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Residents near Santa Monica Airport set to benefit from new, nearly-silent TWANG take off technology

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Today, City officials unveiled the latest attempt to appease residents of the Sunset Park neighborhood and other districts close to the Santa Monica Municipal Airport. Utilizing a brand new technology that's called a Tensile Wind-up-Assisted Nanoelastic Grade (TWANG) launch system, aircraft waiting to begin take-off are carefully locked into place and once clearance is given from the tower, they are super-accelerated and launched into the air over a short distance.

"Santa Monica Airport is the first in the country to begin a full-scale roll-out of this technological breakthrough," said Abraham Silverstein, CEO of ACME, the company that has developed and manufactured the launch system.

It could loosely be compared to a more cost-efficient equivalent of the catapults used on US Navy aircraft carriers. However, instead of a steam-powered catapult, TWANG take off technology makes combined use of a giant rubber

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TAKE OFF: Desperate to have something to still complain about, residents are concerned the new system will take someone's eye out.

Perfecting ice cream by getting rid of cream

BY STELLA B. ARRA

When people eat the delicacy of ice cream, are they really thinking about who they're hurting?

Local animal rights activists, known for their cool demeanor and loving approach to politics, recently launched the "They Scream From Ice Cream" campaign, with a goal to outlaw the dessert from Santa Monica.

"Obviously, we never do anything outlandish in this organization," said spokesperson Stanley "Rip" Offerson. "This campaign continues the tradition of humility and good vibes residents have come to expect from us."

After successfully removing animal entertainment from the city's farmers markets and parks in recent years, activists are acknowledging the need for businesses to actually stay in business.

In their infinite wisdom and kindness, advocates are offering a "cruelty-free" frozen ice alternative, making up for milk with increased ice usage, said to be sourced from "those plastic trays where you work for hours to get a cube loose."

"Like our messaging, this cruelty-free science is top-notch," said food expert Cal Ories. "As the kind of people who enjoy telling other people what to eat, we're

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Santa Monica City Council to be adapted into television sitcom

BY JINK YEES

According to sources at a major television studio located in Los Angeles, the day-to-day activities of Santa Monica City Council are going to be adapted for a weekly situation comedy series.

Early reports state that Santa Monica resident and star of hit comedy shows *Married... with Children* and *Modern Family*, Ed O'Neill, has expressed an interest in playing Mayor Bill Prook. Moreover, Academy Award nominated star of Maestro, Bradley Cooper, has been tapped to voice Councilmember Oskar Torry's mustache.

It is believed that the studio involved is looking for a minimum

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Building of beachfront gladiatorial arena unanimously approved by Council



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A SIMPLE PROPOSAL: Forcing homeless people to fight to the death would both lower the homeless population and provide a new tourism attraction.

BY DAG WOODS

In Tuesday's meeting, City staff presented to Council a proposal to construct an amphitheater-style arena that would be constructed on the Santa Monica Bach, just north of the Pier. The modest-sized open air venue will seat up to 14,000 spectators plus parking and infrastructure support in Beach Lot 1 North.

The new plan is two-fold: Once construction is nearly complete, teams will roam the city streets and anyone experiencing homelessness who demonstrates particularly aggressive behavior will be encouraged to enlist in a brand new program designed to help them regain focus in their lives. By doing so, they have the chance to compete in a fight to the death and potentially win a lifetime's supply of hair care products from a well-known Promenade retailer.

It is hoped that this proposal will offer a multi-pronged solution to many of the problems currently faced by the City of Santa Monica, including a reduction in the number of people on the streets facing homelessness. Moreover, it will simultaneously increase tourism, open new revenue opportunities through gambling and serve as a precursor to the forthcoming Olympic Games.

"Everyone enjoys gladiatorial competitions in one form or another," said Stanton Boyd, Executive Vice Chairman of the Boyd Building Group, the company that will construct the arena. "Obviously the safety of the audience is the single, most important priority, but at the same time, we're looking to make the action and the adrenaline of a fight to the death as fun as possible."

Much like the dome that's coming to the former site of Parking Structure 3, this activation encourages every member of the family to attend. Early conceptual renderings show a modern interpretation of a Vespasian-era colosseum circa AD 70. Several proposals were rejected, including one from Norman Foster, before the final design was decided upon.

Once a competitor has been ~~rounded up~~ enlisted, he or she will receive food and comfortable lodgings, while also receiving basic training in unarmed combat, together with instruction on human anatomy and how to use improvised armaments such as a trident, scythe, chainsaw and other non-projectile firing weapons.

"Everyone enjoys contact sports. We all watch football and the entire country was enthralled by the show *American Gladiators* in the late 90s. Well, this is a chance to take it to its logical conclusion," a City spokesperson told the *Daily Press*. "We'll be cheering as people brutally eviscerate and maim each other, what's not love?"

A full range of concession stands are expected to accompany the new Thunderdome activation, including a number of tie-ins with major toy manufacturers.

It's believed that as a result of the population being desensitized to violence over time that this new spectacle will significantly improve tourism in Santa Monica. A series of different matches are planned, each utilizing different themes of weapon. As contestants progress,

SEE **COLOSSEUM** PAGE 6

Council will be paid to stay away from City business

BY STELLA B. ARRA

In an effort to end the political posturing over travel budgets, residents have proposed a new ballot measure for the November ballot that would incentivize Councilmembers to stay in their homes at all times.

Proponents say Measure STYHME would vastly increase the efficiency of local government as amateur blowhards are less likely to derail competent staff with ignorant micromanaging if they can't be seen doing it.

"It's like having a group of toddlers trying to run a lemonade stand," remarked long-time resident Jenny June describing the 12 hour council meetings dominated by ill-informed and irrelevant council comments. "Every time they start squabbling over who gets to hold the pitcher, we end up with nothing but spilled juice and disappointed customers."

