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OPENINGS: Seafood is on the menu at the newly opened Sugar Palm.

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There has been quite a boom in new Santa Monica eateries, presenting a tracking challenge for even the most assiduous of foodies. Fortunately, the Daily Press has compiled a round up of all the new culinary hotspots. This is part two, to see part one: Southeast Asian street food, churros and mocktails, consult the Nov. 2 issue.

PINK DAISY CAFE

Hardcore Blue Daisy fans who have grown tired of the long lines plaguing the cafe during brunch, will be pleased to hear they have a new place to get their waffle fix. Pink Daisy is billed as the little sister to Blue Daisy and serves a range of coffee, boba, waffles, pastries and snacks.

There is a distinct emphasis on cuteness in the new space, which is unsurprisingly decorated almost exclusively in pink. The cone shaped bubble waffles are designed to be filled with a variety of scrumptious additions including nutella, icecream, fruit and whipped cream. Boba is a staple on the menu and offered in matcha, milk tea and creamy espresso flavors. There are also a range of sandwiches for those craving something more savory and superfood lattes for the health conscious.

Pink Daisy Cafe is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. everyday at 321 Santa Monica Blvd.

SUGAR PALM

The newly renovated Viceroy Hotel features a brand new restaurant that pairs perfectly with poolside lounging. Sugar Palm is an indoor-outdoor restaurant centered around California coastal cuisine. Seating options include an indoor dining room, outdoor patio, wraparound bar, poolside lounge seating and a dining cabana. The menu is designed by Chef Jason Francisco and is focused on fresh seafood sourced mostly from Fish King in Glendale.

Highlights include Peruvian scallops done ceviche style, charred Spanish octopus, Jidori roasted chicken and hanger steak. The restaurant might also win earliest opening time in Santa Monica with its aptly titled Sunrise Menu serving dishes such as duck confit chilaquiles from 6:30 a.m. onwards. The restaurant also features a custom cocktail menu with creations such as the SaMo Sunset, which is meant to be reminiscent of the local coastal sky at nightfall and includes rye

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New location, same mission for S.P.Y.

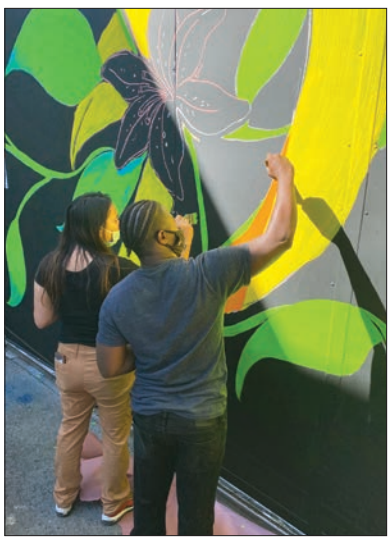
MATTHEW HALL
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Safe Place For Youth (SPY), one of the only agencies serving homeless youth in Los Angeles, is operating out of a new location due to the pending construction that will transform their former home into an integrated housing/services center.

Venice Community Housing is planning to build Lincoln Apartments at 2469-2471 Lincoln Boulevard. VCH will create 40 new units of affordable, supportive housing including studios, one-bedrooms and two-bedrooms. Preliminary plans include open space and the preservation of important community services of Safe Place for Youth (SPY) on the ground floor.

In the meantime, SPY is temporarily relocating its Access Center to 340 Sunset Ave. and while the location has changed, officials said SPY's core services are not only continuing but are likely to see increased efforts.

Erika Hartman, the new



Courtesy photo

SPY: The new center is open.

Executive Director of SPY, said she working to restore services hampered by pandemic safety protocols and is particularly focused on job training and placement services that help form a long-term foundation for lifting clients out of homelessness.

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LA County to pay $2.5M to settle Kobe crash photo lawsuits

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles County agreed Tuesday to pay $2.5 million to two families who lost relatives in last year's helicopter crash that killed Kobe Bryant, his daughter and seven other people.

The Board of Supervisors approved a settlement of two federal lawsuits filed by the Altobelli and Mauser families alleging they suffered emotional distress over graphic photographs of the scene that reportedly were taken or shared by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies and firefighters.

A similar lawsuit by Bryant's widow continues, however.

Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and the others were flying to a girls basketball tournament on Jan. 26, 2020, when their helicopter crashed in the Calabasas hills west of Los Angeles in foggy weather. Federal safety officials blamed pilot error for the wreck.

The settlement, if approved by a judge, will pay $1.25 million to Matthew Mauser, whose wife was

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Drug companies win in California opioid crisis lawsuit

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A California judge has ruled for top drug manufacturers as local governments seek billions of dollars to cover their costs from the nation's opioid epidemic.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Peter Wilson issued a tentative ruling on Monday that said the governments hadn't proven the pharmaceutical companies used deceptive marketing to increase unnecessary opioid prescriptions and create a public nuisance.

"There is simply no evidence to show that the rise in prescriptions was not the result of the medically appropriate provision of pain medications to patients in need," Wilson wrote in a ruling of more than 40 pages.

"Any adverse downstream consequences flowing from medically appropriate prescriptions cannot constitute an actionable public nuisance," the ruling said.

Los Angeles, Orange and Santa Clara counties and the city of Oakland argued that the pharmaceutical companies misled both doctors and patients by downplaying the risks of addictions, overdoses, deaths and other health complications while overstating the benefits for long-term health conditions.

The plaintiffs said they were disappointed by the ruling but planned to appeal to "ensure no opioid manufacturer can engage in reckless corporate practices that compromise public health in the state for their own profit."

The lawsuit names Johnson & Johnson, along with AbbVie Inc's Allergan subsidiary, Endo International, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries and others.

The companies had argued in court filings "that opioid medications are an appropriate treatment for many chronic-pain patients" and that much of their marketing mimicked approved warnings by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Historically, the local jurisdictions say, the powerful drugs had been used only immediately after surgeries or for other acute, short-term pain, or for cancer or palliative care.

The drugmakers "successfully transformed the way doctors treat chronic pain, opening the floodgates of opioid prescribing and use," the lawsuit contended. "This explosion in opioid prescriptions and use has padded Defendants' profit margins at the expense of chronic pain patients."

The federal government says nearly a half-million Americans have died from opioid abuse since 2001.

All sides have acknowledged that there is an opioid abuse epidemic.

Wilson said drug abuse hospitalizations and overdose deaths "starkly demonstrate the enormity of the ongoing problem."

In a statement, Johnson & Johnson said the "crisis is a tremendously complex public health issue," but the decision showed it engaged in "appropriate and responsible" marketing of its prescription painkillers.

Endo International said the decision was "thorough and thoughtful" following months of testimony and that the company's "lawful conduct did not cause the widespread public nuisance at issue" in the lawsuit.

Teva said it was pleased with the ruling but "a clear win for the many patients in the U.S. who suffer from opioid addiction will only come when comprehensive settlements are finalized and resources are made available to all who need them."

The plaintiffs projected that, based on experts' estimates, it could cost $50 billion to provide comprehensive opioid abatement programs in the four jurisdictions that filed the lawsuit. The money would go for things like ongoing opioid abuse prevention and treatment programs in Los Angeles and Santa Clara counties.

