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Seniors earn their stoles in Legado Latino celebration



Photo by Thomas Leffler

LATINO: Special stoles were given to standout students of Samohi's Legado Latino club to wear during graduation exercises.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The Latino legacy remains strong at Samohi through the colorful garments that adorned 2024's graduation ceremony and the students that wore them.

As graduating seniors took their final walk at the Samohi Memorial Greek Theatre, some were seen wearing special stoles reading

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Council approves $6M for two legal settlements

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The City of Santa Monica approved $6 million to settle a pair of years old lawsuits at its last meeting with half going towards a case stemming from the 2020 Black Lives Matter protests and half to a case involving a car crash caused by a city employee.

In the older of the two cases, Plaintiffs Christina Choi and King Yue Wong allege a city employee, Monique Marrissa Cancino, ran a red light while driving a city vehicle causing a collision at the intersection of Broadway and Cloverfield.

According to the complaint, the plaintiffs were seriously injured in the crash resulting in significant medical bills both immediate and ongoing. They also claim they will suffer disability as a result of the accident.

"As a direct and proximate result of the conduct of the defendants, and each of them, as

aforesaid, plaintiffs were prevented from attending to their

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Former addict comes clean about homelessness crisis in new book

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

From being a drug-addicted homeless man in the depths of Skid Row, Jared Klickstein has the firsthand experience necessary to navigate conversations about the current crises of homelessness and addiction in Los Angeles.

After nearly a decade spent chronically homeless and addicted, Klickstein achieved sobriety in 2018 and began work on his memoir "Crooked Smile: What It Took to Escape a Decade of Homelessness, Addiction, & Crime," available on Bombardier Books on June 25. The book tells his tale of becoming addicted to heroin while attending UC Santa Cruz, dropping out due to his vice and venturing the streets of LA with crime and drugs on his mind. Now with a clear head, he said it was a coincidence that the time period after the COVID-19 pandemic was appropriate for advanced discussion of homelessness and addiction.

"This is a poignant time to be talking about homelessness and addiction because both of these epidemics have really gotten out of control since (the pandemic)," Klickstein said. "As we can see in many major cities across America, there is rampant homelessness and nothing really being done about it, and a lot of policies are actually just enabling both epidemics … it's never been a more appropriate time to talk about these subjects."

Aside from the appropriate time, Klickstein felt it necessary to tell his story to show that homeless can become productive members of society, despite being viewed as a "complete menace" from violent

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BOOK: Jared Klickstein, who spent nearly a decade homeless in Los Angeles, is ready to tell his story in a new memoir.



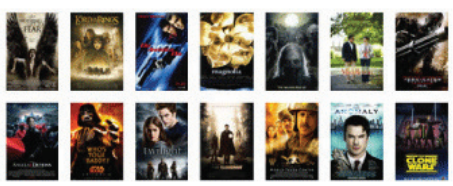
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California's long-delayed indoor heat rule approved. What it means for workers

JEANNE KUANG
Special to the Daily Press

A California workplace safety board today approved a long-delayed rule requiring most employers to reduce the risks of extreme heat for indoor workers.

It applies to all employers except state prisons and local jails, and will particularly protect workers in warehouses, restaurant kitchens, manufacturing plants and any other indoor workplaces that are not fully air-conditioned.

The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board unanimously approved the rule with little discussion — then urged the Office of Administrative Law to fast-track it so that it can be in effect by August.

Under normal administrative schedules, it will go into effect in October, leaving workers unprotected the rest of the summer.

Under the rule, when it is 82 degrees employers will be required to provide cooling areas and monitor workers for signs of heat illness. When it is 87 degrees, or for workers who labor near a heat source or must wear restrictive clothing on the job, businesses must take further measures, including:

Cooling the worksite to 82 degrees or lower, if feasible;

Adjusting schedules, allowing more breaks, slowing the rate of production or rotating workers through assignments;

As a last resort, providing protective equipment such as personal fans or cooling vests.

> The road to get to the vote today has been long, but we hope there are no further delays and employees and employers are informed of these new protections before summer's end
> - Tim Shadix

The Warehouse Worker Resource Center, one of the primary advocates for the rule, applauded the approval.

"The road to get to the vote today has been long, but we hope there are no further delays and employees and employers are informed of these new protections before summer's end," Tim Shadix, the center's legal director, said in a press release. "As we experience more extreme heat and longer and hotter summers, especially in the Inland Empire, it is absolutely essential that employers do more to prevent heat illness."

Excessive heat can cause nausea, vomiting, fainting and, in the most extreme cases, heat stroke leading to organ damage or death. In California, seven workers died from indoor heat from 2010 through 2017.

Regulators hope the rule will reduce workplace heat injuries by 40% by 2030; an economic impact study conducted by the Rand Corp. estimated that it will cost employers statewide $215 million in the first year and about $88 million annually afterward, mostly for employers to install AC or fans or provide cool-down areas.

The rule's final approval today capped a dramatic three months of actions that further delayed a regulation the Legislature first called for in 2016. A law passed that year called for the board to approve a rule in 2019; at the time, labor-friendly politicians were responding to reports of workers falling ill from the heat in a then-booming warehouse industry in the Inland Empire.

Five years later, the proposal was set for the board to approve this March, but Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration pulled its support for the rule the night before the meeting over cost concerns to state prisons, several of which are in desert regions and which employ not only correctional officers but other staff such as health care workers.

The board, appointed by Newsom, lashed out at the administration over the move. Newsom this month removed member Laura Stock and demoted the board's chairperson Dave Thomas who were among the most vocal. At today's meeting, new Chairperson Joseph Alioto praised both as "two dedicated public servants" who contributed to "extremely significant, nation-leading regulatory achievements" for worker safety.

Meanwhile, the state's workplace safety regulators scrambled to find a way to pass a rule the administration could support, opting to exempt correctional facilities.

Some employers' groups, who have objected to the rule for years, remain unsatisfied, citing costs and confusion between the rule and the outdoor heat requirements, which apply for outdoor workers when it is 80 degrees.

"We do remain concerned about the feasibility for small employers, particularly those who don't control the physical structure that their businesses are in, if you rent space as a restaurant, places like that, to create the required cool-down zones," said Robert Moutrie, policy advocate at the California Chamber of Commerce.

The rule makes California the third state to protect indoor workers from heat; it was the first state to approve such a rule for outdoor workers nearly two decades ago after the heat-related deaths of four farmworkers.

Nationally, the Biden administration is considering a heat protection rule for all workers.

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News Binge: All of last week's stories in one place



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MUSEUM: The Sci-Fi World museum in Downtown Santa Monica faced a plethora of issues, leading to a closure before it could even open.

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RETAIL GIANTS SHED DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA ASSETS:

Locally-based shopping mall behemoth Macerich Co. has defaulted on the $300 million mortgage loan it has for the Santa Monica Place, ultimately returning it to the lender and bidding farewell to the iconic shopping mall it has owned since 1999. Macerich Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Scott Kingsmore told Women's Wear Daily that "it was pretty clear that Santa Monica has continuing issues and is under water" and that "trying to figure out the end game was just too obscure." Santa Monica Place opened in 1980 initially aiming to revitalize Third Street Promenade, becoming its own destination before being bought by Macerich in 1999. Plans to replace it faced opposition, leading to a scaled-back renovation in 2007. The $265 million project in 2010 transformed the mall into an open-air center with retail shops and a food court.

