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Army Deputy Under Secretary encourages relationship building at Santa Monica College

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The Deputy Under Secretary of the Army, Mario A. Diaz, along with a number of other high-ranking veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, visited Santa Monica College (SMC) on Monday to tour the Veterans Success Center and learn about the many educational opportunities that are provided to make college affordable for student veterans.

"A very important strategic initiative is to reconnect our Army to the state of California," said Diaz. "There are short term concerns that we have, namely recruiting, but we also have some long term ones. And those are the ones that I'm more passionate about, because they're about building relationships.

"It's about finding ways creatively to ensure that the opportunities for both sides of the relationship are understood and we work together mutually. So education, for me, is a key component of this."

Joining Diaz and staff from SMC were Lt. Col. Johann Hindert, US Army Recruiting Battalion; Sonki Hong, formerly of Military Intelligence now Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army; Major Victor Shen, Strategic Officer Recruiting Detachment; Major Philip Song, Army Strategist; Grace Smith, SMC Director of

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Ready to Succeed







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GRADUATION: Ready To Succeed hosted a graduation event for its students recently. See Page 6 for more information.

Man convicted in 2018 Malibu park killing sentenced to life in prison

A man convicted last month in the shooting death of a father who was camping with his daughters at a Malibu park was sentenced on Wednesday to life in prison.

A jury found Anthony Rauda guilty of second-degree murder in the death of Tristan Beaudette and of the attempted murders of the two young girls.

Rauda fatally shot Beaudette in the head while the 35-year-old father camped in a tent with his daughters on June 18, 2018 in Malibu Creek State Park, roughly 30 miles west of downtown Los Angeles.

He was taken into custody in late 2018 in a ravine near the park with a rifle in his backpack.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office said Rauda was sentenced to a total of 119 years to life. Rauda's attorney, Nicholas C. Okorocha, declined to comment on Wednesday's sentencing but said he appreciated the "deeply moving" victim impact statement delivered by Beaudette's wife, Erica.

Beaudette's daughters, then ages 2 and 4, were not injured in the shooting but were considered victims of attempted murder. The jury convicted Rauda on the counts related to the girls but ruled that Rauda had not acted willfully to kill them or with premeditation.

Rauda faced eight additional counts of attempted murder and five counts of burglary in a rash of shootings and break-ins that began in 2016. He was found not guilty in seven of the attempted murder counts.

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Platonic co-parenting offers an alternate model for family building

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Associated Press

Nick Farrow wanted what a lot of people do: a child, and a parenting partner. At 45, after a long-term romance didn't work out, he decided to take matters into his own hands, entering into a platonic open arrangement that has flourished for nine years, since daughter Milly was born.

Whether it's with friends, known sperm dors or co-parenting connections made on so-called mating sites, more families are coming together platonically, without the pain of divorce or the added stress and expense of going it alone.

Choosing to parent together platonically while living separately or under the same roof is an idea that's been around for years among LGBTQ+ people. It has gained ground more recently among heterosexuals, and interest skyrocketed during the pandemic.

Farrow and his parenting partner live about 15 miles apart, in the English seaside town of Brighton. Their daughter, conceived through insemination, shuttles between the two. Not unlike divorced couples with kids, the two come together for Milly's birthdays, and they sometimes alternate Christmases and other special occasions.

Explaining their arrangement to loved ones was a process.

"When the time came, we got everybody to meet everybody," Farrow said of family and friends. "We invited them to ask all the difficult, awkward questions. There was the feeling that what we were doing was a bit odd, that it could be risky, that it could be dangerous. It really, really helped to get everybody on board."

Farrow met his parenting partner on Modamily, one of a handful of sites and apps aimed at family building, as opposed to the hookup culture and endless swiping of dating services.

Since 2011, about 100,000 people from around the world have registered on Modamily. At least 1,000 babies have been born through partnerships created there, said founder and CEO Ivan Fatovic. About half involved known sperm donors from a database of nearly 10,000 that the site maintains, he said.

"We're seeing people look at all the different alternate ways of starting a family because they've been thinking about it for many years," Fatovic said. "Whatever they've been doing up to this point wasn't working so they start thinking outside the box."

There's no one scenario that defines elective co-parenting. Most, but definitely not all, platonic co-parents live separately. Some who seek out Modamily or similar services are in search of sperm donors they can meet personally, with or without the potential to share their lives once a baby is born.

Other parenting partnerships come together out of need for financial and care support in raising children. Still others involve two friends who want children without romance. And there are those like Farrow, unlucky in love with a burning desire to parent, but not alone.

Last year, TV commentator Van Jones welcomed a baby girl with a longtime female friend. He was already the father of two boys with his ex-wife, Jana Carter. Jones declined an interview request through a spokesman.

And there's Jones's CNN colleague, Anderson Cooper. He's the father of two boys born via surrogacy after he and boyfriend Benjamin Maisani downshifted to close friends. Cooper and Maisani are now parenting together.

The idea of co-parenting is, of course, nothing new among divorced couples, but more divorced women are leaning on each other to make it through.

About six years ago, 39-year-old Ashley Simpo and her son moved in with a friend and her two kids to share expenses and parenting duties in Brooklyn, New York. High rents and low salaries were crushing them both.

"I think that the alternative for both of us would have been homelessness or moving back in with parents and relocating. For parents, that means ripping your kids out of their schools," she said.

Their "mommune" of five lasted about six months, until their finances stabilized and they amicably ended the arrangement.

"It really opened my eyes in terms of how mothers support each other. I had never really tapped into a mother ship or an intentional community network," said Simpo, who had been divorced about two years at the time. "It was really healing for me."

Platonic co-parenting arrangements require thoughtful structure. That can get difficult when multiple parents are involved — after divorce, for instance, or when friendships change.

