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Rent control increases capped at \$44

MATTHEW HALL

Daily Press Editor

Rent increases for rent controlled units will be limited to 2% this year with a maximum monthly increase of \$44.

Rent control increases are governed by formulas in the City Charter and while the Rent Control Board has no control over the percentage increase they do have a choice when setting the additional dollar cap. The board unanimously approved the increases at their June meeting and only one individual spoke about the decision.

Local landlord David Miller said the dollar cap deprived landlords of necessary income to maintain units and would encourage small operators to sell to developers.

"The main thing that imposing this arbitrary cap on top of a sub-inflationary annual adjustment is just to deny housing providers the money they need to maintain their aging buildings and an ancillary effect of imposing the cap is to encourage mom and pop housing providers like me to sell their buildings, often to developers," he said.

Miller said the cost associated

with operating a building are increasing at a rate far greater than the annual adjustments.

"I guess my point is we're in an unsustainable situation," he said. "We have expenses that are governed by the free market and rent adjustments are limited to sub-inflationary increases that are then further decreased by an arbitrary cap. It's really not fair and it's going to get worse."

Several commissioners said the increases were necessary to maintain stability and landlords were able to make up the costs when units reset to market rates.

Commissioner Nicole Phillis said the commission wants mom and pop landlords to succeed in the City but said that without a dollar cap, the compounding of annual percentage increases could quickly drive out newer tenants.

"We hear you on this but this is a critical point because the compounding impact on tenants in the long term undercuts the entire purpose of rent control," she said.

Commissioner Anastasia Foster said the adjustment formula captures some of the annual cost increases associated with owning

a building and said landlords are reaping huge profits when long term tenants vacate a unit that more than compensate for the rent caps.

"There's nothing sub-inflationary about the gigantic, 30, 80, 100, 150, 200 percent rent increases every time there's a Costa Hawkins vacancy filled," she said.

Landlords can implement the General Adjustment (GA) of 2% for eligible units, with a maximum \$44 increase for rents of \$2,175 and above effective September 1, 2019 with proper notice.

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CARNIVAL: Getty Images
Netflix's popular "Stranger Things" show came to Santa Monica last weekend to celebrate the third season premier. Actors held a carnival on the Santa Monica Pier.

Santa Monica goes Hollywood (Burger)

ANGEL CARRERAS

Daily Press Staff Writer

Another burger restaurant is coming to Santa Monica and like many Santa Monicans, they're a transplant.

Hollywood Burger — an

international burger chain with a location in, well, Hollywood — will arrive in Santa Monica later this year. The fast-casual restaurant will take residence at the former home of ChouChou Cafe / Z Garden on

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Samohi grad and Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs dies at age 27

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Los Angeles Angels pitcher Tyler Skaggs died Monday at the age of 27, stunning Major League Baseball and leading to the postponement of

the team's game against the Texas Rangers.

Skaggs was with the team in Texas when he was found unresponsive in

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA
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Tuesday, July 2

Walk-In Tutoring: Basic Reading Writing and Online Skills

Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information, opening and using an email account, filling-out online forms or applications, learning how to write a resume or cover letter, and more. Main Library 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Gentle Yoga at Fairview

In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library, 6:30 p.m.

SM Reads: Holla If Ya Hear Me: The Impact of Tupac Shakur

The influence of rap artist and poet Tupac Shakur is keenly felt in The Hate U Give, most notably in the book's title, but also in the impact his words have on the main characters. Join a discussion of Tupac, and other artists like Kendrick Lamar and Chance the Rapper, and the ways in which they have helped illuminate and elevate young black voices. Panelists include music journalists Jeff Weiss, Rebecca Haithcoat and L.A. rapper Nocando. Main Library, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3

Senior TAP Workshop at the Ken Edwards Center

Bring valid ID showing you are 62 years or older to apply for a FREE senior reduced fare TAP card. Includes travel and TAP card use training. For details, visit bigbluebus.com/tapworkshop. Ken Edwards Center, 1 - 2 p.m.

John Abrams' Animal Magic

A magician that does it all! Enjoy an afternoon of comedy, magic and animals. Montana Avenue Branch Library 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 4

July 4 Parade

Free community parade from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. along Main Street. Expect

road closures along the route.

Friday, July 5

Billy Bonkers Magic Show

Go bonkers over Billy's show filled with amazing magic, slapstick comedy, and nonstop audience participation. For ages 4-11. (45 min.) Fairview Branch Library, 2:30 - 3:15 p.m.

Game Room

Take a break from the heat. Enjoy the free Game Room, weekdays 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. through Labor Day! Annenberg Community Beach House, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.

Pool Open

The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.. Passes go on sale at 9 a.m.

Saturday, July 6

Ocean Park Book Group

A Monthly Meeting of the Ocean Park Book Group. Meets the first Saturday of the Month. Open to All. No Registration Required. Ocean Park Branch Library, 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 7

Bioplastic Exploration with Studio Resident Dahn Gim

Join Dahn in an exploration of how bioplastics can be made using vegetable and other matter as raw material. Dahn's new sculpture series will use animal leather substitutes, and she is trying new techniques. She'll provide an overview of unusual sculptural materials that she has used and their pros and cons. All are welcome! Note that this is not a class, but an open exploratory session and discussion. Various materials will be on hand to check out. 1450 Ocean, 12:30 - 2 p.m. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bioplastic-exploration-with-studio-resident-dahn-gim-tickets-59131677439>

Monday, June 8

Landmarks Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. The Commission normally meets on the second Monday of every month in the City Council Chamber. 7 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Judge Real, who desegregated California schools, dies at 95

U.S. District Judge Manuel Real, who was an active judge for five decades and desegregated schools in Southern California, has died, the courts said. He was 95.

Real, whose courtroom was in Los Angeles, died on Wednesday, the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California said in a statement posted on Friday.

