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Architects hope new look draws new tenants to Promenade storefronts

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Daily Press Staff Writer

Three storefronts in the center of the Promenade are getting a makeover.

Architect Josh Shedd is stripping off the stucco covering the brick building, replacing the red tile roof with curved metal and marking off three outdoor dining areas with enclosures and awnings. 1319, 1321 and 1323 3rd St. currently share a single roof but their facades vary in design. The renovation will unify the building with a simple, modern aesthetic.

Silverlake Ramen moved into 1319 3rd St. in October, but the other two spaces are empty. Bobarrito used to occupy 1321 and changed ownership in September, taking on the name Pink Sushi, but has since closed. (Shedd designed Silverlake Ramen.)

The building won't be empty for long, though: Shedd said the upcoming renovation is attracting new tenants.

"Tenants are now fighting to get these spaces, and all I did was bring the old building back and clash it with metal to create a high-end looking concept," he said.

Shedd said the new architecture will help restaurants that move into the space to attract customers, especially millennials, whom he said prefer restaurants with a sleek, defined look. The Gallery Food Hall, located immediately to the left of Silverlake Ramen, reopened in May 2017 after undergoing renovations that modernized the 1991 building.

The renovation to one of the Promenade's most central spaces comes during the early stages of Promenade 3.0, an overarching plan to update the shopping district as the country experiences a retail apocalypse driven by the growth of online shopping. Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) installed sidewalk furniture and games in September to encourage visitors to linger

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File Photos

REMODEL: Officials hope a face-lift will make a trio of storefronts more attractive.

Stock market woes raise a nagging fear: Is a recession near?

JOSH BOAK
AP Economics Writer

Fears of a recession have been mounting with the U.S. stock market appearing to be headed for its worst December since 1931 — during the Great Depression.

Wall Street's sustained slump has been fueled by investor concerns about lower corporate profits, higher corporate debt, a festering trade war between the United States and China and a broader global slowdown.

So is a U.S. recession imminent?

Not necessarily.

Plenty of economic gauges suggest that far from being derailed by a stock market that's set to suffer its first annual loss in a decade, the $20 trillion U.S. economy is barreling forward. Employers are hiring, consumers are spending ahead of the holidays and economic growth has been brisk, thanks in part to President Donald Trump's deficit-financed tax cuts.

But the economy has been growing since mid-2009 and nothing — not even what's become the second-longest U.S. expansion on record — lasts forever. As the expansion has aged, economists and business leaders are increasingly predicting that it will end within the next two years.

The fact is that recessions are a regular part of the economic cycle. A downturn won't necessarily happen in 2019. But the free-fall in stock prices could hasten the day. Tuesday's slight gain — the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 82 points, or 0.4 percent, after having lost over 1,000 over the previous two days — was barely a respite.

"While we aren't explicitly

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ARB asks for redesign of downtown project

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

The developers of a six-story building that will rise behind the Santa Monica Public Library on 6th Street are going back to the drawing board after the Architectural Review Board expressed concerns Tuesday about the building's design.

WNMS, entered into a Development Agreement with the City of Santa Monica in November 2017 to build a mixed-use project at 1325 6th Street on a site that is currently a parking lot. City staff said WNMS has not yet changed the design of the building to address concerns the ARB, Planning Commission and City Council raised regarding its appeal to pedestrians and livability.

"The plans remain largely unchanged from what was approved by the City Council as part of the Development Agreement and have not adequately addressed the concerns included that require special design attention," staff

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Dec. 19

Santa Monica Certified Farmer's Market
Today, the Wednesday Farmers Market is widely recognized as one of the largest and most diverse grower-only CFM's in the nation. Some nine thousands food shoppers, and many of Los Angeles' best known chefs and restaurants, are keyed to the seasonal rhythms of the weekly Wednesday Market. 8:00am-1:00 pm.

Gallery open
Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-4:00 pm.

Yoga
All levels. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series. Annenberg Community Beach House 9:00am-10:00 am.

The Commission for the Senior Community Regular Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. Please note: Dates, times and locations are subject to change up to 24 hours in advance of a meeting. Ken Edwards Center 1:30pm.

A Not so Silent Night: Another Holiday Concert
Pico Branch supports Jazz Hands for Autism and invites everyone to a concert that will feature musicians in the autism spectrum and that will serve as a platform of expression and promote inclusivity. Pico Branch Library 3:00pm-4:00 pm.

Holiday Movie: Joyeux Noël (2005)
On Christmas Eve 1914, an unofficial truce on the Western Front allows soldiers from opposing sides of the First World War to put down arms and share a sense of brotherhood. In French, German and English, with subtitles. (116 min.) Fairview Branch Library 6:30pm-8:30 pm.

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall Council Chamber 7:00pm.

Thursday, Dec. 20

Current Events Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21

Classic Christmas Cartoons
Enjoy some tasty treats as we watch classic holiday favorites. See flyer for details. For families. Main Library Children's Activity Room 2:00pm-3:30pm.

Story Time in Wonderland at the Santa Monica Pier
Enjoy at themed story time at the historic merry-go-round at the Santa Monica Pier and take a picture with mermaids and King Triton! For families. Santa Monica Pier 4:00pm-4:30 pm.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Silly Story Saturday
Celebrate silly stories for the whole family. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Guest House open
Visit anytime between 11am-2pm for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH.

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Rental Business Operator Receives Increased Sentence

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office successfully sought and obtained an enhanced sentence for Shabi Jafri, a local real estate agent who was convicted of operating an illegal vacation rental business in June 2018 and subsequently violated his diversion terms. Santa Monica Code Enforcement Officers actively monitor each probationer to ensure compliance with probation and diversion conditions. Officers promptly sought action upon learning of violations by Mr. Jafri.

"The City of Santa Monica has consistently dedicated policies to producing, protecting and preserving housing in our community," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Yibin Shen. "While City prosecutors use innovative tools, such as diversion and probation programs, to achieve justice with opportunity for rehabilitation; we and our law enforcement partners actively monitor compliance, and promptly take action to ensure rigorous compliance with diversion/probation terms in order to fully effectuate the legislative objectives that we are charged to enforce".

