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Rent Control tenants will see 2.9 percent increase in September

KATE CAGLE
Daily Press Staff Writer

Landlords may raise the rent in controlled units 2.9 percent Sept. 1, according to a city report on the annual general adjustment allowed under the City Charter. Elected leaders will consider whether to place a dollar cap to limit the increase for tenants paying some of the highest rents in the city at a June 14 public hearing.

Each year, landlords are allowed

SEE **INCREASE** PAGE 6

University of California nurses, medical workers join strike

Associated Press

Tens of thousands of University of California nurses, pharmacists and radiologists joined a three-day strike Tuesday in support of university service workers who are demanding higher wages.

Workers dressed in bright green T-shirts banged drums as they picketed for a second day outside the university system's 10 campuses and five medical centers.

The 29,000 medical workers

SEE **STRIKE** PAGE 6



WINE AUCTION

Ross Furukawa

Final results of the 2018 Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation Wine Auction will be released in the coming weeks but officials said the event has already raised more money than last year and was a success for the organization. Pictured is Mayor Ted Winterer with local restaurateurs Raphael Lunetta (Lunettas) and Josiah Citron (Melisse).

New Police Chief Cynthia Renaud sworn in



Angel Carreras

CHIEF: Cynthia Renaud was sworn in yesterday as Santa Monica's new Police Chief.

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer



Surrounded by prominent Santa Monica community members and police officers from throughout California and as far as the east coast, Cynthia Renaud was sworn in as the Santa Monica Police Department's newest police chief Wednesday at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. She will be Santa Monica's 17th police chief.

After a prayer from Monsignor Lloyd Torgerson and a warm welcome by Captain Clinton Muir, Mayor Ted Winterer took the stage to share some words about what the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) means to him and the city at large, praising the department for being "approachable and informative," doing a lot of "unseen good work" such as participating in community events and provid-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, May 9

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market (Downtown)

Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. Downtown. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 7 p.m.

Mom and Me Paint Night with Indigo Cook Crafts

Come spend some time with mom and enjoy painting a unique handcrafted ceramic piece. Limited space; registration begins 4/25. AGES 8 -12 in THE ANNEX Room. Sponsored by Indigo Cook Crafts. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, May 10

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Citizenship Classes

An ongoing series of classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors, who help students complete and submit their application, and prepare them to pass the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Center (310) 664-6222. ext. 76203. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Crafts

Craft handmade cards and rolled paper flowers for the Moms in your life. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

L.E.A.R.N.: Learn, Excel, Achieve and Read Now

One-on-one access to volunteers available to help students with homework assignments and reading comprehension. Bilingual volunteers available. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday, May 11

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Hurray for Mommies!

Join organizers for a mommy and me story time and craft! Make a special pop-up card for Mother's Day. Limited space, tickets available 15 minutes before. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Vegan Food Tasting at Santa Monica Beach

Let your taste buds explore everything the Vegan world has to offer: food tasting, wine tasting, vegan clothing, vegan shoes, vegan makeup, and a vegan car company. 1550 PCH. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. $20

Unnecessary Evil – Stand Up Comedy

An award winning stand up comedy show (CBS Los Angeles & LA Weekly's top 10 Stand Up Shows in Los Angeles) featuring 5 of the country's top comedians and special guests. Past special guests include: Howie Mandel, Ali Wong, Kevin Nealon, Hannibal Buress, Hasan Minhaj, Demetri Martin, Mary Lynn Rajskub, Damon Wayans, Tone Bell, Ron Funches, and Laura Kightlinger. 1323-A 3rd Street. 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. $14

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Korean National Sentenced to Nearly 4 Years in Prison for Role in Scheme that Avoided Paying Excise Taxes on Millions of Cigarettes

A Korean national who was living in the United States as an illegal alien has been sentenced to 46 months in federal prison for participating in a scheme to defraud the United States by evading millions of dollars in federal excise taxes due on 143 million cigarettes.

Un Hag Baeg, 58, of Marina del Rey, was sentenced Monday for his role in a conspiracy that sold cigarettes domestically, but did not pay excise taxes after falsely claiming the cigarettes were leaving the United States on cargo ships sailing out of the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. At the time of the offense, Baeg operated Far East Marine Ship Supply Company, a ship chandler that provided supplies to cargo vessels.

United States District Judge S. James Otero imposed the prison sentence and additionally ordered Baeg to pay $7.26 million in restitution to the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

Baeg was sentenced after pleading guilty in October to conspiracy to defraud the Unites States.

Cigarettes sold in the United States are subject to a federal excise tax of $50.33 per one thousand cigarettes. This tax is generally paid by the manufacturer, but it may be avoided if the cigarettes are properly transferred to a bonded warehouse to be exported or consumed outside of the United States. Untaxed cigarettes sold for this purpose are known as "export-only" cigarettes. When export-only cigarettes are diverted and sold in the United States, federal and state taxing authorities suffer lost excise taxes.

According to court documents, between 2012 and 2015, Baeg and others conspired to divert approximately 143 million export-only cigarettes from an export warehouse near the Port of Los Angeles. Baeg purchased the cigarettes under the pretext that the cigarettes would be provided to various ships sailing out of the United States. In fact, the cigarettes were sold in the United States, which resulted in millions of dollars in lost federal and state excise taxes.

Baeg and his co-conspirators subsequently hid their fraud by preparing false paperwork indicating that the cigarettes had been delivered to the various ships. To make these bogus documents appear to be legitimate, the conspirators stamped the paperwork with fabricated rubber stamps bearing the names of cargo vessels.

