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Strongmen prepare for competition

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The Arnold Strongman USA Championship will return to the Santa Monica Pier this Saturday, January 18 and its bringing some of the strongest men in the world who will compete alongside 10 firefighters looking to prove they are just as tough.

The inaugural Arnold Strongman USA Championship was held last January on the pier, where a sold-out crowd chock-full of celebrities, local residents and first-responders witnessed Martins Licis take home the title.

Competitors in this year's event are once again seeking to claim their stake in the 2020's



Courtesy photo

COMPETITION: Professionals will compete alongside firefighters.

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Community remembers Maria Cozzi after deadly crash

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

When reports of Maria Cozzi's death hit the airwaves last month after her taxi driver crashed into an ambulance while heading to LAX on the weekend before New Year's Eve, articles reported Cozzi was about 60-years-old, which her family and friends say she surely would've loved to hear.

Today, a little more than two weeks after the accident, family and friends are remembering the vibrant matriarch who brought joy, laughter and fun everywhere she went — even to those who she might've only met a few times.



Courtesy photo

MARIA COZZI: A Santa Monica woman died in a car crash.

"Although in real life I did not know Maria Cozzi well, this loss is surprisingly rough. Partially because it happened so suddenly and so bizarrely — riding in a taxi that hit an ambulance? If that happened on screen, Maria would be yelling at the hack screenwriters," Amy Gill Britt said in a Facebook post. "But also, I feel just a tiny bit like I grew up with Maria Cozzi. I didn't... but I know Annette Cozzi so well that some of her experiences have become my experiences, and I'm forever grateful to Annette for bringing Maria into my life. There has never been a bigger, brighter personality and if you didn't know her — oh wow did you miss out."

Talk to anybody who came into contact with the self-described shepherd, immigrant, wife, actor, mother, writer, producer and grandmother and it's likely you'll hear a similar story.

At the age of six, Cozzi's family emigrated from a tiny mountain village in Calabria — the poorest province in Italy, Cozzi once wrote.

"The town fountain was a pipe in a wall (and) I spent my days herding sheep."

When she started school in Chicago, Cozzi tried to say, like Jesus, "'I, too, am a shepherd,' but with my pigeon English, I got nowhere. So I grabbed Sister Reginald's pointer, bleated 'baaah' a few times and got huge laughs even from the nuns. Thus began my career in show biz."

Cozzi used her history as an immigrant to inform her writings and previously joked she had lived the American dream and the middle-aged woman's nightmare prior to her death.

At 9-years-old, Cozzi said she hawked fruits and vegetables from the back of her father's truck on the south side of Chicago, and at 40, she had lunch with the former president of France, Jacques Chirac,

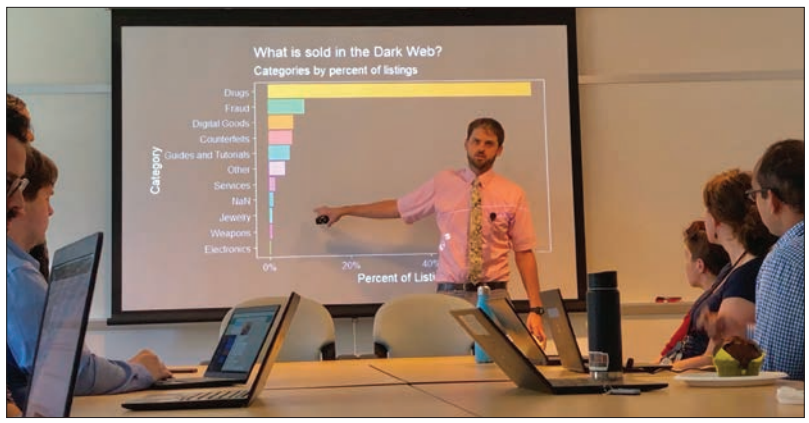
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Local graduate students analyze dark web

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

Marijuana may account for at least half of the drugs sold on the dark web, local graduate school students found during a recent hackathon.

Students at the Pardee RAND Graduate School discovered while analyzing hundreds of thousands of listings that marijuana was the most-trafficked drug on the dark web, an encrypted part of the internet that is not indexed by conventional search engines. Many of the listings originated from or were sold to users in the United States, said Todd Richmond, director of Pardee's Tech & Narrative Lab.



Pardee RAND

RESEARCH: Pardee RAND graduate students analyzed hundreds of thousands of dark web listings.

Richmond said the data raises questions about how marijuana's growing legal status — the drug is now fully legal for adults in 11

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The City of Santa Monica announces it has committed housing trust funds in the amount of $15,183,670 to Community Corporation of Santa Monica for the acquisition of the apartment complex at 2033-2101 Virginia Avenue and for predevelopment activities to rehabilitate the property. More information about this funding commitment is available at: https://www.santamonica.gov/housing-trust-funds.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

Community Corporation of Santa Monica will hold a community meeting regarding the proposed rehabilitation of 2033-2101 Virginia Avenue in Santa Monica in accordance with Section V of the Santa Monica Housing Trust Fund Guidelines. The Information Session and Community Meeting will allow Community Corp. to provide residents, property owners, and interested parties information regarding the City of Santa Monica's loan commitment and the planned rehabilitation of the property. This meeting is part of the preliminary concept phase of the development process where interested parties are introduced to the proposal and have the opportunity to get information regarding the development's planned rehabilitation and proposed program.

