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Coming soon to a parking structure near you: Rooftop Cinema Club

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The rooftop level of Parking Structure 6 (PS 6) in Downtown Santa Monica could soon be transformed into an outdoor movie theater complete with two large LED screens, a snack stand, bar and 450 seats.

Rooftop Cinema Club, a company that converts outdoor spaces into movie-viewing venues, submitted a proposal to lease the rooftop space of the parking structure located on 2nd Street last month. Members of the Downtown Santa Monica Inc. (DTSM) Board reviewed two proposals this week at their Business and Community Development meeting and chose to endorse Rooftop Cinema Club.

However, before it can be made a reality, the proposal must be approved by the City Council, an agreement must be reached regarding the lease price and how profits will be shared between the City and DTSM and the company must obtain Coastal Commission approval.

DTSM Board members expressed enthusiasm about the idea, which they said would not only bring new revenue and a unique experience to the City, but also increase usage of the parking structures and encourage people to spend more time downtown.

DTSM officials said they were unconcerned about the loss of spaces in that structure as it would push visitors into other lots and increase foot traffic in the area as shoppers walked to and from their destination.

"I'm totally in favor," Board Member Eric Sedman said. "I'm totally in favor of that parking structure filling up and causing people to go to another structure and then have to be mobile and

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Grace Adams

PS 6: Parking Structure 6 in Downtown Santa Monica where a new outdoor cinema may go.

L.A. County residents express second-lowest satisfaction ever with quality of life

LES DUNSEITH
Special to the Daily Press

Los Angeles County residents are feeling more upbeat today than a year ago — but not by much.

Inflation remains a primary concern as people worry about losing their homes or feeding their families. Many residents said their quality of life had been affected by a homeless encampment. And they believe the pandemic's impacts on L.A. life will be long-lasting.

Those are just a few of the key takeaways from the latest Quality of Life Index, or QLI, a project of the Los Angeles Initiative at the UCLA

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Matthew Hall

HOMELESS: Homelessness is one reason quality of life has declined.

Nothing corny, apart from maybe the batter, at Hot Dog on a Stick opening

GRACE INEZ ADAMS
SMDP Staff Writer

Several months after the iconic hot dog shack quietly reopened following a long awaited demolition and reconstruction process, Hot Dog on a Stick is ready to celebrate and plans to host a public reopening celebration on Saturday April 22 at its location next to the Santa Monica Pier.

"We really wanted to wait for our peak season, which we are going into now as we're heading into summer to make sure we had the best weather possible," Senior Marketing Director Kate Fortune said. "Also, this is the month of our founding so that's the other reason we wanted to go with April instead of October."

Hot Dog on a Stick first opened its doors over 77 years down the beach from the Pier. While the company has since opened multiple locations across the state, Fortune said the original bright red building will always remain special.

While this history earned the location a historic landmark dedication, the Santa Monica Landmarks Commission approved the demolition and agreed that the new version would retain its landmark status.

The prior building was fully demolished in March 2022 and has now been replaced with the new 50% larger version, complete with

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State lawmakers attempt crackdown on hidden fees

GRACE GEDYE
Special to the Daily Press

If you want to visit the Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca, there's the price you'll see when you first search for a room — and then there are add-ons and fees you'll discover as you click through the booking process.

When Leslie Harvey took her kids to the hotel and water park last November, she paid a "resort fee" of $39.99 per day on top of the rate for the room. That fee doesn't cover water park passes, which are included in the cost of the room, according to the Great Wolf Lodge's website; it covers "amenities" including life jackets, towels, Wi-Fi, and the coffee makers and mini fridges in rooms.

The fee "provides for amenities and services that enhance the guest experience, and are very much in line with guests' expectations when visiting a family resort destination," wrote Jason Lasecki, vice president of corporate communications for Great Wolf Resorts. "Great Wolf Lodge fully discloses room rates and any fees to our guests throughout the booking process… and in the final estimate before customers complete their reservations," and it requires third parties to inform customers about mandatory fees. When CalMatters went through the booking process for the Great Wolf Lodge in Manteca, the resort fee only became apparent after selecting dates, choosing a room, making a decision about late check out, and clicking through options to add activities and dining credits.

The fee didn't take Harvey, who lives in the Bay Area, by surprise. She's savvier than most — she's been writing about travel on her blog, Trips with Tykes, for more than a decade. But, she said, she hears often from friends and readers who start planning their vacation, searching online, talking with their family about it, and "then they actually go through the booking screen, and they're like, 'Oh, gosh, this is going to be 20% more than we were budgeting.'"



Cal Matters

FEES: Officials are concerned about the multi-industry practice that can raise prices.

Resort fees are increasing, Harvey said, and she's now seeing fees at hotels that don't have many amenities, including city hotels that are adding "urban destination fees."

It's not just hotels. Fees and surcharges pop up at the end of all sorts of purchases. When a federal government agency said it was considering a rule to crack down on "junk fees," Californians wrote in complaining about everything from fees at Pizza Hut to a $5,000 "paint protection" charge tacked on to a car purchase.

Figuring out the full price of a rental car or hotel can feel like a journey with unexpected twists and turns. A group of California state lawmakers have proposed a raft of bills that would require companies in several industries — including live events and apartment rentals — to be more transparent about total prices. Research mostly shows that people spend more when fees are tacked on to the end of a purchase compared with when all inclusive prices are listed up front.

When Brian Teeter bought tickets for the April 15 NBA playoff game between the Sacramento Kings and Golden State Warriors on Ticketmaster, each $749 ticket came with a $172 service fee. The tickets were expensive in part because it was the first time since 2006 that the Kings made it to the playoffs. Teeter, Sacramento resident and Kings fan, said he's bought sports tickets before on other platforms, but he didn't remember the fees being "that outrageous," he said. "They don't do enough to justify that fee," he said. "I think it's a ripoff." He wishes the total price was clear on the front end, he said. Once you get far enough into the booking process to see the fees, most people, he said, are already committed to going.

LAST-MINUTE FEES LEAD TO SPLURGING

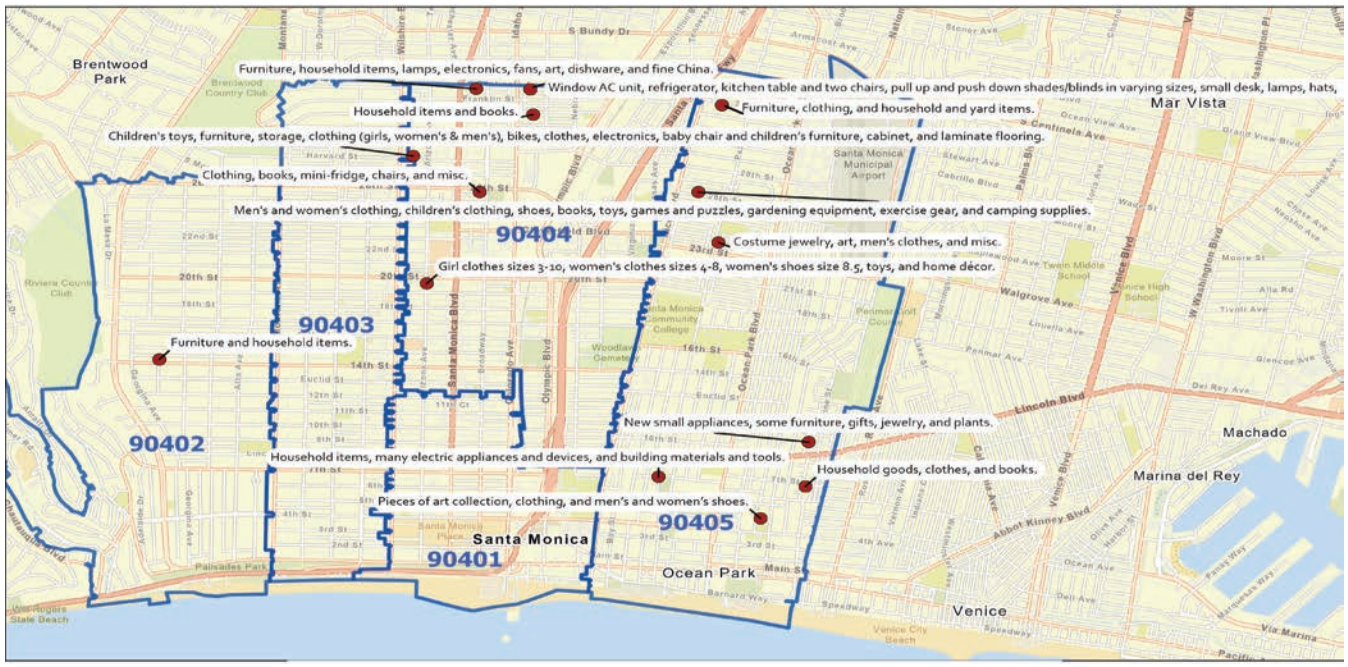
When economist Stephen Tadelis worked for eBay in the early 2010s, executives were talking about switching ticket sales on Stubhub, a ticketing platform owned by the company, from a strategy known as "drip pricing," where taxes and fees were revealed later, to displaying an all-inclusive price, Tadelis said in an interview with CalMatters. Executives hoped that the switch, which was made in 2014, would make customers more loyal and help Stubhub gain market share, Tadelis said. That's not what happened. "Turns out that customers were not flocking to Stubhub" because it had all-inclusive pricing, said Tadelis, currently a professor at UC Berkeley.

