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California governor pulls plug on LA-SF high-speed train

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Tuesday he's abandoning a plan to build a high-speed rail line between Los Angeles and San Francisco, a project with an estimated cost that has ballooned to $77 billion.

"Let's be real," Newsom said in his first State of the State address. "The current project, as planned, would cost too much and respectfully take too long. There's been too little oversight and not enough transparency."

The idea championed by Newsom's predecessor, Jerry Brown, is years behind schedule. The latest estimate for completion is 2033.

Newsom, though, said he wants to finish construction that's already under way on a segment of the high-speed train from Bakersfield to Merced, through California's Central Valley, arguing it will revitalize the economically depressed region.

He's also replacing Brown's head of the state board that oversees the project and pledged

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Deadline approaching for Woolsey Fire aid

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The deadline for Woolsey fire survivors to register for federal aid and apply to participate in a state program that removes fire debris has been extended to Feb. 15.

Survivors can apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for grants and the Small Business Administration (SBA) for home or business loans. Homeowners can apply to the SBA for up to $200,000 to replace or repair their primary residence and up to $40,000 to replace or repair their personal property. Businesses and non-profits can receive up to $2 million in low-interest, long-term loans to replace damaged or destroyed real estate, equipment and inventory.

Residents can submit forms to opt-in or opt-out of CalRecycle, which will clear fire debris, including burned structures, concrete foundations and vehicles, from their properties. CalRecycle is a free program but homeowners with insurance must file a claim to their insurance company to cover the cost of debris removal.

The deadline to apply for federal aid and CalRecycle was previously extended to Jan. 31 and has been extended to Feb. 15 to give survivors more time to file their applicants, a Los Angeles County spokesperson said.

Those affected by the fire can also give public testimony about their experiences to officials at

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Lively reaction to advertising for zombie show

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

An advertising campaign for season nine of 'The Walking Dead' spooked children on the Third Street Promenade late last week.

The AMC show that explores life after the zombie apocalypse put up posters at 1201 Third Street Promenade, a building that Barnes and Noble vacated last January, featuring actors from the show dressed as zombies. A sea of dark figures with filthy hair and wizened skin stared down passers-by at the north end of the shopping district.

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. recently installed chairs, games and a piano outside the old Barnes and Noble building to encourage shoppers to linger. But many parents who visited the Promenade on Friday quickly left the area after their children were frightened by the posters.

'The Walking Dead' had not yet finished its ad campaign, however. The show hired actors to dress up as zombies and walk around the Promenade, scaring some young children. Other parents and children, however, posed for photos with the actors.

Kathleen Rawson, the CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM), said the City of Santa Monica informed the property owner that the posters violated municipal code and the owner took them down over the weekend.

"We've been asking that property owner to put graphics in the window to make the property less dark while it's undergoing a tenant transition," Rawson said. "They were trying to give us what we wanted but we didn't get exactly what we were looking for."

A City spokesperson said Code Enforcement cannot disclose at this time how the posters violated code.

Rawson said DTSM received two or three complaints about the posters. Many more residents took to social media to voice their concerns.

"This seemed to cause quite a stir," Rawson said. "One resident who contacted me was absolutely livid."

AMC did not respond to a request for comment.

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Matthew Hall

POSTERS: The marketing included posters and actors in zombie makeup.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: SMC **CENTRAL PLANT BYPASS PROJECT**. The Project encompasses scope of work in ONE building within SMC Main Campus:

• Central Plant Building: This project modifies the existing central plant system. The Work included shall consist of all construction and services involving work related to: Add bypass line and control valves to the two central plant chillers, Add VFD's to pumps CHP-2.1 and CHP-2.2, Revise sequence of operations of the central plant. Add control to cooling tower filtration system and Test and Commission the central plant systems.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: 1:00 PM, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2019. APPLICATIONS MUST BE HAND-DELIVERED.

LOCATION FOR SUBMISSION OF BID PROPOSALS: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT, DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405, ATTENTION: CHARLIE YEN

1. Contractors License Classification. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §3300, the District requires that Bidders possess the following classification(s) of California Contractors License C. Any Bidder not so duly and properly licensed shall be subject to all penalties imposed by law.

2. Labor Compliance Program (AB 1506). The District has established a Labor Compliance Program ('LCP") pursuant to Labor Code 1771.5. The Contractor awarded the Contract for the Work shall comply with the LCP and provisions of the Contract Documents relating to implementation, compliance with, and enforcement of the LCP.

3. No Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid Proposals shall not be withdrawn by any Bidder for a period of **sixty (60)** days after the opening of Bid Proposals. During this time, all Bidders shall guarantee prices quoted in their respective Bid Proposals.

4. Job-Walk. The District will conduct a **Mandatory Job Walk on Friday, February 15th, 2019, beginning at 11:00 am. Bidder's attendance the Job Walk mandatory.** Bidders are to meet at the DISTRICT FACILITIES PLANNING OFFICE, 1510 PICO BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 for conduct of the Job Walk. The Bid Proposal submitted by a Bidder whose representative(s) did not attend the entirety of the Mandatory Job Walk will be rejected by the District as being non-responsive.

5. Substitute Security. In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure the Contractor's performance under the Contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the Contractor and in conformity with California Public Contract Code §22300. The foregoing notwithstanding, the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded shall submit its written request to the District to permit the substitution of securities for retention under California Public Contract Code §22300 prior to submission of its first Application for Progress Payment. The failure of such Bidder to make such written request to the District prior to submission of the first Application for Progress Payment shall be deemed a waiver of the Bidder's rights under California Public Contract Code §22300.

6. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees of 03.05.19, to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsible and responsive Bid Proposal. If Alternate Bid Items are included in the bidding, the lowest priced Bid Proposal will be determined on the basis of the Base Bid Proposal or on the Base Bid Proposal and the combination of Alternate Bid Items selected in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Instructions for Bidders.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Feb. 13

Soundwaves Concert: Wayne Horvitz & Sara Schoenbeck

A set of original music for piano, bassoon, and electronics. Horvitz and Schoenbeck have recorded as leaders and with John Zorn, Bill Frisell, Anthony Braxton, and many other artists. Main Library: Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 1 p.m.

Montana Mystery Book Group: True Confessions

When an unidentified murder victim found cut in two is nicknamed The Virgin Tramp, ambitious Monsignor Desmond Spellacy of the Los Angeles archdiocese and homicide detective Tom Spellacy are among those whose lives are affected. Montana Avenue Branch Library 7 -8:30 p.m.

Soundwaves

New music performance Main Library Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

The Commission on the Status of Women works to ensure that Santa Monica is a place where women and girls can fully realize their potential and have a strong voice in all aspects of the community. The Commission explores policy and issues relevant to women and girls, and supports leadership and career advancement opportunities. Ken Edwards Center 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14

Serialist Painting

Serialism: Repetition in Visual Art. Create a repetitive geometry-based design project. The use of pattern and repetition has a long a varied history in visual art. Through strategies like Pattern & Decoration, Minimalism, and Op Art, artists have employed the most elemental of mark marking to create engaging, mesmeric, and striking compositions. This workshop will help each participant become familiar with some of the basic principles of color and composition. Max King Cap is a visual and media artist from Chicago who now lives in Los Angeles. Cost: $5 Register online or call (310) 458.2239. Palisades Park 1 -3 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group

Join us for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Chrysalis Workshop: Interviewing

Learn how to use job descriptions to prepare for your interview and about the importance of interview practice. Main Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Valentine's Slime

Make your own Valentine's Day-themed slime. Limited space; free tickets available at 3:30pm. AGES 7-12. Main Library. Children's Activity Room 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15

Craft, Swap, or Create

Do you have leftover yarn, extra buttons, or scraps of ribbon you haven't used in months? Join us at the library to share your crafting supplies or find new crafting treasures, and while you are at it, make some time to create, invent and learn a new craft or skill. Sewing machine, crochet tools, and other items available for your use. Pico Branch Library 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Fireside at the Miles: Nick Mancini Collective

