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HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra visits Venice Family Clinic

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra visited the Venice Family Clinic on Rose Avenue Wednesday as a stop on his Los Angeles trip aimed at highlighting the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to lower the costs of health care, addresses homeless, improve access to substance use disorder services, and strengthen LGBTQ youth mental health.

Becerra toured the facility, which is currently undergoing construction but still open, and met with staff members and other local stakeholders to discuss the implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act which aims to lower the cost of prescription drugs. During a press conference Becerra said local community clinics like the Venice Family Clinic play a key role in making healthcare affordable and accessible.

"They're the ones that are doing the work in these communities where you have a lot of folks who don't have insurance," he said. "So we want to just say thank you to the people who day in and day out come and work at the various community health clinics throughout the country and certainly here in LA to Venice Family Clinic that's been around for a long time and it really is an institution for so many Angelenos, thank you very much for what you do."

He also met with Mayor Karen Bass later in the day to discuss for the Biden-Harris Administration's work to partner with local agencies to address homelessness, substance abuse and mental health issues.



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HHS: The Secretary came to Venice to support the administration's efforts on inflation.

Tax on short-term rentals like Airbnb could fund California affordable housing

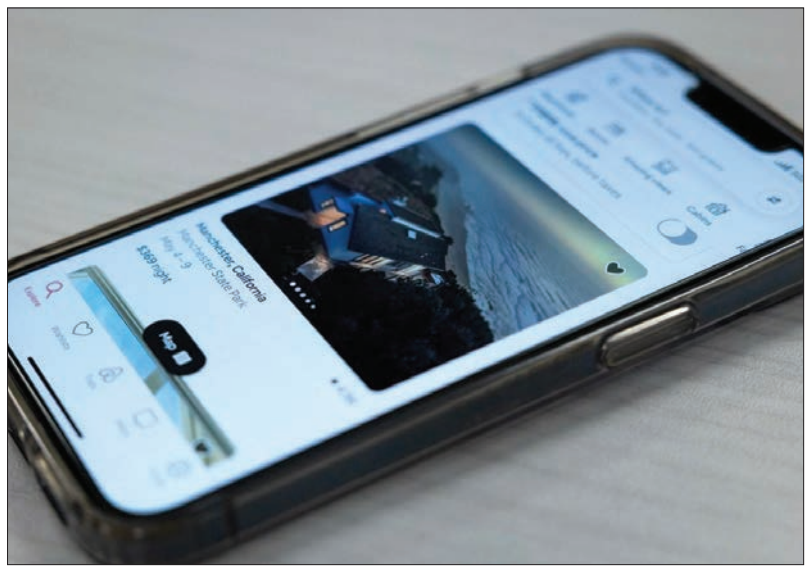


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TAX: Regulators want to use money from short-term rentals to fund housing.

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Special to the Daily Press

California lawmakers are considering a measure this session that would tax short-term rentals to fund affordable housing projects, a proposal that has revived dormant tensions at the state Capitol over the rise of companies like Airbnb and Vrbo and their responsibility for the state's constrained housing supply.

Senate Bill 584 by state Sen. Monique Limón, a Santa Barbara Democrat, would impose a 15% tax on short-term rentals — the homes and rooms that owners rent out like hotels for 30 days or less at a time — starting in 2025. This statewide surcharge, an addition to the local transient occupancy taxes that most communities already require, could generate an estimated $150 million annually to build or rehabilitate low- and middle-income housing.

"One of the things that I get asked very often by my local cities and counties is: 'Where is the money to build the housing?'" Limón told CalMatters. "I see this bill really saying everyone has a role to play."

The Senate could vote on the measure as soon as today; it must pass by the end of the week to continue on this year.

While legislators have made a few unsuccessful attempts to regulate vacation rentals over the past decade, these fights largely played out at the local level, where the effects of their surging popularity with travelers is more immediate.

But the prospect of a tax that rental platforms worry would put them at a disadvantage to hotels has

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Venice non-profit's homeless housing bill stalls in Senate

BARRY CASSILY
Special to the Daily Press

Last week, Senate Bill 7 (SB7) failed to advance in the Senate Appropriations committee. Introduced by Senator Catherine Blakespear from Encinitas and co-sponsored by Venice-based Safe Place For Youth (SPY), the bill would've mandated that California provide free, permanent housing for any homeless person currently in the state.

SB7 would have created a new Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) income category for homeless people. A housing implementation plan would then require each municipality to enumerate timelines and specific proposals for providing the homeless "at least one housing opportunity." Homeless identified in multiple surveys (both current and past) would qualify for the "housing opportunity" in addition to those identified as being "at risk of homelessness."

In remarks made before the senate housing sub-committee,

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CEOs got smaller raises. It would still take a typical worker two lifetimes to make their annual pay

ALEXANDRA OLSON
AP Business Writer

After ballooning for years, CEO pay growth is finally slowing.

The typical compensation package for chief executives who run S&P 500 companies rose just 0.9% last year, to a median of $14.8 million, according to data analyzed for The Associated Press by Equilar. That means half the CEOs in the survey made more and half made less. It was the smallest increase since 2015.

Still, that's unlikely to quell mounting criticism that CEO pay has become excessively high and the imbalance between company bosses and rank-and-file workers too wide. Discontent over that gap has helped fuel labor unrest, and even some institutional investors have pushed back against a few of the most eye-popping packages.

The smaller increase came after CEO pay soared 17% in 2021, when boards rewarded top executives handsomely for steering their companies through the pandemic-induced recession.

Many of the compensation packages were approved early in 2022 but even a small raise might seem lavish in retrospect against the backdrop of a year in which stock markets tanked to their worst performance since 2008, inflation erased wage gains, fears of a recession grew, and tech giants began laying off workers.

"I'm not surprised that after two record years in a row, pay hikes cooled somewhat," said Sarah Anderson, who directs the Global Economy Project at the progressive Institute for Policy Studies. "What we shouldn't lose sight of is that CEO pay is still off the charts by historical measures." She said even a small hike last year was "outrageous."

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In contrast to recent years, CEO pay gains were lower than the 5.1% increase in wages and benefits netted by private-sector workers through 2022.

Still, worker pay failed to keep up with inflation, which was sitting at 6.4% at the end of last year. And the pay disparity between CEOs and rank-and-file workers, which has been widening for years, narrowed only slightly.

The median pay for workers at companies included in the AP survey was $77,178, up 1.3% from $76,160 the previous year. That means it would take that worker 186 years to make what a CEO making the median pay earned just last year. At the same group of companies in 2021, it would have taken 190 years.

The timing of some of the biggest pay packages struck a discordant note against the backdrop of difficult times for their industries.

Alphabet's CEO, Sundar Pichai, ranked No. 1 in the AP's pay survey this year with a package valued at nearly $226 million. The vast majority of his compensation came from a grant of restricted stock, valued at $218 million, which Google grants its CEO every three years.

The leader of Google won't reap most of the benefits of the stock awards right away and how much he realizes ultimately depends on how Alphabet's stock performs. Alphabet noted in its annual proxy filing that, compared with Pichai's 2019 stock awards, a greater proportion of the latest batch will only vest if the company reaches goals for shareholder return.

Even so, Pichai received a total compensation package 15 times higher than this year's median CEO pay just before Google laid off tens of thousands of workers. The company's total shareholder returns fell 39% last year.

