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Man gets $50,000 bail for battery and assault.
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Scootergeddon talk coming to the Santa Monica library

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Do you know where you can legally park a scooter? Does your insurance cover you in a crash? What is the next evolution of the devices?

These questions and more will be the subject of a free lecture at the Santa Monica Library on Oct. 24 by local attorney Jerry Konell (co-presented by the LA Law Library as part of Pro Bono Week).

"I've lived here for 25 years," said Konell. "We need to educate the public on what's going on, there's a lot of anger out there and there's a lot of misunderstanding."

Konell said the devices have only been in existence for a couple of years and there's still a lot of learning to be done around their use. However, he said the talk isn't an anti-scooter rally, it's about the way the law has and should adapt to their presence.

"There's a learning curve for pedestrians, motorists, scooters and the city," he said. "That's what's really happening now. If you think about it, people with horses were really angry about cars coming around and this is the same issue, there's a lot of learning needed."

He said his approach is targeted for anyone, including riders, non-riders and officials.

Santa Monica implemented a pilot program in 2018 that authorized Bird, Lime, Lyft and Jump, which is

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File Photo

SCOOTERS: Attorney Jerry Konell will provide information on scooter laws and responsibilities at an upcoming lecture.

Death penalty recommended for The Boy Next Door Killer

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A Los Angeles jury has recommended the death sentence for a man dubbed "The Boy Next Door Killer."

In August, jurors found the defendant guilty of two counts of first-degree murder with the special circumstance allegations of multiple murders and lying in wait. He also was convicted of one count of willful, deliberate and premeditated attempted murder and attempted escape.

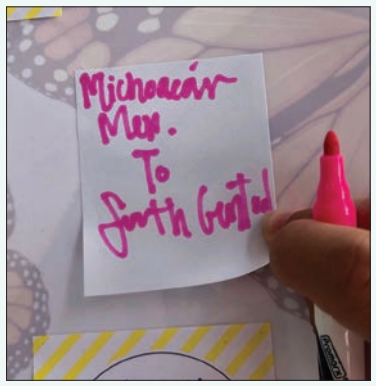
One victim of 43-year-old Michael Gargiulo was killed on a night in 2001 when she had plans with actor Ashton Kutcher, who testified at the trial.

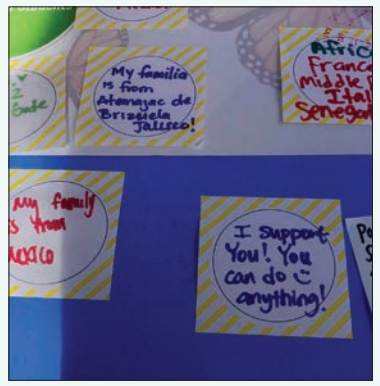
The jury reached its decision Friday after finding Gargiulo guilty of two murders and an attempted murder.

Prosecutors called him "The

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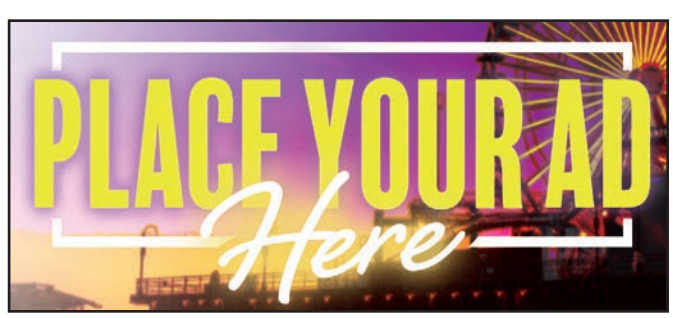


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STUDENTS: SMC held a weeklong lineup of activities for Undocumented Student Action Week. See Page 6 for more information.

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Film academy honors 16 Student Academy Award winners

LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

"I'd like to thank the academy" is a phrase many only ever get to say in front of their bathroom mirrors. But 16 student filmmakers actually got to utter those words on stage Thursday at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science in Beverly Hills.

Not only that: They're all also eligible to compete in the 2020 Academy Awards. That's the power of the Student Academy Awards, an event that is now in its 46th year.

It was an emotional night for many, like Kalee McCollaum of Brigham Young University.

"I never thought those words would come out of my mouth," she said on the stage flanked by two giant Oscar statuettes in the Samuel L. Goldwyn theater. McCollaum won the gold medal for animation for her short, "Grendel."

Winners are now eligible for the animated short, live action short and documentary short categories at the Oscars.

Phil Lord and Chris Miller, who co-directed "The Lego Movie," presented the animation awards, deadpanning that "no one ever thanks the presenter."

"I opened three envelopes, I got two paper cuts," Miller said.

Winners join an esteemed list of past Student Academy Award winners like Pete Docter, Cary Fukunaga, Spike Lee, Patricia Riggen and Robert Zemeckis.

"Queen & Slim" director Melina Matsoukas, who presented the narrative awards, said she had joked earlier about how she was never invited to the awards when she was a film student.

"Now I understand why, that was incredible," Matsoukas said, following a highlight reel of the projects.

Zoel Aeschbacher, of Switzerland, took the gold prize in the international narrative category for his drama, "Bonobo," about how a broken elevator affects the residents of a public housing unit.

"I wasn't expecting the gold one," he said, nervously telling the audience that he bought a special suit for the event.

Princess Garrett, of Villanova University, who won for her documentary short, "Sankofa," about the loss of African identity in black males, gave a spirited speech alongside her large crew.

"Being complacent is not the answer," Garrett said. "If you are not fighting to end the problem, you are the problem."

Some were a little less enthusiastic about the spotlight.

"After all those speeches I think I might be too shy for this kind of situation," said Yifan Sun, of Poland, who won the gold medal in the international documentary category for "Family," about a girl adopted by a Belgian family who finds her birth family in China.

Presenter Rory Kennedy assured her that she did "a fantastic job."

And Asher Jelinsky, who is gender nonbinary, won the domestic narrative category for "Miller & Son," about a trans woman who works at an auto shop during the day and can be herself at night. Authenticity in casting was of utmost importance to Jelinsky.

"This film would have not been nearly as impactful without your talent," Jelinsky said to the film's star, Jesse James Keitel.

There were 1,615 entries from 360 colleges and universities around the world. Categories recognized include narrative, documentary, animated and alternative/experimental productions by American and international college students.

Winners are voted on by members of the film academy.

The Student Academy Awards is a tradition dating back to 1973 that helps spotlight emerging talent. Tickets to the ceremony are free to the public, who stand in line outside hoping to get a spot in the room.