Real was the longest-serving active district judge in the United States before he took senior status in November. He was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 and served as an active judge for 50 years, the statement said.

Real ordered the desegregation of the Pasadena Unified School District in 1970 and barred the district from discriminating on the basis of race.

Before becoming a judge, Real was the U.S. attorney and an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California. He also served in private practice.

He served in the U.S. Navy reserve during World War II from 1943 to 1945.

Real was nominated to be a judge and confirmed in 1966, the same year that the Central District was created.

"Judge Real has been the heart and soul of our district since it was formed in 1966, and his passing leaves an unfillable void for us, his family, the legal world and the larger community," Chief Judge Virginia Phillips said in the statement.

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LOS ANGELES

Former USC gynecologist pleads not guilty to sex assaults

The defense attorney for the former University of Southern California campus gynecologist accused of sexual assault says none of the alleged abuse happened and it's telling that despite hundreds of complaints, the doctor is only charged in 16 cases.

Lawyer Andrew Flier says 72-year-old Dr. George Tyndall is innocent of the charges, which were filed last week after a yearlong investigation. He entered a not-guilty plea for his client Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

Tyndall is due back in court Wednesday for a bail review hearing.

Authorities say they may file additional charges as they continue to talk to former patients. More than 700 women have filed lawsuits in state court against the doctor and USC. A separate \$215 million federal class-action settlement is in the works.

STEFANIE DAZIO, ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Academy welcomes 842 new members, half of them women

The Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences on Monday invited 842 members from 59 countries to the Oscars organization and, for the first time, reached gender parity in its new class of inductees. Half of the new invitees to the film academy are women. In 10 of the 17 branches – including the directing, writing and producing branches – more women than men were invited. This year's class of new members also includes 29% people of color.

That's a notable turnaround for an organization that has sought to diversity its ranks following criticism for all-white acting nominees in 2015 and 2016. Since 2015, the group's overall female membership has grown from 25% to 32%, the academy said. Overall membership of people of color has doubled, from 8% to 16%.

To aid in the swift overhaul of the academy, the group last year invited a record 928 members. While smaller, this year's class still ranks as one of the academy's largest in its 92-year history.

New invitees include Lady Gaga, Sterling K. Brown, Claire Foy, Letitia Wright, Tom Holland and Adele. Newly invited directors include "Crazy Rich Asians" filmmaker Jon Chu, "The Babadook" director Jennifer Kent and the filmmaking duo of Phil Lord and Chris Miller.

If most accept their invites, the film academy will number more than 9,000 members.

Next year's Academy Awards will be held on Feb. 9, several weeks earlier than usual.

JAKE COYLE, AP FILM WRITER

LOS ANGELES

LA mayor backs proposed federal Ending Homelessness Act

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and a group of other city leaders from around California and the nation are backing the proposed Ending Homelessness Act.

The legislation sponsored by U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters would use more than \$13 billion to the efforts of cities to deal with the homelessness crisis.

Garcetti says in a statement Monday that homelessness is a national emergency that requires federal action.

Thousands of people live on the streets of Los Angeles, where tent encampments line many streets and filth is a problem.

Among California officials also supporting the legislation are the mayors of Sacramento, Oakland, Anaheim, Santa Ana and Riverside.

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PITCHER

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his hotel room. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Police said they are investigating, but no foul play is suspected at this time.

Skaggs was "an important part of the Angels Family," the team said in a statement. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Carli and his entire family during this devastating time."

Skaggs had been a regular in the Angels' starting rotation since late 2016, when he returned from Tommy John surgery. He struggled with injuries repeatedly over the past three seasons, but persevered to become a valuable starter in Los Angeles' injury-plagued rotation.

The left-hander had just pitched on Saturday, allowing two runs in 4 1/3 innings in

a 4-0 loss to Oakland.

Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said he was "deeply saddened" by Skaggs' death.

"We will support the Angels' organization through this most difficult period, and we will make a variety of resources available to Tyler's teammates and other members of the baseball family," Manfred said in a statement.

Skaggs was born in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Woodland Hills, in the far western part of the sprawling San Fernando Valley. He graduated from Santa Monica High School in 2009, when the Angels drafted him in the first round. He played youth baseball with the Vikings and local little league teams.

The Angels traded Skaggs to Arizona in 2010, and he started his big-league career with 13 appearances over two seasons for the Diamondbacks. The Angels reacquired him

in December 2013, and he has won 25 games over five seasons with the club.

Skaggs started a career-high 24 games last season, going 8-10 with a 4.02 ERA. He missed playing time in April this season with a sprained ankle, but came back strong.

Skaggs was part of the same Angels draft class as Mike Trout, and they were roommates in the low minor leagues before Skaggs was traded to Arizona. They played on the same team in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 2010.

Skaggs' mother, Debbie, was the longtime softball coach at Santa Monica High School. She famously provided postgame tips on his pitching mechanics, even deep into his big-league career.

"We are devastated to hear the news that Santa Monica High School graduate, Tyler Skaggs, has passed away, as reported by the Los

Angeles Angels, where he was an active pitcher in Major League Baseball," said SMMUSD Superintendent Dr. Ben Drati in a statement.

"Tyler attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School and was a 2009 graduate of Samohi, all within the Santa Monica-Malibu USD," he said. "Tyler continued to make visits to our schools the past several years to speak with students and we proudly watched his ascent in professional baseball, along with his family. Tyler's mother, Debbie, was a previous girls softball coach at Samohi and is currently a physical education teacher."

Drati said the District's thoughts and prayers are with Skaggs' family, friends and fans during this difficult time.

Skaggs grew up in Santa Monica but rooted for the Angels instead of the closer Dodgers.

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What's the Point?

David Pizarra

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Happy Birthdays Abound!