Before executives switched back in 2015,

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US invests in alternative solar tech, more solar for renters

ISABELLA O'MALLEY AND JENNIFER MCDERMOTT
Associated Press

The Biden administration announced more than $80 million in funding Thursday in a push to produce more solar panels in the U.S., make solar energy available to more people, and pursue superior alternatives to the ubiquitous sparkly panels made with silicon.

The Department of Energy announced the investments in the morning and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm plans to visit a community solar site in Washington in the afternoon. Community solar refers to a variety of arrangements where renters and people who don't control their rooftops can still get their electricity from solar power. Two weeks ago, Vice President Kamala Harris announced what the administration said was the largest community solar effort ever in the United States.

Now it is set to spend $52 million on 19 solar projects across a dozen states, including $10 million from the infrastructure law, as well as $30 million on technologies that will help integrate solar electricity into the grid.

The DOE also selected 25 teams to participate in a $10 million competition designed to fast-track the efforts of solar developers working on community solar projects.

The Inflation Reduction Act already offers incentives to build large solar generation projects, such as renewable energy tax credits. But Ali Zaidi, White House national climate advisor, said the new money focuses on meeting the nation's climate goals in a way that benefits more communities.

"It's lifting up our workers and our communities. And that's, I think, what really excites us about this work," Zaidi said. "It's a chance not just to tackle the climate crisis, but to bring economic opportunity to every zip code of America."

The investments will help people save on their electricity bills and make the electricity grid more reliable, secure, and resilient in the face of a changing climate, said Becca Jones-Albertus, director of the energy department's Solar Energy Technologies Office.

Jones-Albertus said she's particularly excited about the support for community solar projects, since half of Americans don't live in a situation where they can buy their own solar and put in on the roof.

Michael Jung, executive director of the ICF Climate Center agreed. "Community solar can help address equity concerns, as most current rooftop solar panels benefit owners of single-family homes," he said.

In typical community solar projects, households can invest in or subscribe to part of a larger solar array offsite. "What we're doing here is trying to unlock the community solar market," Jones-Albertus said.

The U.S. has 5.3 gigawatts of installed community solar capacity currently, according to the latest estimates. The goal is that by 2025, five million households will have access to it — about three times as many as today — saving $1 billion on their electricity bills, according to Jones-Albertus.

The new funding also highlights investment in a next generation of solar technologies, intended to wring more electricity out of the same amount of solar panels. Currently only about 20% of the sun's energy is converted to electricity in crystalline silicon solar cells, which is what most solar panels are made of. There has long been hope for higher efficiency, and today's announcement puts some money towards developing two alternatives: perovskite and cadmium telluride (CdTe) solar cells. Zaidi said this will allow the U.S. to be "the innovation engine that tackles the climate crisis."

Joshua Rhodes, a scientist at the University of Texas at Austin said the investment in perovskites is good news. They can be produced more cheaply than silicon and are far more tolerant of defects, he said. They can also be built into textured and curved surfaces, which opens up more applications for their use than traditional rigid panels. Most silicon is produced in China and Russia, Rhodes pointed out.

Cadmium telluride solar can be made quickly and at a low cost, but further research is needed to improve how efficient the material is at converting sunlight to electrons.

Cadmium is also toxic and people shouldn't be exposed to it. Jones-Albertus said that in cadmium telluride solar technology, the compound is stable and encapsulated in glass and additional protective layers.

The new funds will also help recycle solar panels and reuse rare earth elements and materials. "One of the most important ways we can make sure CdTe remains in a safe compound form is ensuring that all solar panels made in the U.S. can be reused or recycled at the end of their life cycle," Jones-Albertus explained.

Recycling solar panels also reduces the waste from solar and can provide materials for new panels. Eight of the projects in Thursday's announcement focus on improving solar panel recycling, for a total of about $10 million.

Clean energy is a fit for every state in the country, the administration said. One solar project in Shungnak, Alaska was able to eliminate the need to keep making electricity by burning diesel fuel, a method sometimes used in remote communities that is not healthy for people and contributes to climate change.

"Alaska is not a place that folks often think of when they think about solar, but this energy can be an economic and affordable resource in all parts of the country," said Jones-Albertus.

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Distrust in America: Small mistakes, deep fear — and gunfire

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Associated Press

In suburban Detroit, it was a lost 14-year-old looking for directions. In Kansas City, it was a 16-year-old who went to the wrong house to pick up his younger brothers. There was the 12-year-old rummaging around in a yard in small-town Alabama, the 20-year-old woman who found herself in the wrong driveway in upstate New York and the cheerleader who got into the wrong car in Texas.

All of them, and dozens more across America, were met by gunfire. Some were injured, some killed.

In a nation where strangers are all too often seen as threats and fear has been politicized, honest mistakes and simple acts like going to the wrong address or car in a parking lot, or even just ringing the wrong doorbell, can seem like a fateful question of trust.

It is a tension not lost on Jae Moyer, who was at a rally at the federal courthouse in Kansas City on Tuesday, demanding a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into the shooting of Ralph Yarl, the Black teenager shot last week when he went to the door of an elderly white man while looking for his brothers. Yarl, who was shot in the head and arm, is recovering at home.

"I want to be welcoming and inviting to anyone that comes to my home. Even if they are asking for help and I can't help them I'm going to be kind to them. I think that's the way everyone should be," Moyer said.

"But I don't think that's the culture we have right now," Moyer said. "There's a lot of fear in our country."

There is also plenty of mistrust.

AMERICAN SUSPICION

In the early 1970s, surveys showed that about half of America believed most people were trustworthy. By 2020, that number had fallen to less than one-third. Meanwhile, Americans have believed for decades that crime is going up — even in years when it is going down — and also wildly overestimate their chances of being a crime victim.

"Part of that is you guys," said Warren Eller, a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, referring to the media's relentless focus on crime. "We get 24 hours a day of all the dangers out there."

That's hardly surprising. Politicians have long used crime as a wedge issue to gain footholds. Neighborhood message boards foment paranoia about suspicious outsiders. And local and national newscasts bombard TV viewers daily with images of grainy surveillance videos showing a variety of crimes and provocative headlines about cities in decay.

