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Could Santa Monica pay to move housing to another city?

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Santa Monica might want to transfer state mandated housing requirements to Palmdale in exchange for cash payments but details of any potential deal are far from complete.

Every eight years, the State assigns a quota of housing units that regional governments should plan for. Individual cities are not required to build any units themselves, but they must create zoning rules that would allow private developers to build up to the assigned number of units if they choose to.

In the current cycle, Santa Monica has been assigned almost 9,000 new housing units, 69% of which must be at various affordable income levels. The new figures dwarf the previous allocation of 1,674 units and the process for accommodating the quota is alarming residents and officials who fear the huge figure will substantially change the character of the city.

Palmdale City Manager Ronda Perez said last week that Santa Monica had approached Palmdale with an idea to move some of Santa Monica's mandated housing allocation out of the city and to another community.

"There is an opportunity here, I guess the best way to say it is they are land poor, and we are land rich and there is an opportunity here to just have a discussion but before we get too far down the path, I wanted to make sure to bring this before council for your consideration to consider a potential transfer of some

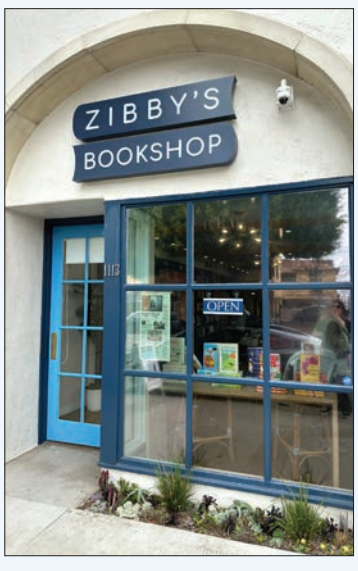
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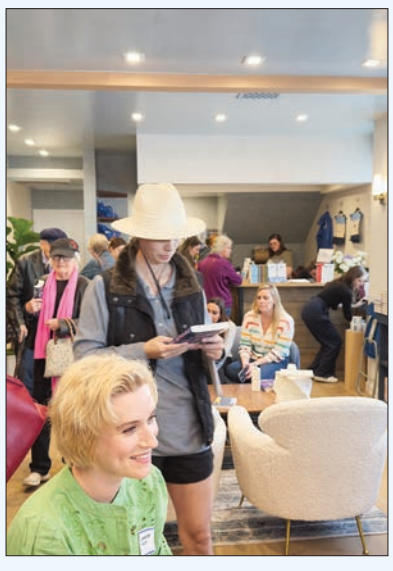
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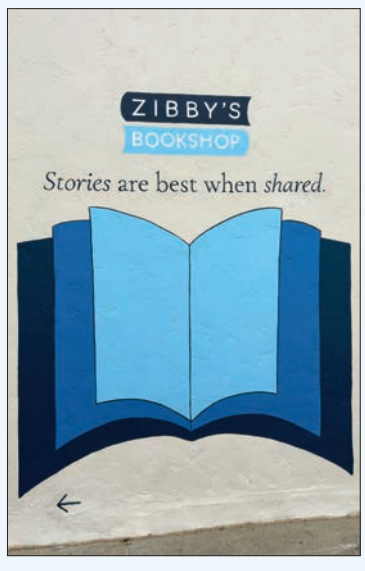

Laura Munson



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BOOKS: Montana Avenue has a new hub for the literati, Zibby's Bookshop, where owner Zibby Owens personally curates the titles. Eighteen authors participated in grand opening weekend signings, including novelist Laura Munson and first-time memoirist Natasha Sizlo shown here.

Up to 30 percent of SMMUSD students are chronically absent

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School officials are looking to home visits, among other tools, to address high absenteeism among students that's keeping 20-30 percent of students out of class on a regular basis.

Recently released data from the California Dashboard, a database compiled by the California Department of Education, classified chronic absenteeism rates as "high" in the district.

The Dashboard reported that 19.3% of kindergarten through eighth grade students in SMMUSD were chronically absent in 2022, meaning they missed 10% or more of the school year. Another district report, which included all K-12th grade students, showed the rate to be at 30% for the first half of the 2022-23 school year.

The Dashboard breaks data down by student subgroup and showed that chronic absenteeism was highest among foster youth and socioeconomically disadvantaged students, at 26.8% and 31.2% respectively.

Board of Education President Maria Leon-Vasquez said addressing absenteeism among these students requires officials to get to know them and their families and gain a better understanding of their situation.

"I think it's real crucial that we understand the issues at home because that will lead to how maybe

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California beach city weighs balloon ban to protect coast

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Associated Press

Environmental advocates are celebrating in Laguna Beach — but it won't be with balloons.

The hilly seaside city known for stunning ocean views and rolling bluffs is weighing a plan to ban the sale and public use of balloons to curtail the risk of devastating wildfires and eliminate a major source of trash floating near the community's scenic shores.

The Laguna Beach City Council is expected to vote Tuesday on the proposal to ban in public the popular mainstay of birthday and graduation parties, whether inflated with helium or not. The move in the community of 23,000 people 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of Los Angeles comes as several California beach cities have limited balloons and the state enacted a law to regulate the types made of foil.

"This is the beginning," said Chad Nelsen, chief executive of the nonprofit environmental organization Surfrider Foundation, adding that he sees momentum to weed out balloons that tangle with turtles and sea lions much like he did with the effort to phase out single-use plastic bags. "We're chipping away at all these things we find and trying to clean up the ocean one item at a time."

Environmental advocates are taking aim at balloons, arguing they're a preventable cause of coastal pollution that threatens animals and seabirds. Balloon debris can tangle wildlife or be ingested by animals that mistake it for food, and more than 3,000 pieces of balloon litter were picked up on ocean beaches by volunteers in Virginia over a five-year period, according to the NOAA Office of Response and Restoration.



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BALLOON: Balloons may be banned in Laguna Beach

In California, fire officials have long warned against foil balloons that can tangle with power lines, causing a power outage and potential fire hazard. Southern California Edison, one of the state's major utilities, reported more than 1,000 foil balloon-related power outages in 2017, affecting more than 1 million customers, according to a state legislative analysis.

But coastal advocates want legislation that addresses balloon litter in addition to fire risk. Coastal communities in Florida, Delaware and New York have adopted rules aimed at curtailing balloon pollution. Several in Southern California have taken similar steps. The city of Manhattan Beach has banned foil balloons on public property and the mass release of latex balloons, while two San Diego County beach cities have barred balloons filled with a gas lighter than air.

