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Council considers challenge to housing mandate

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The state has mandated that Santa Monica build 8,895 total units of housing including 6,168 affordable units by 2029, and in a Sept. 28 meeting City Council opened the door to challenging that number.

Council members voted 5 to 2 to ask the Westside Cities Council of Governments to discuss whether the WSCCOG should join a lawsuit alleging that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) should recalculate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

The lawsuit was brought by the Orange County Council of Governments and claims that the RHNA calculation that the State needs 1.34 million new homes by 2029 is a miscalculation and that the actual number should be about 651,100.

The gulf between the two numbers is significant and if the HCD's calculation were to be overturned it would have large implications for the rate of development and housing density

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Mini Fall Festival Comes to Virginia Avenue Park

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

The Mini Fall Festival returns to Virginia Avenue Park on Saturday and will highlight art from Santa Monica College students along with numerous children's activities.

"The Fall Festival is always a fun occasion to celebrate the changing season and literacy through seasonal activities for Santa Monica children and youth," Carla Fantozzi, Principal Supervisor at Virginia Avenue Park. "Like in years past, the event takes place during the Pico Farmers Market with a special Story Time program presented by Santa Monica Public Librarians. Please come on by to reconnect with your neighbors and get a pumpkin!"

Due to the ongoing pandemic the event will be missing its traditional interactive events, but there still will be numerous activities available. There will be a glass-blown pumpkin sale, craft workshop for children of all ages, and the Santa Monica Public Library will host two storytelling sessions.



Courtesy photo

PUMPKIN: The glass sculptures are for sale this weekend.

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Two arson investigations following weekend incidents



MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Police and Fire Departments are both pursuing active investigations after a trio of serious weekend incidents.

Officials are pursuing a pair of arson investigations and following up on an early morning crash that closed a section of PCH.

The first fire occurred early Saturday morning on the south side of Garage 5 in Downtown when homeless activity resulted in the destruction of one elevator cab. No one was reported injured but the blaze happened at about the same time as an accident on PCH.

At about 3 a.m. a party bus crashed into another vehicle on the 1000 block of PCH sending one passenger from the other vehicle to the hospital. According to SMPD, ten passengers in the bus sustained minor injuries and the incident closed the freeway at 4th Street for the duration of the investigation.

SMPD said the driver of the bus had fled the scene prior to officers arriving and the passengers provided very little information regarding the driver.

The second fire occurred Sunday morning at the Goodwill location on 25th and Santa Monica.

A neighboring residence was evacuated during the fire and footage from the scene shows an individual in the area prior to the fire.

Firefighters were able to save the building but the business is a complete loss. Investigators said they were waiting on a safety inspection before entering the building on Monday morning.



Todd James

CLEANUP: The Goodwill at 25th and Santa Monica was destroyed.

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Birds, wetlands may bear early brunt of California spill

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Associated Press

Since a pipeline spilled crude off the California coast this weekend, only a handful of oiled birds have been recovered in what environmental advocates said could be a hopeful sign for the region's wildlife.

But they said it's too soon to know how many seabirds, marine mammals and other animals will ultimately be affected by the oily film covering marsh areas and floating on the ocean — or for how long.

Oiled seabirds are often among the earliest victims of a spill because gobs of crude washing up onto the sand and wetlands can clump their feathers together, leaving them chilled by the cold ocean water. Sea mammals and fish that ingest oil can also be affected later on, while damage to coastal wetlands where fish go to spawn can erode critical habitat for scores of species, environmental experts said.

"Those wetlands are nurseries for hundreds of species and they also reduce erosion and storm surge," said Peter Kareiva, president and chief executive of the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. "To lose wetlands, the coastal vegetation, is not good for the people who live along the coast and it's also not good for the fish along the coast."

Oil has been washing up on Southern California beaches and wetlands since a suspected leak in an underwater pipeline sent 126,000 gallons of heavy crude into the ocean waters. The spill fouled the sands of famed Huntington Beach, known as Surf City USA, and could keep some beaches closed for weeks or longer. It also prompted state officials to shut down fishing on a long stretch of the Orange County coast.

At nearby Talbert Marsh in Huntington Beach, a fish jumped and splashed in oily water while two pelicans moved across the surface nearby. The wetland area right off the beach has been blocked off to the public and barriers laid across the surface of the water to try to prevent the foul-smelling crude from spreading.

Michael Ziccardi, director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, said four oiled birds have been recovered since the spill, one that had to be euthanized. The group has fielded about 20 calls from residents reporting oiled animals and dispatches teams to assess and, if necessary, capture and treat the birds, he said.

Ziccardi said the relatively few reports of oil-laden wildlife leave him "cautiously optimistic" about the extent of the spill's impact. "It's much better than we had feared," he told reporters on Monday.

But in other offshore oil spills the largest number of oiled birds have been collected two to five days out from the incident, Ziccardi said, so it's too soon to know how big the impact will be. Teams are out searching for affected animals in the spill area and beyond, he said, adding that birds that are oiled but can still fly should be captured by trained experts so they can be treated and released.

Marine mammals can also be affected by a spill but more often the issues they face are long-term due to ingestion or inhalation of oil, he said. Harbor seals and sea lions, for example, don't rely on their fur to stay warm and so they don't typically suffer as many external effects from a spill as birds, he said.

The impact on these animals will take much longer to understand, he said, adding that researchers are just starting to learn about some of these long-term effects from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Kareiva, of the aquarium, said fish and shellfish could face chronic impacts over time from ingesting the oil akin to being poisoned. But the biggest damage might be in the wetlands, a critical habitat for so many species, he said.

"We can expect the ecosystem to be severely damaged, but also, frankly, to eventually recover, in maybe five to 10 years, who knows the timeframe," Kareiva said, adding that the timetable will depend on factors including water temperature. "It's not going to be permanent."

Chad Nelsen, chief executive of Surfrider Foundation, said much of the rocky coastal habitat teeming with wildlife so far seem to have been spared the thick globs of oil washing up on beaches further north, and calm winds also mean some oil could potentially evaporate due to heat and sun that might otherwise reach the shore.

"So far, it doesn't seem to have hit a lot of the rocky coastal habitat, which is a blessing," said Nelsen, whose group works on ocean protection.

But so far is still far to soon to know the environmental impact of this spill, said David Pettit, a senior attorney for Natural Resources Defense Council who worked on the Deepwater Horizon and other spills. There likely will be more wildlife affected in the near term and impacts that go undetected for much longer until they can be studied marine biologists, he said.

"At this point, you just have no idea what the nature of the damage is," he said.



Ship's anchor among possible causes of California oil spill

AMY TAXIN AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Officials investigating one of California's largest oil spills are looking into whether a ship's anchor may have struck a pipeline on the ocean floor, causing a major leak of crude into coastal waters and fouling beaches, authorities said Monday.

