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Matthew Hall

COAST: Santa Monica's open streets event, Coast, closed down sections of Main and Ocean on Sept. 15. The car free event is held every year and includes a variety of activities.

Pasjoli hopes for a beautiful opening on Main Street

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Dave Beran couldn't resist weaving French cooking into the seasonal tasting menus at Dialogue, the tiny restaurant hidden away in a food hall on the Third Street Promenade that earned a Michelin star earlier this year. With the Santa Monica Farmers Market less than a block away, he found himself drawn to the style of French cooking he fell in love with as a young chef. "I think there's a misconception about French food that it's very heavy and over-the-top," he said. "But the French cooking I learned early on

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Madeleine Pauker

PASJOLI: The French eatery will open this week.

President Trump to travel through SMO

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

President Donald Trump will pass through the Santa Monica airport on Tuesday as part of a multi-city fundraising trip to the West Coast.

"The President of the United States is expected to use the Santa Monica Municipal Airport on Tuesday, September 17, 2019," said an alert by the city of Santa Monica. "In preparation for his visit, we anticipate military helicopter activity at and around SMO on Monday, September 16 and Tuesday, September 17. Airport staff will keep you informed if any additional details emerge."

Trump is expected to host a lunch in the San Jose bay area on Tuesday with tickets priced at up to $100,000. His plans call for afternoon events in Beverly Hills and San Diego.

During a fundraising trip in April of this year, Trump also landed at SMO. The presidential motorcade passed through the city causing temporary traffic disruptions and attracted a variety of spectators. This will be the President's third trip through the local airport. While his first drew large protests to the airport area, the second was met with much smaller crowds.

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Two individuals injured in separate bike accidents

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Daily Press Editor

Two people were seriously injured in a pair of unrelated bicycle accidents over the weekend.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, a bicyclist was rear ended by a driver on the 3200 block of Wilshire Blvd. near the intersection of Wilshire and Franklin St. The impact caused the bicyclist to hit his head on the frame of the vehicle causing "severe head trauma" according to SMPD.

"The driver of the vehicle has been cooperative with the investigation and we have not received a follow up from the hospital on the bicyclist," said SMPD Lt. Candice Cobarrubias. "The primary collision factor has not been determined."

She said the investigation is ongoing and will be dependent on the ability of officials to interview the bicyclist.

The accident was the second serious crash involving a bicyclist over the weekend.

On Friday, officers were called to the area of 20th and Santa Monica for a traffic collision at about 4 p.m. Initial reports said a bicyclist and car had collided head on, however,

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SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Monica Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the work of the Project generally described as: **STEM SHOP RENOVATION.** The estimated construction value range for this Project is $250,000.00 to $300,000.00

The Project encompasses the following overall scope:

• STEM SHOP RENOVATION AT DRESCHER HALL: Remove (1) of the existing roll up door and replace with a new wall and door. New partition wall to create a new classroom, new acoustical ceiling, new lighting and electrical system, new mechanical unit and mechanical system for the STEM shop, new Access Controls, and new Information Technology system.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Contractor's License Classification: California Contractors License A or B.
2. Mandatory Pre-Bid Walk: MONDAY, September 23, 2019 beginning at 10:00 am.
3. Location: 1510 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 90405 FACILITIES PLANNING
4. Bid Documents will be available on September 19, 2019 at ARC West LA Branch 1736 S. Sepulveda Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90025. Point of Contact: Mitchell Caceres.

Deadline and Location for submission of Bid Proposals: Monday, October 21st, 2019 at 1:00 PM, Pacific Time. Application must be Hand-Delivered at Santa Monica Community College District, Facilities Planning Department at 1510 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 90405, Attention: Charlie Yen. Contractors shall have a representative at Bid Opening.

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

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

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

8. Award of Contract. The Contract for the Work, if awarded, will be by action of the District's Board of Trustees of 11/05/2019, to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsible and responsive Bid Proposal. If Alternate Bid Items are included in the bidding, the lowest priced Bid Proposal will be determined on the basis of the Base Bid Proposal or on the Base Bid Proposal and the combination of Alternate Bid Items selected in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Instructions for Bidders.



What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, September 17

Ocean Park Mystery Book Group
Join organizers as we discuss the latest authors in the mystery genre. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Emphasis on international authors and locations. All are welcome. No registration required. 'The Hanging Girl' by Jussi Adler Olsen. Ocean Park Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Red Hen Press Reading and Agent Talk
Join Red Hen authors Rachel Cline, Raymond Luczak, and Susan Straight for a reading, followed by a talk with literary agent Elise Capron. Annenberg Community Beach House, 6:30 - 8 p.m. For reservations visit http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture.

Gentle Yoga at Fairview
In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring
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.

Ni Hao - Family Story Time
A family story time presented in Mandarin. [A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk.] Presented by Ni Hao Chinese. For ages 0-5. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Soundwaves: Michael Vlatkovich Wind Quintet
Trombonist Michael Vlatkovich presents a set of original music with improvisation for five brass and reeds. Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. 7 p.m.

Montana Book Discussion Group: The True Believer
Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Eric Hoffer discusses the appeal of mass movements, types of potential converts, factors promoting self-sacrifice, and good and bad mass movements. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Pajama Storytime with Sign Language
Wear PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to learn ASL signs for some favorite songs. For Families. Ocean Park Branch Library, 6:30 - 7 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group
Looking for opportunities to serve your community? Join our Teen Advisory Group! Earn community service credit by helping with special projects and library programs. Fairview Branch Library, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Please note: Dates, times and locations are subject to change up to 24 hours in advance of a meeting. Ken Edwards Center, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting
The Recreation & Parks Commission advises City Council and City staff on matters related to recreation and use of public open space. 7:30, City Hall.

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



Your column here

Greg Dill

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Two Ways to Get Your Medicare

Did you know that there are two different ways to receive your Medicare benefits?