PEACE BE WITH WILL ROGERS WITH NEW INITIATIVE:

The vigilant students of Will Rogers Learning Community took part in the inaugural Peacemakers initiative this past school year, launched by Will Rogers Principal Lila Daruty and Counselor Khatija Dadabhoy to give students the chance to learn conflict resolution skills. In October 2023, the initial class of 25 Peacemakers donned bright orange vests with peace signs on the back, taking turns in the Will Rogers yard every recess and lunch time to support classmates in potential disputes. Both Daruty and Dadabhoy wanted to instill the peer mediation model in order to give students autonomy the resolve their own issues.

MANAGER OF JAMESON'S PUB MURDERED IN MIDNIGHT BRAWL, SUSPECT IN CUSTODY:

In a shocking update to what was first thought to be an assault, the Santa Monica Police Department released new information regarding a brawl at Jameson's pub on Main Street that became deadly. According to the police department, on June 10 at approximately 12:05 a.m., officers responded to the 2700 block of Main Street near Jameson's following a radio call regarding reports of a battery that just occurred. A fight ensued on the street when the Jameson's manager asked several patrons to leave. Out on the street, one of the patrons punched the manager, causing him to lose consciousness. When officers arrived on scene, the manager was not breathing. Officers administered CPR until the Santa Monica Fire Department arrived and took over lifesaving measures. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he ultimately succumbed to his injuries. All three patrons involved in the incident were initially arrested and booked at the Santa Monica Jail. Following a thorough investigation of the incident, the individual responsible for punching the victim was positively identified as Leonard Hector Korpie, age 26, a resident of Venice. On June 13, the District Attorney filed the homicide charge and Korpie is being held on $2 million bail.

COUNCIL VOTES NOT TO PROCEED WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO CLOSED SESSION LEAKS:

During a recent meeting of Santa Monica City Council, the Council ultimately made a unanimous decision to not investigate recent leaks of confidential information disclosed during Closed Sessions and subsequent penalty for anyone caught doing it. The

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.7**

MONDAY
FAIR

SURF: 3-4ft
Waist to chest

Decent to fun surf to track down but give the early AM negative low tide some time to fill in. Best wind + tide window will probably be around mid morning again for most breaks. SSW swell peaks/holds with light AM wind.

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Fun surf as SSW swell holds decent energy - give the early negative low tide some time to fill in through mid/late morning. SSW swell gradually through the end of the day. Morning offer lightest wind, best size (on the tide push).

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 74.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 64.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 75.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 64.

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2024/06/25	Tue	1:44 PM	3.88	H
2024/06/25	Tue	6:10 PM	2.58	L
2024/06/26	Wed	12:15 AM	5.67	H
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informed and believe and thereupon alleges that she will thereby be prevented from attending to their usual occupation for a period of time in the future, and thereby will also sustain a loss of earning capacity, in addition to lost earnings, past, present and future…" said the claim.

Council first approved a $2.95 million settlement in the case in January and the decision was made public in June.

The second settlement was for slightly more money but was also split between two plaintiffs.

A pair of women arrested during the 2020 protests in downtown Santa Monica were awarded a total of $3M at the meeting following accusations they were improperly detained and then seriously injured by a Sheriff's deputy.

According to the lawsuit, Cheyenne Robinson and Stormy Jane Eny-Edy came to Santa Monica to participate in the Black Lives Matter protests in 2020. The two plaintiffs say they were part of peaceful protest along Ocean Ave. and during that time, officials announced everyone had to clear the street by 6 p.m. to meet a shortened curfew. Both women say they tried to comply and leave the area but officers closed every available exit and refused to allow participants to comply with the orders to disperse. Instead, their hands were zip tied and they were transported by bus to a holding area.

During that transit, both women say their restraints were applied incorrectly and were too tight. When it came time to release them, their lawsuit says a Sheriff's deputy severely injured both women when he cut them with a knife during his efforts to take off the plastic restraints.

"Immediately after Deputy Cornejo violently and wantonly stabbed Ms. Eny-Edy with scissors, two officers grabbed her hands and told her that if she did not sign the citation, she would have to go to jail," said the complaint. "Under duress and searing pain, Ms. Eny-Edy signed the citation and was not provided any medical care or attention. Instead, PLAINTIFF discovered a public sink to wash her hands. She later went to Urgent Care and has had to endure physical therapy without her hand returning to its ability over a year since the incident."

In the lawsuit, Robinson said she saw the incident before being injured herself.

"When Deputy Cornejo approached Ms. Robinson, he told her to turn around and then aggressively and forcefully attempted to cut the zip ties with a knife causing her excruciating pain as she bled profusely," said the complaint. "Ms. Robinson was stunned and in disbelief at Deputy Cornejo's disregard for her serious injury and need for immediate medical attention as he said nothing and continued to cut more zip ties with the same knife. In a state of shock, Ms. Robinson looked at her hand, which had been numb from the zip ties, and saw bone and exposed flesh and blood pouring from the gashes."

Robinson said she had to make her own way to the hospital following her release where she received 21 stitches for the wound and the suit says she has never regained full use of her hand.

The women also claim that personal items were lost during their detention by police.

According to City Attorney Doug Sloan, Robinson will receive $2.75M in the settlement and Eny-Edy will receive $250,000.

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California's budget process has once again become secretive and needs reform

DAN WALTERS

A minor miracle occurred in the California Capitol 50 years ago this month when a bipartisan majority of state senators refused to accept a pork-laden budget that was drafted in secret by two powerful legislators.

It's a tale worth retelling because the current budget is also being written in secrecy. The process needs another shakeup.

In those days, the accepted practice was for the chairmen of the Legislature's two budget committees to write the final state budget, taking into account what the governor and individual legislators wanted included. Accordingly, two Democratic chairmen, Sen. Randolph Collier of the Senate Finance Committee and Assemblyman Willie Brown of Assembly Ways and Means, drafted a $10.3 billion budget for 1974-75.

When Collier presented the budget to the full Senate, however, it drew sharp criticism because it was loaded with state park projects for the North Coast district where Collier was seeking reelection in 1976. It was much different than his traditional political base in the northeastern corner of the state thanks to a redistricting plan adopted by the state Supreme Court.

It was dubbed "park barrel" by Collier's critics, particularly liberal Democrats from urban areas who had long felt slighted by the Senate's dominant coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats.

They accused Collier of feathering his newly created political nest, rather than serving the whole state.

"Urban areas, such as I live in, never get any pork in the barrel," Watts Democrat Mervyn Dymally complained.

Collier was stripped of his Finance Committee chairmanship and replaced by Sen. Anthony Beilenson, a Democrat from West Los Angeles. A new budget was drafted, and the entire process was made more transparent with public, item-by-item discussions by a budget conference committee including members from both houses.

Collier also lost his reelection bid.

The transformed system wasn't perfect, but allowing interest groups, the public and reporters to see what was being considered was a big step forward. One of the most interesting features was compelling legislators to make their requests for specific items in public, rather than whisper them to the two legislators writing the budget.