Twelve score and 3 years ago (that's 243 years) a bunch of old white guys sat around and argued what it means to have freedom, to have a government that represents the people and what it would take to make those dreams of a better future a reality. This week we celebrate their efforts and the successful experiment they began. We'll do so with bbqs, tacky parade wear, pictures of dogs in red, white and blue outfits and little memory of what they were fighting for or against.

The 4th of July celebrations have become more about the barbecue and a good excuse to get off work for a day than remembering the principles and values that drove the Revolutionary War. Yes it was at the behest of slave owners, old white men and old white women benefited mightily from the economic power of ownership of others. The morality of the situation was overlooked by many of the founding fathers as they declared their independence from a disinterested and overreaching monarch.

How could that be? One might ask. Well it's a human thing to put your own needs first, and to ignore the objectively wrong behavior when done in furtherance of survival of yourself, your family and your social standing. It's what has driven many an atrocity throughout history.

The problem with this is how shall we, 243 years later, and theoretically more morally advanced, tease out the good from the bad. How should we consider those men who stood up to tyranny, only to maintain their own tyranny of African slaves? The problem with humanity is that we are so very complex. There are many moving parts that need to be calibrated. The Founding Fathers stood for freedom, individuality, property rights, freedom of speech and thought, while simultaneously denying those very same rights to the people they enslaved.

Ever since the end of the civil war and the passage of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution slavery and indentured servitude has been outlawed. At least theoretically. The abuses of the criminal system, the Jim Crow laws and the systemic racism that for decades was pervasive changed little for most blacks, and a goodly number of poor whites. Considering the usage by corporations of the large number of prisoners to do "customer service" work, along with the chain gangs that would repair roads and other "community service" type work, I could make a strong argument that we just changed the names, but kept the players the same.

We are making progress though on some fronts. We've had our first black President, and there were certainly more than enough

votes for our first female President and it's entirely possible that in this next election we'll have a black female as President. It's even possible that we could have a married gay man as a President or Vice-President.

Progress has been slow, jerky, and not equitable. But it is happening. All births are messy and the nation's was no less so. It was hypocritical, illogical, and morally deficient in places, but it was also the beginning of something that has lasted for over 240 years, with regular exchanges of power, and for better and worse, a republican democracy.

Staying power is one proof of concept and we should endeavor to continue the trend and grow towards a more egalitarian republic where the truths that were laid down on July 4, 1776 are lived up to in all areas of our society; that "all men [people] are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

There's another birthday that is being celebrated this weekend - Rocco's Cheesecake is having a blowout celebration for their FIFTH year in business! Johnny Rocco has over 500 reviews on YELP that are 5 stars - which probably explains why he's been able to achieve such an amazing accomplishment as keeping a small, niche item bakery not just alive, but prospering. Rocco's has a selection of custom creative cakes and flavors that you are not going to find anywhere else because they come from his super creative mind! Have you ever tried a French Caramel Apple Crumble Cheesecake or a Baklava Cheesecake? If you're looking for KETO cake or cookie, this place has them. Are you vegetarian or vegan and craving something sweet after dinner? Try some of the hundreds of options that Johnny Rocco makes. There are hundreds of creative cakes and you can come try them Tuesday to Sunday.

This Saturday though, as a Thank You to the community that has kept them alive and thriving, their throwing a Birthday Party from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be tons of food (hey, he's Italian Whatdayathink he'd do?) vegan prizes, a KETO giveaway (he makes KETO cookies and cheesecakes, Fat Bombs and more!) ROCCO'S CHEESECAKE is located at 1701 Pico Blvd, across from Santa Monica College. Free parking on site.

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Why wealth gap has grown despite record-long economic growth

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AP Economics Writer

As it enters its 11th year, America's economic expansion is now the longest on record — a streak that has shrunk unemployment, swelled household wealth, revived the housing market and helped fuel an explosive rise in the stock market.

Yet even after a full decade of uninterrupted economic growth, the richest Americans now hold a greater share of the nation's wealth than they did before the Great Recession began in 2007. And income growth has been sluggish by historical standards, leaving many Americans feeling stuck in place.

Those trends help explain something unique about this expansion: It's easily the least-celebrated economic recovery in decades.

As public discontent has grown, the issue has become one for political candidates to harness — beginning with Donald Trump in 2016. Now, some of the Democrats running to challenge Trump for the presidency have built their campaigns around proposals to tax wealth, raise minimum wages or ease the financial strain of medical care and higher education.

America's financial disparities have widened in large part because the means by which people build wealth have become more exclusive since the Great Recession.

Fewer middle-class Americans own homes. Fewer are invested in the stock market. And home prices have risen far more in wealthier metro areas on the coasts than in more modestly priced cities and rural areas. The result is that affluent homeowners now sit on vast sums of home equity and capital gains, while tens of millions of ordinary households have been left mainly on the sidelines.

"The recovery has been very disappointing from the standpoint of inequality," said Gabriel Zucman, an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, and a leading expert on income and wealth distribution.

Household wealth — the value of homes, stock portfolios and bank accounts, minus mortgage and credit card debt and other loans — jumped 80% in the past decade. More than one-third of that gain — \$16.2 trillion in riches — went to the wealthiest 1%, figures from the Federal Reserve show. Just 25% of it went to middle-to-upper-middle class households. The bottom half of the population gained less than 2%.

Nearly 8 million Americans lost homes in the recession and its aftermath, and the sharp price gains since then have put ownership out of reach for many would-be buyers. For America's middle class, the homeownership rate fell to about 60% in 2016 from roughly 70% in 2004, before the housing bubble, according to separate Fed data.

And the sharpest increases occurred in richer cities, like San Francisco, where prices have more than doubled in the past decade, or Phoenix, where they've surged 80%. By contrast, in lower-cost Charlotte, home prices have risen by only about a third. In Cleveland,

by less than one-fifth.

