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Promenade sign targeting the City Manager draws council's ire

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Tuesday's City Council meeting is mostly about administrative items, with one notable exception, a discussion about John Alle's provocative and controversial sign on the Third Street Promenade.

However, while this will invariably wake anyone up who might have dozed off watching at home, or heaven forbid, in chambers, it means that to get to this discussion that's worthy of a fresh bowl of popcorn, Council will have had to clear quite a long list of otherwise less interesting housekeeping items.

The item has been raised by Mayor Phil Brock, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and Councilmember Gleam Davis. According to the agenda, they are requesting that the City Council direct the City Attorney Doug Sloane to "prepare a resolution for Council consideration that recites that, while the City of Santa Monica is respectful of everyone's First Amendment rights to free speech, in some instances harm can come from expression that is false and/or counter to the public interest."

The staff report goes on to say that, "The resolution should reflect the Council's disapproval of signs placed upon a building along the 3rd Street Promenade that falsely state that the City Manager approves of the County's "free needle and meth pipe" program, as in fact the program is implemented by a contractor of Los Angeles County pursuant to state law and the City Council and City Manager

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Mariners trio joins football captain as latest college signees



Courtesy Taylor Plew

MARINERS: Santa Monica's pipeline to college athletics added more names this year, as recent Saint Monica Preparatory graduates will be moving onto the college sporting ranks. During a signing day ceremony earlier this year, the trio of Kaya Ghobrial, Shades Ffrench and Carolina Calzada put pen to paper on their college futures, joining the then-already signed Joshua Barnes. Ghobrial and Ffrench were a duo to be reckoned with on the basketball court, as the guard and center helped lead the Lady Mariners to two straight 20-plus win seasons and CIF playoff appearances. Ghobrial will be joining the Loyola Chicago basketball program, while Ffrench will be staying local at Glendale College. Calzada, one of the stars of the Mariners golf program, will be heading to King University in Bristol, Tennessee to continue her career. Barnes, a captain of the 2023 CIF Southern Section Division 13 champion Mariners football unit, committed in December to the University of Idaho.

Rick Caruso laments downtown vacancies as a 'blemish' on the city

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The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce toasted to the town's business leaders on June 20, hosting the packed "Toast of Santa Monica" program at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows.

Serving multiple purposes, the event began with a Chamber board installation and cocktail hour under the iconic Fairmont Fig Tree, then moved inside the Fairmont for presentation of awards and comments from prominent political and business figures.

In a "fireside chat" setting with Chamber President and CEO Judy Kruger, Rick Caruso touched on future economic outlooks both locally and regionally, stating that everyone has "to look at" where technology, quality of life and healthcare are going in the next few years. He especially stressed technology, specifically artificial intelligence, is a positive for his Caruso real estate development company and that all of his employees will need to "embrace it."

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Homeless man accused of trying to drown beach goer

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The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) is actively investigating multiple assaults committed on the morning of Monday, June 24, by a single individual in the 1300 block of Santa Monica beach. The suspect was taken into custody at the scene and is being held in the Santa Monica Jail on multiple felony charges.

According to the SMPD, the three victims, all unrelated, were provided medical attention at the scene, including an elderly female who declined transportation and a bystander who attempted to intervene and was injured as a result. A 17-year-old was transported to a hospital for treatment of serious, but not life-threatening injuries.

The aftermath of the arrest was captured on video by local resident Fabian Lewkowicz. According to Lewkowicz, one of the victims said that the incident began near Lifeguard Tower 13.

"I was sitting on the beach and heard screaming coming from Lifeguard Tower 13," the victim told Lewkowicz. "I approached the situation and saw a man attacking a young woman, trying to rob her. I pushed him off, but he punched me in the face and attacked her again. I tackled him, and he turned his attention towards me, attempting to strangle me and biting my ear."

According to Lewkowicz, the ordeal escalated when the attacker moved towards another woman, dragging her into the water and attempting to drown her before a lifeguard intervened.

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Promenade packed out for Pride event

















Photos by Thomas Leffler

PRIDE: The Third Street Promenade turned into a colorful showcase of LGBTQ+ pride this past weekend, bringing in a packed crowd for the annual Pride on the Promenade event. Stretching the length of the Promenade, as well as happenings at Santa Monica Place mall, the pride showcase featured a cavalcade of local exhibitors and musicians strutting their stuff. The music stage featured the likes of Jeffrey Chan, Kao Wonder, Tori Kay, Big Kim and resident DJ Zeus; while exhibitors ranged from institutions like Santa Monica College to regional efforts such as NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness Westside Los Angeles) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. Special art projects were also on display, such as an interactive piano painting setup from Viva LA.

California real estate group won't fight affordable housing measure, for a price



Photo by Larry Valenzuela, CalMatters/CatchLight Local

HOUSING: A real estate sign in front of a home in the Tower District in central Fresno on June 28, 2022.

BEN CHRISTOPHER
Special to the Daily Press

A November ballot measure to make it easier for local governments to borrow money for new infrastructure and affordable housing will likely include a big exception, preventing that money from being used to buy single-family homes. That's thanks to a last-minute deal hammered out between a top legislative Democrat and the state real estate lobby.

Next Thursday is the deadline for state lawmakers to get their preferred initiatives finalized for the Nov. 5 ballot. That makes these final weeks of June peak sausage-making season in the state Capitol.

The affordable housing measure is a prime example of legislative bratwurst.

Last year, Davis Democratic Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry pushed through the proposed amendment to the state constitution that would lower the electoral bar that local infrastructure and housing bonds need to clear. Currently, that threshold sits at a heightened two-thirds majority of voters. Aguiar-Curry's proposal, which had failed to get out of the Legislature three times until last session, would bring that figure down to a more attainable 55%.

Though the amendment passed last year, it left some implementation questions unanswered. Two bills — ACA 10 and AB 2813 — were introduced to do that tweaking. That set of a fresh months-long round of negotiations.

After winning an exemption for single-family home, duplex, triplex and fourplex purchases, the California Association of Realtors announced that it would no longer oppose the legislation — and by implication, the Nov. 5 ballot measure.

"Over the course of several months, the author, her staff and stakeholders were able to reach an agreement that satisfies the concerns C.A.R. raised. C.A.R. would like to thank the author for her leadership and steadfast commitment to ensuring that homeownership can become a reality for generations of Californians," the organization's lobbyist Vanessa Chavez said in a letter obtained by CalMatters.

