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Rain possible this week



NWS / Stephen Coleman

WEATHER: The NWS is predicting rain starting on Tuesday and drivers are warned to be careful on slick roads.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Southern California may finally see rain following several days of unseasonal heat.

Skies are expected to darken and the marine layer return starting Tuesday with mid to high level clouds moving in from the north.

“The clouds and onshore flow will drop most temperatures about 15 degrees, bringing them back down to normal values,” said the National Weather Service (NWS).

The NWS said rain is possible in Los Angeles County after midnight on Tuesday. Forecasters said the models estimate the rain will be less than initially thought and will move through the area faster than first predicted. Officials said Los Angeles County could see up to half inch.

“The best chance of rain will be Wednesday morning and afternoon with rain tapering off overnight Wednesday and pretty much ending Thursday morning,” said the NWS forecast.

“Since the bulk of the dynamics of this storm are concentrated in the southern portion of upper low’s flow it is likely that Orange and San Diego county will receive the majority of the rain from this system.”

To the north, winds are picking up, rekindling fears of wildfire.

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Woman dies after being hit by drunk driver at 5th and Arizona

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

A drunk driver hit and killed an elderly woman in Downtown Santa Monica on Sunday.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department, Rogelio Bobadilla, 28, was arrested for DUI, hit and run causing death and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. He is being held on $100,000 bail.

Lieutenant Candice Cobarrubias said officers were called at about 12:50 a.m. on November 17 for a hit and run at the intersection of 5th and Arizona. She said Bobadilla failed to stop at a red light and hit a woman who was in the crosswalk.

Bobadilla fled the scene but witnesses provided detailed information about his vehicle and the description matched a second accident that had been reported at Lincoln and Olympic. Officers found the car but Bobadilla had fled the scene of the second accident on foot. He was eventually found in the area and arrested.

SMPD said the Traffic Collision investigator will be presenting the case to the Los Angeles District Attorney for filing.

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SMMUSD board prepares for multiple meetings this week

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District’s Board of Education will hold two meetings this week as district leaders will gather Tuesday for an informational meeting and Thursday for a regular one.

The special meeting on Tuesday will consist of nothing but the presentation of various 2018-2019 School Plans for Student Achievement by elementary and secondary school principals.

Each of the plans that will be presented have already been reviewed by the English Learner Advisory Committee and approved by the School Site Council of each school, according to the agenda, so each will focus on addressing specific goals that are in alignment

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NOTICE TO SOLICT CONTRACTORS for the District's Informal Bidding (CUPCCAA) Contractor list per Public Contract Code Section 22034

On December 9, 2010 the Board of Education of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District resolved to establish an Informal Bidding Procedure per Public Contract Code section 22032. In accordance with that code, the District is soliciting contractors to register with the District to bid on these projects. Informal projects are generally defined as facilities projects with an estimated value of less than $200,000 thousand dollars. Contractors on the list will be notified directly of all informal project opportunities within their trade(s) as they become available for bidding.

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To view the SMMUSD FIP Departments Contractor Bidding Opportunities please visit our website http://fip.smmusd.org/contractors.html or contact Sheere Bishop-Griego at smbishop@smmusd.org



What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Nov. 19

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group
Join organizers as they discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. This month's title: "Fear Nothing" by Lisa Gardner. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Movie and Q&A: The Other Side of Home
A Turkish woman struggles to come to terms with her conflicted identity when she finds out that her great grandmother was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide. Q&A to follow with filmmaker Naré Mkrtchyan. (film runtime: 40 min.) Montana Avenue Branch Library, 6 - 7 p.m.

Write Away
Gain feedback and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Walk-in Tutoring
Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Free. Main Library Literacy Center, 1 - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20

Special Meeting Planning Commission
Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: Till Death Us Do Part
The author of Helter Skelter reconstructs two murders from the mid-1960s, taking readers deep inside the facts of the case, and the mind of the jury–all the while exposing the marvelous intricacies of the criminal justice system in America. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Party Pajama Storytime!
Wear PJs, bring your favorite stuffed animal, and get ready for a fun Party-themed storytime. For Families. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 21

The Recreation & Parks Commission Regular Meeting
The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Movie: Amazing Grace (2018)
In 1972, director Sydney Pollack filmed two intimate Aretha Franklin concerts with L.A.'s New Bethel Baptist Choir, which were recorded and eventually released as the best-selling gospel album ever, Amazing Grace. Due to his lack of experience in documentary filmmaking, Pollack failed to create what is known as a click track to synch the live music to the film, and thus the film was pulled from release. Thanks to modern technology, the film has been rescued from the vaults and synchronized beautifully, (film runtime: 116 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

College Application & Personal Statement Workshop
Get free one-on-one assistance with your college application and your UC personal insight questions by attending this workshop series. Laptops provided or bring your own. Presented in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park, and Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling. Pico Branch Library, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fair-view Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

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US officials granting $29 million for coastal protection

JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

Projects to protect Texas marshes from erosion and an Alaska village from the Bering Sea are getting help from some of the 44 grants awarded by the National Coastal Resilience Fund, a public-private partnership assisting communities threatened by storms and flooding from rising and warming seas.

The $29 million in grants announced Monday are being matched by nearly $60 million from government agencies and nonprofits in 20 states, the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories.

"This is the way things are supposed to work," said U.S. Rep. Garret Graves, R-La. "It's bipartisan, leveraging millions of dollars" in a way that will pay off exponentially, he said at a news conference.

The fund partnership was created last year after severe weather caused a record $306.2 billion in damage in the U.S. the year before. It seeks to blunt the impact of extreme weather, flooding and other threats on diverse areas including wetlands, coastal beaches, rivers, streams, oyster beds and coral reefs.

The program got 176 applications, including far more high-quality projects than the 44 the fund was able to support, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's director of coastal conservation, Erika Feller said after the news conference at a project site in suburban New Orleans.

The Texas General Land Office is getting $3 million, the largest grant on the list, and contributing another $9.5 million to restore about 80 acres (32 hectares) of coastal marshes in Galveston County's Swan Lake.

The tiny Native village of Shaktoolik, Alaska — listed in 2009 among a handful of Alaska communities that should move "as soon as possible" because of coastal erosion and repeated flooding — is matching $1 million from the foundation with nearly $5 million to build a coastal berm to protect the spit of land where the village is located.