The California case was the first such U.S. lawsuit when it was filed in 2014, prosecutors said at the time. But thousands of similar lawsuits have since been filed nationwide by cities, counties and states.

It was just the second such case to go to trial, after an Oklahoma judge ordered Johnson & Johnson to pay $465 million in 2019. The company is appealing that decision.

A similar trial is underway in federal court in West Virginia, where local governments sued the nation's three biggest drug-distribution companies: AmerisourceBergen Drug Co., Cardinal Health Inc. and McKesson Corp. Other lawsuits have resulted in massive settlements or proposed settlements.

Johnson & Johnson and those three companies in July were in the final stages of negotiating a $26 billion settlement covering thousands of government lawsuits, though it

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT 3:30 A.M.

Officers were dispatched to the area of 7th and Pico for a verbal altercation that progressed into a physical fight between a man and a woman. Officers contacted a female that explained her sister's vehicle was involved in a hit and run by the suspects and the victim and her sister took chase. The suspects eventually stopped the car and after being confronted, the sisters were able to remove the keys from the ignition of the suspect's car. This angered the suspect and he proceeded to hit the victim in the face. A neighbor heard the confrontation and attempted to break up the fight, but ended up being punched as well . The suspect identified as Joel Sandoval from Bakersfield was placed under arrest for 243(a) PC - Battery.

Facebook to shut down face-recognition system, delete data

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AP Technology Writers

Facebook said it will shut down its face-recognition system and delete the faceprints of more than 1 billion people amid growing concerns about the technology and its misuse by governments, police and others.

"This change will represent one of the largest shifts in facial recognition usage in the technology's history," Jerome Pesenti, vice president of artificial intelligence for Facebook's new parent company, Meta, wrote in a blog post on Tuesday.

He said the company was trying to weigh the positive use cases for the technology "against growing societal concerns, especially as regulators have yet to provide clear rules." The company in the coming weeks will delete "more than a billion people's individual facial recognition templates," he said.

Facebook's about-face follows a busy few weeks. On Thursday it announced its new name Meta for Facebook the company, but not the social network. The change, it said, will help it focus on building technology for what it envisions as the next iteration of the internet — the "metaverse."

The company is also facing perhaps its biggest public relations crisis to date after leaked documents from whistleblower Frances Haugen showed that it has known about the harms its products cause and often did little or nothing to mitigate them.

Facebook didn't immediately respond to questions about how people could verify that their image data was deleted, or what it would be doing with the underlying technology.

More than a third of Facebook's daily active users have opted in to have their faces recognized by the social network's system. That's about 640 million people. Facebook introduced facial recognition more than a decade ago but gradually made it easier to opt out of the feature as it faced scrutiny from courts and regulators.

Facebook in 2019 stopped automatically recognizing people in photos and suggesting people "tag" them, and instead of making that the default, asked users to choose if they wanted to use its facial recognition feature.

Facebook's decision to shut down its system "is a good example of trying to make product decisions that are good for the user and the company," said Kristen Martin, a professor of technology ethics at the University of Notre Dame. She added that the move also demonstrates the power of public and regulatory pressure, since the face recognition system has been the subject of harsh criticism for over a decade.

Meta Platforms Inc., Facebook's parent company, appears to be looking at new forms of identifying people. Pesenti said Tuesday's announcement involves a "company-wide move away from this kind of broad identification, and toward narrower forms of personal authentication."

"Facial recognition can be particularly valuable when the technology operates privately on a person's own devices," he wrote. "This method of on-device facial recognition, requiring no communication of face data with an external server, is most commonly deployed today in the systems used to unlock smartphones."

Apple uses this kind of technology to power its Face ID system for unlocking iPhones.

Researchers and privacy activists have spent years raising questions about the tech industry's use of face-scanning software, citing studies that found it worked unevenly across boundaries of race, gender or age. One concern has been that the technology can incorrectly identify people with darker skin.

Another problem with face recognition is that in order to use it, companies have had to create unique faceprints of huge numbers of people – often without their consent and in ways that can be used to fuel systems that track people, said Nathan Wessler of the American Civil Liberties Union, which has fought Facebook and other companies over their use of the technology.

"This is a tremendously significant recognition that this technology is inherently dangerous," he said.

Facebook found itself on the other end of the debate last year when it demanded that facial recognition startup ClearviewAI, which works with police, stop harvesting Facebook and Instagram user images to identify the people in them.

Concerns also have grown because of increasing awareness of the Chinese government's extensive video surveillance system, especially as it's been employed in a region home to one of China's largely Muslim ethnic minority populations.

Facebook's huge repository of images shared by users helped make it a powerhouse for improvements in computer vision, a branch of artificial intelligence. Now many of those research teams have been refocused on Meta's ambitions for augmented reality technology, in which the company envisions future users strapping on goggles to experience a blend of virtual and physical worlds. Those technologies, in turn, could pose new concerns about how people's biometric data is collected and tracked.

Meta's newly wary approach to facial recognition follows decisions by other U.S. tech giants such as Amazon, Microsoft and IBM last year to end or pause their sales of facial recognition software to police, citing concerns about false identifications and amid a broader U.S. reckoning over policing and racial injustice.

At least seven U.S. states and nearly two dozen cities have limited government use of the technology amid fears over civil rights violations, racial bias and invasion of privacy.

President Joe Biden's science and technology office in October launched a fact-finding mission to look at facial recognition and other biometric tools used to identify people or assess their emotional or mental states and character. European regulators and lawmakers have also taken steps toward blocking law enforcement from scanning facial features in public spaces.

Facebook's face-scanning practices also contributed to the $5 billion fine and privacy restrictions the Federal Trade Commission imposed on the company in 2019. Facebook's settlement with the FTC included a promise to require "clear and conspicuous" notice before