The head of the company that operates the pipeline said divers have examined more than 8,000 feet of pipe and are focusing on "one area of significant interest."

An anchor striking the pipeline is "one of the distinct possibilities" behind the leak, Amplify Energy CEO Martyn Willsher told a news conference.

Cargo ships entering the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach routinely pass through the area, Coast Guard officials said.

"We're looking into if it could have been an anchor from a ship, but that's in the assessment phase right now," Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Jeannie Shaye said.

The spill sent up to 126,000 gallons of heavy crude into the ocean, contaminating the sands of famed Huntington Beach and other coastal communities. The spill could keep beaches closed for weeks or longer.

The Orange County district attorney, Todd Spitzer, said he has investigators looking into whether he can bring state charges for the spill. Spitzer said his jurisdiction ends 3 miles offshore.

Spitzer also said Amplify's divers should not be allowed near the pipeline without an independent authority alongside them.

Two other potential criminal investigations were being pursued by the Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, according to Eric Laughlin, a spokesperson for the department's spill prevention office.

Safety advocates have pushed for years for federal rules that would strengthen oil spill detection requirements and force companies to install valves that can automatically shut down the flow of crude in case of a leak. The oil and pipeline industries have resisted such requirements because of the high cost.

"If the operator had more valves installed on this line, they'd have a much better chance at having the point of failure isolated by now," said Bill Caram with the Pipeline Safety Trust, an organization based in Bellingham, Washington.

Environmentalists had feared the oil might devastate birds and marine life in the area. But Michael Ziccardi, a veterinarian and director of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, said only four oily birds had been found so far. One suffered chronic injuries and had to be euthanized, he said.

"It's much better than we had feared," he said at a news conference Monday.

Ziccardi said he's "cautiously optimistic," but it's too soon to know the extent of the spill's effect on wildlife. In other offshore oil spills, the largest number of oiled birds have been collected two to five days after the incident, he said.

Amplify operates three oil platforms about 9 miles off the coast of California, all installed between 1980 and 1984. The company also operates a 16-inch pipeline that carries oil from a processing platform to an onshore storage facility in Long Beach. The company has said the oil appears to be coming from a rupture in that pipeline about 4 miles from the platform.

In a 2016 spill-response plan submitted to federal regulators, the company said its worst-case spill scenario was based on the assumption of a "full guillotine cut" of the pipeline occurring 3 miles inland from one of its platforms. But an outside consultant concluded that a spill of that size was "very unlikely" at that location because the line is 120 feet deep and beneath a shipping lane where ships do not normally anchor.

The Beta oil field has been owned by at least seven different corporations since it was discovered by Royal Dutch Shell in 1976, records show. A corporate predecessor of Amplify bought the operation in 2012.

The Amplify subsidiary known as Beta Operating Co. has been cited 125 times for safety and environmental violations since 1980, according to a database from the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the federal agency that regulates the offshore oil and gas industry. The online database provides only the total number of violations, not the details for each incident.

The company was fined a total of $85,000 for three incidents. Two were from 2014, when a worker who was not wearing proper protective equipment was shocked with 98,000 volts of electricity. The worker survived. In a separate incident, crude oil was released through a boom where a safety device had been improperly bypassed.

In 1999, a 1.8-mile undersea pipeline running between two platforms sprang two leaks totaling at least 3,800 gallons of oil, causing tar balls to wash up on beaches in Orange County.

The cause of the leaks was determined to be corrosion that caused pin-sized holes in the steel walls of the pipeline. The owner of the oil field at the time, a partnership between Mobil Oil Corp. and Shell Oil Co. called Aera Energy LLC, was fined $48,000 by federal regulators — a penalty environmental groups criticized as a slap on the wrist.

Before the spill, Amplify had high hopes for the Beta oil field and was pouring millions of dollars into upgrades and new "side track" projects that would tap into oil by drilling laterally.

"We have the opportunity to keep going for as long as we want," Willsher said in an August conference call with investors. He added there was capacity "up to 20,000 barrels a day."

Investors shared Willsher's optimism, sending the company's stock up more than sevenfold since the beginning of the year to $5.75 at the close of trading on Friday. The stock plunged more than 40% in morning trading Monday.

The company filed for bankruptcy in 2017 and emerged a few months later. It had been using cash generated by the Beta field and others in Oklahoma and Texas to pay down $235 million in debt.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 280 CALLS ON OCTOBER 3

Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries Cloverfield Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 12:08 a.m.
Shots Fired 10th St / Montana Ave 12:24 a.m.
Party Complaint 3000blk 3rd St 12:32 a.m.
Prowler Just Left 2000blk 14th St 1:21 a.m.
Public Intoxication 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:31 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:48 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:49 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 1:52 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1200blk 2nd St 2:22 a.m.
Prowler There Now 200blk Georgina Ave 2:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:08 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 400blk Marguerita Ave 4:04 a.m.
Prowler Just Left 600blk Palisades Beach Rd 4:12 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:21 a.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 100blk Broadway 7:33 a.m.
General Parking Problem 3300blk Barnard Way 7:47 a.m.
Burglary 1200blk Sunset Ave 8:18 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2200blk Pico Blvd 8:24 a.m.
Battery 900blk 18th St 8:41 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 23rd St / Pico Blvd 8:50 a.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:57 a.m.
Person With A Gun Ocean Ave / Strand St 9:00 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Olympic Blvd 9:21 a.m.
Encampment 200blk The Beach 9:23 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Georgina Ave 9:30 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 300blk Georgina Ave 9:31 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800blk Ocean Ave 9:36 a.m.
Prowler 600blk Palisades Beach Rd 9:40 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk Princeton St 9:41 a.m.
Burglary 800blk Pier Ave 9:48 a.m.
Domestic Violence 1900blk 11th St 9:57 a.m.
Vandalism 2600blk 24th St 10:17 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1700blk Sunset Ave 10:53 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:57 a.m.
Public Intoxication 16th St / Pico Blvd 11:03 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 11:09 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1800blk 4th St 11:19 a.m.
Public Intoxication 1400blk Stanford St 11:40 a.m.
Burglary 1500blk 4th St 11:41 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1500blk Oak St 11:46 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 14th St / Broadway 11:54 a.m.
Burglary 1500blk 4th St 12:12 p.m.
Burglary 1500blk 4th St 12:13 p.m.
Trash Dumping 2700blk Pico Blvd 12:24 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 900blk California Ave 12:25 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 100blk Broadway 12:35 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2300blk 2nd St 12:50 p.m.
Burglary Now 1600blk 16th St 12:53 p.m.
General Parking Problem Stewart St / Kansas Ave 12:59 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1400blk 9th St 1:06 p.m.
Burglary 1500blk 4th St 1:22 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 1:55 p.m.
Petty Theft 700blk Cedar St 2:25 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 2:34 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 100blk Bay St 2:35 p.m.
Prowler 800blk 16th St 2:44 p.m.
Death Investigation 2800blk Pico Blvd 2:55 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 11th St / Pico Blvd 3:00 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2700blk Pico Blvd 3:04 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Montana Ave 3:06 p.m.
Burglary 1500blk 6th St 3:08 p.m.
Party Complaint 3100blk 2nd St 3:11 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1700blk Lincoln Blvd 3:29 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2000blk Centinela Ave 3:51 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:01 p.m.
Panic Alarm 2400blk 7th St 4:36 p.m.
Burglary Now 2500blk Lincoln Blvd 4:43 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 4:45 p.m.
Found Property 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 4:51 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 900blk 4th St 5:04 p.m.
Burglary 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:08 p.m.
Vandalism 2200blk The Beach 5:15 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1400blk 19th St 5:26 p.m.
Vandalism 300blk Civic Center Dr 5:26 p.m.
Fight 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:59 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 16th St / San Vicente Blvd 6:00 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 2nd St 6:09 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2400blk The Beach 6:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 6:48 p.m.
Battery 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:54 p.m.
Battery 1700blk Appian Way 7:14 p.m.
Found Property 300blk Olympic Dr 7:22 p.m.
Battery 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 7:23 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 2nd St 7:33 p.m.
Hit And Run Felony Investigation 2500blk Barnard Way 7:42 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 7:53 p.m.
Petty Theft 400blk Santa Monica Pier 8:07 p.m.
Rape 1000blk 20th St 8:08 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1900blk Pico Blvd 8:11 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 8:12 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:09 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 1500blk 2nd St 9:14 p.m.
Vandalism 200blk Santa Monica Pl 9:22 p.m.
Silent Burglar Alarm 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:24 p.m.
Overdose 1700blk 16th St 11:41 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 44 CALLS ON OCTOBER 3

