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Parking could become parklets around town

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Small public seating areas could replace parking spaces in downtown Santa Monica and along Montana Avenue.

The city installed three parklets along Main Street two years ago with the goal of making the area more lively and pedestrian-oriented. Holy Guacamole, Ashland Hill and Jameson's, formerly Finn McCool's, are now taking over maintenance of the benches, tables and chairs stationed on wooden platforms outside their storefronts.

"We'd like them to be up and down the street," said Anthony Schmitt, chair of the Main Street Business Improvement Association (MSBIA). "They create a great sense of community and that's what we really want to continue to grow."

City Council will vote Tuesday whether to build more parklets on Main Street and other commercial streets. But unlike the initial launch of the Main Street parklets, the rollout may not be funded by the city.

Instead, the city's planners recommend letting businesses build parklets at their own expense. Parklets in other cities are typically funded by businesses, said associate planner Russell Bunim. Even with private funding, however, the city would still have to maintain staff to process applications and provide oversight.

MSBIA, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) and the Montana Avenue Merchants Association (MAMA) have all expressed interest in building parklets, according to the city.

"We're looking at opportunities for parklets because they'll be better for businesses," said MAMA

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Homeless shelter renovations before City Council

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica's largest homeless shelter will be renovated as the city considers replacing the facility that was built as a temporary structure 25 years ago.

City Council will vote Tuesday on a $669,000 renovation of Samoshel, an aging structure constructed as an oversized tent that sleeps 70 people and contains restrooms, showers, a kitchen and an HVAC system. Originally run by the Salvation Army, it has been operated by The People Concern since 2005. The city funds 60% of its budget.

Santa Monica has decided to renovate and eventually replace the shelter as it grapples with a 33 percent increase in homelessness over the past five years in the

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Students vandalize Muir / SMASH campus before graduation



Courtesy photo

DAMAGE: In addition to breaking equipment, several fire extinguishers were set off in the building.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

With just a few days left in the school year, the John Muir / SMASH school campus was vandalized Saturday night with "significant" damage that will take several days to repair.

According to the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, the damage occurred in classrooms, the library, cafetorium, stage, teacher's lounge, bookroom and exterior areas.

"Heavy damage was done by expelling numerous fire extinguishers indoors on books, walls, flooring in classrooms and the library, breaking windows, destroying furniture, technology and materials, dumping cans of paint on exteriors, and flooding rooms by turning on the sinks," said a letter sent to parents by Superintendent Ben Drati.

Drati said the school had already been staged for Monday's 5th grade graduation and the vandalism damaged some of the graduation preparations.

He said students might be relocated to other rooms during the final week of school as it will take several days to fully restore the facility.

District spokeswoman Gail Pinsker said the district's facilities crews, the principal and staff worked hard to restore the graduation decorations to provide a positive and memorable experience for students.

Initial damage estimates range from the tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands. Officials are still conducting an inventory of the damage and determining what will need to be replaced and what can be cleaned.

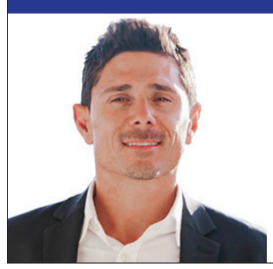
"Unfortunately, the Muir / SMASH site has been vandalized two other times since February, however, this is the worst incident," he said.

Five juveniles ages 11 - 13 were identified and

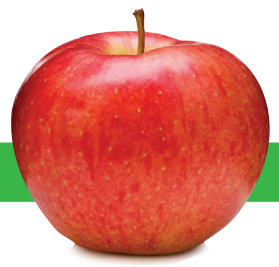
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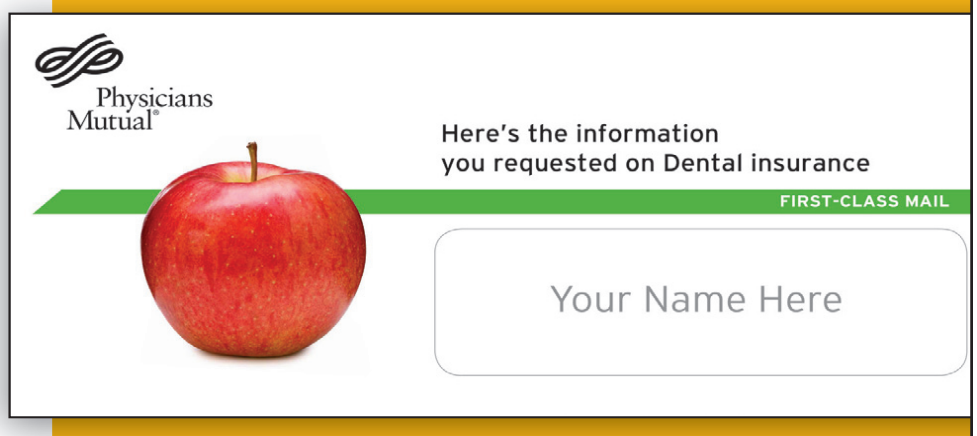


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 11

SAMO Pride Movie: The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994)

Two drag performers and a transgender woman travel across the desert to perform their unique style of cabaret. (Film runtime: 104 min.)Ocean Park Branch Library, 6 - 8 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring: Basic Reading, Writing and Computer Skills

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library, 5 - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

The Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting

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

Montana Mystery Book Group: Above Suspicion

Rookie homicide detective Anna Travis who, during her first case, tracks a serial killer who has transitioned from prostitute victims to innocent students, a murderer who may possibly be a famous actor. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Mindful Meditation

Instructor Henry Schipper, graduate of UCLA's Mindful Awareness program, teaches the basics of Mindful meditation. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 13

Dads Rock!

Drop by and paint a rock for Father's Day. For ages 2-10. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 2 - 3 p.m.

SaMo Pride Movie: Love, Cecil (2017)

In this sumptuous documentary on the life of artist Cecil Beaton, director Lisa Immordino Vreeland uses extensive film clips and narration from Beaton's own diaries to capture his dazzling story. A photographer, writer, painter, and Oscar-winning set and costume designer, Beaton made a mark on history that few could ever replicate. (98 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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, 7 p.m.

Rainbow Family Story Time

An inclusive story time and craft for LGBTQ and ally families. All are welcome to join the fun. Pico Branch Library, 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.

Friday, June 14

Mat Pilates

Learn the techniques of Pilates, a system of controlled exercises that engage the mind and condition the total body. Please bring a yoga or Pilates mat. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4 p.m.

Craft, Swap, or Create

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

QuickLook Legal Research Class and Office Hours

An LA Law Library legal research specialist teaches a monthly QuickLook class, a 45-minute overview of legal information search tools and techniques. The QuickLook class takes place in the Main Library's Community Room from 1:30 to 2:15 pm, followed by drop-in office hours in Study Room 7 on the 2nd floor, from 2:15 to 5 pm. June class topic: Evictions.

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Mexico denies Trump's claim of secret concessions in deal

BY JILL COLVIN, COLLEEN LONG AND MARIA VERZA
Associated Press

Three days after U.S. President Donald Trump announced a deal with Mexico to stem the flow of migrants at the southern border, the two countries appear unable to agree on exactly what's in it.

Stung by criticism that the agreement mostly ramps up border protection efforts already underway, Trump on Monday hinted at other, secret agreements he says will soon be revealed.