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 246 CALLS ON NOVEMBER 1

Loud Music 800Blk Bay St 12:59 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 100Blk Broadway 1:44 a.m.
Death Investigation 1600Blk 11th St 1:57 a.m.
Person With A Gun Berkeley St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:08 a.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1200Blk 4th St 2:34 a.m.
Loud Music 2300Blk 4th St 3:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 500Blk Wilshire Blvd 4:08 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 800Blk Maple St 4:16 a.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk Colorado Ave 6:30 a.m.
Trespassing 1000Blk Colorado Ave 7:06 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 7th St / San Vicente Blvd 7:25 a.m.
Vehicle Cite & Tow (Parking Problem) 1400Blk Harvard St 7:27 a.m.
Fraud Report 2400Blk 20th St 7:42 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200Blk Marine St 7:42 a.m.
Encampment 1300Blk Pico Blvd 7:50 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2300Blk Main St 8:03 a.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 2400Blk Virginia Ave 8:17 a.m.
Loud Music 1100Blk 7th St 8:17 a.m.
Burglary Report 1200Blk 6th St 8:37 a.m.
Found Property 200Blk Hollister Ave 8:37 a.m.
Encampment 1600Blk Washington Ave 8:52 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 900Blk 15th St 8:58 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 2000Blk 21st St 9:15 a.m.
Battery Report 4th St / Wilshire Blvd 9:25 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 2500Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Trespassing 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 9:30 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 1600Blk Wilshire Blvd 9:43 a.m.
Found Property 200Blk Strand St 9:43 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 1400Blk W 6th St 9:53 a.m.
Critical Missing Person 700Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:58 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 2700Blk Main St 10:04 a.m.
Encampment 1700Blk Expo Line 10:06 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400Blk 6th St 10:18 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 300Blk Ashland Ave 10:25 a.m.
Trespassing 3300Blk Pico Blvd 10:26 a.m.
Missing Person 2600Blk Barnard Way 10:37 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 1100Blk 15th St 10:46 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1200Blk Harvard St 10:50 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 2100Blk Arizona Ave 10:53 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 100Blk Broadway 11:15 a.m.
Encampment 1400Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:31 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 11:35 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 4th St / Olympic Blvd E 11:35 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk Main St 11:59 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed 23rd St / Santa Monica Blvd 12:17 p.m.
Trespassing 300Blk Santa Monica Pier 12:25 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:27 p.m.
Lost Property 3100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:36 p.m.
Encampment 700Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:57 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300Blk 4th St 1:36 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 4th St / Raymond Ave 1:46 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Princeton St / Wilshire Blvd 1:54 p.m.
Expired Registration 1000Blk 3rd St 2:02 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400Blk Yale St 2:11 p.m.
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Traffic Hazard Euclid St / Pico Blvd 5:26 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 2700Blk Barnard Way 5:51 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 3200Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:10 p.m.
Trespassing 2600Blk Wilshire Blvd 6:10 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Broadway 6:49 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1300Blk 2nd St 7:01 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Princeton St / Wilshire Blvd 7:02 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2300Blk Wilshire Blvd 7:06 p.m.
Found Property 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 7:16 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Neilson Way / Pico Blvd 7:23 p.m.
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Automatic Alarm 1200Blk 6th St 8:01 p.m.
EMS 100Blk Broadway 10:18 p.m.
Smoke Investigation 15th St / Arizona Ave 10:25 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 7th St 10:28 p.m.
EMS 1100Blk 4th St 11:28 p.m.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

COVID-19 Cases Among Healthcare Workers Decline

Cases among healthcare workers declined from 257 cases reported the week ending October 2, to 166 new cases reported the week ending October 23. Of the 166 new cases among healthcare workers reported across the county; 78 cases were reported among vaccinated healthcare workers and 88 among unvaccinated workers.

Since the pandemic began, 46,376 healthcare workers and first responders have tested positive for COVID-19. To date, 300 healthcare workers have tragically passed away from COVID-19; most deaths occurring between July 2020 and February 2021 with staff at skilled nursing facilities and hospitals accounting for most deaths. Since October 2, seven healthcare workers have passed away from COVID-19.

Healthcare workers are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19; those with an approved medical or religious exemption need to be tested once or twice weekly. Most hospitals and healthcare providers are reporting relatively high rates of vaccination among their employees. Last week's report from skilled nursing facilities indicated that 95% of staff are fully vaccinated. The State is working with the licensing divisions to assess overall compliance.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) confirms 7 new deaths and 990 new cases of COVID-19. The number of cases and deaths reflect reporting delays over the weekend. Of the 7 new deaths reported today, three people who passed away were over the age of 80, three people who died were between the ages of 65 and 79, and one person who died was between the ages of 50 and 64. To date, Public Health has identified 1,494,119 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 26,644 deaths.

There are 672 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized. Testing results are available for more than 9,070,000 individuals with 15% of people testing positive. Today's test positivity rate is 0.8%.

"To the families and friends grieving the loss of a loved one to COVID-19, we are deeply sorry for your loss and wish you peace," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "There is urgency for those unvaccinated to get vaccinated, and for those eligible for an additional dose because of their age, underlying health conditions, or occupation, to get their booster. We saw last year how damaging the virus can be and how colder weather and increased intermingling leads to more transmission. We are lucky that this year we have powerful vaccines that can effectively blunt transmission. However, there is only a small window of time still available to improve vaccination coverage across the county before the holiday season takes off. Let's do everything possible to make sure scores of people don't spend the holidays away from those they love because they are sick or hospitalized with the virus."

Public Health encourages everyone not yet vaccinated to get vaccinated, and everyone eligible for a booster to get their booster. All three FDA-approved vaccines; Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson are available for eligible individuals

People eligible for boosters include adults of any age who received their first Johnson & Johnson dose at least two months ago, and people who got the second dose of their Pfizer or Moderna vaccines at least six months ago and are 65-plus years old or are over 18 and live in long-term care settings, have underlying medical conditions, or work or live in high-risk settings.

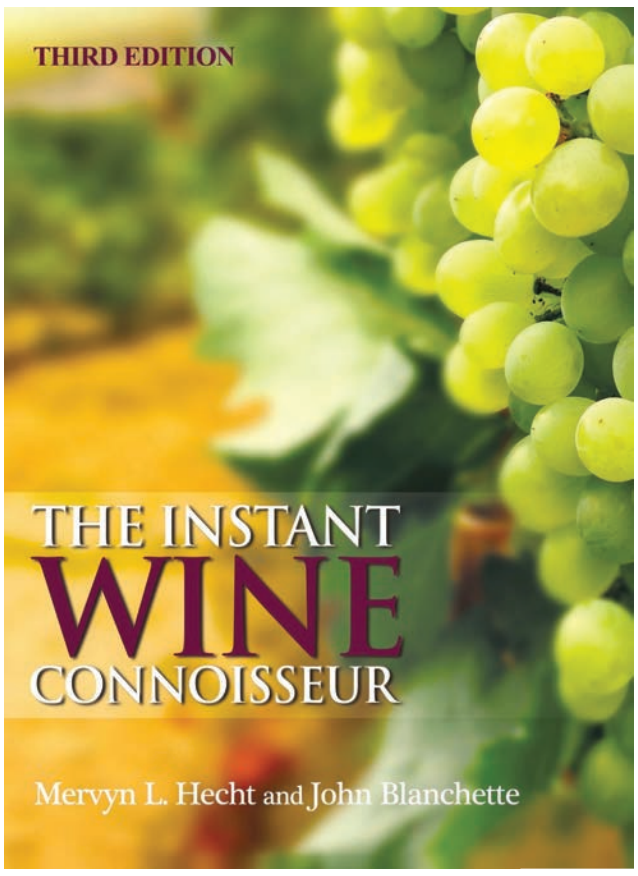
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★★★★★ Well written, particularly useful, instantly accessible.
★★★★★ ...Hecht has a joyful eye and fabulous taste



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Bull Runs Wild in SM!

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION?

Of the "vulgar" term commonly shortened to "BS"?

Merriam-Webster defines BS: "to talk nonsense to, especially with the intention of deceiving or misleading." Wikipedia declares it is "used to describe statements made by people concerned with the response of the audience, rather than with truth and accuracy." The Urban Dictionary, of course, keeps it real: "stupid or untrue talk or writing; nonsense... misleading, which is profited from because there are so many gullible people in our society." Finally, the key word: profit.

