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How many runs? More than you!

BLAKE ATWELL
Daily Press Intern

Two years after starting their Santa Monica Adult Softball D-League careers with a combined 0-23 record through two seasons, Team Morethan U found themselves in the league's championship game. Comprised of 13 27-to-31-year-old high school friends, the team jumped out to a 14-0 first inning lead over the top-seeded Tommy Chronert's.

"We were used to that happening against us," Morethan U right fielder and catcher Gunnar Kohl said.

By the top of the seventh and final inning, Morethan U squandered their lead and faced defeat. But then, with two outs, a miracle happened. Morethan U scored five consecutive runs and held off the Tommy Chronert's to win the D-League title, 22-19.

Kohl described the team's feeling as "nothing but pure elation." He added, "It was pretty unbelievable."

As they would routinely do, Morethan U left the field and headed straight for Lincoln Boulevard's Cock 'n Bull, an old-fashioned English pub. But after winning the championship, Morethan U partied just a bit harder than usual. The team celebrated until 1 a.m., basking in the thrill of victory.

Led by manager Alec Gunny,

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Constance Farrell

BEACH READS

Locals gathered with amiss Barbie Q as part of SMPL's first pop up beach day of the season at the Annenberg Beach House this week that also doubled as one of the final Pride Month events. Visit Smpl.org/beach for more information.

Vegan bakery expands to Montana with new all-day restaurant

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica has plenty of vegan restaurants, but until last week, it didn't have a place where plant-based eaters could pick up a cupcake on the way home, relax over brunch or enjoy a leisurely dinner with a glass of wine.

Erin McKenna opened a new iteration of her vegan and gluten-free bakery last Saturday at 1415 Montana Ave. Erin McKenna's Bakery will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner in addition to the sweet treats that have made McKenna's Larchmont Village location a cult favorite among Angelenos in search of vegan brownies and bagels.

McKenna said she chose Santa Monica for her next location because she saw a lack of vegan baked goods on the Westside and wanted to fill that void.

"The Westside is very progressive and a lot of people are passionate about animal rights and sustainability, but there aren't a whole lot of vegan bakeries, which is baffling," she said.

Her Larchmont location was already absorbing that demand from the Westside, she said.

"At our Larchmont location, we see a lot of people who travel all the way from the Westside to pick up cakes or Postmates two donuts across town on a

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Staci Marengo

VEGAN: Erin McKenna's new offering is on Montana.

Fireworks funder leverages real estate to build community

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Santa Monica College hosts its Celebrate America fireworks show today, June 29, a patriotic event with filled with food, music and more, all in the name of celebrating the nation's independence.

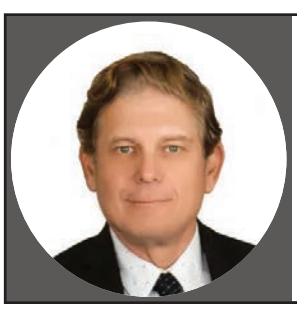
While the event is a flashy spectacle complete with a signature firework display, a person that underwrites a large portion of the event makes their own fireworks fly with philanthropy.

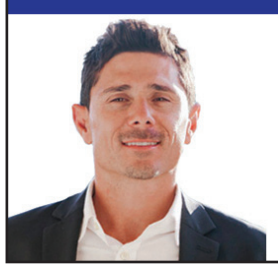
Local realtor Tami Halton Pardee has been a philanthropic light show of her own for several years now. She has donated her own time, money and percentages of her real estate sales to a number of good causes, including SMC's Celebrate America.

According to an SMC official, Celebrate America costs roughly $50,000. Halton Pardee has donated $5,000 to the event for six years now, covering a tenth of the entire events costs.

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Saturday, June 29

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A Very Special Story Time for "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"
Celebrate the 50th anniversary of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" with a reading of the book along with other Eric Carle favorites. Craft to follow. Fairview Branch Library, 3 - 3:45 p.m.

Father Figure Collage workshop with Marcus Kuiland-Nazario
18th Street Arts Center Artist-in-Residence Marcus Kuiland-Nazario leads a collage workshop in conjunction with MACHO STEREO, a project and exhibit on view at 18th Street from June 1 to July 26, 2019. Participants of all genders are welcome to attend any or all of the Father Figure workshops to create autobiographical collages about themselves and their Father or Father Figure. Registration required at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/father-figure-collage-workshop-with-marcus-kuiland-nazario-tickets-59962125331. 12 - 2 p.m.

SM Reads: Book Discussion
Join organizers to share your thoughts about The Hate U Give and its themes, or simply listen and learn more about the book. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Preschool Explorers: Insects
Explore the science of insects with stories and hands-on activities. Ages 3-6. Main Library, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Celebrate America fireworks
Corsair Field on the main SMC campus at 1900 Pico Blvd. Admission to the entertainment and fireworks spectacular is free. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. The fireworks are scheduled for 9 p.m. Parking is $5. Parking lots open at 4 p.m. (enter at Pico Blvd. and 17th St.), with Corsair Field gates opening at 5 p.m. There will be no pre-show entry to parking lots after 8:15 p.m., or to Corsair Field after 8:45 p.m. See smc.edu/MapsDirections for location details.

Sunday, June 30

Folk Songs for Everyone with Studio Resident Alex Wand
Sing and Play folk songs with Studio Resident Alex Wand. Learn some Woody Guthrie songs and tunes from "The American Songbag" (complied by Carl Sandburg). Bringing instruments and folk songs to teach the group is encouraged. This repeating event is open to all levels, no experience required. Palisades Park, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Frau Fiber's Sewing Rebellion - Faux Frau Training
This series of trainings are for fabricators who would like to become Faux Fraus prepared to lead the people in sewing, altering and repurposing projects each month at Sewing Rebellions in Santa Monica, around the Southland and across the nation. Palisades Park, 1-4 p.m. RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frau-fibers-sewing-rebellion-faux-frau-training-tickets-58381472556

Monday, July 1

The Disabilities Commission Regular Meeting
The mission of the Disabilities Commission is to help improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Ken Edwards Center, 6:30 p.m.

Architectural Review Board Meeting
The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board normally meets on the first and third Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall, 7 p.m.

