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# Snapchat takes steps to combat sale of lethal "fentapills" on their platform

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

On the evening of Feb. 7 Santa Monica teen Sammy Berman Chapman asked his dad for a cheeseburger and went to his bedroom. An hour later his mother found him dead on the floor.

Sammy was killed by a Xanax pill laced with fentanyl, which is a synthetic opioid 50 times as powerful as heroin. The culprit: a drug dealer on Snapchat and, from the parents' perspective, the company Snap itself, which they said was not doing enough to protect young users like Sammy.

His story is not an outlier. According to the CDC, synthetic opioids were responsible for over 57,000 thousand deaths in 2020. Many of these deaths came from counterfeit painkillers known as "fentapills" that individuals were unaware they were taking.

On June 4. Sammy's parents protested outside of Snap Inc.'s Santa Monica headquarters, alongside several other families who lost loved ones to fentapills sold on the platform, and demanded the company take a tougher stance against drug dealers. Among the protesters were the parents and sister of Orange County teen Alexander Neville, who died from a fentanyl-laced Oxycontin pill in June 2020 at just 14 years old.

At the time Snapchat said it was wholeheartedly committed to addressing this issue and on Oct. 7 released a statement outlining the steps it is taking to prevent illegal drug sales on its platform.

Snap is attacking the problem in three directions. The company has launched an outreach campaign to educate users on the dangers of fentanyl; improved detection and removal of drug dealers on its platform; and expanded its team that works with law enforcement.

"Continuing to significantly improve our operational work to eradicate drug dealers from Snapchat, along with raising awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and other illicit drugs, will be a long term effort for us — we will keep working to do better and help keep our community safe," said a Snapchat spokesperson.

Although the company has ramped up its efforts, Snapchat alongside other social media apps is fighting an uphill battle to address the fentanyl crisis, which is growing by the day.

The synthetic opioid is incredibly potent and very cheap to produce, which has led to it being trafficked in mass amounts across the Mexican border.




The amount of fentanyl seized by Customs and Border Patrol agents this fiscal year has more than doubled compared to last fiscal year. In FY 2019 2,804 lbs were seized, in FY 2020 that number grew to 4,791 lbs and in FY 2021 it reached 10,469 lbs — and this doesn't include the month of September, for which data is not yet available.

"What we're seeing is an unbelievable rise in fentanyl coming into the United States," said James Carroll, former director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. "What we're also seeing in the past year, is really a dramatic rise also in fentanyl being put in other drugs."

According to Carroll, traffickers lace drugs with fentanyl to make them cheaper to produce and more addictive.

"You have to remember the traffickers do not have an addiction to drugs, the traffickers have an addiction to greed," said Carroll.

Fentapills pose a pointed danger because they often look identical to prescription pills and the fentanyl contained in them can be lethal in quantities as small as one grain of sand. While in the past it might have taken a drug user months or years of addiction to die from an overdose, first-time users can now fatally overdose from a single pill.

The interaction of the dangers of fentanyl with the ease of access through social media is making makes this drug crisis especially deadly and difficult to eradicate.

Social media provides a convenient way for dealers to peddle their drugs and has opened access to a new demographic of young adults, who during the pandemic have been suffering from especially high rates of anxiety, depression and loneliness.

Social media also makes it difficult to identify dealers who hide behind online aliases. While companies can delete a dealer's account, it is challenging to prevent them from popping up under a new handle.

"We have to stop thinking about it as a war on drugs, it's more like a chess match; the cartels and the dealers are getting more and more sophisticated with their knowledge of technology, synthetic chemistry and supply chain economics," said Ed Ternan, whose 20-year-old son Charlie Ternan died in May 2020 from a fentapill sold on Snapchat.

In the wake of Charlie's death, Ed and his wife Mary Ternan founded the organization Song for Charlie to raise awareness about fentapills. Many parents who lost children to fentanyl have also become involved in advocacy. Amy and Aaron Neville founded the Alexander Neville foundation, and Laura Berman and Sam Chapman have gotten involved in

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# #MeToo, 4 years in: 'I'd like to think now, we are believed'

**JOCELYN NOVECK AND MARYCLAIRE DALE**
Associated Press

To Charlotte Bennett, the new book that arrived at her Manhattan apartment this week — Anita Hill's "Believing" — was more than just a look at gender violence.

It was a dispatch from a fellow member of a very specific sisterhood — women who have come forward to describe misconduct they suffered at the hands of powerful men.

Bennett's story of harassment by New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo helped lead to his resignation after an investigation found he'd harassed at least 11 women. And 30 years ago this month, Hill testified before a skeptical Senate Judiciary Committee that Clarence Thomas had sexually harassed her.

"I can't imagine what it was like doing that in 1991," said Bennett, 26. "I've thought about that a lot."

Hill's history obviously predates the #MeToo movement, the broad social reckoning against sexual misconduct that reaches its four-year mark this week. But Bennett's moment is very much a part of it, and she believes #MeToo is largely responsible for a fundamental change in the landscape since 1991, when Hill came forward.

"I'd like to think that now, we are believed," Bennett said in an interview. "That the difference is, we are not convincing our audience that something happened and trying to persuade them that it impacted us. I would really like to think we're in a place now where it's not about believability — and that we don't have to apologize."

But for Bennett, a former health policy aide in the Cuomo administration, what emboldened her to come forward — and bolster the claims of an earlier accuser — was also the feeling that she was part of a community of survivors who had each other's back.

"I was really scared to come forward," Bennett said. "But something that reassured me even in that moment of fear was that there were women before me … (it wasn't) Charlotte versus the governor, but a movement, moving forward. And I am one small event and one small piece of reckoning with sexual misconduct, in workplaces and elsewhere."

There's evidence Bennett is not alone in feeling a shift. Four years after actor Alyssa Milano sent her viral tweet asking those who'd been harassed or assaulted to share stories or just reply "Me too," following the stunning revelations about mogul Harvey Weinstein, most Americans think the movement has inspired more people to speak out about misconduct, according to a new poll.

About half of Americans — 54% — say they personally are more likely to speak out if they're a victim of sexual misconduct, according to the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. And slightly more, 58%, say they would speak out if they witnessed it.

Sixty-two percent of women said they are more likely to speak out if they are a victim of sexual misconduct as a result of recent attention to the issue, compared to 44% of men. Women also are more likely than men to say they would speak out if they are a witness, 63% vs 53%.

Sonia Montoya, 65, of Albuquerque, used to take the sexist chatter in stride at the truck repair shop where she's worked as the office manager — the only woman — for 17 years. But as news broke in 2016 about the crude way presidential candidate Donald Trump spoke about women, she realized she'd had enough. She demanded respect, prompting changes from her colleagues that stuck as the #MeToo movement took hold.