The Miles hosts an eclectic line-up of music every Friday and readings of Pulitzer Prize-winning American dramas every Saturday night beginning at 8pm. Tickets are just $10 for adults, $5 for students, seniors and kids 17 or under. For reservations and information please call 310-458-8634 or email justin.yoffe@smgov.net. The Miles Memorial Playhouse is located in Christine Reed Park at the corner of Wilshire and Lincoln: 1130 Lincoln Blvd. 8 - 10 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Neilson Way

Fire Damages Santa Monica High Rise Apartment

On Monday February 11 at 7:15 p.m. Santa Monica Fire Engine 2 responded to the Shores Apartments at 2800 Neilson Way to investigate a fire alarm activation. Upon their arrival firefighters discovered smoke billowing from an apartment balcony on the 10th floor of the

14-story high rise building. Additional resources were immediately requested, bringing in all Santa Monica Fire resources as well as aid from the Los Angeles Fire Department. Firefighters worked to extinguish the flames, which fortunately were kept from spreading to the common hallway of the building thanks to an activated fire sprinkler head. A challenging component to this high-rise fire incident was keeping the dozens of impacted residents safe and out of harm's way. Firefighters used a combination of sheltering occupants in place until the fire was brought under control, as well as systematically evacuating those who could be, safely out of the building.

Thanks to a functioning fire alarm and fire sprinkler system, residents were alerted to begin evacuating immediately and the fire was kept from spreading. It took 33 Firefighters approximately 19 minutes to suppress the flames, which were confined to the kitchen and living area. There was extensive water damage to several units below the fire from the fire sprinkler. No injuries to residents or first responders were reported. The resident of the apartment where the fire occurred was not home at the time of the fire, and was displaced as a result of the damage. Firefighters were assisted by the Santa Monica Police Department as well as the Los Angeles Fire Department. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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LOS ALTOS

Man held for alleged food tampering at California stores

Authorities in California have arrested a transient they say spilled bleach on grocery store food packages – something he's already accused of doing in Arizona.

Authorities Monday announced last week's arrest of David Lohr at a Los Altos bus stop after he allegedly poured hydrogen peroxide in a bus.

He's facing federal food tampering charges. It's unclear whether he has an attorney.

Lohr was wanted for allegedly pouring hydrogen peroxide and bleach near rotisserie chicken and on packages of ice, shrimp, beer and eggs at stores in Sunnyvale, Los Angeles, West Hollywood, Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach in December and last month.

No injuries are reported.

Lohr faces similar charges in Arizona. He was arrested last October for alleged food tampering at six Target stores in Phoenix and neighboring suburbs.

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NEW YORK

Study: More diverse movie leads in 2018 than ever

The top films in 2018 featured more female and people of color in lead roles than ever before, according to a new study from the University of Southern California's Annenberg Inclusion Initiative.

In a report released Tuesday, researchers found that women were the lead or co-lead in 40 of the 100 highest-grossing films of 2018. That's an increase of eight movies from 2017 and 20 movies from 2007, when the annual study was begun.

There were 28 films with leads or co-leads from an underrepresented racial or ethnic group in 2018. That, too, was a substantial increase from the year prior and the highest mark on record.

Those numbers still fall short of reflecting demographics. Women make up about 51 percent of the U.S. population. Underrepresented groups make up about 39 percent of the population.

The gains came in a year that saw record box-office returns, thanks in part to releases like "Black Panther," the top-selling film in North American theaters, and the breakout romantic comedy, "Crazy Rich Asians."

Stacy L. Smith, director of the Annenberg Inclusion Initiative, called the results "a step in the right direction."

"2018 offers hope that industry members have taken action to create content that better reflects the world in which we live, and the box office seems to have rewarded them for it," said Smith. "This data shows us that it is possible for change to be achieved – companies must not grow complacent but continue the progress they have made in 2019 and in the years to come."

Some of the largest increases came in more narrow demographics. Eleven of the top 100 films starred a woman of color. In 2017, there were four. The same number of films, 11, featured female leads aged 45 years or older. In 2017, there were five.

JAKE COYLE, AP FILM WRITER

LOS ANGELES

LA precious metals trader pleads guilty to money laundering

Federal prosecutors say a precious-metals trader in the Los Angeles Jewelry District pleaded guilty to laundering money that he was told were more than $200,000 in drug trafficking proceeds.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says 53-year-old Saeed Elyahouzadeh of Westwood entered the plea Monday in U.S. District Court to one felony count of money laundering.

The defendant owns and operates R.S.D. Trading Co.

The U.S. Attorney's Office says that according to a plea agreement, he took part in four financial transactions between 2015 and 2017 after an undercover federal agent told him the money came from drug trafficking. He typically took 5 percent to 6 percent of the amount.

Sentencing is set for July 15.

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LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles immigrant fraud unit nabbing con artists

Operating with virtual impunity in Los Angeles for years, con artists have long targeted immigrants desperate for expert legal advice, defrauding some of them of their life savings and only hastening deportations or other personal disasters.

But prosecutors say a new fraud unit at the county district attorney's office has been targeting such scammers since 2017, prosecuting eight cases that cheated at least 300 immigrants out of $3 million.

The most recent conviction, that of 49-year-old Romina Zadorian of Montebello, involved 91 victims who were taken for $667,000.

Zadorian was sentenced Thursday to 15 years in state prison after pleading guilty to grand theft, extortion and producing false government documents.

Before the so-called Notario Fraud Unit was up and running, prosecutors say such cases were rarely prosecuted in the county.

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LOS ANGELES

LAX inspectors stop pests in imported Valentine's flowers

U.S. Customs and Border Protection says its agricultural specialists at Los Angeles International Airport are working hard to keep pests and diseases from entering the country with imported Valentine's Day flowers.

The agency says in a statement Tuesday that between Jan. 1 and Feb. 7, the specialists at LAX processed more than 16 million cut flower stems and intercepted 191 pests.

More than 66 percent are from Colombia, 24 percent from Ecuador, 2.5 percent from Mexico and 1.7 percent from the Netherlands.

The top imported flowers stems are roses, mixed bouquets, and rose bouquets.

The most common pests intercepted are species of aphids, thrips, moths, miner flies and mites.

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California loses border wall challenge at appeals court

BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

A federal appeals court ruled that the Trump administration did not exceed its powers by waiving environmental rules to speed up construction of prototypes and replacement of the U.S.-Mexico border wall.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday rejected arguments by the state of California and environmental groups who tried to block work that has mostly been completed near San Diego and Calexico.

The 2-1 opinion upheld a lower court decision that found the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 allows the Department of Homeland Security to avoid lengthy environmental reviews to speed construction of border barriers.

The one dissenting judge said the case should have been thrown out because such appeals belong before the Supreme Court.

The ruling came as Congress worked out a government funding deal that includes some but not all of the money President Donald Trump wants for his cherished border wall expansion. A dispute over that funding, which does not include the sections of wall challenged in court, led to an unprecedented 35-day government shutdown that ended last month.

The appeals court case argued in Pasadena in August revolved around whether the Homeland Security secretary had authority to waive dozens of laws including the National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act. Reviews required by those laws can often delay or derail projects.

The administration has issued several waivers to build sections of border wall in California, New Mexico and Texas. Lawsuits opposed to some of those projects are pending, but legal challenges to such barriers have failed over the years amid national security concerns.

At issue in court were waivers the secretary issued in 2017 to cover fencing in two California cities.

The waivers were for eight prototypes built in San Diego and 2 miles (3 kilometers) of replacement fencing completed in downtown Calexico. Construction is almost complete on one 14-mile (23-kilometer) section of barrier in San Diego and work is about to start on another of the same length.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra and environmentalists argued that the secretary's authority to waive laws had expired and that the federal government overstepped and must comply with environmental laws.