"We have fully signed and documented another very important part of the Immigration and Security deal with Mexico, one that the U.S. has been asking about getting for many years," Trump wrote Monday, saying it would "be revealed in the not too distant future."

Not so, said Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, holding up a paper and pointing to the previously announced details. He told reporters the two countries agreed on two actions made public Friday and said if those measures didn't work to slow migration, they would discuss further options.

"There is no other thing beyond what I have just explained," he said.

The episode revealed the complicated political dynamics at play as Trump and Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador tussle over who made out best in the agreement hashed out under Trump's threat of new tariffs on Mexico. Trump appeared eager to declare his negotiation tactics successful, even as he tried to hype the deal with made-for-TV drama and invented measures, sparking questions and confusion. Mexico's leaders showed they weren't willing to play along.

The White House did not respond to inquiries about Trump's tweets.

But the president appeared to be making a reference to talks over how Mexico handles Central American migrants who travel through the country to claim asylum in the U.S.

The Trump administration has been trying to pressure Mexico to enter into a "safe third country" agreement, which would deem Mexico a safe place for migrants and make it harder for asylum seekers who pass through the country to wait until they reach American soil to file a claim.

But the deal announced Friday made no mention of the issue.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to share details of closed-door talks, said Mexico had expressed openness to the idea during negotiations, and said the two countries would continue to discuss the issue over the coming months.

Mexico has been insistent that it has not agreed to the provision, which would require approval from local lawmakers.

Instead, Ebrard said during a press conference in Mexico City Monday, if the deal announced Friday does not begin to drive down migrant numbers in the next 45 days, officials will open up new discussions in which the U.S. will again push for the safe third country measure and Mexico will propose establishing a regional refuge system in conjunction with the United Nations and the governments of Guatemala, Panama and Brazil — three countries that are often starting points for migrants headed to the U.S.

"They wanted something else totally different ... to be signed," Ebrard said Monday. "But that is what there is here. There is no other thing." As for Trump's tweets hyping a secret measure? Ebrard said he'd provided a full account for transparency's sake.

A regional asylum compact like the one Ebrard described could have major implications for asylum seekers, said Sarah Pierce, an analyst at the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute.

"While in theory such an agreement would share the burden of refugee flows across several countries, in reality it could significantly worsen the current situation if the designated countries are unable or unwilling to properly accept and integrate the migrants," she said.

Over the weekend, Trump also claimed another new element of the deal, tweeting that Mexico had "AGREED TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN BUYING LARGE QUANTITIES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT FROM OUR GREAT PATRIOT FARMERS!" The administration has yet to reveal the details of

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Los Angeles

Get tough: Pot industry wants LA crackdown on rogue shops

The legal marijuana industry urged Los Angeles City Hall on Monday to get tougher with illegal shops that are gouging their businesses in open sight.

Illegal pot shops are widespread throughout Los Angeles and typically look like the real thing. And they're thriving – they sell cheaper products than their legal rivals because they don't charge hefty state and local taxes.

In a letter Monday, the industry group Southern California Coalition recommended the city consider seizing cannabis inventory and cash from illegal shops that are found to be selling tainted products.

In the legal market, marijuana, concentrates, cookies and other products must be tested by independent labs for consumer safety – a requirement that illegal shops can ignore.

The group said that the failure to seize cash and pot products from illegal shops after raids allows the business to quickly reopen.

With no testing safeguards in place in the illegal market "there's a high probability the ... cannabis products in these shops are contaminated," the group wrote.

They urged the city "in the strongest possible terms to continue testing cannabis ... in unlicensed shops."

California's effort to transform its longstanding illegal and medicinal marijuana markets into a unified, multibillion-dollar industry kicked off last year. But the transition has been uneven and it's likely to take years for the legal market to find its footing.

Many communities ban marijuana sales and growing, leaving residents in those places without access to legal shops. Businesses complain about hefty tax rates that can approach 50 percent in some communities, which they say drive consumers into the tax-free illicit market. There's on ongoing fight over home deliveries, and a promised tax windfall never arrived.

There have been problems in other states with legal marijuana. In Nevada, a court fight is underway after some businesses charged that the state system for awarding licenses is unfair. In Oregon last year, an excess of marijuana in the supply chain prompted regulators to suspend processing new applications for marijuana business licenses.

In Los Angeles, the industry group said that many legal shops are being driven toward bankruptcy because they are surrounded by rogue shops undercutting them.

Because of taxes and heavy regulatory fees, legal operators "cannot compete with illicit operators," the group said.

The group also recommended ticketing employees at rogue shops to discourage them from returning, and having building inspectors always accompany police on raids to close down unsafe structures. They also suggested the city consider placing tax liens on illegal shops.

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LOS ANGELES

UCLA says gynecologist accused of sexually abusing patients

A former gynecologist at the University of California, Los Angeles, student health center has been charged with sexually abusing patients, the school and prosecutors said Monday.

The charges against Dr. James Heaps, who worked at the center for nearly 30 years, involved conduct with two patients in 2017 and 2018, UCLA said in a statement. He surrendered to law enforcement on Monday.

Heaps, 62, was charged May 22 with two counts of sexual battery of fraud and one count of sexual exploitation of a patient, said Ricardo Santiago of the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Heaps had a lawyer who could comment on his behalf.

The charges recall similar allegations against a former University of Southern California gynecologist, Dr. George Tyndall. Hundreds of current and former USC students accused

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What's the Point?

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Father's Day Thoughts

Sunday is Father's Day. A time devoted to ugly ties, badly burned breakfasts and some new tool for dad to do work around the house, or if he's lucky, a new fishing rod to get him out of the home.

I'm not a father but I work with many of them. Men who have been shut out of their children's lives, or relegated to a status of being nothing more than an ATM. As a society we are not supportive of fathers to the same extent that we are of mothers. It's a sad state of affairs that fathers are so often thought of as "nice but not necessary".

The role of the father has been diminished in recent years due to a number of factors. The precipitous drop in marriages, the rise of "no fault" divorces that allow people to dump a relationship for no substantial reason, and the prevalence in the courts of the view that so long as man is paying his child support he's doing all that is important and the children don't really need more from him, are all reasons why I see the role of the father as being diminished, dismissed and disregarded.

It saddens me when I hear people that say men don't want to be in their children's lives. It's not my experience. Granted I'm dealing with a population of men who are working hard to get more time with their children than the every other weekend and a Wednesday Night Pizza Dinner. I've also worked with groups of fathers who cannot afford me but want to know how to have more time with their children.

When I do Facebook lives for the Father's Rights Movement the responses I receive are that they are frustrated and hurt they don't have a fair shot at equal time. The argument against giving dad more time usually goes like this, "He only wants more time to lower his child support and he won't use it." Which is frequently a red herring, because the opposite is also true, she only wants more time to get more money. Which is why in my opinion the law should be that each parent HAS to take the child 50% of the time, and support the child while in their care.

That's not a popular suggestion because so many men are living in poverty and don't have appropriate housing or their work won't allow them to have a child friendly schedule. This brings us back to the fact that society is not as supportive of fathers as it could be.

Of course many mothers live in poverty as well, and actually it is exacerbated by having to bear the full brunt of child rearing which negatively impacts their career options and choices. So by mandating a shared parenting responsibility we would be freeing women from the emotional and physical labor of child rearing, thus working to lower the poverty rate, which would be in the children's best interest in the long run.

The argument that fathers don't have appropriate living conditions or wages to support their children, does raise the tricky question of why did they choose to have children in the first place, and why did mom choose this man to father her child, but that's a much more complex issue than I can cover here.

