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CANDIDATE PROFILES 2018

Santa Monica College Board



PATRICK ACOSTA II

The Daily Press will run a profile of each candidate in the 2018 election.

NAME: PATRICK JAMES ACOSTA II
AGE: 25
OCCUPATION: CITY OF SANTA MONICA PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE
NEIGHBORHOOD OF RESIDENCE: PICO NEIGHBORHOOD
OWN OR RENT: RENT
MARITAL STATUS/KIDS: ENGAGED/EXPECTING FIRST CHILD
PARTY AFFILIATION: DEMOCRAT
SCHOOL HISTORY (HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY WITH DEGREE ATTAINED): SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL (2011), SANTA MONICA COLLEGE - ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN PUBLIC POLICY AND ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS, UCLA - BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HISTORY AND MINOR IN URBAN & REGIONAL STUDIES

WHAT SANTA MONICA ORGANIZATIONS OR INSTITUTIONS ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH OUTSIDE SMC?

I am involved with the City of Santa Monica, attend various neighborhood meetings, as well as SMC Board of Trustee Meetings. I am also a volunteer for the various City events hosted throughout the year. As well as a volunteer coach with Samohi Soccer program in the recent past.

WHAT SMC CLASSES HAVE YOU TAKEN?

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School board meeting to discuss protecting immigrant students and more







File Photos

SMMUSD: In addition to privacy and security concerns, the district will hear construction updates at several school sites.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A lean school board agenda this week holds policy revisions to protect immigrant students, approving District Advisory Committee charges, and more.

At the upcoming Thursday, October 4 Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District meeting in Malibu, immigrant students on campus will be made to feel safer due to a slew of revisions slated to be approved.

Revisions are being made to reflect law AB 699, a law the Immigrant Legal Resource Center describes as requiring "all local educational agencies in California to implement additional protections to ensure that all students, regardless of immigration status or country of birth, have the opportunity to pursue their education without undue fear or risk."

The SMMUSD policies that will be updated to reflect this law will be: Nondiscrimination in Programs and Activities, Non Discrimination/ Harassment, Admission, District Residency,

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James captivates crowd in his Los Angeles Lakers debut

BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

LeBron James rubbed his hands in chalk powder at the scorer's table, yelled "Yes!" to ecstatic fans in the first few rows and the Los Angeles Lakers' new era was underway.

Playing in the same arena where Magic Johnson made his regular-season debut for Los Angeles 39 years ago, James captivated the crowd from the start of the Lakers' exhibition opener Sunday night, a 124-107 loss to the Denver Nuggets.

The opening tip came James' way and he tapped it to fellow newcomer Rajon Rondo, who threw an alley-oop pass to JaVale McGee for the game's first score.

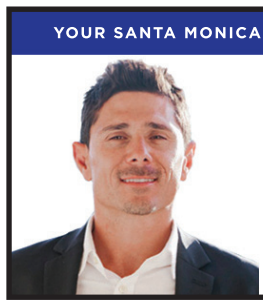
James missed his first shot, a turnaround fadeaway, but then made a no-look bounce pass from about 27 feet out to Brandon Ingram for a dunk. A minute later, James hit a long 3-pointer.

He finished with nine points, three rebounds and four assists in just more than 15 minutes.

"It was great to get back on the floor and then just start a new journey for myself and hear the Lakers fans that we have here in San Diego," said James, who was

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 2

Making America's Largest Urban National Park

Are you interested in exploring some of the 500 miles of trails in your own backyard? Climbing a mountain or soaking your feet in the Pacific? Witnessing movie history at the still-operating film set at Paramount Ranch? Discovering what Southern California looked like before urban sprawl? This informative and entertaining event is free, as are parking and refreshments following the program. No RSVP required. 7 p.m. Lelah T. Pierson Theatre, 941 Temescal Canyon Road, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Gentle Yoga at Fairview

In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

Día de los Muertos Community Meeting

Arts and culture consultant, Evonne Gallardo, will lead the public engagement process including facilitating this community meeting, which will be the first of two. The purpose of this process is to engage the community around Día de los Muertos in order to establish a vision and model for future celebrations. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, 6 p.m. www.smgov.net/dia.

Wednesday, Oct. 3

SCBWI Westside Writers Mingle

A monthly meeting of the Society of Children Book Writers and Illustrators that is open to all. October Topic: Marketing/Business/Social Media/Self-promotion ideas and discussion. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St, 7 - 8:45 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

The Santa Monica Planning Commission regular meeting. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Angel City Jazz Festival Young Artists Competition

Three outstanding young jazz bands, selected from dozens of entrants, compete for a gig at the Angel City Jazz Festival. Each group plays a 20 minute set, then a panel of experts will select the winner. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 4

LGBTQ LA: A Queer History

Erik Adamian, Education and Outreach Manager for the ONE Archives presents a multi-media lecture on the rich and inspiring history of LGBTQ Los Angeles. Learn about the beginnings of the LGBTQ Civil Rights movement, LGBTQ trailblazers and historical moments that ignited the movement towards equality. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 7 - 8:15 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

ACOSTA

FROM PAGE 1

WHAT WAS YOUR GRADE?

I have taken a total of 47 SMC classes. I was an A/B Student that made the Dean's Honor List several times, and was a student-athlete for the SMC Men's Soccer Team for 3 years. I also co-founded the SMC Soccer Club. I received 2 Associate Degrees while at SMC.

WHAT CLASSES ARE ESSENTIAL OFFERINGS TO PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE MODERN JOB MARKET?

I believe that there are many classes ranging from Business courses, Trades, Tech, the Arts, Science/Nursing Courses, and many other course offerings that prepare students for the next steps in their educational career, as well as obtaining a job. I am a successful product of SMC that transferred to UCLA.

