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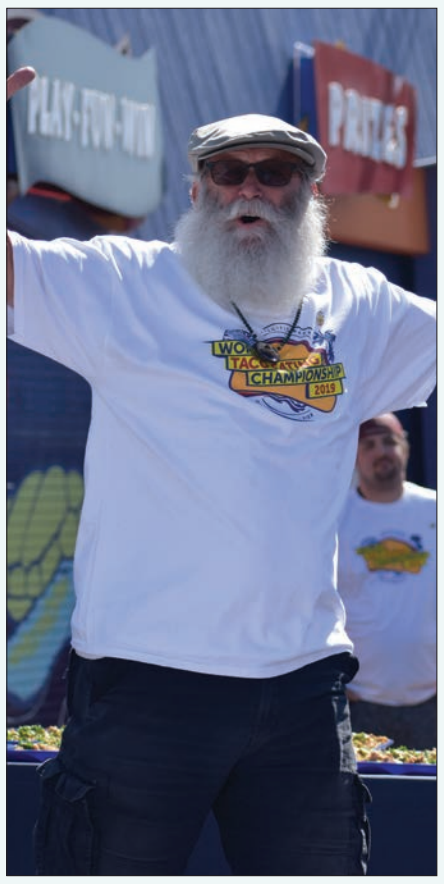
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Chestnut breaks record at Pier's taco contest







Brennon Dixson

TACOS: Joey Chestnut (top left) retained his taco eating title by consuming more than 80 tacos in 8 minutes.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

Hungry to prove they're the best in the world, the top-ranked Major League Eaters gathered Friday on National Taco Day for the 2nd annual Pacific Park World Taco-Eating Championship.

No. 1 ranked competitive eater Joey Chestnut was the favorite heading into the competition Friday after he consumed a world-record 62 carnitas tacos in 8 minutes during last year's championship. But the longtime veteran of competitive eating said there was a field of stiff competition in Santa Monica this year.

Jeff Klocke, Vice President and General Manager of Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier, agreed, adding Pacific Park's World Taco-Eating Championship has become a premier competition on the West Coast, "and continues to draw the top talent in the field."

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LA City Council member proposes housing homeless residents in existing units

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

The Los Angeles City Council member representing Venice introduced legislation Wednesday to expand two programs that have quickly housed thousands of people experiencing homelessness.

Councilmember Mike Bonin wrote in the motion he introduced last week that local social service agencies operating with new funding and more outreach workers are still often unable to find housing for people who want it. Rather than waiting for the 10,000 homes promised under the $1.2 billion bond measure Proposition HHH to come online, Bonin urged the city and county to expand programs that use existing rental units to house people living on the streets.



Courtesy photo

VENICE: Mike Bonin wants to expand housing programs.

SEE **HOUSING** PAGE 6

City articulates an alive and vibrant vision for the Promenade

MADELEINE PAUKER
SMDP Staff Writer

When it comes to the future of the Third Street Promenade, think fewer chain stores and more intimate bars, lively restaurants and creative breweries.

Promenade 3.0, a project led by City Hall and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. to reimagine the Promenade as it enters its third decade, seeks to transform the street's sleepy after-hours scene. To do that, the city will need to roll back restrictions on live entertainment, alcohol and semi-industrial businesses like breweries that it has imposed on the Promenade over the years.

The Planning Commission met Wednesday to discuss how to tweak



Matthew Hall

PROMENADE: Officials want to encourage nightlife downtown.

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Donald Dwight Bomeisler

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With his loving daughters by his side, Donald Dwight Bomeisler "Bo" age 92, peacefully passed at home in Torrance on September 17, 2019. Don was born in Santa Monica, CA. on July 11, 1927 to Kathryn Cecile (Bolzfieler) Bomeisler and Louis Edwin Bomeisler, Jr. Growing up on 14th Street in Santa Monica, from an early age Don and his brother Bob were lifelong Santa Monica beach boys. Always an exceptional athlete, Don attended Santa Monica High School where he was awarded "All Bay League Center Champion" in 1943, then onto UCLA as a well-respected Phi Delta Theta fraternity brother (making him a passionate Bruins fan). Don served his country as a Seaman in the 11th Naval District in 1946. Later, Don entered the burgeoning aerospace industry where he retired from Northrup Grumman. He lived in Redondo Beach after moving his family from Northridge in 1966. A perennial optimist, Don loved all sports and became an avid Skier, Golf and Tennis player. His love for surfing and the beach brought so much joy, he took many San Onofre surf trips with his daughters and friends. Don always found the good in everyone. He was a devoted and loyal Son, Brother, Husband, Uncle, Father, Grandfather, Great-grandfather, and friend. With his first wife Sally, he had two wonderful daughters, Kathryn and Cynthia Bomeisler, upon whom he doted and who survive him. He is also survived by his Stepdaughter Terry Tanner Seruga, Granddaughter Brianna Peterson, Great-grandson Riley Puertas, former Sister-in-law Betty Edwards, Niece and Nephew Anne Bomeisler Farrell and Brian Bomeisler and Great-nieces Sophie and Francesca Bomeisler. He was predeceased by his Brother Robert Bomeisler, first Wife Sally Pugh and Stepson Steven Tanner. Don's kindness, dedication and genuine loving spirit will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, October 5

Meet Me At Reed

Santa Monica's summer outdoor cultural and recreational program is expanding into fall with FREE Saturday events throughout September and October. Bring picnic blankets, lawn chairs, food and enjoy a day at the park. Reed Park, 3 - 5 p.m. www.santamonica.gov/meetmeatreed

How to Write a College Essay That Gets Noticed

Essay Coach, Louise Tutelian, will break down how to choose the right prompt, how to brainstorm ideas, how to outline a story and time management for the essay-writing process. For grades 11 & 12. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Author Reading with Naibe Reynoso

Join author Naibe Reynoso for a special reading of her latest book Be Bold! Be Brave! Sé Audaz Sé Valiente! during the mini Fall festival. Book signing to follow. This is a bilingual program in English and Spanish. Space is limited. Call Vanessa Alvarado at 310-458-8684 to register. Pico Branch Library, 12 - 1 p.m.

Ocean Park Book Group

A monthly meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. This month's title is "Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End" by Atul Gawande. Meets the 1st Saturday of the month. Open to all. No registration required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Historic California Route 66 Information Fair

Route 66 experts from the California Historic Route 66 Association and partner organizations share information on the history of the Mother Road, important places to see, travel tips and more. This drop-in program celebrates Santa Monica as the terminus of Route 66, the best-known highway in America, and complements the Santa Monica History Museum's current exhibit, California Route 66: Hiding in Plain Sight. Main Library, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. https://santamonicahistory.org/route-66-summer-exhibition/

Paola Escobar Dance Performance

Choreographer-in-Residence Paola Escobar presents the culminating performance of her residency project. The work, tentatively entitled "Darning and Patching without a Nail," ranges across the Beach House site and uses a collage technique to refer to Escobar's identities as a Latina artist, an immigrant, and a practitioner of multiple dance forms. Annenberg Community Beach House, Center Lot, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 6

Farmers Market

The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main Street.

Adventures in Poetry with Dinah Berland

Taking pen to paper in the service of poetry can be an invitation to adventure - whether that means discovering new ways to use language or diving into unexplored depths of memory. Join Dinah Berland this spring for the seventh in her series of poetry workshops and prepare to be amazed by where the adventure leads. Because writing starts with reading, the group will read and discuss poems by widely published contemporary poets, learn to read like writers by emulating their techniques, and every participant will have the opportunity to have their edited drafts work-shopped by the group. Five Sundays: 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, and 11/16. Cost: $90, drop-in $20. Palisades Park, 2 - 4 p.m.

