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City's first-ever medical marijuana dispensary poised to receive permit approval





Photo courtesy of Local Cannabis Co.

MARIJUANA: Retailer Local Cannabis Co. is planning to open a medical dispensary at 925 Wilshre Blvd.

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SMDP Staff Writer

While medical marijuana has been legal in California since 1996, this week is slated to mark the first time a medical dispensary is given permission to open in Santa Monica.

In the Planning Commission's upcoming Oct. 20 meeting, staff recommend that commissioners grant a conditional use permit (CUP) for CPC Compassion, Inc. to open a shop called Local Cannabis Co. at 925 Wilshire Boulevard.

Per the Santa Monica municipal code, the dispensary will be limited to medical use only, which means that customers will be required to have a doctor's recommendation to purchase products.

Although this restriction does not apply to most dispensaries in Los Angeles, the CUP is still highly desirable as, for now, it will grant CPC Compassion a monopoly on local marijuana sales. This could prove especially lucrative if City Council votes to allow recreational dispensaries once the current dispensary zoning ordinance expires in 2023.

CPC Compassion Inc., beat out 19 other applicants in a 2017 Request for Applications process to become one of two marijuana businesses allowed to pursue business operations in the City. Preliminary selections were made in 2018, but the final approval was delayed by a two year appeals process.

The second selected company, Harvest of Santa Monica, LLC, has yet to apply for a CUP.

Both companies have to contend with strict zoning restrictions on where they may open. Approved areas include Wilshire Blvd. from Lincoln Blvd. to the city limits or on Santa Monica Blvd. between Lincoln Blvd. and 20th St. or between 23rd St. and Centinela Ave. The stores may not be within 600 feet of a school, daycare, park, library, social services center or the other cannabis business.

The 1,844 square feet ground floor tenant space selected by CPC Compassion, Inc. meets all of these requirements.

In September, CPC Compassion held outreach meetings with the Wilmont and Mid-City neighborhood groups to discuss the project and resident concerns. According to the staff report, both groups were generally supportive of the

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Chief Batista welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica Police Department's newest Chief, Ramon Batista was officially sworn into service Monday morning in front of City Hall.

Batista was accompanied by his wife Nina and daughter Annemarie. His sister was also in the crowd along with his cousins.

He will be the City's first Latino Police Chief, which reflects the organization's commitment to build a diverse workforce that better represents the community.

"I was born in Los Angeles, and I've always been very, very proud of my birth city. And yes, I've been a lifelong Dodgers fan since childhood," he said.

Mayor Sue Himmelrich and council along with City Manager David White welcomed the City's new chief.

"We have a lot of good work and good trouble ahead of us and on



Courtesy photo

CHIEF: Batista was sworn in Monday

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Rotary International kicks off new model in Santa Monica

DANIEL FARR
SMDP Staff Writer

In an attempt to better cater to the causes of the moment and attract new members, Rotary International has launched new cause-based clubs, including a "protect the environment club" coming to the Santa Monica area in January.

Caused-based clubs are a very new concept for the non-profit organization and quite different from the traditional rotary club, but organizers hope they will help the world of community service become more accessible to all people by meeting the needs of a new demographic.

"Rotary is discovering that the traditional club model, which is where Rotary Clubs are within a community, is sometimes very restrictive because of people's work schedules and finances," said Kathleen Terry, new club development co-chair. "So by starting these cause-based clubs, it allows people to join a club that only meets two times a month and many times the other rotary clubs meet four times a month. And also, it can be in the evening, which is conducive for scheduling and lastly, have the cost base level be less expensive than the traditional Rotary Club typically would be."

Rotary International is an international service organization whose purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Membership in Rotary clubs are by invitation only and after paying dues members will partake

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Pair indicted in hostage-taking death of San Diego teen

Associated Press

Two Mexican nationals have been indicted on drug-trafficking and hostage-taking charges in connection with the killing of a San Diego teenager in Mexico.

Prosecutors say the 19-year-old victim, identified in court papers only by his initials, stole drugs that he was planning to smuggle from Mexico into the U.S. In response, alleged drug traffickers kidnapped the teen from a Tijuana hotel at gunpoint and took him hostage in an effort to extort his parents, according to prosecutors.

The alleged kidnappers eventually cut off contact with the family. The victim has not been seen or heard from since May 30, 2020, and is presumed dead, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported Sunday.

A federal grand jury handed down an indictment against two Tijuana residents, 21-year-old Wyatt Valencia-Pacheco and 22-year-old Jonathan Emmanuel Montellano-Mora, in June. The indictment was unsealed last week, the newspaper reported.

It accuses the duo of intentional killing while engaged in drug trafficking, a charge punishable by a minimum of 20 years in federal prison, and two charges that carry minimum life sentences: hostage-taking resulting in death and conspiracy to take hostages resulting in death.

Valencia-Pacheco is in custody, and a federal magistrate judge on Friday declined to release him on bond. Montellano-Mora remains a fugitive. It wasn't known Monday if either man has an attorney.

Bill Clinton back home after Southern California hospitalization from infection

HAVEN DALEY
Associated Press

Bill Clinton arrived Sunday at his home in New York to continue recovering from an infection that left him in treatment for six days at a Southern California hospital, officials said.

The former president left the University of California Irvine Medical Center around 8 a.m. with Hillary Clinton on his arm. Dressed in jeans and a sports coat and wearing a face mask, he made his way out of the hospital slowly and stopped to shake hands with doctors and nurses lined up on the sidewalk.

He gave a thumbs-up when a reporter asked how he was feeling, and he and Hillary Clinton then boarded a black SUV. They departed in a motorcade escorted by the California Highway Patrol and headed to the airport.

Bill Clinton's "fever and white blood cell count are normalized, and he will return home to New York to finish his course of antibiotics," Dr. Alpesh N. Amin said in a statement shared on Twitter by a Clinton spokesman.

Clinton, 75, was admitted Tuesday to the hospital southeast of Los Angeles with an infection unrelated to COVID-19. He arrived Sunday evening at his home in Chappaqua, New York, to continue his recovery.

Spokesman Angel Ureña had said Saturday that Clinton would remain hospitalized until at least Sunday to receive further intravenous antibiotics. But all health indicators were "trending in the right direction," Ureña said.

Hillary Clinton had been with her husband at the hospital and was accompanied there Saturday by daughter Chelsea.

President Joe Biden said Friday night that he had spoken to Bill Clinton, and the former president "sends his best."

"He's doing fine; he really is," Biden said during remarks at the University of Connecticut.

An aide to the former president said Bill Clinton had a urological infection that spread to his bloodstream but was on the mend and never went into septic shock, a potentially life-threatening condition.

The aide, who spoke to reporters at the hospital on the condition his name wasn't used, said Clinton was in an intensive care section of the hospital but wasn't receiving ICU care.

In the years since Clinton left the White House in 2001, the former president has faced health scares. In 2004, he underwent quadruple bypass surgery after experiencing prolonged chest pains and shortness of breath. He returned to the hospital for surgery for a partially collapsed lung in 2005, and in 2010 he had a pair of stents implanted in a coronary artery.

He responded by embracing a largely vegan diet that saw him lose weight and report improved health.

Clinton repeatedly returned to the stump, campaigning for Democratic candidates, most notably Hillary Clinton during her failed 2008 bid for the presidential nomination. And in 2016, as Hillary Clinton sought the White House as the Democratic nominee, her husband — by then a grandfather and nearing 70 — returned to the campaign trail.

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Parents protest California COVID vaccine mandate for kids

Associated Press

More than a thousand people crowded the front steps of the California Capitol on Monday to protest Gov. Gavin Newsom's decision to require all children to get the coronavirus vaccine to attend public and private schools.

Newsom's mandate, announced earlier this month, made California the first state in the country to say it will require the COVID-19 vaccine for schoolchildren once it receives full federal approval.