Date: Tuesday, January 28th, 2020
Location: Virginia Avenue Park - Thelma Terry Building Workshop 3
2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Time: 6:30-8:30 PM

AVISO DE REUNIÓN COMUNITARIA Y SESIÓN DE INFORMACIÓN

Community Corporation of Santa Mónica tendrá una reunión comunitaria para revisar el diseño conceptual e informarle sobre el compromiso financiero de la Cuidad de Santa Mónica acerca de una rehabilitación de viviendas asequibles ubicadas en 2033-2101 Virginia Ave en Santa Mónica. Esta noticia es en acuerdo con la Sección V de las guías del "Santa Mónica Housing Trust Fund". Esta junta comunitaria y sesión informativa es una oportunidad para que Community Corp. de más información a residentes, propietarios, y cualquier otro individual que esté interesado, información sobre el compromiso financiero de la ciudad de Santa Mónica y dar información sobre la rehabilitación de las viviendas. Esta reunión es parte de las fases preliminares del desarrollo donde la comunidad es introducida a la propuesta y tiene la oportunidad para dar sugerencias directas a Community Corp. sobre el diseño conceptual. Traducción en español estará disponible.

Fecha: Martes, 28 de Enero del 2020
Lugar: Virginia Avenue Park - Thelma Terry Building Workshop 3
2200 Virginia Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404
Tiempo: 6:30-8:30 PM



What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, January 15

Soundwaves: Daniel Rothman
Soundwaves co-founder Daniel Rothman's music is performed by guitarist Mak Gergic and the Los Angeles Saxophone Ensemble (led by Ulrich Krieger). Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission meeting
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 within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: The Library Book
Susan Orlean reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution–our libraries. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Senior Computer Club
Practice the skills learned in computer basics, keyboarding, and beyond in this informal session. Main Library, 4 - 6 p.m.

Introduction to Foundation Directory Online (FDO)
Learn how to use Foundation Directory Online to search for grant makers aligned with your nonprofit's goals. 1.5 hours. Seating is first come, first served. For more information, please visit the Reference Desk or call 310-434-2608. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Big Blue Bus "Open Bus" Event
Big Blue Bus is hosting an "Open Bus" event to receive your feedback on our new automatic wheelchair securement system pilot. In front of Silvercrest Senior Residence, 1530 5th St., Santa Monica. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Thursday, January 16

Outside Looking In: An Exhibition of Artists Facing Homelessness
The exhibit will feature the life of Arlene, a single mother of four kids (ages 3-17) and working nurse practitioner who lives in motel rooms across the San Fernando Valley, while trying to maintain some sense of routine and normalcy for her children. The exhibition will also feature self-exploratory works from young artists experiencing homelessness who are based at the Healing Arts Program at Safe Place for Youth in Venice. This evening will focus on a reception for the artists and community, as well as a panel discussion on homelessness and how the public can help. Annenberg Community Beach House, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now
One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 6 p.m. Pico Branch Library.

3D Self Portraits
Use upcycled materials to make a portrait of yourself. Presented by the reDiscover Center. Ocean Park Branch Library, 3:40 - 4:30 p.m.

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

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class, Multi Level HIGH
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. Main Library, 11:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

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

Officials: Jet fuel lands on Los Angeles school playgrounds

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Fuel dumped by an airliner making an emergency return Tuesday to Los Angeles International Airport due to an engine problem fell onto three schools, causing minor irritation to 40 children and adults, officials said.

The incident occurred around noon in the Cudahy area of southeastern Los Angeles County, about 13 miles (21 kilometers east of the airport.

Video showed fuel streaming from the low-flying jet and people in a schoolyard scurrying for cover.

Los Angeles Unified School District police Sgt. Rudy Perez said 28 students and adults were affected at Park Avenue Elementary and 12 others at 93rd Street Elementary, but none needed to be taken to hospitals.

Jordan High was also affected but no one was treated there, he said.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Inspector Henry Narvaez said the fuel had dissipated by the time it reached the ground but the children and adults could smell it.

Narvaez said the patients complained of mild skin irritation and were treated with soap and water.

There were no evacuation orders for the immediate area .

The school district said in a statement that paramedics were immediately called to treat anyone complaining of "skin irritation or breathing problems" and that its environmental health and safety office also responded.

Park Avenue sixth-grader Diego Martinez said he and his classmates were outside for physical education class when they saw the airplane flying low overhead.

"It was very close," he said.

Shortly afterwards the air filled with the pungent odor of fuel.

"It was very strong, the odor," the 12-year-old said.

Diego wasn't doused but some of his friends complained that their skin was itching.

The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that Delta Air Lines Flight 89 headed to Shanghai, China, declared an emergency after leaving Los Angeles International Airport, returned and landed without incident.

The FAA said it was looking into the reports of schoolchildren being affected.

Delta Air Lines said in a statement that Flight 89 "experienced an engine issue requiring the aircraft to return to LAX. The aircraft landed safely after an emergency fuel release to reduce landing weight."

The FlightAware website's track of the flight showed the jet took off over the ocean and made an immediate turn back toward land and circled back over Southern California to approach the airport from the east.

