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Michelin Stars



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RESTAURANTS: Santa Monica's Pasjoli restaurant earned it's first Michelin Star in this year's Guide. Chef Dave Beran said the restaurant opened in September of 2019 and had a rocky introduction to the world including multiple closures, menu adaptations, staffing challenges and a lot of gambles about the future.

"In all of that, we found our community. We found neighbors that came out to support us," he said in an email to customers. "We made new friends. We moved our host stand outside and kept a constant supply of dog treats. We softened our service, we smiled with our eyes (because, you know... masks), and we did our best to make everyone feel special. Our dream for pasjoli was to make it a great little neighborhood restaurant. Through the challenges of the pandemic, we did just that. We became a part of our neighborhood."

The restaurant joins Rustic Canyon and the two-star Melisse as Michelin awardees in the City. Two restaurants, Colapasta and Tumbi, earned Bib Gourmand awards. Ten (Michael's, Cassia, Citrin, Fia, Elephante, Milo+Olive, The Lobster, Birdie G's, Chinois on Main and Lunetta) were recognized with the Michelin Plate award.

Sheriff lambastes Santa Monica's approach to Downtown homelessness

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

In a community meeting organized by Promenade property owner John Alle, L.A. County Sheriff Alex Villanueva was highly critical of the City's approach to homelessness in the Downtown area and candid about what he would do differently.

He was joined on a panel by Lt. Geoffrey Deedrick of the Sheriff's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) and Pastor Ron Hooks of local homeless service provider West

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Clara Harter

SHERIFF: The Sheriff said he wouldn't send deputies to the city without a paid contract.

Local teens look to help community members suffering from Alzheimer's

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica youth are stepping up to help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care through dedicated cookie sales and working to organize the annual awareness walk.

Two teenaged girls from Santa Monica High School, Shira Schlessinger, 17 and Kate Albert, 18 have been taking cookie orders since February, and monthly they deliver "Goodies for Granny" throughout the city. They have raised and donated over $3,000 to date to support Alzheimer's support, research and advocacy. They pile up their cars with decorated boxes and spend hours delivering.

"I volunteer because I feel Alzheimer's is a topic many do not talk about, despite how many people it impacts," Albert said. "I hope to contribute to fighting Alzheimer's for my grandma, and for my best friend, Shira and her family who have struggled with it in the past. I began learning about Alzheimer's through my grandma and the stories she used to tell about her old friends. She lost many friends due to Alzheimer's."

Ashyah Hewage, 16, another Santa Monica high schooler, has become the second-ever youth

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Courtesy photo

FUNDRAISER: Shira Schlessinger and Kate Albert are among the local students working to fight Alzheimer's.

Vikings glad to put last season away and focus on present

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

What a difference a season makes. Santa Monica High School's football team went through hell and back in the last one, but they're feeling a lot stronger about this one.

Last season the young Vikings endured: a shortened season, numerous players opting out due to COVID-19 health concerns and many players getting injured due to restrictive training along with a hurried start to the season.

The injuries were in large part due to a lack of training space. Santa Monica High did not have any access to an indoor weight room last season, which limited them to

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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | SEPT. 29

FARMERS MARKET 8 A.M. - 1 P.M.
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: at Arizona Ave & 2nd St.

THE DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL FORUM 2 - 3:30 P.M.
The Downtown Santa Monica Public Safety Town Hall Forum has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 29, 2 - 3:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Place, Community Room, Level 3.This meeting will provide community members an opportunity to learn more about public safety efforts in the downtown, with presentations by the Santa Monica Police Department and DTSM Staff.

COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT 7 P.M.
Join in celebrating National Recovery Month with a free community movie night showing the Disney movie "Soul" at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave, on September 29 at 7 p.m. The event will be taking place at the courtyard of the Teen Center at Virginia Avenue Park. There will be free popcorn, a selfie station, and more.

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS: WHAT THE END OF THE EVICTION MORATORIUM MEANS FOR YOU. 12 P.M.
Rebecca Herman of Pettit Kohn will lead this webinar joined by Senator Ben Allen, who will also cover what financial and other resources are available to you from the State of California. Free for members. $15 for non-members. https://members.smchamber.com/events/

THURSDAY | SEPT. 30

ANIMAL FARM
"Animal Farm: Conversations on Theater and Politics with Steven Leigh Morris and Guests." It will be an engaging and thought-provoking look at current issues and ideas in world politics and how they're reflected in theater. It is completely free and can be viewed at: https://citygarage.org/animalfarm/ at 12 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCT. 1

ABSOLUTELY HALLOWEEN IS ABSOLUTELY GREAT!
Santa Monica Playhouse is excited to present the in-person return of its modern classic, now celebrating its 15th year (live-streaming in 2020) as part of the Playhouse's "We're Back" play series. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/

RARE BOOKS
Rare Books LA welcomes you back to in-person book fairs with the upcoming show Rare Books LA - Santa Monica. This exciting event is sponsored by Biblio.com and is being held in a beautiful retail storefront at 1219 Third Street Promenade, a prime retail and dining destination just a few blocks from the beach.

SATURDAY | OCT. 2

OCEAN PARK BRANCH BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: THE WORLD WITHOUT US BY ALAN WEISMAN. 11 A.M. - 12 P.M.
What would happen if the human race vanished? Weisman's book is a fascinating examination of the permanent and impermanent human impact on the earth. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH. 12 - 3 P.M.
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Drive Thru or Walk Up Blessings. First United Methodist Church. 1008 11th Street. Pet blessings, memorial wall and crafts for kids. Please bring pet supplies that will be donated to a local shelter.

SUNDAY | OCT. 3

AMERICANA IN THE PARK
The City of Santa Monica is partnering with McCabe's Guitar Shop to present Americana in the Park in Gandara Park, on Sundays between September 19 and October 10 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 278 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 27

Loud Music 1300blk Centinela Ave 1:40 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Pier Ave 1:57 a.m.
Rape 300blk Olympic Dr 2:01 a.m.
Loud Music 200blk Bay St 2:13 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 2:24 a.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 18th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:27 a.m.
Encampment 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 2:54 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2100blk 21st St 3:24 a.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk Marine St 4:31 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Nebraska Ave 5:53 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Main St 6:44 a.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:47 a.m.
Vandalism 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:54 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2900blk Virginia Ave 7:37 a.m.
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Truant Juvenile 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 7:47 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 26th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:55 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:13 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:14 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 900blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:19 a.m.
Burglary 400blk Broadway 8:24 a.m.
Missing Person 400blk Palisades Ave 8:29 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Marine St 8:32 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2900blk Virginia Ave 8:34 a.m.
General Parking Problem 300blk Olympic Dr 8:46 a.m.
Found Property 1000blk 12th St 9:01 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 9:04 a.m.
Battery 2200blk Main St 9:10 a.m.
Lost Property Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 9:14 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 11th St / Santa Monica Blvd 9:18 a.m.
Death Investigation 2400blk 32nd St 9:28 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 9:35 a.m.
Vandalism 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:49 a.m.
Expired Registration 1200blk 19th St 10:09 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 300blk Pico Blvd 10:13 a.m.
Petty Theft 2700blk 3rd St 10:21 a.m.
Expired Registration 1000blk Idaho Ave 11:05 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk Bay St 11:18 a.m.
Petty Theft 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:27 a.m.
Vandalism Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 11:28 a.m.
Vandalism 700blk Arizona Ave 11:46 a.m.
Vandalism 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 11:47 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1900blk Washington Ave 12:01 p.m.
Grand Theft 500blk 15th St 12:04 p.m.
Burglary 900blk Carlyle Ave 12:07 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:34 p.m.
Petty Theft 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:58 p.m.
Loitering 1700blk Appian Way 1:02 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 200blk Pier Ave 1:33 p.m.
Speeding 1000blk 19th St 1:39 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 10th St / Idaho Ave 1:49 p.m.
Auto Burglary 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Fraud 1200blk Princeton St 2:11 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1600blk Montana Ave 2:35 p.m.
Vandalism 6th St / Broadway 2:38 p.m.
General Parking Problem 800blk 5th St 2:39 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1500blk Ocean Ave 2:41 p.m.
Expired Registration 600blk Idaho Ave 3:08 p.m.
Traffic Collision 2500blk 6th St 3:22 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:25 p.m.
Speeding Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 3:29 p.m.
Vandalism Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 3:45 p.m.
Battery 800blk 9th St 3:50 p.m.
Runaway 700blk Bay St 4:01 p.m.
Expired Registration 1100blk 10th St 4:07 p.m.
Battery 500blk Broadway 4:10 p.m.
Lost Property 300blk Olympic Dr 4:13 p.m.
Encampment 3100blk The Beach 4:19 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Expired Registration 1100blk 10th St 4:32 p.m.
Speeding 6th St / Arizona Ave 4:39 p.m.
Petty Theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 4:59 p.m.
Found Senile Person 2200blk Lincoln Blvd 5:06 p.m.
Vandalism 1200blk 12th St 5:12 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2200blk Virginia Ave 5:16 p.m.
Lewd Activity 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:31 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 6:00 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 30 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 27