"It used to be brutal, the way people talked (at work). It was raw," said Montoya, a poll participant who describes herself as an independent voter and political moderate. "Ever since this movement and awareness has come out, the guys are a lot more respectful and they think twice before they say certain things."

Justin Horton, a 20-year-old EMT in Colorado Springs who attends a local community college, said he saw attitudes start to change as the #MeToo movement exploded during his senior year of high school.

He thinks it's now easier for men like him to treat women with respect, despite a culture that too often objectifies them. And he hopes people realize that men can be sexually harassed as well.

"I feel like it's had a lasting impact," he said. "I feel like people have been more self-aware."

Close to half of Americans say the recent attention to sexual misconduct has had a positive impact on the country overall — roughly twice the number that say it's been negative, 45% vs. 24%, the poll shows. As recently as January 2020, Americans were roughly split over the impact of the movement on the country.

Still, there are signs the impact has been unequal, with fewer Americans seeing positive change for women of color than for women in general. That dovetails with frequent criticism that the #MeToo movement has been less inclusive of women of color.

"We haven't moved nearly enough" in that area, #MeToo founder Tarana Burke told The Associated Press in an interview

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# Aging equipment, spills test ties between oil, California

**MICHAEL R. BLOOD AND MATTHEW BROWN**
Associated Press

Hoping to recover a lost anchor chain, a work boat dragged a grappling hook along the seabed near an oil platform off the Southern California coast. But it hooked something else — a pipeline carrying crude oil from the towering rig to shore.

Once snagged, the 197-foot boat dragged the pipeline until it snapped on one of the drilling platform's legs. The gushing oil created a slick that ran for miles along the Ventura County coast northwest of Los Angeles.

The May 1991 accident provides a snapshot of the environmental dangers and trade-offs that come with the network of oil platforms and pipelines off Southern California's world-famous coastline. The uneasy relationship is being tested again after a leaking undersea pipeline off Huntington Beach fouled beaches and killed seabirds and fish this month.

In the latest case, investigators believe it's likely a cargo ship's massive anchor struck and dragged the 16-inch pipeline up to a year ago. It's suspected the damage led to the pipeline cracking and spilling about 25,000 gallons of crude.

The incident has renewed calls to end drilling in coastal waters and comes amid a societal reckoning over climate change and continued reliance on fossil fuels. It's also raising questions about the soundness of old equipment, limits on government safety oversight, how willing companies are to make needed investments in repairs and whether it makes sense to have drilling rigs and pipelines near one of the world's busiest port complexes.

The latest spill involved a pipeline that serves a cluster of three oil platforms several miles off the coast, south of Los Angeles. Original owner Shell Oil began operating the "Beta Unit" in 1980 and anticipated the operation would last about 35 years, "at which time the platform and other offshore facilities will be removed and the wells sealed."

They are now operating into a fourth decade.

The platforms and pipeline are owned by Houston-based Amplify Energy Corp., which emerged after prior owner Memorial Production Partners went bankrupt in 2017. Subsidiary Beta Offshore operates the platforms and the pipeline.

In 2011, Beta sought and received approval to replace two pipelines running between its platforms — one for oil that previously was taken out of service because of corrosion damage, and one for water deemed "at the end of its usable life" in documents submitted to federal regulators.

Miyoko Sakashita of the Center for Biological Diversity, which opposes offshore drilling, said the removal of the old pipelines should have been a signal that the one that failed also was at risk.

"I'm very concerned that they recognized the corrosion and age of the pipes between the platform, yet this one went ignored," she said. "California's offshore oil infrastructure is old and decrepit and needs to be decommissioned instantly."

There are 27 oil and gas platforms off the California coast. Federal officials have jurisdiction over 23, which range from almost 30 years old to more than 50 and are in water depths from 95 feet to almost 1,200 feet according to a report released last year by the Aquarium of the Pacific co-sponsored by the California State Lands Commission, which oversees pipelines in state waters.

About half the platforms are still producing oil, which goes from wells to the platforms to refineries via a network of pipes like the one in the recent spill.

Environmentalists have long complained about poor federal oversight of pipeline companies. In April, a scathing report from the congressional watchdog Government Accountability Office found fundamental problems with how officials monitor those lines — an issue first recognized in 2007.

The report focused on about 8,600 miles of lines in the Gulf of Mexico. It said the Interior Department's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement allows companies to use unreliable methods to detect leaks and has not systematically tracked whether pipelines move or become exposed because of strong currents or changes on the seafloor.

A top aide to Interior Secretary Deb Haaland acknowledged the problems, and officials said new rules could be finalized next year. Those will include significant changes to requirements for detecting leaks, inspections, repairs to pipelines and other areas, Laura Daniel-Davis, the agency's principal deputy assistant secretary for land and mineral management, said in a letter to the GAO released last month.

The fewer pipelines present in the Pacific versus the Gulf means federal regulators can keep closer watch off the California coastline, said John Smith, who spent more than three decades with the agency that manages oil and gas production, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and its predecessor, the Minerals Management Service.

But he added that the Amplify spill will test whether that oversight has been sufficient for something forecast decades ago.

In 1991, the federal Minerals Management Service predicted a 94% chance of a major oil spill off Southern California over 30 years. That estimate was released not long after a tanker spill blackened coastline in Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, and the pipeline break that created the slick off Ventura County.

The oil industry – the source of 150,000 jobs in California and hundreds of millions of state tax dollars over the years — has long been an awkward partner with the environmentally minded state, a national leader in renewable energy that will ban the sale of new gasoline-powered passenger cars and trucks in 2035.

A moratorium was placed on new oil and gas leases in state waters after a devastating 1969 spill in Santa Barbara that helped spur the modern environmental movement. Now, U.S. Rep. Michelle Steel, an Orange County Republican, wants to temporarily ban cargo ships from anchoring or idling off the county's coastline, calling the backlog of ships waiting to unload "an environmental

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## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 323 CALLS ON OCTOBER 14