In June 2018, Jafri was convicted of unlawfully taking nine residential housing units off of the rental housing market and operating them as illegal vacation rentals, and of his refusal to comply with City Administrative Citations. Upon his conviction, he was placed on formal diversion, which gave him an opportunity to earn a possible future dismissal of the case by demonstrating contrition and compliance.

However, Code Enforcement Officers, soon discovered that Jafri was continuing to engage in the same unlawful activities.

On December 12, City Prosecutor Michael Cobden sought and obtained an enhanced sentence against Mr. Jafri in Los Angeles Superior Court. Judge TK Herman ordered Mr. Jafri to:

Perform 112 hours of community labor, perform 140 hours of community service, pay restitution to the City of Santa Monica in the amount of $3,915 in investigation costs and comply with all laws, including the City's Home-Sharing Ordinance's prohibition against hosting, facilitating, aiding, or advertising a vacation rental in the City.

"We agree with and appreciate the Court's sentencing order" said Code Enforcement Manager Sharon Guidry. "When the Council adopted Santa Monica Municipal Code Chapter 6.20, which reaffirmed the City's longstanding prohibition against vacation rentals in Santa Monica, it clearly reiterated its deep interest in and concerns about protecting Santa Monica's diverse permanent rental housing stock. My team of dedicated Code Enforcement Officers are committed to enforcing this important legislation, through the entire life-cycle of every case. We proactively monitor diversion and probation terms to ensure scrupulous compliance with the City's laws and to guarantee that Santa Monica remains a place that people from all income levels and backgrounds can proudly call home."

After maintaining a multi-decade prohibition against short-term rentals in residential districts, in 2015, the City eased this prohibition by authorizing a form of short-term rentals known as Home-Sharing, wherein a resident is free to host visitors for compensation for a period of less than 31 days, as long as the resident and visitor are both present in the home. Un-hosted short-term rentals of residential housing, known as Vacation Rentals, remain unlawful in Santa Monica. This landmark legislation struck an important balance by enabling current and prospective residents to supplement income through home-sharing to meet increased rents and housing prices, while ensuring that Santa Monica's housing units, and particularly affordable units, would not be surreptitiously or openly converted into de facto hotels.

For more information on the City's Home-Sharing Ordinance or to apply for a Home-Sharing License, visit www.smgov.net/homeshare.

To report an illegal vacation rental business, contact Code Enforcement at (310) 458-4984.

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STOCKS

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forecasting a recession next year, we wouldn't rule out a mild one," said John Higgins, chief markets economist of Capital Economics. "At the least, we expect a significant economic slowdown."

Nearly half the chief financial officers surveyed by Duke University's Fuqua School of Business foresee a recession by the end of next year. And by the end of 2020, 82 percent do so.

Here's a look at how the movements of the stock market and the barometers of the economy might determine the risks of a recession.

DOES A SUSTAINED FALL IN STOCK PRICES HERALD A RECESSION?

Sometimes. Not always.

Both the previous two U.S. recessions overlapped with stock market sell-offs. The Dow plunged nearly 32 percent in 2008 after the housing bubble burst. And it shed more than 5 percent in 2001 when the tech stock bubble burst. But stocks also declined in 2002 — a year when the U.S. economy expanded.

The fact is that the stock market captures just a piece of the broader U.S. economy. Less than half of U.S. households even own any stock, according to New York University economist Edward Wolff. And more than 80 percent of the stock market's value is controlled by the richest 10 percent of households, according to his calculations.

The bulk of most Americans' net worth is derived from a different asset: Their homes.

HOW BAD IS THE STOCK MARKET DECLINE?

It's painful. But Wall Street has endured far worse sell-offs.

Year-to-date, the Dow has lost about 5 percent — just a small fraction of its 2008 plunge. And the recent losses follow an extraordinary winning streak: From its bottom in March 2009, the Dow has rocketed 250 percent. This means that investors who have held on have earned a rich profit — even including the losses since October.

That said, the sell-off of the past two months has been severe — about 12 percent. This means the market has entered "correction" territory, commonly defined as a decline of at least 10 percent.

WHAT'S BEHIND THE ECONOMY'S STRENGTH?

Look to the job market. The 3.7 percent unemployment rate is near a half-century low. Average hourly wages have climbed 3.1 percent in the past 12 months, the strongest such increase since 2009.

The solid employment picture has helped fuel consumer spending. Retail sales have grown 5.3 percent so far this year as more Americans have eaten out and shopped online, according to the Census Bureau.

The jobs market is also where to watch for signs of a recession. Ahead of the 2008 financial crisis, the monthly hiring levels swung from gains to losses and unemployment shot up. The Labor Department issues a weekly report on people applying for unemployment benefits. A sustained increase in such applications would signal that employers are shedding workers in anticipation of a downturn.

DOES THE HOUSING MARKET POINT TO A RECESSION?

A: This is tricky. By some measures, like the Census Bureau's report on home construction, the housing market never really recovered from the meltdown of a decade ago. As a result, housing has contributed relatively little to the economic recovery, which makes it less likely to be a major force that tips it into a recession.

What has generally recovered are average home prices. Home sales prices have been steadily rising faster than Americans' average wages for the past few years, according to the National Association of Realtors. This made some homeowners wealthier. But it also reduced affordability of homes for many would-be buyers.

Until this past year, homebuyers had been helped by historically low mortgage rates. But mortgage rates began to creep up last year as it became clear that Trump's tax cuts would swell the federal budget deficit. Mortgage rates generally move in sync with 10-year Treasury notes. As the average 30-year mortgage rate has risen 4.63 percent from 3.93 percent a year ago, sales of homes have fallen.

ARE THE FED'S RATE HIKES A RISK FOR RECESSION?

A: The Federal Reserve has become a punching bag for Trump as the stock market has tumbled. The Fed is widely expected to raise its key short-term rate for the fourth time this year on Wednesday, which would likely further raise borrowing costs for consumers and businesses over time.

The Fed is raising rates to try to keep inflation at its 2 percent annual target while maximizing employment. But if it miscalculates and raises rates too high or too fast, history suggests it could trigger a recession.

Compounding the risk is that the Fed is also paring the huge bond purchases on its books, which resulted from the trillions in Treasury and mortgage bonds it bought to help the financial system recover from the 2008 financial crisis. Doing so magnifies the upward pressure on borrowing rates for consumers and businesses.

