary 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:45 p.m.
Stalking 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:52 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 1600Blk 19th St 12:57 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800Blk Michigan Ave 1:00 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:05 p.m.
Lost Property 2600Blk Main St 1:10 p.m.
Auto Burglary 2600Blk Kansas Ave 1:14 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 800Blk Pearl St 1:28 p.m.
Fraud 2000Blk Broadway 1:29 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 1:31 p.m.
Battery 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 200Blk San Vicente Blvd 1:58 p.m.
Panic Alarm 7th St / Washington Ave 2:02 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 700Blk Washington Ave 2:03 p.m.
Loud Music 1700Blk Dewey St 2:04 p.m.
Fraud 300Blk Olympic Dr 2:14 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 800Blk Palisades Park 2:24 p.m.
Auto Burglary 3100Blk Neilson Way 2:36 p.m.
Found Property 1400Blk Broadway 2:40 p.m.
Burglary 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:08 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:10 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:16 p.m.
Lost Property 800Blk 9th St 3:21 p.m.
Loud Music 1300Blk 20th St 3:22 p.m.
Person Down 4th St / Colorado Ave 3:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:34 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:34 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:44 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Cloverfield Blvd / Pico Blvd 3:50 p.m.
Burglary 1500Blk 9th St 3:56 p.m.
Petty Theft 300Blk Arizona Ave 3:58 p.m.
Battery 2900Blk Main St 4:01 p.m.
Petty Theft 700Blk Pier Ave 4:08 p.m.
Grand Theft 2000Blk 20th St 4:08 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 900Blk 9th St 4:19 p.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 2700Blk Arizona Ave 4:26 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1000Blk 17th St 4:31 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 2400Blk Chelsea Pl 4:32 p.m.
Petty Theft 400Blk 18th St 4:49 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1500Blk 6th St 5:03 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1600Blk Ocean Ave 5:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 200Blk Broadway 5:14 p.m.
Drinking In Public 2300Blk Pico Blvd 5:32 p.m.
Burglary 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500Blk 24th St 5:46 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 700Blk Pico Blvd 5:47 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 1500Blk The Beach 5:58 p.m.
Fight 1400Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:58 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 6:17 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2200Blk Virginia Ave 6:49 p.m.
Encampment 1500Blk 19th St 6:55 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400Blk 7th St 7:03 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public Stanford St / Lipton Ave 7:32 p.m.
Open Door 1000Blk Euclid St 8:05 p.m.
Speeding 4th St / California Ave 8:05 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 800Blk Ashland Ave 8:08 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 8:35 p.m.
Speeding 4th St / Marguerita Ave 8:43 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 8:46 p.m.
Person Down 1400Blk 2nd St 8:55 p.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:29 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 10:01 p.m.
Burglary 1300Blk 23rd St 10:02 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 1400Blk Harvard St 10:43 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 9th St / Montana Ave 10:53 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1500Blk Ocean Ave 10:56 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries City Prop Involved 21st St / Pico Blvd 10:58 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:26 p.m.
Encampment 1300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:38 p.m.

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EMS 1100Blk 7th St 1:38 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 2:07 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 1300Blk 2nd St 3:24 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 4:17 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:16 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 5:47 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:13 a.m.
EMS 3000Blk 4th St 7:14 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Broadway 7:51 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 19th St / Colorado Ave 8:33 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 9:03 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk 15th St 9:24 a.m.
EMS 10th St / Michigan Ave 9:31 a.m.
EMS 2700Blk Neilson Way 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk Wilshire Blvd 11:14 a.m.
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EMS 800Blk Ashland Ave 12:47 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ashland Ave 1:24 p.m.
EMS 1000Blk 14th St 2:00 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900Blk Olympic Blvd W 2:28 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 3rd St 3:39 p.m.
EMS 2900Blk Main St 4:38 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 15th St 5:47 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 700Blk 26th St 6:45 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Hill St 7:03 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk Arizona Ave 8:28 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 10:54 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 21st St / Pico Blvd 10:58 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk Ocean Ave 10:59 p.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 11:51 p.m.
EMS 800Blk Ocean Ave 1:20 p.m.

CRIME WATCH

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

ON SEPT. 17 AT ABOUT MIDNIGHT

Officers responded to Ralph's at 1644 Cloverfield for a disturbance at the business. The manager at the location explained that the reporting party was no longer at the location, but that a suspect in the store threw a ceramic pot that shattered in the store and then used another pot to break the glass windows on their service door before running out of the store. The suspect, later identified as Julya Jones, 23 years old from Santa Monica, was located nearby and arrested for vandalism with damages of $400 or more.

ON SEPT. 27, AT ABOUT 3:50 PM

A male approached the clerk at the CVS pharmacy (2505 SM) counter and presented a demand note, stating he had a firearm. The clerk handed him 3 bottles of Promethazine syrup before the male fled on foot. Responding SMPD Officers observed a male matching the description of the suspect, in the area of 26th St and Arizona Ave. A perimeter was established and searches were conducted but the male was not located. The suspect is described as a Black Male, approximately 6'2', thin build, wearing a white t-shirt, grey shorts, and a black ski-mask.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

City Wide

Santa Monica Library October Calendar of Events

KIDS

Traveling StoryWalk — Saturday, October 1 through Monday, October 31 / All locations, rotating each week. Read each page of Aaron Reynolds' Creepy Carrots, just in time for Halloween season. Read each page while you walk by the library. All ages. Find its current location on social media: follow us on Facebook (smpublib), Instagram and Twitter (@SantaMonicaLibr) or visit smpl.org.

Hispanic Heritage Month — Take & Make Kit: Hispanic Heritage Month Folk Art. Available beginning Monday, October 3. This kit includes supplies for a craft in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk, Pico Branch, or Montana Avenue Branch. Available while supplies last. For ages 4 & up.

Tuesday Tales — Tuesday, October 11 / 10:30 to 11 a.m. / Pico Branch Library, The Annex. An engaging and fun storytime with stories, songs, and rhymes. For ages 2-5. The storytime series travels to a different library every month.

Annual Fall Festival at Virginia Avenue Park — Saturday, October 15 / 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. / Virginia Avenue Park. Celebrate the season with traditional games, an autumnal photo-op, and some awesome Library treats. For families.

Storytime at the Museum — Thursday, October 27 / 10:30 to 11 a.m. / Cayton Children's Museum, Santa Monica Place. Enjoy storytime and free entrance to Cayton Museum afterward. For ages 2-5.

Trick-or-Treat @ Main Library — Monday, October 31 / 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. / Main Library, Youth Services Desk. Arrive in your Halloween costume at the library for something fun and frightening! For kids and teens ages 0-17.