Person With A Gun 1300Blk 4th St 5:05 a.m.
Municipal Code Violation 1600Blk The Beach 6:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1900Blk Pico Blvd 6:12 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2000Blk Delaware Ave 6:22 a.m.
Periodic Check 1300Blk 2nd St 6:38 a.m.
Loitering 1200Blk 7th St 6:43 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2600Blk Ocean Front Walk 7:06 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 00Blk Seaview Ter 7:07 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:14 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 1600Blk Ocean Ave 7:23 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 16th St / Arizona Ave 7:23 a.m.
Loitering 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:38 a.m.
Trespassing 1900Blk Pico Blvd 7:54 a.m.
Found Property Main St / Pico Blvd 8:00 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 4th St / California Ave 8:01 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400Blk Yale St 8:10 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1800Blk Hill St 8:12 a.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:33 a.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 600Blk 12th St 8:40 a.m.
Auto Burglary Now 1100Blk 12th St 8:52 a.m.
Found Property 2600Blk Main St 8:53 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 8:54 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900Blk 19th St 8:56 a.m.
Burglary Report 1300Blk Yale St 8:59 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 9:04 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 100Blk Broadway 9:11 a.m.
Burglary Now 1900Blk 6th St 9:12 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 9:23 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:24 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 1500Blk 20th St 9:34 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1600Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:47 a.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 1400Blk Yale St 9:50 a.m.
General Parking Problem 1400Blk Ocean Ave 9:55 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk 24th St 9:56 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 800Blk 12th St 9:57 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 400Blk Broadway 9:58 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:08 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 10:18 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1800Blk Delaware Ave 10:21 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 400Blk Colorado Ave 10:33 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2000Blk Ocean Ave 10:35 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1600Blk 12th St 10:48 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2700Blk Pico Blvd 11:04 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 1700Blk 9th St 11:16 a.m.
Missing Person 2800Blk The Beach 11:24 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 200Blk 20th St 11:30 a.m.
Health & Safety Code Violation 1800Blk Montana Ave 11:30 a.m.
Loitering 2600Blk 14th St 11:30 a.m.
Trespassing 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:35 a.m.
Suspicious Person 2000Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:36 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1900Blk 18th St 11:40 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Montana Ave 11:40 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 900Blk 15th St 12:16 p.m.
Family Disturbance Cloverfield Blvd / Pearl St 12:38 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 12:41 p.m.
Information Received Report 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:44 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1400Blk 2nd St 12:45 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1900Blk Pico Blvd 12:51 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace Report 1400Blk 2nd St 12:53 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2800Blk Pico Blvd 12:56 p.m.
Forensics Request - Fingerprint 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:56 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1900Blk Ocean Ave 1:06 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200Blk 15th St 1:06 p.m.
Stalking Report 1400Blk 2nd St 1:08 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800Blk Cedar St 1:08 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 1:15 p.m.
Suspicious Person 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 1:18 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 2nd St / Broadway 1:30 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2200Blk 22nd St 1:32 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1700Blk Cedar St 1:39 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 1:40 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2200Blk Virginia Ave 1:45 p.m.
Suspicious Person 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 1:46 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 3200Blk Airport Ave 1:47 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 300Blk Santa Monica Pl 1:59 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:05 p.m.
Trespassing 800Blk Broadway 2:10 p.m.
Found Property 100Blk San Vicente Blvd 2:10 p.m.
Found Senile Person 23rd St / Ashland Ave 2:15 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 200Blk Broadway 2:21 p.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk California Ave 2:28 p.m.
Battery Report 2700Blk Neilson Way 2:39 p.m.
Person Down 11th St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:45 p.m.
Lewd Activity 800Blk 2nd St 2:47 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:48 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1000Blk 2nd St 2:49 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2000Blk Idaho Ave 2:52 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200Blk Ocean Ave 2:53 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1200Blk 3rd Street Prom 3:00 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1100Blk California Ave 3:19 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 600Blk Pico Pl 3:20 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Interstate 10 / Cloverfield Bvd 3:28 p.m.
Suspicious Person 300Blk Marine St 3:31 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:31 p.m.
Loitering 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:32 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1700Blk Pico Blvd 3:33 p.m.
Suspicious Circumstances 2100Blk Wilshire Blvd 3:35 p.m.
Fight 1900Blk 6th St 3:37 p.m.

## DAILY FIRE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 33 CALLS ON OCTOBER 14

EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 12:07 a.m.
Flooded Condition 800Blk 4th St 12:57 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 12:59 a.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 1:10 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 2nd St 4:49 a.m.
EMS 2800Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:43 a.m.
EMS 1200Blk 14th St 6:18 a.m.
EMS 300Blk 25th St 8:11 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 8:59 a.m.
EMS 300Blk Broadway 9:26 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:32 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:38 a.m.
EMS 1800Blk 9th St 11:01 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:06 a.m.
EMS 20th St / Montana Ave 11:40 a.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 11:49 a.m.
Wires Down 1800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:15 p.m.
EMS 11th St / Ocean Park Blvd 2:45 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk Ocean Ave 3:05 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Lincoln Blvd 3:39 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:10 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:31 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Marine St 4:38 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400Blk 10th St 5:12 p.m.
EMS 800Blk 9th St 5:30 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:53 p.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 800Blk 14th St 5:56 p.m.
Wires Down 2400Blk 33rd St 6:06 p.m.
EMS 900Blk 12th St 6:21 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Cloverfield Blvd 6:42 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 700Blk Broadway 7:10 p.m.
EMS 3100Blk Broadway 8:18 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:24 p.m.

## CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### ON OCT. 2

SMPD dispatch broadcasted a call on 3rd Street and Bicknell Avenue regarding a traffic hazard. The comments in the call indicated a male subject was found asleep in his truck at the stop sign. As the responding officer approached the driver, the sole occupant of the vehicle, he was found to be hunched forward as though he was asleep. The driver later identified as Jan Derek Janotta, 51 years old from Van Nuys, was difficult to arouse and unable to respond to the officer's commands. Based on the strong smell of alcohol and the officer's professional experience, Janotta was believed to be driving under the influence and booked in the Santa Monica Jail.

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## OIL
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and public health crisis."

Oil production in federal waters in the Pacific is down 90% since 1995, with no new drilling leases sold since the early 1980s. As crude reservoirs beneath California's offshore platforms get depleted, that means thinner industry profits.

"It's very difficult for them to make major investments in equipment and pipelines," Smith said.

Officials have identified a narrow crack in the Amplify pipeline as the source of the recent spill. What caused the break remains a mystery that might never be unraveled.

Coast Guard investigators suspect the line was hit by a multi-ton anchor from one of thousands of cargo ships that annually use the twin ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. The pipe was bent and dragged as far as 105 feet (32 meters), its concrete sheath cracked, then possibly hit again by other anchors.

Safety inspections in 2015, 2017 and 2019 found anomalies in Amplify's pipeline, including instances of metal loss and three dents that were previously repaired. But several experts who reviewed the reports said the metal loss — which can be a sign of a pipe wall thinning as it corrodes with age — was relatively minor. The dents were not in the same area as the spill.

"It's one of the cleanest lines I've ever seen," said engineer Chris Fox with State Lands Commission, which oversees pipelines through state waters.

The inspection reports were obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request.

A grappling hook is unlikely the culprit in the Amplify case because the pipeline is much larger and heavier than the pipeline that failed after being hooked in 1991, said Smith, now a consultant for the oil and gas industry.

"That's much harder to move. You need a much bigger impact to drag it 100 feet," he said.

Brown reported from Billings, Montana. Associated Press writer Brian Melley contributed from Los Angeles.

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# Right on Cue: NBA finds high-tech option for virus testing

**TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

If so inclined, an NBA player could now test himself for the coronavirus and get results on his phone in no more than 20 minutes.

