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UC IRVINE STUDENTS walk in support of 48,000 unionized academic workers across the University of California system who went on strike on Monday. The workers are demanding better pay and benefits, as well as other items like child-care subsidies and better healthcare for dependents.

'The system fails us': UCI academic workers strike

About 48,000 unionized academic workers at UC campuses across the state walked off the job on Monday, demanding better pay, benefits.

BY MATT SZABO

Originally from New Jersey, Emily Parise looks forward to the annual cross-country trip home for Christmas.

This year, though, the UC Irvine PhD student in drama and theater who works as a teaching associate on campus shudders at the thought of a \$600 round-trip flight.

Parise, who teaches her own theater history classes, writes her own lectures and does her own grading, still calls herself technically a teacher's assistant in the UC system. She makes \$21,000 a year.

"Just because we love what we do doesn't mean that we should be living in poverty," she said.

Parise and her partner Miranda Hajduk were two of many picketers Monday on the UC Irvine campus. About 48,000 academic workers in the UC system, represented by four different units, have gone on strike in what is being called the largest strike in higher education history.

Those on strike included teaching assistants, postdoctoral scholars, graduate student researchers, tutors and fellows. The workers want better pay and benefits but also items like child-care subsidies, better healthcare for dependents and more financial support for international scholars.

UCI academic workers gathered at three locations on campus starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday before meeting for a rally outside of Aldrich Hall in the midafternoon.

A group estimated at more than 1,000 then took a lap around the hall, where ad-

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TWO UCI STUDENTS walk Monday morning in support of unionized academic workers across the University of California system. It's being called the largest strike in higher education history.



A BANNER supporting 48,000 unionized academic workers who went on strike Monday hangs at the UC Irvine campus.

Case of fatal H.B. crash handed to jury

Victor Manuel Romero, who was previously convicted of DUI, is accused of murder in a 2019 deadly hit-and-run.

BY ERIC LICAS

Jurors heard closing arguments Tuesday before deliberating on the case of a man previously convicted of DUI who then had over twice the legal amount of alcohol in his system when his BMW slammed into a bicyclist three years ago in Huntington Beach.

The 28-year-old defendant, Victor Manuel Romero, and his public defender, Madeline Berkeley, did not dispute that he had a blood alcohol content of at least 0.19% when he was behind the wheel of a speeding 328i that slammed into then 33-year-old Raymond MacDonald at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and Adams Avenue at about 2:10 a.m. March 30, 2019. They also did not deny that he crashed into a tree about a minute later at Lake Street, then ran from the

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Billionaire finalizes deal to purchase L.B. resort

Tilman Fertitta had reportedly considered purchasing the Montage Laguna Beach luxury hotel for \$650 million.

BY ANDREW TURNER

Tilman Fertitta has reached a deal to become the new owner of the Montage Laguna Beach resort, representatives for the Houston billionaire said in a statement Monday.

Reports had surfaced recently that Fertitta was considering purchasing the oceanfront hotel for \$650 million. China-based Dajia Insurance Group Co. had been the previous owner of the Laguna Beach luxury resort, which opened in 2003.

"I am truly thrilled to acquire this world-renowned property

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'Pyramidion' invites viewers to interact with Laguna Beach's natural features

BY ANDREW TURNER

The seaside community of Laguna Beach does not lack for visitors, but earlier this month, it had several the public was keen to interact with, and then they left without a trace.

Kelly Berg, a Los Angeles-based artist, created seven pyramid-shaped sculptures for her exhibit "Pyramidion," an outdoor display that was featured as part of Laguna Art Museum's Art and Nature Festival.

Varying in size from 20 inches to 6 feet tall, Berg had the pyramids placed throughout Heisler Park and Main Beach to show the different natural elements along the Laguna Beach coastline — from trees and the cliffside to evident erosion.

As portable as the artwork itself, Berg carries her past with her. Growing up in Minnesota, she spent a lot of time outdoors, and she soon gained a fascination



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ARTIST KELLY BERG with her exhibit, "Pyramidion," in the lobby of the Laguna Art Museum during the Art and Nature show on Nov. 4.

for natural phenomena.

Berg's sculptures were made with a color-shifting, reflective surface in automotive vinyl.

"I'm very much interested in the ever-shifting nature of our

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AUDIENCES GATHER

outside the theater during the Newport Beach Film Festival in October.