The most popular way is Original Medicare. With Original Medicare, you can choose any doctor, hospital, or other healthcare provider you want, as long as they accept Medicare. When you receive medical services or goods, Medicare pays the provider directly.

The other way is Medicare Advantage, which is a form of managed care, like an HMO or PPO. Medicare Advantage plans are sold by private insurance companies approved by Medicare. If you're in Medicare Advantage, you generally must go to doctors and other providers within the company's network.

On the other hand, Medicare Advantage plans may cover some benefits – such as dental, hearing, and vision – that Original Medicare doesn't.

Most people with Original Medicare pay a monthly premium. Some Medicare Advantage plans charge an additional monthly premium; others don't.

With Original Medicare, you must pay deductibles and/or coinsurance when you get care.

To cover these "gaps" in Medicare, some people buy supplemental insurance called Medigap. If you have a Medigap policy, Medicare pays its share of the covered costs, and then your Medigap policy pays its share.

Original Medicare generally doesn't cover prescription drugs. If you want drug coverage, you can purchase a Medicare Part D plan. Like Medicare Advantage, Part D plans are sold by private insurers, which charge a monthly premium for them.

About 70 percent of Medicare beneficiaries are currently in Original Medicare; the rest get coverage through Medicare Advantage.

Medicare Advantage companies must cover all of the services that Original Medicare covers, except hospice care and some care in qualifying clinical research studies. (Original Medicare covers these items even if you're in a Medicare Advantage plan.)

Medicare Advantage plans cover emergency and urgent care, and many include some prescription drug coverage.

But the plans can charge different out-of-pocket amounts and they have different rules for how you get service.

For example, you may need a referral to see a specialist. And you may need to stay in their provider network, unless you're willing to pay more to go outside the network.

You should always check with the plan before you get a service to find out whether it's covered and what your costs may be. If the plan decides to stop participating in Medicare, you can join another Medicare health plan or return to Original Medicare.

How can you decide whether Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage is better for you?

There's a more detailed explanation of the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage in the "Medicare & You" handbook, which is mailed to all Medicare households every fall. The handbook is also available through our website, www.Medicare.gov. (Go to "helpful links" at the bottom of the page.)

You can shop for a health or drug plan using the Medicare Plan Finder, also available on the Medicare.gov website. Click on the button that says, "Find health & drug plans." (More about the new, improved Plan Finder in next month's column.)

If you have any questions, you can always call Medicare's toll-free number, 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Customer service representatives are available 24/7.

If you'd like to join a Medicare Advantage or Part D drug plan, you can do so during Medicare's open enrollment period, which runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 7 each year.

If you're in Original Medicare and you're satisfied with it, you don't need to do anything during open enrollment. But we find that people with Medicare Advantage or Part D plans can often save money by shopping around.

Greg Dill is Medicare's regional administrator for Arizona, California, Nevada, Hawaii, and the Pacific Territories. You can always get answers to your Medicare questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

California campaign will warn public of vaping dangers

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

California will spend $20 million on a public awareness campaign about the dangers of vaping nicotine and cannabis products and step up efforts to halt the sale of illicit products amid a rise in vaping-related illnesses.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the actions Monday as part of an executive order.

Many of the hundreds of nationwide vaping illnesses appear linked to use of cannabis-based oils, though some people reported vaping nicotine products, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. California has seen at least 63 cases and one of the six deaths reported around the country.

At the same time, flavored e-cigarettes made by companies such as Juul Labs are contributing to a rise in youth smoking. The public awareness campaign Newsom announced aims to tackle all forms of vaping, he said.

"As a father of four, this has been an issue that has been brought to the forefront of my consciousness," he said.

While President Donald Trump and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo have announced plans to ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, Newsom said he doesn't have similar executive authority. But he said he wants lawmakers to send him legislation to do so next year.

A similar effort failed this year, but the lawmakers behind it said they'll try again.

"We fully support the Governor's belief that these products should be banned, and we look forward to working with him to pass legislation that will bring an end to this public health crisis and protect the youth in our state," Sen. Jerry Hill and Assemblymen Jim Wood and Kevin McCarty, all Democrats, said in a statement.

Most of Newsom's actions center on the use of e-cigarettes, though he said the state is stepping up its enforcement of illicit cannabis products as well.

A spokesman for Juul Labs, one of the most prominent e-cigarette companies, said the company is reviewing Newsom's announcement and applauds action to crack down on counterfeit and knockoff vaping products.

"On reported illnesses, we have been monitoring the situation closely," spokesman Ted Kwong said in an emailed statement. Juul products do not contain THC or any compound derived from cannabis, he said.

Beyond the public awareness campaign, Newsom has directed the state departments of public health and tax and fee administration to explore ways to warn people about the potential dangers of vaping and tackle the sale of illicit products.

He's asked the public health department to explore new warning signs at retailers and in advertisements.

On the tax side, he's asking officials to consider changing how e-cigarettes are taxed, because they typically face lower taxes than traditional cigarettes. Making the products more expensive to buy could make them harder for teenagers to purchase, he argued. Juul did not specifically comment on that aspect of Newsom's proposal or his call for a ban on flavored e-cigarettes.

The California Department of Tax and Fee Administration may also try to implement a tracking system on the distribution of nicotine-based vaping products, similar to the "track and trace" program it already uses for legal cannabis.

Such a program would allow it to track the amount of vaping product distributors are giving retailers. The department would then track that against the tax it is collecting from retailers. That would help the state see if retailers are making money from illicit or untaxed products, said Nick Maduros, the department's director.

Josh Drayton of the California Cannabis Industry Association says the legal marijuana industry already follows rigorous standards and it supports efforts to place those same standards on nicotine-based products.



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What's the Point?

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Celebrate Downton Abbey with tea at Ye Olde Kings Head

The British Invasion of Santa Monica that began before World War 2, is having a revival this week with the premiering of the feature film Downton Abbey at the Laemmle Monica Film Center. Downton Abbey is a worldwide phenomenon and I believe that its attraction has as much to do with the quality of the writing as the desire for us to live in a more genteel time with closer connections.