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The association did not respond to a

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **65.1**

TUESDAY
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).

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Another drained out low tide in early AM but very light/favorable wind. Easing SSW swell still delivers plenty of surf to the region. NW wind-swell minimal in AM, then looking to bump back up some over PM as onshores develop.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 73.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63..

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2024/06/26	Wed	7:24 PM	2.54	L
2024/06/27	Thu	01:14 AM	5.01	H
2024/06/27	Thu	08:23 AM	-0.07	L
2024/06/27	Thu	3:21 PM	4.50	H
2024/06/27	Thu	8:55 PM	2.35	L
2024/06/28	Fri	02:26 AM	4.25	H
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2024/06/28	Fri	10:37 PM	1.84	L
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SMRR makes endorsement following weekend convention

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Santa Monica's traditional power block has coalesced around a slate of candidates for the upcoming election.

Santa Monicans for Renters Rights, one of the city's most influential political organizations, endorsed Dan Hall, Natalya Zernitskaya, Barry Snell and Ellis Raskin at their annual convention on Saturday.

SMRR endorsed the same slate as the Community for Excellent Public Schools (CEPS), the Executive Board of the Democratic Club and Santa Monica Forward signaling that the city's established power brokers are all backing the same group.

SMRR formed in 1979 to advocate for rent control in Santa Monica and continues to influence local politics significantly. It organizes around community issues and endorses candidates in elections, leveraging its reputation as a champion of tenants' rights in a city where most residents rent their homes. SMRR held its endorsement convention over the weekend where its general membership voted on endorsements and successful candidates had to acquire the backing of at least 50 percent of the 200 people in attendance.

Historically, SMRR endorsements have proven to be a powerful indicator of election success. However, there have been outliers in recent years. In the last election, SMRR endorsed Jesse Zwick, Caroline Torosis and Raskin. However, Raskin failed to win a seat that year with Lana Negrete taking the third spot in the election. In 2020, SMRR backed Gleam Davis, Ana Jara and Ted Winterer. Only Davis won that year with Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra taking office.

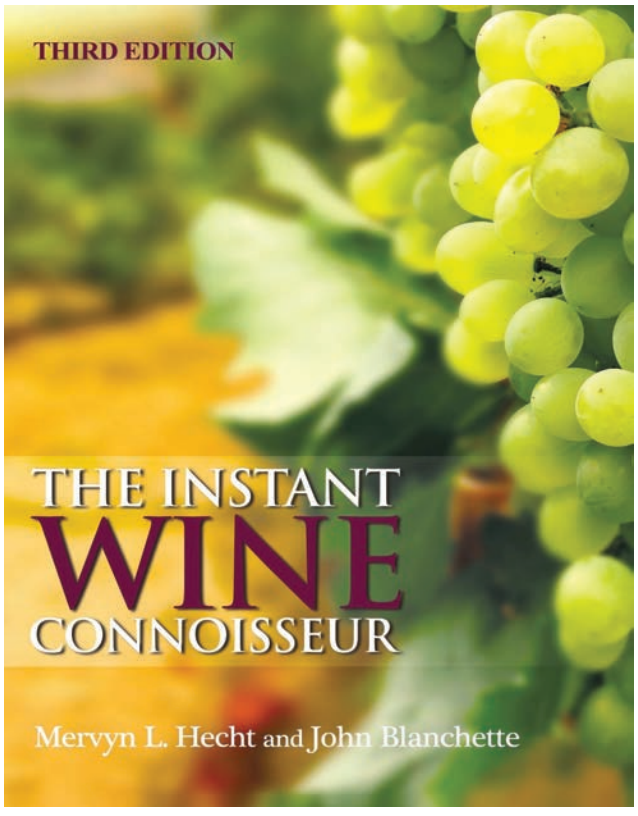
Excluded from the endorsement was Rent Control Board Chair Ericka Lesley.

While several groups have endorsed already, no one is actually a candidate for office yet.

Candidates can declare an intent to run for office at any time but there is a formal process that includes gathering 100 signatures and paying fees. That process will begin in July but candidates often choose to announce a campaign far in advance as means of securing funding and support.

Of the four incumbents (Gleam Davis, Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra), Davis has said she does not intend to run again this year. Brock, de la Torre and Parra have said they are undecided.

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Citywide

St. Joseph Center Appoints A New All-Woman Executive Team

St. Joseph Center, one of the largest grassroots organizations in Los Angeles County focused on providing housing, mental health, job training, and other vital services to underserved communities, proudly announced today the appointment of an all-woman Executive Team. This dynamic team includes esteemed and well-respected executives from the housing, non-profit, and government sectors, with a majority being Women of Color.

These appointments mark a significant milestone as Dr. Ryan J. Smith completes his first 100 days as CEO at St. Joseph Center this week, underscoring his commitment to effective and inclusive leadership. "We are thrilled to welcome this extraordinary group of leaders to our Executive Team," said Dr. Smith. "Their extensive experience and deep commitment to social justice and community empowerment perfectly align with the St. Joseph Center mission. Together, we will continue to drive impactful change and support our neighbors in need."

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> - Dr. Ryan J. Smith

The new Executive Team brings a wealth of knowledge and a shared passion for social equity:

- Sharyn Church, Chief Development Officer, brings more than 20 years of invaluable experience in nonprofit, development, and business management, most recently serving as the Managing Director of Arabella Advisors Southern California, a renowned national philanthropic consulting firm.
- Camille Gonzalez, Chief Financial Officer, has over 30 years of expertise in accounting, most recently serving as the CFO at Para Los Niños, providing underserved children with the resources they need.
- Joi Richardson, VP of External Affairs and Communications, brings a wealth of experience in government and external affairs, most recently serving as District Director for former State Senator and current Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager Dove.
- Laurie Craft, Chief Program Officer, is a passionate human services leader who has spent the last 15 years dedicated to ending homelessness in Los Angeles, most recently doing so at Home the Mission, helping expand the organization to over 450 employees.

St. Joseph Center is an inclusive, diverse force for change, working to provide underserved, low-income families, as well as homeless men, women, and children of all ages, with the inner resources and tools to become productive, stable, and self-supporting members of the community.