Stephen McMurtry, a Google software engineer and member of the Alphabet Workers Union-CWA, said he was not impressed when Pichai told employees shortly after the layoffs that executives would take significant bonus cuts in 2023 because "bonuses are a small part of executives' primarily stock-based compensation." Pichai didn't receive a bonus in 2022.

"The clear disparity between executive rewards and our jobless former coworkers erodes trust and further underscores the need for transparency," McMurtry said in a statement e-mailed to AP.

Like many companies, Alphabet's equity portion of executive compensation is designed to reflect results over several years. Since Pichai started as CEO in 2015, Alphabet's stock has nearly quadrupled, and the company has become the third most

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Here's how to prepare to start paying back your student loans when the pandemic payment freeze ends

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Associated Press

A three-year pause on student loan payments will end this summer regardless of how the Supreme Court rules on the White House plan to forgive billions of dollars in student loan debt.

If Congress approves a debt ceiling deal negotiated by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and President Joe Biden, payments will resume in late August, ending any lingering hope of a further extension of the pause that started during the COVID pandemic. Even if the deal falls through, payments will resume 60 days after the Supreme Court decision.

That ruling is expected sometime before the end of June. No matter what the justices decide, more than 40 million borrowers will have to start paying back their loans by the end of the summer at the latest.

Here's what to know to get ready to start paying back loans:

HOW SHOULD I PREPARE FOR STUDENT LOANS PAYMENTS TO RESTART?

Betsy Mayotte, President of the Institute of Student Loan Advisors, encourages people not to make any payments until the pause has ended. Instead, she says, put what you would have paid into a savings account.

"Then you've maintained the habit of making the payment, but (you're) earning a little bit of interest as well," she said. "There's no reason to send that money to the student loans until the last minute of the 0% interest rate."

Mayotte recommends borrowers use the loan-simulator tool at StudentAid.gov or the one on TISLA's website to find a payment plan that best fits their needs. The calculators tell you what your monthly payment would be under each available plan, as well as your long-term costs.

"I really want to emphasize the long-term," Mayotte said.

Sometimes, when borrowers are in a financial bind, they'll choose the option with the lowest monthly payment, which can cost more over the life of the loan, Mayotte said. Rather than "setting it and forgetting it," she encourages borrowers to reevaluate when their financial situation improves.

WHAT'S AN INCOME-DRIVEN REPAYMENT PLAN?

An income-driven repayment plan sets your monthly student loan payment at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on your income and family size. It takes into account different expenses in your budget, and most federal student loans are eligible for at least one of these types of plans.

Generally, your payment amount under an income-driven repayment plan is a percentage of your discretionary income. If your income is low enough, your payment could be as low as $0 per month.

If you'd like to repay your federal student loans under an income-driven plan, the first step is to fill out an application through the Federal Student Aid website.

TALK TO AN ADVISER

Fran Gonzales, 27, who is based in Texas, works as a supervisor for a financial institution. She holds $32,000 in public student loans and $40,000 in private student loans. During the payment pause on her public loans, Gonzales said she was able to pay off her credit card debt, buy a new car, and pay down two years' worth of private loans while saving money. Her private student loan payment has been $500 a month, and her public student loan payment will be $350 per month when it restarts.

Gonzales recommends that anyone with student loans speak with a mentor or financial advisor to educate themselves about their options, as well as making sure they're in an income-driven repayment plan.

The Federal Student Aid website can help direct you to counselors, as well as organizations like the Student Borrower Protection Center and the Institute of Student Loan Advisors.

> "I was the first in my family to go to college, and I could have saved money with grants and scholarships had I known someone who knew about college"
> - Fran Gonzales

"I was the first in my family to go to college, and I could have saved money with grants and scholarships had I known someone who knew about college," she said. "I could have gone to community college or lived in cheaper housing … It's a huge financial decision."

Gonzales received her degree in business marketing and says she was "horrible with finances" until she began working as a loan officer herself.

Gonzales's mother works in retail and her father for the airport, she said, and both encouraged her to pursue higher education. For her part, Gonzales now tries to inform others with student loans about what they're taking on and what their choices are.

"Anyone young I cross paths with, I try to educate them."

CAN I SET UP A PAYMENT PLAN FOR MY STUDENT LOANS?

Yes — payment plans are always available. Even so, some advocates encourage borrowers to wait for now, since there's no financial penalty for nonpayment during the pause on payments and interest accrual.

Katherine Welbeck of the Student Borrower Protection Center recommends logging on to your account and making sure you know the name of your servicer, your due date and whether you're enrolled in the best income-driven repayment plan.

WHAT IF I CAN'T PAY?

If your budget doesn't allow you to resume payments, it's important to know how to navigate the possibility of default and delinquency on a student loan. Both can hurt your credit rating, which would make you ineligible for additional aid.

If you're in a short-term financial bind, according to Mayotte, you may qualify for deferment or forbearance — allowing you to temporarily suspend payment.

To determine whether deferment or forbearance are good options for you, you can contact your loan servicer. One thing to note: interest still accrue during deferment or forbearance. Both can also impact potential loan forgiveness options. Depending on the conditions of your deferment or forbearance, it may make sense to continue paying the interest during the payment suspension.

HOW CAN I REDUCE COSTS WHEN PAYING OFF MY STUDENT LOANS?

— If you sign up for automatic payments, the servicer takes a quarter of a percent off your interest rate, according to Mayotte.

— Income-driven repayment plans aren't right for everyone. That said, if you know you will eventually qualify for forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, it makes sense to make the lowest monthly payments possible, as the remainder of your debt will be canceled once that decade of payments is complete.

— Reevaluate your monthly student loan repayment during tax season, when you already have all your financial information in front of you. "Can you afford to increase it? Or do you need to decrease it?" Mayotte said.

— Break up payments into whatever ways work best for you. You could consider two installments per month, instead of one large monthly sum.

ARE STUDENT LOANS FORGIVEN AFTER 10 YEARS?

If you've worked for a government agency or a nonprofit, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program offers cancellation after 10 years of regular payments, and some income-driven repayment plans cancel the remainder of a borrower's debt after 20 to 25 years.

Borrowers should make sure they're signed up for the best possible income-driven repayment plan to qualify for these programs.

Borrowers who have been defrauded by for-profit colleges may also apply for borrower defense and receive relief.

These programs won't be affected by the Supreme Court ruling.

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Earth is 'really quite sick now' and in danger zone in nearly all ecological ways, study says

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AP Science Writer

Earth has pushed past seven out of eight scientifically established safety limits and into "the danger zone," not just for an overheating planet that's losing its natural areas, but for well-being of people living on it, according to a new study.

The study looks not just at guardrails for the planetary ecosystem but for the first time it includes measures of "justice," which is mostly about preventing harm for countries, ethnicities and genders.

> We are in a danger zone for most of the Earth system boundaries
> - Kristie Ebi

The study by the international scientist group Earth Commission published in Wednesday's journal Nature looks at climate, air pollution, phosphorus and nitrogen contamination of water from fertilizer overuse, groundwater supplies, fresh surface water, the unbuilt natural environment and the overall natural and human-built environment. Only air pollution wasn't quite at the danger point globally.

Air pollution is dangerous at local and regional levels, while climate was beyond the harmful levels for humans in groups but not quite past the safety guideline for the planet as a system, the study from the Swedish group said.

The study found "hotspots" of problem areas throughout Eastern Europe, South Asia, the Middle East, Southeast Asia, parts of Africa and much of Brazil, Mexico, China and some of the U.S. West — much of it from climate change. About two-thirds of Earth don't meet the criteria for freshwater safety, scientists said as an example.

