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Answer at your peril as calls, texts and emails become fertile ground for scammers

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Everyone thinks they know how to avoid a telephone or online scam and the warnings about protecting privacy, being skeptical and being aware abound in modern society. And yet Americans lost $8.8 billion to scams last year, up more than 30 percent from 2021. In the Los Angeles area, 142,784 reports of fraud were recorded last year and in the first quarter of this year, officials tracked another 34,417 reports.

The harsh reality is that criminals are combining cutting edge technology with good old-fashioned lies to continue to fool people. They often target vulnerable groups, such as the elderly or those with limited resources and the victims are everywhere, including here in Santa Monica.

So called "Imposter Scams" are the most common type in Los Angeles.

In an imposter scam, the criminal impersonates someone to solicit money from the victim. They often pretend to be authority figures demanding money, sometimes to help a friend or family member out of trouble and sometimes threatening the victim directly. That could be a fake lawyer demanding bail for your grandson, a fake doctor demanding a copay for an emergency surgery or a fake police officer demanding payment for an unpaid ticket. The details may vary but there are common themes to identifying these scams.

Criminals will use fear as a motivator, they will know an often surprising amount of detail about their target, the demand for money will be phrased as urgent and they will want you to keep it secret.

"Scammers play with your emotions," said the Federal Trade Commission in a warning. "They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friends. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam."



Courtesy photo

SCAMS: Criminals are adapting new technology to help them scam victims.

With the advent of new technologies, these scams have only grown stronger.

"Artificial intelligence is no longer a far-fetched idea out of a sci-fi movie," said the FTC. "We're living with it, here and now. A scammer could use AI to clone the voice of your loved one. All he needs is a short audio clip of your family member's voice — which he could get from content posted online — and a voice-cloning program. When the scammer calls you, he'll sound just like your loved one."

Officials said potential victims have to be more careful than ever.

"Don't trust the voice," said the FTC in a recent warning. "Call the person who supposedly contacted you and verify the story. Use a phone number you know is theirs. If you can't reach your loved one, try to get in touch with them through another family member or their friends."

LOCAL IMPACT

While local resident Cy Carlberg wasn't targeted by an AI voice, she did fall victim to an investment scam.

Criminals leveraged a deep knowledge of her personal habits, interests and personality to convince her to participate in a fraudulent cryptocurrency scheme.

Carlberg received a text that appeared to be part of an exchange between two friends. She replied to say the sender had the wrong number and the criminal used that opening to introduce themselves as a recent immigrant from Japan. The scammer spent weeks slowly drawing Carlberg into conversation.

"So we had that little bit in common and, and somehow she knew I was interested in architecture, and Japanese design, spirituality and Buddhism," she said. "And she must have done her research on the internet probably

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Pier Capital Plan Project
Project No. SP2689

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing Design Services for the Santa Monica Pier, for an initial term of three (3) years with two (2) options for renewal of one (1) year each, to be exercised at the City's sole discretion.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified consultant to provide Design Services for the Pier Capital Plan Project, SP2689.

RFP questions to be submitted to via **ProcureNow**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 10, 2023.**

Proposers shall upload proposals via **ProcureNow**, no later than **3:00 p.m. on May 24, 2023.**

RFP Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca.

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Ordinance Number 2774 (CCS)
(City Council Series

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA Amending Santa Monica Municipal Code CHAPTER 4.68, TO ALLOW FOR "OPEN STREET" COMMUNITY EVENTS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2774 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Ordinance Number 2774 (CCS) ("the Ordinance") amends Chapter 4.68, Community Events, to provide for a new category of community event, "Open Street Events," that allow temporary closure of a street to vehicular traffic and use of the street for pedestrians and cyclists, and for events and festivals. The Ordinance sets forth the application procedure and criteria for where and when Open Street Events may occur. The Ordinance also makes other changes to the Special Events Chapter, including reorganizing Section 4.68.040 to clarify the definition of Community Event and events which do not require a permit. It reduces the neighborhood petition requirement for block parties, which are distinct from Open Streets Events, from two-thirds to 51% for closures of streets where the majority of parcels are zoned Single-Unit Residential, and 25% for closures of streets where the majority of parcels are zoned other than Single-Unit Residential. It adds requirements that community event permit holders comply with all laws, not exceed the scope of their permit, and makes it unlawful to knowingly participate in an unpermitted event. The Ordinance as revised allows enforcement via administrative citation in addition to the existing misdemeanor provision.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Citywide Furniture – Purchasing New
Project No. SP2307

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing Steelcase systems furniture procurement, installation, and consulting services for the project, SP2307 Citywide Furniture – Purchasing New.

The purpose of the RFP is to select up to two qualified vendors to purchase and install new Steelcase systems furniture and to provide consulting services including design services to projects on an as-needed basis for City offices.

RFP questions to be submitted to via **OpenGov**, no later than 2:30 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

Proposers shall upload RFP via OpenGov, no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 24, 2023. Size of the electronic proposal shall not exceed 10 MB.**

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

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The Golden Bull



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GOLDEN BULL: The Golden Bull remains a gold standard.

The Santa Monica Canyon is a rich area with an incredible history. It has served as a center for creativity for over 100 years. In its early years, pioneering producers filmed movies on the beach, and some industries accompanied these trailblazers by providing services to support the staff, including a well-known BBQ. As time went on more restaurants and bars opened. A popular gay bar with the front of a ship at the entrance is still there. For a while, there was a terrific French restaurant, "Les Anges" which was quite popular until the chef decided to move to Hawaii. At the corner of the Pacific Coast highway, there was a bar that was popular with folks from the light opera. At night, some musicians would bring their instruments and there was literally dancing on the tabletops.

Later, famous people moved into the neighborhood, and the locale became especially attractive to area artists. The most famous California artist, Richard Diebenkorn, lived on lower Amalfi. Perhaps the second most famous area artist, Sam Francis, lived on Entrada Drive, just up from the Golden Bull. The whole neighborhood gathered around his place in pain and terror when his house burned down. Later the artist David Hockney moved in on the south rim of the canyon and painted a picture of the doomed Patterson house which slid down the hill onto the Coast Highway during an earthquake. A new house is under construction on that promontory.

In 1949 the Golden Bull restaurant opened. Much of its clientele back then was the local gay community. The Golden Bull in those days was loved for two main reasons: its dedicated waitresses, who knew the customers by name, and the roast beef with a baked potato on the side. You can still get that delicious roast beef and excellent baked potato at the new iteration of the Bull.

