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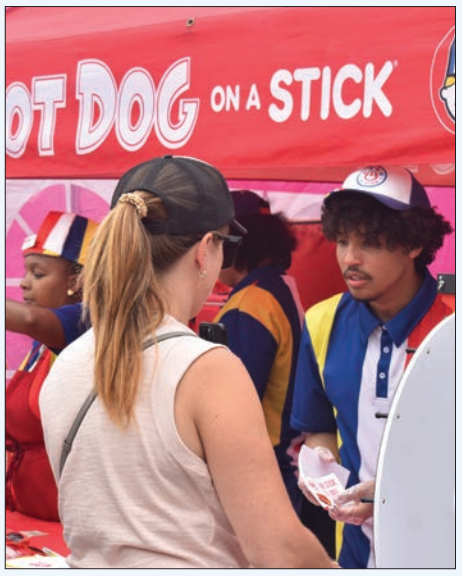
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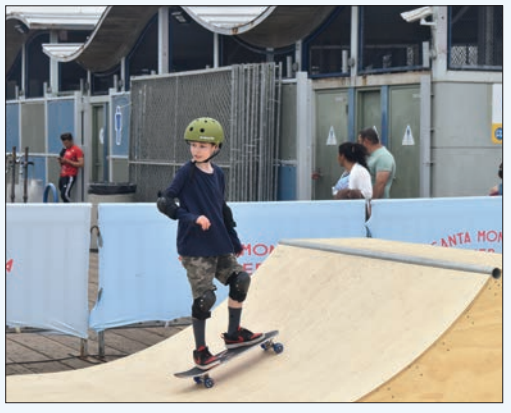














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EVENTS: Patriotic pride and beachside fun were on the schedule this past weekend for locals taking part in the Santa Monica College "Celebrate America" fireworks show and the Pier 360 Beach Festival. On the evening of June 29, SMC's Corsair Field played host to the city's top fireworks affair, with food trucks aplenty and live music by Westside Crew before the

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Councilmembers unite over motion to condemn controversial sign on the Promenade

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

In a long meeting on Tuesday that sailed past 3 o'clock in the morning, members of Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously 7-0 to prepare a resolution condemning the sign that was first placed on the front of 1335 Third Street by building owner John Alle in December 2022.

The sign itself has gone through a number of iterations since it first appeared and 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.

The item was raised by Mayor

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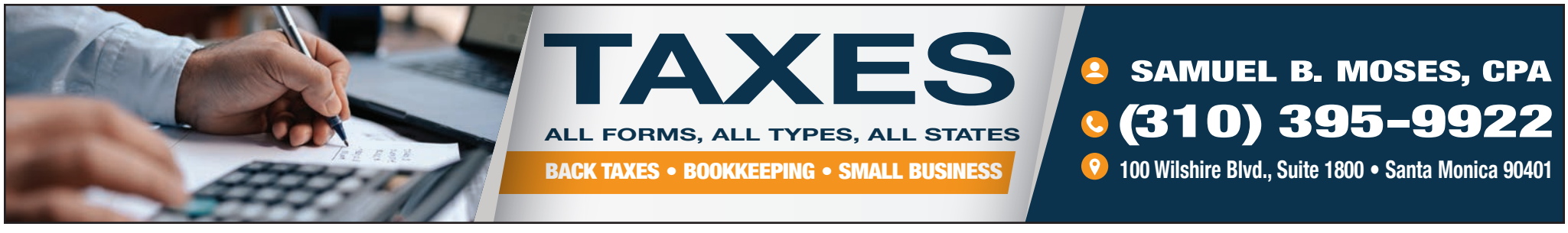
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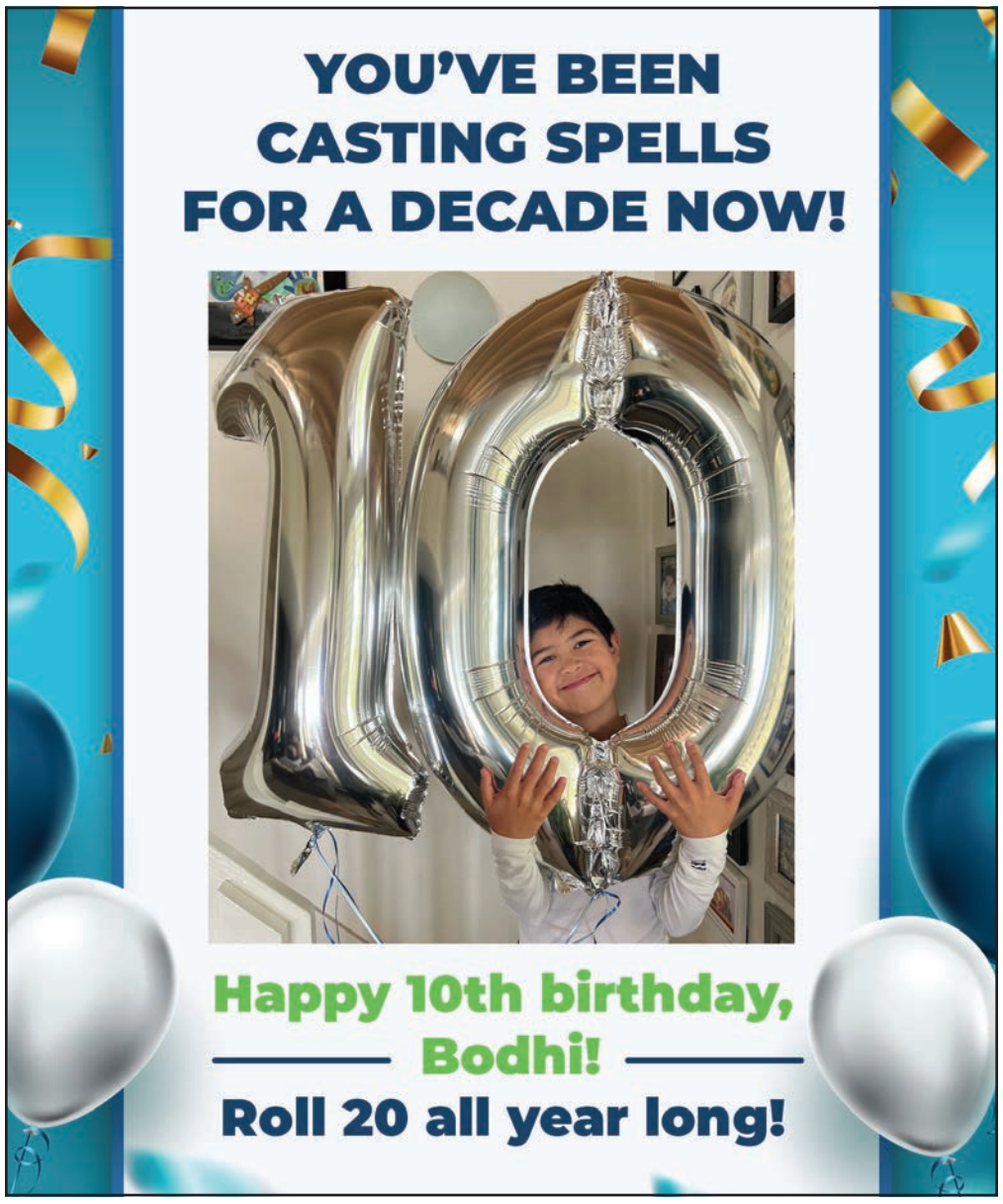
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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica's recreational amenities are vast, and a new face in the city is looking to maximize the potential of parks and beyond.