"You are the future of film: a future that is diverse, international and very bright," said film academy president David Rubin. "On behalf of all the members of the academy, we can't wait to see the stories you next tell."

The 2019 Student Academy Award winners:

"Patron Saint," Georden West, Emerson College. "Game Changer," Aviv Mano, Ringling College of Art and Design. "Grendel," Kalee McCollaum, Brigham Young University. "Two," Emre Okten, University of Southern California. "Daughter," Daria Kashcheeva, Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts, Prague. "All That Remains," Eva Rendle, University of California, Berkeley. "Sankofa," Princess Garrett, Villanova University. "Something to Say," Abby Lieberman and Joshua Lucas, Columbia University. "Family," Yifan Sun, The Polish National Film, Television and Theatre School, Lodz. "Miller & Son," Asher Jelinsky, American Film Institute. "The Chef," Hao Zheng, American Film Institute. "Tree #3," Omer Ben-Shachar, American Film Institute. "Bonobo," Zoel Aeschbacher, Ecole Cantonale d'Art de Lausanne (ECAL). "Dog Eat Dog," Rikke Gregersen, Westerdals Kristiania University College. "November 1st," Charlie Manton, National Film and Television School.



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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Oct. 19

Lawn bowling open house

The Santa Monica Bowls Club wants you to try lawn bowling and experience how much fun it is. A free session is being held at noon on Saturday Oct 19. Come as you are but wear flat, smooth soled shoes - they provide everything else. This is a very social sport that is easy to learn and you can play for a lifetime. They are located in Douglas Park at Wilshire Blvd and 25th Street in Santa Monica.

Walking Sticks and Magical Staffs with Mimi Haddon

Using wood, paint, fabric and fiber, create a staff that inspires a story, then spend some time writing that story down. With a survey of the significance of wands, staffs, and symbols of office, power, direction and divination, we'll consider the symbology and practicality of extensions of our bodies and how accessories create narrative. 1450 Ocean, 1 - 3 p.m. Free. Register online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-sticks-and-magical-staffs-with-mimi-haddon-tickets-60644895515

College Success Summit

Don't miss this free, full-day college-themed intensive that includes panels, workshops, speakers, lunch, a community resource fair, entertainment, and raffles. Event includes a College Student Panel, Parent Panel; workshops on applying to CSUs, UCs, and for financial aid; and special information for undocumented students. Registration is required; register via www.bit.ly/picocollegesummit. Presented by the Pico Neighborhood Partnership. For Grades 8 - 12 and Community College Students. 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd.

Sunday, Oct. 20

Pumpkin Decorating for children

Free pumpkin decorating for kids at the Santa Monica Main Street Farmers Market Sunday 25th. Locally grown, bright orange round pumpkins are the perfect canvas for glitter and googly eyes. Create a princess or ghoul, the choice is yours, so bring the little ones to decorate a pumpkin masterpiece that will be admired by all of the trick-or-treaters, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 21

ARB Meeting

The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." 7 p.m. Civic Auditorium East Wing

Main Library Book Group

This long-running book discussion group, which is always welcoming to new members, alternates between fiction and nonfiction on a month-to-month basis. The October title is Hitler in Los Angeles by Steven J. Ross. Main Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Creating a Supportive Work Environment Through Reflection & Self-Care

Learn how stress affects your interactions with those around you, in particular the children you work with. Learn what secondary traumatic stress is, how to identify symptoms, and strategies to manage your stress. Led by Connections for Children. Call (310) 458-8621 to register. Main Library, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Public Art Committee

The Public Art Committee advises the Arts Commission on what form public art projects should take, how specific public art competitions are to be conducted, suggest selection panel members and, on occasion, suggest artists to participate in invitational competitions. The Committee works with City staff to approve the annual Percent for Art Budget. Ken Edwards Center, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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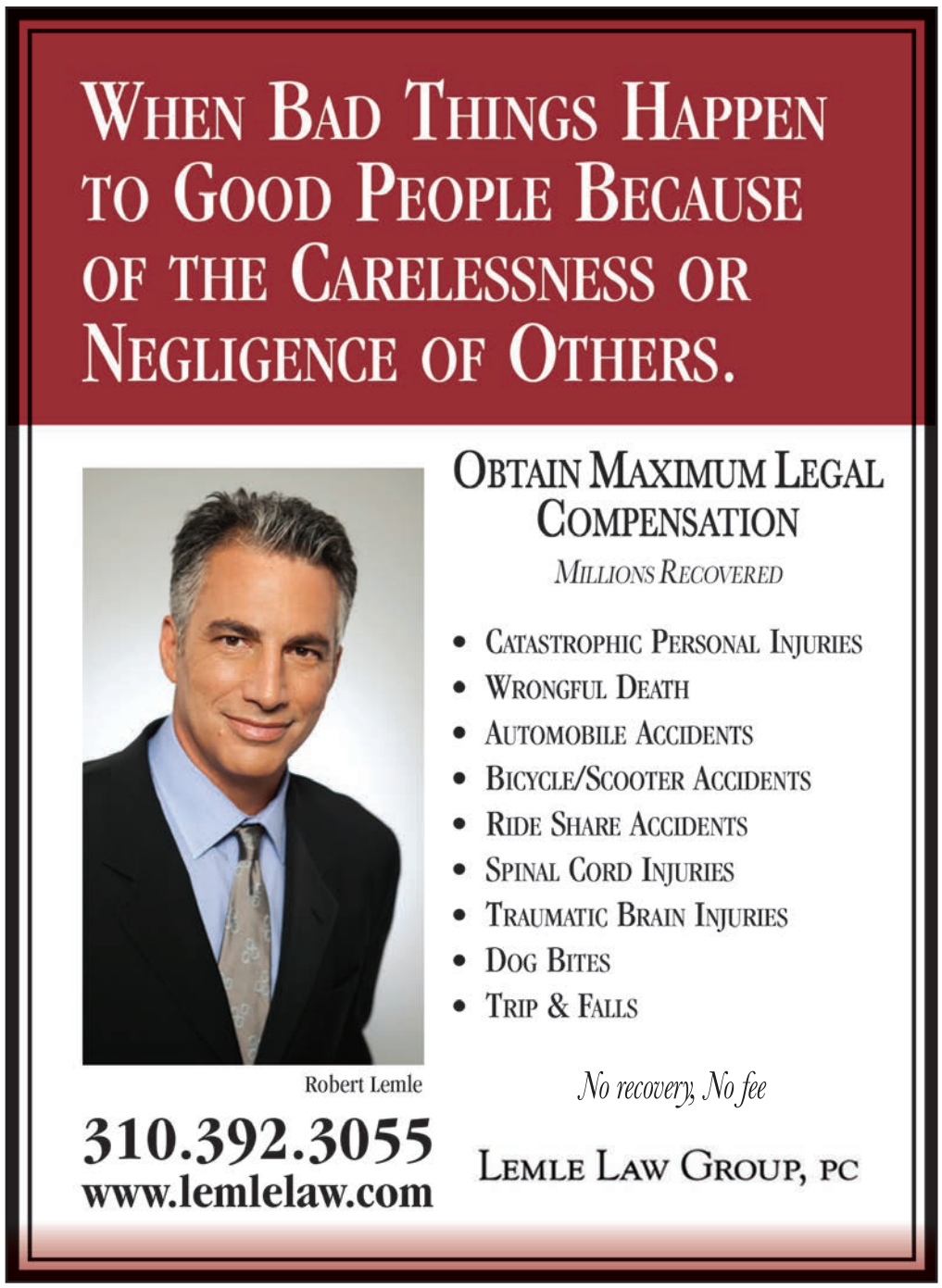
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BOSTON