The restaurant today is nothing like it used to be, except perhaps for the roast beef. It's transformed into a wonderful steak house with a broad menu, and a delightful outside patio - one of the most comfortable in town. The bar is hopping, full of friendly people and quite loud. You need a reservation to get an inside seat most of the time. But there is usually room on the patio, and that's quiet and comfortable. We regularly walk down there, and we love the filet mignon with peppercorn sauce on the side, and the baked potato.

We also like the Caesar salad, the crispy crab cakes, and the onion rings. For lunch there's a good fish and chips, club sandwich, and hamburger - and my favorite, the BBQ pulled pork sandwich. There's a good brunch on the weekends, with huevos rancheros and buttermilk pancakes. Just about every popular dish is on the menu, but the top choice for us remains the steaks. And the chef seems to be able to cook them exactly as ordered!

The Canyon remains a great place, with a lot of famous people still in residence, but the renaissance of the Golden Bull is one of the best things to come along.

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What to know about prescription drugs promising weight loss

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Obesity is a major and growing problem around the world, but especially in the U.S., where more than 40% of adults and about 20% of children now meet the criteria for what doctors say has become an intractable chronic disease.

Rates of the disease have soared in recent decades, spurred by the complex interaction of genes that make people more likely to store food as fat, a food system that provides easy and cheap access to processed treats explicitly designed to be overconsumed, and social settings that limit access to healthy options and exercise for many people.

Obesity is linked to scores of health problems that can lead to disability or even death, including high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, cancer and joint problems.

Researchers have long looked for medications that can help people lose weight, mostly with disappointing and, in some cases, dangerous results. In recent years, however, drugs designed to help people with type 2 diabetes control their blood sugar levels have had the added effect of paring pounds.

Ozempic, a Novo Nordisk drug approved to treat diabetes in 2017, skyrocketed in use after celebrities and ordinary people on TikTok reported that their doctors prescribed it "off label" for weight loss. Wegovy, a higher dose version of the same medication, called semaglutide, was approved for weight loss for adults in 2021 and for children aged 12 and older late last year.

Now, a new drug made by Eli Lilly and Co., called tirzepatide, is poised to become the most potent obesity drug on the market, promising users losses of more than 30 to 50 pounds over time. Already approved under the brand name Mounjaro to treat type 2 diabetes, tirzepatide is being considered for fast-track approval as a weight-loss drug based on the results of key trials, with the latest announced on Thursday.

The new study found that patients with diabetes — who find it notoriously difficult to lose weight — could shed about 16% of their body weight, or more than 34 pounds using tirzepatide. An earlier study found that people without diabetes lost up to 22% of their body weight, or more than 50 pounds on the highest dose of the drug.

Tirzepatide and other medications spur weight loss by targeting the metabolic conditions that lead to extra pounds. Here's what to know about these new prescription drugs that promise weight loss.

WHAT ARE THESE NEW WEIGHT LOSS DRUGS?

The drugs that have drawn the most attention have been a class of medications that activate a hormone known as GLP-1. They include Ozempic and Wegovy, which are two versions of the same medication, semaglutide.

Tirzepatide targets GLP-1, but also affects a second hormone, called GIP, which developers say contributes to its increased effectiveness. Mounjaro was approved to treat diabetes in May 2022.

The drugs are delivered through once-weekly injections. Users are advised to follow a healthful, reduced-calorie diet and to exercise regularly while using the drugs.

HOW DO OZEMPIC, WEGOVY AND MOUNJARO WORK?

The drugs work by mimicking the actions of hormones, found primarily in the gut, that kick in after people eat. The hormones help regulate blood sugar by triggering the pancreas to release insulin, another hormone, and slowing the release of sugar from the liver. People who are overweight or have obesity can become insulin-resistant, which means the body doesn't respond to insulin properly.

The obesity drugs lower blood sugar and slow down digestion, so people feel full longer. They also affect signals in the brain linked to feelings of fullness and satisfaction, tamping down appetite, food-related thoughts and cravings.

Because people feel full longer, they eat less and lose weight.

HOW EFFECTIVE ARE THE DRUGS?

In a trial, adults who took Wegovy saw a weight loss of nearly 35 pounds, or about 15% of their body weight. Adolescents lost about 16% of their body weight.

The latest study of tirzepatide studied the drug in more than 900 patients with diabetes who were overweight or had obesity over nearly 17 months. It showed weight loss of up to 16% of body weight, more than 34 pounds, when using the highest dose of the drug. Patients who received placebo, or dummy injections, lost about 3% of their body weight, or 7 pounds.

An earlier trial of tirzepatide showed weight loss of between about 15% and about 22% of body weight, or about 35 pounds to about 52 pounds, depending on the dose.

The drugs appear effective for chronic weight management over many months. In addition to weight loss, they also reduce health problems associated with obesity, such as high blood sugar and markers of heart and metabolic disease.

However, it appears that if people taking the drugs stop, they regain the weight they lost — and the health problems that came with it.

WHY NOT JUST DIET AND EXERCISE?

In a typical weight-loss program where participants rely only on diet and exercise, research shows only about a third of people will lose 5% or more of their body weight, said Dr. Louis Aronne, director of the Comprehensive Weight Control Center at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Many people find it difficult to lose weight because of the body's biological reactions to eating less, he said. There are several hormones that respond to reduced calorie intake by ramping up hunger to maintain body mass.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Proposals for:

Citywide Furniture – Reconfigure Services
Project No. SP2307

The City of Santa Monica is inviting proposals from firms interested in providing furniture installation and reconfiguration services as required by various City Departments and Divisions on an as-needed basis at City offices citywide for the project, SP2307 Citywide Furniture – Reconfigure Services.

The purpose of the RFP is to select the most qualified vendor to provide furniture moving, installation, and/or reconfiguration services for a period of up to five-years.

RFP questions to be submitted to via **OpenGov**, no later than 2:30 p.m. on May 10, 2023.

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS TO THE

SANTA MONICA LIBRARY BOARD

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Santa Monica Library Board:
One seat available for a term ending **June 30, 2025.**
Applicant must be a Santa Monica resident.

Applications due by noon, May 30, 2023.
Appointments to be made by City Council, **June 13, 2023.**

No Santa Monica City Employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

The State Political Reform Act requires certain officeholders to disclose their interest and income which may be materially affected by their official action. The applicants appointed to serve in these positions will be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) upon assuming office, and annually thereafter.