Just under $3 million will go to the University of Miami, to restore more than 125 acres (50 hectares) of coastal reefs off Florida's Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. The university is matching the grant with another $3 million.

A grant of $2.4 million, with a matching grant of $2.5 million by suburban Jefferson Parish will build a series of stone breakwaters, behind which silt can build up to create 60 to 70 acres (28 hectares) of marsh, tidal creeks and lagoons along a mile-long (1.6-kilometer) stretch of beleaguered Lake Pontchartrain shoreline.

A pile-driver was pounding 65-foot pilings into the estuary's mucky bottom on Monday for a boardwalk planned to go through the wetlands' eastern edge.

The smallest grant, totaling $75,000 and matched by an equal amount of local money, will enable the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management to pay for preliminary assessment and design work to build green infrastructure along 49 acres (20 hectares) along the Quonochontaug Salt Pond.

Other projects are in California, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, North and South Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Virginia, Washington, Guam and Puerto Rico.

Money for the fund came from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Shell Oil Co. and Transatlantic Holdings Inc., also called TransRe.

Four projects in California are receiving nearly $2 million, including $1.4 million to set levees back from a tidal creek area to reduce flooding and reconnect tides to brackish wetlands. The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is contributing another $12.3 million for the work at Walnut Creek.

The District of Columbia's Department of Energy and Environment is receiving $250,000 and contributing $500,000 to develop preliminary designs to restore Oxon Run in the southeast section of the nation's capital, including plans to remove nearly a mile (1.6 kilometers) of concrete lining the stream bed.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Olympic Boulevard Improvements Project
SP2593

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than **2:30 p.m.** on **December 12, 2019,** to be publicly opened and read aloud after **3:00 p.m.** on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: Not Required

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,444,500
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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 A** 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.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

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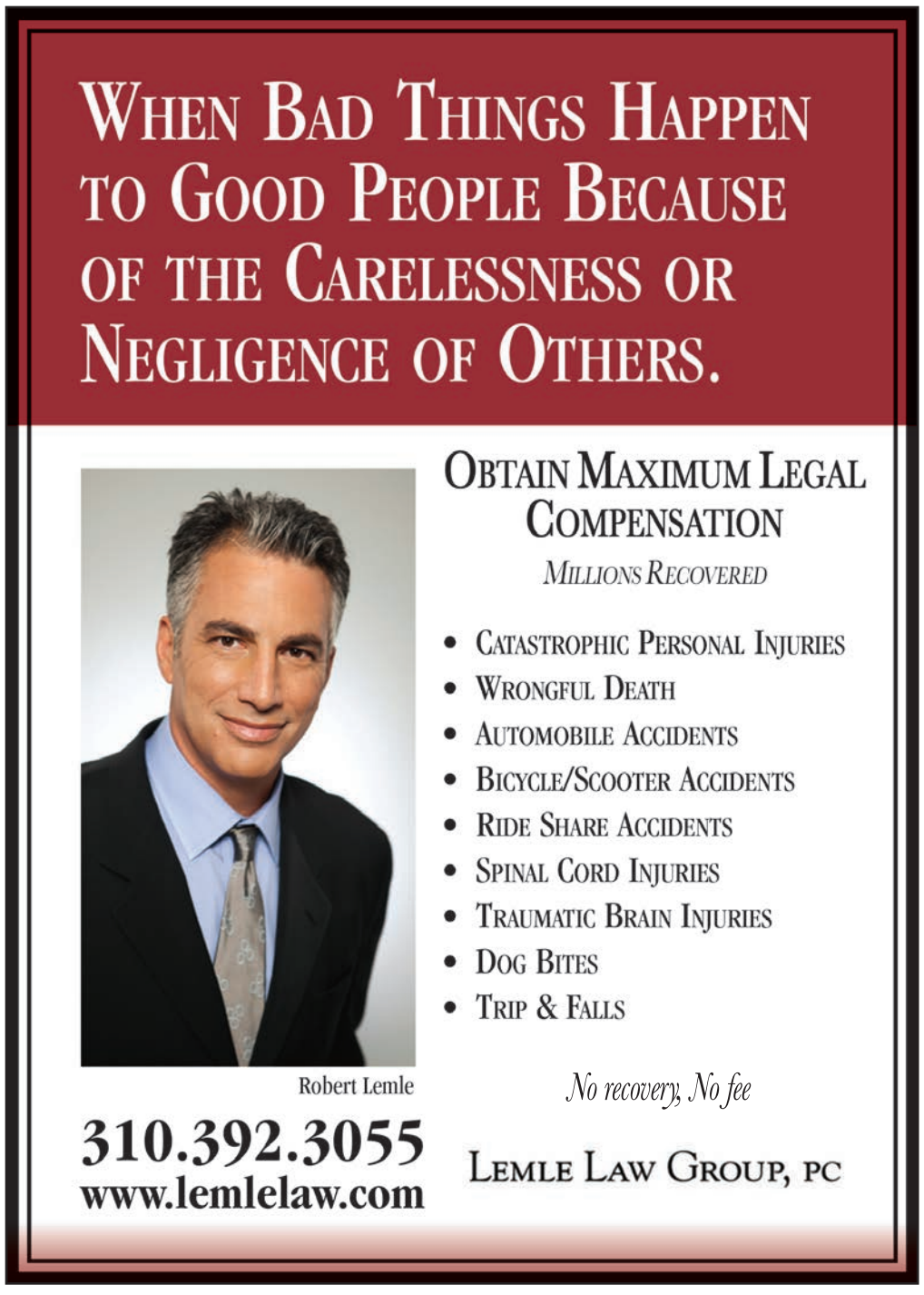
Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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Trump backing off banning vaping flavors popular with teens

JONATHAN LEMIRE, MATTHEW PERRONE AND DARLENE SUPERVILLE
Associated Press

When President Donald Trump boarded Air Force One to fly to a Kentucky campaign rally two weeks ago, a plan was in place for him to give final approval to a plan to ban most flavored e-cigarettes.

By the time Trump landed back at Joint Base Andrews outside Washington a few hours later, the plan was off. And its future is unclear.

For nearly two months, momentum had been building inside the White House to try to halt a youth vaping epidemic that experts feared was hurting as many as 5 million teenagers.