When we look at the actual effect of an active and engaged father, versus an absent father the results are dramatic and telling. Every major data point that would indicate societal problems is reduced when dads are involved; early language development is increased, teen pregnancy is reduced, drug and alcohol problems are reduced, behavioral problems for both boys and girls are dramatically reduced and the likelihood of long term stable relationships in the future are increased.

I've worked with Project Fatherhood out of the Children's Institute for years. This program is for men who are there just out of prison, court ordered or self-referred to better their relationships with their children and the mother. The classes I've led have been on domestic violence, child support and child custody. Across the board the men are hurting, frustrated and ignored by a system that is more concerned with cash than caring.

Fathers matter. A lot. Ask anyone who has had a good relationship with their father, and they'll tell you how much it impacted their life. We can and should do more to support fathers. Paternity leave should be as normal as maternity leave. Government programs should be just as focused on fathers as mothers and we'd see the rewards in reduced prison populations, reduced prostitution, and reduced substance abuse in our cities.

If you know a father who is fighting to see his kids - be nice to him. The forces against him are tremendous and he needs all the support we can give him.



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Medical pot takes hit when weed legal for all

GILLIAN FLACCUS AND ANGELIKI KASTANIS
Associated Press

When states legalize pot for all adults, long-standing medical marijuana programs take a big hit, in some cases losing more than half their registered patients in just a few years, according to a data analysis by The Associated Press.

Much of the decline comes from consumers who, ill or not, got medical cards in their states because it was the only way to buy marijuana legally and then discarded them when broader legalization arrived. But for people who truly rely on marijuana to control ailments such as nausea or cancer pain, the arrival of so-called recreational cannabis can mean fewer and more expensive options.

Robin Beverett, a 47-year-old disabled Army veteran, said she resumed taking a powerful prescription mood stabilizer to control her anxiety and PTSD when the cost of her medical marijuana nearly tripled after California began general sales. Before last year, an eighth of an ounce of dry marijuana flower cost her $35. Now it's approaching $100, Beverett said.

"It's ridiculous. The prices are astronomical," said Beverett, who moved to Sacramento from Texas because medical marijuana is illegal there. "Going to the dispensary is just out of the question if you're on any kind of fixed income."

It's a paradox playing out nationwide as more states take the leap from care-centered medical programs to recreational models aligned with a multibillion-dollar global industry.

States see a "massive exodus" of medical patients when they legalize marijuana for all adults — and then, in many cases, the remaining ones struggle, said David Mangone, director of government affairs for Americans for Safe Access.

"Some of the products that these patients have relied on for consistency — and have used over and over for years — are disappearing off the shelves to market products that have a wider appeal," he said.

Cost also goes up, a problem that's compounded because many of those who stay in medical programs are low-income and rely on Social Security disability, he said.

In Oregon, where the medical program shrank the most following recreational legalization, nearly two-thirds of patients gave up their medical cards, the AP found. As patients exited, the market followed: The number of medical-only retail shops fell from 400 to two, and hundreds of growers who contracted with individual patients to grow specific strains walked away.

Now, some of the roughly 28,000 medical patients left are struggling to find affordable medical marijuana products they've relied on for years. While the state is awash in dry marijuana flower that's dirt cheap, the specialized oils, tinctures and potent edibles used to alleviate severe illnesses can be harder to find and more expensive to buy.

"Lots of people have started trying to figure out how to make these concentrates and edibles themselves in their kitchen," said Travis MacKenzie, who runs TJ's Gardens, which provides free medical cannabis to children with epilepsy. "There are things that we don't really want people to do at home, but the market conditions are such that people are trying to do more at home."

The numbers compiled by the AP through public records requests and publicly available documents provide a snapshot of the evolution of marijuana as more states — Michigan was last in the door, and Illinois is about to follow — legalize pot for all adults.

Ten states have both medical and recreational markets. Four of them — Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Alaska — have the combination of an established recreational marketplace and data on medical patients. The AP analysis found all four saw a drop in medical patients after broader legalization.

In Alaska, the state with the second-biggest decline, medical cardholders dropped by 63% after recreational sales began in 2016, followed by Nevada with nearly 40% since 2017 and Colorado with 19% since 2014.

The largest of all the legal markets, California, doesn't keep data on medical patients, but those who use it say their community has been in turmoil since recreational pot debuted last year. That's partly because the state ended unlicensed cannabis cooperatives where patients shared their homegrown pot for free.

There is limited scientific data backing many of the health claims made by medical marijuana advocates, and the U.S. government still classifies cannabis in any form as a controlled substance like LSD and cocaine.

Still, the popularity of medical pot is rising as more states legalize it. There are 33 such states, including the politically conservative recent additions of Oklahoma and Utah. Oklahoma has among the more liberal guidelines for use and has approved more than 100,000 patient licenses since voters backed legalization last June.

Getting a precise nationwide count of medical patients is impossible because California, Washington and Maine don't keep data. However, absent those states, the AP found at the end of last year nearly 1.4 million people were active patients in a medical marijuana program. The AP estimates if those states were added the number would increase by about 1 million.

As more states legalize marijuana for all adults, some who have been using it medically are feeling disenfranchised.

In Michigan, where medical marijuana has been legal for over a decade, the creation of a new licensing system for medical dispensaries has sparked court challenges as the state prepares for the advent of general marijuana sales later this year. A cancer patient there filed a federal lawsuit this month, alleging the slow licensing pace has created a shortage of the products she needs to maintain her weight and control pain.

In Washington, medical patients feel they were pushed aside when that state merged its medical and general-use markets, which also is what's happening in California.

Los Angeles dispensary owner Jerred Kiloh sells medical and recreational marijuana and said those markets are quickly becoming one, since few companies are going to produce products for a vanishing group of customers. He

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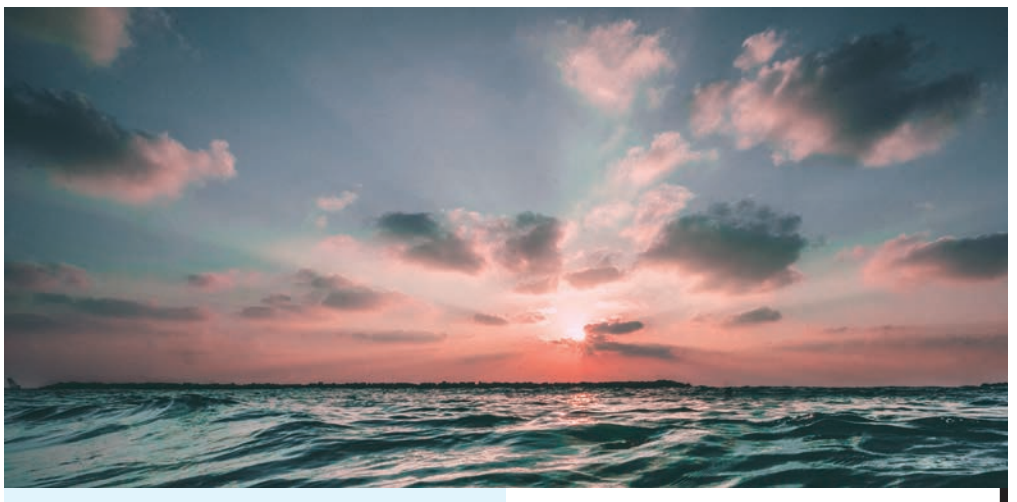
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Courtesy photo

PAINT: Damage to the outside of the school included paint thrown on doors and walls.