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All current applications on file will be considered.

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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 15 AT APPROXIMATELY 10:35 PM

SMPD officers were dispatched to the scene of a hit & run investigation near Main and Olympic. While in route, officers were advised that the victim was following the suspect near 5th and California. Officers located the victim who explained they were sitting at the light on 4th near Olympic when they were rear-ended. Upon exiting the vehicle to speak with the suspect, they noticed a strong smell of alcohol emitting from the vehicle and the driver denied hitting their car before fleeing the scene. Officers also located the suspect who was seated inside their vehicle upon contact. Officers also noted a strong smell of alcohol coming from the vehicle. The driver exhibited an unsteady gait, bloodshot eyes and failed multiple field sobriety tests. Ultimately the driver also consented to a preliminary breathalyzer with the results indicating the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and during the search of their person was found to be in possession of opiates. The driver was charged with drugs, fleeing the scene of an accident and for driving under the influence.

City of Santa Monica

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED 2023-24 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN ALLOCATING FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides annual CDBG and HOME entitlement funds to the City of Santa Monica. As a recipient of these federal funds, HUD requires the City to develop a five-year Consolidated Plan along with Annual Action Plans for housing and community development which identify high priority needs and the associated goals, strategies, and resources anticipated over a five-year period.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed 2023-24 Annual Action Plan, which identifies the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of CDBG and HOME funds to address the high-priority needs specified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan.

The Proposed 2023-24 Annual Action Plan is now available to the public for a 30-day review period beginning April 5, 2023. Both the Proposed 2023-24 Annual Action Plan and the HUD-approved 2020-24 Consolidated Plan can be viewed at www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs . Hard copies are available upon request through the Housing and Human Services Division by telephone at (310) 458-8701 or by email at humanservices@santamonica.gov. Written comments may be submitted by May 5, 2023 to humanservices@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Housing and Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401. All comments received will be incorporated into the final draft of the 2023-24 Annual Action Plan, currently due to HUD by May 15, 2023. The City Council is scheduled to consider approval of the proposed plan on May 9, 2023.

ESPAÑOL Esto es un aviso público para invitar a cualquier parte interesada a participar en el repaso del Plan Preliminar de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2023-24. Si necesita más información, por favor llame a Ivy Chang en la División de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos al número (310) 458-8701.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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SMC Public Policy Institute Presents 2023 Spring Symposium May 15-19

The Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute (PPI) and the SMC Associated Students will present the 2023 PPI Spring Symposium May 15-19. The theme for this year's community discussion is "From Me to We: Building Cross-racial Solidarity for a Better Democracy." Symposium activities featuring public policy experts include an opening talk by Prof. Ian Haney López, a keynote speech by author and economist Heather McGhee, a screening of Derrick Bell's science fiction story "The Space Traders" with a panel discussion and audience Q&A, and a student panel discussion on race, class, and solidarity.

All symposium events are free and open to the public. These events will be presented live on the main SMC campus (1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica). All presentations are subject to change without notice.

"This year's SMC PPI Spring Symposium provides a safe space in which to explore and discuss public policy solutions to foster cross-racial solidarity and strengthen democracy," said PPI co-director and SMC adjunct professor Shari Davis. "We feel it is a crucial time to do so in the current political climate."

The 2023 PPI Spring Symposium events include:

• Monday, May 15, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Prof. Ian Haney López — "How We Build Power: Linking Race and Class" — Prof. Ian Haney López opens the 2023 PPI Spring Symposium with a discussion on mass incarceration, wealth inequality, and threats to democracy, moderated by SMC philosophy professor Dr. Paul Klumpe. Prof. López is the Chief Justice Earl Warren Professor of Public Law and a Distinguished Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, where he teaches and writes about race and constitutional law. His current research emphasizes the connections between deepening racial divisions and growing wealth inequality in the United States. Prof. López has published four books and two anthologies, including "Dog Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals Have Reinvented Racism & Wrecked the Middle Class" (2014), which explains the central role of coded racism in American politics; and "Merge Left: Fusing Race and Class, Winning Elections, and Saving America" (2019), which develops the race-class fusion strategy to counter dog whistling and to foster broad support for a racially egalitarian, economically just democracy. Prof. López has also been a visiting professor at Yale University, New York University, and Harvard University. Free. SMC Student Services Center Orientation Hall (SSC 183), SMC Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

• Tuesday, May 16, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: "Putting White Interests on Trial: Derrick Bell's 'The Space Traders' Thought Experiment" Screening and Panel Discussion — A look at the late civil rights lawyer and activist Derrick Bell's role in shaping the debate on race includes a screening of "The Space Traders," his controversial science fiction story. Prof. Bell was the first tenured African American professor at Harvard Law School and was later a visiting professor at New York University and a dean at the University of Oregon School of Law until his death in 2011. The screening will be followed by a discussion panel moderated by SMC Public Policy Institute co-director Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, SMC philosophy professor Dr. Amber Katherine, and SMC film professor Tim Conley. Free. SMC Student Services Center Orientation Hall (SSC 183), SMC Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

• Wednesday, May 17, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion — "Why Don't We Have Nice Things? A Student Panel on Race, Class & Solidarity" — SMC students host a panel discussion that explores themes of race, class, solidarity. Free. SMC Student Services Center Orientation Hall (SSC 183), SMC Campus, 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica.

• Thursday, May 18, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Keynote Address: Heather McGhee — The 2023 PPI Spring Symposium culminates with a keynote address by Heather McGhee, a public policy expert who promotes solutions to inequality in America, speaking on her New York Times bestselling book "The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together." Ms. McGhee is a Visiting Lecturer in Urban Studies at the City University of New York's School of Labor and Urban Studies. She is a strong coalition-builder and trusted cross-movement leader who serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of Color Of Change, the nation's largest online racial justice organization. Ms. McGhee also serves on the boards of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Open Society Foundations' U.S. Programs, and the nonpartisan "think and do" tank Demos. She is also an NBC News contributor, frequently appearing on "Meet the Press" and MSNBC programming, and her writing and research have appeared in numerous publications. Ms. McGhee has also held visiting positions at Yale University's Brady-Johnson Grand Strategy Program and the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics. Free. John Adams Middle School (JAMS) Performing Arts Center, 1630 Pearl Street, Santa Monica.

Accommodation for Disability: Guests who need an accommodation due to a disability to participate in any of these events should send email to dsps@smc.edu or call (310) 434-4173, at least five business days in advance.