Both first lady Melania Trump and Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter and senior adviser, pushed for the ban, which was also being championed internally by White House counselor Kellyanne Conway, who has taken the lead on some public health issues.

But as Trump sat surrounded by political advisers on the flights to and from Lexington, he grew reluctant to sign the ban, convinced it could alienate voters who would be financially or otherwise affected by a vaping ban, according to two White House and campaign officials not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

A news conference scheduled by Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to announce the ban was canceled, while more meetings with industry leaders and lobbyists were proposed, according to the officials.

Trump tweeted last week that he'll be meeting with vaping industry representatives, medical professionals and others "to come up with an acceptable solution to the Vaping and E-cigarette dilemma." The White House has yet to announce a date for a meeting.

This month, Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale and others showed the president polling data indicating that e-cigarette users could abandon him if he followed through with the ban, the officials said.

Campaign aides also highlighted an aggressive social media campaign — #IVapeIVote — in which advocates claimed a ban would force the closure of vaping shops, eliminating jobs and sending users of electronic cigarettes back to traditional smokes. Parscale also pointed out the risk that a ban could have on e-cigarette users in key battleground states that Trump narrowly won in 2016.

Others in the West Wing, including Conway, have argued that a ban could be a winning issue with suburban voters, including mothers, who have fled the president in large numbers. Few would predict where Trump, who is known to abruptly change his mind, would end up since he recently has been consumed with other matters, notably televised impeachments hearings.

The vaping industry's largest trade group said Monday the administration was heading "in the right direction for adult smokers and their families."

"Bans don't work, they never have," Tony Abboud, executive director of the Vapor Technology Association, said in a statement.

Gregory Conley, president of the American Vaping Association, an advocacy organization, added that the government should put in place "sensible and targeted regulations" before it resorts to prohibition, which opponents of a ban said could lead to the creation of an underground market for e-cigarettes.

But Matt Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, said Trump would be guilty of "terrible public policy" and "bad politics" if he backs down.

"This is one of the very few issues on which public views are unified," Myers said in a telephone interview. "There are a small number of vape shop owners who are loud and don't care. But there are millions more moms and dads who are deeply concerned."

Robin Koval, president and CEO of the Truth Initiative, a nonprofit, anti-tobacco organization, called on Trump to implement the original plan.

"The health of America's youth must come first and is not for sale or political gain," Koval said in a statement. The first lady opened the White House to a group of young people from the Truth Initiative in October to tell her about their experiences with vaping.

Trump's initial pledge Sept. 11 to ban virtually all flavored e-cigarettes stunned vaping proponents and was immediately embraced by anti-tobacco advocates. In an Oval Office appearance with the first lady and Azar, Trump said the government would act within weeks to protect children from fruit, candy, dessert and other sweet vaping flavors, including mint and menthol.

The announcement followed a tweet two days earlier by Mrs. Trump expressing concern "about the growing epidemic of e-cigarette use in our children."

"We need to do all we can to protect the public from tobacco-related disease and death, and prevent e-cigarettes from becoming an on-ramp to nicotine addiction for a generation of youth," she said.

But within days, Trump tweeted that e-cigarettes might be a less-harmful alternative for smokers, a point long made by the industry. Meanwhile, vaping lobbyists, conservative groups and Republican lawmakers from key states warned Trump that a crackdown could cost him with voters.

The Vapor Technology Association launched ads and an online campaign promising to punish Trump and other politicians who support vaping restrictions. Conservative groups that have long promoted vaping as an alternative to smoking, including Grover Norquist's Americans for Tax Reform, joined the criticism.

That group and others helped organize protests against banning flavors, including one outside the White House. Trump supporters also showed up at some of his campaign rallies holding signs expressing their opposition to a ban.

The industry warned some 15,000 to 19,000 vaping shops across the country - and

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Letter To The Editor

Andrew Liberman

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Vote for Bernie

Saturday, the Daily Press reported that Joe Biden had come to Los Angeles, to LA Trade Tech, mainly talking, as he does, about how he is the one to beat tRump.

But Saturday, Bernie Sanders also was in LA—in East LA.

Bernie offered his determination to immediately, on being elected January 2021, to pursue Medicare for All health care for all Americans. To abolish student debt, and to see that America has tuition free colleges and trade schools for those who want to further their education. He'll see it's paid for it through restoring taxes on the ultra-rich and taxing stock purchases.

AND Bernie will defeat the Mango Mussolini.

So what's the big difference between the two candidates?

Bernie offers actual change for our lives—where Biden is the same old Neo-con Democrat we had the last time around, who also promised just mainly she's beat tRump—and he promises little political-social change.

That's the contrasting choice we have coming months away now for California, in the March Primary, 2020. Do the right thing: vote for the Senator from Vermont.

Sincerely, Andrew Liberman

RAIN

FROM PAGE 1

Northern California is bracing for more power outages after Pacific Gas & Electric started notifying customers that it may turn off electricity Wednesday because of strong winds that could spark wildfires.

The latest planned blackout is expected to affect 660,000 people in parts of 22 counties, including the San Francisco suburbs, Sierra Nevada foothills and wine country.

The notices Monday come as California lawmakers prepare to grill PG&E officials at a hearing over massive outages last month, including one that affected nearly 2.5 million people.

Local officials and customers said the utility botched communications and the outages meant to prevent electrical equipment from igniting fires were too broad.

California regulators have ordered PG&E to say why it should not be sanctioned for violating state rules regarding such shutoffs.

THREE DAY FORECAST

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70. Light and variable wind becoming west southwest 5 to 10 mph in the morning.