EMS 2200blk 21st St 3:29 a.m.
EMS 1600blk 9th St 7:37 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Kansas Ave 7:52 a.m.
EMS 2400blk Olympic Blvd 8:11 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 8:16 a.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 2200blk Pico Blvd 8:20 a.m.
EMS Main St / Marine St 8:32 a.m.
EMS 800blk Wilshire Blvd 8:34 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 8:54 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 3300blk Donald Douglas Loop N 9:06 a.m.
EMS 2400blk 32nd St 9:26 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900blk Pennsylvania Ave 9:35 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Grant St 9:46 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 10:29 a.m.
Wires Down 1300blk Hill St 11:26 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 11:51 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:36 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:42 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 4th St 1:15 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 1:38 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 20th St 2:33 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 20th St 2:34 p.m.
EMS 2700blk 6th St 2:43 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 3:17 p.m.
EMS 100blk Interstate 10 3:46 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Michigan Ave 4:11 p.m.
EMS 500blk Broadway 4:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 800blk 14th St 4:13 p.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 5:11 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 5:37 p.m.

Lakers say they're building a vintage championship contender

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LeBron James has heard the basketball world talking about how the Los Angeles Lakers are too old, and he is laughing — both literally and figuratively.

"Some of the memes and some of the jokes have been extremely funny," James said with a grin Tuesday.

At 36 years old, James is on a roster of his peers as he enters his 19th NBA season. Nine of the Lakers' 14 current players are 32 or older, including eight of their 11 new additions — and Anthony Davis is a high-mileage 28. Depending on any late moves, the Lakers' average age is likely to be nearly 31, which would be two years older than any other NBA roster.

But instead of fixating on his new teammates' 1980s birthdates, James thinks people should be focusing on the skill, experience and athleticism represented by all those numbers. Russell Westbrook, Carmelo Anthony and a supporting cast of accomplished NBA veterans are teaming up with James and Davis, and they are confident they can prove age is not yet a hindrance to their incredible talent.

"We come out and we put the time in, we put the work in," James said. "We make our own narrative. One thing that we know (is) who we are. We've got a bunch of guys that have been in this league quite a while that understand and know what it takes to win. The business that we're in is winning, and doing it all the time."

The rest of James' new teammates react to the questions around their ages with the same raised eyebrows. The Lakers all seem to wonder why the skeptics don't realize these players have outlasted dozens of younger players in the NBA for some very good reasons.

"It's never bulletin-board material, because it's somebody else's narrative," said Anthony, James' fellow member of the draft class of 2003. "We don't get moments like this often where you have a group of guys with this stature on one team who all like each other. That's hard to find."

The Lakers got together Tuesday at their training complex for media day exactly three weeks before their regular-season opener against Golden State at Staples Center.

With just three players returning from last season's team, the Lakers realize they have work to do, and they've already begun their bonding with a recent weekend trip to Las Vegas. They hope to find a groove swiftly with a roster also including newcomers DeAndre Jordan, Rajon Rondo, Kent Bazemore, Trevor Ariza and three-time Lakers center Dwight Howard — along with youngsters Malik Monk and Kendrick Nunn.

James isn't worried about finding a rhythm with Westbrook, the ball-dominating Los Angeles native landed by the Lakers in a blockbuster trade with Washington after averaging a triple-double yet again last season. The third-leading scorer in NBA history cited his years of experience in playing alongside gifted teammates ranging from Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh to Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love.

"I'm very cerebral about what I need to do in order for our team to be as great as we can be, and also to (complement) what Russ brings to the table," James said. "I always figure it out. I don't think it's going to be like peanut butter and jelly to start the season, but that's all part of the process and all part of my work. I like to actually put in the work to get to how great it can be."

The Lakers have also taken a major step toward togetherness and health by getting their roster fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Even Bazemore, an outspoken vaccine skeptic last season in Golden State, has received his first dose and is eager to get his second.

Bazemore said he decided to get the vaccine after a conversation about life and philosophy with Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka.

"One thing you don't want to have is regret," Bazemore said. "And if I go to another team or miss this season because I didn't do it and I've got to watch these guys party with the Larry O'Brien Trophy because I didn't do it, I'd be pretty hurt."

James also confirmed he has been vaccinated, putting to rest the rumors around his previous reluctance to disclose his status. He acknowledged initial "skepticism" about the vaccine, but decided it was the right decision to stay healthy for his teammates and family.

Health undid the Lakers' title defense last season: Davis, James and several complementary players were limited or unable to play throughout Los Angeles' first-round loss to Phoenix.

Davis' absences have been the most crushing for the Lakers over the past two years, and the big man is eager to be more durable. As one of the Lakers' youngsters heading into only his ninth NBA season, he sees it as a responsibility.

"I didn't feel comfortable missing that many games," Davis said. "Not being able to play at full strength in the playoffs against Phoenix ... that didn't sit well with me. I made an emphasis on taking care of my body, getting my body back to what it was strength-wise my first year here."

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT:
(1) Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) for the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element
(2) Adoption of 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider:
1) Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan; and
2) Adoption of the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element of the City's General Plan

California State law requires that communities prepare and update the Housing Element of the General Plan every eight years. The Housing Element serves as the City's guide for addressing the housing needs of all segments of Santa Monica's population. Housing needs are determined by the California Housing and Community Department (HCD), which decide the numerical housing targets for each regional council of governments. Each council of government across the State then further allocates the regional housing number (known as the Regional Housing Needs Allocation – or RHNA) to every city and county within its jurisdiction. The RHNA is a targeted housing number - cities and counties must plan for the RHNA and show that under current land use and development standards, there is capacity to accommodate for this number of housing. For the proposed 6th Cycle 2021-2029 Housing Element, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) determined that the City's draft RHNA allocation is 8,895 units, more than 5 times than the last cycle. The significant increase in the City's RHNA housing number is indicative of the severity of the current housing crisis. As part of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element, Santa Monica must demonstrate to the State that there is available capacity within its jurisdictional boundaries to meet its targeted RHNA number. Per State requirements, the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element has been drafted and available online at www.santamonica.gov/housing-element-update. The Housing Element Update includes the following components:

- A detailed analysis of the City's demographic, economic and housing characteristics.
- An analysis of the barriers to producing and preserving housing.
- A review of the City's progress in implementing current housing policies and programs.
- An identification of goals, objectives, and policies, in addition to a full list of programs that will implement the vision of the plan.
- A list of sites (aka the Suitable Sites Inventory) that could accommodate new housing, demonstrating the City's ability to meet the quantified housing number established in the RHNA.

