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Dozens of illegal fireworks displays reported around Santa Monica so far this month

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The Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) has had a busy month, responding to as many as 41 reports of illegal fireworks displays over the past 31 days.

Last week, a SMPD spokesperson reported he was not aware of any fireworks complaints so far this season, but further investigation revealed the department's night shift had collected dozens of fireworks complaints as well as reports of shots fired that turned out to be fireworks-related.

"Many of the calls came in as potential 'shots fired' but were cleared as fireworks," SMPD Public Information Officer Rudy Flores wrote in an email to the Daily Press on Monday, June 27. "Some of these may also be related / duplicate calls."

Flores went on to say that when it came to the location where illegal fireworks were deployed, there was no obvious trend that emerged; however, if you live in the western portion of the city you are probably more likely to see or hear an unlicensed display.

"The calls are fairly distributed throughout our city, however I am noticing more of a concentration in the most western portion of our city," Flores wrote.

So far, none of the 41 calls has resulted in an arrest or citation,

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From Acre, Israel to Montana Avenue, Savida offers a fresh take on raw fish





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RESTAURANT: Savida focuses on simple ingredients and the highest quality fish.

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Chef Dan Smulovitz has prepared countless complicated dishes at some of the highest end restaurants in Los Angeles, but at his new Santa Monica restaurant simplicity is on the menu.

Located in the former Sushi Sho space on Montana Avenue, Savida is an intimate raw seafood restaurant with an ocean to table driven menu. Most dishes consist of around four ingredients and are anchored by the highest quality fish that Smulovitz prepares by hand daily in his tiny kitchen space—which, at just 80 square feet, fits neither an oven nor a stove.

For some chefs, this constraint would be a cause of great stress, but for Smulovitz it has become a source of inner peace as he pivoted his restaurant concept to an entirely raw menu.

"The way that I approach food and approach life is I try to simplify everything," said Smulovitz.

Smulovitz had planned on serving cooked fish as he did in the first iteration of Savida, a seafood restaurant in the coastal city of Acre, Israel where he prepared the catch of the day over a hot charcoal grill. Yet, once Smulovitz found the space on Montana Avenue he was sold and decided to do whatever it took to make the restaurant work.

"Actually, I love it. It makes my day; the food is simpler and I don't come home all sweaty from the kitchen," said Smulovitz. "I started eating raw food and actually I discovered that it is really good for my health. It doesn't take a lot of energy to digest and it makes you feel amazing."

Despite what people may assume when they see a raw seafood restaurant helmed by an Israeli chef, Savida is neither a sushi bar nor an

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Malibu considering armed school security in wake of Texas school shooting

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Citing its large, difficult-to-secure exurban campuses and slow law enforcement response times, the City of Malibu is considering new plans to potentially add armed security guards to its four public school campuses for the first time.

Funding for the program would most likely come from the City's budget, although at least one Malibu councilmember insisted the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) should foot the bill for any private security guards, LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD) contracts, support services and/or enhanced physical security on the campuses of Malibu Elementary, Webster Elementary, Malibu Middle and Malibu High schools.

"We should demand that the School District fund this — demand it, not just request them and take their answer, 'No' — demand it, and if necessary, consider legal action to require it because it is their responsibility to keep our school students safe," Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Silverstein said during the hearing on Monday, June 27.

When reached on Tuesday, SMMUSD administration expressed support for the plan, but stated that, at least initially, it would be funded by the City of Malibu. There was no estimate for

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the potential cost of the program.

"We are thrilled to be working collaboratively with LASD under the direction of [Lost Hills Sheriff's Station] Captain [Jennifer] Seetoo, City of Malibu, and other Malibu community partners to enhance security measures and responsiveness around our four Malibu schools as a pilot project," a statement attributed to SMMUSD Superintendent Ben Drati said Tuesday. "We appreciate this joint effort to improve patrolling, response time and intervention in emergencies or threats to our campuses and thank Malibu City Council for the initial funding for this pilot."

Unlike schools within the City of Santa Monica, which are served by the Santa Monica Police Department, Malibu schools fall under the service area of the LASD, and are located miles away from the closest sheriff's station one city over in Agoura Hills. Malibu City Council members said concerns over safety on campuses have been simmering for years, although no one cited any examples of security breaches or violence on campuses due to the perceived lack of security.

"This has been the elephant in the room in Malibu since I attended school here," Councilmember Mikke Pierson — whose own children have since graduated from Malibu schools — said at one point during the meeting. "I'm really thinking this is the moment we take another step. I think that's pretty obvious. I don't think anyone's opposed to actually doing something here."

The current push for enhanced security followed the latest deadly mass shooting on a school campus, which occurred in Uvalde, Texas, in May, when an armed gunman murdered 21 people in an elementary school.

During the Monday Malibu City Council meeting, council members there placed two separate items on the agenda to explore ways to enhance security at the four school campuses. In the end, the five-member council voted unanimously to send out two requests for proposals (RFPs): one for private security services and another for consulting services to explore ways to enhance security with or without armed guards. They also approved an ad hoc council committee to give input and conduct further research.

> "This has been the elephant in the room in Malibu since I attended school here - Councilmember Mikke Pierson"

The idea for armed private security came out of a community meeting held earlier in June, according to Council Member Karen Farrer, who said she consulted with local stakeholders including Seetoo, who said that while sheriff's deputies would be too costly, private security would be a good alternative.

Silverstein, the councilmember who suggested hiring a consultant to explore possibilities outside security guards, said he was concerned that following LASD suggestions for security might be closing off the City to potential solutions that did not involve guards.

"There's a saying: When you're a hammer, every problem is a nail," Silverstein said. "And it's unsurprising to me that the Sheriff's Department's initial reaction and recommendation would be private law enforcement — 'we can't do it, but law enforcement's the right answer' — because the Sheriff's Department is law enforcement. That's what they know."

Some members who spoke during the meeting on Monday expressed strong support for armed security guards. Among those who called in to the hearing were also a number of teachers who expressed concerns about the presence of armed officers or guards on school grounds.

"There have been armed officers at several of our country's worst school shootings, including Uvalde and Parkland [the 2018 school shooting in Parkland, Fla., at which 17 people were murdered]. Their presence didn't deter the shooter from coming to campus. They didn't intervene with the shooter once they were on campus and they didn't save anybody," Malibu High School teacher Maia Zander said at the hearing. "So, how do we know that this will be different at our school? The second question is: Are we just trying to make people feel safer if we're not sure this will actually make us safer? And an armed presence will make many people on our campus feel less safe. Those are the exact words I heard over and over when I talked to people."

Parent Ethan White spoke at the meeting representing the Boys & Girls Club of Malibu (BGCM), a well-funded institution that has a presence on every school campus in the city. According to White, BGCM recently underwent a three-month safety audit from the National Boys & Girls Club of America, and was told campuses were "doing everything great." The one lingering concern, White said, was with law enforcement response times in the sparsely populated community.

White added that the BGCM offered a "full service wellness center that provides mental health, counseling and mental health services free of charge to support to all the schools and all the school staff, anybody who wants it really in the community."

White said he would support the City's work to explore enhanced security, including the possibility of armed security, and volunteered to help draw up the RFPs.

The RFPs, which could go out as early as next week, will give a timeline of 45 days for responses, in the hopes of moving forward with plans for increased security by the start of the 2022-23 school year in August.