In celebration of the film's arrival, my favorite hostess at Ye Olde Kings Head, Christine, is having a special edition of the Afternoon Tea that they are known for. This Friday and Saturday she's hosting a party where the community is invited to come in period dress if they like, and partake of the British daily ritual called Tea.

I've been having afternoon tea served by Christine for almost two decades. I met her years ago at the long ago closed, and still grieved, Tudor House. I loved that place. The calming pastel walls with various prints of life in a simpler time evoked the graciousness and gentility of a nicer world. A world where people dressed, were polite, sent Thank You notes, and remembered that it was more important to be with the person you were with, than to take a picture of your lunch.

Being in that back room of Ye Olde Kings Head is a treat, the ruby red walls are hung with portraits of great English kings and the fine china tinkles with teaspoons as polite conversation is held over tea sandwiches, scones and eclairs. Truly this is a step back in time and geography that I hope everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy at some point in their residency here.

The movie Downton Abbey is screening at the Laemmle Monica Film Center starting on Friday. As a movie chain I have to say they are my favorite for quality cinematic programming. I've had my fill of Hollywood big budget, no new story, pablum. It seems to me that all the films from the big studios are boring remakes of classics. I much prefer the independent films and documentaries that are screened through the Laemmle.

In the world of documentary films there is so much variety, from the films made by guerrilla filmmakers who shot with their phones and borrowed cameras, to the under $5,000,000 movies that are glorious examples of cinematography. It's truly the arena of artistry and creativity that stands for what movies could be. I know that it is heresy to say, in a town where the idea of computer graphics and a rehashed storyline justify a $200,000,000 budget, but the sole distinguishing factor these days is really – the story they tell.

This past weekend I was at a conference on Parental Alienation – hardly a fun subject, but there was a community screening of a documentary by Ginger Gentile, Erasing Family and it's about the impact of the loss of a parent. One parent through a campaign of manipulation of a child turns the child's love into hate and rejection of their other parent. It was not a big budget, flashy movie, but man was it powerful.

A good story is what makes people cry, stand up and shout, or just feel. That's why the quality of programming at Laemmle is so valuable, and why I'm looking forward to seeing Downton Abbey, after I go for tea of course.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MALIBU

Bales of marijuana found on Southern California coast

A report of a boat beached on the Southern California coast led to discovery of 41 bales of marijuana during the weekend.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Office says the report came in shortly before dawn Saturday and deputies found a 35-foot panga boat on the shore below Pacific Coast Highway between Malibu and Point Mugu.

In addition to 577 pounds of marijuana, investigators found 37 large containers filled with gasoline in the boat, floating in the water and on the beach.

Pangas are the vessel of choice for smuggling contraband up the coast from Mexico.

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Georgia couple poses as LA sheriff's deputies in $16K scam

Authorities say a Georgia couple, posing as Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies, bilked six victims out of $16,000 in gift cards in a telephone fraud scam.

Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva says Nicolas Brady Kennedy and Ashley Marie Walker of Loganville, Georgia, told nine people there were warrants out for their arrests and they could be satisfied by paying them in gift cards. Six paid; the victims were mostly elderly residents of northern Los Angeles County.

Officials say Kennedy is in custody in Georgia on a probation violation and a warrant is out for Walker's arrest. They both face extortion and attempted extortion charges.

The sheriff's department says detectives believe there may be more victims.

Authorities say police departments will never ask for gift card payments over the phone.

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‘Once you have it, you need it’: Opioid epidemic still rages

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Associated Press

As lawyers exchange mountains of paper and dicker over the details of a settlement with OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma, Americans are dying from opioids by the tens of thousands in an epidemic that grinds on in state after state, community after community, with no end in sight.

In July, the coroner serving the Columbus, Ohio, area reported nine overdose deaths in just 48 hours. Police in Norwalk, Connecticut, responded to eight overdoses — five fatal — over a six-day period in August and September. In Pennsylvania’s hard-hit York County, the coroner investigated eight suspected overdose deaths in a single week of August, and four in 24 hours.

“This is a battle that’s not going to end easily, and it will be something we are fighting for a while,” York Coroner Pam Gay said. “It’s going to take awhile to see a significant decline.”

York resident Ed Bojarsky got an oxycodone prescription to manage pain from his kidney disease and became addicted, taking “an ungodly amount” of the powerful drug as his illness progressed, his stepmother said.

“You don’t need all that medication,” Tina Bojarski would tell him. But he “didn’t want to hear it,” she said. “Because once you have it, you need it.”

And when he couldn’t get it, Tina Bojarski said, he turned to the streets. Last month, the 36-year-old died of a suspected overdose.

“These doctors do this to people. This medication does this to people. And then what are they supposed to do?” his stepmother said.

Purdue has entered into a proposed settlement with about half the states and at least 1,000 local governments, but attorneys general in Pennsylvania and other states have come out against the deal, calling it insufficient. They vowed to continue litigation against the company and the family that owns it.

Days after reaching the tentative agreement that could be worth up to $12 billion, Purdue filed for bankruptcy in White Plains, New York, late Sunday — the first step toward putting the settlement into effect. But several states plan to object to the settlement in bankruptcy court.

In the meantime, communities are struggling with the toll wrought by the crisis as well as a ballooning tab for drug treatment, social services and law enforcement. Since 1999, opioids have killed about 400,000 Americans. U.S. drug overdose deaths climbed year after year for decades, topping 70,000 in 2017 before falling slightly last year.

In Wilson, North Carolina, where Purdue has a manufacturing plant, Jonathan Cannon took opioids before moving on to heroin. He died of an overdose at 26. At Cannon’s 2015 funeral, his father, Mike Cannon, warned Jonathan’s friends — who were also using — to go to rehab or risk meeting the same fate.

One of them did wind up in rehab, and she continues battling addiction, said her mother, Elizabeth Fenner.