Overall, in fact, middle-income households on average now have less home equity than they did before the recession, Fed data show.

The other major engine of household wealth — the stock market — hasn't much benefited most people, either. The longest bull market in U.S. history, which surpassed its own 10-year mark in March, has shot equity prices up more than four-fold. Yet the proportion of middle-income households that own shares has actually declined.

The Fed calculates that about half of middle-income Americans owned shares in 2016, the most recent year for which data is available, down from 56% in 2007. That includes people who hold stocks in retirement accounts.

The decline in stock market participation occurred mainly because more middle-income workers took contract work or other jobs that offered no retirement savings plans, the Fed concluded. In other cases, people who face major expenses for, say, health care or who have heavy student loan debt find it hard to save and invest much even if they do have access to retirement accounts.

"Many households find it challenging to make key middle-class investments because incomes at the middle are not keeping up with the rising costs of education and homeownership, and it is difficult to save enough," Lael Brainard, a member of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors, said in a speech in May.

Hannah Moore, now 37, has struggled to save since graduating from college in December 2007, the same month the Great Recession officially began. She has worked nearly continuously since then despite a couple of layoffs.

Moore, who studied interior design in Chicago at a for-profit college, began job hunting just as many architecture and design firms were downsizing. For several years, she did freelance design projects and worked in retail jobs, sometimes working 30 days without a day off. None provided health insurance or a retirement savings plan.

"I had many jobs, all at the same time," she said. "It's just not been the easiest of decades if you're trying to jump-start a career."

Her situation stabilized when she found full-time work in 2013. Three years later, she moved to Los Angeles, where she works for a design firm that contracts with luxury apartment developers that build rental housing marketed to high-tech employees. She loves the work. But she struggles with Los Angeles' high costs.

Moore says she could afford a monthly mortgage payment. But she lacks the savings for a down payment. About half her income, she calculates, is eaten up by rent, health insurance and student loan payments of \$850 a month.

As financial inequalities have widened over the past decade, racial disparities in wealth have worsened, too. The typical wealth

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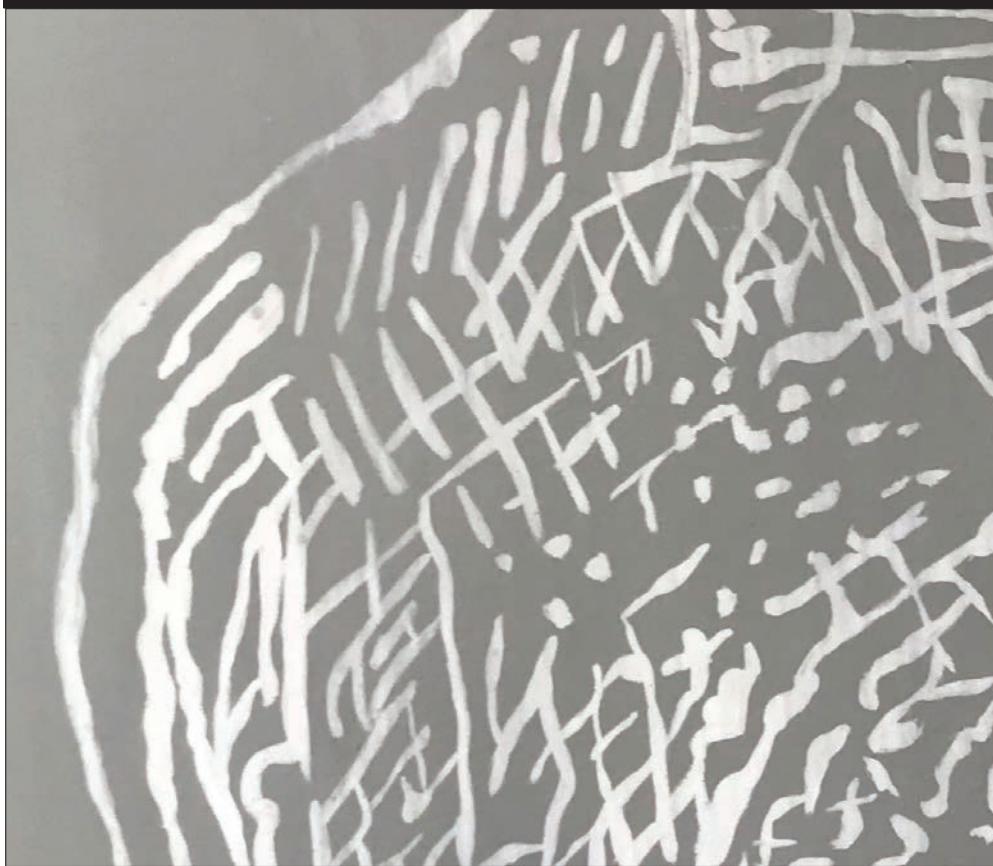
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BURGER

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Wilshire and serve locally-sourced gourmet style burgers, hot dogs, chicken sandwiches, breakfast options, shakes and more.

Kevin Shea, Hollywood Burger's Director of Operations, says the location choice — just off the Third Street Promenade and only blocks from the beach — was purposeful, noting he and his company's top brass felt the former ChouChou location is a prime spot for finding people.

"We're always looking at expansion and growing locations," Shea began, "And our Santa Monica location is in a great area. We think we'll get a lot of foot traffic from both tourists and locals."

Hollywood Burger adds to an ever-increasing field of burger restaurants located

either in the Promenade or its immediate vicinity— the international-chain will compete with the soon-to-be grand-opened Burgerim, Johnny Rockets, Steak'n Shake, Stout Burgers and Beer, Umami Burger and Burger Lounge.

Shea says his chain has what it takes to compete with these brands and more.