"BS!" is usually a reaction, blurted out, calling out a spoken or printed assertion. But it has become much more. It has become the operating norm, by which elections are determined and society directed. Because those willing to make obscene amounts of money from the suffering of others realize being upfront about their plans would not fly, and so, the BS machine cranks up. Because it works, and there is no downside, no accountability, We are today drowning in BS.

BUT EVERYBODY THROWS THE BULL

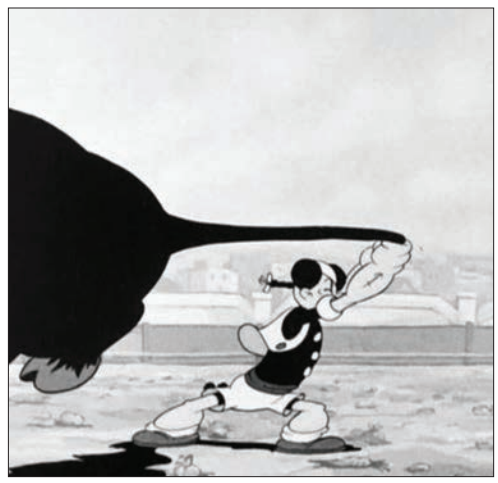
Right? So why even mention it? Because it can destroy your beachside city, or even kill. If you are old enough, you remember the advertising campaigns by the tobacco companies in the mid-20th century, up until they were forced to sort-of tell the truth about their killer weed. The ads featured lots of reassuring doctors and nurses (or actors) in crisp white coats puffing contentedly on their preferred brand, so superior to all the other brands, and better for you. The tobacco companies knew their product caused cancer, decades before we did. Yet their disinformation campaign was so successful that one-third of real doctors, by 1980, did not believe the connection had been proven.

100 million people died worldwide of tobacco-related causes during the 20th century. One hundred million. You probably think, nobody smokes anymore, but tobacco currently kills 5.4 million per year, nearly half a million Americans. I suppose it is one way of fighting overpopulation, but a pretty painful way.

If the intentional disinformation campaign of big tobacco isn't BS, lethal BS, I don't know what is. Profit. If you don't yet believe there are good ol' American corporations willing to kill on a massive scale for profit on a massive scale, best recalibrate.

DID SOMEONE MENTION THE NRA?

Trump, Hitler and other demagogues rely on the effectiveness of BS, sometimes known as propaganda. Prof. Richard Evans: "Hitler realized that if he tells very simple messages, it doesn't matter if they're true or not. You have to keep repeating them, keep hammering them in. Empty slogans but carrying a message that, although vague, is very powerful."



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BULL: Beach people do not like Bull!

"Make Germany great again"? How about, we need to build thousands more housing units in Santa Monica. (Never mind no water.) Or, bikes and scooters good, cars bad. Or, we have to solve OUR "homeless" problem. We're going to save Main Street by blocking it off. And the tried and true, from SM to Sacramento to DC: (ahem, Sen. Manchin?) — we can't afford it.

I remember the first time I whiffed BS in SM, when I started to pay attention to why my beloved city was going to heck in a handbasket, and the argument then, delivered with a straight face, was, if we don't take this development money it will go somewhere else! And my response was — so? Let it. Santa Monica will always be a desirable place to build, so we should be very selective who we let build what.

WE DON'T HAVE A HOUSING CRISIS

Despite the relentless Chicken Little chorus screaming that we do — we have an affordability crisis, and you can't build your way out of that. In fact the more new units you build, the more prices rise for all stock, new and existing. We are already one of the densest coastal cities in CA, at 11,000 per square mile, BUT, that does not count the 200,000 visitors we get every day. And we currently have an estimated 4,500 empty units.

For years the accepted BS here has been, we need to build, build, build — but for whom? Workers making minimum wage, so they won't have to commute? Get serious. It would seem pretty obvious we are building for the young high-wage techies who don't live here yet but really want to... for a year or two. So our "strategy" has been to let developers build six stories where there was one, 300 market rate apartments and condos, in exchange for also building 30 low-cost ones. It's just a lame excuse for handing over properties worth millions to developers.

What BS. But that has been the accepted standard here for years. I always thought all attention should be focused on some

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GOP push to politicize school board races gets election test

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School board races, once sleepy and localized, have become the new front in a culture war raging across the nation as resentments over COVID-19 restrictions and anti-racism curriculum reach a boiling point.

On Tuesday, voters weigh in on dozens of races that have been dominated by debates over masks, vaccines, race and history. The outcomes will decide not just districts' policies but also whether the education fight has staying power as part of the national discourse and becomes a rallying issue for Republicans in the 2022 midterms.

Conservatives have eagerly taken up the cause as they look to move past the coronavirus pandemic and to reframe the discussion on racial injustice in America as a rewriting of history.

The political tracking website Ballotpedia has identified 76 school districts in 22 states where candidates took a stance on race in education or critical race theory, which holds that racism is systemic in America's institutions and which the National School Boards Association says is not taught in K-12 public schools.

1776 Action, a group inspired by former President Donald Trump's now-disbanded 1776 Commission that played down America's role in slavery, has been urging candidates to sign a pledge calling for the restoration of "honest, patriotic education." At least 300 candidates and elected officials have done so, said Adam Waldeck, the group's president.

"2021 is really going to sort of be seen as kind of a canary in the coal mine of what's coming down the pike next year and into the future," Waldeck said. "This will be the year that I think primarily parents stand up and say, 'You know, we have a voice, too.' And I think it's going to be overwhelming."

Board meetings have grown so contentious that they are being mocked in "Saturday Night Live" skits. Some board members have been called Nazis and child abusers. The National School Boards Association even likened some of what is happening to "domestic terrorism" before apologizing.

Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers, accused the right wing of orchestrating protests to "turn schools into battlegrounds with the goal of winning elections by politicizing both public health and history." She noted the Virginia governor's race, in which Republican newcomer Glenn Youngkin has seized on conservatives' frustrations with schools over pandemic policies and diversity education.

Even former Vice President Mike Pence has gotten into the game, taking a moment during a campaign rally in Ohio on Saturday to urge voters to support conservative school board candidates in Tuesday's election.

Waldeck said his group also sent out mailers and targeted text messages in races in Johnston, Iowa, where three candidates have signed the pledge, and in West Chester, Pennsylvania, where law enforcement was called to investigate threats against school board president Chris McCune.

The backlash stems from his ordering the removal from a July meeting of a parent who kept demanding information about critical race theory after her two-minute time limit had ended. McCune, who is on the ballot, wrote in a letter to the Daily Local News newspaper in Pennsylvania that it is his duty to "maintain order" and insisted that the district doesn't even teach critical race theory.

"National and local political forces continue to urge residents to rally against local school boards and CRT, even when board members and administrators have offered to meet to share the district's curriculum to demonstrate that it is simply not what we teach," he said.

The 1776 Project PAC, which is separate from 1776 Action and headed by New York political operative and author Ryan Girdusky, has invested in races across the country. It raised $289,544 in the third quarter, according to the latest report filed with the Federal Election Commission.