COULD RESOLVING A TRADE WAR WITH CHINA STOP A RECESSION?

A: Trump caused stocks to buckle when he ratcheted up taxes on Chinese imports in hopes of forcing Beijing to strike a deal that would protect U.S. technology from theft and reduce the trade deficit with China. Stocks recovered somewhat when further tariff increases were suspended after Trump met with President Xi Jinping at an international gathering in Argentina.

A prolonged trade war could surely depress growth. But it's unclear whether any new deal would speed growth to the point where a recession could be avoided.

The fact is that economic growth around the world is slowing, including in the United States as the benefits from the tax cuts wane. Britain is struggling to leave the European Union. France faces economic unrest. Italy appears to be in recession. China is trying to engineer slower growth after a multi-decade boom that would be destabilizing if it had maintained its once-sizzling pace.

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Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bidsearch4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.

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Curious City

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Tangier can, why not Santa Monica?

I LOVE MOROCCO – SO WHAT?

CURIOUS CITY has for its last six years out of seven been focused mainly on things Santa Monica. So... I take an exotic vacation, couldn't I just skip two columns? Sure. But I don't really take vacations. I travel. Whenever I can, with the convergence of time and money, and usually with discovering a great deal. I came here to learn something, so why wouldn't I share that? It's what a columnist does.

I consider it an insult to be called a tourist. I think of myself as a traveler. Like the 14th Century Tangier scholar Ibn Batouta, who visited 44 countries, but it took him 29 years, back then. (He may even have walked by this former riyad home as it was being built, same century. One of the nine rooms here at La Maison Blanche hotel is named for him.)

Big deal, Ibn. My family hit 30 countries in less than a year, 2011-12, and spent as long as we wanted in each one. 18 days in Morocco, with four in Tangier and three in Jajouka, the Atlas Mountains village of Bachir Attar and the Master Musicians.

BACHIR IS THE REASON

I'm here. I probably won't get to see Jajouka this time, because he has been spending time in Tangier, staying in Paul Bowles' apartment. If you don't know who Bowles is, don't feel bad. When I first came I barely knew the name. But look him up and you will find a fascinating character so respected in the literary world that the best writers and other artists took long ship or plane journeys in the '40s - '70s to come here to Tangier to see him. Allen Ginsberg, William S. Burroughs, Jack Kerouac, Tennessee Williams, Gregory Corso, Brion Gysin, Timothy Leary, Bernardo Bertolucci (made a film of his "Sheltering Sky" novel), the Rolling Stones (recorded here twice, 1968 and 1989) and more knocked on his apartment door.

I visited Bachir at that apartment, vibrating with history, sitting on the same couch where probably all the aforenamed have sat and told great stories. American photographer and close Bowles friend Cherie Nutting has preserved it, thankfully. On our previous trip she graciously allowed my family to stay there several days, even though we had never met in person.

TANGIER IS LIKE THAT

This is not just another ancient city or Arab world citadel. There is something special and different about Tangier, when you take in its history and its totality. The Phoenicians dug it so much they conquered it around the 10th Century B.C., and the tourists and travelers haven't stopped coming since. Phoenician tombs are dug into rock overlooking the Mediterranean, just down the street from the remarkable Cafe Hafa, for nearly a century now a gathering place for celebrities and locals young and old to sit in the sun and sip mint tea in glasses stuffed with big leaves, looking down just below to the gorgeous blue sea. On most days you can see Spain across the water. Who knows what great literature has been scribbled at these thick-legged inlaid tables set in concrete? There are places of historic import like this all over this city, if you know where to look, if you know where you're standing.

AZIZ BEGDOURI

Introduced me and my family to these two unforgettable sites that many tourists never find out about, when we first visited in 2012, and he is my other excuse for coming. I have learned much more about him and his beloved city this time, staying in his truly amazing (and not very expensive for what it is) hotel on the edge of the kasbah, looking down on the medina, the crazy crowded color-drenched ancient marketplace.

And here is where it circles back to Santa Monica, for me.

Begdouri is considered, for decades, the top travel guide in Tangier and Morocco. Ask Rick Steves, ask Anthony Bourdain. But loving, passionate preservationist probably best describes him, really. He doesn't so much know about Tangier because he became a tour guide, it's the other way around; he has lived and breathed it, with great pride and wonder, all his life. And almost all the locals I've talked with feel the same pride and protectiveness for their great city.

Tangier is about 10 times the size of Santa Monica and growing very rapidly, but it remains, with its new development, a beautiful city that still looks and feels ancient. They can do that with more than 3,000 years and we can't handle 150? SM/CA/USA is so much wealthier than Tangier/Morocco so it's obviously not the means, but the political will.

I AM HAPPY AND HOPEFUL

For what I have heard from Bachir Attar. A movie is being pieced together about his ancient music heritage, not about him or even his father who welcomed Rolling Stone Brian Jones there to record in 1968 (Bachir was 5), but going back 1000 years. They would love to get Johnny Depp for the lead role and I completely concur.

Bachir played me a piece of music, a collaboration of the Master Musicians of Jajouka and some Western players, and it is unlike anything I've ever heard, really exciting. And a massive, world-class recording studio is being built to draw top artists from all over the world, featuring the Master Musicians as the calling card. It is not a pipe dream. Bachir took me to the site on a hilltop overlooking the sea, five stories, concrete already poured, less than a year from completion, they figure.

You must look up Bachir Attar too. Close friend and collaborator with the great jazz master Ornette Coleman, played with Flea, the London Symphony Orchestra, Bill Laswell, Talvin Singh, respected worldwide but barely known by the general public. The movie

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Rotary News

By Alanna Shepard

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GIFTS: Local Rotarians have been busy helping support those in need during the holidays.

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has been very busy this holiday season. From serving the police Thanksgiving dinner, Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army, being Holiday Angels for Connections for Children, hosting a blood drive for the American Red Cross, and raising money to assist the victims of the recent wildfires, our members have been busy making a difference in our community.