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Fight 3100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:28 a.m.
Battery 3100Blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:28 a.m.
Vandalism 1100Blk 6th St 12:57 a.m.
Oversize Vehicle Violation 300Blk Pico Blvd 3:45 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk 18th St 5:39 a.m.
Encampment 2700Blk The Beach 5:55 a.m.
Fraud 2200Blk Hill St 6:25 a.m.
Found Property 2500Blk Barnard Way 6:29 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 800Blk The Beach 6:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2000Blk California Ave 6:49 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 1900Blk 3rd St 7:38 a.m.
Burglary 1200Blk 10th St 7:40 a.m.
Transport 1200Blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:42 a.m.
Encampment 2400Blk The Beach 8:02 a.m.
Encampment 1800Blk The Beach 8:12 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1200Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:17 a.m.
Vandalism 2700Blk Pearl St 8:17 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 11th St / Broadway 8:33 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 600Blk California Ave 8:40 a.m.
Petty Theft 800Blk Montana Ave 8:59 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:07 a.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:10 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1000Blk 14th St 9:13 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300Blk Olympic Dr 9:17 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 3300Blk Barnard Way 9:20 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 700Blk Kensington rd 9:28 a.m.
Grand Theft 1500Blk Stanford St 9:41 a.m.
Grand Theft 1800Blk 9th St 9:45 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400Blk Franklin St 9:48 a.m.
Animal Related Incident Neilson Way / Marine St 10:02 a.m.
Auto Burglary 300Blk Olympic Dr 10:03 a.m.
Grand Theft 500Blk Pacific St 10:11 a.m.
Red Zone Violation 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 10:20 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 300Blk 15th St 10:45 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 2500Blk Main St 10:48 a.m.
Traffic Hazard 11th St / Ashland Ave 10:50 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1400Blk Euclid St 10:59 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 900Blk 26th St 11:05 a.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1400Blk Euclid St 11:21 a.m.
Petty Theft 1300Blk 20th St 11:23 a.m.
Vandalism 2000Blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:27 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1900Blk Montana Ave 11:40 a.m.
Battery 1500Blk 4th St 11:57 a.m.
Missing Person 300Blk Olympic Dr 12:06 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1200Blk 2nd St 12:21 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 5th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 300Blk Colorado Ave 12:32 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900Blk 24th St 12:40 p.m.
Traffic Control Request - Level 1 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:40 p.m.
Traffic Hazard Main St / Hill St 12:42 p.m.
Arson 1000Blk Ocean Park Blvd 12:46 p.m.
Person With A Gun 700Blk Navy St 12:46 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1500Blk 10th St 12:46 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1200Blk Lincoln Blvd 12:52 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1600Blk 9th St 1:03 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk 18th St 1:07 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 100Blk Hollister Ave 1:14 p.m.
Encampment 1200Blk 7th St 1:15 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 400Blk Washington Ave 1:27 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 800Blk 2nd St 1:32 p.m.
Lost Property 100Blk Wilshire Blvd 1:36 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 800Blk Montana Ave 1:51 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:03 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2200Blk 10th St 2:24 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 1200Blk 12th St 3:04 p.m.
Vehicle With Excessive Parking Violations 2400Blk 20th St 3:22 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 200Blk Pacific St 3:25 p.m.
Vandalism 100Blk Broadway 3:33 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1500Blk 9th St 3:41 p.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 4th St / Marine St 3:41 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1100Blk 10th St 3:44 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 600Blk San Vicente Blvd 3:48 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:51 p.m.
Speeding 1500Blk 4th St 3:51 p.m.
Found Property 300Blk Olympic Dr 3:52 p.m.
Petty Theft 1500Blk Montana Ave 3:59 p.m.
Expired Registration 1300Blk 12th St 4:13 p.m.
Person With A Gun 6th St / Raymond Ave 4:26 p.m.
Failure To Pay Parking Fee 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 4:37 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1200Blk 23rd St 5:10 p.m.
Bike Theft 500Blk California Ave 5:19 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800Blk 7th St 5:19 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 500Blk Hollister Ave 5:26 p.m.
Expired Registration 1400Blk 9th St 5:30 p.m.
Expired Registration 2600Blk 2nd St 5:33 p.m.
Person With A Gun 200Blk Santa Monica Pier 5:51 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1400Blk Wilshire Blvd 5:54 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300Blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:59 p.m.
Person Down 1600Blk Appian Way 6:01 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300Blk Barnard Way 6:06 p.m.
Animal Related Incident 1100Blk Franklin St 6:14 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:15 p.m.
Traffic/Vehicle Stop 1300Blk 5th St 6:41 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper 1400Blk 4th St 6:49 p.m.
Person Down 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 7:01 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 1300Blk 18th St 7:37 p.m.
Attempt Suicide 1800Blk 10th St 7:39 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:58 p.m.
Loud Music 1100Blk Princeton St 8:19 p.m.
Lost Property 1100Blk 24th St 8:23 p.m.
Animal Related Incident Ocean Ave / Wilshire Blvd 8:25 p.m.
Traffic Hazard 700Blk Montana Ave 8:53 p.m.
Battery 1300Blk 3rd Street Prom 8:54 p.m.
Vandalism 800Blk 3rd St 9:19 p.m.
Vandalism Now Ocean Ave / Montana Ave 9:19 p.m.
Found Property 2800Blk The Beach 9:20 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 300Blk 9th St 10:06 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1400Blk 17th St 10:35 p.m.
Out Of Order Traffic Signals 11th St / Pico Blvd 10:43 p.m.
Fire Request Police 1700Blk Ocean Ave 10:52 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1000Blk 7th St 10:58 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900Blk 18th St 11:05 p.m.
Rape 2700Blk Neilson Way 11:10 p.m.
Party Complaint 2600Blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:21 p.m.
Burglary 800Blk Lincoln Blvd 11:25 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 800Blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:38 p.m.

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EMS 2200Blk 29th St 2:37 a.m.
EMS 1000Blk Franklin St 3:50 a.m.
EMS 2400Blk 34th St 4:10 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Ocean Ave 7:14 a.m.
Odor Of Natural Gas 11th St / Pacific St 7:41 a.m.
EMS 1100Blk 2nd St 8:14 a.m.
EMS 200Blk Washington Ave 8:50 a.m.
Mutual Aid Request 800Blk Alisal Ct 9:49 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk Olympic Blvd 10:23 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 10th St 11:06 a.m.
EMS 1400Blk 17th St 11:23 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 11th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:22 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Olympic Blvd W 1:07 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:29 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 2900Blk Nebraska Ave 2:13 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Olympic Blvd 2:32 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 3:28 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 4th St / Marine St 3:41 p.m.
EMS 1600Blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:25 p.m.
EMS 700Blk 24th St 4:29 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:34 p.m.
EMS 1400Blk 16th St 4:53 p.m.
EMS 900Blk California Ave 6:25 p.m.
Elevator Rescue 900Blk California Ave 6:56 p.m.
EMS 500Blk Colorado Ave 7:10 p.m.
EMS 1300Blk Franklin St 8:08 p.m.
EMS 3200Blk Airport Ave 8:25 p.m.
EMS 2000Blk Arizona Ave 9:31 p.m.
EMS 1700Blk Ocean Ave 10:24 p.m.
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In flurry of court activity, rulings on abortion bans mixed

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A federal court Tuesday allowed Tennessee to ban abortions as early as six weeks into pregnancy, while in Texas — which is already enforcing a similar ban based on cardiac activity — a judge temporarily blocked an even stricter decades-old law from taking effect.

The moves embody a flurry of activity that was set off at courthouses across the country after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade and ruled that terminating a pregnancy is not a constitutional right.