"We're good at what we do," Shea said. "Check Yelp, Google Reviews and Facebook. Right now, our location in Hollywood is rated number one. We hit on all cylinders: hospitality, food, environment. We're going to make you feel good when you come to Hollywood Burger."

Shea says Hollywood Burger is slated to open sometime towards the 4th quarter of the year.

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CORRECTION:

In a news story published on July 1, Lane Dilg was incorrectly identified as the City Manager. She is the Santa Monica City Attorney.

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Glitches snarl start of California's ammo background checks

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

California's new ammunition background check law began Monday not with a bang but with a whimper from dealers who reported delays and glitches with the state's online system.

But they said few customers were affected because most had stockpiled bullets or shotgun shells in the weeks before the new law took effect.

Voters in 2016 approved requiring criminal background checks for every ammunition purchase. But the state's latest attempt to deter gun violence only took effect Monday.

Vendors the length of California were frustrated by online snags including their inability to readily log in to the new system that is supposed to let them background-check customers with the state, though some put it down to a predictable learning curve.

Chuck Michel, an attorney for the National Rifle Association and the affiliated California Rifle & Pistol Association, said he will soon cite the glitches in seeking an injunction to block the law. The California affiliate sued last year, maintaining that the new law violates the Second Amendment right to bear arms, impedes interstate commerce and is preempted by federal law.

"I've had one customer, and I had to turn them away because I couldn't get into the system," Don Reed, owner of DGS Ammo & Airguns in Sacramento, said at midmorning. "He seemed a little bit perturbed. ... There's a lot of people feel like they're being held hostage suddenly — punishing the people who've been doing it the right way."

He was reading through dozens of pages online as he tried to log in, but he grouched that "it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to figure it out."

Officials with the state Department of Justice, which administers the program, did not respond to repeated telephone and email requests for comment. The department said in a news release that it had sent vendors regulations and instructions on how to comply.

"The eligibility checks ensure purchasers are not prohibited from owning or possessing ammunition due to a felony and/or violent misdemeanor conviction or warrant, domestic violence restraining order, or mental health

issue," the department said.

The state system is supposed to crosscheck one database of people who already cleared background checks when they bought guns in California with a second database of those who bought guns legally but are no longer allowed to own them. The process should take about two minutes, the department said Monday.

Customers pay \$1 for the check. Those who pass get their ammo after clerks record the brand, type and amount of ammunition.

"So far it doesn't work at all. My system doesn't let me access it," said Steve Converse, a longtime clerk at Ade's Gun Shop in Orange, 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

Scott Emmett, the manager of the Ammo Bros store in San Diego, said the system was down for the first 45 minutes.

"I sat on the phone for about 40 minutes and no one answered" at the Department of Justice, he said after hanging up in frustration.

Emmett had a single customer by midmorning whose transaction took about 10 minutes instead of the couple minutes it would previously have taken to run a credit card.

"I can't believe the amount of paper it wastes," he said. "This one transaction for two types of ammo was almost eight pages long."

Andrew Hackett, manager of Nice Shot, an indoor shooting range in Redding, 160 miles north of Sacramento, said he would have to turn away customers because he'd had no guidance on how to log into the state system. Customers are allowed to buy ammunition to shoot at his range — they just can't take any home without a background check.

One of the clerks at OC Guns in Lake Forest, 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles, bought a box of ammunition just to see if it could be done.

"Confusing," said store owner Scott Bodkin. "Just a learning curve. We'll get through it."

Scott Dipman, vice president at Coyote Point Armory in Burlingame, 16 miles south of San Francisco, was frustrated with the online ammunition reporting forms.

"I have thousands of items that I'm going to have to manually type into the system," he said. "There's a learning curve for us to figure out what that the new procedure is, and unfortunately the state didn't give us any peek into what was going on."

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 JUNE 26, AT 3:25 P.M.

Officers responded to the Santa Monica Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd for an Assault call. Two transients were fighting over a computer. One of the transients started to choke the other and attempted to gouge out his eyes with his thumbs. Library staff was able to intervene and separate them. Officers arrived on scene and took custody of the subject. The suspect had a knife in his hand. John William Randall, 49, homeless, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon, brandishing a knife and mayhem. Bail was set at \$100,000.



File photo
JOHN WILLIAM RANDALL

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 364 CALLS ON JUNE 30

Traffic collision with injuries 1400blk 6th St 1:58 a.m.
Party complaint 500blk Bay St 3:14 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 4th St / Broadway 3:16 a.m.
Party complaint 200blk 21st Pl 3:29 a.m.
Attempt armed robbery Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 3:57 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Santa Monica Pier 5:21 a.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1700blk Delaware Ave 6:54 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:24 a.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor investigation 1500blk 5th St 7:30 a.m.
Vandalism 1100blk Ocean Front Walk 8:09 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1400blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:36 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 800blk 9th St 9:39 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 19th St 9:42 a.m.
Grand theft auto 2800blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:48 a.m.
Petty theft 1500blk 19th St 11:00 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Front Walk 11:09 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1300blk Franklin St 11:52 a.m.
Petty theft 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 12:03 p.m.
Petty theft 700blk Broadway 12:08 p.m.
Petty theft Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:17 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 800blk Ocean Ave 12:21 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 6th St 12:28 p.m.
Assault w/deadly wepon 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 12:38 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 600blk Washington Ave 12:44 p.m.
Missing person 1900blk 17th St 1:09 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Ocean Ave / Santa Monica Blvd 1:36 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 2:00 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk Cloverfield Blvd 2:02 p.m.
Trash dumping 800blk 4th St 2:17 p.m.
Auto burglary 1100blk 4th St 3:07 p.m.
Petty theft 200blk Pier Ave 3:16 p.m.
Domestic violence 200blk Wilshire Blvd 3:41 p.m.
Indecent exposure 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:42 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk Cloverfield Blvd 3:51 p.m.
Suicide 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:20 p.m.
Grand theft 2400blk Main St 5:39 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:09 p.m.
Vandalism 700blk Montana Ave 6:20 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 7:09 p.m.
Battery 900blk 4th St 8:16 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 31 CALLS ON JUNE 30

