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Santa Monica's first cannabis dispensary opens, six years after the original application

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Last week saw the first cannabis dispensary open in the city of Santa Monica, more than a year and a half after the permit was granted in October 2021, six years after the application was requested in December 2017 and over 26 years since medical marijuana was made legal in the state of California.

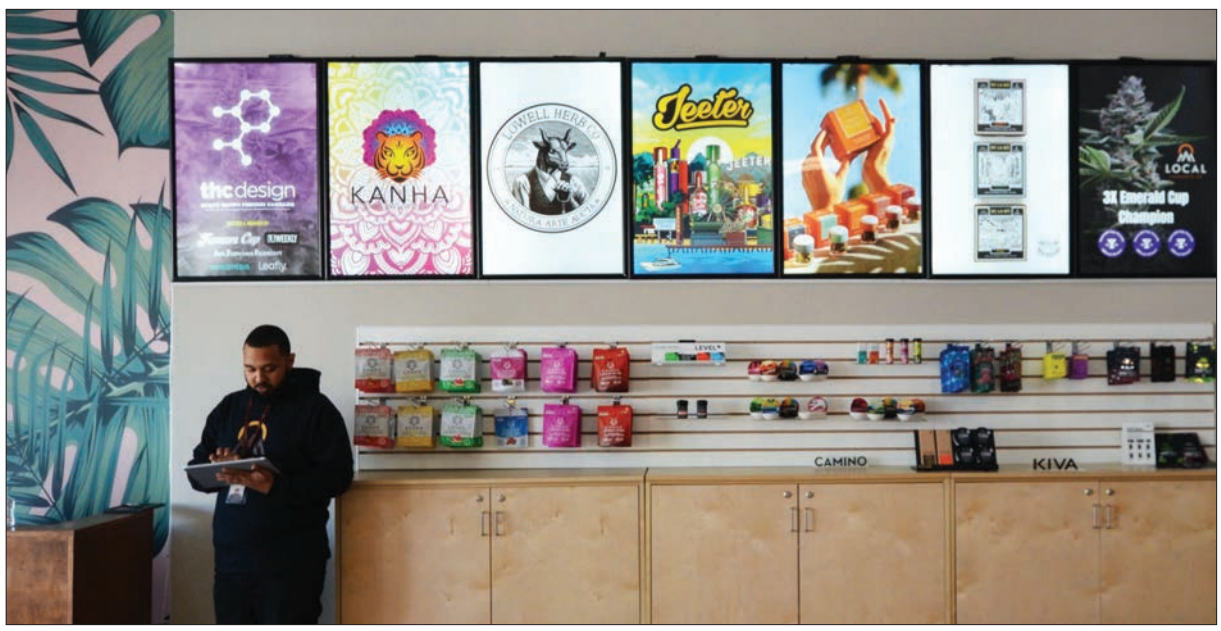
The dispensary is a branch of the Local Cannabis Company, which is owned by Massachusetts-based Calyx Peak and marks the first time the organization has opened an outlet west of Kansas City. Per the Santa Monica municipal code, the dispensary will be limited to medical use only, which means that customers will be required to have a doctor's recommendation to purchase products.

The request for applications ran from December 2017 through to February 2018 and saw over 21 different requests. A second dispensary, Harvest of Santa Monica, which was set to be situated at 1416 Wilshire Blvd was also approved, in January 2022, but that hasn't materialized yet.

According to Erin Carachilo, CEO of Calyx Peak, since it opened a week or so ago, over three-quarters of the number of customers who come into the store, upon hearing they have to fill in an application for a medical card, then simply leave without purchasing anything.

"It's six years on from when they decided to do this and look where the market for cannabis is right

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Scott Snowden

OPEN: The Local Cannabis Co. stocks every brand you might be familiar with from shopping at other stores.

Sale of cannabis and shortage of water set for discussion at Tuesday's Council meeting

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Arguably one of the most overdue topics facing the city of Santa Monica is finally set for discussion in Tuesday's Council meeting, that being the policy currently surrounding the legal availability of cannabis.

While the sale of medical marijuana has been legal in California since 1996, the very first dispensary has only just opened in Santa Monica. The City allowed applications for permits to sell marijuana in a period running from December 2017 to February 2018 and 21 requests were received. From there, two were chosen, one for CPC Compassion, Inc. and the other for Harvest of Santa Monica.

The former is the outlet that's just opened at 925 Wilshire Blvd and operates under the name of the store, the Local Cannabis Company. The latter was meant to be located at 1416 Wilshire Blvd, but that has yet to appear. Moreover, it took an additional 18 months after the permit was granted for the outlet to actually open.

Santa Monica's medical marijuana dispensary zoning ordinance, set in October 2017, dictated that only two licenses should be granted and the policy be reviewed in February 2020. However, at that point it was voted to be extended to January 2023 and in May 2022, Council requested that the City Manager schedule a study session regarding whether to allow for the sale of non-medicinal (referred to as "adult-use") cannabis in the City of Santa Monica. Subsequently, in the November 2022 election, voters approved Measure HMP, which enables the City to levy a business tax on every licensed cannabis business.

In the meeting that's scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. City staff will recommend that, upon viewing the presentation on key policy considerations, the Council discuss options for allowing adult-use cannabis sales and associated regulatory restrictions as may be appropriate. In addition, staff will also recommend that Council

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Attempted arrest of felony suspect ends in suicide

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The suspect in a violent felony case committed suicide rather than face arrest when confronted by police on Friday.

The Santa Monica Police Department served a warrant in the 800 block of E. 65th Street in the City of Inglewood at about 5 a.m. for Arthur Isaac (DOB: 04-25-1987) who was wanted for two violent felonies, one committed in the City of Inglewood and the other in Santa Monica.

"Because the suspect was wanted for violent crimes, SMPD detectives coordinated with the department's tactical team and Crisis Negotiation Team to serve the warrants," said a release provided by SMPD. "Officers negotiated with Isaac for over two hours, trying to get him to exit the location peaceably. SWAT officers eventually entered the location and found Isaac deceased; the cause appears to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound."

Isaac is a former employee of the Santa Monica Malibu School District where he worked as a custodian through August of last year.

SMPD declined to release any information regarding the crimes Isaac is accused of and a representative from the Inglewood Police Department was not immediately available to comment.

The Los Angeles County Coroner will be responsible for the death investigation.

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A catastrophic hunger crisis? California food banks are being flooded by families seeking help

RYA JETHA
Special to the Daily Press

Every two weeks, cars line up at The Hill Church in Vallejo for a drive-thru food distribution. While Whitney Houston songs play over a speaker, volunteers load 39 pounds of food into each trunk — canned tuna, eggs, potatoes and other staples.

Elvira Santiago, a retired medical assistant living in senior housing, is particularly excited about the bag of apples.