Many parents at the rally in Sacramento had pulled their children out of school to attend the rally, hoping the absences send a message to state officials.

Parents carried signs that read, "My children won't be a science experiment to make you feel safe," and "My body, my choice."

One mother, Kendall Ramer, said she won't vaccinate her children against the coronavirus because she feels there hasn't been enough time to ensure it's safe.

"Everybody should be able to make their own choice for what's good for them," said Ramer, 32, who pulled her two children out of elementary school to attend the protest. She said she and her husband will likely homeschool their children once the state's vaccine mandate for students kicks in.

College towns plan to challenge results of 2020 census

Alaska Republican Young urges vaccination in new ads

Biden: Teachers 'most consequential' people after parents

Colin Powell dies, trailblazing general stained by Iraq

Newsom's mandate won't take effect until the school term that starts after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's full approval for the vaccine. The mandate would be phased in starting with seventh-12th grades, followed after by students in K-6th grades.

State officials have said the requirement could begin as early as next fall.

California has one of the highest vaccine rates in the country — over 84% of people 12 and older have gotten at least one shot, and 72% are fully vaccinated. But the state has a vocal minority skeptical of both the vaccine and the government's assurances of its safety.

Newsom has been one of the most aggressive governors on coronavirus restrictions, issuing the nation's first statewide stay-at-home order in March 2020 and requirements more recently for health care workers and most state employees to get vaccinated to keep their jobs.

Newsom was emboldened after easily defeating a recall effort last month fueled by anger over his handling of the pandemic He says he interpreted his landslide victory as an endorsement of his vaccine policies.

Opponents to the student vaccine mandate urged parents statewide to keep their children home from school Monday, calling for a "sit out" across California. The turnout was not immediately clear.

Court: Parts of pesticide program violate California law

KATHLEEN RONAYNE
Associated Press

A state-run pest prevention program partly violates California's landmark environmental protection law with its approach to spraying pesticides, a state appeals court has ruled.

The ruling centers on a pest prevention and management program run by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The court found the program violates the California Environmental Quality Act by failing to conduct site-specific environmental reviews and notify the public before sprays. The ruling also found the program doesn't appropriately consider contamination to water bodies or mitigate harm on bees and that the department understated existing pesticide use.

California's 3rd District Court of Appeal issued the ruling Friday. The California Department of Food and Agriculture is reviewing the ruling, spokesman Steve Lyle said Monday in an email. He did not provide further comment.

Several environmental groups and the city of Berkeley brought the lawsuit, and they lost on some grounds in the appeal. The court, for example, said the groups failed to show that the pest control program's analysis of human health effects was misleading or inadequate.

China calls missile launch 'routine test' of new technology

4 weeks on, no sign Spanish volcano eruption is close to end

Judge limits unpaid leave for unvaccinated workers at US lab

NASA's asteroid hunter Lucy soars into sky with diamonds

"We think that this ruling is a real signal that the California Department of Food and Agriculture needs to move away from a 'spray first, ask questions later' approach," Jonathan Evans, environmental health legal director at the Center for Biological Diversity, said Monday.

The food and agriculture department is tasked with preventing the spread of insects and pests, plant disease and noxious weeds on public and private property. The California Environmental Quality Act, known as CEQA, requires environmental impact reports for all major projects, including pesticide spraying.

The department in 2014 adopted a single environmental review process for all pest prevention and management projects designed for "efficient and proactive" management, according to its website. Individual projects are checked against it for

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 268 CALLS ON OCTOBER 17

Person Down 1500Blk 10th St 10:46 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:20 p.m.
Fight 20th St / Pico Blvd 12:07 a.m.
Fire Request Police 1400Blk 4th St 1:35 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2nd St / Washington Ave 1:57 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 00Blk Sea Colony Dr 2:05 a.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 3rd St / Ashland Ave 2:07 a.m.
Prowler 2200Blk 20th St 2:18 a.m.
Family Disturbance 1600Blk Ocean Ave 2:49 a.m.
Lewd Activity 1200Blk 20th St 3:43 a.m.
Battery Report 300Blk Of Wilshire Blvd 3:50 a.m.
Trespassing 1400Blk Ocean Ave 3:53 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 700Blk Broadway 4:17 a.m.
Family Disturbance 2900Blk Arizona Ave 4:24 a.m.
Medical Emergency 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:18 a.m.
Auto Burglary Just Occurred 500Blk Pico Blvd 5:35 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 3000Blk Lincoln Blvd 5:51 a.m.
Trespassing 2000Blk Main St 6:02 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 700Blk Broadway 6:29 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1400Blk Montana Ave 6:35 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace Euclid St / Wilshire Blvd 7:38 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2400Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:46 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Just Occurred 5th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:57 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk The Beach 8:18 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2000Blk 14th St 8:52 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 9:18 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Pacific St 9:22 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 700Blk Ozone St 9:26 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 2300Blk 4th St 9:40 a.m.
Loitering 1500Blk 17th St 9:40 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1500Blk 6th St 9:54 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 9:57 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2400Blk Pico Blvd 10:03 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 900Blk 19th St 10:07 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 10:36 a.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 2400Blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 200Blk Arizona Ave 10:43 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 3100Blk Lincoln Blvd 10:50 a.m.
Harassing Phone Calls Report 400Blk San Vicente Blvd 11:27 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400Blk Broadway 11:39 a.m.
Encampment 2000Blk Ocean Front Walk 11:44 a.m.
Bike Theft Report 1500Blk Michigan Ave 12:00 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 200Blk Idaho Ave 12:43 p.m.
Burglary Report 900Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:43 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk 12th St 12:49 p.m.
Arson 1100Blk Bay St 1:00 p.m.
Assault Now 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 1:04 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Wepaon Just Occurred 600Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:07 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1500Blk Ocean Ave 1:13 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1500Blk 19th St 1:18 p.m.
Battery Report Harvard St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:20 p.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 1:40 p.m.
Person Down 1500Blk 15th St 2:04 p.m.
Drinking In Public 26th St / Pico Blvd 2:09 p.m.
Arson Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 2:13 p.m.
Overdose 1400Blk Ocean Ave 2:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report Lincoln Blvd / Pico Blvd 2:25 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 300Blk Pico Blvd 2:29 p.m.
Encampment 2800Blk Pico Blvd 2:33 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 2200Blk Broadway 2:51 p.m.
Sexual Assault 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 3:22 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 3:37 p.m.
Trespassing 1100Blk 6th St 3:51 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 25th St / Hill St 3:55 p.m.
Burglary Report 500Blk California Ave 4:08 p.m.
Assault Just Occurred 7th St / Montana Ave 4:17 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 900Blk Montana Ave 4:21 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1600Blk Appian Way 4:33 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1500Blk Euclid St 4:48 p.m.
Family Disturbance 1000Blk 12th St 4:48 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 4:58 p.m.
Burglary Report 200Blk Idaho Ave 5:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 5:07 p.m.
nimal Related Incident 2000Blk 4th St 5:40 p.m.
Overdose 1700Blk 17th St 6:39 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 2200Blk Pico Blvd 7:16 p.m.
Disturbance Of The Peace 1100Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:24 p.m.
Battery Report 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:26 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 25th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:38 p.m.
Defrauding Inkeeper Just Occurred 1500Blk Ocean Ave 7:42 p.m.
Defrauding Inkeeper Just Occurred 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 7:47 p.m.
Person Down 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:14 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 26th St / La Mesa Way 8:28 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk 9th St 8:39 p.m.
Fight 1600Blk Ocean Front Walk 9:55 p.m.
Burglary Just Occurred 1700Blk Olympic Blvd 10:18 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation Cloverfield Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:43 p.m.
Public Intoxication 100Blk Broadway 11:39 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 40 CALLS ON OCTOBER 17