Tuesday Night: Showers likely, mainly after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

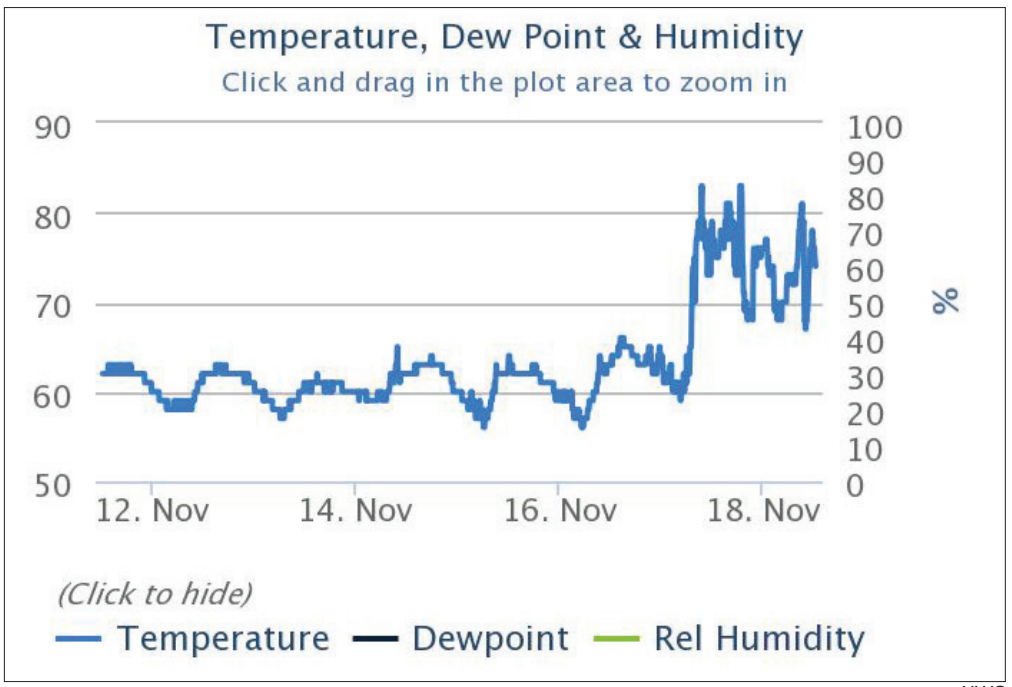
Wednesday: Showers likely, mainly before 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest in the morning. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 61.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

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NWS

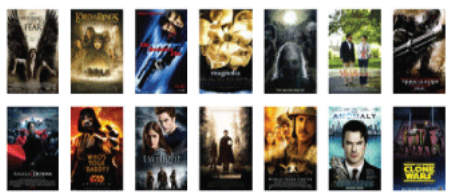
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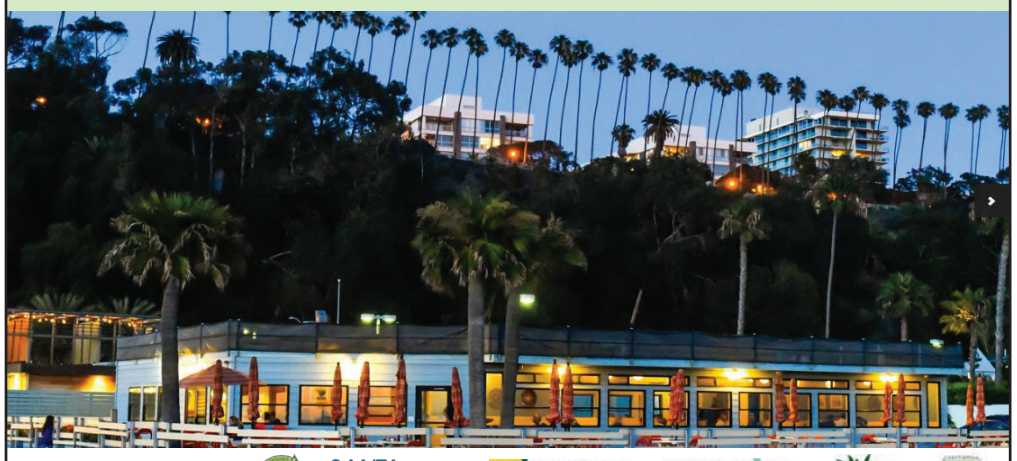
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Real Women in Real Estate Really Connecting



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RWIRELA: The local chapter of the Real Women in Real Estate group provides support for all.

As a divorce lawyer I am approached on a regular basis by various real estate agents and professionals who want to "exchange referrals" which generally means they want me to send them my soon-to-be-divorced clients who are selling their homes. Usually I politely as possible tell them that I am not interested since this is going to be a one way relationship and I've never, in 21 years of practice, had an agent send me a divorce or a child custody case.

Then along came Louisette Geiss, co-founder of RWIRELA – Real Women in Real Estate Los Angeles, we started chatting on the phone, and within three minutes I wanted to meet her. We ended up having a short meeting at Kreation Organic Kafe on Montana Avenue where the conversation was one of those where each of us was talking over the other because we had so much in common and wanted to share more, faster.

That morning coffee, led to an afternoon tea at Ye Olde King's Head with her two adorable daughters having their first tea, and our continued exploration of professional friendship. Then it was snacks at the Power Women Summit at the Fairmont Miramar sponsored by TheWrap.com. We've clearly become event buddies which is great since as the founder of RWIRELA Louisette is connected with the top real estate agents, lawyers and advocates who are some of the most interesting and powerful women in Los Angeles.

RWIRELA is the local outpost of an international organization that was founded in Australia, bringing two powerful industries together for the betterment of women in the professional world. The purpose is to help women get ahead with networking in traditionally male dominated industries by confronting the myth that there is a lack of female leaders and role models.

By creating a forum for women to communicate problems and challenges, workshop solutions and just encourage each other RWIRELA is working to create a more equal and open environment that encourages collaboration. As women meet and get to know role models that they can rely upon, they will be empowered to succeed on their career paths.

What is awesome about RWIRELA is that it is open to both men and women. This makes me think much more highly of the organization, as my experience has been that some of the best business mentors I've had were strong women who demonstrated for me how to be assertive without being an ass. In a world of #MeToo and changing dynamics of male/female relationships both in the workplace and home, it is refreshing to have an organization that is tackling head on the issues, and not retreating behind some of the politically frothy language, or positioning of "victimhood" or "cancel culture", but working toward real engagement and solutions.

