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A tearful goodbye to OP Cafe and an exciting new hello at Margo's







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VERGE: Restaurateur Mark Verge had to close one of his locations recently but another has been reborn.

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

For a Samo native like Mark Verge neighborhood restaurants are the bread and butter of community, which is why it was heartbreaking to close OP Cafe, but heartwarming to breathe a new plant-based life into Margo's.

Verge has lived in Santa Monica his entire life and runs four local eateries—Ashland Hill, Golden Bull, Art's Table and Margo's—alongside his high school sweetheart turned wife Lani.

A few weeks ago they bid a tearful farewell to the beloved 40-year-old breakfast joint OP Cafe, which they took ownership of in 2006. Located opposite Santa Monica Business Park, the restaurant had been unable to turn a profit since the pandemic sent home hundreds of office workers at nearby businesses such as Snapchat and Activision Blizzard.

"It's terrible to say but the failure has been a lot to deal with. This one was a failure just because the idea was to have a neighborhood breakfast place and now that's closed, but you've got to have failure or you're not trying," said Verge, adding that this was advice his late mother always shared.

Verge tried many things to keep OP Cafe afloat. He built an outdoor dining patio space and experimented with a pop-up deli designed for to-go food. While in its glory days Verge recalls two hour waits for a table at OP, he ultimately had to concede that the customer base was no longer there. He closed down shop and transferred all the employees to his other restaurants.

With his mother's words of failure fresh in his mind, Verge did

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The first ever Taco Wars is coming to Santa Monica

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer



Courtesy photo

TACO: The trophy for best tacos.

Santa Monica's first Taco Wars are coming on Saturday and it will feature some of the best taco chefs from the Southwestern United States and even Mexico.

The whole idea of a Taco Wars is to find the best taqueros around and put them all together in one space for an epic showdown. The annual event will rotate taco styles with carnitas taking center stage this weekend.

It is a winner take all competition and the last taqueros standing could win the coveted Golden Piggy trophy.

Six competitors have been confirmed so far including Los Gabrieles, Carnitas El Momo, Carnitas El Rey, Carnitas El Artista, Carnitas Don Claudio and Carnitas Los Panchos.

Taqueros will be judged by a star-studded panel that takes street food very seriously including authors, chefs and food experts.

Taco Wars is being put on by Jorge Reynaga aka "Mexi-papa" and Jeffery Merrihue. Merrihue was a marketing and sales executive for

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City sues NMS Properties over alleged illegal evictions and unlawful rentals

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

The largest owner of property in Santa Monica, NMS Properties, Inc., is once again in the hot seat as the City and Rent Control Board has filed a lawsuit against the company and its affiliates alleging that they illegally evicted rent controlled tenants in a building now being used for unlawful rentals.

According to the complaint, the defendant owners bought the rent-controlled properties at 1238 and 1242 10th St in 2015 and undertook extensive and disruptive renovations to upgrade the units, during which several long-term tenants moved out. The lawsuit alleges the defendants then used the Ellis Act to evict the remaining three tenants after they refused to leave or be bought-out.

Although the Ellis Act can only be used when owners wish to remove their property from the rental market, the lawsuit further alleges the owners proceeded to advertise the building's units as fully furnished and available for rent. The complaint also says that several units are utilized for vacation rentals, which regardless of the Ellis Act, is illegal in Santa Monica.

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ON SEPTEMBER 25 AT ABOUT 4 P.M.

Officers responded to 4th and Pico for a disturbance at a business. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the subject of the call, Melvin Scott, and determined he had been arrested earlier in the day for rummaging through someone's vehicle without permission. The victim of the previous incident contacted SMPD a second time when Scott again, returned to the vehicle and began going through the contents, this time, while the victim was in the car. An altercation between both parties occurred and ultimately, the victim began to chase Scott and ran into the local AM PM market while accusing Scott of stealing a phone charger. Officers located the charger in question in Scott's pocket and arrested him for Petty Theft. Scott was issued another citation to return to court on December 6, 2021.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0148 (Conditional Use Permit)
500 Broadway
APPLICANT: Laura McCaffrey for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank
PROPERTY OWNER: DK Broadway, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Conditional Use Permit to allow a bank tenant space with more than 20 linear feet of ground floor street frontage. The project will involve a corner tenant space with approximately 147 feet of total linear street frontage (87 feet along Broadway and 60 feet along 5th Street). Pursuant to Table 9.10.040, Land Use Regulations – Downtown Districts, banks occupying a tenant space in excess of 20 linear feet of ground floor street frontage are subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

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Address your comments to: Grace Page, Senior Planner
Re: 21ENT-0148

MORE INFORMATION

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 257 CALLS ON OCTOBER 4

Living In A Vehicle 2200blk 5th St 12:02 a.m.
Burglary Now 1400blk Centinela Ave 12:11 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2000blk 14th St 12:12 a.m.
Loud Music 1300blk 2nd St 12:23 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk 21st St 12:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 9th St 4:51 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk Olympic Blvd 5:50 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 2700blk Main St 6:36 a.m.
Burglary 1500blk 6th St 7:16 a.m.
Encampment 300blk Olympic Dr 7:17 a.m.
Vandalism 600blk Kensington Rd 7:23 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 400blk 16th St 7:37 a.m.
Burglary 1300blk 11th St 7:57 a.m.
Panic Alarm 2900blk Delaware Ave 8:16 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1300blk Ashland Ave 8:16 a.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Alta Ave 8:18 a.m.
Bike Theft 2100blk Ocean Ave 8:19 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 5th St 8:30 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1000blk Montana Ave 8:34 a.m.
Grand Theft Now Lincoln Blvd / Bay St 9:06 a.m.
Lost Property 2000blk 4th St 9:25 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1800blk Euclid St 9:28 a.m.
Loud Music 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:29 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 18th St 9:47 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 2nd St 10:16 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2400blk 14th St 10:21 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk The Beach 10:24 a.m.
Identity Theft 100blk Montana Ave 11:06 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Appian Way / Vicente Ter 11:11 a.m.
Vandalism Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 11:15 a.m.
Found Property 1000blk Pine St 11:15 a.m.
Overdose 500blk Colorado Ave 11:30 a.m.
Petty Theft Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 11:31 a.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Broadway 11:37 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1200blk 24th St 12:18 p.m.
Petty Theft 1400blk 14th St 12:24 p.m.
Burglary 200blk Bay St 12:27 p.m.
Missing Person 1300blk 6th St 12:29 p.m.
Identity Theft 1200blk 9th St 12:34 p.m.
Overdose 1100blk Pico Blvd 12:45 p.m.
Missing Person 300blk Olympic Dr 12:47 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 11th St / Georgina Ave 12:59 p.m.
Prowler 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:08 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1100blk 23rd St 1:17 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 1:29 p.m.
Petty Theft 600blk Broadway 1:37 p.m.
Arson 1100blk 2nd St 1:39 p.m.
Grand Theft 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 1:39 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 12th St 1:50 p.m.
Burglary 800blk 6th St 1:55 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:56 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 100blk Bay St 2:04 p.m.
Injured Person 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:07 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1500blk Oak St 2:22 p.m.
Burglary Now 2900blk Glenn Ave 2:35 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2900blk 4th St 2:40 p.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1200blk 12th St 2:56 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 500blk 7th St 2:58 p.m.
Found Property 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:59 p.m.
Vandalism 1300blk 4th St 3:03 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 3:13 p.m.
Grand Theft 1200blk San Vicente Blvd 3:40 p.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:07 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1600blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:07 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 900blk Lincoln Blvd 4:08 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1100blk 14th St 4:11 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 4:36 p.m.
Encampment 1600blk 14th St 4:44 p.m.
Fight 1400blk 2nd St 4:50 p.m.
Battery 1400blk Ocean Ave 4:53 p.m.
Prowler Just Left 2800blk Pico Blvd 4:59 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 24th St 5:00 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk Alta Ave 5:00 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2500blk 21st St 5:05 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 22nd St 5:10 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500blk 14th St 5:14 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 21st St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:53 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:13 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 3400blk Pico Blvd 6:37 p.m.
Bike Theft 1000blk 7th St 6:51 p.m.
Grand Theft 3200blk Donald Douglas Loop S 7:06 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2900blk Virginia Ave 7:15 p.m.
Overdose Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:30 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2500blk Main St 9:16 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900blk 21st St 9:34 p.m.
Petty Theft 2200blk Ocean Ave 10:26 p.m.
Armed Robbery 300blk Santa Monica Pier 10:28 p.m.
Party Complaint 1300blk 2nd St 10:48 p.m.
Public Intoxication 400blk Broadway 11:10 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1300blk 7th St 11:12 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 55 CALLS ON OCTOBER 4