EMS Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 12:11 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:57 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 7th St / Wilshire Blvd 7:23 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Ocean Front Walk 8:12 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1700blk 12th St 1:33 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 1:35 p.m.
EMS 500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 3:19 p.m.
EMS 800blk 2nd St 3:50 p.m.
EMS Euclid St / Washington Ave 3:56 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 11th St 4:50 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 5:06 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 5:31 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Euclid St 6:23 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Lincoln Blvd / Broadway 6:46 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:06 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500blk 12th St 7:06 p.m.
EMS 800blk Ocean Ave 7:23 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 12th St 7:29 p.m.
EMS 1900blk Main St 7:38 p.m.
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EMS 1200blk 12th St 8:09 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:46 p.m.
EMS 5th St / Arizona Ave 9:03 p.m.
EMS 2400blk 23rd St 9:29 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Appian Way 9:48 p.m.
EMS 400blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:03 p.m.
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Facebook to make jobs, credit ads searchable for US users

FRANK BAJAK
AP Technology Writer

Facebook says it will make advertisements for jobs, loans and credit card offers searchable for all U.S. users following a legal settlement designed to eliminate discrimination on its platform.

The plan disclosed in an internal report Sunday voluntarily expands on a commitment the social media giant made in March when it agreed to make its U.S. housing ads searchable by location and advertiser.

Ads were only delivered selectively to Facebook users based on such data as what they earn, their education level and where they shop.

The audit's leader, former American Civil Liberties Union executive Laura Murphy, was hired by Facebook in May 2018 to assess its performance on vital social issues.

Murphy has consulted with dozens of civil rights groups on the subject as part of her yearlong audit, assisted by lawyers from the firm

Relman, Dane & Colfax. Sunday's 26-page report, which also deals with content moderation and enforcement and efforts to prevent meddling in the 2020 U.S. elections and census, was her second update.

The searchable housing ads database will roll out by the end of 2019, Facebook says, and Murphy said she expects the employment and financial product offerings databases to be available within the next year.

Murphy said she's "very excited" about the move she believes will positively impact the social mobility of millions in the United States.

Targeted ads tailored to individuals are Facebook's bread and butter — accounting for all but a sliver of its more than \$50 billion in annual revenues last year. It's unlikely that making the ads searchable would have a significant effect on Facebook's business. Analysts have cautioned, however, that any restrictions on Facebook's ability to target ads could scare off advertisers.

The move is likely part of Facebook's strategy to show

regulators that is doing a good job policing its own service — putting it in compliance with existing anti-discrimination law — and doesn't need a heavy-handed approach from lawmakers. It comes as the company is facing increasing regulatory pressures.

As part of the settlement with plaintiffs including the ACLU and the National Fair Housing Alliance, Facebook agreed in March to stop targeting people based on age, gender and zip code and to also eliminate such categories as national origin and sexual orientation.

The groups had sued claiming Facebook violated anti-discrimination laws by preventing audiences including single mothers and the disabled from seeing many housing ads — while some job ads were not reaching women and older workers.

Galen Sherwin, senior staff attorney at the ACLU and the group's lead attorney in the case, said making the three Facebook databases searchable by anyone "definitely creates greater access to information about economic

opportunities."

Civil rights groups are concerned that the secretive, proprietary algorithms that govern how the company steers ads — even when not consciously targeting specific groups — could still be discriminatory.

"I wish we could see into the black box," Sherwin said.

Facebook still faces a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development complaint over housing ad-targeting and delivery. Murphy, the auditor, said she thinks the company understands it's "going to have to look at the algorithms" behind them.

The company also faces privacy and anti-trust investigations in the U.S. and Europe over its invasive data collection practices and struggles to police hate speech globally with sometimes lethal repercussions.

Facebook is currently in talks to create an external oversight board to monitor such issues and its level of independence is one subject of debate.

Sunday's audit update also

addresses Facebook's efforts to shed "harmful content," including a new U.S. pilot program where dedicated monitors will focus on hate speech alone. A few dozen are involved so far, the company said. All come from the more than 20,000 outsourced content moderators who screen the 2.3 billion-user platform, the company said.

Audit team recommendations include ending a carve-out for humor as an exception in hate speech and devising better mechanisms for blocking harassment, which can be especially overwhelming when automated.

Simply defining actionable hate speech — which can vary by nation, region, language and cultural context — is a tall order.

The report says Facebook is committed to stepping up efforts to fight voting suppression in 2020 elections and plans to have ready by fall policies to counter attempts to interfere in the census.

AP Technology Writer Barbara Ortutay contributed to this story from San Francisco.

ECONOMIC

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for a white household is \$171,000 — nearly 10 times that for African-Americans. That's up from seven times before the housing bubble, and it primarily reflects sharp losses in housing wealth for blacks. The African-American homeownership rate fell to a record low in the first three months of this year.

If wealth inequality has worsened because fewer Americans own homes and stocks, should the government try to reverse that trend? President George W. Bush spoke optimistically in the 2000s about an "Ownership Society." The idea was that a larger proportion of Americans would achieve prosperity by buying homes and investing in the stock market through

retirement savings plans.

Such discussion has faded since the housing bust. Many economists argue that what's needed is simply higher incomes so more Americans can save and build wealth.

Zucman favors a higher minimum wage, cheaper access to college education and more family-friendly policies to enable more parents to work. He and his colleague Emmanuel Saez, also an economist at the University of California, Berkeley, helped formulate Sen. Elizabeth Warren's proposed wealth tax on fortunes above \$50 million to help pay for those proposals.