Mad Science-What Do You Know About H2O
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Facebook's digital currency may flourish in the analog world

KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

Europeans and Americans have their Visa and Mastercards. For everyone else, here comes ... Libra?

Facebook's new Libra digital currency is aimed at a huge potential market for financial services — the entire developing world, with billions of people in areas such as India and Sub-Saharan Africa, where financial services are often less sophisticated and many people don't use traditional banking accounts.

Whether or not these billions will want to make the switch is anyone's guess.

The U.S., Europe and most developed economies already have large, efficient payment systems. These allow people to buy and sell goods in real time and send money person-to-person through services like Zelle, PayPal and Venmo. That's why the companies that joined Facebook's Libra association, as well as nonprofits involved with similar projects, say Libra's potential lies elsewhere.

In developing countries, many tens of millions still live far from a bank or money transfer center, or currently use a currency prone to inflation or volatility. Libra could address this issue by providing a universal, stable currency that is easily transferable between persons or businesses without involving setting up an entire payment infrastructure. It also potentially could work at a lower cost.

In the last decade, citizens of developing countries have widely adopted cellphones as a way to store money, sending text message-based payments either to businesses or persons. It's been a broadly heralded development among policymakers and nonprofits focused on poverty because bank accounts are hard to come by or are too expensive.

"The entire continent of Africa skipped right over cards and went straight into mobile payments," said Sanjay Sakhrani, an industry analyst with Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, who covers Visa, Mastercard, PayPal and Western Union.

But these payment systems are often constrained by the type of cellphone carrier each person is using. It's not uncommon in places like Africa to carry multiple cellphones in order to have the necessary access to the right money transfer system.

Libra could solve this problem by creating a universal currency that can be transferred across multiple cellphone networks and across borders. There's also the issue of cost, which is cited by the World Bank as being the biggest issue with financial systems outside of developed markets. Facebook says Libra would have a near-zero cost attached to it.

The Colombian border city of Cucuta, is one of the places where Libra could make a difference.

Every day, thousands of needy Venezuelans cross into this sweltering town to buy food and medicines that are scarce at home. For many the first stop is Western Union, where they line up for hours to pick up cash sent by relatives living in abroad. The demand for cash remittances is so big in fact that migrants sometimes line up outside Western Unions the night before the branches open, sleeping on the sidewalk to keep their place in the queue.

Digital currencies could make it easier to transfer funds to these migrants with no bank accounts, and save them hours of their time. Using them is also safer, says Typson Sanchez, a local software developer, because it prevents robberies.

But despites its obvious benefits, merchants in Cucuta have been slow to adopt digital currencies, and only a handful currently accept it.

"Merchants worry about the volatility" of currencies like bitcoin, says Sanchez, a software developer and co-founder of Panda Exchange, a digital payments start up. Other merchants find existing digital wallets difficult to use, and worry about its legality.

Sanchez hopes that Facebook's Libra could help to overcome some of those obstacles. "They already have a very powerful platform with lots of users" Sanchez says. "They will be able to reach everyday people who are not into technology. And that's something that many companies haven't been able to do yet."

Vodaphone, the Europe-based cell carrier, has a large presence in Africa and other developing countries and operates its own mobile wallet system known as M-Pesa. Already a dominant carrier in Africa, Vodaphone sees the potential in Libra to enable customers to send money across borders at a much lower cost.

There's a lot of room for improvement. The average fee on a cross-border remittance is around 7%, according to the World Bank, with places in Sub-Saharan Africa charging as much as 10% to send a money transfer.

Companies like Vodaphone and organizations involved with Libra like Mercy Corp and Women's World Banking said they've joined at least in part to make sure they have a "seat at the table" in case Libra does take off as a payment method. Libra's real-life use cases are still at least a year off, and much likely longer.

Some would argue that Facebook's Libra is the wrong solution to the issue of accessing financial services in developing countries. In China, the dominant way to pay are WeChat and AliPay, two mobile apps that use messaging to send money either to a business or another person, at extremely low cost. Both apps are used by more than a billion people.

"That to me is the simplest solution for developing countries," said Nicholas Economides, a professor of economics at the Stern School of Business, an expert in electronic commerce and payment systems. "You don't need to create a whole new currency. You just need the right app."

There's a "well, why not?" factor into these companies' involvement. Facebook asked for a minimum $10 million investment in Libra from its for-profit partners. For a company like Visa, which made more than $20 billion in revenue last year, the Libra investment is pocket change. In exchange Visa gets insider access to Libra and its potential technologies, as well as a seat at the table.

Visa declined a request for an interview regarding its involvement in the project, but

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"I just love SMC and this community," Halton Pardee said. "I think it's a great opportunity for so many people. It's not super expensive to go there and it's a great education, a great feeder school. I really believe in and love the whole concept. I like to call it 'The Great Equalizer.'"

Some would call Halton Pardee the same name; she has one foot in the world of selling upscale, Westside properties to the wealthy with her real estate company Halton Pardee + Partners, Inc. and also has one foot planted — firmly — in the world of helping the less fortunate with her Life Change Warriors nonprofit, though she's been giving back in some way since she was a child, most notably helping reunite a runaway with her family.

After a Multiple Sclerosis diagnosis in 2001, Halton Pardee took life coaching lessons to reassess what she found important in life. Family and friends will always take priority in these life assessment situations but she soon discovered the surrounding community was right at the top of the list.

"I always thought when I was young, 'I want to help people, I want to give back,'" she said. "I had all these ideas and I thought, 'Why not start now?'"

One organization that greatly benefited from the Life Change Warriors organization are Harvest Home, a Venice residential program that assists homeless and pregnant women and Life Change Warriors first clients.

Sarah Wilson, Executive Director of Harvest Home, first met Halton Pardee around five years ago. While peripherally aware of Halton Pardee, Wilson says she was pleasantly taken aback by Halton Pardee's hands-on, personable approach to philanthropy.

"She comes in — from a different socioeconomic level, obviously — but the first thing she does is tell her story to these women; trauma in past, going through her medical problems, difficulties she's faced. Right from the beginning, walls were broken down. Even though their lives look different, it gave and continues to give hope. There's genuine relationship and she cares about each and every one of these women."

After meeting Harvest Home residents, Halton Pardee takes them through Life Change Warriors life coaching. The coaching identifies goals for the participants and additionally aids in making time for self-discovery, aiding in inward and outward growth.