EMS 1700blk 4th St 12:39 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 1:28 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Broadway 2:19 a.m.
Flooded Condition 1300blk 15th St 4:26 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 5:10 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 5th St 7:21 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1600blk 7th St 8:07 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Arizona Ave 8:38 a.m.
EMS 700blk Strand St 8:38 a.m.
EMS 200blk Bicknell Ave 9:37 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 11:18 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 11:26 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 4th St 11:41 a.m.
EMS 200blk Bicknell Ave 11:44 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1000blk 20th St 11:47 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 2nd St 11:49 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 14th St / Broadway 11:54 a.m.
EMS 400blk Pier Ave 12:25 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 800blk 4th St 1:51 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 2:44 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 11th St / Pico Blvd 3:00 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Palisades Park 3:05 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:18 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 4:53 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 4th St 4:53 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 900blk Centinela Ave 5:03 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk Marguerita Ave 5:13 p.m.
EMS 400blk 23rd St 5:14 p.m.
EMS 400blk 24th St 5:18 p.m.
Public Assist 800blk Ashland Ave 6:08 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 6:35 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 6:50 p.m.
Public Assist 900blk 11th St 7:48 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Ocean Ave 8:09 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 900blk Harvard St 9:31 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 9:34 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 4th St 9:37 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 9:38 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 1200blk 20th St 9:49 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk 15th St 10:09 p.m.
EMS 800blk 19th St 11:00 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 11:29 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 16th St 11:41 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 3rd St 11:46 p.m.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA HOUSING AUTHORITY FY 2021-2022 DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

The City Council/Housing Authority Board of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing to receive comment and adopt proposed revisions to the Santa Monica Housing Authority's Administrative Plan. The Administrative Plan establishes oversight policies to operate the Santa Monica Housing Authority's (SMHA) housing rental subsidy programs in a manner consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations. The draft Administrative Plan is now posted for review during the 45-day public comment period ending October 31, 2021.

An electronic copy is available to view on the web at: santamonica.gov/housing-news.

No later than October 31, 2021, please email your written comments to smhousing@santamonica.gov or mail them to:

City of Santa Monica
Housing Office 1685 Main St.,
Mail Stop #19 Santa
Monica, CA 90401

The Public Hearing will be November 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers via teleconference. You can find information regarding the City Council meeting, where the hearing will take place, here: smgov.net/departments/council/.

If you have any special disability-related needs or accommodations, please contact the Housing Authority at (310) 458-8743.



Letter to the Editor

Wendy Dembo — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The other day a friend mentioned that Keith Coleman, who unsuccessfully ran for SMMUSD School Board is now sending his child to Brentwood, an exclusive private school.

This is only news because Coleman was later appointed to the SMMUSD school board over the candidate with the next most votes. I thought that couldn't be true. How could a board member, who is supposed to represent the citizens of Santa Monica and Malibu, not believe that SMMUSD schools are good enough for his child? How could a current board member take their child out of a SMMUSD school, and put them in an exclusive private school?

I wrote to Coleman to ask if this was true. Before he responded, I happened to run into him in the neighborhood.

He told me that his wife wanted their child to go to Brentwood.

I said that if he couldn't convince his wife that SMMUSD schools are good enough for their child how could he convince me as a Santa Monica resident and constituent, that the schools are good enough for my child?

Maybe he could clarify to his constituents what Brentwood does better than SMMUSD? Are the classes smaller? Do they not focus on standardized testing like SMMUSD? Do they have sports teams in middle school? Do they have science textbooks in middle school?

Shouldn't Coleman be advocating for all this at SMMUSD schools rather than giving up?

Without Coleman's child, there is only one board member, who has a child in the district.

How did we get here?

Keith Coleman was appointed to the School Board on January 15. He beat out 22 other applicants including Jason Feldman, who had the 4th most votes in the election. Coleman had the 5th most votes. Typically, one would think that since the residents of Santa Monica and Malibu had just voted, the School Board would pick the next runner up. But they didn't.

From the SMDP January 16, 2021:

"I wholeheartedly believe that Keith Coleman is the best and right person to fill this position," said Board President Jon Kean. "Keith has a very compelling connection to special education in his family. I believe he will be a strong voice not only for social justice but for all families who feel that their child has not been heard or seen."

Did the board know that Coleman had already applied to Brentwood? Did they know that he had plans to take his child and move him to an exclusive private school that many residents of Santa Monica cannot afford?

No law says that one needs to have a child in SMMUSD to be on the School Board. But it is mind-boggling to be appointed to the School Board to be an advocate for students and THEN take your child out of public school.

While Coleman has worked to help students in the District, the optics here are terrible. He should resign and let someone, who believes in the SMMUSD schools enough to keep their kid in our schools, take his place.

Wendy Dembo is a Santa Monica resident

Editor's Note: Keith Coleman released the following statement in response to the letter.