That includes shootings where innocent victims are shot by people who wrongly believe that they are under threat. While there are few statistics on these shootings, they appear to make up a very small percentage of the more than 15,000 people killed every year in the U.S. in firearm homicides.

And yet in just six days in April, four young people across the U.S. were shot — and the woman in New York killed — for being at what someone decided was the wrong place. Just Tuesday, a man shot and wounded two cheerleaders in a Texas supermarket parking lot after one said she mistakenly got into his car thinking it was her own. One cheerleader was grazed by a bullet and treated at the scene. Her teammate was shot in the leg and back.

This American mistrust has settled in as something that, while not normal, is less surprising than ever. And when mixed with legal confusion, easy access to weapons, poor firearms training and sometimes outright racism, it has produced a string of shootings like these that never seems to end.

Take the legal issues. Shooters in incidents

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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L.A. Mayor Karen Bass' police budget proposal reveals how politics can clash with reality

BY JIM NEWTON

Serving as mayor of Los Angeles has a way of bending the officeholder to the office.

Richard Riordan ran for mayor as a tough-on-crime Republican; he governed as a centrist who worked with President Bill Clinton to rebuild the city after the Northridge earthquake. Antonio Villaraigosa was a union organizer in his youth; his time as mayor was marked by his battles with the teachers' union over school control. James Hahn won office on the strength of his support from African Americans and residents of the San Fernando Valley; he refused a second term to a popular African American police chief, Bernard C. Parks, and squashed the feeble Valley secession campaign.

Now comes Karen Bass. Elected last year as the more liberal of two options before Los Angeles voters, Bass brings a lifetime of experience in community health and coalition building – and as a Democratic star in Sacramento and Washington. Now, just four months into her new job, she is discovering that politics – at least in traditional liberal vs. conservative terms – don't mean much when it comes to governing this metropolis.

As all mayors quickly discover, there are no conservative ways to fill potholes nor liberal ones to sweep streets. Washington thrives on ideological war games. Closer to home, problems are simply problems.

In an interview and in her first State of the City address, Bass projected the qualities that got her elected: optimism backed by shrewd insight and a tough core. She also revealed the early indications of moving from candidate to mayor.

Nowhere was that more evident than in her rapidly evolving approach to public safety.

This is a city that has had more than its share of troubles with its police department, and there's a substantial chunk of the political leadership today that wants to see the LAPD punished for its excesses – a sentiment reflected in the calls for "defunding" or otherwise reallocating resources from police and to other services such as mental health and housing.

But it's also a city that is burdened by crime, and any call to reduce police services must contend with the possibility that drawing down cops won't make communities any safer.

There is plenty of evidence of danger, especially from the illicit drug trade. In early April, three Angelenos died of fentanyl overdoses – in a single building on a single day. By late February, 21 people had died on Metro trains and buses, matching the death count for all of 2022. All but one of those deaths were the result of drug overdoses.

That cascade of drug deaths startled Bass and those around her, and it underscored the dangers of defunding police at a time when addiction, housing shortages and homeless encampments have made many Angelenos fearful.

Bass has proposed two responses: money for housing and treatment, consistent with her liberal background, and money for police, a time-tested option that reflects the realities of being mayor.

"My budget breaks new ground," she said on Monday, addressing supporters in the council chambers, "by using funds received from the opioid and tobacco settlements to pay for substance abuse treatment beds for the unhoused."

That was greeted with applause. Less enthusiastic was the response to the other half of her remedy: beefing up the ranks of the LAPD.

In that idea, Bass follows the lead of her diverse predecessors. Riordan came to office pledging to expand the LAPD by 3,000 officers in four years. Hahn proposed a tax hike to get the department to 10,000 officers. Villaraigosa raised trash fees to hit that same mark, which he did to great fanfare in 2013.

In recent years, the LAPD has been moving in the other direction. Here and across the country, officers have felt battered by COVID and the national fury at police over a seemingly endless succession of shootings that have killed suspects – many Black and unarmed – from coast to coast. Locally, the city of Los Angeles recently released by mistake photographs of officers on undercover assignments. For some officers, that was the last straw; Bass predicts that dozens, even hundreds, may soon leave.

As of April 3, the LAPD's ranks had dwindled far below the high-water mark set by Villaraigosa a decade ago. Authorized for 9,460 sworn positions, it boasts roughly 9,100.

So even in the face of widespread criticism of the police, mainly from the political left, Bass is proposing to do what so many of her predecessors have done and hire more cops.

Her budget calls for additional funds for recruitment, including signing bonuses; for additional civilian employees, including 911 operators; and for more rank-and-file officers, in part by coaxing some recent retirees back into uniform. All told, she is hoping to expand the department by some 400 officers.

Bass is not pivoting to an entirely new position. Even as she has supported programs to divert some problems away from police, she has emphasized the indispensable role that officers play. Still, she recognizes the perils of championing more police, and when I asked her

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth

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Saying Goodbye to Liliane

Stan Laurel was among the most beloved comic actor, writer and director in Hollywood history. Shortly I will explain his connection to my long time friend Liliane who recently passed away and is profoundly missed by her family and many friends.

In 1910 Laurel came to the U.S. as Charlie Chaplin's understudy with the London-based Fred Karno comedy company on a tour of the American vaudeville circuit. Laurel didn't achieve success until he teamed up with a comic from Georgia, Oliver "Babe" Hardy. In the 1920's Laurel and Hardy became world famous. Laurel spent his last years in a luxury ocean view apartment on Ocean Avenue. He passed away in 1965 at the age of 74.

Typical of Laurel's humor, at his funeral he had posted "If you cry at my funeral, I'll never speak to you again." Among the mourners was the legendary Buster Keaton who once said, "Chaplin wasn't the funniest, I wasn't the funniest, Stan Laurel was." Keaton tried to hold back his tears but wept openly.

Laurel was so carefree he had his name and number in the Santa Monica phone book. (Richard Orton, a local historian who publishes a terrific free online newsletter, still has the phone book!) Liliane who was 70 also had an ocean view apartment and died in Santa Monica but that's where their similarities end.

Liliane guarded her privacy. In fact, if she found out I wrote this, like Stan's joke, she'd never speak to me again, only she wouldn't be joking. Though occasionally stubborn in her views, Liliane had many remarkable traits and accomplishments.

Liliane's need for privacy was with good reason. It's actually how we met. In 2010 I wrote a column about Sally Breiter, a Dutch woman in her 80's who lived at the Shores. When Germany invaded the Netherlands in 1940, she, her younger sister and her mother, escaped into France. They wound up in a relocation center but were told by a guard they better flee once it got dark or likely wind up in a concentration camp.

By any means available including trains and hiking for weeks at night, they heroically sneaked into Switzerland. Having read my column, in February the Santa Monica City Council held a Holocaust Remembrance Day ceremony prior to a regular meeting. (A tradition I'm going to lobby the council to resume!)

Liliane boldly persuaded me to review "And No More Sorrow," her inspiring book about her mother who survived years in Auschwitz. There's a saying among children of concentration camp survivors, "If your parents were in were in the camps, so were you." It seemed especially true for Liliane.

Whereas Laurel loved mankind, Liliane felt the human race was an abject failure.



Courtesy photo

STAN LAUREL: Stan Laurel spent the last years of his life in Santa Monica.

Mark Twain agreed, "The more I learn about people the more I love my dog." Liliane adored all animals. She also loved my columns about Trump's buffoonery. However, she thought most of my other columns were "fluff" in an America where fascism, racism and antisemitism were rampant.

Liliane's myriad of talents were impressive. She spoke three languages, was highly educated, including bravely going from the Netherlands to an Israeli college. (But first learned Hebrew a language that fascinated her by its richness and wisdom.) When she returned to the U.S. she received a degree from USC.