In April, Jenny Rogers was named the city's new Director of Recreation and Arts (RAD), becoming the point person for the city's department behind parks, facilities and art projects. The department is

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With small reduction in local homelessness, officials decry Supreme Court decision

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Local elected officials and homeless service providers are decrying the recent Supreme Court ruling on clearing homeless camps, saying the decision will criminalize individuals for situations beyond their control.

The Oregon case decided Friday is the most significant to come before the high court in decades on homelessness, an issue affecting a rising number of people in the U.S. The high court ruled 6-3 along ideological lines to strike down a ruling that found outdoor sleeping bans amount to cruel and unusual punishment.

The case came from the rural Oregon town of Grants Pass, which appealed a ruling striking down local ordinances that fined people $295 for sleeping outside after tents began crowding public parks. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which has jurisdiction over the nine Western states, has held since 2018 that such bans violate the Eighth Amendment in areas where there aren't enough shelter beds. However, the Supreme Court overturned that precedent.

The People Concern, who operate the homeless shelter and service center in Downtown Santa Monica, said they are troubled by the ruling and by allowing cities to invoke criminal penalties. The organization said the ruling fails to recognize the inhumane conditions on the streets and that by allowing the criminalization of basic survival activities, this decision perpetuates a cycle of poverty and instability, making it even harder for individuals to access the help they need to get back on their feet.

John Maceri, CEO of The People Concern, states, "I want to be clear that The People Concern firmly stands against the criminalization of people experiencing homelessness. We know the way to end homelessness is permanent housing paired with supportive services. We will continue to advocate for real solutions to homelessness in our community and nationwide."

The St. Joseph's Center, who also have services in Santa Monica and Venice, echoed those statements saying the disparate impact this ruling will have on people of color facing homelessness and housing insecurity is particularly concerning.

"The Supreme Court's decision is a stark reminder of the deep-seated inequities that persist in our country. By criminalizing homelessness, we are punishing individuals for systemic failures," says Dr. Ryan J. Smith, President and CEO of the St. Joseph Center. "Our focus should be on creating sustainable solutions that address the root causes of poverty, lack of affordable housing, and homelessness, not on penalizing those who are most vulnerable. We must strive for a future where everyone has a safe place to call home."

While local elected officials were also opposed to the ruling, the Governor said it will give local officials more freedom to address the crisis.

"Today's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court provides state and local officials the definitive authority to implement and enforce policies to clear unsafe encampments from our streets. This decision removes the legal ambiguities that have tied the hands of local officials for years and limited their ability to deliver on common-sense measures to protect the safety and well-being of our communities," said Newsom.

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Supervisor Lindsey Horvath criticized the ruling.

"This morning's Supreme Court Grants Pass ruling green lights the criminalization of homelessness. This gut punch of a decision comes on the day we unveil our point in time count results," she said. "This is unconscionable. And it is not an effective solution."

Santa Monica City Manager David White said the city is reviewing the decision to determine the local impact.

"We continue to implement a robust, wide ranging and innovative strategy for addressing homelessness. Enforcement is just one part of our larger strategy to address homelessness, working in tandem with outreach, housing and rehabilitation programs," he said. "Public safety remains a top priority. Our Police Department has and will continue to enforce all federal, state and local laws while also offering folks shelter and resources as an alternative to sleeping outdoors. We understand the real impacts that homelessness has in our community and continue to work across city departments for a Santa Monica where all can thrive."

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Did political bias actually influence California court ruling on anti-tax ballot measure?

