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Santa Monica's sensational summer festival, Pier 360, is back



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PIER 360: Paddleboarders entering the surf after the starting whistle for the SUP-Cross race.

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Without doubt, this week has marked the welcome return of summer; Wednesday was the summer solstice, the seemingly-eternal June Gloom finally appears to have lifted and most importantly, this weekend will also see the return of Santa Monica's sensational summer beach festival, Pier 360.

Taking place over Saturday and Sunday, this highly anticipated event promises a celebration of beach life with a wide range of activities for all ages, including thrilling ocean sports competitions, captivating live music performances, delectable

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Rent Control Board limits rent increases to $67

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Tenants in rent controlled apartments will see their rents increase by 2.8 percent or $67 this year, whichever is lower.

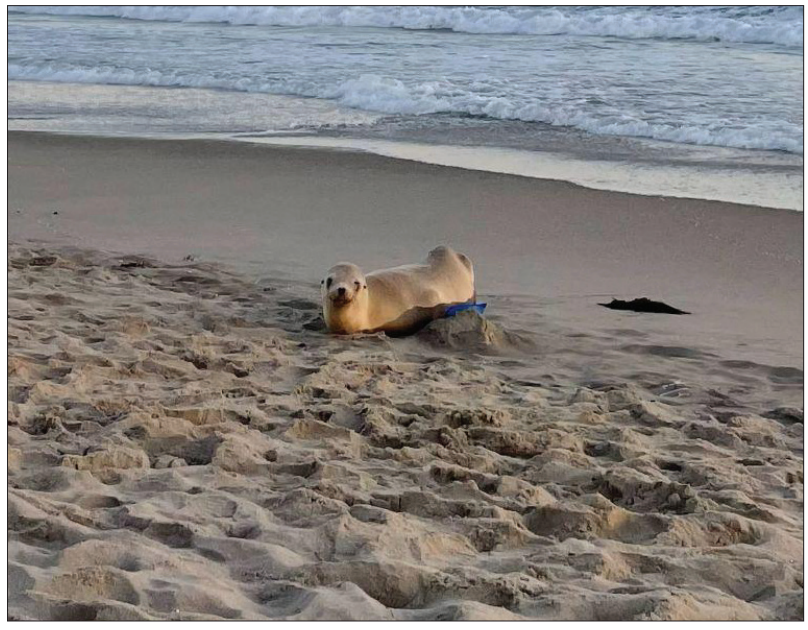
The Board has the option, but not requirement, to impose a dollar amount limit to the annual general adjustment (GA).

Rent increases in rent-controlled units are determined by a formula based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which limits rents to 75 percent of the CPI. This year, with a CPI of 3.7 percent, rent increases will be capped at 2.8 percent for the next year. However, the Rent Control Board has the option to establish a dollar cap on increases, which would be a maximum of $67 per month for units already paying $2,375 or more.

Last year, record inflation rates of about 8.5 percent led to a rent increase of 6 percent, the highest allowable increase at the time. This sparked a renter rebellion and prompted local officials to propose a charter amendment, Measure

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Sick sea lions left stranded on local beaches



Sienna Bevan

SEA LION: Sick animals are washing ashore on local beaches.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Local wildlife rescue organizations are currently overwhelmed with sick sea lions as an algae bloom offshore is endangering hundreds of large animals.

As many as six stranded and ill sea lions were stuck on Santa Monica beaches Thursday as local rescue organizations have no space to take them in following one of the worst ocean poisonings in memory.

Hundreds of sea lions are believed to have died in the first weeks of June, according to a statement by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service, known as NOAA Fisheries and experts believe a bloom of harmful algae is to blame.

The number of dead dolphins has reached about 100, according to Michelle Berman Kowalewski, founder and director of the Channel Islands Cetacean Research Unit, a Santa Barbara-based biosurveillance organization.

Tissue samples have been collected for tests to confirm the animals are victims of domoic acid, a neurotoxin produced by the algae Pseudo-nitzschia, according to NOAA Fisheries. The toxin enters the food chain and sickens marine mammals as they eat prey.

Domoic acid is also a risk to people who eat crustaceans, fish and shellfish that have accumulated elevated levels, according to the California Department of Public

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Child care providers demand raises from Gov. Newsom as California's budget deadline looms

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

Gabriela Guerrero's children are all grown and have moved out, but the former stay-at-home mom never stopped raising kids.

The children who attend her home daycare in El Centro, in Imperial County near the Mexico border, are as young as 3 months old. Some are the children of farmworkers who drop them off at Guerrero's house before their shifts in the pre-dawn hours. Nearly all are from families poor enough to qualify for state subsidies.

Many of the families can't afford basic needs, Guerrero said, so the 57-year-old makes sure to provide their children with milk, diapers and sometimes clothes.

"I want the families to go to work knowing that (their children are) well taken care of, and they're being loved and fed correctly," she said.

Guerrero's labor of love barely earns her a living. After paying two assistants and other costs, she figures she takes home about $3 or $4 an hour. She takes on credit card debt to keep her business going.

For years family child care providers — the vast majority of them women of color — have said they don't get paid enough by the state of California to cover the costs of their businesses. Their fight for better pay and benefits, a two-decades-old effort, is reaching a fever pitch in California's capital this year.

They're pressing Gov. Gavin Newsom to raise their pay, and they have the Legislature on their side. Lawmakers put $1 billion for raises in their version of a state budget that they passed last week. That funding remains one of the key differences between Newsom and the Legislature as they hammer out a budget deal before July 1 that accounts for an estimated $32 billion deficit.

The full cost of California child care

Newsom deemed the child care industry critical to getting parents back to work and recovering the state's economy from the pandemic. He signed legislation in 2019 allowing home child care providers like Guerrero to unionize and bargain with the state over subsidized child care reimbursement rates. And the state has issued multiple rounds of temporary stipends to providers who lost revenue during the pandemic.

But the 40,000-member union representing the home-based providers says Newsom's administration isn't offering providers enough to keep them in business long term. The union's current contract expires in less than two weeks, at the end of June.

Bargaining for a new one this year, the union has called for a 25% bump in reimbursement rates the state pays to providers who care for low-income families' kids — and state funding for the union to set

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PROTEST: California Senate Majority Leader Eloise Gomez Reyes speaks to the crowd gathered for the Child Care Providers United Rally at the California State Capitol in Sacramento on June 15, 2023.

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In 'Every Body,' a galvanizing moment — and celebration — for the intersex community

JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Like some 260,000 Americans, Sean Saifa Wall was born with significant intersex traits. The sex on the birth certificate was checked "ambiguous" and then crossed out.

Wall was instead labeled female on the document and, at the age of 13, after his mother was inaccurately warned of a cancerous threat, his testes were removed. Doctors told his parents to raise him as a girl, though Wall later developed masculine features and now identifies as a man.