Structure Fire 500Blk Raymond Ave 12:26 a.m.
EMS 1300Blk 4th St 1:05 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 4th St 1:31 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 1700Blk Lincoln Blvd 2:26 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 800Blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:33 a.m.
EMS 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:18 a.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Interstate 10 / 4th St 5:58 a.m.
EMS 2100Blk 4th St 6:51 a.m.
EMS 2500Blk 3rd St 7:13 a.m.
Smoke Investigation 4th St / Pico Blvd 7:52 a.m.
EMS 900Blk 10th St 7:59 a.m.
EMS 800Blk Pacific St 8:44 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury Main St / Pacific St 9:22 a.m.
EMS 400Blk Pier Ave 12:27 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Arizona Ave 12:28 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400Blk 21st St 12:37 p.m.
EMS 1900Blk Stewart St 1:08 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk 29th St 1:37 p.m.
EMS 1500Blk 15th St 2:04 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire Ocean Ave / San Vicente Blvd 2:11 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 2:19 p.m.
EMS 2200Blk Broadway 3:23 p.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 5:07 p.m.
Public Assist Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 5:11 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 5:17 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 5:49 p.m.
EMS 2800Blk Pico Blvd 5:52 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2100Blk 3rd St 5:53 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 17th St 6:05 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk 17th St 6:39 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Airport Ave 7:00 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 1900Blk 18th St 7:06 p.m.
EMS 1200Blk Wilshire Blvd 8:14 p.m.
Lock In/Out 1500Blk 6th St 8:26 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 26th St / La Mesa Dr 8:28 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk 20th St 8:32 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 2500Blk Michigan Ave 9:18 p.m.
EMS 700Blk Broadway 9:29 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 19th St 9:55 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Navy St 10:55 p.m.

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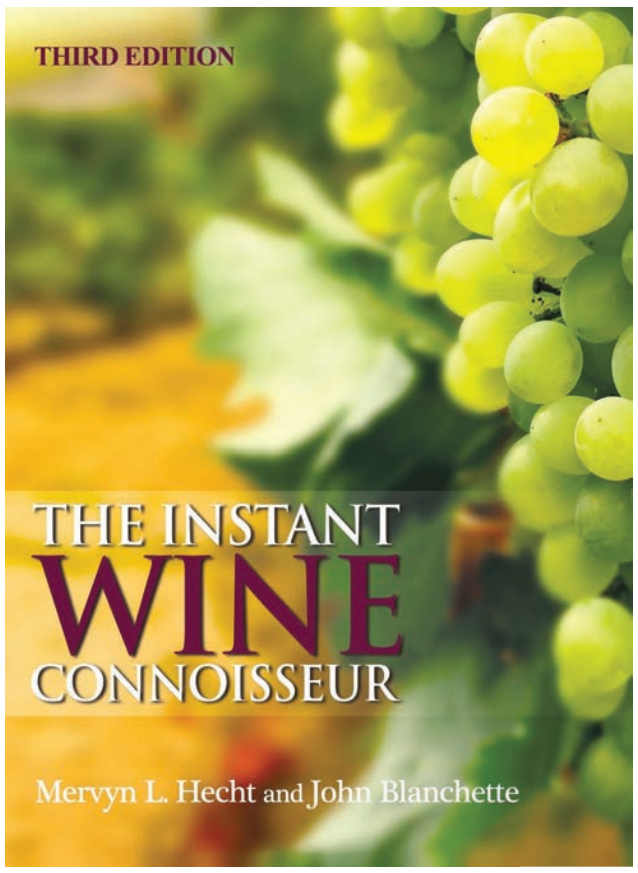
Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **City's Online Vendor Portal.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

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LA County wants Vanessa Bryant to undergo psychiatric exam

STEFANIE DAZIO
Associated Press

Los Angeles County is seeking to compel psychiatric evaluations for Kobe Bryant's widow and others to determine if they truly suffered emotional distress after first responders took and shared graphic photos from the site of the 2020 helicopter crash that killed the basketball star, his teenage daughter and seven others, court documents say.

Vanessa Bryant, whose federal lawsuit against the county alleges invasion of privacy, has claimed in court papers that she has experienced "severe emotional distress" that has compounded the trauma of losing her husband and 13-year-old daughter, Gianna.

Kobe Bryant and the others were killed Jan. 26, 2020, when the helicopter they were aboard, on their way to a girls basketball tournament, crashed in the hills west of Los Angeles amid foggy weather. Federal safety officials blamed pilot error for the wreck.

Vanessa Bryant's lawsuit contends first responders, including firefighters and sheriff's deputies, shared photographs of Kobe Bryant's body with a bartender and passed around "gratuitous photos of the dead children, parents and coaches." The Los Angeles Times first reported that a sheriff's department internal investigation found deputies shared photos of victims' remains.

None of the first responders were directly involved in the investigation of the crash or had any legitimate purpose in taking or passing around the grisly photos, the suit contends. Gov. Gavin Newsom last year approved legislation prompted by the helicopter crash that makes it a crime for first responders to take unauthorized photos of deceased people at the scene of an accident or crime.

"Ms. Bryant feels ill at the thought of strangers gawking at images of her deceased husband and child, and she lives in fear that she or her children will one day confront horrific images of their loved ones online," court documents say.

Attorneys for Los Angeles County want the court to order Bryant and other family members of the people who were killed in the crash, including children, to undergo psychiatric evaluations as independent medical examinations. The lawyers propose that the evaluations be audio- and video-recorded and last eight hours for adults and four to six hours for children.

The county contends that while the families "have undoubtedly suffered severe distress and trauma from the crash and resulting loss of their loved ones, their distress was not caused by (the first responders) or any accident site photos that were never publicly disseminated."

LA County attorneys wrote in court papers that such psychiatric examinations are "necessary to evaluate the nature and extent" of the families' alleged injuries.

Vanessa Bryant's attorneys, in filings submitted Friday, said the county is resorting to "scorched-earth discovery tactics" designed to bully her and the family members of other victims into "abandoning their pursuit of accountability."

Attorneys for Los Angeles County, in a statement Monday to The Associated Press, said the county has "great sympathy" for Bryant's losses.

"It's horrific, the worst imaginable," they said in the statement. "But she sued the County for something that didn't happen. There's been no public disclosure of crash site photos, none. So we see this case as a money grab and are doing what's necessary to defend our client."

Attorneys for Bryant declined to immediately comment on Monday afternoon.

Kids in California county care sleeping on floor in building

Associated Press

A central California county executive has pledged immediate changes after a news report revealed that vulnerable children removed from their families were living in deplorable conditions inside an office building — sleeping on conference tables, eating fast food and urinating into water bottles until social workers could find homes for them.

Fresno County Administrative Officer Jean Rousseau apologized Thursday to the children forced to stay at the office building that is the main hub for Fresno County's Child Protective Services and to the workers who oversee them, The Fresno Bee reported Friday. The news organization first reported about the conditions on Wednesday.

"When I saw the conditions in the office, when I saw the mats being used as beds, I said, 'This is unacceptable.' I should have known earlier, and we're going to rectify it immediately," Rousseau said, expressing frustration that he was not informed about the situation sooner.

Social workers told The Bee that the county's child welfare system is understaffed and overwhelmed and there's a lack of housing for children who have been removed from their homes for their own safety. As a result, some children stay at the offices of Child Protective Services until foster homes can be found for them.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

The Santa Monica Democratic Club is meeting on Oct. 20.

