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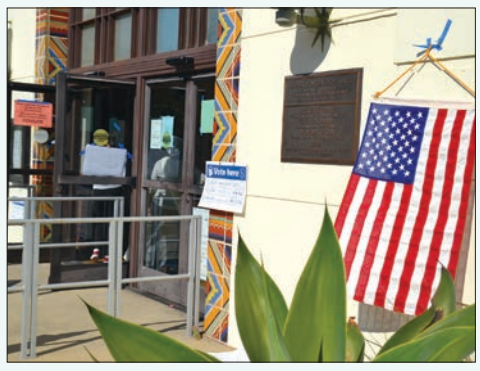
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VoteCast: California voters say nation headed wrong way







Angel Carreras and Madeleine Pauker

ELECTION: Voters took to the polls yesterday but results were not available by press time. Visit www.smdp.com for more information.

ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

A majority of voters casting midterm election ballots in California said the country is headed in the wrong direction, according to a wide-ranging survey of the American electorate.

As voters cast ballots for governor, U.S. Senate and members of Congress in Tuesday's elections, AP VoteCast found that roughly 7 out of 10 California voters said the country is headed in the wrong direction, compared with about a quarter who said the country is on the right track.

Among the key races that Californians were casting ballots on was the contest for governor, pitting a Democratic heavyweight and a Republican businessman who's never held elected office, and a race for a U.S. Senate seat between two Democrats — long-time incumbent U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein and a state senator from Los Angeles, Kevin de Leon.

Democrats were seeking to win as many as seven GOP U.S. House seats in a bid to

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Apple Store set to reopen at the Promenade

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

Just in time for the holiday shopping season, one of the Promenade's biggest retailers is coming back.

The Apple Store in the Promenade will return November 17 at 10 a.m. after it closed September 16 for renovations. The design update will bring the store in line with the tech giant's Today at Apple strategy, a series of regularly programmed educational and cultural events.

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Senior housing proposed for Mid-City

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Construction on an affordable apartment building for seniors in Mid-City Santa Monica could start by December 2019.

EAH Housing, Inc., a non-profit developer, is planning to build a four-story building with 40 affordable one-bedroom units at 1445 and 1453 10th Street by February 2020. The Santa Monica architecture firm DE Architects will design the proposed development, which will feature a large courtyard, community garden and activities rooms.

The site is across the street from Kaiser Permanente and near UCLA Medical Center, as well as numerous bus routes and the Expo Line.

EAH Housing acquired the property in September for $5,250,000. The City of Santa

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Planning Commission to hear new 100-unit apartment development

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing Nov. 7 for a three-story residential and commercial building that would add than a hundred apartment units to the Ocean Park neighborhood.

Mockups for the project

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Nov. 7

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber, 1685 Main St. 7 p.m.

Medicare 101
Find the answers you need to make an educated decision about Medicare. Samuel Schwartz discusses the four parts of Medicare, who is eligible, when one can enroll, and changes happening in 2019. Bring any and all questions! Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Design in 3D: Napkin Ring
Use Tinkercad to design a napkin ring for 3D printing. Skills learned can be applied to create a variety of interesting and useful 3D printable objects. No experience required. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Family Games Afternoon
Join the board game bonanza in honor of International Games week. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St. 3:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 8

Special Library Board Meeting
Special Library Board Meeting, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. Administration Conference Room, 2nd Floor near computer commons. 7 - 9 p.m.

College Application Drop-In Services
Get free one-on-one assistance with college applications and essays. To submit your application, bring your transcript(unofficial is fine) and Social Security, DACA or Green Card number. Computers provided, or bring your laptop. Presented in collaboration with the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club's College Bound Program, Diana Hanson of Magellan Counseling, and Nick Soper of Creative College Prep and TeenLAUNCH. Grade 12. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 6 p.m.

Santa Monica Rent Control Regular Board Meeting
The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. City Hall, 1685 Main St, 7 p.m.

Games Night
Celebrate International Games Week by playing a variety of board games with your friends. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave, 6 - 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 9

International Games Week: The Games We Play
Kids can celebrate International games week by joining organizers for an afternoon of board and video games. Ages 4-12. Limited space, register at the library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

Spiritual Healing Workshop
Dr. Jaffe, MD - founder of Medical Spiritual Healing Presents a workshop on Why Western Medicine is not Enough! Discover the Ancient Sufi Healing Secrets That Really Work! Addressing Modern Illnesses & Immune Disorders. Mystic Journey Bookstore - 1624 Abbot Kinney Blvd. (310) 399-7979. Nov. 10- 1pm - 5pm. Tickets: $39 - bit.ly/drjaffe2

Library book sale
The Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Bookstore are holding their annual sale on from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Bookstore at the Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. What will be offered? Art books, history, biography, new fiction, cookbooks, graphic novels, signed books and antiquarian books. Many of our books this year are first editions! If you are driving, please enter the parking lot on 7th between Arizona and Santa Monica Boulevard. Hope to see you there! Contact: friendsofsmpl.org or (310) 395-1951.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beach lot safety

Editor:

I started to think about pedestrian safety when I would see dead pigeons in the lots that had been run over from speeding motorists.

Many visitors drive through the Beach Lots much faster than the 5 MPH speed limit and the small, asphalt-colored birds can't get out of the way fast enough. I have seen several run-over in person. If the birds aren't safe, the people might be at risk as well.

However, I blame the drivers slightly less than I blame the City Of Santa Monica. There are very few, if any, reduced-speed inducements in the beach lots. Until very recently there were ZERO (0) speed-limit signs in Lot 5 South.

After I wrote to the City Council in September they have since installed TWO (2) speed limit signs in Lot 5 South. Currently there are TWO (2) speed-limit signs, THREE (3) Tsunami warning signs, and SIXTEEN (16) 'Hours Of Operation' signs in Lot 5 South. Which is more likely to occur in Lot 5 South, a Tsunami, or an accident involving a pedestrian and a speeding motorist?

And if it takes SIXTEEN (16) signs to sufficiently inform visitors about the Hours Of Operation, how can it be that it only takes TWO (2) signs to sufficiently inform them of the maximum speed at which they can drive a motor vehicle through the lot? Does the City of Santa Monica consider it more important that visitors to the beach lots have a better understanding of the hours of operation than the speed-limit? It sure seems that way.

The City of Santa Monica seems to place a higher priority on parking ticket profits over pedestrian safety in its Beach Lots. This is unacceptable. Speed bumps at the crosswalks should also be installed to force motorists to slow down where people (and wildlife) are most at risk. Motorists often pick up speed as they are heading for the exit and the crosswalks are right in the middle. Pedestrian safety and the prevention of animal cruelty should be high on the agenda of all Santa Monica residents and employees. A lot more yet needs to be done towards that end in Santa Monica's Beach Lots.

Michael Zeno
Santa Monica

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

CoderDojo at Santa Monica Public Library

CoderDojo, a global volunteer movement to teach kids to code for free, has founded a new chapter which will meet at the Santa Monica Public Library beginning on Saturday, November 10 at 3 p.m. in the Main Library's Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Through a CoderDojo, young people learn how to code in a sociable, fun environment that emphasizes how coding can be a force for change in the world. The first session will focus on Java and is open to young people age 11-17 (parents are welcome too). Participants are expected to collaborate, learn together, and openly share their code and ideas. The library will have a limited number of computers available for use, but participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop if possible. Knowledge of coding opens the door to new career opportunities, stimulates new ways of thinking, and develops greater understanding of our digital world.