And the league is convinced those tests are both fast enough and accurate enough.

It's a high-tech answer to the issue of waiting for test results. The NBA has partnered with a company called Cue Health, which is providing the league with technology that allows anyone to essentially test themselves for COVID-19. A person applies the swab to the inside of their nose, places it in a reader — roughly the size of two decks of cards — connected wirelessly to their smartphone and gets the results back much faster than most other alternatives can deliver.

The NBA, based on a study done by the Mayo Clinic, says the tests are right 97.8% of the time. Cue was in the process of using the technology for flu tests when the pandemic began, then pivoted quickly when the scope of the world's global fight against the coronavirus became clear.

"We were in clinical studies when COVID hit," Cue CEO and co-founder Ayub Khattak said. "It was a pretty quick transition for us because the platform is really modular, so making COVID-19 tests was relatively routine for us."

Testing results last season, in some cases, kept NBA teams and players waiting for hours.

The relationship with Cue and the league has now touched parts of three seasons. It essentially began when the league was assembling plans for the NBA's restart bubble to finish the 2019-20 season, and the technology has only continued evolving since. The test is of the molecular diagnostic variety and is authorized by the Food and Drug Administration.

"We have great experience with the Cue test and are confident in its effectiveness to identify cases when testing is necessary in our highly vaccinated population," said Jimmie Mancell, the team physician for the Memphis Grizzlies and vice president of the NBA Physician's Association. "The Cue test's accuracy is more than acceptable for point of care screening, as no test is 100% accurate. If clinical suspicion remains high, we are capable of validating the results with additional testing."

For now, it doesn't seem likely that many in the NBA will have to use the Cue test on a regular basis.

Those who are fully vaccinated will not be tested regularly; only the players who are unvaccinated — roughly 4% of the league, or basically one per team on average — will be subject to taking the tests on practice, meeting and travel days. Game-day clearance for those players will still require a conventional PCR test.

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last month.

The AP-NORC Poll also showed generational differences: More Americans under 30 said they're more likely to speak out if they are a victim, compared with older adults, 63% vs. 51%. And 67% of adults under 30 said they were they are more likely to speak out if they witness sexual misconduct, compared with 56% of those older.

There is a price for speaking out. Bennett said Cuomo, despite having resigned, is still not taking true responsibility for his actions, and so her struggle goes on.

"He's still willing to try and discredit us," she said. "And I am at a point where I'm exhausted. This has been a horrible experience."

Bennett has said the 63-year-old Cuomo, among other comments, asked if her experience with sexual assault in college had affected her sex life, asked about her sexual relationships, and said he was comfortable dating women in their 20s. Cuomo denies making sexual advances and says his questions were an attempt to be friendly and sympathetic to her background as a survivor. He's denied other women's allegations of inappropriate touching, including an aide who accused him of groping her breast.

How is Bennett doing, two months after the resignation? She replies haltingly: "I'm doing OK. Every day is hard. It's sad. It takes a piece of you a little bit. But ... I would make the same decision every single time. The reason I was in public service was to be a good citizen and give back and do the right thing and contribute. I didn't see my role like this, but that's what it turned into. And that's OK. I'm proud of myself for coming forward, and I will get through it."

She muses about where the country might be in three more decades.

"I think reflecting on Anita Hill's experience is a great way to understand how long 30 years is," she said.

"So what do I feel like the next big change will be? I think it's just not apologizing for being inconvenient. I could sit here and apologize. But I want to get to a place ... where we're not apologizing, where it's our job to come forward if we have the means and ability to do so."

And the #MeToo movement, she said, should be not only a community, not only "a soft landing place" for women who come forward.

"It should it be where leaders come from," Bennett said. "We know how institutions act. We know the underbelly of these institutions better than anyone. We have a lot of solutions to fix it and we should be at the table.

"It should be OUR table."

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# Cities, police unions clash as vaccine mandates take effect

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Police departments around the U.S. that are requiring officers to get vaccinated against COVID-19 are running up against pockets of resistance that some fear could leave law enforcement shorthanded and undermine public safety.

Police unions and officers are pushing back by filing lawsuits to block the mandates. In Chicago, the head of the police union called on members to defy the city's Friday deadline for reporting their COVID-19 vaccination status.

Seattle's police department sent detectives and non-patrol officers to emergency calls this week because of a shortage of patrol officers that union leaders fear will become worse because of vaccine mandates.

The standoffs are playing out at a time when many police departments already are dealing with surging homicide rates and staff shortages unrelated to the vaccine. Cities and police leaders are now weighing the risk of losing more officers to resignations, firings or suspensions over their refusal to get vaccinated.

Chicago's mayor on Friday filed a complaint in court against the leader of the local Fraternal Order of Police, accusing him of "engaging in, supporting and encouraging work stoppage or strike" by saying the city's more than 12,000 uniformed officers should ignore the order to report their vaccination status.

On Thursday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said officers would not be sent home if they showed up to work Friday and refused to provide their information. Instead, she said, they would be put on unpaid leave after the weekend, because confirming compliance would take a few days.

Refusing to provide the information, Lightfoot said, would constitute an act of insubordination.

John Catanzara, president of the FOP local in Chicago, said about half of his members have not been vaccinated and called a mandate requiring inoculation "absolutely wrong."

"They were willing to go into a no-pay status at midnight tonight and get sent home," he said, suggesting during an appearance on Fox News that the city could not afford to lose police officers.

"You know, the reality is we have a profession nobody else wants to do right now. They cannot get anybody to go into this police academy," he said.

In Los Angeles County, Sheriff Alex Villanueva said he won't force his 18,000 employees to be vaccinated despite a county mandate. "I don't want to be in a position to lose 5, 10% of my workforce overnight," he said last week.

Hundreds of police officers in San Diego said they would consider quitting instead of complying with a vaccination mandate.

Resistance is bubbling up even though first responders have been hit hard by COVID-19. More than 460 law enforcement officers have died from the virus, according to the Officer Down Memorial Page, which tracks deaths in the line of duty.

Disputes over government and business vaccine requirements have spilled over into a variety of workplaces, including one of the nation's premier nuclear weapons laboratories and the NBA.

Workers at Los Alamos National Laboratory — the birthplace of the atomic bomb — faced a deadline Friday to get vaccinated or risk being fired. A New Mexico judge denied a last-minute request by dozens of scientists and others to block the mandate.

In the NBA, the Brooklyn Nets are not allowing star Kyrie Irving to practice or play until he is vaccinated.

The number of Americans getting vaccines has steadily increased over the past three months as boosters have become available and mandates have taken effect. The number of shots administered per day has topped 840,000 on average.

No national statistics show the vaccination rate for America's first responders, but individual police and fire departments across the country have reported figures far below the national rate of 77% for adults who have had at least one dose.