Alas, budget transparency faded over time, beginning when a Democrat-dominated Legislature had to contend with Republican governors George Deukmejian and Pete Wilson in the 1980s and 1990s.

The public processes gave way to private negotiations by the so-called "Big 5" — the governor, two Democratic legislative leaders and two Republicans. The latter had to be included because at least a few GOP votes were needed to achieve the required two-thirds margin.

Since the process involved both parties, it was difficult to sneak questionable items into the budget.

The budget process regressed further after voters in 2010 endorsed a Democratic ballot measure, Proposition 25, that dropped the budget vote to a simple majority. Democrats then won the governorship and achieved supermajorities in both legislative houses.

Ever since, the Democratic leaders of both houses and Democratic governors have written the final budget behind closed doors.

Thanks to Prop. 25, transparency suffered yet another blow with the proliferation of budget "trailer bills" that are passed with simple majority votes, take effect immediately upon being signed, and are shielded from challenge via referendum.

Governors and legislative leaders use trailer bills to enact major changes in state policy that have little or no real connection to the budget with little or no public exposure or input.

The Big 3 negotiations are now underway, and dozens of trailer bills are being drafted. We won't really know what the budget package contains until it's been whisked through the Legislature with little or no real discussion — no small thing given the state's massive budget deficit.

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California should be able to 'prescribe' housing to treat homelessness

Few can challenge the wisdom of prescribing medications for life-threatening health conditions. Yet many would balk at the suggestion of "prescribing" housing, even though research and lived experience show us that homelessness is a life-threatening condition in the U.S.

What might happen if we prescribed housing when supply shortages, rental costs and health emergencies push millions of adults and families to the brink of losing their homes? Through recent Medicaid reforms, California has opened the door for the growth of street medicine and recuperative care, and is now seeking a waiver to provide limited rental subsidies.

Few states have gone as far as California, which is reimagining how its Medicaid program, Medi-Cal, can expand to better meet social needs — particularly those who are older, live with behavioral health conditions or experience homelessness. CalAIM attempts to address the social determinants of health, a framework that tells us health-related behaviors (like smoking and diet), socioeconomic and environmental factors account for more than 80% of what actually impacts our health and wellbeing.

The cornerstone that supports the other social determinants: housing. Access to nutritious food, job opportunities, health coverage, social benefits and more presume each person has a physical place where they can store their food, take showers and receive mail — which is often needed to receive treatment or services.

My own life would have been very different without affordable housing. On a flight back from Guatemala, after spending our first Christmas and New Year's in my parent's home country, my dad experienced a life-threatening health emergency. He was hospitalized for two months and spent many more in recovery.

He was the sole breadwinner of a family of four living in Los Angeles. Yet the one thing my mom did not have to worry about was keeping a roof over our heads. Since we lived in a subsidized rental apartment, rent was capped at 30% of our family's income — even if that was near zero.

Our housing was a lifeline. It meant that my family, which included two children under 12 — one with a developmental disability — had a stable place to live during one of the most frightening and precarious moments of our lives.

Unfortunately, this is not the case for most Californians.

A comprehensive study by UCSF found that health emergencies increase an individual's risk of becoming homeless: Nearly one-third of people indicated that they lost their home because of a health-related reason.

Experiencing homelessness itself also takes a toll on health — about 45% of the study's participants reportedly had fair or poor health. That means they are at a higher risk of hospitalization or death.

In the same study, most participants said that interventions such as financial assistance could have prevented their homelessness, overwhelmingly believing that modest monthly subsidies or rental assistance would have kept them off the streets.

My own experience highlights how affordable housing makes the difference during a crisis and keeps people housed and in recovery.

To be sure, in the face of high housing costs, increasing poverty rates, and physical and mental illness exacerbated by social and economic factors, solving homelessness entirely is beyond Medi-Cal's sole responsibility or reach. But with an issue this complex and urgent, we cannot afford to dismiss any contribution to keeping individuals and families housed.

Much work remains ahead, and many of these initiatives are in their infancy. But the opportunity to write a prescription for housing could soon be possible.

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Brown Act allows municipalities to hold discussion outside the view of the public, known as Closed Session items, and the Act also allows council to disclose information beyond stipulated legal requirements. However, doing so requires specific direction and vote of council, and open discussion of the items talked about in Closed Sessions without prior authorization is a violation. This is not the first time Council has faced this controversy and a leak investigation was discussed several years ago following the release of Rene Bobadilla's as the top choice for the then vacant City Manager position.

SCHOOL BOARD HAS 'OPPORTUNITY' TO LEAD IN CELL PHONE DEBATE:

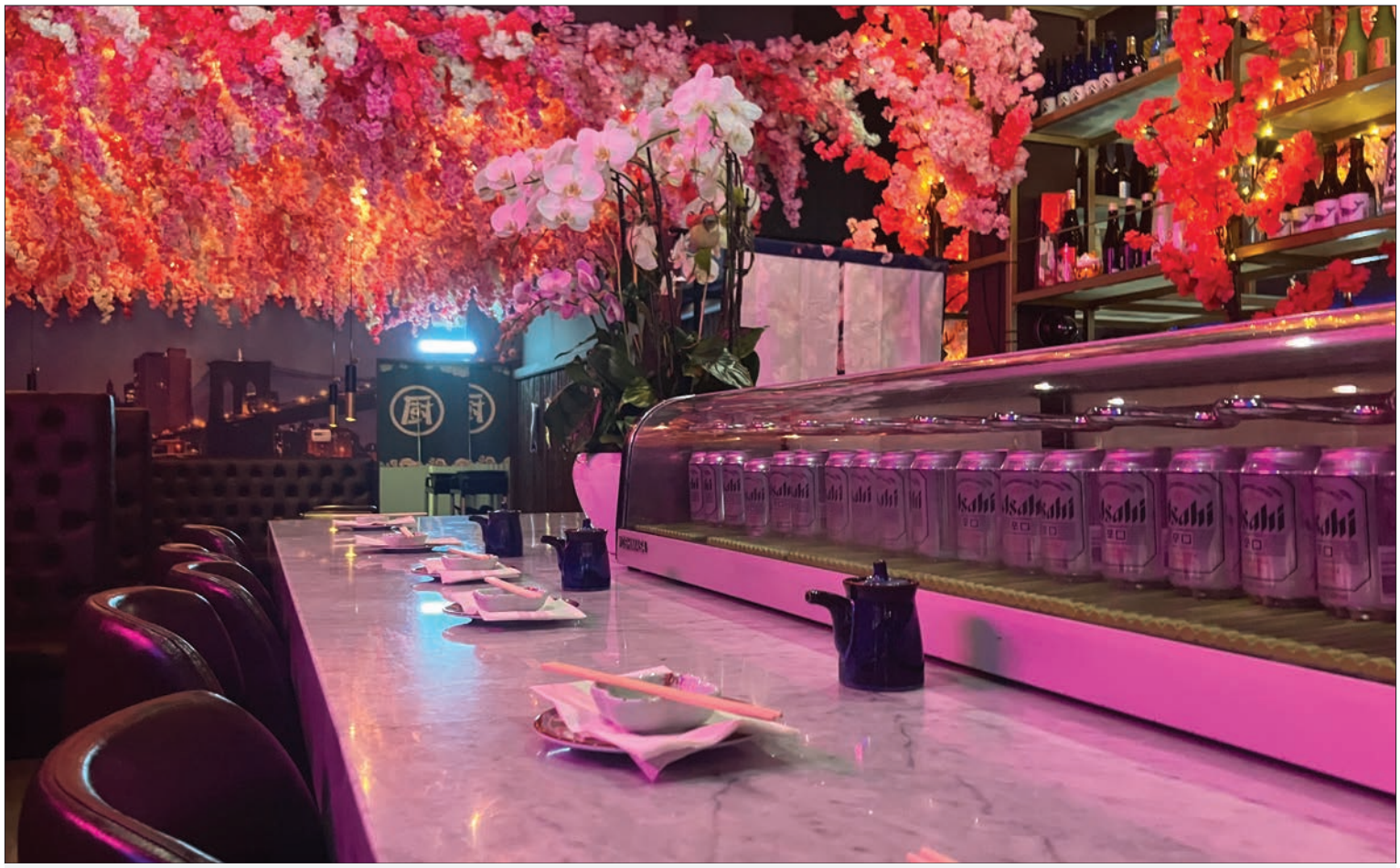
At the June 6 regular meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, several officials responded to the slew of emails sent in by Santa Monica Parents for Slow Tech, a group that seeks some form of cell phone prohibition policy from the board. The group's "must-haves," according to parents, are a school board policy banning the usage of cell phones during the school day, and to have said policy enacted before the beginning of the 2024-25 school year. Though not on the timetable Parents for Slow Tech wished for, Superintendent Dr. Antonio Shelton announced that a "working group" will begin to formulate ideas for a policy in the fall, with the aim to have a recommendation for the school board by January 2025.