This program is free, but registration is required; visit the Youth Services Desk or call 310-458-8621 to sign up. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 one week prior to event. The Main Library is directly served by Big Blue Bus lines 1, R10, and 18. The Expo Line and other bus routes stop nearby. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library.

SUBMITTED BY KELLY WORTHAM, INFORMATION MANAGEMENT LIBRARIAN

Pacific Palisades

Free Paint Out

The Allied Artists of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore hosts FREE monthly paint- outs on the second Saturday of the month. Plein air paint-outs are a great way to meet other artists and discover new sites for inspiration. All plein air artists and art enthusiasts are welcome to participate, no membership required. Bring your own art supplies, water, lunch, sunscreen and repellent, hat and walking shoes. Rain cancels the paint-out.

This historic location was the home of "America's most beloved citizen" Will Rogers from 1928 to 1935 and provides hiking trails, a gift store & visitor center and tours of the iconic western ranch house which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The park has a number of trails that crisscross the grand landscape of the park's 186 acres. The grounds provide many beautiful painting sites, including the beautiful ranch style home, stately eucalyptus lined paths and riding stables and views of Santa Monica and the ocean from the upper trails. Painting demonstration at 9 a.m. by watercolorist and art teacher Tim Kitz. No critique this month.

Will Rogers State Historic Park, 1501 Will Rogers State Park Road, Pacific Palisades. From PCH, take Sunset Blvd 5 miles inland to entrance sign on left side of the road at Will Rogers State Park Rd. Parking lot open 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Parking Fee: $12/car. Facilities.

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EAH HOUSING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Notice of Community Meeting

For the proposed development at: 1445-1453 10th St., Santa Monica, CA 90401

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Time: 6 PM

Location: Ken Edwards Center, Room 105
1527 4th St, Santa Monica, CA 90401

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that EAH INC, a non-profit housing developer, invites neighbors of the surrounding area of 1445-1453 10th Street in Santa Monica to a community meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 at the Ken Edwards Center. This meeting is regarding the proposed future development of 40 units of senior housing. These units will be rented to low income individuals of varying income levels and will provide appropriate services for these individuals onsite. EAH is the recipient of a predevelopment and acquisition loan from the city of Santa Monica.

At said meeting, the design team will be introduced to the community and present preliminary building designs. Meeting attendees will have a chance to review the designs, give their input and ask questions. All who are interested in this matter are invited to attend and participate. If you have any questions regarding the meeting please contact Lisa Haddon at 310-395-1526.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
CITY OF SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Community Workshop: Pico Boulevard Zoning Regulations. The Planning Commission will attend and participate in a community workshop for zoning on Pico Boulevard. Following a staff presentation, workshop participants will take part in a break-out group exercise on use regulations for Pico Boulevard.

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

WHERE: Thelma Terry Building, Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Avenue
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission special meeting , or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project materials, please contact Amy Miller at (310) 458-8341 or Amy.Miller@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #7 and Rapid 7 service the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Avenue Park. Big Blue Bus Lines #16 and #41 also come near the Thelma Terry Building.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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Ending the culture of silence

As parents, we are living in a remarkable and trying moment in time. A seemingly constant wave of sexual abuse scandals have captivated the public discourse in a way it never has before - and it seems finally the epidemic of sexual abuse plaguing our most vulnerable population, our children, is coming to the fore.

From the recent outbreak of reports covering the abuse within the Catholic Church to the mass sexual abuse of young gymnasts, among other local and national sports teams, the accounts are graphic and disturbing; the latest of which has hit far closer to home.

Eric Uller, a long time Santa Monica city employee has been arrested on suspicion of abusing children throughout the 1990s, while he served as a volunteer for the Police Activities League program. Santa Monica PAL, a public-private partnership operated by the City of Santa Monica since the late 1980s, follows the state and national PAL model, bringing youth and adult volunteers together in the name of mentorship, wellness and fun.

As a society, we seem to have been living in the dark, perpetuating a culture of silence and institutionalizing a normative taboo around sexual violence, particularly in regards to children. For far too long, we have been living in fear and collective shame, entirely unprepared to address child sexual abuse and the endemic nature of the crisis now unfolding before us. Child sexual abuse is a silent public health crisis. And it does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, gender identification, or religious affiliation. As a result, survivors of child sexual abuse surround us, living in a constant state of shame and fear.

The statistics are staggering. One in ten children will be abused before the age of 18. Six of ten will never report it, because they are almost always abused by someone they know, love, or trust. The collective societal impact and pain is immeasurable, and permeates our culture and our consciousness.

It is incumbent upon us to wake up and take responsibility for the voiceless and powerless - for our children - and for the adult survivors among us who bear the deep and silent scars of abuse. The time has come for real, lasting change and an end to the culture of silence and lack of preparedness to address and end child sexual abuse.

But there is hope. The critical tools required to protect our children are not complicated. They are not controversial. They are not difficult to implement.

As parent advocates, we call upon the residents and community leaders of the City of Santa Monica - and all cities and states across the country - to break free from their silence, to shine light on the darkness and take action to prevent child sexual abuse from occurring. It is necessary to start asking difficult questions of parents, youth serving organizations, peers, politicians, educators, community leaders, and to galvanize a culture shift surrounding sexual violence against children. We must do more to engage with the incredible holistic resources that are available to our communities through partners including Darkness to Light, the Beau Biden Foundation, RAINN, Child Safety Pledge and World Childhood Foundation. We must have courage in the face of fear to transform our societies. We must institute change in impactful, meaningful ways, ensuring that all schools, camps, and after school activities have best practice standards and policies instituted and that our educators, volunteers, administrators, parents and public officials undergo trainings on sexual abuse prevention and intervention. Policies, procedures, and programming that focuses on child protection are necessary everywhere, along with a community engagement on child safety and sexual abuse prevention.

In order to do so, caretakers and caregivers must be empowered to ask critical and important questions of those youth serving organizations to which they are directly connected or which exist within their communities. These questions include: does the organization have a license to provide child care in the jurisdiction in which it operates? Does it have clear, written policies about child sexual abuse? Do staff and volunteers undergo a vetting process? Do they receive training in abuse prevention, detection and response? How are child safety policies put into practice by organizational management? And to the facilities promote a safe physical environment for all the children (and adults) it serves? Here (http://childsafetypledge.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/ysos_toolkit_-_07.23.18.pdf) is a link to the Child Safety Pledge toolkit on how to start these types of conversations with organizations.

And on an individual level we urge all parents to conduct these types of daring discussions with your family and community members - with your partner, your child, your lay leaders, local politicians, educators and peers. Here (http://childsafetypledge.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/daring_discussions_toolkit.pdf) is a link to the Child Safety Pledge toolkit on how to engage in these sensitive conversations at home.

Beau Biden often said, "as adults, we have a legal and moral obligation to stand up and speak out for children who are being abused—they cannot speak for themselves." On a communal level we ask every child serving organization to take this call to action seriously. All those who serve and work with children should know their obligations. Prevention begins with knowledge and education. A regular review of policies and a robust prevention training will dramatically improve the safety of our children.

Together, we have an opportunity like never before to seize this moment and create a safer world for our children. Let's not let this moment pass us by. Because if not us, then who?