VANDALISM

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admitted to the vandalism.

"Three of them also caused some damage at Will Rogers Learning Community and Roosevelt Elementary School on the same evening. Four of the students are current students in Santa Monica-Malibu USD schools. One is not from the area," said Drati in a follow up letter. "Violations of Education Code and Penal Code are under review and students will receive discipline and consequences as appropriate for these crimes."

He said the school sites were safe for students to enjoy the last two days of the school year.

According to Lieutenant Candice Cobarrubias with the Santa Monica Police Department, an unrelated student posted video of the vandalism on Instagram and officials were able to identify the suspects from that video.

The cases will be handled by the School Resource Division of the Santa Monica Police Department in collaboration with the School District."

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PARKING

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co-chair Kenneth Geary. "A lot of the time when we're doing an art show, or a sidewalk sale or entertainment out on the street, the lack of space becomes an issue."

Schmitt said MSBIA is exploring sponsorship or other private funding opportunities to build the parklets, which cost $30,000 each.

"We have to create some avenue for funding because I don't think it's fair to have the tenant taking care of it be the only one supporting it financially," he said. "It's a benefit for all of us."

The association may look to the corporate partners that helps produce Main Street's Summer SOULstice festival to bring the idea to fruition, Schmitt said.

"We're thinking naming or sponsorship that's minimal but bringing eyes to their business," he said. "We could share financial responsibilities."

City Council will also discuss the findings of a UCLA study on the Main Street parklets, which found that Holy Guacamole's parklet drew 11 visitors per hour, Finn McCool's drew four and Ashland Hill's drew just one.

The UCLA study made several recommendations for future parklets, including that materials must be more durable and sites thoroughly evaluated for potential problems. The parklet at Ashland Hill has become sun-faded and weathered and developed drainage issues.

Researchers also said the parklets should be publicly accessible and not tied to any one business in order to truly enhance the streetscape.

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UCLA

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Tyndall of misconduct. He denied wrongdoing, but USC agreed to pay $215 million to settle a class-action lawsuit.

UCLA said it began investigating Heaps last year, removed him from practice and moved to fire him, which led to his retirement. The school said it also reported him to law enforcement and the state medical board.

"Sexual abuse in any form is unacceptable and represents an inexcusable breach of the physician-patient relationship," Chancellor Gene Block and Vice Chancellor John Mazziotta said in a statement. "We are deeply sorry that a former UCLA physician violated our policies and standards, our trust and the trust of his patients."

Heaps worked part time at UCLA's student health center from 1983 to 2010 and was hired full time in 2014. He also held medical staff privileges at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center from 1988 to 2018, the school said.

The school also said it began an independent review in March of how it responds to sexual misconduct "in clinical settings" and will make changes as needed.

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Medical pot laws no answer for US opioid deaths, study finds

CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

A new study shoots down the notion that medical marijuana laws can prevent opioid overdose deaths, challenging a favorite talking point of legal pot advocates.

Researchers repeated an analysis that sparked excitement years ago. The previous work linked medical marijuana laws to slower than expected increases in state prescription opioid death rates from 1999 to 2010. The original authors speculated patients might be substituting marijuana for painkillers, but they warned against drawing conclusions.

Still, states ravaged by painkiller overdose deaths began to rethink marijuana, leading several to legalize pot for medical use.

When the new researchers included data through 2017, they found the reverse: States passing medical marijuana laws saw a 23% higher than expected rate of deaths involving prescription opioids.

Legalizing medical marijuana "is not going to be a solution to the opioid overdose crisis," said Chelsea Shover of Stanford University School of Medicine. "It would be wonderful if that were true, but the evidence doesn't suggest that it is."

Shover and colleagues reported the findings Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. It's unlikely, they said, that medical marijuana laws caused first one big effect and then the opposite. Any beneficial link was likely coincidental all along.

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HOMELESS

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context of a regional housing crisis. But population growth is not the only reason why Samoshel needs to be renovated and eventually replaced.

John Maceri, executive director of The People Concern, said the shelter was designed for people who were fairly high-functioning. Most of them were dealing with mental illness or alcoholism, but could usually get sober, go back to work and rent an apartment without subsidies. About 20% had disabilities and needed lifelong support.

Today, Maceri said 90% of Samoshel clients need additional support, mainly because more have disabilities and housing has become far more difficult to find and afford in Los Angeles. Although The People Concern has more housing vouchers than ever, people stay longer in Samoshel because there aren't enough apartments to meet demand.

Samoshel has changed over the past quarter-century to accommodate the growing number of residents with disabilities, Maceri said. For example, the shelter started off with bunk bed dormitories, but that setup became infeasible because many residents couldn't get onto top bunks.

Maceri said the new upgrades to Samoshel's restrooms and showers will make them more accessible for people with disabilities.

Elsewhere in the shelter, the commercial kitchen will get new cooking and food storage equipment, HVAC, lighting and fire sprinkler systems would all be upgraded and the facility would be outfitted with electronic doors and better lockers.

The awning that covers the tent-like frame of the structure and the outside gate will also be refurbished.

Maceri said the renovations will ensure Samoshel can remain in operation until the city builds a new facility, which will take about five years. The city will have to find a new site and decide whether to include permanent supportive housing or a behavioral health center in the project, all while soliciting community input at every step of the process.

"The renovations are really about keeping the facility functioning for a few more years," he said. "The rebuild isn't going to happen quickly."

City Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 11 in City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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CONCESSIONS

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any such provision, and Mexican officials say no agreement on farm goods was reached as part of the talks.

Ebrard told reporters the talks had focused on migration, not commerce, and hypothesized that Trump was calculating an economic boost resulting from his decision not to implement the tariffs.

"We do not have a specific agreement on products of that nature," he said.

Trump has spent the days since Friday's announcement defending the scope of the deal.

That includes a commitment by Mexico to deploy its new National Guard to the country's southern border with Guatemala — something the country already intended to do before Trump's latest threat. It also includes an agreement to publicly support the expansion of a program under which some asylum seekers are returned to Mexico as they wait out their cases. U.S. officials had been working to expand the program, which has led to the return of about 11,000 to Mexico without Mexico's public embrace.

Trump and other administration officials, however, say Mexico made major concessions and have credited his threat to slap a 5% tax on all Mexican goods if the country didn't immediately agree to do more to stem the flow of Central American migrants across the U.S. southern border. Without the threat, Trump has insisted, Mexico never would have acted.

"It was all done because of the tariffs and because of the relationship that we have with Mexico," he told reporters Monday, following a call-in interview with CNBC Monday morning in which he said officials had "talked about it for months and months and months," but couldn't reach agreement until the threat.

Verza reported from Mexico City.



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SAN FRANCISCO

Court agrees to listen to Led Zeppelin in 'Stairway' appeal

"Stairway to Heaven" will get another hearing, this time to a packed house.

A panel of 11 judges from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed Monday to hear Led Zeppelin's appeal in a copyright lawsuit alleging the group stole its 1971 rock epic from an obscure 1960s instrumental.

In a 2016 trial that included testimony from Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page and singer Robert Plant, a jury found that "Stairway to Heaven" did not significantly resemble the song "Taurus," written by the late Randy Wolfe and performed by his band Spirit.

Page said he wrote the music for the song and Plant the lyrics, and that both were original.