Statewide bans or other restrictions that were either left on the books for generations, tied up by legal challenges or specifically designed to take effect if Roe were to fall are now in play as a result of last week's Supreme Court ruling. Roughly half the states are expected to prohibit or severely limit the procedure now that the high court has left it up to them.

Since Friday, judges have agreed to allow bans or other restrictions to take effect in Alabama, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee. But abortion bans remained temporarily blocked in some states, including Louisiana, Texas and Utah. Decisions are pending in other places, including Florida and Indiana. Abortion rights advocates also dropped some of their legal efforts in Minnesota and Missouri.

Some clinics initially turned patients away soon after the high court ruling came down, but then reopened as judges ruled in their favor. That happened in Louisiana on Tuesday. And in Texas at least one abortion provider said it would reopen after the court ruling provided assurance that it could resume procedures for at least a few more weeks without risking prosecution.

Texas already bans most abortions after about six weeks — before many women know they are pregnant — under a law that took effect in September and makes no exception in cases of rape or incest. But a judge in Houston, a Democratic city in a conservative state, blocked enforcement for now of an even stricter law that calls for a statewide ban on virtually all abortions. That law has been on the books for decades but was nullified while Roe was in place.

In Tennessee, the action by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on a ban that also specifically halts abortion once cardiac activity is detected comes before a "trigger law" is expected to further restrict abortion by mid-August, according to a legal interpretation by the state's attorney general. Both measures would make performing an abortion a felony and subject doctors to up to 15 years in prison.

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision opened the gates on a wave of litigation. One side is seeking to put statewide bans into effect swiftly, while the other is trying to stop or at least delay such measures.

Much of the court activity focused on "trigger laws" adopted in 13 states that were designed to take effect quickly upon last week's ruling. Additional lawsuits could also target old anti-abortion laws that were left on the books in some states and went unenforced under Roe. Newer abortion restrictions that were put on hold pending the Supreme Court ruling are also coming back into play.

In Wisconsin, the Democratic attorney general filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging an abortion ban that has been on the books for 173 years. With Roe struck down, abortion opponents said the old law is now in effect, and abortion providers in the state have stopped offering the procedure. But Attorney General Josh Kaul argued that an abortion-friendly law passed in 1985 supersedes the older law.

Abortion rights supporters gathered at the South Carolina Statehouse Tuesday. Merritt Watts, who moved to South Carolina from California last year, said if she still lived in California, she would have "completely different rights."

"I used to think of red states as someone else's problem, but it's not," the Charleston resident said. "They deserve what Californians have."

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OPINION **WHAT'S THE POINT?**

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Might Ending Roe Be Good For Women?

Back in the early 2000s I was president of the Business Alliance of Los Angeles, it was the first gay and lesbian business networking group in the city. We were having dinner at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City and I recall we were talking about the future of gay rights and what it would mean for our community. We were blessed to have Ivy Bottini with us that night. She was a long time feminist, lesbian and all around rabble rouser. I loved her. She was great.

Ivy was not sold on the idea that gay marriage was a good thing for our community. She felt it might lead to too much assimilation – that the community would lose its character and the things that made us great as a community. At the time I thought, now that's an interesting perspective, and being the pro-marriage guy I am, I found myself having to think about it.

We're now 20 years down the road from that late dinner discussion, gay marriage has become a reality, gays are very assimilated in most parts of our country and with each passing generation there is less stigma, more acceptance, and that's a good thing.

It does come at a cost though, Ivy was right about a few things.

Lesbian and Gay bars are fading into the sunset. Each year there are fewer and fewer of them. The status of "gay outsider" and rebel is not as prevalent today. I'm not convinced that's a good thing for our community or the wider society as a whole. It seems to me that much good art, literature and consciousness raising happened as a result of having to push back against a heteronormative society. Writers pushed limits, artists created pieces that caused discussions and the gay community felt more cohesive and engaged. Having those rooms to retreat to, where we were "us" versus the "them" of a heterosexual majority, brought connection to each other.

In some ways the community felt stronger when we had some oppression to fight against. Wins meant something.

Do I want to go back to the days of police raids and people being fired for their sexuality? Certainly not. But I do want to take a look at what we've lost, and what we've gained, as the battles have changed.

One of the things that Ivy was acutely aware of losing was our uniqueness. Gays and Lesbians bring a sensitivity, an awareness to life and relationships that is uniquely ours because we are different, not wrong, not bad, not evil, but different.

I write all this today against a backdrop of a Supreme Court decision that overturns a federal right for women to have access to abortion. I do not agree with the position that abortion should be illegal. I think personal autonomy means just that, a person gets to do with their body as they choose. It's why I also support legalized prostitution – seems like a no brainer to me, especially as a divorce lawyer where spousal support is often cast as a benefit due for past services rendered. Is it really all that different? But I digress.

In considering the impact of the Dobbs ruling, as a thought experiment I am wondering if there is a way that this could actually be good in the long run for women and women's health. Pre-Dobbs, access to abortions was being incrementally reduced in many states, and as a consequence there was not a very motivated electorate to do anything, since 'ROE still stood'. Now though, with each state having the right and opportunity to address the issue, is it possible that a more motivated, more agitated, more concerned group of community activists could increase access in those states where it was being methodically reduced? I know at first that seems like an absurd idea, but follow me here. California is not making it harder to get an abortion, in fact it seems highly possible that it will be put into our Constitution. In Texas or Missouri, where reductions to access were happening regularly, could an agitated group of voters actually stem the tide and reverse it, so that access is increased? Yes, that's possible, because now they have a clear opposition and goal to strive for.

Is the Dobbs decision bad in the short term? Seems so. Could it be good in the long run? Seems possible.

Does Dobbs open the door to reversing Gay Marriage, possibly, and I imagine that Justice Thomas would like to see it happen. Do I see someone trying, yes, but not as much as the reversal of abortion. You can't erode the marriage right the same way they did with abortion. If you say that Gay Marriage is not an enumerated right in the U.S. Constitution, then you can't say Straight Marriage is, and then to turn it all back to the states to allow each one to determine marriage rights opens the door to anti-miscegenation cases, and that might mean that Justice Thomas and his wife Ginni would be unlawfully married, and I daresay that wont happen.

Rarely is something in the law an unadulterated good or bad thing, sometimes having an opponent can make for progress in ways previously unconsidered.

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Deal is close on recycling California's plastic trash

BY SAMEEA KAMAL
Special to the Daily Press

Deal or no deal? Most likely, deal.

The California environmentalists who back a November ballot measure to reduce single-use plastics appear headed to withdrawing it just ahead of the Thursday deadline, following fierce negotiations with lawmakers and others on a bill that aims to achieve many of the same goals and that is supported by some influential environmental organizations.

The ballot measure proponents are waiting for the bill to pass the Legislature before making a final decision. Some told CalMatters they're happy with the current proposal, though the Natural Resources Defense Council has continued concerns.

The drama peaked at a hastily called meeting of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, which approved the alternative legislation on a bipartisan 9-0 vote. It still faces a vote before the full Assembly this week. If approved, the bill — which was amended June 16, Friday night and again Sunday — would also have to be approved by the state Senate.

State Sen. Ben Allen, a Democrat from Santa Monica who authored Senate Bill 54, said his team has continued "intense" conversations with the ballot measure proponents to address concerns.

"It's a groundbreaking effort to reduce plastic pollution that has brought environmental and business groups together," he told CalMatters. "This is what the voters asked us to do: solve these problems together."

Allen acknowledged there was still work to do, but expressed optimism that the ballot measure would be withdrawn. "At the end of the day, they're going to need to feel confident that this is strong. We're continuing those conversations but we feel as though the bill's strong enough to merit pulling back the ballot measure."