The SMC Public Policy Institute provides nonpartisan community programs exploring key economic, social, and political issues. The 2023 PPI Spring Symposium marks the 12th anniversary of the popular community discussion. Santa Monica College offers an Associate in Arts Degree and Certificate of Achievement in public policy, and students can specialize in one of five public policy areas: arts and cultural affairs, education, environment and sustainability, public health, and urban/socioeconomic issues.

The SMC Public Policy Institute Spring Symposium is co-sponsored by a wide range of education, government, and community organizations and donors, including the Associated Students of Santa Monica College, City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), SMC Associates, and Santa Monica College Foundation.

More information is available at smc.edu/ppi or by calling (310) 434-3541.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

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California criminal justice system has a long way to go if Newsom wants to model Norway

Last month, California Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled plans to turn San Quentin State Prison into a rehabilitation center by 2025. Committing $20 million to the project in his proposed 2023-2024 budget, Newsom said his goal is to transform San Quentin into "the preeminent restorative justice facility in the world."

As the oldest prison in the state and the site where Californians on death row faced execution prior to Newsom's 2019 moratorium, the selection of San Quentin to pilot a new Nordic-style prison model is steeped in symbolism.

At face value, that symbolism is positive – we need to focus on rehabilitation, job training and education for folks in and out of prison because the punishment-centric model has resulted in a roughly 50% three-year recidivism rate. But while the Newsom administration is framing this as a new model for justice and public safety, the reality is far more complex.

To overhaul how we define public safety in California, it requires an honest reckoning with the violence and racism inherent to U.S. policing and prison systems. Put another way, we can't turn a light switch and adopt a care-first Nordic model without taking full stock of why prisons were built to function the way they do in America.

Norwegians never enacted sweeping criminal penalties that unabashedly targeted certain groups, the way the United States did with the black codes, Jim Crow laws and the war on drugs. Norwegians didn't abolish slavery only to retain it for people in prison, the way the U.S. did with the penal servitude clause of the 13th Amendment. Today that practice continues – incarcerated Californians working in fire camps are paid an appalling wage of $2 a day, and weren't allowed to become firefighters upon release until a couple years ago. Last year the California Legislature voted against ending prison slavery.

The culture of America's prisons is fundamentally punitive. In Norwegian prisons there is no physical abuse, forced labor or solitary confinement. There are no restrictions on family visits. People in Norway's prisons never lose the right to vote. Norwegian correctional officers don't carry weapons of any kind. There is tremendous emphasis on reintegration, and prison workers are trained in psychology and social work far more than they are in self-defense.

But it isn't just how Norwegian prisons function that is different – it's also the criminal legal system itself. In Norway, the average sentence length across all conviction types is eight months. The longest sentence is 21-30 years, and is reserved for the most heinous crimes, like genocide. Meanwhile in the United States, 1 in 7 are serving a life sentence.

Norway is also focused on crime prevention through investment in communities. Norway has one of the strongest social safety nets in the world, with policies like universal health care and education, robust mental health care and addiction treatment services, social housing and universal child care. People aren't struggling to survive financially the way they are en masse in the United States, and that socioeconomic security undergirds Norway's significantly lower crime and recidivism rates.

So, while Newsom's pilot of the Norwegian model at San Quentin is laudable on paper, realization of the Norwegian approach to prisons here in California will require nothing less than a total transformation of the cultural and philosophical lens through which we define public safety, and the societal roles of police and prisons.

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WEIGHT

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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF THE DRUGS?

The most common side effects are short-lived gastrointestinal issues such as nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea and stomach pain. Other possible effects include serious issues such as inflammation of the pancreas, kidney, gallbladder and eye problems. People with a history of certain thyroid cancers or a rare, genetic endocrine disorder should avoid the drugs, because it is not clear if tirzepatide causes thyroid problems, including cancer.

HOW MUCH DO THESE DRUGS COST?

The new anti-obesity medications are expensive. Wegovy costs about $1,300 a month and Mounjaro starts at about $1,000 a month. People with private insurance may be able to receive the drugs with only a small co-payment. However, many insurers don't pay for the medications or they have restrictions regarding coverage. Medicare doesn't cover most weight-loss drugs. Medicaid and the military insurer Tricare may cover them in some cases with prior approval.

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leap healthy meals

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Sustainable Quality Awards





Photos by Fran Lyness

SQA: Several local businesses were recognized for the environmental credentials at the Sustainable Quality Awards.
Grand Prize winners were the Shore Hotel (pictured) and Veo. Osteo Strong (pictured) for won for Excellence in Social Responsibility and Economic Development. Diana Ralys Skin Health won for Excellence in Stewardship of the Environment



SCAM

FROM PAGE 1

saw my website, Facebook, and brought up all these subjects, which we then discuss, and it was really nice and we kind of got friendly."

The scammer eventually brought up trading in cryptocurrency claiming to manage assets for elderly family members and Carlberg said she was already trading in crypto as a hobby. The scammer suggested a new trading platform that was sophisticated enough to pass an initial inspection by Carlberg and a family friend.

"So I opened an account, and I put my assets in that account, and we started short term trading," she said.

After a couple of weeks the fake accounts showed a huge increase in value prompting Carlberg to ask about withdrawing some cash and it was during the discussion of paying taxes that she first grew suspicious.

"And at that time, she said I had to pay the taxes up front, and that was close to $200,000 and I started to get nervous, because they didn't withdraw the taxes from my assets. But I withdrew almost $200,000 from my retirement account ..."

After making the payment, the scammer said she'd made a mistake and a second deposit would be necessary. "But at that point, I knew the gig was up. And at that point, I tallied up what I had lost, and it was well over $550,000."

According to the FBI, Carlberg's experience was almost textbook, the style of scam is known as "pig butchering" because the criminals spend considerable time and effort crafting elaborate storylines and props to "fatten up" their targets.

"Using the methods of traditional con artists, high-tech fraudsters have taken advantage of the publicity and hype surrounding cryptocurrency to encourage an untold number of Americans to invest in get-rich-quick schemes," said United States Attorney Martin Estrada. "We all know that investment scams are not new, but the use of digital currency to commit fraud presents new challenges to victims and to law enforcement trying to recover lost funds – which likely total billions of dollars in the so-called 'pig butchering' schemes. The major seizures announced (recently) show that law enforcement is confronting the new challenges and taking strong measures to address this fraud, but the public should be extremely wary of investment scams that use cryptocurrency and promise unrealistic returns."