Many sign parenting agreements with the help of lawyers or family coaches to crystallize rules and lay out what is non-negotiable. There's religion, but also what happens if either co-parent begins dating or gets married? And there's the day-to-day, like how finances are handled and what disciplinary approach will be taken.

"In platonic co-parenting relationships, I think people forget to plan for all of those little nuances," said Alysha Price, who owns a firm offering parenting coaches. "It's not always going to be stars and rainbows and happy days."

In London, Patrick Harrison co-founded PollenTree.com in 2012 as a resource for people interested in platonic co-parenting. It grew quickly and now serves the U.S. as well. Users are split between people looking to meet and choose sperm donors without the option of co-parenting, and those "really focused on creating their own kind of alternative family," Harrison said.

"People are looking at family life and thinking, 'I want some of that, too.' People have this kind of misconception that it's all very alternative, but it's deeply not. A lot of our members are really conventional. They want kids. They just want kids," Harrison said.

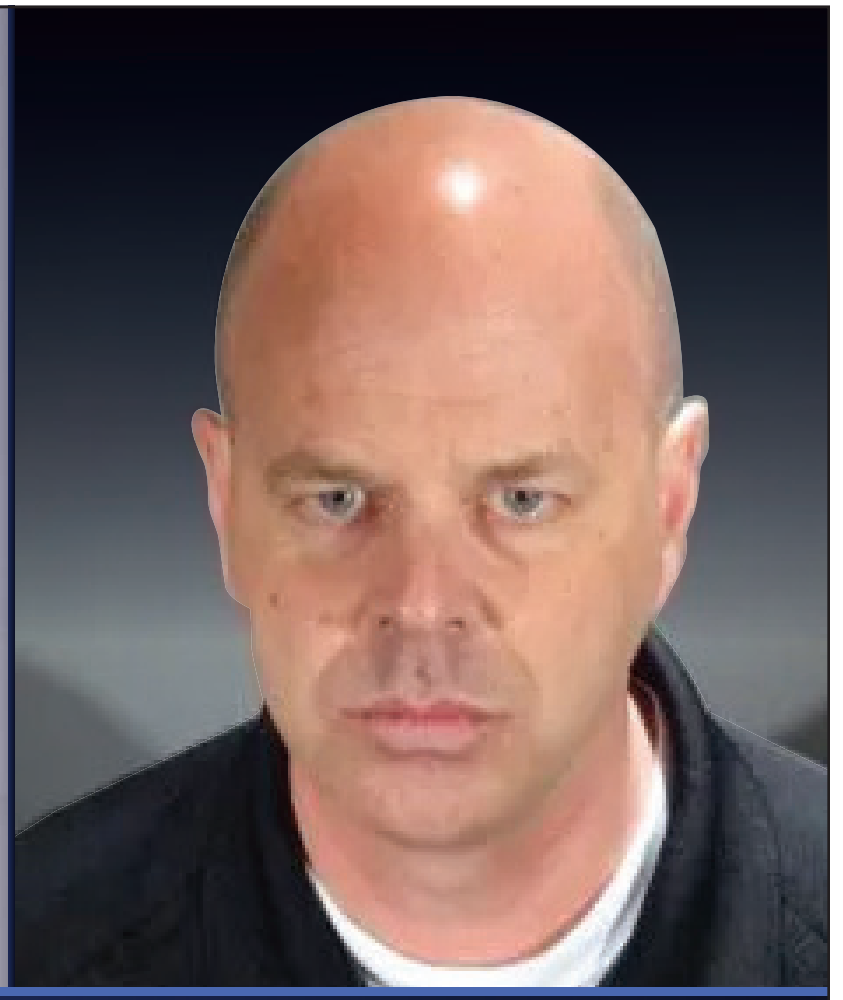
The pandemic sent Pollen Tree's numbers soaring. Just before lockdowns began, Harrison said, the site had about 40 signups a

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The story behind Juneteenth and how it became a federal holiday

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Americans will soon celebrate Juneteenth, marking the day when the last enslaved people in the United States learned they were free.

For generations, Black Americans have recognized the end of one of the darkest chapters in U.S. history with joy, in the form of parades, street festivals, musical performances or cookouts.

The U.S. government was slow to embrace the occasion — it was only in 2021 that President Joe Biden signed a bill passed by Congress to set aside Juneteenth, or June 19th, as a federal holiday.

And just as many people learn what Juneteenth is all about, the holiday's traditions are facing new pressures — political rhetoric condemning efforts to teach Americans about the nation's racial history, companies using the holiday as a marketing event, people partying without understanding why.

Here is a look at the origins of Juneteenth, how it became a federal holiday and more about its history.

HOW DID JUNETEENTH START?

The celebrations began with enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. Although President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in 1863, it could not be enforced in many places in the South until the Civil War ended in 1865. Even then, some white people who had profited from their unpaid labor were reluctant to share the news.

Laura Smalley, freed from a plantation near Bellville, Texas, remembered in a 1941 interview that the man she referred to as "old master" came home from fighting in the Civil War and didn't tell the people he enslaved what had happened.

"Old master didn't tell, you know, they was free," Smalley said. "I think now they say they worked for them, six months after that. Six months. And turn them loose on the 19th of June. That's why, you know, we celebrate that day."

News that the war had ended and they were free finally reached Galveston when Union Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger and his troops arrived in the Gulf Coast city on June 19, 1865, more than two months after Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia.

Granger delivered General Order No. 3, which said: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor."

The now-free people in Galveston started celebrating Juneteenth the next year, an observance that has continued and spread around the world. Events include concerts, parades and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

WHAT DOES 'JUNETEENTH' MEAN?

It's a blend of the words June and nineteenth. The holiday has also been called Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day, second Independence Day and Emancipation Day.

It began with church picnics and speeches, and spread as Black Texans moved elsewhere.