Rochel Leah Bernstein is the Founder of Child Safety Pledge

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Curious City

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Gathering For A Small Giant

WHAT A GREAT TOWN

No, that's way too weak. This is a magical city. A little further down I will give you a small but emblematic example you would never have known about, of SM specialness.

Santa Monica is beyond special, really, it is unique, for its history, its institutions both worldly and spiritual throughout the last century, its place in the birth of the film and aviation industries, the future of railroads and shipping, health and fitness, worldwide popularization of the California beach lifestyle, its current Silicon Beach importance in the tech world, so many reasons but I say, mostly because of the people who live here. Who have always lived here, live here now, want to stay, and for those like souls who want to come.

IT'S NOT THE BEACH

Though that is a great part of our identity; there are other excellent beaches in California. Malibu has its worldwide cachet, Santa Barbara is wonderful. But not like Santa Monica.

What makes us special? It sure isn't the buildings, is it? The distinctive, charming ones we had are being gobbled up and replaced with tall wide soulless boxes. It's not our cutting-edge benevolent, really progressive small City government, though our current (s)elected leaders have deluded themselves into thinking so. Quite the opposite, their "vision" for our city is rapidly eliminating many of the reasons exceptional people have been drawn here for so long. Killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

But enough about what's wrong.

IT'S THE PEOPLE

I've lived here almost 33 years and have met a lot of locals, and I keep getting delightfully surprised, by what some folks are up to without fanfare, by people's histories you would never guess, even people I've known for years.

I'm going to tell you about a 35-year SM resident who has a fascinating showbiz history but is known to most as that spirited, tall, beautiful, funny irrepressible redhead who taught music to the kids at SMASH and led their little kid Holiday choir for years, was always around and later at Samohi to lend a hand with whatever was needed — Nicole's mom — and the wife of an infamous local columnist.

What many don't know about Diane Michelle/Dian Andrews is her singing career that took her on four tours of Japan, a five-year residency at the elegant art deco Observation Bar on the Queen Mary, a year at Las Vegas' newly-launched much ballyhooed New York, New York, providing one of the singing voices for Disney's (now gone) Bear Country Jamboree vocal trio, and so many games, commercials and cartoon character voices, including more than two decades on the Simpsons and as Daisy Duck for Disney. She's also an accomplished painter, a published/performed playwright, book author and illustrator, and working on an album of her original material.

And she was the visionary organizer of this historic event, a tribute to Daws (pronounced Doss) Butler 30 years after his passing. Crucial to the event was another local figure who does so much under the radar, and recently allowed Diane to stage the tribute this past Sunday evening at his Ruskin Group Theatre, at the airport. That would of course be Mike Myers, also chair of our Arts Commission, who is responsible for a very long string of outstanding local productions, and a whole lot of community involvement along with John Ruskin.

ONLY 21 WERE THERE

Which made it a huge success, because this was a very select crowd. Only invited were former students of the great voice master Daws Butler, and 12 showed up, one from out of state. Two of his sons were there, Charles and David, but his 101-year-old wife since 1943, Myrtis, wasn't up to it. Since these classes, held weekly in his garage studio in Beverly Hills, ended more than 30 years ago, that's a remarkable turnout.

Never heard of Daws? Don't even know what voice over is? You're not alone. Though many have heard of Mel Blanc, because he got in early with Warner Bros. and became the voices of Bugs, Daffy, Porky, Tweety and Sylvester and pretty much every male cartoon character from that era.

Down the street at Hanna-Barbera, the no less talented and versatile Daws was king. Yogi Bear, Elroy Jetson and Cogswell, Quick Draw McGraw and Baba Looey, Cap'n Crunch, Snagglepuss, Huckleberry Hound and Augie Doggie, Chilly Willy and Smedley, Peter Potamus, Wally Gator, Beany of Beany & Cecil, and many, many more. He did Tex Avery, Jay Ward and Walter Lantz cartoons, Tom & Jerrys, and recorded with satirist Stan Freberg (their first record, "St. George and the Dragonet," was the first comedy record to sell more than a million copies) and June Foray.

But physically present in the room Sunday were also Winnie the Pooh's Kanga and Owl, Goofy and Pluto and Daisy Duck (x2), Bart and other characters from the Simpsons, Snaggle Rock, Land Before Time, South Park, The Little Mermaid, and the voices you know so well from thousands of movie trailers and promos, commercials and cartoons. So it was actually getting pretty crowded, a packed house.

It was an absolute delight and exceeded everyone's expectations. Each student introduced the next in a character voice, often several. Because Daws rarely talked about himself, most of the stories told were heard by all for the first time, and they were doozies. The common thread, from everyone, was how much they loved the man, his legendary generosity and loving heart, and help in career and in life that he offered to all, in that class in the garage, charging $10. At under five feet, Daws may have been the world's shortest giant of a man.

It was captured on iPhone and will be submitted to the SAG Foundation. Daws Butler and this unique priceless event honoring him deserve immortalization. Heavens to Murgatroyd, how about a long overdue star on the Walk of Fame, hm?

QUOTES OF THE WEEK: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." — Proverbs 27:17.

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches but to reveal to him his own." — Benjamin Disraeli

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." — Winston Churchill

"A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself." — Oprah Winfrey

"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." — Isaac Newton

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DITP's Thai Night AFM 2018
attracts film professionals
from around the world

Held on November 1st, 2018 in Santa Monica, Thai Night 2018 – Thailand Where Films Come Alive, a gala hosted by the Department of International Trade Promotion (DITP), Ministry of Commerce, on the occasion of the American Film Market 2018, was a resounding success, attracting hundreds of international film professionals keen to learn more about the growing appeal of Thailand as a filming destination as well as its state-of-the-art film production and creative services.

Presided by Her Royal Highness Princess Ubolratana Rajakanya Sirivadhana Barnavadi, and with Ms. Chutima Bunyapraphasara, Deputy Minister of Commerce, also in attendance, the gala event registered full capacity attendance, with over 461 persons from over 16 countries, including many high-profile talent and filmmakers such as special guests Mr. Jérôme Paillard Executive Director of Marche du Film, Alain Moussi, the lead actor in "Kickboxer: Retaliation (2018)" and Dimitri Logothetis, the film's producer and director.

The gala gave the opportunity to the Thai film industry to showcase its talent and world-class production and post-production capacities with the "Thai Film Companies Showcase" activity, during which eight leading Thai film and animation companies presented their latest work, film lineups and services. The eight companies include Benetone Films Co., Ltd; GDH 559 Co., Ltd; Hollywood Thailand Co., Ltd; Kantana Sound Studio Co., Ltd; M Pictures Company Limited; P.L.H. Holding Co., Ltd; Sahamongkolfilm International Co., Ltd; and The Monk Studios Co., Ltd.

Thai creativity is born out of centuries of a rich and varied culture which is at the same time very unique and universally appreciated. When combined with its beautiful locations and state-of-the-art production, post-production, animation and CGI services, Thailand offers a truly one-of-a-kind film production environment which can satisfy all requirements of world-class international film production.

This explains why, while Thai films are conquering international festivals and audiences, Thailand is establishing itself as one of the most attractive film locations in the world. In 2017, 1,258 foreign audiovisual productions took place in Thailand, generating 145 Million US Dollars in gross foreign production expenditures. Among the upcoming projects shooting in Thailand is "Jiu Jitsu", a sci-fi action film to be directed by Dimitri Logothetis, starring Tony Jaa and Randy Couture.