Recovery of stolen funds is rare but not impossible. The Justice Department announced a recovery of $112 million earlier this month and about half of that came from Los Angeles victims.

"Transnational criminal organizations are combining confidence scams with technological savvy to swindle Americans out of their hard-earned funds," said Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Polite, Jr. of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "These particularly vicious frauds – where scammers carefully cultivate relationships with their victims over time – have devastated families and cost individuals their life savings. Now that we have seized this virtual currency, we will seek to swiftly return it to victims. In addition to our tireless efforts to disrupt these schemes, we must also work to raise public awareness and help inform potential victims: be wary of people you meet online; seriously question investment advice, especially about cryptocurrency, from people you have not met in person; and remember, investments that seem too good to be true, usually are."

THE BIG RED FLAG

Regardless of the scam's form, the ask for money will always be a red flag. Scammers will not use a normal, established form of payment. They will ask for a payment in a way that is untrackable such as a money order, gift card, prepaid reloadable cards, cryptocurrency or a wire transfer. Experts said you should never, under any circumstances, pay for something using these services.

"A reminder no professional institution will ever ask you to submit payment via cryptocurrency from a Bitcoin ATM at a liquor store or behind a gas station," said SMPD Detective Ashley Allen.

Other warning signs include a general awareness of just how interested callers are in you as a person.

"Wells Fargo, Bank of America, whoever, is not going to stay on the phone with you for over two hours just asking you questions about your friends and family," said Allen. "It's probably a clue that they're, you know, fishing, mining information from you to use against you."

He said he had a victim who lost his wallet and received a call from a scammer. During the 90 minute conversation the victim gave out enough personal detail that the criminal was able to open multiple bank accounts in his name during the call.

Some victims don't realize they've unwittingly provided much of the information needed to scam them through "leakage" on social media.

"Now that I'm investigating financial crimes, I tried to get all my friends and family to get rid of their social media as well," said Allen. "Or at least make it private. Because there's a lot of hooks that go into our social media, whether it be things we like to eat, places we like to go or even clothes we like to wear. Now these scammers they're very, very good at what they do. They train. They will usually work in teams and they have scripts that they use based off things that are triggered from my victims."

Allen said the best defense against any of these scams is direct, human to human contact with a real, live person.

"Phone calls from banking institutions are highly irregular. Feel free to hang up the phone, go to your brick and mortar bank location and say hey, 'I lost my information' can you shut down these accounts' or 'hey, would you ever call me asking these type of questions?'"

The recourse for victims is limited. Scammers are often in far off places from the victims making pursuit difficult and untraceable payments are hard to recover. Victims can report fraud to the authorities (https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed) and Carlberg is working with a third party company Scam Help, to try to recover what she can.

She said the money isn't the main focus for her anymore as she feels a sense of responsibility to share her story.

"I think it's important to let go of any embarrassment or shame. And people will ask you 'How could you be so stupid?' And you know, it's just not about intellect. This was an emotional con. And it was very sophisticated. I've let go of any anger really towards them. This is the dark side of human nature. These folks lack empathy," she said. "I don't think they have much of a conscience. And there's no percentage in me wallowing in what evil kind of people they are."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Samohi

District Visual Arts Students Showcase Work at Annual Art Show - May 2, 2023, 5-8 p.m.

Visual art produced by talented Santa Monica-Malibu Unified students will be showcased at the district's annual art show planned for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at the new Roberts Art Gallery, from 5-8 p.m. Roberts Art Gallery is located conveniently right next door to the entrance to Barnum Hall on the Samohi campus. The art show is open to parents, students and the community, with a requested donation of $10 to support visual arts throughout the district.

Some 350 works of art will be displayed by secondary students attending John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, Malibu Middle and High School and Santa Monica High School. Art will include: Drawings, paintings, printmaking, photography, film/video, sculptures and ceramics.

"We are so proud of our art students, teachers and staff, for the hard work and vision required to create and install such a phenomenal exhibit," Interim Superintendent Dr. Mark Kelly said. "This is a great opportunity to highlight the district's visual arts curriculum and celebrate the accomplishments of talented student artists and teachers."

This year, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica will be awarding nine $250 scholarships totaling $2,250 to juniors and seniors in drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, pottery, digital design, film, video and digital photography. The artwork will be adjudicated by outstanding visual art professionals. Honorable mention ribbons will be given for other outstanding work.

"Visual arts, as well as performing arts, is an incredible mainstay in Santa Monica-Malibu, and with good reason — we have so many talented student artists and instructors," Santa Monica-Malibu Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Tom Whaley said. "Our students truly exemplify talent and creativity and we are grateful to have this event highlight their achievements."

Entertainment for the art show will be provided by the Santa Monica High Jazz Combo and "Bowl Kitchen" will have food and beverages available for purchase.

Open to the public!

SUBMITTED BY GAIL PINSKER, COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Wilshire Blvd.

Improvements Coming to Wilshire Boulevard Enhance Safety and Transit Service

Construction for safety enhancements on Wilshire Boulevard on the corridor between Ocean and Centinela Avenues is set to begin on May 1, 2023. Developed as part of the Wilshire Safety Study, which evaluated the 2.4-mile corridor and incorporated community feedback and crash data analysis to determine the most effective and high-impact approach to enhancing transportation safety and transit service, the modifications aim to enhance safe routes to schools while also promoting pedestrian and bicycle travel to nearby establishments such as grocery stores and health care facilities.

"I am thrilled about the upcoming safety improvements to Wilshire Boulevard," says Santa Monica Mayor Gleam Davis. "These changes will enhance the safety of our residents and visitors while promoting a more walkable and livable community. Santa Monica is committed to intelligent street design that promotes safety, equity, and accessibility for all modes of transportation."

Planned Wilshire Boulevard improvements include:

Infrastructure Upgrades: Complete repaving of Wilshire Boulevard followed by improved road markings, refreshed crosswalks, and painted areas to make it clearer where pedestrians can cross.

Pedestrian Visibility: Highly visible flashing beacons at five intersections will signal to motorists that they must yield to the pedestrian crossing the street.

Hot Spot Solutions: To reduce the number of collisions at 14 intersections without traffic signals, the side streets will be restricted to right turns only. Although few vehicles continue straight or turn left at these intersections, they are involved in a disproportionately high number of collisions. Approximately one out of every five collisions at these locations occurs when drivers make a left turn or continue straight.