Most U.S. states now hold celebrations honoring Juneteenth as a holiday or a day of recognition, like Flag Day. Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia and Washington, and hundreds of companies give workers the day off.

Opal Lee, a former teacher and activist, is largely credited for rallying others behind a campaign to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. The 96-year-old had vivid memories of celebrating Juneteenth in East Texas as a child with music, food and games. In 2016, the "little old lady in tennis shoes" walked through her home city of Fort Worth, Texas and then in other cities before arriving in Washington, D.C. Soon, celebrities and politicians were lending their support.

Lee was one of the people standing next to Biden when he signed Juneteenth into law.

HOW HAVE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS EVOLVED OVER THE YEARS?

The national reckoning over race ignited by the 2020 murder of George Floyd by police helped set the stage for Juneteenth to become the first new federal holiday since 1983, when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created.

The bill was sponsored by Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass., and had 60 co-sponsors, a show of bipartisan support as lawmakers struggled to overcome divisions that are still simmering three years later.

Now there is a movement to use the holiday as an opportunity for activism and education, with community service projects aimed at addressing racial disparities and educational panels on topics such as health care inequities and the need for parks and green spaces.

Like most holidays, Juneteenth has also seen its fair share of commercialism. Retailers, museums and other venues have capitalized on it by selling Juneteenth-themed T-shirts, party ware and ice cream. Some of the marketing has misfired, provoking a social media backlash.

Supporters of the holiday have also worked to make sure Juneteenth celebrators don't forget why the day exists.

"In 1776 the country was freed from the British, but the people were not all free," Dee Evans, national director of communications of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, said in 2019. "June 19, 1865, was actually when the people and the entire country were actually free."

There's also sentiment to use the day to remember the sacrifices that were made for freedom in the United States — especially in these racially and politically charged days.

Said Para LaNell Agboga, museum site coordinator at the George Washington Carver Museum, Cultural and Genealogy Center in Austin, Texas: "Our freedoms are fragile, and it doesn't take much for things to go backward."

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AROUND TOWN

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Welcome to SMDP's weekly column highlighting goings on in and around Santa Monica this week.

Your weekend starts here with the AIDS/LifeCycle Finish Line Festival that is expecting 10,000 people by the beach in Ocean Park, a variety of Pride Month activities, outdoor movies, some food suggestions, and much more!

AIDS/LifeCycle 2023 Finish Line Festival (Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.): About 10,000 people are expected to help celebrate the cyclists and roadies as they finish their 7 day / 545 mile journey from SF @ Beach Parking Lot 4 South (2030 Ocean Ave). For volunteer visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdLy9x2Zo3GejaGsD963JVC9OoxM_UaR0GkgI3VFTHAhmXy-A/viewform (I am working the 1-5pm shift if you want to join me) and visit for more details https://www.aidslifecycle.org/event/aids-lifecycle-2023-finish-line-festival/ on the schedule of events.

Kidical Mass Rainbow Ride for Pride (Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.): The City is partnering with Santa Monica Spoke to celebrate Pride Month with cyclists of all ages. Learn and practice rules of the road and safe biking skills by attending the Rainbow Ride for Pride starting at Memorial Park. For more information visit https://www.smspoke.org/event/kidical-mass-rainbow-ride-for-pride-06-10-2023/

Community Garden Open House (Saturday 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.): Come tour the Main Street Community Garden with complimentary refreshments and conversations with Community Gardeners. "Looking to get answers to some gardening questions? Need some summer vegetable seeds to get started? This is the place and time to get these handled."

The Sandlot @ Street Food Cinema Will Rogers State Historic Park (Saturday 6:00 p.m.): LA's largest outdoor cinema and music series is back for another season around town with this dog friendly event on the Westside that includes food trucks and live music." For tickets visit https://www.goldstar.com/events/pacific-palisades-ca/street-food-cinema-films-music-and-food-tickets

Chess Tournament on Third Street Promenade (Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.): Visit https://downtownsm.com/events-calendar/8585/chess-sundays for more details on the kick off for "Chess Sundays." "Bring a friend or meet a new one for some casual chess play every Sunday through the summer."

Queer Prom @ Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club (Monday 7:00 p.m.): The theme is astrology and mythology. Visit here for ticketshttps://www.eventbrite.com/e/queer-prom-2023-tickets-615326798017 or send an email to Genevieve genevievefrances05@gmail.com to support or volunteer.

Made with PRIDE Marketplace is open every Friday through Sunday in June on the first floor of Santa Monica Place featuring over a dozen LGBTQ+ business owners. Visit https://smdp.com/2023/06/02/pop-up-marketplace-made-with-pride-returns-to-santa-monica-place/ for more details.

"The Continued Struggle for Emancipation: A Juneteenth Discussion" (Wednesday 4:30 - 6:30pm): The panel discussion will focus on Juneteenth and how Black Americans are still fighting to be emancipated. For more details visit https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4jyw68vegqmk009praz5c6rbwy/202306141630

WHAT TO EAT?

The Infatuation's "Best Sandwich Shops In LA'' Praises Bay Cities & Lady & Larder: Of course this list https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/guides/best-sandwich-shops-in-la includes perpetual Westside favorites as Bay Cities and Gjusta, but it also praises Lady & Larder @ 828 Pico saying its "secret sandwich menu makes it a top priority for your lunch rotation." "You can't go wrong with the DayDreamer slathered with fromage blanc and thinly sliced turkey, or the Yes, Honey with sweet ham, mustard pickle relish, and a heaping pile of shredded cheddar."