Californians Against Waste, which opposed earlier versions of the legislation, was convinced.

"Based on the most recent amendments and the author's commitment to continue to work on the one outstanding issue raised by environmental justice groups around definitions, we are happy to express our support today," Nicole Kurian, policy analyst with the group, told the committee.

The intense, up-to-the-last-hour talks reveal a deep split in the environmental community about how best to make real progress in reducing plastic pollution and to make practical fixes to California's badly broken recycling system — and how closely to cooperate with the plastics industry in any solution.

And the question of whether to do the deal reflects a calculation of whether a ballot measure could pass with a potentially divided environmental lobby and against the spending might of the plastics industry.

The bill doesn't do everything sought by the ballot measure proponents. But several major environmental groups called Sunday for the Legislature to pass the bill.

SB 54, however, would give the plastics industry more time to comply with the mandates and regulations in the ballot measure — until 2032 instead of 2030 — that are designed to ensure all single-use packaging and foodware is recyclable, reusable, refillable or compostable. In California, only a small portion of all plastic waste is recycled. About 85% ends up in landfills.

The bill would still impose a fee on single-use plastic packaging and foodware, with proceeds going to CalRecycle, the state Natural Resources Agency and local governments.

In a June 21 joint letter to Assemblymember Luz Rivas, the chairperson of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties and Rural County Representatives of California said they support the bill because it would help them meet their challenges to recycle plastics.

A ROCKY PATH

The agreement is the latest under a 2014 law designed to keep costly measures off the ballot — but also used by special interests to pressure the Legislature to approve reforms. It's the second one this session: Last month, Newsom signed a bill to reform California's medical malpractice law and proponents pulled their November ballot measure.

But the legislative path to the apparent plastics deal has been long and messy.

Allen first initiated the bill in 2019 with a coalition of environmental groups, but it failed to pass. Another attempt in 2020 also failed, barely.

After that, some of those environmental groups split off to try the ballot measure approach instead. They teamed up with Recology, a San Francisco-based waste management company, which, separately from the ballot initiative, has come under fire for allegedly overcharging the city.

Earlier in June, the ballot measure sponsors wrote to Allen and legislative leaders that SB 54 did not include stringent enough protections. They want any plan to include:

Giving more authority to CalRecycle rather than the plastics industry – specifically, on how to achieve recycling targets.

Prohibiting producers from funding chemical recycling, or most technologies that burn waste, or otherwise produce fuels or energy.

Giving the state the ability to prohibit the sale of other materials, or phasing out some materials directly.

Either banning Styrofoam and other polystyrene food containers or speeding up their reduction and recycling. Michael Sangiacomo — the former Recology CEO who is one of the three proponents whose names are on the measure and would have to agree to withdraw it — told legislators he wouldn't unless the bill called for at least 50% of polystyrene to be recycled by 2025.

The latest version of SB 54 bans chemical recycling and clarifies that foodware made from polystyrene is banned unless at least 25% of it is recycled by 2025.

Californians Against Waste, Natural Resources Defense Council and Sierra Club California had also objected to compromises since the 2019 bill. In a June 19 letter to legislative leaders, they also raised alarms about relying on the plastics industry to achieve the reduction goals.

The prior bills that failed and the deal-making on the current version "show the stranglehold that corporate polluters have over legislative bodies." the letter argued. "This is precisely why the state has a Citizen's Initiative process. The people of California want to see decisive action to turn the tide on plastic pollution, and we have no doubt that voters will support the ballot

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SAVIDA

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Israeli restaurant.

"It's got inspiration from the Mediterranean, it's got inspiration from Japan, inspiration from Greece. It's my take on how I would like to eat raw seafood basically, so it's a personal cuisine," said Smulovitz.

The menu features around twelve dishes that include a creative mix of ceviches, salads, and oysters. Examples of current offerings include an octopus tostada served with harissa, preserved lemon, kalamata olives and tzatziki and a cured Spanish mackerel served with crème fraîche, dill and chives. Other highlights are the lobster bisque, tuna tacos and the burrata and nectarine salad.

> "The way that I approach food and approach life is I try to simplify everything - Chef Dan Smulovitz"

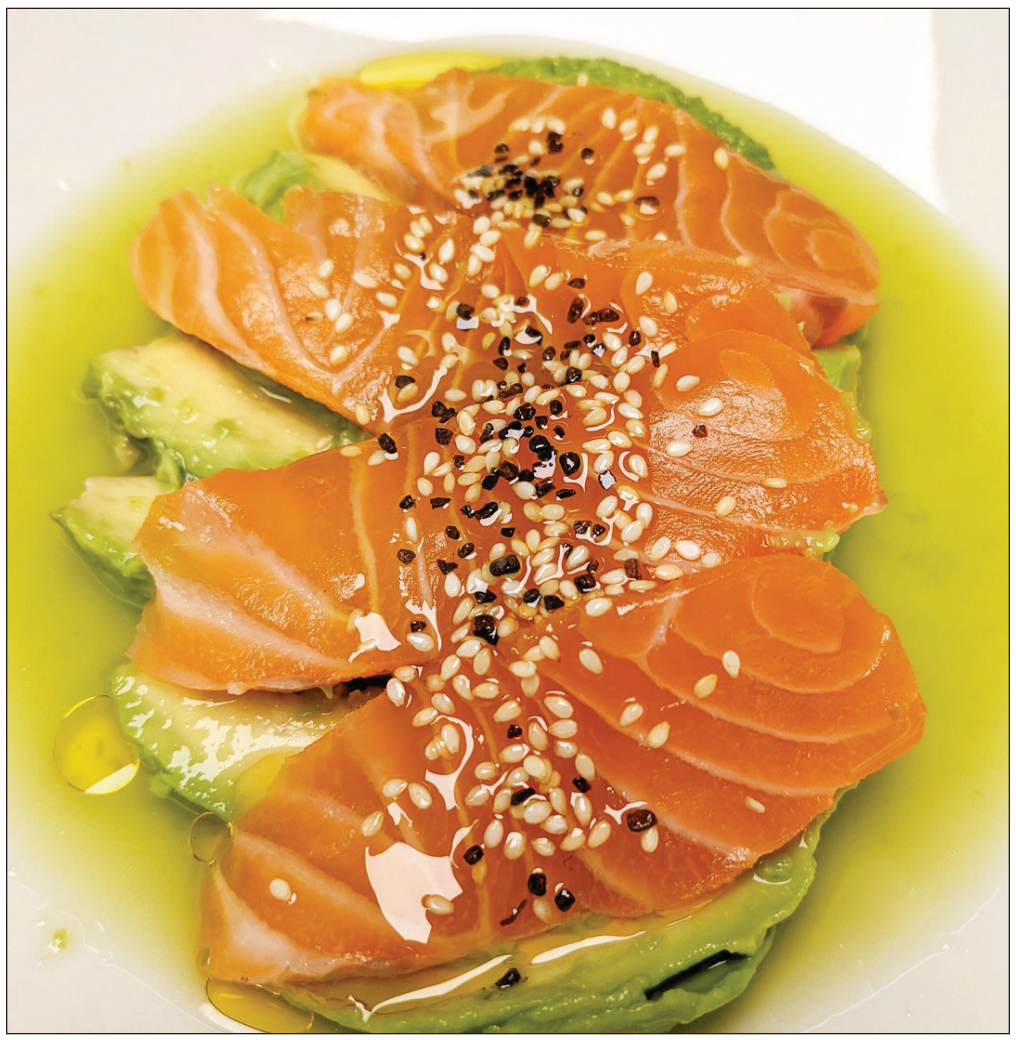
Smulovitz hopes to create a unique dining experience that blends inspiration from many cultures and creates an immersive experience for diners. This is reflected in his curated restaurant playlist that mixes songs from countries across Europe, the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

"The experience that I want is that people come here and they feel like they went to a different country and they're not in LA, they're not in Santa Monica, they're not in the States, it's like the Republic of Savida," said Smulovitz.