DAN WALTERS

When the California Supreme Court unanimously declared that a highly controversial tax limitation measure could not appear on the November ballot, its proponents immediately cried foul.

They alleged that a court dominated by Democratic appointees had acted with political motives rather than legal reasoning, ruling that The Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act was a revision of the state constitution and could not be proposed through a citizens initiative.

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> - Rob Lapsley

"Clearly, the state Supreme Court has now sent a signal that they are part of the progressive agenda in California, that we are a one-party state in California and there is no independent judiciary in California anymore," Rob Lapsley, president of the California Business Roundtable, a major sponsor of the measure, told reporters.

In a statement, Jon Coupal, president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayer Association — another sponsor — was equally critical, saying, "The seven justices of the Supreme Court yielded to the wishes of the political branches (and) put politics ahead of the state Constitution.

"It is now obvious that all three branches of California's government — executive, legislative and judiciary — believe the government may decide how much money it needs and raise taxes accordingly, and the voters may not constrain them."

Given their backgrounds, it's reasonable to assume that most if not all of the justices may personally dislike a measure to redefine many fees as taxes and put very strict limits on state and local governments' ability to increase them. But did that cause them to block the measure and cloak their bias in a blizzard of legal language, as the sponsors claim?

The justices seemingly anticipated that its motives would be questioned, stressing "the limited nature of our inquiry" very early in their ruling.

"We do not consider or weigh the economic or social wisdom or general propriety of the initiative," Justice Goodwin Liu declared, adding, "The only question before us is whether the measure may be validly enacted by initiative."

A careful reading of the 51-page decision acquits Liu and his colleagues of alleged ideological bias. It's evident that in drafting the measure, proponents overreached by making very fundamental changes in California's governance system, amounting to a revision of the Constitution that can only be proposed by the Legislature or a constitutional convention.

The court said the measure's most obviously revisionist aspect would have compelled the Legislature to submit any tax increases to voters for ratification, thereby impairing legislative taxation powers that have been part of the state's structure for its entire 174-year history.

"No speculation regarding potential future consequences is needed to conclude that the (Taxpayer Protection Act) is a revision on its face," Liu wrote. "The measure would fundamentally restructure the most basic of governmental powers. The TPA would exclude the levying of new taxes from the Legislature's control by requiring voter approval of all such measures."

Some critics have suggested that the current court would have invalidated Proposition 13, the iconic 1978 property tax limitation measure. But Liu also addressed that, writing that Prop. 13's changes "operate functionally within a relatively narrow range to accomplish a new system of taxation which may provide substantial tax relief for our citizens. We decline to hold that such a limited purpose cannot be achieved directly by the people through the initiative process."

In other words, had the Business Roundtable and Coupal's group proposed less sweeping changes in taxing authority, such a measure may have survived the legal challenge that Gov. Gavin Newsom, the Legislature and local governments mounted.

Given the legal uncertainty in California about who can levy what taxes on which activities, a clarifying ballot measure would be welcomed.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.3**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

NW windswell looks to hold, as SSW swell gets smaller. Light winds due much of the morning, with a nice tide push early AM.

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft
Knee to thigh

Potential for lingering NW windswell. New, long period SSW swell creeps in through the day but will be particularly selective and won't move the needle for most of the region through the AM. Little more size gradually shows late in the day.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy dense fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 62.
Tuesday Night: Patchy dense fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 60. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

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Doxxing victims in California may gain right to sue to 'bring some power back'

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When Kathie Moehlig's personal information was leaked online five years ago, she didn't believe she had enough options to fight back.

"There was no recourse that I had to be able to go and have this individual held accountable for the risk at which they put myself and my family," said the founder of TransFamily Support Services.

A bill now before the California Legislature aims to change that.

Doxxing — when someone shares another's personal information online with the intent to harm — is a crime. It isn't often prosecuted, however, because of the high threshold for evidence, such as proving who first posted the information and why. In the last five years, for instance, prosecutors filed 30 cases of doxxing in Orange County — and just one in Sacramento County.

Assembly Bill 1979 would allow victims to sue those responsible for doxxing in civil court for as much as $30,000, plus attorneys' fees and court costs.

"We see doxxing as a very extreme form of privacy invasion with a lot of distress and anxiety," said Assemblymember Chris Ward, a San Diego Democrat and co-author of the bill. "Victims are often left to work through a lot of emotional, physical, financial or other damages on their own, and they're not made whole because there's no ability to recapture any civil penalty to be able to support them on their journey to recovery."

The Assembly passed the bill last month, as did the Senate judiciary committee earlier this month. It's set to go before the appropriations committee Monday.

In addition to TransFamily Support Services, the bill has support from several other LGBTQ+ organizations — including the California Legislative LGBTQ Caucus and Equality California — as well as the Anti-Defamation League and the cities of Sacramento and San Diego. No organizations have said they oppose it.

Six states have similar anti-doxxing laws that provide civil protections, and a few others failed to pass laws this year.

Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, a Democrat from Davis and the bill's other co-author, said she has been a victim of doxxing. Late one night, she got a threatening text from an unknown number with information about her home address and family. Assembly sergeants were able to find the doxxer, who was sentenced to five years probation, Aguiar-Curry told CalMatters.

"It was frightening," she said. "Now people have the availability of personal information online, and the presence of social media everywhere in our lives has made doxxing an even greater threat to all of us. My privacy has been touched. My safety was touched."



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VICTIM: Kathie Moehlig, founder of TransFamily Support Services, at her home in San Diego County on Aug. 26, 2022.