EMS 1400blk 7th St 12:57 a.m.
EMS 2600blk Lincoln Blvd 1:18 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:22 a.m.
Structure Fire 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:26 a.m.
EMS 200blk 16th St 2:58 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 2000blk 21st St 3:16 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 3:26 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 4:57 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:27 a.m.
EMS 600blk San Vicente Blvd 7:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk 7th St 9:18 a.m.
EMS 2900blk Arizona Ave 9:41 a.m.
EMS 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:44 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk Ocean Ave 10:43 a.m.
EMS 1500blk California Ave 10:55 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Navy St 11:05 a.m.
EMS 2200blk Virginia Ave 11:23 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 11:30 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 20th St 11:38 a.m.
EMS 500blk 9th St 11:47 a.m.
EMS 2000blk Navy St 12:11 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 12:43 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 29th St 1:07 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 300blk 19th St 1:12 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 200blk Wilshire Blvd 1:27 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Pico Blvd 1:34 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Stewart St 1:40 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk 17th St 2:20 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:30 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 2:49 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield Blvd / Virginia Ave 2:51 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 3:02 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1500blk 4th St 3:14 p.m.
EMS 400blk 23rd St 3:14 p.m.
Assist LAFD 200blk N Ocean Ave 3:47 p.m.
EMS 3100blk Neilson Way 4:02 p.m.
EMS 300blk 19th St 4:39 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1200blk Broadway 4:54 p.m.
Structure Fire 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:04 p.m.
EMS 1400blk Grant St 5:18 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:24 p.m.
Transformer Fire 2000blk Oak St 5:32 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:41 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2200blk Colorado Ave 5:57 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:04 p.m.
EMS Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:30 p.m.
Electrical Fire - No Fire Visible 1700blk Pier Ave 8:33 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 2800blk 18th St 8:46 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 8:49 p.m.
EMS 400blk 18th St 8:59 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 10:08 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Wilshire Blvd 10:15 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:27 p.m.
EMS 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:40 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk 24th St 10:53 p.m.

TACO WARS

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35 years for companies like Kellogg's and Nabisco. He currently owns and operates Heroic Italian in town.

"What's nice about this festival is that all of the businesses that will be there are small, Mexican families," Merrihue said. "And all the additional vendors that will be there selling Mexican drinks, T-shirts and everything else, are all small Mexican families. This is not a corporate venture at all, it's really assisting the Mexican community."

Reynaga has a large social media presence and has worked in the food industry for the last 20 years. He worked as a food photographer, which pushed him towards creating online content. Four years ago, Reynaga noticed a lack of excitement and exposure with Mexican street food, so he decided to jump in and be a little more creative and interactive by showing food and conducting interviews and posting them to his social media pages, @mexi_papa_adventures.

The two men met years ago at a taco stand and have been taco partners in crime ever since.

"The first time we ever spoke we were there for a couple hours," Reynaga said. "From there it was like you know, we both had the same passion for food. It was game over. We go everywhere together."

Organizers discussed holding Taco Wars in Long Beach or Whitter, but Santa Monica worked with them to turn Taco Wars into a reality.

"I think that Santa Monica needs more things like this," Merrihue said. "I didn't engineer it here because I was kind of skeptical," he said.

Instead of opposition, he said he found a welcoming environment. Merrihue and Reynaga credited downtown Santa Monica's CEO Kathleen Rawson and city council member Phil Brock for allowing the event to take place in town.

"We're always pleased when we can help a local business owner, and pave the way for a fun, unique experience in Downtown Santa Monica," Rawson said. "Highlighting cuisine from Latin America is also a great way to provide our residents and visitors with a way to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month."

Outside of the competition, Taco Wars will feature other food stands and trucks featuring other types of tacos, hotdogs, micheladas, churros, Mexican candies, shirts, hats and all kinds of music and dancing thrown in for good measure.

It takes place at 1301 4th street from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. and tickets are available on Mexipapa.net for $25 each. Each taco costs $2.50 once you are in the event.

"Downtown Santa Monica is going to be smelling like carnitas on Oct. 9," Reynaga said.

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City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE
Pursuant to AB361**

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Remove the Minor Use Permit Requirement for Tattoo and Body Modification Parlors in the City's Downtown and Mixed-Use and Commercial Districts

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider a Resolution recommending to the City Council that the City Council adopt an Ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance, Divisions 1 through 5 of Article 9 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code, to: 1) remove the Minor Use Permit requirement for Tattoo and Body Modification Parlors in the City's Downtown (LT, NV, BC, TA, OT and WT) and Mixed-Use and Commercial (MUBL, MUB, GC, and NC) districts; and 2) revise the specific requirements for such uses as set forth in Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.230(C).