But in September, a three-judge panel from the 9th Circuit ruled that the judge at the trial had failed to advise the jury properly, and ordered a new trial . The judges unanimously found that the trial judge was wrong to tell jurors that individual elements of a song such as its notes or scale may not qualify for copyright protection, because a combination of those elements may qualify if they are sufficiently original.

Led Zeppelin's lawyers moved to the next level of appeal, asking for the larger group of judges to rehear the case, and the request was granted. The 11-judge panel will hear the case in late September in San Francisco.

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SAN FRANCISCO

Private equity firm buying Shutterfly for $1.74 billion

Private equity firm Apollo Global Management is buying online photo publishing company Shutterfly for $51 per share.

Apollo will pay $1.74 billion for the 20-year-old company, which became popular offering its users prints and photobooks of their favorite shots. But demand for that type of service has declined as people opt to share photos online through Facebook and other social networks.

Redwood City, California-based Shutterfly's stock closed at $50.25 on Monday – and was trading as high as $94.28 per share a year ago.

Ryan O'Hara, the former CEO at real estate company Move Inc., will become Shutterfly's new chief executive.

Shutterfly became popular during a time when printing photos meant a trip to the supermarket and often a dayslong wait. The company's popularity swelled by selling an array of photo-clad gifts including mugs, calendars and canvasses.

Shutterfly bought competitor's Kodak's online photo business for $23.8 million in 2012 after the legacy photo company filed for bankruptcy protection earlier that year.

But as digital photo sharing became more pervasive, Shutterfly's popularity waned, even as revenue grew. Shutterfly announced it would lay off about 260 employees, or 13% of its staff, in early 2017.

Shutterfly bought school photography company Lifetouch for $825 million last year.

Apollo will also buy photo printing company Snapfish and merge it with Shutterfly.

Apollo has bought more than 150 companies, including security company ADT, entertainment restaurant Chuck E. Cheese's and telecom firm Charter Communications.

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LOS ANGELES

Men plead not guilty in multi-million dollar phone scheme

Two men have pleaded not guilty in California to federal charges alleging they devised a $25 million scheme to illegally unlocked cellphones so they could be used on any carrier's network.

U.S. prosecutors said Monday that Argishti Khudaverdyan, 41, of Burbank and Alen Gharehbagloo, 40, of La Cañada Flintridge formerly owned a T-Mobile retail store and used stolen employee credentials to infiltrate the company's internal computer systems.

They were arrested following a 21-count grand jury indictment and charged with wire fraud, money laundering and other counts. They were later released on bond.

Investigators say the scheme brought the men more than $25 million when people paid them to get out of their T-Mobile service.

If convicted of all counts, each defendant could face sentences exceeding 200 years.

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SACRAMENTO

California governor names new lottery director

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has named a new head of the state lottery.

Democrat Alva Vernon Johnson takes over the job as California Lottery director as the agency faces scrutiny for alleged misconduct. It is under investigation by the state Department of Justice over allegations that employees misspent money and behaved inappropriately at a sales conference.

Johnson has previously worked for the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, both of which operate casinos. He served as a legislative liaison to the lottery in 2001 and in various other government posts.

Johnson replaces Hugo Lopez, who resigned on Friday.

His salary will be $180,000.

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Santa Monica Cannabis Website Offers Pre-IPO Shares

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Santa Monica based cannabis tech company BudTrader.com, the world's largest cannabis social media platform, is offering pre-IPO shares in the company to the general public. This marks the first time a cannabis tech platform is allowing the general public the opportunity to get in on the ground floor of this opportunity to invest in the ubiquitous industry.

Referred to as the "Craigslist of Cannabis," BudTrader has grown to be more than just cannabis classified ads. Born out of CEO Brad McLaughlin's desire for a marketplace on the web that wouldn't delete cannabis ads, BudTrader has evolved into a social media and gaming site as well. McLaughlin prefers his site to grow organically by responding to users' needs. As McLaughlin recently stated in an interview:

"BudTrader has been successful because everything we do is different and disruptive," BudTrader founder and CEO Brad McLaughlin said in the company's news release. "Because of the incredible growth that BudTrader is experiencing, we knew we were going to need to raise money to invest in infrastructure and technology in order to continue to grow to over 5,000,000 users."



Budtrader CEO Brad McLaughlin *Photo Courtesy*

BudTrader has recently added notable names to it's board including four-time NBA champion John Salley, former MMA champ Ian McCall, and most recently, former California Congressman Dana Rohrabacher. Salley recently took to Instagram to encourage members of the cannabis community to take advantage of this unique investment opportunity.

While he's adding big names to his board, McLaughlin has also been promoting BudTrader with very public events, such as the BudTrader Nerd Headquarters at the San Diego Comic-Con, his Academy Awards-themed Hollywood bash, and his annual BudTrader Ball, hosted in Culver City and Downtown LA. Budtrader has also provided cannabis-themed gift bags for the Academy Awards gifting suites for the past 2 years.

The common stock offering is $1.25 per share with a $420 minimum, according to Equifund CFP's page for BudTrader.

Should I Invest?

Any investment in a company carries an element of risk with it, but BudTrader seems to be a pretty safe investment. By filling a critical need in the cannabis marketplace, BudTrader makes itself indispensable in the community. McLaughlin is creating a safe, accessible, ethical, and fun place for the cannabis community to come together. More importantly, he is creating a sound, marketable product that will last.

"We've only been around for a few years, have seven employees, and have already generated over $2 million in revenue. We really want to grow our team to continue to build a monetizable product and to give back to the community. So if you want to invest in a company that is solid from a business and ethics standpoint, then I think we're the right investment for you." Said McLaughlin

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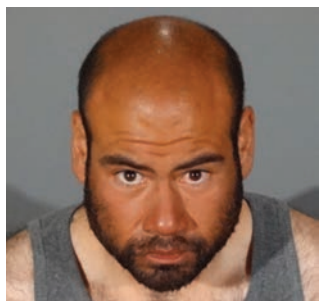


CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MAY 29 AT 6:54 P.M.

Officers observed a subject in violation of the municipal code. He was detained for the violation and found to have two outstanding warrants for a narcotics and a municipal code violation. Nestor Leonel Alvarez-Ordonez, 30, from Santa Monica, was arrested for warrants and the theft of a refuse container. Bail was set at $15,500.



File Photo

NESTOR LEONEL ALVAREZ-ORDONEZ

MEDICAL

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said his medical business has dipped to 7% of overall sales and is dropping month to month.

"It's going to be gone," said Kiloh, president of the LA trade group United Cannabis Business Association.

In Oregon, regulators are struggling to find a path that preserves the state's trailblazing low-cost medical pot program while tamping down on a still-thriving black market. A special state commission formed to oversee the market transition put out a report earlier this year that found affordability and lack of access are major hurdles for Oregon's patients.

"Patients have needs. Consumers have wants," said Anthony Taylor, a medical marijuana advocate who sits on the Oregon Cannabis Commission. "Patients are in crisis right now."

General legalization has "indelibly changed the medical market," and regulators want to identify the patients most affected by the transition, said Steve Marks, executive director of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which oversees Oregon's recreational marijuana program.

Lawmakers just passed a bill that includes language that will allow the commission to explore a pilot program for home delivery of medical cannabis to patients in underserved areas, he said.

Meanwhile, Oregon U.S. Attorney Billy Williams has demanded lawmakers get control of excess weed being trafficked out of state and cited the medical industry as a potential source of illicit cannabis.