It's time to announce our most recent Unsung Hero, Colette Doyle! Colette is a retired teacher and has been the lead facilitator for the Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club STEM Mentoring program. She created a Book Club to help members with their reading comprehension and proficiency, and has donated countless books and school supplies to the members. To top that off, she is well known for bringing the kids cupcakes, fruit and good job stickers to every program session. These items are donated by Colette and she never asks for help or anything in return. The Boys and Girls Club writes that, "the amount of time and effort Colette dedicates to their youth is beyond measurable. They are amazed everyday by the level of commitment and genuine love she has for their organization and the youth they serve. She has authentic appreciation for the staff and wants to serve a purpose in impacting the kids in our community." Congratulations Colette! If you would like to nominate an Unsung Hero, please contact the Rotary Club of Santa Monica at rotaryclubofsantamonica@verizon.net.

This past Friday our members could be seen Ringing the Bell for Red Kettle Day for the Salvation Army. Thanks to the generosity of club members and the community, the Santa Monica Rotary Club raised over $6,000 in one day of Ringing the Bell!

On Saturday, December 15th, our members participated in being Holiday Angels for Connections for Children. Members donated, sorted and wrapped hundreds of gifts to help make the holidays merry and bright!

In light of the recent wildfires that have ravaged our community, the Rotary Club of Santa Monica matched $10,000 in donations for local fire relief victims. In addition, the Club held a blood drive for the American Red Cross, the results of which will be given to victims and others of these devastating fires.

December 14th was election day for the Rotary Club of Santa Monica! For the 2019-2020 Rotary year, this will be the board of officers and directors:

President: Sharon Perlmutter Gavin
President-elect: Lisa Alexander
Vice-Presidents: Carol Powell and Matt Williams
Secretary: Laurel Rosen
Treasurer: Suzan Allbritton
Directors: holdover director is Andrea Gressinger, one year directors are Greg Abrams, Josh Bradburn, and Kathy Shepard, and the two-year directors are Vicky Curtis and Chuck Husting. Congratulations to the new board!

The Rotary Club of Santa Monica wishes everyone the merriest of holidays and the happiest of New Years!

CITY

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would change that.

Villager Attar has the same pride in his heritage as does city dweller Begdouri and the same passion for preserving it, and both are making bold moves into the future as well. It can be done. Tangier is proof.

Y'all should come here. Your entry may be bumpy but you will learn that there are differences that soon become more endearing than annoying, and for all our sundry costumes, we are all the same under our djellabas and abayas, the world over.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller." – Ibn Batouta

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US surgeon general warns of teen risks from e-cigarettes

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

The government's top doctor is taking aim at the best-selling electronic cigarette brand in the U.S., urging swift action to prevent Juul and similar vaping brands from addicting millions of teenagers.

In an advisory Tuesday, Surgeon General Jerome Adams said parents, teachers, health professionals and government officials must take "aggressive steps" to keep children from using e-cigarettes. Federal law bars the sale of e-cigarettes to those under 18.

For young people, "nicotine is dangerous and it can have negative health effects," Adams said in an interview. "It can impact learning, attention and memory, and it can prime the youth brain for addiction."

Federal officials are scrambling to reverse a recent explosion in teen vaping that public health officials fear could undermine decades of declines in tobacco use. An estimated 3.6 million U.S. teens are now using e-cigarettes, representing 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle schoolers, according to the latest federal figures.

Separate survey results released Monday showed twice as many high school students used e-cigarettes this year compared to last year.

E-cigarettes and other vaping devices have been sold in the U.S. since 2007, growing into a $6.6 billion business. Most devices heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable vapor. They have been pitched to adult smokers as a less-harmful alternative to cigarettes, though there's been little research on the long-term health effects or on whether they help people quit. Even more worrisome, a growing body of research suggests that teens who vape are more likely to try regular cigarettes.

Adams singled out Silicon Valley startup Juul. The company leapfrogged over its larger competitors with online promotions portraying their small device as the latest high-tech gadget for hip, attractive young people. Analysts now estimate the company controls more than 75 percent of the U.S. e-cigarette market.

The surgeon general's advisory notes that each Juul cartridge, or pod, contains as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. Additionally, Adams states that Juul's liquid nicotine mixture is specially formulated to give a smoother, more potent nicotine buzz. That effect poses special risks for young people, Adams says.

"We do know that these newer products, such as Juul, can promote dependence in just a few uses," Adams said.

Juul said in a statement that it shares the surgeon general's goal: "We are committed to preventing youth access of Juul products."

Last month, San Francisco-based Juul shut down its Facebook and Instagram accounts and halted in-store sales of its flavored pods. The flavors remain available via age-restricted online sales. That voluntary action came days before the Food and Drug Administration proposed industrywide restrictions on online and convenience store sales of e-cigarettes to deter use by kids.

Adams recommends parents, teachers and health professionals learn about e-cigarettes, talk to children about the risks and set an example by not using tobacco products.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Promoting sustainability

EDITOR:

Given growing demands on a limited and in fact diminishing water supply, fires and mudslides, politicians at all levels must be more responsible in their oversight of building permits for both housing and commercial development in accordance (balance) with the natural environment of California.

Careful stewardship in putting the safety and security of residents must be top priority over all other considerations.

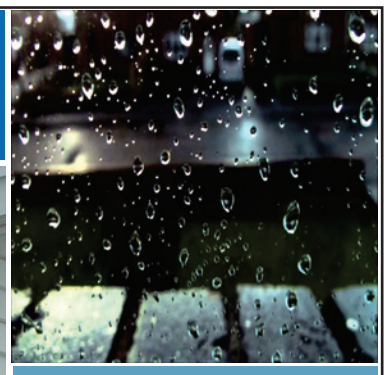
The above positions are the true definition of sustainability.

Ironic isn't it, the way in which a majority of California politicians love to spout environmental causes from one side of their mouths, while exasperating the demands on natural resources and inadequate infrastructure as they promote more unsustainable growth from the other side of their mouths.