For almost fifty years, St. Joseph Center has been at the forefront of supporting unhoused men and women across Los Angeles. Last year, St. Joseph Center connected over 2,400 individuals with housing, provided over 45,000 hours of mental health care, and served over 46,000 hot, nutritious meals to homeless men and women at their Bread and Roses Café. St. Joseph Center has also been a leading advocate for the advancement of underserved women in the workplace, with their digital web technology job training program, Codetalk, low-income and underserved women are given the tools and skills they need to find employment in the technology industry.

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Malibu

SB 1297 to Allow Speed Camera Systems in Malibu Passes Out of Assembly Transportation Committee

The City of Malibu has announced that Senate Bill 1297 (SB 1297), which authorizes the use of speed camera systems in designated areas of Malibu, has successfully passed out of the Assembly Transportation Committee. This pivotal legislation aims to enhance road safety and reduce speeding-related incidents in the community.

SB 1297, introduced by Senator Ben Allen, whose 24th District includes Malibu, received support from several Committee members, community and safety advocates, and law enforcement officials. The bill will now advance to the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee for further consideration.

"We are thrilled that SB 1297 has taken this significant step forward," said Mayor Steve Uhring. "The implementation of speed camera systems is a crucial measure to protect our residents, pedestrians, and visitors from the dangers of speeding. This technology will serve as a deterrent, encourage responsible driving, and ultimately save lives."

Senator Allen expressed his gratitude for the Committee's support, stating, "Passing SB 1297 out of the Assembly Transportation Committee is a major victory for public safety in Malibu. Speed cameras have proven effective in reducing speeding and saving lives in other communities, and I am confident they will do the same here."

Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin (whose 42nd District includes Malibu), co-author of SB 1297, joined Senator Allen at Monday's hearing, also commented, "This legislation represents a critical step towards making our roads safer. I am proud to support SB 1297 and look forward to its continued progress through the Assembly."

The proposed speed camera systems will be strategically placed in five high-risk areas along Malibu's 21-mile stretch, where speeding poses a serious threat to public safety. Data gathered from other communities and countries that have implemented similar measures show an average of 41% reduction in fatal or incapacitating injury crashes.

Bridget Thompson, a classmate of the Pepperdine students who were tragically killed on PCH back in October of 2023, testified in Sacramento in support of the bill. She shared, "This legislation is a necessary

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How does heat kill? It confuses your brain. It shuts down your organs. It overworks your heart.

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

As temperatures and humidity soar outside, what's happening inside the human body can become a life-or-death battle decided by just a few degrees.

The critical danger point outdoors for illness and death from relentless heat is several degrees lower than experts once thought, say researchers who put people in hot boxes to see what happens to them.

> We routinely will see core temperatures greater than 104, 105 degrees during some of the heat episodes
>
> - Dr. Neil Gandhi

With much of the United States, Mexico, India and the Middle East suffering through blistering heat waves, worsened by human-caused climate change, several doctors, physiologists and other experts explained to The Associated Press what happens to the human body in such heat.

KEY BODY TEMPERATURE

The body's resting core temperature is typically about 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit (37 degrees Celsius).

That's only 7 degrees (4 Celsius) away from catastrophe in the form of heatstroke, said Ollie Jay, a professor of heat and health at the University of Sydney in Australia, where he runs the thermoergonomics laboratory.

Dr. Neil Gandhi, emergency medicine director at Houston Methodist Hospital, said during heat waves anyone who comes in with a fever of 102 or higher and no clear source of infection will be looked at for heat exhaustion or the more severe heatstroke.

"We routinely will see core temperatures greater than 104, 105 degrees during some of the heat episodes," Gandhi said. Another degree or three and such a patient is at high risk of death, he said.

HOW HEAT KILLS

Heat kills in three main ways, Jay said. The usual first suspect is heatstroke — critical increases in body temperature that cause organs to fail.

When inner body temperature gets too hot, the body redirects blood flow toward the skin to cool down, Jay said. But that diverts blood and oxygen away from the stomach and intestines, and can allow toxins normally confined to the gut area to leak into circulation.

"That sets off a cascade of effects," Jay said. "Clotting around the body and multiple organ failure and, ultimately, death."

But the bigger killer in heat is the strain on the heart, especially for people who have cardiovascular disease, Jay said.

It again starts with blood rushing to the skin to help shed core heat. That causes blood pressure to drop. The heart responds by trying to pump more blood to keep you from passing out.

"You're asking the heart to do a lot more work than it usually has to do," Jay said. For someone with a heart condition "it's like running for a bus with dodgy (hamstring). Something's going to give."

The third main way is dangerous dehydration. As people sweat, they lose liquids to a point that can severely stress kidneys, Jay said.

Many people may not realize their danger, Houston's Gandhi said.

Dehydration can progress into shock, causing organs to shut down from lack of blood, oxygen and nutrients, leading to seizures and death, said Dr. Renee Salas, a Harvard University professor of public health and an emergency room physician at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"Dehydration can be very dangerous and even deadly for everyone if it gets bad enough — but it is especially dangerous for those with medical conditions and on certain medications," Salas said.

Dehydration also reduces blood flow and magnifies cardiac problems, Jay said.

ATTACKING THE BRAIN

Heat also affects the brain. It can cause a person to have confusion, or trouble thinking, several doctors said.

"One of the first symptoms you're getting into trouble with the heat is if you get confused," said University of Washington public health and climate professor Kris Ebi. That's little help as a symptom because the person suffering from the heat is unlikely to recognize it, she said. And it becomes a bigger problem as people age.

One of the classic definitions of heat stroke is a core body temperature of 104 degrees "coupled with cognitive dysfunction," said Pennsylvania State University physiology professor W. Larry Kenney.

HUMIDITY MATTERS

Some scientists use a complicated outside temperature measurement called wet bulb globe temperature, which takes into account humidity, solar radiation and wind. In the past, it was thought that a wet-bulb reading of 95 Fahrenheit (35 Celsius) was the point when the body started having trouble, said Kenney, who also runs a hot box lab and has done nearly 600 tests with volunteers.

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His tests show the wet-bulb danger point is closer to 87 (30.5 Celsius). That's a figure that has started to appear in the Middle East, he said.

And that's just for young healthy people. For older people, the danger point is a wet bulb temperature of 82 (28 degrees Celsius), he said.

"Humid heat waves kill a lot more people than dry heat waves," Kenney said.

When Kenney tested young and old people in dry heat, young volunteers could function until 125.6 degrees (52 degrees Celsius), while the elderly had to stop at 109.4 (43 degrees Celsius). With high or moderate temperatures, the people could not function at nearly as high a temperature, he said.