Photo by Damian Dovarganes, AP Photo

PROTEST: Pro-Israel supporters condemn a violent protest outside Adas Torah synagogue at a gathering at Simon Wiesenthal Center on June 24, 2024, in Los Angeles.

DOXXING'S IMPACT ON LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

In a 2024 Anti-Defamation League report, LBGTQ+ respondents had the highest levels of severe online harassment compared to other demographic groups: 45% of transgender respondents said they had experienced severe online harassment in the last year.

While there isn't much data available on doxxing alone, LBGTQ+ organization leaders agree it's prevalent.

"So if people are sending out your information and posting on social media where you live, that is going to cause harm, distress and anxiety," said Jorge Reyes Salinas, communications director at Equality California. "That's just the mental health component, but of course that could literally lead to someone going to your home, where you are the most safe, and causing harm or even potential death."

Moehlig founded TransFamily Support Services 10 years ago, a couple of years after she struggled to find care for her 11-year-old son when he decided to transition. She said that after being doxxed, she didn't feel safe in her home and was worried about her son.

"It's that piece of feeling targeted, feeling like you have to look behind your shoulder all the time, and having to be more aware of the risks that are involved in just trying to make the world a safer place for my child and the other people we serve," she said.

Moehlig and Reyes Salinas said the rise of anti-trans legislation and hate rhetoric throughout the country has increased online harassment.

"Those attacks have definitely caused individuals and their allies to maybe take a pause," Moehlig said.

DOXXING OF GAZA WAR PROTESTERS AND COUNTERPROTESTERS

When pro-Israel counterprotesters attacked a UCLA encampment in May, people online rushed to identify them and post their information publicly — including their faces, license plate numbers and workplaces.

Information on many pro-Palestinian protesters has been posted on the Canary Mission website, which states that its goal is to "document individuals and organizations that promote hatred of the USA, Israel and Jews on North American college campuses and beyond." The website contains the faces of hundreds of people who have expressed their support of Palestinians or criticized Israel, sometimes with details on where they live or their social media accounts.

To protect themselves, many protesters and counterprotesters have chosen to remain anonymous in interviews with journalists or wear masks or other face coverings.

But Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass announced last week — the day after a violent protest at an L.A. synagogue — that she would consider implementing mask bans at protests. Jeffrey Abrams, ADL's Los Angeles regional director, said at the same press conference that he supports looking into a mask ban.

In an interview before the press conference, Mark Levine, the Anti-Defamation League's Central Pacific regional director, said that the group's support of doxxing victims is a "longstanding position" that is unrelated to current events.

"Doxxing is doxxing," Ward said when asked how his bill would apply to Gaza war protests.

THE LEGISLATOR WHO VOTED 'NO'

While the bill received near-unanimous support, Assemblymember Diane Dixon cast the sole "no" vote on the Assembly floor. She said in an interview that the bill isn't needed because it's already a crime.

"Private right to action brings a lot of unnecessary lawsuits and clogs up our courts for unjustifiable reasons, particularly if there's already a law against this," she said.

Dixon, a Republican from Newport Beach, also argued that doxxing isn't considered a hate crime in California — referencing a 2022 hate crime report from California Attorney General Rob Bonta's office — and that the bill raises free speech concerns.

"People can be suing one another if they feel offended, without being physically threatened," she said.

When asked about freedom of speech, Ward and Levine pointed to the bill language, which specifies that doxxing is done with "the purpose of imminently causing that other person unwanted physical contact, injury, or harassment."

"If people are not acting with a level of the intent to harass an individual — and with the reckless disregard that the information posted will be used to carry out criminal conduct such as death, injury or stalking — anti-doxxing laws should not apply," Levine said.

But Moehlig said what happened to her shows the need for the bill.

"Having another tool, another piece to help deter this kind of behavior is really important," she said. "Having the opportunity as a victim to be able to stand up to it in a civil court helps to bring some power back to people who are victims."

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Controversial measure overturning oil well restrictions won't be on California ballot

JULIE CART
Special to the Daily Press

California's oil industry says it is withdrawing its controversial ballot measure challenging a state law that would have imposed new restrictions on oil and gas wells within 3,200 feet of homes and schools.

The oil industry, which spent $20 million collecting signatures to put the measure on the November ballot, withdrew its initiative just before the deadline today. Instead the companies say they will challenge the law in court.

Environmentalists consider the industry's decision a major victory because it removes the obstacle to a law that bans new drilling and imposes safety restrictions on existing wells in communities.

But oil industry groups say the referendum was mischaracterized by environmental groups. They said the setback law will eliminate jobs, drive up gas prices and increase California's dependence on imported oil.

"Supporters of the energy shutdown can make unfounded claims in the press and in paid advertisements, but they can't make those claims in court without evidence," Jonathan Gregory, chairman of the California Independent Petroleum Association, said in a statement. "That's why we are pivoting from the referendum to a legal strategy."

The ballot measure would have asked voters to overturn a 2022 law, authored by Sen. Lena Gonzalez, a Democrat from Long Beach, that established buffer zones in neighborhoods. The law bans new oil and gas wells in those areas near homes, schools and other "sensitive" areas such as hospitals. In addition, operators of existing wells must take steps to improve their safety, such as installing leak detection equipment, testing water and controlling dust and other pollutants.

Once the initiative is officially withdrawn with the Secretary of State's office, the state's setback rules will take effect. Operators of existing wells within the buffer zones must develop safety plans by 2025 and implement them by 2027.