"We are in a danger zone for most of the Earth system boundaries," said study co-author Kristie Ebi, a professor of climate and public health at the University of Washington.

If planet Earth just got an annual check-up, similar to a person's physical, "our doctor would say that the Earth is really quite sick right now and it is sick in terms of many different areas or systems and this sickness is also affecting the people living on Earth," Earth Commission co-chair Joyeeta Gupta, a professor of environment at the University of Amsterdam, said at a press conference.

It's not a terminal diagnosis. The planet can recover if it changes, including its use of coal, oil and natural gas and the way it treats the land and water, the scientists said.

But "we are moving in the wrong direction on basically all of these," said study lead author Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany.

"This is a compelling and provocative paper – scientifically sound in methodology and important for identifying the dimensions in which the planet is nearing the edge of boundaries that would launch us into irreversible states," Indy Burke, dean of the Yale School of the Environment said in an email. She wasn't part of the study.

The team of about 40 scientists created quantifiable boundaries for each environmental category, both for what's safe for the planet and for the point at which it becomes harmful for groups of people, which the researchers termed a justice issue.

Rockstrom said he thinks of those points as setting up "a safety fence" outside of which the risks become higher, but not necessarily

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Facing sweltering summers, California's Newsom floats plan for state to buy energy

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For most of the year, California's quest to rid itself of fossil fuels seems on track: Electric cars populate highways while energy from wind, solar and water provides much of the power for homes and businesses.

Then it gets hot, and everyone in the nation's most populous state turns on their air conditioners at the same time. That's when California has come close to running out of power in recent years, especially in the early evenings when electricity from solar is not as abundant.

Now, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom wants to buy massive amounts of renewable energy to help keep the lights on. The idea is to use the state's purchasing power to convince private companies to build large scale power plants that run off of heat from underground sites and strong winds blowing off the coast — the kinds of power that utility companies have not been buying because it's too expensive and would take too long

> We laid out the markers on solar and wind, but we recognize that's not going to get us where we need to go
> - Gavin Newsom Democratic Gov.

to build.

"We laid out the markers on solar and wind, but we recognize that's not going to get us where we need to go," Newsom said during a news conference last week. "The issue of reliability has to be addressed."

There's a lot at stake, not just for the future of clean energy, but for Newsom himself. The Democratic governor, now in his second term and widely seen as a future presidential candidate, insists California will be carbon neutral by 2045. But this goal is often mocked in the summer when, to avoid rolling blackouts, state officials turn on massive diesel-powered generators to make up the state's energy shortfall.

Demand for electricity in California has increased as the state takes step to move away from fossil fuels, including banning the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035. California will need to add about 40 gigawatts of new power over the next 10 years, according to the California Independent Systems Operator, which manages the state's power grid. One gigawatt is enough to power about 750,000 homes.

If the state buys lots of power from offshore wind and geothermal sources, it could mean they don't need those emergency diesel-powered generators anymore. Wind is typically strongest in the evenings, and geothermal energy is available all the time.

This would be a big change for California, where up to now utility companies have been responsible for buying their own power. Customers would have to pay for the new power the state buys through a new, still undetermined, charge on their electric bills.

Californians already pay some of the nation's highest energy bills. But one consumer advocacy group said Newsom's proposal could be better for customers in the long-run. State regulators would not decide what the charge will be until the power projects are up and running — potentially several years away.

"There's nothing free here, it's just a question of what's the most efficient way to develop resources," said Matthew Freedman, staff attorney with The Utility Reform Network, a group that advocates for affordable and reliable energy. "It's our hope that this arrangement will result in lower total costs across the state."

Newsom's proposal has the support of some of the state's largest investor-owned utilities, including Pacific Gas & Electric. PG&E spokesperson Lynsey Paulo called Newsom's proposal "likely the most efficient way to achieve a clean energy future," saying that the state should make sure the power it buys is distributed fairly among utilities in the state.

Publicly-owned utilities, like the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, fear the state's entrance into the energy market will create new competition, potentially increasing prices for everyone in a market already struggling with a lack of supply.

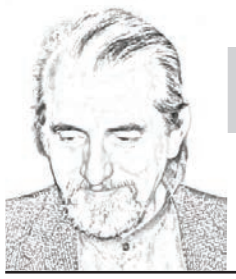
Patrick Welch, legislative director for the California Municipal Utilities Association, said if California starts buying power the state would be competing with utilities "and that could further drive up prices."

"In the past two or three years, the market for new resources has gotten incredibly tight," he said. "That tightness is really impacting the price of energy and particularly during the summer months."

Democratic lawmakers have changed Newsom's proposal to ease some of those concerns. While Newsom wanted the state to buy any type of power, lawmakers say it should be restricted to offshore wind and geothermal — two power sources that the utility companies currently aren't buying. The proposal is pending in the legislature.

"When you leave stuff vague, then it creates uncertainty. And at this point

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Mariachi or Mozart Horns?

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

TONIGHT! - LA PHIL, DUDAMEL CONDUCTS MOZART – An overview of Wolfgang's greatness. Need I say more? OK - "Overture to 'The Magic Flute'," "Piano Concerto No. 27," "Symphony No. 41, 'Jupiter'." His last piano concerto, with renowned Mozart interpreter Mitsuko Uchida, and his last symphony, the mighty "Jupiter," one of his longest and best-loved. Thurs, Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $164-364.

JUDY COLLINS, Sophie B. Hawkins – Yes, that "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes." Name another '60s icon still performing seven decades later, to adoring crowds, and still hitting the high notes. OK, her friend Joan Baez, also known for covering great songs and making them her own. Leonard Cohen's "Suzanne" and "Bird on a Wire," Pete Seeger's (The Byrds') "Turn, Turn, Turn," Joni's "Chelsea Morning," "Both Sides Now" and "River," of course "Amazing Grace," her own "My Father," and my favorite, Ian Tyson's "Someday Soon." It's a short list of those thriving survivors, and since she's 84, maybe you shouldn't wait for the next tour. I never paid attention to Sophie B. Hawkins but she always had a rabid following and a reputation as a great live act, so I thought I should mention her. Fri 8 p.m., Saban Theatre, Beverly Hills, $38-98.

SOUTHSIDE SLIM – Thank you, Harvelle's, for once again making available, right here in downtown Santa Monica, a bluesman of rare talent and energy (and he is no kid!). Slim absolutely tore it up there recently, with his jaw-dropping guitar work and killer band pushing a mix of soulful blues both slow and frantic, jazz, funk, Latin, soul and R&B, and a guest vocalist who filled the dance floor. Sat 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $10.

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Wouldn't you know it? Hot Club takes off only two Mondays per year at the Cinema Bar, and one of them was last Monday, Memorial Day (and my birthday), when I was going to invite y'all to join me there for a great show. So now, you have 50 other Mondays to choose from, but don't put it off. Life is uncertain – eat dessert first, is a good rule. Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, sometimes breakneck Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it was, it couldn't possibly be better than this. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. They manage to record and play high-profile gigs and still show up every Monday night here, for years. Aren't we lucky? Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

RECOMMENDED:

Ruskin Group Theatre, "PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE" – Read carefully. It's an "absurdist comedy." By the inarguably absurd comic Steve Martin. I laughed, but



Courtesy photo

JUDY COLLINS

it is not intended to have you in stitches the entire time. It is the absurd and thought-provoking fantasy that Picasso and Einstein may have hung out together in a Paris cafe in the early 20th century, before either was famous. What might they have been like? Who else might have passed through? No one knows so Martin could go anywhere. One place he went was to make the "ordinary" women involved sound smarter than those two wise guys. People are diggin' this show – it's been extended for a third time. But some shows are selling out, so.... Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20-35.