The state was joined in the appeal by the Center for Biological Diversity, the Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife and Animal Legal Defense Fund.

"We're disappointed that the court is allowing the Trump administration's abuse of power to continue," said attorney Brian Segee of the Center for Biological Diversity. "Congress has ceded its authority to Trump, who has swept aside fundamental public safety and environmental laws to build walls that won't work."

The attorney general's office said it would evaluate its options, but wouldn't be deterred from continuing to challenge the Trump administration.

Associated Press writer Elliot Spagat in San Diego contributed to this story.

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Consumer Corner

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Don't Rush into PACE Program Without Weighing Risks

Opal is a homeowner who answered the door one day to a salesman, who asked if she wanted to install new windows and lower her utility bills. Opal said she would love to pay less for power, but that she didn't have the money for expensive improvements. The man said not to worry; there was a government program that would let her make significant upgrades to her property, while initially paying nothing out of pocket. Before she knew it, Opal was enrolled in the Property Assessed Clean Energy Program, (PACE), and a contractor was busy installing new windows – along with solar panels and central air.

What Opal didn't realize was that the salesman worked for the contractor, and the payments would be attached to her property tax bill. Opal's annual income was less than $20,000, but while things were tight, she was able to make ends meet, partly because she had owned her home for decades, it was paid off, and her property-tax bill was low. She didn't realize that she would have to make payments of around $5,000, that the payments were made along with her property taxes, and that she could lose her home if she missed installments.

Opal isn't alone. Tens of thousands of homeowners in California and other states have financed projects through PACE. Some have lost their homes because they couldn't afford the payments. Loans are typically for 5 to 20 years, and interest rates are often 6.5 to 8.5 percent. The loan stays with the property as a tax lien, so a new owner must take over the payments if the property is sold. This can hurt a property's resale value.

Some consumers complained that they didn't understand the financing terms or the consequences of defaulting on their PACE loans. In response, California passed laws in recent years that require PACE providers to:

- Assess property owners' ability to pay before extending credit.
- Provide the terms of the loan both in writing and during a recorded phone call in one of six languages.
- Give owners a three-day right to cancel both the loan and the home-improvement contract without penalty.
- Quote the same price for improvements as for a property owner paying cash.
- Lenders also are not allowed to tell contractors how much homeowners are able to borrow.

PACE can be a valuable tool for property owners who want to spread out the cost of energy improvements. However, it pays to shop around, as with any big-ticket purchase. Keep the following tips in mind when considering a PACE loan:

- There are a variety of financing sources for home-improvement projects, and some may ultimately cost less and offer more flexibility.
- Interest rates and prices vary even among PACE providers, so talk to several lenders and contractors to make sure you're getting the best deal.
- Read the contract and make sure you understand the payment details and consequences if you can't pay.

Andrea Cavanaugh is a Consumer Specialist with the City Attorney's office.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Individual spiritual needs

Editor:

I usually love Charles' sarcasm about what's going on in the 'hood.

However, I think he went a little too far in Wednesday's (2/6/19) Curious City, Revved Up, column where he was writing about our wonderful Agape and the awesome music they play.

He said, "C'mon Catholics - a guitar mass just doesn't cut it." I'm not even Catholic but love attending many different churches and services in the area, learning about their philosophies and checking out how they fit inside as I witness and experience each presentation. I have had many a spiritual experience in these services, including in Catholic masses even without the guitars. It's fine for him to have his opinions, but it would be nice if he honored that we are each different and have our religious and/or spiritual needs met as works for each of us.

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Curious City

By Charles Andrews

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Just – Thank You

GET LOST, MUSE

Last week I wrote, "Hang on tight. I'm a-goin' for a bit of a wild ride... from Gandhi to district voting to the Harlem Renaissance to..." and I noted, "We're all influenced by what comes into our sphere, and how we process it from our unique history, beliefs, commitments."

Now I feel really compelled to take that ride, but I won't. I'm chickening out. I'll mention it at the end, but I'm feeling grateful right now – I always strive for an attitude of gratitude – so I'm going to go this route instead:

THANK YOU

It seems like a good time to thank everyone. Every single week, increasingly through the life of this column, I get emails from people I don't know and have never heard from before. I remember fondly one gentleman a couple years ago who wrote that he was in his late 80s and "had never written to a newspaper columnist before."

I am always amazed that nearly all the correspondence I get is positive. I still expect it to be the opposite, especially right after I've taken a hard swipe at something. Back in my college journalism days, before Internets, the rule of thumb was, for every person who takes the time to write a letter there are 100 or more out there who felt the same way, but didn't write, both praise and slams.

Almost all of what I get is: please keep it up, keep writing what you do, keep exposing what's going on in this city and calling for right action because no one else is (not true, actually, but thanks), we need your voice. When I begin to feel that it's not doing any good, nothing has changed and it never will, people don't care, money rules – I get those notes, I smile, and I know I must carry on. It's what keeps me going.

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Of course go out to the publisher, owners and editors of the Daily Press, for giving me this platform, this opportunity, this privilege. My bosses and I have not always had an easy relationship but I feel we have come to know and respect one another much more over these seven years, and I very much value that.

I often get asked how much they censor what I write. It should be obvious, but the answer is, not at all. There are rare times when I've included something that's not a good idea, but they always point it out rather than demand a revision, I see the point, agree, and we're good. (Does not mean they like or agree with a lot of what I write.) The rest of the staff, so very good at what they do, have been supportive too.

A number of my friends do not like some of what they see in the SMDP but as a lifelong journalist, let me tell ya Santa Monica, you are lucky to have this good rag, especially in these times, you have no idea. A mighty thank you to all our discerning but faithful readers. (Very few have any clue how near-miraculous it is to put out a newspaper daily with such a small staff.)

SO NOW

That I've assured my employment and continued readership for another year by kissing everyone's behind, I'll try to clear up my mysterious intro above.

While I have been aware since my college newspaper days that only rookies write about the process – readers don't care, just review the concert, ya jerk – I will explain here that my MO is usually to wait for some topic and approach to kind of take over, before I make my choice for that week. That process has evolved and I now trust it.

But this week there was a confusing mix of emotional events persisting, but not with a clear message, even more than the previous week. One was learning of the sudden (natural causes) death of a friend of mine in Albuquerque, a high school classmate, Rick Bressan. Much pause for reflection, bringing up for me my 30 years in that magical/terrible city, my parents (long gone), my son's recent murder there, my wife's successful battle against cancer, my inherited heart disease and bypass surgery, even my funky knees now threatening my basketball career (ha!). Ah, mortality. Rick was a smart, compassionate, generous, well-loved, very successful businessman and family man and I liked him a lot, and it was interesting to find out one time that this good Catholic supported tRump. Pause, recalibrate. Thank you for that, Rick, seriously, and for so much more. You made a difference for good in the lives of many.

The past week I also took in moving jazz and classical concerts, pondering anew the magic of music. I watched again, with my family, the doc on Mr. Rogers and teared up, again. I saw my wife realize, against all odds, her lifelong dream of recording an album of her original songs in a real studio with real musicians (most of them Samohi friends of my daughter), accompanied by that same daughter's gorgeous harmonies. I attended an interesting neighborhood group meeting, discussing overdevelopment. I had a lovely long chat over coffee with our mayor, not discussing issues much but just getting to know each other a little. What a roller coaster, what a world.

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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BID #4385 BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Submission Deadline is February 27, 2019 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

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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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TRAIN

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more accountability for contractors that run over on costs.

Newsom also said during his speech that the state faces "hard decisions that are coming due" on clean water, housing and homelessness.

Newsom rebuked President Donald Trump again on border security after saying Monday he will withdraw most of the state's National Guard troops from the Mexico border.