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Dank, the brand that isn't, scrutinized amid vaping illness

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

It's a widely known vaping cartridge in the marijuana economy, but it's not a licensed brand. And it's got the kind of market buzz no legitimate company would want.

The vaping cartridges that go by the catchy, one-syllable name "Dank" — a slang word for highly potent cannabis — are figuring prominently in the federal investigation to determine what has caused a rash of mysterious and sometimes fatal lung illnesses apparently linked to vaping. Most of the cases have involved products that contain the marijuana compound THC, often obtained from illegal sources.

The suspect Dank vapes are a familiar product in the underground marijuana economy — it's not a legal, tested brand. It's merely a name on a box or a cartridge, packaging that's easily obtained online and used by illicit producers to lure customers.

But with colorful boxes and names like Cherry Kush and Blue Dream, the homemade vapes appear convincing on the shelf.

"It doesn't look very different from what you can buy in a (legal) dispensary," said Beverly Hills-based cannabis attorney Allison Margolin.

So far, investigators have not identified a culprit in the illnesses reported in dozens of states. But officials say patients have mentioned the Dank name frequently. Many of the people who got sick in Illinois and Wisconsin, for example, said they used cartridges sold in Dank packaging.

The raw materials to produce a Dank vape aren't hard to find: Ready-to-fill Dank boxes and cartridges can be ordered from Chinese internet sites for pennies apiece. A Craigslist post last week offered a box stuffed with empty Dank packages for $16. And you can buy the boxes and empty cartridges in shops in downtown Los Angeles.

A rogue producer adds cannabis oil — almost certainly untested — and it's ready for sale.

"It's a generic product name that doesn't really tie back to one store or one distributor," Dr. Jennifer Layden, chief medical officer for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said last month. "Folks are getting it from friends or folks on the street, with no understanding of where it came from prior to that."

The chief selling point for pot vapes in Dank packaging: It's a quick high on the cheap, available for as little as $20 a gram on the illicit market, roughly one-third of what a customer would pay for a cartridge in a legal marijuana shop in California

But they come with risk: Products in the legal marijuana market are tested for safety and purity, while those in the illicit market are not and could contain pesticides, heavy metals or other dangerous contaminants.

According to California records, no licensed company is manufacturing a cannabis vape carrying the Dank name them in the state.

"It was never a legitimate company," said Los Angeles dispensary owner Donnie Anderson. "It was always an underground brand."

Given the shadowy pedigree of Dank vapes, it's not surprising that details about its history are scarce. In California, the Dank name appears to have emerged during the largely unregulated medical cannabis era, prior to broad legalization that began in 2018.

Dispensary owner Jerred Kiloh, who heads the Los Angeles-based United Cannabis Business Association, recalls seeing Dank vapes for the first time about seven years ago. Kiloh remembers being visited by vendors selling them at his shop, though that stopped long ago.

What remains is the name, which has managed to retain a surprising cachet in the underground industry.

Last month, Wisconsin authorities uncovered an illegal vaping-cartridge operation that they said was producing thousands of cartridges loaded with THC oil every day for almost two years. Photographs released by the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department showed neatly stacked Dank boxes and cartridges, apparently ready for shipment.

Also last month, Minnesota authorities seized nearly 77,000 THC vaping cartridges, some of which were packaged in Dank boxes.

In November 2018, authorities in Lorain County, Ohio, intercepted four packages mailed from California holding individually wrapped and sealed packages of Dank cartridges. They believed numerous similar packages were sent to the area previously.

"Dank Vapes appears to be the most prominent in a class of largely counterfeit brands, with common packaging that is easily available online and that is used by distributors to market THC-containing cartridges with no obvious centralized production or distribution," said a report by Illinois and Wisconsin officials, and from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Doctors say the illnesses resemble an inhalation injury. Symptoms have included shortness of breath, fatigue, chest pain, diarrhea and vomiting.

Ron Gershoni, co-founder of vape producer Jetty Extracts who sits on the board of the California Cannabis Manufacturers Association, said the strictly regulated legal industry has been working to distinguish itself from the underground market that continues to thrive in California.

His company doesn't view Dank vapes as a competitor, but he understands how the name has survived in the illegal market.

They "essentially sell empty packaging, and anyone can fill it," he said. "It's a business model that made sense. Anybody who wanted to make a buck."

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US unemployment rate hits a 50-year low even as hiring slows

CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 3.5% in September, the lowest level in nearly five decades, even though employers appeared to turn more cautious and slowed their hiring.

The economy added a modest 136,000 jobs, enough to likely ease worries that an economy weakened by the U.S.-China trade war and tepid global growth might be edging toward a potential recession. The government on Friday also revised up its estimate of job growth in July and August by a combined 45,000.

Still, a drop-off in the pace of hiring compared with last year points to rising uncertainty among employers about the job market and the economy in the face of President Donald Trump's numerous trade conflicts. Pay growth has also weakened, reflecting the hesitance of employers to step up wages.

"The September jobs report sent some conflicting signals, but the big picture remains one of a labor market — and an economy — whose growth is downshifting but not collapsing," said Michael Feroli, an economist at JPMorgan Chase.

The comparatively sluggish hiring data makes it likely that the Federal Reserve later this month will cut rates for the third time this year to try to help sustain the expansion. At the same time, the drop in the unemployment rate from 3.7% may embolden some Fed officials who have resisted rate cuts.

The U.S. economy is "in a good place," Fed Chairman Jerome Powell said Friday in remarks in Washington. "Our job is to keep it there as long as possible."

Investors appeared pleased that the jobs report at least suggested that the economy remains resilient for now. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up nearly 300 points in afternoon trading.

Excluding government hiring, private-sector job gains over the past three months have slowed to an average of 119,000 a month, the weakest showing in seven years.

And despite ultra-low unemployment, average wages slipped in September, the Labor Department said. Hourly pay rose just 2.9% from a year earlier, below the 3.4% year-over-year gain earlier this year.

Julia Pollak, a labor economist at jobs marketplace ZipRecruiter, said the pay that employers are advertising has declined this year after rising sharply in 2018. And she noted that the number of part-time workers who would prefer full-time work has risen over the past two months.

Those trends "show that employers are increasingly risk-averse as global uncertainty and recession fears rise," Pollak said.

Trump has imposed tariffs on a majority of Chinese imports and is threatening to impose taxes on the rest of them on Dec. 15, which would likely escalate prices for consumers and slow spending.

Adding to global economic pressures, the United Kingdom is nearing an Oct. 31 deadline for a potentially chaotic exit from the European Union. And Germany appears on the brink of recession.

Tom Lix, the CEO and founder of Cleveland Whiskey, which distills bourbon and rye whiskies, said the trade war has shut down markets that his company was developing in Europe and China. This has forced him to postpone hiring and a planned expansion.

"We were going to build a new building, and add a restaurant and bar, which would have expanded our employment significantly," Lix said.

He had also expected to add three distillers to his staff of 15. But that was before Europe and China imposed retaliatory tariffs on U.S. bourbon — after Trump had raised import taxes on their goods. Europe had accounted for about 15% of Lix's sales before the tariffs took effect.

"All of our European connections and all of our Chinese connections — we're not doing business with them right now," he said.

The weakest sector of the U.S. economy — manufacturing, which is likely already in recession — cut 2,000 jobs in September. At the same time, retailers shed 11,400 jobs, and employment in mining and logging was unchanged.

The big gains last month were in health care, which added 41,400 jobs, and professional and business services, which include such higher-paying areas as engineering and accounting but also lower-paying temp work. That sector added 34,000 positions.