The decision that my son would attend Brentwood School was a family decision. Some appear to have misconstrued this decision as an indication that I lack confidence in our public schools. Nothing could be further from the truth. I believe our public schools do an excellent job in providing educational opportunities for our students and as a Board member of SMMUSD, I am committed to working diligently to make our schools even better.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



ANNUAL WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT
For the month of October, 2021 the contractor will begin installation of new water main on 9th Court between Marguerita Ave and Carlyle Ave, 23rd Court between California Pl N and Washington Pl S., and on Adelaide Place between 7th St and dead end. The contractor will also continue testing and connecting the newly installed water main on 6th St between Ocean Park Blvd and Pier Ave and Raymond Ave between 4th Street and 6th Street and installation of meter boxes on 18th Court between Delaware Ave and Pico Blvd; Traffic on 18th Court, 6th Street, Raymond Ave, and 2nd Street will be closed to through traffic. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, PHASE 5 PROJECT
For the month of October, 2021, this project will upgrade the traffic signal equipment at four locations and install fiber optic cables along Montana Ave and 26th St.; The project will provide transit priority along the corridor, allow for real-time remote monitoring and management of the traffic signals, provide public Wi-Fi along the corridor, and connect the San Vicente Reservoir and the Montana Avenue Branch Library to the City's network. We appreciate your patience during the project, to provide this safety improvement and public enhancements. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jay Dinkins at jay.dinkins@smgov.net or (310) 458-8291.

CITY YARDS MODERNIZATION PROJECT
For the month of October, 2021, construction will impact the project area located at 2500 Michigan Ave, which will affect the sidewalk and parking lane on the north side of Delaware Ave just east of 24th St. Please contact Senior Construction Manager Sebastian Felbeck at sebastian.felbeck@smgov.net or (310) 434-2675 with any questions/concerns regarding this project.

ALLEY RENEWAL PROGRAM
For the month of October, 2021, thru December 2021, Street Maintenance Crews will begin alley repair work as part of the Alley Renewal Program in the 200 Blk of 16th Court. The scope of this work involves alley resurfacing and water box upgrade. This project is citywide and will involve repairs across multiple locations from 8am to 3:300pm. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Brown at tyler.brown@smgov.net or (310) 458-8212.

NON-POTABLE WATER MAIN PROJECT
For the month of October, 2021 the contractor will be performing restoration and striping on Ocean Ave, Olympic Drive and Main Street. The contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction on Ocean Avenue, Olympic Drive and Main Street. Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

ANNUAL PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT
For the month of October, between Monday, October 18 through November 12, 2021, City of Santa Monica contractor Excel Paving will grind out top 2-inch layer of the asphalt street and repave with new fresh asphalt pavement. Heavy equipment will be necessary to construct the new roadway. Due to reduced traffic lanes, please expect delays. One-lane traffic in each direction will be maintained. Street parking will not be available. This work will take approximately 4-5 weeks.
Street pavement resurfacing segments are:
- 4th Street between Palisades Ave and Wilshire Blvd.
- 6th Street between Montana Ave and Wilshire Blvd.
- Neilson Way between Pico Blvd. and Pacific Ave.
- Pico Blvd. between 16th St and Ocean Ave.
- 23rd Street between Ocean Park Blvd. and Airport Ave.

Please use alternate routes whenever possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Selim Eren at selim.eren@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201 x5701.

OLYMPIC WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN AND WELL EQUIPPING PROJECT
For the month of October 2021, the contractor will begin digging to identify existing utilities on Texas Avenue between Saltair Ave and Centinela Ave, Arizona Ave between Centinela Ave and Berkeley St, and on Berkeley St between Arizona and Olympic Blvd. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Carlos Rosales at carlos.rosales@smgov.net or (310) 458-2201, x2620.

SAFE STREETS FOR 17TH STREET AND MICHIGAN AVE PROJECT
For the month of October, starting on October 11, crews will be starting work on 17th Street

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Hollywood's behind-the-scenes crews vote to authorize strike

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AP Film Writer

Film and television production in North America is in jeopardy of coming to a standstill after its behind-the-scenes workers overwhelmingly voted to authorize a strike for the first time in its 128-year history.

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees said Monday that nearly 99% of registered members who participated, or 52,706 people, voted in support of a strike over the weekend.

At issue is a contract standstill over requests for more reasonable conditions for the craftspeople, technicians and laborers working for streaming companies like Netflix, Apple and Amazon, including better pay, reasonable rest periods, safer hours and guaranteed meal breaks.

"I hope that the studios will see and understand the resolve of our members," the alliance's president, Matthew Loeb, said in a statement. "The ball is in their court. If they want to avoid a strike, they will return to the bargaining table and make us a reasonable offer."

The most recent three-year contract expired in July, leading to four months of negotiations with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, the group that represents studios and streamers in negotiations. But on Sept. 20, the day after streaming shows like "The Crown," "Ted Lasso" and "The Queen's Gambit" swept the Emmy Awards, conversations came to a halt.

Loeb has said his goal is to reach an agreement, not to "have a dispute," but noted the vote was about the "quality of life as well as the health and safety of those who work in the film and television industry."

The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees has said it is "incomprehensible that the AMPTP, an ensemble that includes media mega-corporations collectively worth trillions of dollars, claims it cannot provide behind-the-scenes crews with basic human necessities like adequate sleep, meal breaks, and living wages."

The union added its members worked through the coronavirus pandemic to ensure their business emerged intact. "Now, we cannot and will not accept a deal that leaves us with an unsustainable outcome."

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers said in a statement it remains committed to reaching an agreement that will keep the industry working, particularly since it's still recovering from the economic fallout of the pandemic.

"A deal can be made at the bargaining table, but it will require both parties working together in good faith with a willingness to compromise and to explore new solutions to resolve the open issues," it said.

Hollywood crews last walked out in October 1945, otherwise known as "Bloody Friday," when a six-month strike by set decorators resulted in a riot at the Warner Bros. studio gates.

Many prominent names in Hollywood have voiced public support for the crews demands, including actor and producer Octavia Spencer who tweeted her support Monday.

"I hope #AMPTP does the right thing and sits down again," Spencer wrote. "They're not asking for anything unreasonable."

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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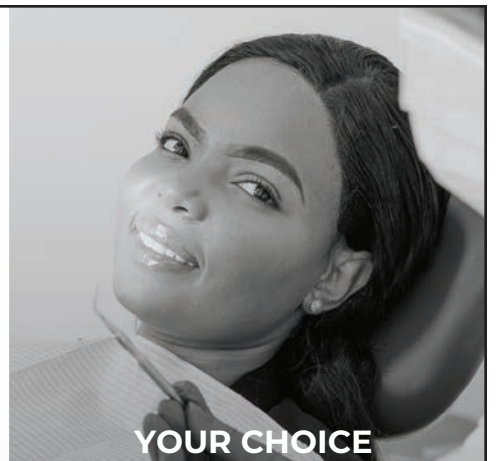
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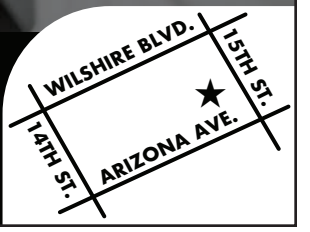
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What's the Point?