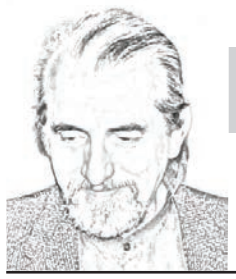
Resy's The June Hit List Includes Two New SaMo Restaurants: Mon Ami & Bar Monette (both in downtown SaMo) topped this list! https://blog.resy.com/2023/06/los-angeles-restaurants-june-2023/

Pasjoli Launching New Tasting Menu: Visit https://la.eater.com/2023/5/30/23738099/pasjoli-santa-monica-new-tasting-menu-restaurant-los-angeles-fine-dining-dialogue for details on "Chef Dave Beran 12-course Dégustation at Pasjoli features heavy French and some seasonal Japanese influences." The menu launches June 8 and costs $195/person.

Cobi's on Main Street Recognized by the Michelin Guide: In the following post https://michelinmedia.com/c0/michelin-guide-california-gains-10-restaurants from The Michelin Guide details Cobi's being among the new additions to the California list of Michelin recognized restaurants.

NEXT WEEKEND: Juneteenth Celebration @ Virginia Avenue Park and the Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta @ Annenberg Community Beach House, both on Saturday June 17.

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.



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TONIGHT!- 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.

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 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 tim. But some shows are selling out, so.... Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20-35.

DAN NAVARRO – I claim no shame for taking a while to get Navarro on my always-recommended lists. And it's no reflection on him either. Music is like that. Sometimes it hits you between the eyes within seconds, and other times it may take years for you to get it. No judgments. But if you have finally added another song or album or band or performer to that cosmic landscape that moves your soul, just celebrate it. And keep searching for the next ones. It is an unlimited universe, you know, writhing, expanding and exploding from those seven notes. Navarro is all in on his vocals and playing and even his body language, and he tells some great little stories. It's pretty hard not to be drawn in. Sat 8 p.mMcCabe's,



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THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: "MACBETH"' – As you can see from the column headline, and subhed, above, this is an event I am excited sbou. How can it ever get old watching outstanding actors right in front of you on a stage, doing the great works of the Brd plus plays from authors you may never heard of – who blow your mind? First off – "Macbeth"? "Macbeth"?! Go get your tickets right now, then write me a thank you note after the performance. Sat 7:30 p.m., Theatricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-48.

LIBRARY GIRL, "THIS IS WHAT POETRY LOOKS LIKE WITH YOUR EYES OPEN" - Don't overthink the title, just go, because unless the Universe has cracked, this will be another satisfying excursion into the world of images and feelings that will probably make you laugh and/or even cry. You're not going to find that in front of your screen. Going on 14 years of real emotion from real good wordsmiths, and you don't even have to drive across LA for an hour. In fact: free parking, and free dessert to top it off, plus live music by blueswoman Janiva Magness, with John Schroeder.. Right here in good ol' Santa Monica, possibly ... the creative center of the planet? There is an argument for that, and Library Girl and the Ruskin would be key pieces of that assertion.. Sun 7 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, SM Airport, $20-35.

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM: "A MIDSUMMEER NIGHT'S DREAM' – see "MACBETH" above. Sun 3:30 p.m., Thetricum Botanicum, Topanga Canyon, $15-48.

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,

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Protesters brawl as Southern California school district decides whether to recognize Pride Month

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Protesters briefly scuffled and punches flew Tuesday as a Southern California school district decided whether to recognize June as Pride month.

Several hundred people gathered in the parking lot of the Glendale Unified School District headquarters, split between those who support or oppose exposing youngsters to LGBTQ+ issues in schools.

Some opponents wore T-shirts emblazoned with: "Leave our kids alone."

It was the same slogan used by some demonstrators last Friday outside Saticoy Elementary School in Los Angeles to protest a planned Pride assembly.

As in Glendale, police officers had to separate groups of protesters and counterprotesters who came to blows.

Across the nation, Pride month celebrations are kicking off amid rising backlash in some places against LGBTQ+ rights. Community parade organizers, school districts and even professional sports terms have faced protests for flying rainbow flags and honoring drag performers. While some Republican-led states are limiting classroom conversations about gender and sexuality and banning gender-affirming care, some Democratic cities and states are seeking to expand LGBTQ+ rights and to honor the community's contributions.

In Glendale, police quickly moved in to stop clashes, separated the two groups and cleared the parking lot. Police said they arrested two people on suspicion of obstructing officers and one person for unlawful use of pepper spray. TV reports also showed a man being taken away after lying down in the street and refusing to move.

No injuries were reported.

Inside the packed meeting room, the school board late Tuesday night approved, for the fifth year in a row, a resolution designating June as LGBTQ+ Pride month.

However, most of those who addressed the school board discussed broader issues of how sex and gender are handled under district policy, with supporters arguing that LGBTQ+ children need to feel safe and included in classrooms while opponents contended that schools are usurping parental authority and pushing unnecessary and even harmful views on gender.

In an earlier statement, the district said "intentional and harmful disinformation has been circulating about what is being taught" and said it follows state law and education policies.

Earlier Tuesday, the Los Angeles Unified School District school board unanimously voted to recognize Pride Month. The resolution also encouraged all schools in the nation's second-largest district to incorporate lessons on the LGBTQ+ community into the curriculum and affirmed a "commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive learning environment for all LGBTQ+ students, families, and staff members."

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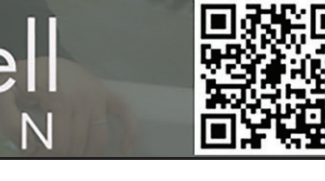
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

54 Foster Youth and First-Generation College Graduate Receive $2,000 Gift

The third annual Ready to Succeed (RTS) Graduation Celebration took place at the UCLA Luskin Conference Center in Los Angeles today, marking a monumental achievement for the new college graduates and the network of champions who helped make it possible. The celebration was emceed by Emmy Award-winning Fox anchor and reporter, Christina Pascucci. She was joined by keynote speaker, David Ambroz, the best-selling author of the memoir A Place Called Home, a two-time Emmy Nominated producer, and a national poverty and child welfare expert and advocate, recognized by President Obama as an American Champion of Change. He is also a former foster youth who is now a foster parent. To launch the organization's graduates into life after college, the Change Reaction awarded $2,000 to each graduating Ready to Succeed Scholar.