Friday's jobs data underscored the benefits of a hot job market for lower-paid Americans and traditionally disadvantaged workers. The unemployment rate for workers without high school diplomas fell to 4.8%, the lowest level on records dating to 1992. The rate for Latinos fell to 3.9%, also a record low.

Amy Glaser, senior vice president at Adecco USA, a staffing firm, says companies are still willing to raise pay for blue collar workers. Some are also paying retention and signing bonuses and in some cases double pay for overtime.

"We're still seeing strong demand, we're still seeing more job opportunities out there than candidates," Glaser said.

The employment figures carry more weight than usual because worries about the health of the economy are mounting. A measure of factory activity fell in September to its lowest level in more than a decade, while a similar gauge of the economy's vast services sector slowed sharply in September, falling to its lowest point in three years.

The job market is the economy's main bulwark. As long as hiring is solid enough to keep the unemployment rate from rising, most Americans will likely remain confident enough to spend, offsetting other drags and propelling the economy forward.

But a slump in hiring or a rise in the unemployment rate in coming months could discourage consumers from spending as freely as they otherwise might during the holiday shopping season.

Consumers are still mostly optimistic, and their spending has kept the economy afloat this year. But they may be growing more cautious. Consumer confidence dropped sharply in September, according to the Conference Board, a business research group. And their spending in August slowed.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Former vineyard owner gets 5 months in college bribery case

The former owner of a California wine business was sentenced Friday to five months in prison for paying $50,000 to rig his daughter's ACT score and for trying to bribe her way into the University of Southern California as a fake water polo recruit.

Agustin Huneeus, 53, of San Francisco, pleaded guilty in May to fraud and conspiracy in a deal with prosecutors. He is the fifth parent to be sentenced in the college admissions scandal .

Huneeus was arrested before the deal was complete and his daughter was not admitted.

His sentence also includes a $100,000 fine and 500 hours of community service. Prosecutors had pushed for 15 months, the longest term they have sought in the case.

Huneeus is among few parents accused of pursuing both angles of the scam: Most either cheated on their children's college entrance exams or paid bribes to get them admitted to elite universities as recruited athletes, but not both.

Prosecutors said Huneeus' dual involvement merited a lengthy sentence. But his lawyers argued that, because the bribe was never carried out, he didn't cause as much harm as some other parents.

Huneeus said in court documents that he realizes cheating for his daughter "was not about helping her, it was about how it would make me feel. In the end my own ego brought me down."

His prison sentence is the longest so far in the scheme. Others have ranged from 14 days to four months, with fines from $30,000 to $100,000.

Huneeus previously owned and operated his family's Napa wine business, Huneeus Vintners. He resigned after his arrest.

A total of 52 people have been charged in the scheme, including parents, test proctors, college sports officials and others.

Fifteen parents have pleaded guilty, while 19 are contesting the charges, including "Full House" actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, who are accused of paying $500,000 to get their two daughters into USC as fake athletes.

Trials are expected to begin in 2020, but a federal judge this week delayed initial filing deadlines while lawyers sort through more than 3 million pages of records tied to the case.

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Citywide

SMC Debate Team Wins Top Awards at Regional Tournament

The Santa Monica College (SMC) student Speech and Debate Team won several awards at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association (PSCFA) "Warm Up" Tournament held at El Camino College on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Twelve SMC students competed in this first tournament of the 2019-2020 season, including five returning team members and seven SMC students who are new to the team. Five of the new team members who competed won high-level awards in International Public Debate Association (IPDA) debate, in which each competitor engages in four rounds of one-on-one debate–with only 30 minutes to prepare before each round. Eighty nine students from 15 two-year institutions from Southern California participated in the debate competition.

SMC students Brandon Anderson, Brina Ross, Dexter Cypress, and Ruijiao "Rachel" Sun each received an "Excellent" award for winning three out of their four debate rounds. Xochitl Buenabad received a "Superior"award for winning all four rounds.

Some of the topics debated included "Pop culture does more harm than good"; "The United States should change the way it elects government officials"; "Media stations should be responsible for fake news"; and "The United States should reveal the truth about Area 51."

"After my first championship, I'm feeling incredibly motivated and excited toward my future in debate," said Derek Cypress, who won an "Excellent" award. "I'm beyond proud of my fellow teammates, and looking forward to the next competition!"

Fellow "Excellent" award winner Brina Ross echoed the sentiment–and had another reason to be proud: "I'm even more proud of myself for accomplishing my fear of public speaking and cannot wait for more wins . . . and to become a better public speaker!"

Brandon Anderson said that he ". . . had a feeling that I was participating with the future minds and leadership of California."

The Associated Students of Santa Monica College sponsored the SMC Speech and Debate Team's presence at the competition. For more information on the team, contact Nate Brown at brown_nate@smc.edu or 310-434-8781.

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LOS ANGELES

US government opens California land to oil, gas drilling

The federal government has opened 725,000 acres in Central California to oil and gas drilling on land that has been off-limits since 2013.

The Bureau of Land Management issued its final decision Friday to allow oil and gas leases on plots that are mostly in the Central Valley, but also include parts of the Central Coast.

The plan announced in May is part of a Trump administration goal to make the U.S. energy independent that has been criticized as a giveaway to industry.

Environmentalists who successfully blocked the Obama administration from opening the land to drilling criticized the new development.

The Center for Biological Diversity called the effort reckless and says it will continue to fight the government.

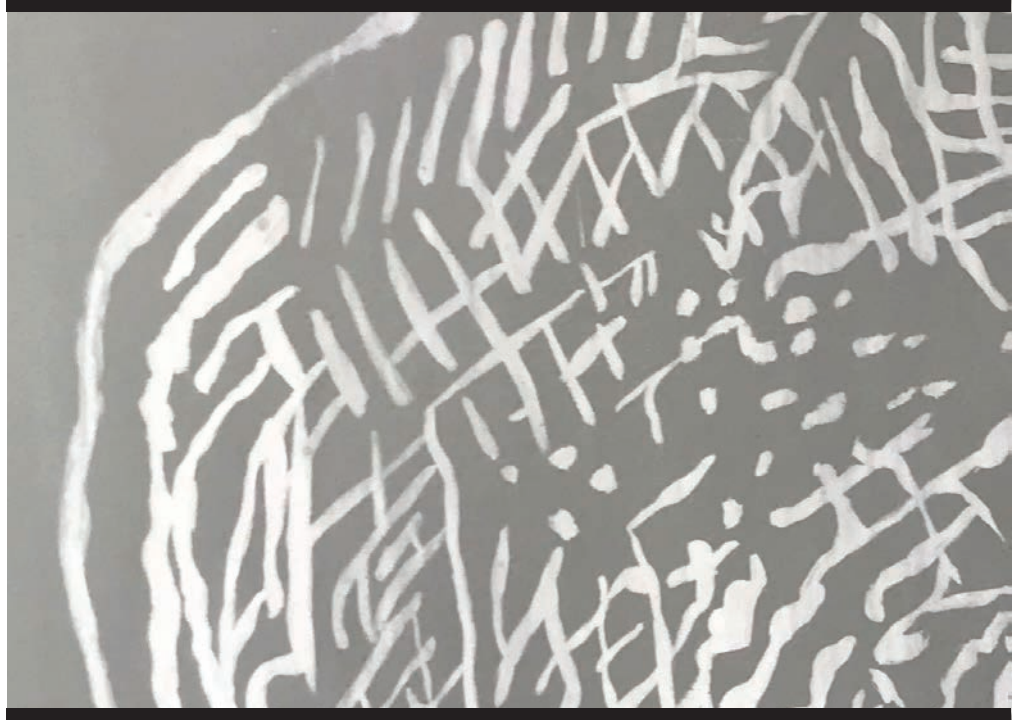
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HOUSING

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"We need to break the mold and embrace quicker, less expensive solutions or homelessness will continue to increase, encampments will continue to proliferate in our neighborhoods, and people will continue to die," Bonin said in a press release.