"Humidity impacts the ability of sweat to evaporate," Jay said.

RUSHING TO MAKE PATIENTS COOL

Heatstroke is an emergency, and medical workers try to cool a victim down within 30 minutes, Salas said.

The best way: Cold water immersion. Basically, "you drop them in a water bucket," Salas said.

But those aren't always around. So emergency rooms pump patients with cool fluids intravenously, spray them with misters, put ice packs in armpits and groins and place them on a chilling mat with cold water running inside it.

Sometimes it doesn't work.

"We call it the silent killer because it's not this kind of visually dramatic event," Jay said. "It's insidious. It's hidden."

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COUNCIL

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play no role in authorizing the program," it says.

"Further, to the extent that there is City policy on the program, the City Council is the source of any such City policy on the subject, not the City Manager. Finally, the signs also may be counter-productive to the community's stated goal of economic recovery as they may deter people from visiting and shopping in Santa Monica at a time when the City's retail, travel and entertainment businesses are still recovering from the pandemic."

The Santa Monica Coalition, a group overseen by Alle, sent an email saying the effort was an assault on free speech and that there is evidence to support their claims.

"The City Council's refusal to address this issue and pay attention to the collaboration between Santa Monica City Manager David White and Barbara Ferrer's Department of Public Health team contributed to the growing number of transient addicts 24-7 in the parks and in our City, decline of business and tourism, and rise in retail theft and violent crime in Downtown Santa Monica and all areas of the City," said the email.

The sign itself has gone through a number of iterations since it first appeared in 2022. Currently, it reads, "Santa Methica is not safe. SM City Manager supports free needle & meth pipe distribution program in our parks and public spaces." It hangs on a vacant building owned by John Alle at 1335 Third Street.

This isn't the first time an attempt has been made recently to address this controversial issue. During the February 22, 2024, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board meeting, board member Barry Snell attempted to raise a motion to bring the subject to the table for discussion.



Photo by Sienna Bevin

SIGN: The Third Street Promenade's "Santa Methica Is Not Safe" sign has continued to spark city discussion.

"I think it's important that we get an understanding from the city as to the legality of it [the sign], so I'd like to have someone from the city discuss what that is and then I'd like for us as a board to discuss some of the possibilities as to how we address it," Snell said, adding, "At a minimum, I think a letter form our board ... because that sign is hurting our downtown."

That motion was seconded by Ericka Lesley. However, it brought uneasy tension to the room as few were prepared to actually commit to the idea.

Eric Sedman, Chair of the board said, "I understand where you're coming from, but I'm not in favor of agendizing this item. I think it's a road that's a loser for us to go down, I think if the city took a position that the sign should come down ... they should act on it," adding, "It's really isn't in our purview and I think for us to go down that road and end up with a result that is nothing more than a PR negative on us, I think is a loser."

"It's already a negative on us," retorted Snell. "We've heard from many of our stakeholders that they do not like this sign and it's hurting their businesses ... It's our duty as a board to protect our downtown. I don't know whether it's illegal, but I do think that a discussion about the sign is [warranted] and if we don't do anything about it, no matter where the city is positioned ... then we as a board are being ineffective."

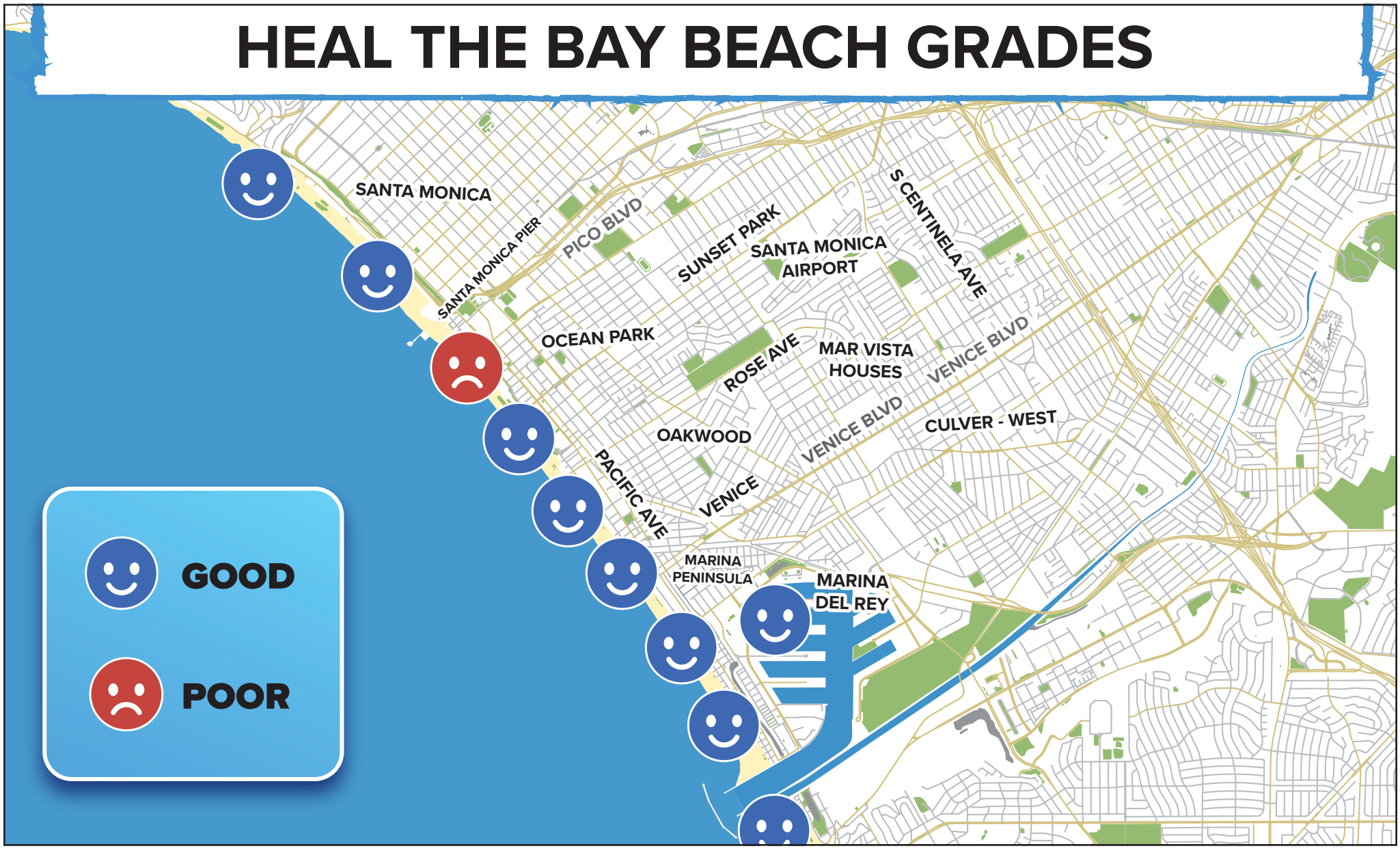
Out of the 11 board members present that evening, only board member Susan Cline voted in favor, along with Snell and Lesley as board member Lucian Tudor changed his vote from 'yes' to 'no' and consequently it failed.