Ready to Succeed is a career and personal development nonprofit that empowers foster youth and first-generation college students to graduate, launch successful careers, and reach their full potential. Los Angeles County is home to the nation's largest foster care system, where only 4% of foster youth will graduate from a four-year university and be positioned for career-track jobs. RTS has developed a program– founded on a Fortune 500 CEO training curriculum– to holistically meet the needs of these underrepresented youth. As a result, 90% of RTS Scholars graduate college in 4.5 years, 89% secure strong entry-level jobs in fields they want to work in within six months of graduation, and 95% say they can envision a brighter future for the first time in their lives.

"Everybody needs a navigator. This isn't about helping students pass the finish line. It's about supporting them in their first mile and addressing all the challenges that are unique to their lived experience," says Romi Lassally, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Ready to Succeed.

"The building blocks for a successful career and resilient future start with building confidence, helping them own their story, and creating pathways for relationships with people willing to lend their social capital."

This year's signature Graduation Celebration honored philanthropists and early RTS supporters, Rosa and Bob Sinnott. As CEO of Kayne Anderson, Bob was one of the first to offer a paid internship placement to an RTS Scholar– a critical part of RTS' proven success model. That internship went to RTS alumni Scholar Natalie Catalan, helping to solidify her now blossoming career in financial services. Natalie is the first-ever alumni Board Member for RTS and a VP at Canyon Partners, LLC.

Scholars who complete RTS programming have more confidence, tangible experience, and professional networks that provide a solid foundation for their futures. RTS 2023 Graduating Scholar Edgar Lopez shared with the audience his journey and Ready to Succeed's role in his success.

"Neither of my parents finished high school but my family instilled in me the value that education is the key to a better future. In ninth grade, during a bus ride home, my best friend and I made a pact to pursue our dreams at UC Berkeley. It wasn't easy though, as a firstgeneration college student, I faced a lot of obstacles and felt pressure," Lopez said. "When that letter finally arrived, my mom and I shed tears of joy. After falling in love with coding in 2020, the fall of 2022 brought an unprecedented wave of tech layoffs, and I found myself facing a daunting reality: no job, no plan, nowhere to go after graduation, and a sense of hopelessness. It was during this low point that I turned to my Ready to Succeed career advisor for support, and I'm glad I did." Lopez went on to share: "My RTS advisor, Lucy, introduced me to contacts at Target, and I'm happy to say that I was just offered and accepted a job as a full-time data analyst upon graduation."

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US ARMY

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Public Information; Anuj Gupta, Santa Monica Deputy City Manager; Kathryn Jeffery, President of SMC and Mayor Gleam Davis.

In a lengthy discussion session, the group shared ideas and thoughts on the benefits of improving the interaction between educational institutions and the U.S. Armed Forces for not only veterans returning to education, but also in the process of recruiting new talent and fresh, young minds.

"A lot of students come here for opportunities. They come to Santa Monica College because of financial difficulties or they don't have a direction on what they want to do. So the Army can provide financial support for many," Hong said.

"There's also a misperception about what going into the Army means. It doesn't mean you have to go into combat, you don't have to be infantry and get put in harm's way. There are over 150 jobs that you can do. You can be a doctor, you can be a lawyer, you can be an intelligence officer or even an architect," Hong said, adding, "You don't even have to be full time, you could be part time as a reservist or National Guard."

The gathered assembly was then given a tour of the Veterans Success Center at SMC, which serves veterans entering college either for the first time or returning to college to further their education. A number of educational pathways and opportunities are provided to make college affordable for student veterans, including ROTC, GI Bill, tuition assistance, degrees, certifications and credentials.