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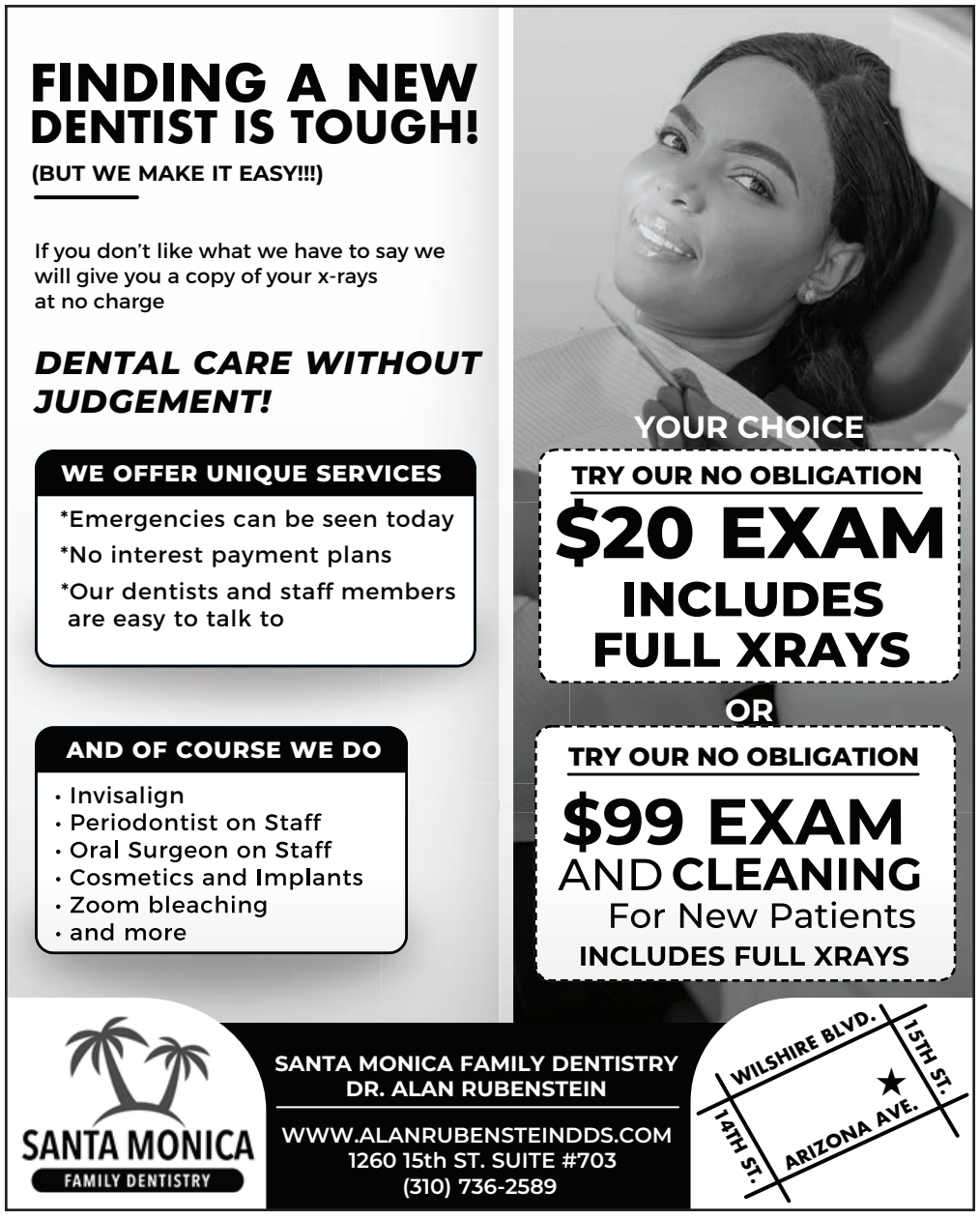
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Re: Tattoo and Body Modification Parlors

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Officials: California oil pipeline split, apparently dragged

BRIAN MELLEY, MATTHEW BROWN AND STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

The pipeline that leaked tens of thousands of gallons of oil into the water off Southern California was split open and apparently dragged along the ocean floor, authorities said Tuesday.

Coast Guard Capt. Rebecca Ore said divers determined about 4,000 feet of the pipeline was "laterally displaced" by about 105 feet. She did not say what might have caused it to move.

In addition, the pipeline had a 13-inch gash in it, Ore said.

The head of the company that operates the line said the pipe was displaced into "almost a semicircle."

"The pipeline has essentially been pulled like a bowstring. And so at its widest point, it is 105 feet away from where it was," Amplify CEO Martyn Willsher said at a news conference.

Officials said Monday that they were considering whether a ship's anchor might have caused the oil spill that has fouled beaches in Orange County. There was no confirmation Tuesday that the leak was caused by an anchor.

The Coast Guard did not investigate initial reports of an oil spill for nearly 12 hours because it did not have enough corroborating evidence and was hindered by darkness and a lack of technology, an official told The Associated Press earlier Tuesday.

Rear Admiral Brian Penoyer acknowledged that the Coast Guard was alerted Friday night by a "good Samaritan" that there was a sheen on the water. Penoyer initially said the Coast Guard put out a broadcast to the many cargo and tanker ships anchored off the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports, along with oil rigs, seeking more information but did not receive any response.

At a news conference later, Ore disputed that and said the Coast Guard did not broadcast any information to ships or oil platforms.

Penoyer said it was common to get reports of a sheen near a busy seaport. It would take more than 12 hours before an oil pipeline company reported a spill that could be up to 126,000 gallons of heavy crude.

"In hindsight, it seems obvious, but they didn't know that at that time," Penoyer said. "So putting yourself in the position of what they did know, this is a very normal process."

Two early calls about the spill came into the National Response Center, which is staffed by the Coast Guard and notifies other agencies of disasters for quick response. The first was from an anchored ship that noticed a sheen on the water. The second came six hours later from a federal agency that said a possible oil slick was spotted on satellite imagery, according to reports by the California Office of Emergency Services.

The spill sent up to 126,000 gallons of heavy crude into the ocean off Huntington Beach, and it then washed onto miles of beaches and a protected marshland. The beaches could remain closed for weeks or longer, a major hit to the local economy. Coastal fisheries in the area are closed to commercial and recreational fishing.

Federal and state authorities require rapid reporting of a spill. Failure to do so has led to criminal prosecutions of companies, including Plains All American Pipeline, which caused a coastal spill near Santa Barbara in 2015, and Southern California Gas Co. for a massive well blowout later that year.

Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley expressed concern that the company could withhold evidence. But the county's emergency manager, Michelle Anderson, reassured the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday that the Coast Guard was on the scene as well to make sure the probe is independent.

"It is an investigation with objective parties involved, so that we will eventually know the outcome," Anderson said.

Cargo ships entering the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach routinely pass through the area. Backlogs have plagued the ports in recent months, and several dozen or more of the giant vessels have regularly been anchored as they wait to enter the ports and unload.

A 2016 spill response plan for the Amplify platforms submitted to federal regulators called for immediate notification of federal officials when more than one barrel of oil is released into the water. Releases greater than five barrels — or that threaten state waters or the shoreline — require immediate notification of the state fire marshal and California wildlife officials.

The pipeline was supposed to be monitored under an automated leak detection system that would report problems to a control room staffed around the clock on the oil platform known as Elly.

The system was designed to trigger an alarm whenever a change in the flow of oil is detected. But how fast it can pick up on those changes was expected to vary according to the size of the leak. For a large leak — 10% or more of the amount of oil flowing through the pipeline — the detection time was estimated at five minutes. Smaller leaks were expected to take up to 50 minutes to detect, according to the response plan.

The spill plan warned that a break in the pipeline could cause "substantial harm to the environment" and that in a worst-case scenario 3,111 barrels of oil could be released from the pipeline.