With hundreds of foreign film delegates attending its jam-packed AFM event, DITP's strategy of promoting Thai film entrepreneurship and Thai film content and services is yielding results. While the number of foreign producers selecting Thailand as a shooting destination keep rising, several partnerships between Thai companies and international producers are said to be already in the work, and foreign buyers were particularly keen on snatching the latest Thai titles offered at the market, amounting to record level of sales at the Thai pavilion.

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APPLE STORE

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To promote the reopening, Apple has listed events such as a series of live art demonstrations and photo walks.

Apple couldn't be reached for comment at the time of publication, but it's speculated that the Santa Monica remodel will take after the Palo Alto Apple Store location redesign. That store's redesign included the additions of a glass roof, tile flooring, stone walls, indoor trees and a large video wall.

Andrea Korb, economic development manager with Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. said the reopening is much welcomed as Apple's absence has negatively affected the Promenade's foot traffic and overall sales.

Apple's void was part of an 11.2% reduction in daily Promenade visitors, dropping from 37,791 visitors to 33,555.

"While other factors could certainly be in play, it does seem likely that the Apple closure contributed to this drop," Korb said.

iPhone's and various other Apple products typically cause long lines at the Promenade, but Korb and DTSM officials say they don't expect much for the reopening. At the time of press Apple hasn't communicated any plans of making the reopening a large event.

While the reopening may not be a huge affair, Korb says the store's impact on the Promenade is.

"The Apple Store is a significant economic contributor to the Third Street Promenade, Downtown, and Santa Monica as a whole. It is a draw for visitors and locals, giving people another reason to visit the downtown."

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SENIOR HOUSING

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Monica provided the developer with a $6,585,000 loan to cover acquisition, predevelopment and demolition costs of existing structures on the property. The company is the first new affordable developer to work with the City in several years.

"The City of Santa Monica … is supporting EAH Housing because it has an outstanding reputation of developing and operating quality affordable housing," said Barbara Collins, the City's housing manager. "In addition to building a sustainable affordable housing property, they will also offer a variety of services to help Santa Monica senior residents improve their wellbeing and age in place with dignity."

There are several affordable apartment buildings for seniors in Santa Monica, including a 39-unit apartment The Community Corporation of Santa Monica is planning to construct at 1820 14th Street. The City is also providing housing subsidies for 26 longtime, low-income seniors in rent-controlled apartments through a pilot program it launched in November 2017 in response to reports that many seniors were forgoing basic necessities like food to pay rent.

"Santa Monica is one of the most progressive, proactive cities in the U.S. when it comes to affordable housing," said Welton Jordan, vice president of real estate development at EAH Housing. "Santa Monica realizes that California is facing an immense housing crisis and has developed policies that will eventually help alleviate it on a local level."

Community members can discuss the proposed development at a meeting on Nov. 14 at the Ken Edwards Center, located at 1527 4th Street.

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DEVELOPMENT

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show two groups of gray buildings with red accents clustered around a courtyard with tables and chairs. Each upper-floor apartment facing the street features floor-to-ceiling windows and opens onto a balcony. The 36-foot tall building will contain 7,333 square feet of retail space, 3,311 square feet of cafe space, and 750 square feet of outdoor dining space.

GRT Portfolio Properties owns the land, where Bowlmor Lanes is now located, and plans to demolish the bowling alley to make room for the new building. It will, however, preserve the "BOWL" sign, which the City of Santa Monica recognizes as a landmark. The building's red accents are meant to complement the sign, according to the Planning Commission report on the project.

With 97 market-rate units and eight affordable units, the building will house 226 parking spaces for cars and 185 for bicycles in a subterranean parking garage, which will also hold six electric vehicle charging stations. About half of the apartments will be one-bedroom units, more than one third will be two- and three-bedroom units and about 16 percent will be studios.

The bottom level of the building is designed to appeal to pedestrians. Mockups show open outdoor seating in front of cafes and stores tucked under the second floor.

The proposed development has been controversial with some residents, who say it will make traffic in the area worse and are lamenting the loss of Bowlmor, the city's only bowling alley. The project is exempt from a traffic study under the California Environmental Quality Act because it is near the Expo Line.

GRT Portfolio Properties held a community meeting on Sept. 13, in which residents expressed concern about whether neighbors would still be able to access their homes through the Pico Place and Main Court alleys, privacy issues and the proposed placement of trash and recycling rooms on Pico Place, according to the staff report.

GRT revised the design to address privacy concerns and moved the building's trash room underground, but city staff did not support a change that would reduce traffic in the alleys, citing city code that stipulates buildings should provide parking access from alleys.

Anne Elizabeth Pearson, who owns a house directly behind the proposed development, said she and other neighbors plan to attend the Nov. 7 meeting to push for several conditions that address their concerns about the project, which include the volume of traffic in the alleys and noise and pollution from the project that could make it more difficult to rent properties and may present health concerns for residents.



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Angel Carreras

ELECTION: Early results in Santa Monica suggested a good night for all local ballot measures but final numbers were not available by press time.

VOTERS

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retake control of Congress.

Here's a snapshot of who voted and why in California, based on preliminary results from AP VoteCast, an innovative nationwide survey of about 138,000 voters and nonvoters — including 3,670 voters and 611 nonvoters in the state of California — conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago.

TOP ISSUE: HEALTH CARE

Health care was at the forefront of voters' minds: About a quarter of respondents named it as the most important issue facing the nation in this year's midterm elections.

Lawrence Reh, a retired writer who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area city of Alameda, is among those voters who said health care was an important issue this election.

The 76-year-old said health care is "a human right," and the government has a responsibility to provide it.

"Nov. 7 will be an important day for me because if we don't make any progress in this election, I don't know where we'll go from here," Reh said.

Other key issues for Californians this election: About 1 in 5 considered the economy the most important issue, while about 1 in 5 named immigration.

The environment and gun policy were each top of mind for about 1 in 10 California voters.

STATE OF THE ECONOMY

California voters have a positive view of the nation's current economic outlook, with nearly 6 in 10 saying the nation's economy is good, compared with about 4 out of 10 who said it's not.

In California, the economy has been growing, surpassing that of the United Kingdom earlier this year to become the world's fifth largest.

The state has enjoyed more than eight straight years of employment increases, California's second-longest expansion since World War II. The jobless rate slid to a record low 4.1 percent in September and the state's rural and agricultural areas are seeing historically low unemployment.

Still, California's high cost of living is driving both employers and employees out of state or to cheaper areas within California.

For Richard and Aleshia Murphy, a couple who lives in Lakewood, just south of Los Angeles, the economy was the No. 1 issue that motivated them to vote.

"I want to keep things going," said Richard Murphy, a Republican train operations manager. "My work feels the booming economy. We're hiring more people, all positions, from the bottom to the top."

TRUMP FACTOR

For about one-third of California voters, President Donald Trump was not a factor they considered while casting their vote. By comparison, 7 out of 10 said Trump was a reason for their vote.

More than 60 percent of the votes cast in California during the 2016 presidential election went for Hillary Clinton.

With the aid of a majority in the state Legislature, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown has taken a combative stance against Trump and his policies on immigration, health care and the environment.