"We eat them every afternoon. And I'll cook chicken adobo with the chicken and vegetables," said Santiago, who visited the distribution Wednesday for the first time this month and expects to return again. "When you go to Savers or the Filipino grocery, $50 is hardly enough."

Santiago is one of the thousands of Californians visiting food banks this year, some for the very first time. The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano, which organizes the Vallejo distribution, is serving 350,000 people every month across the two counties — double the 175,000 people it served per month before the pandemic.

"With inflation going up and CalFresh food assistance going down, I see people in their 20s to people of retirement age all coming out for help," said Geo Dinoso, who manages distributions for the food bank. "I'm requesting more food every month at my distributions."

> "With inflation going up and CalFresh food assistance going down, I see people in their 20s to people of retirement age all coming out for help"
> - Geo Dinoso

California food banks, which saw more families seeking help during the pandemic,

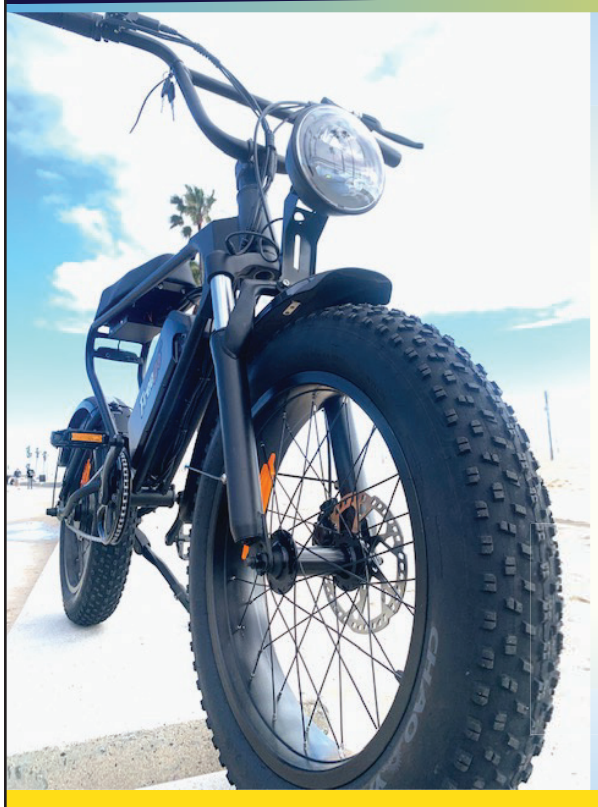
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Photo by Shelby Knowles for CalMatters

FOOD: Volunteers and staff with the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano load groceries into cars in Vallejo on June 7, 2023.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Safety must be Priority Number One!

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

In Friday's SM Daily Press Letter to the Editor the owner of Blue Plate restaurant on Ocean Avenue and a 30-year business owner in Santa Monica cites the horror and heartache of operating a business in Santa Monica today. Her shrinking number of customers and threatened employees are causing her and other small business owners to consider doing the unthinkable - Closing down and moving out.

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

Diversity, Equality, Inclusiveness don't pay the bills. Sustainability and climate change don't bring in tourists. Instead, stories in the national, international media and the internet show "Santa Monica Is Not Safe" backed up by images of homeless people defecating on the 3rd Street Promenade, while visitors eating at an outdoor restaurant on Wilshire or walking on the Pier are attacked and stabbed.

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

Everyone knows the internet severely impacted brick-and-mortar retail stores. Everyone knows Santa Monica was severely impacted by the riots and vandalism three years ago. Everyone knows we all suffered during the Pandemic. What we citizens and business owners in Santa Monica cannot understand is how Century City Mall and Rodeo Drive – both of which were impacted by the Internet, May 2020 riots, and the Pandemic – are not only recovering but thriving. What are they doing that Santa Monica is not? Are customers and employees there being attacked and threatened? Is there a strong, everyday presence of police and private security? Can Santa Monica do the same? Why not?

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

On Tuesday, 13 June 2023 the Santa Monica City Council is holding its regular meeting. Perhaps in the words of Santa Monica Daily Press columnist Jack Neworth, "the people mad as hell who won't take it anymore" will show up to voice their concern to the City Council.

SAFETY must be Priority Number One!

John Medlin, Santa Monica

Foot Traffic

Thank you for publishing the perspective of Jen Rush, Blue Plate Santa Monica on 6/8/23. She needs more paying customers on Ocean Ave. In other words, she needs more foot-traffic and she needs people to want to walk around Santa Monica.

I do not run a retail operation in the city of Santa Monica, and as a mother of currently little kids I'm not out in the evenings as much as I would like. But I have commuted from home to work between NoMA and DTSM every day for 4+ years without a car, walking past the Blue Plate restaurant locations hundreds of times. I also get to social events, shopping, and appointments without a car. I frequent the Expo Line, BBB routes 1, 9, 18, ride my bike, or walk.

If we're wondering why there isn't more foot-traffic in Santa Monica, I can tell you why I've found it harder and harder to be a pedestrian here. I can tell you it's very frustrating: Santa Monica with its weather and public transit should be a dream to be a pedestrian! But it's simply not. Why? The proportion of negative experiences on the street to positive experiences is way too high. We've got streets and alleys clearly meant to keep car traffic flowing fast (way too fast), contact with the mentally ill or extremely poor is crushing, and dodging sidewalk scooter riders is exhausting (with the miles I cover and the time I spend walking, I personally have up to three incidents with a sidewalk scooter rider a day!).

Jen is probably right that the politicians and the policy makers are behind a desk and don't see what's really going on. I'd also like to add that these folks PLUS their implementers and deliverers of these policies are spending too much time behind the wheel of a car and therefore don't understand what it's like to be a pedestrian, beyond the walk from the parking garage or parking spot to a Santa Monica destination!

I want to see Santa Monica thriving, too. I want to have far, far, far more positive experiences on the streets of Santa Monica than negative. For that, we need a lot more productive people walking the streets. Yes, productive people take the train! And we need more productive people out of their cars and onto the buses, trains, and sidewalks (at walking/running-speed please). This is going to come from continuing the great public transit we have here in Santa Monica, enforcing (whether through technology or personnel) the law against motorized scooters being ridden on the sidewalk, designing streets to be safer for humans not in a vehicle, and getting more housing right here in Santa Monica!

Blue Plate's customers will come in their own personal vehicles (it's post-streetcar greater Los Angeles, after all), but a lot will come from the nearby neighborhood, walk over from their workplace, as yes take the train! Let's not forget about making the experience of those people who will bring the all-so-important foot-traffic less miserable.

Lauren Akmaeva, Santa Monica

The Cost of Internet-Based Landlines Are Hurting California Seniors

I strongly oppose the shutdown of landline phone service in Santa Monica, and encourage our local leaders to look out for our vulnerable senior population and stand up to the big telecom companies.

My father relies on his landline to communicate. Though cell phones and internet-based phone services have replaced landlines, he still needs his old-fashioned landline as much as he ever has.