"I think anybody that's running was probably to a degree tipped over by COVID," said Jim McMullen, who is among three candidates the group is backing in the Blue Valley district in suburban Kansas City. The former English teacher and father of five had considered running before the pandemic but finally decided to mount a bid after the district went virtual and hybrid for parts of last year.

In Colorado, Schumé Navarro, who is running for the Cherry Creek School District, went to court last month to win the right to go without a face covering at a district candidate event. The mother of five said she's unable to wear a mask because of abuse she suffered as a child.

"The environment and the culture that it's creating is just stealing from our kids," she said of masks.

In Ohio, former state Republican chair Jane Timken has taken time from her campaign for the U.S. Senate to offer guidance and funding totaling more than $40,000 to more than 40 conservative candidates in hyperlocal school board races.

"We are helping them not just financially, but my team is knocking doors and making calls with them," said Timken, who said she completed a critical race theory "listening tour" that exposed cases of children being "indoctrinated with leftist policies."

In Wisconsin, voters in Mequon will decide whether to replace the majority of the Mequon-Thiensville school board. Amber Schroeder, an organizer of the Recall MTSD movement, said that along with slipping academic performance, parents are most concerned with critical race theory, which she sees as evident in the district's emphasis on equity.

"It's huge here," Schroeder said, noting the district's hiring of diversity consultants. "It's already infiltrated our curriculum."

In Minnesota, Erin Shelton has joined

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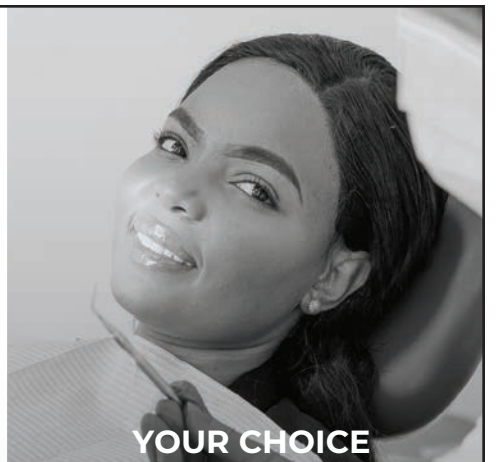
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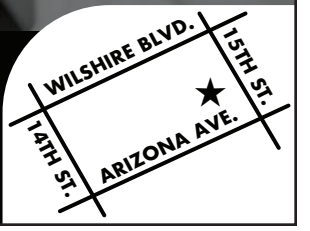
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whiskey, pomegranate liquor, cherry liqueur and bitters.

Sugar Palm is open daily for brunch from 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 3 to 10 p.m. It is located inside the Viceroy Santa Monica at 1819 Ocean Ave.

YAGUL CAFÉ

Yagul Café features Santa Monica's first Oaxacan coffee bar alongside a range of traditional Mexican comfort foods in a cosy neighborhood centric setting.

Chilaquiles, huevos rancheros, and breakfast burritos are some of the staple breakfast items, while lunch offerings include tortas, tacos, tamales, memelitas and chiles rellenos. Those with adventurous appetites should check out the chapulines — an Oaxacan specialty of toasted grasshoppers sautéed in lime garlic butter and served with rice, beans and handmade corn tortillas.

Yagul Café also has a comprehensive drink menu featuring a Oaxacan mocha, Oaxacan hot chocolate, a range of coffees, horchata and agua frescas. The juice bar has a series of fresh squeezed fruit and vegetable blends, while the smoothie menu has a range of dairy free and sugar free blends.

Yagul Café is open at 530 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 107 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Rebrand: Sushi Roku

While this 20 year old restaurant is certainly not new, the completely redone interior and reimaged Omakase menu would certainly fool the idle passerby. The dining room has new open air windows allowing the coastal breeze to drift in from Ocean Ave, while the renovated patio offers an al fresco oceanside option.

Although the sushi restaurant is longstanding it is certainly not traditional. The menu blends Japanese tradition with Latin American and European ingredients. Dishes are designed with an artful flair and feature accents like edible florals and shaved black truffles. Sushi lovers will not be let down by the range of nigiri, sashimi and rolls, while those looking for something different can check out any of the charcoal cooked entrees such as the grilled salmon with wasabi yuzu creme fraiche.

Sushi Roku is open at 1401 Ocean Ave from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

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SUGAR PALM: The new eatery at the Viceroy hotel is named Sugar Palm.

KOBE

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killed. Another $1.25 million will be shared by J.J. Altobelli and Alexis Altobelli, siblings who lost their mother, father and 14-year-old sister.

The county already spent about $1.3 million in legal costs in the two invasion-of-privacy cases, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The settlements are "reasonable and fair to all concerned," said Skip Miller, an attorney representing the county. "We are pleased that the Mauser and Altobelli families, who as private citizens suffered the same grief and loss as others, will be able to move forward after these settlements. We also hope that eventually the other families will be able to do the same."

Vanessa Bryant continues her own lawsuit over the photos, which weren't taken as part of the investigation into the crash.

A federal judge on Monday ruled that she won't have to undergo an independent psychological examination that the county had argued was necessary to determine whether she had suffered emotional distress.

Attorneys for the county had argued that Bryant had never seen the photographs, which haven't been made public.

According to the lawsuits, they were shared by a deputy trainee with some bar patrons and by a firefighter with a group of off-duty colleagues.

Vanessa Bryant said in a deposition that "for the rest of my life I'm going to have to fear that these photographs of my husband and child will be leaked."

Last week, the judge ordered that the sheriff and fire chief must provide depositions in the case, which is scheduled for trial in February.

Also pending is a lawsuit filed by survivors of crash victims Sarah Chester and her 13-year-old daughter.

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SPY

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She said many SPY clients were among the first wave of job cuts experienced by hospitality workers during shutdowns.

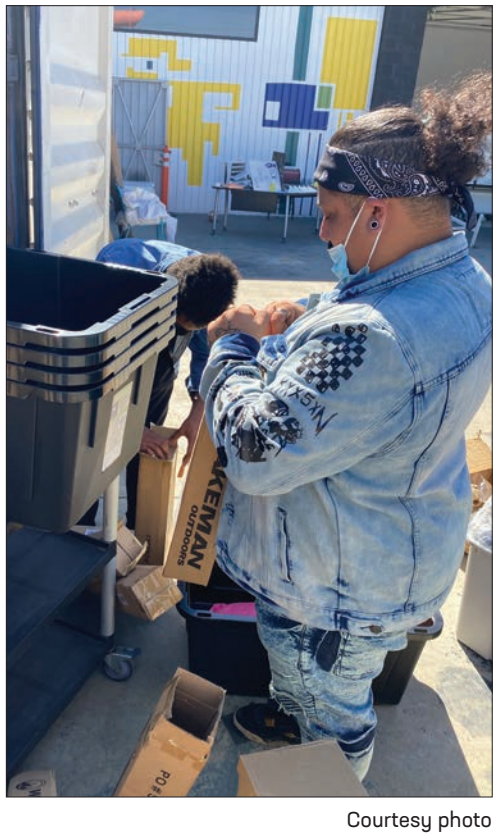
"We do some assessments of our members in terms of the things that are causing their homelessness or priorities for them in terms of services and one thing that I thought was super interesting was the number one thing that our members have been needing was employment," she said.