MARIACHI USA 2023, 34th Annual – You love Mariachi music? Me too. It was the only live music I heard during COVID. You want more? You could go to Olvera Street every weekend for a year, or see them all at once here. More guitarras and fiesta skirts than you can shake maracas at. Sat 6 p.m. Hollywood Bowl, $37-450.

TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Could be the most memorable 12 bucks you ever spent. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's,

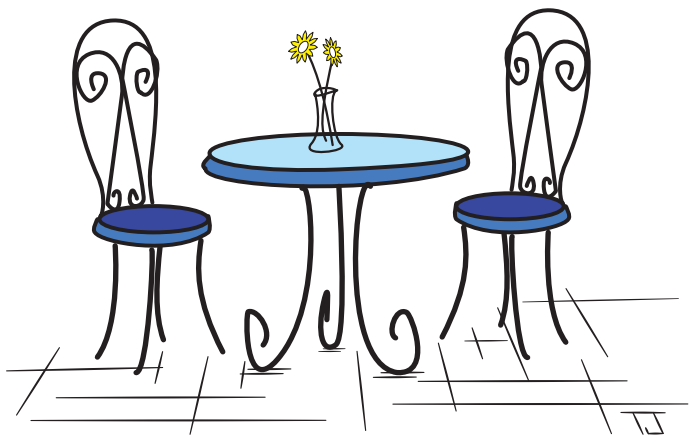
Next Thurs -RICK SHEA – is a SoCal country treasure, an exceptional songwriter who can sell a song both quietly or raucously. I like his quieter, introspective, wise, great pickin' seductive singing side best. Put a drink in front of you and go with it. Next Thurs 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 6/11, 18, 25; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 6/12, 19, 26; "PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE," Ruskin Group Theatre, 6/9, 10, 11, 16, 17; RICK SHEA, Cinema Bar, 6/8; PEDRO, Harvelle's, 6/10; THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: "MACBETH" 6/10, 17, 25, "A MIDSUMMEER NIGHT'S DREAM," 6/11, 18, 25, "QUEEN MARGARET'S VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S WAR

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Troop 2 BSA Santa Monica to Award Eagle Scout Rank to Seven Local Youth



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SCOUTS: Oliver Berger, Jacques Barnett, Kyle Spiteri, Anthony (AJ) Matise, Scoutmaster John Matise, Jacob Grossman, Isaiah Armour, Issac Roc.

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In June 2023, seven Santa Monica teenagers will be recognized with the highest rank one can earn in the Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts of America).

The seven Scouts are Isaiah Armour, Jacques Winn Barnett, Oliver Berger, Jacob Grossman, Anthony Joseph (AJ) Matise, Isaac Rockwell, and Kyle Spiteri.

Rockwell and Barnett are graduating from Santa Monica High School, Spiteri is a junior. Grossman is a sophomore in Santa Monica High's Project-Based Learning (PBL) Pathway. Matise and Armour are graduating from Loyola High School, and Berger graduated from Geffen Academy last spring.

All seven Scouts will be honored at the Troop 2 Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, June 11 at the Kuruvungna Village Springs on South Barrington in West Los Angeles.

The Eagle rank honors exemplary effort, leadership, and service. Only eight percent of Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle. In addition to demonstrating proficiency in first aid, citizenship, camping, swimming, emergency preparedness, and many other skills, Eagle candidates must coordinate and complete a community service project that demonstrates significant leadership abilities. Each of the Scouts being honored led a major project to improve the quality of life of people in the community. All of the projects included many hours of work by other Troop 2 Scouts, working under the direction of the Eagle candidates.

The 2023 Eagle Scouts completed the following community service projects

ISAIAH ARMOUR

For his Eagle Project, Armour built a cabinet system for Claris Health, a West Los Angeles non-profit women's health organization that serves underprivileged women in the wider Los Angeles area. The cabinet system is used to store health kits, and the project included the assembly of over one hundred and fifty kits. The most challenging aspect of the project was the assembly and installation of the cabinets, but the Scouts got the hang of it quickly and the installation came out great.

JACQUES BARNETT

The Gabrielino Tongva Sacred Springs are an oasis in West Los Angeles dedicated to the area's indigenous Tongva people. For his Eagle project, Barnett supervised the draining of one of its major ponds and clearing the basin of leaves and debris. Troop 2 Scouts also cut back dead and overgrown plants and restored the surrounding paths. The center piece of the project was Jacques' design and construction of a walking pier over a pond using planks sawed from a recovered live oak tree. This pier serves as both a maintenance platform and as a spot over the water where visitors can contemplate the natural and spiritual aspects of the Springs and the rich history of the Tongva people.

OLIVER BERGER

Berger's project involved assembling critically needed hygiene kits for the St. Joseph Center, an organization that provides social services to the homeless community. Ultimately, ninety-seven kits, containing razors, women's hygiene products, and other essential toiletries, were assembled and donated. Berger says that the project's most challenging aspect was the transfer of liquid hygiene products from large containers into hundreds of small bottles.

JACOB GROSSMAN

For his Eagle Project Grossman designed and constructed thirty-two rabbit houses

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AIRBNB

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sent them scrambling, with Airbnb rallying its hosts in recent weeks to oppose a bill it argues would "hurt the local tourism economy."

"While the bill aims to boost housing affordability, it does so at the expense of regular Californians who are struggling to keep up with the rising costs of living," the company wrote in an email alert last week urging hosts to reach out to lawmakers.

Limon's proposal already faced higher hurdles as a tax measure, requiring a two-thirds vote of both houses of the Legislature. Now it must contend with a shaky economy, which has stoked apprehensions about increasing taxes among even some Democrats, including Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"It doesn't mean that we don't raise the difficult question of what is the solution," Limón said.

AN INVITATION TO INVEST

Limón unveiled her bill in March as a way to create a steady stream of money to help local governments meet ambitious housing development targets set by the state.

The short-term rental tax would fund grants for public entities and nonprofit providers to create affordable housing projects — primarily through new construction, but also by fixing up existing buildings — that would be permanently set aside for low- and middle-income renters.

The measure, which is sponsored by the State Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella organization for construction worker unions, would also require certain wage and labor standards for projects.

Limón said she is not villainizing short-term rentals, but rather inviting them to be a part of fixing a statewide housing crunch they have exacerbated. If the industry has ideas, she said she's open to alternatives to the 15% tax rate, which was suggested by a Senate committee where the bill passed earlier this month.

"This is a conversation about investment. And I think it's unfortunate that those that are being asked to invest in solving a problem for the communities where they do work or business, see it as" a punishment, Limón said. "So if a 15% investment, you know, is not the number, then what is?"

Another vacation rental boom over the past few years, fueled by the coronavirus pandemic, has reignited debates across California about whether locals are being priced out of their communities, leading to a wave of new bans, permit caps and other restrictions.

Recent research has found a reallocation of long-term housing units into short-term rentals, leading to an upward pressure on prices. A 2020 study by a team from the National Bureau of Economic Research; California State University, Northridge; and the University of Southern California pegged the number at an annual increase of $9 in monthly rent and $1,800 in home prices in the median neighborhood. That is often driven by large-scale operators from outside of the communities; a 2017 analysis of short-term rentals in New Orleans found that nearly half of permitted units were registered to fewer than a fifth of operators.