TEENS

Hispanic Heritage Month — Teen Book Discussion: Cemetery Boys by Aiden Thomas. Thursday, October 13 / 4 to 5 p.m. / Main Library, Central Courtyard. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, LGBTQIA+ History Month and the spooky season with Mexican pastries and a discussion of Cemetery Boys, a supernatural, coming-of-age novel about a transgender, teenage brujx. A limited number of free copies of the book are available for pickup at the Main Library and Pico Branch, beginning Monday, 9/12. For teens ages 13-18 only.

ADULTS

League of Women Voters of Santa Monica — Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. / Pico Branch Library. Wednesday, October 12, 3 to 4 p.m. / Main Library. The League of Women Voters is at two library locations for voter registration and to answer your November 8 election-related questions.

Hispanic Heritage Month — Ocean Park Book Group Discussion: Violeta by Isabel Allende. Saturday, October 1 / 11 a.m. to noon / Zoom. A 100-year-old South American woman tells her life story in a long letter to her grandson, capturing the personal impact of many of the 20th century's major events. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Hispanic Heritage Month — Concert with the Orchestra Santa Monica Wind Quintet. Saturday, October 1 / 2 to 3 p.m. / Virginia Avenue Park, Thelma Terry Room. Join the professional flute, oboe, clarinet, French horn, and bassoon soloists of Orchestra Santa Monica for a set of music by Latinx composers or based on Latinx musical styles.

Walk-in Tutoring — Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 & 27 / 1 to 3 p.m. / Main Library, Tutoring Center. Volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading and writing skills, using the Internet, filling out online forms, using email, resume writing, and job searches.

LGBTQIA+ History Month Film Screening: L.A.: A Queer History (2022) — Thursday, October 6 / 4:30 to 7 p.m. / Main Library Multipurpose Room L.A.: A Queer History is a feature-length documentary exploring how Los Angeles came to the forefront of the LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement, featuring one-on-one interviews and rare archival footage from artists who helped shape early Hollywood-to-Civil Rights Era gay and lesbian activists. A Q&A with filmmaker Gregorio Davila follows the screening. Film runtime: 112 minutes.

LGBTQ+ Santa Monica: Going Forward Together — Wednesday, October 12 / 6 to 6:50 p.m. / Main Library Multipurpose Room. Hear from local LGBTQIA+ voices on the upcoming year's goals and challenges. Mixed media presentation and discussion.

Notable Fiction Book Group Discussion: So Long, See You Tomorrow by William Maxwell — Saturday, October 15 / 11 a.m. to noon / Zoom

A short and powerful reflection on memory, violence and loss in which the narrator revisits a murder from his small-town youth and its impact on the families of the victim and the killer. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

Main Library Book Group Discussion — Byzantium: The Surprising Life of a Medieval Empire by Judith Herrin. Monday, October 17 / 7 to 8 p.m. / Zoom

A captivating new look at the thousand-year rise and fall of the Byzantine empire, its complex culture, and its role in European history. To register, email library@santamonica.gov.

Hispanic Heritage & LGBTQIA+ History Month — Mystery Book Group Discussion. Coffee, Shopping, Murder, Love by Carlos Allende

Tuesday, October 18 / 7 to 8 p.m. / Zoom. Author Carlos Allende discusses his hilarious new dark comedy about two gay men trying to get away with a crime. Winner of the 2019 Quill Prose Award from Red Hen Press. A book discussion follows the author talk. To register, email library@santamonica.gov

'Appy Hour' Device Workshop — Thursday, October 20 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. / Main Library, Tutoring Center. Bring in your smartphone, laptop or tablet for help using your device.

How to Thrive on a Plant-Based Diet — Thursday, October 20 / 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. / Main Library, Multipurpose Room. Emma Veilleux, Registered Dietician with Providence Saint John's Health Center, teaches you how to implement a vegan or vegetarian diet and discusses benefits associated with plant-based dietary changes.

Montana Avenue Branch Book Group Discussion — A Hero of Our Own: The Story of Varian Fry by Sheila Isenberg. Thursday, October 20 / 6 to 7 p.m. / Montana Branch, Patio. A biography on war hero and Holocaust rescuer Varian Fry that reveals his secret mission to Marseille to save Jewish refugees and others who had fled Nazi Germany, only to become trapped in southern France.

Ongoing Classes — These classes are taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll.

All library locations are closed on Monday, October 17. Look for new hours beginning Tuesday, November 1. The Fairview Branch opens via self-service on Tuesday, November 1. Pre-authorization required; sign up at smpl.org/SelfServiceHours.

Library programs are generously supported by The Friends of Santa Monica Public Library. All programs are subject to change.

Have questions or need help? Library staff are available 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, and 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Contact us at (310) 458-8600 or library@santamonica.gov.

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Public Health Expands Monkeypox Vaccination Eligibility

Public Health has expanded eligibility to the monkeypox vaccine to closely align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recent expansion, which includes persons in select occupational groups whose jobs may expose them to orthopoxviruses (such as monkeypox).

Monkeypox vaccine will be available to residents who self-attest to being in the following groups:

Gay, bisexual or other men who have sex with men or transgender people who have sex with men or other transgender people. Persons of any gender or sexual orientation who engage in commercial and/or transactional sex. Persons living with HIV, especially persons with uncontrolled or advanced HIV disease. Persons who had skin-to-skin or intimate contact with someone with suspected or confirmed monkeypox, including those who have not yet been confirmed by Public Health. (NEW) Sexual partners of people in any of the above groups. (NEW) People who anticipate being in any of the above groups

Monkeypox vaccine is also available for persons in select occupational groups whose may be exposed to orthopoxviruses including: Research laboratory personnel working with orthopoxviruses. Clinical laboratory personnel performing diagnostic testing for orthopoxviruses. Designated public health response team members. Health care personnel who administer ACAM2000 (Smallpox Vaccine). Designated health care workers who care for persons with suspected or confirmed orthopoxvirus infections, including clinicians and environmental services personnel.

Note that the risk of monkeypox transmission remains very low for health care workers if appropriate personal protective equipment is worn and other infection control practices are followed.

Eligible residents can go to a Public vaccinating site or visit Myturn.ca.gov to find other vaccinating sites near you.

Residents do not need to show ID in order to get a vaccine at sites run by Public Health. However, because residents may need to show vaccination record and ID if you travel or visit certain venues, it is recommended that when getting a vaccine that residents provide the name that is on their ID.

Residents who met prior eligibility criteria can still get vaccinated (see below for prior criteria).

