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Great ShakeOut rolls through town Thursday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Several Santa Monica institutions are preparing to participate in the Great California ShakeOut this Thursday, Oct. 19, at 10:19 a.m.

The statewide event is an opportunity to practice how to stay safe when the ground shakes and develop plans or procedures for an emergency situation. The annual drill is sponsored by the California Earthquake Authority (CEA).

"California is earthquake country," said Glenn Pomeroy, CEO of the CEA. "We need to ask ourselves whether we're prepared to survive and recover when the next damaging earthquake strikes—and if we aren't, we need to take action now to change that."

CEA, a sponsor of the drill, will participate at its office in Sacramento and will also have representatives at ShakeOut events in Los Angeles and in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"Taking the proper actions during an earthquake can save lives and reduce the risk of injury," said Pomeroy. "ShakeOut is a perfect opportunity to practice—and to review other aspects of emergency plans and financial preparations to ensure you're ready for the unexpected."

The event is the world's largest earthquake drill and takes place the third Thursday of October each year in houses, schools, businesses and many public spaces. Last year, more than 10.6 million Californians participated, and

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Judge's ruling clears runway for construction

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

After an abrupt turn of events and then a reversal, the City is back on track with plans to shorten the runway at Santa Monica Airport from nearly 5,000 feet to 3,500. A last-minute attempt by two local pilots to stall the project only managed to delay plans for a week – the City says construction will begin this week.

News of the back and forth threatened to give pilot groups and airport watchers whiplash this month, as the City's on-again-off-again attempts to curb jet operations at SMO hit some bumpy air when a judge approved a temporary halt before construction crews started scraping off the paint. However, upon further review, the injunction was dismissed, Senior U.S. District Court Judge Ronald S.W. Lew writing "all in all, granting a preliminary injunction would not further the public interest."

"The City is pleased with the court's decision, which allows it to fulfill its commitment to the community and the FAA," City Airport Director Stelios Makrides wrote in a statement. "We thank you for your patience."

With his ruling, Judge Lew dismissed claims that the work required permits, a public hearing or an environmental review.

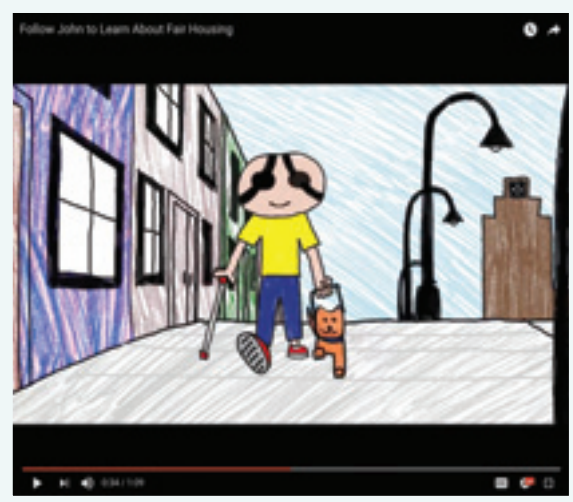
"It is now clear that Defendant did not need an airport permit or public hearing for 'realignment of an existing runway,'" Judge Lew

SEE RULING PAGE 6

Courtesy images

VIDEO PREMIER

A poster designed by a local student has been expanded into an animated video about housing discrimination laws in Santa Monica. The City Attorney's Office will premier the sixty-second video on October 18 during a Fair Housing presentation from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Auditorium at the Santa Monica Public Library (601 Santa Monica Blvd.) See Page 3 for more information.



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Prequalification Questionnaires will be received by the SMCCD from contractors wishing to submit Bids on "The Malibu Campus/Sheriff's Substation Project, MCSS" and the "Early Childhood Education Center, ECEC". The District has determined that bidders must be prequalified for both projects.

Description of Work
A detailed description of the work is included in the Prequalification Questionnaire

Estimated Construction Cost Range
MCSS - $27.0M to $32.0M
ECEC - $11.5M to 16.5M

Procedure
Thursday, October 19, 2017, Prequalification Questionnaire available from Vanir, SMCCD Program/Construction Management Site Office. 1024 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401. Contact for all inquiries; Gustavo Ripalda, SMC Project Director, (213) 393-3420, gustavo.ripalda@vanir.com or Tiberio Di Martino, Sr Construction Manager, (323) 919-9503, tiberio.dimartino@vanir.com.

Questionnaire Due Date
Wednesday, November 22, 2017 12:00 Noon at 1024 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90401

Bidder Qualifications
As described in the Prequalification Questionnaire

License Requirements
Current and active "B" General Building Contractors – CA contractor's license

The evaluation is solely for the purpose of determining bidders who are deemed qualified for successful performance of the type of work included in these projects. A contract will be awarded to the prequalified bidder submitting the lowest responsible bid. SMCCD reserves the right to reject any and all responses to this notice, to waive non-material irregularities, and deem Contractors prequalified to submit proposals for the projects at the time of Bid. To prequalify, contractors must agree to comply with all conditions included in the Prequalification Questionnaire.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, October 18

Soundwaves Concert: Tone Drift
Electroacoustic improvisation by GE Stinson (guitar, etc), Steuart Liebig (bass, etc), and Kris Tiner (trumpet, etc). Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Book Group: Henderson the Rain King
Henderson the Rain King is a 1959 novel by Saul Bellow. The book's blend of philosophical discourse and comic adventure has helped make it one of his most enduringly popular works. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 – 8:30 p.m.

GED/HiSET Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Science subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 9 p.m.

The Big Draw LA
In celebration of Big Draw L.A., we invite the community, to be inspired and create art by using a variety arts and crafts materials, and draw on our chalk sidewalk mural. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd, 4 – 5 p.m.

Flu Vaccinations At No Charge
Offered by the County Of Los Angeles Public Health. This will be the only Flu clinic put on by the County Health Dept. in the City of Santa Monica Spacious parking available across the street from the Church Hall. Separate children's area. First United Methodist Church, 1008 11th St. 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 19

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission. Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Council Chambers at Santa Monica City Hall (1685 Main St).

Housing Commission Meeting
Regular meeting of the Housing Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th Street, 1st Floor. 4:30 p.m.