AP reporters John Antczak and Chris Weber contributed to this report from Los Angeles.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA

PUBLIC NOTICE
SANTA MONICA RENT CONTROL BOARD

At its meeting on January 9, 2020, the Santa Monica Rent Control Board amended Regulations 3301, 8010, 13001 and 13002, respecting the filing of registration forms.

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City of Malibu Community Services Department Offers Winter Programs for All Ages

Registration is now open for the City of Malibu Community Services Department's excellent winter programs for people of all ages. Starting January 16, 2020, instructors will provide fun, educational and enriching Parent and Me, Youth and Adult Classes.

Parent and Me Classes promote bonding between a parent and child while developing cognitive, social and motor skills. Winter programs will include weekly morning classes in gymnastics, soccer, music and yoga.

Youth Programs help children develop social skills, motor skills, coordination and self-expression. Winter programs include soccer, chess, cartooning, yoga, youth improv and teen improv.

The City of Malibu Community Services Department and the Boys and Girls Club of Malibu will offer Afterschool Enrichment Programs at Malibu Elementary School and Webster Elementary School. Winter programs include Lego Robotics, Hogwarts Academy, Gymnastics, Healthy Culinary and Gardening.

Adult Programs encourage new skill development for those who are 18 years and older. Winter programs include ballroom dance classes, Tai Chi, creative writing and one-day workshops through MLab.

For more information, contact the Community Services Department at 310-317-1364. To register for a program online, visit MalibuCity.org/Register. If you have an interest in starting a new class or instructing a new program, contact Adrianna Fiori at 310-456-2489, ext. 239 or afiori@malibucity.org.

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Venice

Attempted Kidnapping Suspect Arrested in Venice Beach

Los Angeles Police Department Pacific Division detectives are investigating an attempted kidnapping of a young child in Venice Beach.

On January 4, 2020, around 7 p.m., the victim, a six-year-old female was with her family visiting Venice Beach when the suspect approached her and stated that he knew her and that he had to "save her."

The suspect then followed the victim until she was placed in her mother's lap who was sitting outside of a local restaurant. The suspect reached for the child but was stopped by being forcefully pushed away by a member of the victim's family. Several seconds later, the suspect attempted to grab the girl again. This time, the victim's family member was able to grab the suspect and throw him to the ground. He wrestled with the suspect for several minutes until LAPD Pacific Division officers responded and took the suspect into custody.

The suspect, Evan McLaurin-Nelson, DOB: 4/15/1988, is a former Las Vegas resident who appears to have moved to California three years ago and is believed to be homeless. He has an arrest record in California as well as in Nevada that includes battery, indecent exposure, false imprisonment, and disorderly conduct.

Anyone with information about this incident or additional incidents involving this suspect are asked to call Pacific Area robbery detective, Carlos Carias at (310) 482-6372. During non-business hours, or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Tipsters may also visit www.lapdonline.org and click on "Anonymous Web Tips" under the "Get Involved-Crime Stoppers" menu to submit an online tip. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the LA Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program.

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Astros get the punishment, Dodgers pay the price

TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

AJ Hinch won't be managing in the big leagues any time soon, if at all. Alex Cora will soon join him in the unemployment line, and it's hard to believe anyone will ever give him another job that involves being a leader of men.

The punishments — technically Cora's is still to come — fit the crime, and for that baseball commissioner Rob Manfred deserves a pat on the back. Give another one to Astros owner Jim Crane, who did his part to clean up an increasingly smelly mess in Houston by immediately firing both his manager and general manager.

But that doesn't bring real justice. It can't.

Not to the Los Angeles Dodgers, who are now at 32 years and counting without a World Series title

Not to Clayton Kershaw, whose postseason failings were magnified in game 5 at Minute Maid Park when the Dodgers ace was raked for six runs and didn't make it out of the fifth inning.

And certainly not to Yu Darvish, whose reputation — and nearly his career — got trashed when he was routed by the Astros in two games of the 2017 World Series.

Yes, the official record shows the Houston Astros are still your 2017 World Series champions and that's not going to change regardless of the outcry from Southern California.

But does anyone really believe it?

Watch the second inning of Game 3 once again and then decide. That's when Darvish was touched up for four runs and the Astros took a 2-1 lead in the series.

It was almost as if the hitters knew what was coming — which, of course, they did.

If you're still not convinced, Game 5 should be evidence enough. Like Game 3 it took place at Minute Maid Park, where the cameras were rolling, the dugout trash can was booming and the Astros bats were blazing.

All with arguably the best pitcher in baseball since the turn of the century on the mound for the Dodgers. Kershaw didn't make it out of the fifth inning, surrendering six runs in a wild game that saw the Dodgers score a dozen times — and still lose.

Kershaw, Darvish and the rest of the Dodgers were called chokers. Manager Dave Roberts was taken to task on social media for not handling his pitchers properly.

It turns out what really happened is the Astros cheated. Cora, their bench coach at the time, concocted a scheme to steal signs that made an already good team even better.

To make matters worse, they celebrated on the field at Dodger Stadium like they had earned every moment of it.

The bitter taste still lingers for both Dodger fans and players.

"We were close, but we did it the right way," National League MVP Cody Bellinger told ESPN before the results of MLB's investigation were released.

It didn't help that the Dodgers would make the World Series the next year, too, only to see the visiting team celebrating a championship once again at Dodger Stadium. And who was the manager jumping up and down with his players and spraying champagne with his players for the second year in a row at Chavez Ravine?