UNDISCLOSED PAYMENTS TO RENT CONTROL CHAIR FORCE REVOTE ON JUSTICE FOR RENTERS ACT ENDORSEMENT:

A previously unreported conflict of interest with Rent Control Chair Ericka Lesley has forced the Rent Control Board to revote on its endorsement of the Justice for Renters Act. The redo occurred at the board's June 13 meeting and was described as correcting a procedural error by rescinding its February 8 approval and then re-approving its endorsement with a statement of disclosure and recusal from Chair Lesley. California law prohibits individuals from voting on matters that involve their public finances, and Lesley was forced to recuse herself due to paid consultancy work with the Justice for Renters Act. Lesley not only voted for the endorsement in February but also co-presented the arguments for endorsement.

SANTA MONICA'S SCI-FI MUSEUM GOES FROM CATASTROPHE TO CLOSURE:

The latest chapter in the ongoing saga of Santa Monica's Sci-Fi Museum seems like it might be the last for a while, as the fate of the museum was confirmed in a recent Santa Monica City Council meeting. Aubrey West, representing Sci-Fi World at 302 Colorado, told Council that building owners Seritage have decided not to renew the lease on the building. In 2014, a "Star Trek" superfan named Floyd Huston Huddleston announced fundraising for a museum that would host "Star Trek" memorabilia and other science fiction related materials, but was eventually arrested in Southern California on child pornography and other related felony charges after a five-year FBI investigation. He was found guilty, convicted and placed on three-year probation, also having to register as a sex offender. Confusion followed as to what Huddleston's active role in the museum was, leading to several resignations based on Huddleston's conviction and a "haphazardly handled" museum. The museum never opened after a disastrous "red carpet" gala on May 27, where locals and those who came from out of town were unable to walk into the building, as the project was incomplete. A spokesperson from the museum told the Daily Press that they are trying to fight Seritage on the lease.



Scott Snowden

NOW OPEN: Maru Sushi has finally opened its doors at 331 Wilshire Blvd., a space helmed by Los Angeles restauranteur Nick Choi.

MARU SUSHI OPENS ON WILSHIRE FOLLOWING MONTHS OF PERMITTING DELAYS:

The long-awaited Maru Sushi has officially opened its doors at 331 Wilshire Blvd., owned by head chef Nick Choi who also owns Otto Sushi in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Choi chose the Wilshire site due to good public parking behind the building and wanting to open an affordably-priced sushi restaurant in the downtown area. Choi added that he experienced more problems with permitting and city officials in Santa Monica than any other location he's opened, having to pay rent since acquiring the site back in August 2023. The menu features carefully selected fish from all over the world, depending on what is in season and where, with much of it coming from Canada, Spain, Scotland and New Zealand.

LOCAL DIRECTOR TAKES DEEP DIVE INTO OCEAN SUSTAINABILITY WITH NEW PBS SERIES:

Santa Monica-based director Brian Peter Falk's new documentary project "Hope in the Water" premiered June 19 on PBS, a three-part series that explores the work of fishers, aqua farmers and scientists who harvest aquatic species to grow the nation's food base and help save the species' open homes at the same time. Falk said he wanted to show examples of "promise" in ocean and environmental topics, such as sea urchin divers taking harmful kelp-eating purple sea urchins off the Pacific coastline, and a sustainable community-sponsored fish agriculture program in Philadelphia. PBS plans to cut down the hour-long broadcasts into smaller pieces for student digestion, placing the documentary into school lesson plans.

PRIDE ON THE PROMENADE FEATURES PIANO PAINTING WITH CELEBRATED ARTIST ANDRE MIRIPOLSKY:

During the Santa Monica Pride on the Promenade celebrations on June 22, celebrated artist Andre Miripolsky painted full-size pianos with children from the Santa Monica YMCA in front of the Santa Monica Art Museum. Miripolsky is the co-founder of Viva LA, an organization that celebrates and promotes the power of creative collaboration in the city of Los Angeles. His career began with the design of Elton John's piano jacket for the 1980 Live in Central Park free concert that drew a crowd of over 400,000. Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. Placemaking Director Jeremy Ferguson said he enjoys Miripolsky's art for its color and vibrance, and said the art is a love letter for both Los Angeles and the people who inhabit the city.

PROMENADE FOOD COURT TO UNDERGO TRANSFORMATION INTO MINI GOLF ARCADE:

The Kitchen United Mix food court on the Third Street Promenade is set to undergo a radical transformation into an arcade-style mini golf experience, offering alcoholic beverages and bar food. The 14,000 square-foot space at 1315 Third Street was leased by Holey Moley, a mini golf and restaurant concept from the Australian-based entertainment brand Funlab. A little over a year ago, the spaced had just been leased to the Kitchen United Mix, but none of the restaurants survived beyond summer of 2023 and since winter, the site has been empty. Funlab opened its first US locations of Holey Moley last year in Austin and Denver, and also opened a Houston outpost last month. The Santa Monica project is set to open by the end of 2024.

FORMERLY HOMELESS RENTER PROTECTION ADVOCATE SELECTED TO RENT CONTROL BOARD POSITION:

At the June 13 meeting of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board, Kay Ambriz was unanimously selected to serve on the board, taking the position previously filled by Lonnie Quinn before his resignation in April. Ambriz was appointed to the vacant seat, and will serve through the November 2024 municipal election where she intends to earn a full four-year term. Ambriz has been incredible active in the Santa Monica renters community, having been a member of the Santa Monica for Renters' Rights (SMRR) Steering Committee and also working on the SMRR hotline assisting callers with various issues. Along with her SMRR contributions, Ambriz's first hand experience with rental issues has gone deep, as she experienced homelessness in her youth due to familial issues.