MARY KAY GORDON
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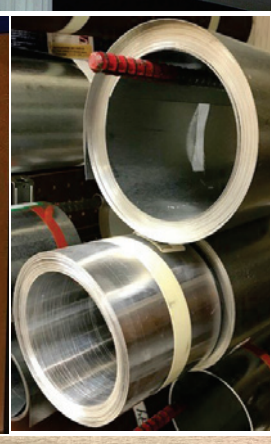




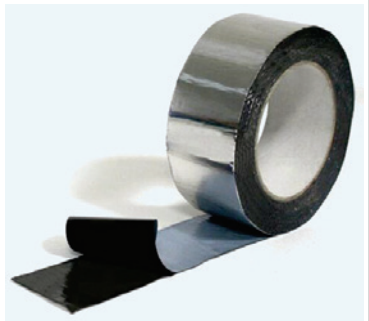
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'Zero-tolerance' immigration policy hits snag in California

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

One by one, U.S. Magistrate Judge William Gallo called the names of 14 defendants who were charged with entering the country illegally. Defense attorneys told him the government had already deported them to Mexico, making it impossible for them to appear.

In a rebuke to the government, the judge immediately dismissed all charges and ordered that their bond money be returned.

The scene played out every day for several weeks in San Diego — another example of judges challenging President Donald Trump's moves on immigration in ways large and small. Last month, a different judge halted an administration policy to deny asylum to people who enter the country illegally.

Federal prosecutors introduced the mass hearings on immigration charges in California in July, adopting a model that has been in place for years elsewhere on the U.S.-Mexico border. The hearings soon began running past 6 p.m. regularly.

Defense attorneys frequently objected that they didn't have enough time to consult with their clients, who appeared in the same clothes they wore crossing the border a day or so earlier.

Then, on Sept. 17, Gallo announced that judges would no longer accept guilty pleas at initial appearances, as they do in Arizona and Texas. Instead, they began setting second hearings for five days later. Immigrants who posted bail before their return dates were deported.

"The government, in many respects, was duplicitous," Gallo said on a recent Friday, referring to the decision to deport defendants before they could return to court for resolution of their cases.

On the same day, Gallo dismissed charges against the 14 defendants, many of them Mexican men who were caught hiding amid boulders and thick brush in rugged mountains east of San Diego.

The administration countered on Oct. 9, saying it would not deport people until their criminal cases were completed. That stopped cases from being dismissed but introduced new problems: Keeping people in custody for longer periods strained detention space and imposed higher costs.

"They wanted it to be a one-day thing, like it is across the whole border, because it's cheaper," said Jami Ferrara, who represents defense attorneys on a panel with judges and prosecutors working on the changes. "It's not a cheap system."

It is unclear how many cases were dismissed in San Diego, but defense attorneys estimate it was hundreds.

While dismissing the cases did not free people in the U.S., it undermined the purpose of Trump's "zero tolerance" illegal immigration policy: to notch criminal convictions. First-time offenders are punished by up to six months in prison and can be charged with a felony if caught again.

The legal skirmishes in San Diego court have not drawn a public reaction from Trump, and the Justice Department and Customs and Border Protection agency declined to comment.

It costs the Marshals Service an average of almost $90 a day to house a defendant. In San Diego, space is at a premium, with room for only 815 people at the main holding facility.

To address any space limitations, the Marshals Service has agreements with state and local governments and the federal Bureau of Prisons, as well as contracts with private companies, spokesman Drew Wade said.

Defendants received a lift from The Bail Project, a nonprofit group launched in January that has established revolving bail funds in San Diego and six other cities across the U.S. Robin Steinberg, its chief executive, said the group came to San Diego on Aug. 20 and provided bail to 700 immigrants in its first seven weeks.

The Bail Project has yet to expand to other border courts that hold mass hearings for illegal entry.

"Our current focus is to assist as many people as we can in San Diego," Steinberg said.

For now, many defendants are unable to make bail because some judges insist they be released to "a third-party custodian" in California, often a relative who is responsible for making sure they return to court. But some family members may be reluctant to come forward if they are in the country illegally, and many live far from San Diego.

Defense attorneys have objected to the requirement.

"It is extremely unusual for courts to require a third-party custodian in misdemeanor cases," said David Loy, legal director for the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial counties. "These are basically federal petty offenses at the lowest level."

Mass hearings on immigration charges were introduced in Del Rio, Texas, in 2005 and spread within a few years to other federal courts on the border— except California. Courtrooms in Tucson, Arizona, and McAllen, Texas, filled with about 70 people a day who pleaded guilty at their first appearance and were typically sentenced to time already served.

The administration said in May that it would prosecute every illegal entry under zero tolerance. But after a backlash over widespread separation of families, officials retreated in June by generally exempting adults who come with their children. Days later, a federal judge ruled against separating families.

In San Diego, each defense attorney is assigned no more than four clients a day and, on most days there are only 10 attorneys, resulting in a cap of 40.

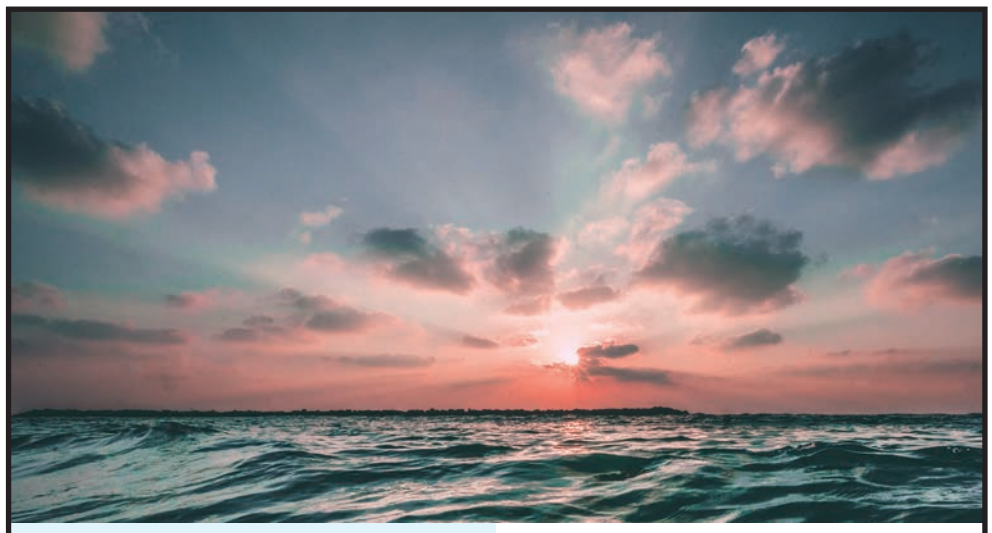
Fred Sheppard, an assistant U.S. attorney, recently said in court that the Border Patrol arrests 90 to 140 people a day in San Diego, implying that many are not prosecuted. (The administration says there has been a "slight uptick" in families crossing illegally and turning themselves in since a large caravan of Central American migrants reached Tijuana, Mexico, last month.)