That's why I was shocked to learn that the FCC deregulated the telecom industry last August and now allows phone companies to shut down copper wire landline service completely, replacing it with internet-based alternatives.

While the rise of mobile and internet-based communication technologies offers undeniable advantages, we cannot disregard the unique benefits landline systems provide to 2.5 million seniors in California like him.

These time-tested systems have been lifelines during emergencies or power outages when cell networks falter. Their familiarity and ease of operation help folks like my father, who may feel uncomfortable using smartphones or internet-based phone services to stay connected.

The FCC may not look out for seniors in California, but our local officials should. If there's anything that can be done to require phone companies operating in Santa Monica to provide good old-fashioned landline phone service, our legislators should do it.

I'm not a stick in the mud - I understand that landlines are going the way of the dodo. But there must be a way to find balance in progress. By embracing balance, we can ensure that the unique benefits of these systems are not lost, fostering an inclusive, resilient, and connected society.

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provide direction on whether to bring back changes to the Municipal Code to allow for adult-use cannabis retail businesses and non-retail cannabis business types within the City.

The study session seeks Council direction on the following key policy topics:

1) Should consumer access to legal adult-use cannabis in Santa Monica be permitted, or should the City maintain the restriction of medicinal-only cannabis.

2) What types of cannabis uses should be allowed.

3) Should the City set a limit to the number of retailers and other uses.

4) Should only the two medicinal cannabis retailers be allowed to expand into the adult-use market, or should the City allow new cannabis retailers.

5) Where in the City should cannabis uses be allowed to operate.

6) Which land uses, if any, should be recognized as sensitive uses requiring a distance buffer from cannabis uses above and beyond state requirements.

Staff will also present the 2023 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report and a proposed adoption of resolution. Based on the findings from the annual assessment, staff will recommend continuing to require a 20 percent reduction in water use per the City's 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan, which was adopted by City Council in June 2021. (The City has remained in a "Stage 2 Water Shortage level" since 2014 and has consistently maintained 20 percent reductions in water demand from the guideline 2013 water usage levels.)

Although recent historic rainfall has alleviated drought conditions across the state, the City needs to use water efficiently and continue to conserve water where possible to adapt to climate change impacts on our water supply.

Single family, multi-family and landscape customer's water demand is projected to increase slightly as a conservative estimate for a potential dry year. The projected water demand for industrial, commercial and institutional customers also indicates an increase from 2022 water usage, due to economic recovery effort from the pandemic. Finally, fire demand and water loss are projected to remain the same as average levels.

Santa Monica's state of the art Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (SWIP), while promising to significantly increase the City's capacity to capture and reuse water, is still awaiting official activation with no timeline in place as testing and inspection continues.

Council will also hear an environmental impact report on the proposed Santa Monica Pier-bridge replacement project and the City will seek authorization and approval to proceed with the final design. The existing structure does not meet current seismic standards and the new design, whatever that turns out to be, is meant to alleviate both pedestrian and vehicular congestion.

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Homelessness is a crisis in California but we can't treat it like an emergency

As her first official act as the mayor of Los Angeles, Karen Bass declared a state of emergency over homelessness. She was later joined by the mayors of neighboring Long Beach, Santa Monica and Culver City, and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors.

Following these five declarations, the supervisors also announced the largest-ever investment in the county's homeless response: $609 million dollars over the next fiscal year. In May, the L.A. City Council approved a record $1.3 billion for homelessness programs.

For the 10 million people living in L.A. County, home to the worst of the state's homelessness crisis, this feels like a turning point – one that all of California can get behind.

We witnessed how emergency declarations escalated the response during the pandemic when FEMA covered the cost of filling motels and hotels with vulnerable unhoused people, and the state allocated substantial funding for housing and emergency services.

Just as the pandemic sparked action, these declarations can unlock resources at a moment when everyone is eager for change.

But there are drawbacks to applying an emergency label to homelessness. For one, it gives the impression that homelessness is a natural phenomenon like an earthquake rather than the result of policies that should not be repeated.

It can also imply a need for temporary solutions and short-term funding. A one-time infusion of cash can't overcome a systemic failure that is decades in the making. We demand long-term accountability from our homeless service providers but fail to make the long-term financial commitment they need to budget, plan and build on their successes.

The crisis frame can also push resources toward temporary shelters and away from permanent housing. That would be a mistake, since permanent housing has proven to be the most effective intervention. According to a recent report, 92% of supportive housing residents stay housed after six months.

Shelters certainly have a role to play, but they shouldn't distract us from achieving true success.

These emergency declarations are a phenomenal way to electrify our stalled approach to homelessness, but they will ultimately fail if we do not think in terms of permanent change. That means permanent funding for service providers, permanent homes for people living on the streets, and permanent reform to our tangled web of interconnected bureaucracies.

To start with, creating a more collaborative way for local governments to work together could improve how quickly housing is permitted and services are delivered. This approach has succeeded elsewhere: Houston made a 60% reduction in homelessness in four years by aligning all levels of government and the civic community on a single plan of action.

That level of collaboration would be a paradigm shift in sprawling L.A. County, where a hundred different quarterbacks call their own plays and then look for someone to blame for system failings. If we succeed here, as they have in Houston, other California cities could follow.

History has shown us that urgency cannot be taken for granted. Indeed, the city of Los Angeles' declaration is scheduled to expire on Monday. Without real structural change, we will find ourselves where we started before these emergencies were declared, with a fragmented and fitful approach to our most difficult challenge.

In fairness, our actions so far have laid a critical foundation. It's a testament to the many individuals working to solve homelessness that over the last five years: 84,000 unhoused people in L.A. County moved into permanent housing. Thanks also to investments by taxpayers and philanthropy, L.A. is rehousing more people every year than any other large city in California.

Significant progress has been made, but we cannot expect Californians to see it that way when the scale of homelessness remains enormous.

Homelessness is both an emergency and an ongoing challenge. It's good to hear our leaders recognize it. Let's take this energy and get to work creating a lasting model for change that can inspire cities and counties across the state.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

The SAM Initiative Completes Annual Giving Cycle with $500,000 in Grants to Local Nonprofits and Microlenders

The SAM Initiative recently completed its annual giving cycle, donating a total of $500,000 to seven grantees. SAM is a giving circle, started by Los Angeles philanthropist and non-profit strategist Mindy Freedman. SAM's mission is to passionately pool charitable dollars to fund and support programs committed to driving social change and promoting nonprofit sustainability. SAM is fueled by Freedman's personal motto: "We can do far more together than we can alone." Since its first giving cycle in 2013, SAM has granted $3 million to local nonprofits.