Divorced and without children, Liliane began her working life. She spent years as a flight attendant for the Dutch KLM airlines which only added to her worldliness. Later she became a journalist for various foreign press outlets where, with inexplicable confidence, she interviewed a who's who of movie stars and other luminaries promoting their book or a movie.

To me Liliane's work ethic was downright intimidating such as when she wrote a suspenseful book about her father "MK the Black Cat." He was a Dutch spy during WWII. At night he was parachuted behind enemy lines to rescue dozens of allies trapped in hiding and, defying death at every turn, led them back to safety. For

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CRIME WATCH

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 APRIL 1

Suspect Daniel Victoria was arrested by SMPD officers in the 1500 block of Palisades Park for punching someone in the face during an argument over property. Victoria was witnessed by officers and other bystanders attempt to headbutt the victim. Victoria was arrested for battery and transported to the Santa Monica Jail.

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GUNS

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like these often use defenses based on "stand-your-ground" laws, which have broadened people's rights to defend themselves if they are threatened. But those laws, which have spread across America in the last 25 years, may have actually driven up violence.

A study published in 2022 by the JAMA Network Open, a peer-reviewed medical journal, found that monthly homicide rates increased between 8% and 11% in states with stand-your-ground laws.

"I think it has commonly become known of as a license to use deadly force whenever someone feels threatened," said Geoffrey Corn, the chair of criminal law at the Texas Tech University School of Law. He has extensively studied such laws, which he believes are deeply misunderstood by the public.

"The fear has to be justified by the circumstances," he said. "You don't get to kill somebody just because you fear them."

AGGRAVATING FACTORS

Legal experts expect Andrew Lester, the 84-year-old man who shot Yarl, to claim self-defense and cite Missouri's stand-your-ground law. On Wednesday, he pleaded not guilty in Yarl's shooting.

Corn, a 22-year-military veteran, also wonders about America's recent boom in firearm sales and whether it has combined with insufficient training to compound the problem.

"What troubles me isn't that there are a lot of firearms, it's that nothing is required of someone who takes on the awesome responsibility" of wielding them, Corn said. Even in states that require firearms training, he says training is often insufficient, with poor explanations of self-defense laws.

When he was in the military, he had weeks of training before he was even allowed to touch a bullet. "I was always conscious of the awesome killing power of a firearm," he said.

Then there is the unavoidable question of race, a central pillar of American distrust across the centuries.

False notions about threats posed by nonwhite people have played out repeatedly in modern American history, including in a number of high-profile cases when assailants attacked Black or Hispanic people who they believed meant them harm, even when no threat was apparent.

Yarl's shooting has drawn comparisons to the 2012 shooting death of Trayvon Martin, 17, a Black teenager visiting his father's home in a gated Florida community when George Zimmerman, a volunteer neighborhood watchman, decided he looked suspicious and shot him to death. Zimmerman was acquitted after a trial in which his attorneys essentially used the state's stand-your-ground law as a defense.

It also echoes the case of Renisha McBride, a Black woman who knocked on doors in a Detroit-area community in 2013, seeking help after a car accident. She was fatally shot by a white resident who fired through his screen door, saying he feared she meant him harm.

These cases, said Ibram X. Kendi, the bestselling author of books on racism and founder of the Center for Antiracist Research at Boston University, occurred because people of all races and backgrounds are groomed to fear Black people as more prone to criminality and violence.

"No one is born fearing another person because of their skin color," Kendi said. "There's so many different ways in which people are taught that Black people are dangerous, and those ideas actually create all sorts of dangers for Black people, including Black teenagers."

> "No one is born fearing another person because of their skin color"
>
> - Ibram X. Kendi

"The more we unlearn that idea and realize that we can't attach danger to skin color in any way," he said, "the less likely people are going to be to use lethal force against a 16-year-old child who is ringing their doorbell."

AP researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York and writer Margaret Stafford in Kansas City, Missouri contributed to this report.

COMMENTARY

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whether she was satisfied with the LAPD, she defended the department while also insisting that it improve.

"It is not the force that I want to see," she said. "What we have done as a society is we don't take care of our problems, and then we expect the police to clean everything up. Policy-wise, that is very foolish."

Bass was barely in office when she made her first major LAPD move, reappointing Chief Michel Moore for another five-year term. Even as she did, however, she made it clear that she expects the chief to perform, and she laid out specific marks for him to hit. She's given Moore additional time and is trying to get him more officers, but it's safe to say Bass' patience seems limited.

Finally, there is this: Yes, mayors of all types – Black, white or Latino; business-oriented Republicans or union-supported Democrats – eventually are shaped by the city's needs. But politics does not disappear and winning is hard. Riordan fell short of his 3,000-officer goal in his first term; the council rejected Hahn's police expansion, and the economy bottomed out after Villaraigosa got his.

By the time he was through, Mayor Eric Garcetti was cutting police, not adding them.

Bass's first budget and early moves demonstrate that she's adjusting her agenda to the realities of city government. But it's a long haul, and it's littered with potholes.

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QUALITY

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Luskin School of Public Affairs that measures county residents' satisfaction levels in nine categories. The overall rating rose two points to 55, but it was still the second-lowest rating in the eight years of the project. The highest rating of 59 was recorded in 2016 and 2017.

"Last year's record negativity appears to have bottomed out and made a slight upward turn," said Zev Yaroslavsky, director of the Los Angeles Initiative, who oversees the index. "But inflation has taken a toll, especially among lower- and middle-income residents."

In fact, 94% of respondents said they were affected by inflation and the increase in costs of basic needs. And 71% said it had a major impact. Rising housing costs were an issue for 82% of respondents, and 58% said it's a major concern.

More than a quarter, or 28%, of respondents worried about losing their home and becoming homeless, while 25% were afraid their families will go hungry because they can't afford the cost of food. Nearly half of people in households earning less than $60,000 were concerned about becoming homeless.

Almost three-quarters of residents, 73%, said their quality of life had been impacted in the last year by a homeless encampment. A major impact was reported by 43% of respondents, with San Fernando Valley and Westside residents at 50% and San Gabriel Valley residents at 28%.

Most respondents, 75%, said life has been fundamentally changed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Only 23% expect life to return to the way it was before.

Of survey respondents who are employed, 49% said they always work away from home, 36% divide their work between home and a workplace, and 14% always work from home. Lower-income residents were far more likely to always work away from home, 61%, than higher-income households, 39%. Hybrid schedules were more common for higher-income workers, 41%, compared to 29% for lower-income households.

Many respondents said their income changed during the pandemic, with 27% saying it went down and 30% saying it went up. More than a third, or 35%, of those with a household income below $60,000 said it declined. Nearly half, or 45%, of respondents with a household income over $120,000, said it rose.

"The income disparities that have defined the Southern California economy for several decades have been exacerbated by COVID, as the rich seem to be getting richer while the poor are getting poorer," Yaroslavsky said. "County residents whose incomes have not rebounded have less money than they used to, and what they have doesn't buy what it did before. They're getting hurt coming and going."

This year's QLI was based on interviews conducted with 1,429 county residents over 30 days beginning on Feb. 24. The survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.6%.

Ratings were up slightly in all nine categories except health care, which remained the same as 2022 at 66.

Among the other results:

Cost of living, which is always the lowest rated, increased to 41 from 39. White respondents gave it a 37, among the lowest in any category in the survey's history.

Also scoring below the survey's midpoint of 55 were education, 48, and transportation and traffic, 53.

Public safety, jobs and the economy, and the environment came in at 58.

Race and ethnic relations, 67, and their neighborhood, 68, were the top-rated categories.

The survey also examined approval ratings for local elected officials. Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass had the highest favorability, with 46% of all respondents viewing her favorably and 23% unfavorably. City of L.A. respondents were even more positive, with 51% favorable and 17% unfavorable.