"Last week, we heard (Trump) stand up at the State of the Union and offer a vision of an America fundamentally at odds with California values," he said. "He described a country where inequality didn't seem to be a problem, where climate change didn't exist, and where the greatest threat we face comes from families seeking asylum at the border."

Brown had agreed to deploy troops last year at the Trump administration's request, although he said they couldn't participate in immigration enforcement.

Newsom, though, said there's been a "gray area" in the troops' duties that may have allowed some to inadvertently participate in immigration activities. A Guard official said the state's troops have not helped detain anyone.

Newsom disputed Trump's claim there is a crisis on the border and said any need for National Guard troops was eliminated when Trump decided earlier this month to add 3,750 more U.S. troops at the border.

Newsom's speech also detailed his ambitious policy goals for the state.

He announced the creation of the new Commission on Homelessness & Supportive Housing to address what he said is a moral issue that has become a public health crisis. His administration recently sued the Orange County city of Huntington Beach, accusing it of not meeting its affordable housing goals.

The governor has invited the leaders of 47 other noncomplying cities to a meeting next week for what he called "a candid conversation."

"I don't intend to file suit against all 47, but I'm not going to preside over neglect and denial," he said during his address. "These cities need to summon the political courage to build their fair share of housing."

Newsom also promised to have a plan within 60 days for dealing with the recent bankruptcy filing by Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. after years of devastating wildfires.

He said he has convened a team of the nation's best bankruptcy lawyers and financial experts from the energy sector to work with his administration to develop a strategy to protect the state's power grid, wildfire victims, company employees and ratepayers.

"We are all frustrated and angry that it's come to this," Newsom said. "PG&E didn't do enough to secure dangerous equipment or plan for the future."

He also promised to address the pressure that climate change is putting on utilities.

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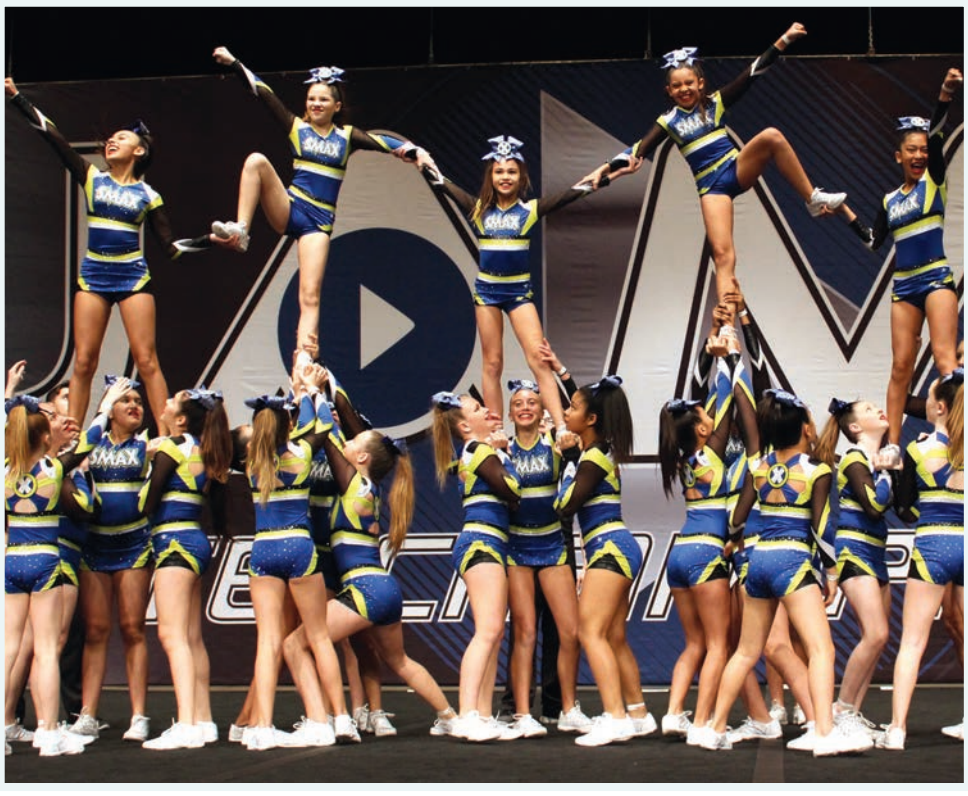
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CHEER CHAMPS

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Santa Monica Athletix Xtreme (SMAX), a non profit, competitive cheer team based in Santa Monica, earned the title of State Champions at the JAMZ State Championship held in Bakersfield in on Feb. 9. The win earned the team not only the prestigious title, but also championship rings. The team is consists of 25 athletes ages 9-15 from Santa Monica and surrounding cities, and is coached by Sequoia Rogers, Erika Parsons, Holly Redheffer and Katie Redheffer. SMAX will hold an Open House on Saturday, March 16 from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Prospective athletes are invited to participate in a team practice and learn the skills that make up a cheer routine. Teams are open to athletes of all skill levels; there is no experience, or prior knowledge needed to be a part of the program. Visit www.smaxcheer.com for more information.



WOOLSEY

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two listening sessions held by Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl and a task force of local, state and federal officials. The first will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Elkins Auditorium at Pepperdine University and the second will be held Sunday, Mar. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the King Gillette Ranch in Calabasas.

The testimony residents of the area impacted by the Woolsey fire give will inform a county report on how officials disseminated emergency notifications and helped evacuate a quarter of a million people.

The fire, which ignited Nov. 8 and destroyed 1,600 structures, was the most destructive fire the county has ever seen and has prompted the county to reevaluate its natural disaster procedures.

"The listening sessions will be used to ensure that the county's upcoming report on the Woolsey fire will reflect the experiences of everyone who was affected," Kuehl said. "This report will make recommendations that will help us more effectively protect lives and property in the future."

Kuehl introduced a motion to create the report at a Board of Supervisors meeting in December in response to questions from the public about the procedures that were used for evacuations, firefighting, repopulation and road closures. She said the report would identify a need for a uniform mass notification system to be used throughout the county and the Santa Monica Mountains.

Survivors can apply for FEMA and SBA assistance at disasterassistance.gov and opt-in or opt-out of CalRecycle at lacounty.gov/lacountyrecovers, by phone at (626) 979-5370 or at the Debris Removal Operation Center at 26610 Agoura Rd. in Calabasas.