With a continued focus on nonprofit organizations that work to improve the lives of women, children, and families in Los Angeles, this Fall SAM awarded grants totaling $300,000 to the following organizations:

- Alexandria House Provides safe and supportive housing for women and children in the process of moving from emergency shelter to economic stability and permanent housing.
- East LA Women's Center Ensures that all women, girls and their families can live in a safe and healthy place, free from domestic and sexual violence.
- Ready to Succeed Empowers foster youth and first generation college students to graduate college, launch successful careers, and reach their full potential.
- Village for Vets Fills critical gaps in key services for homeless and at-risk veterans in greater Los Angeles.

SAM also looks to invest in the movement toward sustainable solutions for large-scale societal problems. As such, this Spring SAM focused its efforts on supporting organizations that provide access to capital, recognizing the significant role this plays in alleviating poverty. SAM granted $200,000 to three outstanding local organizations that provide microloans and support services to underserved women entrepreneurs to help them move toward economic independence:

- Accessity
- Inclusive Action for the City
- TMC Community Capital

With respect to SAM's focus on mission driven financial institutions, TMC Community Capital CEO Daniel Fernandez remarks, "It feels like we're building something together. After my very first conversation with the SAM team I remember thinking to myself, 'they get it.' Their refreshing approach is rooted in a genuine focus on the needs of the community and, truthfully, the needs of the organizations they choose to support."

SAM takes pride in educating and including the perspective of our youth. For the fourth consecutive year, SAM included students from Wildwood High School, and for the first time, SAM also welcomed Buckley School students into its process.

"It's been a pivotal year for SAM, celebrating our tenth anniversary. We reached significant financial milestones, and explored new avenues of philanthropy to invest in innovative means to reduce poverty." says Founder and President Mindy Freedman. "Our members continue to be generous with their philanthropic commitment and willingness to embrace new ventures in their giving."

Now in its 10th year, the SAM Initiative serves as a catalyst to improve the lives of women, children, and families in Los Angeles through engaged philanthropy. As a giving circle, SAM members believe that through collaborative giving we can do far more together than we can do alone. As of 2023, SAM has given $3 million in grants to the community. Members come primarily from West LA, the South Bay, the San Fernando Valley and the Conejo Valley. For more information, visit www.saminitiative.org, view the 10th anniversary video, and follow on social media @thesaminitiative: Instagram & Facebook.

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Jonathan Moore

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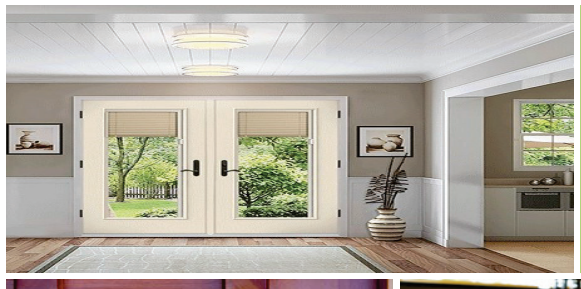


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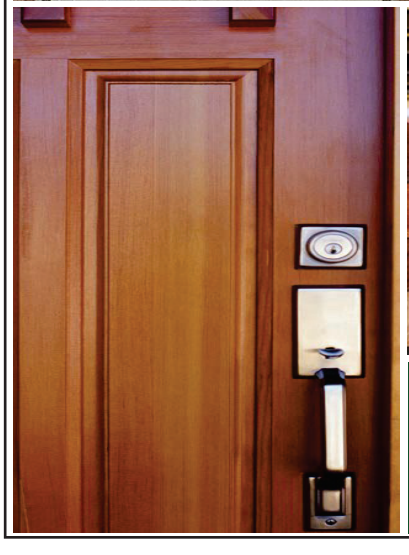
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Citywide

Santa Monica Department of Transportation Director Ed King to Retire in August 2023

The City of Santa Monica's Department of Transportation Director Ed King announced that he will retire in August 2023. King retires with more than 46 years of service in public transportation, spending the last 12 years as director for the City of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus, and most recently the Department of Transportation. His tenure at the City is preceded by leadership roles at Long Beach Transit and the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority.

"I started my career in transportation as a traffic checker, then bus operator at the Regional Transportation Authority in Chicago, and am grateful to have worked alongside many remarkable, innovative, and resilient colleagues along the way," said King. "I have been driven by the meaningful work of keeping communities connected to essential services and opportunities that improve social and economic well-being, and expanding access to safe, sustainable, affordable, and equitable integrated transportation options."

During his time with the City, King has led teams whose accomplishments include:

Developing a state-of-the-art, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certified bus maintenance facility, completed in 2012.

Becoming one of the country's first municipal transit agencies to convert its entire fleet to renewable natural gas (RNG), rated 90 percent cleaner than clean diesel, in 2015.

Completing an award-winning transit system redesign in 2016, resulting in six new bus routes; 53,000 additional annual revenue service hours; construction of over 230 Americans with Disabilities Act-accessible bus stops, and first-last mile improvements through integration with seven E Line (Expo) stations.

Publishing the Council-adopted Big Blue Bus Service, Design, Performance and Evaluation Guidelines, approved in 2018 and setting clear standards for effective and efficient transit service and ensuring transparent and inclusive stakeholder engagement on service delivery.

Partnering with rideshare company Lyft to launch Santa Monica's Mobility On-Demand Every Day (MODE) Program, which has provided nearly 200,000 sedan and wheelchair van rides to eligible residents since its inception in 2018.

Introducing Big Blue Bus's first battery-electric bus in 2019, and establishing a Fleet Electrification Master Plan, which outlines the agency's transition to a 100 percent zero-emissions fleet by 2030.

Expanding Santa Monica's bikeway network to over 120 miles and implementing pedestrian access and safety improvements along high-traffic corridors in Santa Monica, including Olympic Boulevard, Ocean Avenue, and Wilshire Boulevard, and at Vision Zero Priority Intersections.

Maintaining and operating 5,600 on-street parking meters and 46 parking facilities in Santa Monica.

"In his distinguished tenure, Ed has made tremendous improvements to Santa Monica's transportation network," said City Manager David White. "He adopted sustainable solutions for our transit fleet, restored services through our economic recovery efforts, and led the Department of Transportation through the challenges of COVID-19. I thank Ed for his steadfast leadership and years of service to our community."

King's last day will be August 9, 2023.

SUBMITTED BY ROBERT MCCALL



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RETIRE: Ed King will retire in August of this year.

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GET IT DAILY...

FOOD

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are now serving more people every month as extra benefits started during the pandemic come to an end. That is reducing benefits to 5.3 million Californians — and prompting the statewide food banks association to warn of a "catastrophic hunger crisis" this year.

Instead of functioning as sources of emergency aid, food banks say they are becoming long-term supermarkets for Californians facing food insecurity.

Recipients of CalFresh, California's version of the federal food stamp program, were given the maximum benefits available for their household size during the pandemic, or at least $95 more a month if they were already at the maximum. However, those emergency allotments ended March 26, meaning that for some single-person households, CalFresh benefits dropped from $281 to as little as $23 a month.