HOW MANY ARTS EVENTS (PLAYS, CONCERTS, ART SHOWS) FEATURING SMC STUDENTS HAVE YOU ATTENDED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS?

I have attended 3 shows held at the Broad Stage that featured SMC students, I have been to 2 Art shows in the more recent past on campus, and have visited SMC's planetarium 2 times. As well, I have attended at least 10 SMC Soccer games in the past 2 years.

WHAT MORE CAN BE DONE TO BRING STUDENTS TO CAMPUS WITHOUT THE USE OF A CAR?

Not only would a reduction of vehicles help reduce the heavy traffic that the college brings to our community, but it will also reduce carbon emissions. With further review, the college could see about adding a multi-level parking structure to the Bundy campus, and increase the campus-to-campus shuttles.

IS THE SMC BOARD MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO STUDENTS (WHEREVER THEY MIGHT LIVE) OR RESIDENTS (REGARDLESS OF THEIR SMC AFFILIATION)?

While SMC's main goal is to serve the students to its best potential, it also needs to recognize and respect the surrounding neighborhoods. The residents of our City have dealt with the influx of traffic, parking, high rents, and large developments amongst other things. There needs to be a balance.

IS THE CAMPUS A NEVER-ENDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT OR CAN YOU FORESEE AN END TO EXPANSION?

Over the past decade there has been a major influx of large developments throughout our community. SMC has grown immensely, and it is all positive. However, I don't see the need for the acquisition of more land than it currently has now. This is a community college, not a university.

HOW MUCH TIME AND ENERGY SHOULD BE PUT INTO CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION VS. UNDERGRAD?

This is a community college, a center for learning. We need to remember that, and understand that there should be a balance between those that are just looking to take an introductory course, further expand their knowledge, and those that are looking to transfer or obtain certificates. All are welcome.

DOES THE FUTURE OF COLLEGE EDUCATION STILL FOCUS ON THE CAMPUS EXPERIENCE OR WILL EDUCATION BECOME MORE VIRTUAL?

I believe in the classroom setting. I understand there are certain aspects of new technologies that can be helpful in the learning process. However, I believe that it is up to the student to decide whether or not they want to take classes on campus or what is offered online.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO LEAD A MAJOR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION LIKE SMC AND HOW WILL/DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE BOARD?

Being that I may very well be the only Board Member to actually have received 2 Associate's Degrees from SMC, I feel that I will bring a very recent and informed point of view from a student perspective. As well, being that I grew up here, I know the different challenges that the community faces, and I look to better recognize the surrounding neighborhoods, and put "Community" back into Santa Monica College.

Born and raised in Santa Monica, I am a proud product of our public education system. After graduating from Samohi, I enrolled at Santa Monica College and experienced how Santa Monica residents compete for class space and resources even though local residents pay for the debt from a growing number of College bonds. Residents, who make up less than 4% of SMC's student population should receive priority admission and free tuition at Santa Monica College. I will fight to make that a reality.

After graduating from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), I returned to serve my City. As I continue building my career with the City of Santa Monica, I look forward to bringing "community" back into Santa Monica College, ensuring more access and opportunity for residents of all needs and ages.

Putting Our Residents First:

- I will bring firsthand experience as a successful product of Santa Monica College.
- Increase PRIORITY ENROLLMENT and provide FREE/Incentivized TUITION for all Santa Monica and Malibu Residents.
- Strengthen partnerships between Santa Monica College and Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.
- Establish improved community relations with surrounding neighborhoods.
- Fiscal Transparency and Accountability.
- Reduce Parking Issues.
- Support Emeritus College.

Join me in building upon the success of Santa Monica College's tradition of excellence, and vote for me, a homegrown product & Santa Monica College Alumnus, Patrick Acosta II.

WHY IS SMC AND THEREFORE THIS ELECTION RELEVANT TO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED SMC?

This election is relevant to residents, who they themselves have not attended SMC, because they are a part of this community. Growing up here, I have seen the many different changes throughout the City. All decisions, small and large, can and will have a significant impact on our community in one way or another. If the people are not informed, then their voice and concerns will not be taken into consideration. Everyone is at a different point in their lives and whether or not they are attending SMC should not matter. There are many issues that come up at the college. Some of the issues that all residents deal with, are such issues as parking, traffic, the acquisition of land within the City, the housing market, and major development projects that are underway in our community.

The college should better recognize and respect the community in which it is in. We as the residents, need to also understand the reasons mentioned above, and how each of them impact us and our City. Whether or not you have children or family members that will be attending SMC one day, or maybe you yourself will decide to enroll in a course someday just to gain some knowledge, or maybe you will look to embark on a career change and look to SMC for guidance and education. SMC also offers various events that are hosted here in our community. It is good to know that the College will continue to run quality programs here in our community. Overall, I look to hear what any of our residents have to say about SMC. I appreciate you all and thank you for your time.

NOTICE OF COMPLETION/AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE CITY YARDS MASTER PLAN PROJECT

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given of the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed City Yards Master Plan Project located in the City of Santa Monica (City).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City proposes the City Yards Master Plan (the proposed project), which would redevelop the existing 14.7-acre site located at 2500 Michigan Avenue. Uses at the City Yards Site currently include Fleet Maintenance, Street Maintenance, Resource Recovery and Recycling, Traffic Operations, Facilities Services, Facilities Management, Custodial Services, Hazardous Materials Waste Storage, Water Resources, and Fire Training Yard. The existing maintenance and operation facilities at the City Yards Site no longer meet the City's functional needs and space requirements for operations. As part of the City Yards Master Plan, the existing on-site buildings/improvements would be demolished/removed and/or redeveloped to house the City's current uses. Site improvements would also include improved utilities infrastructure (new storm drain systems, hydrological features), circulation and parking improvements, new landscaping, lighting, and sustainability features. The proposed project would be implemented gradually over 8 years with multiple phases. The proposed project may include a parcel exchange between the City and Southern California Disposal and Recycling Company Inc. (SCD). This exchange would involve transfer of the approximately 14,057-square-foot parcel at 2322 Michigan Avenue owned by SCD to the City ("receiver parcel") in exchange for approximately 20,000 square feet of City-owned land adjacent to Frank Street to the east of the SCD Transfer Station ("Frank Street parcel"). With this parcel exchange, the receiver parcel would be improved (paved).