GROUP GOES FROM 'HORROR STORY' TO POWERFUL STORYTELLING:

Season 10 Productions, born from a crew of production assistants on the 10th season of "American Horror Story," continued its stage ventures this past weekend in Venice, performing "Hedwig & the Angry Itch" at The Electric Lodge. The group's storytelling bonds were built on "Story" during the COVID-19 pandemic, with their shared love of creating artwork keeping them going through the production. Producing "Hedwig" was inspired by a trip director Jack Boyle and star Tyler Marshall took to see the original Hedwig, John Cameron Mitchell, on tour.

THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS WON AN ONGOING LAWSUIT AGAINST RENTAL SCAM SUSPECT:

Santa Monica resident Patricia Anglano has lost her third lawsuit against the Daily Press for its coverage of the City's complaints against her. Anglano has now lost three identical lawsuits against the paper. In the most recent ruling, Anglano's case for defamation was dismissed and the judge advised her to move on from her vendetta against the paper. Anglano also failed to appear during the initial hearing for her third attempt at a suit, but in an effort to end the legal harassment, SMDP pursued an in-person ruling.

LATINO

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Legado Latino, representing the Samohi club of the same name. These stoles were earned by seniors who excelled in academics as well as extracurricular events put on by Legado Latino and its sub-clubs, and were given the garments at a May 24 Latino Legacy Celebration at the school.

The stole initiative began during the COVID-19 pandemic, when the clothing was handed out via a line of cars, and has grown stronger ever since students returned to campus full-time.

"The school allowed them to (recognize) the extra work that they're doing, the extracurricular work, because this is what they do after school ... it's not only the hours they put into it, but also there is a commitment ... when (the community) sees the stoles, they know that this group of students has (made) a change, not only sharing their cultural background and traditions to the community and the school, but also (that) they're a very successful group," said Legado Latino advisor and Samohi Spanish teacher Dr. Guadalupe Mireles-Toumayan.

A proud Latina in her own right, Mireles-Toumayan founded Legado Latino in order to "highlight the rich culture" of Latin America, going hand-in-hand with Samohi's diversity and inclusion priorities.

"It's my passion, and also I notice how students, their achievement is higher when they feel proud of their background and their identity," Mireles-Toumayan added. "I noticed that they are doing better (with) schooling, their academics (are) better once they are really focusing on all the events that we're doing within the community."

The events are numerous throughout the year, so much so that Legado Latino spun off several clubs to handle specific gatherings. The group of Samohi students takes part in Hispanic Heritage Month (being commended this past September by Santa Monica City Council), a Day of the Dead celebration at the Santa Monica History Museum, and other holidays like Cinco de Mayo and Mother's Day.

Sub-clubs were not just born of this purpose, however, as the spinoffs were created to highlight different backgrounds in Latin America, such as Orgullo Oaxaqueño (or Proud Oaxacans), Latinos Unidos, Chicanx Latinx, Los Angelitos and Cajitas con Amor.

"It teaches them the richness of each culture, not only the Latino culture, but all cultures, and they feel happy when somebody comes and brings their (background) knowledge from wherever they were raised or parents were born and bring it into (the) club," Mireles-Toumayan said.

Other sub-clubs were forged for functional reasons, like Brown Minds Matter that focuses on mental health issues, something the advisor said is "very important for them to be aware of." The club brings in speakers in the mental health world to speak on these issues, while the Samohi chapter of M.E.Ch.A. (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán or "Chicano Student Movement of Aztlán") serves as another academic arm of Legado Latino.

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> - Dr. Guadalupe Mireles-Toumayan, Legado Latino advisor and Samohi Spanish teacher

By showcasing the community's Latino heritage throughout the school year, students learned to advocate for themselves and feel more confident in their future endeavors under the experienced eye of their advisor.

"I came to this country many years ago, English was my second language and I managed to get my doctoral degree in education, so I try to be a model and an inspiration for them to see that if my teacher was able to do it, what is stopping me?," Mireles-Toumayan said. "Not only do I share with them my experiences, but also I provide them with resources that can help them reach their full potential."

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GRADUATION: The seniors of Legado Latino at Samohi were able to celebrate their graduation with special stoles earned from academic and extracurricular excellence.