Fenner said her 31-year-old daughter, Ashley, became addicted to Percocet so quickly after taking it at a party that she began shooting up heroin within a month. Ashley has been in recovery for three years, but Fenner remains wary, describing her daughter as a “manipulator” who once stole her valuables to support her habit.

“That’s just who she is,” Fenner said. “I really accept that she has the addiction, and I accept that it’s a disease. But I’m trying to work on the anger that comes out of this.”

After their son’s death, Cannon and his wife launched a nonprofit group aimed at helping addicted people, but he said Purdue has never stepped up.

“Where I really struggle more than anything is they realize they’re a major contributor to the problem, but they’re not rolling up their shirt sleeves and saying, ‘Hey, let me get in here and help,’” Cannon said.

State and local governments aren’t waiting on potential Purdue settlement money before taking action, promoting “warm handoff” policies that connect overdose survivors to immediate drug treatment, dramatically expanding distribution of the life-saving overdose-reversal drug naloxone and keeping better tabs on opioid prescribing.

In the wake of at least 16 fatal overdoses, Elk Grove Village, a community of 32,000 outside Chicago, launched a program in which addicted people can ask police officers and other municipal workers for help without fear of arrest, even if they have illegal drugs or paraphernalia. Drug treatment is offered regardless of ability to pay, and local employers commit to hiring graduates of the program.

Mayor Craig Johnson, who helped create the program, said 32 people have taken part, and 21 are “still clean and sober.”

One of the success stories is Tom, a 54-year-old who owned a construction company before breaking his hip and leg in a fall and becoming addicted to painkillers. He eventually lost his company and his house.

“All you do is spend your days looking for meds off the street because you don’t want to detox. It was horrifying,” said Tom, who has since completed Elk Grove Village’s recovery program and landed work with a catering company. He did not want his last name used because he is now seeking a job in the medical field.

Gay, the coroner, said nearly all of the overdose deaths in York County this year involved heroin and fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that’s 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. In almost every case, the overdose victim started with prescription painkillers like OxyContin, she said.

“You can see from their medical records

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California asks Trump for housing vouchers to aid homeless

California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday asked President Donald Trump to approve more housing vouchers as Trump's administration weighs in on the most populous state's massive homelessness problem.

Members of the administration visited Los Angeles last week to view the city's sprawling homeless encampments after Trump told his staff to develop policy options to address the national crisis of people living on the streets.

The Democratic governor and officials representing California cities and counties sent the Republican president a letter asserting that "shelter solves sleep, but only housing solves homelessness."

Their letter asks Trump to provide 50,000 more housing vouchers through two existing programs and to increase the value of the vouchers to account for high rents. That would help "a significant proportion of our unsheltered population," including thousands of military veterans, they wrote.

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, a Democrat, invited Trump in July to tour the city's streets. Garcetti estimated that 36,000 people in the city are homeless on any given night, while thousands sleep on streets in other California cities.

Newsom's office could not immediately say how much more the voucher proposal would cost.

U.S. Housing and Urban Development officials did not immediately comment.

The California officials also asked Trump to create a program to encourage landlords to work better with voucher holders.

"Pairing more vouchers with an increase in the fair market rent value of the vouchers, you have the ability to make a meaningful difference in the lives of so many who suffer on our streets," the officials wrote.

They defended California's attempts to deal with poverty while contrasting the administration's "significant cuts" to public housing and community grant programs. They asked Trump to also work with Congress to increase funding for 300,000 new housing vouchers nationwide.

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Trump seeks to spring upset in New Mexico next year

KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

President Donald Trump headed to New Mexico on Monday for a campaign rally that demonstrates his efforts to capture a few more Democratic-leaning states in next year's presidential election.

Trump's rally in Rio Rancho, in suburban Albuquerque, will be the first stop on a three-day swing that will also take him to California for fundraisers expected to raise more than $15 million.

Trump is looking to find the next Wisconsin or Michigan — states that Democrats generally win in presidential elections but that can surprise under certain conditions, as they did in 2016.

New Mexico has not voted for a Republican in the presidential election since 2004. Trump captured just 40% of the state vote in 2016. Hillary Clinton also fell short of a majority victory, with 48% support in a state she did not visit.

Still, campaign officials say a Trump rally in nearby El Paso, Texas, last February was well attended by female and Hispanic voters and travelers from New Mexico, indicating to them that New Mexico is in play. Hundreds of people showed up early Monday to claim a place in line ahead of the evening event in Rio Rancho. Protesters, for their part, vowed to step up acts of civil disobedience and demonstrations.

"We have the opportunity because of our fundraising and infrastructure to not only defend the states we carried in 2016, but to extend the map in 2020," said Rick Gorka, a spokesman for a fundraising committee for Trump's reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee.

Gorka said New Mexico is a big part of that strategy, as are Minnesota, New Hampshire and Nevada.

Trump's efforts in New Mexico will provide a test of how well his often-harsh rhetoric about immigrants will play with Hispanic voters, who comprise nearly 40% of New Mexico's electorate.

Trump is likely to cite his efforts to boost oil and gas production in his bid to win over voters. New Mexico is in the midst of an oil-production boom that has boosted employment and spurred a state government spending spree from first-year Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on public education, roadway projects and tax rebates for film productions.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPTEMBER 17)