Officials in Laguna Beach, which has miles of pristine shoreline and hilltop neighborhoods at risk of wildfires, have long discussed the idea. Lawmakers held an initial, unanimous vote in January to phase out the public use of all balloons, with a second and final vote scheduled for Tuesday. The penalty would be a $100 fine for a first violation and higher fines for additional violations within a year.

Balloons can still be used by residents at home, said Mayor Bob Whalen.

"Even the balloon advocates and balloon industry was not opposed to banning them on the beach," Whalen said, adding that the city moved on the issue both to reduce the risk of fires and to protect marine life along the city's roughly six miles (10 kilometers) of shoreline. "There is going to be some impact on the local distribution of balloons, but as I say, people will still find places to buy balloons."

Treb Heining, who began selling balloons at Disneyland when he was 15 years old and now, more than 50 years later, works internationally in the balloon industry, said balloons bring happiness to the world.

"All my life, I've seen children thrilled – of all ages. You can still be a child at 90 years old," he said.

Heining said Laguna Beach officials would

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Pay-Per-Chew: More restaurants trying subscription programs

DEE-ANN DURBIN
AP Business Writer

Consumers are willing to pay monthly subscription fees for streaming services, pet food and even toilet paper. And now some restaurants are betting they'll do the same for their favorite meals.

Large chains like Panera and P.F. Chang's as well as neighborhood hangouts are increasingly experimenting with the subscription model as a way to ensure steady revenue and customer visits. Some offer unlimited drinks or free delivery for a monthly fee; others will bring out your favorite appetizer each time you visit.

They're following a trend: The average American juggled 6.7 subscriptions in 2022, up from 4.2 in 2019, according to Rocket Money, a personal finance app.

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>
> - Matt Baker, the chef at Michelin-starred Gravitas

"This is just another way for customers to provide a level of support and joy and love for our offerings," said Matt Baker, the chef at Gravitas, a Michelin-starred restaurant in Washington.

For $130 per month, Gravitas Supper Club subscribers get a three-course takeout meal for two. Baker said Gravitas shifted to takeout during the pandemic but saw demand fizzle once its dining room reopened. The Supper Club — which serves about 60 diners per month — keeps that revenue flowing.

The upscale Chinese chain P.F. Chang's also saw an opportunity to increase to-go orders with its subscription plan, which launched in September. For $6.99 per month, members get free delivery, among other perks.

Other restaurants are experimenting with memberships, which let diners pre-pay toward their visits.

El Lopo, a San Francisco bar, has 26 members in its Take-Care-Of-Me Club. They pay either $89 per month for $100 in dining credits or $175 per month for $200 in credits. When members come in, El Lopo starts bringing out their favorite dishes. Each visit, they can gift a free drink to anyone in the bar.

El Lopo owner Daniel Azarkman started the club in March 2021 to encourage patrons to return as the pandemic eased. Now, he's hearing from restaurants all over the country who are interested in starting similar programs.

"What it really achieves is getting them in more often," he said.

Rick Camac, executive director of Industry Relations at the Institute of Culinary Education, said he expects many more restaurants to offer subscriptions in the coming years. Consumers are accustomed to them, he said, and the regular monthly income helps restaurants manage their cash flow.

But not all subscription programs have had success. In 2021, On the Border Mexican Grill introduced its Queso Club, which offered free cheese dip for a year for $1. The program stopped taking new subscribers a year later.

Edithann Ramey, On the Border's chief marketing officer, said more than 150,000 people signed up for the Queso Club, and members visited seven times more often than the average guest. But the Dallas-based chain wasn't making enough to cover the cost of the dip.

On the Border is now retooling the program and expects to reintroduce it later this year. It may charge more or move to a monthly model, Ramey said, but the subscription element will remain.

"It's becoming kind of a hot trend and we want to stay as a leading brand," Ramey said.

Taco Bell is also tinkering with its $10 Taco Lover's Pass, which lets subscribers get a taco every day for a month. The pass was introduced in January 2022 and again in October; it generated buzz, but the chain is trying to think of ways to make it more valuable to consumers, said Dane Mathews, Taco Bell's chief digital officer. A subscription could promise faster service, for example, or unlock unique menu items.

Other restaurants have dropped subscriptions, saying they have their hands full just running the kitchen.

In late 2020, SheWolf, an upscale Italian restaurant in Detroit, started sending subscribers a box of pasta, sauces and other treats for $80 per month. But when its dining room fully reopened six months later, it was too much work to put together hundreds of boxes.

Still, SheWolf is keeping one foot in the subscription space. Dan Reinisch, the restaurant's beverage director, sends Italian wines to about 80 subscribers who pay $60 or more each month.

Other businesses have had better luck. St. Louis-based Panera had nearly 40 million members in its loyalty program in early 2020, but it wanted to convince them to drop in more often. So it launched a subscription program that offered unlimited coffee and tea for $8.99 per month. Customers started coming in several times a week, and about

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Tiger Woods sightings are rare as he enters semiretirement

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

The vantage point was as good as any at Riviera for a clear view of Tiger Woods, and considering how little he plays, Tiger sightings are rare these days.

The man positioned himself behind a stationary TV camera in a tower behind the 12th green as Woods made his way to the 13th tee. He was talking. He was loud. He wouldn't stop. At one point, Christiaan Bezuidenhout had to back off his shot.

Turns out this wasn't a cameraman. When asked to show his credential, the man leaned over and slowly raised a can of beer. He came down from the tower, went back outside the ropes and two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies escorted him off the course.

That probably — no, definitely — will not happen at Augusta National, which may very well be the next time golf gets to see its biggest star. Then again, Woods might make his way to the TPC Sawgrass in three weeks for The Players Championship.

Woods said he wants to play the four majors and a few other events. What those tournaments are, no one knows. And if Woods does, he isn't saying.

"Here's the deal," Woods said Sunday after finishing his first tournament since the Masters last year. "I'm not going to play any more than probably the majors and maybe a couple more. That's it. That's all my body will allow me to do. My back the way it is, all the surgeries I had on my back, my leg the way it is, I just can't.

"That's just going to be my future."

The schedule is not based on a score. It's what happens after he signs his card, and what he does before he is announced in between, and what sounds like plenty of ice and other treatment.

AS FOR HIS GOLF?