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Honoring My Three Friends in the Domestic Violence Community

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. It's a difficult topic to discuss as it is so emotionally charged for both the targets and the perpetrators (or people who do harm, as the new languaging is phrasing it). The definition of domestic abuse has changed since the death of Nicole Brown Simpson in 1994 when she was killed by an unknown assailant (although many people are convinced it was her estranged husband O.J. Simpson who killed her). In 1994 the courts, the police and most people, considered domestic abuse to be a "family matter" and it was ignored, swept under the proverbial rug and frankly it took severe physical abuse for anyone to stand up and do something about it.

For most of modern history, domestic violence has been defined as man beats woman, and it was tolerated. But in the early 1970s the issue started to crawl out of the shadows with the emergence of women's shelters or refuges. Over the past 50 years we have come to recognize that both men and women are violent and abusive in roughly equal numbers, with the recognition that men are more physically damaging to their partners. The emotional damage that a woman can inflict on a man, and its long-term impact is only now beginning to be explored and recognized, although the courts are still loath to act in female on male aggression/abuse. The service providers such as shelters are more willing to recognize that men can be victims too, although it took a lawsuit by the late Marc Angelluci to press the issue. He was a friend of mine who was murdered last year by a fellow attorney who was jealous of Marc's successes.

The domestic violence service providers community in Los Angeles County have a resource in the Domestic Violence Council, and I had a chance to speak with its current director Eve Sheedy. "The domestic violence Council is really two things with the same name actually so the one thing is the Los Angeles County's Domestic Violence Coalition, which is a group of people who provide services to survivors of domestic violence, people who provide services for both survivors and for people who cause harm.... the other thing is, is a small, very small office in the Department of Public Health in the Health Promotion Bureau, and we are charged with really trying to address domestic violence, internally within the county, as well as externally." The council facilitates monthly public meetings and several committees to increase awareness, share knowledge and address common concerns.

Over the years I've attended many meetings, both general meetings and committee meetings. In that time I've had the pleasure of meeting some truly dedicated people and this year the DVC is honoring two of those amazing people. For years a transwoman named Kendall Evans (she passed away last year) served the community and was a bit of a gadfly on uncomfortable topics. She was the one who "was willing to sit in every room that she was in and say to people in the domestic violence field, 'What are you doing about people who cause harm? How can you look at this issue without looking at, and addressing people who cause harm?' And when she first started saying that, it was not a thing many people said, and it was not easy to be in a room, to say that, and she was fearless in that way." So this year the DVC has created an award in her honor.

The inaugural winner of the Kendall Evans Award is my friend Carol Crabson. Carol is the Executive Director of Valley Oasis, the first shelter in Los Angeles County to accept men. Sheedy told me that, "she also opened the doors to male survivors of domestic violence at a time in the movement when not everybody was doing that, and she was always really supportive." I had the opportunity to interview Carol for my documentary What About The Men? And found her to be an exceptionally thoughtful and caring person who is an excellent choice for this year's Kendall Evans award. When I reached out to her for comment she said, "Kendall was an inspiration to me. She was a strong advocate for those in need at a time when others turned their backs. Her drive always directed my steps as I advocated for the rights to services for male survivors and boys over the age of 13."

Over the years that I've known all three of these women, Eve Sheedy, Kendall Evans, and Carol Crabson I've always been impressed with their devotion to fairness, equality, and most of all, empathy to all. When it was announced that Sheedy would be taking over the Los Angeles Domestic Violence Council I was thrilled that someone with such a dedicated and compassionate heart would be in leadership. This year, when it was announced that Crabson would be awarded the honor of being the inaugural winner of the Kendall Evans award, I could think of no better tribute to both Carol and Kendall.

The fight to solve domestic violence is an ongoing effort. I don't know if it will ever be completely solved, but I do know that the people I have met like Eve, Carol and Kendall make the journey far more rewarding. They are all spectacular examples of what public service means.

And I'm proud to call each one of them a friend.

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Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram suffer worldwide outage

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A massive global outage plunged Facebook, its Instagram and WhatsApp platforms and many people who rely heavily on these services — including Facebook's own workforce — into chaos Monday.

The company did not say what might be causing the outage, which began around 11:40 a.m. ET and was still unfixed more than six hours later, although scattered users have reported partial restoration of one service or another. Websites and apps often suffer outages of varying size and duration, but hours-long global disruptions are rare.

"This is epic," said Doug Madory, director of internet analysis for Kentik Inc, a network monitoring and intelligence company. The last major internet outage, which knocked many of the world's top websites offline in June, lasted less than an hour. The stricken content-delivery company in that case, Fastly, blamed it on a software bug triggered by a customer who changed a setting.

For hours, Facebook's only public comment was a tweet in which it acknowledged that "some people are having trouble accessing (the) Facebook app" and that it was working on restoring access. Regarding the internal failures, Instagram head Adam Mosseri tweeted that it feels like a "snow day."

Mike Schroepfer, Facebook's outgoing chief technology officer, later tweeted "sincere apologies" to everyone impacted by the outage. He blamed "networking issues" and said teams are "working as fast as possible to debug and restore as fast as possible."

There was no evidence as of Monday afternoon that malicious activity was involved. Matthew Prince, CEO of the internet infrastructure provider Cloudflare, tweeted that "nothing we're seeing related to the Facebook services outage suggests it was an attack." Prince said the most likely explanation was that Facebook mistakenly knocked itself off the internet during maintenance.

Facebook did not respond to messages for comment about the attack or the possibility of malicious activity.

While much of Facebook's workforce is still working remotely, there were reports that employees at work on the company's Menlo Park, California, campus had trouble entering buildings because the outage had rendered their security badges useless.

But the impact was far worse for multitudes of Facebook's nearly 3 billion users, showing just how much the world has come to rely on it and its properties — to run businesses, connect with online communities, log on to multiple other websites and even order food.

It also showed that despite the presence of Twitter, Telegram, Signal, TikTok, Snapchat and a bevy of other platforms, nothing can easily replace the social network that over the past 17 years has effectively evolved into critical infrastructure. The outage came the same day Facebook asked a federal judge that a revised antitrust complaint against it by the Federal Trade Commission be dismissed because it faces vigorous competition from other services.

There are certainly online services for posting selfies, connecting with fans or reaching out to elected officials, But those who rely on Facebook to run their business or communicate with friends and family in far-flung places saw this as little consolation.