Sheriff Robert Luna was rated 37% favorable and 21% unfavorable. Los Angeles Police Chief Michel Moore received a 31% favorable and 22% unfavorable rating.

County Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer was viewed favorably by 34% and unfavorably by 20%, with respondents ages 65 and older giving her a 47% favorable rating. Meanwhile, ratings for District Attorney George Gascón improved somewhat from last year but were still negative — 27% of county residents view him favorably, compared to 40% who view him unfavorably. Last year, the result was 22% favorable, 44% unfavorable.

The Quality of Life Index is funded by the Los Angeles Initiative and Meyer and Renee Luskin. The full report will be released on April 19 as part of UCLA's Luskin Summit, which is being held in the Faculty Center at UCLA. In addition to a presentation by Yaroslavsky, L.A. City Council President Paul Krekorian will deliver a keynote address. A series of breakout discussions on issues of public concern will precede a closing session on the local homelessness emergency featuring state, county and city officials. The full agenda for Luskin Summit 2023 is available online.

The QLI was prepared in partnership with the public opinion research firm FM3 Research.

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LAUGHING MATTERS

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his incredible valor, a street in Amsterdam is named after him.

Self taught, Liliane founded Seaside Press, a boutique publishing house. It's library includes two dozen Holocaust, Migrant and Expat memoirs and illustrated Children Adventure stories. She would occasionally narrate her audio books and did so flawlessly as though she'd been doing it her whole life.

A beautiful swimmer, almost daily Liliane completed a mile in the Shores Olympic size pool or in the ocean. Whatever the project, she never procrastinated, all day and into the night; kept her ocean-view apartment spotless, was financially prosperous, intellectually curious and always politically informed.

On the occasions where I nailed Trump's hypocrisies, ever-serious Liliane could let loose with a wonderful laugh. It was music to my ears and the sound of which, hopefully, I shall always remember.

As per her wishes, Liliane's estate will be donated to save an animal refuge. To hear her narration Google "And No More Sorrow" click on the book cover and click on "play sample." Please Google "Rare footage Stan Laurel's funeral" " which includes Barbra Streisand's heart-warming rendition of "Smile." Jack is at: jackdailypress@aol.com.

HOT DOG

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updated fittings and appliances.

"You can imagine after 77 years in business, it did need some updating and some repairs," Fortune said. "Really this remodel was all about making sure that this location is going to be around for another 77 years going forward."

"We're so excited that we finally have the remodel completed and the store has reopened and it just looks so so beautiful," she continued. "So we put this grand reopening celebration together because we really just want to thank all of our Santa Monica community and customers for being so loyal and good to us for the last several decades."

The celebration will feature Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis stomping an inaugural lemon in the signature Hot Dog on a Stick method, a lemon stomping station for the public to try it out as well, free limited edition merchandise and a lemonade giveaway from 2 to 4 p.m.

While the event will celebrate the location's refreshed look, Fortune said it is also meant to honor the site's history.

"We've had such a great reception from the City of Santa Monica," she said. "We know it was really important to our customers that we kind of maintain and hold on to that nostalgic look and feel that they've always known, so that was something that was super, super important and we think that the new store has really done a great job of that – it looks very much like the original location that our customers know and love."

Hot Dog on a Stick is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m Friday through Sunday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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HOT DOG ON A STICK: The new Hot Dog on a Stick building next to the Pier.

CINEMA

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walk around."

While Downtown Santa Monica is already home to two AMC movie theaters and the Laemmle Monica Film center, DTSM Board Vice Chair Julia Ladd said she does not think that the addition of Rooftop Cinema Club would directly compete with these.

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>
> - Julia Ladd DTSM Board Vice Chair

"It's a whole different market," she said.

While the AMC's show new releases and Laemmle screens independent and arthouse films, Rooftop Cinema Club generally features a mix of classics and other historically popular movies.

Additionally, instead of sitting in a traditional theater, Rooftop Cinema attendees lounge in Adirondack chairs surrounded by string lights and sweeping city views.

"It is a very different experience, really the only thing in common is you're sitting there watching a movie," Deputy City Manager and DTSM Board Member Anuj Gupta said.

City of Santa Monica Economic Development Manager Jennifer Taylor said that Rooftop Cinema Club also tends to appeal to a younger demographic, with the average age of their customers falling between 18 to 34 years of age.

She added that the company already has a track record of success in Santa Monica, having previously operated a drive-in theater at the Santa Monica Airport in recent years.

Rooftop Cinema Club currently has several locations in the Los Angeles area including El Segundo and the Arts District as well as in other states and even a few in London.

The Santa Monica PS 6 location would include 450 seats, which Taylor noted would make it the largest of the company's locations.

DTSM Business and Community Development Manager Martin Ronzio-Garcia explained that the rooftop would be divided down the middle to create two "theaters." Guests would be given headphones to listen to the movie, allowing multiple showings at once and eliminating disruptive noise in the area.

If the plan moves forward, he said the company is proposing investing approximately $3 million in tenant improvements to adapt the space to their needs. He said they estimate revenues of about $2,600,000 in the first year and over $3,000,000 by the second year.

It is not yet known when the proposal could go before council, but Ronzio-Garcia said Rooftop Cinema Club expressed interest in beginning operations at PS 6 as early as the fourth quarter of this year. The lease would be for at least five years with the option to extend.

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FEES

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Tadelis and some colleagues got permission to run an experiment, revealing fees at checkout for half of Stubhub customers while maintaining all-in pricing for the rest. They found customers who only saw the fees at final purchase wound up spending 21% more, and were 14% more likely to make a purchase than customers who saw the total price up front.

Other studies have found similar results. For a 2009 study, economists at UC Berkeley and the Federal Reserve Board added, in one supermarket, price tags to deodorants, hair accessories, and cosmetics that included the price after the 7.4% sales tax was applied. They found that sales of those items fell by about 8% compared to two control groups of products. In a 2006 study, researchers at Hong Kong University and UC Berkeley auctioned off CDs and Xbox games. They found that when a product was offered at an opening bid of one cent with a shipping cost of $3.99, it attracted more bidders and brought in more revenue compared to when they set the opening bid at $4 and the shipping fee at $0.

But not every study has the same finding. For example, in 2019, researchers at German universities manipulated how a three euro surcharge for 3D movies was presented online to customers of a large German multiplex cinema. For some customers, the fee was incorporated into the ticket price; others saw a note about a fee, but didn't see the amount until later. They found that customers with the note were more likely to put a ticket in their online cart, but they also dropped out more often once the total price was revealed.

In general, though, the finding that people spend less when they're presented with an all-inclusive price is "very consistent," Tadelis wrote in an email.

The fees can pad out businesses' bottom line. When Marriott was sued over its alleged "deceptive pricing tactics," unsealed court documents showed that the hotel company had brought in more than $220 million from resort fees between 2012 and 2019.

LAWMAKERS IN DC, CA FIGHT FEES

After years of proliferating fees, we may have entered the backlash. President Joe Biden has called on federal agencies and states to focus on the issue and discussed it in his State of the Union address. The Federal Trade Commission is exploring regulations that would crack down on "junk" fees; and Congress is considering bills on the subject.

Efforts by California lawmakers include:

Two bills aimed at the ticketing industry which, among other provisions, would require ticket sellers to disclose the total cost before the event is selected for purchase;

Two bills aimed at greater transparency in advertised rates for hotels, short-term rentals, and more;

A bill that would require rental car companies to only advertise rates that include mandatory taxes and fees;

A bill that would require landlords that advertise or provide quotes to include any mandatory fees.

And an overarching bill that would make it unlawful to advertise or display a price for a good or service that doesn't include mandatory fees, besides taxes.