Opposition to Trump motivated Theresa Hunter of Lake Forest, California, to vote for Democrats.

"I voted blue all the way," said Hunter, a 65-year-old retired salesperson. "He was a cult figure. He was not a leader."

CONTROL OF CONGRESS

Tuesday's elections will determine control of Congress in the final two years of Trump's first term in office, and about 7 out of 10 California voters said which party will hold control was very important as they considered their vote. Another 1 in 5 voters said it was somewhat important.

Californians were casting votes to fill 53 seats in the House of Representatives and one in the Senate. Democrats, who hoped to claim 23 seats nationwide to retake the House, were targeting a string of GOP-held districts in California that were carried by Hillary Clinton in the 2016 presidential election. Four of those seats are completely or partly in Orange County, a one-time GOP stronghold.

Patrick Louie, a government analyst who voted Friday near the California Capitol in Sacramento, said he filled out his ballot this year with the intention of putting a check on Trump.

The 67-year-old Democrat said he doesn't think Congress is doing enough to push back against Trump and that the government is very divided.

"I think it reflects on, not only the Republicans, who I think are more self-interested, as well as the president, who I don't believe has the best interests of the country in his mind," Louie said.

Still, Louie was also pressing for change among the Democrats in the U.S. Senate. He voted for de Leon because the state senator is a generation younger than Feinstein.

"(It's) time to bring a new perspective to the Senate," he said. "I know we're giving up some seniority, but somewhere along the line we have to make the switch. I think this is a good time."

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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.

ON OCTOBER 25, AT ABOUT 9:58 P.M.

Officers responded to a radio call for service in the area of Ocean Avenue and Broadway regarding a subject brandishing a knife. The reporting party indicated the subject was pointing the knife at a person. Officers located the subject sitting on bench in Palisades Park. Officers discovered the subject was on parole for possession of a dirk or dagger. Officer recovered a knife that was protruding from his left front pant pocket. The subject was placed under arrest. Roger Kiskaden, 49, was arrested for possession of a knife and a parole violation. He was denied bail.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department Responded To 357 Calls For Service On Nov. 7.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery, 5th/Broadway 12:11 a.m.
Panic alarm, 300 block Santa Monica Pl. 12:45 a.m.
Fight, 12th/Wilshire 02:13 a.m.
Vandalism, 400 block Colorado 02:25 a.m.
Animal related incident, 2000 block 6th 02:44 a.m.
Encampment, 1400 block Ocean 05:56 a.m.
Auto burglary, 1900 block 17th 06:35 a.m.
Battery, 1600 block Santa Monica 07:01 a.m.
Elder abuse, 1100 block 3rd 07:03 a.m.
Drunk driving Pacific Coast Hwy/California Incline 07:10 a.m.
Battery 500 block Olympic 07:28 a.m.
Person down 3200 block Pico 07:51 a.m.
Lewd activity Cloverfield/Pico 08:03 a.m.
Grand theft 2400 block 16th 08:10 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1300 block 3rd Prom 08:37 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block Hollister 09:01 a.m.
Burglary 1600 block San Vicente 09:31 a.m.
Drinking in public 4th/Pico 09:47 a.m.
Auto burglary 2300 block Schader 11:01 a.m.
Animal related incident 2nd/Marine 11:07 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries 800 block Colorado 11:38 a.m.
Auto burglary 800 block Ocean 11:38 a.m.
Burglary 2400 block Main 11:52 a.m.
Fight Main/Pico 12:02 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block Euclid 12:05 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries Lincoln/Interstate 10 12:16 p.m.
Suicide 1600 block Ocean Front 12:36 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block 2nd 12:48 p.m.
Fraud 1500 block 12th 12:53 p.m.
Person down 2400 block 7th 1:14 p.m.
Traffic collision w/injuries 21st/Wilshire 1:39 p.m.
Burglary 1500 block Euclid 2:29 p.m.
Fight Ocean/Colorado 2:39 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 2:53 p.m.
Burglary 800 block Broadway 3:13 p.m.
Elder abuse 1200 block 17th 3:26 p.m.
Burglary 3000 block 3rd 3:34 p.m.
Auto burglary 3000 block Main St 3:42 p.m.
Family disturbance 2500 block Pico 3:49 p.m.
Burglary 500 block Broadway 3:51 p.m.
Auto burglary 300 block Idaho 4:41 p.m.
Drunk driving 11th/Pico 5:25 p.m.
Person down 14th/Colorado 5:38 p.m.
Public intoxication 1500 block Ocean 5:39 p.m.
Indecent exposure 2600 block Main 5:43 p.m.
Auto burglary 3100 block Pico 5:55 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500 block Pacific Coast 6:29 p.m.
Battery 1500 block Montana 6:44 p.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block Ocean 6:48 p.m.
Lewd activity 2700 block Main 8:18 p.m.
Battery 4th/Civic Center 8:43 p.m.
Battery 1400 block Palisades 8:51 p.m.
Missing person 4th/Civic Center 9:07 p.m.
Fight 900 block Wilshire 9:56 p.m.
Person down 1000 block California 10:27 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department Responded To 37 Calls For Service On Nov. 5.

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Emergency Medical Service 1000 block 5th 12:06 a.m.
EMS 800 block 14th 01:15 a.m.
EMS 3100 block 4th 01:28 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2400 block Main 02:47 a.m.
EMS 1100 block 7th 04:21 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700 block Euclid 07:04 a.m.
EMS 500 block Ocean 07:21 a.m.
EMS 900 block Euclid 07:23 a.m.
Elevator rescue 500 block Wilshire 07:42 a.m.
EMS 3200 block Pico 07:51 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 08:48 a.m.
EMS 500 block Colorado 10:22 a.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block 7th 11:05 a.m.
EMS 800 block Colorado 11:30 a.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 11:53 a.m.
Traffic collision w/injury Lincoln/Interstate 10 12:16 p.m.
EMS 1600 block Ocean Front Walk 12:39 p.m.
EMS 1200 block Broadway 2:52 p.m.
EMS 1700 block 16th 2:54 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean Front Walk 2:54 p.m.
EMS 500 block Olympic 3:09 p.m.
EMS 2100 block Ocean 4:18 p.m.
EMS 900 block Euclid 4:28 p.m.
EMS 1000 block Pier 4:55 p.m.
EMS 2400 block Santa Monica 4:55 p.m.
EMS 14th/Colorado 5:38 p.m.
EMS 2200 block 16th 5:42 p.m.
EMS 2800 block Lincoln 5:48 p.m.
EMS 1900 block Cloverfield 6:04 p.m.
EMS 1500 block Ocean 6:05 p.m.
EMS 1400 block 3rd Prom 6:43 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block Ocean 7:57 p.m.
EMS 4th/Civic Center 8:43 p.m.
EMS 1300 block 15th 9:32 p.m.
Hydrant leak 2400 block 20th 9:51 p.m.
EMS 1000 block California 10:27 p.m.

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14 23 31 33 39
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: 20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/5
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DAILY 3
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Draw Date: 11/5
EVENING: 3 1 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/5
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:41.48

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WELL NEWS BY SCOTT LAFEE

Big Doctor Is Watching

■ The first digital pill is slated to be available soon. It will have a list price of $1,650 a month and treat people with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Medicaid will cover the cost in some regions.

■ The digital pill, called Abilify MyCite, is embedded with a sensor that alerts a doctor or caregiver when it is swallowed. The generic pill form of Abilify costs $700 for a month's supply.