That would be Cora, who at least for the moment is still the manager of the Red Sox. Manfred didn't discipline him Monday but only because MLB is still investigating to see if Cora cheated in Boston as much as he did in Houston.

And cheat he did as the bench coach of the Astros, setting up the system that fed sign sequences to a monitor near the dugout. Manfred's investigation put Cora at the center of it all, and the guess is he will eventually be kicked out of baseball, never to return.

So now the Astros will go down in baseball infamy for being cheaters on a level never seen before. They're not quite the Black Sox of 1919 but the damage they've done to the sport is not insignificant.

Their reputation is in tatters, the feel good story of a city recovering from Hurricane Harvey obliterated. There's an asterisk attached to their championship, and no way for their fans to feel good about anything from the 2017 season.

There's also no way to make things right for the Dodgers, who were the real victims in all this. Baseball isn't about to vacate a title from three years back, and you can't claim a championship you didn't win on the field anyway, even if you were cheated.

In the end, the Dodgers never got to hold the World Series trophy. They sat and shed tears in their clubhouse after Game 7 instead of celebrating with 55,000 faithful fans.

There's one other thing they missed out on, as Darvish — who was pretty much run out of town by angry Dodger fans after the series — reminded everyone on Twitter after the news broke.

"If the Dodgers are planning a 2017 World Series parade, I would love to join!" Darvish tweeted. "So if that is in the works, can someone make a Yu Garbage Jersey for me?"

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in Paris. Around the age of 50, she watched her husband's company go bankrupt, which resulted in a divorce and a spontaneous move to Los Angeles.

"I'm an immigrant, after all," Cozzi previously said, adding: "I've gone from fruit truck to Mercedes to hiking boots."

Maria is survived by three daughters, Jennifer, Leslie and Annette, who said in an interview last week that Maria was the most vibrant and alive person anyone has ever met.

"She had a voracious intellect and was interested in everyone and everything. Her first love was the theater, and she loved being involved in any capacity," whether that was as an actress, writer, producer or audience member, Annette Cozzi said. "She had a joyous sense of humor with the most infectious laugh you've ever heard, and her smile lit up the room."

Maria was an avid hiker, according to Annette. So much so that her daughters described Will Rogers as her second home. And like a true Italian mother, if you said you were hungry, Maria would offer to make you a frittata or a piece of halibut.

"You know, it's really very easy to make fresh pasta. Go get the flour out of the pantry," Annette remembers her mother often saying.



Courtesy photo

COZZI: Maria Cozzi died before New Years.

"If you know my mom, she has cooked you the best thing you have ever eaten," Annette added. "She had the most generous spirit; she cared for relatives and strangers alike. She was brilliant, beautiful, bawdy and bold, (but) most of all, she loved and was adored by her friends, family, children and grandchildren, who are all inconsolable over this inconceivable loss."

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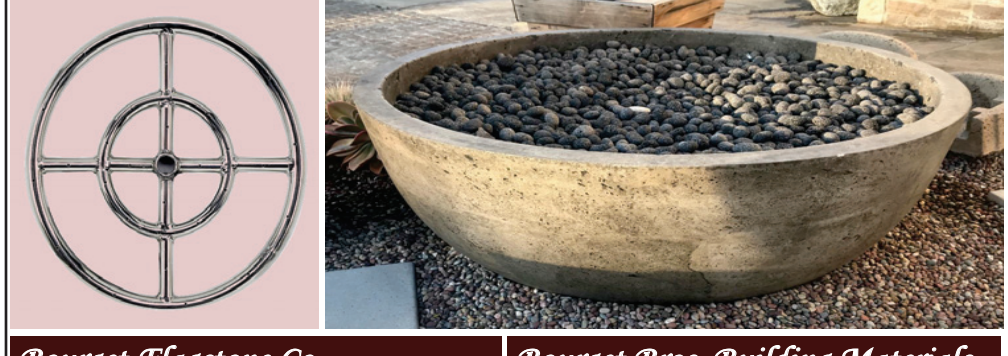
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Let The People Decide

ART OR POLITICS?
ENVIRONMENT OR MONEY?
COMMUNITY HISTORY OR INSIDER SPECIAL INTERESTS?

These are some of the issues of the battle over taking down the Muir Woods Mural painted in 1978 by Jane Golden on two sides of the school building on Lincoln, stretching around to Ocean Park Blvd.

Sounds pretty heavy. Like a lot of backroom skulduggery. Can you prove any of this, Charles?

Some. But not enough to put anyone in prison. Yet.

But you do know what counts, for real people? For elections? Appearances. You can get away with a lot but if the bad appearance builds up too far, you can be convicted without a formal trial. The court of public opinion. If you've got nothing to hide, do it the right way. The inclusive way. The transparent way.

The people who operate that other way get so good at it they rarely get caught. (And they know if they do, nothing will happen, right Pam?) Few elected officials operate as stewards, rather than overlords.

I'm not saying any of this is what's going on with every or even any member of the School Board, who have the final say on the mural's fate. It's probably just a series of oversights. They're probably just going about it the way they think is best, without it occurring to them that there are people outside their small circle who deserve a say. Even though I've been putting that in print over and over for years, and especially recently.



Courtesy photo

PROTEST: Sometimes you have to protest to make change.