Throughout the year, there will be times you'll live it up and laugh it down, and those will work brilliantly. More times, you'll work through the challenge with meticulous and determined persistence – you'll have so much of that at your disposal. And your vitality increases with lifestyle changes you make in November. Cancer and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 1, 3, 33 and 50.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You can be mean to yourself sometimes. You wouldn't hang out with people who talk to you the way you talk to yourself when you're being mean. Interrupt the pattern. Try distracting yourself with positive influences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The way that words, ideas and art are conceived will have a direct correlation with how they are received. What comes from the heart will go to the heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Taking charge of your own focus seems like a basic right, but your life and work can be so tied in to the lives and work of others that autonomous acts can be surprisingly hard to carry out. At least you're needed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're going to have a hard time carrying out the goals you believe you (SET ITAL) should (END ITAL) be committed to, but it won't be hard at all to do the things you really (SET ITAL) want (END ITAL) to do. So the trick is in wanting what's good for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Success will be a matter of taking charge of your definition of it and then honoring that. Be reasonable, and start small. Also, there's really no point in getting mired in a history of all the things that haven't worked so far. Clean the slate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You used to give yourself credit for learning new things, but these days, picking up new skills is a daily adaptation to the escalating pace of technology. Still, pat yourself on the back. You keep getting smarter!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Humans are social creatures for which the approval of others can be a matter of trivia or a matter of survival. Luckily, you're in for a few days of ease with a relaxed attitude that doesn't change based on your approval rating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The things that reward one person may not mean much to another. It will be especially important to get this right on a you-to-you basis, as it will be hard to motivate yourself without the proper reward.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Time and trust are the themes of the day. Timeframes have a lot to do with people's willingness to participate. Tell people upfront the amount of time they'll be expected to put in. Start brief, and build.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What appears from the outside to be a solidly built relationship may be, from the perspective of those living in it, more like a set piece on a stage. Respect that every relationship is different, and make no assumptions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The role of caregiver can be a soul-enriching one to take on, especially when the other person really is your responsibility. But when the other person is taking advantage of your kindness, it's another dynamic entirely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). New relationships will start with a simple hello. No special knowledge or attractive qualities need come into play, because what really matters in building rapport is the exchange of pleasant vibes.

Saturn's Last Retro Day

A message for the last day of this Saturn retrograde: Once a thing is broken (for instance, a heart), you don't have to worry anymore about it getting broken. You can appreciate it in more dimensions – what it is and what it was – without hope it will become perfect or fear it will get ruined. You'll accept it, yield to its flaws, relate to its fragility.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS

"My husband has looked more or less the same for the 10 years we've been married. He doesn't like to buy new clothes, and when he does, they look suspiciously like the old clothes, only without the wear. He cuts his hair the same way; is slightly overweight in a lovable, teddy bear kind of way; and never seems too worried about what he looks like. Two months ago, he suddenly changed. He bought a bunch of hip clothes, got a new haircut and started working out. He looks great, but I'm worried. Does this mean he's having an affair? He's a Scorpio." Mysterious Scorpios don't always like to reveal the catalyst for their transformations. They believe they have an inalienable right to change, and that as long as these changes are improvements, everyone should be supportive without asking too many questions. Also, many Scorpio men feel that vanity is a sign of weakness, so he may be less inclined to talk about what he's doing with this image. Be alert to other possible indicators (strange cellphone numbers on the bill, unusual charges on his credit card, staying "late at the office" or otherwise not being where he says he is...), but unless you get more warning signs, give him the benefit of the doubt.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Vlogger Alfie Deyes ranks among the most influential YouTube stars, with over 5 million subscribers and a popular series of activity books to boot. The young new media star was born under an industrious Virgo sun and has four luminaries in Libra, the sign of partnership, to guide him toward favorable alliances of all kinds. Venus in entertaining Leo lends the entertaining instinct. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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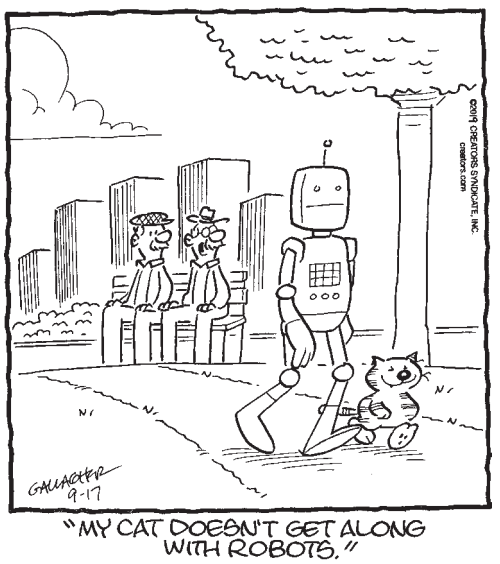
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Adjective [kley-muhnt, klam-uhnt]