As a result, lawmakers are "paring the medical program back to what it probably should have been from the outset," said Ben Pirie, a cannabis law attorney in Portland.

"There are patients with legitimate needs, but there are many more growing way more cannabis than needed to address those needs — and what do you do with that?" Pirie said, adding "there is this sweet spot in the middle that's difficult to hit."

Oregon law allows medical patients to shop tax-free at general-use stores, and recreational stores can sell medical pot, although those products comprise just 8.5% of their sales.

Meanwhile, the rules that came with general legalization put lower caps on the potency of edibles. That means medical customers often pay more for the same dose they got before broad legalization.

Medical cardholders, for example, used to buy gummies or chocolate bars infused with 400 mg of THC, the high-inducing element of cannabis. Now, edibles are capped at 100 mg for medical patients but cost the same or more.

"Who, with any medical condition, needs to be eating 20 pieces of candy a day?" asked Erich Berkovitz, Oregon's last remaining state-licensed medical marijuana processor.

Patients can also grow a small number of plants, but that doesn't address the needs of the many medical patients who don't smoke and instead rely on marijuana-infused edibles or tinctures.

Bill Blazina, a Navy veteran, used the state's medical program in 2013 when he was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. But the 73-year-old grandfather found the landscape had changed dramatically when he was diagnosed last year with a new cancer in his lung.

The highly concentrated marijuana oil he took before — and wanted to take again — was selling for $60 a gram, his daily dose. A two-month supply would cost thousands at a retail pot shop, so Blazina connected with what he calls a "compassionate grower" who sold him the same amount at cost for $750, a transaction that fell in a legal gray area.

"I didn't even know his name," said Blazina, sitting in a rocking chair in his home in the tiny coastal town of Waldport. "I met him ... and he'd bring it to me and smile, and I'd give him money and say, 'Thank you,' and I'd be on my way."

After surgery and chemo, his cancer is in remission, but he still swallows a tiny drop of the oil on a piece of tortilla twice a day. He's learned how to make it himself: He and his neighbor combine their eight legal plants, pulverize a pound (0.45 kilograms) of marijuana flower, steep it in grain alcohol, strain it and then simmer the resulting mix of alcohol and plant juice in a rice cooker until only dark black oil is left.

A pound of that flower at a retail store would be about $2,000, Blazina said.

"I think the regulations should go toward more access and how do we get more access, realistically, for the people who need it medically," he said, before taking his afternoon dose. "It prohibits people who don't have the ability to grow from getting the medicine they need because it drives the price up — and I don't see that as being helpful at all."

Kastanis is an AP data reporter in Los Angeles. Associated Press writers David Eggert in Lansing, Michigan, and Michael R. Blood in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 335 CALLS ON JUNE 9

Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 12:18 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries Neilson Way / Strand St 12:25 a.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 1:36 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 1:46 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 2500blk 3rd St 2:15 a.m.
Speeding 11th St / Pico Blvd 3:15 a.m.
Indecent exposure Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 3:28 a.m.
Party complaint 2200blk Colorado Ave 3:50 a.m.
Party complaint 1000blk 6th St 3:52 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries Euclid St / Pico Blvd 4:37 a.m.
Person with a gun 200blk Pico Blvd 4:38 a.m.
Missing person 1200blk 6th St 8:00 a.m.
Burglary 2500blk 6th St 8:13 a.m.
Indecent exposure Ocean Ave / Broadway 8:34 a.m.
Threats 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:51 a.m.
Extortion 200blk Washington Ave 10:33 a.m.
Indecent exposure 600blk Kensington Rd 1:26 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 3300blk Wilshire Blvd 1:39 p.m.
Petty theft 2800blk Neilson Way 2:09 p.m.
Burglary 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 2:19 p.m.
Violation of posted sign 1400blk Ocean Ave 2:26 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 2:27 p.m.
Hit and run 1100blk 26th St 3:07 p.m.
Grand theft 2300blk Ocean Ave 3:14 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:17 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 3:21 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 24th St / Carlyle Ave 3:26 p.m.
Petty theft 300blk Olympic Dr 3:37 p.m.
Hit and run 3200blk Pico Blvd 3:56 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 4:02 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 2nd St 4:15 p.m.
Found person 400blk Palisades Beach Rd 4:55 p.m.
Petty theft 500blk Broadway 4:56 p.m.
Medical emergency 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:57 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 400blk Hill St 5:04 p.m.
Loud music 200blk Palisades Ave 5:07 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 2300blk 2nd St 5:08 p.m.
Hit and run Main St / Bicknell Ave 5:11 p.m.
Public intoxication 100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:12 p.m.
Stolen vehicle 2300blk 2nd St 5:23 p.m.
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Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:25 p.m.
Bike theft 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:27 p.m.
Vandalism 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:29 p.m.
Lewd activity 2300blk 4th St 5:40 p.m.
Threats 500blk Olympic Blvd W 5:44 p.m.
Vandalism 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:48 p.m.
Public intoxication Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 5:54 p.m.
Critical missing person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:56 p.m.
Burglary 200blk Ocean Ave 5:57 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 6:48 p.m.
Battery 300blk Santa Monica Pier 7:09 p.m.
Vandalism 2400blk 14th St 7:19 p.m.
Battery 800blk Montana Ave 7:40 p.m.
Panhandling 800blk Montana Ave 7:44 p.m.
Out of order traffic signals Lincoln Blvd / Michigan Ave 8:17 p.m.
Fight 300blk Santa Monica Pier 8:54 p.m.
Fight 200blk Santa Monica Pier 9:52 p.m.
Vandalism 1900blk Main St 9:56 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Palisades Park 9:57 p.m.
Drunk driving 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 10:03 p.m.
Living in a vehicle 1000blk 24th St 10:08 p.m.
Hit and run 1100blk 26th St 10:30 p.m.
Battery 900blk California Ave 10:36 p.m.
Battery 1300blk Ocean Ave 10:50 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

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Emergency Medical Service 2900blk Neilson Way 12:01 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln Blvd / Pearl St 12:19 a.m.
Traffic collision with physical rescue Neilson Way / Pacific St 12:26 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Expo Line 12:59 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 1:46 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:49 a.m.
EMS 400blk Raymond Ave 3:41 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:13 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1200blk Pico Blvd 4:37 a.m.
Flooded condition 00blk Seaside Ter 8:54 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 23rd St 10:31 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 12:12 p.m.
EMS 1900blk 6th St 1:06 p.m.
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EMS 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 8:02 p.m.
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EMS 100blk Kinney St 9:00 p.m.
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EMS Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 9:13 p.m.
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 11)