Baeg's "criminal conduct was neither passive nor passing," according to a sentencing memorandum filed by prosecutors. "Rather, he played an active and crucial role in a long-operating criminal enterprise."

The conspiracy resulted in the evasion of $7,260,203 in federal excise taxes and $5,986,458 in California excise taxes.

A man who assisted Baeg by picking up the duty-free cigarettes Baeg ordered several times a week, paying for them with money provided by Baeg, and transporting the cigarettes to distribution points has also pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States. Isaac Rojas, 45, of El Monte, pleaded guilty last year to conspiring with Baeg and is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Otero on May 29, at which time Rojas will face a statutory maximum sentence of five years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau; IRS Criminal Investigation; U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney James Hughes of the Tax Division and Trial Attorney Christopher Strauss of the Justice Department's Tax Division.

SUBMITTED BY THOM MROZEK, USDOJ PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Report: Legal marijuana boosts government revenue - a little

GEOFF MULVIHILL
Associated Press

A new report finds that legalizing and taxing marijuana boosts revenue for state and local governments, but not by much.

The credit rating agency Moody's Investor Service says in a study released Tuesday that legalizing recreational use of marijuana brings governments more money than it costs to regulate it.

Despite high taxes on the legal sales of the drug, the revenue accounts for a small portion of government budgets. In Colorado, the first state to legalize recreational use, a marijuana tax brings in the equivalent of about 2 percent of the state budget.

In Washington state, gross revenue from marijuana legalization equaled 1.2 percent of general fund revenue in the 2015-17 state budget.

Most of the states that have legalized marijuana earmark the revenue for law enforcement, drug treatment and other specific programs, which doesn't help the states' financial flexibility.

Likewise, Moody's described the revenue effect as minimal on local governments in states with legalized pot.

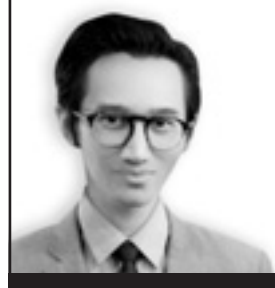
Creating revenue for the state is one argument proponents use for legalization in New Jersey. Gov. Phil Murphy, who supports the effort, is planning on having an additional $60 million in taxes from legalized marijuana in the next fiscal year. That's less than 1 percent of the state's annual spending.

Twenty-nine states now allow marijuana for either medicinal or recreational uses, and the business is growing quickly. Moody's cited data from the market research firm Euromonitor International that projects it will grow from a $5.4 billion business in the U.S. in 2015 to $16 billion by 2020.

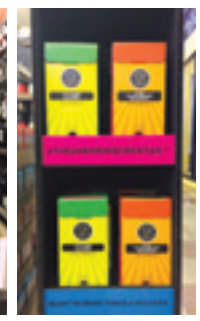
Meanwhile, illegal marijuana sales are estimated at $40 billion.

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Uphold the law

I AM A TAXPAYER AND NATIVE OF THE City of Santa Monica. I am requesting the termination of Terry White, Chief Deputy of the Criminal Division of the City of Santa Monica's City Attorney's office. Mr. White has refused to uphold the law, creating a blatant dereliction of duty.

I have family and friends employed within law enforcement at the City of Santa Monica and have known for years that Terry White has refused to file criminal complaints against suspects due to his own ludicrous reasoning and his interpretation of the California Penal Code. I've heard several stories of Terry White's idiotic decisions to not prosecute suspects and fulfill his duty to uphold the law on behalf of the People – I can no longer remain silent as his recent dereliction of duty has now affected my family.

One of White's recent failures to file a criminal complaint affected one of my family members, my 82-year-old Mother. In White's twisted and improper interpretation of the Penal Code, apparently a suspect cannot be charged with a criminal offense if the suspect and the victim are actively involved in a civil dispute. Despite overwhelming evidence, which includes photographs of the suspect maliciously (an element of vandalism) destroying property not belonging to him (an element of vandalism), Terry White cowardly refused to file the criminal complaint against the suspect. In a phone conversation with Mr. White, he called the case a "slam dunk" – but stated he did not want to file due to an ongoing civil dispute. The matter may have begun as a civil dispute, however the suspect escalated the matter into a criminal offense through his own deliberate and malicious actions. Unfortunately, my elderly Mother cannot rely on the Santa Monica City Attorney's office to protect her – and neither can other victims of crimes.

Throughout Mr. White's tenure with the City, he has refused to file criminal complaints against countless suspects that has jeopardized the safety and quality of life of Santa Monica's residents and visitors. Mr. White has also cost Santa Monica's taxpayers millions of dollars in wasted personnel hours that the men and women of the Santa Monica Police Department have put forth in investigations and arrests that Mr. White then fails to prosecute. Another enormous cost to taxpayers has come in the way of millions of dollars in settlement payments to undeserving suspects, whose arrest cases were, you guessed it, not filed by Mr. White. The suspects file suit against SMPD and the City for false arrest, and we the taxpayers become responsible for Mr. White's gross dereliction of duty.

I understand with limited jail space and the passage of Proposition 47 and 57 that criminal prosecution and sentencing has become a challenge. However, other sentencing options do exist, such as community service. In my opinion, Mr. White simply refuses to file criminal complaints against suspects due to fear of possibly ending up in a criminal trial. The problem with not pursuing charges against suspects is that it creates an environment where criminals / suspects know they can commit crimes and not be punished by the City – Mr. White's refusal to file criminal complaints actually encourages and empowers criminals at the expense of Santa Monica's citizens.