The SMDC Bylaws Committee has been working all year on a package of new bylaws reforms. We are presenting these changes to the general Club Membership at our meeting on Wednesday evening. (If you miss the meeting, as always, you'll be able to watch a recording on YouTube the following day.) Finally, we will vote on whether to adopt these bylaw changes on November 17,

at our final membership meeting of the year. The focus for our October meeting will be responding to the Climate Emergency. It's a refrain we've heard for decades now: "The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report contains the most dire warnings yet for humanity." In 2021, the IPCC report confirmed that human activity is linked to the extreme weather patterns we have been seeing recently around the world. We are on track to pass 1.5°C of warming by 2040, and edging ever closer to irreversible tipping points. What are we going to do about it? What is our role as the Democratic Party to ensure a fossil fuel-free future? If we don't take extreme, immediate actions, it may be too late for our planet. Guest Panelists will include:

Senator Henry Stern, member of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee; Igor Tregub, CDP; Environmental Caucus Chair; Lorraine Lundquist, Astrophysicist, Educator and former LA City Council candidate; Aura Vasquez, CDP; Executive Board Member AD50; Fatima Iqbal-Zubair, 2022 Assembly Candidate (AD64) and Vice Chair of CDP Progressive Caucus. We will also be joined by Chief of Police at LAX Cecil Rhambo,running as a Democrat for LA County Sheriff in 2022.

Date: October 20, 2021
Time: 6:30pm Doors, 7:00pm Program Start
Place: Zoom Conference Call
RSVP here: https://forms.gle/5pyBTeHeVJzp8mtj8

SUBMITTED BY RANA KIRKLAND, VP COMMUNICATIONS SMDC

Citywide

Halloween cooking classes with the Gourmandise School

The Halloween season is in full swing and The Gourmandise School wants to make sure its Sweets and Savories' Halloween cooking classes are on your radar.

Halloween Macaroons

On Oct. 24, partner up in a 3-hour in-person class to learn the sweet tricks to making some delicious Halloween Macaroons. The Gourmandise School will walk attendees through the process of curating pumpkin and mummy macaroons that will be sure to steal the show this season. Registration for this class is available for guests 16+ on The Gourmandise website.

Date Night: Halloween Bash

Grab your costume and loved one on Halloween eve for the perfect Halloween feast. Learn how to curate your own witches brew cocktail, pumpkin ravioli and more. Renowned Gourmandise Chef May Hennemann will be your guide through this spookily sweet class on October 30. Registration for this class is available for guests 16+ on The Gourmandise website.

Parent & Child: Spooky Sweets & Halloween Breakfast!

Grab your little one and spend this Halloween season with The Gourmandise School's in-person Parent & Child themed classes. Participants will be guided through this sweet cooking adventure as parents help their little chefs create delicious spooky and fun treats. Registration for all Halloween classes are available for children ages 6 - 11 accompanied by adults. Visit The Gourmandise website to sign up.

Parent & Child Class Schedule
Halloween Treats: Oct 16 & 30
Spooky Sweets: Oct 30
Halloween Breakfast: Oct 23 & 31

SUBMITTED BY CAITLIN GUIAO, THE ACE AGENCY

Citywide

Santa Monica Place to host seasonal retailer job fair

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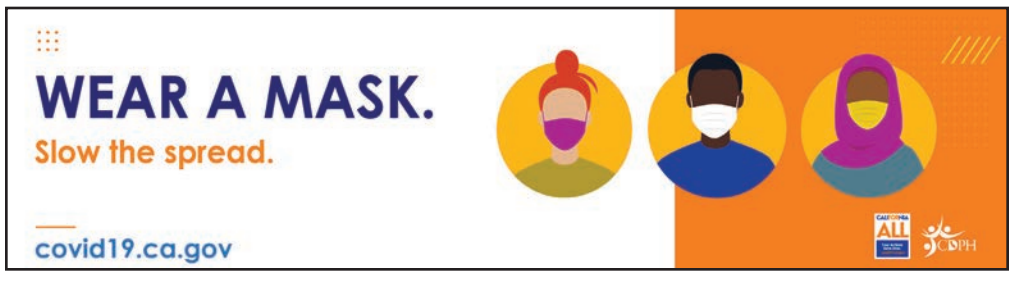
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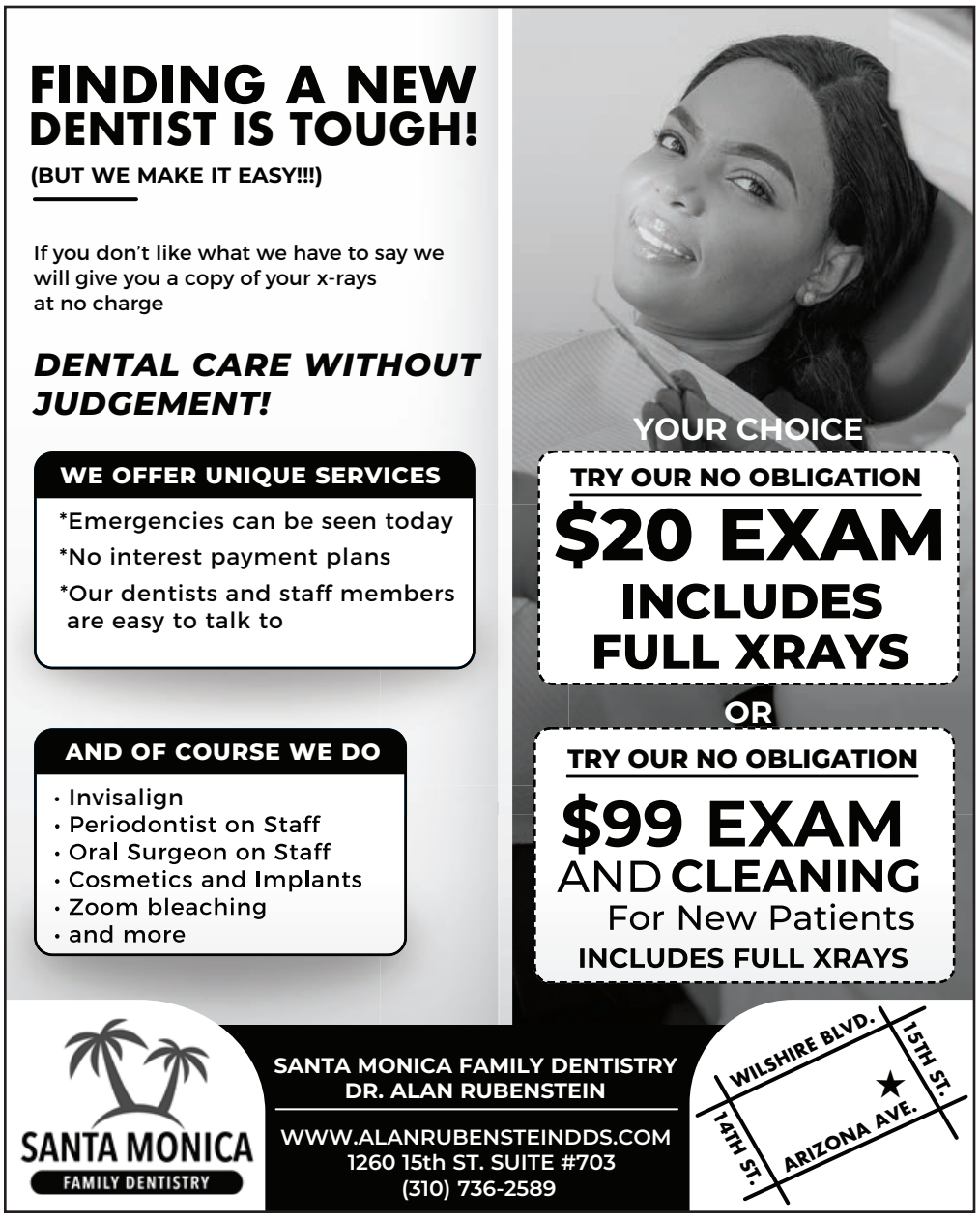
WHAT:Santa Monica Place will host a center-wide seasonal job fair for job seekers interested in a variety of employment opportunities on October 26 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Participating stores and restaurants will have a table displayed at their storefronts to meet candidates, accept applications and conduct interviews as desired. Please visit the Concierge Desk in Center Plaza for a list of participating retailers, where to apply and for more information regarding Santa Monica Place's job fair.