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> - Sean Saifa Wall

"They literally stopped my development — I was starting to develop as male. And they stopped it right there and changed course. It was a hard left," says Wall. "It was disappointing and almost devastating that what I wanted could never be achieved. I wanted to pass. I wanted to be read as cis."

"I had to tap into something else because it was hard being misgendered all the time and people not seeing me the way I saw myself," Wall adds. "That's when I was like: I need to really fight back."

Wall, co-founder of the Intersex Justice Project, is one of three intersex activists profiled in the new documentary "Every Body," by "RBG" filmmaker Julie Cohen. The film, which Focus Features will release in 250 nationwide theaters on June 30, shines a warm spotlight on a much-misunderstood community, and three of its most dauntless champions.

An estimated 1.7% of the U.S. population — or about the same number of red-haired people — have some intersex traits, including genitalia, reproductive organs, chromosomes and/or hormone levels that don't fit typical definitions for males or females. At a time when gender is an increasingly fraught battleground everywhere from state legislatures to youth sports leagues, those born intersex contradict any strictly binary notion of gender.

"At the core, people are afraid of uncertainty. The thing that trans people and intersex people represent is that gray space," says actor and filmmaker River Gallo, another subject of the film. "It's been six years since I came out. I'm still trying to grapple with what it means to exist in between."

"Every Body," which recently premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival, seeks to be a galvanizing moment in the intersex rights movement, a small but growing advocacy for a sizable segment of LGBTQIA+ people (the "I" stands for intersex).

Fear of social stigma has often haunted intersex people. But the advocate trio of "Every Body," gathered for a recent interview in New York, are unashamed, unshakable and forthright about themselves and their experiences — and what they believe needs to change about how intersex children are medically treated.

Alicia Roth Weigel, a political consultant and human rights commissioner for the city of Austin, Texas, was born with male (XY) chromosomes. As an infant, her gonads were removed, which she considers a castration. Years of hormone treatments followed.

"I've found so much freedom in realizing that there are so many roles for all of us in the world," Weigel says. "None of us have to be defined by — set gender aside, set sex aside — the rigid notions of what anyone thinks you should be. My whole thing is just: There's no should. Just be."

The United Nations, in a 2013 report on torture, called for an end to "genital-normalizing surgery, involuntary sterilization, unethical experimentation, medical display, 'reparative therapies'" — procedures which the U.N. said may violate a person's "right to physical integrity."

But such surgeries have continued. A stalled bill in California sought to prohibit surgeries until a child is 12, in order to give them time to develop a gender identity and offer consent themselves. At the same time, several states have advanced anti-trans legislation that bans gender-affirming care for those under 18 or older.

"What happened to me shouldn't happen to anyone," says the 44-year-old Wall, whose co-stars call the "OG" of the movement. "To me, that was the drive, and it's still the drive. People ask me, 'How are you doing all this work after all these years?' And I'm like, 'First, I'm a Capricorn.' But I am determined to fight whoever tries to stop this. I will not stop until justice is upon us."

Cohen was first attracted to the subject by the tragic story of David Reimer, a Canadian man who, in an infamous medical experiment overseen by physician Dr. John Money, was raised as a girl for most of his first 14 years of life. Reimer, after speaking out about what happened to him, killed himself in 2004.

For "Every Body," Cohen wanted people who were comfortable speaking publicly about their experience. The 33-year-old Weigel, whom Cohen first approached, came out while speaking before the Texas Legislature in 2017 to argue against a proposed ban on healthcare for trans kids, which would have also impacted intersex people. She has an upcoming book titled "Inverse Cowgirl."

Gallo wrote and stars in the film "Ponyboi," a film they expect to release later this year or early next. The Los Angeles-based Gallo, who has found Hollywood less liberal than it often presents itself, is accustomed to performing. But it takes courage.

"I still get really scared every time a camera points at me or I get on a stage," they say. "I would be better suited to a life that's smaller. But I know that my experience is one that needs to be shouted from the rooftops because it could save people's lives."

Cohen, wanting to foster intimacy, filmed interviews with only herself in the room each subject. But while there are anguished and heart-wrenching aspects of the documentary, "Every Body" is an inspiring and celebratory testimony. It concludes with dancing.

"The center of the whole film is just Saifa, Alicia and River telling their own stories and being their own amazing selves," says Cohen.

"The intersex rights movement is right in the middle of a lot of national conversations that we're having right now as some of the country starts to look at gender in a more expansive way," Cohen says. "But leaving aside the relevance and impact that they might have on trans rights cases and on nonbinary people, intersex people deserve their own lives. They want to be advocated for, too."

Even among LGBTQ causes, funding for intersex people is a tiny percentage. In national debates over trans rights, they can be forgotten. A bill passed by House Republicans in April that would bar transgender athletes from girls' and women's sports teams, advocates say, discriminates against intersex kids, too.

"Every Body," though, has brought together a dispersed and fledgling movement that's coalesced largely online. At the Tribeca premiere, many intersex people flocked to the screening and even joined the film team on the red carpet.

"Great films have always brought people together and we're already seeing that happen on this one," says Peter Kujawski, chair of Focus. The film, he added, "represents the best of what we do."

For Weigel, Wall and Gallo, the screening was a deeply moving experience and a rare sense of togetherness. Weigel was there with guests, she says, from throughout her life, from elementary school to her professional career in Texas.

"I felt a little bit vulnerable because I said some stuff that most human beings don't need to share with the world in the way that we often need to expose ourselves," Weigel says. "But it also felt very like freeing. Kind of like everyone from my world saw me for the first time."

In one scene, Wall visits a Berlin art exhibit that paid tribute to him and others and featured nude photographs. At the sight of Wall's naked body, the crowd cheered.

"For Saifa, Alisha and River to see themselves as kind of works of art versus something that's freakish and to be kept closeted and buried, I think, felt like a big moment," Cohen says.

Wall wants the burst of energy prompted by "Every Body" to keep growing.

"I hope that this film creates a wave of people going, 'Wait, maybe I'm intersex?'" Wall says. "Given the number of intersex people in the world, it can't be a handful of people in different countries holding up so many millions of people. We need more people. Whatever they do, just be out. Be like: 'I'm intersex and that's OK.'"

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Google backs creation of cybersecurity clinics with $20 million donation

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AP Business Writer

Free medical clinics and legal aid clinics, where college students and their instructors help their communities while also learning more about their professions, are now commonplace. Google hopes to add cybersecurity clinics to that list.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai pledged $20 million in donations on Thursday to support and expand the Consortium of Cybersecurity Clinics to introduce thousands of students to potential careers in cybersecurity, while also helping defend small government offices, rural hospitals and nonprofits from hacking.

Pichai said the new initiative addresses both the rising number of cyberattacks — up 38% globally in 2022 – and the lack of candidates trained to stop them.