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ANALYZED: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project, including Aesthetics, Air Quality, Construction Effects, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Neighborhood Effects, Noise, Transportation and Circulation, Utilities and Service Systems, and Energy Consumption.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, a minimum 45-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on October 2, 2018, and end at 5:30 p.m. on November 16, 2018.** Written comments should be sent to:

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1685 Main Street, Room 212
Santa Monica, CA 90401
Email: Rachel.kwok@smgov.net

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Environmental-Reports/City-Yards-Project-EIR/ or in person at the following locations:

- City Planning Division Public Counter Room 1111685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Office of the City Clerk Room 1021685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Santa Monica Main Library,601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA
- Santa Monica Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

ESPAÑOL: Este es un aviso sobre los posibles efectos ambientales de la construcción propuesta de un plan maestro de yardas de la ciudad, que puede ser de interés para usted. Para más información, llame a Carmen Gutiérrez al (310) 458-8341.

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Queer As A Five Dollar Bill

Sex. Sexuality. Sexual Assault. Harassment. Intentional or unintentional? Boys will be boys. Believe all women. She can't consent if she's drunk. He's guilty of assault if his drunken clumsy seduction efforts worked or failed. A teenage boy whips out his willy in a locker room and lays it on a seated boys shoulder – is that "horse play" or sexual assault?

My head is spinning in this environment of abusers, accusers and alleged victims. Victim's advocates say we should "believe everyone – almost no one lies about assault." Alleged accuser defenders say "their brains aren't fully formed they should be given latitude."

Into this sexual taboo stew, we must remember that this is National Domestic Violence awareness month. It is yet another area that is fraught with emotions, subjective interpretations and agendas, both hidden and open. How are we to hold a discussion on all these difficult, emotionally charged issues? I believe we can only do so by being open to multiple viewpoints, and trying to relate them to our own lives.

Abuse, violence, sex and sexuality are complex, convoluted and mostly confusing to humans. Animals have it so much easier – there's no free will. Kill or be killed. Procreate and move on. Humans are such complex creatures, and the variety of our experiences, expectations and aspirations add layers upon layers of emotion.

Add to this the murky area of intent. As we try to divine the intent behind actions, small and large, we can only rely upon our own experiences and intentions. Reading intent into someone else's behavior is difficult, if not impossible, and usually we get it wrong.

As a gay man I have had more than my fair share of confused attempts at seducing someone, or being seduced. Most of the time I can't figure out who is gay, and there are a number of women who refuse to believe that I am! As a playboy, I am no Cyrano De Bergerac. More like a modern day Diogenes endlessly searching for the truth in love, sex and romance. There's this mythical "gaydar" that I'm supposed to have, that others claim to have with unerring accuracy – I call bs. People are too complex in their loves and lusts for something as simple and unerring as that.

Take Abraham Lincoln for example. Here's a man who in some ways is the epitome of American Frontier Masculinity. He was married to Mary Todd Lincoln, had four sons and went down in history as one of our greatest Presidents.

Yet, he might have been in love with another man. His passionate letters to Joshua Speed, the lurid language, the insider comments that are all recorded in his letters speak to something beyond just a best drinking buddy.

The enticing possibility of Lincoln actually being in love with Speed is a central plot point of a new teen novel put out by my friend Lee Wind in his debut novel, "Queer as a Five Dollar Bill." It tells the story of a young gay man in modern small town Oregon who discovers a secret – a secret that would rewrite history, and create a hero for all the young gay and lesbian teens who lack significant role models.

The genesis of this book for Wind, and how we met, was at a California Men's Gathering years ago when the late Randy Harrison did a talk on the probability of Lincoln and Speed being lovers. Harrison maintained that the facts of their relationship lead any astute gay man to the conclusion that Lincoln and Speed were lovers. He pointed to the fact that the two men would often share a bed together while traveling and were long time bedmates/roommates. Lincoln wrote lovingly and adoringly of Speed's physical beauty, most especially his thighs.

Wind took this possible relationship and spun a modern day tale of homophobia and coming out into a book that was too hot for traditional publishers to touch. The publishing establishment didn't want to print a book that upended the conventional view of an American icon.

Faced with no way to get this insightful and influential book out to the public through traditional means, Wind (against my advice) decided to crowdfund the final production costs. I was highly skeptical and did my darnedest over ramen at Jinya on Main Street, to dissuade him from wasting his precious time with a crowdfunding campaign. But he is an award winning blogger with a large following and connections through his teen youth blog, "I'm Here. I'm Queer. What The Hell Do I Read?" at www.leewind.org.

In six days he and 182 funders reached his goal and I am proud to say that I was wrong. Wind used the proceeds to finish the production and distribution of "Queer as a Five Dollar Bill" which includes distributing over 800 copies to LGBTQ and Allied teens.

Reading this young adult novel one feels the angst and anguish Wyatt faced when disclosing world shattering information, both about Lincoln, and himself. This novel is one of the seminal books of this year, and will be for decades. It is the modern gay version of "Are you there god? It's me Margaret". It should be mandatory reading in history, government and English classes as a way to open minds, reduce homophobia, improve the self-esteem of LGBTQ teens and start dialogues about sex and sexuality in health classes.