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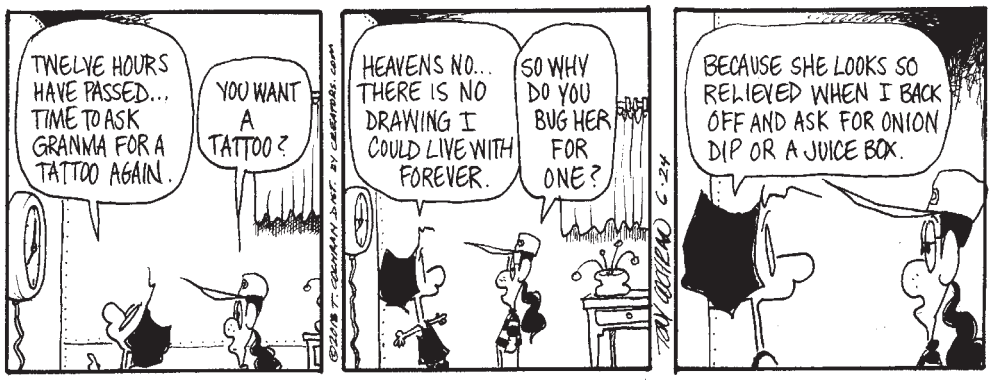
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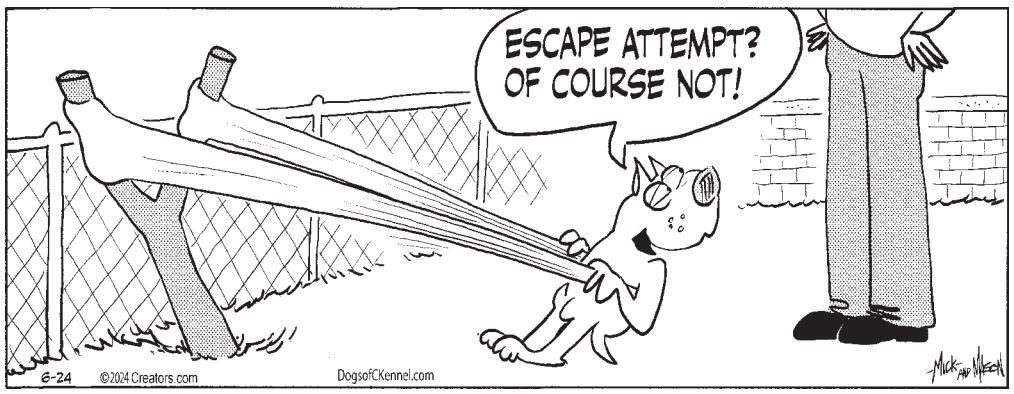
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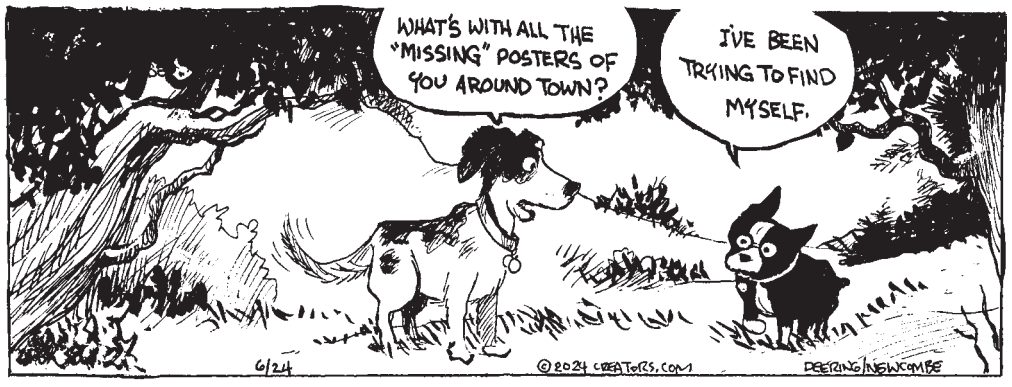
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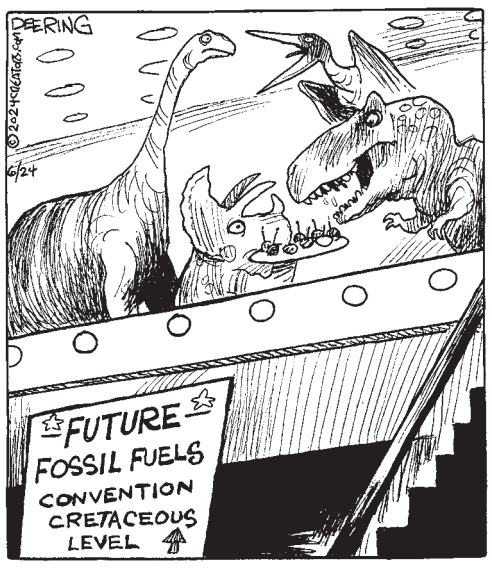
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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This trip around the sun is like stepping into a time machine to younger days. There's a freshness to relationships and a sense of wonder reminiscent of childhood. More highlights: Travel combines with the most exciting events you've seen yet. You'll spiff up your domestic scene, level up your habits and zip up deals that markedly improve your financial picture. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 15, 21, 4 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you're not excited about what's on your plate, don't change your attitude; change what's on the plate. Your attitude will follow. Today brings a chance to speak up. If you don't ask, you don't get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Reward is ahead. Not just a pat on the back but real fulfillment, the kind that sneaks into your soul and carves out a place to rest awhile, and maybe even stay forever.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationships shift with every move and influence. You'll steer the ship to your own benefit, and when you do this, others will benefit as well. Show your work! The more accessible you are, the more money you'll make.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't rush into something just because it's convenient. Minimal research will show better options. Maximum research will confuse things. Be strategic and to the point, limiting your inquiry process to a few hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Friendliness brings opportunity. You're friendly all the time. You never stop smiling at people, introducing yourself, being generous with the compliments and the quest for common ground. You enjoy this, so it's not really an effort but it's attitude that will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Ambition can block your view. What you're seeing is everything you want to be true. That's different from everything that is true, but it doesn't make it the wrong focus. Fantasy worlds are a gift. They teach us what to aim for when we touch back to reality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Of all the justice that can be served — and there is a huge variety of tones this can come in — the most profound justice is poetic. The humor and specificity of certain details falling into a scene will be rich indeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you put yourself out there, it takes a second to figure out just how to position yourself. You have specific needs and roles to fill, but you're not in the least bit selfish about it. You want to help others, too. Relax and inquire.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You see a solution that will work for you, but others have their own ideas. Don't try to push any particular idea about things. Everyone will come to their own conclusion, and they will magically coincide and work to the advantage of all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People process things differently. It will be baffling, but that doesn't mean things are in any way off. This is one of those times when wrong is so right, you couldn't have planned it any better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not in a competition, and yet there are people who will gladly play your cards for you if you leave them on the table. So don't. Keep your cards close to the vest and play them like only you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What's being traded is a currency other than money. It's something difficult to account for, but in the end, it will be very clear what it bought. And aren't you the perfect person to understand such a nuanced exchange!

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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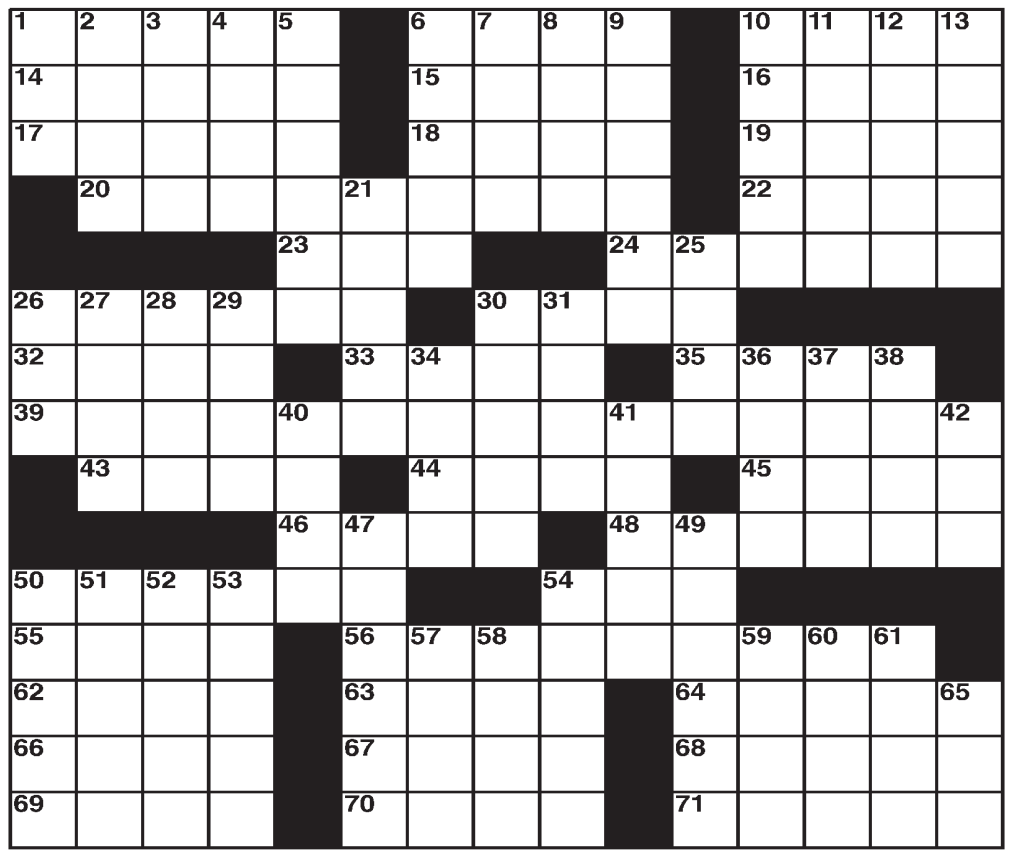
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ACROSS