"Just as technology can create new threats, it can also help us fight them," Pichai said, announcing the commitment at Google's Washington offices. "Security was critical to the work I did early in my Google career, including when we built our Chrome browser. Today, it's core to everything we do, and the current inflection point in AI is helping take our efforts to the next level."

> Making sure we protect and safeguard both the consumer services and the enterprise services we provide is foundational to the company, which is why we treat it as such
> - Sundar Pichai Google CEO

The tech giant launched the Google Cybersecurity Certificate program last month to help prepare people for entry-level cybersecurity jobs. It also partnered with universities in New York on a research program to create learning and career opportunities across the cybersecurity sector.

"Making sure we protect and safeguard both the consumer services and the enterprise services we provide is foundational to the company, which is why we treat it as such," Pichai told The Associated Press in an interview after the announcement. "We've been building security from the ground up for a long time and training to innovate and stay ahead."

Google's announcement had support from Congressional members on both sides of the aisle. Republican Rep. Jay Obernolte of California said addressing cyber threats is essential to the country's economic competitiveness as well as national security. He added that China will likely produce twice as many computer science students with doctoral degrees this year than the United States.

"We need to incentivize students to pursue careers in fields like cybersecurity to reverse that trend," he said. "We must all embrace the idea of becoming lifelong learners."

Rep. Joaquin Castro of Texas said Google's initiative helps democratize cybersecurity, providing more employment opportunities and more protection to those not located in Silicon Valley.

"Small businesses literally can lose hundreds of thousands of dollars every year," Castro said. "I'm grateful to Google for building on their commitment to support the growth of a workforce necessary to do everything from securing critical infrastructure in local communities to bolstering our national security."

Pichai said there are currently more than 650,000 open cybersecurity jobs and there is a need for a diverse workforce to address the issue. "We have seen this in the past when we've gone to communities and open data centers in rural communities," he said. "It creates a spark. It inspires more people... These are catalyzing moments."

Justin Steele, director of Google.org, the company's philanthropic arm, said the initiative appealed to his team because it seeks projects where the funding can spawn change on multiple levels.

"It's a challenge," Steele said. "But there's a huge opportunity here."

Steele anticipates the cybersecurity clinics will have students help small organizations that lack their own technology departments with threat assessments and installing defenses.

"Those students get hands-on experience and they get to increase their marketability for all of these open jobs in cybersecurity," Steele said. "We get to diversify the field of cybersecurity by training these students and we get to protect critical U.S. infrastructure."

Ann Cleaveland, executive director of the Center for Long-Term Cybersecurity at the University of California, Berkeley, said the clinics can help organizations "get over a sense of nihilism" about dealing with hackers. While many groups think there is nothing they can do against a state-supported hacker or ransomware attacks, the clinics can offer low-level solutions that can combat a large number of threats.

"Students can really help organizations overcome 80 to 90% of the problems and give them a much more resilient stance," said Cleaveland, adding that the Consortium

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A year after fall of Roe, 25 million women live in states with abortion bans or tighter restrictions

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One year ago, the U.S. Supreme Court rescinded a five-decade-old right to abortion, prompting a seismic shift in debates about politics, values, freedom and fairness.

Twenty-five million women of childbearing age now live in states where the law makes abortions harder to get than they were before the ruling.

Decisions about the law are largely in the hands of state lawmakers and courts. Most Republican-led states have restricted abortion. Fourteen ban abortion in most cases at any point in pregnancy. Twenty Democratic-leaning states have protected access.

Here's a look at what's changed since the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization ruling.

LAWS HAVE BEEN ENACTED IN 25 STATES TO BAN OR RESTRICT ABORTION ACCESS

Last summer, as women and medical providers began to navigate a landscape without legal protection for abortion, Nancy Davis' doctors advised her to terminate her pregnancy because the fetus she was carrying was expected to die soon after birth.

But doctors in Louisiana, where Davis lived, would not provide the abortion due to a new law banning it throughout pregnancy in most cases.

At the same time, abortion opponents who worked for decades to abolish a practice they see as murder cheered the Supreme Court's Dobbs ruling. Anti-abortion groups said the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationwide was undemocratic because it prevented states from enacting bans.

"The Dobbs decision was a democratic victory for life that generations fought for," said E.V. Osment, a spokeswoman for Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, a major anti-abortion group.

While some states scrambled to pass new restrictions, others already had enacted laws that were designed to take effect if the court overturned Roe.

More than 25 million women ages 15 to 44, or about 2 in 5 nationally, now live in states where there are more restrictions on abortion access than there were before Dobbs.

Davis got help from a fund that raises money for women to travel for abortions and went to New York for a procedure. The whole experience was heartbreaking, she said.

"A mother's love starts as soon as she knows she's pregnant. That attachment starts instantly," she said. "There were days I couldn't sleep. There were days I couldn't eat."

ABORTION ACCESS HAS BEEN PROTECTED IN 20 STATES

As some states restrict abortion, others are locked in access. In 25 states, abortion remains generally legal up to at least 24 weeks of pregnancy. Twenty of them have solidified abortion rights through constitutional amendments or laws.

CHOICES Center for Reproductive Health had for decades treated patients seeking abortions in Memphis, Tennessee. After Tennessee's abortion ban kicked in last year, the clinic opened an outpost three hours away, in Carbondale, Illinois .

"They're coming from Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and even Texas," said CEO Jennifer Pepper. "But now they're having to travel much farther."

THE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS IS NOT CLEAR

With lags and gaps in official reporting, the impact of the Dobbs ruling on the number of abortions is not clear.

A survey conducted for the Society of Family Planning, a nonprofit organization that promotes research and supports abortion access, has found that the number has fallen to nearly zero in states with bans and risen in neighboring states with fewer restrictions, and on balance the number of abortions declining. But the survey does not capture self-managed abortions outside the traditional medical system, usually done with a two-pill regimen.

Before the Dobbs ruling, pills were already the most common method of abortion in the U.S. Now, there are more networks to provide access to pills in states with abortion bans.

Some abortion opponents are calling for the abortion drug mifepristone to lose its government approval. The Supreme Court has preserved access for now.

LAWSUITS ABOUND

More than 50 lawsuits have been filed over abortion policy since the Dobbs ruling. Many challenges rely on arguments about the rights to personal autonomy or religious freedom. A Texas lawsuit alleges women were denied abortions even when their lives were at risk.

Bans or restrictions are on hold in at least six states while judges sort out their long-term fate. The only states where the top court has permanently rejected restrictions since the Dobbs ruling are Iowa and South Carolina.

CRIMINAL COURTS HAVE NOT BEEN BUSY WITH ABORTION CASES

There's little evidence that doctors, women, or those who help them get abortions are being prosecuted.

The Mississippi attorney general's office says no charges have been brought under a new law that calls for up to 10 years in prison for anyone who provides or attempts to provide an abortion in cases where it wasn't to save the woman's life or to end a pregnancy caused by rape or incest.