The idea to pay council members to stay away reportedly came from local business owner, Peter Frankson, who grew tired of the endless bickering and lack of progress on important issues facing the community. The recent controversy over who can spend money to go where was the last straw.

"I figured if they're not going to do anything productive, they might as well not do it somewhere else," he said, as he stepped over a homeless guy blocking the entrance to his business and prepared to spend the day rebudgeting thousands of dollars for his minor kitchen remodel after a third wave of city inspectors overrode the past two inspections forcing him to move a drain hole one inch to the left .

This controversy has grown out the unique blend of incompetence and opportunism that defines local politics.

As it stands today, Councilmembers receive a stipend for their time on council plus a set allowance to facilitate travel for city business. Councilman Mathis Hard recently overspent his travel budget when he ran out of fingers and toes to count on. Smelling blood, or at least debt, in the water, Councilman Corlione Spumonius was excited to pounce on the overspending as the discussion occurred in the last half of the meeting enabling him to participate despite being late

"Once upon a time our local leaders went on to run things across the county and even at state level positions," he said. "I want to be that important too but actually running a city is hard so I'd rather pick this petty personal fight and abstain from the more substantive items to avoid any responsibility for the current reality."

Under the new proposal, each council member will receive a stipend on the condition that they do not set foot inside city hall or attend any official meetings. An exception would be made for individuals who have real jobs but given the work history of many Councilmembers, that would not be widely used.

Councilmembers spun the issue as a new tourism initiative that would help offset the continued losses the City is incurring as visitors stay away from the city due to the policies set by those same councilmembers.

"We're calling it the 'Council Staycation Initiative,'" chuckled Mayor Zuck Jacobs, who seemed relieved at the prospect of not having to understand complicated topics like zoning regulations or garbage collection schedules.

While some critics argue that paying elected officials to stay away from their duties sets a dangerous precedent, most residents seem to think it is more dangerous to have the current council members actually do their jobs.

"Crime is up, homelessness is up, businesses are leaving, how much worse could it be? We'll see how it goes," shrugged June, as she yanked her dog away from a pile of human poop sitting on the sidewalk. "At least now I won't have to worry about tripping over their egos every time I walk down Main Street."

This story is not available online as Santa Monica's regular news is so ridiculous it destabilizes the Artificial Intelligence systems crawling the web and is excluded to prevent the machines from going crazy and deciding Skynet was right.

SMMUSD
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive electronic bids from contractors for BID #24.27 Roof Replacement and Retrofit at John Adams Middle School & Santa Monica High School. Value of contract is estimated at $1,000,000 - $2,000,000 and includes the replacement and retrofit of specified roofs, replacement of exposed gutters and downspouts and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents.

Bidders are required to possess one or more of the following State of California Contractor Licenses: B or C-39

All bids will be received by the District via https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/BID2427 on Thursday, April 25, 2024, no later than, 2:00 PM at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud on Join Zoom Meeting https://smmk12.zoom.us/j/84302883323?pwd=TlJ5STVDRzJjWVZxMWhpR2lsWityQT09 Meeting ID: 843 0288 3323 Passcode: 580787

A Mandatory pre-bid meeting/job walk will be held Tuesday April 9, 2024. at 7:30 AM at 2425 16th Street. Santa Monica, CA 90405 & at 8:45 AM 601 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405. RSVP by Monday April 8, 2024.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. For questions, contact SMMUSD Purchasing – Chris Diaz at cdiaz@smmusd.org.



Surf report

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

MONDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Smaller surf due. Likely on the backside of the run of WNW swell and S swell will be dropping out. Morning winds look light.

TUESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 3-4ft+
Waist to shoulder

Looking small with leftover WNW swell and S swell mix. Favorable winds due early AM.

Weather

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers before 11am. Sunny, with a high near 63.
Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49.
Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 68.
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2024/04/01	Mon	10:46 AM	0.28	L
2024/04/02	Tue	03:23 AM	4.46	H
2024/04/02	Tue	11:56 AM	-0.12	L
2024/04/02	Tue	7:38 PM	3.27	H
2024/04/02	Tue	11:05 PM	2.94	L
2024/04/03	Wed	05:04 AM	4.68	H
2024/04/03	Wed	12:46 PM	-0.50	L
2024/04/03	Wed	7:42 PM	3.66	H
2024/04/04	Thu	12:23 AM	2.32	L
2024/04/04	Thu	06:17 AM	5.03	H
2024/04/04	Thu	1:26 PM	-0.76	L
2024/04/04	Thu	8:01 PM	4.14	H
2024/04/05	Fri	01:18 AM	1.56	L
2024/04/05	Fri	07:16 AM	5.33	H
2024/04/05	Fri	2:02 PM	-0.85	L
2024/04/05	Fri	8:25 PM	4.68	H
2024/04/06	Sat	02:07 AM	0.76	L
2024/04/06	Sat	08:09 AM	5.46	H
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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00130Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Leo Guerrini Romano for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Leo Guerrini Romano a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Leo Guerrini ROMANO to Leo GUERRINI ROMANO The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 04/05/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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Promenade's water features set to be converted to public baths



Photo by Rex Equis Ink

BATH: Officials who want to clean up Santa Monica are being taken literally.

BY DAG WOODS

In a widely anticipated decision, the non-profit, quasi-governmental, part volunteer, but with a fully paid staff organization that controls everything in Downtown Santa Monica except leasing, security, parking, street infrastructure or anything mall related has voted to repurpose the water features along the Third Street Promenade and convert them into public bathing facilities.

It's understood that very little will change from an aesthetic perspective and the current aquatic activations that bookend the Promenade, affectionately referred to as the "vomiting dinosaurs" will remain mostly intact. However, what will change is that hot and cold taps will be added, along with Jacuzzi-style water jets and spa-wear, including slippers by Gucci and an Egyptian cotton bathrobe by Louis Vuitton. A complementary loofah with Downtown branding will also be made available.