"Whether it's ticketing of concerts, sporting events, whether it's renting a car, whether it's booking a room or staying at an Airbnb…the people who lose are consumers," said Robert Herrell, executive director of Consumer Federation of California, which coordinated a handful of the bills. "And disproportionately the people who pay the brunt of this are low- and moderate-income consumers, and consumers and communities of color,"

It's still early in the legislative process — some of the bills haven't yet gotten a first hearing — but groups are already lining up in opposition and support.

Consumer groups and Ticketmaster come down on different sides of the two bills aimed at the ticketing industry. Live Nation Entertainment, which owns Ticketmaster, opposes one bill not because of the price transparency provision, but because it would "regrettably steer more tickets to secondary markets where resellers and brokers get fans' money instead of the artists and venues putting on the show," wrote Jonathan Lamy, the company's senior vice president of public affairs and policy, in a letter opposing the bill. Artist groups, including SAG-AFTRA and Music Artists Coalition, also oppose the bill.

The Consumer Federation of California, CalPIRG, and other consumer groups support that bill. The federation opposes another proposal, which is supported by LiveNation Entertainment and the same music industry groups. The consumer group says it doesn't give consumers ownership over their tickets, giving them limited options if they need to resell their tickets, and defines "ticket sellers" in a way that "fails to get at the heart of the issue, which is the control exercised over consumers by those marketplace participants such as the monopolistic Ticketmaster/Live Nation that control the industry." Stubhub and Vivid Seats, two ticket resale companies, also oppose the bill in its current form.

The California Chamber of Commerce, which lobbies on behalf of businesses, opposes a couple of the bills, including the two requiring greater price transparency for hotels and short-term rentals. Robert Moutrie, an advocate for the group, said the Chamber didn't take issue with requiring companies to be up front about mandatory fees that businesses themselves add. But, he said, including government-imposed taxes in the initial price could put California at a disadvantage when travelers are weighing a trip to California versus Washington or Nevada. He's working with the bill authors, he said, and has shared proposed amendments with them.

Alyssa Stinson, regional government affairs manager for Expedia Group, which owns VRBO, a vacation rental site, wrote that Expedia will "work collaboratively" with lawmakers on the bills.

Airbnb did not comment on the short-term rental bills, but a spokesperson shared that in December the company began rolling out the option to display a total price in countries without existing requirements. Hosts set room rates and cleaning fees and Airbnb sets the service fee, which is "under 14.2% of the booking subtotal" for "most stays," according to the company's website.

One of the reasons that Airbnb might have started offering all-inclusive pricing is because Airbnb doesn't really have major competitors, said Lauren Wolfe, counsel at Travelers United, a consumer protection nonprofit. Hilton, Hyatt, and other hotel chains that compete against each other won't decide on their own to add fees into their room prices, making them look comparatively expensive.

"They're not going to move to all-in pricing," she said, "until these bills start passing."