Progressive prosecutors across the country, including in states with bans, have said that they would not pursue abortion-related cases, or that they would make them a low priority.

ABORTION REMAINS A DOMINANT POLITICAL ISSUE

The political table has been reset, with Republicans entering a new election season

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Make Music Day









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MUSIC: Santa Monica celebrated Make Music Day with performances around town including an afternoon of music in Palisades Park organized by NOMA neighborhood group.

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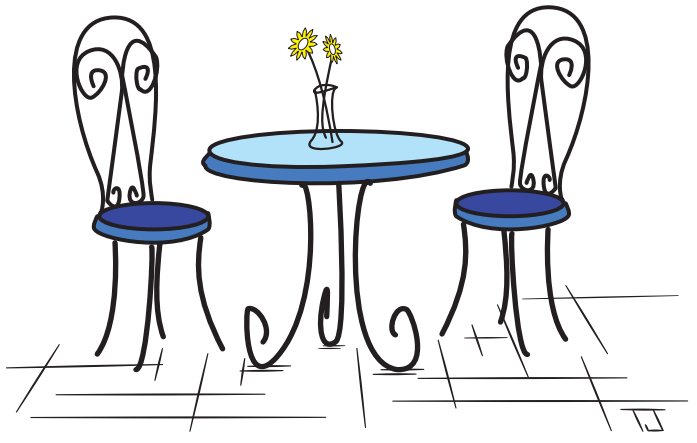
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RC, which aimed to lower the maximum allowable rental increase to 3 percent per year, regardless of the CPI. Measure RC also rolled back the 2022 general adjustment to an average of 3 percent.

To achieve the rollback, landlords who had increased rents by 6 percent before the election had to reduce rents to a 0.8 percent increase for the rest of the year. For example, if the rent was initially $1,000, it would have increased to $1,060 for the first part of the year and then dropped to $1,008 for the remainder of the year.

As a result, the average increase for the year was three percent. This year's adjustment will be applied to that rate, meaning the 2.8 percent increase would be applied to an annual rent of $1,030 in the example situation, resulting in a rent of $1,059 for this year.

The dollar cap amount is also determined by a preset formula pegging the increase to the eighty-fifth percentile of the maximum allowable rents (MAR). This year, the formula resulted in a dollar cap of $67 meaning tenants in rent controlled units will see their monthly rents increase by 2.8% or $67, whichever is lower.

"Thus, a maximum increase of $67 would apply to all units with MAR's of $2,375 and above. Because a $67 ceiling would apply only when it would yield a lower rent increase than application of the 2.8% general adjustment, the ceiling necessarily applies only to higher rents," said the staff report. "This means that imposing a ceiling would result in a proportionately smaller increase for market-level tenancies than for many long-term controlled tenancies. For example, a tenant paying $1,500 per month will see an increase of 2.8%. A tenant paying $3,000 per month would, as the result of a $67 ceiling, see an increase of 2.23%."

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ABORTION

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weighing how to balance the interests of a base that wants the strictest bans possible against the desires of the broader electorate.

Polling has consistently found that most Americans think abortions should be available early in a pregnancy, but that most also favor restrictions later in a pregnancy.

Last year, voters sided with abortion-rights advocates in all six states with abortion-related ballot measures. The issue was also a major factor in why Democrats performed better than expected in the 2022 elections.

It emerged as a key issue in the race for the 2024 GOP presidential nomination.

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PIER 360

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food and drinks, interactive games, brand sampling and more. And it's all free.

"The Pier 360 Beach Festival is the quintessential 'kickoff to summer.' There's no other event that embodies the spirit of Santa Monica, nor can any other event tie together the pier, the city, the beach and the ocean quite like this," Jim Harris, Executive Director of the Santa Monica Pier Corporation, said.

"The historical roots of California beach culture were sewn here almost a century ago and each of the sporting events that we showcase at this great festival is strongly tied to that history. This festival is one of the best times you can be in Santa Monica."

There are a multitude of events and competitions taking place over both days – so, most importantly, remember to apply and reapply sunscreen in generous quantities. Over 500 athletes will compete for cash prizes in lifeguard dory races, elite stand-up and prone paddleboard races, ocean swims and volleyball tournaments. In years past, these have drawn crowds of spectators numbering in the tens of thousands.

Plus, skateboarders will be performing gravity-defying tricks on the Herschel Supply Co. skate ramp, you can test your skills on the Ninja Nation obstacle course, relive your youth in the pop-up roller rink, or just chill out in the beer & spirits garden, accompanied by live music and dancing. Alternatively of course, you could take part in the extremely competitive Sandcastle Competition on Sunday, which this year is being sponsored by Santa Monica Travel & Tourism.

"When we brought Pier 360 back onto our calendar in June 2022, there was some hesitation about gathering people together for a large-scale event so soon after the height of the pandemic. We pressed on, though, and immediately realized that this celebration of summer was exactly what people needed and at exactly the right time," Harris said, adding, "Now, as the 'June Gloom' appears to be finally disappearing and giving us blue skies we've come to expect, Pier 360 promises to be the grand opening of the summer season once more."

And if all of that wasn't enough to fill your day, there's the Museum of Beach Life to explore, fairground rides to enjoy, restaurants to relax in and a unique atmosphere to soak up.

Regarding the recent report from environmental non-profit organization Heal the Bay that stated the water around Santa Monica Pier was the most polluted in California, Harris said, "We have moved our start and finish line a bit south, further from the Pier and into waters with lower bacteria levels."

Santa Monica Pier 360 beach festival is on Saturday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a detailed event schedule, please visit smpier360.com.

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Courtesy Photo

WEEKEND: The event brings a variety of beach activities to the Pier.



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Microsoft, regulators tangle in court over fate of $69 billion deal that could reshape video gaming

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Federal regulators on Thursday launched a legal attack on Microsoft's proposed $69 billion takeover of video game maker Activision Blizzard by depicting it as an anticompetitive weapon while Microsoft hailed the deal as a way to make popular games such as Call of Duty more widely available at cheaper prices.

Those were the dramatically contrasting pictures drawn by lawyers arguing before U.S. District Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley on the first of five days of scheduled hearings in San Francisco that are likely to make or break what would be the most expensive acquisition in technology history.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission is trying to persuade Corley to issue an order that would prevent the takeover from being consummated before a more extensive administrative trial begins August 2 in Washington. Meanwhile Microsoft is fighting to close the deal ahead of a July 18 deadline that would require paying a $3 billion breakup fee to Activision.

Microsoft struck the deal 17 months ago in hopes of expanding its video game imprint beyond its Xbox console, which has about half the market share of the longtime industry leader Sony and its PlayStation device.