Also, a federal program that gives eligible households food benefits to replace in-person school meals will conclude at the end of this school year. While a summer program will replace it, the benefit will be $40 per month for each child, a substantial drop from the $125 per month for each child families received last summer.

Now, food banks are also worried about the federal debt ceiling agreement, which imposes more work requirements on food aid recipients.

"Often when people receive less CalFresh benefits or are kicked off the program more permanently, they turn to food banks to make up the difference. So we're concerned about what the debt ceiling agreement will mean for food banks," said Lauren Lathan Reid, director of communications at the California Association of Food Banks.

That surge in demand is already happening at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services, which in 2023, has already had two of its five busiest months ever. In March and April, it served 305,000 and 280,000 people, respectively. Before the pandemic, the food bank served around 150,000 people per month.

"We don't see an end in sight for this sustained hunger," said Kevin Buffalino, the food bank's communications director. "And if this is sustained, it is going to be very difficult for us to keep up."

Other food banks in Northern California have seen similar spikes in demand. Berkeley Food Pantry, which serves families in Berkeley and Albany, has seen a 56% increase in demand in the first five months of 2023 compared to 2019.



Photo by Shelby Knowles for CalMatters

AID: Elvira Santiago waits to receive food from the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano at The Hill Church in Vallejo on June 7, 2023.

Dharma Galang, director of the Berkeley Food Pantry, traces this increase in demand to a letter CalFresh recipients received in January informing them that emergency benefits would be scaled back in March.

Since then, the pantry has been running out of fresh vegetables, meat, eggs and dairy products — nutritious foods that are often more expensive at groceries.

Across the Bay, the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is serving 56,000 households per week compared to 32,000 households before the pandemic. The programs it offers, including neighborhood pantries and home-delivered groceries, are at or over capacity, with long waiting lists.

"To deal with this, we've had to scale back and simplify our menus," said Meg Davidson, the food bank's policy and advocacy director.

The food bank also works with a multilingual outreach team that helps people sign up for CalFresh benefits. Since March, many people have stopped applying for CalFresh because the benefits have reduced so drastically.

"To go from $281 to $23 a month is devastating, you cannot come back from that," Davidson said. "In a place like the Bay Area, the benefit allotments are completely out of touch with reality."

Even with the extra benefits during the pandemic, 20% of Californians still faced food insecurity in 2021. This year, the number is expected to rapidly rise.

From experiences during the 2008 Great Recession and recent survey results from food banks, Reid of the state association anticipates an increase in demand for food for many years to come.

SOLUTIONS AT THE CAPITOL?

There are efforts underway at the Legislature to increase the minimum CalFresh benefit. Senate Bill 600, authored by state Sen. Caroline Menjivar, raises the amount from $23 to $50 per month.

"I know $50 isn't enough. New Jersey has $95, and their cost of living is nowhere near ours," said Menjivar, a Van Nuys Democrat.

The bill, however, is estimated to cost $95 million a year, a steep price tag amid California's $31.5 billion budget deficit.

Food banks across California are in favor of this bill, in addition to SB 348, which would ensure access to summer food and school meals programs, and SB 245 and Assembly Bill 311, which would provide state-funded nutrition benefits to all Californians regardless of their immigration status.

"We're heartened to see that lawmakers at the state level have been acknowledging that this hunger crisis is still going on," said Davidson of the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank. "We've been seeing the exact opposite at the federal level with Congress holding the debt ceiling hostage over SNAP restrictions, and unfortunately we're seeing it from our local government."

All four bills have passed their first house, but could face hurdles to become law as the Legislative Analyst's Office warns that the state cannot afford costly new programs.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's May budget plan includes $60 million for CalFood, which enables food banks to distribute California-grown produce; more than $300 million for School Meals for All; and a total of $2.7 billion in combined state and federal funding for anti-hunger programs.

The budget does not include any money for Market Match, California's largest nutrition incentive program that allows CalFresh shoppers to double their benefits on fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets across the state. This has sparked concern from farmers, food banks, and CalFresh recipients who obtained 38 million servings of fruits and veggies through the program.

Newsom's plan also does not include money to increase the monthly minimum CalFresh allotment, and Menjivar said it will be a challenge to get it included.

Food banks are continuing to advocate for the bill to be in the final budget, which is now being negotiated, with a June 15 deadline for the Legislature to pass at least its version.

"Levels of hunger during the pandemic did not significantly spike, and that was only because we had public programs and food banks that stepped up. If we don't continue to have investments from the state and federal governments, then all the weight is going to be put on food banks," said Reid.

For now, people from all walks of life will continue to line up in their cars at the Vallejo food bank. Alvin Angeles, a 32-year-old caretaker in Vallejo who just had a baby, will wait in his car alongside Dave Terry, a 64-year-old on disability.

"It's a sad thing to see in our United States of America," said Terry. "I don't see an end in sight. We need a lot of policy changes."

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BID #4457 Contracted Custodial Services

Submission Deadline is August 4, 2023 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

Bids must be submitted on forms supplied by the City of Santa Monica. Bid packages containing all forms, specifications, terms and conditions may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Notice of Inviting Bids and related documents is: OpenGov (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for bid package and specifications.

CANNABIS

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now," Carachilo says. "And not a lot of people have medical cards, because they don't need them anymore. Since we've opened, we've only had about a 20 percent conversion rate. I think it's closer to 10 percent, but you can see how far off that is, it's people just not wanting to wait."

Coincidentally, the issue of non-medical cannabis retail business — or "adult use" — in Santa Monica is on the agenda for Tuesday's Council meeting. During the Item 7 study session, staff will recommend that, upon viewing the presentation on key policy considerations, the Council discuss options for allowing adult-use cannabis sales and associated regulatory restrictions as may be appropriate. In addition, staff will also recommend that Council provide direction on whether to bring back changes to the Municipal Code to allow for adult-use cannabis retail businesses and non-retail cannabis business types within the City.

"We've got the doors open, so that's a start, then we'll look at how to change this thing. We should be able to do both medical and regular sales. Medical customers should have access to medicine and shouldn't have to pay the same taxes, I 100 percent believe that," Carachilo says.

"Most stores should be doing five to nine million a year, that's normal. This area should easily make 10 million, especially given how many visitors come to Santa Monica," Carachilo says, adding, "And that's the other thing because a medical card is needed, it's restricted to only residents in California. I can't shop here, right, because I don't have a California license or ID."

"Santa Monica is still working off the antiquated medical only rules … This is something new, so they're going to tread slowly and carefully. I believe the residents would prefer to see a change and the reason is that you don't have to file your name in a system, you don't have to go through the cost of applying for a card and you don't have to go through all that time," Howard Keum, Chief Corporate Development Officer, Calyx Peak says. "It's quite time consuming when most adults in California can already self-dose and manage."