The prosecutor spoke as the government presented 43 people for prosecution, three over that day's cap. Three men entered the jury box and were told by Gallo that their cases were being dismissed because they had not had a chance to speak with an attorney.

"The system is burgeoning," the judge said.







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Exhibition of speed Stewart St / Olympic Blvd 6:55 a.m.
Petty theft just occurred 800blk 18th St 6:35 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:49 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:32 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1200blk 16th St 8:27 a.m.
Burglary 200blk beach St 7:23 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 31st St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:08 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2400blk Pier Ave 7:59 a.m.
General parking problem 100blk Arizona Ave 9:58 a.m.
Smoking violation 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:26 a.m.
Panhandling 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 8:21 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk 21st St 8:01 a.m.
Theft of recyclables 2400blk Virginia Ave 8:10 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1800blk Michigan Ave 10:22 a.m.
Person down 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 10:49 a.m.
Encampment 400blk Bay St 10:29 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 11:32 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2200blk 24th St 11 a.m.
Petty theft just occurred 1100blk 16th St 11:32 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 20th St / Broadway 11:56 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk Lincoln Blvd 12:06 p.m.
Civil dispute 900blk 2nd St 11:47 a.m.
Petty theft 3000blk 3rd St 9:07 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1100blk 15th St 11:58 a.m.
Petty theft 800blk Ashland Ave 12:40 p.m.
Grand theft 300blk Santa Monica Pl 12:08 p.m.
Missing person 1900blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:05 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:22 p.m.
Malicious mischief just occurred 700blk Montana Ave 12:47 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation Chelsea Ave / Arizona Ave 7:14 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Montana Ave 8:54 a.m.
Battery just occurred 26th St / Broadway 2:09 p.m.
Indecent exposure now 1600blk 20th St 2:24 p.m.
Petty theft just occurred 300blk Colorado Ave 2:00 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1600blk Sunset Ave 2:25 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2400blk 23rd St 2:26 p.m.
Burglary 2900blk 4th St 8:51 a.m.
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Battery now 100blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:32 p.m.
Person with a gun 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:11 p.m.
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Battery just occurred 16th St / Colorado Ave 2:41 p.m.
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Vehicle blocking driveway 1000blk 21st St 3:42 p.m.
Grand theft 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:30 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 26th St / Washington Ave 3:31 p.m.
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Exhibition of speed Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 10:56 p.m.
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EMS 1200 block Santa Monica 9:47 a.m.
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EMS 2300 block Santa Monica 10:53 a.m.
EMS 600 block Pico 11:43 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700 block 12:30 p.m.
EMS 600 block Santa Monica 12:39 p.m.
EMS 2700 block Colorado 12:45 p.m.
EMS 1500 block 2nd 2:31 p.m.
EMS 16th/Colorado 2:45 p.m.
EMS 2900 block Neilson 3:10 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2800 block Ocean Park 3:45 p.m.
EMS 23rd/Ocean Park 4:04 p.m.
EMS Cloverfield/Olympic 5:42 p.m.
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Miscellaneous outside fire 1200 block Princeton 7:55 p.m.
Structure fire 1300 block 7th 8:11 p.m.
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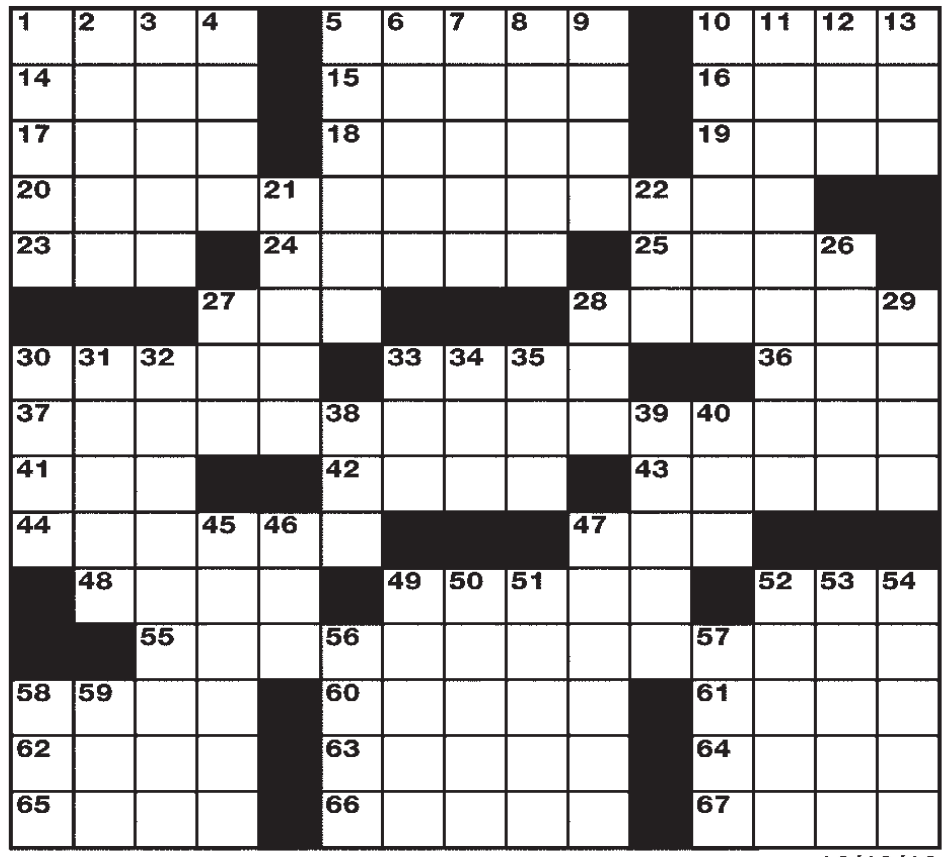
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16 Tableland
17 Taj Mahal city
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19 Nothing but
20 Bowled over
23 Tina of *30 Rock*
24 Generator's spinning part
25 Footnote abbr.
27 Make public
28 Radiator or stove
30 Woolen footwear
33 In the past
36 Cocktail cooler
37 Bowled over
41 "__ showtime!"
42 Be dependent (on)
43 Broadway awards
44 Sphere of influence
47 Lulu
48 Mexican money
49 Drive forward
52 Oxygen or neon
55 Bowled over
58 Wicked
60 Bother persistently
61 Diamond Head locale
62 Pasta alternative
63 What a parasol provides
64 Microwave, for instance
65 "Piece of cake!"
66 Kind of renewable energy
67 Halloween party wear