But the industry disputes that vacation rentals comprise enough of California's housing stock to have a significant effect on affordability.

A 2022 report by the Milken Institute, an economic think tank, noted that only about 1% of housing units in the state are short-term rentals — though it's far higher in some popular tourist destinations — which it concluded "cannot be considered a meaningful driver of California's housing shortage." The report was backed by the Travel Technology Association, an industry group that includes short-term rental platforms among its members.

FALLING BEHIND THE COMPETITION

Alongside opponents such as the California Chamber of Commerce and other business groups, Airbnb and Vrbo have raised concerns that Limon's proposal would give hotels an unfair advantage over mom-and-pop vacation rental operators who rely on hosting for supplemental income. Local transient occupancy taxes, for stays at hotels and short-term rentals, can exceed 14% in some places.

"SB 584 would harm California's travelers, its vacation rental community, and the network of small businesses that depend on them," Alyssa Stinson, California government and corporate affairs manager for Vrbo's parent company, Expedia Group, said in a statement. The state should "find sustainable, balanced solutions to address California's housing needs without threatening its tourism economy."

Airbnb declined to discuss its position on the bill. In its alert to hosts, the company claimed the tax would "make vacations more expensive" and burden "everyday Californians who rely on the income from home sharing to afford everyday costs or stay in their home."

Dan Johnson, who rents out the first floor of his San Diego home as a suite for visitors, said he was "pissed off" when he found out about the tax proposal last week from the Airbnb email and he has reached out to more than half a dozen senators asking them to vote against it.

Johnson, 62, an environmental consultant who also develops infill housing on formerly contaminated sites, said he started hosting through Airbnb and Vrbo a year and a half ago as he and his wife prepare for retirement.

"As you move away from a steady paycheck, it's nice to have a supplemental income," he said. "It gets a little scary, right?"

Though he supports Limon's goal of addressing housing affordability, Johnson said he believes that short-term rental owners are being picked on to solve a problem they didn't create because they don't have a powerful lobby at the Capitol.

If the tax is adopted, Johnson worries that operators like him will not be able to pass the price increase along to customers if they want to remain competitive with hotels and they will be forced to reduce their rates.

"The only place this is coming from is our pocket," he said.

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RAISE

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valuable on Wall Street.

Alphabet declined to comment beyond its proxy statement.

Nearly 130 CEOs in the AP's survey saw pay cuts last year. Among them was UPS CEO Carol Tomé, who received a total compensation package valued at nearly $19 million, most of it in stock awards. That's down 31% from $27.6 million in 2021. UPS said Tome's compensation was lower because she didn't exceed performance targets by as much in 2022 as she did in 2021.

Tomé is trying to stave off a potentially crippling strike by unionized workers, who feel they saw little of the company's windfall in profits, which nearly tripled during the pandemic as consumer reliance on deliveries grew.

"I don't feel bad for her that she got a decrease," said Jimi Hadley, UPS package driver in Roswell, Georgia, and Teamsters shop steward. "Nineteen million? Most workers will never make that in their entire life."

Tomé's pay was 364 times higher than $52,144 median pay for UPS workers, although the company notes that the average pay for full-time drivers is $95,000. UPS says its executive pay is "at the midpoint when compared to other companies of similar size and global scale."

Some boards put the brakes on CEO compensation following pushback from institutional investors, who get the chance to vote in "Say On Pay" tallies at annual shareholder meetings, although such votes are only advisory and don't compel boards to make changes.

Homebuilder Lennar, for example, capped the annual cash bonuses for its co-CEOs, Rick Beckwitt and Jonathan Jaffe, at $6 million each in response to complaints from investors about their $16.6 million bonuses in 2021. Just 63% of Lennar's investors voted to approve the pay packages at last year's shareholder meeting, compared to 84% in 2021.

Beckwitt and Jaffe saw their total compensation fall 11% and 12% in 2022, respectively, to $30.4 million and $30 million.

Higher up the pay scale, Apple CEO Tim Cook was no. 3 in the AP survey with a compensation package valued at $99.4 million, nearly identical to what Apple gave him in 2021. But Cook has requested a 40% pay cut for 2023, in response to the vote at last year's annual meeting, where just 64% of shareholders approved of Cook's pay package, compared to 94% the previous year.

Such shareholder pushback remains rare, however. The vast majority of companies included in AP's survey received more than 90% support for their executive compensation programs in 2022.

The AP's and Equilar's compensation study included pay data for 343 CEOs at S&P 500 companies who have served at least two fiscal years at their companies, which filed proxy statements between Jan. 1 and April 30. Some well-paid CEOs are not included because they don't fit the criteria, such as Amazon's Andy Jassy and Microsoft's Satya Nadella.

The biggest cuts to CEO pay last year were in annual performance-based cash awards, which were down 15.5% to a median of $2.3 million. On the other hand, stock awards rose 10.5% to a median of $8.5 million.

Cash salaries and bonuses comprised less than a quarter of compensation for the typical CEO in the survey. The bulk comes from stock and stock options because shareholders have advocated for CEO pay to be closely aligned with their own returns.

Executives will likely see steeper pay cuts in 2023 when boards consider the full effect of the stock market's downturn, said Kelly Malafis, a partner at Compensation Advisory Partners, a consulting firm that works with boards.

"We're not seeing companies slash and burn," Malafis said. "We might see some of that next year."

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HOUSING

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Senator Blakespear said the bill would provide for shelter beds, SRO hotel rooms as well as safe camping and safe parking opportunities. However, the new RHNA housing allocations would only apply to new, permanent housing units.

Asked about this discrepancy, SPY's Senior Advocacy Manager, Dexter O'Connell said that it was important to the bill's sponsors that the services Blakeshear mentioned, be addressed. He added, "homelessness is a crisis of many things, but it's not honest to say that the housing crisis is not an important component of the homeless crisis. That's what SB7 is intended to address."

In the end, the appropriations committee's decision not to advance the bill may have come down to cost. The bill called for no market rate adjustments to current policy such as increasing density allowances for all projects, or re-legalizing small SRO units - adjustments which could impact homeless housing at no cost to taxpayers. The bill only called for providing housing for homeless people through low income housing corporations using taxpayer funds. The average cost of those units is now approaching well over half a million dollars each.

In a fiscal year where the state is projecting a large budget deficit, the enormous price tag of Blakespear's bill, (estimated at minimum 100 billion dollars), may have been too much for lawmakers to swallow. SPY, however, stands committed and signaled that the bill would be re-written in time for the next legislative session.

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EARTH

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fatal.

Rockstrom and other scientists have attempted in the past this type of holistic measuring of Earth's various interlocking ecosystems. The big difference in this attempt is that scientists also looked at local and regional levels and they added the element of justice.

The justice part includes fairness between young and old generations, different nations and even different species. Frequently, it applies to conditions that harm people more than the planet.

An example of that is climate change.

The report uses the same boundary of 1.5 degree Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) of warming since pre-industrial times that international leaders agreed upon in the 2015 Paris climate agreement. The world has so far warmed about 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit), so it hasn't crossed that safety fence, Rockstrom and Gupta said, but that doesn't mean people aren't being hurt.

"What we are trying to show through our paper is that event at 1 degree Centigrade (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit) there is a huge amount of damage taking place," Gupta said, pointing to tens of millions of people exposed to extreme hot temperatures.

The planetary safety guardrail of 1.5 degrees hasn't been breached, but the "just" boundary where people are hurt of 1 degree has been.