According to Hartman, lack of jobs was among the top three stressors for homeless youth alongside lack of money and food.

She said jobs, and the desire to work, are an important pathway out of homelessness but the disruption to that employment highlighted the precarious nature of life for homeless youth. Homeless youth lacked the resources to be able to weather prolonged unemployment and for many the loss of access to public space had a knock on effect for their employment status. They used public restrooms or other facilities to prepare for a work environment or possible interview which is why reopening SPY's in-person services are critically important to returning youth to the workforce.

"I think that people were particularly hard hit initially and that it's now our opportunity to try to help folks get job ready and come back in. And I think that maybe that's also reflective of some of the reasons that young folks have been coming for services, is that's now a priority to get job ready and get back out there."





Courtesy photo

PROGRAMS: Safe Place for Youth is restarting many programs shuttered by the pandemic.

She said that while moving is disruptive, the chance to build supportive housing is incredibly important to SPY's long-term goals and that efforts to lift youth out of homelessness are some the most impactful as they can prevent individuals from succumbing to a lifetime of poverty.

"When we think about all the encampments and how troubling that is for folks, we often hear that we don't want our children walking through encampments to go to the park or we don't want our children walking paths by encampments to go to school and one of the things that we're contending with is that we have young people that live in the encampments and that we don't want that either. Because the sooner that we can move them out, the less likely that they're going to be permanently chronically living in encampments."

Aside from the apartment project at their former location, the organization is also trying to expand other housing programs that include placing youth with volunteer families and operating housing options themselves.

"We want to figure out how to expand our housing assets and we are looking for different types of creative housing," she said. "We have been doing apartment style living with folks, so having other people either, share rooms or having our nest sites with our young families. So we are looking for more four bedroom houses that we can master lease and then rent to young folks. And, you know, I think that's been a challenge is that even just finding people that are willing to rent space to homeless service providers. Yeah, it is its own challenge."

Hartman said the organization is always interested in finding new businesses to connect with whether it's for housing or job opportunities.

"We're always looking for employers that can hire members, different types of community partnerships and, figuring out where folks can help plug in," she said.

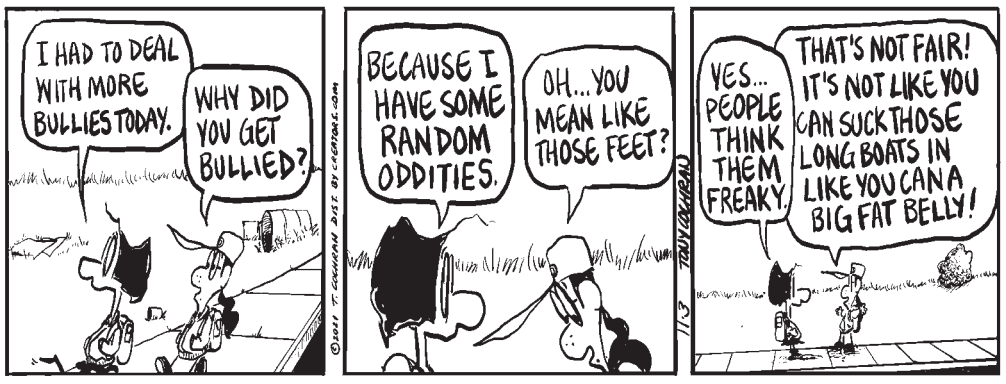
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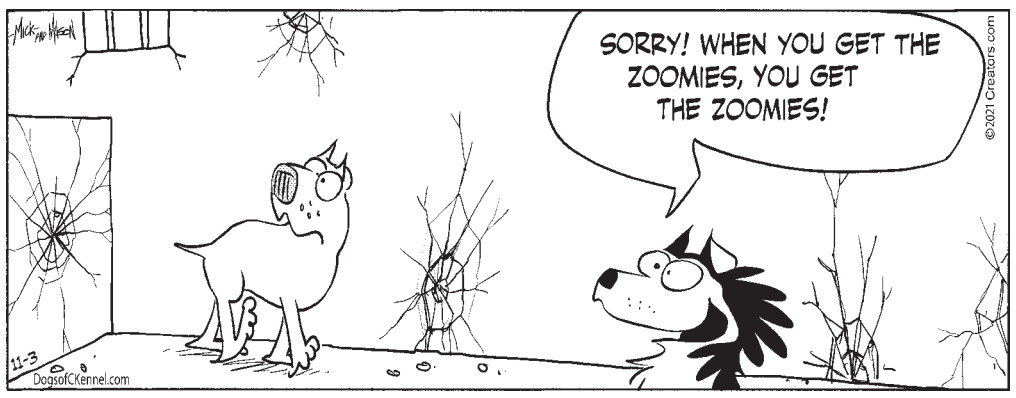
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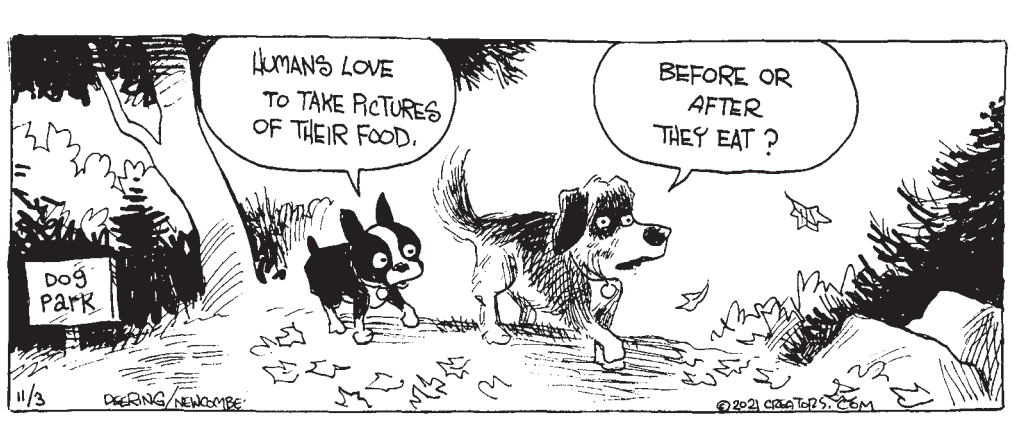
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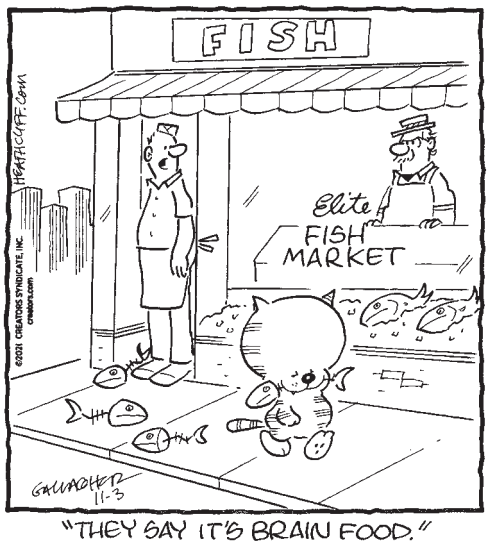
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WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Down early but still rideable as WNW swell eases. New SSW swell builds late but won't really factor in for the morning. AM high tide continues to slow many breaks.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Rebuilding but slow in the AM with the very full tide. Both a SSW and WNW swell build through the day. Light AM wind and even the PM could be ok as the surf gradually picks up.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Partly sunny, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 68.
Wednesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 57.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will become further intrigued with a subject. Strangely, the more you learn, the bigger the mystery becomes. You may never get to the bottom of it, but the quest is enthralling.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fear subsides and your mind is quiet. Let yourself relax into the silence for as long as you can. Deeply intelligent and intuitive insight emerges from stillness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As you pull off the tricks of the day, the importance of conviction cannot be underestimated. When you really believe in your own performance, you will be most convincing to the others. You will earn tremendous reviews.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fear creates its own reasons for being. Perhaps your alarm is well-founded, though. In that case, address the risk. How can you minimize it? A safety net can create confidence and contribute to sure-footed action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are surrounded by stubborn people who will not bend to your will. However, with some showmanship, you may be able to distract them into doing exactly as you prefer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will answer to someone whom you would love to impress. There's both personal and financial incentive involved. Brief and relevant interactions will have a strong and memorable effect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The kindhearted often come by their compassion via the school of hard knocks. Having suffered, it is easier to extend empathy to the suffering. Having erred, it is easier to forgive the erroneous.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be more impulsive than usual and likely to take a chance you normally wouldn't dare to take. You have your reasons. Or, if not, it's an intuitive impulse you'd like to honor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is said that true happiness cannot be achieved in isolation, though you'll challenge the premise with solo moments in which you feel fully connected to a vibrant sense of love and life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Choose your company carefully. You're susceptible to vibes, so avoid those sending out the sort you wouldn't want to catch. To create optimal impressions, interact with people while they're already having a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may not share your friend's worldview or agree on everything, but since you remain nonjudgmental, you will be enriched and expanded by the relationship nonetheless.