The county has made substantial investments in master leasing programs, in which a government or social service agency rents available housing units and makes them available to agencies that provide housing to people experiencing homelessness.

Since 2014, the county's flexible housing subsidy pool has housed almost 7,000 people and currently provides housing for almost 200 people per month. The program is funded by the county and philanthropic partners and overseen by the nonprofit Brilliant Corners.

Bonin proposed that the city invest in a flexible housing subsidy pool of its own and to explore whether it can require or incentivize that existing affordable housing units be used for such a program.

He also asked the city to expand the "Encampments to Homes" project, which multiple county agencies and nonprofits piloted in South Los Angeles last year. The agencies matched 106 people in two large encampments with housing and 96% remain housed a year later.

The "Encampments to Homes" pilot project enhanced the usual outreach and placement protocols with a more geographically focused and proactive approach connected to new, nearby housing resources that were set to become available," Bonin said in the motion.

Homeless encampments have proliferated in Venice over the past three years as the neighborhood's homeless population swelled by 33%.

Venice residents complain that the encampments are a blight on the neighborhood, and a lawsuit the Venice Stakeholders Association filed to block a homeless shelter currently under construction at a former bus yard in Venice claims it would create encampments of people waiting to be admitted to the shelter.

Bonin recently voted against a proposal from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell to ban people experiencing homelessness from sitting or sleeping on sidewalks in many parts of Los Angeles, saying that the city should build more shelters and housing rather than restricting where unhoused individuals can sleep.

In the motion he introduced Wednesday, Bonin said sidewalk encampments cause considerable alarm for housed residents and exposes unhoused residents to the elements, harm and public health threats.

"Clearly, more aggressive and coordinated efforts are required to help people move from encampments and into long-term housing," he said.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

California bans 'deep fakes' within 60 days of elections

California is trying to stop the use of deceptively edited videos and audio aimed at influencing elections.

Legislation signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom targets "deep fakes." That includes deceptively edited audio and video designed to give someone a false impression about a political candidate's actions or words.

A state Democratic lawmaker introduced the legislation after President Donald Trump tweeted an altered video of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that appeared to show her slurring her words.

The bill bans the distribution of such content within 60 days of an election. The ban does not apply if the video includes a disclaimer or is satire or a parody.

It allows a candidate to seek damages against anyone who distributes such a video.

Opponents have raised free speech concerns.

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LOS ANGELES

Comedian Andy Dick charged with groping driver

Comedian Andy Dick has pleaded not guilty to groping a driver from a ride-hailing service.

Dick entered the plea Friday in Los Angeles. to one count of misdemeanor sexual battery.

Prosecutors allege he groped a driver 18 months ago in West Hollywood.

His representative declined comment.

Dick, a 53-year-old native of Charleston, South Carolina, who starred in the 1990s sitcom "NewsRadio," has been a popular and sometimes problematic guest on radio and TV shows, known for his erratic, over-the-top behavior.

He has been arrested and sued over several other groping accusations through the years, including a 2010 incident involving a bouncer and patron at a West Virginia bar.

Criminal charges were dismissed after Dick completed a pretrial diversion program.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NEW YORK

PayPal drops out of Libra, Facebook's payments project

PayPal has pulled out of Facebook's digital currency project, known as Libra, a blow to the social media company that has faced stronger-than-expected scrutiny over its proposed creation of an alternative payments system.

The digital payments company said Friday it is withdrawing from the Libra Association so it can focus on its existing businesses.

"Facebook has been a longstanding and valued strategic partner to PayPal, and we will continue to partner with and support Facebook in various capacities," PayPal said.

Facebook has presented Libra as a currency that could be used for digital payments, particularly outside the U.S. It would be backed by real currency, unlike other digital currencies like Bitcoin or Etherium.

The Libra Association, based in Switzerland, was supposed to give the currency project a comfortable arm's length distance from Facebook, which wouldn't own Libra.

Despite Facebook's efforts, financial regulators as well as members of Congress have questioned the company's motives for creating a new digital currency, particularly in light of criticisms that Facebook's business model is too invasive of its users' privacy.

Rep. Maxine Waters, the chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, has demanded Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg testify in front of her committee before Libra is rolled out. Along with privacy concerns, Waters' has cited the potential for Libra to be used in money laundering and other financial crimes.

Republicans and Democrats and even President Donald Trump have called for in various degrees for Facebook to be subject to U.S. banking laws – an arduous, complicated prospect – if the social media company does move forward with the Libra project. In response, Facebook has reportedly hired several prominent Washington lobbyists to convince politicians to give their approval to Libra.

PayPal Holdings Inc., which is based in San Jose, California, is the first company to publicly end its partnership with Libra, but other companies have been reportedly having second thoughts. The Wall Street Journal reported this week that Mastercard and Visa, the world's largest payment providers, were considering ending their Libra relationships.

The Libra Association said it plans to continue to move forward with the project without PayPal.

"Building (Libra) is a journey, not a destination ... each organization that started this journey will have to make its own assessment of risks and rewards of being committed to seeing through the change that Libra promises," said Dante Disparte, head of policy and communications for the Libra Association.

KEN SWEET AP BUSINESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES

'Joker' sets October box-office record for Thursday showings

"Joker" is getting the first laugh on its debut weekend, scoring an October box-office record with $13.3 million earned in Thursday night showings.

Warner Bros. released the figures Friday morning. "Joker" unseated "Venom," which also holds the record for best October opening with $80.3 million, according to Comscore.

The strong start comes after weeks of discussion about the R-rated film and whether it will inspire some to commit violence. The film stars Joaquin Phoenix as the man who becomes Batman's classic nemesis in the origin story film.

Some victims of the Aurora, Colorado, theater massacre that occurred during a 2012 "Dark Knight Rises" showing have called on Warner Bros. to support gun control initiatives, which the studio says it already does.

The Los Angeles Times reported that a theater in Huntington Beach, California, canceled most of its Thursday screenings after police said they received a threat. No details about the nature of the threat were released.

Both Phoenix and director Todd Phillips have defended the film, with the actor saying he trusts audiences to know the difference between right and wrong.

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EDITOR:

The movie "Midway" will be released on November 8 and I encourage all to go see it. Not because it represents one of the greatest American military victories as an underdog, but because this WWII saga highlights one of Santa Monica's finest former residents, Lt. Richard H. Best.

Mr. Best was a wonderful leader of men and led the Bombing Squadron unit, VB-6, off of the USS Enterprise. When attacking the 4 Japanese carriers the morning of June 4, 1942, he and another 15 plane bombing squadron approached two carriers. The other squadron leader was not as experienced of a bombing commander and mistakenly dove on the wrong carrier. Not only did his squadron dive on the carrier Kaga, but so did 12 of 15 of Lt. Best's squadron. Lt. Best realized the mistake and, with more than enough bombs dropping on the Kaga, was able to divert his remaining three plane formation over to the Japanese flagship carrier, the Akagi. While the other two pilots had near misses, Lt. Best dropped his bomb perfectly in the middle of the flight deck. It blew parked planes with pilots still in their seats completely off the ship. More importantly, it set off a series of explosions in the hangar deck that doomed the ship. Later that day he participated in the sinking of the 4th carrier. He was likely one of only a couple of American pilots who sunk two carriers during the war.