"It's a process of looking back at where they've come from, looking at where they want to be, and how to get where they want to be," Wilson said.

Harvest Home says the program's success rate is perfect, taking about 15-20 of their women through the process. Wilson says program participants have hit goals ranging from repairing a relationship with children they lost custody of, completing a GED program and finding stable work.

"She does a great job of connecting and really in believing in people," Wilson said.

In her career of giving, Halton Pardee has been nominated for Philanthropist of the Year by the Los Angeles Business Journal and has donated over $1.3 million to local charities through her sales and an additional near-million through Life change Warriors. These numbers will continue to grow, Halton Pardee says, because giving is what truly rewards her.

"I feel like everyone should be given a home, a chance at life, a chance to be treated like a human being," she said. "I want to move people forward and let them try to live their best life. I want people to find how that is."

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SOFTBALL

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Morethan U formed in the fall of 2017. The team's roster is predominantly filled with Loyola High School (West L.A.) graduates. Softball gives the friends a reason to get together and work towards a common goal, in the spirit of fun and competition.

"We would play against guys who take it way too seriously and it was funny watching them," Kohl said.

Morethan U's first season ended without a single win at 0-12. To begin their second season, the team rattled off 11 more consecutive losses. In the final game of that season, however, one play changed everything.

Second baseman Vaun Lennon hit a walkoff home run and Morethan U secured their first ever victory. Despite the lone win, Morethan U didn't finish high enough in the standings to qualify for that season's four-team playoff tournament.

Through building on-field chemistry, Morethan U's eliminated bad habits. 2019's spring championship squad featured nearly 75 percent of the team's original players.

"This journey's been wild for us because we've always been the worst team," Kohl said.

The team's name was created "on a whim" by Gunny, without any deeper meaning to it. As Kohl described the name, "how many runs do we have? More than you!"

One Morethan U player that embodies this mantra particularly well, according to his teammate, is John Lopateo. Kohl said he's known for his athleticism and home run hitting. Lopateo is better known by his nickname, "meat."

Morethan U begins their quest to repeat as D-League champions this week, with the start of the league's 2019 summer season.

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Lions Roar

Susan Lee DeRemer — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lions reward students

The City of Santa Monica is home to some amazing students. This past month the Santa Monica Lions were proud to present almost 50 students, from Lincoln Middle School, John Adams Middle School and New Roads School, with Young Leaders In Service Awards. Silver awards were given to students completing 50 hours of community service this past year, and gold awards for students completing 100 hours of community service in the past year. We are fortunate to have so many youths putting the needs of others before their own and demonstrating the Lions motto – We Serve. For students and schools that are interested in participating in the awards program next year, please contact Pam Andrews at santamonicalion@gmail.com.

While many communities are looking for ways to cut down on waste and build recycling programs, the Lions have been recycling for years. In fact, we have taken to the next level by using our recycling efforts to help others. I am talking about the international Lions Cubs eyeglass and hearing-aid recycling program. Thank you to the many people who checked our website for a list of locations throughout Santa Monica where you can donate used eyeglasses, frames and hearing-aids. In just under three months we received more than 800 eyeglasses! These glasses were taken to a site in Beaumont where other Lions clean, repair and sort them, so they can be distributed to those in need.

As summer begins, the members of the SM Lions Club are busy planning our 65th Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, September 28, to be held at our usual location, at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club, on Lincoln Blvd. Ticket prices will be $7 for adults and $5 for children under 12, with all proceeds going back into the community. It will be a fun morning of fluffy pancakes, fun activities, craft projects, lively entertainment and a raffle. If you are interested in helping out, or donating something for the raffle, please contact Gail Litvack, Sarah Young-Sheppard or Alan Parr at santamonicalion@gmail.com.

If you want to learn more about the Santa Monica Lions, you are welcome to attend a lunch meeting on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month. Please contact Marilynn Schalit at marilynnschalit@yahoo.com or (310) 903-8819 or Yoriko Fisher at yorikofisher@gmail.com or 443-883-1101 to RSVP for lunch. Our lunch meetings are held at the Elks Lodge at 1040 Pico, Santa Monica from 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Evening meetings are held quarterly from 6 – 8 p.m. in various Santa Monica locations.

40 tons of fishing nets retrieved in Pacific Ocean cleanup

OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

In a mission to clean up trash floating in the ocean, environmentalists pulled 40 tons of abandoned fishing nets this month from an area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Mariners on a 140-foot cargo sailboat outfitted with a crane voyaged from Hawaii to the heart of the Pacific Ocean, where they retrieved the haul of mostly plastic fishing nets as part of an effort to rid the waters of the nets that entangle whales, turtles and fish and damage coral reefs.

The volunteers with the California-based nonprofit Ocean Voyages Institute fished out the derelict nets from a marine gyre location where ocean currents converge between Hawaii and California during their 25-day expedition, the group's founder, Mary Crowley, announced Friday.

The group is among a handful of nonprofits working to collect plastic trash from the open ocean, an endeavor that can be dangerous, time consuming and expensive.

"Our success should herald the way for us to do larger clean ups and to inspire clean ups all throughout the Pacific Ocean and throughout the world. It's not something that we need to wait to do," Crowley said.

The cargo ship returned June 18 to Honolulu, where 2 tons of plastic trash were separated from the haul of fishing nets and donated to local artists to transform it into art work to educate people about ocean plastic pollution. The rest of the refuse was turned over to a zero emissions energy plant that will incinerate it and turn it into energy, she said.

A year before they went to pick up the nets, the Sausalito, California-based group gave sailors going from California to Hawaii buoyant GPS trackers the size of bowling balls to attach to the nets they encountered during their voyage so they could be tracked.

The group then sailed to collect the nets entangled with plastic chairs, bottles and other trash in an effort that cost $300,000. The group plans to deploy dozens more GPS trackers and next year embark on a three-month trash collection expedition, Crowley said.