Discover-ME Method for College Success
Discover how factors such as personality and emotional intelligence can help you figure out what you truly want out of college and life. Presented by Scott Cvetkovski, founder of the S.A.F.E (Students Achieving Future Excellence) Academy. Grades 11 - 12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8 p.m.

Santa Monica's Food Evolution: A Decade of Change
This fall marks the tenth anniversary of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market Cookbook and a decade of change in the city's food scene. Join author Amelia Saltsman, Market Supervisor Laura Avery, restaurateur Josh Loeb, and farmers Peter Schaner and Romeo Coleman for a deep dive into Santa Monica's food evolution. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 – 8 p.m.

Home & Harvest: 25 Years of Harvesting Hope for Homeless Families
Upward Bound House celebrates 25 years of empowering homeless children and their families in Los Angeles. 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. At the historic Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 Fourth St. in Santa Monica. www.HomeHarvestEvent.com or call 310-458-7779

Friday, October 20

Apollo 4: When the Power Met the Dream
The feature shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by "The Night Sky Show" at 7 p.m. Fifty years ago, the Apollo program symbolically rose from the ashes with the first test launch of the Saturn V booster. Will show some of the original coverage of this pivotal, triumphant day. Second floor of Drescher Hall (1900 Pico Blvd.). $11 ($9 seniors and children) for the evening's scheduled "double bill," or $6 ($5 seniors age 60+ and children age 12 and under) for a single Night Sky or feature show or telescope-viewing session. For information, please call (310) 434-3005 or see www.smc.edu/eventsinfo or www.smc.edu/planetarium. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

City Attorney's Office Launches New Fair Housing Video

The City Attorney's Office has invited the general public to the premiere screening of a unique animation video about fair housing on October 18, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Auditorium at the Santa Monica Public Library (601 Santa Monica Blvd.). The sixty-second video "Follow John to Learn About Fair Housing" brings to life the characters from John the wheelchair user, to his friends, family and then finally his landlord.

The video will also be digitally launched that same day, minutes after its premiere, at: https://youtu.be/ttGwtZHLPH8

This animation project is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office (CAO), IdeaRocket, and Peter Riedle, the young artist who as a seventh grader at St. Anne's School submitted the poster this past March to the CAO's annual fair housing poster contest. IdeaRocket is a video production firm specializing in animation.

THE PREMIERE AT THE LIBRARY WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- First-ever screening of the video.
- Interview with Peter.
- Presentation by Consumer Specialist Andrea Cavanaugh about the poster contest and the animation process.
- Presentation by Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades about fair housing.
- Debut of the four 2018 Fair Housing Calendars, one of which features Peter's original work. (Free calendars will be provide to all who attend.)
- An opportunity to take a selfie with John himself, the animated hero of the video.
- Free parking and refreshments.

This event will be the first of three events held by the CAO to commemorate the 50th anniversary of The Civil Rights Act of 1968 (aka The Fair Housing Act) and its difficult journey to passage in 1967-68.

THE CITY'S SECOND EVENT, COMING JANUARY 18, 2018, WILL COVER THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF FAIR HOUSING WILL FEATURE A BLOCKBUSTER PANEL OF THREE SPEAKERS:

- U.S. Senator (ret.) Fred Harris, the last living member of the 1967-68 Kerner Commission who voted for the Fair Housing Act of 1968.
- Chancela Al-Mansour, Executive Director of the Housing Rights Center.
- Director Kevin Kish, California Department of Fair Employment & Housing.

THE THIRD EVENT WILL BE IN APRIL 2018 – THE FAIR HOUSING ACT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY. IT WILL INCLUDE THE CAO'S ANNUAL FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP THAT PRESENTS THE NUTS-AND-BOLTS OF FAIR HOUSING LAW ALONG WITH A NEW POSTER CONTEST FOR LOCAL STUDENTS.

According to Deputy City Attorney Gary Rhoades, projects with local students such as the Follow John to Learn About Fair Housing video has become an essential part of the City Attorney's Office's approach to increasing awareness of fair housing rights and responsibilities. "We've seen that when students learn about fair housing rights in class or through the Fair Housing Builds Bridges poster contest, they not only hold on to it but often pass that important knowledge along to their parents," said Rhoades. "With this cool video, we're excited about the prospect of a student's vivid enthusiasm for the topic to catch fire not just with parents but the entire community."

– SUBMITTED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Malibu

Malibu's Teen Haunted Maze and Outdoor Movie at Bluffs Park Offers Chills and Thrills

Get ready for Halloween chills and thrills for teens at the City of Malibu's annual Haunted Maze and Movie, Friday, October 20 at Bluffs Park. The Haunted Maze will be open from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at sunset.

Admission for the film is free. Admission to the maze is $5 per person. Guests who bring three canned food items to be donated to the Malibu High School and Boys and Girls Club of Malibu Thanksgiving Baskets receive free admission.

The Haunted Maze will feature zombies, clowns and other creatures that will get your skin crawling, and is appropriate for teens, but might be a little too scary for younger kids.

The screening of the hit animated film "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (rated PG) will begin at sunset. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and chairs.

Teens interested in volunteering at the event need to register by October 18. All volunteers must have a volunteer registration card on file. For additional information, contact Katie Gallo, Recreation Supervisor, at 310-456-2489, ext. 363.

For more information, call 310-317-1364 or visit https://www.malibucity.org/haunted.

– SUBMITTED BY MATT MYERHOFF, MEDIA INFORMATION OFFICER, CITY OF MALIBU

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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RFP: # 142 DESIGN SERVICES FOR 4TH STREET PHASE II PROJECT

- **Submission Deadline is November 20, 2017 at 5:30 PM Pacific Time.**

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RFP: #144 EMERGENCY MEDICAL PATIENT TRANSPORT SERVICES
- **Submission Deadline is November 27, 2017 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.**

RFP: #145 STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Shocking number of electric bikes

Editor:

Today there are many electric bikes on the beach bike path. The electric phenomenon has been increasing over the last 5 years.

With all these electric bikes there has been quite an increase in safety issues. I believe today's electric bikes; some big heavy bikes with fat tires can go up to 15-20mph. On sunny afternoons the bike path is crowded with pedestrians from the north side of the pier up past the parking lot up to the first food stand. This is about 1/2mile or so.