The time has come to terminate Terry White. The residents and visitors of Santa Monica deserve better – they have a right to be protected under the law. A new prosecutor needs to be hired, an attorney who cares about protecting the rights of citizens / victims and upholding the law.

I encourage all readers who have filed a crime report with SMPD, with a known and named suspect, or has been a victim of a crime (within Santa Monica) in which a suspect was arrested to contact the City Attorney's office (tel: 310-458-8336) and inquire regarding the disposition of their criminal complaint. Based on my experience with Mr. White and stories I have heard from within the City it is highly unlikely a criminal complaint was filed against the suspect.

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How Stupid Do You Think We Are?

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN, FIRST

...before I start my litany of what's going wrong in our fragile, under-assault but still-idyllic FOR NOW little kingdom by the sea.

Kingdom by the sea? Oh, aren't we elitist? Isn't Santa Monica special?

No, we're not, but yes, it is. But I won't go into that now. I promised some fun.

I think this is fun.

I've seen before where some group would try to bring New Yawk pizza to LA by plane and deliver it hot and of course have to charge like $200 a pie. I thought that was amusing and kind of cool.

But now, JetBlue airlines is doing it as a promotion, promises to deliver it hot to your door, and all for the same price as a local pizza with no tax, no delivery charge, and they tip the driver.

You have to be in the right zip code, close enough to their LA final prep site, which you can find out at their cheesy website, https://www.jetblue.pizza. Mine was approved and probably most if not all of Santa Monica would be. Too bad, San Marino, Hancock Park.

$12 for a 16" cheese, $15 for a pepperoni. "A truly authentic taste of New York City" from Patsy's Pizzeria of East Harlem (est. 1933), "brick oven pizza from the legendary Pasquale Lancieri… widely credited with popularizing traditional New York-style thin crust pizza and the first to sell pizza by the slice."

One to a customer per day, 350 per day flown in, three days only — you missed the first one! But try for TONIGHT and Thursday at midnight. If my first one was good enough I'll be on the 'net again tonight and Thursday, 12:00:01. Don't take the last one, please.

IS THE ARROGANCE GETTING WORSE?

Is Santa Monica mimicking Washington? Sometimes I think so. Politicians feeling untouchable do what they want, in defiance of constituents' wishes, and make no bones about it. Increasingly, many of us feel a lack of effect on our city's policies and decisions. Time after time I am appalled at the way the process for citizen input and influence is obfuscated, stonewalled, ridiculed, waylaid and ultimately ignored. Those doing so sometimes make a show of listening. It gives them some sort of talking point, I suppose, but sometimes I think, how stupid do you think we are?

When we go to a City Council "retreat" supposedly designed to have residents, staff and Council members strategize together to find ways to deliver "faster services" in Santa Monica, first I ask, why faster? Faster approval of severely flawed developments like 2903 Lincoln? We need to slow down a lot of these projects to allow better examination and understanding of the intended and unintended consequences. Once a building is up, it ain't coming down. Many residents feel projects are rammed through before they even get a clue, until the concrete foundations are being poured. Faster can be good but don't ignore the big picture for the details.

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To say now it is a priority to pull back on that is like adding "a safe city" to the list of five priorities the City Council came up with three years ago. Which is what they did, that day. It should have been number one in 2015, an obvious given, not left off the list. It seems our City is always playing catch up, after enough resident outcry about a crisis. "Tell us what you want us to do" comes the serious-faced entreaty, as though they're now, finally, really ready to listen to us.

No — you should have been listening to us all along instead of catering to special interests at the long-term expense of residents, and second, we're paying you hundreds of millions of dollars to run this city, you say we demand the best in services and so you have to pay top dollar to get the best people, so you do it! You're the high-paid experts. Don't come to us after problems arise — get way ahead of the curve. That's what "The Best" are paid to do.

You can't have it both ways. Of course the staff are human and are overworked and make mistakes, as we all do. Then offer reasonable salaries, not higher than any other comparable city in California. So we don't wake up one morning with a budget we can't afford and pensions that will bankrupt us. It can easily happen. How many dozens of lawyers do we have on staff, but when it comes time to fight to close the airport or to resist district voting, we spend millions to hire outside firms. Something doesn't add up.

INTERRUPTED, CUT OFF, "OFF TOPIC"

Like the three weekends of meetings held for the Santa Monica Civic workshop, there was a moderator (a handler) for the retreat who did more directing than moderating. In both instances it became clear there was an agenda the City favored that he would steer us toward. For the Civic, do you want a small, medium or large hotel to pay for this? How much retail shall we build? At the retreat, Maria Loya was giving an impassioned opinion and literally three seconds after the word "developers" came out of her mouth, our highly-paid moderator interrupted her, cut her off, told her she was off topic.

It's clear to many that the City tries to manipulate us, but it's so ham-handed sometimes it's embarrassing. We're not fooled. We're not happy. And we do know what's right for us and the future of our city. Stop treating us like children needing to be lied to for their own good. More honesty, more transparency, could start to rebuild badly broken trust. We could all work together to make this a truly great city, now and for the future.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is it an impossible dream? I hope not.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: "He knows nothing, and he thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career." ? George Bernard Shaw ("Major Barbara")

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." — The Lorax (Dr. Seuss)

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INCREASE

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to increase rents by 75 percent of the increase of the Consumer Price Index, which rose 3.8 percent in the Los Angeles, Long Beach, Anaheim area, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average city CPI went up just 2.4 percent nationwide over the same twelve-month time period ending in March this year.