But the FTC has been fighting hard to block a deal that it fears will enable Microsoft to make popular franchises such as Call of Duty and World of Warcraft exclusive to the Xbox and online subscription services that are becoming an increasingly bigger part of the $210 billion worldwide video game market — larger than the movie and music industries combined.

FTC lawyer James Weingarten told Corley the agency will show evidence that Microsoft will have a "myriad of strategies" to withhold popular games from PlayStation and rival subscription prices, degrade the quality of games on competing platforms and raise prices on games that have developed fiercely loyal audiences.

"Activision makes the games that gamers want to play," Weingarten asserted. "Having differentiated content is critical to selling more consoles and getting more subscribers."

Microsoft lawyer Beth Wilkinson belittled the FTC's argument as a " very naive" thesis that ignores the pressure the company's gaming division will be under to deliver profit margins to justify the huge price being paid for Activision and the fierce backlash likely to happen among highly opinionated video game fans if a popular franchise such as Call of Duty was withheld from other platforms.

"They couldn't face the wrath from the gamers," Wilkinson argued. She also pointed to the lengthy commitment that Microsoft has already made to make Call of Duty available on Nintendo's Switch console and a Nvidia gaming subscription service as evidence that the Activision deal would be "good news for consumers."

Microsoft also tried to present evidence that Sony is trying to blow up the deal to preserve its giant lead in the console market. As part of that effort, Wilkinson displayed an email from Sony executive Jim Ryan shortly after the Activision deal was announced that indicated his confidence that Call of Duty would remain available on the PlayStation for many years to come. Ryan, the CEO of Sony Interactive Entertainment, wrote that even though he wished the deal hadn't happened, he believed that Sony would be okay.

Several months after Ryan issued that reassuring email, Wilkinson said Sony emerged as the FTC's "complainer in chief" about the Activision deal and so far hasn't rebuffed Microsoft's offer to make an ironclad commitment to keep Call of Duty on the PlayStation console. When Wilkinson tried to display some information about Microsoft's offer, a Sony lawyer interrupted the proceedings to assert the document was confidential and it was taken off the screen.

A videotaped deposition of Ryan is expected to be played in court at some point in the proceedings. Both Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella and Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick are expected to testify in person before the proceedings are scheduled to conclude June 29.

Corley isn't expected to rule until after the Independence Day holiday.

The hearings represent a major test of the FTC's amped-up oversight of Big Tech under Chairperson Lina Khan, who has been outspoken about her belief that U.S. regulators were too lenient in past deals that helped increase the power of companies such as Amazon, Google and Facebook. The courtroom tussle with Microsoft comes six months after the FTC took Facebook owner Meta Platforms to court in Silicon Valley to try to stop a takeover of a virtual reality fitness company only to be rebuffed by the judge in that case.

Another major regulator, the U.K.'s Competition and Markets Authority, also has taken action to thwart Microsoft's takeover.

Microsoft has lashed back against the British regulators standing in its way with an appeal of their decision, as well as voicing strong opposition to U.K. government officials.

AP Technology Writer Matt O'Brien contributed to this story.



SEA LION

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Health. It can be fatal if consumed in high doses.

The algae occurs naturally, and episodes of domoic acid poisoning are not uncommon along the California coast, but the current outbreak is unusually severe.

Berman Kowalewski said the dead dolphin count is "definitely the most number of animals we've seen with a domoic acid event" in her 25 years of work.

Beached sea lions can appear disoriented and agitated, with symptoms such as head bobbing, foaming at the mouth, seizures and loss of motor skills. Beachgoers are being warned to stay away from stricken animals and to instead call rescue organizations.

The Marine Mammal Care Center (MMCC), which rescues and rehabilitates marine mammals along the coastline from Malibu to Seal Beach, has seen rescue numbers leap from none to more than 47 in two weeks and anticipates that the trend will continue.

"The Center is dealing with an enormous increase in reports of marine mammals in distress each day," said John Warner, CEO of the Marine Mammal Care Center based in San Pedro. "We are doing the best we can to keep up with the intense pace, and, if history is any indication, we can expect to see anywhere from 75 to 150 animals in need of rescue over the next four to six weeks."

He said it is important for the public to know that animals who have ingested domoic acid (DA) pose a very serious public health and safety risk.

"Adult seals and sea lions with DA can present in unpredictable ways, including increased aggressiveness or lethargy and unresponsiveness. Please keep your distance from animals you see on the beach and immediately call us if you suspect an animal is in distress," he said.

Treatment for animals with DA involves keeping animals hydrated with fluids given subcutaneously or orally, administering anti-seizure medication, and supporting them nutritionally. The current situation follows pup season and rescue organizations are dealing with many immature animals already. Dealing with the current event is likely to cost the non-profit Center more than $250,000.

The Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute received more than 1,000 reports from June 8 through June 14, co-founder and managing director Ruth Dover told NOAA Fisheries.

NOAA Fisheries said ocean monitoring organizations found high concentrations of domoic acid from Orange County north to San Luis Obispo County, but especially in the Santa Barbara Channel off Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Significant contributors to algae growth include nutrients flushed into the ocean by rain and winds that create an eddy effect in the channel and cause upwelling, Berman Kowalewski said.

"Anytime you're bringing nutrients up from the deep, you're going to have algae that feed on them, and that's what we're seeing now," she said.

Fish such as anchovies feed on the algae, and marine mammals feed on the anchovies.

"And it's my understanding that we have a lot of anchovies out there right now," Berman Kowalewski said. "I think we just have this perfect storm condition going on right now."

The Santa Monica Animal shelter doesn't house sea life directly but instead works with the Marine Mammal Care Center but Lt. Erika Aklufi with the Santa Monica Police Department said local resources are totally overwhelmed at the moment.

"Unfortunately, because of the water conditions, they are unable to take in additional sea lions at this time," she said. "Our animal control team is monitoring about six stranded sea lions on our beach, trying to keep people away from them as they wait for space to open up at the rescue. Please ask your readers to keep their distance and respect our animal friends."

For more information on the Center, visit https://marinemammalcare.org/. Their rescue Hotline is 1 (800) 39-WHALE.

Associated Press reporter John Antczak contributed to this report.

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CHILD CARE

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up a trust to issue retirement benefits.

Providers staged a rally with about 2,000 members and supporters at the Capitol last week and plan to set up camp outside the Governor's Mansion this week.

"As a direct result of their action, providers are gaining ground in negotiations towards pay increases and basic benefits — but we have yet to see a fair and just contract offer from the state," said Max Arias, chairperson of the Child Care Providers' Union, in a statement. "There appears to be no interest in committing to ongoing rate increases or covering the full cost of care."

Family or home-based providers care for 28% of children who attend licensed facilities in California. Parents also send children to daycare centers or state-funded preschools, or pay a family member or friend.

A STOPGAP MEASURE

To some advocates and members of the Legislative Women's Caucus, even winning the raises would be only a stopgap measure to keep providers in business. The child care industry has experienced a slow recovery the past three year and still employs 5% fewer people than it did before the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a recent study by the UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Child Care Employment.