I have five copies I'm giving away to the first five people to email me, here's the catch you have to promise to then donate the book to a library, school or public, Santa Monica or Los Angeles, I don't care. I just want the books to be sent out into the world. This story needs to be shared. It's available today on Amazon.com in both print and Kindle version.

As progressive and educated as we are today, we still have huge difficulties talking about, exploring, and communicating love, lust and desire. In the 1850s I imagine it was just as difficult, confusing and hidden. We can never know truly what the intentions are of another person, and we will never be certain about relationship of Lincoln and Speed, but we can at least start having the conversations to learn more, about sexuality, intentions, and unintended harms.

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JAMES

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married here in 2013. "It was great feeling to go out there and hear the roar from the fans here. I very much appreciate it."

The three-time NBA champion, four-time NBA MVP and 14-time All-Star said he played a little more than expected, "and I felt pretty good."

Seeing James in a Lakers uniform for the first time "was awesome," said coach Luke Walton, who grew up in San Diego. "When you're coaching the Lakers and you look out and see LeBron wearing your team's colors, it' a pretty good feeling."

While the Lakers have a lot to work on, fans hope James' arrival will turn things around after the worst half-decade in the franchise's lengthy history.

He left the Cleveland Cavaliers for a four-year, $153.3 million free-agent deal with the Lakers.

"It always feels different for me anytime you change uniforms," he said. "It felt different when I changed from wearing a St. Vincent-St. Mary jersey to wearing a Cavs jersey from a Cavs jersey to a Heat jersey, back to a Cavs jersey and now being a Laker. It definitely feels different and takes a little bit of time getting used to."

He, Rondo and fellow veterans McGee, Lance Stephenson and Michael Beasley signed to team with the Lakers' talented young core.

James was the focus on and off the court Sunday night.

He was cheered from the minute he ran onto the court with his new teammates for warmups. He played the first eight minutes before being subbed out.

When he came back in midway through the second quarter, he was greeted by a roar.

As he stood near the scorer's table during a video review, a fan yelled: "LeBron, we love you!" and the superstar responded with a hang-loose sign.

Walton said James and Rondo "were great. Their commitment to pushing it, defensively. I thought the first group as a whole played really well, to start. Both groups were fouling way too much. They hit 30-some free throws. It's going to be tough to win a game like that. But there's some new rules we have to get adjusted to from this summer. The first group I thought played really well, obviously being led by the two of them out there."

Asked before the game what stands out about James, Walton said, "His intelligence. He sees everything. He knows even before drills. He knows where he's going. His work ethic. He's out there pre-practice with the guys, post-practice with the guys. Taking care of his body in the weight room.

"He's the ultimate professional."

The Lakers' regular-season opener is Oct. 18 at Portland. Their home opener is two nights later against Houston.

This was another big night for an L.A. basketball team at San Diego's sports arena.

In 1975, John Wooden coached his final game here, leading UCLA to its 10th NCAA title in 12 seasons. In 1979, Johnson made his NBA debut when Los Angeles beat the then-San Diego Clippers in the season opener. After Kareem Abdul-Jabbar made a buzzer-beating sky hook, Johnson hugged the center like they'd just won the championship. Seven months later, they did win the NBA title.

Johnson is now the Lakers' president of basketball operations and James was the prized acquisition of an offseason roster revamp.

As a kid, Walton used to watch his father, Bill, play for the Clippers, although the Hall of Famer's years in his hometown were largely marred by injuries.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

505 Georgina Avenue, 18ENT-0255, Zoning: R1 (Single-Unit Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 18ENT-0255 for the property located at 505 Georgina Avenue to determine whether the two-story residence in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark and, if so designated, whether an associated Landmark Parcel should be defined and described in order to preserve, maintain, protect, or safeguard the Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will consider the application based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented demonstrates that the building meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation pursuant to SMMC Section 9.56.100(A). Applicant: North of Montana Neighborhood Association. Owner: Wilkins Trust.

When: **Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm**

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

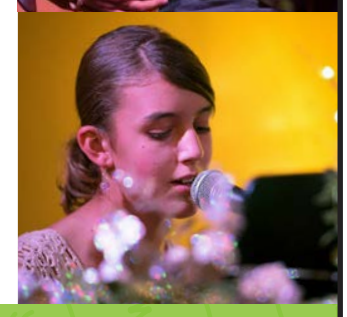
Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Steve Mizokami, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401, by phone (310) 458-8341, or by email at steve.mizokami@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8431 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (free validation).

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia pública para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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CA Arts Council Peer Review Panelists to Be Fairly Compensated Under New Law

Legislation to allow fair compensation for peer review panelists in the CA Arts Council has been signed by Governor Jerry Brown. AB 2456, authored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), authorizes the California Arts Council to compensate grant program review panelists for their time spent reviewing and discussing grant program applications.

"According to the California Arts Council, time and financial burdens are the most significant barriers for panelists serving on the Council," said Assemblymember Bloom. "Compensating peer review panelists will allow the Council to include diverse individuals who represent a broad range of artistic and cultural viewpoints and economic backgrounds."

The California Arts Council was created in 1975 to increase access to the arts for all Californians. Over the course of 25+ years, the Council's impact has grown, especially through efforts to bring arts programming to underserved communities and populations across the state including rural communities, inner city neighborhoods, prisons, and schools.

Peer review panelists are experts in their fields who commit significant time to review applications for Arts Council funding. Panelists are required to read an average of 60 applications as assigned, review all work samples, discuss the applications with other panel members, and ensure that programmatic guidelines and standards are maintained. Current law allows the Arts Council to provide reimbursement for a panelist's travel and related costs but not honoraria.