On July 1, 2021, the City issued a Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element consistent with Council direction given on June 15, 2021 and submitted the Draft Housing Element to HCD for review. On August 30, 2021, HCD issued a letter which, in part, determined that changes to the draft were necessary for compliance with State law. After holding two public discussions on the July 1 Draft Housing Element and HCD's comments to the City; on September 24, 2021, the Planning Commission voted to recommend that the City Council: 1) certify the Final EIR; and 2) adopt the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element, with changes.

Environmental Analysis

The Housing Element update was analyzed in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and this analysis is contained in the Housing Element Update's Final Environmental Impact Report (SCH #2020100575) (FEIR). The City Council will consider the analysis and make a decision on the FEIR.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), only members of the City Council and City Staff will participate in person at City Hall. Members of the public may participate via telephone. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal at https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video. Members of the public may also dial in at 1-760-699-0393 (PIN: 4331138598#).

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Written public comment can be submitted via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please call (310) 312-8173 once the caller queue for the agenda item opens. Please note that the caller queue for each agenda item will not open until just before the item is called and will close after the first five public comments (from other callers) are heard.

Please see the October 12, 2021 City Council Agenda for more detailed instructions.

Address your comments to: **City Clerk**
Re: Housing Element Update

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about the 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element and the FEIR,, please see the City's website: https://santamonica.gov/housing-element-update, or email housingupdate@smgov.net. The Final Public Hearing Draft Housing Element will be available on the City's website prior to the hearing. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

Activist, historian, writer among `genius grant' recipients

DON BABWIN
Associated Press

A historian devoted to keeping alive the stories of long-dead victims of racial violence along the Texas-Mexico border and a civil rights activist whose mission is to make sure people who leave prison are free to walk into the voting booth are among this year's MacArthur fellows and recipients of "genius grants."

The Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on Tuesday announced the 25 recipients, who will each receive $625,000.

The historian and the activist are part of an eclectic group that includes scientists, economists, poets, and filmmakers. As in previous years, the work of several recipients involves topics that have been dominating the news — from voting rights to how history is taught in schools.

Race figures prominently in the work of about half of them, including that of Ibram X. Kendi, author of "How to be an Antiracist" and "Stamped from the Beginning," which was a National Book Award winner for nonfiction.

There is a generation of older and younger writers, thinkers and creators who are able to recognize the "complexity of racism" and "clarify it for everyday people to see it and grasp it and be outraged by it," Kendi said.

"These generations have been hugely inspired by previous generations," added Kendi, who will contribute an essay to the forthcoming book "The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story" that's based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning "1619 Project" that centers U.S. history around slavery. "I think we built this movement to a point in which it is indeed a juggernaut with no way of stopping."

The selection process for the MacArthur grants is shrouded in secrecy. Instead of applications, anonymous groups make nominations and recommendations to the foundation's board of directors.

Kendi, 39, said he had no knowledge he had been nominated.

"My first words were: 'Are you serious?'" Kendi said Tuesday. "It's one of the biggest, if not the biggest, honor I've ever received."

COVID-19 also was clearly on the minds of the foundation's board of directors. It comes up in the work of no fewer than four recipients, including a computational biologist building tools to track and forecast viruses and a physician-economist working to better communicate the need for the COVID-19 vaccine to communities that distrust medical institutions.

"As we emerge from the shadows of the past two years, this class of 25 Fellows helps us re-imagine what's possible," said Cecilia Conrad, the foundation's managing director of fellows.

Much of what is going on, from the COVID-19 pandemic to efforts in the U.S. to alter the way elections are held and the way students are taught in school, added a sense of urgency to this year's awards, some recipients said.

"This award is so timely for me, personally ... to remain committed to make sure the public has access to the truth, true history, even when it is troubling (and) especially when that history can help us build a better future," Monica Muñoz Martinez, a historian at the University of Texas, Austin, pointing to efforts in some states to limit how teachers discuss racism.

Martinez was recognized, in part because of her book "The Injustice Never Leaves You: Anti-Mexican Violence in Texas," about a period a century ago when hundreds

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Activision Blizzard settles US workplace discrimination suit

TALI ARBEL
AP Technology Writer

Activision Blizzard, the video game maker facing growing legal problems stemming from allegations of a toxic workplace culture, has settled with U.S. workplace discrimination regulators.

The company, one of the world's most high-profile gaming companies, reached a deal with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to settle claims, according to court documents filed Monday. The agency had filed suit earlier in the day in federal court in California, the culmination of a nearly three-year investigation.

The agency said Activision failed to take effective action after employees complained about sexual harassment, discriminated against employees who were pregnant and retaliated against employees who spoke out, including firing them.

Activision said it would create an $18 million fund to compensate people who were harassed or discriminated against. Money left over would go to charities for women in the video game industry or other gender equity measures. It will also "upgrade" its policies and training on harassment and discrimination and hire an independent consultant to oversee its compliance with the EEOC's conditions. The agreement is subject to court approval and will be in effect for three years.

Santa Monica, California-based Activision, the maker of Candy Crush, Call of Duty, Overwatch and World of Warcraft, has seen its stock been battered in the past few months as employees complained about its labor practices and government officials took action.

California's civil rights agency sued the company in July. Employees spoke up about harassment and discrimination, signing petitions criticizing the company for its defensive reaction to the suit and staging a walkout. A shareholder has filed suit, saying Activision misled investors about the severity of its labor problems and associated legal risks. The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating Activision's disclosures to investors.

The California company has said it is cooperating with various regulators and working to resolve workplace complaints. It has recently "refreshed" its human resources department and hired a new "Chief People Officer" from Disney.

"There is no place anywhere at our company for discrimination, harassment, or unequal treatment of any kind, and I am grateful to the employees who bravely shared their experiences," said Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick in a company statement Monday. He said he was dedicated to making the company an "inclusive, respected, and respectful" workplace.

The stock has dropped about 20% since the end of June. Shares rose 2% to $76.67 in Tuesday afternoon trading.

ALZHEIMER'S

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ambassador for the Alzheimer's Association's second largest chapter territory, and she is focusing on building up the local Walk to End Alzheimer's Santa Monica while educating peers about the disease.

She is scheduling talks to youth about Alzheimer's and brain health, leading a walk team and has pledged to raise over $1,000 on her own to donate to the fight against Alzheimer's. She's begun creating online videos and strategizing her campaign. She participates in honor of her aunt.

"My Aunt Chulani was unfortunately diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease three years ago. Seeing her liveliness and jubilance diminish into a person who was constantly depressed, upset, and forgetful, was something that was extremely hard to deal with. Instead of letting this sad and frustrating disease bring our entire family down, our aunt encouraged us to learn more about the disease, find ways to help others going through similar experiences as her," Ashyah said. "And join the fight to find a cure. Although her memory is fading away, her spirit and kindness will last forever, as well as her wish to help others experiencing Alzheimer's. I love listening to music with my Aunt Chulani, especially music that she listened to when she was younger as that brings her much joy and sometimes brings her memories of the times when she listened to that song."

The first five of 13 Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's kicks off Saturday with the walk officially coming to Santa Monica on Oct. 24.