Willsher said required agencies were notified "instantly" when the company recognized the leak was from its pipe. Records show the spill was not reported by Amplify Energy, but by Witt O'Brien's, a crisis and emergency management firm listed on the spill response plan as the point of contact to notify the NRC.

The report said the leaking pipe had been shut off, but containment was not confirmed.

Potential criminal investigations were being pursued by the Orange County district

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Workers at all of Kellogg's U.S. cereal plants go on strike

JOSH FUNK
Associated Press

Work at all of the Kellogg Company's U.S. cereal plants came to a halt Tuesday as roughly 1,400 workers went on strike, but it wasn't immediately clear how much the supply of Frosted Flakes or any of the company's other iconic brands would be disrupted.

The strike includes plants in Omaha, Nebraska Battle Creek, Michigan; Lancaster, Pennsylvania; and Memphis, Tennessee.

The union and the Battle Creek-based company have been at an impasse at the bargaining table for more than a year, said Daniel Osborn, president of the local union in Omaha. The dispute involves an assortment of pay and benefit issues such as the loss premium health care, holiday and vacation pay and reduced retirement benefits

"The company continues to threaten to send additional jobs to Mexico if workers do not accept outrageous proposals that take away protections that workers have had for decades," said Anthony Shelton, president of the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union.

The threat to move work to Mexico doesn't sit well with Osborn.

"A lot of Americans probably don't have too much issue with the Nike or Under Armor hats being made elsewhere or even our vehicles, but when they start manufacturing our food down where they are out of the FDA control and OSHA control, I have a huge problem with that," Osborn said.

The company insists that its offer is fair and would increase wages and benefits for its employees that it said made an average of $120,000 a year last year.

"We are disappointed by the union's decision to strike. Kellogg provides compensation and benefits for our U.S. ready to eat cereal employees that are among the industry's best," Kellogg spokesperson Kris Bahner said in a statement.

Osborn said he expects the company to try to bring non-union workers into the plants at some point this week to try to resume operations and maintain the supply of its products.

The company acknowledged that it is "implementing contingency plans" to limit supply disruptions for consumers.

The plants have all continued to operate throughout the coronavirus pandemic, but Osborn said that for much of that time workers were putting in 12-hour shifts, seven days a week to keep up production while so many people were out because of the virus.

"The level we were working at is unsustainable," Osborn said.

Kellogg's workers aren't the first food workers to strike during the pandemic.

Earlier this summer, more than 600 workers at a Frito-Lay plant in Topeka,

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LAWSUIT

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Ellis Act committed by NMS Properties are unconscionable," said Rent Control Commissioner Caroline Torosis. "These corporate actors intentionally evicted tenants and then marketed furnished short term rentals in blatant violation of our Rent Control law. I look forward to justice being served."

The complaint alleges that the defendants took unlawful steps, including lying to City staff and submitting false applications, to cover up unauthorized and unpermitted rental activity. Lastly, the complaint alleges that the defendants' unlawful, fraudulent and deceptive acts violate the state's Unfair Competition law.

This is not the first legal action the City has taken regarding rental activities at 1239 and 1242 10th St. The City is involved in a separate criminal case involving several of the same defendants, which was filed in January 2019 and is scheduled to have a pretrial hearing on Oct. 19.

The City charged Adam Shekhter, Saul Reuben Robin, Edward Jose Valentin and several affiliated companies with tenant harassment, maintaining a public nuisance and violating local zoning laws when upgrading and converting units at 1238 and 1242 10th St.

The criminal case alleges that defendants disobeyed repeated instructions from Code Enforcement, failed to fully pay for tenants to live elsewhere while the building was being renovated and used unlawful tactics — such as illegal buyout and eviction notices — in an attempt to evict tenants.

Defendant Adam Shekhter managed the buildings, which are branded as the NMS Swell Apartments. Adam is the son of NMS Properties CEO Neil Shekhter, who owns the buildings.

Gert Basson, a former rent controlled tenant at 1242 10th Street said Shekhter was allowed to hollow out the once shiny apple which was Santa Monica and said the recent case should come as no surprise given Shekhter's recent legal history.

In an unrelated case regarding ownership of several buildings, a judge said Neil Shekhter had forged documents, destroyed evidence and submitted testimony that was not credible.

"So what can you expect from the likes of him and his myriad companies behind which he hides? Exactly what you got," he said.

NMS Properties denies the allegations brought against the company in the City's most recent lawsuit.

When asked for a comment Neil Shekhter's legal representation provided the following statement on his behalf, "The complaint filed by the City of Santa Monica and the Santa Monica Rent Control Board against NMS Properties and the other named entities is both baseless and retaliatory; it is wrong on the facts and wrong on the law. This is just the latest chapter in the City's targeting of these particular property owners, and a clear attempt to punish them for challenging the City's illegal and unconstitutional conduct — including prior retaliatory actions — in both state and federal court."

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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION VIA TELECONFERENCE Pursuant to AB361

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0161 (Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. 83284)
1315 3rd Street Promenade
APPLICANT: Harvey Goodman Civil Engineering Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER:Next Century Power LLC, Ed Flores LLC, and EJT 3rd Street Promenade II LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant is requesting an approval of a Vesting Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide one land parcel into four airspace parcels for the purpose of creating one food court condominium unit and three upper-floor commercial/office condominium units in an existing 29,111 SF, five-story commercial building located in the BC (Bayside Conservation) District of the Downtown Community Plan (DCP). This is a proposed subdivision of an existing commercial building and new construction is not proposed with this application. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.54.070(B), the Planning Commission is the responsible authority to approve, conditionally approve, or deny tentative subdivision map applications.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/yjyvttce or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 6917626 #).

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 768527912 and Passcode: 8537 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment

Address your comments to: Ivan Lai, Assistant Planner
Re: 21ENT-0161

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Ivan Lai at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at ivan.lai@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. 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
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Hungering For Survival

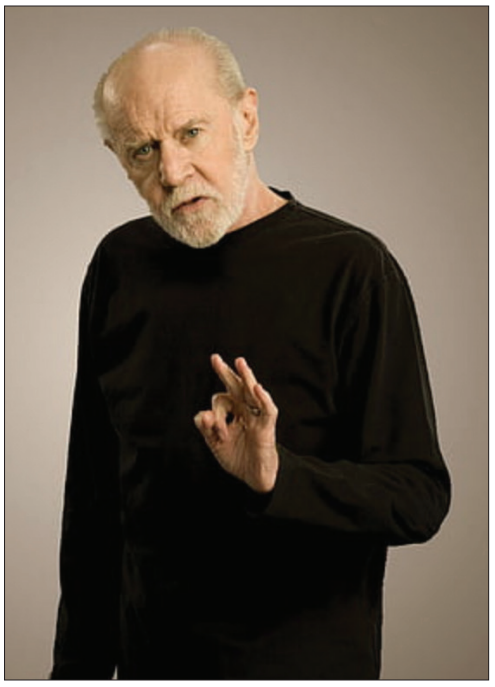
FIRST WORLD PROBLEMS

But, we live in the first world. I don't take that for granted and am so thankful for it every day. Where you're born is a matter of chance (or cosmic destiny if you will, but I'll go with chance), that makes a life or death difference, literally feast or famine. Am I looking for a better condo or car, or food and safe water for my family, every day? Better shoes, or any shoes? Having a vaccine for coronavirus, or worried sick that malaria, TB or some diarrheal disease (all of which we have defeated in the first world) will take my family?