Sarabi Apaez

Newport Beach Film Festival drew 48,000 visitors, organizers say

BY LILLY NGUYEN

With the curtain down on this year's Newport Beach Film Festival, organizers are turning their attention to next fall, when they plan to hold the 24th iteration of the marquee event.

"I think we were exceptionally happy about the entire 2022 festival from the incredible films to

the reaction of our audience and the participation of celebrities both in front of and behind the camera," chief executive director Gregg Schwenk said in an interview following last month's festival. "There were several evenings during the festival that sold out. Our hotels, restaurants

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UC IRVINE students walk in support of an UC academic workers labor strike that started on Monday. In what's being called the largest strike in higher education history, about 48,000 workers are demanding better pay and benefits.

STRIKE

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ministration is housed on campus. They chanted phrases demanding fair contracts — “And if we don't get it, shut it down” — and carried blue and white signs that read “UAW, On Strike, Unfair Labor Practice.”

Layne Hubbard, a post-doctoral fellow, addressed her classmates during the rally.

“UC prides itself on our diversity, yet without their compensation, the system fails us,” she said. “UC is a public institution, and our worker-to-CEO pay disparities are similar to Amazon. While the UC has given their chancellors a real wage increase, they propose to give us a real wage decrease.”

Union leaders are asking for a \$54,000 base salary, while UC has countered with a proposal that would offer a salary scale increase of 7% for the

first year and 3% for subsequent years.

With inflation only recently dipping back below 8%, though, many graduate workers don't feel like that's nearly enough.

“The university is offering a pay cut and trying to say, ‘Look what good faith we are bargaining in with you,’” said Mark Gradoni, a teaching assistant in the UC Irvine history department and head steward for the UCI branch of UAW Local 2865, which represents more than 19,000 graduate students across the system.

Parise lives in university-owned housing, like many of her colleagues. She noted that the 3% raise each year is going directly back to the university in many cases, as rents go up.

“What they offered for childcare doesn't even cover the cost of childcare at their own childcare facilities,” she said. “Even using their own

metrics, we can't afford to live on their campuses and raise our children on their campuses.”

The workers pledged to be back Tuesday morning and for as long as it takes to get a deal done. Gradoni said the union has called for a complete cessation of labor, which means TA-led discussion sections on campus have been canceled, and no grading is to be done by the assistants during this time.

Parise was saddened to cancel her class on Monday morning.

“All of my research is in Shakespeare, and today was the day we were supposed to start early modern drama and read ‘Hamlet,’” she said. “It's my favorite play ... And that's the kind of passion that makes it easy for graduate students and post-doc workers to be exploited. We're easy targets.”

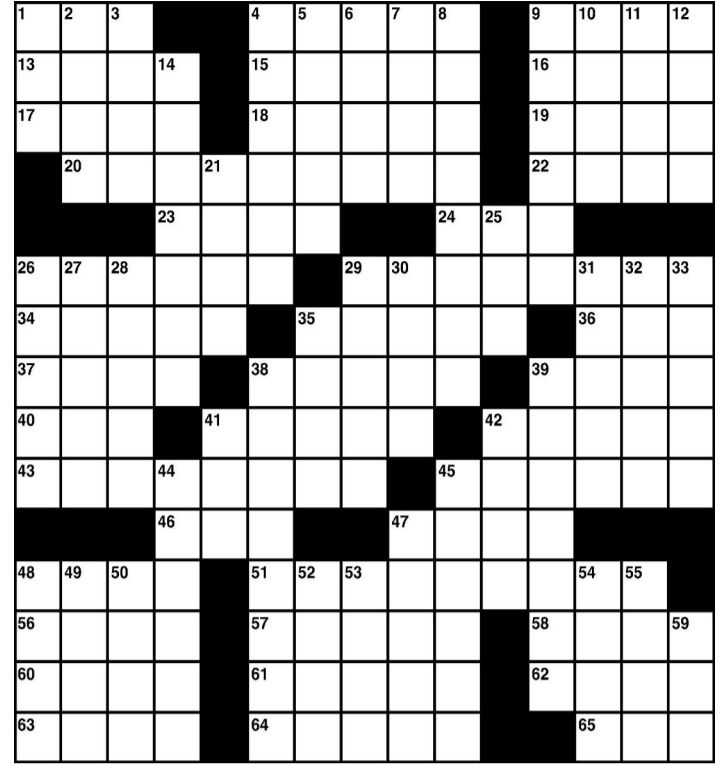
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THE DAILY COMMUTER PUZZLE