I have been riding the beach bike path in Santa Monica for over 20 years. I try to ride every other day in the afternoon. So I think I am qualified to describe the lack of safety conditions that exists right now.

When thoughtless electric bikes rush past this area, it's dangerous! There are families with kids running all over the bike path. There are plenty of tourists who walkout onto the bike path and just stand there not looking for bikes coming their way.

With electric bikes this is a recipe for serious collisions where people could get killed as electric bikes poor down on these people.

You should take this seriously because serious accidents are likely to happen.

Randy Walburger
Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

LA County limits immigration agents' access to offices

Los Angeles County officials have voted to limit the ability of immigration agents to carry out arrests for deportation on county properties.

The Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to designate county properties as "sensitive locations" for immigration purposes.

Under the policy, immigration agents would need a judicial warrant to enter non-public areas of Los Angeles County buildings including hospitals and county offices.

Jails would not be affected.

Supervisor Hilda Solis says the county wants to distinguish itself from federal agents so immigrants aren't afraid to seek food assistance or health care.

The move comes as immigrant-friendly states, counties and cities push back against President Donald Trump's efforts to boost immigration enforcement.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement says the agency generally avoids making arrests in sensitive locations such as schools and hospitals.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Harvey Weinstein leaves the board of his film company

Harvey Weinstein is leaving the board of the film company he started, more than a week after the firm fired him following allegations of sexual harassment and rape.

The Weinstein Co.'s board said in a statement Tuesday that Weinstein had resigned. Weinstein holds a roughly 20 percent stake in his company, according to a person close to Weinstein who was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter. The person declined to comment on the future of that holding.

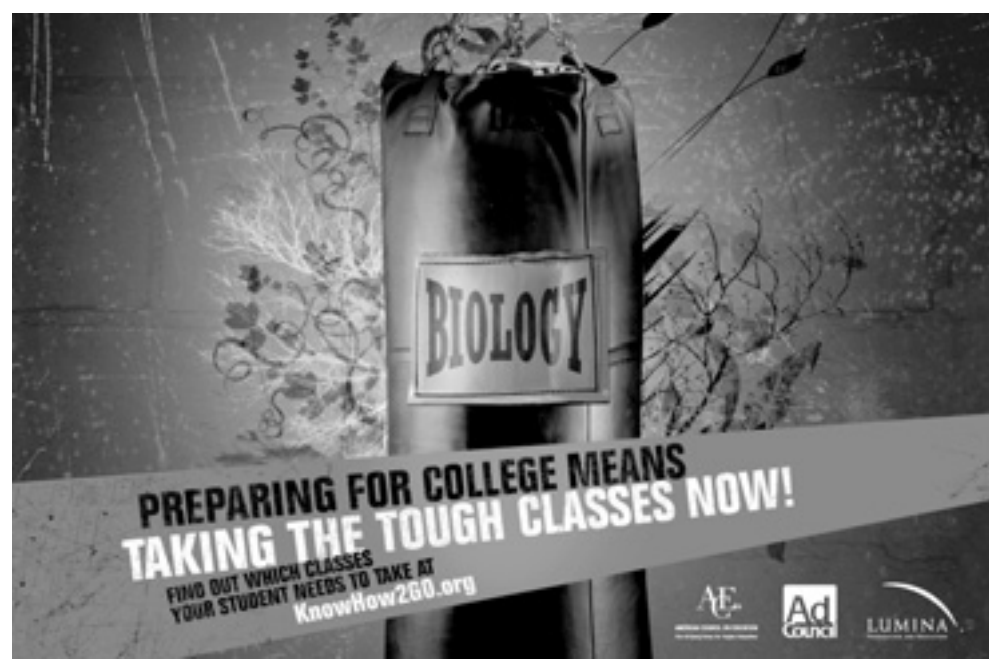
His departure from the company comes as it deals with turmoil in the aftermath of more than three dozen women publicly accusing Weinstein of abuse. Industry players have cut ties, or threatened to cut ties , with The Weinstein Co. The Producers Guild of America has started the process of expelling Weinstein, and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the group behind the Oscars, has revoked his membership.

Board member Tarak Ben Ammar said Monday that it was negotiating a potential sale of all or part of the company, which was founded in 2005 by Weinstein and his brother Bob Weinstein after they left Disney.

Bob Weinstein had maintained last week that business was continuing "as usual" for the company and that its board was not exploring a sale or shutdown.

Company representatives did not immediately respond to questions Tuesday.

BY TALI ARBEL, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER



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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Our City, The World - Explained

WHY NOT?

Why not try?

Humans are naturally driven to make sense of things. And even when their conclusions are incomplete or even wrong, it seems to help.

When you're in the middle of a raging inferno, or a fierce hurricane or tornado, or the earth is shaking under your feet, gravity upended, when all that you know and love is being consumed and destroyed in nature's inexorable path, once you reach a place of safety, some part of your civilized brain is bombarded with seemingly unanswerable questions.

How does this happen? Why does it happen? What next? Why is this all coming at once? Help!! What can I do, what can the world, my nation, my state, my city, my neighborhood, my family, myself, do to change this? The path back to sanity and normalcy begins with the hope that steps you can take will prevent an encore. But you may never find answers that satisfy you. Finding that those answers seem out of reach may be crushing to the spirit. But most people, at least for a moment, ask.

Nature can be unforgiving. I have cousins who lost their home in Santa Rosa a few days ago. Burned to the ground. I've stayed with them, in that house. I remember the park across the street, surrounded by homes. Now all that's left is some of the park and a few lampposts. Their parents, in their 90s, had to flee literally for their lives. I have a niece who bought a home recently in that area, saw the flames come within two miles and fled to Oregon. So far it looks like her home was spared.

EXPERTS THERE SAY

No one could have predicted this. It's never happened before. Santa Rosa seemed like a safe place to live. The fire raged through wine country too; unprecedented. As I write this the count is 41 dead, more than double that number missing, nearly 6,000 structures destroyed or heavily damaged, almost 1500 homes gone, and all the emotional devastation that accompanies that. That's one part of northern California. We've had the Anaheim fires here in the southland too, and so many more all over the Western states.