Some of it was great, some of it was pedestrian, none of it was boring. That explains why thousands were waiting for him around the first tee on Thursday morning for his first tournament in seven months, and chanted his name when he finished on Sunday.

"Been in front of large crowds before, but not 10,000 people that's rooting for one guy in the group," Bezuidenhout said Saturday after watching Woods post a 67, his lowest score on the PGA Tour since October 2020, which was only five tournaments ago.

Matthias Schwab of Austria also was in the group. He said he has played with Rory McIlroy a few times on the European tour and experienced big crowds.

"This was another level," Schwab said.

That's to be expected no matter where he goes because Woods plays so infrequently. Part of the pandemonium is that he is playing at all.

It was two years ago when his SUV went off the road in the Los Angeles suburbs going nearly 87 mph and tumbled down a hill. He spent the summer in a makeshift hospital bed in his Florida home. He was swinging a club in November, playing a 36-hole event with his son while riding a cart in December and playing the Masters five months later.

Woods is an eight-time winner at Bay Hill, but the last of those was 10 years ago. It's easy to lean on past history, except for Woods that means surgeries on his back and right leg dating to 2014, the left knee the decade prior.

Riviera — which Woods has played the most times (12 as a pro) without winning — made sense because he is the tournament host. The other tournament that benefits his foundation is the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. He'll likely play there.

Otherwise, the focus is on the majors, and the hope he can recapture a little magic and make a lot of putts and at least go into the weekend with a fighting chance. He was five

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Supreme Court wrestles with lawsuit shield for social media

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In its first case about the federal law that is credited with helping create the modern internet, the Supreme Court seemed unlikely Tuesday to side with a family wanting to hold Google liable for the death of their daughter in a terrorist attack.

> We really don't know about these things. You know, these are not like the nine greatest experts on the internet
> - Justice Elena Kagan

At the same time, the justices also signaled in arguments lasting two and a half hours that they are wary of Google's claims that a 1996 law, Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, affords it, Twitter, Facebook and other companies far-reaching immunity from lawsuits over their targeted recommendations of videos, documents and other content.

The case highlighted the tension between technology policy fashioned a generation ago and the reach of today's social media, numbering billions of posts each day.

"We really don't know about these things. You know, these are not like the nine greatest experts on the internet," Justice Elena Kagan said of herself and her colleagues, several of whom smiled at the description.

Congress, not the court, should make needed changes to a law passed early in the internet age, Kagan said.

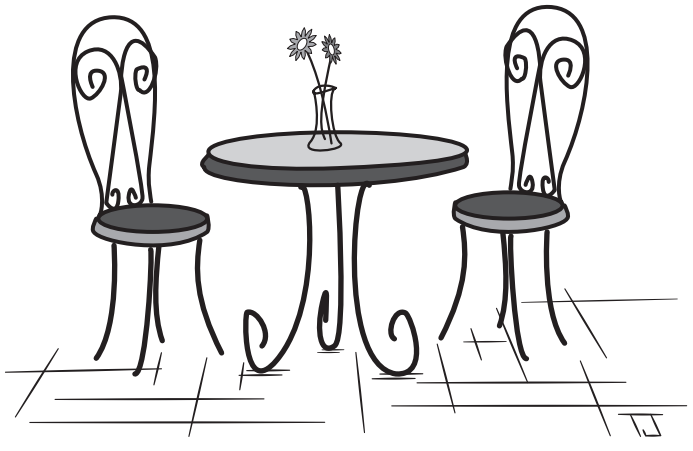
Justice Brett Kavanaugh, one of six conservatives, agreed with his liberal colleague in a case that seemed to cut across ideological lines.

"Isn't it better," Kavanaugh asked, to keep things the way they are and "put the burden on Congress to change that?"

The case before the court stems from the death of American college student Nohemi Gonzalez in a terrorist attack in Paris in 2015. Members of her family were in the courtroom to listen to arguments about whether they can sue Google-owned YouTube for helping the Islamic State spread its message and

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Man arrested in Catholic bishop's killing had worked for him

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Associated Press

A man arrested Monday in the weekend killing of a Catholic bishop that shocked Los Angeles religious and immigrant communities is the husband of the victim's housekeeper and had done work at his home, authorities said.

> Although I personally did not know the bishop, I cannot tell you how many phone calls I've received over the last 48 hours of people who have worked with him in different capacities
> - Robert Luna Los Angeles County Sheriff

Auxiliary Bishop David O'Connell, 69, was fatally shot Saturday in the bedroom of his home in Hacienda Heights, an unincorporated community about 20 miles (30 kilometers) east of downtown Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said.

A SWAT team arrested Carlos Medina, the husband of O'Connell's housekeeper, at their home in Torrance, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) southwest of Hacienda Heights, Luna said.

The sheriff said detectives first linked Medina to the crime after finding surveillance video that showed his SUV in the driveway of O'Connell's home at the time of the killing.

A caller told authorities that Medina, 65, was acting irrationally and had made comments about O'Connell "owing him money," Luna said, adding that a motive in the killing remains under investigation.

He said detectives found no evidence of forced entry at the archdiocese-owned home and that Medina's wife was cooperating with detectives. Detectives recovered weapons at Medina's home and ballistic tests are pending, Luna said.

It was not immediately known if Medina has an attorney who can speak on his behalf.

A deacon who had gone to check on O'Connell after he failed to show up for a meeting found him at his home just blocks from the St. John Vianney Catholic Church, part of his archdiocese, and called authorities, Luna said.

"Although I personally did not know the bishop, I cannot tell you how many phone calls I've received over the last 48 hours of people who have worked with him in different capacities," Luna said. "This bishop made a huge difference in our community. He was loved."

O'Connell had been a priest for 45 years and was a native of Ireland, according to Angelus News, the news outlet of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the nation's largest. In 2015, Pope Francis named him one of several auxiliary bishops of the archdiocese.

O'Connell worked in South Los Angeles for years and focused on gang intervention, Angelus News reported. He later sought to broker peace between residents and law enforcement following the violent 1992 uprising after a jury acquitted four white LA police officers in the beating of Rodney King, a Black man.

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Two major California economic sectors face headwinds

BY DAN WALTERS

During World War II, California became the staging point for the Pacific Theater and an industrial powerhouse that manufactured ships, planes and other implements of warfare.

Industrialization, which continued after the war, replaced resource industries such as agriculture and mining in economic importance and fueled California's postwar population boom into the nation's most populous state.

However, California's industrial age was relatively short-lived. By the 1970s, factories were beginning to close, sparking uncertainty about the state's economic future.