By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Ford Escape or Nissan Rogue
- 4 "Skedaddle!"
- 9 Open-handed blow
- 13 Kimono sashes
- 15 Wed privately
- 16 Havana's land
- 17 _ away; left
- 18 Irks
- 19 Drag with effort
- 20 In _; all set to go
- 22 Pitcher's goals
- 23 Stork's bill
- 24 "What'll _"; Irving Berlin song
- 26 Worldwide
- 29 Seminary course
- 34 More modern
- 35 Frock
- 36 _-la-la
- 37 Gung ho
- 38 Magnificent
- 39 _ up; incite
- 40 Morning hour
- 41 Banquet
- 42 Highway sign
- 43 Portions
- 45 Necklace beads
- 46 Quirky
- 47 Rich soil
- 48 Cry for help
- 51 Despicable
- 56 Money lent



For answers to the crossword, see page A4.

- 57 Rump _; cut of beef
- 58 Black & Baltic
- 60 Monster
- 61 Traveler's stop
- 62 _ A Sketch; drawing toy
- 63 _ bar; make drinks
- 64 _ board; nail file
- 65 Wild blue yonder
- DOWN**
- 1 Plant
- 2 Lyft competitor
- 3 Climbing plant
- 4 Soap opera
- 5 Jail
- 6 Acting part
- 7 Chimps & gibbons
- 8 Least tidy
- 9 Group of fish
- 10 Lanai dinner
- 11 Lie next to
- 12 Buddies
- 14 Punctured
- 21 Sweetheart
- 25 Uno y uno
- 26 Small flies
- 27 Flood barrier
- 28 Due
- 29 Long lock of hair
- 30 Summertime complaint
- 31 Furry swimmer
- 32 Barbecue
- 33 Kids' play areas
- 35 "Dang!"
- 38 French cop
- 39 Short-haired cat
- 41 Nourished
- 42 MMXXII, for one
- 44 Complained
- 45 Short & chubby
- 47 Also-ran
- 48 Story line
- 49 Theater section
- 50 Make money
- 52 Explosion sound
- 53 Detest
- 54 Brooklyn team
- 55 Small nail
- 59 Far from forward

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JURY

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scene of what wound up being the third collision he was involved in that evening.

“If you're unaware that you've done anything wrong, why would you run?” Orange County Deputy Dist. Atty. Janine Madera asked jurors rhetorically Tuesday.

Romero had been drinking at Hurricanes and the Huntington Beach Beer Co. before getting into a fight on the second floor of a parking structure on the 200 block of Main Street that evening. A 55-second video taken from social media and played in court showed only a portion of an altercation that went on for about 7 minutes, Berkley said.

In the video, Romero can be seen surrounded by a group of people as he fell face-first onto concrete, and was then pummeled by a man mounted over him on the ground.

Berkley and an expert witness, Dr. Manuel Saint

Martin, said the defendant likely suffered a concussion during the fight that impaired his memory and ability to reason. His attorney claimed that, if not for the injury he sustained prior to the crashes, he would never have tried to drive home.

“These are the kinds of impacts that would jar your head and brain in such a way to affect your decisions,” Berkley told jurors. “The lights were on, but nobody was home.”

After the fight, Romero told one responding officer that he was going to hire an Uber driver, but then told another that he would ask his sister to arrange a ride home. He proceeded to walk to an area where others were waiting to be picked up, but then took an elevator to the second floor and got into his luxury sports sedan.

Madera claimed Romero was lying to police and intentionally drove drunk. Berkley suggested he had no recollection of those conversations due to a concussion and was op-

erating on “autopilot” as he peeled out of his parking spot, leaving skid marks and striking a Cadillac that belonged to the owner of Hurricanes as he left.

Madera pointed out that Romero blew through a stoplight that had been red for about 20 seconds before he struck MacDonald, who was on his bicycle and hauling a trailer full of his belongings at the time. A witness who was stopped at the intersection said he heard tires screeching during the crash, suggesting that the driver either hit the brakes or swerved and may have been aware he had struck someone.

Relatives of MacDonald present in court Tuesday wiped tears from their eyes as attorneys went over the moments leading up to his death.

Romero did not stop. Another motorist estimated that his BMW was traveling 70 or 80 mph when it collided head-on with a tree, totaling the sedan's front end and causing its airbags to deploy.