Police departments in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Denver are also among those under vaccine mandates or facing one. New York's mayor has said he is looking at the idea despite opposition from the city's largest police union.

The union representing some 1,000 Seattle police personnel argues that the matter should be the subject of labor negotiations. Union President Mike Solan has suggested that the mandate could worsen staffing shortages, which in turn could risk public safety.

The department has lost more than 300 officers in the past year and a half and anticipates another "mass exodus" in the coming weeks, Solan said.

Nearly 300 officers in Seattle had either not turned in paperwork showing they were vaccinated or were seeking an exemption, the mayor's office said earlier this week.

In recent weeks, judges have rejected attempts by a group of Oregon State Police troopers and Denver police officers to block vaccine mandates.

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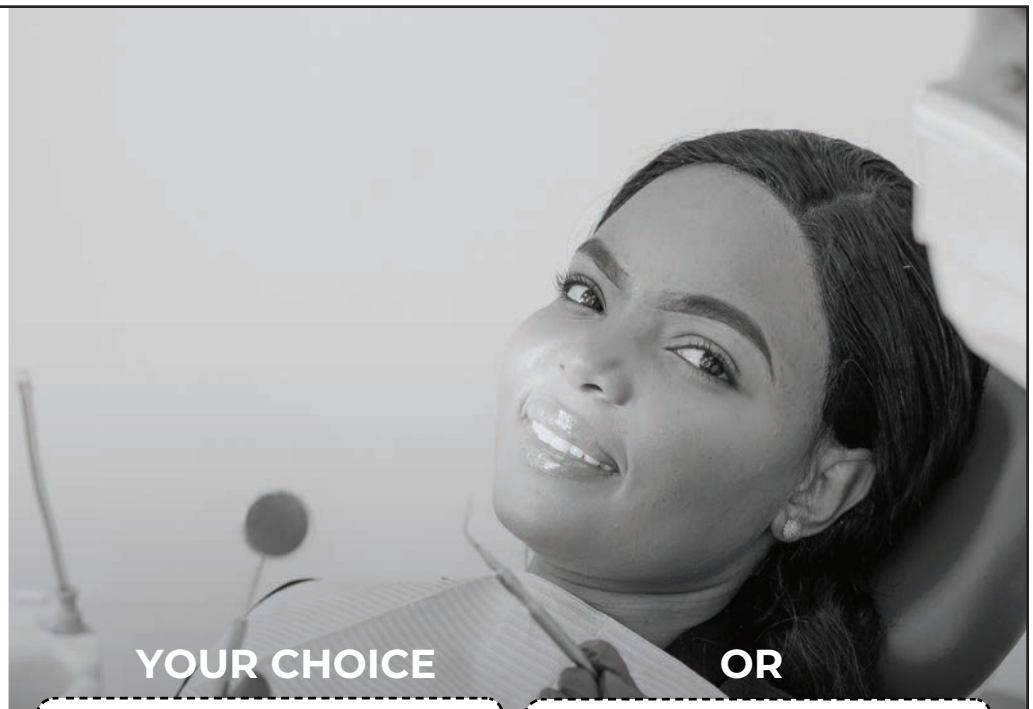
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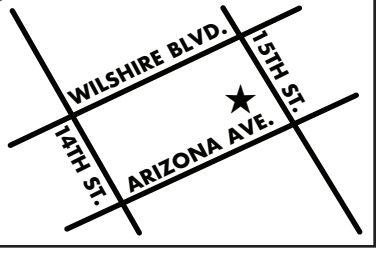


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## SNAPCHAT

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legislative efforts.

While all parents share the same ultimate goal, they have different ideas about the best solutions and are tackling the problem from different angles.

Chapman does not feel like Snapchat's efforts to protect its young users are meaningful.

"The meaningful part would be a reduction in drug dealing or a reduction in child sex crimes and bullying, and the things that really hurt our kids, and that's not what we're seeing," said Chapman.

Chapman is a proponent of 3rd party parental monitoring software and said he is working with members of congress to try and develop a law that would require this software be allowed on apps with minors such as Snapchat, TikTok and Discord.

According to a Snapchat spokesperson, the company is currently developing its own parental tools. Snapchat is not integrated with any 3rd party parental monitoring software at this time.

Currently, the leading 3rd party parental monitoring software is called Bark. There have been several issues raised in the media about this company and other parent monitoring software companies including privacy concerns, questions over accuracy in detecting dangerous behavior and worries about the risks children might face if their activity is exposed to parents.

As opposed to tacking the issue through legislation, Ternan and the Song for Charlie organization are focused on spreading a message of warning and partnered with Snapchat to create a PSA. Both Snap and Ternan believe risk education is a key component to fighting this battle, given the overall lack of knowledge on fentanyl among youth.

A nationally representative survey of youth conducted by Snapchat found that only 37 percent of young Americans consider fentanyl extremely dangerous compared to 61 percent who consider heroin extremely dangerous and 50 percent who consider cocaine extremely dangerous. At the same time, 15 percent of Gen Zers said that they had abused prescription pills and 40 percent said they know a peer who has done so, while only around 2-in-5 Gen Zers knew fentanyl was used in counterfeit pills.

The Song for Charlie Snapchat video has now been viewed over 260 million times and through the partnership Ternan has come to believe that the company is "100 percent committed" to solving the problem.

"Of course we were angry at first and we had to get past our anger," said Ternan, adding that he is not critical or judgmental of grieving parents who hold different views on Snapchat. "We said to ourselves, we can consider them an adversary, but what kind of impact could we have if we could make them our ally?"

Also under the umbrella of educational outreach, Snapchat has created an in-app information portal called Heads Up, which appears when users search substance use related words. The company is rolling out a new filter that talks about the dangers of fentapills and directs users to Heads Up. Additionally, the Snap Original news show Good Luck America has a series of episodes focused on the fentanyl crisis.

Amy Neville of the Alexander Neville Foundation welcomes the educational efforts Snapchat has made on the app, but said she thinks the app should be doing more to educate parents about the risks their children face as users.