Living by the motto, "If you're going to do a thing, do it right," you've gained proficiency in many areas. This solar return, your mission gets specific. The skill set you hone will enhance your life across the board. Much social fun fills the next two months. There's a big payout in August. You'll take home a trophy in November. Aquarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 5, 11, 40 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The human brain and body are incredibly adaptable. Remember this before you decide what's within your range of ability. The truth is you have no idea until you try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Go at your own pace. All progress is good progress. The baby steps don't seem like much. But when they are strung together, they amount to something amazing today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's about time to get feedback. You're at the point where you're doing so much right that you need an expert to help you figure out what's not great. This is how you'll go to the next level. Get ready to succeed exponentially.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life is about the journey, except when it's not. Case in point: today's project. You must see it to completion to get the prize. Going part of the way is time-consuming, expensive and without a payout.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're figuring out how to approach a certain someone. It will be hit or miss at first. When trying harder doesn't work, trying differently will. Learn how to work this situation, and immediately your knowledge will apply elsewhere.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're starting to notice that there's a mischievous side to someone, and this is part of what keeps you so fascinated. It's a firecracker situation. Light it, and throw it. If you hold on, it will cause injury.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mind is among your finest assets, and keeping it in top shape keeps you experiencing and processing life in the way you prefer. Learning new skills is the key to raising your overall mental quickness, agility and range.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're never satisfied for too long with the comfortable rut of homeostasis. Someone will inspire you or make you jealous – both are good. Both make you realize that good enough isn't good enough for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today's success key: giving up the notion that one should be happy at all times. What you want to accomplish will take practice. The practice won't be fun, but it will bring you what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you made these choices, you were aiming to have some fun. If it's not fun, analyze why not, and then start over, heeding the lessons that came with that joyless result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not dependent on tradition, but you feel compelled to uphold it, to pass along the ideas and stay faithful to the rituals that have worked for so many before you. Of course, you'll add your twist.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It used to be harder to detect that you were having a good time as it was happening. Today brings proof that you're getting better at it. The rough times you went through make it easier for you to appreciate your present.

Lunar Warning

People are pretty good at what they do automatically. After all, we have to reach a certain level of mastery to slip into autopilot. But the moon's rather irritating relationship with Mercury and then Mars would like to warn us that automated skills will gradually deteriorate unless they are consciously made better through deliberate improvement.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I want to be a beautician, and my mom wants me to go to college. She thinks I'd make a great lawyer. My mom has been saving for me to go to college for a really long time. I'm so lucky to have a supportive parent. I wish that I wanted to go. I just don't have any interest in becoming a lawyer. My mom says that it's the perfect fit for me astrologically because I'm a Libra and that's the sign of law. I don't want to. I wish I could say that without sounding ungrateful. I graduate from high school in 2020."

You have time to decide. Luckily, you are not required by law to enroll in college directly from high school. You can tell your mom that Libra is also a sign of art and beauty. Since you are compelled to explore this side of your sun sign, you will probably excel at it. And if not, you can always try another subject. Bottom line, as close as you are to your mother (and Libra tends to be very close to mom), it's still your life. Ultimately, you get to choose what to do with it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Shia LaBeouf went from child actor to major mature movie star, holding his own with such legendary heavyweights as Michael Douglas and Harrison Ford. Geminis are intelligent and adaptable. With Mars and Neptune in Capricorn, LaBeouf has executive talents that he's tapping into with the drama "Honey Boy," which he wrote and stars in.

Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.

WORD UP!

Nebulated
adjective [neb-yuh-ley-tid]
having dim or indistinct markings, as a bird or other animal.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



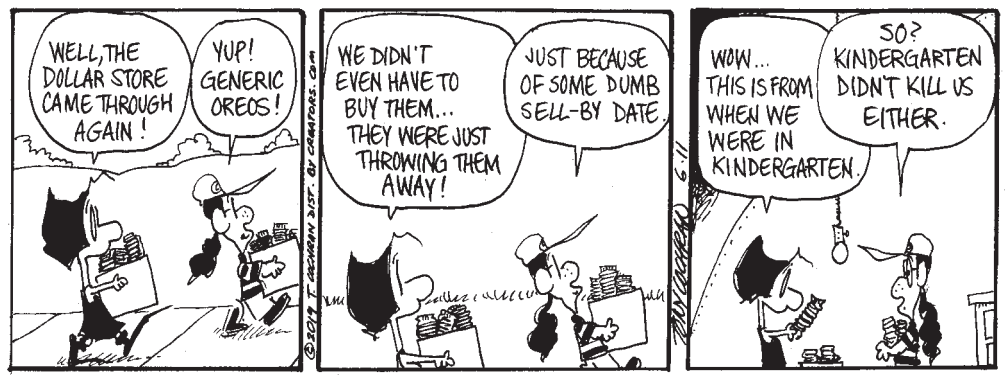
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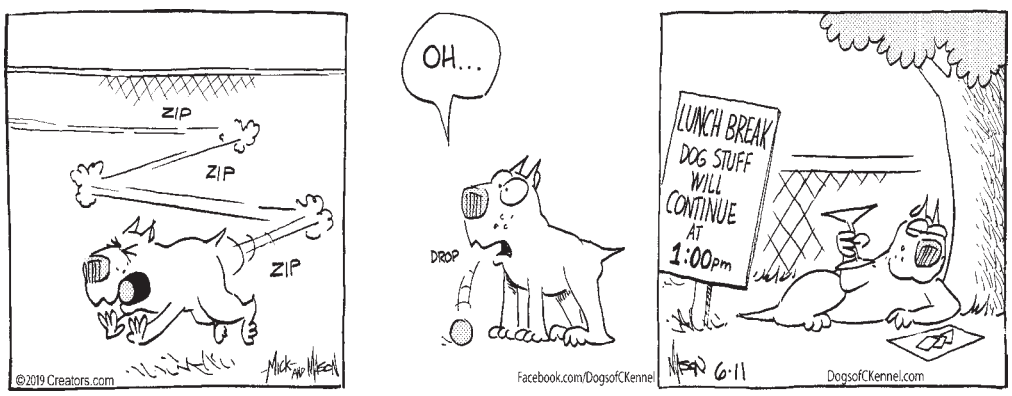
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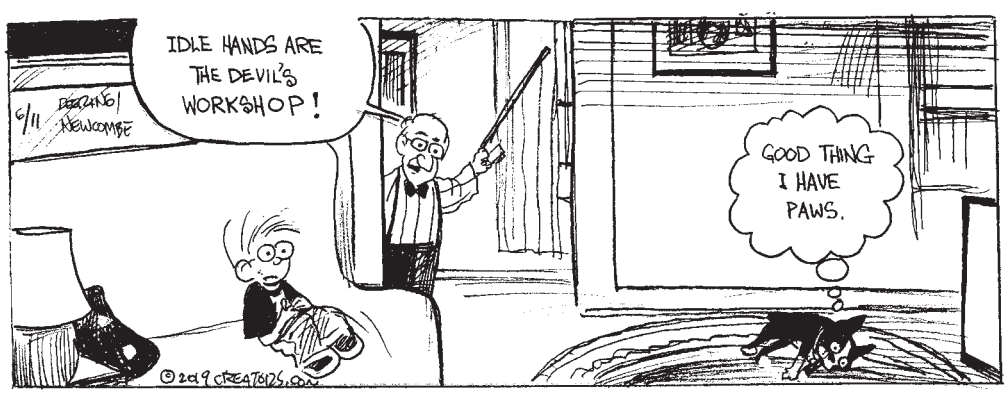
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Draw Date: 06/08
9 13 42 48 60
Power#: 18
Jackpot: $66 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 06/07
17 19 27 40 68
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: $40 M

SuperLOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 06/08
6 9 18 33 38
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: $52 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/09
10 16 24 30 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 06/10
Midday: 1 9 0
Draw Date: 06/09
Evening: 4 4 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 06/09
1st: 04 - BIG BEN
2nd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
3rd: 08 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
RACE TIME: 1:45.02

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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS
WATER TEMP: 66.7°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft
knee to waist high
Small NW windswell. S swell peaking for exposures outside of the South Bay.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft
ankle to knee high
Small NW windswell. S swell eases for exposures outside of the South Bay.