Then there are the people who live near some river and get flooded out again and again, then shrug and say they will rebuild, on the same spot. Florida and the Gulf Coast get pounded over and over. Maybe that's some people's way of coping with those unanswerable questions.

UNENDING TSUNAMI OF DISASTERS

That's what it feels like these days; both natural and manmade, and for me, a devastating personal disaster. Ultimately we all know you can't push the river (Van Morrison), but doesn't it seem like nature is punishing us in an "unpresidented" way lately? And don't more than a few of us, who believe in science, fear that we are already reaping the harvest of ignored climate change, only to become exponentially worse, because of the money politics of some U.S. political leaders?

It's one thing to be beaten down by nature, but when you think that we have politicians who might have prevented it, it takes on a different feeling. And what about all the purely human disasters now looming?

Millions are about to lose their "health insurance" (by Executive Order) and millions more, when injury or illness strikes, as it will, will find that cheaper insurance the Republicans gifted them with will not cover their expenses, and we will see our ranks of homeless swell disastrously as so many more will be financially broken by a serious illness in the family. Better plan for that, you homeless advocates.

The Lone Deranger appointed a man to head the Environmental Protection Agency who had sued them 14 times. Whose interests do you think he'll be looking out for? We'll all be Flint, Michigan. How about Texas good ol' boy Dancing with the Stars Rick Perry, appointed Secretary of Energy, who was surprised to find out the job included overseeing our nuclear arsenal. No worries there. Some say Betsy DeVos, who admitted to never stepping inside a public school until BLOTUS45 made her Secretary of Education, may have been appointed, maybe partly, maybe, because her family contributions to Republicans over the years totaled some $200 million. Now she is making it easier for women on campuses to be raped without consequence, and for predatory student loan companies to get even more predatory. Health & Human Services Secretary Tom Price, on a tear to reduce costs drastically in his department, still took five private jet flights in three days in Sept. at a cost to the taxpayers of more than $60,000 — even from DC to Philly, 135 miles away. Which of course is chicken feed compared to the millions Komrade Kombover and his family have cost us with their NYC residency and golf jaunts to Trump resorts.

POINT BEING

Besides nature kicking our ass, from nuclear war to civil rights pushed back half a century to GOP tax cuts for the wealthy taken away from the poorest (look for new deficits in the trillions) to looming health disasters like you've never seen, really big, the biggest, I'm feeling continually assaulted by bad news from the U.N. to Sacramento to Santa Monica. I'm distraught that our elected national representatives, both GOP and Dems, are not doing something to stop the Chaos President. It's a nightmare.

Locally, we have "representatives" who can't get a report together in 12 years on a lousy flat playing field they promised, to submit to the Coastal Commission, but can for a complex state-of-the-art City Services Building costing $100 million (if we're lucky), then rent a bus to take their overpaid experts to go fight for that and the multi-tens-of-millions of our dollars giveaway ECLS building, leaving locals to drive there, if they can, at their own expense and time off. I'm surprised they didn't outfit the bus with a long banner reading, "LET THEM EAT CAKE!" Crime is through the roof and lovely locals are responding, Shoot them all, dead! Concealed carry! Stand your ground!!

Sorry I didn't really give you answers. I thought they would come by the time I finished the column. I'm pretty sure it has something to do with a sense of separation we all feel from each other, so I'm going to ponder that.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Will the last person to leave Santa Monica please shut off the lights?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul." — Plato

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Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Architecture Services, 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m. on November 1, 2017**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date in Architecture Services Conference Room. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
10/23/2017, 9:00 a.m.
Memorial Park, 1401 Olympic Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90404

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $20,000.00
CONTRACT DAYS: 120 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $50.00 Per Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: http://www.smgov.net/planetbids/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class-B or D-34** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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RULING

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wrote. The California Department of Transportation informed the City that the runway shortening does not require either because it is not technically a realignment or extension.

In February, a different Judge approved the Consent Decree between the City of Santa Monica and the Federal Aviation Administration that allowed the runway to shorten. The City Council also passed a resolution to close the airport to aviation once they gain control of the land Dec. 31, 2028.

James Babinski, a Los Angeles pilot, and Kate Scott, a pilot-in-training, are behind the case that delayed construction. The plaintiffs argued the secret meetings and closed-door discussions between the City Council, the City Attorney and the FAA that resulted in the Consent Decree violated the Brown Act. Babinski and Scott contend they were denied their right to testify, speak and scrutinize the settlement agreement and potential closure of SMO.

However, the judge found their attempts to stop the Decree's wheels from turning came too late.

"Plaintiffs should have involved themselves sooner in the planning process to voice their concerns about the project, instead of allowing Defendant to make this much progress before trying to stop it," Lew said, noting that Santa Monica residents passed Measure LC, placing governance of the airport in the City's hands and rejected Measure D, which would have mandated voter approval before transforming SMO to anything other than an airport.

"Therefore, the public, including these voting residents, has an interest in this Court upholding the Consent Decree, the one that their representatives approved," the judge said.

The two sides disagree whether the shorter runway is safer.

Babinski and Scott also argued the shorter runway "creates a risk of physical harm for anyone piloting or being transported in an airplane departing from the Airport" and "those living below the departure path." The City's aviation safety airport argued the new runway will introduce 300-foot safety areas, prevent larger and faster aircraft from using the airport and reduce the frequency of take-offs and landings.

The runway will be completely closed to aircraft every night from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. during the first phase of construction, according to a City issued notice that went out to residents at the beginning of the month. A second phase will last ten days and require complete closures to aircraft.

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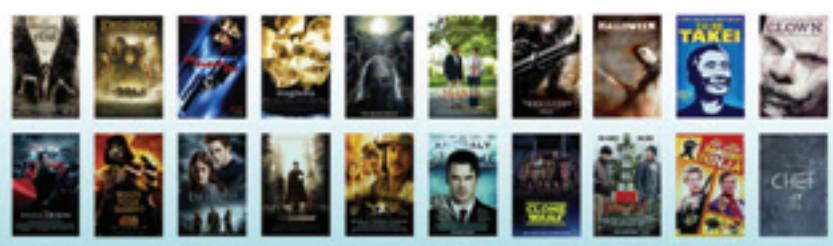

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PERSONAL DISASTER SUPPLIES KITS

- Medications, prescriptions list, copy of medical card, doctor's name and contact information
- Feminine hygiene needs
- Spare eyeglasses or contact lenses and cleaning solution
- Whistle (to alert rescuers to your location)
- Sturdy shoes
- Comfortable, warm clothing including extra socks
- Emergency cash (small bills and coins)
- A battery powered charger or a hand-crank charger for your mobile devices.