Scott Rahn, Walk to End Alzheimer's Santa Monica Chair will lead the Santa Monica walk, an event which is returning to in-person. Meanwhile, Hewage will begin to foster participation and fundraising through the end of the year.

The event has raised funds for the local community and that has raised over $200,000 since 2019. Due to these numbers, the Association offers more than 40 online and telephone support groups, educational programs and social engagement opportunities to Santa Monica and Westside residents, all free-of-charge.

For more information, visit: alz.org/walk.

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Rams are unanimous top team in latest AP Pro32 poll

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AP Pro Football Writer

Super Bowl 56 will be played at SoFi Stadium in February.

And the way the Los Angeles Rams are playing through three games, they may get a chance to play for the championship in their home stadium.

Led by new quarterback Matthew Stafford, the Rams have opened the season 3-0 and are the unanimous top team in the latest AP Pro32 poll.

The Rams received all 12 first-place votes for 384 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"After years of one disappointment after the other in Detroit, Matthew Stafford now enjoys the rarefied air of first place with his newly adopted Rams," Newsday's Bob Glauber said.

"It has been a smashing start for the strong-armed quarterback, and his partnership with offensive whiz Sean McVay was on full display in the Rams' victory over Tom Brady's defending Super Bowl champs."

SoFi Stadium will host two games this week. In a matchup of 3-0 teams, the Rams will host the Arizona Cardinals, who are No. 5 in the poll, on Sunday.

And the stadium's other tenant, the Los Angeles Chargers, close out Week 4 by hosting the rival Las Vegas Raiders on Monday night.

The Raiders are No. 4 in the poll while the Chargers are tied with the suddenly reeling Kansas City Chiefs at No. 10. The Chargers topped the Chiefs 30-24 on Sunday as Kansas City fell seven spots in the poll.

"Having a defense that has allowed a league-high 95 points is no way for the Chiefs to defend their AFC crown," said Rick Gosselin of the Talk of Fame Network.

"The worst defense ever to win a Super Bowl was the 2011 New York Giants, which allowed 25 points per game. The worst defense ever to reach a Super Bowl was the 2008 Arizona Cardinals, which allowed 26.6 points per game. The 1-2 Chiefs are allowing 31.6 points per game."

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers slipped to No. 2 after losing to the Rams on Sunday. This week, Tom Brady brings his Bucs to Foxborough, Massachusetts, to face the New England Patriots on Sunday night in a game that won't exactly lack for publicity and is already receiving Super Bowl-level hype.

The Buffalo Bills climbed four spots to No. 3 after routing Washington.

Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers jumped nine places to No. 6 after rallying for a 30-28 win over San Francisco on Sunday night.

AFC North rivals Baltimore and Cleveland follow next at No. 7 and No. 8, respectively. Baltimore slipped a spot after needing Justin Tucker's NFL-record 66-yard field goal to get past Detroit 19-17. And Cleveland gained a place after dominating Chicago in Justin Fields' first NFL start.

Surging Carolina, also 3-0, also moved up one place to No. 9 as its heads to Dallas to take on the Cowboys in a matchup of first-place teams in the NFC.

"A strong start for Sam Darnold in his new digs, but the work gets more challenging this weekend against Dallas without injured Pro Bowl running back Christian McCaffrey," Glauber said.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pacific Palisades

Cellist Antonio Lysy to Open Music Guild's 37th Season

Internationally acclaimed cellist Antonio Lysy will join The Chamber Orchestra at St. Matthew's on Friday, October 8 (8 p.m.) to officially open the St. Matthew's Music Guild's 37th season of concerts at its home in Pacific Palisades. Music Director Dwayne S. Milburn will conduct music of Beethoven, Dvorak and Ginastera.

Lysy has performed as a soloist in major concert halls worldwide. He has collaborated with distinguished conductors including Yuri Temirkanov, Charles Dutoit, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, Sandor Vegh, and Kees Bakels, and continues to perform regularly both as a solo, and chamber music artist. Lysy has recorded extensively for CBC Radio, BBC Radio, Classic FM, and other European radio networks. Lysy enjoys exploring the versatility of the cello's voice, from Baroque to electric, and is committed to projects which enrich his diverse interests in music. In the summer of 2003 Lysy accepted the position of Professor of Cello at University of California, Los Angeles. Prior to moving to the United States, he held a professorship at McGill University in Montréal. He will be featured in Dvorak's quiet tone poem, Silent Woods and Alberto Ginastera's rousing Pampeana No. 2, a work inspired by the vast Argentinian Pampas regions.

The orchestra will bookend the Dvorak and Ginastera pieces with two popular favorites by Ludwig van Beethoven: the Egmont Overture and the Symphony No. 7.

The Music Guild, like other arts organizations, is following strict guidelines in order to protect the safety of those in attendance and their musicians. The Guild has released the following statement: "We want our audience and our musicians to feel safe and secure so that everyone can fully enjoy our concerts. To that end, everyone attending our live concerts will need to show proof of being fully vaccinated at least two weeks prior to the concert and will be required to wear a mask while indoors."

All concerts take place at St. Matthew's Church, 1031 Bienveneda Avenue, in Pacific Palisades. Tickets, season subscriptions and complete information are available at MusicGuildOnline.org. The Music Guild office may be reached at (310) 573-7422.

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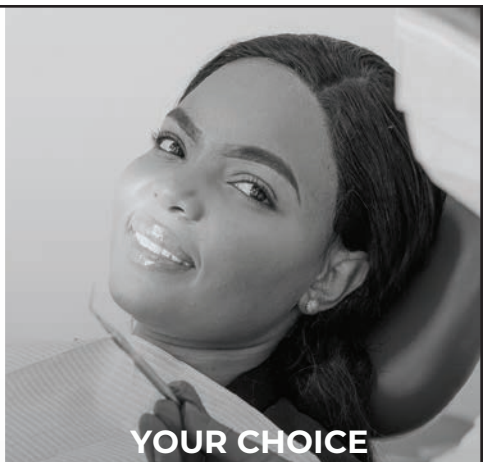
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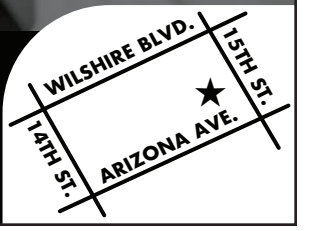
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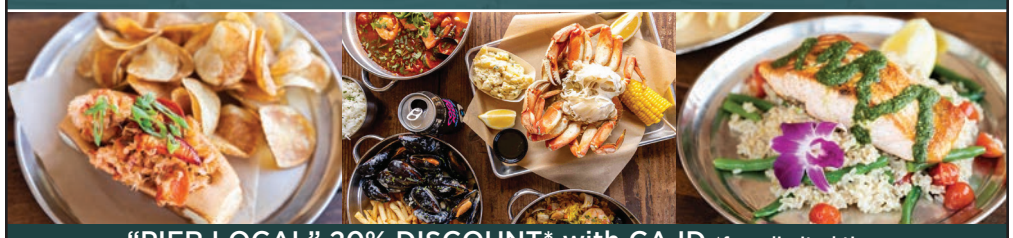
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Coast Care. Councilmembers Phil Brock and Oscar de la Torre also attended the meeting and gave speeches on the conditions of safety, homelessness and cleanliness Downtown.

"It's really simple: we need a clean, safe downtown Santa Monica from the Promenade to the parking garages," said Brock. "Our city government in some cases has abdicated their responsibility to keep this area safe and clean."

De la Torre said that the City of Santa Monica is "failing in many areas", and when asked if he would support contracting with the Sheriff Department for homeless outreach services Downtown said, "I support any effective solution, so if that's what it takes I'm open."