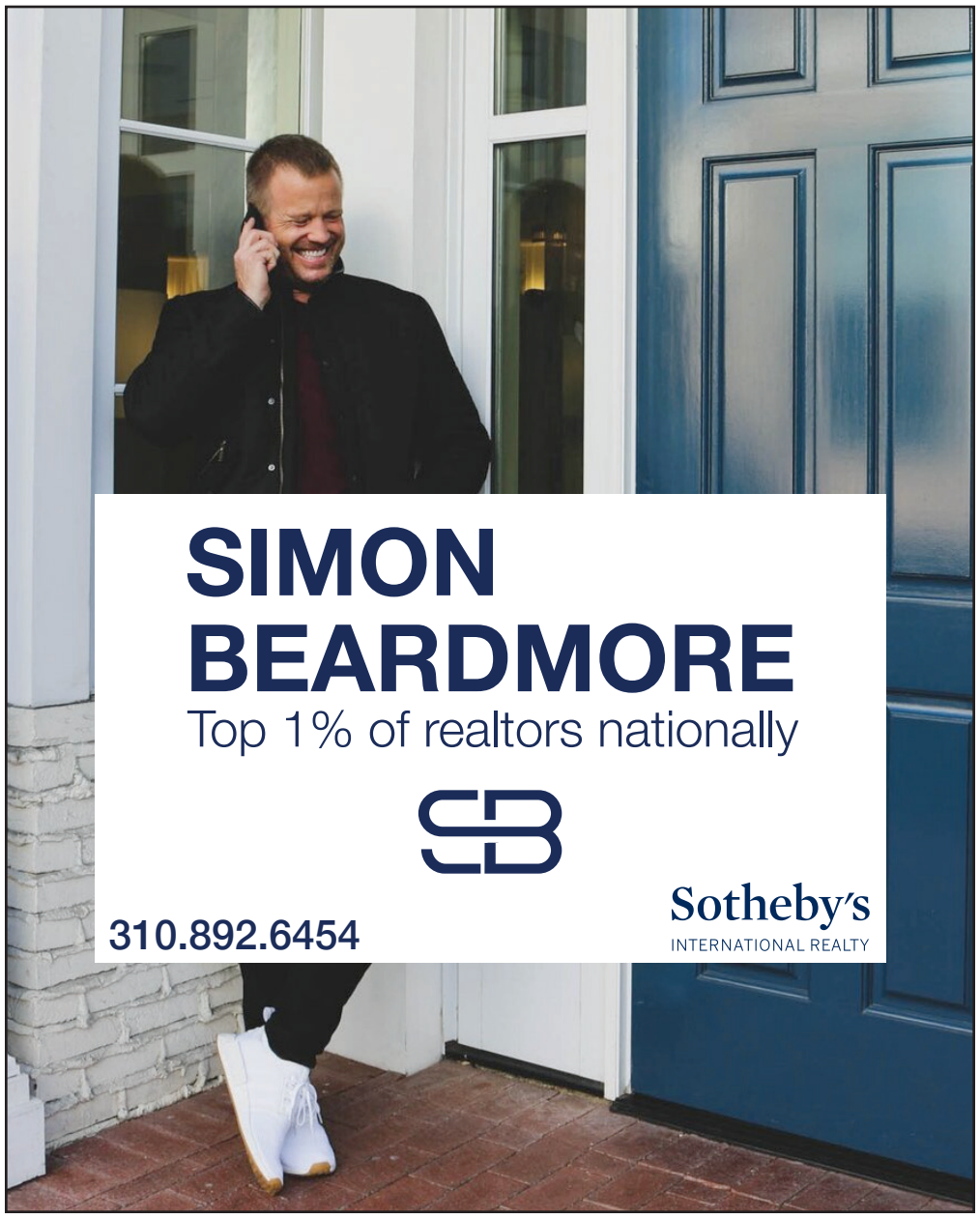
"The fact is people are dying and we really need to hit that home, and again we need to get that outside of the platform," said Neville, adding that most parents aren't on Snapchat and won't see the in-app PSAs. "As a mom I need to hear the radio commercial when I'm driving my kids to school or see the billboard."

Another key part of Snapchat's updated strategies to address the fentanyl crisis is improved detection and enforcement of drug dealing activity.

Snapchat reported that its enforcement rates increased by 112 percent during the first half of 2021 and its proactive detection rates by 260 percent. Around two thirds of drug-related content is flagged by Snapchat's artificial intelligence systems, which are built to detect images, code words and emojis connected to drugs. The other third of drug activities are reported manually and then responded to by Snapchat.

Snapchat currently partners with public health technology start-up S-3 Research to track down Snapchat drug dealers across other social media platforms. According to S-3 CEO and Co-Founder Tim Mackey, drug dealers will often utilize several platforms to sell their goods. For example, they might advertise products on Instagram or TikTok and complete the deal on Snapchat direct message.

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S-3 uses its AI technologies to scrub for drug related activity on public areas of social media platforms and will then see if that user has a Snapchat username listed anywhere. S-3 will check if that Snapchat user is active and, if so, give that information to Snapchat, who will proceed with enforcement measures.

"Snap is one of those companies that's honestly come to us and said 'tell us what we're missing, tell us how we can do better,' and I don't think that's just lip service, I actually think that they are, as a younger company, looking for expertise outside and that's been very refreshing," said Mackey.

Mackey said it has been challenging to pitch his business to social media companies as it provides little benefit to them from a purely business standpoint. Companies who utilize S-3 risk discovering that the dangerous activity on their platform problem is far worse than they thought and may end up losing users by cracking down on illicit behavior. S-3 Research is currently funded through the federal government.

Sam Chapman had a related complaint about 3rd party parental monitoring software. While he acknowledges that Bark, the leader in the field, is imperfect, he said that if social media companies were more open to allowing 3rd party parental monitoring, the market would grow and improve significantly.

In addition to increased outreach and detection, the final strategy Snapchat is working on is improved collaboration with law enforcement.

Snapchat reported that is has grown its team that provides information to law enforcement requests and approved their response times by 85 percent year over year. According to Snap, its 24/7 team typically responds within 30 minutes in the case of an emergency disclosure request.

A representative for the Santa Monica Police Department stated that the department's relationship with Snapchat is collaborative and that it has received all the information it requested from Snapchat in the past.

Over the last year SMPD's Special Investigation Unit has subpoenaed Snapchat to support four investigations related to drug sales and overdoses cases. In cases such as these SMPD typically requests to see the usernames and messages exchanged between the involved parties.

According to Public Information Officer Rudy Flores, this information is helpful for analyzing patterns of behavior, other criminal activity related to the crime under investigation and the relationship between those involved.

In the case of Sammy Berman Chapman's tragic death, no information is available on the identity of the drug dealer.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

**SANTA BARBARA**

### Firefighters make progress with big Santa Barbara wildfire

Firefighters reported significant progress in corralling a wildfire in Southern California coastal mountains on Friday.

The Alisal Fire in the Santa Ynez Mountains west of Santa Barbara grew only slightly since Thursday morning to 26.4 square miles and containment of the blaze jumped to 41%, up from 5% 24 hours earlier.

The improved situation allowed authorities Thursday evening to reopen of U.S. 101, the region's main highway, and a rail line that runs next to the highway. They had been closed since Monday.

In its first damage report, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department said that of more than 400 structures that were threatened by the fire, three homes and two outbuildings were destroyed.

The fire erupted during fierce winds Monday afternoon and spread rapidly down the face of the mountain range, leaping the highway and railroad to the beach below.