The Local Cannabis Company is at 925 Wilshire Blvd and is open every day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and the official grand opening will be held on Saturday, June 24.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 23SMCP00263Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Leah Desireé Mason for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Leah Desireé Mason filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Leah Desireé Mason to Leah Desireé TucciThe court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 07/07/2023 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES1725 Main Street Santa Monica, CA 90401A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 23VECP00296 Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Jaylin Blannon for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Jaylin Blannon for Jrue Trevin Lee filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Jrue Trevin Lee to Jrue Anothony Blannon The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 07/12 /2023 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: W Room: 610 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES 6239 Sylmar Avenue Van Nuys, CA 91491A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 12)

Your style will vary brilliantly. Whether you work from rational thought and compassionate feeling, or from passion and intuition, you are destined for greatness. More highlights: Mentors and supporters who keep you on track, a debt paid or conflict resolved, and work that brings you friendship, love, joy and laughter. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 14, 36, 12 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even though you're part of a group, feel free to express yourself and act independently. When you satisfy your curiosity and try and understand things better, it helps everyone. Your clarity will bring clarity to the others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It really doesn't matter who gives and who receives because as a giver you always feel lifted, and as a receiver you feel supported. The only thing not to be is someone who stands by.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Frustration is a teacher. If you ignore the lesson and get a bad grade, you'll have to retake the class. Instead, let frustration show precisely what's not working. Likely, it has to do with an expectation that is clashing with the reality of the situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success doesn't automatically lead to happiness, and happiness doesn't necessarily bring success. It will be lucky to focus on something else entirely, like doing what you're interested in long enough to learn a deeper level of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To place limits and boundaries in certain areas will allow you to make progress in other areas. Recognize which tasks cause you to live in a reactive state, like checking your email or being readily available to those who need you very much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have perspectives on problems that vex others. Your offerings make sense, or at least make people think. You have unexpected ways of looking at information, and the conversation gets interesting because of what you add.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People float subtle messages your way. They may think you're not receiving them, but you're ahead of the game, choosing to ignore anything that doesn't contribute to what you want to accomplish with your day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The responsibilities of ownership are something you take seriously, which is why you'll be entrusted with more. Take your time to think over a deal and reckon with what you could potentially be encumbered by.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you accidentally let things get hectic, it could be a sign. Is there something you're avoiding? It's probably nothing big, just something you don't want to do. Life improves once this is handled.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll collect data, determined to learn from every experience, noting what worked to get a desired result and what didn't. Because you're a keen and open-minded observer, you'll be delighted by unintended results today as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). One of the hardest kinds of learning there is: learning to unlearn. Amazingly, you'll do this wherever necessary now. You'll see the sticking point and you'll chip away at it until it's no longer hanging up your progress.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are instances in life where you need permission to go forward, and many more cases in which asking would be a hindrance for all. You have pure intentions. Make your bold move.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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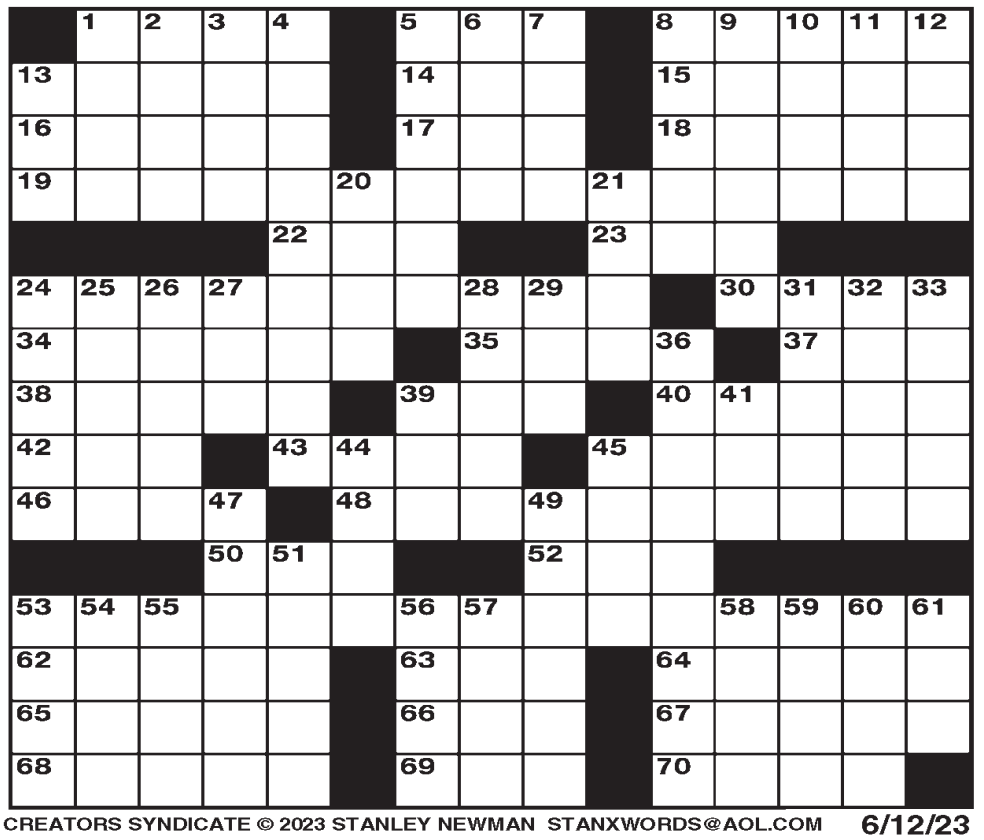
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Newsday Crossword

COLLEGE MAJORS by Stella Zawistowski
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ACROSS
1 Practice boxing
5 Sci-fi saucer, for short
8 House that might be "humble"
13 Mythology with Odin and Thor
14 Just published
15 Angel's opposite
16 Cause to swell
17 Did a marathon or sprint
18 Evening gown, for example
19 Major for a future programmer
22 Fish eggs in sushi
23 Insect in a colony
24 Major for a future reporter
30 "Shoo!"
34 Occurred next
35 Competes
37 Actress Thurman
38 Platform in a theater
39 Move like a rabbit
40 "Great blue" marsh bird
42 "You're it!" game
43 Person bringing a court case
45 __ the line (obeying)
46 Drove fast
48 Major for a future therapist
50 Big fuss
52 Museum display on walls
53 Major for a future prosecutor
62 Get the suds out
63 __ de Janeiro
64 Dials of grandfather clocks
65 Group of eight
66 Feeling under the weather
67 Unlocks
68 Backyard swimming spots
69 Change the color of
70 Take a break