Do people die of starvation in the US? Yes. Is there hunger? You bet. 38M experience hunger and food uncertainty, every day. In America.

But what's this got to do with Best Buy? Well, I'll tell you. Hang on.

I found a color coded map of the world, for statistics on malnutrition death rates. The US is in only the second lowest category! In all the Americas, only Guatemala and Haiti are in the worst category. Canada, not the US, earns the only gray coloring, with the lowest malnutrition death rate. Canada is cool in every way. If only it wasn't so cold.



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PROF. GEORGE CARLIN

FRANCE, ICELAND AND NORWAY

Join Romania and the Czech Republic in Europe in that next-best category of malnutrition mortality. Notable because every other country in Europe is solid gray. Guess who also gets a commendable gray? Vietnam! Another surprise, perhaps: Russia and all the former USSR bloc, now independent nations, are all in the highest category for least malnutrition. Maybe there is something to this socialism thing...

The point is, America could do so much better. It's not a matter of supply but of political will. We have known for a long time that there is enough food to feed everyone. Imagine. No need for greed or hunger, a brotherhood of man. Imagine all the people, sharing all the world...

IMAGINE

The UN estimates that about 9M people die of starvation every year, and that it would take only a $90B contribution from developed countries to wipe that out, among 700M of the world's most vulnerable. Two-thirds of that could be provided by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, leaving a paltry balance, divided up. Think of that.

Charles, why are you bummin' me out? Last column you reminded us the planet is burning up, flooding, and more. If Congress doesn't pass both humane infrastructure bills, we will soon look back and find that insane. A victorious Gov. Newsom is now leading the charge with very big budget numbers for a clean and safe CA future, and I say yeah. Our City Council now has a fighting chance to do some good with a new balance since the last election. Look on the bright side, will ya?

OK grasshopper. But the divided Dems in DC who want to save us are facing stiff opposition from a GOP that could take over again next year. Newsom's needed programs may not get through a greedy, small minded legislature. And locally many see only a snail's progress in attacking our huge problems, due to entrenched politics and business as usual. Urgency is upon us like never before, but on all levels many are acting like we've got years. We don't.

WHAT'S BEST BUY GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Symptomatic, I feel. I have a young friend, mid-20s, who votes, and votes the right way but is completely discouraged and disgusted with the system. Like many in his generation, he believes the time for glacial reform is long gone. Can you blame him? Because if we "progress" addressing our existential crises at the current rate, we'll have to pray Elon Musk can get us to Mars colonies fast enough to look back at an Earth taken over by the cockroaches.

Business as usual is planetary suicide. State and city too. My young friend, even though a staunch fan of Bernie from the get go, doesn't even want to hear about Democratic Socialism because he feels capitalism is the enemy, period.

I refer you to the collected works of our greatest 20th century philosopher and political thinker, George Carlin. He was hilarious back then because deep down we didn't really believe him. But now...

I recently ran smack dab into a prime example. Our 22-year-old refrigerator gave up the ghost in August and we ordered a new one from Best Buy. Six weeks. What!? But the same was true everywhere.

I understand, the supply chain is messed up, there are 50-100 ships waiting outside LA Harbor, to unload. But here's where the evils of our system become evident, in this small, everyday situation.

Best Buy gave us a date of Oct. 4, between 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. We're living out of a cooler, refilling the ice twice a day, six weeks now.

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CURIOUS CITY

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The Big Day arrives! I get an email at 9:17 that says, so personably, "Charles, your agent is on the way!...arrive approx. 9:30 a.m."

NO AGENT WAS ON THE WAY

No, no, no, that was a big fat lie. And a stupid one, because it would very soon be shown to be a lie. But corporations can be stupid and inhumane and not suffer any accountability or consequences, so why not?

I simultaneously get another email that is a receipt for the goods and services (not yet) provided, already paid for, one new Frigidaire delivered, one old one hauled away.

An hour later I'm suspicious and try to call. Probably 60-70 tries, every number I can find. Best Buy has made it impossible to talk to a human being, for any reason. Finally my wife goes over in person and waits in line and gets Sumia, bless her heart, the one person there who seems bright enough to be competent and human enough to care. Meanwhile I miraculously get through to a Best Buy national phone rep who seemed genuinely appalled at my experience and tried for a good 30 minutes to try to reach someone who could help, but then an incoming call cut us off. Even though she took my number "in case we get cut off," she did not call back.

A subsequent email from Best Buy announces they had now set us up for delivery Nov. 18. Another six weeks! I see a pattern here. Keep issuing six week delivery appointments until you can finally make one of them. I have zero confidence I will have a refrigerator from them even by Nov. 18, which is totally unacceptable.

How does this tie in to our political situation? It's part and parcel. American government is not separate from American business; one is supposed to regulate the other but it's reversed. Corporations own Congress through campaign contributions, favors and outright graft, and you don't even have shares in that business, folks. Make something up to keep people quiet, with no intention of doing it, make yourself unavailable, untouchable, repeat cycle, no accountability. What are they going to do? Ha ha ha ha ha. Santa Monica, Sacramento, Washington DC.

If Bernie can't take charge, how about Greta?

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RESTAURANT

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not let the loss drag him down and channeled his energy into a new vision for Margo's, which is named for his mother Margaret's nickname. Margaret, who passed away in May, raised Verge and his five siblings in Santa Monica garnering a reputation as a local celebrity known for her honesty, kindness and humor.

Margo's was formerly a seafood focused restaurant, which also offered customer favorites like pork chop and filet mignon. It shut down for several months during the pandemic and has now returned with a completely redesigned interior and an entirely vegan menu.

"People said you have to change the name and I said 'nah Margo's grew up,'" said Verge. "I couldn't change the name after she died, she was such a Santa Monica legend."

In crafting the new vision for Margo's, Verge relied on longtime friend and well known local Chef Greg Daniels. Daniels has been the Executive Chef & Partner on Golden Bull for several years and formerly headed the kitchens of Salt Air in Venice and JG Rooftop in Beverly Hills.

While transitioning from steakhouse chef to plant-based chef is no simple feat, Daniels took on the task with much vigor.

"I love cooking and there's plenty of things even at Golden Bull that are accidentally vegan because my background has always been leaning more towards olive oil and citrus and things like that instead of heavy butter," said Daniels. "I like the challenge, I think it's fun to kind of step outside of your comfort zone and not just keep making the same things you've always made."



Courtesy photo

FOOD: Margo's has gone vegan.

The new menu features a range of plant-based comfort foods including nachos, tacos, pizza, pasta, and burgers alongside salads and vegetable side dishes. Margo's is still one of the only restaurants on Montana with a full bar. It is headed by seasoned barman and long-time vegan Mike Misetich, who first brought up the idea of making the restaurant plant based.