WE'VE GIVEN THEM EVERY CHANCE

For six years. Six. Years. Right up until now, the last minute, hoping for a show of good faith. In my previous column I listed a number of things that the Board had not addressed, such as the criteria for determining the mural's fate, the schedule for community input, publicizing it sufficiently, justification for scraping it recently (their "lead paint" reason does not fly), showing us the complete set of photographs they say they took before scraping it. I wrote last week that failure to finally do so, at this late date, was a clear sign of bad faith.

Maybe they didn't see my column. Maybe no one mentioned it to any of them. (But it did have the large, bold headline, "URGENT REQUESTS TO SMMUSD".)

Right. Maybe they forgot about me speaking before a Board meeting a couple months ago, along with Jerry and Marissa Rubin, as a group, the group to Save the Muir Woods Mural (SMWM), formed six years ago. Maybe they've forgotten our meetings with the school Superintendent. The months-long mediation process we went through at the request of SMMUSD.

The only peep we have heard since my direct request last week was one email from Board President Jon Kean to Jerry, telling him an updated press release would be sent out this week and asking him when a good time that Friday might be for Jerry and Marissa to have their meeting with Jane Golden.

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

Kean wrote to Rubin, offering that meager bone, because Jerry has been fighting to preserve that mural all these six years. Kean mentioned Marrissa. He did not mention me. While Jerry and I are friends and work well together (Chain Reaction), we have different approaches. His keep it positive, win-win, versus my trust and verify, and if it looks like a duck… Some are not too keen on that.

Jerry's not going to call anyone out for the non-inclusive process we all, all in this city who have said we want to keep that iconic environmental mural, have been subjected to so far. He's going to hope for the best from good people, right up until the last minute. I can be the same way up to a point, but that point has long gone.

This is not about me, or Jerry or Marissa. What counts is that we have made ourselves a focal point for those who want to save that mural and represent hundreds if not thousands of residents and dozens of organizations. If you leave the SMWM out of the process, which is what has happened, you leave out all those people who have contacted us and are counting on us to represent their deep affection for that 41-year-old landmark.

A lot of people here feel it's way past time to stop throwing our irreplaceable Santa Monica heritage and traditions in the trash. We just lost an important mosaic mural through City staff incompetence. Don't forget, our City Council made a couple of attempts in the '70s to get rid of our Pier.

This is our city, our history, our heritage. Not the passing elected officials. Not the special interests. Not the big money.

WRITE, SHOW UP

You can reach all seven members of the School Board at — brd@smmusd.org. Please write them and ask all your friends and neighbors who care to do so, right away.

Here's all we know: "Thurs, Jan.. 30, discussion of 'public art, Mural Arts, and art in Santa Monica,' 7:30 p.m at Santa Monica College's Orientation Hall, Student Services Center, 1900 Pico Boulevard.

Fri, Jan. 31, small group meetings with Golden and her team at the Obama Center, 721 Ocean Park Boulevard.

Sat, Feb. 1, same location, the future of the Muir Woods Mural."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are certain things you just shouldn't bargain-hunt for, for instance expertise in the medical, mechanical, educational and legal realms. A worthy expert should save you money in the long run.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll stay on point, refusing to do business for its own sake. Better to do nothing, thus conserving your energy for the game, than to spend all your vitality moving without purpose.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). City planners keep water in a high tower so that when the time comes to use the water, gravity will do much of the work instead of pumps, which need to be fueled. Let gravity do some of your work today, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You cannot dig a hole in a different place by digging it deeper. What's needed to solve today's problem isn't to try harder or drill down. Go wide; move to the side; stretch out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your deepest desire is to advance, to get results and serve others well. You want this more than you want validation. As wonderful as it feels to hear what you want to hear, you'd much rather be told what you need to hear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Struggles of one nature bleed into other areas of life, a blessing and an opportunity. Now you have more chances to solve the problem and more approach angles, too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're really not afraid to be different from the pack, but you're also wise to keep those differences to yourself until you're ready to own, share and rally for them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Persevere. Just think about the story you'll tell about this one day. Give up now and it's not going to be an entertaining ditty. You need a big ending – a spectacular win or failure. Either way it will be a victory for true grit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Professionalism will take a person pretty far into solving a problem, but expertise comes much further into the job. Don't rest; keep acquiring the practical hours and skills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Creative and resourceful people get you thinking about your own business a little differently. The language that opens up new possibilities will lead to brilliant ideas. "What if?" is a reliable prompt, and so is "Just imagine..."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Emotional issues are just waiting to be uprooted, confronted and eradicated. Untying the knotty little problems can be tedious, but once you straighten this out, you're free!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You really can be self-reliant whether you need to or not, for a short time or a long one... and yet it's not your optimum mode. Ultimately, more good relationships will bring more joy, energy, success and soul sustenance.

Cosmic Guidance System Warning

Use feelings to sense whether a situation is healthy or a person is genuine. Use feelings to try and understand someone, or sense your own needs. Do not, however, use your feelings as a GPS today, as feelings may be unreliable maps, altered by ego drives and immaturity. A judicious Libra moon suggests we let ourselves be guided by what's right.