Compensating review panelists via honoraria has increasingly become a best practice adopted by other states, local arts agencies, and other grant making institutions. This year, the Art Council is expecting to need 80 grant program peer review panelists, many of whom will bear financial and time burdens for their service on the Council.

"Serving on a peer review panel is a serious commitment that some individuals cannot afford to make without fair compensation. As a steward of state arts funding, the Arts Council should strive for membership that reflects California's ethnic, financial, and regional diversity; fair compensation will better allow the Council to accomplish that goal."

Richard Bloom represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

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Student Records, and Response to Immigration Enforcement.

Most of the policy updates protect student privacy, not disclosing any student information unless a court order or judicial subpoena are given. Additionally, discriminating against students in anyway due to their citizenship status will be prohibited, specifically compiling helping to compile a registry based on immigration status or religion.

In addition to these revision, the school board will tasked with approving District Advisory Committee (DAC) goals for the year.

Early Learning, Health & Safety, Special Education and Visual and Performing Arts DACs all set out benchmarks for the year, ranging from providing better equitable preschool opportunities for all Santa Monica residents to helping screen and treat anxiety and depression in children. The board will provide DACs with feedback on their goals.

Other items rounding out this week's school board meeting include a public hearing relating to deducing if there are sufficient school materials for students and continuing construction within schools.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LA VERNE

Southern California airfield has 2 plane crashes in 2 days

A pilot died Monday in the crash of a small plane at a Southern California airfield where one person was killed and another injured when an aircraft went down the day before.

The latest crash occurred at Brackett Field Airport around 11:50 a.m., the La Verne Police Department said in a statement.

"The sole occupant was pronounced deceased at the scene," it said.

The aircraft was identified as a single-engine Bonanza.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Elizabeth Cory said the plane crashed while approaching the airport.

The investigations will be handled by the National Transportation Safety Board and FAA, she said.

On Sunday, a Cessna 177RG crashed among plants in a nursery adjacent to the airport shortly before 6 p.m.

One of its two occupants died at the scene and the other was taken to a hospital in serious condition.

The crash happened quickly after the pilot reported engine trouble, the Los Angeles Times said.

"I need to do a 180. I'm having an engine problem," he reported to the control tower.

Brackett Field Airport is about 30 miles (48 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

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CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the City of Santa Monica located at **1717 4 th Street Suite 250** , Santa Monica, California, 90401 until 3:00 p.m. on the date indicated at which time they will be publicly opened, read and posted for:

BID # 4361 FURNISH AND DELIVER CHEMICALS FOR THE SWIMMING POOLS AT THE SANTA MONICA SWIM CENTER AND ANNENBERG BEACH HOUSE.

Submission Deadline is October 19, 2018 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL**. The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm . There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Public Hearing to Adopt the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to to adopt the Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan (LUP). The LUP describes the planning area's land use and environmental conditions, identifies issues related to protecting the coast and contains land use policies that complement adopted City policy and satisfy the intent of the State Coastal Act. In addition to policies for coastal access, recreation, environmental quality, scenic views and historic resources, the Final Draft LUP proposes new policies pertaining to the anticipated effects of sea level rise. The adopted LUP also requires certification by the California Coastal Commission.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018, AT 6:30 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Elizabeth Bar-El, AICP at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at liz.bar-el@smgov.net. The Final Draft LUP and other information are available at the project website: www.smgov.net/localcoastalplan. Copies are also available at all Santa Monica Library branches and at the City Hall Planning Counter during business hours.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, Rapid 3, 7, 8, 9, Rapid 10, and 18 serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

ON SEPTEMBER 20, AT ABOUT 1:29 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at parking Structure 6 - 1431 2nd Street – regarding a female heard screaming in the lot. As officers arrived, the victim flagged officers down as she was driving and told them the suspect was in the vehicle ahead of her. Officer stopped both parties involved in the 200 block of Arizona Avenue. Officers learned both vehicles were attempting to turn left on Olympic Blvd from Ocean Avenue. The driver in the victim vehicle noticed the suspect vehicle in front was not proceeding when the light turned green and honked at the vehicle. At some point the driver of the suspect vehicle exited the vehicle. The driver walked up to the drivers' side of the victim vehicle and slapped him with an open hand. The suspect walked back to her car and drove off. The victim called the police. Jennifer Maraviglia, 34, from Topanga, was arrested for battery.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 396 Calls For Service On Sept. 28.