A spokesperson told the *Daily Press*, "It makes perfect sense, really, when you think about it. We spent years and millions of taxpayer dollars trying to clean up downtown Santa Monica and all we had to do to literally clean it up was offer anyone suffering from homelessness the chance to wash themselves properly."

During last week's board meeting, it was suggested that perhaps the Santa Monica Fire Department (SMFD) could also participate in the program, utilizing the potential shower power of a high-pressure, type B elastomeric-coated 400 psi fire hose. However, Firefighter Samuel Jones, stressed that by adopting this approach there was a slight risk of accidentally blasting the bare-skinned bather all the way to Brentwood only to find out some of the board members actually saw that as a net positive and agendized it for a future discussion.

This is not the first time that the notion of utilizing the water features for washing purposes has been thought of. In fact, they've been used on a number of occasions in the past, often to great effect, but this will be the first time that the installations have been specifically modified.

In addition, soap, body shampoo and other personal hygiene products will be on offer, all of which come from local Santa Monica businesses. Achmed Foley, CEO of the Paper Street Soap Company located on 5th Street said, "Our products cover all personal requirements darling, of course. And every one deeply moisturizes and hydrates. Your skin will love you for the rest of your life, even after scrubbing the most stubborn stains. Yuk."

When news of this idea first broke, back in the Fall of last year, it was thought that the presence of naked people up and down the Third Street Promenade might alarm locals, shoppers and tourists, but following a lengthy discussion at that DTSM board meeting, it was concluded that happens anyway and that perhaps business could actually be improved along the street if more merchants relaxed their no shirt / no shoes policy.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 23ENT-0186 (Conditional Use Permit)

2651 Main Street
APPLICANT: Vincent Kinne and Mindy Kinne
PROPERTY OWNER: 2651 Main Street LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Conditional Use Permit to allow a Type-47 (On-premise Beer, Wine, and General Spirits) alcohol license in conjunction with a new restaurant located in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) zone. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) 9.31.040, a Conditional Use Permit is required for alcohol sales that do not qualify for an Alcohol Exemption under SMMC 9.31.040 (D)(j). The proposed project is for an approximately 4,663 square foot ground floor restaurant that will include 211 seats. The Conditional Use Permit is being requested for proposed hours of alcohol service from 7:30 am until 2am on Friday and Saturday and from 7:30am to midnight the remainder of the week.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

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Address your comments to: Gina Szilak, Acting Senior Planner
Re: 23ENT-0186
VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: City Planning Division
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 28
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Appeal** 23ENT-0132 of Architectural Review Board Approval of 23ARB-0113

129 Hart Avenue
APPLICANT: Andrew Rice
PROPERTY OWNER: Jacques Saadian and David Saadian

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Appeal of the Architectural Review Board's approval (23ARB-0113) for building design, colors, and materials for a two-story addition and restoration of an existing residence in the potential South Beach Historic District. The project would add an approximately 920 square feet second story and would increase the ground floor by approximately 463 square feet..

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New coalition forms to secede from Santa Monica



Photo by Rex Equis Ink

RIFT: There are many residents who would love to live in another city, even without moving.

BY PHIL ZEE

The recently rejected proposal to split the local school district in two has inspired a wider political movement in Santa Monica to create two new cities split along housing lines.

After the Los Angeles County Office of Education Committee on School District Organization rejected a proposal to convert Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District elections from at-large voting to trustee areas, a new set of legislators, the SaMo Confederates (SMC), are trying to party like it's the 1860s with an updated plan.

Taking inspiration from the SMMUSD-Malibu negotiations to separate (or unify, the legal term for separation, showing the true wisdom of lawyers) school campuses, The SMC (currently under a trademark battle with Santa Monica College) wants to secede from the rest of Santa Monica.

The group of neighborhood activists have been at the center of much controversy, with SMC representatives stating that the territory will be the "Texas of Santa Monica" with the bold proposal.

"We've been pushed around for too long," said SMC spokesperson Dutch Colter. "It's bad enough that the rest of Santa Monica has turned woke and embraced the tyranny of an illegitimate President, but it gets worse when we have to share the same space with these Gen Z crybabies. We want to secede, and we want them to pay for it."

Indeed, residents of the proposed "New Santa Monica" are demanding that homeowners in the city pay for everything used by renters, ranging from public parks to their steady morning diet of Egg McMuffins, a callback to their leader's favorite breakfast. The "New Santa Monica" territory includes several amenities including one park which will be rebranded as an idyllic urban/environmental living space providing low cost housing to tent dwellers and aficionados of cardboard box architecture.

"That park belongs to us, we marked our territory as nature has done for years, by peeing all over it. It's only right that we make Fake Santa Monicans (as defined as anyone who moved to town after us) pay for our lifestyles," Colter said.

The territory also encompasses the 17th St/SMC Metro station, which won't have to be renamed pending the trademark battle, as well as the 26th St/Bergamot station, which will be changed to 26th and Coal to embrace "traditional economic values."

In keeping with their inspiration for the split, proponents are looking at ways to reeducate their youth.

"School used to be great when it was inspired by our forefathers hunting beavers with their bare hands, but it's just gone too liberal for our tastes," said Snow Hires, a fossil fuel enthusiast and former financial planner to celebrities like Wesley Snipes and Curt Schilling. "We want our kids' education to cater to our nostalgia and avoid any new-fangled ideas about the future."

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the tournament will introduce increasingly difficult challenges, including an obstacle course across a vat of hydrochloric acid and a tightrope walk over the top of spinning helicopter blades.

Moreover, it's also believed that inspiration for this idea came, at least in part, from the recent spree of violent attacks on street performers up and down the 3rd Street Promenade. A worrying number of talentless, tone-deaf musicians, magicians and mimes have found themselves encircled by street vendors in broad daylight before being repeatedly pelted by pots, pans, poutine and pineapple. In one vicious attack in January of this year, living statue performer Dylan Bigglesworth was impaled by a particularly sharp piece of mango and had to be taken to UCLA Hospital.