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Heathcliff

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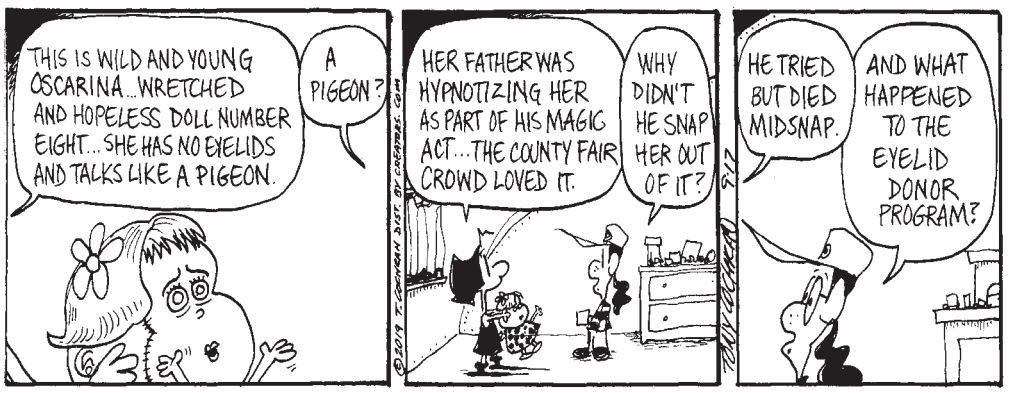
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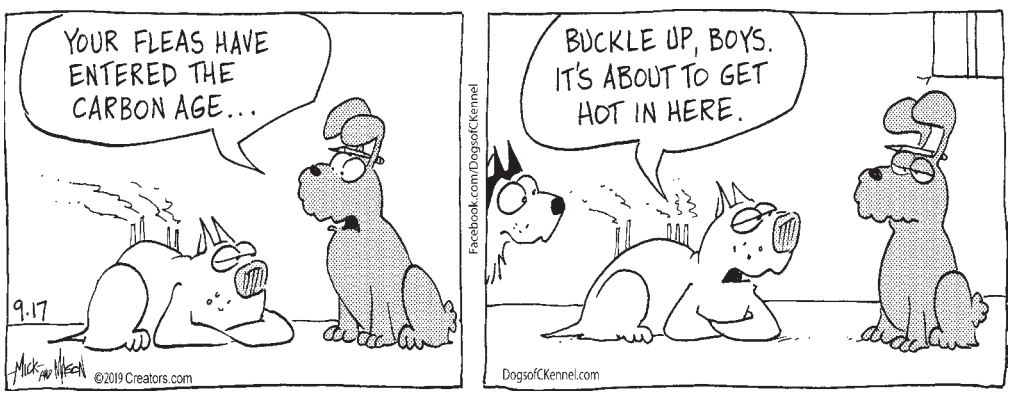
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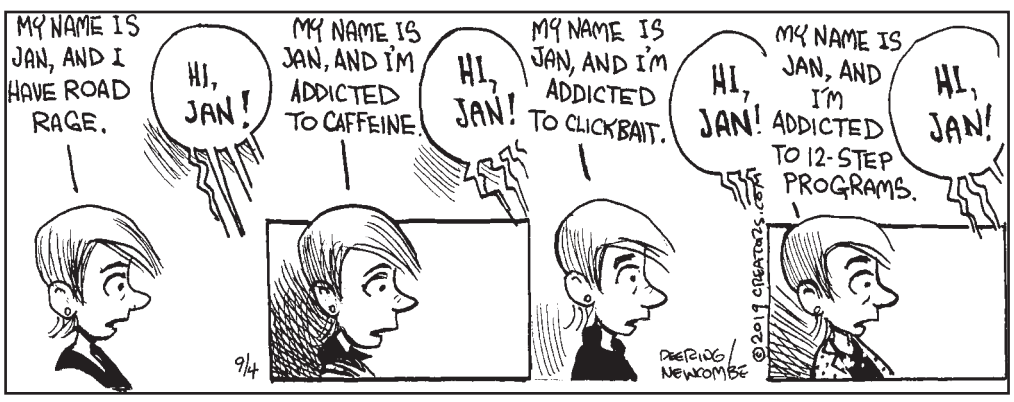
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Draw Date: 09/13
6 16 37 59 62
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 192 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 09/14
4 10 18 27 30
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 09/15
6 13 19 21 22

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Draw Date: 09/15
Midday: 8 8 5
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Draw Date: 08/12
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2nd: 10 - SOLID GOLD
3rd: 8 - GORGEOUS GEORGE
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 70.9°

TUESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Small S swell from the tropics. Old Southern Hemi swell mixes in.

WEDNESDAY- **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Small S swell from the tropics. Old Southern Hemi swell mixes in.

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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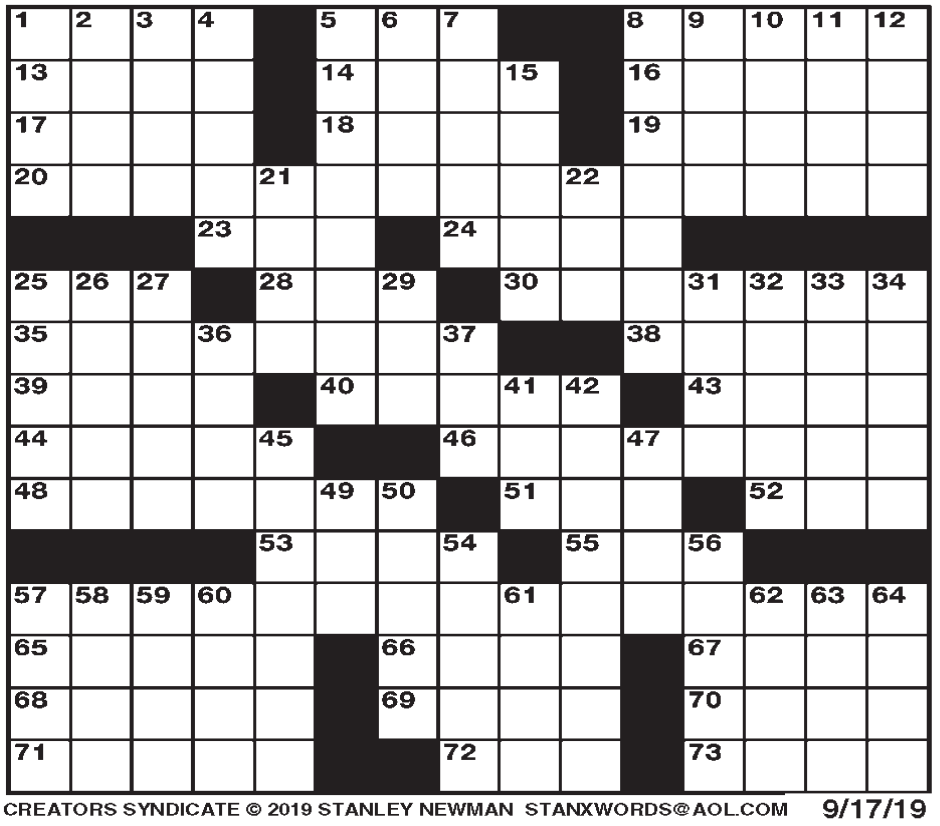
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Newsday Crossword