RWIRELA is having an end of the year bash and speaker's panel this coming Thursday at Skylight Gardens, 1139 Glendon Avenue, in Westwood from 6 – 9:30 p.m. The event usually sells out, ($20 in advance/ $30 at the door) the proceeds benefit Voices in Action a non-profit that seeks to support and empower individuals who have been assaulted. Looking at the list of scheduled speakers and guests I can see why this event sells out: Beth Fegan, Esq who is counsel on the Harvey Weinstein Class Action Lawsuit, Sandra Miller Principal Broker at Engel and Volkers Santa Monica, Glen Coutinho from Harcourts Beverly Hills, Alexandre Anu from VH1 "Love and Listings", Heather Altman from Bravo's Million Dollar Listing, Jessica Barth Founder of Voices in Action, and Angel Horacek Esq an Employment and Civil Rights attorney.

This is what will bring real change to our society. People working together, to have honest conversations and making a real connection between industries to spearhead change and transformation. This event promises to be more than just another hot appetizer and boring "elevator pitches" experience and I'm looking forward to attending this Thursday.

David Pisarra is a Los Angeles Divorce and Child Custody Lawyer specializing in Father's and Men's Rights with the Santa Monica firm of Pisarra & Grist. He welcomes your questions and comments. He can be reached at dpisarra@pisarra.com or 310/664-9969. You can follow him on Twitter @ davidpisarra



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOVEMBER 19)

Your cosmic birthday present is a stellar sense of balance. Somehow you're able to give generously to others and still have plenty left to follow your own goals and dreams. Exciting things happen in the realm of personal development. A tenderhearted person joins your team. You learn a skill that heals what ailed you. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 16, 3 and 5.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Existential questions can bring up fear, and that's why many people avoid them. However, because you sense there's something soulful you need to get to today, you're willing to make the ask.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Obstacles are opportunities. Sometimes it takes a while to see exactly how. It won't be readily apparent. Examine the situation from different angles, looking for its unique offering.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You, like most people, have an urge to say something about the stuff you like. There's nothing selfish or selfless in this. You don't feel like your words will make the world better. You just need to talk. It's human.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You may as well consider smiling and being contented to be interchangeable today. If you're one, you're the other. If you're not at least one, you're neither. It's one of those times when feelings have to be enacted to be felt.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Companies trying to detect your appetites by monitoring your spending habits will miss the mark. Even close friends and loved ones can't predict you. You're changing, and that's what makes this such an exciting time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Remember when you were performing at a peak level, and take note of what was motivating you back then. The situation you face now is different, but there are similarities that you can reimagine and apply.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will be true to your values, both the ones you know about and the ones you don't consciously think about. By questioning your actions (good and bad ones alike) you'll learn something useful about your values.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Go ahead and do the things that make you feel better about yourself – without putting yourself through that line of questioning that involves "what you think you deserve." It's nonsense. You deserve happiness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Things have gotten out of hand, overly complicated and excessively fancy, detailed or emotional. Find the simplicity and see it through.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fake, negative and malicious stories can spread quickly among fools and die just as quickly when they fall on the ears of the wise. You'll shut down gossip by simply refusing to participate in it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are only responsible for one person's reactions to life. If you're tending to that, then you probably won't have enough time left over today for the toxic habit of people-pleasing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're so optimistic that pessimistic people don't know what to do with you. Your mood will serve as a kind of filter that affects your field of attraction and influence.

Lunar Shift Change

Carbon comes in different forms. It can be as clear as a diamond or as black as coal. True to the carbon-based creatures that we are, we come in a variety of forms as well. Under this moon, that goes for our moods, too, which will change notably. The moon will have a passionate Leo feeling and an industrious Virgo vibe.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

THREE KINDS OF LOVE: (part 2 of 4) With Mars changing stations this week, the tone of some interactions will change from the friendly, harmonious, partnership of a Libran influence to the steamy, complex and soulful connection that Scorpio energy tends to imbue. The specialty of Scorpio energy is closely aligned with the ancient Greek concept of love called eros. To the ancient Greeks, eros was the sort of love brought on by cupid's arrow, a spell of infatuation, almost an actual sickness with the fever to match. It was believed that though eros could be the stuff of much pleasure, poetry and song, there is a dangerous side to consider as well. Eros chemically alters the body, clouds the judgment, causes a person to act unpredictably and is the cause of disasters of family and country. Wars have been fought for eros, crimes committed, lives laid ruin. On the bright side, music, fashion, literature, dance and more are often the result of eros bubbling over and in need of expression. And, of course, there's the experience itself, like none other. It is hard to imagine the fullness of life without a prick from the poison dipped arrow of eros.

COSMIC SPECIAL

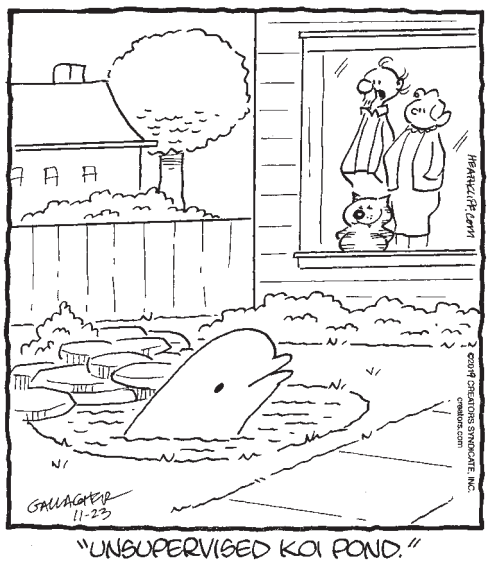
Effervescent Scorpio Meg Ryan recently celebrated the 30th anniversary of "When Harry Met Sally" with a special screening at the 2019 TCM Classic Film Festival. Like many soulful Scorpios, Ryan has chosen an aspect of humanity to elevate and change. Through helping disadvantaged women find their strength (Venus in Scorpio) Ryan draws on the healing attributes of her sign. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

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Adjective [op-i-duhn]
Of a town; urban..

Heathcliff

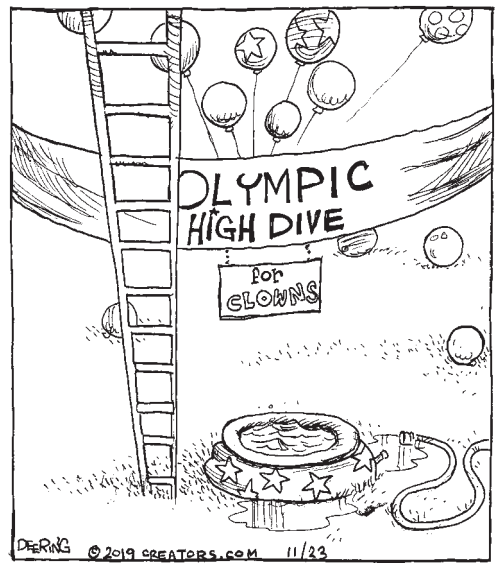
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"UNSUPERVISED KOI POND."