Real estate developer gets 1 month in college bribery case

A California real estate developer was sentenced Friday to one month in prison for paying $75,000 to cheat on his daughter's college entrance exam.

Robert Flaxman, 63, of Los Angeles, was sentenced in Boston's federal court after pleading guilty in May to a single count of fraud and conspiracy. He is the 10th parent to be sentenced in a widespread college bribery scheme.

Authorities say Flaxman paid $75,000 to have a test proctor feed his daughter answers on her ACT exam in 2016. She scored a 28 out of 36 on the test, placing her in the 89th percentile and improving 4 points over her previous score on the exam.

Flaxman's daughter used the score to apply to several schools and ultimately enrolled at one of them, prosecutors said. They did not identify where she goes to college but said the school suspended her for a semester when the scheme was uncovered.

In earlier court documents, the FBI also accused Flaxman of paying an admissions consultant $250,000 to fabricate application documents that were used to get his son into the University of San Diego. Those allegations were not pursued, however, and they weren't included in Flaxman's plea agreement with prosecutors.

Flaxman's lawyers say he agreed to the testing scheme because his daughter's test scores were too low to get into college. He wasn't trying to get her into an elite or exclusive school, they said, and he wasn't chasing social status "ego gratification."

Prosecutors said he deserved prison time, nonetheless, because his daughter ended up getting involved in the scheme, and because Flaxman sought a tax deduction for the $75,000 bribe, which was funneled through a sham charity.

Flaxman is the owner and CEO of Crown Realty & Development Inc., a real estate firm that operates and develops commercial property in California, Arizona, North Carolina and elsewhere. Its website says it manages nearly $1 billion in property.

More than 50 people have been charged in the scheme, which involves wealthy and famous parents accused of paying bribes to rig their children's test scores or to get them admitted to elite universities as recruited athletes.

A total of 15 parents have pleaded guilty, while 19 are contesting the charges. Trials are expected to begin in 2020.

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Virginia

Google affiliate begins drone deliveries in Virginia town

A Google affiliate is using drones to deliver customers' Walgreens purchases in a test being run in a Virginia town.

Wing, which is owned by Google parent Alphabet, received federal approval earlier this year to make commercial deliveries by drone. It was the first drone company to receive the approval in the U.S., beating out Amazon's Prime Air.

Wing partnered with Walgreens to perform the tests that began Friday in Christiansburg, Virginia. Walgreens customers in the town will be able to order from a list of more than 100 items and get them delivered to their doors by drones.

The drones will start with a flying radius of about 4 miles from Wing's distribution facility in Christiansburg.

Wing has also launched tests in Australia and Helsinki, Finland.

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SACRAMENTO

California unemployment rate falls to record low of 4%

Officials say California's unemployment rate fell to a new record low of 4% in September.

The state Employment Development Department said Friday that employers added 21,300 nonfarm payroll jobs. That extended California's record job expansion to 115 months.

The unemployment rate in August was 4.1%, matching the previous record low first set in 2018.

The state's current period of job expansion tied the 1960s' expansion when it reached 113 months.

California has gained 3,348,900 jobs since the expansion began in February 2010.

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NEW HAVEN

Netflix releases Panama Papers movie despite lawsuit

Netflix has released a movie based on the so-called Panama Papers despite an attempt by two lawyers to stop the streaming premiere.

"The Laundromat," starring Gary Oldman, Antonio Banderas and Meryl Streep, debuted Friday on Netflix after a limited release in theaters.

Two Panamanian lawyers, Jürgen Mossack and Ramón Fonseca, sued Netflix in federal court in Connecticut this week, saying the movie defamed them and could prejudice criminal cases against them. Netflix called the suit a "frivolous legal stunt" aimed at censoring free speech.

The Panama Papers were more than 11 million documents leaked from the two lawyers' firm that shed light on how the rich hide their money.

A judge ruled Thursday that the case shouldn't have been filed in Connecticut and transferred it to the Los Angeles-area federal court district.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMC

Author Readings Celebrate Release of Fall 2019 Santa Monica Review

Santa Monica College (SMC) has announced the release of the fall 2019 issue of Santa Monica Review, its esteemed national literary arts journal. Published twice yearly, the Review showcases the work of established authors alongside emerging writers, with a focus on narratives of the West Coast, and is the only nationally distributed literary magazine published by a U.S. community college.

To celebrate, an issue launch party featuring Review author readings will be held at Santa Monica College. The party – "Santa Monica Review Presents..." – will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 27, in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Tickets for the launch party – available through Brownpapertickets.com (search "Santa Monica Review Presents..."– cost $10. Refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase and author signing. Abundant free parking available on premises.

The celebration will be introduced by editor and anthologist Susan LaTempa (Paperback LA), and feature readings by four recent contributors to the magazine: short story writers Abby Walthausen and Catherine Sustana, recent JuxtaProse Fiction Prize award winner Jaime Campbell, and critic and novelist Yxta Maya Murray (Locas).

The latest issue of Santa Monica Review – edited by Andrew Tonkovich, also host of the weekly show "Bibliocracy" on KPFK (90.7 FM) – features 14 original pieces, with work from first-time and returning contributors, most writing in Southern California and the West. Political irony and humor, meditations on art and family, and a surprising if welcome number of love stories inform the contents of what longtime editor Tonkovich calls an especially rich, powerful edition of the magazine.