Daniels also shares Verge's love of neighborhood restaurants. Prior to returning to work with Verge, Daniel was running the JG rooftop restaurant at the Waldorf Astoria, but found himself missing the tight knit family atmosphere of a neighborhood joint.

"The cool thing about micro small restaurants, and my first one being Salt Air back in 2013, is you plant the seeds in a neighborhood and you get staff in and all the staff become friends, become roommates, some of them will get married 10 years later," said Daniels. "The restaurant itself is just this living, breathing thing that becomes part of the neighborhood."

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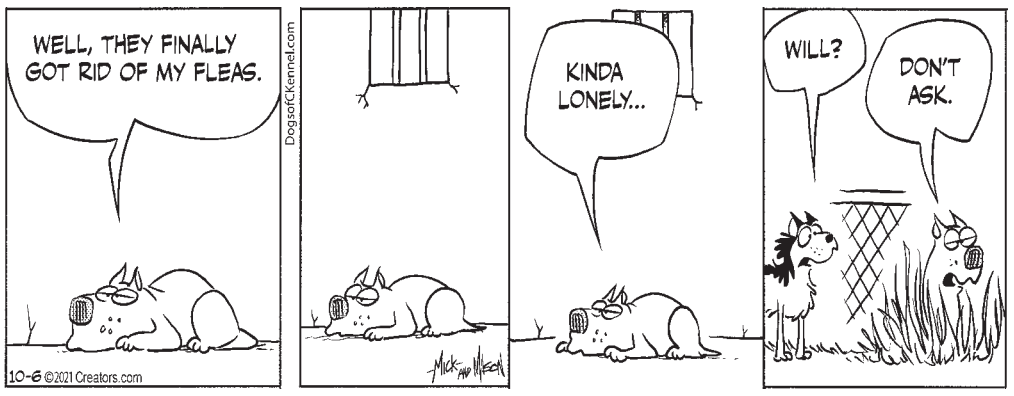
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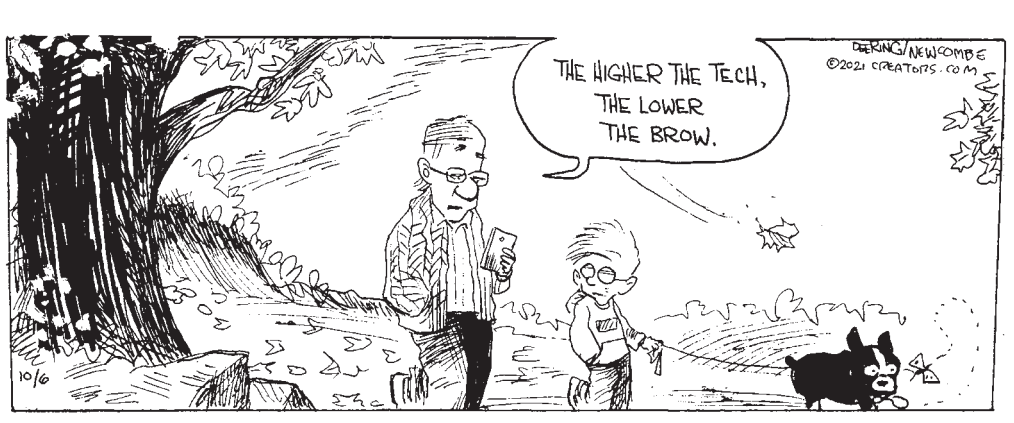
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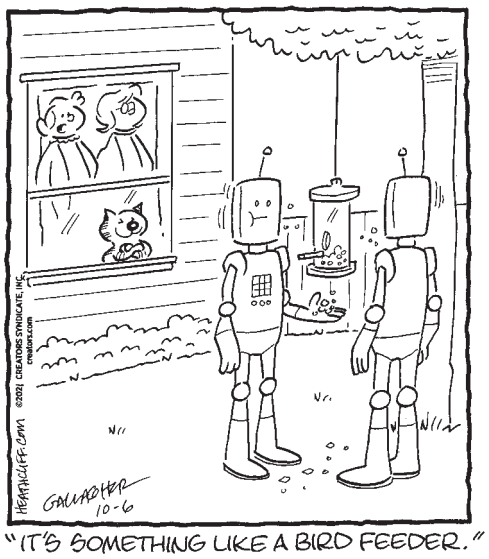
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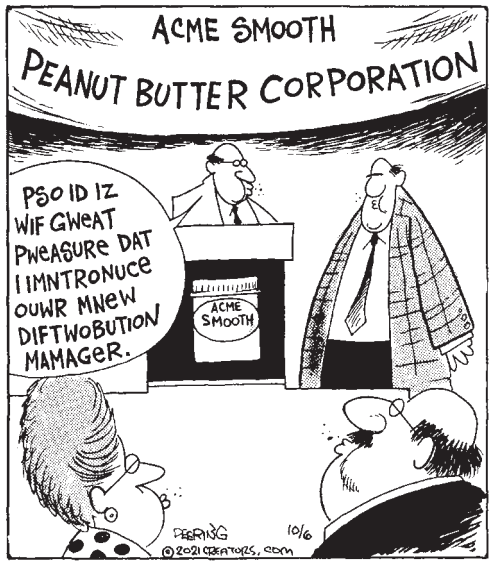
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"IT'S SOMETHING LIKE A BIRD FEEDER."

Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.2°

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Cleaner morning conditions as SW-SSW swell starts to wind down. Great morning for the groms or small wave gear.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small scale SSW and NW swell mix lingers, may see fresh, small, very long-period NW energy arrive. AM winds look light. Deep later AM high tide swamps out the little waves.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 66.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 60.
Thursday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 69.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The unexpected will happen, and your schedule will seem to laugh in your face, but it's still better to have a plan than not. Keeping track of what's working will help you later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The abandoned learn self-sufficiency. The neglected develop an inner world. The unsupported get strong. You are grateful for the unpleasantness you've experienced because it's given you your most valuable assets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Something prevents you from doing what you want, but this doesn't have to stand in your way for long. Think of it as an opportunity to clear obstacles and take back your power.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll invest in a person, company or mission. The benefits will not be immediate or direct, but they will come. In time, this move will bring good fortune from unexpected directions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When a practice no longer gets results for you, it will be a blessing to move on to trying something else. There are more options than you have time to explore, and you'll soon be hot on the trail of a new discovery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An ambitious mood has you overestimating what you can accomplish in a day. So give yourself three. With consistent effort, you will soon hit your marks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even though the facts seem to point to the same conclusion, it is at least partially incorrect. Something is amiss. Take this apart again. More information is needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best way to get what you want is to ask for it at the right time with a clear, strong voice. Ask with your eyes and with your whole body and being. And finally, get confirmation that your request was heard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you believe the best of everyone you meet, you're bound to be wrong sometimes. You'd much rather err on the side of spiritual generosity. Most people will rise to your wonderful expectation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Boredom causes misbehavior in children, animals and, most notably today, in full-grown adults. You'll make sure to have something interesting to do that you can include others in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Skills worth acquiring involve hours of practice. In matters of trial and error, most of the learning will come from the "error" part. As you rack up the mistakes, you improve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're supportive of people because you believe in them, but also because your support is a way of showing love. A loved one could really use the vote of confidence today.