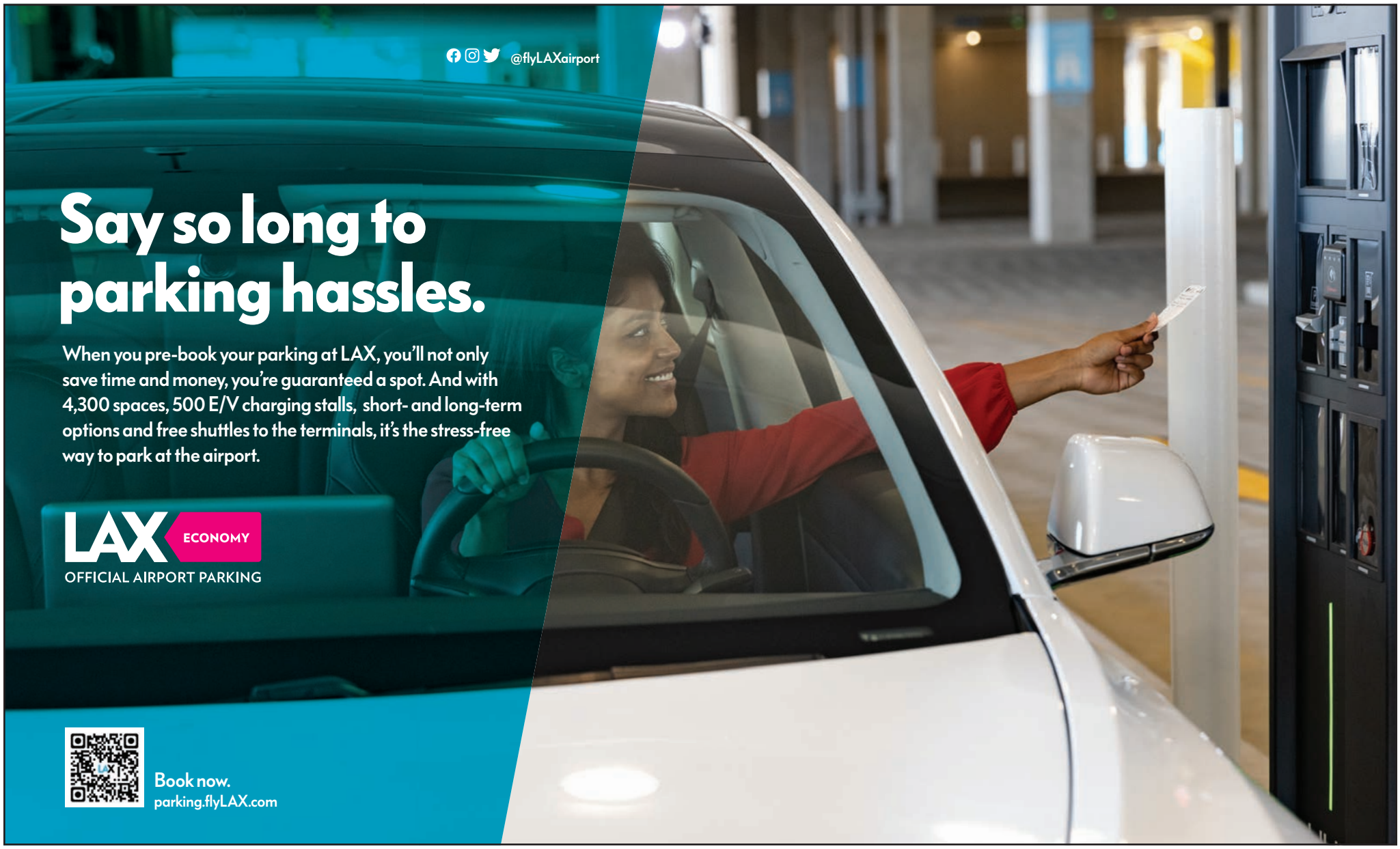
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GUESTS: An impressive list of invitees gathered at SMC, including Deputy Under Secretary of the Army, Mario A. Diaz and Mayor Gleam Davis.

"There's a natural nexus between four year programs or two year community college programs like Santa Monica College, because the army can help pay for various degrees and pay back student loans, but the career pathways that we offer, we offer something for everybody," said Hindert.

"We have hundreds of career pathways, including medicine, law, engineering, almost any job you can think of in the civilian world, we offer a pathway for that," Hindert said, adding, "The army is not necessarily for everybody, but every student should at least have the opportunity to know what pathways are out there for them and some of the benefits that are associated."

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MALIBU

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Jurors found him guilty of the burglary charges, as well as attempted murder for deliberately shooting at a man driving to a movie set just days before Beaudette's killing. The driver was not injured.

The park was closed temporarily after the slaying. Much of the park, which has served as a set for movies and TV shows such as "M.A.S.H.," has been charred in wildfires.

Rauda previously served time in state prison for possessing explosives and later for possessing a loaded gun, which is illegal for people with felony convictions. He was on probation at the time of his arrest, authorities said.

CO-PARENTING

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day. The number shot up to 100 on some days in 2020 and 2021. Things have stabilized for now among its 100,000 members. Costs are in the $30 range monthly.

Tracy Smith, 43, is an immigration attorney in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She found Modamily in 2020 and has been trying to find a platonic arrangement with a stranger.

"I've always wanted to become a mother. I've always wanted my own biological child," she said. "But I've really not had great luck in relationships. I've been on dating apps for 13 years."

Smith has spoken to male friends about platonically parenting together.

"I haven't found anybody who's willing to take that leap. I mean, it's a big commitment. The No. 1 choice is a romantic relationship that leads to a baby. But I mean, I'm 43 and

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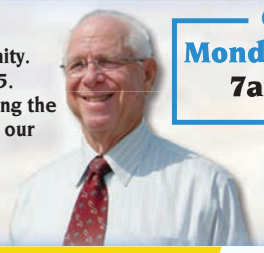
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8)

You'll be adored, admired and gifted. Because you so easily motivate others toward a common goal, you will often be appointed as the group leader. More highlights: a win will have you celebrating with a whole team; you'll benefit from new tools and inventions; and you'll speak on topics people struggle with, provide much help and be hired as an expert. Virgo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 21, 4, 16 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You keep running into the same person or the same interpersonal dynamic. Pay attention. Your past and future are connected to this scene. Though destiny has a role here, your hand is still guiding the plot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The important thing is to go forward, one step at a time, no stopping. "You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great." — Zig Ziglar

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's much beyond your control today, but you still try to make people comfortable in interactions that involve you. There's an art to this. Though you're faultless, you may offer a quick apology to smooth things over.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your indecision is not born of fear; rather, it's a reaction to the confusing and vague options presented. Having no clear "right" way can be a liberation of sorts to just start trying things and rule out what doesn't work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Someone has been underestimating you. Either they just don't know you well enough, you haven't shown what you can do yet or they are incapable of getting you. Test all three theories to get to the bottom of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll see a shortcut; think twice before taking it. The shorter path isn't always faster or better. Which way will provide you with an enjoyable experience? Your fellow travelers impact this more than any other factor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't require life to constantly entertain you; rather, you let it set the stage with possibilities and when things get dull you take that stage and shine. This tendency of yours will charm someone new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It feels like it's taking forever to get used to something. Despite your discomfort, and as scary as it may be to move on to the next step, you're ready. Take the training wheels off. Let go and trust yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As you flow your attention to the best in yourself and in others, something remarkable will happen — less-desirable behaviors magically drop off. Attention grows things and inattention has the opposite effect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like math homework, the day's problem won't work itself out, but once you get into it, logic will prevail. Don't worry if you have to go slow. Everything gets solved the same way: one step at a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Oddly enough, asking more questions can sometimes lead to a sense of knowing less. In regard to relationships, a silence can be the best question of all. It invites people to talk about what's really on their minds and hearts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're creative and can often see the potential in raw materials that others would consider a random heap of useless items. Today you'll net glorious rewards from that which held no obvious promise.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