"Sustainability and justice are inseparable," said Stanford environmental studies chief Chris Field, who wasn't part of the research. He said he would want even more stringent boundaries. "Unsafe conditions do not need to cover a large fraction of Earth's area to be unacceptable, especially if the unsafe conditions are concentrated in and near poor and vulnerable communities."

Another outside expert, Dr. Lynn Goldman, an environment health professor and dean of George Washington University's public health school, said the study was "kind of bold," but she wasn't optimistic that it would result in much action.

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SCOUTS

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for the LA Rabbit Foundation, a nonprofit focused on providing care and shelter for abandoned rabbits and educating the public on the proper care of rabbits. Grossman says the hardest part was gathering and transporting the wood planks needed for construction. He was especially proud that his project exceeded the goal of twenty-four rabbit homes and that he was able to get all of the building materials donated. Grossman would like to extend a special thanks to Bourget Brothers in Santa Monica for their generous donation.

ANTHONY JOSEPH (AJ) MATISE

For his Eagle project, Matise designed and constructed eight redwood planters to brighten the appearance of the playground at St. Timothy School in Los Angeles. Though the primary goal was to improve the appearance of the children's play area, the planters also serve as educational tools by allowing students to grow their own plants. Matise says the most challenging part of the project was coordinating his Scout teams to build all the planters simultaneously so that the project could be completed on the required timeline.

ISAAC ROCKWELL

Rockwell's Eagle project was for Adrian's Place, a Santa Monica community center with programs and resources for teens and transitional-aged adults with special needs. The project involved the construction and finishing of a "green wall" adorned with drought-tolerant plants, contributing beauty and a calming atmosphere to the center. The wall's creation involved a surprising number of engineering, aesthetic, and gardening challenges. Rockwell's efforts have been met with gratitude from the staff and students at Adrian's Place, and has renewed his commitment to making a difference in his community and setting a positive example for his peers in the process.

KYLE SPITERI

Spiteri's Eagle project was to build a science center for Mount Olive Preschool in Santa Monica. Two bookshelves were assembled and installed, then stocked with science books and science kits with science materials for all eight classrooms. One hundred individual science experiment kits, one for each preschooler at Mount Olive, were also included. As a toddler, Spiteri attended Mount Olive Preschool, and his little brother, Landon, currently attends, which made his project especially meaningful. Spiteri has been able to inspire and create learning opportunities for not only his little brother, but also the current and future students of Mount Olive.

ENERGY

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in time, uncertainty is not good in the investment world," said Assemblymember Steve Bennett, a Democrat and chair of the budget subcommittee that is vetting Newsom's proposal.

Advocates say California is in a prime position to try something like this. Last year, five companies spent more than $750 million to lease areas off the California coast for offshore wind projects. These projects could collectively generate close to 5 gigawatts of energy, according to Alex Jackson, director of American Clean Power Association, which represents these companies. That's enough to power more than 3.5 million homes.

If approved, the next step is getting the permits and building the turbines and the infrastructure necessary to transport the power to the grid. It would be easier for these companies to sell all of their power to the state instead of selling pieces of it to multiple utilities.

"We do think there is real advantages of having a single buyer," Jackson said.

Another area ripe for new energy development is the Salton Sea, a large saltwater lake in Southern California that has been slowly drying up. Beneath the surface of the lakebed, heat from the Earth warms underground water. Geothermal power plants use steam from this water to spin turbines that generate electricity. The water also contains lots of lithium, which is used to make batteries that power cell phones and electric cars.

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> - Jim Wood Assemblymember

There are only a few companies capable of building these large, complex power plants that take many years to build.

"This isn't the 'Field of Dreams.' You need to know that there is a customer for that power," said Assemblymember Jim Wood, a Democrat who supports the proposal. "Otherwise, you're not going to be able to appeal to investors to be able to pull down the resources to invest the billions of dollars it's going to take."

CURIOUS CITY

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OF THE ROSES," 6/24; DAN NAVARRO, McCabe's, 6/10; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Theatre, 6/11; ELVIS COSTELLO & THE ATTRACTIONS/ IMPOSTERS, NICK LOWE, LOS STRAITJACKETS, Greek Theatre, 6/16; JACARANDA, 1st Pres Church of SM, 6/17; HOLLYWOOD BOWL JAZZ FESTIVAL, 6/17, 18; KING GIZZARD & THE LIZARD WIZARD, Hollywood Bowl, 6/21.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than , 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at Charles Andrews

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 1)