That morning Lt. Best had tested his oxygen canister and breathed in toxic fumes. He insisted on continuing his mission that day. The next morning he was coughing up blood, and was hospitalized for 32 months with having activated latent tuberculosis. He never flew again. He retired to Santa Monica where he lived until his passing in 2001. He was Director of Security at the Rand Corporation in Santa Monica at the time of the theft of the Pentagon Papers. He hated the corporate life and was ready by the time retirement age came around.

From about 1998 to 2001 I was able to visit Lt. Best several times at his home on 26th Street. He had lost his tough Jersey accent shown in the film and though he lived alone, spent much time in his own gardens and was a voracious reader. He could quote me all the greatest soliloquies from Shakespeare. We would sit at his kitchen table eating a bologna sandwich and glass of milk and he recounted every minute detail of that fateful day. He was doing extensive traveling well into his late 80's to attend commemorations and memorial dedications.

Please, Santa Monica, take your kids and grandkids to see this movie to see the amazing sacrifice the men at Midway made and to see one your hometown's greatest heroes.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Broad Stage

SMC Wind Ensemble Presents Concert October 6

The Santa Monica College Music Department is pleased to present a concert by the SMC Wind Ensemble. The performance will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 6, in The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Under the baton of Kevin McKeown, the ensemble will perform both traditional and new repertoire written for the ensemble. All ages are welcome.

The concert will feature a performance of "The Ash Grove," a new SMC Wind Ensemble consortium work by Emmy Award-winning American composer Julie Giroux.

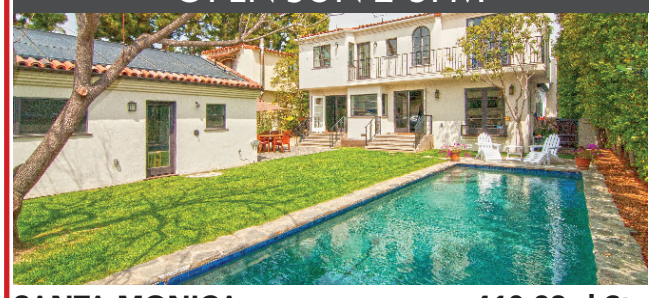
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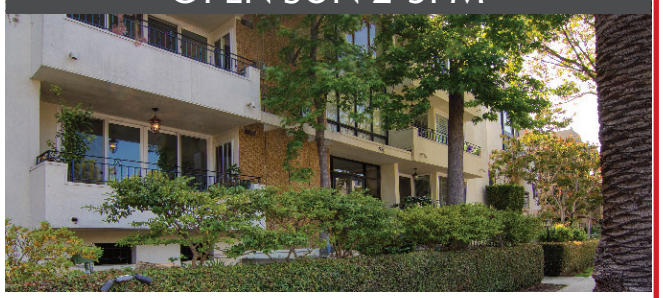
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Lewd activity Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 12:09 a.m.
Threats 1100blk 7th St 12:16 a.m.
Vandalism 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:22 a.m.
Battery 1200blk Lincoln Blvd 12:37 a.m.
Indecent exposure 9th St / Montana Ave 12:51 a.m.
Threats 1100blk 7th St 1:14 a.m.
Vandalism 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:23 a.m.
Fight 800blk 9th St 1:56 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:56 a.m.
Encampment 1800blk Stewart St 6:30 a.m.
Hit and run felony 1200blk Colorado Ave 7:18 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 7:19 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 6th St / Broadway 8:33 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1700blk 14th St 9:01 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk 12th St 9:13 a.m.
Speeding 17th St / Arizona Ave 9:16 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1600blk 9th St 9:18 a.m.
Panhandling Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 9:30 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 3300blk Pico Blvd 9:31 a.m.
Petty theft 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:33 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 7th St / Broadway 9:34 a.m.
Person with a gun 26th St / Olympic Blvd 10:20 a.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 10:23 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1100blk 21st St 10:32 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 20th St / Pearl St 10:53 a.m.
Identity theft 1100blk 3rd St 11:13 a.m.
Battery 200blk the beach 11:14 a.m.
Elder abuse 500blk Olympic Blvd W 11:16 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 500blk Colorado Ave 12:04 p.m.
Battery 3rd Street Prom / Wilshire Blvd 12:33 p.m.
Arson 1100blk 7th St 12:36 p.m.
Sexual assault 1300blk 20th St 12:41 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk Yale St 12:44 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 20th St / Montana Ave 12:44 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 20th St / Montana Ave 12:44 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1500blk 2nd St 12:44 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 12:48 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1800blk 19th St 1:49 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 17th St 1:50 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 3300blk Olympic Blvd 1:50 p.m.
Grand theft 200blk California Ave 1:53 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk 4th St 2:17 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1600blk 17th St 2:17 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 900blk 14th St 2:17 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:41 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 100blk Santa Monica Pl 3:08 p.m.
Strongarm robbery 300blk Santa Monica Pl 3:27 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 500blk 9th St 3:41 p.m.
Petty theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 3:42 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Lincoln Blvd / Pier Ave 3:52 p.m.
Stakeout 800blk Ashland Ave 4:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:16 p.m.
Fraud 1500blk 6th St 4:20 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:47 p.m.
Encampment 2500blk 5th St 4:55 p.m.
Petty theft 6th St / Colorado Ave 4:55 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 2600blk Centinela Ave 4:58 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 2300blk Pico Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 2300blk 33rd St 5:20 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:20 p.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk Palisades Park 6:09 p.m.
Animal related incident 800blk Ocean Ave 6:54 p.m.
Armed robbery 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 6:58 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 600blk 22nd St 7:30 p.m.
Speeding Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 7:44 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:48 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 100blk Kinney St 7:52 p.m.
Grand theft 2900blk Main St 8:03 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:10 p.m.
Encampment 200blk Santa Monica Pier 9:46 p.m.
Vandalism 1800blk Euclid St 10:21 p.m.
Theft of recyclables 1400blk Euclid St 11:11 p.m.
Fight 3rd Street Prom / Arizona Ave 11:45 p.m.
Battery 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 11:57 p.m.

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Assist LAFD 500blk Moreno 12:05 a.m.
Emergency Medical Service 1200blk 9th St 12:16 a.m.
EMS 1100blk 4th St 12:30 a.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Idaho Ave 4:28 a.m.
EMS 400blk Expo Line 6:02 a.m.
EMS 900blk 9th St 8:37 a.m.
Vehicle into a structure 3300blk Pico Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Wires down 1000blk Pine St 9:56 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Princeton St 10:52 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Pico Blvd 11:26 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:36 a.m.
EMS 600blk San Vicente Blvd 11:38 a.m.
EMS 1500blk Berkeley St 11:38 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 20th St / Montana Ave 12:44 p.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:57 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Pico Blvd 1:23 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Hill St 1:23 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 1:45 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 2:34 p.m.
Automatic alarm 100blk California Ave 2:44 p.m.
EMS 100blk Santa Monica Pl 3:16 p.m.
EMS 2200blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:23 p.m.
Smoke investigation 700blk Idaho Ave 3:29 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:46 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 3:54 p.m.
EMS 200blk Colorado Ave 4:04 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 2600blk Centinela Ave 4:58 p.m.
Electrical fire - no fire visible 700blk

CONTEST

FROM PAGE 1

Chestnut remembers when he first got involved in the sport — a time before he ever imagined he'd be featured on ESPN and sponsored by national corporations.

The San Jose resident got his start in competitive eating while in college studying to obtain his engineering degree. Chestnut said he'd come home during the weekend and eat all of his mother's leftovers from the week before taking his brother out for dinner.

"I was eating like a madman but my little brother was a fan of competitive eating so he signed me up for my first contest," Chestnut said. "I didn't want to go, but I did it and it was so awkward eating on stage in front of people."