ASTROLOGICAL CONJUNCTIONS

In 1973, the interstitial educational television program "Schoolhouse Rock!" released the animated song "Conjunction Junction" in which we learned that the function of conjunctions is to hook up words, phrases and clauses. It's the same in astrology, except the link-up is with the energy of planets. When two planets are within 10 mathematical degrees of each other on an astrological chart, they are said to be in conjunction. This is as close as they can possibly get. What results is an outcome that retains the best qualities of each individual planet while creating its own unique combination of energies. This week, the major conjunctions are in Capricorn and involve Mercury, Saturn, Pluto and the sun. The individual characteristics of these planets now join together for a single purpose, bringing the best that each has to offer to a given situation.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Capricorn civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. changed the world through nonviolent methods. Communication planet Mercury was in the humanitarian sign of Aquarius at King's time of birth, and his natal moon was in spiritual Pisces. King famously suggested, "All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

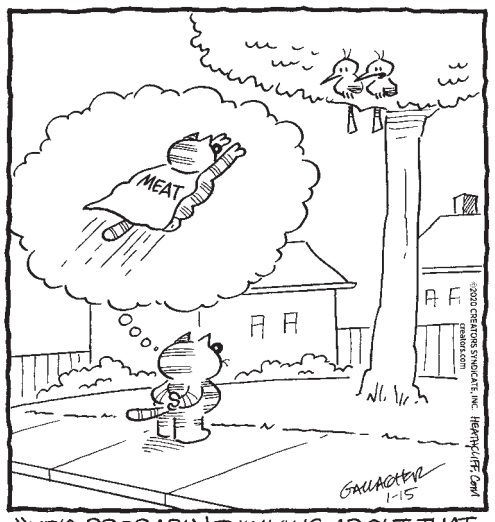
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Noun

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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"HE'S PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT THAT MEAT CAPE AGAIN."

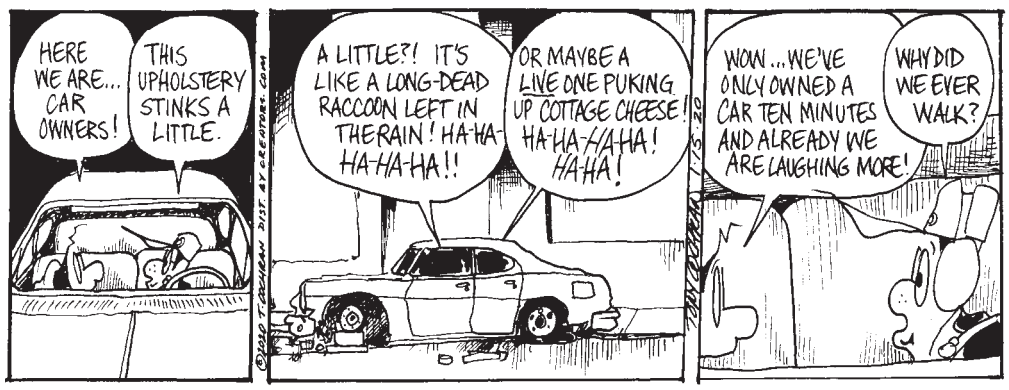
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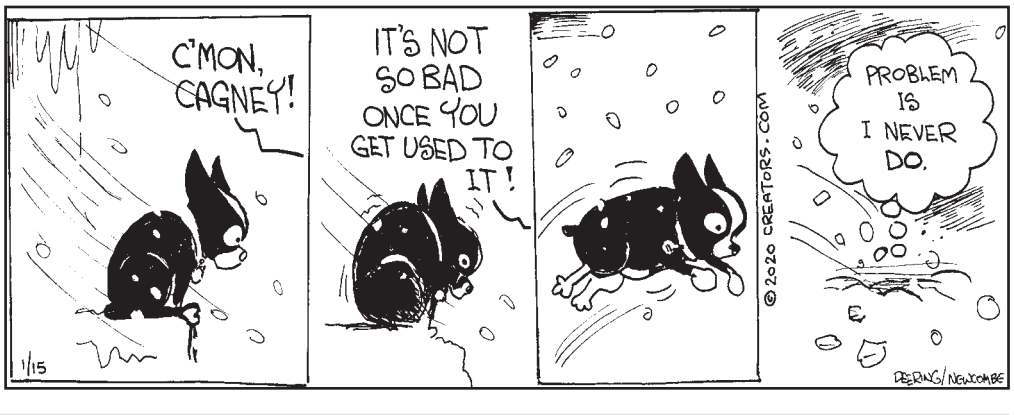
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WATER TEMP: 59.7°

WEDNESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high
Lingering NW swell mix. Steep SSE swell mixes in. Morning tide push.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Fresh, shorter-period NW swell-mix and Southerly windswell pick up. SSE swell peaks. Rising southerly winds expected through the day.