A thrilling roller coaster of a year. Remember, your essence is not defined by wins and losses, which are just temporary circumstances, but instead by your character, which will be celebrated, developed and rewarded with every exciting twist and turn. More highlights: amazing connections; shared experiences designed by you go down as legendary; a huge check. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 2, 40 and 1.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Make sure you have the resources and permissions needed to finish a project before you start it. Also, things will go smoothly if you avoid power struggles with roles well defined and assigned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Restraint is made easier with practice. You know how you'd like to behave and that's a start. Run a simulation before the event. Repeat it until it's natural to you. You'll win people over and earn their respect and eventually their loyalty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Just because you don't aim at the thing you want doesn't mean you're aimless. In the case of living, breathing, thinking creatures, often an indirect approach is more effective. Remember, life is not always a straight line.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Take a detour; explore. Unexpected and rewarding experiences await. Don't be afraid that you're not where you're meant to be. What if there are infinite universes? In that case, anywhere you are is an acceptable variation. Work it!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Regardless of how much schooling you have, no education is perfect. You'll learn where the holes are by stepping in them. You'll get the resources to fill in whatever blanks you can today, and the benefits will come almost instantly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You, dear Virgo, are on fire! Creativity will flow through your veins like an electric current. You're the conduit, not the source, receiving without interference. Don't rely on your memory; be ready to capture and record.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know what they say: familiarity breeds contempt. Spending too much time with your crew blinds you to the interesting and exciting people they really are. Fear not; fresh faces coming into your realm will be a real eye-opener.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes it seems like the good things are only happening to someone else. Here's the thing: you're "someone else" to someone else. Your gratitude for excellent circumstances will bring more of them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To live like a baller but still feel empty inside is not really success. To live within your means and feel fulfilled is to live your best life — in which case you can consider yourself a true success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The stillness isn't always what it looks like. The inanimate will animate today. Like a seed, a buried issue will resurface unexpectedly. This is how you know things are alive and have potential.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Tough cookies can be sweet too. Since you see no need to assert your dominance, you'll take a gentle approach, doing only what's necessary. You're so powerful that you don't have to prove you have power.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Nature figures itself out. It's when things are domesticated that they tend to get more complicated. You're keenly aware of having to fit your wild nature into the boxes of societal norms and expectations. It only makes you appreciate nature more.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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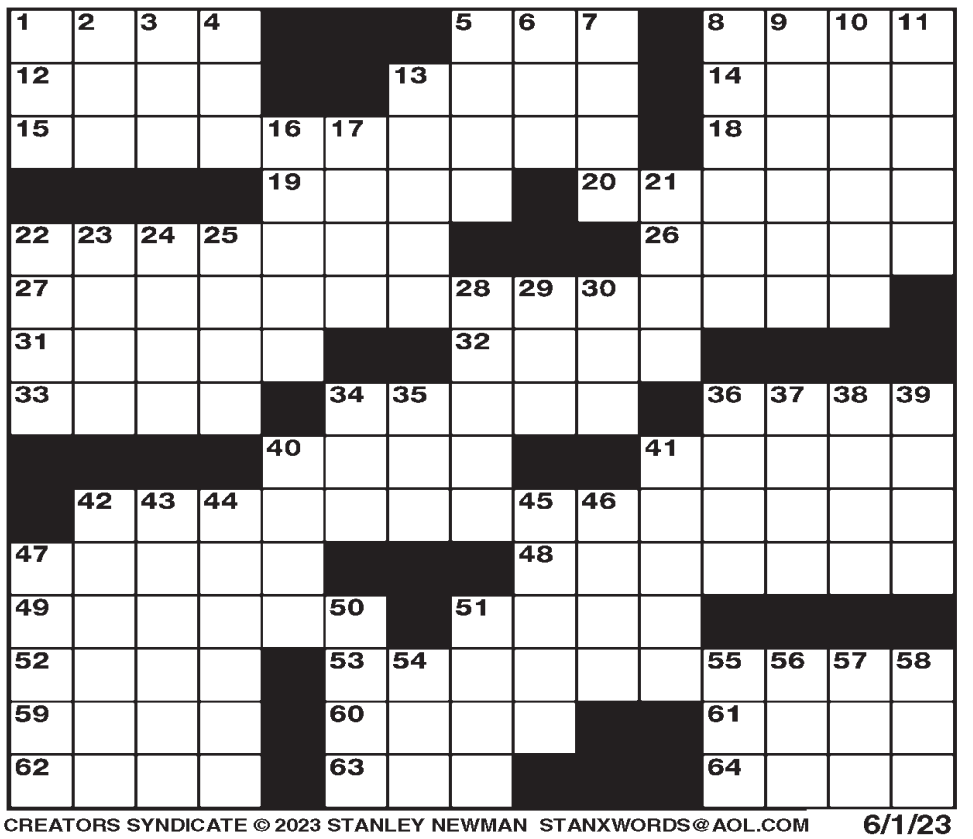
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8 Ornery guy
12 Baltic capital
13 Vigorous
14 Not giving up
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20 Taking cover
22 Cyclopean
26 Rice wines
27 Audible sign of impending bad weather
31 Seiko's printer brand
32 Drive off
33 Not unnoticed
34 Frame of mind
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40 Moving walkway maker
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42 Warmth conveyed by contact
47 Ho Chi Minh Museum site
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49 Some college contributors
51 Tiny jumper
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60 Metaphor for thinness
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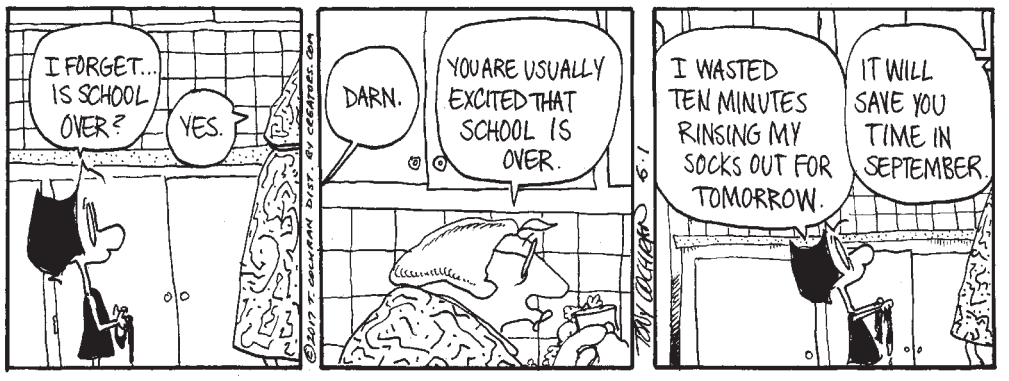


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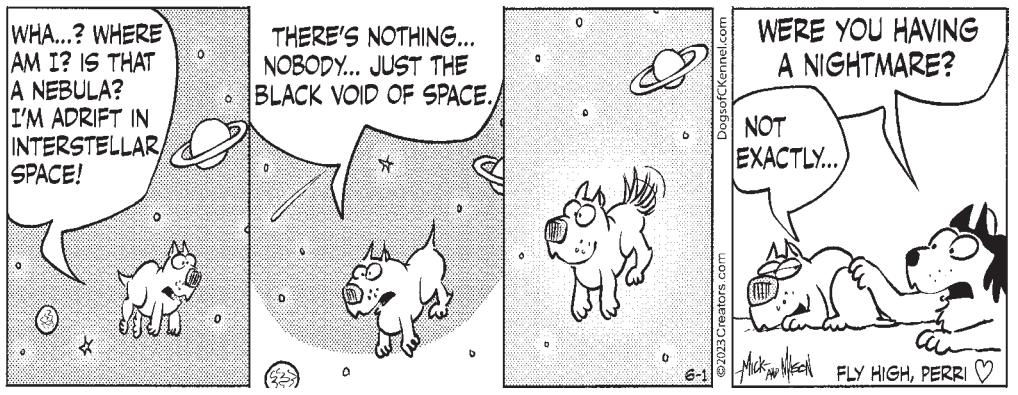
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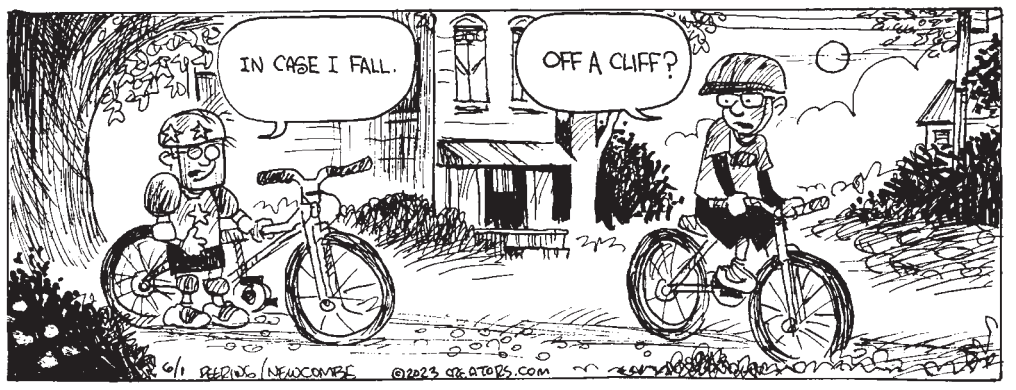
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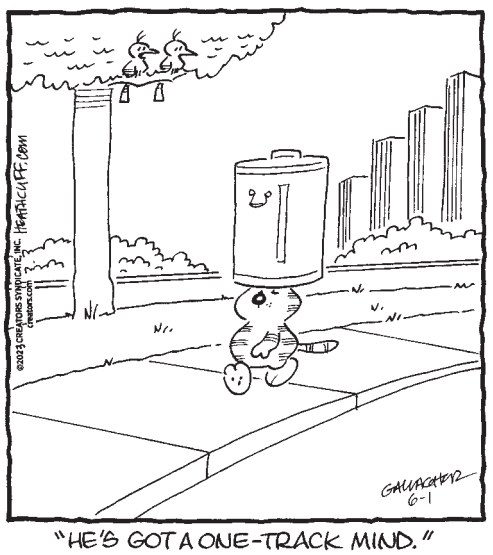
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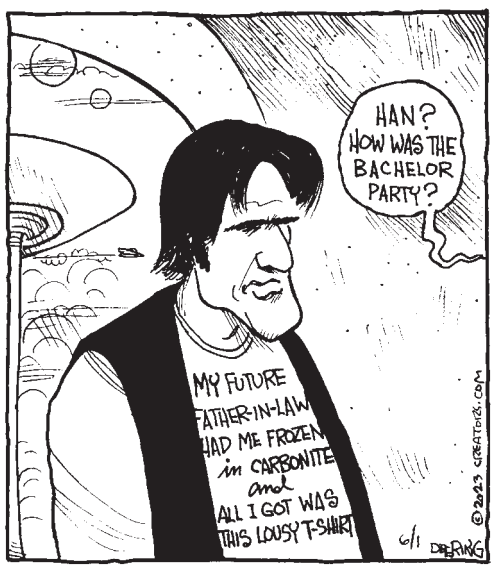
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"HE'S GOT A ONE-TRACK MIND."