Chestnut tied for third during the competition but was hooked. "Some people love to run, some people love to fish, and I've always loved to eat," he said, mentioning how the sport has slowly gained more publicity in the years since. "There used to be a belief that it was for heavier guys but if you look at who's doing it now, you'll see a lot of fit people.

"People don't know this but we're pushing our bodies really hard during the contest," Chestnut added. "You'll see everybody is sweating and if you get winded during the contest, you can't eat; so I've learned to run more and diet more in between contests so I can push harder during those 10 or so minutes."

With a picturesque view of the pier in the background and hundreds of spectators in attendance to cheer him on, the top-ranked professional eater lined up on-stage at Pacific Park Friday to defend his title. Chestnut said prior to the event that he was aiming for 70 tacos, which seemed ludicrous to more than a few spectators in the crowd.

"But Joey Chestnut doesn't eat alone," announcer Barclay said prior to the introduction of the other nine contestants. Gideon Oji, the no. 5 ranked eater in the sport, and Miki Sudo, who is ranked sixth internationally and known as the best female eater in the world, were but a few of the familiar names in the competition.

Each tray laid in front of the competitors contained 20 2-ounce street-style tacos that were filled with carnitas, and it took less than two minutes for Oji to devour an entire tray and jump out to an early lead.

Contestants heaved and gasped for air as they grabbed mashed up bits of meat, tortilla and cilantro and stuffed the food into their mouths handful by handful, struggling to complete a bite. Food, saliva and other fluids flew every direction while some contestants covered their mouth in an attempt to keep their giant bites from spilling back onto the trays.

Chestnut remained calm despite Oji's lead and soon the two were tied at 32 and well on pace to set a world record.

With nearly 2 minutes left, Oji began to slow, while Sudo and Chestnut continued knocking back carnitas and cilantro. Chestnut would take a lead and break his previous record with more than a minute remaining in the contest, which prompted the crowd to cheer the champ on for the final 30 seconds.

When time was up, contestants struggled to finish the mouthfuls of food they had stored in their cheeks and officials began the official count to determine the winner.

Bodybuilder Nick Wehry and Oji tied for 3rd place with 69 tacos each, while Sudo edged the pair of giant men for second place after devouring 69-and-a-half tacos in eight minutes.

Wehry, Oji and Sudo each would've beaten the previous world record for tacos eaten if it weren't for Chestnut's efforts on Friday when he completed more than four trays for a total of 82 tacos eaten.

Prior to taking home the event's $2,500 prize and the new world-record, Chestnut said he was happy he got the win.

"I'll still be uncomfortable for a while but I feel like I earned the feeling because I got the win," Chestnut said. "I'm drunk on food and all I want to do is go to sleep and drink liquids, because like anybody who pushes their body to the limit — you feel like garbage."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 05)

The way you live your life and/or run your business is as much a work of art as anything you produce. As you express yourself and follow your muse, you show people a path they hadn't thought of. Your novel leadership will open the door to the sort of experiences you once dreamed about having when you were small. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 4, 44, 28 and 13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The shortcuts that are heavily advertised are almost never going to get you there faster. Lots of people will take the publicized route, thus creating a traffic jam – frustrating, slow-going, more like a trap than a solution.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've had the sensation before of getting what you want and being strangely unsatisfied by having it. That's what makes the genuine appreciation and gratitude you feel today all the more wonderful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are your first responsibility, and if you're doing the job right, the boss, which is also you, should be pleased by, not merely tolerant of, your efforts. When it comes to supporting yourself, go all out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Trust is very important to friendship. Without it people can't be as close. Still, you sometimes have to be around people you don't trust, and it's not necessarily a reason for confrontation. Just stay guarded and aware.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your perception is better than your sight. Push your perception into things that are far away and try to feel how they would be close up. Then do the same in reverse. The exercise strengthens your intuition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's better to engage with people instead of shutting them out because you don't agree with them. You'll have more power in the situation when you're connected in some way. Find common ground.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have a better than usual influence over your own mental state and will be able to consciously move your attitude to where it needs to be to get the most of the situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is no good reason to shy away from what makes you laugh and smile. Bonus: The fun you'll have will inspire your financial sector. There may even be a way to make money at this.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to be wandering to be lost. Many are lost right where they live. But sometimes just looking at the bigger picture found inside a map starts to bring paths and destinations to mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When your idea doesn't land the way you want it to, that doesn't mean it's a bad idea. You could have the wrong audience, or the timing could be off. Tinker with the variables before throwing this one out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone gets to tap his or her own untapped potential. Others may lead the way, but it is up to each individual to figure out how to get to their own good stuff.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're pretty effective on your own, and besides, you're still not sure whom you can trust and how you can best work with your various options. You'll learn much even as you keep things friendly and noncommittal.

Planetary Power Drama

With a backdrop provided by the recent shake up of Pluto, Mercury and Mars, and the Capricorn moon in the foreground plotting takeovers with the Libra sun, in some circles this weekend will unfold like an HBO power drama in which the driven and dysfunctional make plays for a throne or its equivalent in corporate shares.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I just switched jobs and the new culture at work is very different from what I was used to. Before I worked with a group of women and we made decisions more or less assuming that everyone on the team was an equal. Our projects usually turned out great. Now, I work with a group of mostly men who do whatever the boss says, even if it's not fair. I'm regularly given tasks that are not my expertise and that seem less integral to the thrust of the project. I'm afraid that by continuing to accept these assignments, I'll lose position. Should I look for other work? Signed, Scorpio Exec." For independent Scorpio, it's important to recognize that a team effort requires a different mindset than solo work does, and that there are different styles of teamwork. Sometimes that requires you to do what the leader wants, even if it's not in your job description. Focus on proving that you can bring value to your team, even if the task at hand seems beneath you. Chances are, no one is trying to insult you. You don't have to like the plan to be loyal to it. Instead of wasting energy in second-guessing, try to make it work for at least two more months. If the condition hasn't changed by then, start looking elsewhere.

CELEBRITY PROFILE

When she's not rescuing people from house fires, or setting the big screen on fire with a dynamite acting performance, Kate Winslet enjoys the perhaps tamer excitements of day-to-day motherhood. This award-winning actress, like most Libras, prefers the tranquility of a harmonized environment to the exhilaration of unexpected events, thrilling as they might be. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

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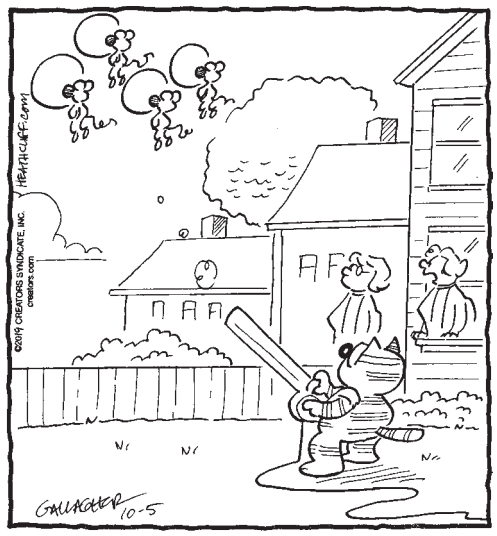
Coalesce