They're pushing the state to move faster to fundamentally overhaul the way it calculates reimbursement rates. Sen. Monique Limón, a Democrat from Santa Barbara, authored a bill this year directing the state to overhaul the rates and provide the $1 billion raise in the meantime.

The $1 billion in the Legislature's budget "solves an immediate problem," she said. "It doesn't solve the full, 10-year problem."

The state's reimbursement rates are generally tied to how much providers charge in the private market — but because many child care providers lower their prices to meet what parents can afford, the rates have ended up artificially low, in a system that a state-commissioned report last year described as a "market failure." That in turn results in chronic shortages of child care for parents.

That report, on child care funding in California, was commissioned by a working group the state convened as part of its current contract with the child care union. In the report the national firm Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies, found California pays some daycare owners as little as a quarter of what the service costs.

A NEW MODEL

In the southern region of the state, where Guerrero lives, the firm estimated it costs a home-based provider like hers more than $39,000 a year to provide quality care for one infant or toddler. The state reimburses about $12,000.

The same report recommended the state adopt a new method for calculating reimbursement rates that is based on real costs like the ones the firm calculated, rather than surveys of daycare rates. It has drawn support from both business and labor: a letter by the advocacy group Children Now urging the state to implement the recommendations was signed this year by the Service Employees International Union and the California Chamber of Commerce.

Asked to comment on the overhaul plan, both the state Department of Finance and the Department of Social Services said the issue is being negotiated with the child care union.

No new payment method has been developed yet, though the state this year restarted the working group to advise on overhauling rates. Because the current rates are so low, a new model could be dramatically more expensive for the state. In some cases, providers may have to be paid three or four times what the state currently covers.

Advocates say it's possible the state could come up with a new payment method that gradually, over several years, gets the pay closer to providers' real costs.

Eric Peterson, director of client services and policy at Bananas, an Oakland agency that helps families find child care and subsidies to pay for it, sat on the working group that commissioned the cost report.

In nearly three decades in the field, Peterson said, pay for providers "has never been adequate."

"Everybody knows… we can't pay the true cost of care in a year," he said. "The intent is to acknowledge the true cost and find a schedule to get there."

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GOOGLE

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of Cybersecurity Clinics hopes to establish clinics in every state by 2030.

Mark Lupo, coordinator of the University of Georgia's clinic, known as CyberArch, said demand continues to increase for the clinic's services because more and more data is at risk. "We have continued as a society to bring more of our sensitive information online, so that vulnerability has only increased," he said. "The malicious actors understand that sensitive data can be monetized, which, at some point in the past, was not even a thought. Now that there's money there, they're going to gravitate toward that."

That makes cybersecurity an "all hands on deck" issue, said Cleaveland, who is co-chair of the consortium's executive committee. She said Google.org's donation will help the consortium establish new clinics, as well as provide mentors to the students staffing them.

"The funding is critical, especially for the smaller universities and colleges and for some of the minority-serving institutions," she said. "And I think it will be transformative just in terms of making other institutions of higher education aware of the opportunity to have a cybersecurity clinic."

Kevin Harris, program chair of the Department of Computational and Information Sciences at Stillman College, said he is ready to apply for a grant from Google.org to expand the cybersecurity clinic at his school, the first member of the consortium at a historically Black college or university.

"We're still pushing to make the field more inclusive," Harris said. "When you look at an unfilled demand of 700,000+ jobs, why shouldn't everyone be able to take advantage of those opportunities no matter where you're located?"

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23

You're an uplifting influence. People open up to your warmth in a creative and fun way, filling your days with interest. A goal emerges and your life organizes around it. More highlights: domestic ease and new routines, a regular gathering to help with accountability and enjoying an exotic locale. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 16, 7 and 1.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Optimism is faith plus sunshine. You'll abandon good ideas for better ideas as you start to see new potentials on the horizon. Bring your imagination to today's opportunities; you are creating the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll try new things. It won't be necessary to pay for this now. You can learn, eat, exercise and organize yourself quite well without buying anything new. Make your own plan. Trust in your executive function.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowing what you want out of life won't be a problem. Wanting what's good for you might be, though. It might help to see wanting as a process. You can always narrow down your choices and set appropriate goals later when things have calmed down.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You won't be able to do your thing and their thing at the same time. So, who should go first? The first position isn't always the best one. Good boundaries and careful time management are called for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's quite natural for you to pass up the easy pickin's and cheap thrills to play for higher stakes. Winning without challenge doesn't feel like winning at all to you, so what's the point?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your loved ones may not give you a showy kind of attention, but stay attuned to the quieter ways they support you, accept and love you for who you are and generally let you be you. If this is not the case, seek a better support system.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your feelings are like the engine light of a car. One generalized alert could have hundreds of meanings from "get an oil change soon" to "pull over now." With calm discernment, whatever the case may be, you'll handle it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Good communication, mutual respect and reasonable expectations lay the foundation for good relationships. As for passionate relationships, all bets are off. No one knows what they're doing in love, which will involve large margins of error.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You aim yourself well. You picture success and position yourself to head straight for it. Once you've established your desired trajectory, any other direction you go is a function of fear. Don't let fear win. Steer straight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sit back and absorb the story unfolding before you. Additionally, know that while it seems like it would be cool to get the insider's scoop, without a solid understanding of the big picture, the details won't matter.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's an honor to fit into certain groups but however admired the circle may be, you do not wish to match so well as to turn invisible. A simple fact becomes relevant: The only person who can make your mark is you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've played the odds and had favorable results. Now you're onto something so meaningful, you'll forget about your chances of success altogether. There are some things worth doing whether you win or lose.