Transit Improvements: Bus stops will be marked with bright red pavement to discourage private vehicles from blocking them. Loading zones will be installed next to bus stops so that vehicles have a space to pick up and drop off passengers without creating blockages. Bus stop enhancements will improve transit service for Big Blue Bus Route 2, and Metro Routes 20 and 720. Transit ridership is expected to increase in the Wilshire Boulevard corridor upon completion of the Metro Purple (D Line) subway extension to Westwood, scheduled to open in phases between 2024-2027.

Better Bike Connections: Special markings at four intersections will create dedicated space for cyclists to safely cross Wilshire Boulevard.

"With these changes, the community is taking a major step toward realizing our Vision Zero goal of eliminating fatal and severe injury crashes from our streets by 2026. Additionally, we will be able to provide faster and more reliable bus service for our customers, ultimately making it easier for them to access all that Santa Monica and the Westside has to offer," said Ed King, Director of the Santa Monica Department of Transportation. "We are committed to creating a transportation network that meets the needs of our community, and these improvements are an important step towards that goal."

The year-long community engagement process during the Wilshire Safety Study included close to twenty presentations to neighborhood groups and schools, stakeholder meetings, on-the-street canvassing, digital outreach, and a comprehensive social media campaign. Through these efforts, 40% of public comments identified difficult crossing conditions as a concern on Wilshire Boulevard.

The improvements are part of a comprehensive initiative to make the street more friendly for pedestrians and will continue with Phase 2 next year. Phase 2 improvements are in the design stage and will focus on more permanent changes like concrete curb extensions, and improved lighting.

To learn more about the Wilshire Boulevard Safety Enhancements, visit santamonica.gov/mobility-projects/wilshire-boulevard-safety-enhancements.

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll do as you believe you are allowed to do. When you believe differently, you'll behave differently. Go ahead and test the limits to make sure you're not misunderstanding where the boundaries really lie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Some aspire to conformity while others resist it. Both ways cause the problems that come with basing results on a comparison to others. "How does this feel to me?" is a better question than "How does this fit in?"

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've already done the hard learning. Now you just need to relax and let your talent take over. The creative juices will be flowing this afternoon. Brainstorming in a group will be a blast and very productive too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes reality seems to bend to your will, but today it feels more like an insurmountable wall you come up against. The good thing about this is that you can use this wall and build around it. Limits give you structure, and structure gives you a castle where none existed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hopefully you will enjoy being in the limelight because the moon gives you a follow spot whether you want one or not. Make the most of this attention by showing off a skill, pointing people to the causes you care about or generally having fun with your moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Wasteful extravagance can have as negative an effect as overly cheap behaviors because too much and too little are opposite sides of the same coin. You'll encourage, seek and achieve balance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People ask where the time goes, though the question is easily solved. Unlike those asking the question, time doesn't hide or race or stop; rather, it marches ever forward second by second and so, with great mindfulness, will you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whoever said two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time didn't know your relationships. A loved one will defy the laws of physics and get very much in your space. It's crowded, but nice to know you're so attractive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Discuss your goals. You'll learn who the supporters are and the competitors, too. You'll find people who have complementary aims. The best partners aren't necessarily the most friendly or easy to be around; rather, they are the ones who cause you to rise to the occasion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't control the entire picture of life, but you do get to control your own framing of it. Do not forfeit your right to do this. In every instance ask, "Whose frame is this? Am I seeing things in a way that benefits me?"

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll feel grounded and safe in the presence of an earth sign (Taurus, Virgo or Capricorn.) You needn't share many similarities to have a wonderful time with people, but to continue the relationship, it's good to have at least one major interest in common.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're worried about going against the wishes of the group, don't worry; such a thing does not exist. The group cannot wish; only people can, and each does it differently. Assume there are many interpretations and lots of wiggle room.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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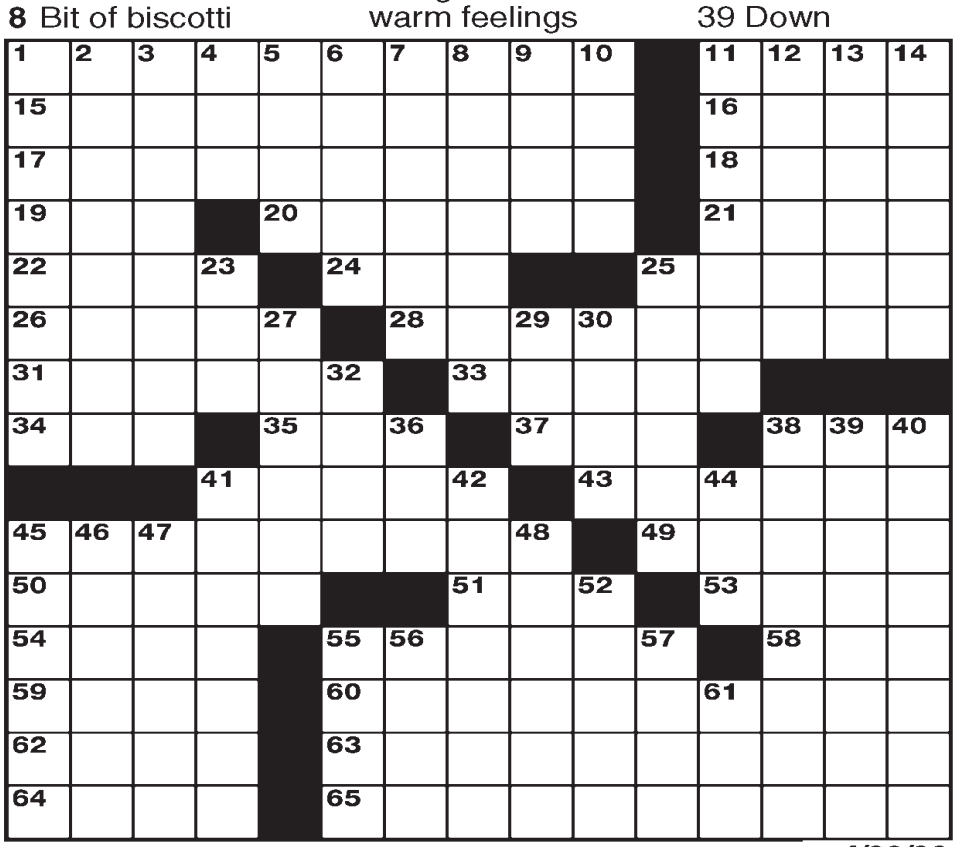
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1 Posters getting noticed
11 Assemble
15 Conservative leader since October 2022
16 Trust buster
17 Cutting board creation
18 Things of the same sort
19 Sprinkle
20 Japanese for "performing arts person"
21 Starchy
22 LAPD personnel
24 GPS reading
25 "Spudtown"
26 SLR collaborator with Minolta
28 Are involved in unexpected unpleasantness
31 It's far from friendship
33 Passed out
34 Rightful
35 Preschoolers?
37 Home deconstruction tool
38 Representing
41 Very clear
43 Solution for optometric situations
45 Shopper stoppers
49 Around
50 KFC freebie
51 Word of a despot
53 Puzzle piece
54 Pick up
55 Pixel portrait, essentially
58 Brand that "Spells Clean!"
59 Start to freeze
60 "No doubt about it"
62 What a shipwreck may become
63 Latter-day game changers
64 Quarry
65 Keats and Yeats