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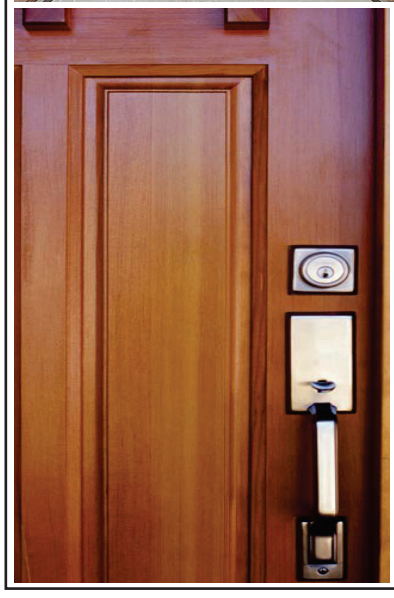
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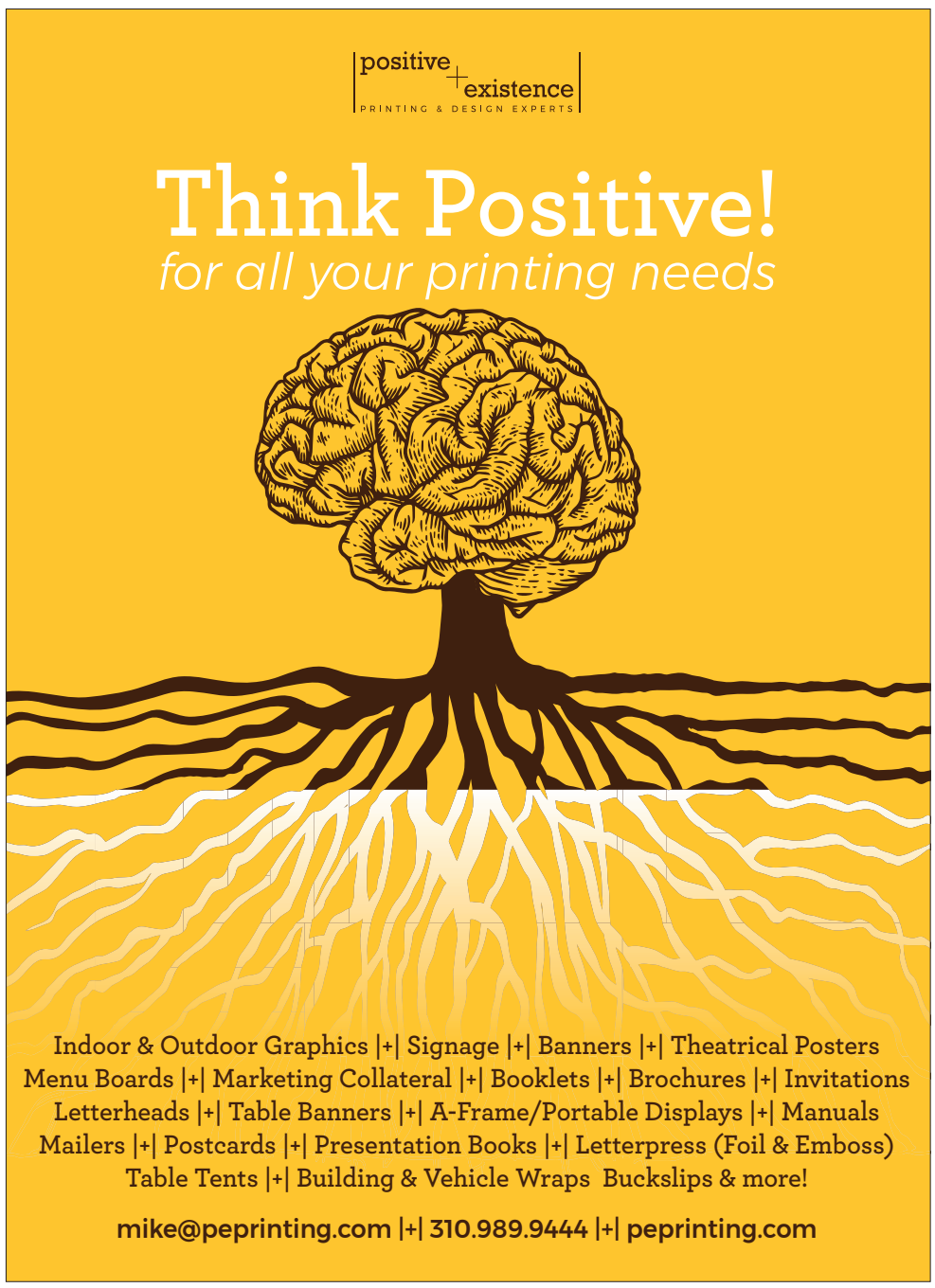


SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 58.1°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
Minimal mix of WNW-NW and SSW swells. SE/S winds and windswell on the rise through the afternoon.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Watching for a spike in localized windswell. Onshore W/WNW winds.



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 JANUARY 31, AT ABOUT 1:04 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at 15th Street and Wilshire Blvd regarding a battery involving a subject in a wheelchair. While responding to the location, officers saw the suspect swinging his fists at a female victim. The subject was detained for an investigation. Officers spoke to the original victim and learned the victim was driving westbound on Wilshire Boulevard and 15th Street. She saw the subject sitting in his wheelchair in the middle of the intersection and believed he needed assistance. The victim exited her car and offered assistance. The subject became angry and punched the victim in the right forearm. The victim left and called the police. The victim was desirous of prosecution. The subject was taken into custody. Maurice Leonard Freedman, 58, homeless, was issued a citation for battery and a warrant.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To Calls For Service.
THE FOLLOWING CALLS WERE SELECTED BY SMDP STAFF FROM 361 CALLS ON FEB. 11.

Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2800blk 4th St 1:11 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 800blk Ocean Ave 1:37 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1200blk 20th St 1:52 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 800blk 3rd St 2:26 a.m.
Missing person 1600blk Appian Way 7:18 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Santa Monica Pier 7:35 a.m.
Critical missing person 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:47 a.m.
Malicious mischief 1100blk Pico Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Out of order traffic signals Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 8:57 a.m.
Grand theft 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:20 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 900blk 19th St 9:53 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk 4th St 10:02 a.m.
Fraud 1800blk 20th St 10:20 a.m.
Violation of restraining order in progress 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Rape 1400blk Broadway 10:39 a.m.
Threats 1400blk 20th St 10:42 a.m.
Injured person 1400blk 17th St 12:04 p.m.
Battery 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:32 p.m.
Missing person 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:42 p.m.
Person with a gun Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 1:05 p.m.
Fraud 1200blk Yale St 2:13 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:14 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:17 p.m.
Arson 1400blk 16th St 3:23 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:26 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:43 p.m.
Grand theft 800blk 12th St 3:50 p.m.
Attempt auto theft 1300blk Centinela Ave 3:54 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1500blk Palisades Park 3:54 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Illegal weapon 1300blk 16th St 4:32 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:33 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 200blk Santa Monica Pier 5:04 p.m.
Attempt auto theft 1300blk Centinela Ave 5:37 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Olympic Dr 5:52 p.m.
Traffic hazard 14th St / Pico Blvd 5:59 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:14 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 6:19 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:25 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Ocean Ave / Pico Blvd 6:25 p.m.
Out of order traffic signals Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd E 6:42 p.m.
Vehicle burglar alarm 2200blk Ocean Ave 6:45 p.m.
Burglary 2400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Petty theft 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:20 p.m.
Injured person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:27 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To Calls For Service.
THE FOLLOWING CALLS WERE SELECTED BY SMDP STAFF FROM 44 CALLS ON FEB. 11

Automatic alarm 2000blk Main St 12:08 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1100blk Arizona Ave 3:48 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Stanford St 5:20 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Centinela Ave 6:01 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Virginia Ave 6:51 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Euclid St 6:58 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Stanford St 9:11 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Stewart St 9:20 a.m.
EMS 800blk Montana Ave 9:27 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Delaware Ave 9:39 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 10:01 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Wilshire Blvd 10:16 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 10:30 a.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 10:45 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk 7th St 11:01 a.m.
EMS 500blk Georgina Ave 11:15 a.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 11:57 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 12:01 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 22nd St 12:28 p.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 1200blk Colorado Ave 12:32 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Hill St 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 25th St 12:47 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 2:32 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 4:11 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 4:29 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Broadway 4:31 p.m.
EMS 2100blk 22nd St 4:49 p.m.
EMS 1200blk Washington Ave 5:13 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Highland Ave 6 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Arizona Ave 6:02 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Main St 6:32 p.m.
EMS 2600blk Expo Line 6:49 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 7:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 7:11 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:26 p.m.

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/9
1 2 3 7 39
Power#: 25
Jackpot: 242M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/8
14 24 31 42 48
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 173M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 2/9
8 22 31 33 47
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 18M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/11
3 11 14 15 16

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/12
MIDDAY: 3 5 9
Draw Date: 2/11
EVENING: 5 4 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 2/11
1st: 09 Winning Spirit
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:43.89

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WORD UP!

marvy
adjective [mahr-vee]
1. Slang. marvelous; delightful.

WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Number Cruncher

■ A Wendy's Avocado Bacon Supreme sandwich (100 grams) contains 607 calories, 216 from fat. It has 24 grams of total fat, or 37 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet, according to the Calorie Count database.