WHEN: Tuesday, October 26
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Santa Monica Place is located at 395 Santa Monica Place, Santa Monica, at Broadway and Third Street Promenade.

SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINE BARNES, THE ACE AGENCY











What's the Point?

David Pisarra
Send comments to editor@smdp.com

CLAIRE WINELAND CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

"Live a life you are proud of." Well Claire Wineland certainly did. The young woman with the infectious laugh, indomitable spirit and open heart left her mark on the world in a way that few others ever will.

It's not easy to write about someone else's life, we never truly know how another has gone through trials and tribulations. We get mere glimpses into the true character of someone when they are at a crisis point, or have just come out of one. Oftentimes we can see the petty, childish, angry, hurt, scared person inside as they confront the harsh realities of life.

Other times the trials have been like a cleansing fire that burns of the facades and leaves only the true structure behind to build upon.

In the case of Claire Wineland her trials were with Cystic Fibrosis, the genetic lung condition that makes breathing difficult. She spent far too many years in hospitals and having enormous physical challenges. So much so that it would be easy to understand if she was a bitter, angry, depressed person.

But that's not who she was. She found moments of joy, ways to live and be an inspiration to others. She brought light and insight so that she could "Live a life you are proud of."

It was after a medically induced coma at 13 that she decided to start a non-profit to help others. Her ClairesPlaceFoundation.org raises money and helps families who are facing the same sort of daily battle she faced. This past Saturday the front drive of the Fairmont Miramar was taken over for a gala fundraiser to showcase the good works that ClairesPlace does.

The event was blessed with a glorious night of balmy weather as the more than 200 attendees were treated to a delightful meal and had the chance to reunite after we've all been cooped up due to the pandemic. Being the first gala I've attend in almost 2 years, I had a wonderful time and felt the joy of associating again, getting dressed up and it felt like life has returned to some semblance of normal.

Claire's parents, Melissa Yeager and John Wineland were there to lead the way through a night of remembrance, while setting a vision for the future. I've known John for years and watched his family on this journey behave with grace, dignity, and bravery. The crucible they went though has clearly made all of them extraordinary people.

I don't know Melissa well, but her leadership has been demonstrated with the continued growth of ClairesPlaceFoundation. John's growth as a man over the 20 years that I've known him has been nothing less than monumental. Today he is a leader of other men on the journey to a new manhood and connection with themselves and their partners.

Claire passed away in 2018 but her influence and inspiration continues on through her TEDx Talks, her YouTube videos and the impact she has had on others. I spoke with Rich Litvin, the author of The Prosperous Coach and a man who is in no small measure a tremendous inspiration to others. As a coach Litvin sets huge goals for himself and inspires others to reach and achieve far greater goals. "Claire was one of the most inspiring people I've ever met. She had a global impact in her life and when she says, 'live a life you can be proud of' she did" he told me.

We are all here for a short time. The difference we make in others is our true legacy. I know that no matter how much money I leave my college or how many buildings are named after the famous, it's the impact we have on people that matters.

Claire Wineland was an amazing woman who still inspires today as she reminds us to "Live a life you are proud of."

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KIDS

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The Fresno Bee described children sleeping on conference tables or on yoga mats on the floor in rooms with lights that do not turn off. They share a single bathroom, cannot shower and use water bottles to relieve themselves, the news outlet reported.

Lorraine Ramirez, a veteran social worker with Fresno County Department of Social Services' child welfare agency, told The Bee that children stay in the building for a few hours to several weeks. Some days, there are no children in the building and on other days there can be a dozen, she said. They vary in age and in their medical needs.

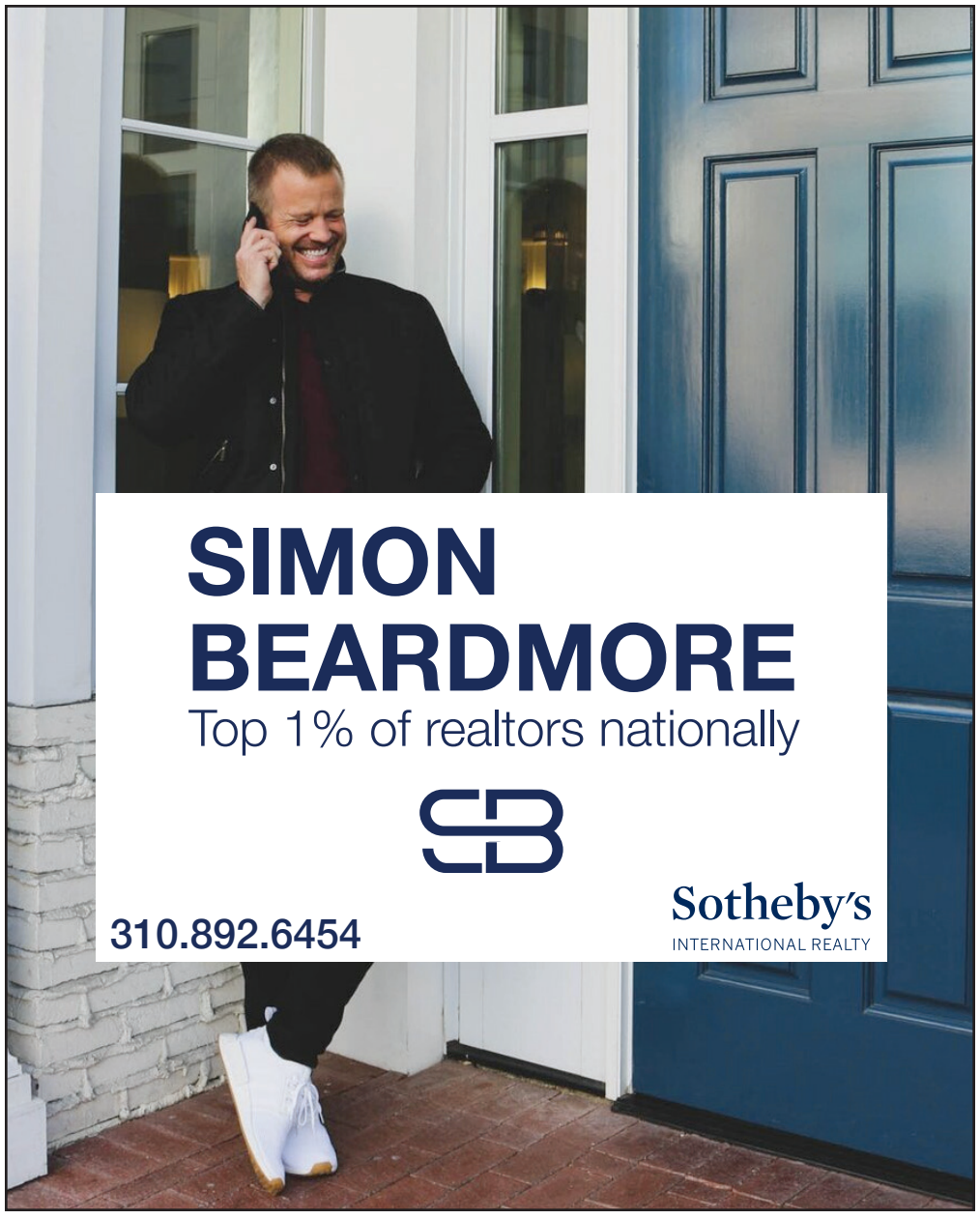
"The conditions that the kids are staying in is not tolerable, it's inhumane," Ramirez said.