DOWN
1 Spread around for sealing
2 Where cabs are ordered from
3 "Now?"
4 However briefly
5 Sound made by toasters
6 City served by Düsseldorf Airport
7 Replay review result
8 Bit of biscotti
9 Revolution monitor
10 Where elk sausage is sold
11 Snap
12 Place for a drill
13 Dashing
14 One of MLB's oldest mascots
23 Lib. __
25 One of "The French Dickenses"
27 Not safe
29 What a caddy often holds
30 Bad lads
32 Green sage of great strength
36 "Charming as an __" (what the Grinch is called)
38 It engenders warm feelings
39 Glance
40 Take a fresh look at
41 More than upset
42 One present at autograph sessions
44 Ellie alias
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46 First of all
47 Part of an Uncle Sam costume
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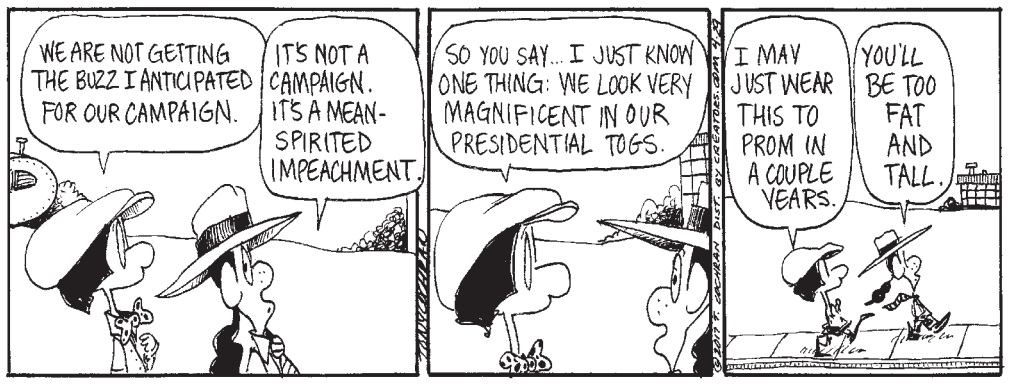


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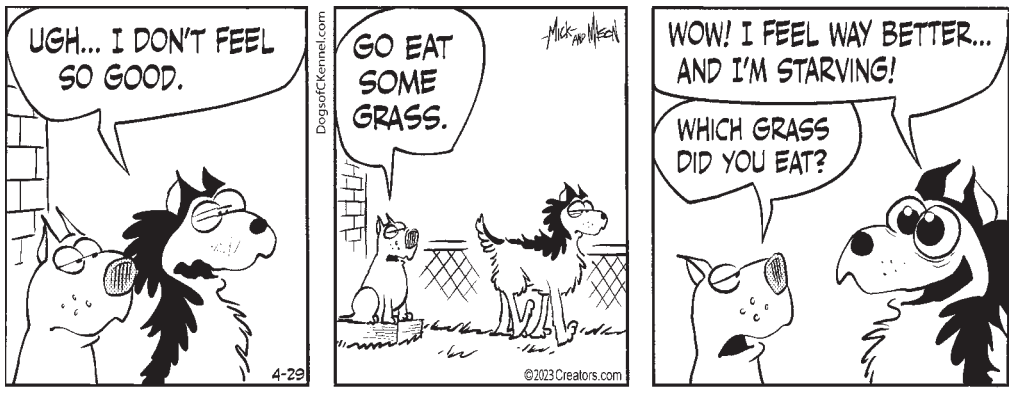
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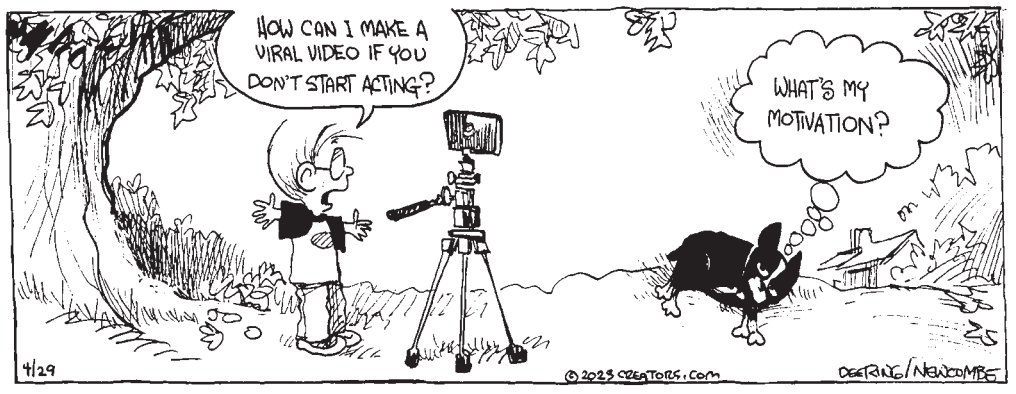
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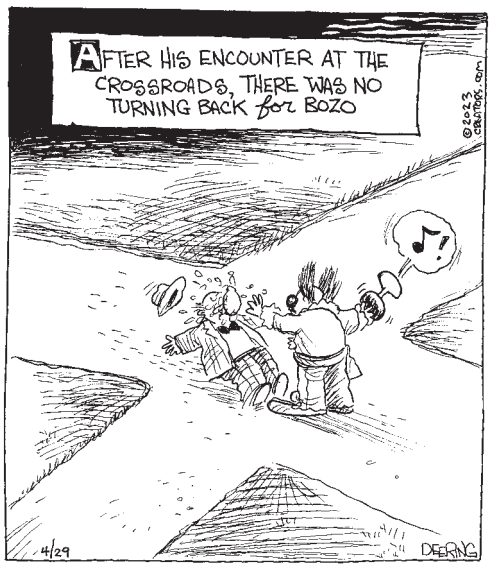
By PETER GALLAGHER



"YES, YOU...WITH THE BACKPACK."