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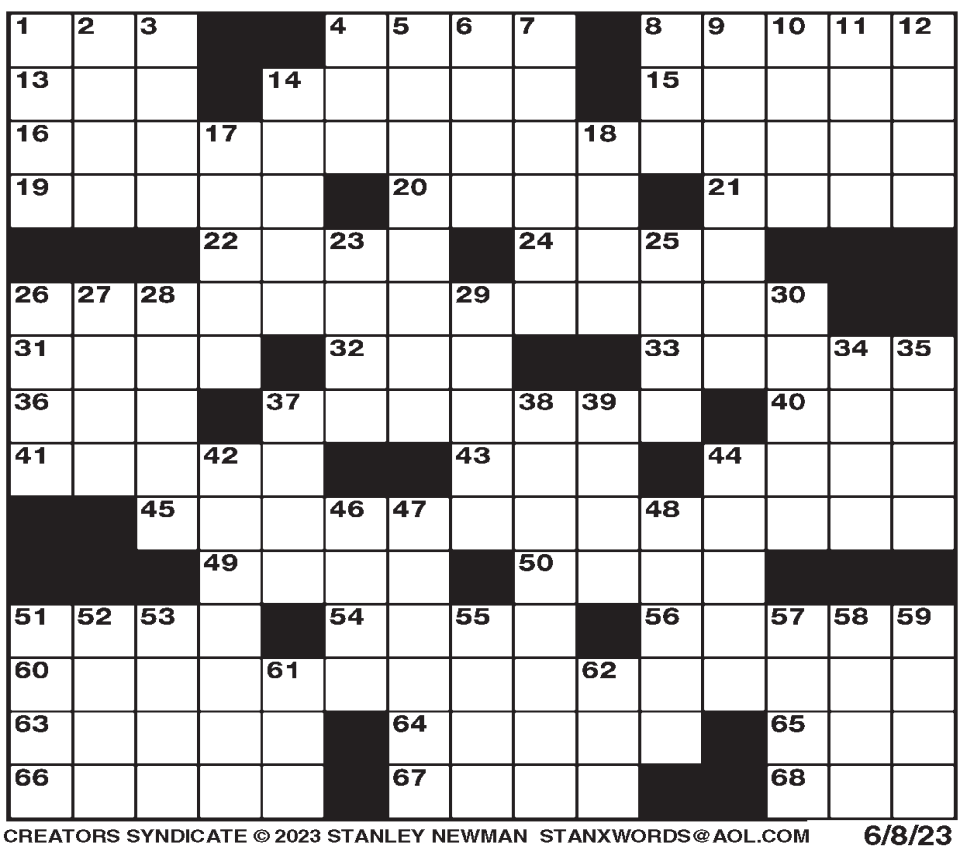
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Newsday Crossword

FORESEEING THINGS by Guilherme Gilioli
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ACROSS
1 __ Aviv
4 Challenge for a would-be GP
8 Allow to join
13 *Metal precioso*
14 Zesty dressing
15 Guillermo's good
16 What encyclopedia editors insist on
19 Did theater work, informally
20 Not falling for
21 "Such a pity!"
22 Nothing: Fr.
24 Just __ (small amount)
26 Business world's expansions and contractions
31 Noisy squabbles
32 __-jongg
33 Concerning kidneys
36 Hotel amenity
37 Free (of)
40 Base figure
41 Amusing but overdone
43 NY engineering school
44 Generic canine
45 Marathon equipment
49 Medal of Freedom tennis pro (1993)
50 Michael of *Arrested Development*
51 Downsides
54 Brewer's oven
56 Barnyard sounds
60 Producer's hope
63 Chair craftsperson
64 Young zebras
65 Make sure (that)
66 Court figure
67 Small wooden platforms
68 Local map abbr.

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2 Historical studies
3 Fishing spot for Scots
4 South FL hub
5 Home style
6 Moonwalker Shepard
7 Certs alternative
8 __ Dhabi
9 Built to last
10 Menu selection
11 Ancient llama herder
12 Playpen pile
14 Concern for a virtual meeting
17 Migratory seabirds
18 Annie Oakley employer
23 Plus-size model
25 Part of some plots
26 *Little Mermaid* hero
27 __-Cola
28 "It's OK to pay later"
29 Grasshopper sound
30 Film composer Morricone
34 Dual-power
35 Get a glimpse
37 Grasses in some whiskey
38 *Iliad*, for instance
39 Guilty pleasure
42 Wall covering of a sort
44 Swing wildly
46 Candy flavor, for short
47 Cause of 1773 overboard tosses
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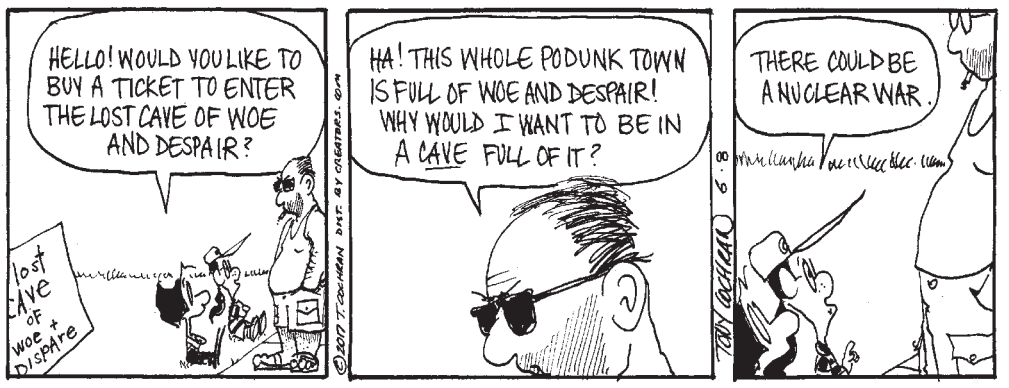