DOWN
1 Piece for one performer
2 High school dance
3 Right away, in a memo
4 People coming back
5 Remove from a spool
6 Be scared of
7 Possesses
8 Provide as a bonus
9 Flat French hats
10 Baker's appliance
11 Shape of a Frisbee
12 Otherwise
13 Network with a peacock logo
20 Frog relative
21 Attended an event
24 Jokes around
25 Ready to serve from a keg
26 General custom
27 Floor covering
28 Elephant's tusk material
29 Drink a bit of
31 Quaint knickknack
32 Included with
33 Sharp in flavor
36 Aspires to
39 "For __ a jolly good fellow"
41 "Electric" fish
44 "Once __ a time . . ."
45 Drive-__ window (bank feature)
47 Silent movie heroine "in distress"
49 Try to persuade with flattery
51 Tries to lose weight
53 Any farm harvest
54 San Juan, Puerto __
55 Vanish __ thin air
56 Dry as a desert
57 "Pad" flower in a pond
58 Strip of sticky cellophane
59 Puts frosting on
60 Fifth of a nickel
61 Letter before tee

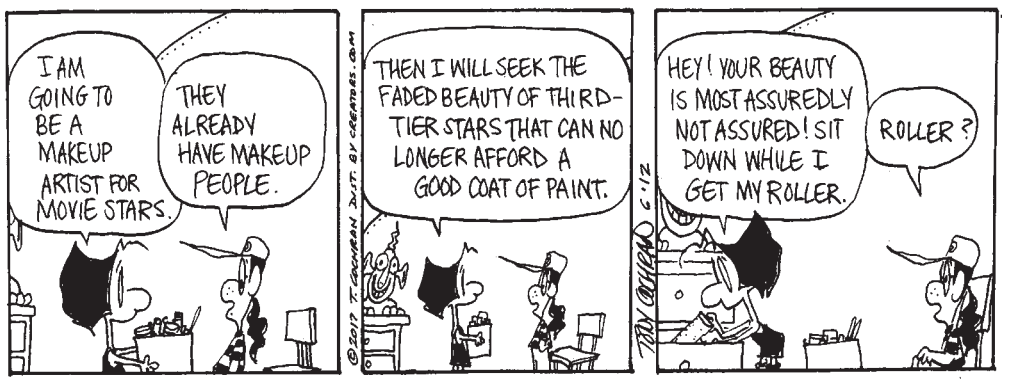


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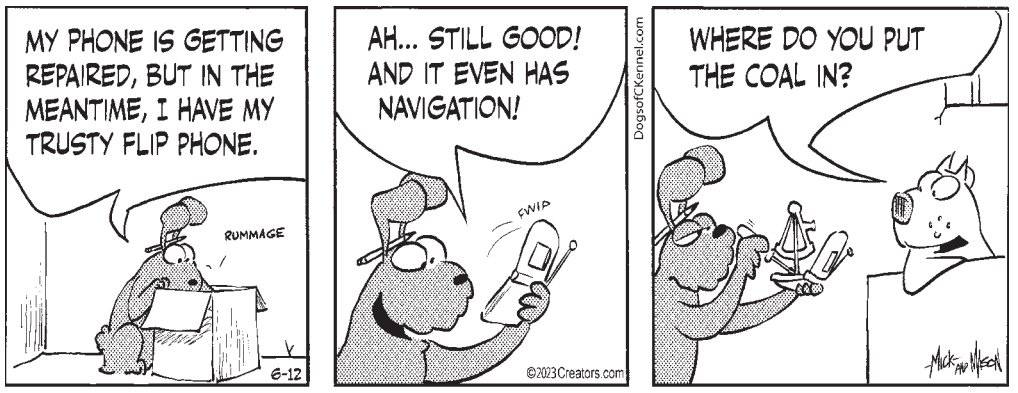
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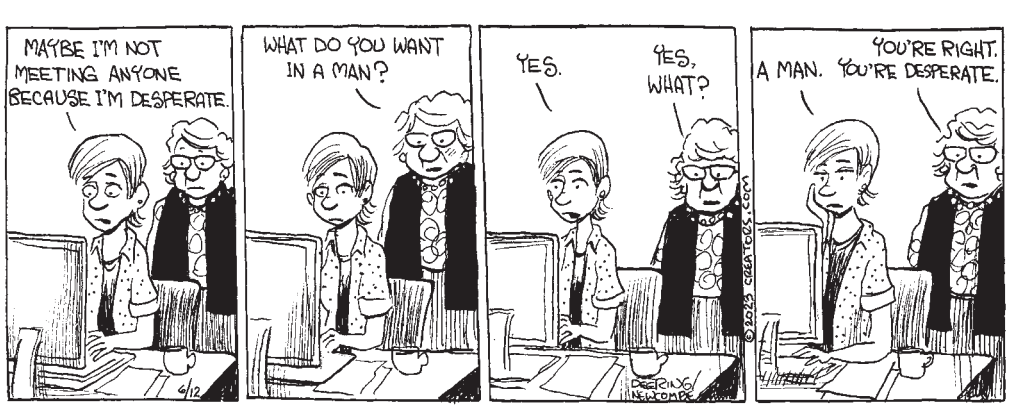
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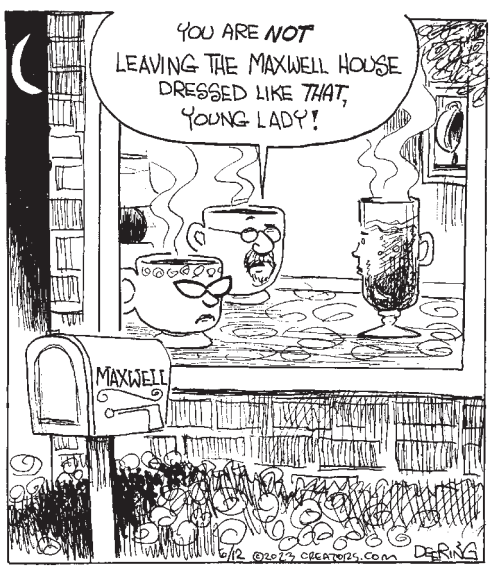
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"I ALWAYS KNEW THEY WERE PLANNING TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD."

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 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5873

On the river

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MONDAY | JUNE 12

LANDMARKS COMMISSION
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
Join SMC for a momentous occasion as they celebrate the achievements of over 5,000 graduating students! The traditional Commencement ceremony will be on-ground once again. Commencement Speaker: Christopher P. Lu, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations for Management and Reform. Eligible graduating students will receive RSVP details. Families/Guests: RSVPs are not required.

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 14

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE BUNGALOW
Meet at The Bungalow at Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows every Wednesday for Trivia Night. Test your knowledge, enjoy the food and fare and win over $500 worth of prizes every week. Bring friends and family for an epic showdown. See you there! The Bungalow. 101 Wilshire Blvd Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://thebungalow.com/santa-monica/#calendar

THURSDAY | JUNE 15

CHILDREN'S BUREAU OFFERING VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS
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

SATURDAY | JUNE 17

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION
Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica 90404 Join us at the Ishihara Park Learning Garden as we celebrate the impending Summer Solstice by focusing our energy on the sun !! by building a SOLAR OVEN. What is a Solar Oven you may ask? Come and find out.