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

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Growing bananas

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

Acres	Disease	Outlet	Shops
Arrawarra	Fibre	Pack	Soil
Bags	Fruit	Pests	Spray
Bender	Glut	Plant	Stool
Bins	Hands	Protect	Stuart's
Boxes	Herb	Rain	Point
Bugs	Hills	Rates	Subtropical
Bunch	Kennedy	Ripe	Sugar
Corms	Leaf	Robusta	Taste
Cyclone	Lifts	Samples	Trimming
Damage	Musa	Sheds	Tweed

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SATURDAY | APRIL 29

WOMENS HEALTH & WELLNESS GALA

A gala event focused on womens' health and wellness featuring: food, music and dancing renown broadcast journalist master of ceremony guest dignitary speaker business awards to 5 entrepreneurial women charity fundraiser with donations to women's resources Submit your award nominees. Santa Monica Pier 200 Santa Monica Pier, Ste A. (310) 458-8901

SUNDAY | APRIL 30

CONNECTIONS FOR CHILDREN: BETSY AWARDS & FUNDRAISER

Every year, Connections for Children hosts a fundraising event honoring early childhood champions. The Betsy Awards are named after nationally renowned early childhood pioneer Betsy Hiteshew, who helped found Connections for Children in 1976. This year, we plan to posthumously honor long-time Chamber member Iao Katagiri and Baby2Baby-who was instrumental in helping Connections for Children provide diapers, wipes, and other essential items to hundreds of child care providers during the pandemic. The event will include a seated luncheon and awards program, along with live music. All funds raised will benefit Connections for Children. Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/connections-for-children-betsy-awards-fundraiser-19254

MONDAY | MAY 1

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S

20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer. O'Brien's Irlsh Pub & Restaurant 2226 Wilshire Blvd. Santa Monica, CA 310-829-5303

TUESDAY | MAY 2

DEADENDIA BOOK LAUNCH WITH AUTHOR HAMISH STEELE

Join us for a release day book launch event with Eisner Award-winning author Hamish Steele for the deluxe editions of his DeadEndia graphic novels. Main Library. 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

WEDNESDAY | MAY 3

GEEKS WHO DRINK TRIVIA NIGHT AT NOSTALGIA BAR AND LOUNGE

Modeled after pub quizzes in Ireland and the U.K., Geeks Who Drink is an authentic homegrown trivia quiz. It's a great way to drink with friends, without burning brain cells. And it's where useless knowledge means everything. Nostalgia Bar and Lounge 1326 Pico Blvd. Santa Monica, CA

THURSDAY | MAY 4

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Government Affairs Committee meets monthly to discuss legislative and public policy issues of importance to Chamber members, and recommend any positions on those issues to be taken by the Board of Directors. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/government-affairs-committee-05-04-2023-18628

FRIDAY | MAY 5

SMC APPLIED MUSIC SHOWCASE

Jimmy Cheesman, Director. Don't miss this fantastic concert performed by some of SMC's most gifted music students! The eclectic program includes solo and group performances in a broad variety of styles. 7:30 - 9:30 pm. SMC Performing Arts Center The Broad Stage

SATURDAY | MAY 6

GLOBAL MOTION SMC WORLD DANCE COMPANY GUEST ARTIST: ASHWINI RAMASWAMY

Raquel Ramirez and Sri Susilowati, Artistic Directors. Come experience the excitement and learn about other cultures through performances by SMC dancers showcasing world dance styles https://www.smc.edu/calendar/index.php#event-details/6de7de6e-3215-4c5b-99ca-2637cc4e1171.

SUNDAY | MAY 7

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. Location Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk Santa Monica, CA

MONDAY | MAY 8

THE WAILERS : THE OFFICIAL BEACHLIFE AFTER PARTY

The band play a special set featuring incredible cuts from Bob Marley's formidable back catalogue along with a string of their greatest, classic hits. The Wailers are giving you a chance to be part of the legacy. Aston Barrett Jr, himself reggae royalty as son of the irrepressible 'Familyman', carries the flame for The Wailers in a show that is simply not to be missed. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd. Venice, CA 90291 https://www.ticketweb.com/event/the-wailers-the-official-the-venice-west-tickets/12925965

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **58.3**

SATURDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:**	4-5ft Chest to head	Similar conditions to Friday as SSW swell continues. Cleanest early but plenty manageable at the points for the afternoon. A bit dumpy around the low tide but improve on the tide push later in the day.
SUNDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	SSW swell shows decent energy in the morning before fading into the afternoon. Clean morning conditions are again looking likely with westerly onshores in the afternoon for some workable bump.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/04/29	Sat	12:28 AM	2.52	L
2023/04/29	Sat	05:42 AM	3.87	H
2023/04/29	Sat	12:44 PM	0.33	L
2023/04/29	Sat	7:35 PM	4.01	H
2023/04/30	Sun	01:08 AM	1.98	L
2023/04/30	Sun	06:38 AM	3.99	H
2023/04/30	Sun	1:14 PM	0.37	L
2023/04/30	Sun	7:50 PM	4.32	H
2023/05/01	Mon	01:43 AM	1.42	L
2023/05/01	Mon	07:25 AM	4.08	H
2023/05/01	Mon	1:39 PM	0.47	L
2023/05/01	Mon	8:06 PM	4.67	H
2023/05/02	Tue	02:16 AM	0.85	L
2023/05/02	Tue	08:07 AM	4.12	H
2023/05/02	Tue	2:03 PM	0.62	L
2023/05/02	Tue	8:24 PM	5.05	H
2023/05/03	Wed	02:49 AM	0.30	L
2023/05/03	Wed	08:47 AM	4.09	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 4/26
2 15 30 35 49
Power#: 6
Jackpot: 51 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 4/25
8 29 46 47 48
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 38 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 4/26
4 7 11 23 46
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 54 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 4/27
3 5 31 34 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 4/27
EVENING: 4 1 3

Draw Date: 4/27
MIDDAY: 5 5 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 4/27
1st: 12 - Lucky Charms
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 11 - Money Bags
Race Time: 1:46.75

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