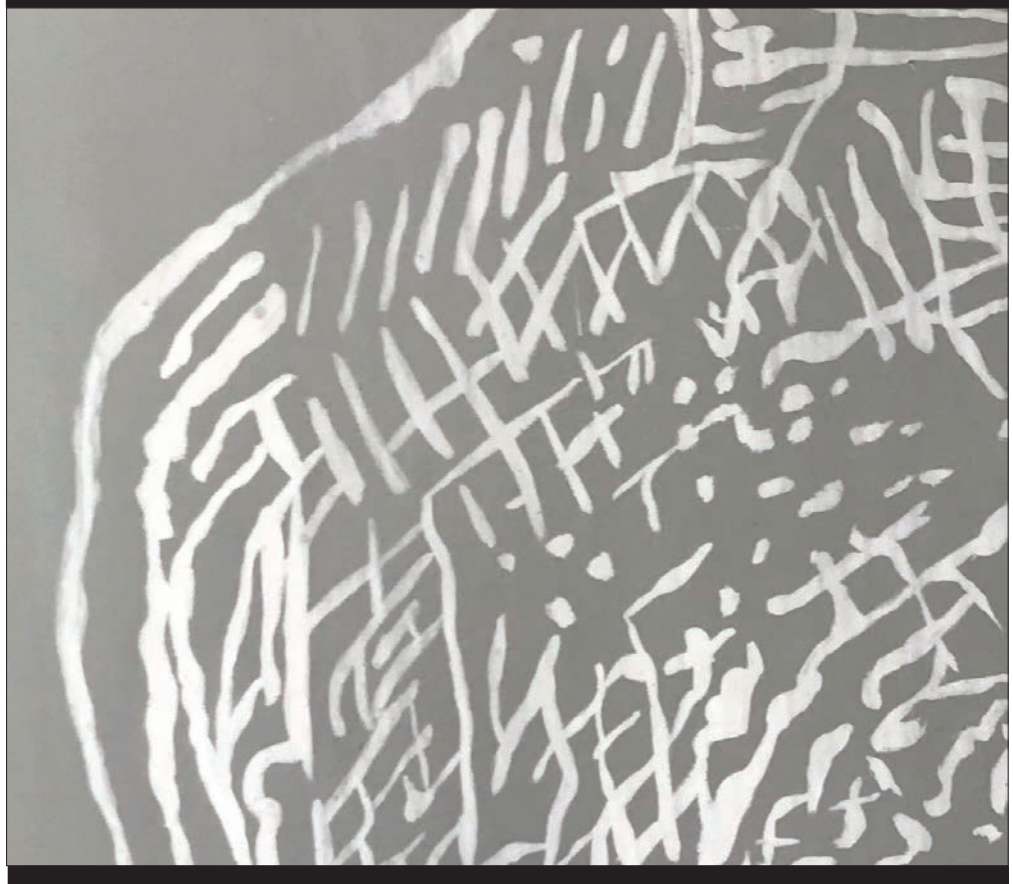
It is estimated that between 600,000 and 800,000 metric tons of fishing gear is abandoned or lost during storms each year in the oceans, said Nick Mallos, Director of the Trash Free Seas Program at Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group.

Another 9 million tons of plastic waste, including plastic bottles, bags, toys and other items, flow annually into the ocean from beaches, rivers and creeks, according to experts.

The Ocean Voyages Institute is one of dozens of groups around the world trying to tackle the problem. Most focus on cleaning up beaches, ridding shores of abandoned fishing nets, traps and other gear and pushing for a reduction on single-use plastic containers.

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Analysis: In big-money times, NBA teams face biggest risks

TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

Golden State owner and CEO Joe Lacob often uses the same phrase when asked about how much money the Warriors are willing to spend to keep a championship-contending roster together.

"Whatever it takes," Lacob says.

In the NBA, those words have never been as weighty.

The summer spending starts Sunday in the NBA, with teams and players set to reach agreements on more than $2 billion — maybe even more than $3 billion — in new deals over the next few days. It's a risk-reward play, one where teams must dig deeply into their pockets to land the best players and hope that those massive financial commitments don't end up crippling their franchise for years.

The Warriors are likely to offer Kevin Durant a $221 million, five-year deal that will come with two big pills for the team to swallow. One, he'll be on a $38 million scholarship next season while he recovers from Achilles surgery and cannot play. And two, Durant would be owed more than $50 million when his then-35-year-old self plays the final year of that contract.

Not to mention, the Warriors are expected to commit $190 million to keep Klay Thompson — who'll miss several months with a knee injury — for the next five years. Plus, Stephen Curry will make an NBA-record $40 million next season. So if the Warriors keep Thompson and Durant they'll be paying their three best players about $110 million next year and two of those guys are dealing with major injuries.

"We run a business, so it's not being completely fiscally irresponsible," Warriors general manager Bob Myers said of the team's approach to spending. "But every time I've went to Joe and it seems that it'll benefit us competitively, he's responded affirmatively and said 'OK.' So there's never really been a hard budget, so to speak."

That's not the case with most teams.

That's part of the reason why this free-agent period is so intriguing.

The Los Angeles Lakers are betting their future on Anthony Davis — he'll be officially acquired via trade on July 6 — and general manager Rob Pelinka's ability to land another big-name free agent to play with Davis and LeBron James. Brooklyn and New York have tons of money to spend, yet neither seems to have a clear vision yet on which players will actually be getting that cash. Toronto will be setting team spending records next season if it is to keep Kawhi Leonard and have a chance for a second straight NBA title.

Philadelphia has tough decisions to make about who to put around Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid. Houston spent a ton last year and will try to land Jimmy Butler in a sign-and-trade. The Los Angeles Clippers are likely to get a meeting with Leonard, and will be looking to add to their solid core. And plenty of teams like Denver and Portland will be looking to add good complementary pieces.

"People say it's about winning," Denver general manager Tim Connelly said after his team won 54 regular-season games and went to the Western Conference semifinals this past season. "If it's about winning, I don't know how we're not 1, 2 or 3 with a bullet."

Fact is, the dynamics of everything have changed so much in recent years with salaries soaring.

Kobe Bryant was the highest-paid NBA player in the 2015-16 season, pocketing $25 million from the Los Angeles Lakers in what was his final year before retirement.

That was barely three years ago. In the NBA now, that's almost chump change.

In 2022-23, three players — James Harden, Russell Westbrook and John Wall — will have the option of making $47 million for that season alone. Spoiler alert: They're all going to opt in to those deals, because no one could pass up a chance to make $12,000 a minute for an entire regular season. And Wall's contract, combined with his injury issues that kept him off the court for much of last season and may sideline him for the entirety of 2019-20 as well, will undoubtedly serve as a cautionary tale for some clubs.