HOUSEHOLD DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

- Flashlight with extra batteries / hand crank flashlight
- Wrenches to turn off gas and water supplies
- Sturdy work gloves and protective goggles
- Heavy duty plastic bags and sealable plastic bags
- Portable radio with extra batteries / hand crank radio
- Drinking water (minimum one gallon per person, per day)
- Canned and packaged foods
- Manual can opener
- First aid kit and handbook
- Charcoal or gas grill for outdoor cooking and matches if needed
- Cooking utensils
- Blankets or sleeping bags, and perhaps even a tent
- Copies of vital documents such as insurance policies

PET DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT

- Pet specific carrier
- Sturdy leashes and/or harnesses
- Current photos of your pets in case they get lost
- Food, potable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and manual can opener
- Information on feeding schedules, medical conditions, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.

SHAKEOUT

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more than 55 million people participated worldwide.

Locally all Santa Monica public schools will participate with an evacuation drill at 10:19 a.m.

Following the evacuation, the district will open its Emergency Operations Center at the District Office and coordinate with each school site. Staff will be assigned jobs related to an emergency and the district will communicate with other civic organizations engaged in the drill.

"We take this and all drills on our campuses very seriously so ensure our students and staff are as safe as possible and also to practice responding to an actual earthquake where we may need medical attention and other supports to minimize injuries or loss of life," said SMMUSD spokeswoman Gail Pinsker.

At Santa Monica College, all classes will practice their drop and cover drills followed by practice evacuations of all classes.

SMC Police Chief Johnnie Adams said he has written several scenarios that will test various elements of the school's emergency response protocols.

"One will have some live injured actors that will be there with first responders to do some treatment with nursing staff," he said. "There will be facilitators at each location to give them a scenario and ask them some questions as they move through the problem."

He said the scenarios will test emergency responders but are also targeting the broader staff to ensure that everyone on campus is trained for an emergency situation.

In addition to the day test, Adams said the college will organize a duck and cover drill for the night classes at 8:19 p.m.

"The night classes don't get a lot of tests," he said.

City Hall will also be participating and the city's office of Emergency Management encourages residents to always get a kit, have a plan and be informed.

OEM's website has a list of basic supplies for an emergency kit and also provides instructions for developing emergency plans. City Hall encourages residents to sign up for emergency information via the city's smalerts.net service.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

2215 5th Street, 17ENT-0175 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 77079). The applicant requests approval of a Vesting Tentative Parcel Map to create two residential condominium air space parcels on a single parcel for the purpose of constructing a new two-unit, two-story residential condominium development in the OP2 (Ocean Park Low Density Residential) Zoning District. [Planner: Scott Albright] **Applicant: Harvey Goodman Civil Engineering Incorporated. Property Owner: Sean and Samantha Besser.**

929 Colorado Avenue, 16ENT-0086 (Conditional Use Permit). The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (16ENT-0086) to allow the incidental on-site sale and consumption of beer, wine, and distilled spirits (ABC License Type 57 – Special On-Sale General) in conjunction with an existing shared office space (Cross Campus) that hosts ancillary events involving networking and workshops for technology companies and startups. Cross Campus is located at 929 Colorado Avenue and 1558 10th Street Suite C and occupies approximately 13,403 square feet of office space.[Planner: James Combs] **APPLICANT: Cross Campus Santa Monica, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: Tenth and Colorado Associates, LTD.**

1550 Euclid Street, 16ENT-0170, 16ENT-0196, & 17ENT-0212. Development Review Permit (16ENT-0196) and Conditional Use Permit (17ENT-0212) to allow a new 36-foot tall, 3-story mixed-use building with 4,086 square feet of ground floor commercial space, 32,335 square feet of office space, and three levels of subterranean parking on a project site located in the MUBL (Mixed-Use Boulevard Low) zoning district. The proposal includes a Vesting Tentative Parcel Map application (16ENT-0170) to allow the commercial subdivision of four airspace parcels. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Sections 9.40.020 and 9.41.020(B), a Development Review Permit is required for any project exceeding the maximum Tier 1 limits and all new construction of more than 15,000 square feet of floor area located in non-residential districts and a Conditional Use Permit is required for new construction of Creative/Business & Professional office uses in the MUBL district. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.54.070(B), the Planning Commission is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve, or deny tentative subdivision map applications. [Planner: Grace Page] **Applicant / Property Owner: Euclid Owner Entity, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium, Main Library
601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Case Planner at (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. *Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #5 and #18 service the Main Library. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a few blocks from the Main Library. Public parking is available in the Main Library Parking Garage, which is accessible from Seventh Street, and in the metered parking lot and on the street. **Only limited validations will be available for the garage.*

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.

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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 OCTOBER 7, AT ABOUT 8:01 A.M.

While patrolling the 500 block of Broadway, an officer saw a bicyclist riding on the sidewalk in violation of a Santa Monica Municipal Code. The officer stopped the bicyclist in the 1300 block of 6th Street. The officer asked the subject if he had any weapons on him. The subject said he did not and lifted his shirt. The officer could see two objects in his waistband. The objects were a torch lighter and an air pump. Also recovered were pliers. Recovered from the subject's backpack were bolt cutters, pliers, screwdrivers and other items. The subject could not explain why he was in possession of the items. The subject was placed under arrest. Alex Delfo Medrano, 40 was arrested for Possession of Burglary Tools. Bail was set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 350 calls for service on Oct. 16.