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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

6	5	4	7	1	8	9	2	3
8	1	2	9	5	3	4	6	7
9	3	7	2	4	6	8	1	5
5	7	6	1	8	4	3	9	2
4	2	3	5	6	9	7	8	1
1	9	8	3	2	7	5	4	6
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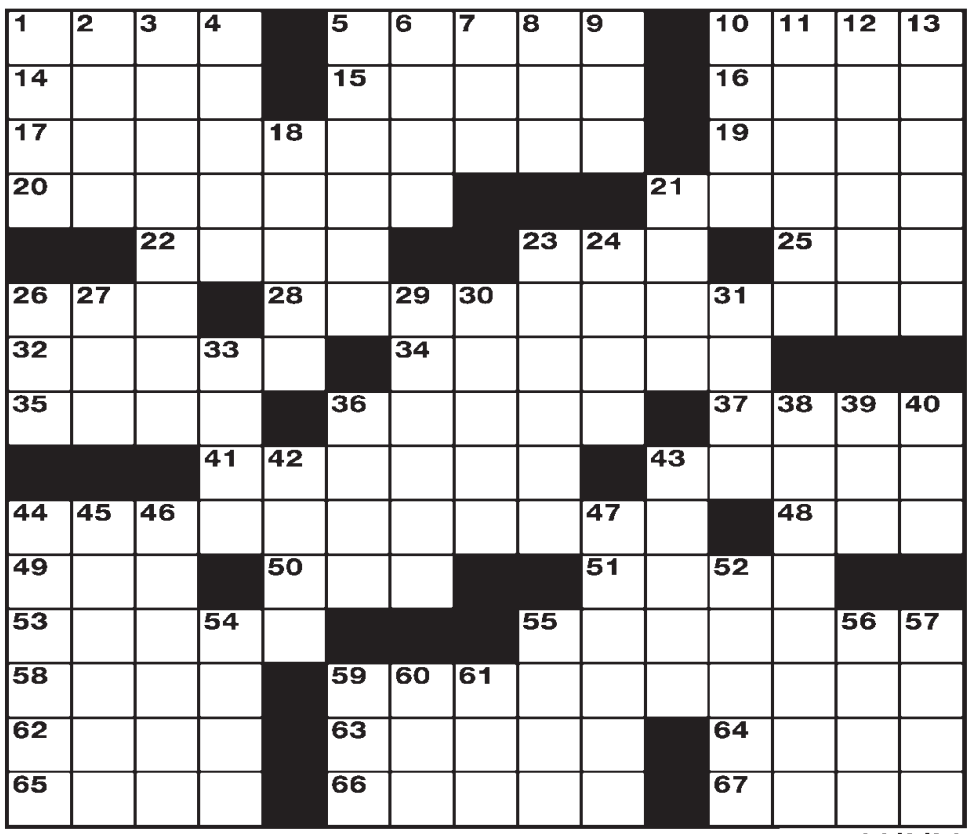
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Sales agents, for short
5 Pleasant surprise
10 Use an overhead bin
14 Land parcel measure
15 18 holes of golf
16 Nobel novelist Morrison
17 Catcher's legwear
19 Iowa college city
20 Paid tribute to
21 Overly assertive
22 Jogger's pace
23 __ de Janeiro
25 All-even score
26 In days past
28 Traditional Dutch footwear
32 Defeats soundly
34 Oklahoma Native American
35 Canine Oz visitor
36 Software test versions
37 Flat-topped hill
41 Loan shark
43 Candle cords
44 Jouster's outerwear
48 Tree climbed by squirrels
49 Conclude
50 Unknown factors
51 Poetic daybreak
53 Courtroom event
55 Supplies in limited quantities
58 Sander or saw
59 Pedaler's headwear
62 Red Muppet
63 Basketball venue
64 Peru's capital
65 Alternatively
66 Talked nonstop
67 __-free (unpunished)

DOWN
1 Acting too hastily
2 Rebound, as sound
3 Document's hard copy
4 Mexican mister
5 Following faithfully
6 Highway or avenue
7 Continent n. of Africa
8 "Furthermore . . ."
9 NFL six-point plays
10 Night's light sight
11 BLT ingredient
12 Baby's bodysuit
13 Genie's offerings
18 Gets taller
21 High-end audio brand
23 Prepare, as leftovers
24 Rustic stopovers
26 Curator's concern
27 Hair gel, for instance
29 Productions with arias
30 Librarian's stamp
31 Prefix for sphere
33 Sing the praises of
36 Avid fan
38 Of supply and demand
39 Jamaican music
40 Seek an answer
42 Ground for planting
43 Composed, as a letter
44 Small sofa
45 Lay out, as a new carpet
46 "Out of the blue" and "in the red"
47 Nebraskan urbanite
52 Small brooks
54 Organic skin soother
55 City near Tahoe
56 Toon film fish that's found
57 One of many numbers on sports pages
59 Common butter shape
60 Keogh kin
61 Fact phenom Jennings



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What's Up Westside
out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | NOV 3

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean).