Southern California economic and civic leaders opted for what came to be known as "logistics," making the region the prime entry point for the goods that a resurgent Asian economy was producing for the American market.

The region committed billions of dollars into upgrading the twin ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and improving transportation facilities to whisk goods from the ports into massive warehouse complexes in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Logistics created millions of new blue collar jobs, particularly for immigrants pouring into the region from Latin America and Asia.

Meanwhile, the state's other major metropolitan area – the counties surrounding San Francisco Bay – opted for exploiting the region's cutting-edge research into the possibilities of silicon chips. As high technology corporations such as Apple, Intel and Facebook exploded, they transformed quiet suburban communities into what came to be known as Silicon Valley.

The Bay Area became California's most important economic engine, drawing investment capital and ambitious techies from every corner of the globe and creating enormous wealth that, among other things, is the state's most important source of tax revenue.

Overall, the decisions of the 1970s on post-industrial economy worked out better for the Bay Area than they did for Southern California – especially after the end of the Cold War in the early 1990s nearly wiped out Southern California's last remaining major industrial sector: aerospace.

That said, the economic mainstays of both regions now face existential threats.

Southern California's logistics industry is being whipsawed by a decline in ship traffic due to tougher competition from East Coast ports, local transportation bottlenecks, new air quality mandates, such as eliminating diesel-powered trucks, that raise costs, and increasing opposition to inland warehouse expansion.

Last month, a coalition of 60 Inland Empire groups sent a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom, asking for a moratorium on warehouse construction, citing environmental degradation from heavy truck traffic.

"We have a right to a life not impacted by asthma, heart disease, cognitive, and reproductive problems related to pollution exposure," the letter states. "We have a right to not be made sick by the air we breathe."

Four-hundred miles to the north, meanwhile, Silicon Valley is seeing thousands of jobs disappear as major technology firms slash their staffs and a major out-migration of workers who cannot afford to live in the region's superheated real-estate market. More than 90,000 workers left the region during the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, and venture capital has declined sharply.

Last week, a local industry group, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, issued its annual report on the region's economy, highlighting its transition from a yeasty mixture of start-up companies to reliance on a few giants such as Apple.

"Tech is going through a painful period," Russell Hancock, president of the organization said as the report was issued, but added, "There is no way to construe what is happening as a crisis" for the tech sector.

Perhaps not, but the fact remains that Southern California's logistics industry and the Bay Area's technology industry are facing headwinds they had not experienced previously, and the stakes in their futures are immense for the entire state.

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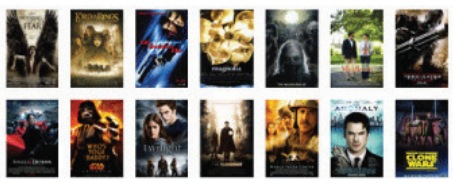
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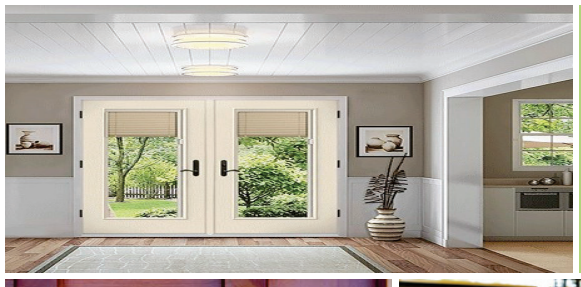
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ABSENTEEISM

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the child is not doing well in school because of the home issues – sometimes we're missing that piece and that's a big piece," she said at a recent board meeting in response to a presentation on the topic.

Prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, the District used home visits to fight absenteeism. While these were significantly cut back during the pandemic, Director of Student Services Tara Brown said they are slowly resuming and that community liaisons, administrators, and security officers will all help with these visits.

Jacqueline Mora, assistant superintendent of educational services for SMMUSD said bringing such measures back in greater force will have impacts beyond these groups as well.

"Whatever strategies we implement to target our foster youth are not just for foster youth, they will work and support all student groups," she said. "So although we're honing in and targeting foster youth because they've been identified, those practices will be implemented to support all students that are needing this assistance."

Additional measures outlined by district staff include encouraging students to come early to school for free breakfast to get them there in time for class, increasing opportunities for communication between teachers and parents and working with the Children Youth and Family Collaborative to hold check-in meetings with students.

While Mora and board members acknowledged that the attendance issue is severe, they also expressed frustration at the fact that the data includes both un-excused and excused absences – making it more difficult to understand the actual extent of the problem and what really needs to be addressed and requiring further research.

"What we need to do as a district and as school sites is glean and look at who are our students and what are the real barriers," Mora said. "If they're out sick then we know 'okay they're out sick,' but who are the students that are not coming to school just because there's something and it's not for illness, it's not for something that's excused – that's where we focus our energy."

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SUPREME COURT

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attract new recruits, in violation of the Anti-Terrorism Act. Lower courts sided with Google.

The justices used a variety of examples to probe what YouTube does when it uses computer algorithms to recommend videos to viewers, whether content produced by terrorists or cat lovers. Chief Justice John Roberts suggested what YouTube is doing isn't "pitching something in particular to the person who's made the request" but just a "21st century version" of what has been taking place for a long time, putting together a group of things the person may want to look at.

Justice Clarence Thomas asked whether YouTube uses the same algorithm to recommend rice pilaf recipes and terrorist content. Yes, he was told.

Kagan noted that "every time anybody looks at anything on the internet, there is an algorithm involved," whether it's a Google search, YouTube or Twitter. She asked the Gonzalez family's lawyer, Eric Schnapper, whether agreeing with him would ultimately make Section 230 meaningless.

Lower courts have broadly interpreted Section 230 to protect the industry, which the companies and their allies say has fueled the meteoric growth of the internet by protecting businesses from lawsuits over posts by users and encouraging the removal of harmful content.

But critics argue that the companies have not done nearly enough to police and moderate content and that the law should not block lawsuits over the recommendations that point viewers to more material that interests them and keeps them online longer.

Any narrowing of their immunity could have dramatic consequences that could affect every corner of the internet because websites use algorithms to sort and filter a mountain of data.

Lisa Blatt, representing Google, told the court that recommendations are just a way of organizing all that information. YouTube users watch a billion hours of videos daily and upload 500 hours of videos every minute, Blatt said.