Smulovitz has long had a love for international communities and cuisines. He originally hails from Nothern Israel, where he grew up on a kibbutz called Lohamei Hagetaot, which was founded by families escaping the Holocaust. Smulovitz said the kibbutz did not have a foodie orientation, but he got an early start in the restaurant business working as a dishwasher when he was 16.

When he turned 23 he moved to Los Angeles to start up a mobile espresso bar business and later went to train at Le Cordon Bleu in Pasadena. He then worked his way through the restaurant worlds of Los Angeles and Carmel, cooking in the kitchens at Malibu's Saddle Peak Lodge, Tom Colicchio's Craft, the Hungry Cat in Hollywood, and Bernardus Lodge in Carmel.

Eventually he moved back to Israel, seeking to be closer to friends and family, and opened the first Savida. Smulovitz thought his California days were behind him, but when conflict broke out in May 2021 he had a change of heart.



Jakob Layman

FISH: The new restaurant is located at 1303 Montana Ave and is open from 12 to 4 p.m.

"A year ago another war started in Israel and I was living in the mixed city of Jaffa and missiles are flying above me and riots are in the streets and right away I decided that I'm not going to stay there and I'm not going to raise my daughter in this situation," said Smulovitz.

Smulovitz decided to take up an offer from a patron of the former Savida restaurant to open a restaurant together in Los Angeles. Smulovitz and his business partner Liron Oren joined forces this year and opened the Montana Ave Savida in late May.

Currently, the restaurant is open for lunch only as Smulovitz awaits approval of his beer and wine license, but he looks forward to expanding into dinner hours.

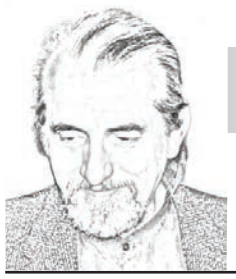
"I think the experience at nighttime would be amazing and I think Montana is missing a place where you can drink your glass of wine, have some oysters, have some raw seafood until the late hours," said Smulovitz, adding that he also plans on launching a weekend brunch menu.

Savida is located at 1303 Montana Avenue and is currently open from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

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Is It Time , Finally, To Move?



I WAS ASSAULTED LAST WEDNESDAY

I'm pretty sure that is the accurate legal description.

Broad daylight, busy boulevard, people around (though not at that moment), almost across the street from my Ocean Park home of 36 years.

I'm alright. Even though I was smacked in the face from behind by a muscular young man with an angry expression, I suffered no visible physical damage.

He was apparently trying to knock my glasses off my face, and succeeded. And nearly destroyed them in the process. They went flying onto Ocean Park Blvd, where I finally spotted them in the street debris, thoroughly smashed and bent, metal detached, one lens out. But I thought he snatched them, and was walking off with them, and that I would never see them again, and that pissed me off and momentarily panicked me. I had to do something immediately or they were gone forever, I thought.

GETTING A LITTLE TOO EMOTIONAL?

Over a pair of glasses, was I? Maybe. But early the next morning we were leaving for a family wedding up north for four days, and I can tell you now, I'm very glad I could clearly see the alpine majesty of Graeagle, CA (north of Lake Tahoe, west of Reno), surrounded by national forests with skyscraping pine trees magnificently blanketing hills and valleys as far as you could see. Without my glasses it would have been just a blurred green blotch. That's a long drive for a blurred blotch. I would have had to drink a lot more wedding wine and whiskey to get me through that disappointment.

The other emotional factor was, well, I do love those glasses. Had them as long as I've had my wife and they may be the reason she married me. (I can't think of many other reasons.) Dakota Smith discontinued the antique pewter "Navajo" a couple years after I bought them. You cannot find a pair now, I've looked. I spent nearly half my life in New Mexico and that culture is part of me, and the glasses frames with their tiny Southwestern iconography remind me of that every day.

SO I ALMOST DID SOMETHING STUPID

I leapt to my feet from an "art installation" chair at 6th and Ocean Park, as he casually kept walking toward the ocean, stepping into the street, never looking back. I think I yelled "Hey!" as I moved quickly towards him, and reached out my left hand to give him a shove that I hoped might jostle him into dropping them.

Yeah, and then what?

Two things stopped me from perhaps escalating a face slapping into a brutal beat down. As my hand reached out to shove his shirtless shoulder I instantly observed two things: how well muscled he was (and about one-third my age), and a patch of crusty light brown... something, on his right shoulder, a rash or growth about the size of a fist. My brain sent a quick memo: just don't go there.

My neighbor Neil, after hearing my description of the guy, said "Oh yeah, I saw him earlier, just up the street, sitting at the bus stop. His vibe was so dangerous I crossed the street to avoid getting near him." In my defense, I was on the phone with a friend, with a number of people passing by on the sidewalk. I happened to look up as he approached (a little voice?) but he was already just a few feet from me. When he took a step to go behind me, for no apparent reason, I had no time

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measure that will be before them this November."

A coalition of nearly 20 environmental justice groups echoed similar concerns in a separate June 19 letter to the Legislature.

After today's committee vote, Victoria Rome, director of California government affairs with the Natural Resources Defense Council, said while the committee "has made great strides in addressing" the group's concerns, "we will continue to work with our environmental justice and public health partners to ensure that the bill is as strong as possible."

But Californians Against Waste said it's now satisfied.

It joins several other prominent environmental groups — including the Nature Conservancy, Environment California and EnviroVoters — that earlier said the bill would lead to clear and enforceable reductions in plastic packaging of at least 25%, would boost California's recycling efforts by requiring single-use plastics to be reusable or compostable and would mandate that plastics producers provide funding for cleanup efforts. The Ocean Conservancy estimated that SB 54 would eliminate 23 tons of plastics in its first 10 years.

BETTER TO HAVE INDUSTRY ON BOARD?

Allen argues that his bill includes more specifics than the ballot measure, and that the buy-in from the plastics industry would lead to better results.

The "producer responsibility" model in SB 54 wouldn't be the first. It's been used to curb waste from carpet fibers, mercury thermostats and mattresses in California.

Heidi Sanborn, founder and director of the National Stewardship Action Council, says she has used what she's learned from the successes and failures of those programs to help craft SB 54.

In the carpet fiber program, for example, compromises in the bill meant there was no specific recycling rate or a target date for producers. The paint stewardship program also had some early bumps, but with bills along the way to refine the program, about 92% of the more than 4 million gallons of paint collected is being reused or recycled, according to its 2021 annual report.

"When you have the producers running the program, the key thing is the set-up. The devil is in the details," Sanborn said. "You've got to have a state agency, give them tools in the law, and then they have to use them."

But environmental justice and other groups are more than skeptical. "Suffice it to say," they wrote, "that we just don't have confidence that an industry so prone to deceiving the public for so long about the impacts of its products on our communities and our planet will now take the starring role in its own demise voluntarily."

CALIFORNIA'S PLASTIC CRISIS

California once exported about a third of its recyclable materials, much of it to China, according to estimates from CalRecycle. But in 2017, China announced that it would tighten contamination standards and ban imports of certain types of waste.

Now, California's recyclers are stockpiling or landfilling plastic products, and even paper that they struggle to sell. rePlanet, a major collector of beverage containers, shuttered its 284 centers in California despite receiving $25 million from the state.