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Neighborhood Association acquires armed Tesla Cybertruck



Photo by Rex Equis Ink

DEFENSE: There's no better use for a Cybertruck than pretending you're in the military.

BY DAG WOODS

As crime and intractable homelessness continue to be top-of-mind issues plaguing our fair city, one neighborhood is proactively confronting safety concerns.

The North of Montana Association (NOMA) has procured its very own Tesla Cybertruck, which will in turn be leased for $1 a year to the company that provides security patrols in the upscale neighborhood.

As if a Cybertruck wasn't already a huge upgrade from the NOMA Patrol's wimpy Ford Escapes, this Tesla is packing heat in the form of a turret-mounted .30-caliber machine gun capable of dispensing 2,000 rounds per minute.

NOMA board chair Deuce Giddy announced the Cybertruck purchase at the group's March meeting and while some of the mask-wearing latte liberals on the Zoom call protested, the majority of residents strongly backed the move and wanted to know why NOMA was buying just one.

Councilmember Moonbeam del Churro said she was very unhappy about increased weaponization and asked city staff to look into the legality of a neighborhood association possessing what NOMA Patrol President Darren MacBoom refers to as "a four-ton rolling hell factory."

MacBoom says his officers are chomping at the bit to get out of their current patrol vehicles and into the testosterone-laden Tesla. "Currently, they kinda feel like sitting ducks in the tinny Fords, always worrying that a coke-upped zombie methhead might smash their driver-side window and start chewing on their face before they've had time to even activate pepper spray. With the Cybertruck, they actually have the opposite concern and worry they might scare very small children and SMRR members."

A bake sale is scheduled for Saturday morning at Roosevelt Elementary with all proceeds going to buy ammunition, which at four dollars a round adds up quickly. Bring your appetite and lock and load up on those $16 cupcakes!

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actually all about fun, and look forward to pushing our wild and wacky 'Ice and More Ice' brand into Santa Monica and beyond."

Though their intentions are pure, activists had one condition before bringing its ice to the city. The special fruit flavoring of the desert, they desire, should be picked entirely by human field workers. Deemed an "ethical form of torture," residents will be picked at random and shipped off to compounds for re-education, hands-on training and a complementary frontal lobotomy.

"Duhhhhhhhhhhh," said Drew Hankinson, the first recipient of training.

Flavors for the new venture include "Orange You Glad We're Here," "Banana Brainrot" and "Sensory Deprivation Strawberry." The food may not scream ice cream, but at least it prevents the screams of innocent animals who unknowingly generate profit for a cruel capitalistic society.

"What gives you the right to enjoy things?," Offerson asked. "When you breathe, you should be thinking, why aren't the dinosaurs breathing anymore? This was our prehistoric sin, and ever since, we've aimed to punish humans for their insolence. We thought this was the perfect time to combine crying with cream, uselessness with unlimited flavor. I would say more, but I curse myself for having a mouth when my ancestor, the Tyrannosaurus Rex, cannot speak anymore."

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Internet Influencer Struggles to Feel Important as Fast Food Prices Rival Organic Smoothies

BY JINK YEES

In the world of social media, where avocado toast is currency and selfies are a form of art, one influencer is facing an existential crisis of supersized proportions.

Madison "InstaGlam" Montgomery, whose perfectly curated feed of designer outfits and gluten-free, dairy-free, cruelty-free meals has garnered her millions of followers and a hefty dose of self-importance, is now struggling to signal her alleged wealth because poor people are now spending as much on fast food as she does on celebrity branded smoothies.

"How am I supposed to feel superior to the neckbeards drooling over me on Insta if they can't see how frivolous I am with my food budget?" she lamented.

With the cost of a humble fast food burger rising to previously unheard of levels, Montgomery is now forced to look for increasingly asinine cuisine to feature on her social media platforms. Given her utter lack of actual skills or talent, pretending to enjoy an obviously gross kale/mushroom smoothie while angling her selfie camera to appear as if her life is amazing was her only way to make money.

"If the floor is a Grade F, possibly old circus animal meat/hoof burger, where do I have to go to convince other people (and maybe myself) that I'm worth listening too?" she said as she considered the ethics of just trying to bite into a small bar of gold as if it was chocolate.

However, in true Internet form, a new batch of talentless schmucks are already capitalizing on the #McDonaldsRich trend.

"It's like the great equalizer," says local fast food enthusiast, Dave Johnson, as he wipes ketchup off his chin. "I can line up these burgers like they were stacks of cash and people with very poor decision making will now listen to me rant about the government or take my ill-conceived advice on wellness topics."

The situation has also served as an emancipation for a previously maligned class: influencer boyfriends.

"You can see me? Actually see me? I didn't know I was supposed to be seen by anyone!" said Chad Chadstone with astonishment when asked how it felt to no longer have to plan his entire vacation around framing shots of his girlfriend staring wistfully off camera at a three-quarters angle.

"Maybe, just maybe I could be in one of our vacation photos now," he dared to dream.

However, Madison and others may find themselves rescued by the same economic forces that have temporarily laid them low because the inflationary push that began with garbage food is starting to reach up into the world of actual nutrition

"If people are willing to spend $20 to poison themselves with 'food' that is mostly held together by microplastics and chemicals outlawed in 12 countries, we can for sure get them to pay double that for something natural," said Ronald Mcjackking. "In fact, we've decided to go all in on the food-is-medicine trend and bring in some guys from the pharmaceutical industry to help us with pricing," he said.

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City investigates taxing taxes

In the City's neverending quest to raise revenue to pay for all the silly programs they've instituted and the corresponding pension obligations for their bloated staffs, Councilmember Benny Slick has asked City Attorney Don Bigfrown to look into the feasibility of a tax tax.