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? by Sally R. Stein
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ACROSS
1 Hair on an eyelid
5 Incoming train stat.
8 Ceases action
13 Online auction site
14 An additional amount
16 Group of experts
17 __-bodied (physically fit)
18 Any hunted animal
19 Emcee's opening speech
20 First course, with a melted cheese topping
23 "Gotcha!"
24 Actress Hathaway
25 Inquire
28 Point opposite WNW
30 Becomes angry
35 With 46 Across, bread with a "chunk light" filling
38 Oil-producing rock
39 Meadows
40 Futuristic novel genre
43 Figure skating leap
44 Tylenol alternative
46 See 35 Across
48 Bids bon voyage to
51 Airport screener agcy.
52 Glide down snow
53 "That's a shame"
55 Public school support grp.
57 Crusty dessert
65 Be wild about
66 Explorer __ the Red
67 Small lake
68 Relocation pro
69 "__ be a stranger"
70 Taking quite a while
71 Newspaper-printing machine
72 Tooth specialist's deg.
73 Alternatively

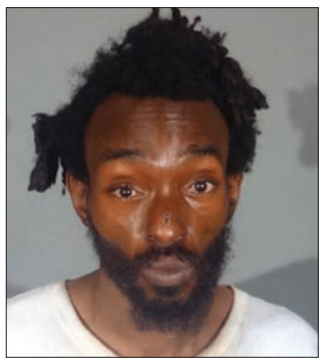
DOWN
1 Page of a book
2 5 or 72 Across, for short
3 Price reduction event
4 "Laughing" African beast
5 Special stress of a speech
6 Matador's adversary
7 Boxing match venue
8 Small pianos
9 Light browns
10 Hang __ (keep)
11 Lima's country
12 Pigsty food
15 Watching closely
21 Gourmet cook
22 Early afternoon
25 Oversize reference book
26 Soft boot material
27 Rogue
29 PC bailout key
31 Playwright George Bernard __
32 Long skirts
33 Smart __ (wise guy)
34 New __ (India's capital)
36 Without a warranty
37 That guy's
41 What Jack Sprat couldn't eat
42 Checks for quality
45 Dealership's courtesy cars
47 Spreadsheet email
49 Winter bug
50 Destined (to be)
54 Cape Cod seafood
56 More than enough
57 Summer place for kids
58 Aroma
59 Small bay
60 Metallic rocks
61 Watermelon covering
62 Swim meet location
63 Rural hotels
64 Outer border



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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.



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DERRICK ALLEN DARDEN

ON SEPTEMBER 12, AT 9:30 P.M.

Officers were called to the area of Ocean and Arizona for a Battery that just occurred. A female victim was walking on the sidewalk listening to music on her headphones. A male approached her and said something to her. She did not hear him and he became upset with her and punched her in the face. The suspect fled the location but was found in the area of the 1200 block of Ocean Ave. He was arrested without incident. Derrick Allen Darden, 40, homeless, was arrested for battery. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON SEPT. 15

Traffic collision with injury 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:27 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1900blk Pico Blvd 2:44 a.m.
Automatic alarm 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:06 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1100blk Pico Blvd 4:37 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 6:50 a.m.
Broken water main 800blk Ashland Ave 7:41 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk 4th St 9:53 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 10:07 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:12 a.m.
Broken water Main Ocean Ave / Washington Ave 11:56 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk 5th St 12:31 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 1:30 p.m.
EMS 00blk Arcadia Ter 1:32 p.m.
EMS 500blk Olympic Blvd W 2:18 p.m.
EMS 700blk Marine St 2:45 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 4:13 p.m.
EMS 1200blk 6th St 4:15 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 4:27 p.m.
EMS 500blk Adelaide Dr 4:38 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 5:05 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3100blk Main St 5:16 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 5:21 p.m.
EMS 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 6:47 p.m.
EMS 900blk 17th St 7:05 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:59 p.m.
EMS Main St / Hollister Ave 8:27 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:37 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2400blk Olympic Blvd 11:10 p.m.
EMS 300blk Olympic Dr 11:57 p.m.

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DAILY POLICE LOG

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Encampment 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 12:16 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:27 a.m.
Battery 1300blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:31 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1600blk Lincoln Blvd 12:54 a.m.
Public intoxication 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:15 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 5:39 a.m.
Prowler there 200blk Pacific St 5:42 a.m.
Identity theft 900blk 22nd St 7:03 a.m.
Missing person 300blk Olympic Dr 7:15 a.m.
Panic alarm 1200blk 19th St 7:16 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1000blk 11th St 7:21 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1500blk 14th St 7:24 a.m.
Malicious mischief 200blk Santa Monica Pier 8:58 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Santa Monica Pier 9:23 a.m.
Prowler 1200blk 19th St 9:26 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1700blk Appian Way 9:46 a.m.
Auto burglary 600blk Marine St 9:59 a.m.
Out of order traffic signals 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 200blk Strand St 10:02 a.m.
Malicious mischief 1800blk 16th St 10:25 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1300blk 5th St 10:45 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1200blk California Ave 10:48 a.m.
Defrauding innkeeper in progress 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:50 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Bryn Mawr Ave 10:52 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2nd St / Marine St 10:53 a.m.
Hit and run 1000blk 20th St 10:58 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2600blk Main St 11:07 a.m.
Person with a gun 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 11:13 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:16 a.m.
Hit and run felony 1700blk 11th St 11:25 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Kensington Rd 11:28 a.m.
Person with a gun 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:38 a.m.
Auto burglary 700blk Navy St 11:52 a.m.
Encampment 1900blk Expo Bike Path 12:14 p.m.
Malicious mischief 1300blk Michigan Ave 12:55 p.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 1800blk 7th St 12:58 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 12:59 p.m.
Disturbance at a business 1900blk Pico Blvd 1:04 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 4th St / Raymond Ave 1:14 p.m.
Speeding Ocean Ave / California Ave 1:15 p.m.
Lewd activity 700blk Navy St 1:17 p.m.
Burglary 2400blk Beverley Ave 2:21 p.m.
Expired registration 1300blk 7th St 2:23 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk Ashland Ave 2:40 p.m.
Fight 1500blk Palisades Park 2:43 p.m.
Grand theft 1500blk 9th St 2:47 p.m.
Illegal weapon 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 2:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 100blk Hollister Ave 3:05 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 200blk Palisades Ave 3:09 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper in progress 500blk Broadway 3:20 p.m.
Smoking violation 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 3:34 p.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Broadway 3:34 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Berkeley St / Wilshire Blvd 4:13 p.m.
Petty theft 500blk Colorado Ave 4:32 p.m.
Burglary 1000blk Pine St 4:34 p.m.
Threats 1900blk Pico Blvd 4:52 p.m.
Bike theft 4th St / Colorado Ave 5:03 p.m.
Critical missing person 1100blk Ocean Front Walk 5:14 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 900blk 19th St 5:20 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 25th St 5:25 p.m.
Battery 14th St / Wilshire Blvd 5:28 p.m.
Auto burglary 500blk 19th St 5:32 p.m.
Vandalism 25th St / California Ave 5:33 p.m.
Auto burglary 900blk 19th St 5:33 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk 6th St 5:38 p.m.
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72 hour psychiatric hold 600blk 17th St 6:55 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 7:29 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 12th St 7:37 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:48 p.m.
Threats 1400blk 16th St 8:08 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk 6th St 8:16 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk 16th St 8:18 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon Main St / Hollister Ave 8:29 p.m.
Malicious mischief 100blk Wilshire Blvd 8:47 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 17th St / Alta Ave 8:50 p.m.
Battery 100blk Wilshire Blvd 9:01 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk 21st St 9:18 p.m.
Burglary 2400blk Beverley Ave 9:18 p.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 9:52 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk Chelsea Ave 9:56 p.m.
Battery Lincoln Blvd / Santa Monica Blvd 9:56 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 4th St / Broadway 11:09 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 14th St / Cedar St 11:19 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk Franklin St 11:42 p.m.