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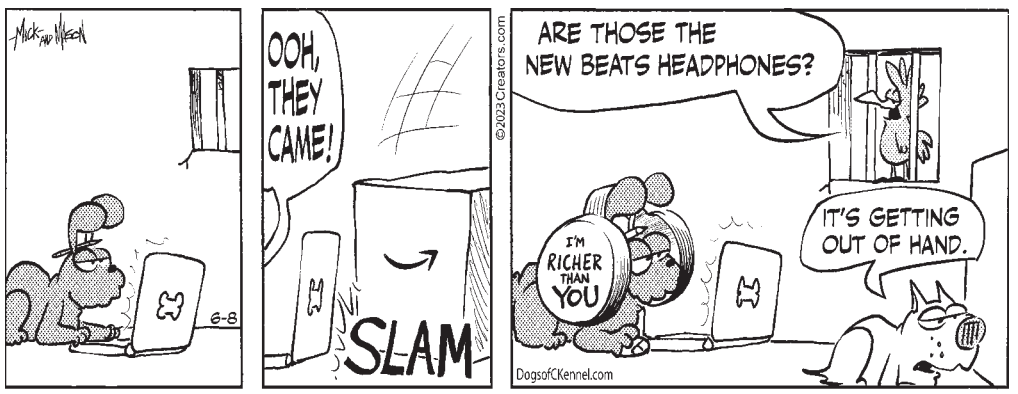
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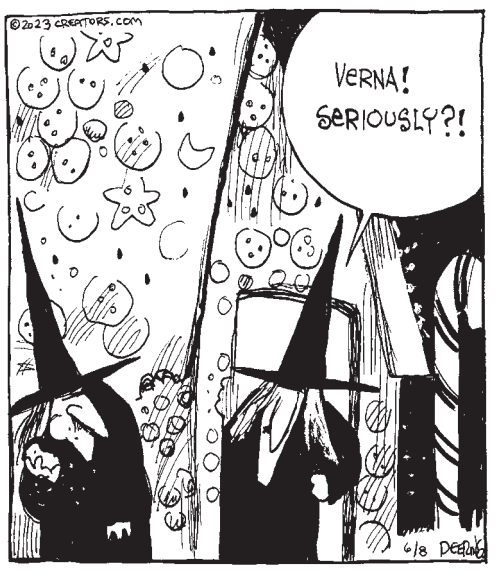
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 13 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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	Love	Rich	Tinsel
Cars	Mass	Roast	Toys
Casual	Mates	Santa	Tree
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SUNDAY | JUNE 11

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MONDAY | JUNE 12

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Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." [SMMC Chapter 9.56] City Council Chambers Santa Monica, CA

TUESDAY | JUNE 13

93RD COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
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WEDNESDAY | JUNE 14

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Children's Bureau is seeking foster families and now offers two virtual ways for individuals and/or couples to learn how to help children in foster care while reunifying with birth families or how to provide legal permanency by adoption. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about foster care and adoption, a live English Zoom Orientation is scheduled for June 15 from 4 to 5 p.m. hosted by a Children's Bureau team member and a foster parent. For those who want to learn at their own pace about becoming a foster and/or fost-adopt parent, a PowerPoint orientation is also available. To R.S.V.P. for the live orientation or to request the PowerPoint orientation, please email Rfrecruitment@all4kids.org or call 800-730-3933, or visit https://www.all4kids.org/foster-care-and-adoption-inquiry-form/ to complete a quick inquiry form. A link to the meeting will be emailed to you.

FRIDAY | JUNE 16

SAMO PRIDE DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME
Celebrate Pride Month with Drag Queen Storytime! Our guest of honor, Pickle, will lead an interactive storytime designed to challenge restrictive gender stereotypes, encourage self-expression, and promote diversity and inclusion. Annenberg Community Beach House. 415 Pacific Coast Hwy. Santa Monica, CA 90402

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **63.1**

THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	Another decent day on paper. S swell continues through the day, providing the best surf for exposed summer breaks through the region. Wind looks reasonably light for the morning.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Trending smaller through the day but could be another reasonably clean morning. Worth keeping an eye on if you want smaller but still rideable surf as S swell winds down. Only trace NW swell mixing in.

WEATHER

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 65.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 67.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/06/08	Thu	12:18 AM	5.85	H
2023/06/08	Thu	07:58 AM	-0.91	L
2023/06/08	Thu	3:04 PM	3.76	H
2023/06/08	Thu	7:19 PM	2.76	L
2023/06/09	Fri	01:22 AM	5.26	H
2023/06/09	Fri	08:55 AM	-0.51	L
2023/06/09	Fri	4:02 PM	4.10	H
2023/06/09	Fri	9:00 PM	2.66	L
2023/06/10	Sat	02:38 AM	4.60	H
2023/06/10	Sat	09:52 AM	-0.07	L
2023/06/10	Sat	4:53 PM	4.53	H
2023/06/10	Sat	10:46 PM	2.18	L
2023/06/11	Sun	04:07 AM	4.04	H
2023/06/11	Sun	10:46 AM	0.38	L
2023/06/11	Sun	5:37 PM	5.00	H
2023/06/12	Mon	12:07 AM	1.46	L
2023/06/12	Mon	05:36 AM	3.67	H
2023/06/12	Mon	11:34 AM	0.83	L

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/5
2 31 45 46 49
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 285 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/6
6 12 23 29 57
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 240 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/3
7 19 30 37 43
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 65 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/6
18 20 25 27 31

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

Draw Date: 6/6
MIDDAY: 7 7 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/6
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:43.67

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