As the wealth gap has widened, income gains have remained anemic for Americans at all levels for the past decade. That is particularly true relative to the sizable pay gains that flowed to households during the robust expansions of the 1980s and 1990s.

"If you compare the economy now to where it was before the recession, the most important fact has been its relatively slow growth," said Jason Furman, an economist at Harvard University and a former top adviser to President Barack Obama.

Data compiled by Zucman, Saez and Thomas Piketty show that incomes grew much faster for the top 1% in the 1980s and the 1990s than over the past decade. Yet inequality has captured much more attention now than it did then.

In part, that may be because middle-class and poorer Americans haven't enjoyed the fruits of this expansion compared with other recoveries. Incomes for middle class Americans grew nearly twice as fast in the 1980s expansion and about 1.5 times faster in the 1990s than in the current recovery. For many people, inequality carries less sting

when their own fortunes improve.

"The more people are struggling to make ends meet themselves, the more they may notice inequality," said Elise Gould, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute.

Income growth has lagged partly because for most of the expansion, employers have had a surfeit of workers to choose among when filling jobs, leaving them little pressure to raise pay.

Not until 2016 did the unemployment rate fall below 5%. Average hourly pay finally began to pick up, with the lowest-income workers receiving the fastest average gains. Though this trend has helped narrow income inequality, vast disparities remain.

"Overall, there's growing inequality," Gould said, "with signs of hope at the bottom. It's just taken a very long time."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). We work toward and celebrate abundance, though it's an obstacle more often than not. Too much of a thing lessens its value. It's cumbersome to carry around. It attracts envy. Keep it lean and mean.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Before you cast people in insider roles of your life, there's a pretty extensive get-to-know-you period. You like to see how people handle defeat and difficulty. And how they handle success is even more important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's pretty easy to figure out what can be controlled and what can't. What's hard is accepting it, not fighting with the truth of the matter, and turning attention to controllable things only.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can be alert and wise without being worried. It's more of an internal posture shift than anything else – an attitude that helps you align yourself so you're ready to move instead of draining into hypothetical spirals.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter what your reach or resources are, the first step to getting a message out is making it understandable. It's easier to comprehend a clear whisper than an unclear shout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Getting away from a thing isn't the same as running away from it like you're scared. Not every retreat is an escape. New goals will help you put distance between you and the thing you're sensing just isn't right for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The emotions and intent of an action are an intrinsic part of the alchemy. The same action can be done in anger or done with dignity, and that will make all of the difference in what happens next.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you didn't have all that's making your life so full and interesting now, you'd give a pretty penny to acquire it. And though you've gotten rather used to the way things are, there's luck when you try and see it all anew today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you're working with or for someone, get to know the whole person, to whatever extent that is possible, instead of centering everything around a transaction. Context is more important than any one detail.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Things don't always feel like what they are. For instance, running can feel more like flying than being in a jet, but the jet will get you there faster. Analyze data today. If you're just going by feel, you'll miss something.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You intend a certain outcome, though what you actually do next may not reflect this. It's like there's two of you living in that body, one that wants to follow directions and one that doesn't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The difference between the ordinary and the extraordinary isn't always effort, talent, positioning or anything else easily controllable. Sometimes it's just a mood, a certain lighting, or timing. The X-factor favors you today.

New Moon and Total Eclipse of the Sun

The new moon and total eclipse of the Cancer sun is a positive omen for domestic harmony. In the same way that glitchy gadgets can often be reset by simply powering them down, the energy around home family gets rebooted with this brief blink of the sun. Mysterious? Yes! But once it's fixed, don't look back. Take the win and move along.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"This is going to sound horrible, but here it goes. I'm a working person with a family and I get 10 days of vacation time a year. My wife and I live 3,000 miles from our extended family. We spend vacation spreading ourselves among relatives in back-to-back visits. It is exhausting. But if we don't do it, my children will never know their grandparents and cousins. By the end of our trip I usually feel like my vacation was trying to kill me. How can I get some time to myself to actually relax? Signed, Selfish Aquarius." As a basically social person, Aquarius is usually

rejuvenated by connecting with family, though it sounds like the intensity and pacing of your efforts is working against you. You don't have to do it the same way every year. Consider planning a family reunion for four days and inviting everyone to attend, and then spending the rest of your vacation days on yourself. It certainly isn't selfish to want a break – a real break – where you go somewhere pretty and do practically nothing. Relaxation is a necessary part of the work cycle and time off will ultimately improve your overall performance.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