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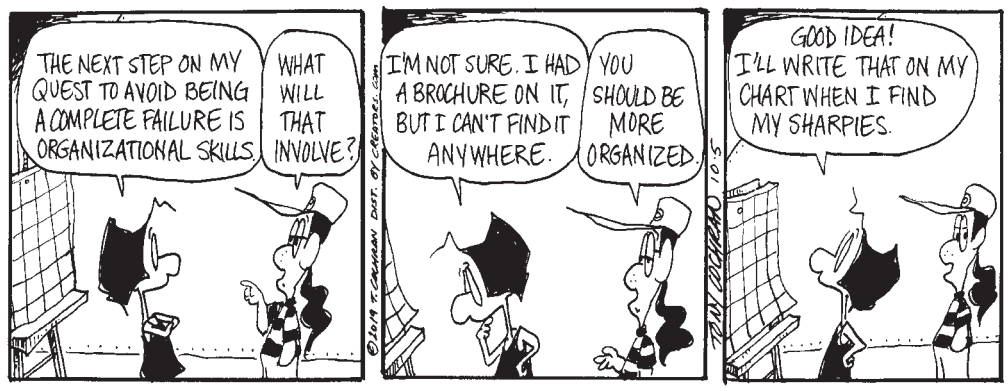
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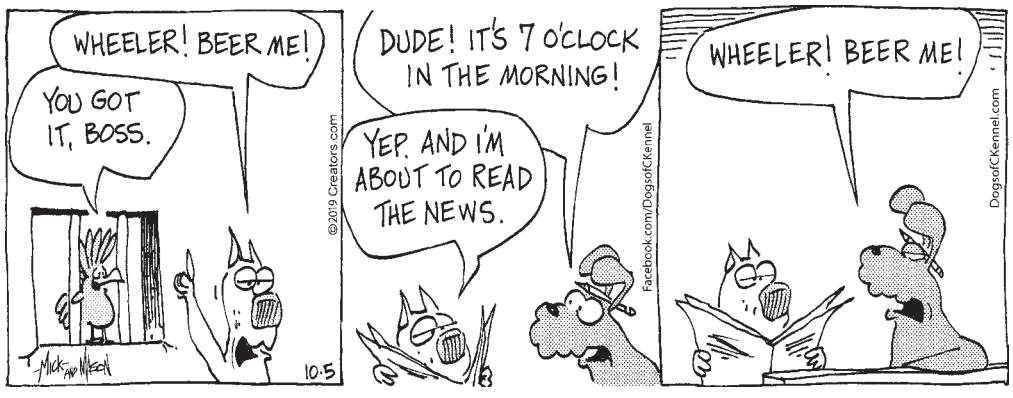
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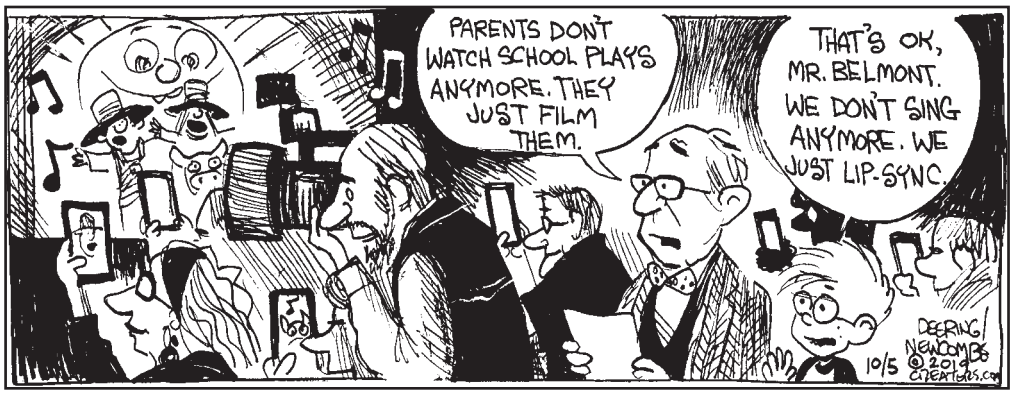
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Draw Date: 10/03
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.9°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Easing SSW swell. Minor NW windswell.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft+ ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Small SSW swell.

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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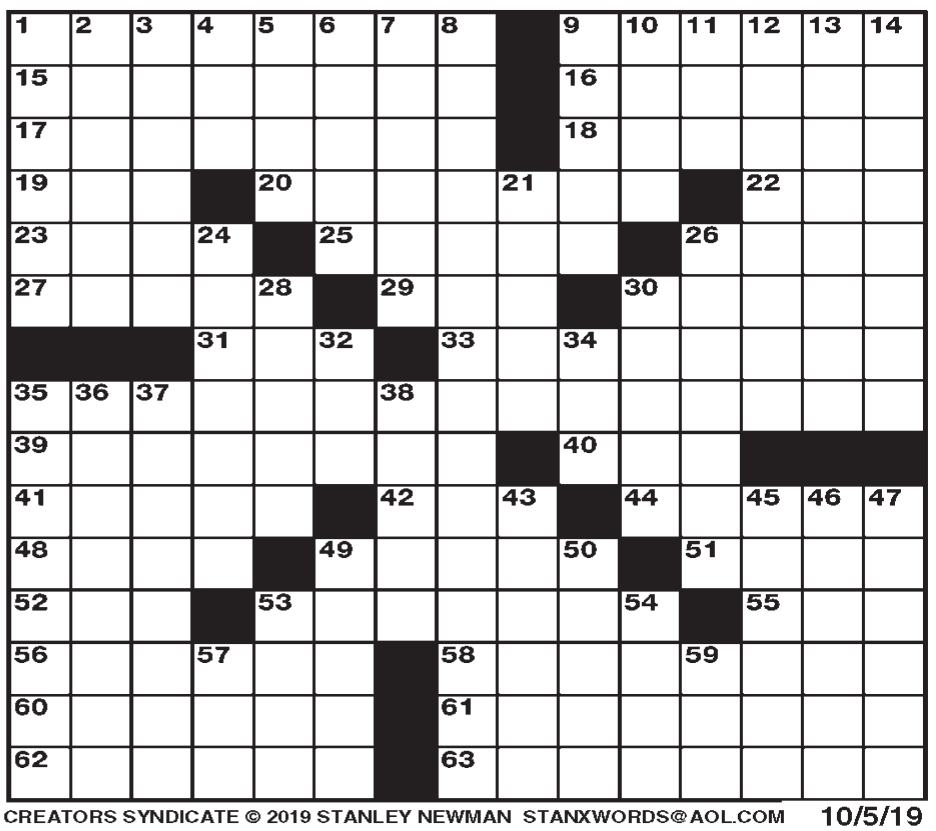
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Edits substantially
9 Custom printing specimen
15 Hooked, à la Holmes
16 Epistle after James
17 One you can do without
18 Royal role for James Earl Jones
19 Remained quiet
20 Pounded with a pestle
22 When Nero succeeded Claudius
23 Name related to Helga
25 Microscope slide sample
26 Come into one's own
27 Early success for Bill Gates
29 Make too much of
30 Coups
31 Very slight
33 "Nope"
35 Anchor's transition
39 Master mentally, maybe
40 Frat letter
41 Pulls in
42 Big planter
44 Brief flash
48 Art atop deere.com
49 Didn't go straight
51 Three-sided thruster
52 Andy's *Toy Story* neighbor
53 Amounted to
55 Its headquarters are near Constitution Hall
56 Runtastic app offerer
58 Just while
60 Victoria's granddad
61 Testamentary term
62 ABC preceder
63 Disagreeable ones

DOWN
1 Getty money in *All the Money in the World*
2 Is
3 Appropriate
4 ". . . the summit of __ knowledge": *Twilight Zone* intro
5 Word from Old French for "wretched"
6 Liquids with no rhymes
7 Start pitching?
8 Possible message under a red F
9 Parking meter part
10 Source of an edible-skin snack
11 He paid for the new H of the Hollywood sign
12 Romano, e.g.
13 Ohm's Law dictates its behavior
14 Grotesque imitation
21 Service's service man
24 Err
26 Metaphor for official inefficiency
28 Fortune hunters
30 Symbols of strength
32 Disbeliever, at heart
34 Cannon's finish
35 Apple chat choice
36 "Let's try that!"
37 What FDR talked through
38 Bright cyan
43 Famously victorious vice-admiral
45 Far point
46 Cruise freebie
47 Guys, for short
49 Sites for stained glass
50 __ Robbia (Renaissance artist family surname)
53 Extended account
54 Fireball
57 Intro to cell or spell
59 It starts skating in Seattle in 2021



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ON SEPTEMBER 19, AT 7 P.M.