Plus, there's no guarantee the huge deals pay huge dividends. Or any.

Memphis gave Mike Conley $153 million for five years, then sent him to Utah earlier this month in large part because the numbers no longer made sense for the Grizzlies. Charlotte seems likely to lose Kemba Walker on July 6, partly because it gave Nicolas Batum a $120 million, five-year deal in 2016 and is paying Bismack Biyombo another $17 million next season. Miami is cap-strapped this summer in part because of the big deals it gave in recent years to players like Hassan Whiteside ($98 million) and James Johnson ($60 million) — two players who weren't even Heat starters when last season ended.

So while the NBA championship in 2020 is the immediate goal, teams will be making all their maneuvers starting Sunday with an eye on what the cap balance — and in many cases, the luxury tax bill — will be for years to come.

"I think it all comes down to a timeline, the cycle of your team," Oklahoma City general manager Sam Presti said. "The reality is that market value for players in free agency, players when they're at the maximum level salary, it's all relative to time."

For many teams, that time is here starting Sunday.

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Collecting the trash already in the gyres is also the goal of The Ocean Cleanup project, which was started by Dutch innovator Boyan Slat and last year first deployed a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

The group has raised millions of dollars from donors around the world, including San Francisco billionaire Marc Benioff.

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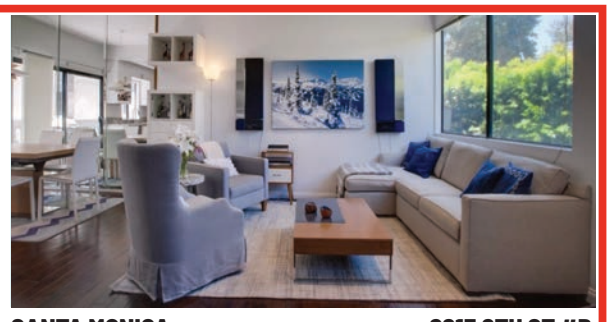
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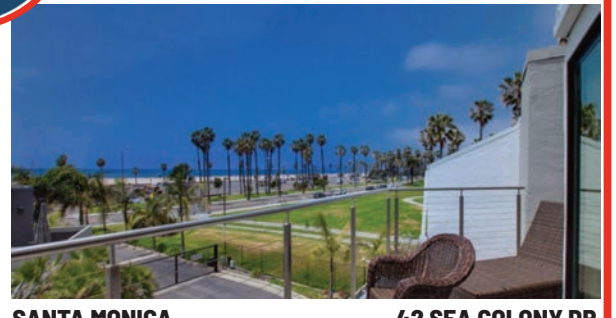
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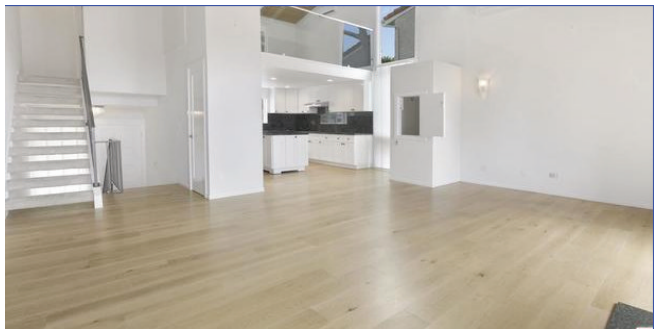
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Bike – Pedestrian Safety Enforcement

The Santa Monica Police Department will take part in a bicycle and pedestrian safety enforcement operation aimed at educating bicyclists, drivers, and pedestrians on traffic laws, rules and responsibilities.

For the month of July, Santa Monica Police officers will be looking for violations made by bicyclists, drivers and pedestrians that put roadway users at risk. These violations include drivers speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, failing to stop for signs and signals or any other dangerous violation.

Officers will also look for pedestrians who cross the street illegally or fail to yield to drivers who have the right of way. Bike riders will be stopped when riding on the sidewalk, the wrong side of the road, not complying with stop signs and signals, or other violation of the same traffic laws that apply to them as drivers.

Field enforcement operations are scheduled for Monday July 1, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday July 5, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. More operations will occur throughout the month.

People walking should only cross the street using crosswalks or intersections, preferably with a stop sign or signal. People on foot should also look for cars backing up and avoid darting between parked cars, make eye contact with drivers and wear bright clothing during the day and reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Drivers should wait for pedestrians to cross the street, avoid distractions like using a cell phone, and be courteous and patient. All bike riders are reminded to always wear a helmet; helmets are required by law for those under 18. Bike riders should always go with the flow of traffic, let faster traffic pass and use hand signals when turning or stopping.

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a spokesman pointed to a blog post one of its executives published Tuesday, in which the company's interest is described as reflecting "a spirit of openness and curiosity."

Mastercard has been looking into technology that underpins bitcoin and other digital technologies for some time, said Jorn Lambert, executive vice president of digital solutions at Mastercard. The company was attracted to Libra because it's private, unlike bitcoin which operates on an open network, and it's backed by reserve currencies.

"This is a thing that could provide real consumer benefits, particularly in the developing world," Lambert said.

Women's World Banking, a nonprofit focused on financial inclusion for women particularly in developing countries, also joined the association. WWB wanted to make sure the issues of women in developing countries — who are often less technologically literate than their male counterparts — were addressed.

"Women are more than half of the unbanked population in the world. We wanted to be at the table to address women's needs," said Karen Miller, vice president of knowledge and communications.