1 Not as recent
6 Vehicle on snow
10 Well-mannered woman
14 Pet __ (ongoing annoyance)
15 Rabbit's relative
16 Money in Spain and France
17 Stories that might be "tall"
18 Wicked
19 Dry as a desert
20 Home warmer with a chimney
22 Rant and __ (show anger)
23 Text message "That's hilarious!"
24 Glitter on a Christmas tree
26 Coral islands
30 Very impressed
32 Biggest of the Three Bears
33 Make simpler
35 Dawn's direction
39 Plugged-in bed cover
43 Midleg joint
44 Amount of medication
45 Three hours before noon
46 Help with a crime
48 Meeting's to-do list
50 Shoe fastener that's not string
54 Initials before an alias
55 A Great Lake
56 Log cabin warmer
62 __ Scotia, Canada
63 Middle of the Three Bears
64 Newspaper essay sections
66 Poems of praise
67 Throat-clearing sound
68 50 to 1, for one
69 "A __ formality"
70 Sisters in a convent
71 Holes for coins in piggy banks

DOWN

1 __ for (choose)
2 Piece of lettuce
3 Sandwich shop
4 At any time
5 Offer used goods
6 Turtle's covering
7 Volcano's molten rock
8 Explorer __ the Red
9 Erase from a computer
10 Acquire knowledge
11 Mysterious glows
12 Operate a car
13 Sing in the Alps
21 Tough riddle
25 Notion
26 Chimp or gorilla
27 Have a conversation
28 Unlock
29 Doily fabric
30 Broad necktie
31 Spiders spin them
34 Office assistant
36 Diarist __ Frank
37 Potato covering
38 __ bar (serve drinks)
40 Rip apart
41 Drips from pipes
42 British hot beverage
47 Male archer
49 Cousins of crocs
50 Snake poison
51 Wear away slowly
52 "Chopped" organ meat
53 Discontinue
54 President John or John Quincy
57 Island near Maui
58 Prophetic sign
59 Milk-colored gemstone
60 Presidential rejection
61 Make revisions to
65 Ship's distress signal



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HOMELESS

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actions.

"It's a good way to show that there are people inside those bodies that right now are being governed entirely by addiction," Klickstein added. "These people have souls and they have value, but as long as they're under the spell of horrific drug addiction and mental illness, their lives are basically being wasted, and it's not right to just enable that sort of thing and sit back and (sit) on our hands."

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>
> - Jared Klickstein

Though mostly sleeping in Downtown Los Angeles' notorious Skid Row, Klickstein said there was not "ample opportunity to commit crime" in the area, which led him to take the bus to Santa Monica during his lowest point. There, him and another addicted acquaintance would rob places like supermarkets and drugstores, and also take part in property crimes.

"Unfortunately, most of my time spent on the Westside was doing very bad things," he said. "I of course regret these things, but at the same time, I was taking orders (from) my drug addiction and there were really no options for detox or long-term treatment."

His treatment came from being incarcerated, a situation he called ironic due to the self-defense nature of the incident. Mugged at a Panda Express restaurant by another homeless person, Klickstein grabbed his knife to try and attain his stolen cell phone, leading to an assault with a deadly weapon charge that was eventually dropped. To get himself treated, however, he came to an agreement for a six-month stint in jail in exchange for ceasing probation once released, so that he could enter into a nonprofit rehabilitation program.

The program was successful, leading to Klickstein becoming an advocate for similar programs and decrying the "completely saturated" market of for-profit rehab centers designed to "extract money" from addicts. He added that he is in favor of places that can keep addicts for 6-12 months at a time in order to give them "sufficient" space to rehab and relearn how to rejoin society.

"They just simply don't work, a profit motive cannot be involved in recovery from drug addiction, so that's why I think it's very important to have a system of nonprofit detox and rehabilitation centers where the motive to turn a profit is just not involved in the process," Klickstein said.

A crucial piece to both the homelessness and addiction crises, he notes, is that decriminalization of criminal and antisocial behavior made it so "pretty immense consequences" to his health were not properly solved. Klickstein says he's not advocating for more jail sentences, but rather mandates to enter into long-term treatment programs.

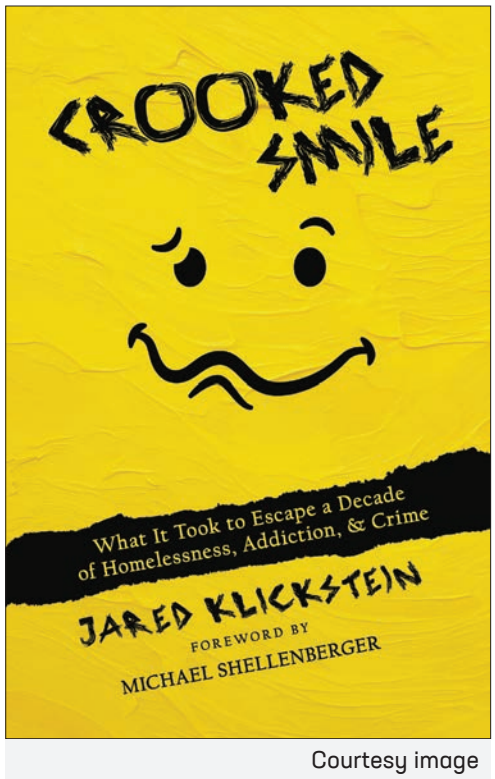
"I really saw zero consequences for doing things like professional shoplifting, getting high in public, petty theft … the only services that I was really provided were (a) free cell phone, free needles and free crack pipes," Klickstein said. "Those three things, they do really help someone on drugs that has no intention of stopping drugs, but there (were) really no resources for me to get off drugs."

He adds that while a separate crisis, that of housing in Los Angeles, plays a "small role" but less than what pro-housing politicians believe. He said that while he was provided housing during his addiction period, he was kicked out for drug use, feeling that similar situations would pop up even if lack of housing was solved.

"If you give someone that's addicted to fentanyl a free apartment, you just have fit an addict in an apartment, that's all you have," Klickstein said. "It's not going to fix anything. In fact, a fentanyl addict sitting in an apartment is much more dangerous than a fentanyl addict sitting on the sidewalk, because this gives them a place to basically overdose with no one watching … I'm not against housing the homeless, I just want to house them in therapeutic communities that promote recovery from addiction and give them medical treatment for mental illness if they have any."

"Crooked Smile" is now available for pre-order on Amazon with a paperback price point of $16.85 and a Kindle version available for $9.99.

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Courtesy image

BOOK: Jared Klickstein's book "Crooked Smile" dives deep into his personal experiences with homelessness and addiction.



MONDAY | JUNE 24

SENIOR WRITING GROUP

1 - 2:30 p.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. No RSVP is required. For questions, you can email Kathy at kathleenkatims@gmail.com or call 310-569-3492. Kathy Katims, founder of Saved by a Story, will be leading an ongoing writing group for seniors. New members are welcome to all sessions. Write to prompts, share (if you want), connect with fellow seniors in the neighborhood, hone your writing skills, and find your story. RSVP is recommended but not required. If you RSVP Kathy will send you a welcome packet, guidelines, and a reminder the day before the meeting. More information and to RSVP, email Kathy at kathleenkatims@gmail.com or call 310-569-3492.

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 Street, 7 p.m.