Villanueva said he would be happy to deploy HOST deputies Downtown, if the City agrees to a paid contract. Although he deployed HOST deputies to the Venice Boardwalk in July without a contract, Villanueva said that conditions in Santa Monica do not currently require that sort of emergency intervention.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich did not attend the meeting citing legal concerns raised by the City Attorney about council members engaging in conversation with meeting host John Alle, who is involved in two lawsuits with the City over conditions Downtown and the demolition of Parking Structure 3.

"It was disappointing to learn of this last-minute meeting scheduled by Mr. Alle and Sheriff Villanueva," said Himmelrich. "It's yet another example of how misguided efforts distract from the City's work to grapple with a very complex set of issues in a productive and meaningful way."

Villanueva previously drew criticism from Himmelrich and the SMPD, when he toured Downtown in July without contacting the City or the Police Chief.

In Monday's meeting, Villanueva heavily criticized the City's strategies to combat homelessness Downtown, which include Downtown Santa Monica Inc.'s Ambassador Program, local homeless service providers and SMPD officers.

"Get rid of the ambassadors, you're not fooling anybody, you're not fooling the homeless, there's no respect there," said Villanueva. "That is $450,000 a month that is being literally wasted. You could set a bonfire with that money out there, it will have the same effect as the ambassador program."

Villanueva also opposed the City's plan to demolish Downtown Parking Structure 3 and replace it with 150 units of affordable housing, 50 of which would be supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals.

"That is about the dumbest idea short of invading Iraq," said Villanueva, adding that affordable or homeless housing should not be located near to tourist attractions.

The brunt of Villanueva's criticism was directed at City leadership, which he claimed is preventing SMPD officers from carrying out enforcement measures against homeless individuals.

"I guarantee you there are probably city level ordinances that prohibit certain activities, yet they are not being enforced by orders of the city leadership," said Villanueva. "Santa Monica PD has the capacity, but they're handcuffed by the leadership of Santa Monica."

SMPD Public Information Officer Rudy Flores, denied this allegation.

"Yes, Santa Monica has its own municipal ordinances that our personnel enforce daily," said Flores. "We have not been given any orders by city leadership to not enforce such ordinances."

Flores said that while it is illegal to ask individuals to move from public spaces just because they are homeless, SMPD officers will enforce applicable city ordinances such as the ban on leaving property on the public right of way.

When asked what he would do differently to combat homelessness Downtown, Villanueva said his first step would be to build more emergency shelter capacity so that Santa Monica is legally able to move unhoused individuals under the Boise decision.

The Boise decision refers to a court case that homeless plaintiffs filed against the City of Boise, Idaho in which the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that cities cannot enforce anti-camping measures if they do not have enough shelter beds available for their homeless population.

According to City Public Information Officer Constance Farrell, Santa Monica already has enough shelter beds to enforce no-camping restrictions under the Boise decision. This is why SMPD officers are allowed to prevent unhoused individuals from building encampment structures in Santa Monica, while LAPD officers are not legally able to do the same in neighboring Venice.

SMPD is aware of resident complaints regarding Downtown safety and homelessness. Officers from the department alongside representatives from Downtown Santa Monica Inc. are hosting a town hall meeting to discuss these issues on Sept. 29.

During the Sept. 27 community meeting, Villanueva zoomed out from Santa Monica and critiqued L.A. County's overall approach to homelessness. He said that the plethora of free services and politicians' lenient attitudes towards people living on the streets lures individuals to Southern California, and that the status quo approach will only lead to a bigger crisis.

"They're actually being attracted towards a perception of permissive laws that allows people to basically smoke dope 24/7, and the ability to get free food, clothing and shelter on demand, in great weather to boot," said Villanueva.

Villanueva also criticized Los Angeles politicians' continual push to build more permanent housing, saying that free permanent housing also attracts more homeless individuals. Villanueva instead favors utilizing more temporary shelters, safe camping sites and mental health hospital beds.

"Anyone who has the idea that they're going to build their way out of homelessness is smoking the same stuff that the people screaming are," said Villanueva. "Build it and they will come."

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Young activists bemoan climate inaction, demand more say

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Youth climate activists Vanessa Nakate and Greta Thunberg chastised global leaders Tuesday for failing to meet funding pledges to help poor nations adapt to a warming Earth and for delivering too much "blah blah blah'' as climate change wreaks havoc around the world.

They even cast doubt on the intentions behind a youth climate gathering where they were speaking in Milan.

Four hundred climate activists from 180 countries were invited to Italy's financial capital for a three-day Youth4Climate summit that will send its recommendations to a major United Nations climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, that begins on Oct. 31. But participants are demanding more accountability from leaders and a bigger official role for young people.

"They invite cherry-picked young people to pretend they are listening to us,'' Thunberg said. "But they are not. They are clearly not listening to us. Just look at the numbers. Emissions are still rising. The science doesn't lie."

"Leaders like to say, 'We can do it.' They obviously don't mean it. But we do," the Swedish activist said.

Nakate, a 24-year-old activist from Uganda, said pledges of 100 billion euros ($117 billion) a year to help countries particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change have not materialized, even as wildfires in California and Greece and floods in Germany and Belgium show that "loss and damage is now possible everywhere."

"In fact, funds were promised by 2020, and we are still waiting,'' she said. "No more empty conferences. It's time to show us the money. It's time, it's time, it's time."

Nakate dramatically underlined how climate change is affecting Africa, "which is ironic given that Africa is the lowest emitter of CO2 emissions of any continent except Antarctica."

Just last week, she said she saw police taking away a body that had been washed away by violent storms in the Ugandan capital of Kampala, while others searched for more victims. Her mother told her that one man dragged off by the water had been trying to protect the goods he was selling.

Nakate collapsed in tears after her emotional speech, getting comfort from Thunberg, who followed her to the podium, which was too tall for her small stature.

Thunberg, who coalesced the global protest movement Fridays for Future, said it wasn't too late to reverse climate trends. But she has clearly heard enough from leaders, whom she said have been talking for 30 years while half of all carbon emissions have occurred since 1990, one-third since 2005.

"This is all we hear from our so-called leaders: words. Words that sound great but so far have led to no action. Our hopes and dreams drown in their empty words and promises. Of course we need constructive dialogue, but they have now had 30 years of blah, blah blah. And where has this led us?" she said.

Saoi O'Connor, an Irish activist in the Fridays for Future movement, said the youth meeting in Milan was orchestrated by governments who chose the participants and drafted the document that the delegates will "edit." As a result, she said, the closing document will not represent "what the strikers want."

"They have people in the rooms who are watching what we say. The topics we have been split into have been decided for us,'' she said.

The three-day Youth4Climate Summit will be followed by a two-day pre-COP meeting before Glasgow aimed at finding common ground on sticking points among countries, which range from the world's big carbon emitters to developing nations that are lagging both economically and technologically.

Hopes for a successful Glasgow summit have been boosted by announcements from the world's two biggest economies and largest carbon polluters. Chinese President Xi Jinping said his country will no longer fund coal-fired plants abroad while U.S. President Joe Biden announced a plan to double financial aid for green growth to poorer nations.

In addition, Turkey has said it would adhere to the Paris protocols and South Africa announced more ambitious emissions targets.

"These are good steps,'' said Italy's minister for ecological transition, Roberto Cingolani, who is hosting the Milan meetings. "They mean that they are moving in the right direction. ... I never expect quantum jumps in this gigantic operation on a world level. But the indicators are all good."