Officers responded to a Burglary just occurred at the Santa Monica Mini Storage facility located at 1620 14th St. A male subject broke into a storage unit and stole property from inside. The suspect was seen using a crowbar to open one of the units and take two guitar cases from the unit. The owner of the unit was contacted and stated no one had permission to be in his storage unit or remove items from it. The suspect was taken into custody without incident. David Jordan Wilkinson, 50, Homeless, was arrested for burglary, possession of methamphetamine and an outstanding warrant. He was denied bail.



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DAVID JORDAN WILKINSON

PROMENADE

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the district's zoning to attract businesses that can offer visitors a reason to stay after retail stores close.

Commissioner Richard McKinnon said he believes the street needs a nighttime economy to remain profitable in the long-term as consumers turn away from brick-and-mortar retail.

"It comes down to giving people what they want. People want to drink in small, intimate spaces and enjoy live music," McKinnon said. "We need to drive and allow this change from what we have now — which is static and dead — to alive and vibrant."

Commissioner Shawn Landres said he supported removing the restriction on breweries, distilleries and coffee roasters because they offer a type of experiential retail that will survive the continuing growth of online shopping.

"The notion that you could learn to brew your own beer in a brewing class and that people could walk by and see it is really cool," he said.

The commission received some correspondence from people who oppose bars on the Promenade, said Commissioner Leslie Lambert. She noted, however, that they would be unlikely to cross paths with people who go to the Promenade to drink.

"It's important to remember that the people who are there at 3 p.m. are not the same people who are going to be there at midnight," Lambert said.

The commission will need to recommend to the City Council several changes to the Promenade's zoning to foster the type of environment that Promenade 3.0 stakeholders envision.

Currently, a restaurant must adhere to 26 different rules to serve alcohol if they don't want to go through the lengthy process of applying for a conditional use permit, said Alan Loomis, an urban designer for the city who is helping lead Promenade 3.0. Additional rules apply if restaurants wish to offer live entertainment, he said.

But those rules are relatively recent, Loomis said, and many restaurants that serve alcohol operate under legacy regulations.

"The idea is that if we could simplify the rules for alcohol exemptions, everyone would use those simplified rules," he said.

Loomis also recommended letting businesses rent spaces that open onto the Promenade's alleys.

Businesses want less square footage on the Promenade than they used to, he said, and the smaller spaces along its alleys would be in demand if the city removed requirements that Promenade businesses have to maintain a loading dock and dumpsters in the alleys.

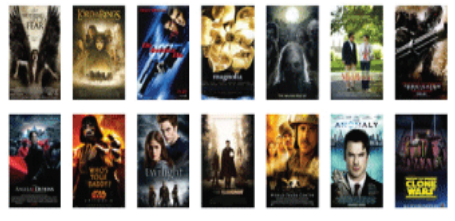
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. CEO Kathleen Rawson said businesses don't use their loading docks. While trash storage is a more complicated matter, she said, businesses have options besides the alley.

Commissioners said they supported using the alleys as places for pedestrians to gather and shop.

"When we talk about retail in the alley, we're talking about smaller retail," Lambert said. "Hopefully, it will be those small, locally owned businesses that we need more of."

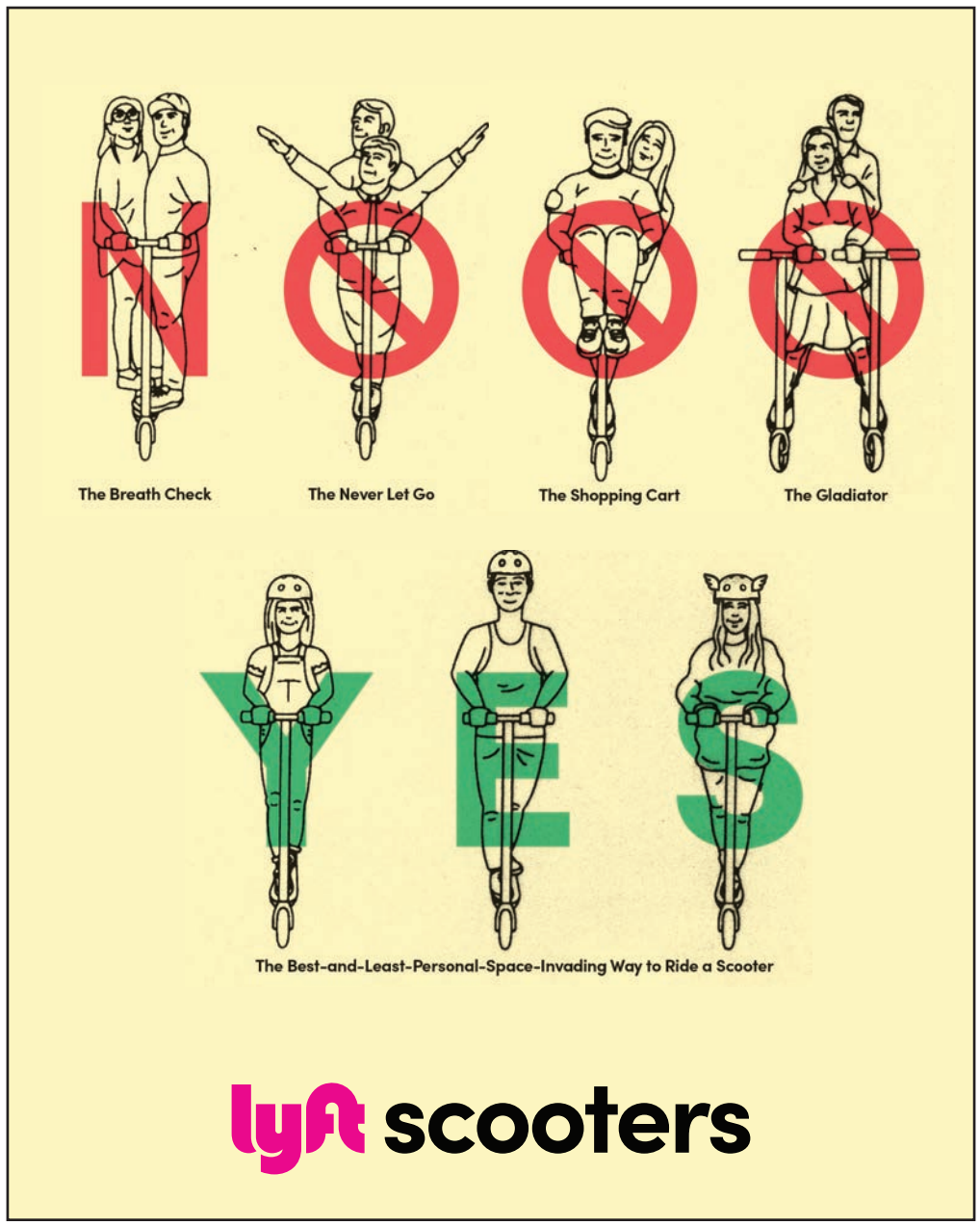
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