Gay or bisexual men or transgender people who: Had multiple or anonymous sex partners in the past 14 days. Had skin-to-skin or intimate contact with persons at venues or events in the past 14 days. Had a history of early syphilis or gonorrhea in the past 12 months. Are on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP). Had anonymous sex or sex with multiple partners in the past 21 days in a commercial sex venue or other venue.

Residents who have monkeypox symptoms or are currently under isolation for monkeypox, should not come to the vaccination clinics or walk-up sites. If residents think they have monkeypox, they should speak with a provider and get tested. If residents do not have a provider, residents can call the Public Health Call Center for more information on monkeypox, including general information, testing, treatment, and vaccines at (833) 540-0473 (open 7 days a week 8am – 8:30pm).

For more information, please visit: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/monkeypox/.

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Comedy that shines light in unusual places

Amy Butte took up standup comedy as a hobby during COVID times, taking classes at Santa Monica's Westside Comedy Theater, and got really into it. She went to dozens of open mics and comedy shows, and the same subject matter would come up over and over again. She dreaded hearing generalizations about gender and ethnicity or humiliating material that provoked nervous laughter.

Butte wanted to write, perform, and see comedy that dove deep into subjects that people cared about, bringing a sense of safety and real belly laughs. After meeting Nicole Blaine, the owner of Santa Monica's The Crow, she pitched a topical comedy show called F'ED Talks that fit right in with the "elevated comedy club" Blaine opened in June 2022. A parody on TED and pronounced "effed," F'ED Talks line up comedians who have material on important topics.

Friday, September 30 is the second F'ED event, F'ED: Racism. "If we don't make an effort to talk about racism, by default, we're taking sides as oppressors. Coming to this show is an anti-racist action that's safe and compassionate. We'll be funnier than any humor that employs stereotypes," said Butte.

The lineup of comedians is:

Mateen Stewart from HBO and HGTV

Amber Kain, LA improv group "I Woke Up Like This", playwright, actor, and comedian from NYC

Dylan Brody, award-winning author, playwright and film-maker, internationally acclaimed humorist and story-teller

Angela Batuure, actress and comedian, improv and sketch teams in LA and NYC Signature Theatre, SNL/NBC Scholar

HAWK, LA/Westside native, improv, sketch and standup comedian

Danna Kiel, Comedy Cube, Best of Burbank Comedy Festival 2021 and 2022, Black Women in Comedy Festival 2022 selection

Host Amy Butte, comedy writer, standup at The Crow

The first F'ED event took on aging with F'ED: Growing Out. Comedians found all the humor about different life stages without ageist tropes.

The show is at 8 p.m. on Friday September 30, tickets $20 at crowcomedy.com. More info @f_edtalks on Instagram.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

No on HMP

Dear Editor,

This June, The New York Times published an article entitled “Psychosis, Addiction, Chronic Vomiting: As Weed Becomes More Potent, Teens Are Getting Sick” It told how “Elysse was 14 when she first started vaping cannabis. It didn’t smell, which made it easy to hide from her parents. “

The article describes how “Although... illegal in the United States for those under 21, it has become more accessible...” and “...adolescents who frequently use high doses of cannabis may also experience psychosis... a lifelong psychiatric disorder, an increased likelihood of developing depression and suicidal ideation, changes in brain anatomy and connectivity and poor memory.”

The article adds “...over the two-year interval from 2017 to 2019, the number of kids who reported vaping marijuana over the last 30 days rose among all grades, nearly tripling among high school seniors...” and “One rigorous study found that the risk of having a psychotic disorder was five times higher among daily high potency cannabis users ... than those who had never used it.”

The article mentions another family - “ ...her son did not have any mental health problems and excelled in school. But he eventually started using high potency marijuana products multiple times a day, and this, ..., ‘made him completely delusional’... Johnny had obtained his own medical marijuana card when he turned 18 and had begun dealing to younger kids. ...(he) died after jumping from a six-story building. He was 19.”

This fall, against city staff advice, Santa Monica ballot measure HMP will allow the taxation of pot sales in Santa Monica. This is essentially a trial vote on allowing recreational pot sales.

Santa Monica voters have a choice this November - support our children, or support recreational pot-shops. There is no middle ground. (We already have medical marijuana shops - so there is no medical justification for this.)

When Californians legalized pot they just thought they were saving people from long prison sentences for minor infractions, not permitting the industrial sale of high-potency drugs disguised as candy to our children.

Studies have shown that the presence of stores increases the consumption of pot products by children in the neighborhood - even if they are not of legal age.

Pot doesn’t have to cause reeking smoke... our kids will be popping pot-candy without us having a clue. They will be inhaling odorless vapes and we will have no idea.

The amount of tax revenue generated by pot will be a pittance compared with the mental health costs, loss of achievement, and lifetime loss of earnings of our children.

Parent-Teacher-Associations should be concerned about anything affecting the educational achievements of our children. The peddling of drugs that will seriously lower educational outcomes is absolutely of concern to PTAs.

First it was vaping, now it is pot. Again, business and politicians see our children as nothing but cash-machines, whose futures can be sold for peanut tax amounts and a flood of campaign contributions, leaving them wasted, washed up and suffering enduring mental harm.

This is not what Californians voted for. They were fooled. And now our kids’ futures are being thrown away. Parents have no idea what their kids are doing and the peer pressures they are under.

Speak out. Once the pot-stores are open it will be too late. And by our inaction we will have caused our children irreparable harm.

The New York Times article is impeccable reporting from an unimpeachable source.

Vote no on HMP.

Peter Borresen, Santa Monica

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TREES

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all its foliage and expose the bark to the sun there's a good chance the bark could get sun scalds and they could die," he said.

All nine of the trees are Indian Laurel Figs, a type of ficus tree that Wells said the city trims every three years. The city most recently pruned these specific trees in March of this year.

"Industry guidelines are that you don't remove any more than 30% of the foliage at one time," he said. "If you remove more than that then you put the tree at risk – and they removed almost 100%."

He added that each one of the trees are public assets valued at close to $17,000 and provide significant public environmental benefits.

"Because they have a very large tree canopy they provide great benefits for the city," Wells said. "We want shade, we want carbon to be absorbed, we want air pollution to be removed, we want energy bills to be reduced."

According to city data, Santa Monica has an urban tree canopy (UTC) of about 12%, meaning only a small portion of the city is covered by foliage. This is less than many other US cities, including New York City, which has a UTC of close to 21%. Studies have shown that larger urban tree canopies result in health benefits and also help to reduce urban heat, especially valuable in the face of climate change.

Despite past complaints, the City does not trim the trees beyond a point that would damage them.

The NOMA neighborhood has the largest UTC in Santa Monica, at 22%, however it is also losing trees at the fastest rate, according to the City's data. From 2014 to 2020, the neighborhood lost 17.4 acres of tree canopy, an almost 2% decrease.