Since then, several bills have attempted to address the crisis – with mixed success.

In 2018, the Legislature placed restrictions on single-use plastic straws, and in 2020, required plastic bottles to contain at least 50% recycled plastic by 2030. Last year, lawmakers limited which products are allowed to use the triangular "chasing arrows" recycling symbol.

Others, including the state's ban on most single-use plastic carry-out bags, were done via ballot measure.

"Plastic pollution is at an environmental tipping point….The impacts it has on our oceans, rivers, parks, playgrounds, and food sources can no longer be ignored," Rivas said in a statement after today's committee vote. "The amendments proposed by my committee have further strengthened SB 54 when it comes to eliminating plastics from our communities."

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Flores went on to say.

"For an officer to issue a citation they would have to observe the violation or accept a private person's arrest," Flores explained. Possession of fireworks in Santa Monica is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a $1,000 fine.

Local agencies continued their messaging warning of the danger of amateur fireworks displays this week. According to the LA County Fire Department, 19 people were injured from the use of fireworks in LA County last year; about two-thirds of them received burns and injuries from illegal fireworks.

"Additionally, Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD) crews responded to 66 fires reportedly caused by fireworks in 2021, resulting in a loss of $265,000 to affected residents," LACoFD wrote in a press release.

This year there are no fireworks shows scheduled for Santa Monica, but nearby shows are set to take place in Marina Del Rey and Pacific Palisades.

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to react.

I WAS LUCKY

It sure could have been worse. He could have sucker punched me instead of a slap. A broken jaw or nose. The voices in his head might have whispered, "Strangle him." Or, rip an ear off. Gouge an eye out. He could have had a knife to back up that angry look on his face.

Am I going too far here? If you live in Santa Monica, sadly you know I'm not. Thank you Ronnie Raygun for emptying the asylums, and for every governor since for not correcting that huge mistake. And thank you this City Council and your predecessors for wasting time and money on ineffective, sometimes downright stupid measures to address this huge problem. Some folks in City government are now trying to do better, but it's pretty hard to do much about a tsunami once it's already here.

What can you do? Run for the hills? We all know of some, even longtime residents, who have decided Santa Monica is hopeless and too dangerous and have packed their bags. Safewise.com released a survey a couple months ago that found "Santa Monica ranks with Oakland, San Bernardino, and Compton among the least safe cities in California." That's a bit misleading, as most surveys and statistics can be. The FBI says the crime rate here has gone down from last year. We rank better than the national average for crimes of violence, but horribly for property crimes, and thus the bad ranking. But perception is everything, and it only takes one scary incident close to home to make you feel unsafe.

I understand. I'm in the club now that no one wants to be in, but I was no innocent before. Within a week of the train coming in, my friend Neil was mugged for his phone by someone on foot. Another former resident at our condo complex, a big strapping guy, was beaten fairly badly by four guys as he took the recycling out. A really out of it guy approached my wife and I at 6 a.m. almost 20 years ago, as I was driving us to her surgery, and when we didn't give him a handout he lay down under my back wheels hoping I guess, for a big insurance settlement if backing over him didn't quite kill him. (Fortunately I had a feeling and stopped backing up the car to get out to see where he had disappeared to. He would not move so we left him there and took the other car. When he did get up, he picked up a huge rock and threw it through our back window.)

Yes, things have gotten much worse. But Santa Monica is such a gem of a small city, with an amazing history, character and location, and it is worth saving. While I may no longer be tough enough to take on a scowling street stalker, I am tough enough to not turn tail, to stick it out. And to try in my own way, to help get us back on track. I am not an expert in homelessness, or crime, or policing, but that's not my calling. I am an observer with passion for my town, and a platform to report, what we are all seeing take place here.

I may not have magic solutions to tough, complicated problems, to make things right again, but I sure know, like all of you, when things are not right, and the first step to making things better is to recognize and call out what's off, and not make BS rationales that serve some personal agendas but not the well-being of the residents of this city. As Booker T. & the MGs told us, "Time is Tight." As War sang, we're "Slipping into Darkness." BS "solutions" for the benefit of the few shove us backward and we don't have time for that, not in a rapidly deteriorating Santa Monica, or on the mothership Planet Earth. People need to demand radical solutions and those entrusted with governing need to be bold enough to lead, even at the risk of their political careers.

When you can't safely walk down the street, or climate change ocean rise is giving me beachfront property on 6th Street, we'll wish we had moved sooner and more boldly. The time is now. Santa Monica is worth fighting for.