■ It also contains 1,687 milligrams of sodium (70 percent); 66 grams of total carbohydrates (22 percent); 12 grams of sugar; and 32 grams of protein.

Never Say "Diet"

■ The Major League Eating record for beef tri-tip is 4 pounds, 11 ounces in 12 minutes, held by Hall Hunt. His winning tip: Tri more.

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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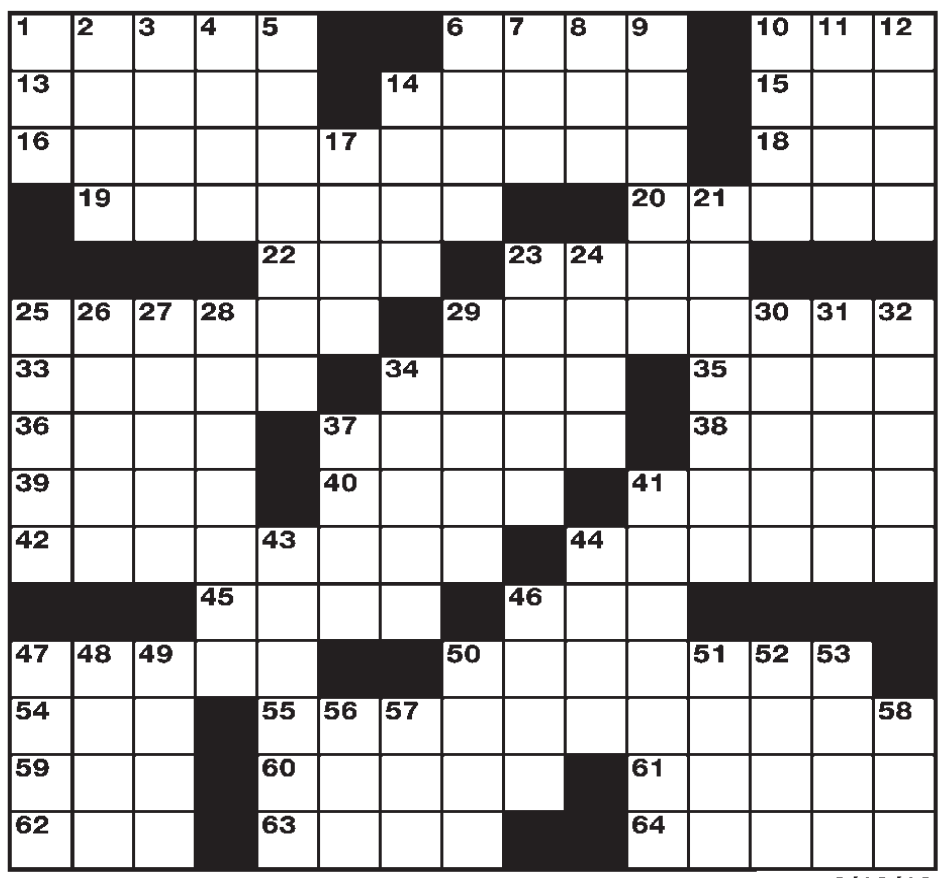
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Committee adjective
6 Major airports
10 Buddhism school
13 Faithful
14 Disney deer
15 Notable period
16 Take-charge woman
18 Drink sample
19 Musses, as hair
20 Assigns stars to
22 Barnyard cackler
23 Airplane aisle roller
25 Closed securely
29 Software trial run
33 Historic immigration island
34 City near Tahoe
35 Dog Chow alternative
36 Faucet flaw
37 Avis competitor
38 Eagle or oriole
39 Concerning
40 Goofs up
41 Needing deciphering
42 Type of atomic radiation
44 Check recipients
45 Actor Alda
46 Small amount
47 Ivan of tennis
50 Reached a high point, as the tide
54 Anger
55 Brain activity during deep sleep
59 Typical first-grader age
60 Not connected
61 Chose, with "for"
62 Do something
63 Sort of sailboat
64 Garden pests

DOWN
1 __ carte menu
2 Blockhead
3 Syringe, for short
4 Honolulu's locale
5 Conflicts (with)
6 Sandwich meats
7 Actress Thurman
8 Oil production meas.
9 __ Club (environmental group)
10 Gusto
11 Pennsylvania port
12 Siestas
14 "I've __ thinking . . ."
17 Hastened away
21 Encouragement to a little lad
23 Word on a nickel
24 Full range
25 Bud who was baseball commissioner
26 Justice Kagan
27 Morning waker-upper
28 Frantically
29 Morsel in some cereals
30 Skip over vocally
31 Shopping splurge
32 Lincoln in-laws
34 Aired again
37 Zeus's spouse
41 Where Persians are admired
43 While the sun is out
44 Fishing spot
46 Terrible tyke
47 Bart's older sister
48 Guitarist Clapton
49 Adjacent (to)
50 PC corner key
51 Casting agent's category
52 Ending for kitchen
53 Batted, but didn't field
56 Air quality org.
57 Statute
58 EKG evaluators



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13)

You know what it's like to feel stuck and that's why you appreciate the effortless movement that sweeps you into the first five weeks of this new personal era. Decisions and actions feel effortless as you're reaping the benefits of a flow of benevolent karma. You'll link to an entirely new circle of friends in summer. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 48, 3, 10 and 22.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Think of your offender as much younger than they are, infantile perhaps, because in some ways we are all immature, and indeed it is immaturity that has caused the rift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The good opinion of others can be a seduction. The trick is to accept people's interest in you as a compliment, and yet not let their attention or opinion of you change how you think of yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Trees give us oxygen and animals give us the spiritual equivalent. Your admiration of an animal will buoy your spirit. Taking the time to learn more about this animal's nature will lift you even more.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Honesty can be hurtful, crass and ugly. Honesty can also be beautiful, and that sort either takes more consideration and compassion to craft, or it takes purity and innocence such as that which comes from a child.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Negative experiences of the past have blocked the flow of love in your life in some way, causing injury. Maybe you've developed a behavior that hides the injury, but not from yourself. It's time to give this wound a look.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
As reasonable as you may be about most things in your life, matters of the heart are impervious to reason. Your heart won't be swayed by even the most logical argument. It wants what it wants.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Thoughts, like cats, are a hard thing to discipline, but they can be led. With cats, it's opening up a can of food. With thoughts, it's providing yourself with lots of better, more attractive things to think about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Noticing what people like, producing what they want and predicting what they'll need – these are the skills that solidify relationships of all kinds. But it's only sustainable if you also figure out what's in it for you and get compensated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Maybe you're afraid to expect better of people, but do it anyway. They may not meet your expectations, but they'll rise a little higher than they would have. Plus, it encourages you to be better, too, and this you can deliver on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Sometimes you act. Also, you've been known to plan and then act. Then there's when you dream, and then plan, and then act. That third way produces the most interesting results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You hate to admit when you're bored, but maybe it's time to recognize that a certain situation has lost all superficial appeal to you and must be enlivened in some way. Add something. Go deeper. Or just get out.