Roberts, though, was among several justices who questioned Blatt about whether YouTube should have the same legal protection for its recommendations as for hosting videos.

"They appear pursuant to the algorithms that your clients have. And those algorithms must be targeted to something. And that targeting, I think, is fairly called a recommendation, and that is Google's. That's not the provider of the underlying information," Roberts said.

Reflecting the complexity of the issue and the court's seeming caution, Justice Neil Gorsuch suggested another factor in recommendations made by YouTube and others, noting that "most algorithms are designed these days to maximize profits."

Gorsuch suggested the court could send the case back to a lower court without weighing in on the extent of Google's legal protections. He participated in arguments by phone because he was "a little under the weather," Roberts said.

Several other justices indicated that arguments in a related case Wednesday might provide an avenue for avoiding the difficult questions raised Tuesday.

The court will hear about another terrorist attack, at a nightclub in Istanbul in 2017 that killed 39 people and prompted a lawsuit against Twitter, Facebook and Google.

Separate challenges to social media laws enacted by Republicans in Florida and Texas are pending before the high court, but they would not be argued before the fall or decided until the first half of 2024.

Associated Press writer Jessica Gresko contributed to this report.

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HOUSING

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housing units from the City of Santa Monica to the city of Palmdale for development."

She said the idea would be for Santa Monica to contribute a yet to be determined sum of money that would support infrastructure or investment to facilitate the potential housing and while the conversation was very much in its infancy, Perez wanted direction from her council before going any further.

Palmdale Mayor Laura Bettencourt was adamantly against the proposal. She criticized the nature of the conversation as a "back-room deal" and asked why she as Mayor had been left out of the initial discussion.

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>
> - Palmdale Mayor Laura Bettencourt

"So I am wholeheartedly 100% against this, and I would probably fight this with every breath in my body," she said.

While any discussions were in the extremely early stages, officials said the idea was attractive to other cities.

Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Alarcon said she had been told if Palmdale didn't take the opportunity, Lancaster would.

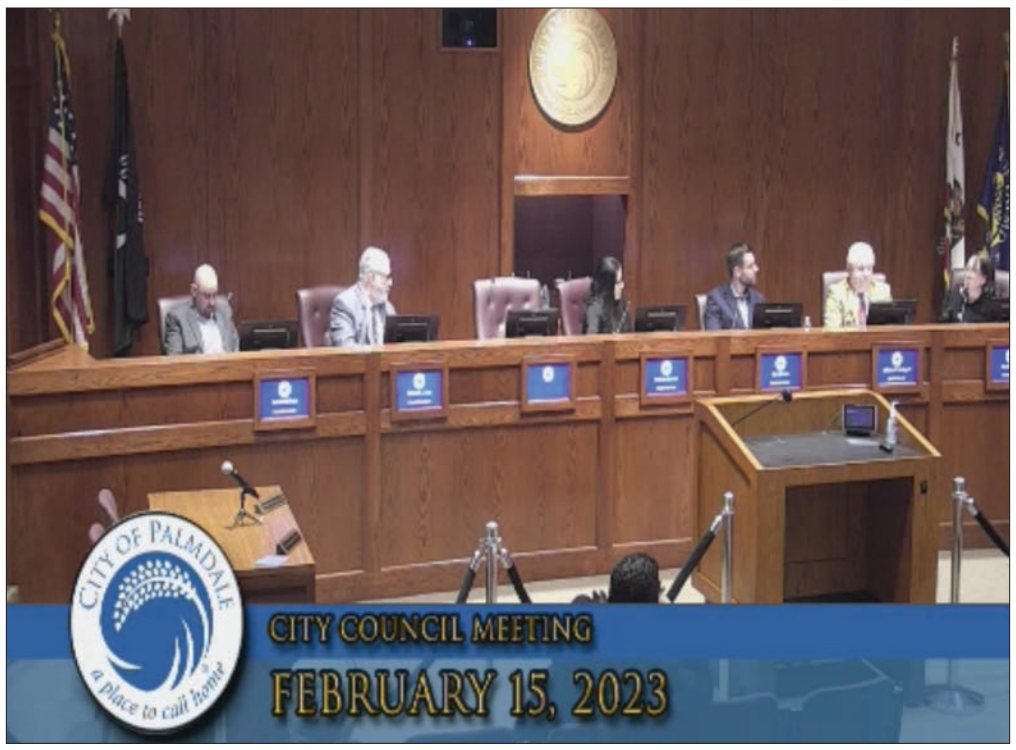
"Quite frankly I was advised prior to this meeting that if the city of Palmdale doesn't jump on this opportunity to benefit from Santa Monica's budgetary surplus, Lancaster will," she said. "So I think at this stage it's just allowing our City Manager to have the conversation to see what's on the table. If it's a terrible proposal, you know, obviously she will not have authority to enter into a contract."

A response from Santa Monica said any potential discussions would also need authorization from Santa Monica council and no such discussion had occurred yet.

"At the request of the Palmdale City Manager, officials from Palmdale and the City of Santa Monica held an introductory meeting last December to discuss the two cities' respective housing production obligations and resource needs," said a statement issued by Santa Monica. "City of Santa Monica staff have had no further discussions with Palmdale officials since, and any further engagement would not be authorized without direction from the Santa Monica City Council. The Santa Monica City Council has not discussed or provided any direction on this item."

The statement did not clarify what, if any, ideas were discussed in December and officials said they would not provide any additional details at this time.

How the city might pay for the transfer is one of the unknowns. Santa Monica City Manager David White said recently that several unplanned expenses, including legal settlements and required seismic safety measures, jeopardized the City's ability to fully rebound from the pandemic.



Courtesy image

PALMDALE: The Palmdale City Council authorized discussions to take housing requirements from Santa Monica at a recent meeting.

Palmdale staff told their council that if any deal were to emerge, it would require special legislation on the part of state lawmakers. Despite Mayor Bettencourt's opposition, the rest of the council were open to the proposal and authorized Perez to begin discussions.

"I do understand that Palmdale has a lot of space, and we are in desperate need of development, but we don't necessarily have the money to do that," said Councilman Eric Ohlsen. "And there's Santa Monica that has no space to develop and a lot of money that they can't do anything with. So I would be curious to see what the potential is if they're going to give us hundreds of millions of dollars to improve our infrastructure, the workforce housing with a pathway to homeownership. That's something I would be interested in hearing."

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BALLOON

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not come to the table for a compromise. He suggested banning portable helium tanks for the public, barring balloon releases and prohibiting balloons on the beach, rather than an all-or-nothing approach.