Wells said he attributes this loss primarily to private development.

"We see a lot of smaller houses being removed and replaced by much bigger ones and trees are often lost during that process," he said. "So that means that the canopy cover that street trees provide is even more important because a lot of the trees in back gardens are being replaced by ADUs (accessory dwelling units) or extensions to people's homes."

Wells said the Public Landscape Division will be reaching out to the property owners of the homes on Georgina where the trees were cut, but he is more interested in identifying the contractor who did the work.

"They did work without a permit and they did work that isn't recognized as being industry standard," he said. "We don't require a permit just because we want to be difficult, we require it because we need to check that companies are properly insured and qualified."

Wells emphasized that he thinks it is important people know that this work was not done by the city and it is not something they would ever allow to be done.

"This is vandalism, it's not tree work within the industry at all," he said. "It's very disappointing that anyone would do this type of work to these very important trees."

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BEFORE & AFTER: The trees need their natural shade to tolerate direct sunlight.

House approves scaled-down bill targeting Big Tech dominance

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The House on Thursday approved sharply scaled-down legislation targeting the dominance of Big Tech companies by giving states greater power in antitrust cases and increasing money for federal regulators.

The bipartisan measure, passed by a 242-184 vote, pales in comparison with a more ambitious package aimed at reining in Meta, Google, Amazon and Apple and cleared by key House and Senate committees. That proposal has languished for months, giving the companies time for vigorous lobbying campaigns against it.

The more limited bill would give states an upper hand over companies in choosing the location of courts that decide federal antitrust cases. Proponents say this change would avert the "home-court advantage" that Big Tech companies enjoy in federal court in Northern California, where many of the cases are tried and many of the companies are based.

Many state attorneys general have pursued antitrust cases against the industry, and many states joined with the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission in their landmark lawsuits against Google and Meta (then called Facebook), respectively, in late 2020.

The bill also would increase filing fees paid by companies to federal agencies for all proposed mergers worth $500 million or more, while reducing the fees for small and medium-sized transactions. The aim is to increase revenue for federal enforcement efforts.

Under the bill, companies seeking approval for mergers would have to disclose subsidies they received from countries deemed to pose strategic or economic risks to the United States — especially China.

> We find ourselves in a monopoly moment as a country - Rep. Lori Trahan

"We find ourselves in a monopoly moment as a country," Rep. Lori Trahan, D-Mass., said before the vote. "Multibillion-dollar corporations have grown into behemoths, eliminating any real competition in their industries and using their dominance to hurt small businesses and consumers. Meta's monopoly power has enabled it to harm women, children and people of all ages without recourse. Amazon has used its dominance to copy competitors' products and run small businesses into the ground."

The Biden administration, which has pushed for antitrust legislation targeting Big Tech, endorsed the bill this week.

Even in reduced form, the legislation drew fierce opposition from conservative Republicans who split from their GOP colleagues supporting the bill. The conservatives objected to the proposed revenue increase for the antitrust regulators, arguing there has been brazen overreach by the FTC under President Joe Biden.

Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif., described the FTC's leader, Lina Khan, as "a radical leftist seeking to replace consumers' decisions with her own."

Another California Republican, Rep. Darrell Issa, told his colleagues: "If you want to stifle innovation, vote for this."

If Republicans win control of the House or Senate in the November elections, they are certain to try to crimp the activism of the FTC and to challenge its broader interpretation of its legal authority.

The broader antitrust package would restrict powerful tech companies from favoring their own products and services over rivals on their platforms and could even lead to mandated breakups separating companies' dominant platforms from their other businesses. It could, for example, prevent Amazon from steering consumers to its own brands and away from competitors' products on its giant e-commerce platform.

The drafting of that legislation marked a new turn in Congress' effort to curb the dominance of the tech giants and anti-competitive practices that critics say have hurt consumers, small businesses and innovation. But the proposal is complex and drew objections to some provisions from lawmakers of both parties, even though all condemn the tech giants' conduct.

Lawmakers have faced a delicate task as they try to tighten reins around a powerful industry whose services, mostly free or nearly so, are popular with consumers and embedded into daily life.

So with time to act running out as the November elections approach in about six weeks, lawmakers extracted the less controversial provisions on antitrust court venues and merger filing fees, putting them into the new bill that passed.

Lawmakers added the provision targeting foreign subsidies to U.S. companies. Republicans especially have vocally criticized the Chinese ownership of popular video platform TikTok.

In the Senate, Minnesota Democrat Amy Klobuchar is sponsoring similar legislation with Republicans Chuck Grassley of Iowa and Mike Lee of Utah.

"Effective antitrust enforcement is critical to ensuring consumers and small businesses have the opportunity to compete," Klobuchar said in a statement Thursday. "Enforcers cannot take on the biggest companies the world has ever known with duct tape and Band-Aids."



PUBLIC COMMENT

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are not the solution, according to a majority of current council members.

June marked the start of a six-month pilot program that saw public input on non-agenda items, special items, closed session items, and consent calendar moved to the start of meetings, before Council heads into closed session. Closed session was to end by 7 p.m., followed by general public comment on all agenda items except for public hearings.

At the time, six out of seven council members approved the changes, with just Council Member Phil Brock voting against the new format.

Since changes were implemented, there has not been clear evidence of meetings getting shorter — Tuesday's council meeting, for example, lasted more than seven-and-a-half hours. At that meeting, Santa Monica city staff requested the six-month pilot program be extended through at least March 2023, in order to give the experiment more time.

"So the reason why the staff is bringing this item forward is twofold: For one thing, six months hasn't been enough time for the clerk's office to be able to work out all the kinks with both our agenda management technology and with doing the pilot program," City Clerk Denise Anderson-Warren said. "As you know, each meeting something new comes up and I myself only sit for a meeting every quarter. So, every time I sit, it's like doing it all over again … We just think we would like more time to be able to flesh this out to be able to make it more successful."

Anderson-Warren added that she also believed, with at least two new council members filling seats left vacant by Mayor Sue Himmelrich and Mayor Pro Tem Kristin McCowan, both of whom declined to run for additional terms, it would be helpful to continue the program to give newcomers a chance to opine after a few months in the dias. New council members will begin their terms in mid-December.