Get Me That, Stat!

■ Cases of sexually transmitted diseases hit record highs in 2017, according to preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Last year, there were more than 2.2 million cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis diagnosed in the U.S., up from 2016 by more than 200,000 cases.

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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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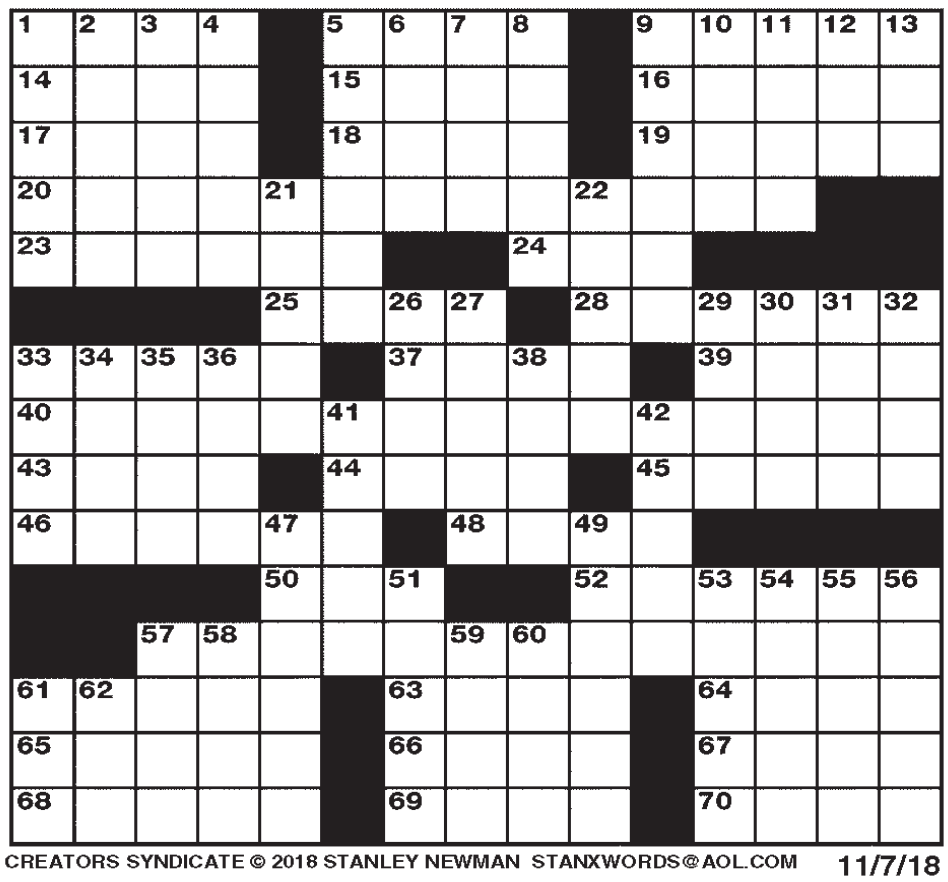
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Price paid
5 Gift box adornments
9 Channel airing the Senate
14 Reign over
15 "Well, I guess"
16 Honda's upscale make
17 Molecule part
18 River through Cairo
19 Spiteful
20 "Vintage" phrase in the "Battle Hymn"
23 California wine valley
24 Feeling blue
25 Silent performer
28 *Green Eggs and Ham* starter
33 Toss about, as words
37 Auditorium sign
39 Long narrative
40 Lorraine Hansberry play
43 Workout count
44 Have to
45 Large briny body
46 New Hampshire city
48 Garment for Caesar
50 Org. with Open events
52 Video-game emporium
57 Entertains lavishly
61 Electricity, informally
63 Electrical outlet insert
64 Baking pans
65 Building wing
66 Archipelago segment
67 Suffix for kitchen
68 Central part
69 Young stallion
70 Cheeky talk

DOWN
1 Rugged cliffs
2 Concluding bit of music
3 Alfred P. __ Foundation (NPR benefactor)
4 Musical pace
5 Diminutive tree
6 Buckeye State
7 Blitzer of CNN
8 Depicts unfairly
9 Calgary's country
10 "Shoo!"
11 Encourage (to)
12 Creative output
13 Dissenting vote
21 Small-screen awards
22 Singer Bonnie
26 List of options
27 Have being
29 Tiny time meas.
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32 German novelist Thomas
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47 On deck
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (NOV. 7)

Your heart is soft; your mind is sharp. You'll push for a change that could transform your whole scene, and it will. Go forward with your plan regardless of popular opinion. (There are some people you shouldn't even give the chance to weigh in.) Also in 2019: high expectations met, love, loyalty and professional advancement. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 44, 20, 4 and 11.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You won't regret taking the high road. To extend dignity and peace to another is to extend it to yourself. Doing the right thing is its own reward, but this time it will come with a bonus.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
It's not like you consciously pick and choose which "you" to be. The right version of you just emerges unbidden to handle the situation. Too much interference by your conscious mind can only slow you down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Just because you lower your pride doesn't mean you're signaling defeat. This may be an act of deference, respect or strategy. Humility takes strength.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Gather experience. Repetition of the same task is experience, too, but it's not going to grow you like facing the unknown. You'll learn more about yourself in the face of fresh experience than you would through introspection.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Beware of people who act like they've got it all figured out. Perhaps they really have sorted through a small section of life, and you can learn from them in that regard. But that's not true for every regard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You are ardent in your affections. You will express yourself in an open, confident manner and with great warmth and heart. Loved ones will feel lucky to be on the receiving end of your generosity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Brilliance! Forcefulness! Courage in action! After you give yourself a moment to soak in your victory, rest. That's the step not to skip. If you keep going full tilt without a rest, you'll risk a setback.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The quality of attention you give will make you a favorite among your people. Not only do you acknowledge others when they speak, you also extend an appreciation for the personal risk-taking that may be involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Take full advantage of this world before rushing to explore the next one. You'll get there soon enough. And when you do, you'll probably look back and count today as being among "the gold ole days."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Can you arrange your schedule so that you can catch the sunset? The magical time just before the sky falls asleep will bring a benefit to your psyche and may even make your dreams sweeter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Something changes to set the usual dynamics of a close relationship a little off-kilter. This is a move toward improvement though it may not seem like it right away. You'll avoid stagnation. All is working to your benefit.

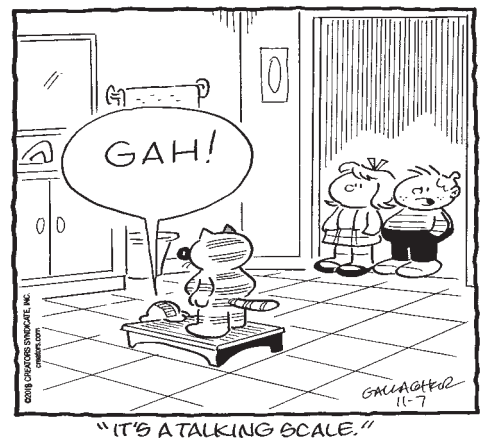
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
A handwritten letter was once the prevailing method of communicating on matters of news, love, gratitude and intention. Now it's a rarity, which is why, if you write someone a note, it will be a cherished memento.