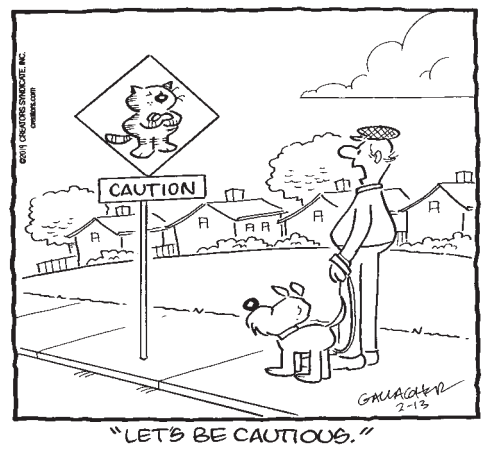
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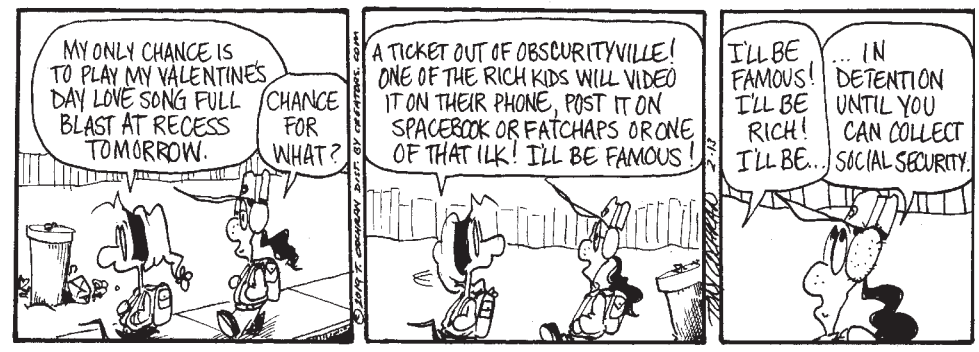


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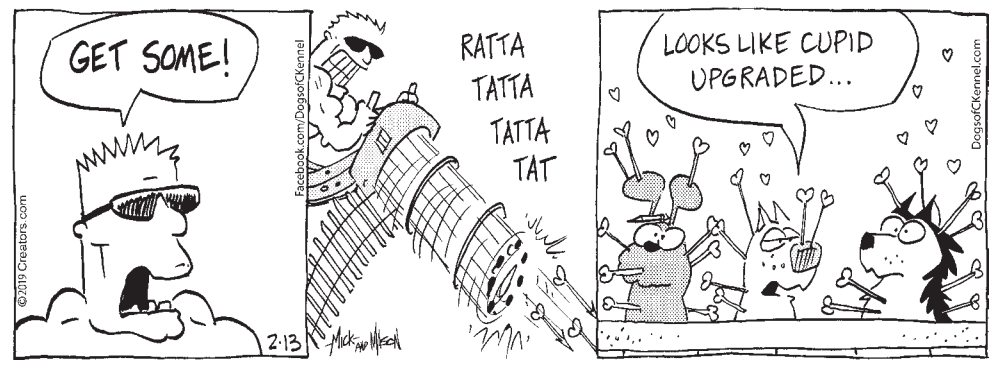
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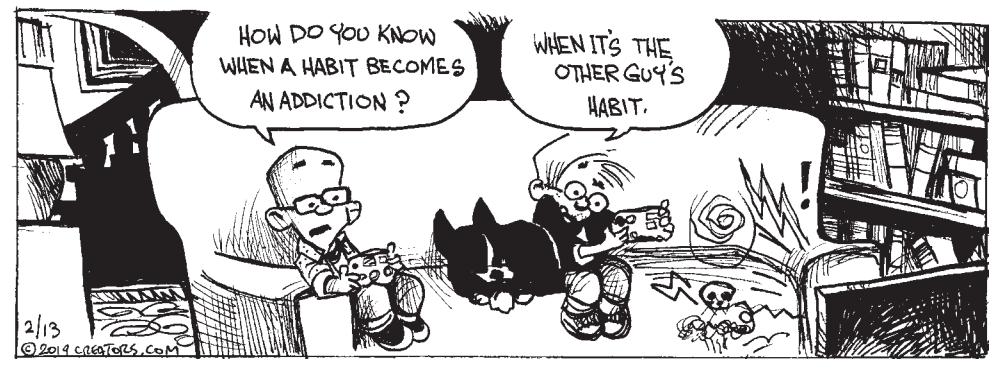
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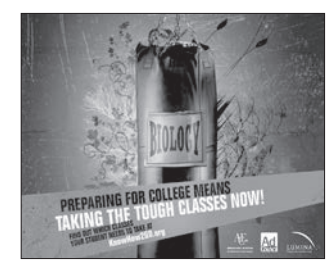
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Trump not 'thrilled' with border deal but leaning toward it

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Under mounting pressure from his own party, President Donald Trump appeared to be grudgingly leaning toward accepting an agreement Tuesday that would head off a threatened second government shutdown but provide just a fraction of the money he's been demanding for his Mexican border wall.

Trump said he would need more time to study the plan, but he also declared he was not expecting another shutdown this weekend when funding for parts of the government would run out. He strongly signaled he planned to scrounge up additional dollars for the wall by raiding other federal coffers to deliver on the signature promise of his presidential campaign.

"I can't say I'm happy. I can't say I'm thrilled," Trump said of the proposed deal. "But the wall is getting built, regardless. It doesn't matter because we're doing other things beyond what we're talking about here."

Accepting the deal, worked out by congressional negotiators from both parties, would be a disappointment for a president who has repeatedly insisted he needs $5.7 billion for a barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, saying the project is paramount for national security. Trump turned down a similar deal in December, forcing the 35-day partial shutdown that left hundreds of thousands of federal workers without paychecks and Republicans reeling. There is little appetite in Washington for a repeat.

Lawmakers tentatively agreed Monday night to a deal that would provide nearly $1.4 billion for border barriers and keep the government funded for the rest of the fiscal year, which ends on Sept. 30.

The agreement would allow 55 miles of new fencing — constructed using existing designs such as metal slats— but far less than the 215 miles (345 kilometers) the White House demanded in December. The fencing would be built in Texas' Rio Grande Valley.

Full details were not expected to be released until Wednesday as lawmakers worked to translate their verbal agreement into legislation. But Republican leaders urged Trump to sign on.

"I hope he signs the bill," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who joined other GOP leaders in selling it as a necessary compromise that represented a major concession from Democrats.

Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., expressed optimism Trump would be on board.

"We believe from our dealings with them and the latitude they've given us, they will support it," he said. "We certainly hope so."

Others were less upbeat. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who traveled with the president to a rally in Cornyn's home state Monday night, said, "My impression flying back with him from El Paso last night is that he thinks it's pretty thin gruel."

A presidential rejection of the deal could plunge Congress into a new crisis, as lawmakers have no clear Plan B. They need to pass some kind of funding bill to avoid another shutdown at midnight Friday and have worked to avoid turning to another short-term bill that would only prolong the border debate.

Speaking at a Cabinet meeting, Trump said of a possible shutdown: "I don't think it's going to happen."

Still, he made clear that, if he does sign on to the deal, he is strongly considering supplementing it by moving money from what he described as less important areas of government.

"We have a lot of money in this country and we're using some of that money — a small percentage of that money — to build the wall, which we desperately need," he said.

That could be more difficult than he made it sound, facing challenges in Congress or federal court or both.

The White House has long been laying the groundwork for Trump to use executive action to bypass Congress and divert money into wall construction. He could declare a national emergency or invoke other executive authority to tap funds including money set aside for military construction, disaster relief and counterdrug efforts.

Previewing that strategy last week, acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney said, "We'll take as much money as you can give us, and then we will go off and find the money someplace else — legally — in order to secure that southern barrier." He said more than $5.7 billion in available funds had been identified.

McConnell, who had previously said he was troubled by the concept of declaring a national emergency, said Tuesday that Trump "ought to feel free to use whatever tools he can legally use to enhance his effort to secure the border."

The framework now under consideration contains plenty to anger lawmakers on both the right and left — more border fencing than many Democrats would like and too little for conservative Republicans — but its authors praised it as a genuine compromise that would keep the government open and allow everyone to move on.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer urged Trump to accept the package to avert another shutdown, calling the tentative accord "welcome news."

But the proposal was met with fury by some on the right, including Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity, a close friend of the president, who slammed it as a "garbage compromise."

Jenny Beth Martin, co-founder of the Tea Party Patriots, released a scathing statement saying she and others had been "hoodwinked."

"This so-called 'deal' is worse than a joke," she said.