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

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Cleaning up

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

Accumulation
Bags
Beds
Benches
Bins
Blinds
Boxes
Bury
Busy
Cans
Carpet
Cobwebs
Desk
Detergent
Dirt
Dust
Elbow grease
Empty
Enrich
Fines
Floor
Foam
Foul
Glass
Hard
Health
Ironing
Mats
Mess
Mice
Odour
Oven
Paper
Receipts
Return
Rugs
Schools
Scrub
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THURSDAY | JUNE 1

COMING OUT WEST: LGBTQ+ ELDERS SHARE STORIES
Santa Monica History Museum and The Outwords Archive present an exhibition of oral histories, ephemera and historical objects from LGBTQ+ elders with ties to Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Bay area. 2 pm-5 pm Santa Monica History Museum 1350 7th Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://santamonicahistory.org/

FRIDAY | JUNE 2

"BEETHOVEN & HUNCHBACK"
Jeremiah Selvey, Conductor. Gary Gray and Frank Basile, Pianists. The SMC Concert Chorale and SMC Chamber Choir join forces with the SMC Symphony Orchestra and guest soloists for a performance of the Finale ("Ode to Joy") from Beethoven's 9th Symphony and Jake Runestad's A Silence Haunts Me, a stunning modern setting of a letter in which Beethoven discloses his deafness to his brothers. The SMC Chamber Choir will also present a medley from The Hunchback of Notre Dame. The Broad Stage Performing Arts Center.

SATURDAY | JUNE 3

SAMO PRIDE
SaMo PRIDE kicks off on Saturday, June 3rd with a PRIDE Festival that will turn the entire downtown district, from Third Street Promenade through Santa Monica Place to the Santa Monica Pier, into a party zone. All ages are welcome to enjoy musical performances, PRIDE-related treats, free swag, games, and much more. A family zone located at Santa Monica Place will provide kid-friendly PRIDE programming and an engaging place for kids to play and learn about queer history. Downtown & Third Street Promenade, 3rd St Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401

2023 SANTA MONICA ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER
Enjoy a fun afternoon for the whole family to raise much needed funds for the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. At the event: Win fantastic items in our raffle and silent auction. Enjoy a live performance from School of Rock West LA House Band. Face painting by the wonderful The Magical Atelier. Awesome balloon animals, headbands and bracelets from Wild About Balloons LA...and much more! All funds raised help the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and made a difference in the care and well-being of the animals. Santa Monica Animal Shelter, 1640 9th St Santa Monica, CA 90404

SUNDAY | JUNE 4

PARTY ON! A SOBER COMEDY SHOW
Party On! is more than just a night of laughs, it's a celebration of recovery and a testament to the power of humor in overcoming addiction. Headlining comics from HBO, Netflix, and late night shows, will speak to the sober experience, but every comedy fan will love this show. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave., F4 Santa Monica, CA

MONDAY | JUNE 5

DISABILITIES COMMISSION
The Disabilities Commission helps improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Santa Monica by prioritizing issues of concern and advising the City Council and City Staff on those issues. The Commission recommends ways to maximize participation of people with disabilities in all facets of City life and increase awareness of the abilities, rights and issues of people with disabilities throughout the community. Join us for our monthly meeting. Civic Center Parking Structure 333 Civic Center Dr Santa Monica, 90401 SMi Room in the Civic Parking Structure https://www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.aspx?id=53687092550

TUESDAY | JUNE 6

CRUNCHES AND COCKTAILS AT LANEA
Every Tuesday join Yoga Sculpt at Corepower Santa Monica at 5:30pm then head to Lanea for some apps on them and Happy Hour all night long! All Corepower students get 10% off at Lanea and Cult Santa Monica every day. Just show your CPY App Member Card! 217 Broadway. Santa Monica, CA

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 7

STAR BAKER COMEDY SHOW
Created and hosted by Kelly Shanley, Star Baker Comedy Show is inspired by the hit series The Great British Baking Show. Each month, different comics will compete for the title of "Star Baker" by sharing their best signature joke, showstopper joke, and technical joke. The Crow 2525 Michigan Avenue, Unit F4 Santa Monica.

THURSDAY | JUNE 8

SPECTRUM GESTALT 10
Reception Saturday June 10th 5-8pm. Join us for the 10 Year Anniversary of Spectrum Gestalt. bG Gallery Bergamot Station, 2525 Michigan Ave, Space A2 Santa Monica, California 90404

THURSDAY | JUNE 8

AIDS/LIFECYCLE RIDE FINISH LINE EVENT
We welcome the riders of the AIDS/LifeCycle Ride to Santa Monica for the first time as they finish their 545-mile ride from San Francisco near the Santa Monica Pier at Beach Lot 4 South. They are also seeking volunteers to make sure the Finish Line Festival is as fun and exciting as possible! Santa Monica Beach Lot 4 1230 Ocean Ave Santa Monica, CA 90405

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **61.9**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach	S swell continues to wind down with potential for a bit more NW energy to bit in the mix — potential recipe for peakier shape outside of the points compared to the past few days so worth keeping an eye on.
FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Looking like the smallest day in a while with old S swell down to minor leftovers as the front end of a modest new S swell creeps in. If wind cooperates it'll be a day for the bigger boards and groms with a decent tide push first thing.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 63.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 66.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/06/01	Thu	02:32 AM	0.01	L
2023/06/01	Thu	08:39 AM	3.53	H
2023/06/01	Thu	1:33 PM	1.63	L
2023/06/01	Thu	8:02 PM	5.91	H
2023/06/02	Fri	03:11 AM	-0.57	L
2023/06/02	Fri	09:27 AM	3.57	H
2023/06/02	Fri	2:07 PM	1.83	L
2023/06/02	Fri	8:34 PM	6.27	H
2023/06/03	Sat	03:51 AM	-1.03	L
2023/06/03	Sat	10:15 AM	3.57	H
2023/06/03	Sat	2:43 PM	2.01	L
2023/06/03	Sat	9:10 PM	6.52	H
2023/06/04	Sun	04:35 AM	-1.33	L
2023/06/04	Sun	11:06 AM	3.54	H
2023/06/04	Sun	3:22 PM	2.18	L
2023/06/04	Sun	9:49 PM	6.62	H
2023/06/05	Mon	05:22 AM	-1.46	L
2023/06/05	Mon	12:01 PM	3.49	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 5/29
21 33 35 62 64
Power#: 24
Jackpot: 239 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 5/30
13 16 40 64 68
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 203 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 5/27
4 17 20 21 36
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 63 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/30
8 13 24 36 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/30
EVENING: 6 0 3

Draw Date: 5/30
MIDDAY: 3 7 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/30
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 01 - Gold Rush
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:41.55

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