You read that right right. If no blockers are found, you might soon be paying tax on the taxes you already pay. Slick said he's been bothered that "when someone buys a $40 burger at HuHa's and pays a $4 tax, it ends there, i.e. why aren't we getting a 10% cut of the $4?"

Even Mayor Bill Crock understands the absurdity of such a tax, however he gets ti-ti around 11:30 p.m. and the young Slick waited until 2 a.m. to drop this bombshell during Tuesday's Council meeting.

As is their usual protocol, a $250,000 study was ordered in lieu of making an actual decision. As a result, more of your tax dollars are being deployed to see if the City can tax your tax.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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- **RFP #404: Contractor to Assist Los Angeles Area Fire Chief's Association Regional Training Group with Production of Training Videos & Curriculum Development**
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two-season run, each with 18 episodes with Century City-based Minted Media overseeing the production.



Photo by Rex Equis Ink

DEFENSE: There's no better use for a Cybertruck than pretending you're in the military.

"We're very excited," said a spokesperson for Santa Monica City Council. "The fact that a major TV studio has seen the potential here, with such a rich selection of characters to dive into, we think it's going to be extremely entertaining for the entire country to see the regular farce that is local government put on the screen even if they have to actually tone down the insanity because no one would actually believe this stuff happens."

Saul Goldstone, CEO of Minted Media, confirmed to the Daily Press that all current members of City Council would act as technical advisors on the show and will receive PGA-certified executive producer credits and make them feel important, which for many, is the entire goal of being on Council to start with.

According to Goldstone, Emmy-Award-winning comedy legend H. Jon Benjamin is set to take on the role of City Manager Dave White while another sitcom superstar, Patrick Warburton will portray City Attorney Doug Sloane. Kathryn Hahn, star of WandaVision is playing an as-yet unconfirmed part, as is Rhea Perlman, arguably best known for her role in Cheers and Iain Armitage, best known for playing the title role in Young Sheldon.

The plot will focus in turn on each member of council along with most of the city staff, exploring different plot threads and storylines each week. The actual council meetings will also be portrayed along with the legendary shenanigans that take place in closed session.

"There was this one story that we heard about, that we'll see in the season one premiere episode, after everyone disappears and the live video feed pauses, when a Rocky Horror Picture Show-themed party breaks out without warning," laughs Goldstone, adding, "Unbeknownst to anyone sitting chambers, the council all had their costumes on underneath their day wear."

The production is able to save money on writers by just accurately recreating things that have really happened in Council chambers such as the time a topless woman rode a skateboard around the lobby to protest the City Hall water fountain claiming the seagulls she regularly talks to didn't like it or the time council took ten identical votes apparently unable to understand that repetition doesn't equal progress.

"When people say 'you can't make this stuff up,' they are absolutely correct because the level of kafkaesque bureaucracy surrounding the most basic of processes in the city is something even the most demented of puzzle creators couldn't fathom," said Goldstone.

In addition, the show will incorporate recurring cameo performances from well known actors portraying regular public input commentators who have, in essence, become fan favorites over the years, including Boston Dave who didn't think women should be in office or The People of California who lobbed insults from behind his cork-strung Australian hat. Further inspiration will be drawn from some of LA's classic public speakers including the man who uses a goat puppet to make racist remarks into the microphone.

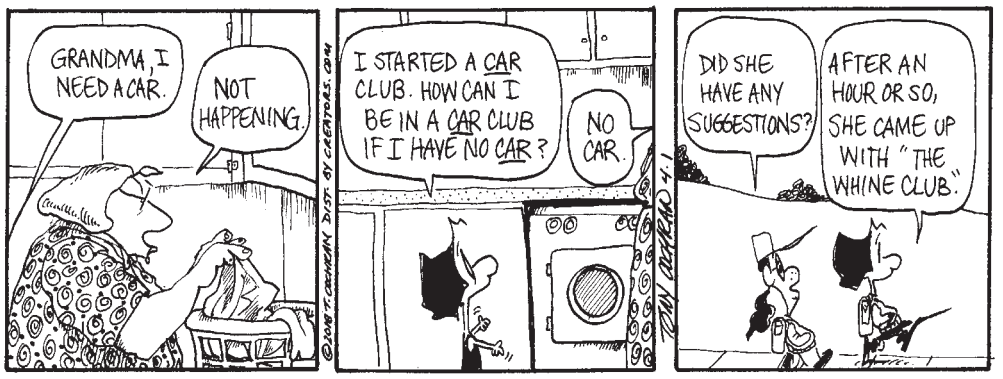
The show will be recorded in front of a live studio audience and filming is set to start in the Fall. Apparently, there's already talk among studio executives of a potential odd-couple style spin-off show where the oldest and youngest councilmembers find themselves suddenly forced to live together in a single bedroom rent controlled apartment with a retired mobster for a neighbor but nothing has been confirmed at this stage.