In June, the board will decide whether to cap rent increases for tenants paying $2,087 or more at $60. Last year, the Board voted unanimously to cap rent increase at just $40, citing extremely high rents in Santa Monica.

The local rental market softened a bit last year, after a sharp increase in rates during the recovery from the 2008 recession. For example, the median rent paid by residents moving into two-bedroom units in 2017 was $1,000 more than the rent paid for a similar unit in 2010, according to the Rent Control Board's annual report. A two bedroom apartment now costs about $3,000 a month to rent, requiring an annual household income of $110,000 or more to be considered affordable by federal government standards.

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STRIKE

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heeded a call by custodians, cafeteria workers and gardeners for a sympathy strike and plan to join them again on Wednesday.

"Nurses at UCLA are standing strong with our sisters and brother co-workers," said UCLA nurse Marcia Santini. "We demand that UC show them the respect they deserve for the hard work that they do every day."

Medical center officials said they would continue to deliver essential patient care services, but hundreds of surgeries and thousands of appointments have been rescheduled in anticipation of the strike.

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3299, which represents 25,000 workers, called the strike last week when the union and the university could not agree on a new contract after negotiating for more than a year.

The union wants the university to stop outsourcing low-wage work and address what it describes as widening income, racial and gender gaps for service workers, said Todd Stenhouse, a spokesman for ASFCME Local 3299.

The average striking worker earns $40,000 a year and can't keep up with California's rising cost of living, Stenhouse added.

University officials have said service workers are already paid at or above market rates and that it cannot afford the nearly 20 percent pay raise over three years the unions is demanding.

U.S. Senator Kamala Harris has canceled plans to deliver the commencement speech at UC Berkeley in support of the striking workers.

Harris said in a tweet that she "regretfully" won't attend Saturday's spring commencement due to the labor dispute and the call for a university-wide speaker boycott.

Instead, UC Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ will deliver the keynote address.

The UC system, which includes five medical centers and three national laboratories, has 190,000 faculty and staff and 238,000 students.

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ing informational services to the homeless. He added that solving Santa Monica's problems can't be done alone and that he looks forward to working with Renaud to continue "rising to the challenge of a city that doesn't settle for anything ordinary."

Winterer then welcomed city manager Rick Cole to the stage, whose responsibility it was to select a new police chief. Cole said he initially found the task of replacing Jacqueline Seabrooks daunting, finding himself putting candidates through "so many assessments and interviews, they had their eyes crossed," until Renaud stood out above the rest.

Cole lauded Renaud's toughness, sharing a story of Renaud physically training with stress fractures in both legs — eventually breaking one — and mentally overcoming that pain through perseverance and reassuring words from former police chief Seabrooks. Cole added that to become a leader in a 21st century police department, he wanted to find someone that could navigate an era of "attention deficit democracy" where "the one or two who don't bring honor to the badge" go viral for negative actions, causing loss of respect and trust in police departments. After a ringer of mock presses, interviews, and written work plans, Cole said Renaud "nailed it," saying he couldn't imagine doing a better job of capturing what it means to be a police chief.

Renaud took the stage and thanked family, friends, and officers who traveled from throughout California and the east coast to see her be sworn in. Renaud said she'll focus on community "healing," with her main points of focus as police chief being: lowering crime, positively impacting homelessness, continue fostering relationships with residents and businesses, empowering and energizing staff at SMPD, and collaborating with city departments to accomplish goals for Santa Monica.

She plans to execute her vision by fully staffing the SMPD as soon as she can, looking into streamlining internally as well as studying automation and emerging tech to "free up more officers to help people."

Renaud closed out her swearing-in ceremony by describing her family's humble beginnings and how thankful she is to become the city's new police chief.

"How fortunate am I ... A child of immigrant parents and extremely meager background can, through hard work, be afforded the opportunity to serve and to lead. Santa Monica, thank you for that opportunity and I look forward to our journey together and the great things we will accomplish."

Renaud previously spent 20 years in Long Beach as a police officer before becoming Folsom's chief of police for 7 years. She now inherits a department grappling with a steadily increasing homeless population and rising crime statistics.

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Small WNW swell picks up through the day, strongest late. Fading SSW swell.

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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 APRIL 24, 2018 AT ABOUT 2:21 A.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service at the McDonald's 1540 2nd St regarding a man with a knife. Upon arrival, officers located the subject in the rear parking lot. A search of the subject led to the recovery of a fixed blade knife concealed in his pant pocket. A computer check of the subject revealed he was on parole for robbery. The subject was taken into custody. Lazarius Deshun DeLeon, 32, was booked for possession of a dirk/dagger and parole violation. No bail was set.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 365 Calls For Service On May 7.