Rousseau said he toured the office Wednesday and on Thursday staffers were sent to buy cots and inflatable mattresses.

He said that starting this weekend, children will be housed at a different building on a former medical center campus until they can be housed in a new location that should be finished in a month.

Housing children for now at the former medical center campus is "against the law" because it's not licensed by the state, Rousseau said.

"But we have no choice. We have no place to take these young folks," he said.



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DISPENSARY

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proposal with concerns largely being related to recreational use sales, which remain prohibited at this time.

Under the business operations plan, customers would need to provide a medical referral and identification to buy products at the store. The proposed business hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Commissioners are expected to review the CUP application bearing in mind the compatibility of a medicinal cannabis retail use within the neighborhood and the effectiveness of the recommended conditions of approval in limiting potential adverse impacts on the neighborhood.

In addition to the CUP, the company will need a Santa Monica business license, a Medicinal Cannabis Retailer Permit and State license from the Bureau of Cannabis Control in order to open.

During the meeting commissioners will also be reviewing proposed amendments to the Santa Monica Municipal Code that will make it easier for tattoo and piercing stores to open in Downtown and other commercial districts.



Photo by Daniel Farr

CUP: Staff recommend approving the Conditional Use Permit application

City Council voted on Aug. 14 to have staff draft plans to remove the Minor Use Permit requirement for tattoo and body modification parlors. Planning Commission will review the proposed ordinance revision and vote on whether to recommend that City Council adopt it.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 20 and can be viewed live at youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica.

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Coast Guard: 1,200-foot ship dragged California oil pipeline

MATTHEW BROWN
Associated Press

Investigators believe a 1,200-foot (366-meter) cargo ship dragging anchor in rough seas caught an underwater oil pipeline and pulled it across the seafloor, months before a leak from the line fouled the Southern California coastline with crude.

A team of federal investigators trying to chase down the cause of the spill boarded the Panama-registered MSC DANIT just hours after the massive ship arrived this weekend off the Port of Long Beach, the same area where the leak was discovered in early October.

During a prior visit by the ship during a heavy storm in January, investigators believe its anchor dragged for an unknown distance before striking the 16-inch (40-centimeter) steel pipe, Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Sondra Kay Kneen said Sunday.

The impact would have knocked an inch-thick concrete casing off the pipe and pulled it more than 100 feet (30 meters), bending but not breaking the line, Kneen said.

Still undetermined is whether the impact caused the October leak, or if the line was hit by something else at a later date or failed due to a preexisting problem, Kneen said.

"We're still looking at multiple vessels and scenarios," she said.

Automakers step up pace on electric vehicle battery plants

Facebook plans to hire 10,000 in Europe to build 'metaverse'

Bitcoin investing could get boost from exchange-traded fund

Industrial production falls 1.3% as effects from Ida linger

The Coast Guard on Saturday designated the owner and operator as parties of interest in its investigation into the spill, estimated to have released about 25,000 gallons (94,635 liters) of crude into the water, killing birds, fish and mammals.

The accident just a few miles off Huntington Beach in Orange County fouled beaches and wetlands and led to temporary closures for cleanup work . While not as bad as initially feared, it has reignited the debate over offshore drilling in federal waters in the Pacific, where hundreds of miles of pipelines were installed decades ago.

The DANIT's operator, MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company, is headquartered in Switzerland and has a fleet of 600 vessels and more than 100,000

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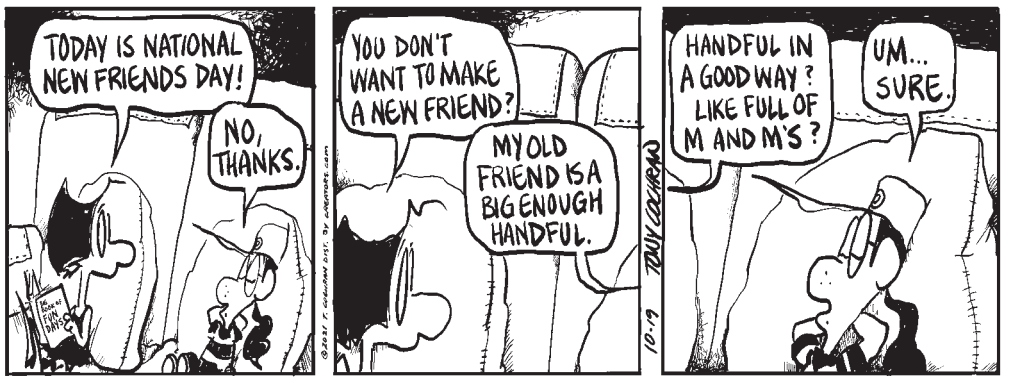
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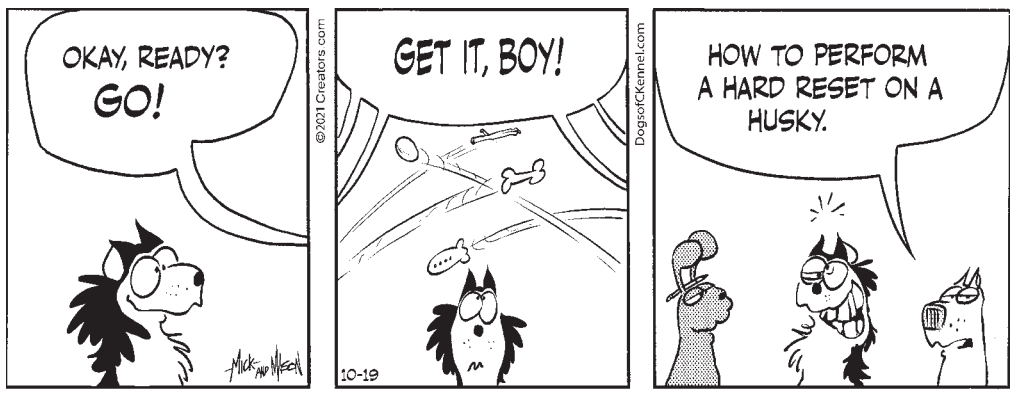
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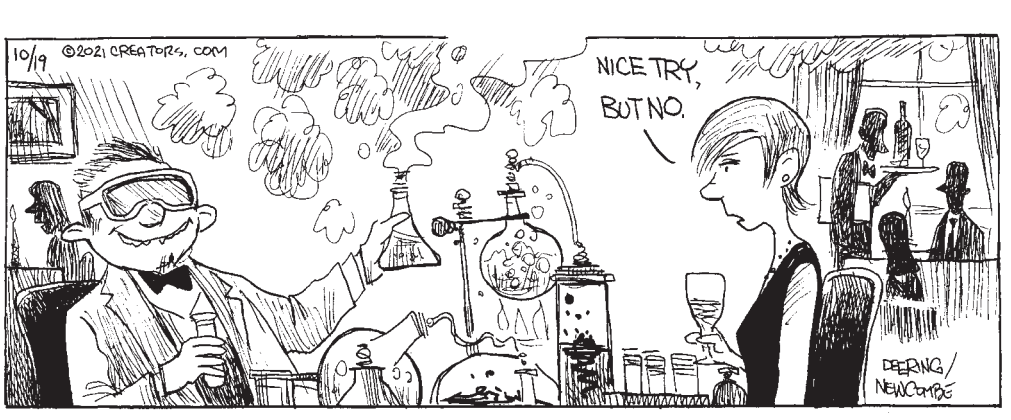
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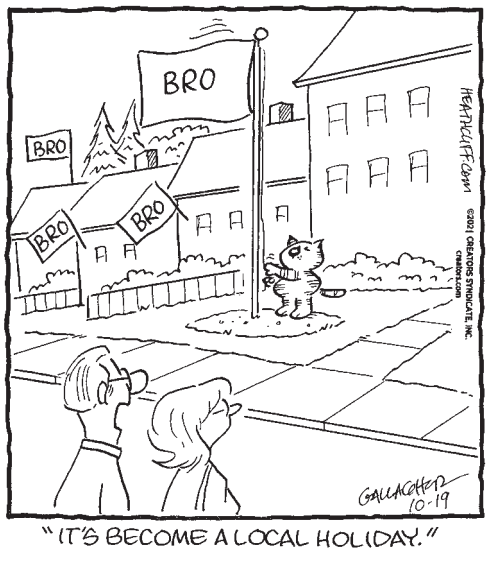
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Strange Brew