AP Reporter Manuel Rueda contributed to this report from Caracas, Venezuela.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 372 CALLS ON JUNE 27

Drunk driving investigation Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 12:42 a.m.
Fight 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 2:04 a.m.
Burglary 3200blk Pico Blvd 4:34 a.m.
Battery 9th St / Pico Blvd 5:25 a.m.
Malicious mischief 2600blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:18 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Appian Way 6:41 a.m.
Fraud 2500blk Colorado Ave 6:54 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 9th St 8:13 a.m.
Indecent exposure 700blk Broadway 8:16 a.m.
Malicious mischief 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:52 a.m.
Petty theft 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 9:19 a.m.
Malicious mischief 200blk 26th St 9:36 a.m.
Petty theft 1600blk The Beach 9:37 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 9:41a.m.
Threats 1400blk 4th St 9:56 a.m.
Threats 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:09 a.m.
Identity theft 1100blk 26th St 10:11 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 10:42 a.m.
Petty theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 11:52 a.m.
Fraud 1100blk 11th St 11:58 a.m.
Burglary 1400blk 9th St 12:07 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Colorado Ave 12:14 p.m.
Burglary 2200blk Main St 12:39 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 12:54 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 2500blk Pico Blvd 1:01 p.m.
Sexual assault 3000blk The Beach 1:27 p.m.
Petty theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 1:46 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 400blk Adelaide Dr 1:49 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 2:24 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 4th St 3:21 p.m.
Traffic collision - unknown injuries Ohio Ave / Broadway 3:39 p.m.
Identity theft 600blk Ashland Ave 3:44 p.m.
Fraud 1000blk 5th St 3:57 p.m.
Fraud 300blk California Ave 4:18 p.m.
Fight 700blk Ozone St 4:28 p.m.
Drunk driving investigation 200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:34 p.m.
Battery 7th St / Ozone St 4:36 p.m.
Grand theft 2900blk Main St 4:39 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 4:43 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 900blk Wilshire Blvd 4:44 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:06 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 28th St / Pico Blvd 5:25 p.m.
Critical missing person 1800blk 9th St 5:38 p.m.
Battery 200blk Arizona Ave 5:50 p.m.
Battery 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 5:56 p.m.
Assault 1300blk 7th St 6:45 p.m.
Malicious mischief 2400blk Main St 7:18 p.m.
Battery 800blk Bay St 7:26 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300blk 4th St 7:36 p.m.
Auto burglary 700blk Pacific St 8:08 p.m.
Domestic violence 1300blk 4th St 8:35 p.m.
Indecent exposure 5th St / Pacific St 8:39 p.m.
Burglary 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:03 p.m.
Malicious mischief 2300blk Washington Ave 9:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 2800blk 2nd St 10:46 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 4th St / Colorado Ave 10:55 p.m.
Fight 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 11:47 p.m.
Malicious mischief 2400blk Olympic Blvd 11:49 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 29 CALLS ON JUNE 27.

Emergency Medical Service 200blk Montana Ave 12:30 a.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 1:06 a.m.
EMS 800blk 12th St 1:19 a.m.
EMS 2400blk 3rd St 4:19 a.m.
EMS 9th St / Pico Blvd 5:24 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:33 a.m.
EMS Main St / Ashland Ave 8:01 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:41 a.m.
EMS 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:24 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 5th St 9:33 a.m.
Haz Mat - Level 1 1500blk 6th St 11:04 a.m.
Elevator rescue 500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:09 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Wires down 2000blk 20th St 2:48 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 2:57 p.m.
EMS 600blk San Vicente Blvd 3:09 p.m.
EMS 2900blk Ocean Park Blvd 3:15 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 3:25 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Palisades Park 4:07 p.m.
EMS 600blk Palisades Beach Rd 5:05 p.m.
EMS 1700blk Franklin St 5:06 p.m.
EMS 12th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:00 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:09 p.m.
Automatic alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 6:12 p.m.
EMS 200blk Pico Blvd 6:50 p.m.
EMS 1300blk California Ave 7:20 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 7:55 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Pier 9:53 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:23 p.m.

BAKERY

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regular basis," she said. "It just made sense to come out here."

McKenna didn't want to replicate the Larchmont bakery in Santa Monica, however.

Her previous three bakeries — in New York, Orlando and Larchmont — never had much room for seating, limiting her menu to baked goods. The larger location she found on Montana allowed her to have many more tables and chairs, waiters and a full menu.

Now, McKenna said, she finally has a place to serve the recipes she has published in her three cookbooks.

Her pizzas — cheese, pesto, Margherita and roasted vegetable — have proved particularly popular in the week since the location opened, she said. They join mac and cheese, salads and avocado toast on the savory menu. There's also vegan, gluten-free wine and beer selected by Rustic Canyon's sommelier.

What she's most excited about, though, is brunch. McKenna said she has been perfecting her French toast, pancakes and waffles recipes for years.

"It's wonderful to be able to sit down and relax on the weekends with some pancakes, a cup of coffee and a waiter taking care of everything," she said.

McKenna's ultimate goal for the Santa Monica location, she said, is to push the envelope of vegan cuisine in an era where vegan and gluten-free baked goods come as a standard option in many bakeries.

"When people walk in that door, I want them to be so excited to be there because we offer things they can't get anywhere else," she said. "It's just a fun place where you can go and not worry about ordering the right thing. The hardest decision you have to make is what looks best to you."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 29)

Through diligent assessment and apt prioritizing, you'll be able to make much of much and little of little. Your mastery of scale, especially emotional scale, will bring you much success. You'll be rewarded materially. And even better than that is the sense of peace and confidence that comes with contributing where it matters most. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 25, 8 and 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Strongly featured today will be those certain people whom you find it very difficult to deny. It's like they are able to live in the softest part of your affection, embody your weakness and stay in your graces no matter what.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You usually ask nothing of your friends. You like to be the giver. But if you never receive, the friendship spoils. So if you have to ask, you'll ask only what is easy for them to give.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Time is a nonrenewable resource. Don't let yourself get dragged into the sort of activities (especially socializing with people you're not strongly attracted to) that can only eat away at your precious time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In general, excess is a failing. Too much is too much. This is especially true today in the way of overexplaining or too much conversation. As Elvis once sang, "A little less conversation, a little more action."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have strong suits you won't even understand until enough people point them out to you. So, don't work alone. Share, mingle, ask questions. Getting to know others helps you know yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a lot you could be doing that's worse than doing nothing. To be occupied in what doesn't concern you – that's one of them. Stick to your business.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid anyone who seems bent on obtaining power for its own sake. That never leads to anything good. Those who understand the responsibility that comes with leadership are usually reticent to take the position.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Many people around you are seeing less than half of the situation that you can see from your vantage point of experience. But they don't need to see all of it now. Disseminate information on a need-to-know basis.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Actors know that the right costume can make or break the character. Real life isn't so different. The care you put into suiting up for the task at hand will pay off in interesting ways today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are tasks you've completed a million times that never seem to get any easier. The temptation is to outsource them or find a way around them. Resist. These are the motions that keep you strong and able.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The buffer zone of courtesy is not made of indestructible material. It can be easily eroded through overuse. Where the discourse is fair and equally beneficial to all, large extensions of courtesy are unnecessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some are judicious. Others are brave. You're a little of both, which you apply to the realm of creativity. Honing your vision takes a critical eye, and sharing it takes courage.