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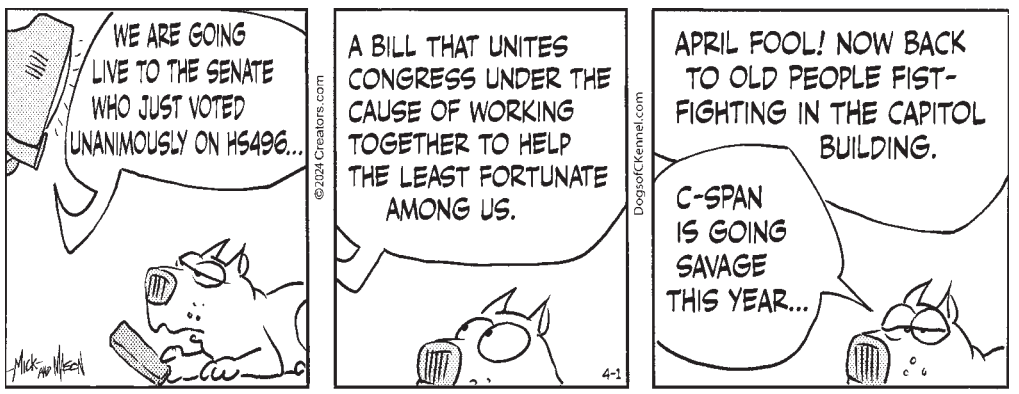
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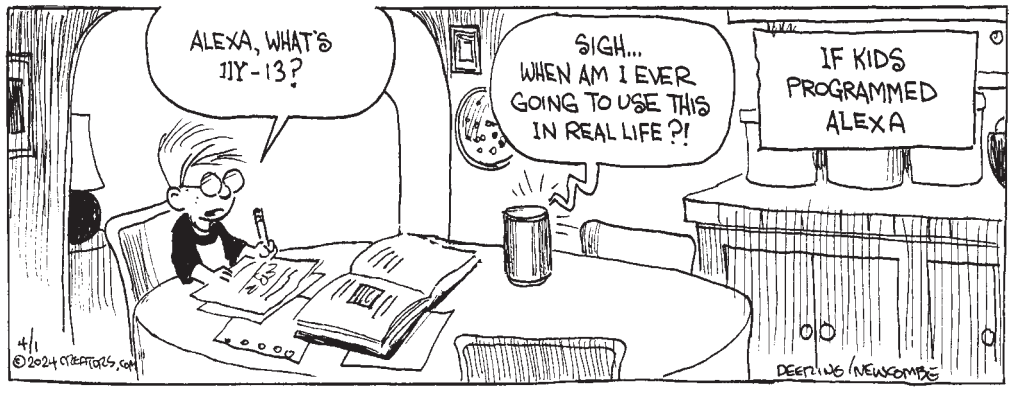
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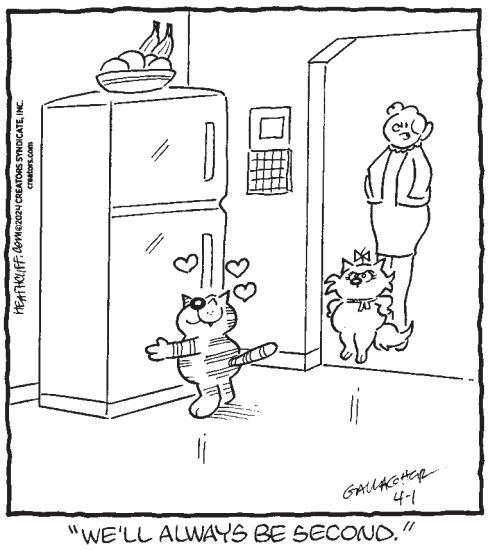
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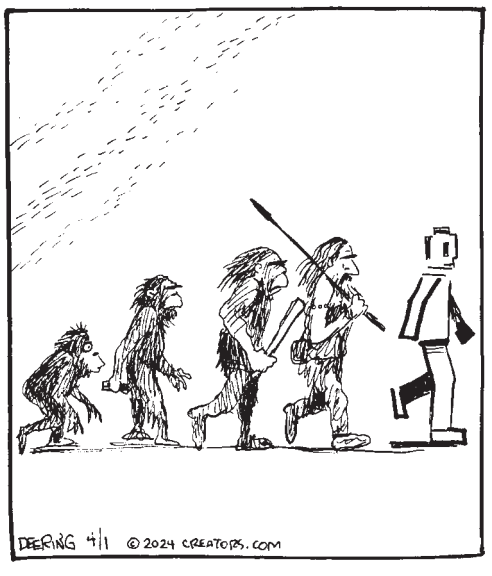
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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 — April 20) The cosmological ballet that unfolds every day across the cosmos, many billions of miles away from our tiny planet, incorporating time, space, energy and matter suggest you'll be lucky in love this week.

Taurus (April 21 — May 20) You may, or may not, have some good luck this week. Or alternatively, it could be bad luck, it's so hard to tell. See how easy this is? Honestly, there are people who make money from doing this. Good grief.

Gemini (May 21 — June 21) Go to Vegas. Now. Just do it. Drop whatever you're doing, jump into your car and drive to Las Vegas. Don't think about it. Just go. Take a bag containing every last dollar you have in the world and put it all on red. Hurry.

Cancer (June 22 — July 22) Over the last few weeks you've begun to hear voices in your head [go to your computer] but don't worry, this is perfectly normal behavior [book a flight to Berlin] that said, there seems to be some unexplained expenditures on your credit card.

Leo (July 23 — Aug 22) Due to a freak set of circumstances, you'll end up on a piece of driftwood, floating in the middle of the Pacific Ocean with only an iguana for company.

Virgo (Aug 23 — Sept 23) People are constantly taking advantage of your trusting and slow-witted nature for their own financial gain. With the new self-help leaflet Don't Be A Gullible Twat, you need never be duped again! Just send a signed cheque to this address and leave the amount blank. Problem solved.

Libra (Sept 23 — Oct 23) Your quest for inner truth takes you to the small Nepalese village of Shankharapur, just east of Kathmandu. Here, you will seek out a local shaman named Bhavaraoopa. You may be gone for some time, so don't forget to set your out of office.

Scorpio (Oct 24 — Nov 21) It's about time you finally focussed on you. Fat, drunk and stupid is no way to go through life. Now, take this invaluable piece of insider info — Geespot to win in the 3:30 at Hollywood Park — and use the winnings to buy some new clothes. And get your hair done too.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 — Dec 21) A comet the size of Mount Everest will be discovered by scientists hurtling towards Earth on a collision course and there's absolutely nothing anyone can do to prevent it. So, don't forget to make that loan repayment.

Capricorn (Dec 22 — Jan 19) That seemingly run of bad luck you've been having is finally coming to a close. But beware, on the way into work, you'll be unable to avoid walking under a ladder, before tripping over a black cat, dropping your bag and breaking your vanity mirror. See you again in 2031.