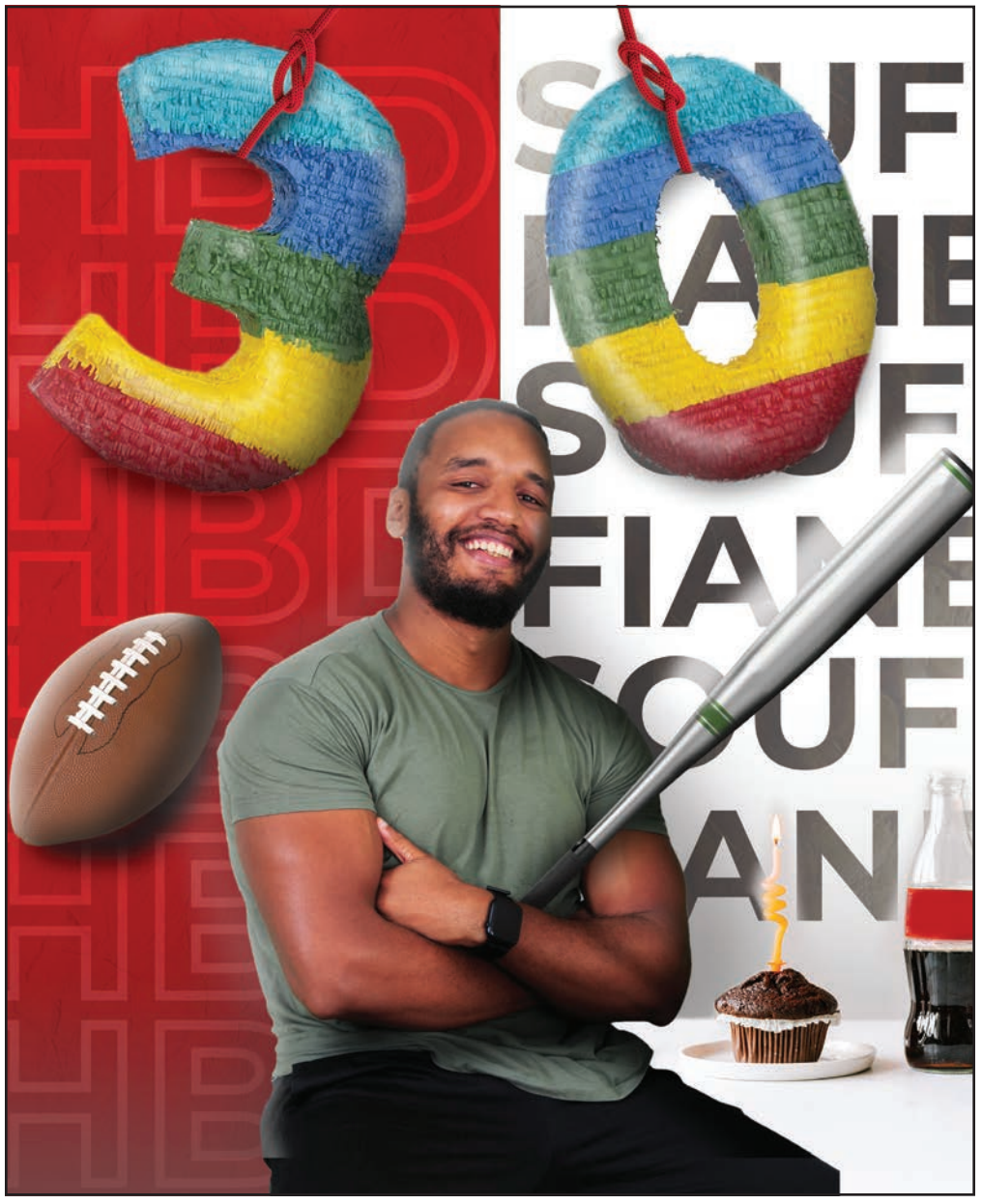
"For them to be able to sit here and intelligently vote on an item that they've got no experience with because that's their first meeting — it's just not there," Anderson-Warren said. "So, we just think it's best that we allow them to have three more months to be able to look at the pilot program and then to make a full evaluation in March."

Council Member Oscar de la Torre suggested modifying the program but, because of open meeting laws, no changes could be made on the spot during the Sept. 27 meeting.

"I don't disagree with what Council Member de la Torre is proposing. I think the challenge is just that we can't take that up tonight," Himmelrich said. "So, I think … we just take the vote on what's before us, and then either the extension passes or it doesn't, and if it doesn't, then you all take it up, you know, in December."

Council voted, 4-3, to not authorize the extension; however, a new configuration of council members may approve a different method for public comment when it sits in December. Council Members Christine Parra, Lana Negrete, Brock and de la Torre voted not to extend the pilot; McCowan, Himmelrich and Council Member Gleam Davis dissented. The next time the issue comes before council, Himmelrich and McCowan will no longer be presiding; Negrete is currently running for a second term.

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DIVERSION

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gouging — are compelled to meet some criteria to avoid a potential guilty verdict.

The city attorney's office has opted for diversions, a tactic that puts a pause button on legal proceedings and stops short of declaring defendants guilty, in order to increase the probability that tenants are protected and landlords comply with laws moving forward, according to Deputy City Attorney Jonathan Erwin-Frank.

"We only bring a case if we feel confident that the legal standard is met and can be met in our ability to pursue it to whatever point we feel is appropriate under all the circumstances," Erwin-Frank said in an interview with the Daily Press this week.

"That said, there can be circumstances in any legal case, criminal or otherwise, where you have a resolution that ensures compliance that's available now, whereas, even if you feel quite confident, if you were to go to trial or potentially appeals, there's a non-zero chance at the very least that something could happen where you're not able to obtain a conviction," he continued. In other words, bringing any case to trial comes with the possibility of losing the trial; reaching a pretrial diversion means tenants have issues resolved no matter what.

In the most recent instance of pretrial diversion, which was granted on Monday, Sept. 26, defendants 1433 Euclid Street, LLC and WS Communities, LLC were accused of price gouging by raising the rent on a housing unit by nearly 250% at a time when rent increases were limited to 10%. With no admittance of guilt, 1433 Euclid Street, LLC and WS Communities, LLC, have agreed to pay back thousands of dollars in rent the tenant at the apartment unit paid, as well as cutting a $15,000 check to the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office and another $20,000 donation to homeless outreach nonprofit The People Concern. In addition, the two LLCs must post public notice in the apartment complex about rules protecting tenants and representatives must attend tenants' rights training.

"Our primary consideration is always going to be protection of the alleged victim or victims and making sure the requirements of diversion ensure compliance," Erwin-Frank said.

Although a conviction may have created a criminal record for the landlords in question — who, again, have not admitted guilt — Erwin-Frank also pointed out that often after a 12-month probationary period, guilty parties can have records expunged, leaving no trace of the criminal offense.

The alleged price gouging took place beginning back in February 2020, during a declared state of emergency due to wildfires in the state of California. The case itself was first filed in January 2021, and the lengthy process included a legal battle for the City Attorney's Office to first prove defendants even fell under the price gouging statute.