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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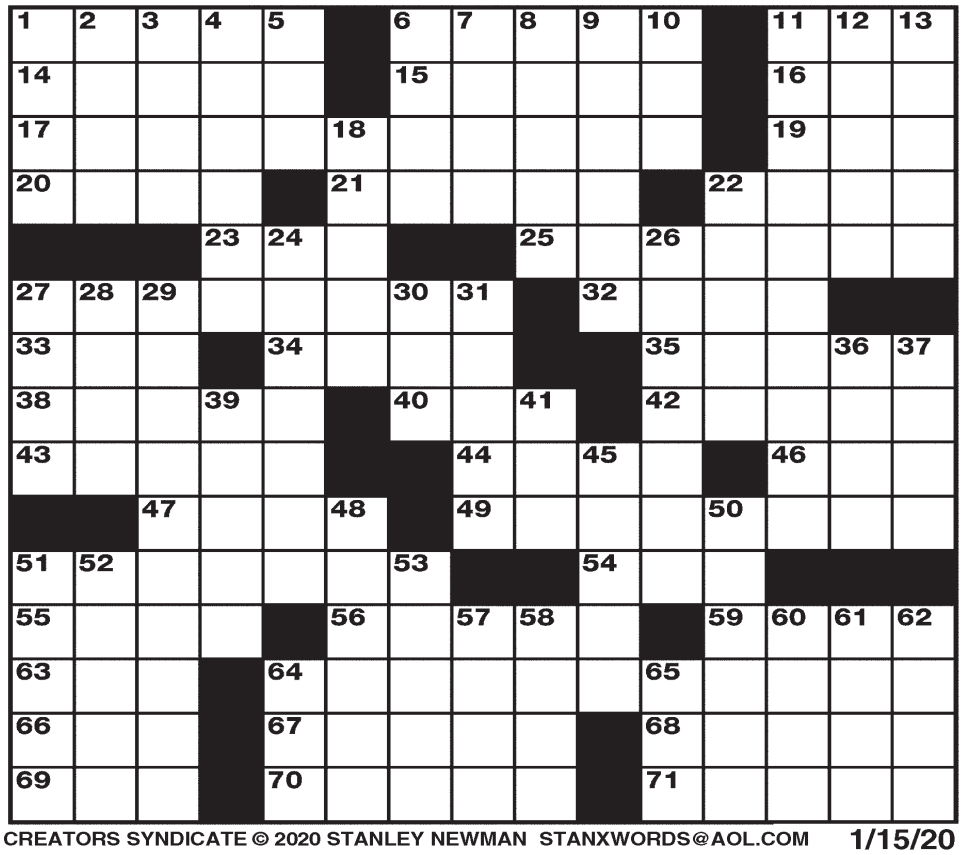
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ACROSS
1 Model airplane wood
6 Took care of
11 Entered a race
14 Marriage
15 Catch-all category
16 Have some bills
17 Tall, skinny veggies
19 Golfer's goal
20 Catch wind of
21 PC owners
22 Bunch of cattle
23 Named period
25 Ewes and hens
27 Football pass catcher
32 Baking __ (pantry staple)
33 Actress Longoria
34 Top of the head
35 Connection points
38 Oath-taking book
40 Droop a bit
42 Film not from a major studio
43 Totally committed
44 Classroom spot
46 Before, in a sonnet
47 Odd's opposite
49 Tried to prevent
51 In the future
54 Mine output
55 Pop singer Tori
56 Celeb's brief film appearance
59 Funny line
63 Having the blues
64 Bedsheet spec
66 "Thar __ blows!"
67 Vocalist's deliveries
68 *Carmen* composer
69 "Candied" tuber
70 Test for purity
71 Former Maine senator Olympia

DOWN
1 Obama predecessor
2 Poker hand starter
3 Pre-euro Italian coin
4 Evening party
5 __ Arbor, MI
6 Tearful sounds
7 Fits to __
8 Mooring place
9 Forms of verbs
10 Hosp. surgical areas
11 Lightweight ascending aid
12 In the know
13 Overstudious ones
18 Tropical fruit
22 Wore
24 Became ready to pick
26 Nickname
27 Singer McEntire
28 Villainous
29 Internet access gadget
30 Sci-fi invaders: Abbr.
31 Check the sum
36 Dublin's land
37 Acorn, essentially
39 What biographies chronicle
41 "Omigosh!"
45 Got up
48 Tex-Mex chips
50 Get back to a club
51 Impudent
52 Nebraska city
53 Tall tales
57 Prefix meaning "huge"
58 No problem at all
60 Greek liqueur
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Officers were in the area of 300 Pico when they observed a female subject partially blocking the access portion of the sidewalk. She was wearing a shirt however the shirt was unbuttoned and her breasts were exposed. She was also naked from the waist down. Officers asked her to get dressed but she became argumentative and refused. Officers noticed she had a glass pipe commonly used to ingest narcotics in the pocket of her shirt. She was arrested for the municipal code and the narcotics paraphernalia. Tiffany Page Concordia, 28, homeless, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, public nudity and possession of a milk crate. Bail was set at $500.



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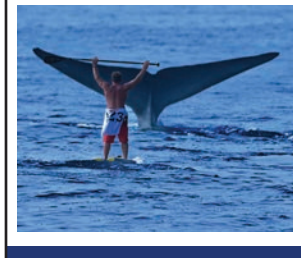
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COMPETITION

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Arnold Strongman Classic but they are also competing to support the men and women who fight to protect the world from wildfires.

"Unlike other strongman competitions, Santa Monica's event features two competitions occurring at the same time," said personal aide Noah Justin. "There are the professionals in the Arnold Strongman USA Championship and the amateurs who are participating in the World's Strongest Firefighter portion."

Started by Arnold Schwarzenegger in an effort to highlight the strength that firefighters have, the World's Strongest Firefighter competition is comprised of ten random firefighters from around the world, "who essentially won a sweepstakes, who love to lift weights and they're going to compete in the same show but with about half the weight," Justin said, mentioning money raised during the event is used to benefit three different benevolent funds — the Ventura County Fire Department Widows, Orphans & Assistance fund, CalFire's benevolent foundation and the Santa Monica Firefighters Relief Fund.