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

Attempt auto theft 17th / California 12:38 a.m.
Petty theft 4th / Strand 1:12 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 1200 block Euclid 3:50 a.m.
Encampment 2600 block Ocean Park 6:25 a.m.
Runaway 1400 block Wilshire 6:37 a.m.
Burglary 2100 block 4th 7:37 a.m.
Assault 1400 block Berkeley 7:53 a.m.
Auto burglary 1100 block 19th 8:00 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica 8:05 a.m.
Encampment 25th / Ashland 8:09 a.m.
Burglary 3300 block Pico 8:14 a.m.
Petty theft 3200 block Wilshire 8:39 a.m.
Encampment 1700 block Interstate 10 8:56 a.m.
Grand theft 2000 block Santa Monica 9:04 a.m.
Person with 1800 block Ocean Front Walk 9:08 a.m.
Encampment 1400 block Interstate 10 9:17 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 1500 block Ocean 10:02 a.m.
Burglary 1500 block 7th 10:22 a.m.
Burglary 1400 block Princeton 10:47 a.m.
Traffic collision 500 block Broadway 10:59 a.m.
Threats 600 block Pico 11:05 a.m.
Traffic collision 500 block Broadway 11:15 a.m.
Burglary 500 block Washington 11:15 a.m.
Hit and run 16th / Montana 11:27 a.m.
Identity theft 1000 block Harvard 11:31 a.m.
Person down 300 block Colorado 11:50 a.m.
Petty theft 1700 block Ocean 11:50 a.m.
Burglary 600 block Idaho 12:39 p.m.
Threats 1600 block Santa Monica 1:05 p.m.
Traffic collision 18th / Pico 2:14 p.m.
Injured person 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 2:29 p.m.
Petty theft Main / Ashland 2:42 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1700 block Ocean Front Walk 3:16 p.m.
Traffic collision 14th / Pico 4 p.m.
Threats Lincoln / Maple 4:24 p.m.
Burglary 2800 block Neilson 4:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 1700 block Appian 5 p.m.
Fight 1100 block Michigan 5:48 p.m.
Hit and run 2200 block 4th 6:13 p.m.
Traffic collision 17th / Michigan 6:44 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Broadway 6:45 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 600 block Palisades 7:01 p.m.
Battery Ocean / Colorado 7:51 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast Hwy 8:18 p.m.
Injured person 0 block Bay 8:18 p.m.
Trash dumping 1400 block 7th 10:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block 2nd 10:10 p.m.
Shots fired 1500 block Stanford 10:29 p.m.
Petty theft 1500 block 17th 11:29 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 28 Calls For Service On May 7.

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

EMS 400 block Wilshire 12:10 a.m.
EMS 400 block 18th 1:18 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1700 block Ocean 5:53 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 7:33 a.m.
EMS 2600 block Lincoln 8:20 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block Ocean Park 8:43 a.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 9:37 a.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean 10:22 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1200 block 15th 10:30 a.m.
EMS 1200 block 16th 11:55 a.m.
EMS 2800 block Wilshire 12:14 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Olympic 1:01 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Santa Monica 1:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3200 block Santa Monica 1:17 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 7th 1:29 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block 4th 1:30 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean 2:27 p.m.
EMS 100 block Broadway 4:42 p.m.
EMS 10th / Pico 5:11 p.m.
EMS 1100 block 4th 6:31 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Michigan 6:44 p.m.
EMS 1000 block 11th 6:47 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 17th 6:47 p.m.
EMS 200 block Washington 7:43 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Ocean Park 8:04 p.m.
EMS 2000 block Ocean Front Walk 8:13 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 8:44 p.m.

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/4
4 5 10 12 18
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 40M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 5/5
1 15 36 38 43
Mega#: 26
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/7
2 23 31 32 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 5/8
MIDDAY:
Draw Date: 5/7
EVENING: 4 0 9

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 5/7
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 03 Hot Shot
RACE TIME: 1:40.79

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Phobia of the Week

■ Chiroptophobia: Fear of bats

Number Cruncher

■ A single serving of canned tuna (284 grams: Albacore, solid white, in water) contains 70 calories, 0 from fat. It has 0 grams of total fat or 0 percent of the recommended total fat intake for a 2,000-calorie daily diet.

■ It also contains 25 milligrams of cholesterol (8 percent); 140 mg of sodium (6 percent); 0 grams of total carbohydrates and 16 g of protein.

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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.

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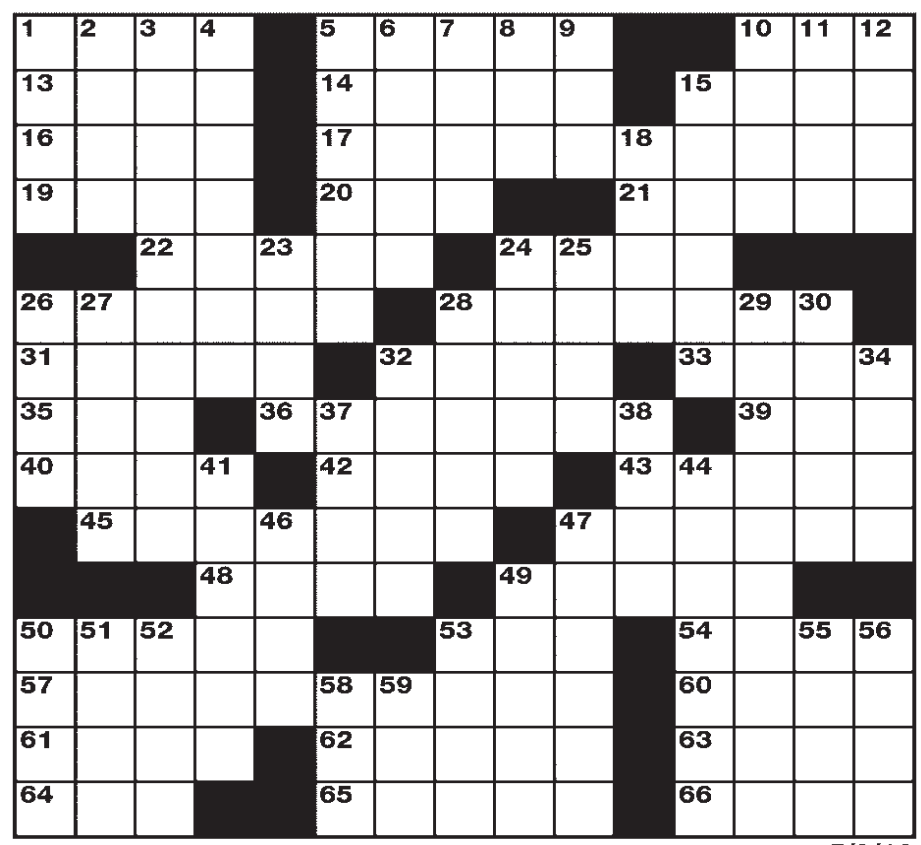
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Sunday service
5 Gladiator's venue
10 Tot's neckwear
13 __ mater
14 Gossip-mag topic
15 Peevish
16 Eve's second son
17 Anticipate victory
19 Grain in beer
20 Laudatory verse
21 Merits
22 Novelist McMurtry
24 Noteworthy deed
26 Resists boldly
28 Goal of regular exercise
31 In flames
32 Home for farm horses
33 Peruse
35 Most SAT takers
36 Be mopey
39 Mopey rock music
40 Sounds from Santa
42 Final
43 Helicopter's spinning part
45 Gov. Cuomo's jurisdiction
47 City near Raleigh
48 Animation collectibles
49 Kid-lit elephant
50 Ballpark musical instrument
53 Add up
54 Parka, for instance
57 Get gossip through the grapevine
60 Entice
61 Brief snoozes
62 Light on one's feet
63 Dozens from dairies
64 Hispanic "Hurray!"
65 Inn near a highway
66 Attempt, so to speak