"The defendant businesses argued that the law did not apply to them. We litigated the issue, and the court ruled with us and held the law does apply here and applies for the duration of a declared state of emergency," Erwin-Frank wrote in a description of the case. "This diversion requires defendants to comply with the price gouging law and all laws. It ensures compliance. If defendants fall out of compliance within the monitoring period, then we can continue to prosecute this case. We don't have to conduct a new investigation or file a new case. We just resume with this case. We preserved our right to prosecute this case, while at the same time obtaining compliance from these landlords, under the court's supervision. Compliance is paramount."

Erwin added: "The tenant remains protected. She remains in her unit and continues to pay the pre-gouging rent. She was reimbursed for the overpayment of the gouging rent. The notice requirement also helps protect other tenants."

Pretrial diversion also leaves the door open for future legal action if defendants fail to meet commitments outlined in the diversion.

"If they were to violate other terms of the agreement … we can continue the prosecution," Erwin-Frank said.

The Sept. 26 order approving diversion in the case (The People of the State of California vs. 1433 Euclid Street, LLC. / WS Communities, LLC.) came a few months after a similar pretrial diversion was approved for a tenant harassment case that the City brought against Adam Shekhter, MySuite, LLC., 1238 10th Street, LLC., and 1433 Euclid Street, LLC, accused of attempting to influence tenants to vacate units through fraud, intimidation or coercion.

In that diversion, defendants were ordered to make a total of $102,000 in payments, with the bulk going to the City of Santa Monica as well as two $20,000 payments made to one current and one former tenant.

Though 1433 Euclid Street, LLC, was named as a defendant in both trials, Erwin-Frank said each case was evaluated "on its own individual facts" — there is nothing to stop a defendant obtaining pretrial diversion multiple cases in a row.

"Knowledge of a particular history with a defendant would be one of a series of factors that would be considered," Erwin-Frank said, reiterating that City Attorneys opt for pretrial diversion "if we're confident that it's sufficient to achieve compliance and protect the victim."

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TRUMP

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Trusty said in a letter Sunday that the directive that it do so goes beyond what Cannon had envisioned when she appointed Dearie. Cannon herself agreed, canceling Dearie's requirement Thursday and writing that her "appointment order did not contemplate that obligation."

The Justice Department, for its part, had earlier suggested that the Trump team should not be able to avoid stating its position on the record or following other of Dearie's directives.

"The Special Master needs to know that he is reviewing all of the materials seized from Mara-Lago on August 8, 2022 — and no additional materials — before he categorizes the seized documents and adjudicates privilege claims," the department said in one filing.

The letter Tuesday ended with this tart reminder to Trump and his lawyers: "Plaintiff brought this civil, equitable proceeding. He bears the burden of proof."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 30)

It's no coincidence your relationships sparkle with humor and tenderness: It's what you built and cultivate. You've come to understand the power of your focused intention, which is more valuable than gold. You'll attract, with great specificity, what makes you feel most vital and makes people around you thrive, too. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 1, 24, 28 and 13.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your attractive qualities shine. The people you're interested in are likely to be excited about your curiosity. Use this good luck by noticing what's missing in your social life and asking yourself, "Who do I want to know?"

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember when that bit of life you expected would change everything just didn't? You can't always tell what's going to matter or how you're going to feel. All the worry and doubt might be for nothing. Just do the thing, then see.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Cheerleaders are nice to have, but if you don't have them, make sure you at least have competition. Nothing motivates you as much as a formidable opponent. When it comes to success, rivals are more essential than fans.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The graceful balance you achieve between feeding your interests and serving the interests of others will contribute to your happiness. For the inconvenient giving you do today you will receive a dose of joy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll witness impressive feats and get curious about how they do it. If you ask, they'll tell. But if you hang back and observe a while first, you'll see that the best questions aren't so obvious. You'll ask what matters and learn a lot more.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll respond best to work that's quantifiable and people who are clear in their intentions. Your mind wants to categorize things today. If a thing defies categorization, it may default to your mental trash can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Things like hunger and desire are the enemy of intelligent strategy. It's easier to see which is the smart option when you don't need or want anything. How can you approach the game from a more neutral place?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In music, the end of the song is not the point of the song. Likewise, the paycheck, trophy or prize is not the entire reason for your effort. If you're not enjoying the process, you'll go find work that is more fulfilling.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some seem to have more of the good stuff. Whether it's actually true is irrelevant. Envy can teach you what you want. You'll extend your imagination to the fantasy and extract the motivation to work harder and smarter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've tried to move past some obstacles lately, and though it may have felt awkward, there's a kind of music created by all the challenge and disruption. It's the rocks that make the brook sing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Strong feelings can be a gift, but immediately acting on them is often a mistake. Take the time to cool down and assess your position first so you can choose your next move from a place of calm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may not completely know what you offer the world yet, but it is valuable and may have mass appeal. Anyone who leads you to believe you are an acquired taste is seeding doubt to gain power. Don't be fooled.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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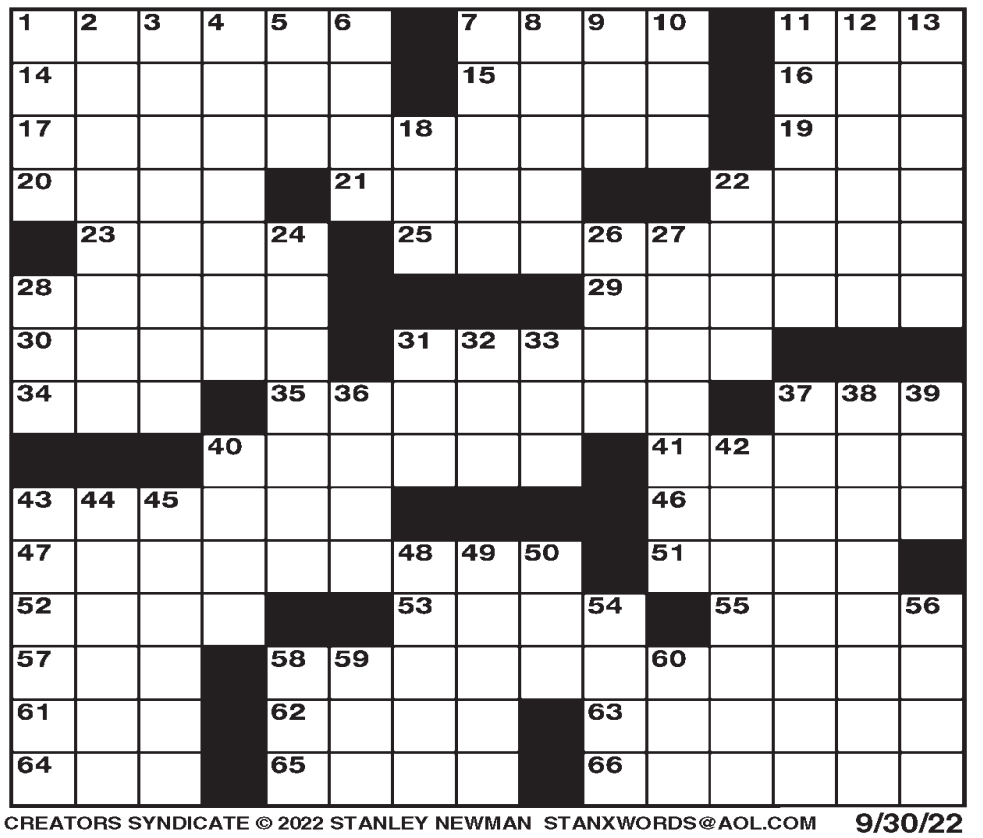
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ACROSS