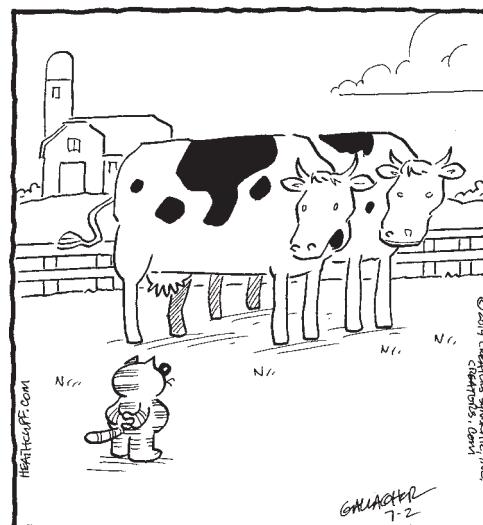
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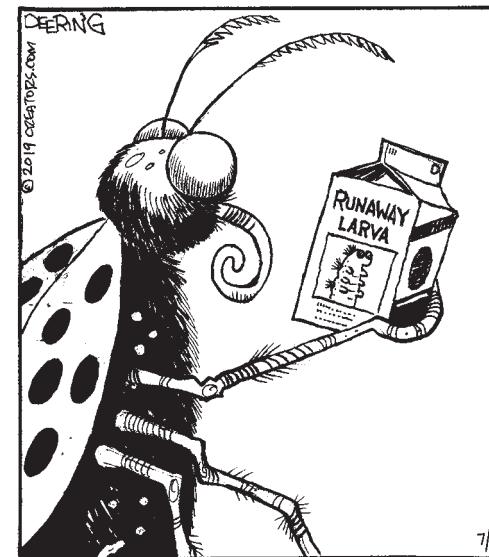
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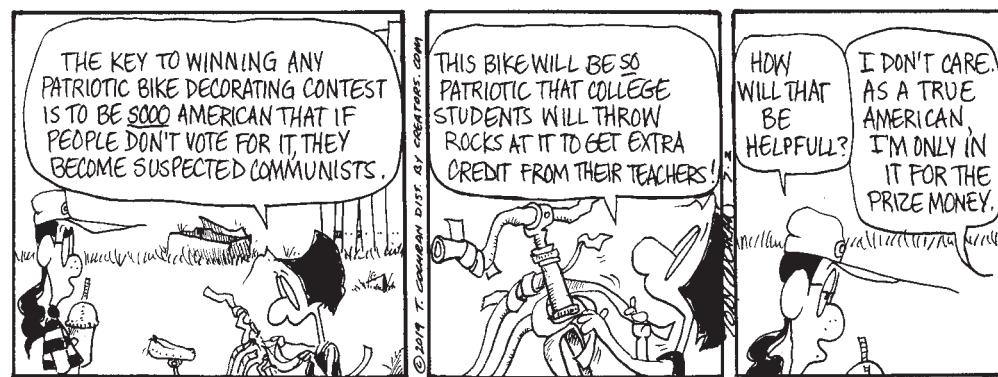
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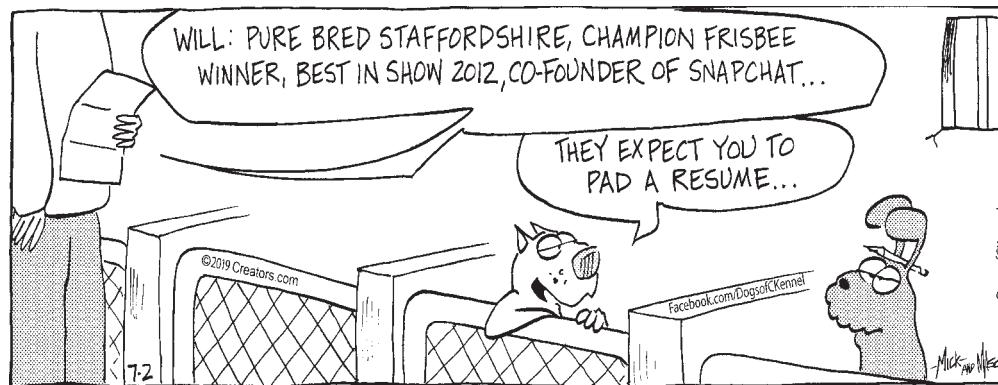
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TUESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 2-3ft+ waist to stomach high

New long period SW swell slowly builds in - surf is lully/inconsistent. NW windswell may creep up a bit as well. Largest from Manhattan Beach north.

WEDNESDAY - FAIR - SURF: 3-4ft+ waist to shoulder high

New long period SW swell peaks - surf is lully/inconsistent. Small NW windswell. Largest from Manhattan Beach north.

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ACROSS

- 1 Must, informally
- 6 Lobster cousin
- 10 Dog in Oz
- 14 Of farm life
- 15 Pleasant
- 16 Apple's music player
- 17 In any way
- 18 Folklore meanie
- 19 Darn with thread
- 20 Take care of shattered glass
- 23 "A mouse!"
- 24 Song for two
- 25 Local watering hole
- 26 Actor Affleck or Kingsley
- 27 Type of camera cover
- 31 Ten Commandments verb
- 34 ___ club (school's singing group)
- 36 ___ carte menu
- 37 Make a person happy
- 41 Keogh plan alternative: Abbr.
- 42 Burden
- 43 Prohibited things
- 44 Wood-eating insect
- 47 Arid
- 48 Income tax agcy.
- 49 Polar ice sheet
- 51 Young dog
- 54 Express disapproval
- 59 Sci-fi vehicles: Abbr.
- 60 Online diary
- 61 Uncle Sam's land, for short
- 62 Factual

DOWN

- 1 Champagne fruit
- 2 Protruding navel
- 3 Path for a train
- 4 Give a speech indirectly
- 5 Mention
- 6 \$100 bill, slangily
- 7 Accurate
- 8 Land measure
- 9 Two car-horn toots
- 10 Stopwatches, for example
- 11 Oil cartel
- 12 Voicemail sound numbers
- 13 Racetrack
- 21 Play on words
- 22 007 creator Fleming
- 26 Crunchy sandwich, for short
- 27 Not as much
- 28 Eve's eldest son
- 29 Female choral voice
- 30 Quarterback's throw
- 31 Narrow cut
- 32 Add to the payroll
- 33 Worship from ___
- 34 Bit of heredity
- 35 Baton Rouge sch.
- 38 Pretty good
- 39 As compensation
- 40 ___ G BIV (spectrum mnemonic)
- 45 Young ladies
- 46 Anger
- 47 Nickname for a physician
- 49 Norwegian inlet
- 50 Building block toys
- 51 Motel swimming spots
- 52 Not worthy
- 53 Exams for HS juniors
- 54 Baseball great Babe
- 55 Spherical hairdo
- 56 Debt documents
- 57 ___ cheese dressing
- 58 Phrase of understanding

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