Orange County writer Jaime Campbell conflates natural and human crises in a story of perverse redemption. Also from OC, Denise Heyt McEvoy sends up YouTubeculture by way of marital devotion. UC Irvine MFA Ross Green examines modern romance in public, with unflinching self-consciousness and wit. PhD candidate Daniel Uncapher cleverly deconstructs time, place, language, and politics in a hilarious critique of genre fiction.

Longtime friend of the journal Michael Cadnum (Earthquake Murder) delivers more absurdist literary violence, and SMR stalwart Andrew Nicholls – veteran TV writer and playwright – blends humor and obsession. Mona Leigh Rose, flash-fiction award-winner, offers self-reflective feminist cultural satire. Critic and fiction writer Yxta Maya Murray constructs an algorithm of action and responsibility to address the problem of art and the Self. Gregory Spatz (Half as Happy) confronts mortality, momentum, and memory.

Novelist (Inland Empire) and short story writer (Salton Sea) George McCormick dramatizes slowly, elegantly, and authentically lives of skateboarding, filmmaking, and youthful ideals. Laura Glen Louis (Talking in the Dark) considers the resonance in a singular family meditation practice with roots. Poet, naturalist, and fiction innovatorCharles Hood (Partially Excited States) reports from Morocco on animal-watching, autism, and anti-social wildlife adventurers. Catherine Sustana writes a dog story in Country-Western socio-political vernacular. Abby Walthausen does class privilege, childcare, and motherhood in LA.

Editor Tonkovich calls the writing in this issue solid and mature. "It's genre-boundless, always smart, and gorgeous writing," he says, "whether in long, poetic lines or economical and vividly urgent plot-smart and purposefully contrived shorter stories. After two decades of considering manuscripts for publication, I'm especially impressed with how easy it is to identify the obvious stand-outs, the must-read and must-publish work."

Cover art for the fall 2019 edition is by celebrated Puerto Rican graphic artist and filmmaker Poli Marichal.

The Review's launch party, says Tonkovich, "is the most intense, low-cost, welcoming literary salon in town, offering easy entrée into SoCal lit culture at a fun venue."

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Santa Monica Review is available for sale online (smc.edu/sm_review) and at the SMC Campus Store, Beyond Baroque in Venice, and other area booksellers. Copies are also available by mail and by subscription through Santa Monica Review, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica 90405.

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SMC

Solidarity with & Advocacy for Undocumented Students Continue at SMC

Santa Monica College (SMC) employees and students shared their immigrant stories and messages of hope for undocumented students at a mini resource fair on the quad of the SMC main campus on Wednesday, October 16. The event was part of a weeklong lineup of activities held at the college October 14-18 for Undocumented Student Week of Action.

Other events this week included walk-in workshops covering such topics as mental health resources and California Dream Act application assistance; a presentation by CHIRLA (the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights) on student advocacy & updates on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals); a keynote address "Owning Your Narrative & Forming Your Own Identity" by Ernesto Rocha "aka Undocubae"; and much more.

The SMC Board passed a resolution at their October 1 meeting – following a California Community Colleges Board of Governors resolution – declaring October 14-18 the third annual Undocumented Student Week of Action. SMC joined the California Community Colleges in supporting undocumented students as part of a state-wide effort among community colleges and partner organizations to "encourage the California Community Colleges to engage in activities supporting undocumented students" and to "urge Congressional members to uphold California values and create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented students, which will permit them to complete their educational goals and achieve their highest potential."

For more information on SMC's DREAM Program which provides academic, career, and personal counseling and other services to undocumented students, please contact Director of Special Programs Nicholas Mata at Mata_Nicholas@smc.edu or go to smc.edu/DREAM.

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TRIAL

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Boy Next Door Killer" because he lived near all the victims.

He was also convicted of the 2008 attempted murder of Michelle Murphy in her Santa Monica apartment, who testified during the trial's penalty phase that she lived in fear for years after the attack.

Gargiulo also has been charged in the 1993 slaying of Tricia Pacaccio, 18, in the Chicago area. Prosecutors were able to present details about the murder as supporting evidence during the trial.

A judge will sentence Gargiulo in February.



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Uber Launches Text To 911 Through In-App Emergency Button In Los Angeles

Riders and Drivers in Los Angeles and throughout LA County will now be able to text 911 from Uber's in-app emergency button.

This new feature will be part of the 911 Assistance button housed inside Uber's Safety Toolkit. Riders and drivers will be able to choose between texting or calling 911 should they need emergency assistance while on an Uber trip.

"In an emergency, every second counts. This new addition to the app will allow Uber users to reach out to 911 in situations where they may not be able to make a phone call," said Sachin Kansal, Uber's Head of Safety Products.

When used, the text to 911 feature populates an SMS text message to 911 with key trip details including locations and vehicle information. Uber product managers consulted with 911 dispatchers to determine which information to include in an initial text message to 911. Below is a sample initial text message:

• I am taking a trip with Uber. White Toyota Prius ABC1234. My Current location is 1562 Poblano Street. My intended destination is 1455 Market St. My emergency is:

Riders and drivers will be able to include additional information about their emergency before sending a text message to 911 dispatchers. Dispatchers will be able to stay in communication with the person who reached out until law enforcement makes contact.

"We are always exploring ways to help make travel safer," said Kansal. "We are piloting this feature in Los Angeles, Minnesota, and Indiana, and look forward to expanding it in all areas where text to 911 is available."

According to the FCC, text to 911 is only available in certain locations. In LA County, all but two cities (Bell and Bell Gardens) are able to receive text to 911.