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3 Well-ordered grouping
4 Wild guess
5 Shooting star
6 Put forth, as effort
7 Australian wild dog
8 Church platform
9 More or __ (approximately)
10 Single-celled creature
11 Performance of a song
12 Gestural communication: Abbr.
13 Saltwater body
21 Lively, as a walk
22 Reason for extra innings
26 Hunter's fake drake
27 Dog show org.
28 That woman
29 Sales force, for short
30 Lose traction
31 In first place
32 Makeup
33 Praiseful poem
34 Super Bowl org.
35 Slyly hesitant
38 Directional suffix
39 At __ (leaning somewhat)
40 Hack (off)
45 Actress Judd
46 Written promise to pay
47 Annoy
49 Sun Valley's state
50 Nickel or copper
51 Gucci rival
52 Exotic jelly flavor
53 Sore spots
54 Striped stinker
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57 Leeway
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59 By way of



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 19)

You're stepping up your game this year, simply because you've done what you can where you're at and you're ready to go to the next level. This will involve exciting changes. Three standout events will reflect your status, solidify your alliances and crystallize your memory of this remarkable time of life. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 33, 38 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
It's time to reach out and risk. Follow your daring impulse, pitch your idea or extend your offer. Regardless of whether you get the result you were hoping for or not, the spontaneity will invigorate you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
You're not in it alone; the others just haven't joined you yet. They don't yet know enough to come into the picture. So start telling people what you're doing, and what you need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
No one is born with character. Character is the natural outcropping of your choices, mainly the little ones today. Each small challenge is a chance to rise up and meet the moment with grace.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
It may help you to think of your thoughts as items scattered around the rooms of your mind, some of little or no value, others pearls. You can go in and tidy up just as you would your home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Children need different things at age 5 than they do at age thirteen, and here you are, grown, and still growing, needing different things as you go. In a new stage, you might not be sure what you need, but experiments will show you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You can like a person and still dislike the person's behavior. It won't help to criticize though. For now, just observe with a compassionate heart. It's very likely things will turn around on their own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
There's a lot of information out there you don't need to or want to know. The way to filter it is to figure out what you do want to know and go deeper and deeper into that area of knowledge. All else will fade on the periphery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
The words of William Shakespeare in "King Henry IV" will apply. "The better part of valor is discretion, in which, better part I have saved my life." Your life isn't at stake, but your enjoyment may be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
A person who is time rich and cash poor is in a far better position than one in the opposite situation. With the drop of one responsibility, your time could open up unexpectedly. This is a golden opportunity indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Success will be a matter of sorting. There will be a few things to match up: What you have to give, what you like to give, who needs such a thing, and who meets your qualifications of exchange.

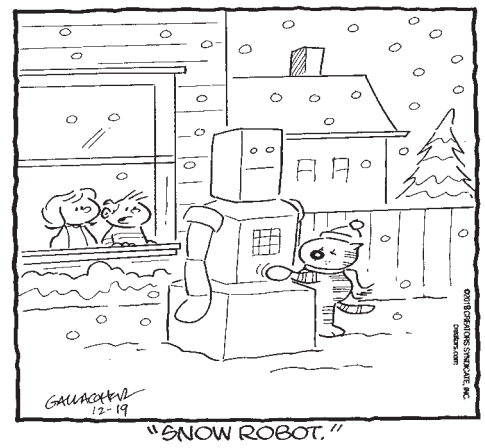
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Ambitions will drive you forward, and, because you choose such interesting ones, they drive you forward in novel ways, involving fascinating people and culminating in one-of-a-kind scenarios.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The power of habit is not to be underestimated. A strong habit can conquer any number of complex emotional conditions. It can settle the wilderness of the mind.

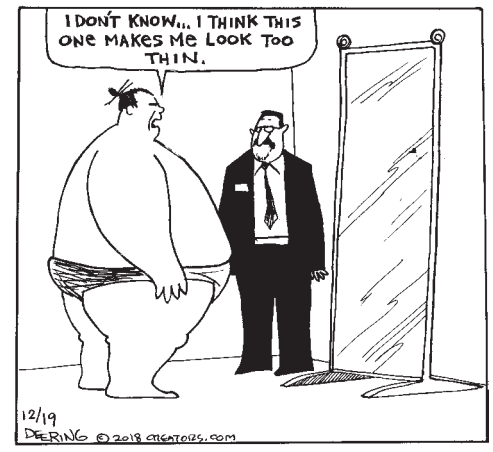
Lunar Detour Detector
When you have precise directions to get from point A to point B, and one of the roads involved is closed, the rest of the directions are rendered useless until you find a way around that road – that is, unless you really know where you are. Knowing where you are makes finding a detour relatively easy. Grounded Taurus lunar vibes will help.