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 60.1°

TUESDAY - **POOR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small scale swell mix levels off -- should still be serviceable for the groms or the small wave gear through the morning. Lingering SSW swell. Mind deep mid AM high tide.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Rising tide through the morning but clean at least. Beach breaks out west offer a fun little peak. Modest blend of lingering SSW swell and NW swell.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 64. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 56.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/10/19	Tue	3:32 PM	0.51	L
2021/10/19	Tue	9:35 PM	4.86	H
2021/10/20	Wed	03:24 AM	0.99	L
2021/10/20	Wed	09:35 AM	5.72	H
2021/10/20	Wed	4:06 PM	0.32	L
2021/10/20	Wed	10:11 PM	4.55	H
2021/10/21	Thu	03:46 AM	1.39	L
2021/10/21	Thu	09:56 AM	5.75	H
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2021/10/21	Thu	10:50 PM	4.21	H
2021/10/22	Fri	04:07 AM	1.79	L
2021/10/22	Fri	10:18 AM	5.69	H
2021/10/22	Fri	5:15 PM	0.24	L
2021/10/22	Fri	11:32 PM	3.85	H
2021/10/23	Sat	04:26 AM	2.18	L
2021/10/23	Sat	10:41 AM	5.56	H
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (OCTOBER 19)

When you look back on this year, what you did will matter far less than who you were with. Social fun fulfills. It will teach you about yourself and send you on adventures. You'll work toward a goal with tremendous success that never quite feels like a big win; this is incremental, but life-changing, daily progress. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 20, 31 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Generosity looks marvelous on you. You give what you have a surplus of -- support, love, smiles and compassion. It's not difficult for you because you've cultivated this your whole life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Would you ever have thought you'd be standing where you are now, among these people, doing what you're doing? Yet here you are. Life is unpredictable, though trying to predict it will be a joy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everyone has failings. Negative events and qualities do stand out in the experience of knowing another person. Rise above this primal fact of humanity and join in the grace and compassion of angels.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Luckily, you're not the judge, so there is precious little requiring your evaluation. You can relax and assume a posture of acceptance. How exhausting it would be if you had to weigh in on everything!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your creativity is going strong today. Keep making things like you do. Let nothing discourage you. This is part of what keeps you vital, and you'll be remembered for it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Stimulated by the challenge at hand, inside your brain, a million tiny light flashes turn on. Freshly illuminated and filled with courage, your mind sets sail to conquer new territory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the past, you saw a red flag as important information to weigh against more favorable assessments of the subject. Now, you see a red flag as a signal to turn around, swerve to avoid or run in the opposite direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're so relaxed within yourself that you can settle in and enjoy any environment, even completely foreign ones. You feel respectfully comfortable and at home wherever you go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Awareness invigorates a tired scene. Boredom goes away when you focus well. Once you tune in to the deeper levels, you'll notice many fascinations you missed before.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Abundance is not always about eating well, traveling in style or having nice things. There's a divine intelligence doling out the blessings. Send a mental thank-you note for what you've recently received.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You see the same clear path to the smart choice that everyone else sees. But you're not only smart; you're clever. You can create benefits beyond the traditional course of benefits this path is known to provide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Infatuation can strike anywhere. You can become fascinated with a person, an enterprise, a color, an idea or an area of interest. The energy of this state of mind is as powerful as it is temporary.

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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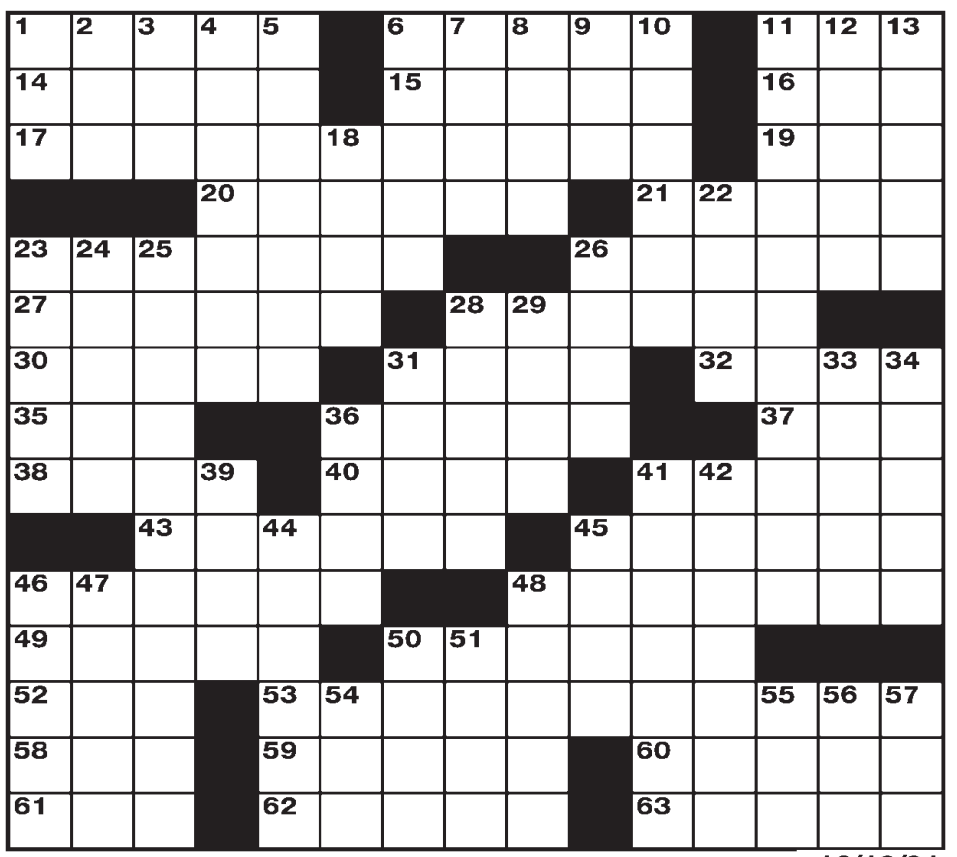
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Newsday Crossword

DESSERT CART by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS
1 Coffee lightener
6 Argentina's elongated neighbor
11 __ for the course (about average)
14 Unusual knickknack
15 Luxury watch brand
16 Suffix for social or suburban
17 Clever person
19 List ending abbr.
20 Glass-raising rituals
21 Coffee with chocolate
23 Declares to be true
26 Maintenance cost
27 Decorative feathers
28 Casual eatery
30 Helped
31 "If all __ fails . . ."
32 Spherical hairdo
35 Bylaw, for short
36 Hair that's entwined
37 Police officer
38 Birch or willow
40 "If it __ broke . . ."
41 Long for
43 Legendary
45 Agitated briskly, as a cocktail
46 Placed at intervals
48 Ads that entice
49 Secret supply
50 Foul odor
52 Select, with "for"
53 Unrealistic aspiration
58 Prefix meaning "recent"
59 Major happening
60 According to
61 Go astray
62 Distance to the bottom
63 Sticks around

DOWN
1 Includes in an email: Abbr.
2 Jamaican liquor
3 Memorable period
4 When a TV show is on
5 Went for a drive
6 Intersect, as roads
7 Owl's call
8 Categories
9 Hawaiian necklace
10 Not subject to taxes
11 Something easy
12 __ moment (currently)
13 Postgame summary
18 Video recorders, for short
22 Gumbo veggie
23 Take __ (disassemble)
24 Pilot
25 Margin for error
26 Preowned
28 Without much flavor
29 "What time __?"
31 A Great Lake
33 Wanderer
34 Unlocks
36 Treadless, as tires
39 Apiece
41 Does a Cuban dance
42 Most reckless
44 Summoned via pager
45 Mailed away
46 British biscuit
47 Origami sheet
48 Last Commandment
50 Ooze
51 Windshield coloring
54 "Now __ seen everything!"
55 Healthful resort
56 Door opener
57 12-mo. periods



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

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 longheld secrets stirred up when a dead body washes up on the beach. To register, email karen.reitz@santamonica.gov. 7 - 8 p.m.. Every walker receives a t-shirt and gift bag.