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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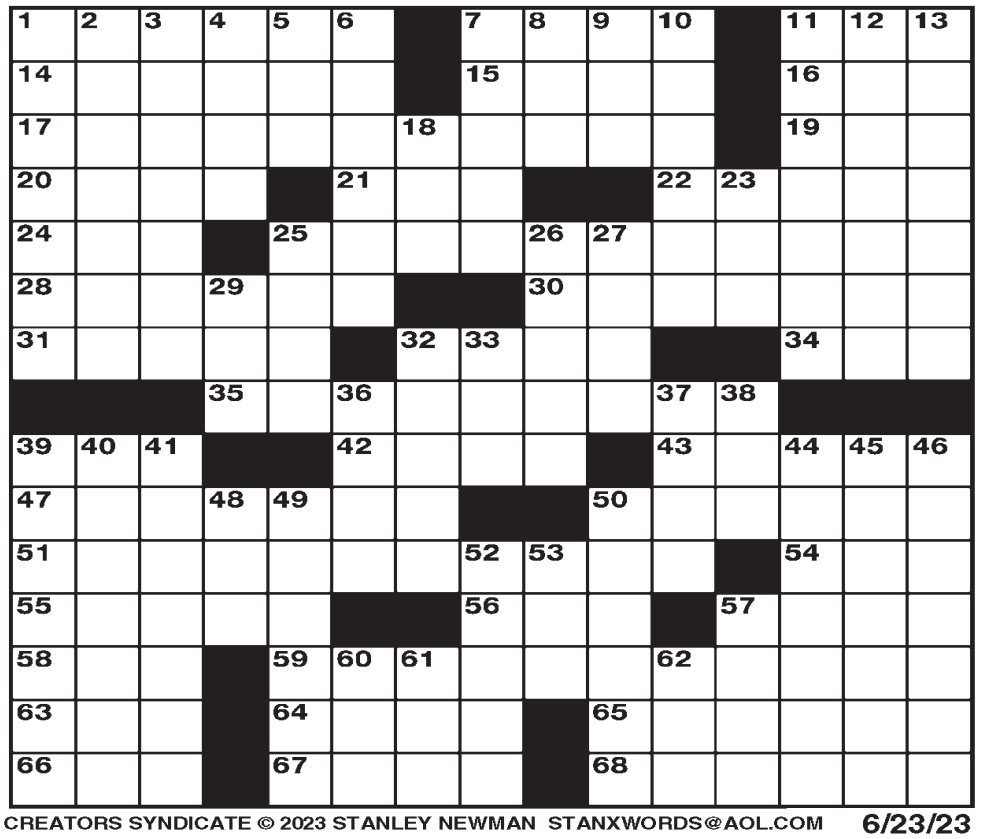
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1 Looks for water with a stick
7 "Not very" starter
11 Grow weary
14 Peeved
15 Economically run
16 Mahogany or almond
17 Deep-fried fair fare
19 Itinerary datum
20 Work against gravity
21 Giant of Gothic fiction
22 It's not right
24 56 Across western team
25 Deep-fried fair fare
28 Reason for sneezin'
30 Disoriented
31 Display derision
32 Occupational suffix
34 Venerable toy merchant initials
35 Deep-fried fair fare
39 Bylaw, in brief
42 kWh fractions
43 Award in the NATO alphabet
47 One of the first disciples
50 Setting of Auel novels
51 Deep-fried fair fare
54 Personal peculiarity
55 Without studio backing
56 What CBS covers in a *Today* show
57 What's twisted in some tales
58 Campus north of Soho
59 Deep-fried fair fare
63 Chant sounds
64 Superstar
65 Florid or frilly
66 GPS reading
67 Big name in astrophysics
68 Communicated manually

DOWN
1 Swam back and forth
2 Fairway club
3 Digital audio datum
4 Little isthmus
5 Common Amazon user
6 Become a mediator
7 Aerodynamic
8 Certain medical record
9 Something stored on a stand
10 One of the beetles
11 Occupation for Earp
12 Disneyland race-car ride
13 Customizes for
18 Not a fictional flick
23 Frat letter
25 Country on the equator
26 Appears ominously
27 What's a little more than a pound these days
29 One of a 10 Down sextet
32 Pretended to be
33 Two after 23 Down
36 Deft
37 Scotch water
38 Language ender
39 Places for trots and slots
40 Many measures of physics
41 What your skills should be put to
44 Person from Barcelona
45 Work in a washing machine
46 Withdrew
48 Snowmobile part
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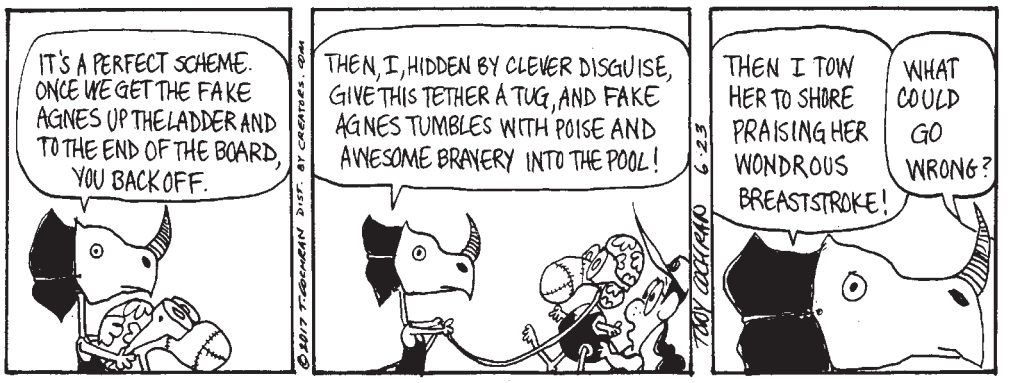


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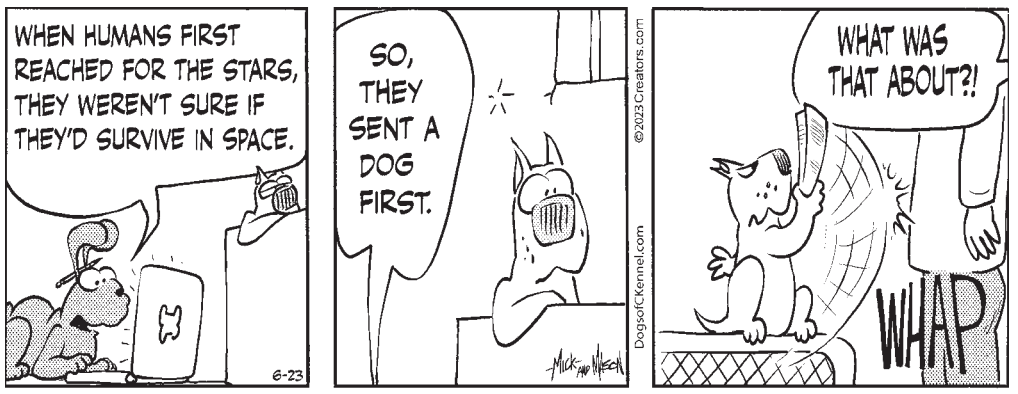
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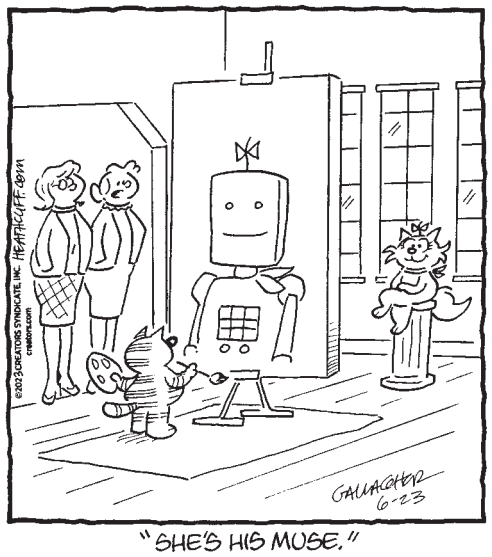
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Strange Brew