"They're doing anything they can to make balloons into this evil, horrible thing. And they're not," he said.

Those who support the move include environmental advocates, whale watching groups and a marine mammal organization, which reported seeing a sea lion die of starvation after trash, including balloon fragments, lodged in her digestive tract.

"Here is another opportunity to be bold and on the right side of an issue," resident Mark Christy wrote in a letter to the council last month.

Cheryl McKinney, who owns a party supplies company, opposed the idea, saying it would wallop the state economically and that responsible business owners encourage patrons to add weights to balloons and properly dispose of them.

"We always refer our customers to this motto: 'Don't let go. Weight. Inflate. Enjoy.'" she wrote.

Associated Press writer Stefanie Dazio contributed to this report.

FOOD

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one-third of the time they bought food.

Last year, Panera expanded the subscription. Now, members can pay $11.99 per month or $119.99 per year for unlimited hot and cold drinks. Annual subscribers also get free delivery.

Eduardo Luz, Panera's chief brand and concept officer, won't share exact numbers but he said members now make up 25% of the chain's transactions.

"It's a huge traffic driver," Luz said.

The idea quickly spread overseas. Pret A Manger, a sandwich chain owned by the same private company as Panera, launched its own coffee subscription in the U.K. in 2020. As of November, it was being used 1.2 million times per week. Pret also offers subscriptions in France and the U.S.

Chris Hosford, a communications consultant in southern California, joined Panera's subscription plan a year ago. He passes four or five Paneras on his regular routes and often stops to grab a coffee and a bite to eat.

"It's not a huge amount of savings for me — probably $5-10 in the average month," Hosford said. "But I'm good with that."

GOLF

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behind after the first round, and the deficit grew to 11 shots and 12 shots until he finished 16 shots behind Jon Rahm.

That was his first competition in seven months. It could be seven weeks before he plays again at the Masters, and he hopes to be in the other majors. Nothing is guaranteed. There is golf and there is tournament golf, and they are not the same.

"I can do carts at home," he said. "I can hit balls, chip and putt. But as I said, it's time or attention and getting your eight to 10 miles of walking in and the concentration that it takes. Yeah, it's hard. I've done it for a long time.

"The body is," he continued, "sometimes it says no even though the mind says yes."

Catch him while you can.

MURDER

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Nearly two decades later, O'Connell brought the San Gabriel Valley community together to rebuild a mission there destroyed in an arson attack. In recent years he also spearheaded Catholic efforts in the region to work with immigrant children and families from Central America.

Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said Monday that O'Connell spoke fluent Spanish with an Irish accent and every day showed "compassion to the poor, to the homeless, to the immigrant, and to all those living on society's margins."

"He was a good priest and a good bishop and a man of peace and we're very sad to lose him," added Gomez, his voice breaking.

Janice Hahn, chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, said O'Connell was a longtime friend who she first met while on the LA City Council. She said that in recent years O'Connell had devoted much of his time to helping immigrants arriving in the country.

"He devoted himself to supporting immigrants, not only making sure that they have food and shelter, but even helping immigrant children, unaccompanied minors, get into Catholic schools, and he helped them get into college," she said.

Neighbors and parishioners left flowers and candles and prayed the rosary next to police tape in Hacienda Heights on Sunday.

Gabriela Gil, who first met O'Connell when she was pregnant with her youngest child, was among those who prayed outside O'Connell's home.

"I've never ever felt more understood by anyone in this world," she said.

The Diocese of Cork and Ross in Ireland, where O'Connell was born, was shocked by the killing. Bishop Fintan Gavin said in a statement that O'Connell "has always maintained his connection with family and friends in Cork" through frequent visits back to Ireland.

The violence was the latest to rock religious leaders in Los Angeles. Two Jewish men were shot and wounded last week by a gunman who authorities said had targeted them for their faith. Suspect Jaime Tran has been charged with federal hate crimes.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 22)

Though you guide yourself very well and prefer to work for your prizes, when the fairy godmother comes to you this year, allow for the granting of wishes. More highlights: You'll be a surprise visitor and also visited by surprises. You'll seal a deal that helps your family and you'll receive glowing praise at the perfect time. Gemini and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 11, 3, 7 and 19.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Like a diligent squirrel, you will store up what you will later need. It's wise to know what that will be. It's a trick question of sorts, too, as your basic needs will stay the same but what fulfills them will change through time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People running around saying there's a problem doesn't necessarily make a problem. Check it out for yourself. Avoid wasting your time with issues that aren't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may feel like you are reeling forward in a kind of controlled fall. Call it momentum! You can trust yourself. On a subconscious level you know exactly what you are doing, and you'll catch yourself at just the right moment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Attraction keeps the planets turning around the sun, the ocean reaching to the moon and someone's heart returning to you again and again. There's nothing to actively do here. Give in to the natural gravitational pull.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Turbulence doesn't know about airplanes. The hot and cold air dramatically intermingle regardless of who might fly through. For similar reasons, you don't take the moods of others personally, even as you steer around them.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You prize kindness and you look for it at work in the world, aligning yourself with gentle souls and, when the opportunity arises, finding ways to counteract the harshness of the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You can try to square the circles, but they will still be circles, doing what circles do, which is mostly roll along. There's nothing to fight, fix or overcome. Your peace comes from a radical acceptance of what is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Rather than trying to change the problem, you change yourself and the issue resolves as though by magic. This is the sort of trick you can pull off time and again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Though you're as adventurous as they come, the familiarity of a situation will suit you well today. It gives you confidence and helps you settle into a sense of control over what you're thinking and doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be taking on work that's difficult to assess, but that's OK. You really don't need to. It doesn't matter how much, how well or how timely this is. What matters is that you are doing it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been waiting on permission and now you'll get the go-ahead to do what you've been wanting to do. In the days ahead, you will proceed with a steady consistency and begin to see the ripple effect of your actions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have extra of something to give — warmth, money, wisdom or help. Because you can lift others, you're alert to anyone who might need the lift. Whatever you contribute, it is you who will be the ultimate benefactor.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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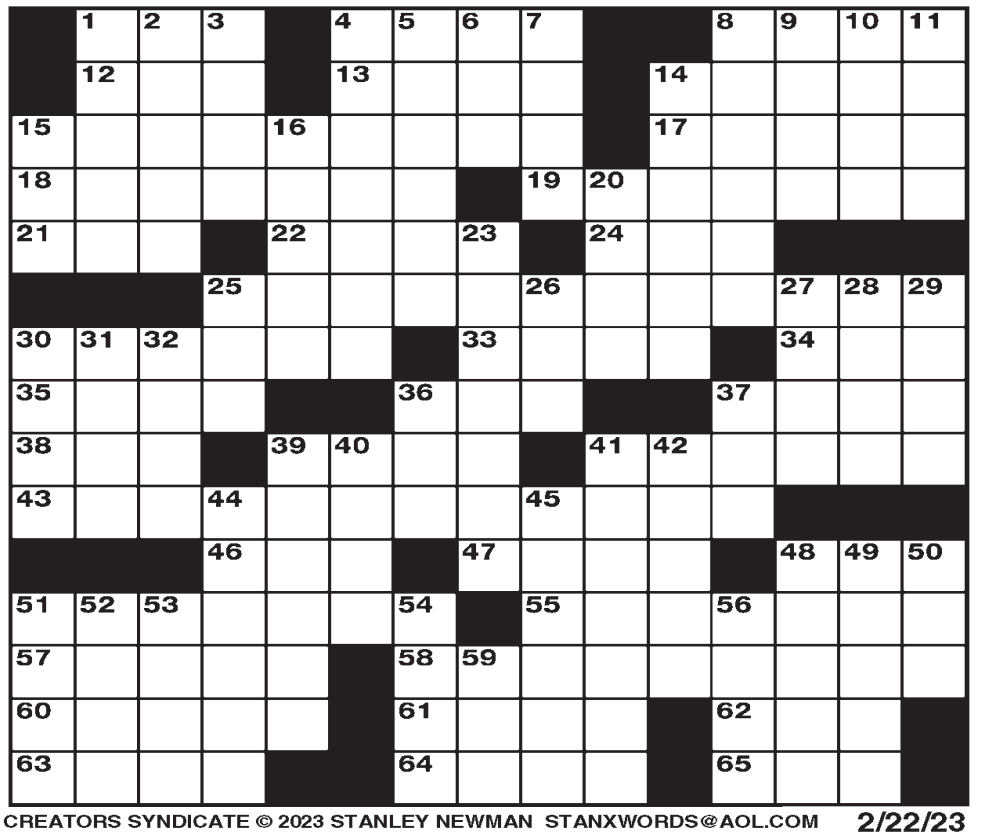
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Newsday Crossword