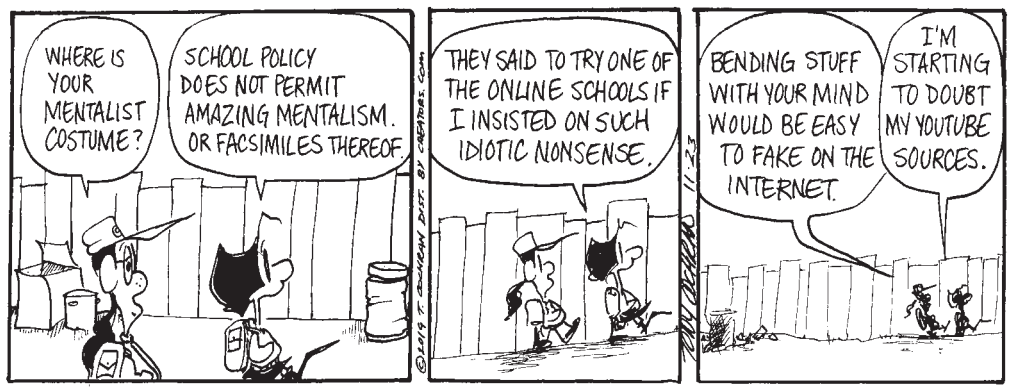
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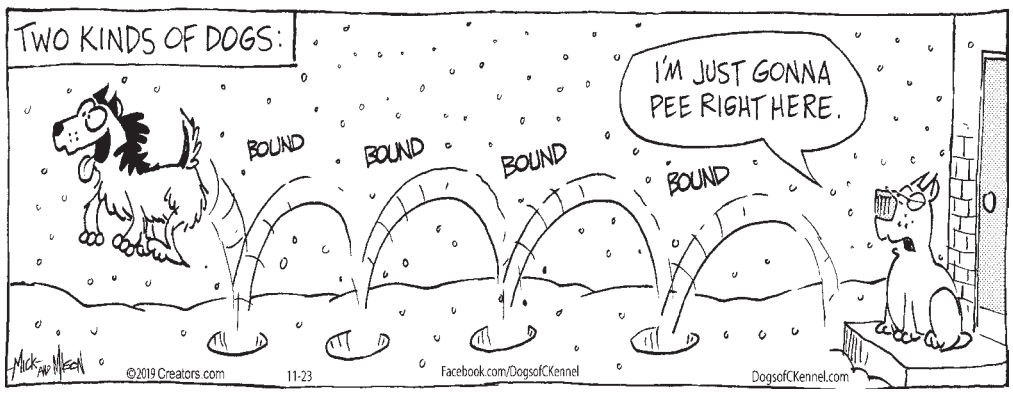
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POWERball
Draw Date:11/16
14 22 26 55 63
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 80 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/15
12 19 34 35 68
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 192 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 11/16
10 22 40 41 43
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/17
5 12 19 30 35

Daily 3
Draw Date: 11/18
Midday: 8 7 6
Draw Date: 11/17
Evening: 7 0 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 11/17
1st: 06 - WHIRL WIN
2nd: 07 - EUREKA
3rd: 04 - BIG BEN
RACE TIME: 1:46.08

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 63.3°

FRIDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Reinforcing WNW swell. SSW swell holds.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Lingering SSW swell. May see a rise in WNW swell-mix. Winds/conditions look dicey.

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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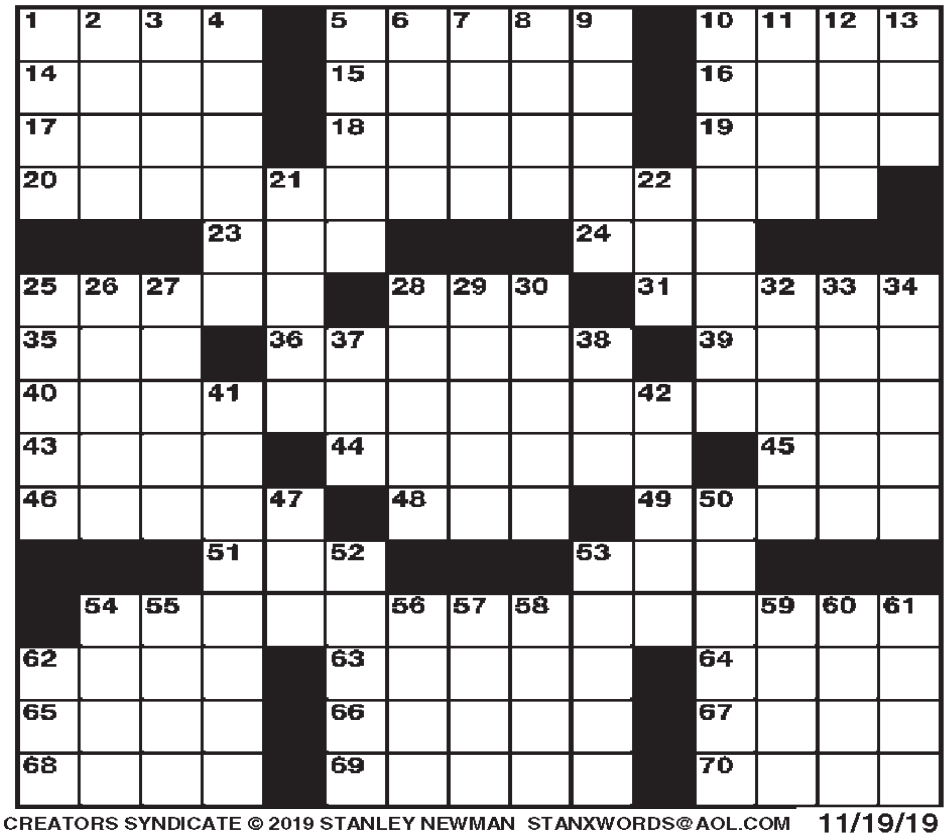
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Newsday Crossword