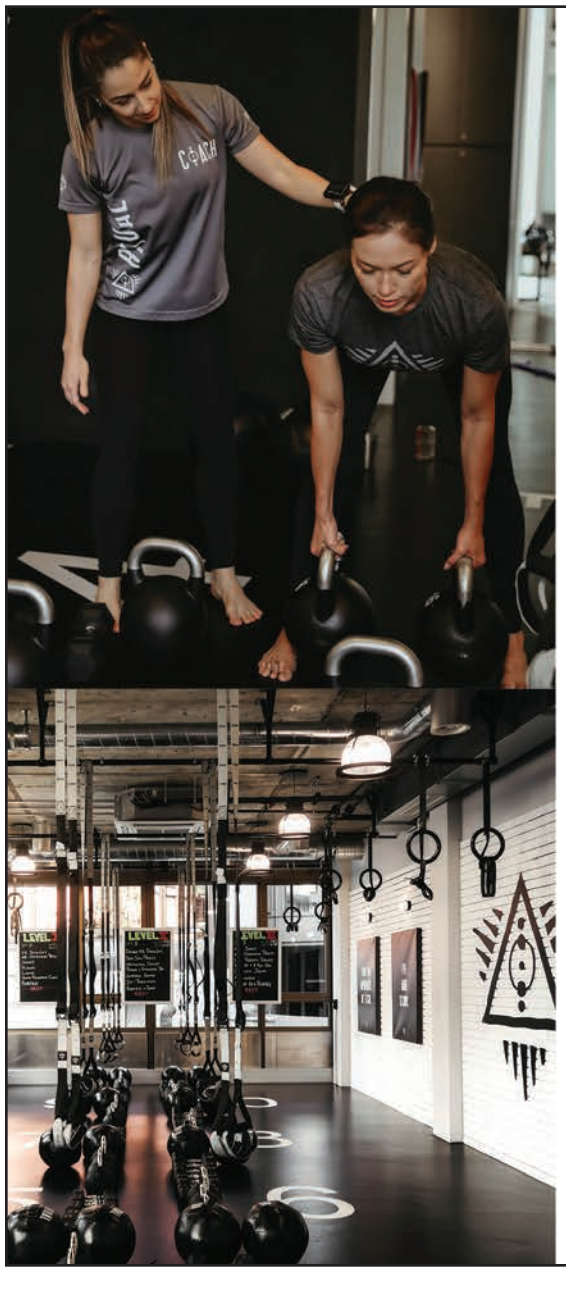
Cingolani said he agreed with the criticism that many promises had been broken, including for financing climate change adaptions, but that he also saw a convergence in the sense of urgency. "It's true, we have to work harder," he said.

He also clarified a previous reference he made to "radical chic" activists, saying he was not referring to climate protesters but to those who will not make sacrifices to have renewable energy facilities in their neighborhoods.

The youth delegates were trying to maintain realistic expectations for the meeting.

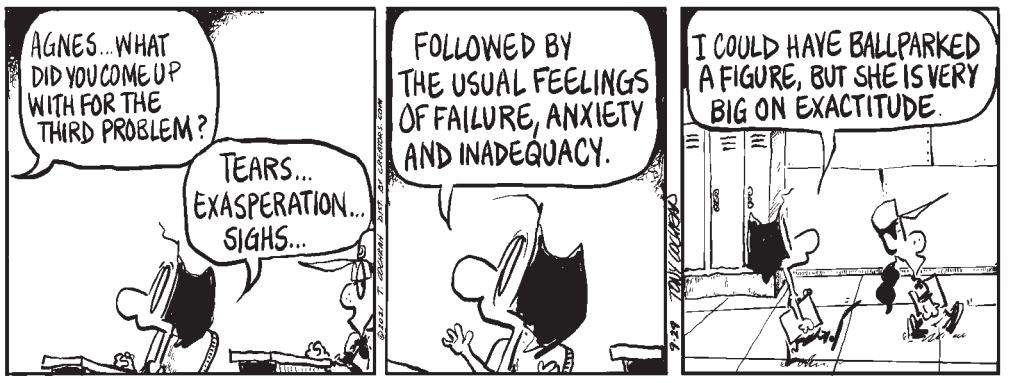
"What we can do is hope for the best,'' said 16-year-old Zainab Waheed of Pakistan, who is campaigning to include climate in the national school curriculum. "But looking at the past, and relying on the science of deduction, and learning from history, we have seen even ministers from COP26 countries

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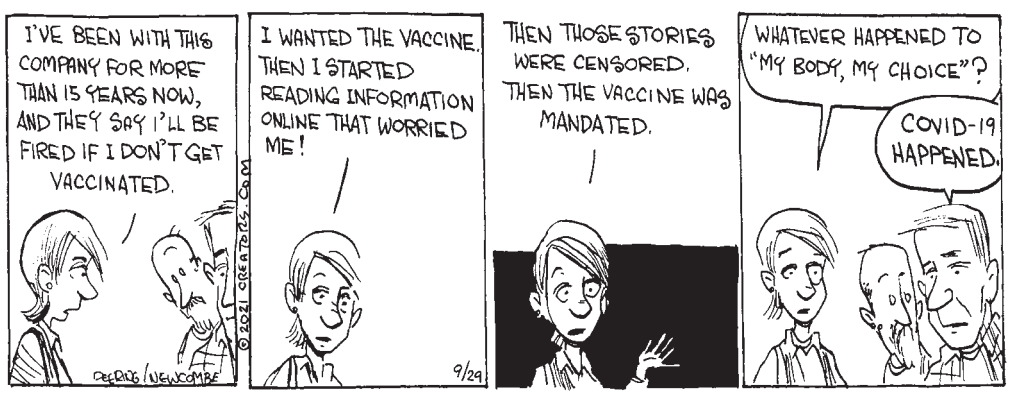
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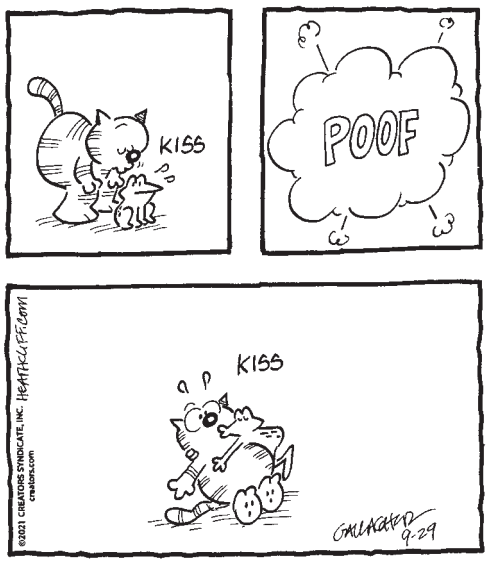
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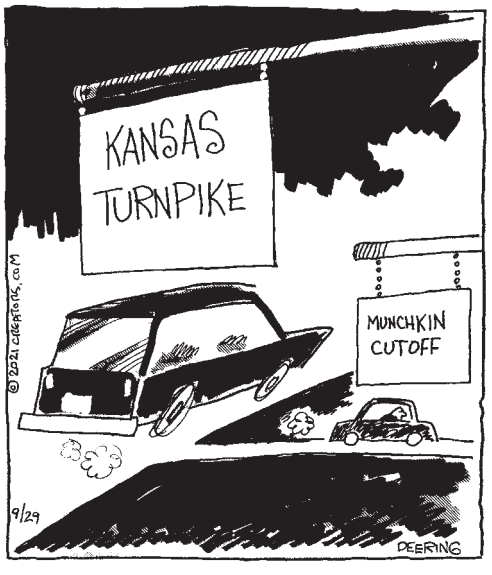
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Give yourself the leeway to mess around, try things on and poke your nose into the parts of it that don't seem meant for you. The bottom line is, you won't know until you try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may not think you have a lot of rules, but in fact you abide rather strictly to your preferences. You're even more selective than usual, and will gladly pass on things that fall short of your sensory and intellectual standards.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your conversational skills will be called on. You're in demand for being so adaptable, comfortable and effective in a variety of situations. It's a natural extension of the sort of work and play you do today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Nobody has life solved; it's an unsolvable equation. Those who act like they have the answers tend to annoy the rest. So, take off some of the pressure. Don't worry about who you are. Do what you want to do.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some days you feel invincible, but today you lead with a humble part of you and, oddly enough, get more powerful results. Posturing doesn't facilitate connection very well because people connect mostly in their vulnerability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you adventure with others, you feel somewhat responsible for them. Assuming this high level of responsibility for your fellow humans is a lot of work, but it's what makes you special. Besides, your people are worth it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). We are all limited people in a world that will test our limits again and again -- that is, if we're living right! You welcome trials because the lessons make you smarter, faster, wiser and stronger.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some people enjoy thinking that anything can happen. You'd rather know what's likely to happen because it allows you to plan accordingly. Life is more interesting with a strategy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your drive is powerful, estimable and intimidating. You're a force people both admire and fear. As a result, some of your phone calls won't be returned -- a sign to move on to more promising prospects.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll deal with the delightful and the difficult. Some act irresponsibly. Callouts are unnecessary because everyone knows what's up. Believe the best about people and give them room to rise to the occasion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Too much of a good thing ruins the goodness of the thing. Since life is a bit of a buffet today, restraint will be called for. How can you limit your exposure to the dangerous luxury of options?