Kendall Ross, owner of a knitwear brand called Knit That in Oklahoma City, said he has 32,000 followers on his Instagram business page @id.knit.that. Almost all of his website traffic comes directly from Instagram. He posted a product photo about an hour before Instagram went out. He said he tends to sell about two hand-knit pieces after posting a product photo for about $300 to $400.

"The outage today is frustrating financially," he said. "It's also a huge awakening that social media controls so much of my success in business."

The cause of the outage remains unclear. Madory said it appears Facebook appears to have deleted basic data that tells the rest of the internet how to communicate with its properties. Such data is part of the internet's Domain Name System, a central component that directs its traffic. Without Facebook broadcasting its location on the public internet, apps and web addresses simple could not locate it.

So many people are reliant on Facebook, WhatsApp or Instagram as primary modes of communication that losing access for so long can make them vulnerable to criminals taking advantage of the outage, said Rachel Tobac, a hacker and CEO of SocialProof Security.

"They don't know how to contact the people in their lives without it," she said. "They're more susceptible to social engineering because they're so desperate to communicate." Tobac said during previous outages, some people have received emails promising to restore their social media account by clicking on a malicious link that can expose their personal data.

Jake Williams, chief technical officer of the cybersecurity firm BreachQuest, said that while foul play cannot be completely ruled out, chances were good that the outage is "an operational issue" caused by human error.

"What it boils down to: running a LARGE, even by Internet standards, distributed system is very hard, even for the very best," tweeted Columbia University computer scientist Steven Bellovin.

Facebook was already in the throes of a separate major crisis after whistleblower Frances Haugen, a former Facebook product manager, provided The Wall Street Journal

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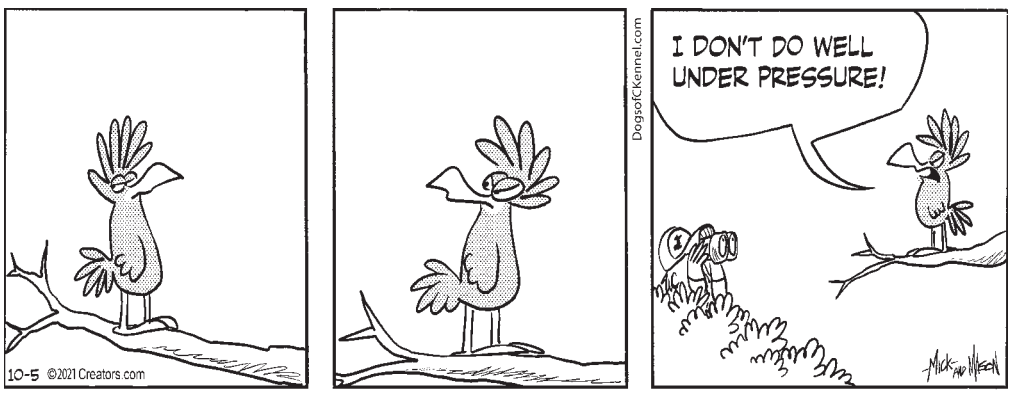
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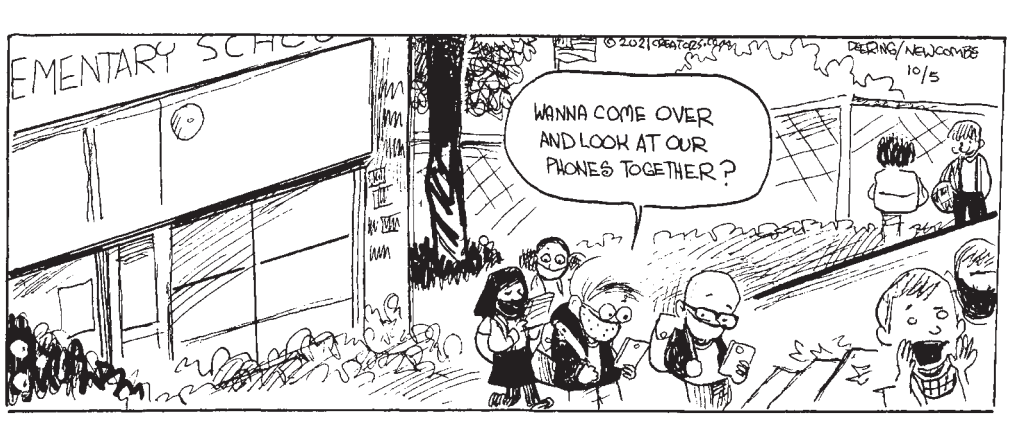
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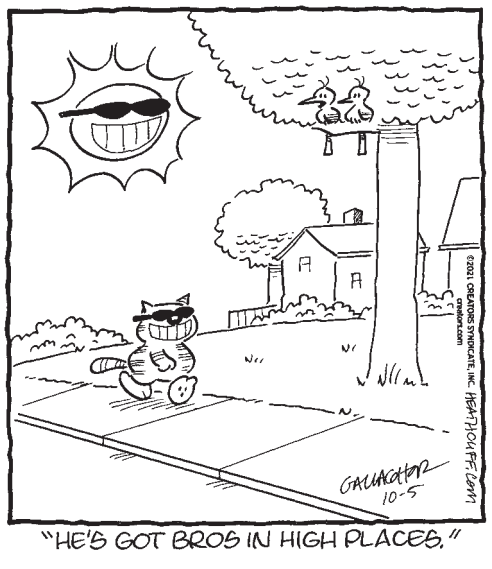
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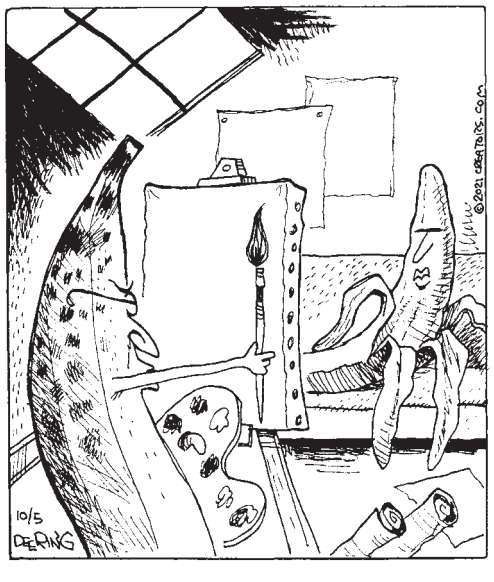
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WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
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WEATHER