1 Lawn maintenance
7 Common lipstick shade
11 "Am __ understand . . ."
14 Cover for tiny toes
15 Top
16 Take for a ride
17 Before we begin, __
19 Finesse
20 Number on a nickel
21 Perfect match
22 Tolstoy title character
23 Chairlift alternative
25 Before we begin, __
28 Kennedy Center honoree Rivera
29 Home to 700+ million
30 Worn (away)
31 Reluctant to give
34 Bastille Day *saison*
35 Where you are
37 Concave cooker
40 "I'm dubious!"
41 Aerobics regimen
43 County Kerry city
46 Midwest oil center
47 Before we begin, __
51 Capital due north of Denmark
52 Locks up or nails down
53 Current-slang sweethearts
55 Recounted
57 Text of gratitude
58 Before we begin, __
61 Snoop group
62 *Sesame Street* monster
63 Treat with a gas
64 Be indecisive
65 A distant point
66 Became overcast, at Oxford

DOWN

1 Bidding setting
2 Refusal to repeat oneself
3 Noshed
4 Keep saying
5 French diarist
6 Classy guy
7 Minute hands, essentially
8 School northeast of Yale
9 Lexus alternative
10 Longing
11 Boaster's assurance
12 Shredded
13 Preserved, old-style
18 "How cute!"
22 Off course
24 Cowpoke's boss
26 Cozy spots
27 Should
28 So-so in school
31 "No seats today"
32 Afternoon hour
33 Ending like -esque
36 Long time
37 Reluctant assent
38 Current no more
39 RV stopping place
40 Shouts of support
42 Severely simple
43 Nasal movement
44 Nickname like Chard
45 What some HS courses end with
48 Former honorary USO chairman
49 Look kindly upon
50 Retainer, for instance
54 Art atop deere.com
56 With a new hue
58 What clover might cover
59 Tolkien magician
60 That freighter

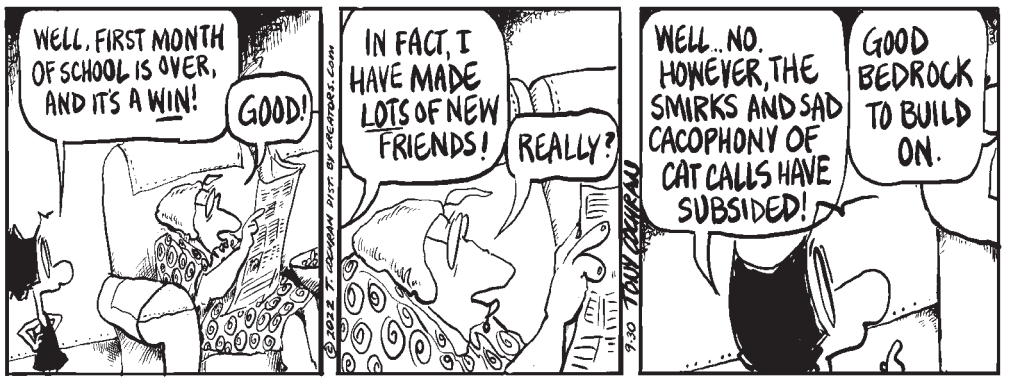


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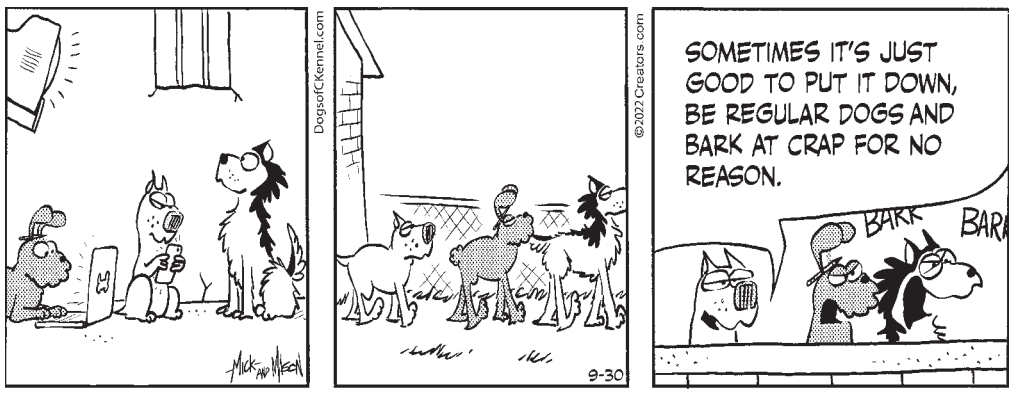
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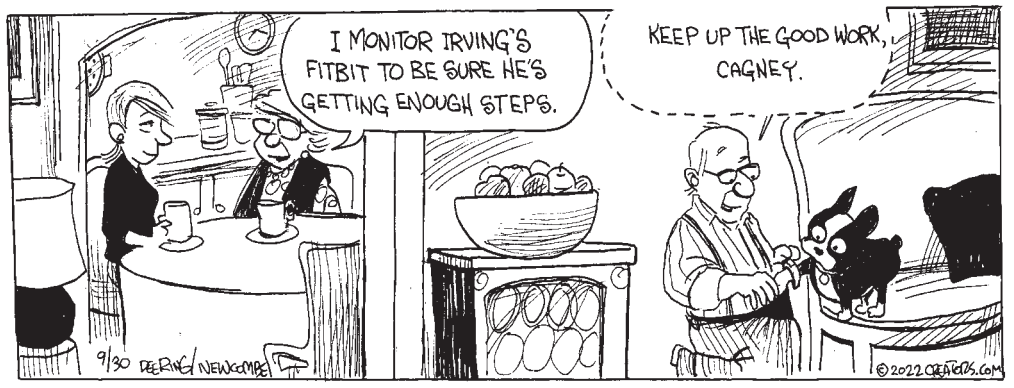
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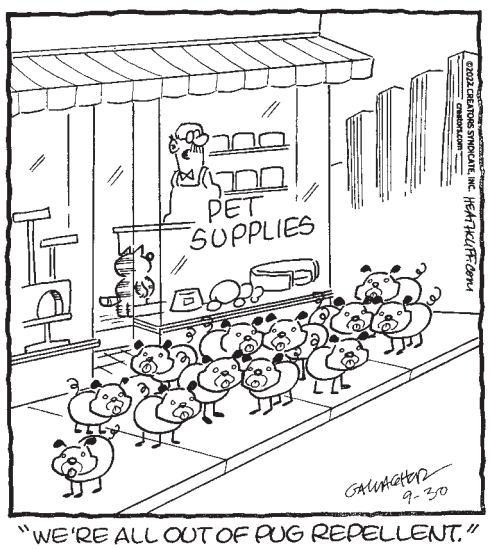
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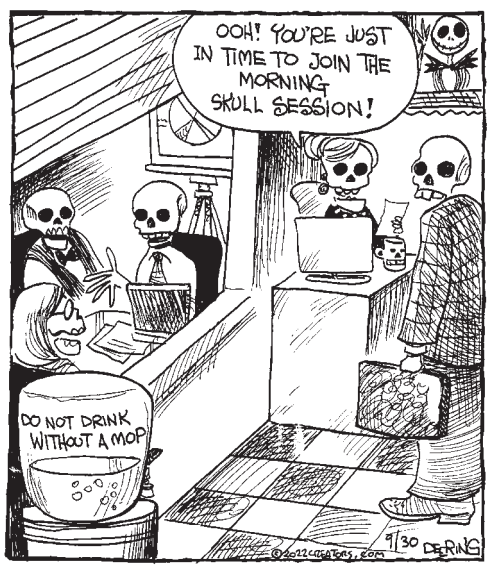
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"WE'RE ALL OUT OF PUG REPELLENT."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 25 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5618