Aquarius (Jan 20 — Feb 18) Recently, you've begun to feel a bit more paranoid than usual. Don't worry, you're just being daft. There's no way the government is tracking your every movement, every phone call, every text message or every financial transaction… Oh, wait…

Pisces (Feb 19 — March 20) The emergence of a new cosmic alignment between two heavenly stars within your astral body is holistically influencing the semiotic juxtaposition of your sign. Therefore, this is the month for sorting out financial matters. Or your love life. Or your pets. Or whatever.

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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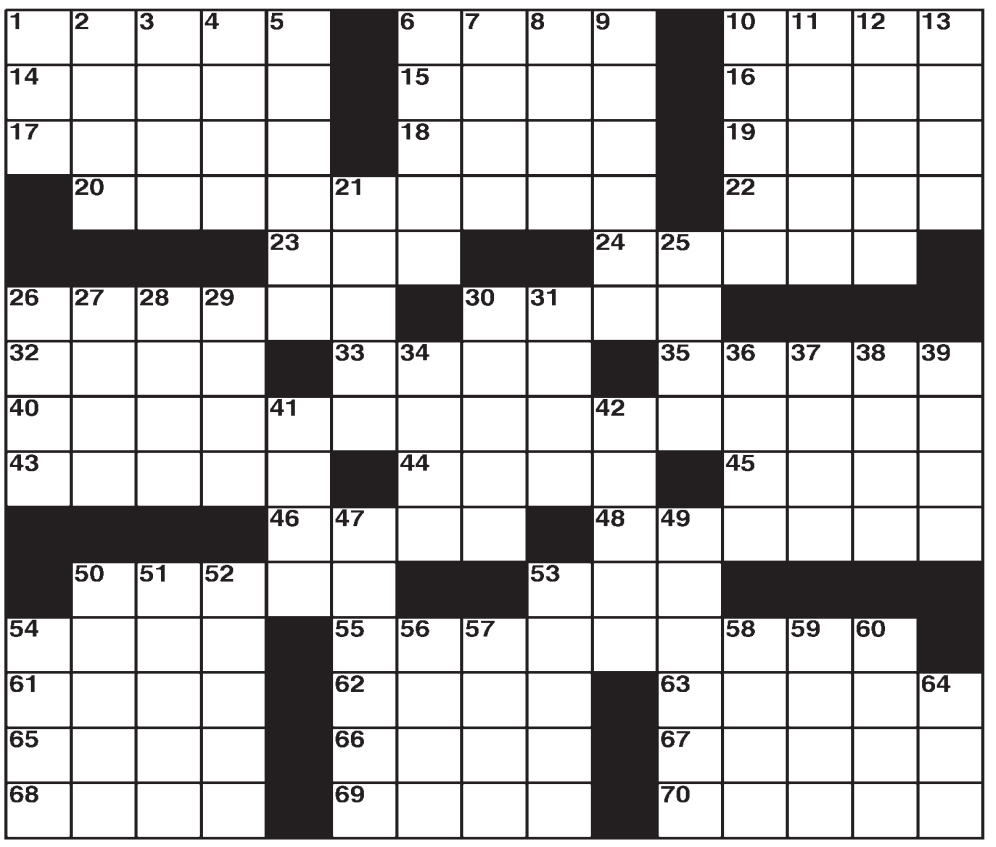
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ACROSS

1 Lasting marks
6 Soybean product in Japanese soups
10 Casino wagers
14 Portion out
15 Clothes-pressing appliance
16 Send forth, as light
17 Florida swamp critter
18 Auto transmission setting
19 Apex
20 Vacation dwelling on wheels
22 Trickle slowly
23 Package with model plane parts
24 __-dinner mint
26 Package sent by mail
30 Grain storage building
32 Lyft's ridesharing rival
33 Has some food
35 Yoga's cross-legged __ position
40 Cozy inn serving morning meals
43 Instant-replay speed, for short
44 Tells a fib
45 Pooch-biting bug
46 Get ready, for short
48 Any letter enclosure
50 Duo + one
53 "Without further __..."
54 Sandal or sneaker
55 Dwelling that floats on water
61 Playing cards below jacks
62 Early reading basics
63 Reinforced, as winter coats
65 Office assistant
66 Bottom part of a boot
67 Walk into a building
68 Badly behaved kid
69 Warmth from a furnace
70 Onion coverings

DOWN

1 Become droopy
2 Chowder morsel
3 Low-voiced female singer
4 Underground part of a plant
5 Golfer's putt or drive
6 Close-fitting
7 Sandwich cookie
8 Shaving lather
9 Imaginary
10 *Beauty and the* __
11 Banquet host
12 Official using a stopwatch
13 A __ in the right direction
21 Made angry
25 __ songs (traditional sing-along music)
26 British taverns
27 Cain's younger brother
28 Decorate a new way
29 Study hard for an exam
30 Piece of bacon
31 "It's obvious now!"
34 Well-skilled
36 Show-__ (big boasters)
37 Narrative story
38 Reader of a laptop manual
39 Number in a record book
41 Informal refusal
42 "All kidding __ . . ."
47 Discuss again and again
49 Duchesses and barons
50 That group's
51 Carmaker of the Accord
52 Adjust, as an alarm clock
53 Valuable quality
54 Wild guess
56 Woodwind instrument
57 School near Beverly Hills: Abbr.
58 Pigsty cry
59 Prefix meaning "opposed to"
60 Adolescent
64 Physicians: Abbr.



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Expo line to install civilized people cars



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RIDE AT YOUR OWN RISK: Trains in Los Angeles can be a wild ride.

If you're tired of having to pack a separate outfit to change into after riding the train to your destination, LA Metro may have just what the doctor ordered: train cars reserved exclusively for civilized people.