SCORPIO NEW MOON

The night will be extremely dark and, some would say, spooky. The darkest hour is what's necessary to bring on the dawn of your new self. It's the Scorpio new moon, a lunar event that evokes the powers of transformation. Is there someone you want to be, but you haven't had the strength to change into yet? Call on the moon to aid your transition.

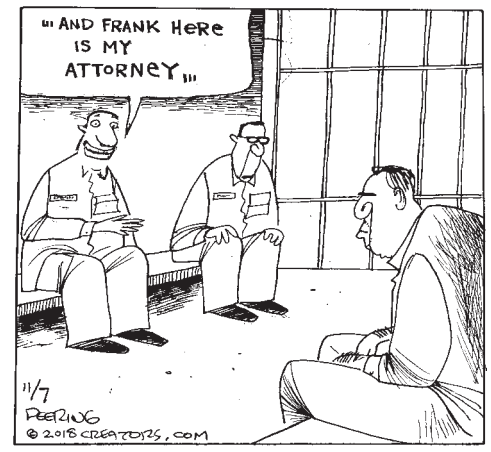
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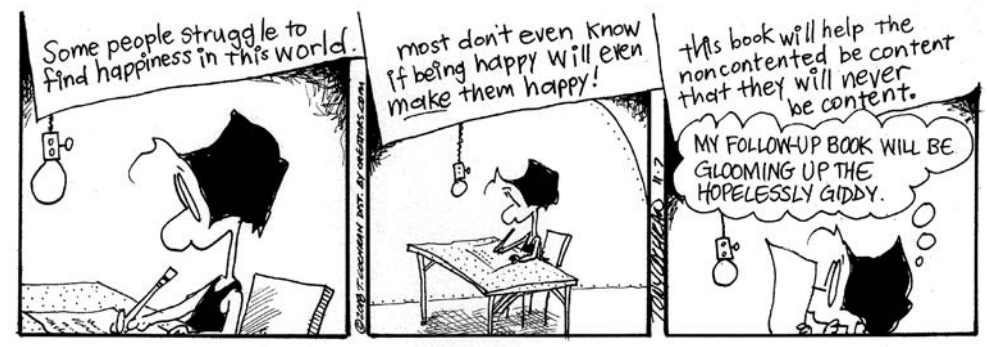


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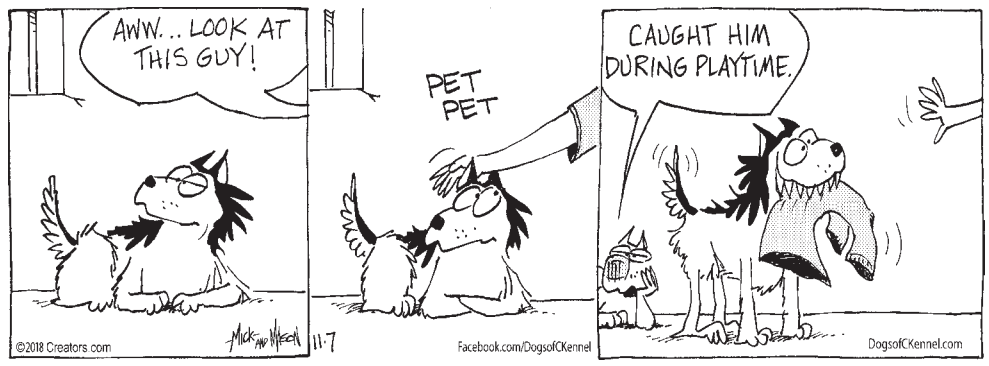
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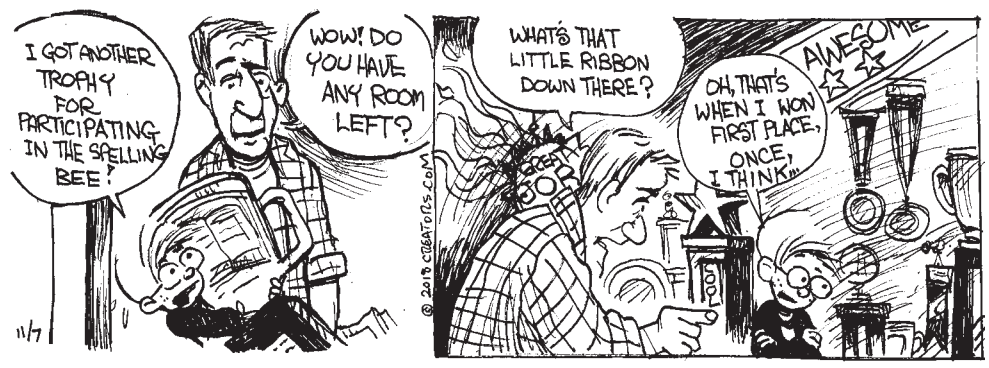
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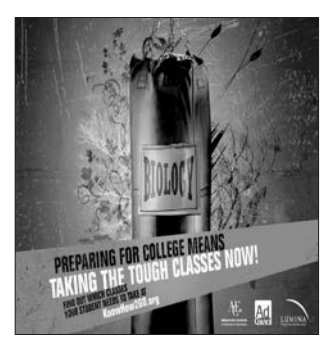
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Part of Los Angeles County quarantined for Mexican fruit fly

Agricultural authorities say a portion of Los Angeles County has been placed under quarantine due to detection of the Mexican fruit fly.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture said Tuesday the quarantine includes the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The three flies found so far include two mated females, which indicate a breeding population.

The quarantine area spans 79 square miles (205 square kilometers).

The Mexican fruit fly can infest more than 50 types of fruits and vegetables.

The quarantine covers growers, wholesalers and retailers of susceptible fruit as well as nurseries. Officials say imports and exports through the ports may also be affected. The quarantine also covers residential fruits and vegetables.

Thousands of sterile male Mexican fruit flies will be released to interrupt the breeding cycle.

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NEW YORK

Pipe bombs suspect appears at hearing, held without bail

The man accused of sending pipe bombs to prominent critics of President Donald Trump was ordered held without bail after his first court appearance in New York on Tuesday.

Cesar Sayoc, who was transferred from federal custody in Florida, hugged his lawyer after a hearing in which Assistant U.S. Attorney Jane Kim called him "a serious risk of danger to the public and a flight risk."

Sayoc has been accused of sending improvised explosive devices to numerous Democrats, Trump critics and media outlets in a scare that heightened tensions before the crucial midterm elections Tuesday. None of the devices exploded, and no one was injured in the pipe bomb scare.

He was arrested outside a South Florida auto parts store. He was living in a van covered with stickers of Trump and showing images of some of the president's opponents with red crosshairs over their faces.

Sayoc faces nearly 50 years in prison if convicted on five federal charges that were filed in New York because some of the devices were recovered there.

Assistant Federal Defender Sarah Baumgartel declined to comment after the hearing, in which Sayoc presented himself as polite and soft-spoken and responded "Yes, sir" to the judge's questions. He wore navy blue jail scrubs and a gray pony tail.

At one point during the hearing, which lasted less than 10 minutes, Sayoc told U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Lehrburger that he understood his rights "100 percent." He appeared taken aback, however, when Lehrburger noted that Sayoc is charged with assaulting federal officials, among other counts.

His lawyers decided not to seek his release on bail after prosecutors released a letter outlining more evidence against him, including DNA linking him to 10 of the explosive devices and fingerprints on two of them.