"I'm in between a rock and a hard place," said board member Luke Cain.

The other agenda items we have to get through on Tuesday evening to get this particular one, Item 16B, include the operating budget for the housing authority and approval of a ballot measure for November to raise the parking tax in private lots.

Mayor Brock has also asked for a discussion of a new parcel tax to fund police and homeless services.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

"Celebrate America 2024" at Santa Monica College June 29

Santa Monica College (SMC) is pleased to present "Celebrate America 2024" — a star-spangled salute to our nation's independence and the wonderful vibrancy and diversity of our community — on Saturday, June 29, at Corsair Field on the main SMC campus at 1900 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica. Admission is free for the popular entertainment and fireworks spectacular. Parking is $5.

The celebration — the only one of its kind in Santa Monica — features a dazzling fireworks show by Rialto-based Pyro Spectaculars Entertainment. Eddie Jauregui will preside as Master of Ceremonies. Live performances include the popular sounds of Westside Crew performing the very best in Old Skool Funk, Top 40, and Latin Soul.

"Celebrate America 2024" is presented by Santa Monica College and sponsored by the Emeritus Program of Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica College Associates. Other sponsors include the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District, and BXP (Boston Properties).

The SMC Zone at the south end of Corsair Field offers booths presenting information on SMC's academic and student support programs, and Emeritus and SMC Community Education classes. Information on a range of community services — such as acclaimed performance venue The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage and its presenting company, BroadStage — will also be featured.

"Celebrate America 2024" festivities will feature three inflatable bounce houses for kids to enjoy, community service booths, and food booths operated by Keith's Kettle Corn, Kai Kai Dumplings, What the Funnel, Pucker Up Lemonade, and Oma's Puffers. Food will also be sold by Heritage Kitchen, RS California Fusion, and Aloha Catering food trucks.

Picnicking is welcome. Prohibited are alcoholic beverages, weapons, glass containers, barbecues, fireworks (including sparklers), and chairs with pointed legs. SMC is a smoke free campus, and ALL smoking is prohibited.

Parking lots open at 4 p.m. (enter at Pico Blvd. and 17th St.), with Corsair Field gates opening at 5 p.m. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. Fireworks start at 9 p.m. For safety, there will be no pre-show entry to parking lots after 8:15 p.m., or to Corsair Field after 8:45 p.m.

Accommodation for Disability: Guests who need an accommodation due to a disability to participate in "Celebrate America 2024" should send email to dsps@smc.edu or call 310-434-4173, at least five business days prior to the event.

Additional details available at the Celebrate America website (smc.edu/CelebrateAmerica), by calling 310-434-3001, or by sending email to Sullivan_Linda@smc.edu requesting information.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

Pico

Celebrating 10 years of connecting and reading at the Pico Branch Library

Join organizers as they celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Boulevard, on Saturday, June 29, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The free, fun-filled event for the entire family highlights the strength of the library's contribution to the Pico neighborhood.

The event begins at 11 a.m. with an opening by the Santa Monica Youth Orchestra Mariachi band and welcome by Mayor Phil Brock. Keynote speaker, Anne Carmack, City of Santa Monica Poet Laureate, reads a special poem she wrote for the event from words contributed by the community.

Join City officials, the Director of Library Services, Library Board and Friends of the Library Board members, and community members in celebrating this beloved neighborhood library branch in the Virginia Avenue Park campus with a performance-filled afternoon. Ashley Granillo reads from her book, Cruzita and Mariacheros. Following the reading, enjoy Mariachi music and a book signing by the author.

The creativity and diversity of one of Santa Monica's most vital neighborhoods is showcased via community organization booths that populate the festivity. The day's line-up includes Summer Reading Program signups, a variety of activities, giveaways courtesy of the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library, refreshments, screen printed tote bags, and much more.

The day concludes with bossa nova music courtesy of the Angelo Metz Quartet, who are bound to keep hands clapping and toes tapping for kids and parents alike.

When you are at the library, check out a local history RED Kit, one of the library's new interactive items that invites neighbors to share their stories through interviews and spoken word.

"In the 10 years that Pico Branch has existed within the Virginia Avenue Park campus and the Pico neighborhood, our library services, programs, and staff have woven themselves into the fabric of this community, ensuring that everyone has access to lifelong learning opportunities and experiences. Cheers to many more years of partnership and collaboration!" said Erica Cuyugan, Director of Library Services.

Designed by Koning Eizenberg Architecture of Santa Monica, the Pico Branch Library, which opened to the public in June 2014, is a two-building, state-of-the-art, LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Platinum rated facility.

The public is cordially invited to bring their picnic blankets and baskets for a fun day in the park and to celebrate the strength of literacy, community connection, and engagement that the Pico Branch Library brings to the neighborhood and the community. Because parking is limited, the public is urged to walk, bike, or take Big Blue Bus line 7 to the tenth anniversary celebration. Additional free parking is available in the Venice Family Clinic lot, located just a half block east of Virginia Avenue Park, at 2509 Pico Blvd. The Pico Branch is wheelchair accessible. For assistance with accessibility accommodations, call (310) 458-8600 at least one week in advance.

The Pico Branch tenth anniversary celebration is presented by the Santa Monica Public Library and Virginia Avenue Park. Generous support is provided by the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. For more information, call the library at (310) 458-8600; or email library@santamonica.gov. Follow us on social media @smpubliclibrary for updates.

SUBMITTED BY SUSAN LAMB





TOAST

FROM PAGE 1

Kruger asked the mogul how to sustain growth in an always-fluctuating marketplace, something that Caruso said starts with a professional mindset.