Ombre Lunar Effect

Artists know that "ombre" is a word describing tones of color that shade into one another, graduating in light intensity. Such is the quality of this day colored by two different moons. The Taurus moon sets up a sturdy emotional backdrop and then the Gemini moon takes it to a lighter place, evolving into a positively effervescent evening.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS

"I'll soon be interviewing for a project management job that I really want. This is the break I have been waiting for. The pay is great, the benefits are super and the position is a rank above the one I have. I'm a sensitive Cancer and sometimes I get overly nervous when the pressure is on. I'm afraid I'll blow the interview. How can I make sure that I don't?" Preparation is the way, dear Cancer. Start by asking yourself the standard interview questions you are likely get: "Why do you want to work here?" "What do you know about our company?" "Why should we hire you?" Focus all your answers on the benefit you can provide the company and the value you would add, not on what you would gain (pay, benefits, position, etc.) Rehearse what you're going to say in a mirror, or better yet make a video of so you can analyze and refine your responses. On the day of the interview, clear your schedule except for the interview, leave yourself plenty of time to get ready and travel, arrive early and breathe. Remember, you are not interviewing to save your life. Tell yourself, "It's just a job," and then do your best.

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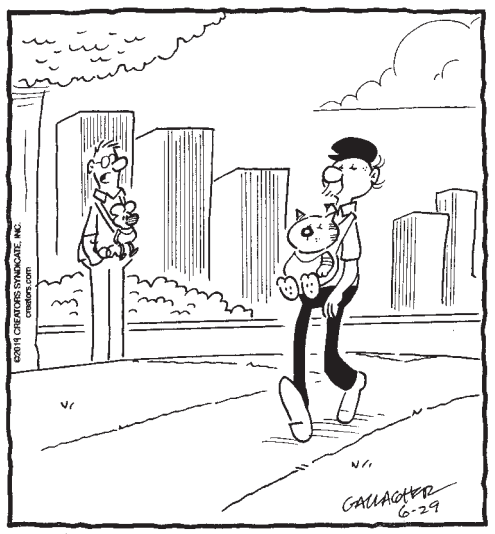
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WORD UP!

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noun [sim-poh-zee-ahrk]
a toastmaster.