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Adam Taggart	Fixture	Pitch
Aziz Behich	Foul	Pyramid
Ball	Futsal	Red card
Bend	Header	Referee
Bruno Fornaroli	Injury	Riley
Captain	Kellond-Knight	Robbie Kruse
Crossbar	Kennedy	Shot
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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW

An ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Pico Branch Library.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

TRAVELING STORYWALK

Read each page of Aaron Reynolds' Creepy Carrots, while you walk by the library. All ages. Find its current location on social media: follow us on Facebook (smpublib), Instagram and Twitter (@SantaMonicaLibr), or visit smpl.org. All Library Branches.

OCEAN PARK BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Join a community-led discussion of books chosen by the group. This month's title is Violeta by Isabelle Allende. Contact jeff.schwartz@santamonica.gov for the Zoom link. 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

KELLY BERG, AYIN ES AND DEBBIE MCAFEE EXHIBITION

Meet at the gallery for Craig Krull's current exhibitions: Kelly Berg's, "Emergence", Ayin Es', "This Land", and Debbie McAfee's, "Desert Sanctum." Don't miss some of the special events including an Artist Talk on October 1 at 11 a.m. Craig Krull Gallery, 2525 Michigan Ave, #B3 https://www.craigkrullgallery.com/Exhibition/Current.html

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR

Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. Hostelling International Santa Monica, 1436 2nd St. $10. https://smc.givecloud.co/dwt.

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE TOUR

Santa Monica Conservancy docents will be on hand to share the rich history of the Annenberg Community Beach House site from the 1920s into present day. Our free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis for individuals and groups of up to six people. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. Please wear a mask as it is required indoors at City of Santa Monica facilities. No reservations required. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. https://www.smconservancy.org/events-programs/annenberg-beach-house/

GABRIELLA MARTINEZ

Versatile, daring, and insightful, Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Martinez has received rave reviews for the lyricism of her playing, her compelling interpretations, and her elegant stage presence. Ms. Martinez returns to BroadStage following her acclaimed appearance at The Edye with an evening of both contemporary and classical compositions from Caroline Shaw, Beethoven, Heitor Villa-Lobos, and more. BroadStage, 1310 11th St. $40 - $70. https://broadstage.org/performances/2022-23/classical/gabrielamartinez

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 1st, 10 am - 12pm. First United Methodist Church in the courtyard. 1008 11th Street. Walk up and drive through available. Event includes crafts for kids and a photo booth. Food, treats and toys will be collected for the Santa Monica animal shelter. All are welcome.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET

Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave. https://www.santamonicaairportantiquemarket.com/

MONDAY OCTOBER 3

TAKE & MAKE KIT:

Hispanic Heritage Month Folk Art. Available beginning Monday, October 3. This kit includes supplies for a craft in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Pick up at the Main Library Youth Services desk, Pico Branch, or Montana Avenue Branch. Available while supplies last. For ages 4 & up.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Pico Branch Library.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **66.9**

FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	Lingering SSW swell as NW swell mix likely gets a bit of a boost. Clean morning conditions expected for the tide push first thing.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Smaller, easing mixture of SSW and NW swell expected. Elevated tide much of the day isn't ideal. Small wave gear goes best.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/09/30	Fri	12:56 AM	3.61	H
2022/09/30	Fri	05:39 AM	2.25	L
2022/09/30	Fri	12:16 PM	5.67	H
2022/09/30	Fri	7:50 PM	0.53	L
2022/10/01	Sat	02:31 AM	3.18	H
2022/10/01	Sat	06:07 AM	2.73	L
2022/10/01	Sat	1:10 PM	5.47	H
2022/10/01	Sat	9:22 PM	0.52	L
2022/10/02	Sun	2:29 PM	5.26	H
2022/10/02	Sun	10:57 PM	0.28	L
2022/10/03	Mon	06:41 AM	3.62	H
2022/10/03	Mon	09:48 AM	3.42	L
2022/10/03	Mon	4:11 PM	5.24	H
2022/10/04	Tue	12:05 AM	-0.06	L
2022/10/04	Tue	07:14 AM	4.04	H
2022/10/04	Tue	11:43 AM	3.02	L
2022/10/04	Tue	5:36 PM	5.46	H
2022/10/05	Wed	12:57 AM	-0.32	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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6 10 24 33 67
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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/27
8 14 24 43 51
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 355 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/28
13 16 28 33 45
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 29 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/28
18 26 31 32 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/28
EVENING: 6 7 4
Draw Date: 9/28
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Draw Date: 9/28
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3rd: 01 - Gold Rush
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