GOTTA HAVE 'EM by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Pet adoption org.
5 Aerosol, for instance
10 Middle of the Three Bears
14 CEO's domain
15 Leave well enough __
16 Out of the office
17 Each, informally
18 Shows the way
19 All used up
20 Unavoidable annoyances
23 Doctors' org.
24 "Not my error" notation
25 Computer cord
28 EMT's expertise
31 Prefix meaning "large"
35 "Don't mind __ do"
36 Fashion designer Ralph
39 Action film star Jackie
40 Census data
43 Metal that can rust
44 Candy-filled hanging at a party
45 Harper who wrote . . . *Mockingbird*
46 Southpaw
48 Heart test letters
49 Place for a belt
51 "Hey, am __ a roll!"
53 Mo. arch city
54 Class you must take
62 List of choices
63 Unusual trinket
64 Not worth debating
65 A single time
66 Valentine symbol
67 Cape Canaveral org.
68 Officeholders, for short
69 Snaky letters
70 One getting much fan email

DOWN
1 Read electronically
2 Vatican head
3 Gator's cousin
4 Contest a verdict
5 Tex-Mex chip dip
6 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
7 Laugh heartily
8 Raggedy Ann's brother
9 Votes in favor
10 Performance of illusions
11 Truant soldier, for short
12 No __ land (area under dispute)
13 "OK, Captain!"
21 Detect an aroma
22 Pep
25 Well-mannered
26 In flames
27 A little __ everything (miscellany)
28 Adorable kid
29 Practical joke
30 Put a new price on
32 Spicy beans/ beef stew
33 Track events
34 Earliest stage
37 Nile snake
38 Petty complaint
41 Old items of value
42 Took care of
47 Golden Rule pronoun
50 Homecoming returnees
52 Specialized retail market
53 Typical bagpipers
54 Nevada gambling city
55 Anything in an env.
56 Is sorry about
57 Periods of history
58 __ straits (difficult position)
59 Highway or byway
60 Mediocre
61 And others: Abbr.
62 Floor-washing implement



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VAPING

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jobs - could be wiped out if flavors were eliminated.

The administration was widely expected earlier this month to announce a scaled-back flavor ban that would exempt menthol, citing research that the flavor was not widely used by children. But no decision came.

Trump instead told reporters on Nov. 8 — four days after his political advisers buttonholed him on the Kentucky trip — he was considering new approaches to curbing teen use, including raising the minimum age for purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21.

Last week, Wisconsin Republican Sen. Ron Johnson sent Trump a letter warning against "unchecked government action that stifles innovation and restricts adults' freedom to choose safer alternatives to smoking."

Asked how disappointed the first lady would be if the president did not follow through with a ban, her spokeswoman, Stephanie Grisham, who also speaks for the president, said Mrs. Trump's priority is the health and safety of children.

"She does not believe e-cigarettes or any nicotine products should be marketed or available to children," Grisham said.

Underage vaping has reached what health officials call epidemic levels. In the latest government survey, 1 in 4 high school students reported using e-cigarettes in the previous month.

Anticipating a ban on flavors, Juul Labs, the nation's largest e-cigarette maker, said this month it would stop selling its best-selling, mint-flavored nicotine pods.

Lemire reported from New York.

California sues e-cigarette maker Juul over ads, youth sales

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

California on Monday sued the nation's biggest e-cigarette maker, alleging that Juul Labs deliberately marketed and sold its flavored nicotine products to teenagers.

The lawsuit from California's attorney general is the latest legal action against Juul, the multi-billion dollar vaping startup that has been widely blamed for helping spark the teen vaping craze.

California is the second state to sue the company, following a North Carolina lawsuit in May. Illinois, Massachusetts and several other states are also investigating the company.

A Juul spokesman said the company's intended customers are adult smokers, adding "we do not intend to attract underage users."

Under intense pressure, the company has suspended its U.S. advertising and halted sales of all but two of its flavors, menthol and tobacco. Additionally, the company shuttered its social media accounts, tightened age verification for online sales and replaced its CEO.

San Francisco-based Juul is the best-selling e-cigarette brand in the U.S controlling roughly two-thirds of the retail market.

The lawsuit from California Attorney General Xavier Becerra argues that Juul's past marketing efforts online and in major U.S. cities used bright colors and youthful models to attract underage users. Federal law bans sales to those under 18.

California officials said they are seeking money to help pay for anti-vaping advertisements.

"Juul ran big tobacco's playbook and the results were predictable — millions of teens and young Americans now use their product," said Becerra, at a Sacramento press conference announcing the lawsuit. "In California, we will not allow kids to be lured in by deceptive practices."

The lawsuit also alleges that Juul previously: failed to adequately verify customers' ages and identities on its website, shipped products to users who gave fake names, such as "Beer Can" and distributed free products at concerts and festivals that did not include a mandatory warning label

The lawsuit came as White House officials said President Donald Trump is backing away from a plan to remove most vaping flavors from the market. The officials, who were not authorized to speak publicly, said Trump is concerned the flavor ban could alienate voters he needs to win re-election.

"We're not going to wait for the federal government" Becerra said.

E-cigarettes typically heat a solution that contains nicotine, which makes cigarettes and e-cigarettes addictive.

Associated Press writers Richard Lardner and Jonathan Lemire in New York contributed to this story

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 43 CALLS ON NOV. 17

Traffic collision with injury 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:08 a.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 12:51 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Virginia Ave 1:08 a.m.
Broken water main 2400blk Beverley Ave 1:40 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 2:01 a.m.
EMS 2700blk 6th St 2:42 a.m.
Automatic alarm 300blk Wilshire Blvd 2:46 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200blk Ocean Ave 3:10 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 4:13 a.m.
Traffic collision with physical rescue 20th St / Interstate 10 7:01 a.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 7:01 a.m.
EMS 300blk Montana Ave 8:04 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 8:12 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2000blk 21st St 8:49 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 9:05 a.m.
Alert 1 - minor aircraft incident 3300blk Donald Douglas Loop N 9:12 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2800blk Colorado Ave 9:44 a.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Bay St 10:00 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 10:05 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 10:32 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 12:13 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 12:37 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk 19th St 12:49 p.m.
Haz mat - level 1 Ocean Ave / Broadway 2:10 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 400blk Alta Ave 2:25 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Ave 2:43 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 2:55 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Harvard St 3:54 p.m.
EMS 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 4:34 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 5:14 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Broadway 5:18 p.m.
EMS 2300blk 2nd St 5:53 p.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:00 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 6th St 6:03 p.m.
Smoke investigation 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:18 p.m.
Arcing wires 1100blk 17th St 6:47 p.m.
EMS 6th St / Bay St 6:51 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 7:56 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:17 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:49 p.m.
EMS 2nd St / Colorado Ave 9:44 p.m.
EMS 800blk 20th St 10:46 p.m.
EMS 500blk Hill St 11:07 p.m.