DOWN
1 Respectful address
2 Actress Jessica
3 Seem wrong somehow
4 Oceanfront attraction
5 Troupe members
6 Fully prepared
7 Alternatively
8 After expenses
9 Teddy's Rushmore neighbor
10 Unmannerly one
11 Barbell metal
12 Floors of seas
15 Actor Christian
18 Lentil or garbanzo
23 Coral formation
24 Unprecedented event
25 Sicilian volcano
26 100-yard race
27 Zac of *High School Musical*
28 Erroneous
29 Don't be fooled by
30 Polynesian nation
32 Outscores
34 Campus building, for short
37 Airline of Israel
38 Outscore by a wide margin
41 Sword-holding statuettes
44 Ancient fortune-tellers
46 Camper's setup
47 Silents heroine "in distress"
49 Military horn
50 "This can't be!"
51 Tangible
52 Show great surprise
53 Irritated mood
55 2012 Affleck film
56 Dry run
58 Meat atop Hawaiian pizza
59 "It's my turn"



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 9)

You look younger than you did last year. Way to annoy your friends! You'll complete a big project, revel in freedom for weeks and then quickly be immersed in a new interest. In July, you'll either move or refresh your digs. The work you do to improve daily routines will open unforeseen lucky opportunity. In September, you'll cash in. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 12, 39, 4 and 14.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The love (philos) of wisdom (sophia) is philosophy. You'll be thinking a lot about your personal philosophy, deciding what it is (and whether it's changed), honing it and living it more fully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
A person's character is only as great as he or she treats the weakest in the group. Be very wary of anyone who seems to take advantage of (or be oblivious to) those in a down position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
You'll be drawn to connect. You have a lot to share, but you won't know what it is until you get into the jazz of social interaction. Even you will be surprised by the interesting tidbits that come up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
You are in perfect step with your people, and it is for this very reason that you're able to step back and create a new and complementary rhythm. Think of it as a syncopation that keeps everything livelier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You'll put your heart into what you make. People who experience your creation will feel this, perhaps experiencing it as an intangible tug on their own heartstrings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Your service is a sacrifice, yet you may also be paid for it. That fact doesn't take anything away from the gift you give when you dedicate yourself to doing the job with full attention and love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
This is a time to do full disclosure, be totally transparent and show your work. You will create bonds as you fascinate others. You'll improve quickly when they point out your strengths and help you see mistakes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Usually, you know when to step in and lend a hand. If the day needs saving, you'll save it. But today brings up some gray area. You may not be sure whether it's your place or your turn. Pause. Only step in when you're sure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You don't want to be repetitive, but the fact is that they won't get it unless you repeat yourself. Say it differently each time or say it the same; that doesn't matter. If it's worth saying, it's worth repeating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'll have some self-editing to do today. You'll pump up the fun parts, amplify the essential, ax the superfluous, nix the unnecessary. All this polish is only possible because you once put it all out there. You should be proud!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're wary of being sold, as you should be. When it's a good match, you don't need to be sold. When it's something you've been looking for or something you believe in, need and will use up, you'll go all in.

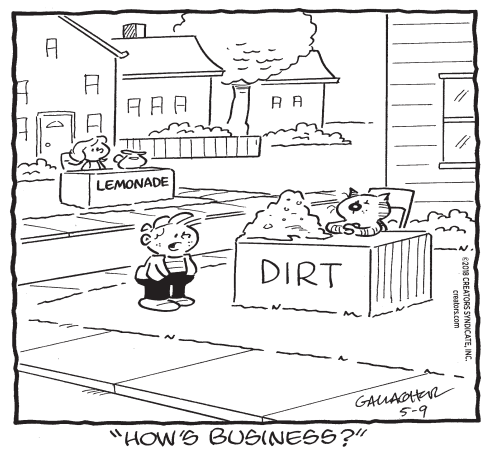
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
There won't be a lot of transactions that absolutely must happen today. So you can turn off the distractions and concentrate on what you most need to be doing, which will be producing and creating.