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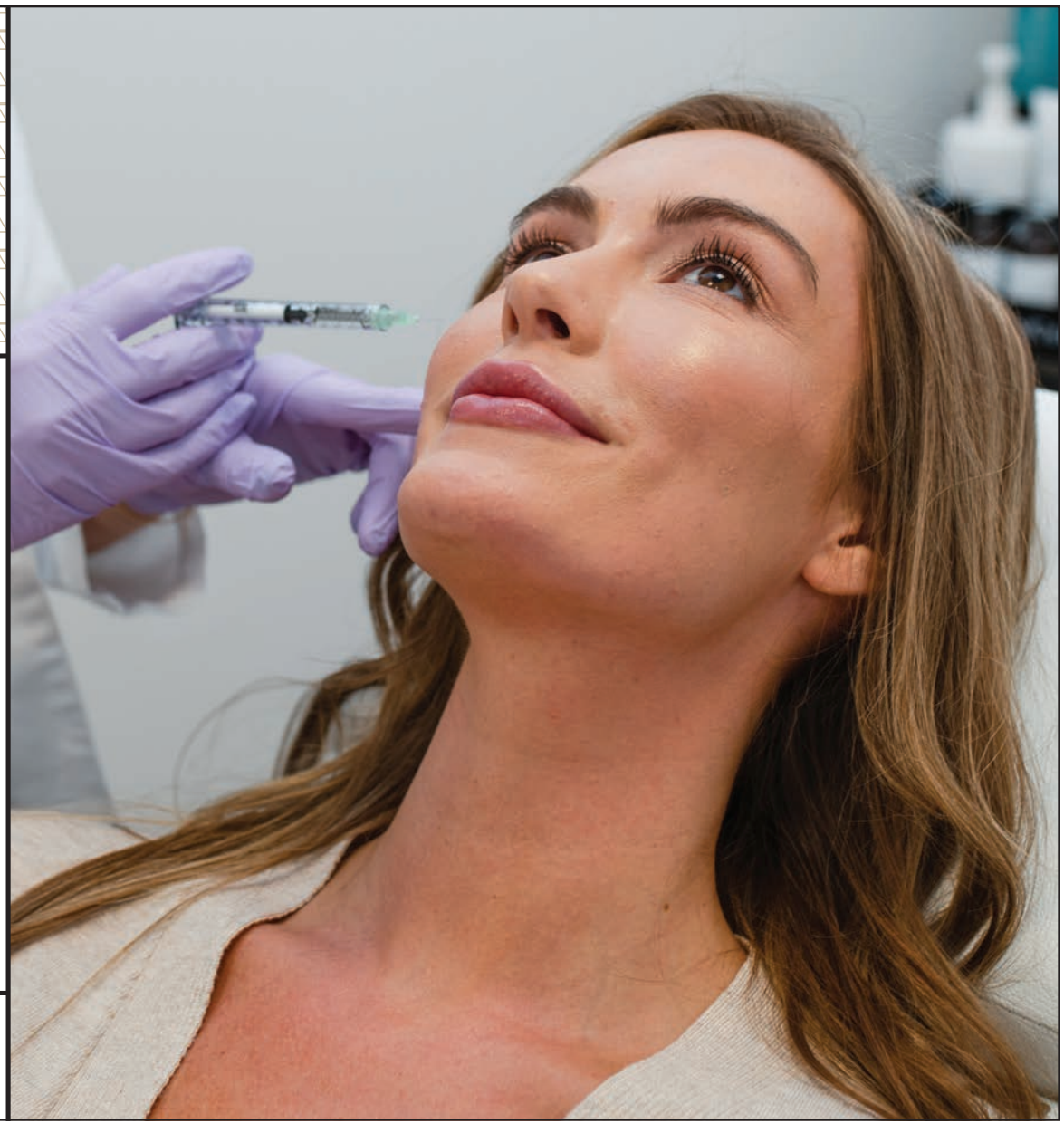
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll go back and forth, deciding what to do. To some extent, this is a show. You already know; you just don't want to hurt anyone's feelings with your decisiveness. Your excellent character shines. Even as you are unaware, you beam.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To look back and note your failings is to invite self-doubt. To look back and focus on your accomplishments is to invite confidence. Neither will help you now. The best way is not to think of yourself at all. Get into action. Onward!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Envy can be helpful if properly utilized. Envy teaches you what you want. When you get those pangs, take them as a sign there's something in the scene that is also meant for you. What do you have to do to make it happen?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are those who provide tension just to watch people strain under it. It lets them know they are in charge. If people aren't suffering, they don't feel powerful. Be aware. This is their move. Now what's yours?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When people react in a positive way, it makes you feel good about what you're contributing. But it's nothing compared to the feeling you get when people are proactively driving their good opinion of you into a tangible form. How wonderful.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What's good for you doesn't usually taste just like candy, but today it just might. It's great when the things that bring you pleasure also bring you good looks, strength and the ability for physical activity you enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Document your moments. You won't always be looking through this window or walking in his place. What you capture will help future you quite a lot in ways that would be impossible to understand right now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Every relationship requires some degree of compromise. Compromise is essential to life and relationships, and you're often better for the effort. But if you find yourself having to compromise every little step of the way, it's the sign of a bad fit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You become part of whatever you're experiencing, and it becomes a part of you — a truth you'll feel today and that just may change your mind and involvement with certain environments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your personal experience with a full range of human error coupled with the disappointment it has caused you will make it all the more difficult for you to believe the best in others... and yet, believe the best you will. Commendable!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have to do anything to lighten up. You're already like a balloon on a tether. You're already floating, but if you want to go higher, you need to get free of the anchor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll have the advantage of a head start, but don't rely on it. Think of the tortoise and the hare. Be careful not to run too fast and tire yourself out. Make sure you pace yourself and avoid distractions.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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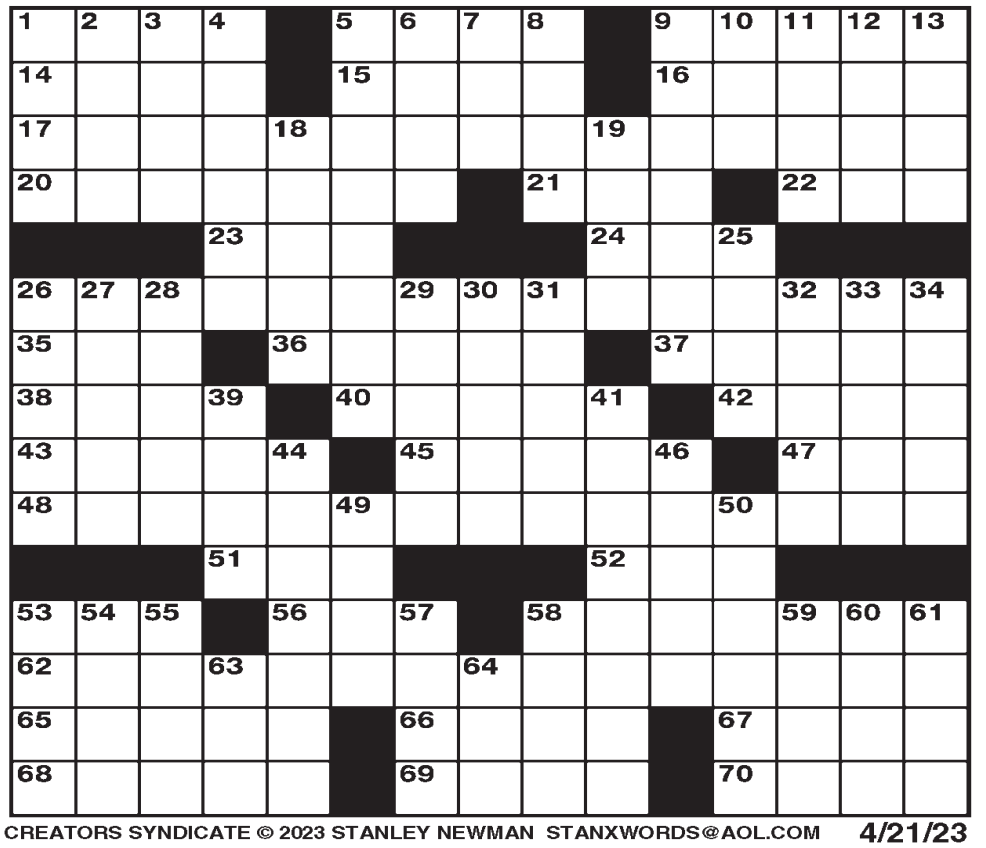
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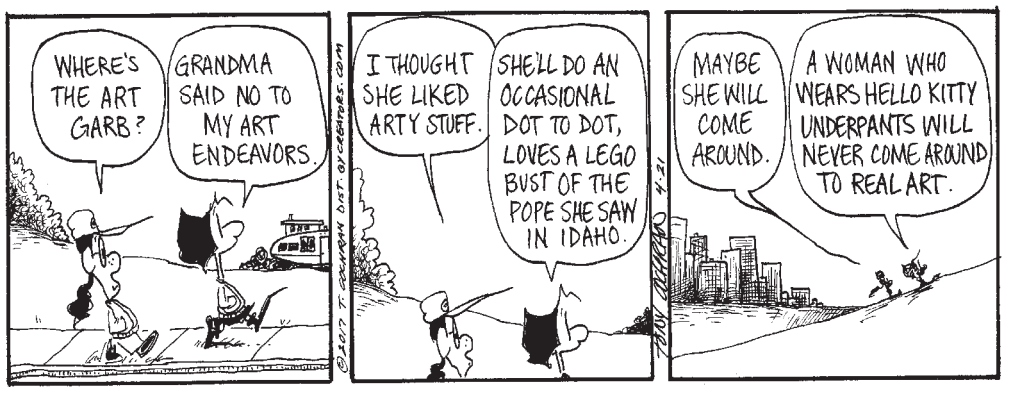
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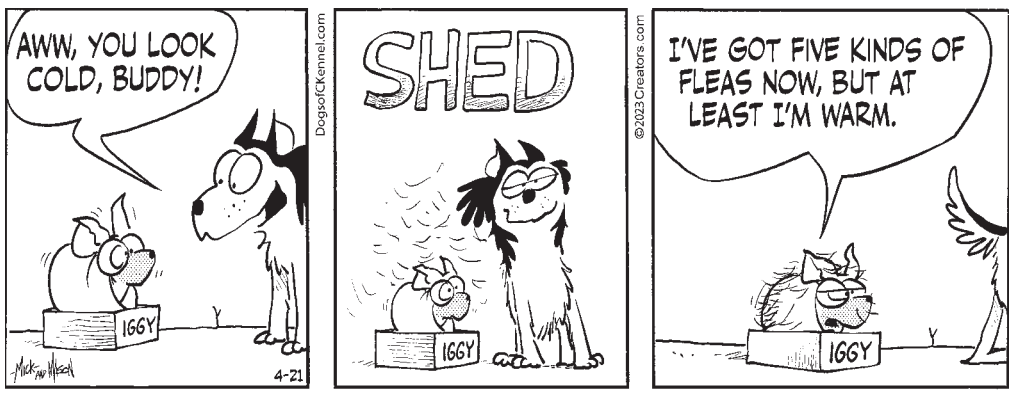
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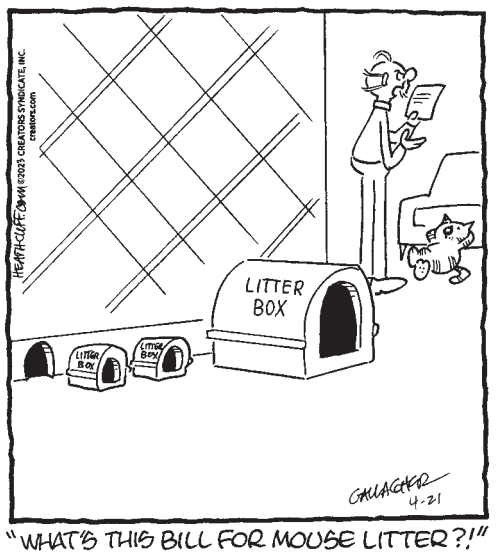
Zack Hill

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Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"WHAT'S THIS BILL FOR MOUSE LITTER?!"