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Your personal life finds a rhythm of deep satisfaction; what eluded you in your early years finally falls firmly into your grasp. More highlights include an eating style that gives you increased vitality, nights spent in an entirely new landscape and a message you send that helps someone on the other side of the world. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 7, 18, 5 and 44.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll review past moves to see what worked and didn't. This is a different energy from the energy of regret. Don't bother with regret. The past is a picture with a million framing options. Choose one you can live with and keep going.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Games are just problems in a fun format. You'll turn a problem into a game with but a few tricks, including a playful attitude and the addition of novel criteria. You'll land on a solution and secure an ally, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's being communicated is not the words that are said, rather it's the message that is embodied and acted on. You can get clues about a person's intention from conversation, but it's the events that follow that reveal the truth.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Altruism involves giving what you have to give, not giving until the others are dependent on you or until you are in a precarious and needy position. You'll set limits that serve the best interest of all.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you extend a secret generosity, you won't only be uncredited but you won't be there to see how others react. Just know they'll love it. It will delight them. To be generous is kind. To be generous anonymously is noble.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've known people to tell you what they want while being entirely unaware of what they need. Sometimes it takes an intuitive other to notice. It is more helpful to speak to needs than want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Kindred spirits will be drawn to the same thing. The only thing that can get in the way is people trying to be cool. Go the opposite way. You'll find out more because you open up, start conversations and ask questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trustworthy people are willing to earn your trust over time. They will not rush you or be pushy, nor will they lean on you emotionally. They will not take anything from you without a fair exchange.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't prioritize luxury as highly as some, but you'll admire the ideas and craftsmanship that goes into a beautiful thing. It's one thing to appreciate and quite another to buy, which will be a matter of deliberation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A disciplined investor tests the market before going all in, which is even more crucial in nonfinancial matters. You've much to invest of your heart, time, creativity and hopes. Choose two. If those pay, double down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone makes your responsibility feel more meaningful yet lighter. You need more of this energy in your life -- either a bigger dose of this person or more people like this in your world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you choose to see people as interesting, they will become more so. The fact that you have to do this consciously points to less than compelling environs. Make the most of it while considering travel.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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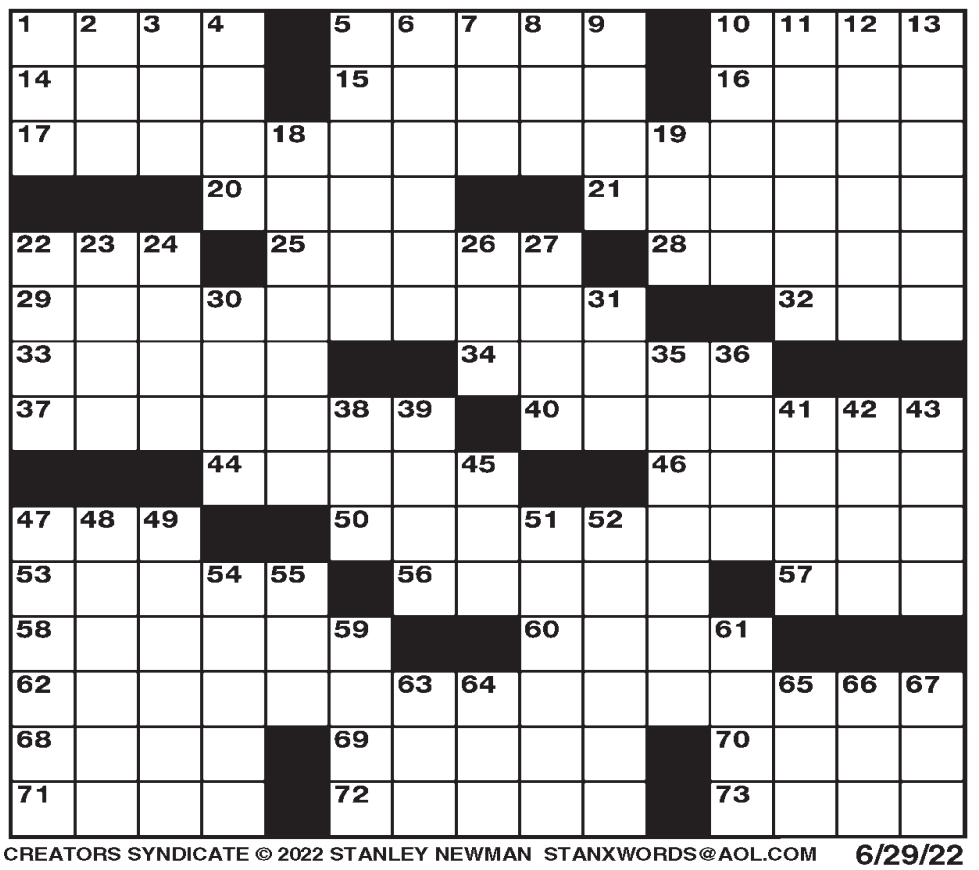
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15 Feeling furious
16 Performer's portrayal
17 Pour it on a grilled steak
20 Testy mood
21 First-rate
22 "Dig in!"
25 Suitable for skiing on
28 "Pet" complaint
29 Pour it on mashed potatoes
32 Color of Santa's hat
33 Baseball great Yogi
34 Monarch's tenure
37 Filled with ridicule, as a novel
40 Plant-watering device
44 Car with no fuel tank
46 Enticing smell
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53 Shining example
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57 Superlative suffix
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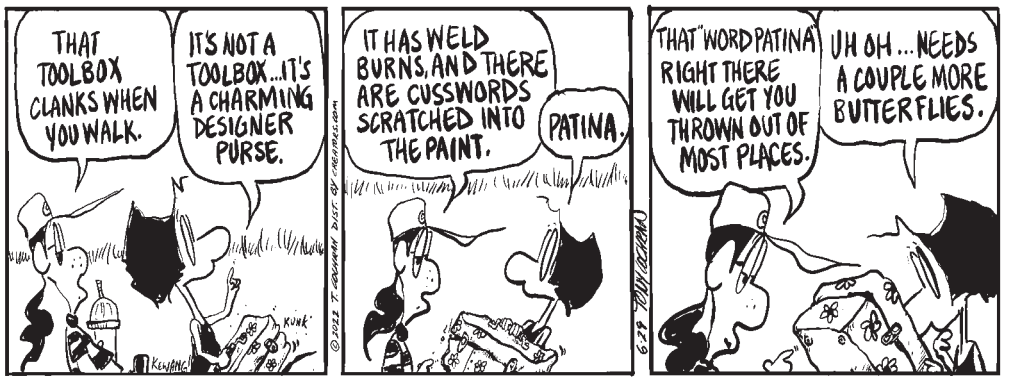
1 Lament loudly
2 "__ asked you?"
3 Bubble's interior
4 Silent approvals
5 Common floor covering
6 Eloquent speaker
7 __ chi (martial art)
8 UFO crew
9 Bump into
10 Purple jelly flavor
11 Computer network device
12 Cozy corner
13 Sounded one's horn
18 Catch in a trap
19 Sample a drink
22 Subsides
23 Square footage
24 Wrongful act
26 Armed conflict
27 Designer __ Saint Laurent
30 Judicial order
31 Puppy's bark
35 Choices for a lawn
36 __ a soul (no one)
38 Suffix for an ideology
39 Dressed (in)
41 Olden days
42 Aussie flightless birds
43 Enthralled
45 Long-armed primate
47 Plumbing system
48 Newsroom executive
49 Neutralize
51 Acquires knowledge
52 Plants deeply
54 Urban backstreet
55 Luau necklace
59 Sour-tasting
61 Would-be DA's exam
63 Also not
64 Expected to arrive
65 Keogh plan alternative
66 Touch of frost
67 What powers some stoves



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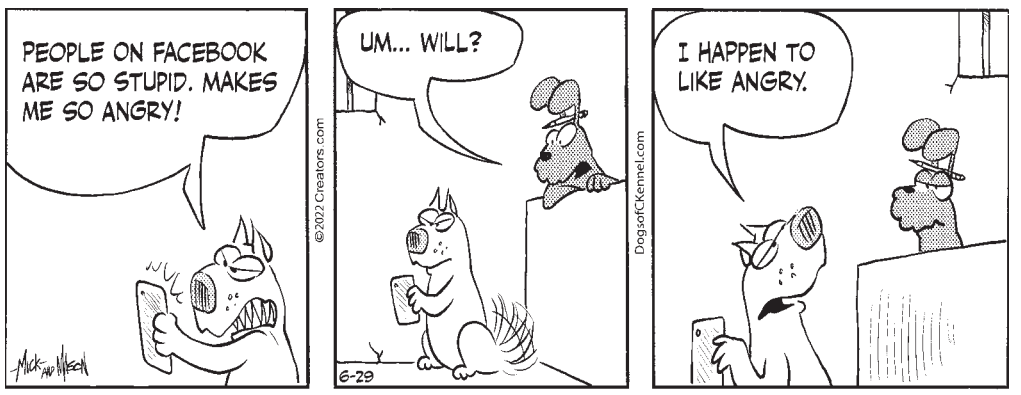
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



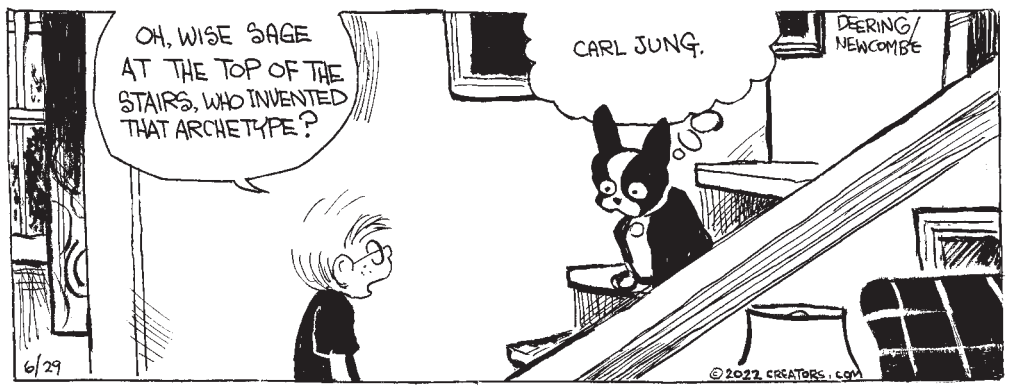
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