"You have to be so intentional every day when you wake up, (like) you're literally going to battle," Caruso said. "You have to have that mindset … I (have) a pretty high bar on how I expect you to work, and it's not that you never make a mistake, we're all going to make mistakes, but you learn from them."

On the outlook for Santa Monica, Caruso touched on Macerich's recent returning of Santa Monica Place mall to lenders, as well as vacancies on the Third Street Promenade, as sending a "bad message." He added that the city is in an "incredibly dynamic" position being "one of the most beautiful coastal towns in the world," and should take advantage of this locale.

"You're a great city and a great location, but you should be encouraging investment, encouraging development in the city, and somebody's got to figure out how to you can remake Third Street Promenade, because that's a real blemish on the city," Caruso said in reference to vacancies.

The event also included four awards given to Santa Monica dignitaries, including the Nat Trives Award handed to Macerich Co. Vice President of Property Management Julia Ladd and the Chair Award given to Santa Monica Preccelerator Program Director Len Lanzi.

"I'm humbled to receive this award," Lanzi said. "Doing community service is much like a vocation, and everybody in this room shares that vocation, so I share this award with all of you."

The Business Leader Award went to Arthur Murray Dance Studio owner David Woodbury, who has been part of the community for over a decade with a "mission of creating hospitality and finding greatness in everyone," according to award presenter Michael Altschule. He added that Woodbury was able to keep the studio open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and is now "thriving" once more. Woodbury made sure to thank his husband and his family during his acceptance speech.

Yesenia Monsour presented the Community Leader Award to Jeff Jarow, who has stamped a legacy in the city in multiple roles. The man Monsour noted as "passionate about building community" has served on the Santa Monica Pier Corporation Executive Board and the Chamber board, has held a role as president of the Santa Monica Sister City Association, and began organizing the annual 4th of July Parade 18 years ago.

"He moved across the country in the pursuit of new opportunities, new adventures, and since then he has never looked back," Monsour said of Jarow. "He has found countless ways to serve the community which has greatly benefited from his rich contributions."

In his acceptance speech, Jarow said he is leaving a legacy for his son Morgan, hoping he noticed that his father did something for Santa Monica.

"I love this city, everybody knows whatever I do, I do it for the community, and I do it with passion … there's so much going on in the city and I just want to spend my time to do good stuff for everybody … I kind of feel like I left my mark on Santa Monica," Jarow said.

Speaking on local business matters during the event were regional leaders, including California State Senator Ben Allen and business magnate Rick Caruso. Allen noted that his priority in Sacramento has been trying to balance the state budget after a "very difficult set of revenues that came in over the last few years," but that during this tough time, he still enjoys calling Santa Monica home.

"This is a special community that believes in schools and believes in a high quality of life, and the business community has been at the heart of that effort all the way through," Allen said.



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BUSINESS: Business magnate Rick Caruso was a special guest of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's "Toast of Santa Monica" event, speaking on the business outlook of the city.

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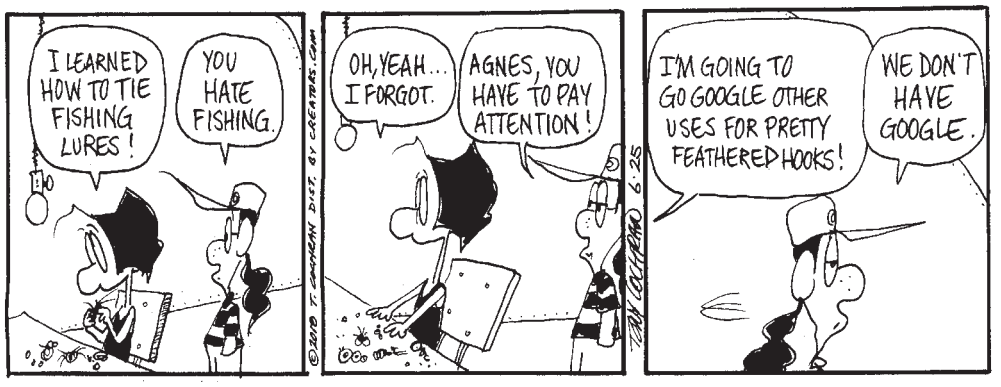
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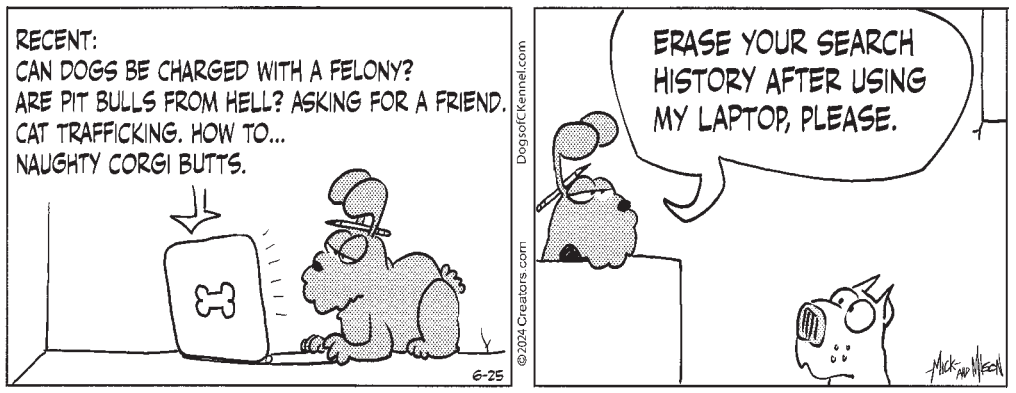
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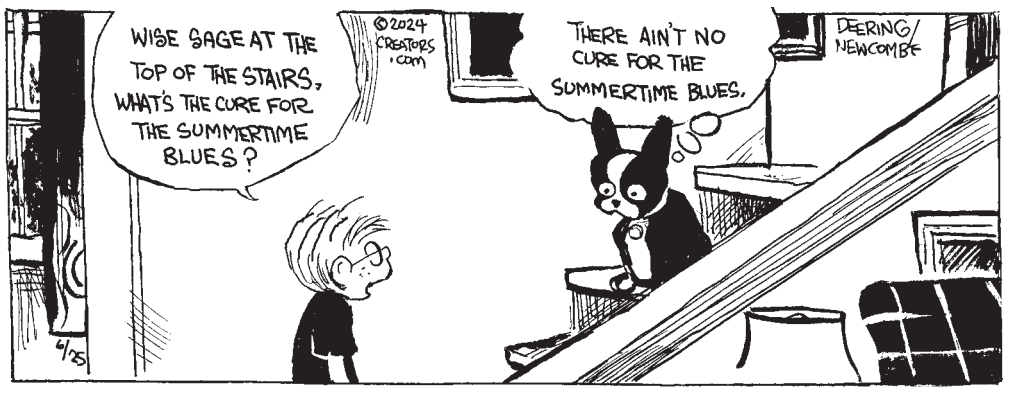
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FIND THE WORDS