Other evidence includes online searches Sayoc did on his laptop and cellphone for addresses and photos of some of his intended targets, which included former President Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former Vice President Joe Biden, California Sen. Kamala Harris and New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker. Packages were also mailed to CNN in New York and Atlanta.

Prosecutors say the most recent crude bomb was recovered Friday in California, addressed to the liberal activist Tom Steyer.

Sayoc is scheduled to return to federal court Monday for a preliminary hearing.

While Sayoc's attorneys have not commented on his mental health, his mother wrote a letter to ABC News saying he has suffered from mental illness for years.

"While I have not lived with my son for 35 years or even heard from him in over four years, I cannot express how deeply hurt, sad, shocked and confused I am to hear that my son may have caused so many people to be put in fear for their safety," Madeline Sayoc wrote in the letter, according to ABC News. "This is not how I raised him or my children."

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LOS ANGELES

$100K raised for California teacher who punched student

Community members have raised more than $100,000 for a Los Angeles-area teacher captured on video punching a student who had repeatedly called him a racial slur and other names.

By Tuesday, a Gofundme page had raised more than double the stated goal of $50,000 for Marston Riley, a music teacher at Maywood Academy High School.

Video on social media shows Riley, who is black, repeatedly hitting the student, who returns some blows. Before the scuffle, the video showed the student throwing a basketball at the 64-year-old Riley and calling him names.

The student was treated for minor injuries, and Riley was released on bond after being arrested on suspicion of child abuse.

The school district says administrators have met with students, staff and parents "to begin the healing process."

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SANTA ANA

California man charged with murder in fire captain's death

A Southern California man has been charged with murder in the death of an off-duty firefighter hit by a car while bicycling over the weekend.

Twenty-five-year-old Stephen Scarpa was charged Tuesday in the death of Costa Mesa fire Capt. Mike Kreza, who succumbed to his injuries two days after he was hit Saturday morning in Mission Viejo. It's unclear whether Scarpa has an attorney.

Orange County prosecutors say Scarpa is suspected of driving under the influence of multiple controlled substances when he crossed into a bike lane, onto the sidewalk and hit Kreza.

Scarpa could face life in prison if convicted.

The 44-year-old Kreza was married with three daughters. Firefighters and police officers escorted his body from the hospital to the coroner's office in a solemn procession on Monday.

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Pro and college football games dominate the TV ratings

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

While political battles raged, viewers overwhelmingly cast their TV votes for football.

Eight of the 10 most popular telecasts last week were NFL and college games or related programs, according to Nielsen ratings released Tuesday.

NBC's "Sunday Night Football" Green Bay-New England contest was the top-rated NFL game of the season on any channel, the network said. More than 23 million viewers saw the England Patriots' 31-17 victory over the Packers.

CBS was the No. 1 network among all viewers last week, powered by the Alabama-LSU game and the Crimson Tide's 29-0 victory over the Tigers. The prime-time match-up drew 11.5 million viewers.

A pair of top 10 series, "The Big Bang Theory" and "NCIS," also helped boost CBS, which ranks as the most-watched network for the season so far and the leader for the last 10 consecutive seasons.

But NBC is only about 230,000 viewers behind, the closest the peacock network has been to CBS at this point since 2001. It went on to win the 2001-02 season with series including "Friends" and "ER" and the Winter Olympics.

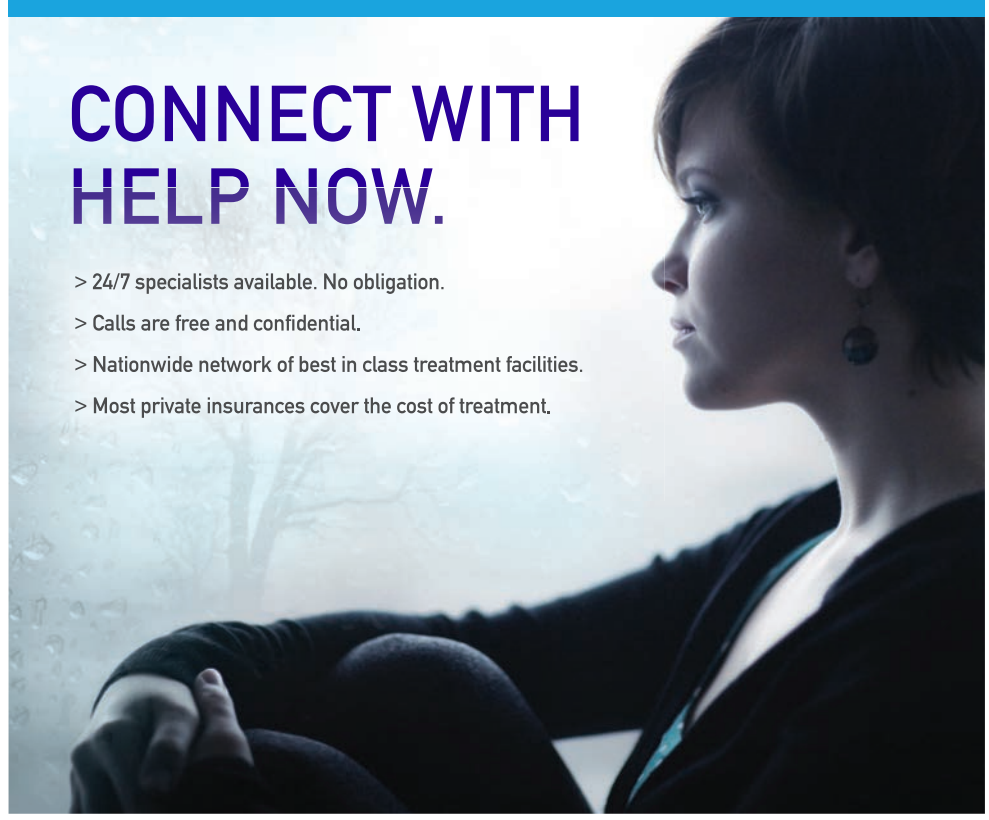
CBS earned last week's top spot with a prime-time average of 8.02 million viewers. NBC had 7.83 million viewers, ABC had 4.28 million, Fox had 5.52 million, Univision had 1.37 million, Telemundo had 1.23 million, ION Television had 1.17 million and the CW had 990,000.

ESPN was the week's most popular cable network, averaging 2.54 million viewers in prime time. Fox News Channel had 2.47 million viewers, MSNBC had 1.85 million, Hallmark had 1.81 million and USA had 1.19 million.

ABC's "World News Tonight" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 8.28 million viewers. NBC's "Nightly News" had 8.06 million and the "CBS Evening News" had 6.06 million.

For the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 4, the top 10 shows, their networks and viewerships: "NFL Sunday Night Football: Green Bay at New England," NBC, 23.68 million; "NFL Sunday Post Game," Fox, 17.8 million; "Sunday Night NFL Pre-Kickoff," NBC, 17.4 million; "The Big Bang Theory," CBS, 12.65 million; "NCIS," CBS, 12.3 million; "The OT," Fox, 12.1 million; "Football Night in America," NBC, 11.7 million; "Home Depot Prime College Football: Alabama at LSU," CBS, 11.5 million; "Fox Thursday Night Football: Oakland at San Francisco," Fox, 11.1 million; "NFL Regular Season: New England at Buffalo," ESPN, 11.07 million.

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