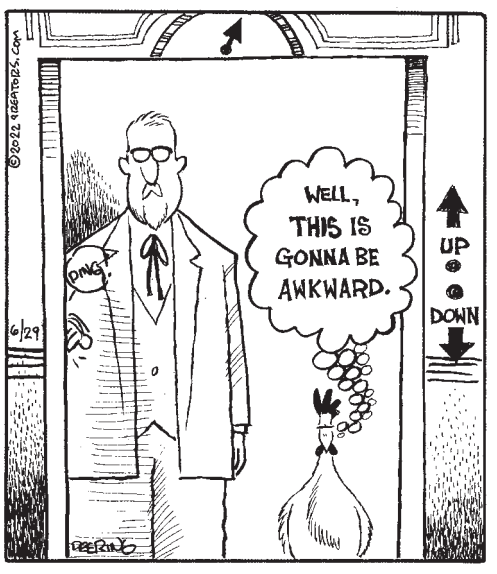
Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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L I E N E L S O N A S H E T N
H A R E T T E L R A C S E O N
K O U D R L E A N A Y A R O I
Y E D R I T Z E L L A D R O F
R D Y A A C E I E D N A A L S
A G N K N A K M A A E M C I W
S A L Y S E H E S A L A I L A
R R N L R Y G S I E E C R L I
U R I E L A E L L U B K E I D
S H N R R L N L U J O H N E E
S I A E A B E L Y K D L B S N
E U V Y E M E R Y A E U A T A
L K E A I H O L L Y H C A I N
L S A L D R O S E H I A S V C
N A Y J E T A T L O C M E Y Y

Abel	Dick	Hayley	Luca	Roy
Abner	Edgar	Holly	Luke	Rudy
Adam	Edna	Iker	Mack	Russell
Aiden	Elena	Ilsa	Nancy	Scarlette
Alessandro	Eliana	Itzel	Nash	Skye
Amos	Elyse	Ivy	Neil	Sylas
Ariyah	Emery	Jake	Nelson	Tate
Bode	Emily	John	Nina	Uriel
Cain	Erica	Kyra	Nora	Vera
Cali	Esme	Laila	Omar	Zara
Case	Evan	Laura	Raul	
Colt	Finn	Lillie	Rayan	
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WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET
The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, 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, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. Arizona Avenue (between 4th & Ocean). 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

KID'S CLUB
Come play with us on the first Wednesday of every month for a fun, family-friendly musical morning hosted by Twinkle Time, a bilingual, Billboard pop-artist for kids, and featuring special guests each month. This is an all ages event and FREE to attend for parents and children. Snacks will be provided by GOGO SQUEEZ. Santa Monica Place. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MAIN STREET FOOD TRUCKS
The return of the weekly Gourmet Food Truck event, taking place every Wednesday evening. Come taste delicious food located one block from the beach, in the parking lot of the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main Street (on the corner of Main Street and Ocean Park Boulevard). 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY JUNE 30

NIGHT MARKET
Join The Bungalow every Thursday this summer for special drinks, food, music and fun! Open to all ages (and furry friends) and includes a kids area and weekly DJs. 101 Wilshire Blvd. 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

FRIDAY JULY 1

CERAMIC SUMMER SALE
Still Life Studio is hosting their annual ceramic summer sale and you're invited! July 1st and 2nd both studios locations will be hosting a member sale: pottery, wall hangings, planters, cups, mugs, bowls, vases- you'll find incredible examples of ceramic pieces made by local artists and clay enthusiasts. Shop handmade ceramics made by 30+ local artists, tour the studio, and get class info! 850 Pico Blvd. 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

90'S NIGHT
Join us at Santa Monica's Hottest New Bar and Lounge, Nostalgia (Pico & 13th), for the launch of 90s Night, EVERY FRIDAY. Featuring music from DJ @mycomusica, starting at 7pm. Nostalgia Bar & Lounge is the first brick and mortar concept from The Herbal Chef™ founder, Chris Sayegh, that evokes fond memories of childhood Americana through a familiar, yet whimsically mature menu and ambiance. 1326 Pico Blvd. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

SATURDAY JULY 2

PICO FARMERS MARKET
The family market in the heart of the Pico neighborhood's Virginia Avenue Park! Enjoy one of Santa Monica's farmers markets, widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, cut flowers, breads, cheeses, delicious foods, live music and more. 2200 Virginia Ave. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover downtown Santa Monica's architecture, history and culture with one of our highly engaging docents. See where Jim Morrison played his first show and visit the lavish Art Deco hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition. The walking tour covers about 6 blocks in 2 hours and begins at the city's first landmark, the 1875 Rapp Saloon. Reservations recommended. Open to all ages. 1436 2nd St. 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY JULY 3

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET
Noted as One of the Top Ten "Flea Markets' in America, visit the Santa Monica Airport Antique Market, a fun outdoor (and dog-friendly!) market full of many great dealers with furniture, antiques, collectibles, art, vintage clothes, jewelry, rugs and much more. Located next to the Museum of Flying, 2800-3200 Airport Ave. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LANGE FOUNDATION ANNUAL ESTATE SALE
All funds help rescue pets in need from city shelters and provides medical, spay/neuter assistance and intervention programs. The estate sale accepts china, crystal, silver, art, fine and costume jewelry, designer shoes and handbags etc. All donations are tax deductible and receipts will be given at the sale site. 2512 Santa Monica Boulevard, (south side of street, just west of 26th Street). 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAY JULY 4

4TH OF JULY PARADE
The Ocean Park Association presents the 14th annual Santa Monica 4th of July Parade. After a two year pandemic-induced hiatus, this year's parade will feature all of its usual fanfare: live music from local performers, food from Main Street vendors, and one hundred decked out vehicles/floats participating. The parade theme is "Thank you essential workers we couldn't have done it without you!" The parade will start at 9:30 a.m. at the south end of Main Street in Ocean Park.

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SURF REPORT
WATER TEMP: **61.2**

WEDNESDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Fun SSW swell from the SPAC tops out and there's minor NW windswell mixing in. Celia adds some modest SSE swell. Light E/SE eddy wind likely but the morning looks clean.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Longer period SSW swell gets a refresh as SSE/S swell from Celia will likely wind down. Potential is there to see a little more NW windswell in the mix.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Increasing clouds, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 62.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2022/06/29	Wed	04:51 AM	-0.56	L
2022/06/29	Wed	11:34 AM	3.52	H
2022/06/29	Wed	3:34 PM	2.63	L
2022/06/29	Wed	9:53 PM	5.95	H
2022/06/30	Thu	05:25 AM	-0.52	L
2022/06/30	Thu	12:11 PM	3.52	H
2022/06/30	Thu	4:10 PM	2.66	L
2022/06/30	Thu	10:26 PM	5.84	H
2022/07/01	Fri	05:59 AM	-0.42	L
2022/07/01	Fri	12:49 PM	3.54	H
2022/07/01	Fri	4:48 PM	2.72	L
2022/07/01	Fri	11:00 PM	5.64	H
2022/07/02	Sat	06:33 AM	-0.25	L
2022/07/02	Sat	1:28 PM	3.60	H
2022/07/02	Sat	5:32 PM	2.79	L
2022/07/02	Sat	11:36 PM	5.34	H
2022/07/03	Sun	07:07 AM	-0.03	L
2022/07/03	Sun	2:08 PM	3.70	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 6/27
11 13 18 30 37
Power#: 16
Jackpot: 365 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 6/24
1 7 11 25 56
Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 333 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 6/25
3 27 39 43 44
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 23 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/27
7 9 12 15 23

Daily 3
Draw Date: 6/27
EVENING: 6 1 6

Draw Date: 6/27
MIDDAY: 0 7 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 6/27
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:45.98

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