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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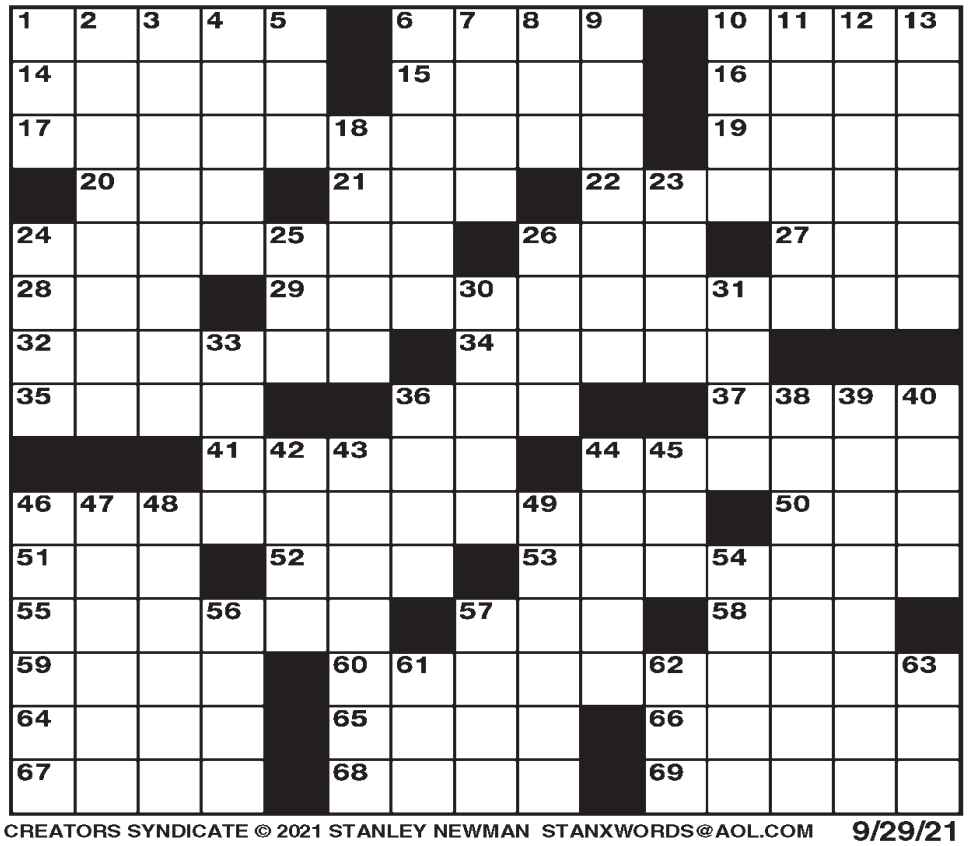
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 "If it could only be"
6 Plant with a soothing gel
10 Get thoroughly wet
14 Brownish photo tone
15 "And here it is!"
16 Leaning Tower locale
17 "Give that to me!"
19 Grades K through 12
20 Feel sorry about
21 Two less than *trois*
22 Word processor shortcuts
24 Boy in Italy
26 Gloomy __ (glum guy)
27 Angry feeling
28 Recede, as the tide
29 Be of minimal help
32 Smart __ (wise guys)
34 Easily offended
35 Notorious Roman emperor
36 Web page ID
37 Soaks (up)
41 Rodeo rope
44 __ Club (environmental group)
46 Cover all costs
50 Precious stone
51 Pen contents
52 Wet dirt
53 Internet meme meowers
55 Be of help
57 Lunch sandwich, for short
58 __ in a million (rare)
59 Stay away from
60 Obey orders
64 Cereal grain
65 Shakespearean king
66 Western's pursuit group
67 Has bills to pay
68 Whirlpool of water
69 Info gathered by spies

DOWN
1 "Somewhat" suffix for small
2 Made to be donned
3 Web computer's ID
4 Back of an LP record
5 Japanese assent
6 Very many
7 Wash with soap and water
8 Verse of tribute
9 Half of a winter-warmer pair
10 Proposal detail, for short
11 Petroleum drilling apparatus
12 Back from the sea
13 Former German monarch
18 North African capital
23 "In your dreams!"
24 Lentil or garbanzo
25 Category
26 What Caesar called France
30 Pulsate
31 Where Anheuser-Busch is BUD
33 Youngster in a stable
36 No longer new
38 Church keyboard player
39 False display
40 Costco competitor
42 24-hr. cash sources
43 Flight between nearby cities
44 Slow-moving mammal
45 Under the weather
46 Spectacular failure
47 Being exhibited to the public
48 "Fine with me"
49 Volunteer's offer
54 Two-dot punctuation
56 Quaint lodgings
57 Ball on a necklace
61 UK reference set
62 Seismology prefix for center
63 Elongated fish