MEETINGS

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with the District's Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Once presented, the School Plans for Student Achievement are expected to be approved by the board of education on Nov. 21, according to district officials. Interested stakeholders are invited to view SMMUSD's 2019-20 SPSA Board presentations by visiting bit.ly/SchoolPlanSMMUSD.

GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD

Thursday's meeting will begin with recognitions and commendations as the board of education will recognize the school that had the highest participation rate for Bike It! Walk It! Day last month, according to Thursday's agenda.

Bike It! Walk It! Day is part of the City of Santa Monica's Safe Routes to School Program, which is described as an initiative designed to make walking and biking to school a customary part of everyday life, the city of Santa Monica's website states. Last year, McKinley Elementary School had the highest level of participation in the district.

NATIONAL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

During the meeting's "Major Action Items" section, the board will likely approve a resolution pertaining to Inclusive Schools Week, which is held each year during the first full week in December, according to the district's agenda.

"Since its inception in 2001, Inclusive Schools Week has celebrated the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to an increasingly diverse student population, including students who are marginalized due to disability, gender, socio-economic status, cultural heritage, language preference and other factors," the agenda reads, mentioning the week also provides an important opportunity for educators, students and parents to discuss what else can be done to ensure that schools continue to improve their ability to successfully educate all children.

FINANCES

Following the discussion and expected approval of "routine paper transfers" by the board, the Santa Monica Education Foundation will deliver it's quarterly report to the board of education.

"The memorandum of understanding between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Santa Monica Education Foundation stipulates that the Executive Director, or her designee, shall provide an update of the Ed Foundation's activities, including a report regarding the goals set forth in the applicable Fundraising Plan, to the Board of Education at a public meeting on a quarterly basis," Thursday's agenda states.

Staff is expected to report on the foundation's fundraising progress from July 1 through Nov. 15 and also provide an update on communication plans.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 331 CALLS ON NOV. 17

Traffic collision - no injuries 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:08 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1700blk Ocean Ave 12:38 a.m.
Hit and run felony investigation 5th St / Arizona Ave 12:51 a.m.
Battery 300blk Olympic Dr 12:58 a.m.
Speeding Main St / Hill St 1:44 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 1:49 a.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 2:23 a.m.
Battery 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:27 a.m.
Vandalism 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:45 a.m.
Death investigation 700blk Westwood Plaza 5:45 a.m.
Encampment 300blk Olympic Dr 6:22 a.m.
Bike theft 3000blk Ocean Front Walk 6:53 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:58 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 7:00 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk the beach 7:27 a.m.
Silent robbery alarm 3000blk Olympic Blvd 7:33 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 7:37 a.m.
Encampment 2800blk the beach 8:01 a.m.
Auto burglary 400blk Hill St 8:11 a.m.
Auto burglary 400blk Hill St 8:29 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk the beach 8:33 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2800blk 11th St 8:36 a.m.
Drunk driving investigation 1800blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:37 a.m.
Burglary now 1000blk Bay St 8:44 a.m.
Missing person 700blk Marine St 8:53 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2nd St / Pier Ave 9:06 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1100blk Oak St 9:37 a.m.
Vandalism 2900blk 2nd St 9:42 a.m.
Fraud 1600blk Ocean Ave 10:06 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 5th St / Broadway 10:27 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300blk 15th St 10:42 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 2900blk Main St 10:42 a.m.
Construction noise 900blk 19th St 10:44 a.m.
Petty theft 2300blk Oak St 10:47 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2500blk 2nd St 10:57 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1400blk Franklin St 11:03 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 2700blk Main St 11:04 a.m.
Battery 700blk 24th St 11:08 a.m.
Elder abuse 1300blk 15th St 12:06 p.m.
Lewd activity 2800blk Ocean Front Walk 1:04 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:36 p.m.
Grand theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 1:54 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 2:34 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2000blk Ocean Ave 2:43 p.m.
Speeding 1400blk 4th St 3:12 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:14 p.m.
Construction noise 200blk 15th St 3:25 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 3:39 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 2nd St 4:39 p.m.
Illegal weapon 900blk Alta Ave 4:54 p.m.
Bike theft 2700blk Barnard Way 4:59 p.m.
Grand theft auto 400blk Pico Blvd 5:04 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 5th St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:12 p.m.
Assault 4th St / Interstate 10 5:16 p.m.
Auto burglary 100blk Hollister Ave 5:18 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 300blk Santa Monica Pl 5:58 p.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 2100blk Dorchester Ave 6:02 p.m.
Valet zone violation 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:06 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 300blk Bicknell Ave 6:43 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:43 p.m.
Battery 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 7:04 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 7:14 p.m.
Oversize vehicle violation 1000blk 10th St 7:35 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400blk 17th St 7:40 p.m.
Burglary now 1200blk 15th St 8:33 p.m.
Public intoxication 9th St / Pico Blvd 8:34 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:15 p.m.
Battery now 200blk San Vicente Blvd 11:03 p.m.
Shots fired 100blk San Vicente Blvd 11:08 p.m.

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 NOVEMBER 4, AT 2:21 P.M.

Officers responded to the area of 400 block of Santa Monica Pier to handle a radio call of a male suspect who had punched an employee in the face. Other employees and Harbor Guards were holding down the suspect. The victim suffered a laceration to his face. The suspect was placed under private person's arrest. Steven Daniel Vavrick, 41, was arrested for battery and a warrant. Bail was set at $35,000.



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STEVEN DANIEL VAVRICK

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