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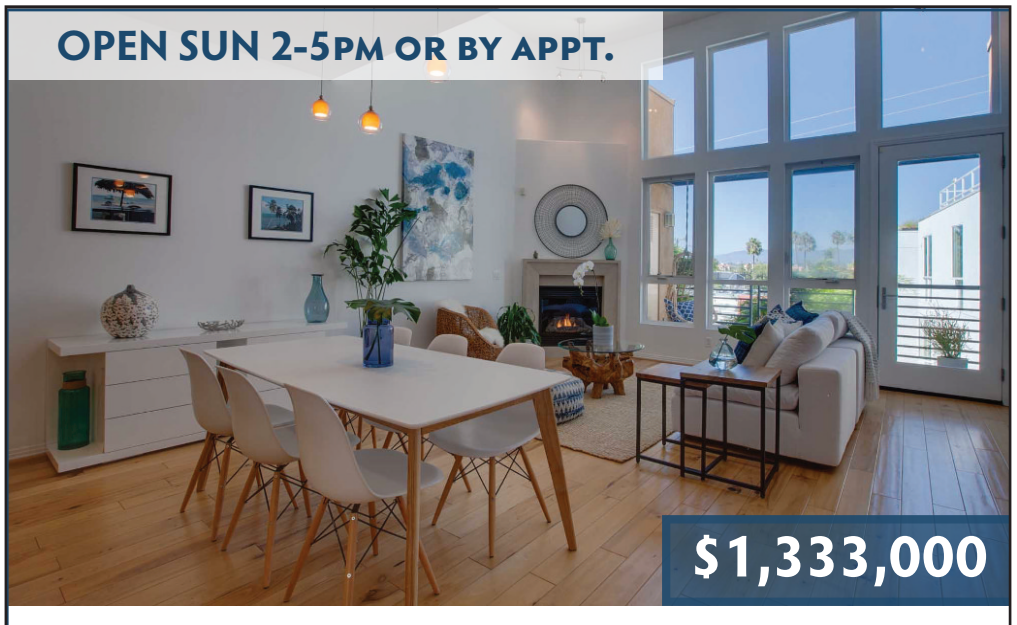
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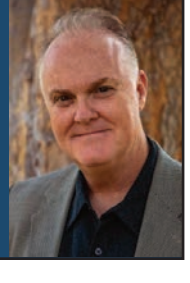
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Pancake success



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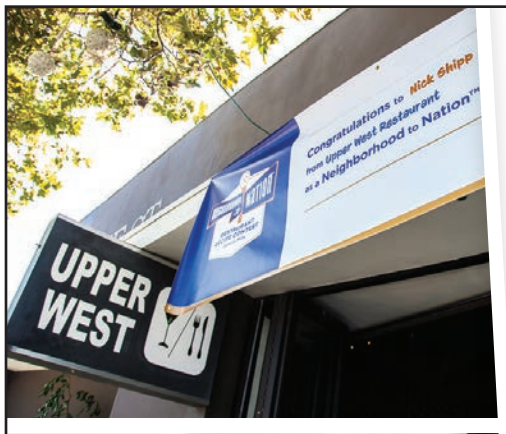
BREAKFAST: Presidents of the Santa Monica Lions Club at the 65th Pancake Breakfast.

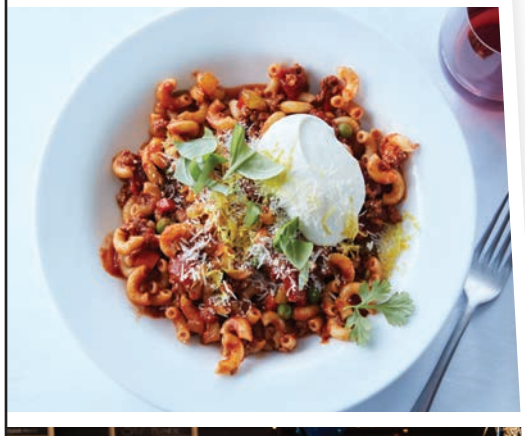
Despite the intermittent drizzle, the Santa Monica Lions 65th Annual Pancake breakfast was a success. Children and adults made their own origami creations, delighted in the performances of the Folklorico Dancers, selected from a wide array of raffle prizes, and of course, ate pancakes, eggs and sausage. For those that were early birds, there was even fruit, donated by a special guest.

A highlight of the morning was a volunteer that shared her story of appreciation to the Santa Monica Lions. Kimberly Finn spent most of the morning, helping us serve eggs to our attendees to give back to the SM Lions that helped her pursue her dream.

Kimberly Finn is extremely nearsighted. Without glasses, she holds printed material less than six inches from her face and she is unable to decipher any of the letters on the eye chart. So, when she decided to

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SCOOTERGEDDON

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owned by Uber, to operate within city limits. The program comes to a close at the end of this year and Council will be discussions on the subject in November.

The City initiated the program following the rapid proliferation of the devices in late 2017, when Bird first launched in Santa Monica. The initial phase of the program deployed public education and signage around scooter safety, including bus advertising and painted stencils marking out no-ride zones.

While scooters and electric bikes are not allowed on the beach bike path, the park and the Promenade, the City currently requires the companies to slow down devices in the prohibited areas instead of halting them.

The City is also trying to control where riders park their scooters and bikes. Dedicated in-street and off-street parking zones for scooters and bikes have been installed throughout Santa Monica, clustering in commercial areas like Main Street and Montana Avenue.

Konell said everyone, whether they ride scooters or not, should be aware of the liability concerns around the devices. Konell's talk will include information on the way insurance companies are handling scooter cases, if they provide coverage at all and where he thinks the responsibility should lie in the future.

"The last part of the lecture is where is this all going and I hypothesize and project where this is all going in the lecture," he said. "The one thing I do suggest is the State seems to be very active in creating legislation, maybe the State should do what they did with automobiles and mandate minimum policies for scooters."

"Avoiding Scootergeddon: Scooter Laws and Safety" will be held Thursday, October 24, at 7 p.m. in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd

This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to the event. The Main Library is served by Big Blue Bus routes 1, R10 and 18.

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LIONS ROAR

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return to college in 2017, she had an eye exam and was told her prescription had changed dramatically. She also discovered that while her eye exam was covered by medical insurance, the eyeglasses she needed were not.

She immediately started looking for help her get the $350 glasses that she needed but couldn't afford. After months of disappointment, she found hope where she least expected it. The Virginia Avenue Farmer's Market.

The third Saturday of March is Lions Eye Across California, a day when Lions Clubs across California hold vision events. The Santa Monica Lions provide free vision and diabetes screenings, offer free reading glasses and distribute free children's books. Kimberly saw our booth, and decided she had nothing to lose, told her story to Lion Gail Litvack, who immediately offered hope.

She provided Kimberly with the necessary forms and guided her through the process, getting her a new comprehensive eye exam and new eyeglasses through the Lions Low Vision Services (LOVE) Program – all free of charge. All Kimberly needed to do were fill out the forms, provide proof of Santa Monica residency, demonstrate financial need and get herself to the appointments in downtown LA, which she did using the Expo Line and a short walk or bus ride. She found the staff at the eye clinic to be friendly, helpful and very efficient. The first visit was a comprehensive eye exam and looking at a large selection of eyeglasses to choose her frames. Two weeks later she was back to pick-up her new glasses!

When asked how she would sum-up her experience, she said, "You are the only organization that stepped-up to help me, and I called all around. You also treated me with respect and not like I was a charity case. I don't know how I could have gone back to school without you."

Kimberly is now applying to four-year colleges for a spring 2020 acceptance as she finishes her course work at SMC, on her way to a degree in elementary education.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON OCTOBER 8, AT 2:20 P.M.