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

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Riverina food bowl

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25)

A fortifying belief in yourself and the returning karma of all your goodwill combine to make a protective field around you. It keeps out anything that would distract from your purpose and creates an atmosphere of thriving on the inside. More highlights: You'll experience a fun, romantic wonderland. Money comes easily to you. Professional changes favor you. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 10, 1, 24 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is normal to have bad thoughts when bad things are going on, but sometimes the thoughts come without correlation to anything happening in the outside world. It's important to recognize that just because you think something is true doesn't mean it is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's not something you readily recognize, but indeed, the people you admire have qualities like your own. You wouldn't love them so much if it didn't strike a deep chord in you. There's gold to be mined here. Nurture these qualities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're being a flower, you will open as you lean into the light. If you're being a model, you and the product will be illuminated in the glow of a spotlight. If you're an actor, magician or artist, the shadows are your friend and playmate.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have big feelings. And though you don't always love it when they wash over you, hopefully you can appreciate the glorious gift of this emotional wiring. You are the heart of a world that sorely needs one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When two good options stand far apart in your life, you'll swing like a pendulum between the extremes. And if you don't grab one or the other, you'll end up in a solitary and motionless middle zone. It's not a bad place to be either. At least it brings clarity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Usually, the line between enjoyment and gluttony is rather pronounced, but circumstances are different today, so the boundaries may seem invisible, or perhaps extremely visible and yet somehow not important.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Though your designer's eye is tuned to complexity and your dramatic eye is tuned to nuanced, you might have to tell that to your attention span, which is tuned to getting through the work as quickly as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're inclined to take the good with the bad. If you tend to see the bad more clearly or more often, don't blame yourself. To weigh negativity with greater significance is a human bias you can overcome, and when you do, you evolve the human race.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It may feel like you're striving but still very far away from the goal, and that's not a bad place to be. It puts a fire in your belly. It's fuel for a spurt. A winning streak will put more within reach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't help it. Your move, however small or insignificant it may seem, will set off a chain of events, domino style. Intention will matter. What you do in the name of love will send love down the entire line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's said that rejection is often protection, but it sure doesn't feel like that in the moment you're turned down. You've been on either side of this equation. Everything will work out in the end. Until then, you'll be gracious in the way it plays out now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll improve your rating, raise your score and enrich the value of your stock. Even so, anyone who only seems interested in you because of this number is suspect.

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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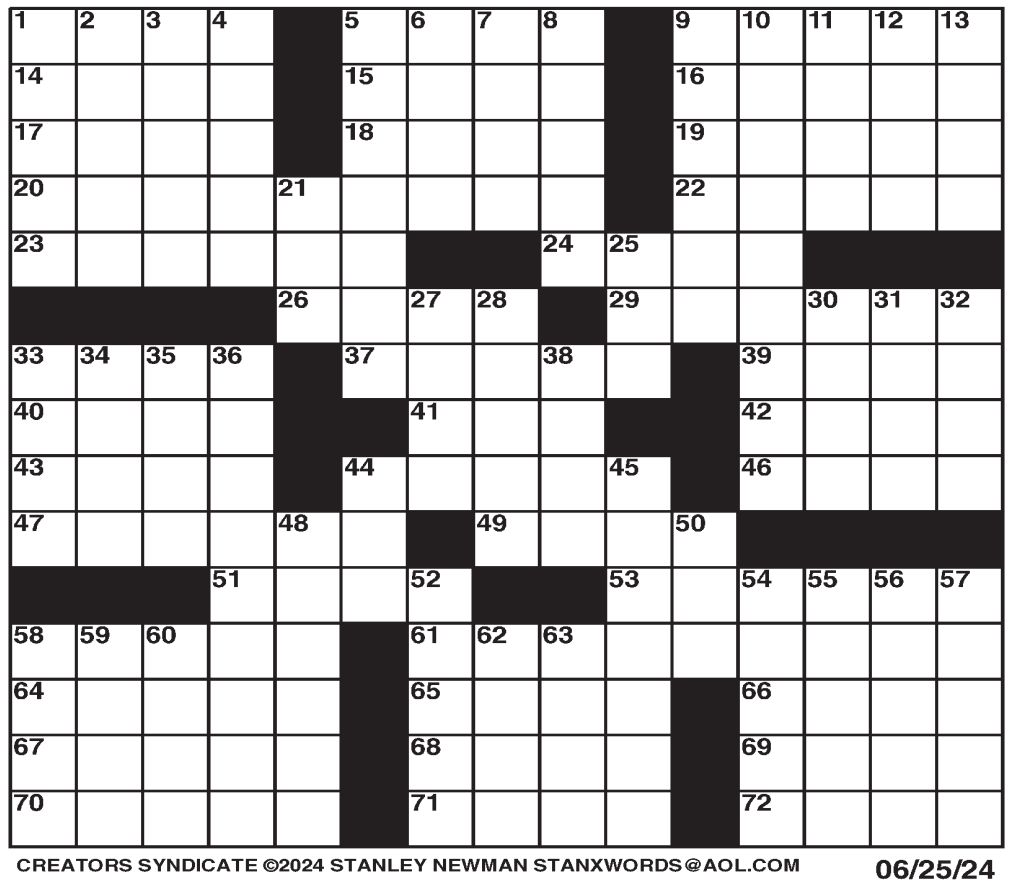
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ACROSS