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1 Frequently, in verse
4 Swamplands
8 Without a warranty
12 Unhappy spectator's shout
13 Diarist __ Frank
14 Stave off
15 Where a presidential helicopter lands
17 Polynesian nation
18 Reason for a medal
19 Inevitable outcome
21 Shape of a dollar sign
22 Golf shop purchases
24 By way of, on itineraries
25 Area of a town square
30 Truthfulness
33 Knitting material
34 Pub drink
35 Altar promises
36 Do thorough research
37 Any of the Bahamas
38 Corporate VIP
39 Jockey's strap
41 Said goodbye
43 Baseball diamond section
46 "C'mon, __ sport!"
47 Collectors' completions
48 IRS expert
51 Kneecap
55 Visibly embarrassed
57 In the know
58 Suburban plot
60 Card player's "I pass"
61 Very funny person
62 Real-estate ad abbr.
63 *Frozen* queen
64 Decides on, with "for"
65 Pal of Tarzan

DOWN
1 Slender woodwinds
2 On all __ (crawling)
3 Canine in Oz
4 In spite of the facts
5 Tooth covering
6 U-turn from SSE
7 Email button
8 Video game self-image
9 Prefix for final
10 Heavy metal
11 Stick around
14 Allot, as tasks
15 That catamaran
16 Bandleader's "Go!"
20 Continually
23 Words of wisdom
25 __ *for Vengeance* (Grafton novel)
26 Quick joke
27 Vane point
28 Fashion magazine
29 Must have
30 End of Caesar's boast
31 Biblical paradise
32 What's above an attic
36 Took care of
37 E-file recipient
39 Walked unsteadily
40 Airline to the Holy Land
41 Inventor's pride
42 Anything of value
44 Where Lisbon is located
45 Fresh start for a film series
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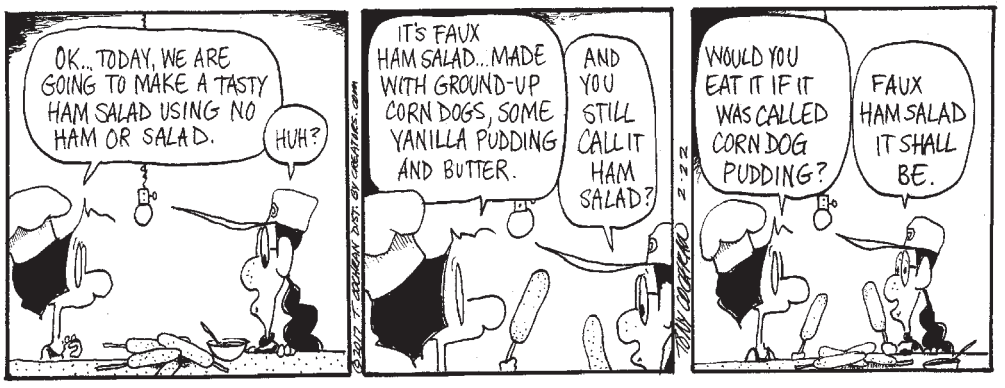