Officers responded to the Apple Store located in the 1400 block of the 3rd Street Promenade because a male suspect had bit one of the loss prevention officers. Upon arrival, it was determined that the suspect had been advised they are not welcome at the store due to past violent encounters. The suspect started to yell and punched towards one of the employees. Loss prevention intervened and was bit in the arm trying to restrain the suspect. Faheem Abdulmuhamin, 32, homeless, was arrested for battery with serious injury and assault. Bail was set at $50,000.



File photo

FAHEEM ABDULMUHAMIN

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 30 CALLS ON OCT. 17

Emergency Medical Service 600blk Wilshire Blvd 12:44 a.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 12:47 a.m.
EMS 800blk 20th St 1:22 a.m.
EMS 600blk Wilshire Blvd 1:26 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 16th St 1:36 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 2:55 a.m.
Bluff fire 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:32 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 4:01 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk 11th St 4:07 a.m.
EMS 1300blk California Ave 6:09 a.m.
EMS 2000blk 20th St 7:00 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Pico Blvd 7:57 a.m.
Elevator rescue 300blk Santa Monica Pl 8:46 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Marine St 8:50 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1400blk 2nd St 10:11 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 2nd St 10:26 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 11:08 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 17th St 11:11 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pl 11:11 a.m.
EMS 200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:51 p.m.
EMS 700blk Strand St 1:28 p.m.
EMS Main St / Pico Blvd 2:59 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:49 p.m.
Automatic alarm 3100blk 4th St 7:35 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Main St 7:53 p.m.
EMS 1700blk 17th St 7:58 p.m.
EMS 1000blk Ocean Ave 9:15 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300blk Civic Center Dr 10 p.m.
Automatic alarm 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 10:01 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:35 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

GAVIOTA

Santa Barbara County wildfire partially contained

Firefighters have 20% containment of a 443-acre wildfire on the south Santa Barbara County coast as gusty winds are blowing in parts of Southern California.

The fire erupted Thursday in the El Capitan Canyon area 20 miles west of Santa Barbara.

Campgrounds were evacuated for a while and U.S. 101 was briefly shut down.

The National Weather Service says gusty north to northwest winds are expected in Southern California through Sunday, especially across Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties.

Weak to moderate Santa Ana winds are expected Sunday night through Tuesday.

In Los Angeles, firefighters are watching for any flare-ups caused by the winds at the scene of a wildfire that burned homes on the northern edge of the city last week.

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San Onofre nuke plant demolition approved

The California Coastal Commission has approved a plan to dismantle much of the San Onofre nuclear power plant that was closed six years ago.

The commission on Thursday unanimously approved the plan by Southern California Edison that includes removing most "visible elements" of the coastal plant, including its twin reactor domes.

However, KGTV-TV says demolition and decontamination could take up to a decade to complete. The site currently is storing 3.5 million pounds of nuclear waste that has nowhere else to go. That waste would remain until another storage location is found.

San Onofre was shut down in January 2012 after a small radiation leak led to the discovery of extensive damage to hundreds of tubes inside the virtually new generators.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 19)

You will go out of your way, waste your time and break your budget in the name of friendship. This is how you know you're doing it right. Without sacrifice, there is no bond, no truth, no beauty. For your love and generosity, you'll be meaningfully rewarded beyond your wildest imaginings. Gemini and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 19, 40, 45 and 38.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Words are almost as great a disguise as the old glasses, nose and mustache in their ability to conceal main features and obscure intent and identity. Of course, the voice always gives it away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The only difference between repeating a series of actions in exchange for money and repeating the same actions for free is that money provides an external motivation and free cultivates an internal one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The best way to gain a skill is to jump in and figure it out, expecting to mess up a fair amount and learn as you go. So save your money. Don't buy the class, just begin the task.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Adulthood is rife with lies, liars, fictional constructs, unnecessary rules, imaginary power endowments and much more falling under the catchall category of "nuance." Expect it, deal with it, prevail and then reward your own maturity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is no time to lose heart! Don't give into thought processes that spiral downward. There's nothing wrong with you, life is inherently messy, and all humans are flawed. Choose optimism and march on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As much as you'd like to keep certain information to yourself, there are people whom you feel so comfortable around that you will inevitably let down your guard and spill the beans. To keep a secret, keep away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The ability to remain very cool is a difficult one to cultivate, involving years of practice in high-intensity, adrenaline-surging situations. You should be proud of your emotional control. You came by it honestly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In one podcast, your signmate Henry Winkler recently claimed the qualities of tenacity and gratitude as his guiding values. Should you do the same, fortune will favor you this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difference between freedom and indentured servitude is a margin. If you can spend two-thirds of your day doing what you please, you're among the truly free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Right now, you don't necessarily need people around you who want what you have. Your dream team will be made of those with complementary talents and skills and a well-matched sense of humor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect that the others in your circle have their own responsibilities, stressors and stimuli to process. That's why you're careful not to take up more than your share of the airtime. If only all were so conscientious.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're exposed to many kinds of people, some of whom are so much like you that interacting with them will give you the clarity of a rare vantage into your own life.

Pillow Fort Moon

Cancer moon is a mother vowing to nurture and protect you. If you feel like snuggling up in a warm blanket, to some degree you'll be accommodated, pillow fort optional. And just for good measure, the social swirl of Libran luminaries will tag on a twinge of guilt, as playful friends let you know you'll be missed.

HALLOWEEN PANTHEON

SKULL AND BONES: The idea that the remains of the dead prompt ritualistic behavior is not limited to the human sphere. There are documented instances of grief-like or death-aware behaviors from the animal kingdom as well, encompassing the likes of elephants, magpies, orca, pigs, chimpanzees and more. Of course, confirmation that Homo sapiens handled their dead in special ways dates to prehistory, and they are not the only hominids to have buried bones with a marker and flowers, as evidenced by Neanderthal graves. The sacredness of bones is expressed differently in various cultures. There have been those who eat their loved ones, burn them, make jewelry out of them... even cultures who have for thousands of years exhumed their loved ones on special occasions, dressed them in sacred clothing and included them in their various lively festivities. While this ritual may sound bizarre, and most would surely find it off-putting to dine next to the corpse of Grandmother, in some places the practice is still upheld today. So it should come as no surprise that the old-fashioned disguise that is the skeleton suit remains an evergreen Halloween staple and a classic reminder that underneath our skin we humans are remarkably alike.