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

Encampment 2300 block 2nd 12:17 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:31 a.m.
Theft recyclables 600 block California 12:43 a.m.
Grand theft 1600 block Idaho 1:46 a.m.
Attempt burglary 1500 block 7th 2:03 a.m.
Traffic collision 100 block Interstate 10 2:54 a.m.
Rape 1600 block Ocean 4:34 a.m.
Battery 14th / Wilshire 6:11 a.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Broadway 6:14 a.m.
Stolen vehicle 4th / Colorado 6:42 a.m.
Person down 1800 block Lincoln 7:03 a.m.
Burglary 2800 block Colorado 7:04 a.m.
Burglary 700 block Wilshire 7:32 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block Lincoln 7:33 a.m.
Encampment 2700 block Barnard 8:07 a.m.
Battery 1500 block 17th 8:19 a.m.
Battery 1700 block Colorado 8:24 a.m.
Burglary 2500 block La Mesa 8:44 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1100 block California 9:18 a.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block 4th 9:19 a.m.
Hit and run 1100 block 6th 9:26 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1200 block Ocean Front Walk 9:32 a.m.
Fraud 100 block Wilshire 9:44 a.m.
Hit and run Chelsea / Wilshire 9:49 a.m.
Person down 1300 block 2nd 10:07 a.m.
Lost property 2900 block 2nd 10:09 a.m.
Person down 2400 block Wilshire 10:09 a.m.
Battery 900 block Euclid 10:15 a.m.
Fraud 3100 block Pearl 10:15 a.m.
Person down Ocean / Pacific 10:20 a.m.
Missing person 300 block Olympic 10:41 a.m.
Encampment 1600 block Wilshire 10:59 a.m.
Hit and run 1200 block 6th 11:07 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1200 block Arizona 11:10 a.m.
Arson 1600 block Santa Monica 11:13 a.m.
Fraud 1300 block 2nd 11:27 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive tickets 1800 block 7th 11:48 a.m.
Petty theft 1800 block Lincoln 11:55 a.m.
Traffic control 11th / Wilshire 12:15 p.m.
Burglary 1400 block 3rd Street Prom 12:45 p.m.
Indecent exposure 4th / Arizona 12:55 p.m.
Encampment 1800 block Oak 1:17 p.m.
Traffic collision 26th / Wilshire 1:51 p.m.
Hit and run 17th / Ocean Park 2:12 p.m.
Injured person 600 block Santa Monica 2:15 p.m.
Bike theft 800 block Lincoln 2:17 p.m.
Drunk driving 800 block Princeton 2:50 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block California 3:07 p.m.
Auto burglary 2100 block Ocean 3:12 p.m.
Lewd activity 1900 block Lincoln 3:12 p.m.
Burglary 3100 block 5th 3:33 p.m.
Petty theft 1400 block Lincoln 3:39 p.m.
Petty theft 2900 block 31st 3:42 p.m.
Hit and run 2nd / California 4:17 p.m.
Traffic collision 23rd / Oak 4:25 p.m.
Smoking violation 2200 block 30th 4:32 p.m.
Traffic collision Lincoln / Marine 4:48 p.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Ocean 4:56 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 37 calls for service on Oct. 16.

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

Emergency Lincoln / Broadway 6:23 a.m.
Emergency 1800 block Lincoln 6:59 a.m.
Emergency 1300 block 15th 7:01 a.m.
Emergency 1700 block 12th 7:18 a.m.
Odor of natural gas 0 block Seaview 7:29 a.m.
Haz mat - level 1 800 block 5th 7:51 a.m.
Arcing wires 1700 block Wilshire 8:08 a.m.
Emergency 1800 block 20th 8:14 a.m.
Emergency 1800 block Lincoln 8:37 a.m.
Emergency 2000 block Santa Monica 9:05 a.m.
Elevator rescue 100 block Idaho 9:13 a.m.
Emergency 800 block Ocean 9:22 a.m.
Emergency 300 block 10th 9:35 a.m.
Emergency intersection of Neilson / Hart 10:41 a.m.
Emergency 500 block ocean 11:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2100 block Santa Monica 11:27 a.m.
Emergency 1700 block Cloverfield 11:32 a.m.
Emergency 1400 block 17th 12:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1100 block 12th 12:13 p.m.
Emergency 2200 block Colorado 12:35 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3000 block Wilshire 12:39 p.m.
Emergency 300 block Santa Monica 12:44 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block Wilshire 1:11 p.m.
Emergency 800 block Lincoln 1:33 p.m.
Emergency 600 block Santa Monica 2:13 p.m.
Emergency 900 block 3rd 3:28 p.m.
Emergency 2400 block 16th 4:07 p.m.
Emergency 3000 block Colorado 5:59 p.m.
Emergency 700 block Broadway 8:40 p.m.
Emergency 1400 block 17th 8:42 p.m.
Emergency 26th / Santa Monica 10:10 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 1500 block 6th 10:14 p.m.
Emergency 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 10:16 p.m.
Emergency 1200 block 15th 10:24 p.m.
Emergency 1700 block Cloverfield 10:55 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 500 block Pier 11:28 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 10/14
32 37 56 66 69
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 156M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/13
2 7 18 26 31
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 15M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 10/14
3 6 20 40 41
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/16
23 25 27 34 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/17
MIDDAY: 8 7 0
Draw Date: 10/16
EVENING: 0 8 5

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/16
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2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Stories for the Waiting Room

■ Ear infections are one of the banes of childhood, but there's good news: They've become less common since children began getting vaccines that protect against bacteria that often cause them. Researchers followed 615 kids over a decade to track how often they got ear infections following a pneumococcal conjugate vaccination, first licensed in 2000.

■ At age one, 23 percent had experienced at least one ear infection. That's a significant decrease compared to similar 1989 study. According to STAT, the researchers also reported that Streptococcus pneumoniae - a bacterium targeted by the vaccine and formerly a primary cause of ear infections – is no longer the most common culprit.