20 QUESTIONS TRIVIA @ O'BRIEN'S

20 Questions Trivia is like no other trivia show, because you're a part of the show. Wrong answers count for partial credit if they're funny. Every week the show has a theme, and all the questions and/or answers revolve around that theme. That makes it possible to figure out the answer even if you don't know it. And every question is followed by a song, which is usually an additional clue to the correct answer. O'Brien's Irish Pub & Restaurant, 2226 Wilshire Blvd, 8 - 10 p.m. https://www.20questionstrivia.com/

MAGIC SHOW WITH MAGICAL KATRINA

Find yourself astounded by the many tricks of Magical Katrina! Kids and families are invited to join us for a magic show that will surprise and delight. Recommended for ages 3 and up. This event is put on with the generous support of the Library Foundation. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP AT HEAL THE BAY AQUARIUM

June 24– July 26; Grades: K-8, Price: $400/week, $85/day. Sea otters, reef sharks, polar bears – oh my! The ocean is as varied as it is vast, and we can explore it all together! Join us as we embark on an epic journey around the world, learning about several distinct ocean ecosystems and the animals that live there. From learning about breaching whales and tiny shrimp to comparing playful penguins to mysterious narwhals – your camper's thirst for adventure will be satisfied. Finally, each week will end with discussions on the impacts humans have had on the chosen ecosystem of that week and the ways your camper can make a difference and protect our oceans. Discover the thrills and spills of life under the sea this summer. Join now – adventure awaits! https://healthebay.org/event/summer-science-camp-at-heal-the-bay-aquarium/

DECODEN DESIGN

Personalize a trinket box or claw hair clip in Decoden, a Japanese style of decorating with faux frosting and kawaii charms. All materials will be provided. For ages 12-18. Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 4 - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY | JUNE 25

ZOOM BOOK CLUB

1:50 p.m. Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library
501 S. Venice Boulevard, Venice. Join organizers the last Tuesday of each month for a thoughtful discussion of the latest selection and share other great reads. Email venice@lapl.org for Zoom link. Copies are available at the front desk. June 25: Poverty, by America, Matthew Desmond. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event.

LOLA COLETTE, RACHEL RUZUMNA

8 p.m. Los Angeles based artist, Lola Colette, is not your traditional singer songwriter. Raised in the hills of Laurel Canyon, her musical roots connect deeply to nature, vinyl and the historic — lady of the canyon — Joni Mitchell. Colette is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, producer, and classically trained pianist who weaves pop, rock, and Bossa Nova throughout her original songs — all of which are showcased on her debut EP, Loveland. Along with writing, producing and arranging her own demos and playing the majority of the instruments on her songs, Colette works as an art and video director on her music videos. This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West, 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice. https://www.ticketweb.com/event/ladies-night-rachel-ruzumna-the-venice-west-tickets/13561974

WEDNESDAY | JUNE 26

COMPUTER CLASS: INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHIC DESIGN WITH CANVA

Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Learn to use the popular online design tool Canva.

BAMBINO: AN OPERA FOR BABIES AND TODDLERS

11 - 11:40 a.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades. The program is free, but reservations are required. Please email: palsds@lapl.org. Bring your baby into the world of opera with BambinO, an opera created for babies and toddlers, presented by LA Opera Connects. In this story about a mother hen exploring the world with her intrepid hatchling, little ones are encouraged to engage with the performers and add bird calls to the soundscape. This interactive 40-minute show celebrates the infant imagination, immersing open-minded listeners in a sea of new sounds and bright colors. Each baby must be accompanied by one adult within the performance space. Any additional adults will be seated very closely nearby.

Building a Cleaner Future for Santa Monica

As the climate crisis worsens, the urgency to reduce emissions and transition to clean energy solutions increases. Santa Monica has partnered with QuitCarbon to provide a free service that helps homeowners convert to climate-friendly, electric systems for heating and cooking.

QuitCarbon's free, expert guidance makes it simple and affordable to get fossil fuels out of our homes. QuitCarbon has helped thousands of homeowners with planning, installation, and rebates on upgrades like heat pumps, mini-splits, induction cooking, and EV chargers. QuitCarbon is the only ENERGY STAR® partner providing free assistance with clean energy upgrades.

What's at Stake

This initiative could have a huge impact. Gas-powered water heaters, furnaces, and other appliances can be replaced with electric counterparts, reducing Santa Monica residents' fossil fuel pollution. Consider the following:

- It is possible to reduce your emissions from heating your home by up to 93% by replacing a gas furnace with an air-source heat pump.
- Using a heat pump water heater instead of a natural gas water heater can reduce a home's total emissions by 49%.
- Heat pumps are 2-4 times more efficient than gas furnaces and their efficiency continues improving with technology advancements.[1]

The City's partnership is also timely, since statewide regulations are phasing out gas appliances. California's Air Resources Board voted to ban the sale of new gas furnaces and water heaters beginning in 2030.The Southern California Air Quality Management District is developing standards for zero emission equipment, which would phase out gas appliances installed in new buildings beginning as early as 2026 and would require zero NOx appliances in existing buildings when an appliance is replaced beginning in 2029 or later depending on the equipment type. (These policies are not yet finalized.) . Santa Monica homeowners can easily and cost-effectively prepare for this transition by working with QuitCarbon now.

[1] Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE)

"Making clean energy home upgrades is complicated and confusing. That's why we provide simple, money-saving guidance at every step of the way, at no cost to the homeowner." said Cooper Marcus, QuitCarbon's Chief Quitter and CEO.

Marcus is also quick to point out that "quitting" is about far more than slashing emissions; it's a matter of safety and comfort. "Electric-powered upgrades improve indoor air quality, comfort, and safety compared to gas appliances," he said. "Home gas appliances create more NOx pollution than our cars and power plants – and gas stoves produce more cancer-causing benzene than cigarette smoke!"

Engaging the Community

As part of the partnership, QuitCarbon will conduct outreach campaigns to educate Santa Monica homeowners about home electrification and enroll them in QuitCarbon's concierge service.

Homeowners are guided through each step of the process by QuitCarbon's unbiased energy advisors, who develop customized upgrade plans, connect them with vetted local contractors, and assist with rebate applications and bid reviews.

During the campaign, QuitCarbon and the City will track data to better understand common objections and barriers to electrification. This will inform future policies and efforts to make residential electrification equitable and accessible throughout Santa Monica.

Interested homeowners can learn more about the process and incentives for making the switch to clean energy in an upcoming webinar organized by the City of Santa Monica and QuitCarbon.

Free registration is here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-practical-guide-to-electrification-in-santa-monica-tickets-914742528527

Sparking Change Together

Our community can – and must – take the lead on climate action. The City of Santa Monica's latest initiative, in partnership with QuitCarbon, embodies this spirit of change. By partnering to put clean-energy homes within reach, we're empowering Santa Monicans to build a healthier and more sustainable future.

For more information, visit www.QuitCarbon.com and https://www.santamonica.gov/process-explainers/how-to-electrify-your-home.

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Don't upgrade your home's water heater, furnace, or stove without free money-saving guidance from QuitCarbon!

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Annika, Ocean Park

"It's complicated to get your home off fossil fuels. QuitCarbon made it way easier overall."

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Steven, Pico

"Great idea and great service to homeowners facing a complex array of options and rebates."

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