"Incorporating firefighters into the Arnold strongman competition highlights how firefighters are industrial athletes," CalFire's Nick Ciardella said in a promotional video where he likened firefighters to marathon runners.

Saturday's event is expected to feature tests of strength like a log press, last man standing deadlift and 400 pound stone shoulder carries, but organizers said there will be much more for attendees to enjoy. After all, the main goal of the competition is to raise money for charity and to give firefighters the spotlight that they deserve.

Weightlifter Miles Taylor, who's viral deadlift video has been shared by thousands across the country, will be in attendance to share an inspirational word and again look to break one of his personal records, according to Justin. Eric Stevens, a former Los Angeles Rams football player and firefighter, is also expected to address the participants during the event and share his remarkable comeback story.



Courtesy photo

STRONGMAN: The strength competition will be held on the Pier for the second year in a row this weekend.

"In light of the recent wildfire situation in Australia, we'd be remiss if we didn't speak on that during the event," Justin said, describing yet another surprise that's cooked up for Saturday. "As you see, it's much more than an event with big guys lifting big weights. It's more about showcasing the love that's there in the community for the firefighters because they are the true heroes."

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DARK WEB

FROM PAGE 1

states, including California, and permitted for medical reasons in 33 states — has affected the black market demand for the drug. The findings also have implications for the effort to halt vaping-related illnesses, as many tainted e-cigarettes originate from the dark web, he added.

"If marijuana is being sold or purchased within the U.S. on the dark web, the question is how has that changed over time with legalization, and how does that point toward a future where we need more legalization or is legalization not solving the problems we thought it was going to," Richmond said. "We wouldn't have thought to ask those questions until we experimented with the data."

Narcotics as a general category represented 60% of the items sold in the dataset the students analyzed, which totaled 400,000 listings across two years, Richmond said. Jewelry, weapons, counterfeit goods, and personal and financial data were also commonly available, he said. The listings originated most frequently from the U.S. and Europe, particularly France, the Netherlands and Belgium.

"Drug posts were spread out all over the U.S. and Europe, but posts for fraud were almost all coming out of the U.S., which surprised me because I thought it would be more international," Richmond said.

Professor Osonde Osoba, the hackathon's organizer, said any insights gleaned from the data should be taken with a grain of salt because the dataset did not include listings from Russia. The tools the students used to study the listings are not yet able to parse Cyrillic text.

"Being able to analyze Cyrillic is super relevant for the types of policy questions we'd like to ask about cyber tools for social media bots," Osoba said. "If Russia turns out to be the main user of those types of tools, it's a particularly important blindspot."

Another limitation of the dataset was the ubiquity of slang across the dark web, which thwarted the students' attempts to use sentiment analysis algorithms on the listings, Richmond said.

"The slang terms used on the dark web often have the opposite meaning to what the algorithms think they mean," he said. "We're probably going to train some of these algorithms on slang — which is difficult because it changes rapidly."

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 263 CALLS ON JAN. 13

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Missing Person 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:28 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 1:39 a.m.
Rape Just Occurred 1400blk 26th St 1:54 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Main St 4:52 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 800blk 7th St 5:16 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 2000blk Euclid St 5:25 a.m.
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Encampment 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:17 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 7:19 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1200blk 12th St 7:54 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600blk Broadway 8:07 a.m.
Burglary Report 2400blk 14th St 8:16 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 14th St / Bay St 8:18 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:10 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000blk Pearl St 9:41 a.m.
Elder Abuse 900blk Yale St 9:43 a.m.
Elder Abuse 1300blk 15th St 9:44 a.m.
Elder Abuse 400blk 19th St 9:44 a.m.
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Elder Abuse 2900blk Neilson Way 10:53 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1700blk 22nd St 10:57 a.m.
Burglary Report 100blk Idaho Ave 11:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1300blk 6th St 11:07 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1300blk Centinela Ave 11:11 a.m.
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Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:20 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 500blk 11th St 11:41 a.m.
Missing Person 1800blk 9th St 11:47 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 29th St / Pico Blvd 11:49 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 200blk Bicknell Ave 11:56 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 3100blk Arizona Ave 11:57 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1300blk Harvard St 12:38 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 2200blk 29th St 12:57 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 17th St 1:31 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Taft Way 1:35 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800blk Navy St 1:56 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400blk 2nd St 2:10 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk Montana Ave 2:29 p.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2700blk 3rd St 2:31 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1400blk 4th St 3:00 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk 7th St 3:09 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 100blk Montana Ave 3:13 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 01blk Bay St 3:33 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2900blk Arizona Ave 3:37 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1800blk 17th St 3:51 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:57 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 100blk Idaho Ave 4:14 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk 6th St 4:21 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 400blk Santa Monica Pier 4:24 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Bundy/ Olympic 4:28 p.m.
Prowler Report 400blk Raymond Ave 5:04 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 2800blk The Beach 5:37 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 5:38 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 2000blk Lincoln Blvd 6:17 p.m.
Missing Person 17th St / Arizona Ave 6:55 p.m.
Encampment 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:34 p.m.
Fraud Report 800blk Bay St 8:10 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:18 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:09 p.m.
Fight 1300blk 11th St 9:19 p.m.
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