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 60.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 68.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Does it seem like your loved ones think of you as a genie in their service? They'll make requests; resist fulfilling these orders in a way that seems magic and immediate, or they'll just keep asking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you feel yourself competing, something may be off. This may not be the right group for you. Those who truly appreciate what you bring to the table won't ask you to compete for your spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be in a position to plan a meeting, party, vacation or project. Make it easy on yourself. The two factors to get right are the location and the invite list. The fewer people involved, the better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To contrive for self-advantage is the folly of children. The individual is usually best served within a thriving group. You'll work toward making the group great and be lifted along with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). All the birds in the flock will fly accordingly; not so in the human flock. Not everyone in the group feels like they belong there. When they begin an activity, it will take a minute to get in sync. Be patient.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not materialistic, though you like nice things. The reason you want to improve your environment is so people will feel more comfortable in it. People are always more important than things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The most valuable books in the store are sometimes sealed in packages so only the buyer can look inside. Being the wondrous mystery you are, you'll apply the principle to good effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The unknown is scary, but once it is known, it won't be the least bit frightening. So hope for the best and step forward just like hundreds have done before you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everything you build will start with a foundation and this takes time to get right. Positioning is everything. Test the soil. Consider the light. Try it a few different ways. Take your time and get this important decision right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When the action is rewarding in and of itself, you don't have to worry about making the commitment. Volunteering is safe now. You're not likely to obligate yourself into anything unexpected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have the best kind of creativity right now. It doesn't have to do with singing, painting or dancing now; it's really just an attitude you bring to everything you do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a theme that will come up at least three times today: There's more than meets the eye. People will surprise you, work will challenge you and ordinary errands will delight you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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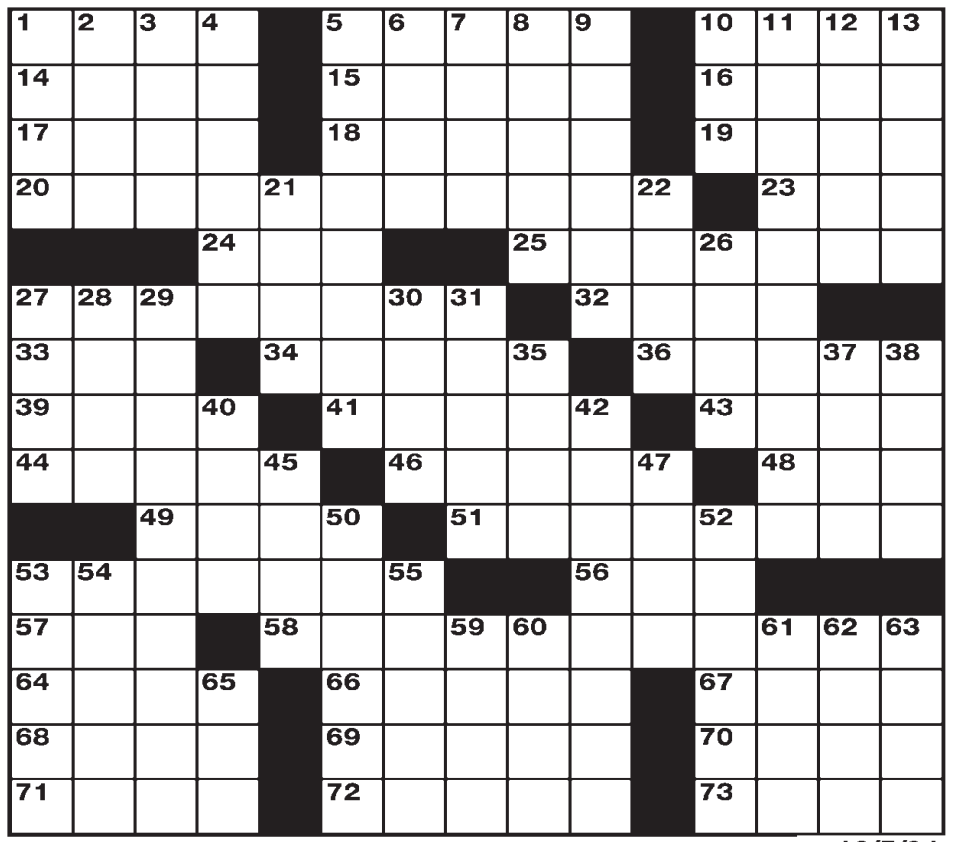
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Newsday Crossword

NATURE WALK by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Spew forth
5 Stringed instrument from India
10 Ado
14 Nothing more than
15 Like very much
16 Grand scale story
17 Molecule part
18 Soup eater's impolite sound
19 Female suffix for bachelor
20 At some future time
23 Barnyard fowl
24 Motorists' org.
25 Most lean and strong
27 "See?!"
32 Shape of a hockey puck
33 It rises at dawn
34 Creator of the Grinch
36 Hooded winter jacket
39 Picnic invaders
41 Lofty aspiration
43 Mediterranean and Caribbean
44 Triumphant shout
46 Course of tossed greens
48 Yale student
49 Servings of corn
51 Deleted from a manuscript
53 Toils over
56 __-cone (frozen treat)
57 "What have we here!"
58 Past one's prime
64 Self-defense spray
66 Musical drama
67 Two-tone sandwich cookie
68 Boats like Noah's
69 Celebrate noisily
70 Discontinued Swedish car
71 Home for hatchlings
72 Affirmative responses
73 Cough syrup amts.

DOWN
1 Urge on
2 "Do __ others . . ."
3 Snail-like
4 Church songbook
5 Strode with swagger
6 Not doing anything
7 Band's road trip
8 Robin Hood's missile
9 Settled a debt
10 Service charge
11 In a predicament
12 Locations
13 Perfume's aroma
21 Tiny bits
22 Slow faucet leak
26 "A miss __ good . . ."
27 Brit's "My word!"
28 Fish in cat food
29 With ice cubes, as a cocktail
30 Yours and mine
31 "__ directed" (prescription phrase)
35 Shaker on a bistro table
37 Curly cabbage
38 T __ "tango"
40 Thoroughly moisten
42 Old West law officers
45 Approximately
47 Eat in style
50 Very tasty
52 Sharer of emceeing
53 Grown-up girl
54 Chicago airport
55 Traditional Native American abode
59 Races, as an engine
60 Family diagram
61 Nest egg accts.
62 High jump
63 Soft tosses
65 Phila. winter clock setting



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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TUESDAY | OCT. 5

GAY SUMMER RICK: INTERVENTIONAL ITINERARY
bG Gallery is pleased to present its seventh solo exhibition with painter, Gay Summer Rick. Originally slated for 2020's exhibition calendar and postponed due to the pandemic, Rick had conceived of a wholly different body of work to show. Envisioning aerial landscapes suffused with the light and atmosphere, Rick undertook preparation for the exhibition by traveling, what she terms, a very "intentional itinerary" between Los Angeles and New York. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic she was forced, as was the rest of the world, to reevaluate her focus and turn it inwards toward family, friends, and safety. https://santamonica.bgartdealings.com/gay-summer-rick-interventional-itinerary/

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 6

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St.