Heathcliff

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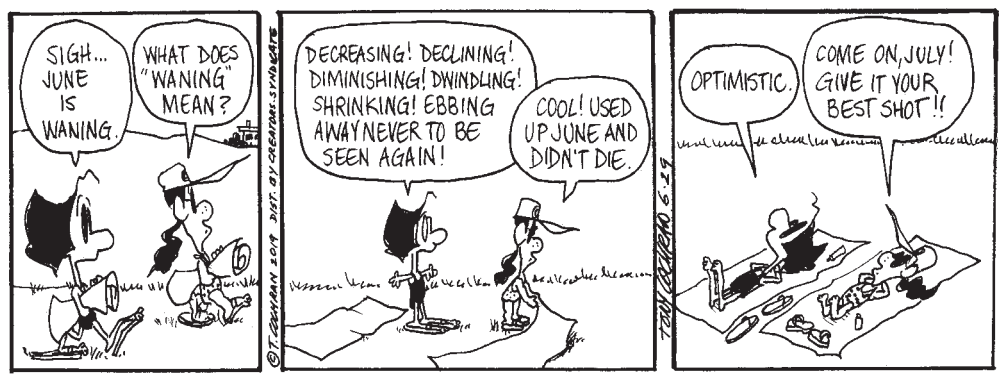
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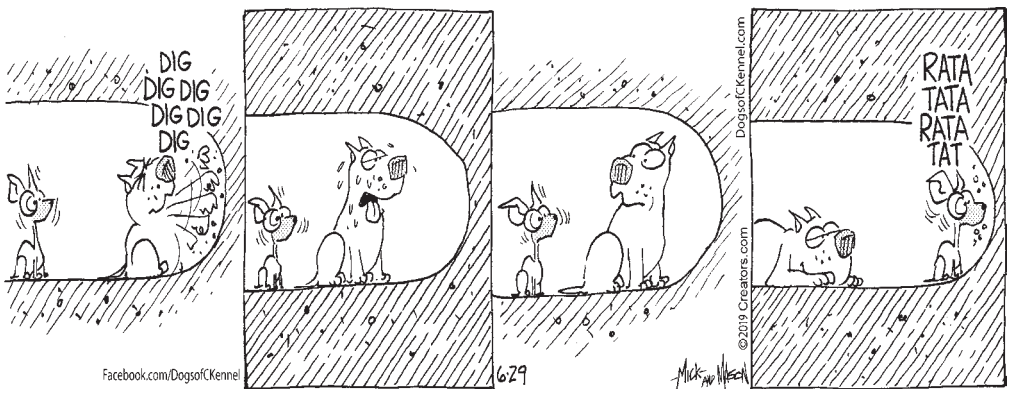
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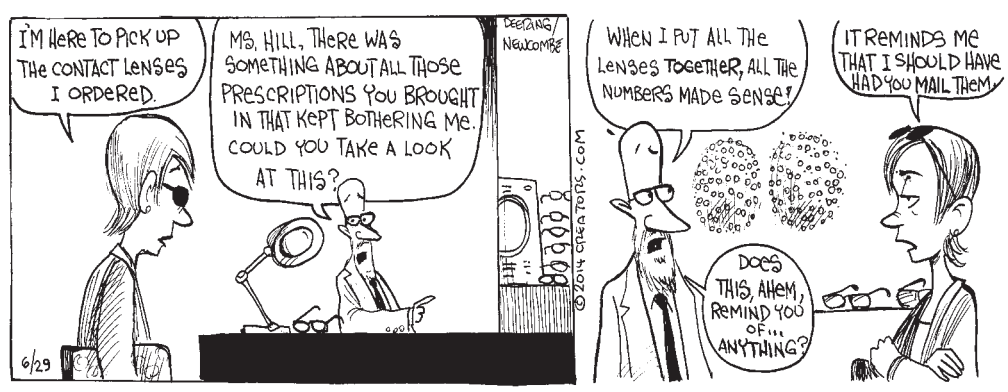
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.5°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Small, shadowed S swell leftovers at best breaks. Small NW windswell.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Small, shadowed S swell leftovers at best breaks. Small NW windswell.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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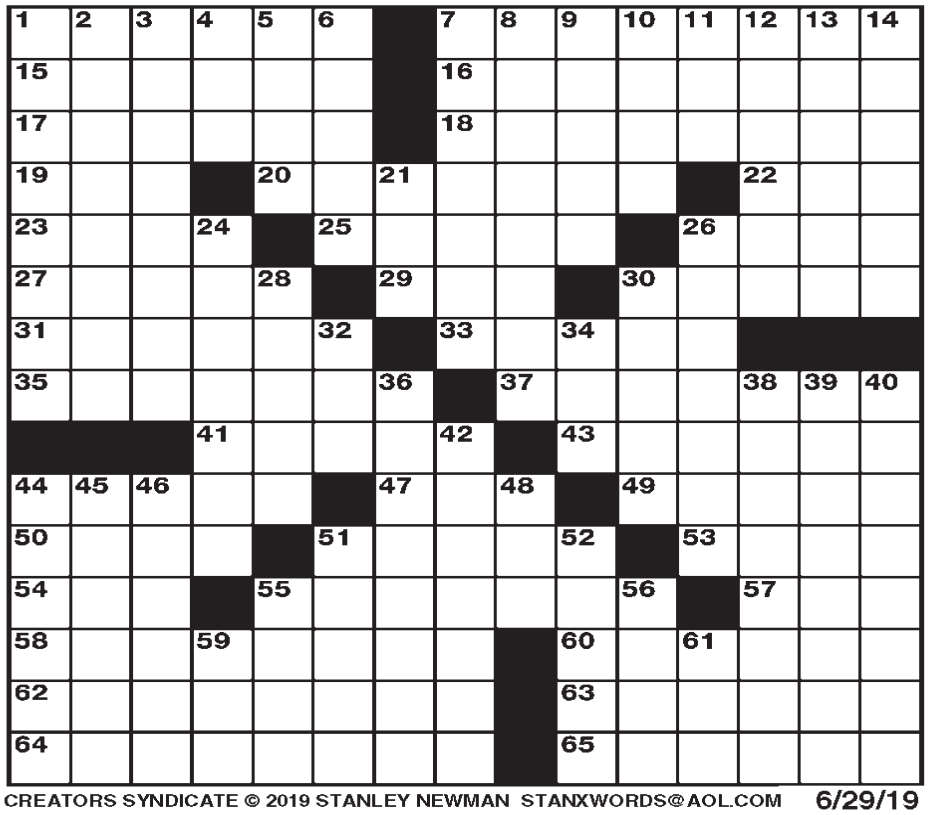
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Big name in parliamentary procedure
7 "Bravo!"
15 Far from energetic
16 *Oklahoma!* fiancée
17 Really get to
18 Vanilla-flavored refresher
19 Thin __
20 UK's 2012 "Book of the Year" winner
22 Station abbreviation
23 Key theme
25 Parts of maple leaves
26 Be the coolest
27 Acted idly
29 Swing at home
30 Didn't give up
31 Moved, as a plane
33 Word from the Latin for "whey"
35 What many a hawk has
37 Draws together again
41 Top-billed name for 31 films (1956-69)
43 Coleridge creation
44 They're not heard on the street
47 Instagram, at heart
49 Collect, as stray drops
50 Much-gawked-at one
51 Supporting Actress-Comedy Emmy role (1996)
53 Backup, in titles
54 Syllable sung seven times in a Disney song
55 *Simpsons* store mascot
57 Preservative for old sailing ships
58 Two-timing
60 Spread out
62 Stick with
63 Mock meat, e.g.
64 "Bravo!"
65 *Revenue Recognition* reader

DOWN
1 Tried to catch
2 Person most special to me
3 Two-timed
4 State-certified transporter
5 Cause to get hot
6 It can mature in tonsils
7 They may be mixed into margaritas
8 Device in a "busting miles" crime
9 Seemingly indecisive poet
10 Many rodeo barrel racers
11 Player in protein production
12 Commit with a contribution
13 India and Pakistan have one
14 How some like their sandwiches
21 Candidate's quest
24 Refined
26 House associated with elegant eggs
28 Occupies oneself
30 Dances with chants
32 Maj. general's command
34 Name related to "reign"
36 Deep thinkers
38 *Pygmalion* lead character
39 Principal occupation
40 One striving for perfection
42 Ersatz diamond
44 10+2, half the time
45 Emphatic affirmation
46 Meat served with pancakes
48 __ pen
51 Assailed with crying
52 First Muslim Nobelist
55 *Shark Tank* colleague of Daymond
56 Name derived from Jacob's daughter
59 Conducted
61 Where Hoffman lands in *The Graduate*



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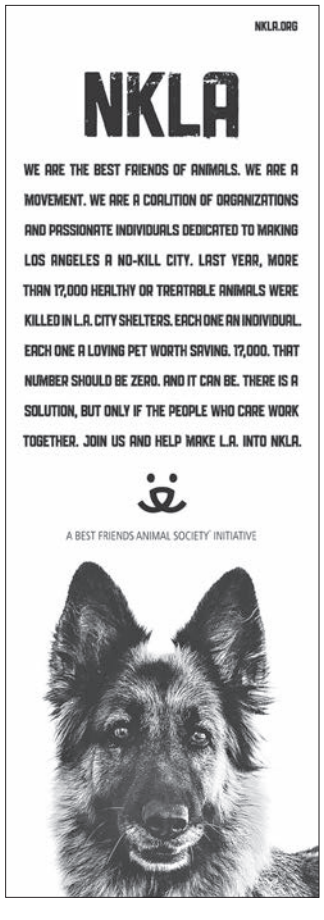
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