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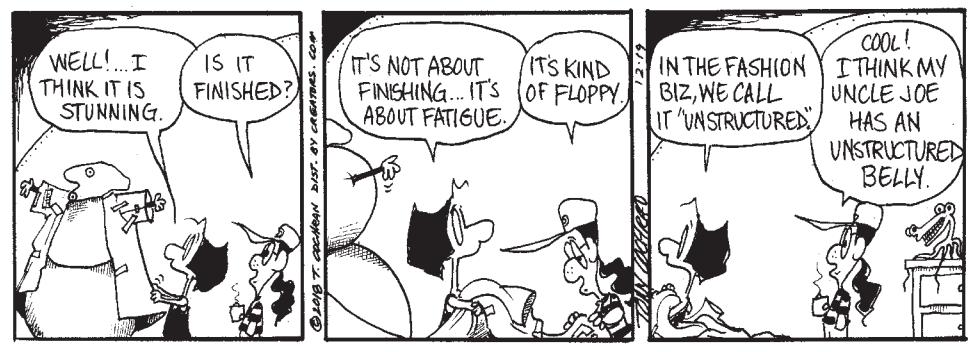
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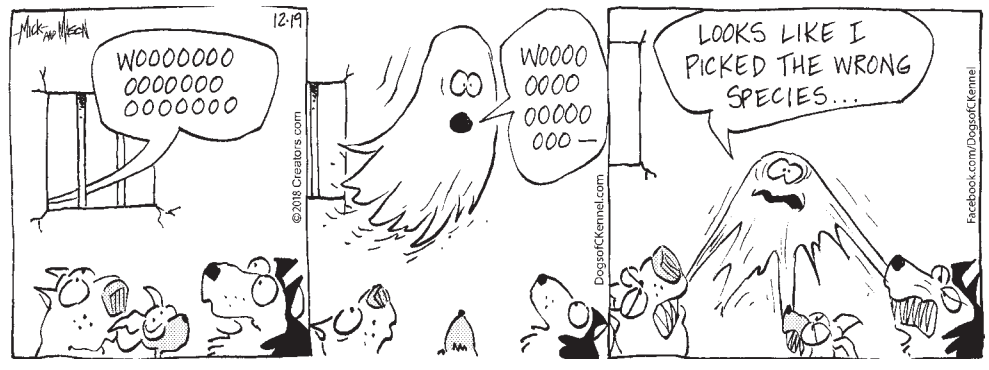
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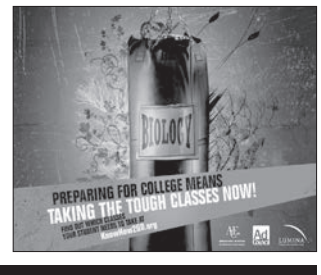
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Longtime DMV employee named as agency's acting director

California's troubled Department of Motor Vehicles will get a new leader Dec. 31.

Gov. Jerry Brown designated Bill Davidson as acting director on Monday to take over for Jean Shiomoto, who is leaving at the end of the year. Davidson is currently the chief deputy director and has worked at the DMV for 16 years, working in field operations and as the budget officer. Davidson also helped implement California's program that allows non-citizens to get drivers licenses.

Davidson will take over after a tumultuous year that saw hours-long wait times as the agency rolled out new federal ID requirements and a series of problems related to California's "motor voter" program that automatically registers eligible people to vote.

In the latest error, Shiomoto said the agency failed to transmit 589 voter-related forms to elections officials before the November election, potentially preventing those people from voting.

Brown did not comment beyond a letter designating Davidson as acting director. Davidson did not offer comment through an agency spokesman.

Shiomoto told employees earlier this month she planned to step down at the end of the year after 38 years working for the state, DMV spokesman Armando Botello said Friday.

Her retirement plans became public after Secretary of State Alex Padilla called on Brown to replace her, saying he'd lost trust in her given the series of voter registration errors.

Earlier this year the DMV said it mistakenly registered roughly 1,500 people to vote. That group may have included non-citizens, people under 18 or those ineligible to vote because of a criminal conviction.

Brown's term as governor ends in January.

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LOS ANGELES

'Tonight Show' to air episode in Puerto Rico with 'Hamilton'

Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight Show" will air an episode next year from Puerto Rico including an exclusive performance with Lin-Manuel Miranda reprising his role in "Hamilton."

NBC announced Monday evening that Miranda and the new touring cast will appear in the episode Jan. 15. The telecast will focus on Puerto Rico's recovery efforts to rebuild and raise awareness after Hurricane Maria massively struck the island in 2017.

The episode will delve into how the deadly hurricane devastated Puerto Rico through widespread damage, but also celebrate the "great spirit and culture" of the people.

Miranda will reprise his lead role in "Hamilton" at the University of Puerto Rico from Jan. 8 to 27. The performances look to raise money for the Flamboyan Arts Fund to benefit the art, artists and arts institutions.

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WNMS

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wrote in a report.

The Board said Tuesday that the building's residential units needed more access to light and air, the ground-floor commercial space needed to be more oriented to pedestrians and the exterior of the building looked disjointed and cold in places – echoing the feedback the Board and the Planning Commission gave WNMS in April 2016.

WNMS told the Board it would come back with a revised design.

The Board's and Commission's critiques of the building were also similar to comments the Commission made in February on another WNMS project at 1650 Lincoln Boulevard. The Commission said that building looked too much like a corporate office and asked the developer to maximize airflow and sunlight in the units.

1325 6th Street has a similar balcony design to the 1650 Lincoln Boulevard project, but its facade is white stucco and concrete and the metal is lighter in color.

The ground floor contains about 4,860 square feet of retail space and a residential lobby. Two of the building's 64 units are located on the ground floor. The subterranean parking garage will provide 138 spaces for residents and visitors, accessible from the 6th Court alley.

There are two main open spaces within the project: a 2,234 square foot rooftop deck with a spa, barbecue area, bar and tables, and a 3rd-floor open space. Staff said WNMS should reconsider the design to create larger gathering spaces for residents.

WNMS was spun out of NMS and NMS was managing the 1325 6th Street project as late as November 2017.

In 2017, two Planning Commissioners voted against the project because a judge found that the CEO of NMS, Neil Shekhter, and his associates forged contracts and destroyed evidence. The City conducted a probe after the court case concluded and found the developer was in compliance with all requirements regulating the 23 buildings it owned in Santa Monica at the time.

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PROMENADE

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and conducted a survey last week to better understand how people use the Promenade.

Making the physical space of the Promenade more attractive helps bring in foot traffic, said DTSM CEO Kathleen Rawson.

"We simply have to evolve with the times in order to maintain the vibrancy of our community," she said. "Renovations and upgrades to the buildings that line the Third Street Promenade will play a key role in the future success of the street."

Shedd said he is in talks for a similar renovation another building at 1360 3rd St. The building was built in 1916 as a bank and was renovated in the 1960s.

"To bring the Promenade's buildings back to life, it just requires creativity and support from landlords," he said. "They're learning right now that … no tenant wants something that looks ordinary."

The renovation will take about two months and begin after Shedd obtains building permits, he said.

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