Sensation, Delusion and the Pisces Moon

Under this sensitive and impressionable Pisces moon, two things keep us from seeing the true nature of things: sensation and delusion. It's easy to become so dazzled by sensory stimuli that we cannot comprehend what is really there. Also, we must look beyond what things are in relation to us to try to understand what they are without us.

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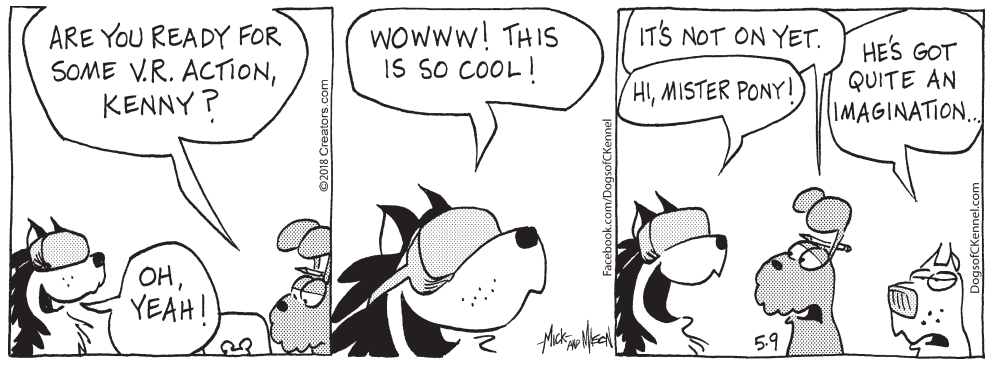
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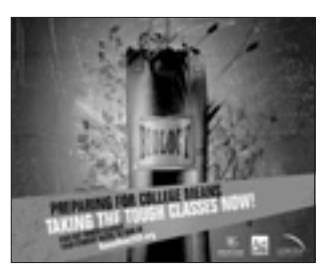
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Disney seeks new frontiers as more people watch video online

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Disney is seeking new frontiers.

The media company launched its $5-a-month sports streaming service, ESPN Plus, last month, and it signed a deal with Twitter this month to create Marvel, ABC and ESPN content on that service. Meanwhile, Disney is trying to buy much of 21st Century Fox, including the Fox television network and the X-Men movie franchise.

The moves come as Disney seeks ways to extend beyond the traditional cable-bundle format as more people watch TV online. Sports network ESPN was once a jewel in Disney's crown but subscriptions have been falling as people drop cable services.

But the company has found strength elsewhere, notably its movie studio and theme parks.

Disney's franchises such as Marvel's Avengers and "Star Wars" have been raking in money. "Avengers: Infinity War" has grossed over $1 billion since it opened April 27.

In a statement, CEO Bob Iger said Disney was "very well positioned for future growth" because of its ability to take advantage of such franchises across all businesses and "the unique value proposition" it's creating with direct-to-consumer streaming services.

Net income rose 23 percent $2.94 billion, or $1.95 per share, from $2.39 billion, or $1.50 per share a year ago. Excluding one-time items such as a benefit from the U.S. tax overhaul, net income totaled $1.84 per share.

The fiscal second-quarter results surpassed Wall Street expectations. The average estimate of six analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research was for earnings of $1.68 per share.

Revenue rose 9 percent to $14.5 billion, from $13.3 billion a year ago. Four analysts surveyed by Zacks expected $14.2 billion.

To prepare for the future, Disney launched a sports streaming service with video not available on the regular ESPN channels. This includes additional baseball and soccer games, and the entire "30 for 30" documentary series on demand.

The Walt Disney Co. is also working on an entertainment streaming service with classic and upcoming movies from the Disney studio, shows from Disney Channel, and the "Star Wars," Marvel and Pixar movies. That service will launch in late 2019 and will include movies leaving Netflix once its deal with Disney expires.

If the $52.4 billion Fox deal goes through, Disney could supplement the entertainment service with Fox properties — such as X-Men movies and National Geographic programming. Disney is still awaiting regulatory approval, and published reports say Comcast is mulling a counter bid.

J.P. Morgan analyst Alexia Quadrani expects the service to break even by 2021 with about 13 million subscribers. Until then, Quadrani said, Disney might lose some licensing fees and see spending increase to acquire content.

Morgan Stanley analyst Benjamin Swinburne said in a client note that the direct-to-consumer businesses like its streaming services could add $6.5 billion to revenue by 2020.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

NASA, Uber team up to get flying taxis off the ground

NASA and Uber have signed an agreement to explore putting flying taxis in the skies over US cities.

NASA said Tuesday that it will begin simulations for so-called "urban air mobility" vehicles that also include delivery drones.

The announcement comes as the Uber Elevate summit in Los Angeles brings together tech and transportation leaders to discuss the future of urban aviation.

NASA says the goal is to create a rideshare network that will allow residents to hail a small aircraft the same way Uber users can now use an app to call a car.

The space agency says simulations are planned at its research facility at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

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LAS VEGAS

UFC fights will be streamed on ESPN Plus starting in January

UFC and The Walt Disney Co. on Tuesday announced an agreement for live fight coverage on its new subscription streaming service beginning in January.

The agreement calls for 15 live UFC events to stream exclusively on ESPN Plus. Each event will be called "UFC on ESPN Plus Fight Night" and will feature 12 bouts.