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PASJOLI

FROM PAGE 1

is very produce-forward, and when you go to the markets here, it's very conducive to that same genre. I joked with people that for a while at Dialogue we were cooking 'sneaky French.'"

On Wednesday, Beran will open a 48-seat restaurant at 2732 Main St. that fully embraces French cuisine. He calls Pasjoli (pronounced PAH-zholi) an elevated neighborhood bistro — a restaurant where diners feel equally comfortable celebrating a special occasion with pressed duck and champagne and dropping in on a weeknight for a salad and a glass of wine.

Unlike Dialogue, where the pared-down decor acts as a stage for the food, Pasjoli offers a romantic experience that greets guests with a midnight blue facade and surrounds them with brick walls, vintage wallpaper and brass accents.

"When you walk in the front door, it should feel lively and full of energy," he said.

On the menu, Beran intends to challenge the assumption that French cuisine is all about fried, cheesy, meaty dishes like French onion soup or steak frites. Instead, diners can expect classics like skate meunière and chicken cooked in champagne complemented by seasonal produce.

Although shared plates have become the default style of service for buzzy new restaurants, Beran said the menu's appetizers, entrees and desserts are meant to be enjoyed individually, save for a few items like a faux foie gras brioche and a tableside caviar service.

"I want people to go after what they want," he said.

Beran planned to open a large, French tasting-menu restaurant called Jolie when he moved to Los Angeles from Chicago three years ago. He said he picked a space in Downtown Los Angeles because it resembled the part of Chicago he was familiar with.

"It looked like where I was coming from in Chicago, and I quickly realized that everyone I was talking to who was moving here was basically opening a version of a restaurant they came from in LA," he said. "They were trying to bring their restaurant here, not really immersing themselves in LA."

When his plans for Jolie fell through, he opened Dialogue in Santa Monica instead. By the time he started thinking about opening a second restaurant, he had found a home on the Westside — specifically, the tree-lined, picturesque streets of Ocean Park.

"I spend a lot of time at the markets here, I bike here a lot, I forage in the mountains," he said. "This just became the part of town I found myself spending more time in and enjoying, and I started thinking about what I wished was over here."

Pasjoli is the third high-profile restaurant to open in the city this year, following Jeremy Fox's playful Birdie G's and Brendan Collins' Amalfi Coast-inspired Fia.

Beran doesn't see them as competitors, however.

"I think anything that brings more awareness to the restaurant scene here is better for everyone," he said. "It draws in better diners, which demands better restaurants, which makes the restaurants want to be better."

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ACCIDENTS

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Cobarrubias said the two collided when the bike made a left turn in front of the car.

The bicyclist received serious injuries and is still listed in critical condition.

The accidents capped an intense week for the Santa Monica Police Department. Officers are still searching for a suspect that stole up to five thousand dollars from a Montana Ave. bank early in the week and officers shot a man on Friday night who had broken into a home.

The burglar survived the shooting and both investigations are ongoing. Detectives continued to gather evidence in the shooting case but SMPD said it would not release any new information at this time.

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EPIDEMIC

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how they were on prescription drugs for chronic sports injuries, pain," she said. "Which is why so many counties are going after Big Pharma."

In Virginia, Scott Zebrowski became addicted to opioids after being prescribed OxyContin for a back injury.

In 2017, Zebrowski, who was young, fit and managed a gym, took a pain pill a friend had given him. He didn't know it was laced with fentanyl. Zebrowski dropped dead in the parking lot of a Starbucks.

Jill Zebrowski, Scott's twin sister, who lives in Midlothian, Virginia, said she holds Purdue and other pharmaceutical companies responsible.

"I think they knowingly did this," she said. "They've caused such pain and heartache for my family and so many others."

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TRUMP

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Lujan Grisham took aim at Trump ahead of his visit, describing the president as being demeaning to Hispanics and immigrants since being elected. She also said Trump's policies had resulted in increased taxes for some New Mexicans.

Trump will follow up his rally by flying to the San Francisco Bay area on Tuesday for a luncheon fundraiser. He'll then attend a fundraising dinner that evening in Beverly Hills at the home of real estate developer Geoffrey Palmer. He has two more fundraisers planned in Los Angeles and San Diego on Wednesday.

The fundraisers will benefit Trump Victory, the joint entity that funds Trump's reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee.`

Associated Press staff writer Morgan Lee contributed to this report from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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