That witness got out of his car to check on the BMW's driver, but Romero had already left the scene. Footage from a nearby doorbell camera showed what appeared to be the defendant running from the crash site in the direction of the bars he had been drinking at earlier.

The defendant's DNA was found all over the wrecked car, including its driver-side airbag. His wallet was found inside. A trail of blood led from the BMW toward Hurricanes and the Huntington Beach Beer Co.

Romero returned to the area of the two bars, and when he was confronted by the owner of the Cadillac he damaged in the parking lot, he claimed that he had been carjacked. When police found him seated on a fountain near the two bars, the key to the sedan was hanging from a lanyard around his neck.

Romero was taken to a hospital following his arrest. During an initial interview with Huntington Beach police he hardly

mentioned the crash that killed MacDonald, Madera said.

“Honestly, my biggest concern was, I got slept,” Romero said in a recorded conversation with officers, repeatedly using a slang term for getting knocked unconscious.

Madera suggested that the defendant's fixation on the fight, rather than the fatal crash, was evidence that he made no consideration for the safety of others that evening. But Berkley and Saint Martin claimed he was exhibiting perseverance, a continual repetition of phrases or thoughts that is a telltale symptom of a concussion.

Perseveration is one of only a few behaviors that might distinguish a person with a concussion from someone exhibiting signs of alcohol intoxication. Saint Martin testified that people with such an injury tend to exhibit symptoms for at least two weeks after receiving trauma. Madera pointed out that Romero was not constantly repeating phrases during a second interview with Hunt-

ington Beach Police investigator Bernard Atkins at the hospital sometime after 9 a.m. on the day of the crash.

During that second interview, Romero did recall that he had previously been convicted of driving while intoxicated, and had been warned that he could be charged with murder if he wound up under the influence of drugs or alcohol during a fatal crash. Madera claimed he chose to ignore that admonition in 2012, the advice of police and bar patrons at the parking lot the day MacDonald died, and numerous other “warnings the universe gave him that night.” She argued his actions meet the definition of second-degree murder as well as hit-and-run resulting in death.

“The defendant didn't intend to kill; there is zero evidence of that,” Madera said. “But he knew his actions were harmful to human life.”

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FOR THE RECORD

A photo caption in Saturday's Daily Pilot of a Veterans Day event at Heisler Park in Laguna Beach misidentified the speaker and the type of U.S. Air Force aircraft in the flyover. The speaker was Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, 5th District, and the planes were F-16s from 54 Fighter Group Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico.

FEATURES

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worlds, and I'm very drawn to places where that's very evident,” Berg said. “In Laguna, there's erosion, the ocean is constantly changing, even the rocks look different every time I come, so I really wanted to reflect that in the materials of the sculptures.”

The ability to pick up and take her artwork with her allows Berg to leave no trace, but she indicated that Laguna Beach has left a permanent imprint on her. The “Pyramidion” artist said one of her favorite stretches of the community is the drive into town from Laguna Canyon Road.

With that in mind, it comes as no surprise that the largest pyramid got placed at Main Beach, serving as both a gateway to the canyon on one side and using the expansive Pacific Ocean as its opposite.

“I love that journey through the canyon, seeing all of those rocks up on either side, just the light, even, that comes through that canyon,” Berg said. “I love the idea of coming

into town and then seeing a Pyramidion where that canyon landscape and the town meets the beach and that endless horizon of the ocean.

“Each of these locations, I selected really carefully. I wanted the entire exhibition to be walkable because one of my inspirations [for my work], I actually would take hikes. That's where I take photographs that I work from with my paintings.”

As an example, Berg added that the first time she placed pyramids in the landscape was during an artist residency in Joshua Tree.

Laguna Art Museum executive director Julie Perlin Lee described Berg's work as a “visual treat” that made her think about how unstable her vision and light can be.

“That was the thing for me that I was just totally intrigued with is just how can we perceive something that it's a shape, but then sometimes it's flattened out because of the way the light hit it,” Perlin Lee said.

For the past decade, Laguna Art Museum has piqued the public's curiosity about the surrounding natural world through its Art and Nature Festival.



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A COUPLE pauses to admire Robert Young's “The Big One.” The 9-foot-by-15-foot painting is believed to be the largest painting ever created in Laguna Beach.

The 10th annual event featured four exhibits, all of which will be on view at the museum through February. It included the return of Rebeca Méndez with a video art installation called “The Sea Around Us.” The UCLA design media arts professor also exhibited in the festival the year prior with “Any-Instant-Whatever,” a project that captured time-lapse video of the Los Angeles sky.