The hosts of Trump favorite "Fox & Friends," however, urged the president to agree to the deal and keep the government open, a relief to White House officials and congressional Republicans who had been nervously watching the roll call of conservative media voices, trying to predict where Trump would land.

Conservative Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a close ally of the president, said that if Trump does agrees to the deal, he could be spared a "conservative uproar because everyone expects executive action to follow." That's despite concerns from many Republicans about executive over-reach and the precedent Trump might be setting for future presidents of both parties.

"Two things are clear. We will not have a shutdown of the government and executive action to reprogram additional border security dollars is required," Meadows said.

After the El Paso rally, Trump climbed back aboard Air Force One elated by his boisterous crowd. But his attention quickly turned to the deal as the presidential plane began to streak away from the border city.

As aides filled him in on the outlines, Trump kept an eye on the coverage on Fox News, which was playing onboard, according to a Republican familiar with the president's interactions but not authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

And, despite the late hour, Trump began calling allies, a process he continued Tuesday from the White House.

The president made clear that he had wanted more money for the wall and worried that it was being spun as a defeat for him in the media, according to the Republican. But others expected him to sign on nonetheless.

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Is Beto back? O'Rourke's Trump counter-rally teases 2020 run

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His voice occasionally cracking, Beto O'Rourke delivered an emotional appeal to thousands of cheering El Pasoans, vowing that Donald Trump shouldn't be allowed to stoke fears in his hometown. Only when the possible 2020 presidential hopeful paused for effect was the boom of the president's speech — echoing from the Trump rally less than a block away — heard in the distance.

It's not easy to drown out Trump. But at his rival rally Monday night, O'Rourke showed he was willing to go to great lengths to try. The event was the latest signal that the former Democratic congressman is readying for a White House run, and it was a window into what an O'Rourke campaign might look like.

On a makeshift stage at a baseball field, O'Rourke aimed for optimism and placed his opposition to Trump's immigration policies front and center. He wants to stick to "what unites us rather than what divides us," O'Rourke said, reviving the rhetoric that made him a Democratic star during his failed Texas Senate bid last year. He sprinkled in fluent Spanish and praise for immigrants and was backed by a Mariachi band. Celebrity photographer Annie Leibovitz was spotted backstage, following O'Rourke closely, and has been taking his picture around El Paso in recent weeks.

O'Rourke decided to stage a counter-rally after Trump announced plans to stump in El Paso. The president has used this city to make his case for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. O'Rourke told reporters Monday he "just wasn't going to let anyone else tell El Paso's story."

The move was characteristically unconventional and media savvy. At a time when many in the Democratic field are keeping Trump at arm's length, O'Rourke went head-to-head, leading a march that hugged part of El Paso's border with Mexico before concluding at the baseball complex close to where Trump was delivering his own speech at the same time.

The march followed the border for a few blocks, affording views of the towering metal slats erected along it. Wearing a black fleece over a white button-up shirt with the sleeves rolled up that has become a trademark, O'Rourke grinned widely and waved at longtime supporters and friends, stopping frequently to hug many of them. Marchers all around him alternated between chanting "No wall!" and "Beto! Beto! Beto!"

It was a clear return to the arena for a politician who has recently made headlines for his public soul-searching and road-tripping, both documented in social media posts and online essays. In an interview with Oprah Winfrey last week, he acknowledged he had been coming to terms with his November loss to Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and was now considering a presidential bid.

Many in El Paso had hoped O'Rourke would use Monday's march and rally to announce his plans. He's said he will make up his mind by the end of the month.

O'Rourke barely mentioned the name of the man Democrats hope to knock from the White House next year. But he wasn't shy about assailing Trump's immigration policies, an animating force for both men.

"I think we all hate Trump, that's a given, at least for anybody in the Democratic primary," said Texas Democratic strategist Mike Lavigne. "If you're running, you are trying to consolidate your support, stay positive."

The president says "Walls work," arguing that El Paso has become one of the safest cities in the nation because of border barriers standing between it and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande.

Fencing has been around in some form here since the 1970s, though it wasn't really fortified until after 2006. But FBI statistics show El Paso had very low crime rates per capita years before the border barriers were reinforced — and O'Rourke says walls have nothing to do with keeping the city safe.

"We know that walls do not save lives. Walls end lives," he told the ballfield rally crowd. "We stand for America, and we stand against walls."

It was the first of what will be many dueling campaign rallies of the 2020 presidential cycle — and turnout was strong despite cold, blustery conditions that were unusual in a West Texas locale known for its desert heat. O'Rourke's camp said 7,000 people crowded onto an open-air baseball diamond. Trump filled a nearby coliseum that could similarly hold thousands.

Claiming that his rally drew 35,000 attendees including those listening outside, the president also initially, falsely said only 200 to 300 were at O'Rourke's rally. "That maybe ends his presidential challenge," Trump said.

At a Cabinet meeting back in Washington on Tuesday, Trump was still raising the issue, saying, "We had a competitor that decided to challenge me with the crowds and he failed very badly."

"From what I hear, he had less than 1,000 people, and we had a packed arena, and we had probably 25,000 outside of the arena," the president said. "It was an incredible night in Texas."

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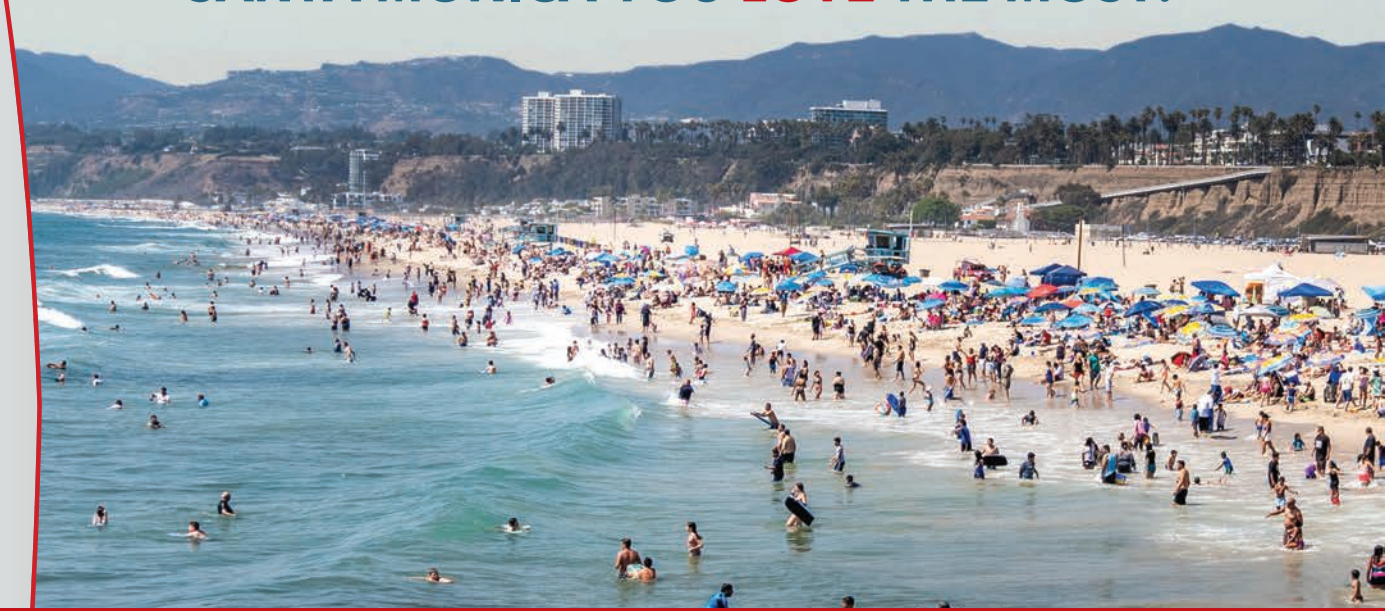
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