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

Family disturbance 1500 block Ocean 12:32 a.m.
Fight 1600 block Santa Monica 01:07 a.m.
Overdose 2200 block 29th 01:29 a.m.
Attempt auto theft 100 block Santa Monica Pl 05:49 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1600 block Santa Monica 06:02 a.m.
Auto burglary 1800 block 9th 07:09 a.m.
Auto burglary 3000 block Bentley 07:33 a.m.
Person w/gun 700 block Broadway 08:07 a.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 08:08 a.m.
Encampment 2000 block Ocean Front Walk 08:22 a.m.
Lewd activity 1500 block 4th 08:27 a.m.
Animal related incident 2600 block Barnard 08:36 a.m.
Encampment 200 block Santa Monica Pier 08:41 a.m.
Overdose 2400 block Ocean Front Walk 08:41 a.m.
Elder abuse 1500 block 5th 09:14 a.m.
Person down 4th/Colorado 09:50 a.m.
Fight Euclid/Washington 09:55 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500 block 19th 09:58 a.m.
Person down 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 10:23 a.m.
Burglary 900 block 14th 10:29 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1400 block 16th 10:29 a.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1600 block Ocean 10:36 a.m.
Person down 1900 block Lincoln 11:47 a.m.
Burglary 600 block Santa Monica 12:13 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1200 block 4th 12:28 p.m.
Bike theft 400 block Colorado 12:44 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1300 block 20th 12:56 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block Lincoln 1:29 p.m.
Elder abuse 1100 block Arizona 1:36 p.m.
Grand theft auto 3000 block 2nd 2:04 p.m.
Bike theft 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 2:19 p.m.
Grand theft auto 2200 block 20th 2:21 p.m.
Fight 1800 block 9th 2:35 p.m.
Indecent exposure 20th/Arizona 3:33 p.m.
Vandalism 300 block Georgina 3:42 p.m.
Animal related incident 1000 block 11th 4:04 p.m.
Person down 1000 block Wilshire 4:17 p.m.
Injured person 1500 block The Beach 5:41 p.m.
Encampment 1400 block Santa Monica 5:57 p.m.
Battery 1200 block 2nd 5:58 p.m.
Grand theft auto 800 block 21st 6:18 p.m.
Battery 2400 block Main 6:20 p.m.
Burglary 400 block Broadway 7:29 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2nd/Broadway 7:39 p.m.
Drinking in public 1400 block Ocean 7:54 p.m.
Domestic violence 2600 block Broadway 8:35 p.m.
Battery 1300 block 3rd Prom 8:37 p.m.
Illegal weapon 1700 block 15th 8:41 p.m.
Person w/gun 1500 block Pacific Coast 9:02 p.m.
Strong-arm robbery 1600 block Santa Monica 9:16 p.m.
Person down 1100 block California 9:36 p.m.
Family disturbance 2200 block Colorado 9:57 p.m.
Battery 9:58 p.m.
Shots fired 600 block Ozone 10:56 p.m.
Family disturbance 1100 block Idaho 11:58 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 28 Calls For Service On Sept. 28.

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

Emergency Medical Service 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 01:25 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 29th 01:29 a.m.
EMS 2400 block Oak 01:32 a.m.
EMS 16th/Santa Monica 03:20 a.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1000 block 4th 05:34 a.m.
EMS 2000 block 3rd 05:56 a.m.
EMS 1600 block 17th 06:06 a.m.
EMS 2000 block 19th 06:51 a.m.
EMS 2200 block 23rd 07:13 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Colorado 07:50 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 20th 08:15 a.m.
EMS 800 block 2nd 08:20 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury 16th/Ocean Park 09:33 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Pico 11:14 a.m.
EMS 1600 block Santa Monica 11:49 a.m.
Elevator rescue 100 block San Vicente 12:56 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Colorado 2:41 p.m.
EMS 600 block Olympic 3:39 p.m.
EMS 300 block Civic Center 4:54 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block 16th 4:56 p.m.
EMS 100 block Kinney 7:11 p.m.
EMS 26th/Broadway 8:39 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 3rd Prom 8:41 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 7th 8:46 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 2nd 8:53 p.m.
EMS 1100 block California 9:36 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Appian 9:53 p.m.
EMS 500 block Euclid 10:55 p.m.

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Jackpot: 367M

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Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/30
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Draw Date: 9/30
EVENING: 8 4 1

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

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■ Ever notice how wounds in the mouth heal faster than similar injuries on skin? Some scientists recruited 30 healthy volunteers and gave them tiny matching wounds inside their mouths and on their skin. Then, over the next week, they biopsied the tissues daily. RNA sequencing revealed that the mouth samples had unique patterns of genetic expression and higher levels of certain proteins.

■ Researchers then genetically engineered mice to overexpress those proteins. Their skin wounds healed faster.

■ The findings may help scientists find new ways to improve wound care.

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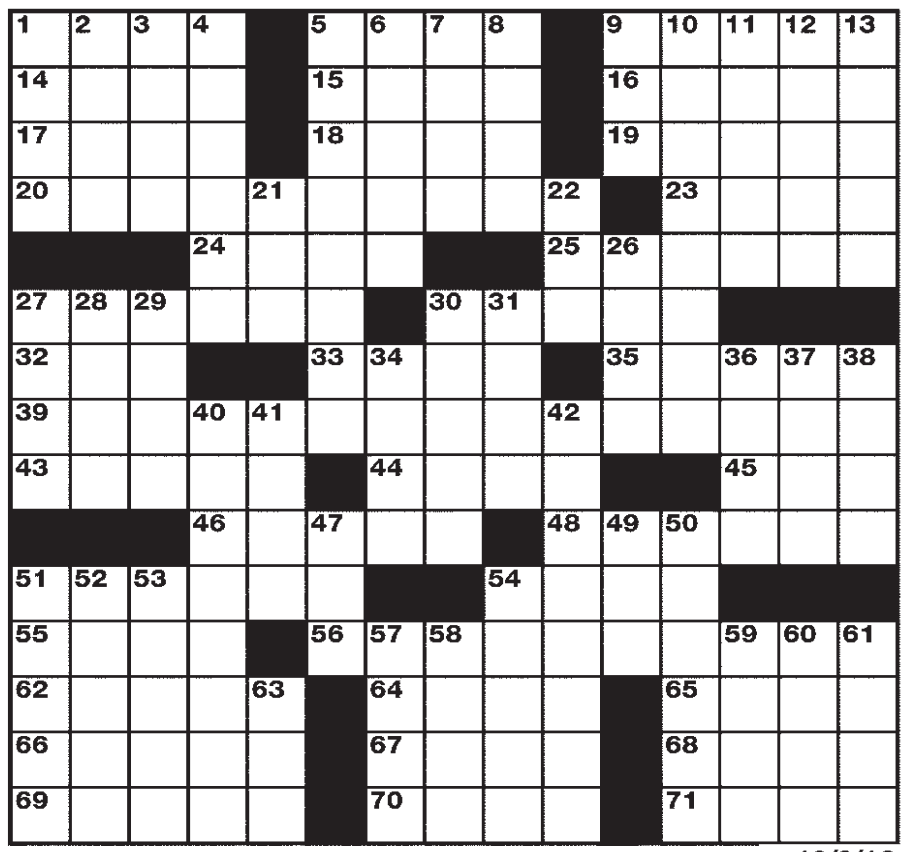
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Camper's shelter
5 Drains, as of energy
9 Parking penalties
14 Gorillas and chimps
15 Cain's brother
16 Like very much
17 Dinner platter
18 Former Italian coin
19 University of __ Dame
20 Status of a current soldier
23 No longer new
24 Move upward
25 Exemplify
27 Small chicken
30 Any thing of value
32 Spanish cheer
33 Top-rated
35 From that time
39 Time off, but not really
43 Family car
44 With 7 Down, Andes capital city
45 Election Day mo.
46 Sing in the Alps
48 Seldom
51 Mexican lizard
54 Prefix for final
55 Submerged
56 "Phone in use" sound
62 Weighed down (with)
64 Evergreen trees
65 Monopoly or Scrabble
66 Ward off
67 *Garfield* dog
68 Make revisions to
69 Wetland
70 Salty waters
71 Fathers