MYSTERY PHOTO

Matthew Hall *matt@smdp.com*

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

FACT OR FICTION? by Charles Slack
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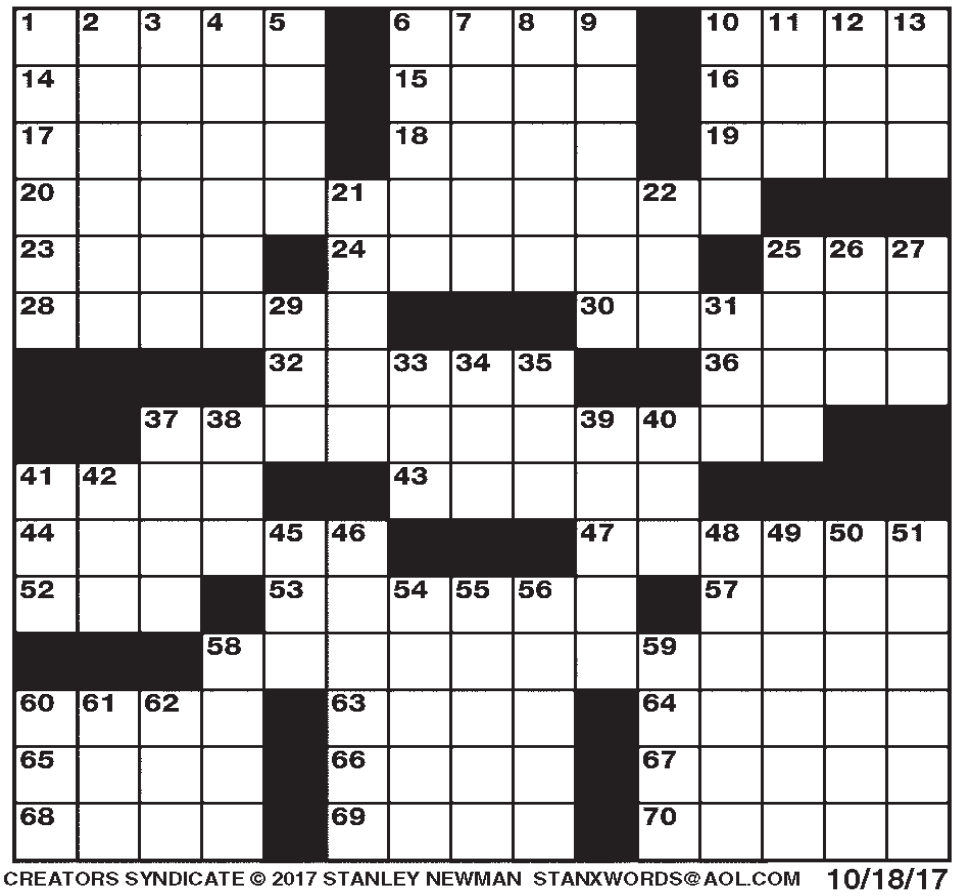
ACROSS
1 Gemstone measure
6 Relative of the apple
10 Donkey sound
14 Fill with joy
15 Stone of *La La Land*
16 Display of anger
17 First Greek letter
18 Stated
19 Church affirmation
20 Bad-luck bringer, e.g.
23 Eve's home
24 Remain hidden
25 Finance deg.
28 Tranquil
30 View a film online
32 WWII sub
36 Artist Warhol
37 Alligators in sewers, e.g.
41 Ship of 1492
43 Fencing swords
44 Newspaper bigwig
47 Distinctive periods
52 Two-year-old
53 Works with a loom
57 Small talk
58 Toads cause warts, e.g.
60 Elongated pasta
63 Hamster's home
64 Canned tomato product
65 Clickable image
66 __ to (just like)
67 "Come in!"
68 Sneak a look
69 Hit with snowballs
70 Gardener's bane

DOWN
1 Discontinues
2 Make reference (to)
3 Struck, as a door
4 Wise Greek goddess
5 Pull apart
6 Green sauce
7 Internet messages
8 Ever so slightly
9 Half a diameter
10 Grain husk
11 Sheep with horns
12 Distinctive period
13 Strong desire
21 Queen of __ (Old Testament figure)
22 Pick, with "for"
25 Repair
26 Behaving poorly
27 Poehler of *Parks and Recreation*
29 Butter container
31 Scooted away
33 Small bill
34 Austrian peak
35 Golf peg
37 Subsidiary company
38 Double-crosser
39 V-shaped fliers
40 Sixth sense, for short
41 After-tax amount
42 Bachelor's last words
45 Night bird
46 Baggage handler
48 Stat on gas pumps
49 Totally virtuous
50 Stopped marching
51 Controls the wheel
54 Fully conscious
55 Continuous watch
56 Social gathering
58 Sty sound
59 Gush forth
60 Read quickly, with "through"
61 Polar formation
62 Tip of a sock



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Oscars org won't be an 'inquisitorial court,' president says

Film academy president John Bailey says that although the organization intends to be a strong voice in changing the culture of sexual exploitation in the movie business that it will not be an inquisitorial court.

Bailey addressed Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences members Tuesday in a memo following the Saturday decision by the organization's Board of Governors to expel Harvey Weinstein.

The film academy's ruling has raised questions about other academy members who remain in good standing. These include Roman Polanski, an Oscar-winner who in the 1970s pleaded guilty to drugging and raping a 13-year-old girl, and entertainer Bill Cosby, who has faced dozens of allegations of sexual assault.

The board has said it will establish ethical standards that its over 8,400 members are expected to uphold.

BY LINDSEY BAHR, ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

LAPD wins OK to test drones despite privacy concerns

Despite privacy concerns, police received permission Tuesday to fly drone aircraft under a one-year pilot program that limits their use to dangerous situations and natural disasters.

The civilian Los Angeles Police Commission voted 3-1 to approve the test program.

The Metropolitan Division's SWAT team will be allowed to deploy drones in some instances but the devices won't be armed and specifically cannot be flown for purposes that violate the law or Constitution.

A high-ranking police officer must approve deployment on a case-by-case basis.

Deployment policy limits the use of the drones during the pilot program to "dangerous, high-risk tactical situations" or for providing observation during catastrophes.

Examples might include hunting for heavily armed suspects, hostage situations and search-and-rescue operations.

The limitations didn't mollify protesters who jeered as the commission took its vote and later gathered outside police headquarters, chanting "Drone-free LAPD! No drones L.A.!" Several were arrested after blocking traffic.

Opponents of drone usage fear "mission creep" that could lead to arming the aircraft or using them to spy on the public.