CARDBOARD YACHT REGATTA
Have you ever dreamed of setting sail across the waters in your very own yacht? Now you can build your own cardboard yacht and test its seaworthiness in a race across the Beach House Pool. Build a yacht using just corrugated cardboard and duct tape, decorate it, cross your fingers and hope you can make it to the other side. $20 to participate. Register online at https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

UC MASTER GARDENERS AT PICO FARMERS MARKET
Visit with the UC Master Gardeners at the Saturday Pico Farmers Market. he booth is filled with free advice on how to care for plants, how to troubleshoot a gardening problem, and much more. Free seeds and seedlings are available on a limited basis. Market attendance is subject to change based on weather and holidays. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP
Join Heal the Bay for our June Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Register online at https://healthebay.org/event/nothin-but-sand-beach-cleanup-16/

31ST ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
Join the City of Santa Monica and the Juneteenth Celebration Committee, Inc. for an afternoon of music, unique food and craft vendors, and local resources to celebrate the 31st annual Juneteenth on Saturday, June 17th, from 1 to 7 pm in Virginia Avenue Park under the theme of Coming Together in Appreciation, Reconciliation, and Commemoration! Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 1 - 7 p.m.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **63.5**

MONDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Selective S/SSE surf as little NW swell mix continues -- blend of swells looks most rideable west of Dume. High tide in the morning will slow most of the region, shape improving as the tide comes down through the morning.
TUESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Easing mix of S/SSE swell and NW swell due, showing most size west of Dume. Morning winds mainly light. High tide slows the dawn patrol for most spots, looking for better shape mid morning as the ocean ebbs out.

WEATHER

Monday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 65.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 67.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2023/06/12	Mon	6:17 PM	5.45	H
2023/06/13	Tue	01:10 AM	0.70	L
2023/06/13	Tue	06:58 AM	3.50	H
2023/06/13	Tue	12:18 PM	1.27	L
2023/06/13	Tue	6:55 PM	5.83	H
2023/06/14	Wed	02:02 AM	0.04	L
2023/06/14	Wed	08:09 AM	3.47	H
2023/06/14	Wed	1:00 PM	1.67	L
2023/06/14	Wed	7:31 PM	6.09	H
2023/06/15	Thu	02:48 AM	-0.46	L
2023/06/15	Thu	09:07 AM	3.50	H
2023/06/15	Thu	1:39 PM	1.99	L
2023/06/15	Thu	8:06 PM	6.24	H
2023/06/16	Fri	03:28 AM	-0.77	L
2023/06/16	Fri	09:57 AM	3.52	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/7
16 21 29 53 66
Power#: 2
Jackpot: 308 M

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

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/7
6 14 16 23 27
Mega#: 4
Jackpot: 66 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/8
24 25 30 38 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/8
EVENING: 8 2 2
Draw Date: 6/8
MIDDAY: 3 1 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/8
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 06 - Whirl Win
Race Time: 1:41.71

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Statement of condemnation:

On April 24, 2023 windows of the Santa Monica Baha'i Center located on Colorado Avenue were shattered by large rocks that were thrown through the windows by unidentified individuals. This incident was recorded as vandalism.
The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council vehemently condemns the deliberate destruction of this and all sacred houses of worship.

Acts of violence directed at religious communities are particularly devastating because they are so widely felt. The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council represents a variety of religions, races, and nationalities. We come together as an expression of unity; we know any spiritual practice based in love leads to caring for all. Our mission is to bring that love to the greater community.

If you'd like to support the Santa Monica Baha'i community, please join in weekly Interfaith and Community Prayers for World Peace.

THIS WEEK'S TOPIC:

Racial Justice and World Peace

SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2023 | AT 7:00 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82103309510?pwd=eXhSdkFPQmR1d2hmS21oaFhNMUlOQT09
Meeting ID: 821 0330 9510 Pass code: 663444

We encourage you to bring a prayer, poem, or video to enhance your participation in the event.
We empower and support each other through community prayer.
Your presence will be appreciated.

WE STAND TOGETHER

- Kathleen Benjamin, President, Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council
- Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Santa Monica, CA, Jamshid Ashourian, Public Information Representative
- Rick Stoff, Executive Director, Volunteer Collective
- Sheila W. Banani, Baha'i member in Santa Monica
- Florence Benjamin, Communication Operator, Volvo of Santa Monica CA
- Rabbi Shira Freidlin, The Santa Monica Synagogue & VP, Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council
- Laurene von Klan
- Skip Jennings
- Rabbi Laura Owens, Congregation B'nai Horin, Children of Freedom
- Willa Wells Residents Council, Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council, Wellbeing Project
- Gary & Cindy Avrech
- Michele and Curt Wittig, Santa Monica residents
- Reverend Daniel Tamm, Deacon, All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills
- Carole and Bill Edwards
- Bonnie Johnstone, Saddened longtime resident of Santa Monica
- Shawn Landers, Co-Chair (2022), LA vs Hate United Against Hate Week; Member, Board of Directors, Human Relations Council - Santa Monica"
- Angela D Scott, CADEM Assembly Delegate (51) MBV
- Darya Jones
- Tara Barauskas, LEED AP, Executive Director, Community Corporation of Santa Monica
- Venecia Benjamin, Cafeteria Manager, SMMUSD
- Rev. Joanne Berlin, Co-chair Administrative Board, Church in Ocean Park. Participant
- Darci Niva, Executive Director, Westside Coalition
- Julie Rusk, Chair HRC, Founder, Civic Well Being Partners
- Deaconess Jeanne Roe Smith, Executive Director, 580 Café/Wesley Foundation serving UCLA, wfsucla.org
- Nat Travis
- Curtis Raynor, Santa Monica Friends (Quaker) Meeting
- Douglas W Clark, Retired Los Angeles teacher
- Michael Jackson- SM Resident
- Reverend Carolyn Baskin-Bell Senior Pastor First AME Santa Monica
- Pastor Albert Starr, Interim Pastor Mount Olive Lutheran Church
- Rev. Jeremiah Lal Shahbaz Kalendae, UU Congregation Santa Monica, Co-VP SMAIC
- Douglas W, Clark, Retired Los Angeles teacher
- Rev. Andre van Zijl, Interfaith Minister, Co-Founder of All Paths Divinity School and board member Southern CA Parliament of the World's Religions.
- Rev. Debrah Friedland vanzyl, Interfaith Minister, Co-Founder of All Paths Divinity School and Co-Chair Southern CA Parliament of the World's Religions
- Rabbi Michal, Ahavat Torah
- Ericka Lesley, Santa Monica Rent control board Vice Chair, Santa Monica Black Agenda Chair
- Erika Bell
- Karen Cross, AFS GLA Activity Coordinator
- Jen Philbin, Director of Youth & Missions, First Pres. Church of Santa Monica
- Rev. Tim Vance, First Pres. Church of Santa Monica
- Dn. Kevin McCardle, St. Monica Catholic Community

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