THURSDAY | OCT. 7

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: STORYTIME & MEXICAN BINGO
At this virtual event, author René Colato Laínez reads his book 'Playing Lotería/ El juego de la lotería.' After the reading, play lotería for a chance to win prizes. For ages 3 and up. Pick up a lotería board at the Main Library, Montana Avenue Branch, or Pico Branch beginning Monday, September 27. Register in advance: bit.ly/2WLUecz. 6 - 7 p.m.

LIBROS Y LOTERÍA
En este evento virtual y bilingüe, el autor René Colato Laínez lee su libro Playing Lotería / El juego de la lotería. Después de la lectura, juegue a la lotería para tener la oportunidad de ganar premios. Para mayores de 3 años. Recoja el tablero de lotería en Main Library, Montana Avenue Branch o Pico Branch, hasta agotar existencias.
Jueves, 7 de octubre, a las 6:00 p.m. | En vivo a través de Zoom; Regístrese con anticipación: bit.ly/2WLUecz

FRIDAY | OCT. 8

FREE LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY NIGHTS
With good-time Americana band Wild Rust delivering high energy honkey tonk songs to soulful ballads with beautifully blended vocal harmonies at the Third Street Promenade's Main Stage. Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct 22 (Live music from 7-8 p.m). You won't want to miss it ! https://www.instagram.com/wild.rust/

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
The Chamber Orchestra at St. Matthew's, Dwayne S. Milburn, conductor; Antonio Lysy, cello. Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 and Egmont Overture; Dvorak: Silent Woods; Ginastera: Pampeana No. 2. St. Matthew's Music Guild, 1031 Bienveneda Ave., Pacific Palisades, CA. MusicGuildOnline.org. (310) 573-7422. $35. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY | OCT. 9

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts 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. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at the Pico Branch Library, 2100 Pico Blvd.

CONSCIOUS NIGHT MARKET
Conscious Night Market is a collection of elevated brands that are for people who want more fitness, wellness and health in their lives through sustainable products, experiences and services. Join Santa Monica community members and support local businesses at this evening event with live music and a kombucha garden! 4 - 9 p.m. Third Street Promenade @ Arizona Ave.

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COUNCIL

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in Santa Monica.

City Councilmembers are divided over whether joining the lawsuit is an appropriate action.

Councilmembers Gleam Davis and Kristin McCowan oppose the lawsuit and voted against having the WSCCOG discuss potentially joining as a plaintiff.

"This is one of the weakest petitions for writ of mandate I've seen in my 40 years of practicing law," said Davis. "I think the notion that these numbers somehow were pulled out of thin air and weren't completely vetted is ludicrous."

Davis also said she fears financial exposure if Santa Monica joined as a plaintiff and the lawsuit fails. Davis is further worried that even discussing joining the lawsuit would signal bad faith to HCD and jeopardize the ability for Santa Monica to have its Housing Element certified.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich said she had reservations about joining the lawsuit, but supported the motion because she believes the RHNA allocations is an important issue for the WSCCOG to discuss.

Councilmember Phil Brock was strongly in support of the motion, having submitted the request as a 13 item, and directly pushed back on Councilmember Davis's argument.

"I think bad faith would be ignoring the will of our residents who will be severely impacted by this and our treasury doesn't have a billion and a half dollars to pay for this housing," said Brock. "I don't think we can equate fear of approval of our Housing Element for non willingness to fight for what's right in this case," said Brock.

The lawsuit alleges that there were several mistakes in the methodology behind the RHNA allocations and bases these claims in part on studies done by Freddie Mac and the Embarcadero Institute. The lawsuit specifically claims that overcrowding and cost burden data resulted in double counting and that inaccurate population forecasts and vacancy rates were used.

The HCD department has stood by the credibility of its numbers and refused to perform a recount.

The WSCCOG meets every other month to discuss regional and cooperative planning and often takes stances on issues at a State or Federal level. The WSCCOG includes the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, the City of Los Angeles (Districts 5 and 11) and the County of Los Angeles (Districts 3, 2, and 4). Its next meeting is on Oct. 14.

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FESTIVAL

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The Pico Farmers Market will also be at the park with prepared foods for purchase. A free pumpkin giveaway will be held for the first 100 families as well.

Organizers made it clear the event has cleared all health and safety protocols, meaning all staff and presenters will be masked. Food that is purchased from the Pico's farmers market is encouraged to be eaten on the tables in the park, which allows for social distancing.

SMC art students will hold their annual glass-blown pumpkin sale, which organizers said is something the entire community looks forward to. The prices of the glass-blown items range from $10-$100 with the majority of the proceeds going to the students.

The rest of the proceeds will be donated to SMC's art department and the park's library. Due to the majority of SMC students still learning online, the glass-blowing class is not active this fall. However, there is expected to be hundreds of pieces for sale and at least 15 SMC art students present.

"This year, due to COVID we have not had our last class, but there is still a good supply of glass," Terrie Bromberg, an SMC art professor said. "They're all unique pieces, most of the work is done at Santa Monica College's glassblowing studio on the main campus and it's a very exciting class. So we're hoping to run it again, this coming spring semester. But because of COVID everything's a little bit up in the air still."

Although the glass-blown pumpkins are the star of the festival, there will be art in different forms as well.

"In addition to pumpkins there might be some fall items," Bromberg said. "They'll be fused glass plates or bowls and some vases. We're trying to add jewelry. We'll have a little more variety this year. So it's good for, not just Halloween and fall, but if people are shopping for gift items for later in the year."

The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Virginia Ave. Park, 2200 Virginia Avenue. For more information, visit smgov.net/vap or call 310-458-8688.

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FACEBOOK

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with internal documents that exposed the company's awareness of harms caused by its products and decisions. Haugen went public on CBS's "60 Minutes" program Sunday and is scheduled to testify before a Senate subcommittee Tuesday.

Haugen had also anonymously filed complaints with federal law enforcement alleging Facebook's own research shows how it magnifies hate and misinformation and leads to increased polarization. It also showed that the company was aware that Instagram can harm teenage girls' mental health.

The Journal's stories, called "The Facebook Files," painted a picture of a company focused on growth and its own interests over the public good. Facebook has tried to play down the research. Nick Clegg, the company's vice president of policy and public affairs, wrote to Facebook employees in a memo Friday that "social media has had a big impact on society in recent years, and Facebook is often a place where much of this debate plays out."

Twitter, meanwhile, chimed in from the company's main Twitter account, posting "hello literally everyone" as jokes and memes about the Facebook outage flooded the platform. Later, as an unverified screenshot suggesting that the facebook.com address was for sale circulated, Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey tweeted, "how much?"

AP business writer Mae Anderson in New York and AP technology writer Matt O'Brien in Providence, R.I. contributed to this report.

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