The state has permitted more than 240,000 oil and gas wells throughout California, with many clustered in Kern County, Los Angeles and the Long Beach/Signal Hill area.

After the bill was signed into law, the oil industry launched a campaign — which they called "Stop The Energy Shutdown" — to put the law before voters on the November ballot, a move that suspended its implementation. New permits for working on existing leaking or unproductive wells in those areas reportedly ramped up while the new rules were in limbo.

"Big Oil saw what they were up against — and they folded, again," Gov. Gavin Newson said in a statement. "No parent in their right mind would vote to allow drilling next to daycares and playgrounds."

The health risks from oil operations have been at the heart of a decades-long campaign to shield families, schoolchildren and the elderly from the impacts of drilling. The growth of the oil and gas industry in many regions predated California's sprawling growth, meaning it is not uncommon to find drilling and refining across the street from subdivisions.

More than 2.5 million Californians live within 3,200 feet of an oil or gas well. Those neighborhoods are predominantly low income — nearly 70% non-white — disproportionately saddling communities of color with decades of health impacts.

"Heart disease, respiratory emergency, pre-term developmental impacts, miscarriages," said Mabel Tsang, political director for the California Environmental Justice Alliance. "It's generations of families with cancers, it is people who saw their childhood friend pass away because of oil drilling. A cradle to grave cycle."

The initiative's withdrawal gives environmental advocates a victory over oil and gas interests, who spent some $60 million to lobby against the initial bill and launch the referendum.

Assemblymember Isaac Bryan, a Democrat from Culver City, negotiated with the industry to remove it from the ballot. Bryan was dismissive of the lawsuit that the oil producers said they will file, calling it an "act of desperation."

A number of bills are still making their way through the Legislature that are targets for environmental activists, who vow to continue the fight.

"There's no laying down for us," Tsang said. "We have played their game and beaten them with their own rules.

Alexei Koseff contributed to this report.

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OIL: An active pump jack near homes in the city of Signal Hill in Los Angeles County on Oct. 19, 2022. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 1137 in September this year, which bans new oil and gas wells within 3,200 feet of homes and schools. The bill is an effort to protect public health. Oil industries have failed to defeat the buffer-zone bill in the Legislature, filing a petition in October to put a referendum on the 2024 ballot to overturn SB 1137.

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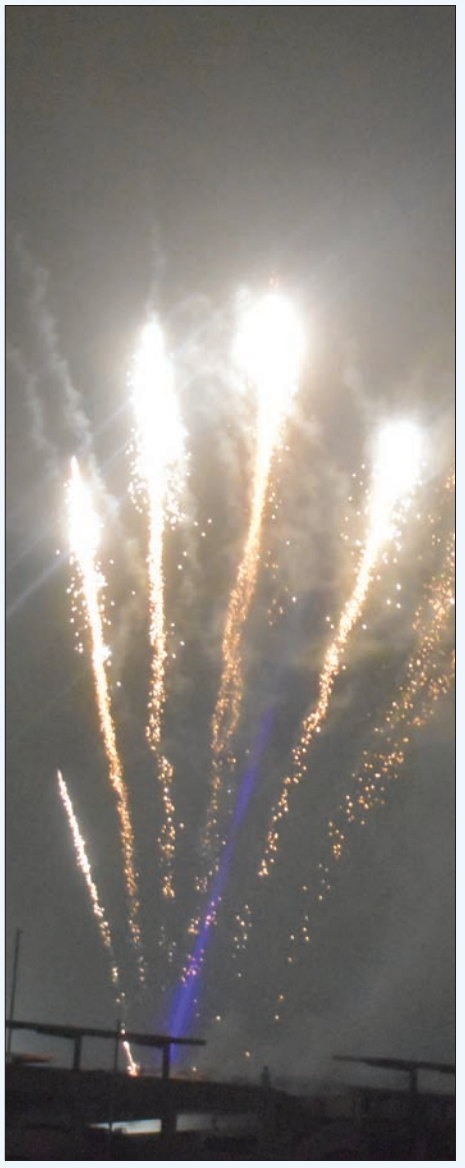
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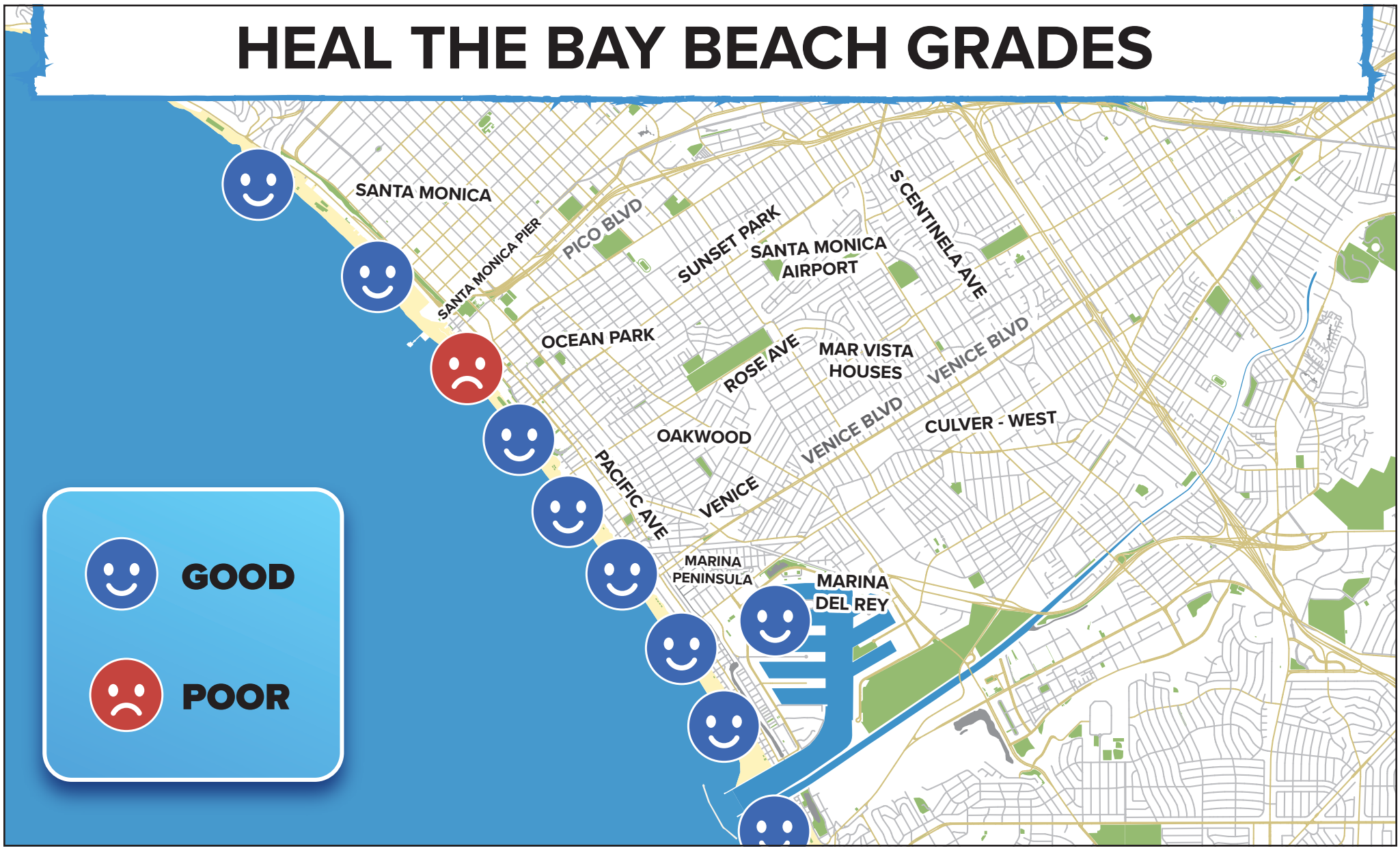