The deal gives Disney's new Direct-to-Consumer and International segment mixed martial arts inventory popular with young audiences. Financial terms were not disclosed.

UFC has had a broadcast agreement with Fox that started in 2011 and expires at the end of this year. UFC spokesman Chris Bellitti said discussions are being held with Fox about having fights on its main network or FS1. Fox declined to comment.

"One of our goals for ESPN Plus is to bring sports fans of all genres content they love and are passionate about, and this agreement with UFC is illustrative of exactly that," Direct-to-Consumer and International chairman Kevin Mayer said. "We look forward to providing UFC's enthusiastic, growing fan base with a wide array of live events and building a lasting relationship with the industry leader in mixed martial arts."

ESPN's television channels will carry UFC content, including a 30-minute special previewing upcoming bouts and breaking down matchups leading up to each UFC pay-per-view fight cards, as well as UFC library programming and re-airs of UFC PPV events.

"I couldn't be more excited to partner with The Walt Disney Co. and ESPN on an agreement that will continue to grow our sport," UFC president Dana White said. "UFC has always done deals with the right partners at the right time and this one is no exception. We will now have the ability to deliver fights to our young fan base wherever they are and whenever they want it."

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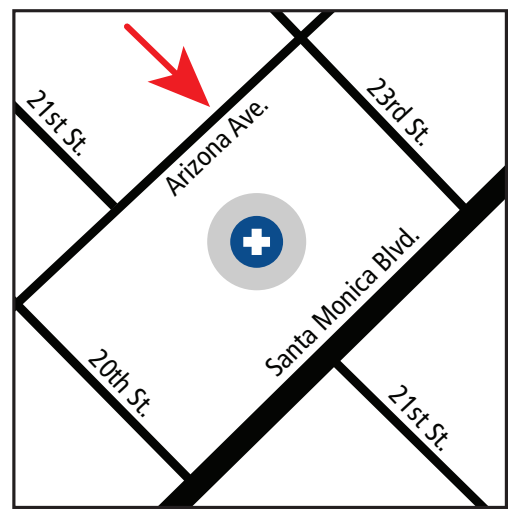
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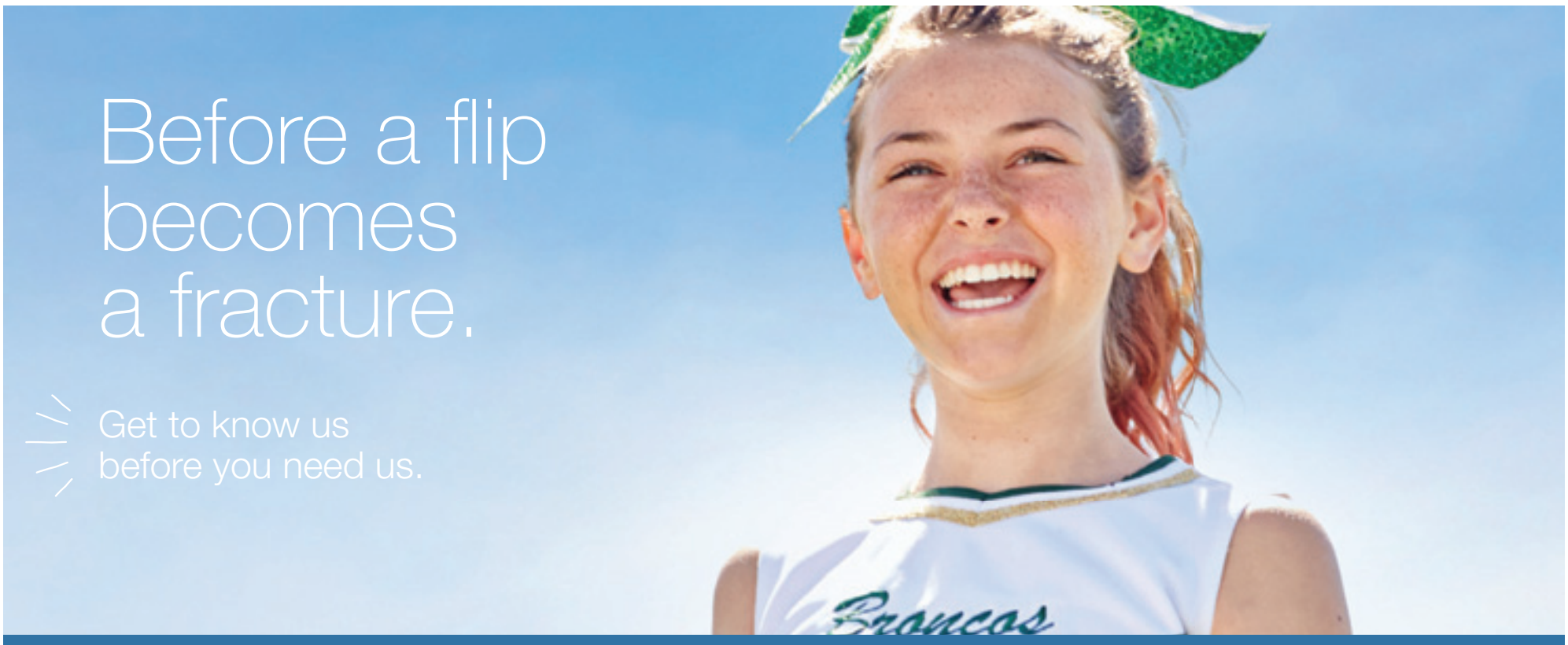
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