WEDNESDAY | OCT 20

MYSTERY 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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THURSDAY | OCT 21

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FRIDAY | OCT 22

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October 23: Ocean Park Portraits by Marco Pallotti and Desert Views by D.J. Hall. View the exhibitions Wednesday - Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Opening Reception is Friday, October 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m. https://californiaheritagemuseum.org/contact-email-list or call 310-392-8537 to RSVP. 2612 Main Street

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Mezcal El Silencio and Tequila Dahlia are teaming up with Happy Trails for Kids, a nonprofit organization providing overnight summer camps and other year-round outdoor adventures/programming for youth in the Southern California foster care system, as they host their 4th annual Taste Of Camp Fundraiser, inviting guests to reminisce over camp memories or make new ones in an outdoor evening filled with philanthropy. 101 Wilshire Blvd. 6:30 p.m. $150. Visit happytrailsforkids.org for tickets.

FREE LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY NIGHTS
Good-time, Americana band Wild Rust delivers high energy honkey tonk songs to soulful ballads with beautifully blended vocal harmonies at the Third Street Promenade's Main Stage. Live music from 7-8 p.m.

MARION DAVIES GUEST HOUSE TOUR
Santa Monica Conservancy docents are on hand to share the rich history of the Beach House site from the 1920s onward. Free 20-minute docent tours are available on a walk-up basis, for groups of up to six people. Just head to the Marion Davies Guest House where you will be greeted by a docent. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY | OCT 23

DUETS – DIANNE REEVES, CHUCHO VALDÉS & JOE LOVANO
Three legends. Twelve GRAMMY® Awards. One night. This all-star evening of piano duets features the most influential figure in modern Afro-Cuban jazz, Chucho Valdés, sharing the stage with preeminent jazz vocalist, Dianne Reeves, and celebrated saxophonist Joe Lovano. Broad Stage, 1310 11th St, 7:30 p.m., $60, https://thebroadstage.org/performances/2021-22/jazz-blues/duets.

SUNDAY | OCT 24

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods from local Main Street restaurants as well as artisanal foods prepared with ingredients sourced from California farmers. 2640 Main Street. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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CHIEF

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behalf of the entire council, we look forward to a long and successful collaboration with you and the dedicated officers of the Santa Monica Police Department," Himmelrich said.

Batista was welcomed with warmth and enthusiasm by his peers and all in attendance.

"You shared that you dreamed about becoming a police officer as a young boy. It is truly amazing and humbling to be standing here with you today as you continue to live your dream, and be sworn in as our next Chief of Police," White said.

Batista believes that policing means safeguarding people's lives and providing public safety. He said it is the police department's responsibility that residents and visitors of Santa Monica feel safe every day.

"Here in Santa Monica, and let me emphasize that, here in Santa Monica the philosophy of service, strong values, and a desire to serve with honor are wholeheartedly embedded in the culture of the Santa Monica Police Department," said Batista. "And in the years to come, we will continue the work of collaboration with you, of building trust and legitimacy through transparency. We will work with you and our city partners to find long lasting solutions to our pressing issues."

The City's new Chief of Police began his career with the Tucson Police Department in 1986, and worked his way through the ranks. He has had many roles including the assistant Chief of Police, and in 2017, was appointed as the Police Chief in Mesa, Arizona.

Batista has been recognized for his leadership skills and for forging strong bonds with the community. He's also the co-author of the book "Do No Harm: 5 Steps to Align Police Actions with Community," which was published last October and hones in on the steps police departments can take to align police actions with community values.

"Santa Monica, we will do this together and I can't wait to get started. And frankly, I can't wait to get out there and meet all of you," Batista said.

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ROTARY

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in meals, speaker events, fundraisers and service projects. The Rotary Club of Santa Monica is one of the largest and most active Rotary Clubs in the Los Angeles area and includes over 120 business and professional leaders.

The idea of cause-based clubs was thought up by the District Governor Guity Javid, and it is being brought into fruition by New Club Development Chair Makiko Nakasone, Mentoring Team Leader Marsha Hunt and Terry.

To join the new cause-based rotary clubs members can expect to pay $170 to $200 due to the members meeting online as opposed to paying for lunch, hotel costs and meeting room rentals. However, cause-based members can schedule in-person events as well.

Caused-based clubs also do not require members to live in the community where the club is located in either. The Santa Monica based "protect the environment club" is looking for at least 20 new members to get the club underway, but they will not be pulling current rotarians from different clubs.

The non-profit organization wants to find new rotarians and also realizes people are connected to their current clubs. New cause-based clubs will need to vote on their President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and identify who is going to be on their board. Club members will also need to decide on bylaws, determine its programs, speakers and projects.

Currently, Rotary International has seven areas of focus: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, maternal care for women and children, supporting education, growing local economies and now, the environment, which was added last year.

Although the cause-based club model differs from traditional rotary clubs, its morals and values stay the same.

"It's called The Four Way test," Hunt said. "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Is it beneficial to all concerned?"

To get involved visit: https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved

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OIL

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workers, according to the company.

MSC representatives did not immediately respond to email messages seeking comment. A security guard reached by telephone at the company's headquarters in Geneva said it was closed until Monday.

The vessel's owner, identified by the Coast Guard as Dordellas Finance Corporation, could not be reached for comment.

The DANIT arrived in Long Beach this weekend after voyaging from China, according to marine traffic monitoring websites.

The investigation into what caused the spill could lead to criminal charges or civil penalties, but none have been announced yet, and Kneen said the probe could continue for months.

Attorneys for MSC and Dordellas will have the chance to examine and cross-examine the government's witnesses in the case and also to call their own witnesses, according to the Coast Guard. The investigation also includes the National Transportation Safety Board and other agencies.

Kneen declined to say if any damage was found to an anchor on the DANIT after a team of at least five investigators spent much of Saturday aboard the ship.

At least two other vessels were previously boarded by investigators, who are examining logs kept by the ships' captains, officers and engineers and voyage data recorders — equivalent to the so-called black box on airplanes.

In response to the new focus on the DANIT, the Houston-based owner of the damaged pipeline, Amplify Energy, thanked the Coast Guard for its continued work on the case.

Amplify representatives have not directly responded to questions about an hourslong delay between an alarm indicating a potential problem with the pipeline and the company reporting the leak to federal authorities.

COURT

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compliance. The lawsuit from environmental groups challenges that approach, arguing it failed to take into account local conditions and possible effects on water, bees and other pollinators and human health.

Spraying pesticides is not the only tool the state uses for pest management, but it was the focus of the lawsuit.

The lawsuit will now go back to the lower court. It's not yet clear whether the entire program will be scrapped or if the state will be allowed to change certain aspects.

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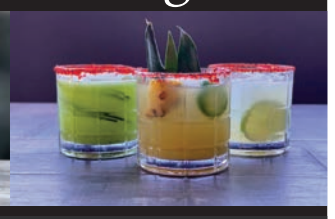
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