FIREWORK

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20-minute show provided by Pyro Spectaculars Entertainment. SMC Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Margaret Quiñones-Perez wrote that the event "salutes our country and our wonderful community." Through both Saturday and Sunday, the Santa Monica Pier took visitors on a fun-filled ride, with the Pier 360 event featuring a multitude of activities for all ages. Kids were able to test their physical abilities at the Ninja Nation Obstacle Course and an open skate park, while adults took part in volleyball games and aquatic competitions on the beach. Other amenities included live music throughout the day, a pop-up exhibit from the Museum of Beach Life and a pop-up roller rink.



COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

Phil Brock, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and Councilmember Gleam Davis, who requested that 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."

While conversation on this subject tends to spark an opinion in almost everyone, the Council's discussion about Alle's infamous sign was straightforward and without disagreement. Granted, the fact that the discussion took place at about 3am might have had something to do with that. What was much more interesting was the public comment both directly and indirectly connected with this topic.

Without a doubt, most of the public comment in this meeting on both non-agenda and agenda items, was related to public safety and the safety of residents, specifically regarding serious assaults and other crimes recently committed by members of the homeless community, which is in part, what this sign alludes to.

In the last six weeks alone, a homeless man dragged a woman across the beach path by her hair in a violent assault, a homeless suspect was charged with the attempted murder of German tourists, a tourist from Nevada had his car windshield smashed by homeless man as he exited the 10 freeway and a homeless man is being held on two charges of attempted murder following a multiple assault on the beach.

One resident, Trevor Nichols, explained how he'd been a paramedic for over 14 years. "I've ridden calls with Santa Monica Fire, Los Angeles County Fire, I've had a lot of hands on extensive experience with psychiatric, drug addled homeless people. And I'm going to tell you point blank, this is dangerous," Nichols said.

"We don't have to look back far in our history to see what happens when you try to incorporate people with grave psychiatric disability, mix it with drugs and then let them run loose … A 17-year-old girl almost drowned. She almost lost her life yesterday if it wasn't for the help of our police department and our lifeguards," Nichols said, adding, "We can't allow gravely disabled psychiatric people that use drugs into our neighborhoods. It's just gonna go nuts. It's going to destroy [our community]."

However, an equal amount of contention was over the issue of first amendment free speech together with the fact that Alle has not presented any credible evidence that City Manager David White supports the free needle and meth pipe distribution program, which would equate to fear-mongering and disinformation.

Not to mention how much damage it does to the image and reputation of the city and in particular, the downtown and Promenade areas. To that end, Andrew Thomas, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) offered comment to Council, along with DTSM board members Ericka Lesley, Barry Snell, Lucian Tudor and even Leo Pustilnikov.

Thomas explained that DTSM tracks all media mentions of downtown Santa Monica and this banner has generated "millions of negative media impressions for our city."

"It actively discourages people from visiting and conducting business downtown. It disparages our city manager and it advances false information. It's beyond belief to think that this banner has not had an impact on our financial recovery. Certainly we have our share of concerns, however, a banner is not a solution to our problems," he said.



Sienna Bevin

PROMENADE: Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously to prepare a resolution condemning the sign placed by building owner John Alle at 1335 Third Street.