The LAPD had two drones that it acquired in 2014 but hadn't deployed in the face of vocal opposition.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department began using a drone in January. At the time, Sheriff Jim McDonnell said the $10,000 aircraft would be used only in limited circumstances to assist deputies with rescues, bomb scares, arson investigations and tactical situations.

Officials say It has been used only a handful of times.

In July, the Sheriff's Department's Civilian Oversight Commission voted 5-4 to ask McDonnell to ground the drone but he refused, calling it an important public safety tool. He previously had promised the aircraft wouldn't be used to spy on the public.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 18)

You'll have less time to discuss the greats because you'll be too busy becoming one of them. This solar return shows you methodically doing what it takes to see your goal through. The abundant trust and love of others is your blessing, too — one that comes with many responsibilities. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 20, 19, 40 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Just because the solution is neat and plausible doesn't make it right. You'll investigate a little deeper, put theories to the test, ask opinions of the young, fresh faces and old-timers and, finally, get to the bottom of this.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You once felt so anchored into a certain belief system that you now, for reasons that are still forming, are starting to doubt. Let this be a sign that your mind is open, as great minds tend to be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your quickness to laugh might get you in trouble every once in a while, but usually it's an asset. You find that it's just easier to get things done when you have a sense of humor about them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Like a child who loads up a plate at the buffet table and then can't eat nearly the quantity, you've ambitions you may not be able to digest. So go in slowly. You can always go back for more later if you need to.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Every single person on the earth has had past misfortunes, even a newborn baby (birth is no picnic). So you'll be slow to call anyone out, honk your horn in traffic or get overly frustrated with the general inconvenience of other people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

There are many things you can give a person that do not cost money and are in fact more valuable than money. Hope, kindness, attention and affection are free, and you'll wisely be generous with them now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

The advances in thought come when you mix categories. This could mean genres, disciplines, cultures, genders, ages and more. Cross-pollination will bring the best solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

You're at a crucial juncture in a project or relationship. You can't stay where you stand now, but there's something blocking the path, too. Still, you can either find a way to move forward or find an excuse not to.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Some of the work you've been doing is unnecessary. That's OK! You couldn't have known what was necessary before you started. As you drop the superfluous actions, you'll get faster and more elegant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Just because a person isn't unkind doesn't mean that person is good or right for you. Neglect is often worse than meanness. You deserve respect, attention and support. Are you getting enough of that?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Even though there are so many miracles around for you to appreciate, not everything can be profound, because that would mean that nothing is. A new sense of purpose will help you prioritize and focus accordingly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Measure the distance between you and the outcome you now desire to see if it's even possible to get there in one move, because today's problem isn't like a ladder; it's more like a chasm. It can't be bridged in two steps.

Mercury and Jupiter Conjunction

Mercury just arrived in Scorpio yesterday, and already he's making deals, the first of which is with the big daddy of the zodiac, jolly Jupiter. This alignment in Scorpio is a sign that the truth will set us free. But since the truth can also be an upsetting or even dangerous implement to wield, try delivering it fast and light — maybe with a wink.

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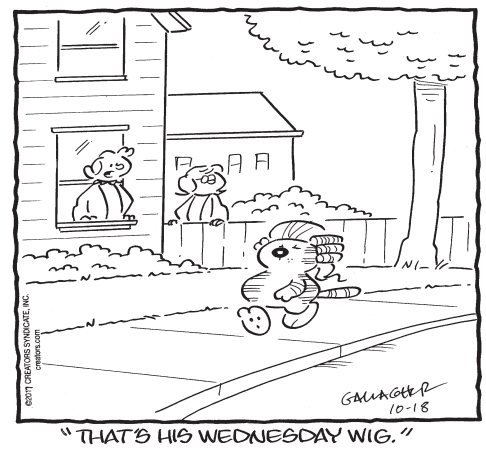

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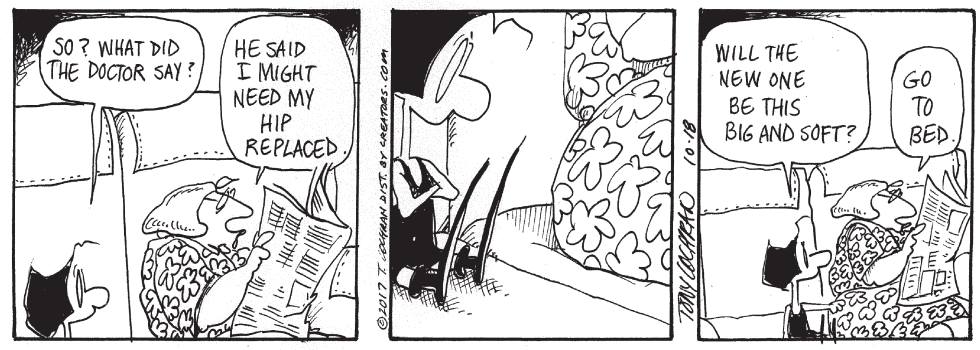

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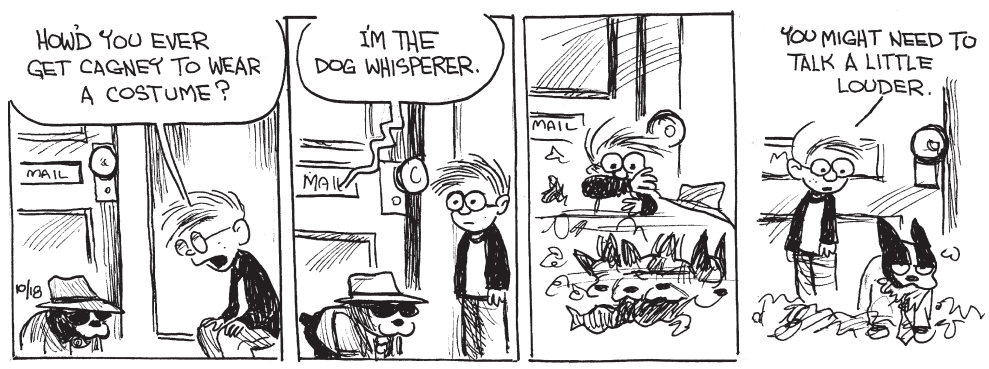

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