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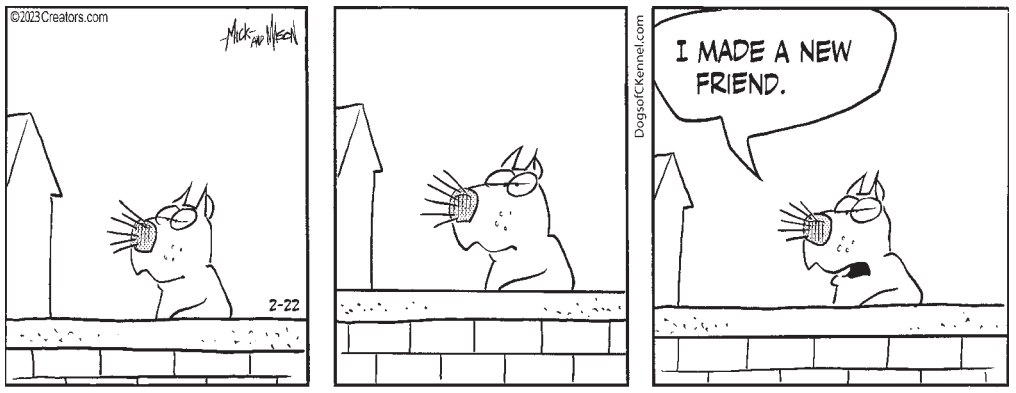
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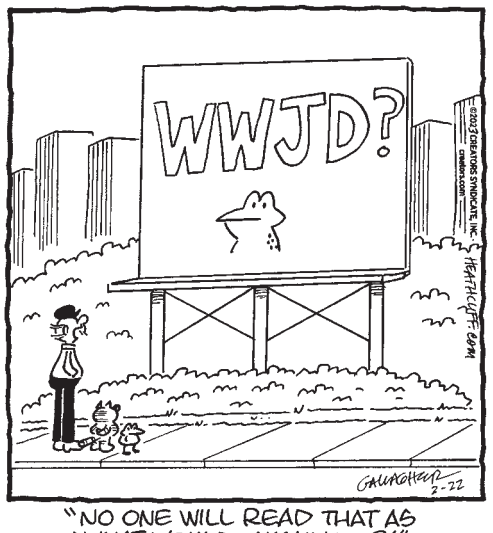
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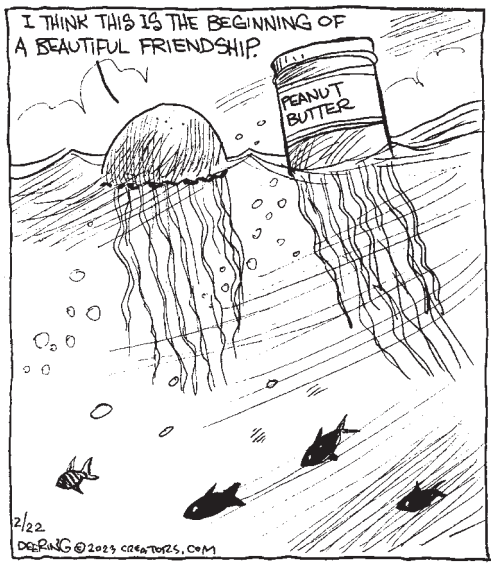
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 25

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FESTIVAL

Celebrate Black History Month at the free celebration and solidarity festival on the Third Street Promenade, February 25 from 4-10pm. Enjoy a special celebrity panel, local vendors, a fashion show, African drumming, paintball experience, giveaways and so much more! Don't miss a special performance by Krayzie Bone of Bone Thugs-n-Harmony. 1300 Block Third Street Promenade (just north of Santa Monica Blvd.) Santa Monica, 90401

THE WORLD IS MY HOME: THE LIFE OF PAUL ROBESON

Powerful and poignant, heartfelt and humorous, Santa Monica Playhouse is proud to present one show only of film, television and stage personality Stogie Kenyatta's acclaimed NAACP Award-Winning solo show about African-American artist-activist Paul Robeson. Robeson's life's work celebrates our common humanity as he fought globally for social justice. Jamaican born and Brooklyn bred Stogie Kenyatta has been seen on everything from sitcoms and film to soap operas, from Bernie Mac and Jake and the Fat Man to HBO's Tyson (Co-star) to The Bold and The Beautiful. He co-headlined a USO comedy tour in Tokyo, Japan and Okinawa. "The World Is My Home – The Life of Paul Robeson" had its first performance at the National Civil Rights Museum and has become the number one show on the American college scene, honoring a great American hero. Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage 1211 4th Street.

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 26

GET CRACKIN' EATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Major League Eating and Wonderful® Pistachios have teamed up to host the "Wonderful Pistachios Get Crackin' Eating Championship" on World Pistachio Day, February 26. World Champion Competitive Eater Joey Chestnut and other top-ranked Major League Eating athletes will vie for a world record for pistachio-eating at the inaugural event taking place at 10 a.m. at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier. Competitors will have eight minutes to crack open and eat as many Wonderful Pistachios as possible in a battle for the championship title and $10,000 in cash prizes. The pistachio-eating championship, featuring shell cracking, is unlike any Major League Eating contest ever held. In addition to viewing the competition, spectators and attendees can enjoy complimentary giveaway items including branded merchandise, and, of course, bags of Wonderful Pistachios.

MONDAY | FEBRUARY 27

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org.

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **56.1**

WEDNESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	Cranking NW wind and rising NW swell mix. A day to pass on.
THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	2-3ft Thigh to waist	Potential for relatively better conditions. Biggest surf west of Dume from NW windswell. Stay tuned.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 55. Windy, with a west southwest wind 20 to 30 mph.
Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly after 4am. Increasing clouds, with a low around 45. Breezy, with a west wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
Thursday: Rain likely, mainly after 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.
Thursday Night: Rain. Low around 45. Chance of precipitation is 80%

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/02/22	Wed	04:20 AM	0.54	L
2023/02/22	Wed	10:23 AM	5.46	H
2023/02/22	Wed	4:50 PM	-0.45	L
2023/02/22	Wed	11:09 PM	5.09	H
2023/02/23	Thu	05:14 AM	0.55	L
2023/02/23	Thu	11:12 AM	4.60	H
2023/02/23	Thu	5:22 PM	0.29	L
2023/02/23	Thu	11:47 PM	5.08	H
2023/02/24	Fri	06:12 AM	0.67	L
2023/02/24	Fri	12:09 PM	3.69	H
2023/02/24	Fri	5:51 PM	1.06	L
2023/02/25	Sat	12:27 AM	4.95	H
2023/02/25	Sat	07:24 AM	0.83	L
2023/02/25	Sat	1:27 PM	2.88	H
2023/02/25	Sat	6:16 PM	1.79	L
2023/02/26	Sun	01:15 AM	4.72	H
2023/02/26	Sun	09:10 AM	0.84	L
2023/02/26	Sun	4:05 PM	2.51	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 2/20
3 17 26 38 54
Power#: 15
Jackpot: 100 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/17
2 33 38 57 70
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: 104 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 2/18
2 3 36 38 45
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 35 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/20
7 10 22 23 31

Daily 3
Draw Date: 2/20
EVENING: 8 5 9
Draw Date: 2/20
MIDDAY: 9 5 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 2/20
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 02 - Lucky Star
3rd: 05 - California Classic
Race Time: 1:47.21

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