"If the purpose of the banner was to make a point then the owner should consider the point made and take down the banner for the good of the community. If the banners owner will not remove it, I strongly encourage the council to draft an ordinance enabling its removal," Thomas added.

John Alle himself also spoke, "The city council does have the authority to approve any harm reduction or needle distribution or glass pipe distribution in the city over the county. The mayor has not exercised that authority. There is no malice in the messaging on my building," he said.

Alle claimed to have copies of emails between White and County Health Director Barbara Ferrer. He also claimed to have photographs of both Brock and Negrete "handing out free drugs," something that they both vehemently denied as they responded by way of a Point of Personal Privilege, clarifying that they were observing the work that was being done in the parks. In fact, both were somewhat riled at the accusations and Alle exited the chamber immediately after making his statement.

Local resident John C. Smith, a four time Emmy Award-winning journalist, said, "You could say that I'm a pretty strong proponent of the First Amendment, but as a parks commissioner, I share the concerns of residents and business owners about public safety, homelessness and drug use in our city on the Promenade and in our parks," Smith said, adding, "However, this billboard is inaccurate. It's not a city program. It's the county doing it. Don't blame David White for something someone else is doing. Blame the county."

When the item finally rolled around in the early hours of Wednesday morning, White read a prepared statement. "As city manager I'm committed to fully implementing policies adopted by the city council. The syringe exchange program is being implemented by a county contractor pursuant to state law. The city plays no role," he said.

"Council approved a letter in November 2022 and a resolution in April 2024 opposing the implementation of the program in its current form, primarily because of the locations the county chose to operate near parks and schools. So it is not accurate to say the city manager supports the program in contradiction with council direction," White added.

City Attorney Doug Sloane added, "This is not censorship. This is not regulatory. The city is not mandating that anything happened. This is government speech, what's being proposed. The council's entitled to state its opinion too under the First Amendment. So that's all this is."

Davis shared a similar sentiment, "I would never support something that censored anyone within the city even if I found the statements to be distasteful. But that is not what this proposed resolution does. What it simply does is express the consensus, if it's passed, of the council, that we too have a right to free speech and that our speech would be that the sign misleads … folks as to who was responsible for running the Harm Reduction Program," she said, adding, "But if we pass this resolution, there will be no compulsion or no regulation of speech."

The motion was moved by Gleam, seconded by Brock and in a recently-rare moment of bipartisan, unified opinion, passed 7-0.

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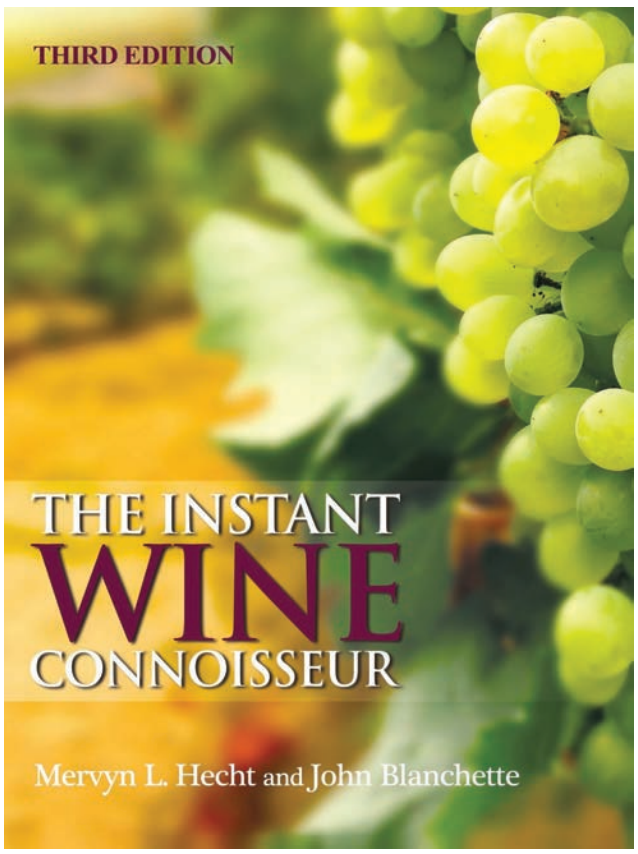
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RECREATION

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a result of the city breaking the Community and Cultural Services Department into two wings: Health and Human Services and RAD, and Rogers was chosen to lead the latter due to her vast experience in community development.

"We're very much about how we can help be a community convener, but also how can we help create exciting arts and cultural experiences so that the community can come out in a variety of ways and really learn about the rich history of Santa Monica," Rogers said of her department's role. "(They can) experience all the different arts, performing arts, and hopefully activate some parks while we're doing it."

The city's parks scene was particularly shuttered by the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in staffing shortages and a need to revitalize locations like Reed Park and Memorial Park. Rogers' past fits this motif, as she previously rectified parks in the major market of San Francisco. Working as the city's Cultural Arts Supervisor, her passion project was Boedekker Park which saw her embedded in what she called a "troubled park" where "people didn't feel super comfortable going into that space."

Having the opportunity to "reclaim" Boedekker for the Bay Area gave her the "opportunity to really see the power of community recreation and arts," as well as the confidence to pull off a similar revival for Santa Monica's spaces.

"To me, that is a privilege, and (it) is my great honor to be able to help make that happen in Santa Monica, (which) by the nature of what it is, is already very creative and collaborative and people are very community-based about what happens here, and I just love being in a community that's so passionate about making incredible cool things happen on a local level," Rogers said.