Officials say they were inspired by Japan's women-only train cars, which were successfully instituted in 2005 to separate women and girls from chikans (gropers), which had grown to be an enormous issue.

While some of the criteria are still being sorted out, riders can expect access to the civilized cars (or Civvies as they are already being referred to) only if they actually pay the fare to ride the train. "This means right off the bat about 80% of riders will be disqualified," said Jean Ferroviaire, Metro's director of customer safety.

Additional requirements include the following:

Must be clothed
Wearing shoes
Not peeing or pooping (excludes diapered children aged 13 and under)
Must have bathed in the past 14 days
Must not use their phone on speaker
No eating or drinking
No smoking or drug use
No loud or abusive talking
No cutting of fingernails or toenails
No flicking earwax
No stabbing
No biting
No politicians

"We predict less than 2% of current riders will pass these criteria, but we are hoping news of the Civvies will attract more civilized riders who currently choose to drive, take Ubers or sit in their house fearing all that lurks outside," said Ferroviaire.

City councilmember Karen Psoriasis fears that telling people they can't ride in the civilized car could hurt their feelings and make them sad, but given she's still nursing a torn meniscus she suffered slipping on a human poop stain outside her apartment, she's willing to reserve judgment.

In addition to an environment free of abhorrent, disgusting behavior, Civvie riders can expect to smell the same getting off the train as when they boarded and have all of their personal belongings still in their possession.

Boarding enforcement will be accomplished with a mixture of visual and olfactory tools and for those individuals falling in the grey area, a quick round of rocks-paper-scissors will decide their fate. All aboard!

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AIRPORT

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band and ramp system.

"It's incredible how something so simple could just be scaled up and used in this way," Silverstein said. "We've manufactured the world's largest rubberband and placed a ramp towards the west-facing end of the runway. Once the aircraft is locked into position, a member of the ground crew who will be supervising the procedure, pulls a lever and the plane is flung into the air."

According to Silverstein, very little in the way of additional infrastructure needed to be integrated with existing airport facilities. Moreover, because this method of take off requires virtually no actual engine power, the noise is minimal and no fuel is used until the aircraft is safely airborne.

It's understood that at least four single engine, fixed-wing light aircraft had been damaged during the installation and testing phase after they were moved into position and the enormous ACME rubberband was released. An airport maintenance worker, who asked to remain anonymous, remarked, "Yeah, when those tail and fuselage sections crumpled, it was a bit of surprise," adding, "But you know, the pilot landed alright (in a tree, on the fairway of the 3rd hole at Penmar Golf Course)."

The Daily Press reached out repeatedly to Santa Monica Airport officials for comment, but at the time of going to press, no response had been received.

A spokesperson for the City said, "Considering this straightforward, yet state-of-the-art solution only cost taxpayers in the region of $2.4million — not including the community outreach programs, extensive notetaking and pencil sharpening that needed to be undertaken, obviously that puts the total cost closer to approximately $6.4million — it's still worth every cent, I think you'll agree."

This implementation of this new, virtually silent take off system is just the latest in a series of recent, significant announcements involving the airport. Archer Aviation has said it will base its West Coast operations at Santa Monica Airport and Loft Dynamics recently opened a VR-based flight training school, proving that there's very much still life in the airport yet, which could potentially, cease all aviation operations effective as of midnight on December 31, 2028.

Interestingly, the recent beta-testing of ACME's new TWANG launch system at the airport is thought to be the reason why so many coyote sightings have appeared on Nextdoor in and around the Sunset Park neighborhood over the past two to three weeks. The unexplained overnight appearance of a giant anvil on 23rd Street however, remains unexplained.

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7-11 COMMISSION:
The City of Santa Monica has long been committed to fair taquito pricing, Slurpee accessibility and effective $3 wing deals. On July 11, 2018, City Council directed staff to create this commission in the hopes that pizza slices stay warm, Monster Energy drinks come in 30 different flavors and staff learn how to only say "next in line please." Meets at AMPM on Pico Boulevard in order to keep 7-11 friends close and 7-11 enemies closer.

FAMILY HORROR READING:
This week's family story time at the Santa Monica Library brings a wholesome, positive experience into the world of gruesome torture and violent murders. Features appearances from kid-friendly mascots like Slender Man, The Babadook and Pinhead. Parents can take part in a special role-play teaching kids how to properly dispose of a body and summon spirits from the underworld. For grades K-5.

AL GORE COMEDY HOUR:
The comedy club brings a humorous experience for all locals, as former Vice President Al Gore's standup routine has been lauded as "the cure for insomnia" with "genuinely creepy eye contact." Hear tales about how we're all going to die soon and there's nothing that can be done, and don't miss the electric "I told you so" routine that nearly won him the Presidency. Those born in Florida may not attend.

SETH ROGEN FARMER'S MARKET:
Putting the TLC into THC, actor Seth Rogen and friends teach locals the way of weed with a special farmer's market. Learn how to turn even the most unappealing foods into a far-out experience, featuring produce from Colorado farmers, because they did this sort of thing before we did. This week's cooking lesson is all about "Chronic Cookies," featuring guest help from Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa.

COMMUNITY RAT TRAINING CLASSES:
Monkeypox & More, an organization committed to cultivating friendships with our rodent brethren, hosts Community Rat Training Classes at 2:30 a.m. Sundays, appealing to the drunk pet lover in all of us. Find out how to make your rat run up the leg of unwanted guests, figure out the best cheeses to capture the critter, and do the math on how much a lawsuit would be if your rat bites somebody. Legal advice provided by the firm of Splinter & Associates.

PHONE SCREEN CONCERT:
The BroadStage recognizes the trends in concert going, and wants to reach out to the phone-obsessed youth with a unique night of music. Instead of any performers, the stage broadcasts live footage of attendees scrolling through Instagram, TikTok and more, so everyone can film themselves being filmed. "I might look at it later, so I have no problem forcing others to view the show through my phone screen," one local high school student said.

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