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



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 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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The sixties

S	R	O	C	H	E	F	A	M	E	C	H	O	N	G
D	E	M	O	N	S	T	R	A	T	I	O	N	R	E
R	A	T	U	S	I	H	D	N	A	G	T	N	U	H
A	L	D	R	I	N	L	A	V	E	R	J	O	B	S
E	R	S	T	H	G	I	R	L	I	V	I	C	S	O
B	T	I	J	O	H	N	N	Y	O	K	E	E	F	E
M	L	H	A	W	C	O	O	L	W	C	L	P	L	G
I	O	T	A	H	L	R	O	S	E	O	I	O	L	N
N	H	L	G	O	R	T	O	N	R	U	R	H	I	A
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T	E	S	M	U	I	N	A	R	U	N	A	G	L	E

Aims	Free	Johnny	Slang
Aldrin	Gandhi	O'Keefe	The pill
Beards	Gerry	Laver	Tunes
Boom	Gorton	Love	Unity
Civil rights	Grow	Mini skirt	Uranium
Cool	Hair	Nagle	Walks
Court	Happy	Rally	Wealth
Dawn	Holt	Roche	Wigs
Demonstration	Hope	Roles	
Easy Rider	Hunt	Rose	
Famechon	Jobs	Shake	

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FRIDAY | APRIL 21

DOCUMENTARY: 'DOSED: THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME' + Q&A

A loving mother of four is granted the right to legally use magic mushrooms to treat her end-of-life anxiety. She then embarks on a remarkable journey of personal transformation and healing while exploring lesser-known possible cures for cancer, like cannabis oil.

– Three of the screenings of 'DOSED: The Trip of a Lifetime' will be followed by expert Q&A panel discussions.

– The Saturday, April 22nd, 7:30 pm screening will be followed by a Q&A hosted by the Los Angeles Medicinal Psychedelics Society.

– The Monday, April 24th, 7:30 pm screening will be followed by a Q&A hosted by PsychedeLiA Integration.

– And the Tuesday, April 25th, 7:30 pm screening will be followed by a Q&A hosted by NEST Harm Reduction and featuring special guests from the documentary.

These Q&A screenings are sure to sell out first so please get your tickets well in advance!

Daily screenings from April 21st until April 27th, 2023, at 1 pm, 3:10 pm, and 7:30 pm. https://www.laemmle.com/film/dosed-trip-lifetime

SATURDAY | APRIL 22

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET

Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. The booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays.

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The brilliant multi-genre quartet, Sō Percussion, joins forces with two preeminent collaborators to present a mesmerizing evening of new music. Selections from Let the Soil Play Its Simple Part, their 2020 song cycle, will be performed with co-composer Caroline Shaw, the youngest winner ever of the Pulitzer Prize for Music. Groundbreaking breath artist, beat boxer, and composer Dominic Shodekeh Talifero joins Sō Percussion for their exhilarating collaboration Vodalities: Paradigms of Consciousness for the Human Voice. Tickets https://broadstage.my.salesforce-sites.com/ticket/

SUNDAY | APRIL 23

SHARK FEEDING

Feast on a little knowledge while our swell sharks, horn sharks, and round stingrays chow down. Come and watch the Aquarium staff feed these important keystone species and learn about the part sharks play in marine ecosystems, every Sunday at 1 pm and 3 pm. Heal the Bay Aquarium. 1600 Ocean Front Walk. Santa Monica, CA

THE HEBREW HILLBILLY: FIFTY SHADES OF OY VEY!

The longest-running solo musical play in the U.S., "The Hebrew Hillbilly: Fifty Shades of Oy Vey!" comes to the Santa Monica Playhouse. Raised in the Deep South, Shelley Fisher has had success as a jazz and blues vocalist and recording artist in L.A., along with creating her own romantic-comedy cooking show, "Forkplay". She even had a close encounter with The King himself, Elvis! Her tale is a heartwarming testament to the power of dreams, determination and finding purpose beyond the Hollywood sign. Santa Monica Playhouse 1211 4th St, Santa Monica, CA https://www.goldstar.com/events/santa-monica-ca/the-hebrew-hillbilly-fifty-shades-of-oy-vey

MONDAY | APRIL 24

DROP-IN PLAYTIME

Come enjoy a weekly drop-in playtime at the library for creative play with LEGO-style bricks, traditional building blocks, and board books. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard. Venice, CA

TUESDAY | APRIL 25

COLLEGE FAIR

Santa Monica College has over 26,000 full and part-time students, and 900 international students from 100 different countries. SMC's college fairs have become very popular and thanks to the schools' interest in our students our fair has become the largest of all other California community colleges. In the past fall, 150+ colleges and universities were present. College representatives are available to answer your transfer admissions questions. We look forward to seeing you! Get a full list of schools attending and registration information on the College Fair webpage. https://www.smc.edu/student-support/academic-support/transfer-center/college-fair/

GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

SMC Library book club that meets monthly to discuss graphic novels. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA. For more information visit https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/bece1797-a4e6-46fd-a1fb-b2a73886862f

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **54.5**

FRIDAY *POOR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small off of NW swell mix and a little blend of SSW swell. Cleanest for the morning with a nice incoming tide push then too.
SATURDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small off of NW swell mix and a little blend of SSW swell. Cleanest for the morning with a nice incoming tide push then too.

WEATHER

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 79. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. West wind 5 to 15 mp.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/21	Fri	05:00 AM	-0.84	L
2023/04/21	Fri	11:14 AM	3.87	H
2023/04/21	Fri	4:22 PM	1.34	L
2023/04/21	Fri	10:37 PM	5.87	H
2023/04/22	Sat	05:44 AM	-0.75	L
2023/04/22	Sat	12:09 PM	3.44	H
2023/04/22	Sat	4:49 PM	1.83	L
2023/04/22	Sat	11:08 PM	5.59	H
2023/04/23	Sun	06:32 AM	-0.50	L
2023/04/23	Sun	1:13 PM	3.06	H
2023/04/23	Sun	5:14 PM	2.28	L
2023/04/23	Sun	11:41 PM	5.20	H
2023/04/24	Mon	07:25 AM	-0.15	L
2023/04/24	Mon	2:46 PM	2.84	H
2023/04/24	Mon	5:32 PM	2.66	L
2023/04/25	Tue	12:20 AM	4.76	H
2023/04/25	Tue	08:32 AM	0.19	L
2023/04/26	Wed	01:11 AM	4.30	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Draw Date: 4/19
4 11 21 38 64
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 20 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 4/18
7 9 15 19 25
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 20 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/19
3 9 11 17 18
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 52 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/19
7 12 27 31 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/19
EVENING: 3 4 3
Draw Date: 4/19
MIDDAY: 9 9 8

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/19
1st: 07 - Eureka
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3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
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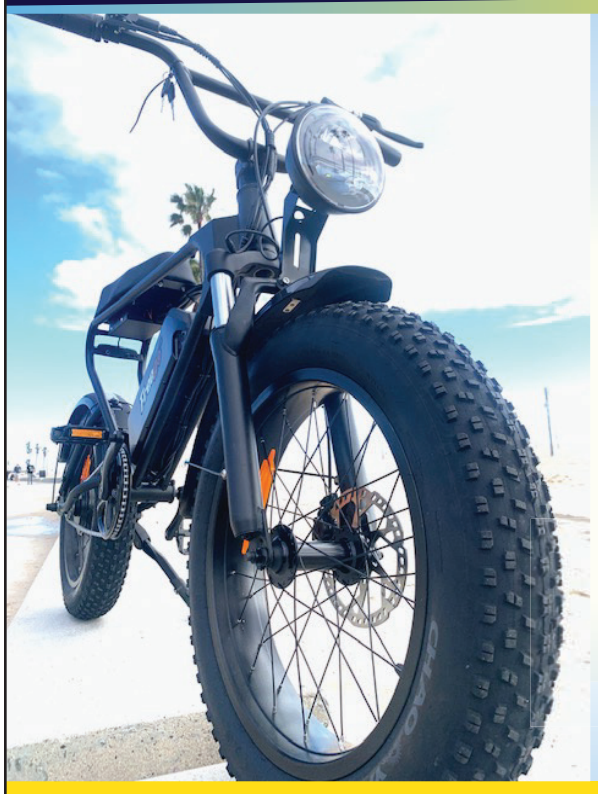
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