PLANNING COMMISSION
Virtual meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. https://www.youtube.com/user/Citytv16santamonica or https://www.smgov.net/video
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THURSDAY | NOV 4

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
The mission of the Santa Monica Public Library Board is to support and have charge of the administration of the Santa Monica Public Library. Due to COVID-19 precautions the Board is meeting virtually. Agenda: https://smpl.org/Library_Board.aspx. 7 - 9 p.m.

FRIDAY | NOV 5

ENGLISH AS S SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, LOW
Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Learn more about California adult education at caladulted.org. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Olga Saucedo at osaucedo@smmusd.org or (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 to enroll. Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

SATURDAY | NOV 6

CONSCIOUS NIGHT MARKET
Elevated sustainable and wellness brands, healthy food trucks, local artisans, booch garden, live music and more. 4 to 9 p.m. 1351 3rd Street Promenade

OPENING RECEPTION FOR GRONK AND WOODS DAVY
Join us on Saturday November 6th from 4 to 6 p.m. for the opening of Gronk: GronkOne and Woods Davy: They Are What They Do. This event is free and open to the public. 2525 Michigan Ave, #B3

18TH STREET ARTS CENTER'S 2021 VIRTUAL GALA
An evening honoring essential arts workers evolving wellbeing, culture, and community life in LA. Join organizers in uplifting and honoring essential arts workers evolving wellbeing, culture, and community life in Los Angeles in an evening of music, video art, and more. 6 p.m. Online. Register at https://18thstreet.org/gala2021/.

PICO FARMERS MARKET
Pico Blvd. & Cloverfield Blvd. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SUNDAY | NOV 7

MAIN STREET FARMERS MARKET
The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market features some of California's freshest produce plus prepared foods. 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 2640 Main Street.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BAND: KIDS ROCK THE PROMENADE
Kids rock! The First Day of School Band (@fdosofficial,) perform live every Sunday, on the Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. 3 p.m. 1330 Third Street.

MONDAY | NOV 8

CITIZENSHIP CLASS
Santa Monica Public Library hosts this ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment.
The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications and prepare them for the official review.
Classes will begin in a virtual format. If live classes become possible, they will take place at the Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center. Contact Olga Saucedo at (310) 664-6222, ext.76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org to enroll. 12-2:30 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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5287

Strange place names

J I L J I L W L E D A D G A B
E I P G A M K I K I H G T D M
B H A L N T T H O W N E R I O
B E L L U U O N R A X P L A P
N E E R W S J L B A R A R N Y
I G I A Y E H G S I R E A A T
G G T F C L N C C A H L E S M
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O U O A B U H I Y R R A B A N
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M U O B N I A L E B O R R N K
O K O T R W A M I G O A K S R
T Y E R S I D R I K D R I K O
A V E N U E M B O L I V I A W

Ando	Dianas	Legume	Rainbow
Avenue	Basin	Lima	Robe
Bagdad	Drik Drik	Lota	Ruffy
Baker	Geehi	Magpie	Snug
Bang Bang	Giru	Marp	Stow
Barry	Gray	Mila	Texas
Beeac	Hall	Nala	Tiwi
Bell	Illabo	Nhil	Tom Groggin
Bolivia	Jil Jil	Oaks	Tyers
Brim	Jung	Plush	Typo
Broke	Ki Ki	Corner	Waaia
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Wedding preparation

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CURIOUS CITY

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way to let residents who have been here for decades and are being forced out, by these very "strategies," to remain here.

OUR unhoused visitors are coming from all over the country. They are not Santa Monica folks who fell on hard luck, they are snow birds of sorts who would rather spend winter on our beach than in Minnesota. Who can blame them? But it is a national problem, coming from increasing wealth disparity and lack of mental health facilities, that demands a regional solution, not just Santa Monica taking on the whole burden. Few of us who have been here for decades feel safe on our own streets anymore.

These and more are all big problems but we have no chance of solving them if we are being misdirected by those who stand to profit. We need to wade through the relentless, self-serving BS and find real, lasting solutions FOR THE RESIDENTS. And soon.

Some good things are happening. There are encouraging signs from our new City Manager and Police Chief, and our remade City Council seems to be chipping away at the mountain of problems. By golly, after nearly a year, it looks like we may be able to get the unlicensed, predatory, open-flame vendors off our historic wooden Pier. All those elected and appointed civil servants deserve our support. We're all in this mess together.

Let's send that bull packing and turn this city back to the residents.

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 34 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

DRUG

FROM PAGE 2

could take months to get final approval from state and local governments.

New York state separately has a $1 billion-plus deal involving the three drug distributors. But it sued Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Endo International and AbbVie Inc., the same defendants as in the California case.

In September, Endo agreed to settle its portion of the case by paying $50 million without admitting any wrongdoing or liability.

The case against the other two companies continues.

Without admitting wrongdoing, Johnson & Johnson previously settled with New York for $230 million before a trial started there against manufacturers, regional distribution companies and pharmacies. Johnson & Johnson has said it is prepared to contribute up to $5 billion to a national settlement.

The deals did not stop the trials in West Virginia and California. The weekslong California trial started April 19.

Thompson reported from Sacramento, California.

FACEBOOK

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people's photos and videos were subjected to facial recognition technology.

And the company earlier this year agreed to pay $650 million to settle a 2015 lawsuit alleging it violated an Illinois privacy law when it used photo-tagging without users' permission.

"It is a big deal, it's a big shift but it's also far, far too late," said John Davisson, senior counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center. EPIC filed its first complaint with the FTC against Facebook's facial recognition service in 2011, the year after it was rolled out.

Ortutay reported from Oakland, Calif.

SCHOOL BOARD

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two other conservative candidates on a "Vote for Three!" platform that denounces "harmful ideologies like CRT," political indoctrination and "controversial medical mandates." If all three are elected, they would hold an ideological majority on the board in Wayzata.

"I don't believe that the way to academic excellence involves making any group of students feel like victims or any other feel responsible for that victimization," Shelton said via email.

In Iowa, masking opponent Sarah Barthole received a high-profile endorsement from Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds as she runs for the school board of the Ankeny school district in suburban Des Moines. Barthole worked with Reynolds last year to reopen schools and is credited with inspiring the state's now-blocked law prohibiting mask mandates in schools.

"The level of involvement in her campaign, I've never seen anything like it in a school board race before," said Barthole's treasurer, Steve Boal, whose own wife served on the board more than two decades ago. "Usually it's kind of a pretty low-key thing."

The governor's backing in that race is just the beginning, predicted Tina Descovich, a co-founder of Moms for Liberty, a Melbourne, Florida-based group, whose 142 chapters in 35 states have fought vaccine and mask mandates.

"Our governor here in Florida has all but said he's going to be involved in school board races," said Descovich, who is a former member of the Brevard County School Board in Florida. "I'm curious to see what that looks like for 2022."

Thompson reported from Buffalo, N.Y. Associated Press writer Julie Carr Smyth in Columbus, Ohio, contributed to this report.

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