DOWN
1 "Look what I did!"
2 Grand-scale
3 Bird's home
4 Top without a collar
5 Guy on commission
6 __ by (obey)
7 See 44 Across
8 Park bench board
9 Enthusiast
10 "That's unlikely"
11 "That's untrue!"
12 Goofed up
13 Disreputable, as a bar
21 By way of
22 "Absolutely"
26 Small plateau
27 Arrow shooters
28 Burn soother
29 Geek
30 Blacksmith's metal block
31 Line of stitching
34 Stare at
36 Common work-starting time
37 __ as a cucumber (calm)
38 Jealousy
40 Paddlers at the Olympics
41 Get __ the ground floor
42 Hugs
47 Bit of toothpaste
49 French friend
50 Fixed illegally
51 Muslim's faith
52 Exotic jelly fruit
53 Beneath
54 Damascus' country
57 Mysterious sky sightings: Abbr.
58 Fries or coleslaw
59 Nothing, in Nicaragua
60 In the thick of
61 Allows
63 Ultimate degree



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Governor Brown Signs Legislation to Ensure Equal Parentage Rights for LGBT Parents

Governor Jerry Brown has signed into law a measure to provide the same legal protection to children of same-sex couples as is afforded to other families. AB 2684, authored by Assemblymember Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica), updates California's Uniform Parentage Act, which was promulgated to extend the parent-child relationship equally to every child and parent, regardless of the martial status of the parents.

"LGBT families deserve to have equal parentage protections under California law," said Assemblymember Bloom. "AB 2684 ensures that the Uniform Parentage Act codifies that principle into law and ensures that parentage laws reflect and protect the diverse kinds of families in our state."

Adopted in 1975, California's existing parentage statutes are based on the 1973 Uniform Parentage Act (UPA), which provided states with a legal framework for establishing parent-child relationships. A core goal of the original 1973 UPA was to eliminate the discriminatory treatment of non-marital children. Since 1975, there have been various updates to the act based on recommendations by the Uniform Law Commission, a non-partisan panel of lawyers that provides states with research and draft legislation in order to promote enactment of uniform state laws.

AB 2684 updates the UPA in several ways. First, it updates terms, presumptions, and statutory provisions to ensure that parents and children are treated equally, regardless of whether the children are born to same-sex or opposite-sex couples. Next, the bill updates genetic testing provisions to clarify that they apply equally to men and women. Finally, AB 2684 creates a process whereby children conceived with donated sperm or ova can get medical information about the donor and may, at 18 years of age if the donor agrees, receive identifying information about the donor.

"We applaud the Governor for signing this vital bill creating equality for LGBTQ parents and their children," said Cathy Sakimura, Family Law Director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR). "Under this bill, all families who conceive through assisted reproduction can be recognized as legal parents through a free process available at every hospital, finally making these protections accessible to low-income LGBTQ parents."

"LGBTQ parents, like all parents, deserve to be treated fairly under the law, regardless of their income level or how they built their families," said Equality California Executive Director Rick Zbur. "We're grateful to Governor Brown for once again showing his support for LGBTQ families by signing AB 2684 and to Assemblymember Bloom for shepherding this bill through the Legislature."

Richard Bloom represents California's 50th Assembly District, which comprises the communities of Agoura Hills, Bel Air, Beverly Hills, Brentwood, Hollywood, Malibu, Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica, Topanga, West Hollywood, and West Los Angeles.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCT. 2)

You deserve to be appreciated by those who can, want to and need to have you in their lives. That's the shuffle of the next three months. You figure out how you fit in and what has to happen to make it more effectively so. You're going places together, which is why you need to choose your people very carefully. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 3, 20 and 16.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Your mind can either be your ally or your enemy. Choosing helpful thoughts is the habit to cultivate at this critical juncture. Don't expect such thoughts to come naturally. Write them out. Repeat them. It's forced, but it will work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

There are no free passes for what you want to experience. You'll be glad for this. Hard work forces you to confront and ultimately develop a better connection with your core character.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

There's something you don't want to do, and yet you really must. So do it first. This will improve the overall quality of your day. Otherwise you'll spend the whole day cozied up to a nagging feeling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