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.

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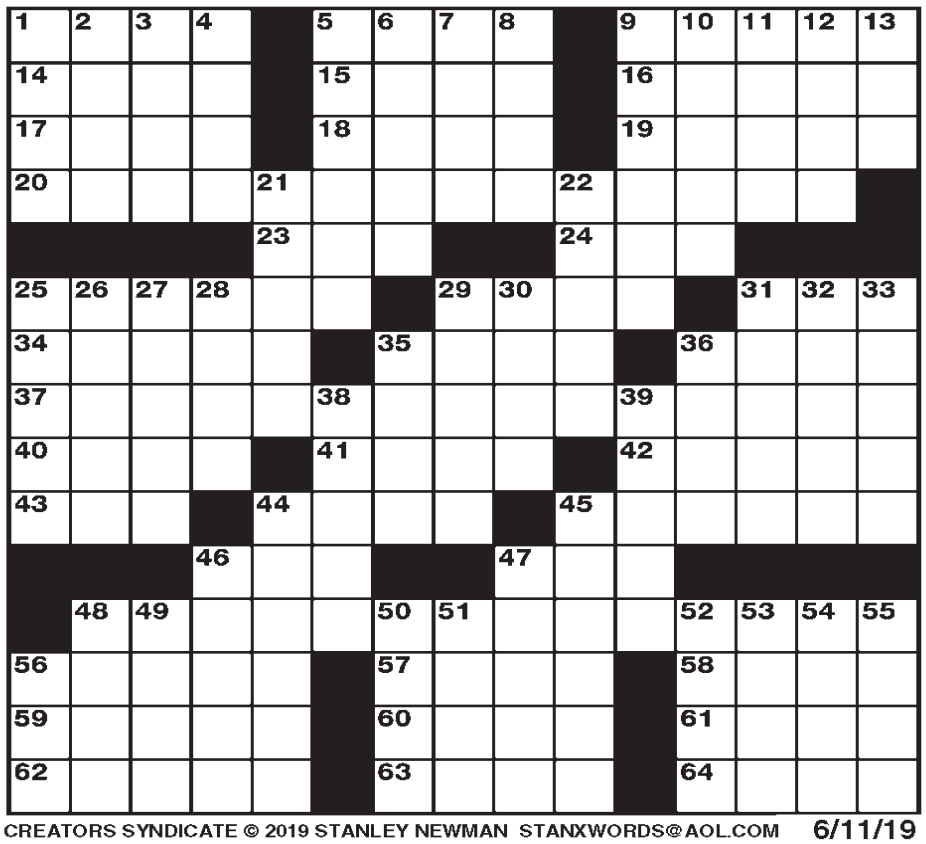
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1	2	9	3	4	8	5	7	6
3	7	8	9	5	6	1	2	4
6	4	5	1	2	7	9	3	8

Newsday Crossword

PROGRESS-LESS by Sally R. Stein
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS
1 Long-running quarrel
5 Tie tightly
9 Ointments
14 Narrow street
15 *Garfield* dog
16 Cybershopping business
17 Largest continent
18 Subside
19 Fine black wood
20 Don't make any progress
23 Wildlife park
24 Allow
25 Empty inside, as a tree
29 Lost traction
31 Physicians' org.
34 Pungent burger topping
35 Took a photo of
36 Actor Baldwin
37 Don't make any progress
40 Takes a chair
41 Keep out of sight
42 Stovetop cooker
43 Where surgeons work: Abbr.
44 Baseballers' toppers
45 Faked, as a signature
46 Make a mistake
47 Midmorning hour
48 Don't make any progress
56 News sources
57 Moves like a kangaroo
58 Solo for a soprano
59 Style of sweater
60 Skeptical comment
61 Cottony
62 Blog entries
63 Gets a look at
64 Leg joint

DOWN
1 The Stars and Stripes
2 Make simpler
3 __ of measure (mile or gallon)
4 College official
5 Dog's bark
6 "Famous Potatoes" state
7 Supreme Court complement
8 Antlered animal
9 Made a complaint
10 Facing the pitcher
11 Vietnam neighbor
12 After-dinner candy
13 Crafty
21 Atmospheric layer of oxygen
22 Privileged group
25 "In what way?"
26 Walking __ (very happy)
27 Itemizes
28 Land parcels
29 Buildings for tools
30 Misplace
31 Go __ for the ride
32 Unite two companies
33 Behaved
35 Sound of scissors
36 Miles away
38 Scarlett of *Gone With the Wind*
39 Fern leaf
44 Floorboard sounds
45 Lavish meals
46 Formal decree
47 Traditional Indian dwelling
48 Nevada city
49 "Beware the __ of March"
50 The one right here
51 After-bath wear
52 Lone Ranger's face covering
53 Barbell metal
54 __ story (biography)
55 Past the deadline
56 Athlete's post-season honor, for short



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LAWS

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"We don't think it's reasonable to say it was saving lives before but it's killing people now," Shover said.

In the opioid crisis, dozens of forces are playing out across the nation in different ways. How widely available is the overdose antidote naloxone? Who has insurance? How broadly does insurance cover addiction treatment?

What's more, prescription pills once were involved in the largest share of overdose deaths, but that changed as heroin and then fentanyl surged. The studies on marijuana laws and opioid deaths don't account for that.

The new study undermines recent policy changes in some states. Last week, New Mexico joined New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania in approving marijuana for patients with opioid addiction.

"I was told my paper helped change the law in New York. I was appalled," said Rosalie Liccardo Pacula of the Rand Drug Policy Research Center. She co-authored a 2018 study on marijuana laws and overdose deaths.

Experts agree evidence doesn't support marijuana as a treatment for opioid addiction. Drugs like buprenorphine, morphine and naltrexone should be used instead, Pacula said.

Authors of the original research welcomed the new analysis.

"We weren't happy when a billboard went up saying marijuana laws reduce overdose deaths," said Brendan Saloner of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. "That was very hard for us to rein in."

Marijuana has been shown to help ease chronic pain, and other studies have suggested medical marijuana laws may reduce opioid prescribing. So there's still reason to believe that for some people, marijuana can substitute for opioids as a pain reliever.

As for addiction and the overdose crisis, "we should focus our research and policies on other questions that might make a difference," Shover said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Keep recycling

Editor:

After so proudly adopting a 'Zero Waste Strategic Operations Plan' in 2014, the Santa Monica City Council has – inexplicably – chosen to close down the one and only recycling center in Santa Monica.

This is unacceptable. Our city is a beacon to our state, our country, and the world. We lead in lowering green house gasses, and creating innovative methods to honor and care for our environment. People flock here to enjoy our clean air, our sparkling seaside. We embody a respite from the pollution suffered inland and elsewhere.

I am personally an active recycler. Thousands of my neighbors, and I, have been using the Santa Monica recycling center for over 20 years now. Close it in this manner and we will be forced to drive needless miles to other facilities, spilling more gasses into the air as we drive.

Our era is defined by toxic policy at a Federal level. Every day, valuable services are either being cut or compromised, especially those that protect the environment and uphold public health and safety. How can Santa Monica justify making the same dystopian mistake?

That we do so defies logic. Who benefits? Whose pockets are being lined?

For anyone who feels passionate about Santa Monica's environment, please attend the next City Council meeting, Tuesday June 11, at 5 p.m, 1685 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90401 and add voice to your concerns.

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