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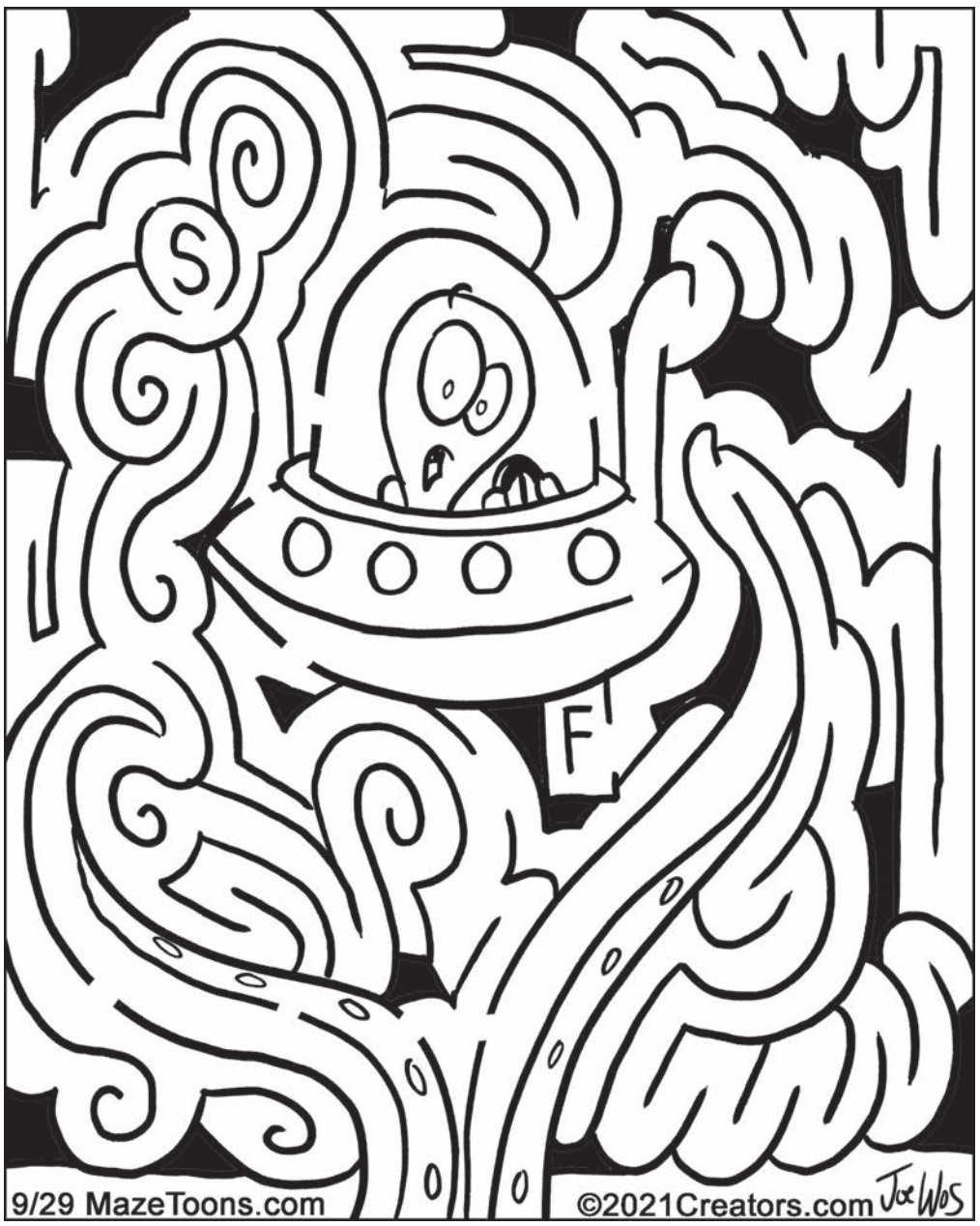
Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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VIKINGS

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only lifting outside. The players also missed out on time spent in the gym and getting their bodies ready for the physical sport of football.

"We couldn't do some of the lifts that are required of a football player, all the Olympic lifts, so you got bench, you got squat, incline, military press, shoulders, trucks, upright rows all this stuff," head coach Matthew Kirk said. "But then you also need to be able to do the deadlift and the power clean. The Olympic stuff is for explosion and power. We couldn't do those things, we could only work with dumbbells and I think that hurt us in the long run."

Samohi only had a few weeks of practice before playing in the spring due to the winter coronavirus surge that made them shut things down before they truly got started. The team then had to re-start the offseason program without much time.

Santa Monica suffered so many injuries that they ended up calling off the season with two games remaining.

"We had a lot of broken collarbones," Kirk said. "Three broken collarbones. I've never seen anything like that before. And then we just had a bunch of other little nagging injuries here and there to where we had to cut it."

The team ended up 0-3.

This season, the Vikings are still dealing with COVID-19 havoc but it has not been as pronounced. Santa Monica had three games canceled this season but Coach Kirk used Twitter to recover them.

"I was able to muster up three different games this year for us that weren't on our original schedule," Kirk said.

He and other coaches around Southern California reach out to LA Times sportswriter, Eric Sondheimer. He has a large Twitter following and through conversation with other coaches, matches are sometimes found.

While the Vikings were able to recover their canceled games, they have had to play five straight away games to start the season due to restrictions on the use of their "home" field. The team plays their home games at Santa Monica College, and SMC requires all participants, essential staff and spectators to show either proof of vaccination with photo ID or a negative COVID-19 test taken in the last 72 hours in order to gain admittance.

It is no secret COVID-19 is still the biggest hurdle, but the team is just thankful to play and is taking advantage of what they did not have last year — a full roster, a regular offseason, access to their indoor gym and a full season.

The Vikings also have running back, Jameer Smith, a senior attracting attention from several colleges. Their coaching staff has high expectations for the quarterback, lineman and receivers as well.

"Our whole team mentality has changed for the better," Smith said. "We are way more motivated [this season]."

The coaching staff is also feeling confident about upcoming seasons due to the return of youth tackle football after years without it.

"Next fall in Santa Monica youth tackle football returns and it will practice at our schools so that's a good step in the right direction," Kirk said. "Because there is no tackle football in Santa Monica there hasn't been a team for a few years now. There's only been a flag. So most of our kids never even played tackle football. We get kids that just are athletes, they play at JAMS and Lincoln, they play NFL flag. But they never played tackle and so their first time playing tackle is with us and it just takes a few years for kids to turn into football players and the best ones we have are the ones that have already played tackle football."

Youth football returning also means local children will learn the varsity team's verbiage and continually allow the team to create the family feeling players enjoy. It's what convinced the team's junior starting quarterback to leave Carlsbad and join the Vikings.

"The thing that's special about this team is how they create a great family environment," Logan Ebnet said. "When I moved to Samo, I didn't know anyone. As soon as I met my teammates they recognized me and instantly brought me in as one of their brothers."

The team hosts their very first home game at SMC and begins league play on Friday at 7 p.m. Santa Monica is slated to play five straight league games and if they can win three of them, they will make the playoffs.

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GRANTS

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Mexicans and Mexican Americans were slaughtered by vigilantes as well as the Texas Rangers.

Desmond Meade, who led a campaign that resulted in the passage of a measure in Florida that restored the voting rights of felons who have served their sentences, said the recognition — and the money — will help him continue his work to help former prison inmates. Meade's effort had a setback last year when a federal appellate court upheld the position of Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis and the GOP-led Legislature that Florida felons must pay all fines before regaining their right to vote.

Meade noted that he struggled with drug addiction and homelessness and has served time in prison himself.

"The country needs to see stories of triumph and everyday regular people who are impacting their communities," he said. "This (genius grant) means that each and every one in this country has the capacity to do something great."

Associated Press reporter Corey Williams contributed from West Bloomfield, Mich.

CLIMATE

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not keep their promises."

Rose Kobusinge, a 27-year-old Ugandan with a masters degree in environmental change and management from the University of Oxford, said the Glasgow meeting needs to come up with concrete action if fighting climate change is to maintain any credibility. She also thinks the youth delegates should be invited as participants — not just to send a message.

"Let it not stop from negotiations in Glasgow. If it stops, then I guess COP won't be necessary any more because what is it? Just coming and discussing and go back to your countries?" she said.

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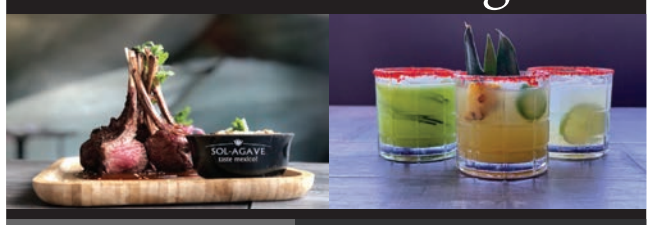
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