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 22 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 5884

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Bega	Fast	Novel	Step
Bend	Flag	Orange	Stop
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In honor of SaMo Pride 2023, Santa Monica Cultural Affairs and the Annenberg Community Beach House engage local poets Joshua Jennifer Espinoza and Eileen Elizabeth Espinoza to present a 3-hour masterclass on the lives and work of essential figures in queer women's literature. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica, CA 90402

SUNDAY | JUNE 25

SUMMER SOLSTICE GODDESS ACTIVATION

This journey will include cacao medicine, guided group meditation, intention/goal setting, vocal activation practice, a variety of dance and movement to co-create with your inner child, journaling, and the use of high-vibrational music, crystals, and smudging tools to become spiritually ignited by your inner Goddess Life Force. Depart with inspired action steps to integrate daily rituals to transform your entire life. IntoMeSea 1812 Lincoln Blvd Santa Monica, 90404 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-solstice-goddess-activation-tickets-643359394267

MONDAY | JUNE 26

AIRPORT COMMISSION

The Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council in matters pertaining to the administration of Santa Monica Municipal Airport and other aviation matters affecting the City. The Airport Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, except in August and December when the Commission is in recess. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90401 City Council Chambers.

LOVEBUG & ME MUSIC

In this musical storytime for little ones, we'll sing songs, dance and play along with LoveBug & Me Music! For ages 0-2. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

COMPOST CONNOISSEUR JON REED TOURS SOCAL WHOLE FOODS STORES

From New Zealand, Jon's start-up Compostic is leading the efforts to reduce kitchen usage of plastic with a product that can be directly added to your compost pile. Your garbage is the most important part of your home when it comes to personally impacting the environment, something Jon can explain. Using compostable plastic products, which the UN recently called hugely important for fighting plastics pollution, is a big part of the solution. He's a passionate and articulate advocate for the possibilities of widespread composting, and can talk about these serious topics in a way that's hopeful and funny. He's also got a remarkable personal story. He became obsessed with the idea that there was a better, more environmentally friendly way to make plastics. And that's the mission he's still on today! 3 – 7 p.m., 11666 National Blvd, Los Angeles. Event repeats at the Venice Whole Foods, 225 Lincoln Blvd on Tuesday, June 27 and in Malibu on June 30.

TUESDAY | JUNE 27

TUESDAY TALES: A TRAVELING STORYTIME- CROWN ACT STORYTIME

A storytime celebrating the 4th anniversary of the Crown Act, which prohibits discrimination based on hair style, type and texture. Ages 2-5. Limited space. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10:30 - 11 a.m.

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



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **64.8**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Surf really starts to drop off through the day ahead of a very slow weekend of waves. Minor blend of leftover SSW and NW swells may offer just enough to push the small wave gear, groms, beginners. Cleanest window of the day likely early AM.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Small blend of southerly swells on tap, looking like the tiniest day in a while. Morning wind looking okay but not great at this point with a decent tide first thing. Another small wave gear, groms, beginners kind of day.

WEATHER

Friday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 67. South wind 5 to 15 mph.
Friday Night: Cloudy, with a low around 58. West wind 5 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/06/23	Fri	12:16 AM	4.88	H
2023/06/23	Fri	07:51 AM	0.24	L
2023/06/23	Fri	3:11 PM	3.65	H
2023/06/23	Fri	7:21 PM	2.99	L
2023/06/24	Sat	01:01 AM	4.40	H
2023/06/24	Sat	08:29 AM	0.59	L
2023/06/24	Sat	3:55 PM	3.86	H
2023/06/24	Sat	8:50 PM	2.93	L
2023/06/25	Sun	01:58 AM	3.87	H
2023/06/25	Sun	09:09 AM	0.96	L
2023/06/25	Sun	4:33 PM	4.14	H
2023/06/25	Sun	10:36 PM	2.59	L
2023/06/26	Mon	03:19 AM	3.37	H
2023/06/26	Mon	09:51 AM	1.32	L
2023/06/26	Mon	5:06 PM	4.49	H
2023/06/26	Mon	11:52 PM	2.00	L
2023/06/27	Tue	04:57 AM	3.06	H
2023/06/27	Tue	10:35 AM	1.65	L

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/21
5 11 33 35 63
Power#: 14
Jackpot: 427 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/20
6 37 39 45 46
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 320 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/21
15 26 30 35 41
Mega#: 17
Jackpot: 70 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/21
6 12 17 32 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/21
EVENING: 7 8 1
Draw Date: 6/21
MIDDAY: 0 1 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/21
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 05 - California Classic
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:47.21

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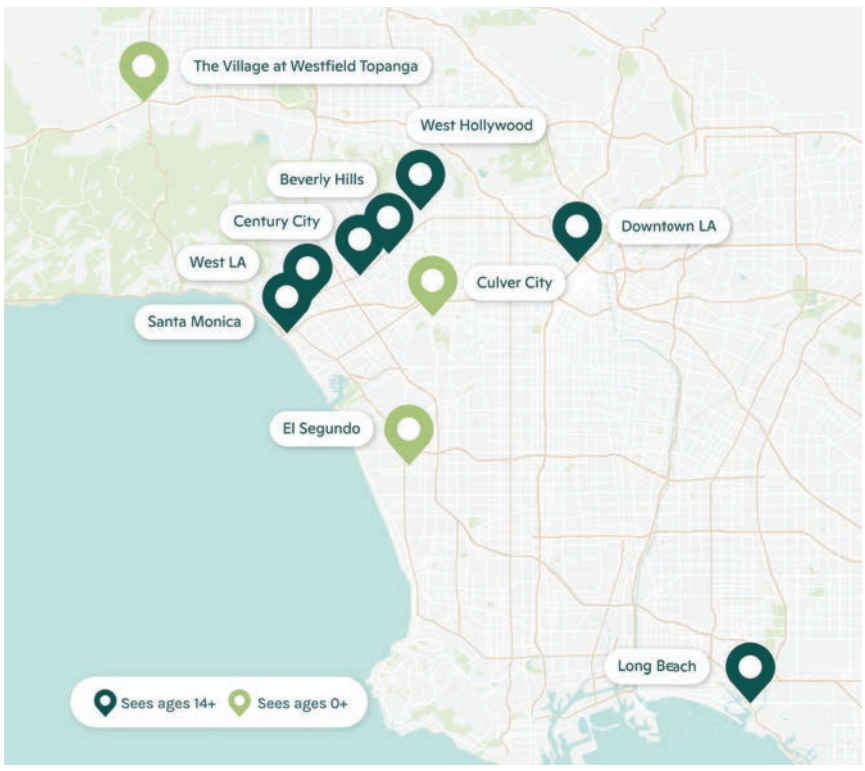
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