Robert Young's “The Big One,” a depiction of an underwater scene believed

to be the largest painting ever created in Laguna Beach, and “Five Summer Stories: The Exhibition” are also on view at the museum. The latter represents a collaboration with the Coast Film Festival, which is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the “Five Summer Stories” surf documentary.

Two of Berg's pyramid sculptures will also remain at the museum into next year.

Perlin Lee said the museum made a big push to spread the news about the

festival, including connecting with the Laguna Beach Unified School District.

“We served more than 11,000 people in those four days, and probably a lot more,” Perlin said of the Art and Nature Festival, which ran from Nov. 3 to Nov. 6. “... That's a huge, huge thing for us, so we're super excited. Just to put that into perspective, that's a little less than half the people we saw all of last year.”

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To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of **NANCY M. LOUGHRIDGE**.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by **LISA HAYES** in the Superior Court of California, County of **ORANGE**.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that **LISA HAYES** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on **January 05, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. C8** located at 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST, SANTA ANA, CA 92701
The court is providing the convenience to appear for hearing by video using the court's designated video platform. This is a no cost service to the public. Go to the Court's website at The Superior Court of California - County of Orange (ccourts.org) to appear remotely for Probate hearings and for remote hearing instructions. If you have difficulty connecting or are unable to connect to your remote hearing, call 657-622-8278 for assistance. If you prefer to appear in-person, you can appear in the department on the day/time set for your hearing.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
 Attorney for the Petitioner: JEFFREY T. BLIED, ESQ SCHMIESING BLIED STODDART & MACKAY 400 N. TUSTIN AVE., STE 290 SANTA ANA, CA 92705 Published in the ORANGE COAST DAILY PILOT on: 11/16, 11/18 & 11/23/2022

VISITORS

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and many of our partners saw an uptick in reservations and events." While organizers did not disclose how many dollars the 2022 festival brought in over the course of its week-long run, Schwenk confirmed it broke even this year and that a total of about 48,000 people attended.

It was the first time since 2019 that the festival was held fully in person. That year, an estimated 55,000 attended. After the COVID-19 pandemic struck in the spring of 2020, the festival was held digitally. The following year it was presented in a hybrid format.

This year's festival ran between Oct. 13 through Oct. 20 and kicked off with a screening of Roku's "WEIRD: The Al Yankovic Story." Dozens of films and events were screened and

held throughout its run. The festival was traditionally held in April until the onset of the pandemic. This was the first year that organizers shifted the event to fall, positioning it in the middle of Hollywood's awards campaign season. "Three of our major events this year were special conversations. One was with Paul Feig, who directed 'Bridesmaids' and 'The School for Good and Evil' and two conversations were with Adam Sandler and Eddie Redmayne," Schwenk said. "They are all just insightful, kind and giving people and were really able to share so much with our community. We were really excited about that.

"Aside from just the great films, parties and events, these were opportunities [for attendees] to hear firsthand from legendary filmmakers and artisans. Really, this was very special."

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THE MONTAGE Laguna Beach has a new owner.

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and add one of America's most iconic trophy resorts to our luxury hotel portfolio," Fertitta said via the announcement. "I have been traveling to Laguna Beach for over 30 years. It is one of my favorite places to visit and one of the most beautiful areas in the world. The Montage is a stunning oceanfront property and one of the premier hotel brands in the world."

Fertitta, who bought the Houston Rockets basketball franchise for \$2.2 billion in 2017, owns several hotel properties, including five Golden Nugget casinos and hotels, Post Oak Hotel in Houston, the San Luis Resort in Galveston, and the Huntington Inn in East Hampton, New York. "We are thrilled that Tilman is the new owner of

this one-of-a-kind property and welcome him into the Montage family," Alan Fuerstman, founder, chief executive and chairman of Montage International, said in a statement.

The Montage Laguna Beach, located at 30801 S. Coast Highway in South Laguna, is a 30-acre, 260-guestroom luxury resort. It boasts a 20,000-square-foot spa, two pool decks, and three restaurants — the Loft, Mosaic Bar and Grille, and Studio.

"The staff is thrilled to be working with Tilman," Mary Rogers, general manager of the Montage Laguna Beach, said. "Everyone here at the property is tremendously excited about his purchase and look forward to continuing to provide a world-class experience to all of our guests."

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