1 Attended an event
5 What "+" means
9 "Get lost!"
14 Egg-shaped
15 Remove from power
16 Doorbell's musical sound
17 Nevada casino city
18 Sticky cellophane roll
19 Aspirations
20 Accessories supplier for films
22 Unwraps
23 Small river
24 Winnie-the-__
26 Droops
29 Lies on top of a pool
33 Resorts with hot springs
37 Rocky ledge
39 "This doesn't look good"
40 Apiece
41 100 percent
42 Feeling angry
43 Bounce of a sound
44 Improvise a speech
46 Looked at closely
47 Anything worth saving
49 Goad into action
51 Dislike very much
53 Beach shoe
58 Grain storage towers
61 Run-down lodging place
64 Approximately
65 Red-hot flowing rock
66 Student exam
67 Hearing or sight
68 Highest poker cards
69 Line on a grocery list
70 Control the car
71 Change for a $20 bill
72 Brief letter

DOWN

1 Marine __ (military branch)
2 Prevent from happening
3 Grand residence
4 Get wed in secret
5 River through Washington, DC
6 Hawaiian banquet
7 Letter carriers' employer: Abbr.
8 Difficult to climb
9 College or academy
10 Restaurant specializing in steaks
11 Ready to harvest
12 Prayer's last word
13 Untidy condition
21 Possesses
25 Away from the office today
27 Feeling pleased
28 Window ledges
30 Nautical greeting
31 Ripped (apart)
32 Building for garden tools
33 Search for
34 Rate of walking
35 Muscle discomfort
36 Building with a residence above a store
38 Do a somersault
44 Sculpture or mural
45 Student's free-fare card
48 Sunday after Lent
50 Old-fashioned football cheer
52 D sharp's other name
54 Away from the office today
55 Because of
56 Any thing of value
57 "I can do that for you"
58 Bratty backtalk
59 "A likely story!"
60 __ Star State (Texas)
62 Shoestring
63 Baker's appliance



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HOUSING

FROM PAGE 3

request for comment late today.

The ballot measure would still allow local bond issues to provide funds for the construction of smaller affordable units. The ban applies to purchasing existing homes — notably, one of the ways that Realtors make money.

The neutrality of the Realtors — regularly among the biggest campaign spenders in California — is a political win for backers of the initiative.

But many of the supporters of the constitutional amendment aren't pleased about the last-minute agreement. Earlier this week, a coalition of tenant rights groups, "Yes in My Backyard" advocates and legal aid associations penned a letter urging Aguiar-Curry not to accept the Realtors deal, saying that it would "enshrine a discriminatory housing policy in state law."

Exempting single-family homes from a statewide affordable housing policy is also symbolically hard to swallow, said Francisco Dueñas, executive director of the nonprofit advocacy organization Housing Now!

"The single family map that we have now comes from a lot of redlining, from racist systems that we've had in the past," he said. "If we are again saying that those areas are off the table for these solutions, are we then further enshrining the legacy of these racist policies?"

Dueñas also said the new restrictions on bond funds would prohibit local governments from pursuing novel approaches to housing affordability, including community land trusts.

Though the Realtors won a key exemption, there are exceptions to that exemption. Local governments could still use the funds to purchase homes and reserve them for "survivors of domestic violence, refugees, or people with developmental disabilities."

Making it easier to pass housing bonds is a top priority for affordable housing advocates this year. That's especially true for those in the San Francisco Bay Area, where a first-of-its-kind regional housing finance authority plans to float an IOU of as much as $20 billion to fund housing projects across the region, if voters approve in November.

This article was originally published by CalMatters.

NEWS

FROM PAGE 4

step towards ensuring that no other family or community has to endure the pain we have experienced. Speed cameras will make our roads safer for everyone."

Michel Shane, father of Emily Shane who was killed in 2010 on PCH, also testified, saying, "The passage of SB 1297 out of committee is a beacon of hope for those of us who have lost loved ones to reckless driving. It is a crucial step towards preventing future tragedies on our roads."

"We thank the Assembly Transportation Committee for their support and recognition of the importance of this bill," added Mayor Uhring. "We look forward to continuing our efforts to make Malibu a safer place for everyone."

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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

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Virginia Avenue Park, in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal or Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

DECODEN DESIGN

The Youth Activity Room of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., will be hosting a Decoden Design session from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. 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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

SMMUSD MEETING

Due to scheduling conflicts with board members and executive staff, the regular meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education has been moved up to Tuesday evening. The board will look to adopt several components of the district's 2024-25 school year outlook at the meeting, including the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and district budget. Both items were discussed during the board's June 6 meeting, with follow-up public hearings held at the June 20 board meeting.

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.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. They welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; they are self-supporting through contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

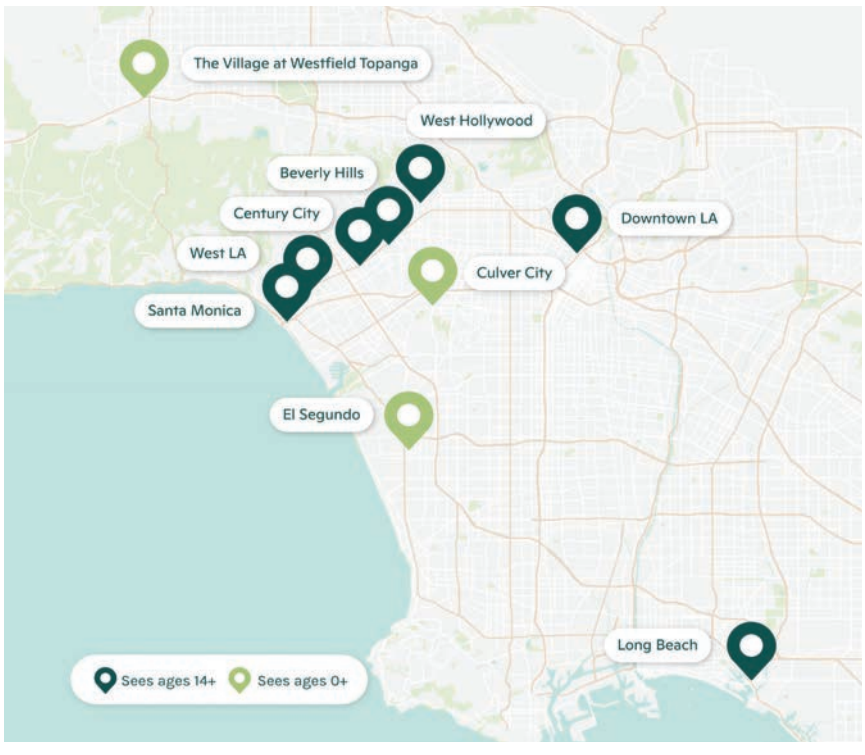
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