Firefighting weather greatly improved since then, allowing airplanes and helicopters to bombard the fire with retardant and water. The firefighting ground force has grown to more than 1,700 firefighters.

Elsewhere in California, gusty winds and low humidity triggered red flag warnings for extreme fire danger in much of adjacent Ventura and Los Angeles counties, but the rest of the state was free of critical fire danger warnings.

Some rain and snow was expected Sunday in Northern California, and long-range National Weather Service forecasts suggested a possible pattern of more significant precipitation that would help ease wildfire risks.

California wildfires have scorched nearly 3,900 square miles (10,101 square kilometers) this year and destroyed more than 3,600 homes, businesses and other structures, according to the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

A historic drought in the American West tied to climate change is making wildfires harder to fight. It has killed millions of trees in California alone. Scientists say climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

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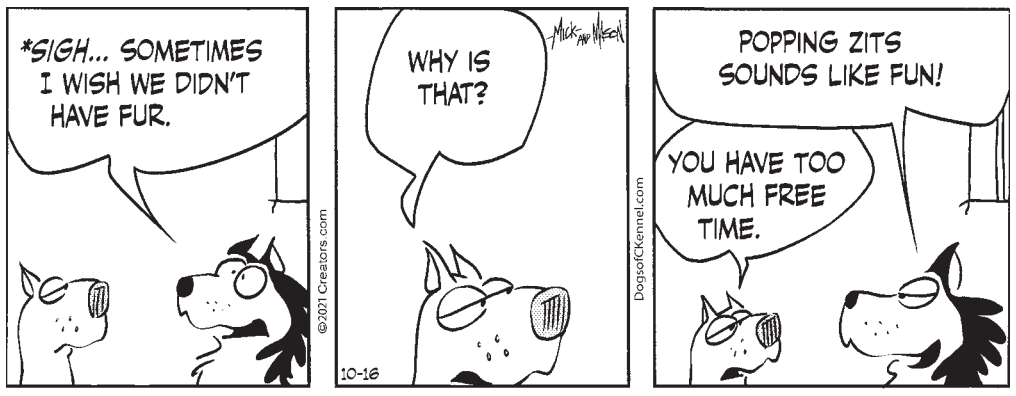
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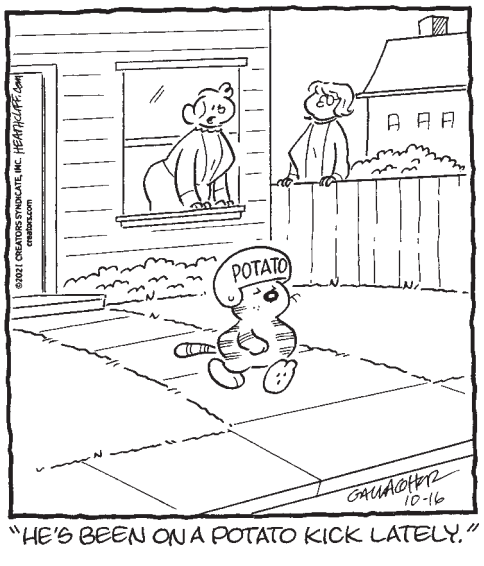

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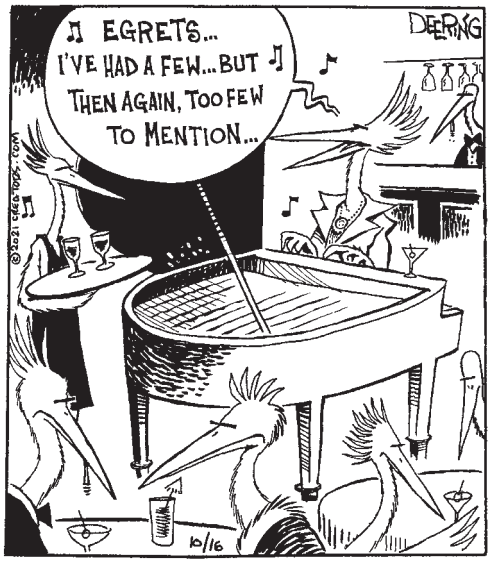
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"HE'S BEEN ON A POTATO KICK LATELY."

## Strange Brew

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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 59.7°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to waist high
Offshores morning. SSW swell lingers and NW swell mix eases. Account for the early AM high tide.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to waist high
Surf size continues to hold pretty steady and the surf should be serviceable for the groms or the small wave gear through the morning. Leftover blend of SSW swell and NW swell mix.

## WEATHER

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 80. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 69. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's not too much to ask for a bit of glamour out of life, your experiences, your environment. Although, in all likelihood, today you'll end up creating it some way on your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Thoughts don't drive the car. You'll go where your body takes you. So how can you get your body to do the things your mind thinks are a good idea? Seek new techniques for wrangling your inner animal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If every human belief system is fundamentally flawed, then it's a waste of time to look for the one that isn't. Find a good-enough fit, with ideas you can stand behind, and do the most good you possibly can from that place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People have a similar relationship with themselves as they do with others. Acceptance is the main work to be done in both cases. If you are having trouble accepting yourself, try accepting someone else — and vice versa.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll go far with your project on this day, when your energy is steady and your focus is consistent. There will also be brief bursts of intense emotion to help you go at your purpose harder and with brilliant results.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't have to put your hands on anything to change it now. You can count on things to obey their nature to good effect. Like the moon, you will influence from afar just by making your regular rounds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People know you're fair, but right now, you're hoping you won't have to be the judge. You're powerful now, so even your most innocuous opinions could have unintended influence.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you feel distant from a person, you are less likely to care about whether or not your actions please them. Is it a consolation to you that it's your closeness that makes you care?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll take a look around and realize that this isn't quite what you had planned. On the other hand, some of it is much better. And of much of the rest, it could be said, "This is the good life."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've been going at it too fast. Take it down 10 notches in the manner of someone walking onto the scene in that slow-motion effect that always makes people look so cool in the movies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whether driving, playing video games or navigating a fun night, you try not to grip the controls too hard, as it would limit your range and lengthen your response time. You'll stay flexible and ready for anything.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Patterns establish themselves. Experience is the best teacher in this regard. Most wouldn't know how to get ahead of it, but you see options that allow you to figure out how you want it to go before it even starts.

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.