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

7	2	9	5	3	1	6	8	4
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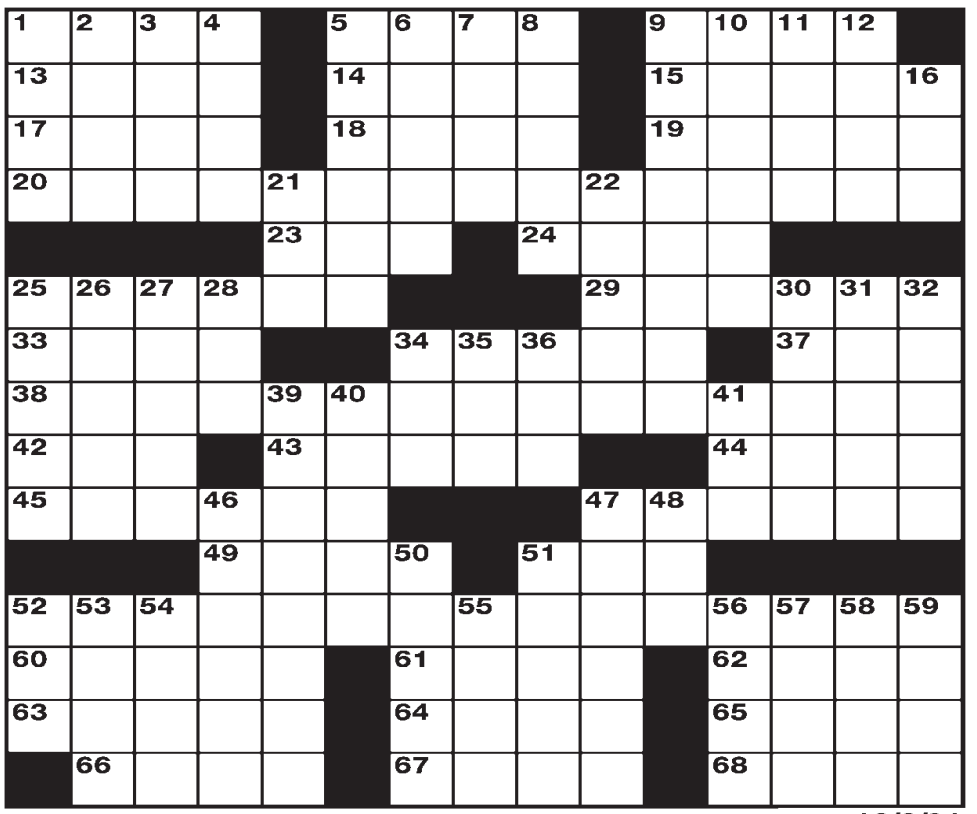
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Newsday Crossword

MORE AND MORE by Steve Faiella
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 President Adams or Quincy Adams
5 Armed conflicts
9 Touch down on the runway
13 Where Cleveland is
14 Jai __ (fast-moving game)
15 "Off the grid" or "on the ball"
17 Rustic lodgings
18 Clothes dryer fuzz
19 Peninsula near Japan
20 Security guard's incident-free statement
23 Convent resident
24 Small salamander
25 WWII craft commanded by JFK
29 Sounded like a snake
33 Army truant: Abbr.
34 Passport stamps
37 Keogh plan kin
38 A more desirable alternative
42 Text alignment key
43 Combine chemically
44 Religious offshoot
45 Aviator Earhart
47 Has the radio on very loud
49 Prefix meaning "height"
51 Auto make from 19 Across
52 Ring-shaped roll that has it all
60 Battlefield doc
61 Ink stain
62 Airport transportation
63 Erich who wrote *Love Story*
64 Scandinavian capital
65 Persian Gulf nation
66 Tennis great Sampras
67 Ivy League school in Connecticut
68 Viral video, for example

DOWN
1 Sign up for
2 Woeful cry
3 Slight suggestion
4 Quick snack
5 Maple __ (ice cream flavor)
6 True up, as tires
7 Angry speech
8 Use, as a chair
9 "Same here!"
10 Takes in, as a shelter cat
11 Actor Robert De __
12 Busy person
16 Surface for yoga
21 __ manner of speaking
22 Get-well plan, for short
25 Potato alternative
26 Wee hr.
27 Dome-shaped frozen dessert
28 Hispanic cheer
30 Spots to build on
31 Standing tall
32 Common pub game
34 By way of
35 End of many big co. names
36 USAF NCO
39 Tot's wheels
40 Central, essential part
41 Homeland Security org.
46 Rodeo rope
47 Certain nail polish target
48 Experimentation station
50 "I can't wait!"
51 Small hill
52 Pair in "magnesium"
53 #2 exec
54 Small advantage
55 Ingrid, in *Casablanca*
56 Proton's home
57 Willing to participate
58 Reason for cramming
59 Poem's brief excerpt



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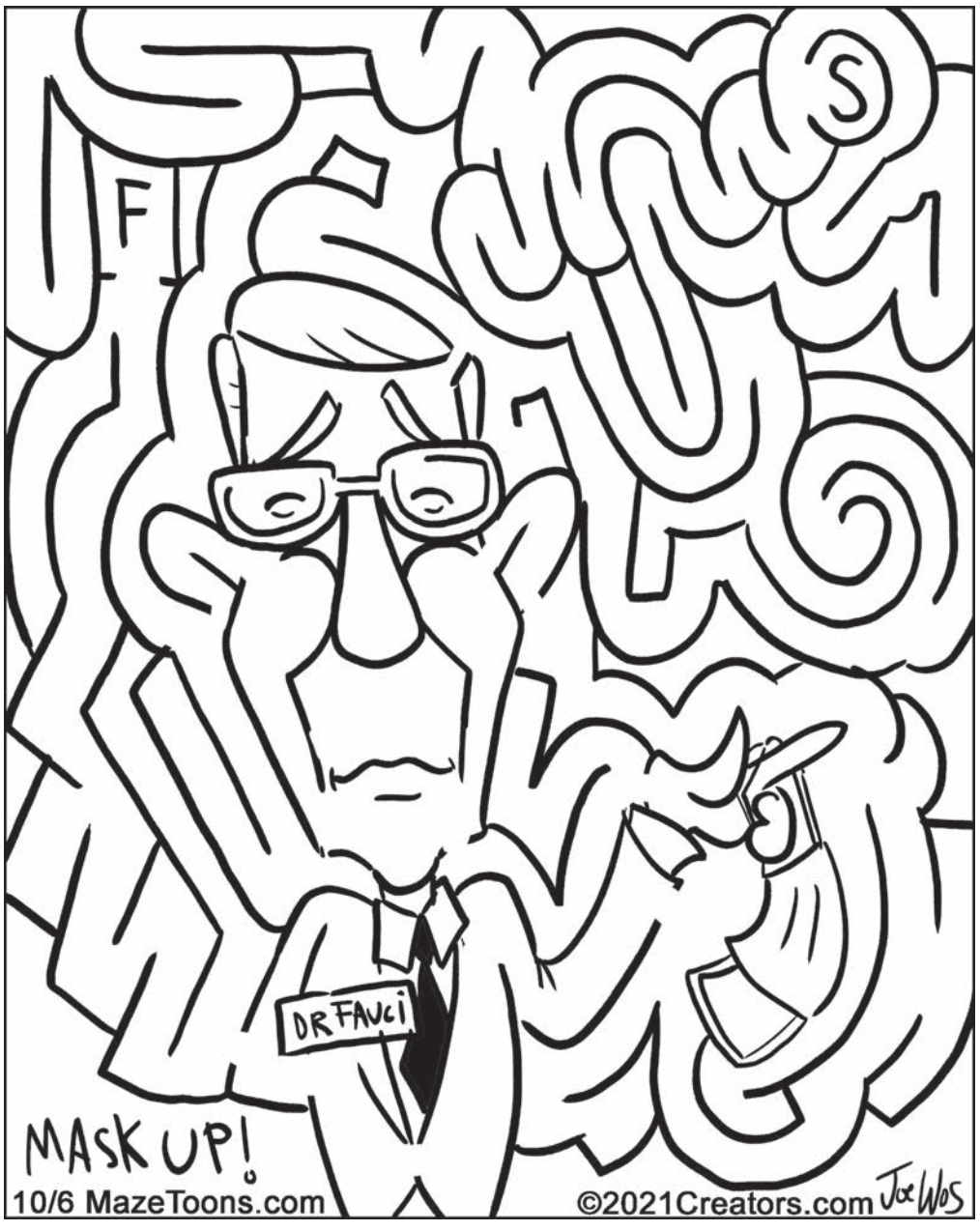
Binary Puzzle