CELEBRITY PROFILE

Ty Pennington transforms lives as he makes over homes to the extreme. Millions of viewers are inspired to make improvements of their own and prove Pennington's claim: "Good design can change your life." Of course, he's an aesthetic, artistic Libran people-person. Moon in Leo promises that Pennington enjoys the spotlight and sharing it with the well-deserving. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

Minutiae

Plural noun [mi-noo-shee-ee, -nyoo-]

Precise details; small or trifling matters: the minutiae of his craft.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"NEVER WAKE A SLEEPWALKER."

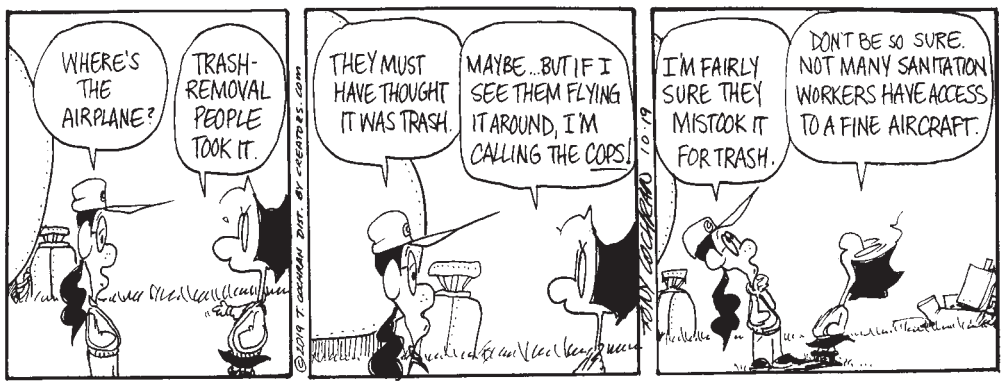
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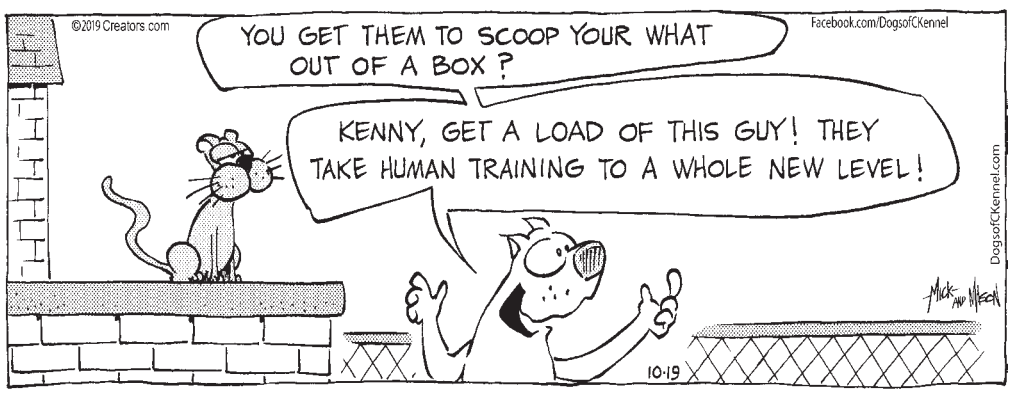
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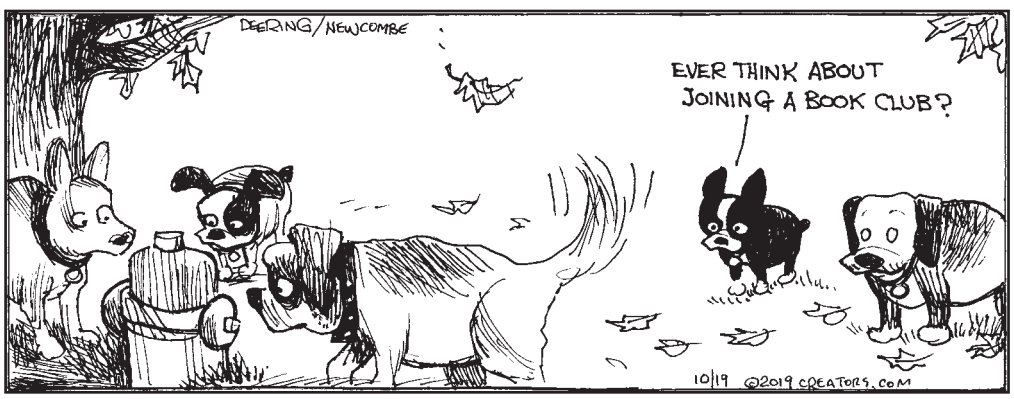
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Jackpot: 20 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/17
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 10/18
Midday: 8 9 7

Draw Date: 10/17
Evening: 0 8 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 10/17
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2nd: 03 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
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WATER TEMP: 65.8°

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Primary NW swell shows mainly west of Malibu. Small SSW swell fades. AM offshore flow.

SUNDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
Fresh, long period SSW swell slowly fills in. AM offshore flow.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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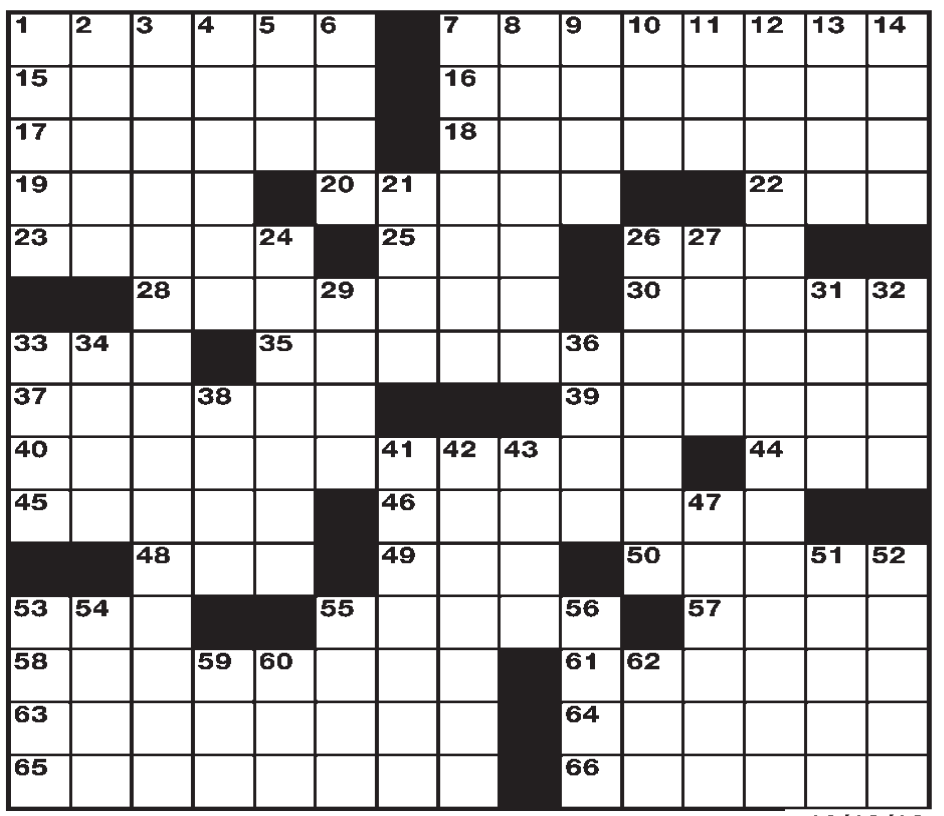
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 First "virtual tour" venue (1994)
7 Bend and stretch
15 Still
16 One related to others
17 Inaugural singer for Jimmy, Bill and Barack
18 Common kitchen preparation
19 "Works while you shower" brand
20 Wheel of Fortune, Temperance, etc.
22 Choice word
23 31-day veep
25 Name Falstaff speaks many times
26 Arborist's woe
28 Stop holding, in Hampstead
30 Circle of friends
33 Noted promise
35 Capsule qualifier
37 Piece in paella
39 Liquid-Plumr owner
40 Much of Central America, once
44 What fills some shells
45 Keyboardist for Miles Davis
46 Nutter Butter rival
48 Focus of a pocketgamer.com review
49 B's, in D
50 What DNA base pairs are likened to
53 Stone thrown out
55 Digs for a count
57 *Shark Tank* pitch
58 Western "Public Ivy"
61 Stoked
63 Verb from the Latin for "hold back"
64 Half of an early Nobel-sharing pair
65 Brief reviews
66 Agitated

DOWN
1 __ business
2 Bit of some laser beams
3 Assembly manual phrase
4 Crasher's quest
5 Perform escort duties
6 Former Tower of London protector
7 Livestock resting area
8 Boast of '60s TV intros
9 Contest
10 Covert communication
11 Accreditation designation
12 They're at Royal Caribbean's Bionic Bars
13 Campus near Ciudad Juarez
14 Arborist's concern
21 Sign of clearing
24 Mortgagor's safeguard
26 Ingredient in an authentic burrito
27 It's sold in crumbs for crusts
29 Extremely low
31 Airs
32 Written material
33 What "Where did the computer go?" introduced
34 Sambuca cousin
36 Stationery shade
38 Barely run
41 Scarlett's sister-in-law
42 Large revolvers
43 Then
47 Grand Canyon suite
51 Literary type
52 Wanting nothing else
53 Littering aftermath
54 "Why Should __ Over You" (Sinatra tune)
55 Targeted marbles
56 Much more than engaged
59 P two before T
60 Dignitary
62 __ Bravo (*una frontera norte de México*)



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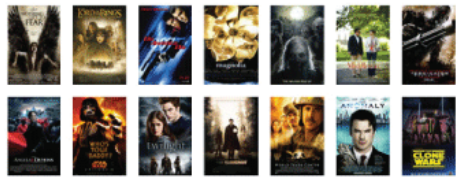
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Battery 400blk Wilshire Blvd 3:59 a.m.
Out of order traffic signals 28th St / Pico Blvd 6:06 a.m.
Speeding Neilson Way / Pico Blvd 7:38 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 1500blk Ocean Ave 7:48 a.m.
Petty theft 900blk 7th St 7:57 a.m.
Drunk driving 20th St / Wilshire Blvd 8:34 a.m.
Lewd activity 400blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:12 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1200blk 11th St 9:49 a.m.
Hit and run 18th St / Montana Ave 9:49 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 2400blk 20th St 10:24 a.m.
Battery 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 10:25 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 14th St 10:29 a.m.
Stolen vehicle recovered 2500blk Michigan Ave 10:37 a.m.
Battery 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:45 a.m.
Violation of restraining order 100blk Broadway 10:46 a.m.
Hit and run 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 10:55 a.m.
Indecent exposure 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:02 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 900blk Ozone Ave 11:28 a.m.
Battery 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:38 a.m.
Indecent exposure 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 11:43 a.m.
Auto burglary 3000blk Glenn Ave 11:52 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 600blk Marine St 11:53 a.m.
Burglary 3100blk Neilson Way 11:55 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 3200blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:18 p.m.
Attempt burglary 2600blk 28th St 12:32 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2300blk 30th St 12:33 p.m.
Speeding 2000blk Ocean Ave 12:41 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk 17th St 12:55 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 3200blk Pico Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 19th St / Olympic Blvd 1:32 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 800blk 19th St 1:35 p.m.
Grand theft 2400blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:59 p.m.
Burglary 1100blk 21st St 2:19 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1700blk Michigan Ave 2:26 p.m.
Identity theft 1700blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:32 p.m.
Elder abuse 2200blk 23rd St 2:55 p.m.
Grand theft 1700blk Ocean Ave 3:26 p.m.
Prowler just left 900blk 16th St 3:47 p.m.
Grand theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:56 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 3:57 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1100blk Chelsea Ave 3:57 p.m.
Speeding Centinela Ave / Wilshire Blvd 4 p.m.
Loud music 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:01 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Santa Monica Pier 4:12 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 2400blk 20th St 4:44 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 4:47 p.m.
Auto burglary 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:22 p.m.
Public intoxication 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 5:25 p.m.
Speeding 21st St / Dewey St 5:37 p.m.
Party complaint 1000blk 12th St 5:42 p.m.
Hit and run 1500blk 20th St 5:45 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1200blk the beach 5:49 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 5:53 p.m.
Threats /s 2700blk 6th St 6:26 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 2400blk 5th St 6:37 p.m.
Violation of preferential parking zone 1800blk 7th St 6:37 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2300blk Pico Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Harassing phone calls 900blk Euclid St 6:59 p.m.
Battery 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:15 p.m.
Silent robbery alarm 2300blk Pico Blvd 7:38 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Main St / Hollister Ave 7:40 p.m.
Lost property 1500blk the beach 7:55 p.m.
Battery 1700blk 16th St 7:56 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 8:05 p.m.
Grand theft 2500blk Main St 8:29 p.m.
Grand theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:14 p.m.
Vehicle parked on sidewalk 1000blk 9th St 9:47 p.m.
Encampment 1200blk Ocean Front Walk 10:01 p.m.
Encampment 1400blk Palisades Beach Rd 10:03 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:26 p.m.
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