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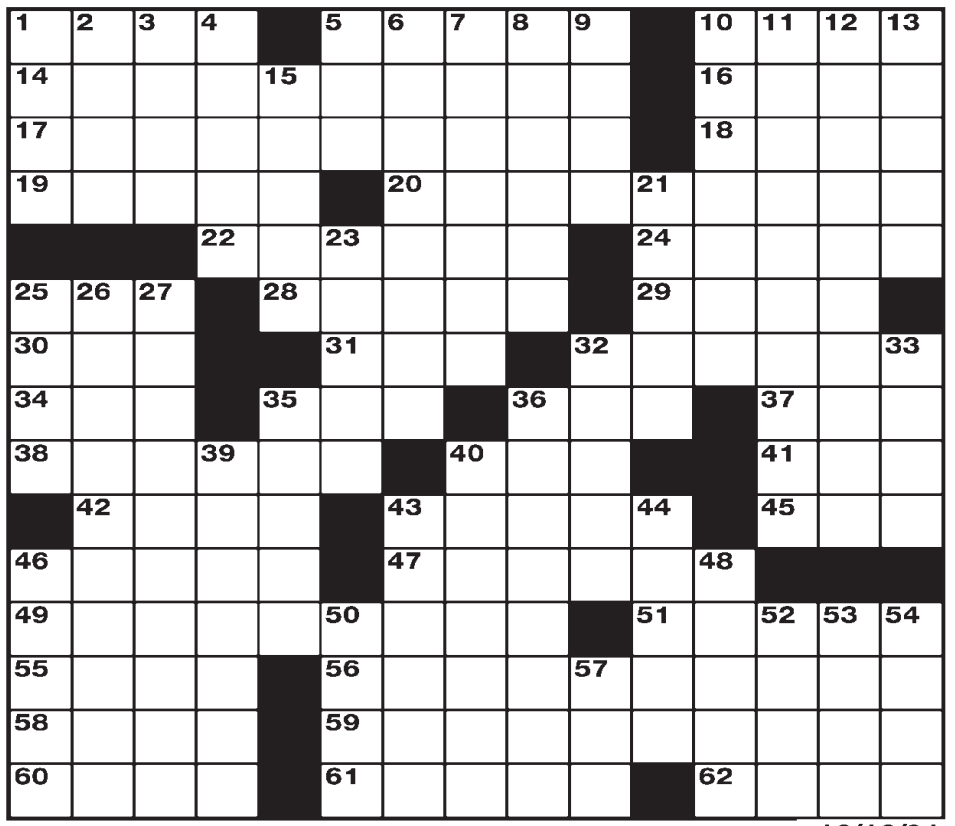
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## Newsday Crossword

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**ACROSS**
1 Women pursuing eagles
5 As such
10 Tan color
14 What may infuse olive oil
16 Stone found on Mars
17 Rather soft
18 Unusually fine
19 How to get somewhere fast
20 45 descendants
22 Not at all observant
24 "The Most Merciful"
25 Uniform Crime Reports publisher
28 Semipermanent tents
29 Importunes to repay
30 Bit of solar winds
31 Minimal ensemble
32 One of four five-star admirals
34 Olympic VIP
35 Starter for two NBA teams
36 Erstwhile orbiter
37 Bagel center
38 Often-sharp shaving
40 Overexert
41 Letters beside CNN countdowns
42 "Self is __ boundless and measureless": Gibran
43 Repaired, as some chairs
45 Rock blaster
46 Confound
47 Many minerals
49 Four-lobed yellow flower
51 Dismissed
55 Put asunder
56 Crime story where the perpetrator is revealed early
58 Carrier with missile defense systems
59 Carnegie Hall savior (1960s)
60 Beams that are light
61 Manner of writing
62 A third of sesqui-

**DOWN**
1 Partner in eye health
2 Crichton novel with evil nanorobots
3 City southwest of Tel Aviv
4 Allies landing site before D-Day
5 Dynamism
6 Eponym for hedonists
7 Amuses with a tale
8 Perceptive group
9 8,028th-century humanoid
10 Big name in big heads
11 Getting no sleep
12 Japanese or Chinese
13 Apple, mostly
15 '80s world leader, in headlines
21 Depths
23 Bloody Mary, e.g.
25 They may get into a jam
26 Number associated with Yale
27 Chaotic
32 Turned down
33 Dynamism
35 One of four five-star admirals
36 Excessively enthused
39 Armadas and arteries
40 Air lane of a sort
43 Media partner
44 What presses build
46 Aiming for
48 School spin-offs
50 What's in front of you
52 What Ahab called the whale
53 Microorganism
54 100%, at first
57 Master of fighters



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# What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

## SATURDAY | OCT. 16

**OPEN MAIN STREET**
Main Street, Santa Monica turns into a pedestrian plaza with a pumpkin patch, beer booth, live music, kid korner, fitness classes & more. Open Main Street returns for Halloween. Enjoy al fresco dining, family friendly activities, & other fun experiences with local businesses when the two blocks between Hill & Kinney streets close to cars. Visit the "Popup Park" near Ashland & Main for live music in partnership with TRiP Santa Monica, free fitness classes by Fit Girl Club & activities for kids in front of Pump Station (2727 Main St.). Event schedule: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-main-street-halloween-edition-tickets-178274763617

**GET LIT AT THE PROMENADE**
Get Lit at the Promenade is a monthly showcase featuring poets, artists and musicians for an evening of entertainment. Every third Saturday of the month. 7:30 p.m. Free.

## SUNDAY | OCT. 17

**FARMERS MARKET**
2640 Main St. (In The Victorian Parking Lot) 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 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.

**OPEN MAIN STREET**
Two day event continues from Saturday. Event schedule: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-main-street-halloween-edition-tickets-178274763617

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BAND**
Kids rock! The First Day of School Band (@fdosofficial,) perform live every Sunday, on the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. 12 - 1 p.m.

**31ST ANNUAL VIRTUAL 5K HUNGER WALK**
Sign up for free and help raise funds and awareness as we walk together from home to end hunger on the Westside. Tune in on Sunday, October 17th for a livestreamed opening program with special guests and helpful tips. Then you'll have a week to complete your 5K and continue fundraising to help them reach our $100,000 goal. Signup online at https://walk.wsfb.org/

## MONDAY | OCT. 18

**LIVE MUSIC**
Free Live Music Friday Nights with good-time Americana band Wild Rust delivering high energy honkey tonk songs to soulful ballads.

**MAIN LIBRARY BOOK GROUP**
Join a community discussion of current and classic books, alternating fiction and nonfiction each month. October's title is "Caste" by Isabel Wilkerson. Email jeff.schwartz@smgov.net for the Zoom link. 7 - 8 p.m.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING**
Regular meeting of the Architectural Review Board. Agenda is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/

## TUESDAY | OCT. 19

**MYSTERY BOOK GROUP DISCUSSION: THE SURVIVORS BY JANE HARPER**
A young man with a growing family returns to visit his parents at his coastal birthplace, only to have long-held secrets stirred up when a dead body washes up on the beach. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov. 7 - 8 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY | OCT. 20

**MONTANA BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE**
Read and discuss this intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz, by the author of The Devil in the White City and Dead Wake. 7 - 8:30 p.m. To register for this program, email stephanie.archer@santamonica.gov.

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Host
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