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | OCT. 6

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast. Downtown Farmers Market Locations: Wednesdays at Arizona Ave & 2nd St and Saturdays at Arizona & 3rd St.

THURSDAY | OCT. 7

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH: STORYTIME & MEXICAN BINGO
At this virtual event, author René Colato Laínez reads his book 'Playing Lotería/ El juego de la lotería.' After the reading, play lotería for a chance to win prizes. For ages 3 and up. Pick up a lotería board at the Main Library, Montana Avenue Branch, or Pico Branch beginning Monday, September 27. Register in advance: bit.ly/2WLUecz. 6 - 7 p.m.

LIBROS Y LOTERÍA
En este evento virtual y bilingüe, el autor René Colato Laínez lee su libro Playing Lotería / El juego de la lotería. Después de la lectura, juegue a la lotería para tener la oportunidad de ganar premios. Para mayores de 3 años. Recoja el tablero de lotería en Main Library, Montana Avenue Branch o Pico Branch, hasta agotar existencias.
Jueves, 7 de octubre, a las 6:00 p.m. | En vivo a través de Zoom; Regístrese con anticipación: bit.ly/2WLUecz

SMMUSD BOARD MEETING
Regular meeting. Members of the public and other staff will be able to participate via Zoom (meeting ID: 863 8972 8091 ; passcode: 358979 ; call-in number: (669) 900-6833. 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY | OCT. 8

FREE LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY NIGHTS
With good-time Americana band Wild Rust delivering high energy honkey tonk songs to soulful ballads with beautifully blended vocal harmonies at the Third Street Promenade's Main Stage. Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct 22 (Live music from 7-8 p.m). You won't want to miss it ! https://www.instagram.com/wild.rust/

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
The Chamber Orchestra at St. Matthew's, Dwayne S. Milburn, conductor; Antonio Lysy, cello. Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 and Egmont Overture; Dvorak: Silent Woods; Ginastera: Pampeana No. 2. St. Matthew's Music Guild, 1031 Bienveneda Ave., Pacific Palisades, CA. MusicGuildOnline.org. (310) 573-7422. $35. 8 p.m.

SATURDAY | OCT. 9

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, HIGH
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. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at the Pico Branch Library, 2100 Pico Blvd.

CONSCIOUS NIGHT MARKET
Conscious Night Market is a collection of elevated brands that are for people who want more fitness, wellness and health in their lives through sustainable products, experiences and services. Join Santa Monica community members and support local businesses at this evening event with live music and a kombucha garden! 4 - 9 p.m. Third Street Promenade @ Arizona Ave.

SUNDAY | OCT. 10

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers - you can't get more local than that. 2640 Main St. 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER:File Number 2021193036 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 08/27/21 . The following person(s) is (are) doing business as Topanga Stone & Tile 171 Pier Ave #208 Santa Monica, CA 90405 The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Topanga Stone & Tile Inc 171 Pier Ave #208 Santa Monica, CA 90405 This Business is conducted by: A Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 05/2021 Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Topanga Stone & Tile Inc Title: CEO Toko Inchino, Toko Inchino This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 08/27/2021 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish, 09/20/21, 09/27/21, 10/4/21, 10/11/21

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 21SMCP00391Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Daniel Changchup Shonnu Lucio for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Daniel Changchup Shonnu Lucio filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Daniel Changchup Shonnu Lucio to Daniel C S Lucio the court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 10/29/2021 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: A203 . The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.Date:08/20/2021

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OIL SPILL

FROM PAGE 4

attorney, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Coast Guard and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, officials said.

Safety advocates have pushed for years for federal rules that would strengthen oil spill detection requirements and force companies to install valves that can automatically shut down the flow of crude in case of a leak. The oil and pipeline industries have resisted such requirements because of the high cost.

Associated Press writers Christopher Weber in Los Angeles, Michael Biesecker in Washington, Bernard Condon in New York, and Amy Taxin in Huntington Beach, California, contributed to this report.

STRIKE

FROM PAGE 5

Kansas, walked off the job to protest working conditions during the pandemic, including forced overtime. That strike ended in July when workers ratified a new contract.

Workers at Nabisco plants in five states went on strike in August to protest plans by Nabisco's parent, Mondelez International, to move some work to Mexico, among other issues, according to the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers International Union, which also represents the Kellogg's workers. That strike ended last month when workers ratified a new contract.

Associated Press writer Dee-Ann Durbin contributed to this report from Detroit.

City of Santa Monica

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION
VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO AB361**

SUBJECT: 21ENT-0132 (Conditional Use Permit)
925 Wilshire Boulevard
APPLICANT: Erin Carachilo, CPC Compassion, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: Robert Braun, 925 Wilshire Associates, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (21ENT-0132) to establish a medicinal cannabis retailer use occupying an approximately 1,844 square foot tenant space in the Mixed-Use Boulevard (MUB) zoning district. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.185, as amended by Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 2631, a Conditional Use Permit is required to establish a medicinal cannabis retailer use.

DATE/DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021 AT 5:30 PM**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the Planning Commission and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/yjyvttce or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 6917626 #)

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@smgov.net. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

Additionally, public comment can be made by telephone by calling 1-408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 768527912 and Passcode: 8537 followed by #) when the caller queue opens for the item on which you wish to comment. Remarks from the public made by telephone will be limited to up to 3 minutes per item. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Tony Kim, Principal Planner
Re: 21ENT-0132

MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. 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.


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