People don't learn with their arms crossed. Learning is a posture. It's a receptive way of being. The learning mind is open and curious, willing to do the things that reinforce the assimilation of knowledge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're capable of deep self-reflection but timing is key. For the most part, you'll keep it light and do what you need to do today. Then tonight, you'll choose your moment and go deeper into your own motivations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Any feeling you have of being constricted will go away once you reduce your spending. Lower the expenses so you can show a profit, minimize your stress, and have the freedom you've longed for.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The path to success will be built from long strings of kept promises. Of course, the easiest way to keep your promises is to make promises that are easy to, and maybe even a pleasure to, keep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Neatness will make a difference in your work. It won't make it inherently better, but it will make it more user-friendly, which will lead to more people making use of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You've been drawn to both virtue and vice, and sometimes it's hard to tell the difference. But down deep you know who is good for you and who isn't. Stick with the people who are good for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Not long ago it was you who needed guidance. Now you're the one giving it to others. You'll do this with great patience, thoroughness and heart.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're a bit of an impresario today, creating a "show" and selling tickets. On a deeper level, what you're doing is helping others to see what's extraordinary about that ordinary thing that's been there all along.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

The past is messier than it looks in the history books. The story we tell looking backward already has an ending. All we have to do is connect the dots in a way that leads up to it. The present has no ending. The story is up for grabs.

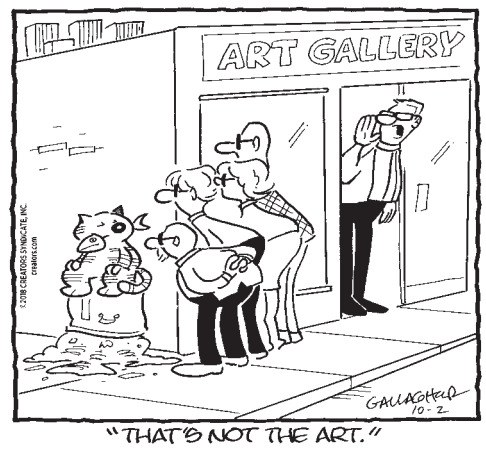
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Something is going to change. It has to. Now the smart thing to do is to accept that a trade-off will be made, and to look at what's being exchanged. The more tempting thing to do will be to look away and let everything sort itself out. And it will, no doubt. But if you're able to involve yourself, you'll have an advantage going forward.

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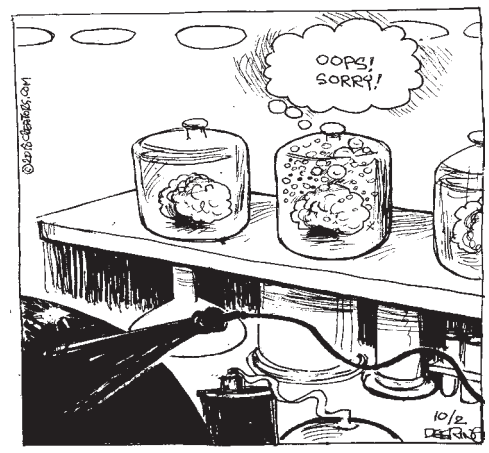
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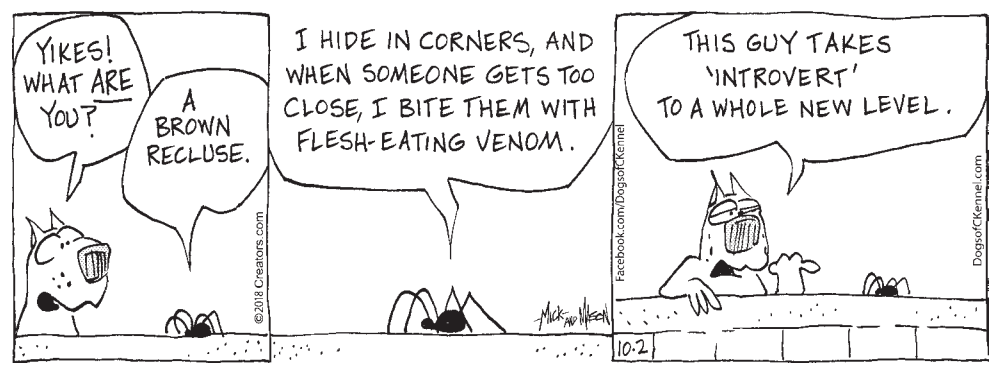
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LA County reports human case of Saint Louis encephalitis

Health officials have reported the first human case of Saint Louis encephalitis in Los Angeles County since 1997 – and the first case of the virus in California this year.

The LA County Department of Public Health says Monday that the patient is an elderly resident of the San Fernando Valley area of Los Angeles who became ill in August. The patient's name was withheld.

Saint Louis encephalitis is similar to West Nile virus. It's spread by mosquitoes and can affect the nervous system and result in infections of the brain, paralysis and cause death in severe cases.

People older than 50 or individuals with lowered immune systems are at greater risk of experiencing symptoms, which include fever, headache, stiff neck, confusion and decreased alertness.

There is no preventive vaccine.

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LOS ANGELES

LA attorney suspected of depositing stolen $1M check

A former lawyer for convicted ex-rap mogul Marion "Suge" Knight has been arrested on suspicion of federal bank fraud for allegedly depositing a stolen U.S. Treasury check for just over $1 million.

The Los Angeles U.S. Attorney's Office says Thaddeus Julian Culpepper was taken into custody Monday after being charged last week with one count of bank fraud. A phone call seeking comment from Culpepper's attorney was not immediately returned.

Culpepper allegedly told a bank teller that a client had endorsed the $1 million check to him. The affidavit says the listed payees did not know Culpepper.

Culpepper is also facing charges along with another former Knight attorney of conspiring to bribe potential witnesses.

Culpepper was kicked off Knight's case this year. Knight eventually pleaded no contest to manslaughter over a fatal confrontation.

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