Rogers had recently stepped down from a role as Director of Community Services in Beverly Hills, contemplating retirement from public service before seeing the Santa Monica position open. With the chance to oversee facilities like parks, the Santa Monica Swim Center and the Annenberg Community Beach House, she decided to "jump in" and commit to "really critical city services" on the Westside.

"There could be no higher calling than public service to create community," Rogers added. "To me, that's a gift to be able to do that every day."

In preparation for her role, Rogers went undercover in a "secret shopper" tour of city facilities, finding herself lauding "the caliber of customer service" provided by employees.

"Nobody knew who I was, I just went in an anonymous way, and I just was incredibly impressed with the staff that works for the Recreation and Arts Department," Rogers said. "They are top notch and really are so incredibly welcoming when you walk into these facilities, and so that kind of was the hook that made me think, okay, this will be a really interesting opportunity."

Still in the post-pandemic rebuilding phase, her plan is to figure out how best to bring facilities and services back to full health. Working with colleagues in the city's Public Works Department, her priorities include renovations of the dormant Miles Playhouse at Reed Park and the Camera Obscura art lab in Palisades Park. Simultaneously, Rogers will be working to recruit staff lost during the COVID period, conducting an interview process in July for Cultural Affairs supervisors.



Courtesy Photo

RECREATION: Jenny Rogers, known for parks revitalization in San Francisco, now has the chance to do the same as Santa Monica's Director of Recreation and Arts.

July will be the director's busiest month yet, a chance to shine a light on facilities during National Parks and Recreation Month, as well as promote camps, classes and summer events for children on school break. Rogers noted that summer is a prime time to work with local stakeholders on a full-scale improvement plan after being introduced to many of her peers during June's SaMo Pride events.

"One of the things I think that makes Santa Monica one of the best places in the world to live is that you can do these things almost year-round, and recreating outside is I think the best form of recreation because you (can) be in nature while you recreate," Rogers added.

At the Annenberg house, Rogers highlighted the Sunset Swim events for adults on July 12, July 26, August 9 and August 23; as well as the family-friendly Sunset Picnic events with live music and s'mores on July 18 and August 15. Bringing older adolescents to the pool is also her goal with Teen Nights at the Santa Monica Swim Center (the next installment being August 2), as well as a Family & Friends Splash Night on July 12.

Open-air activities are also in store, such as the return of Endless Summer C.A.M.P. (Community, Art, Music, Picnic) at Tongva Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays in August; as well as the Americana in the Park series on September Sundays at Gandara Park. For the remainder of summer break, a bevy of camps are still available for sign-ups through the city's website.

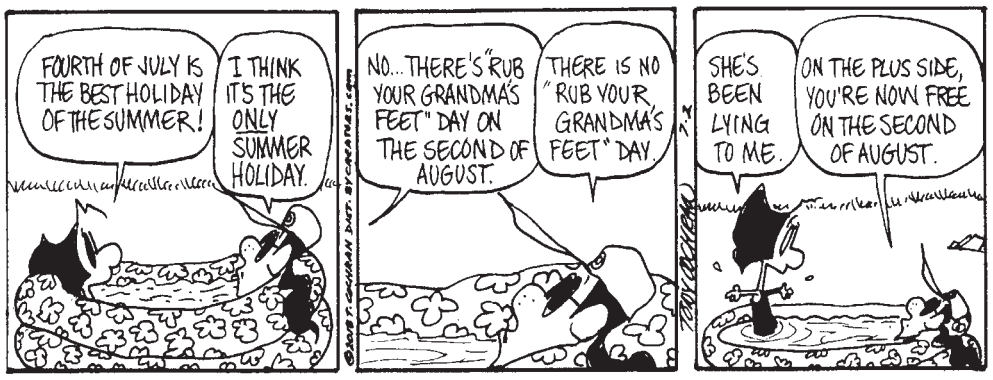
Whether it be short-term events for this summer, or a long-term plot to promote parks and community art projects, Rogers has her fellow residents in mind, always willing to take comments on what her department can do better.

"We get to do a lot of these things outdoors together, and gather and enjoy each other's company while we're celebrating ... (it's) an invitation to (the) community to be part of that, we want to make sure that we're working collaboratively in the design of what those activations will be," Rogers said.

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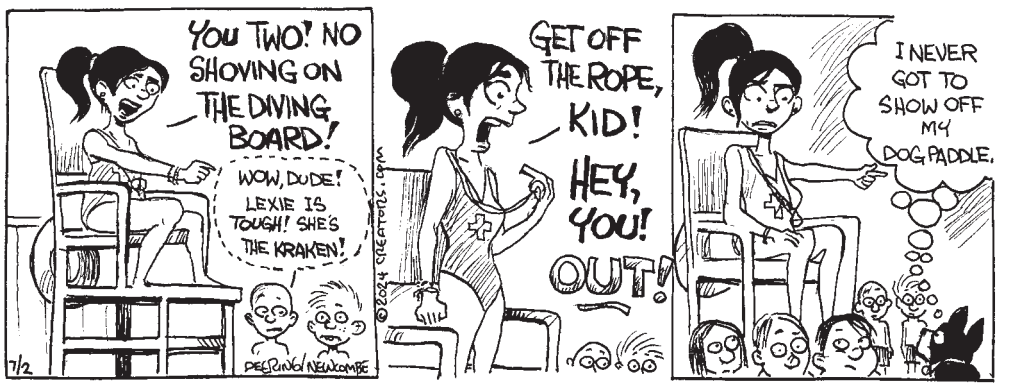
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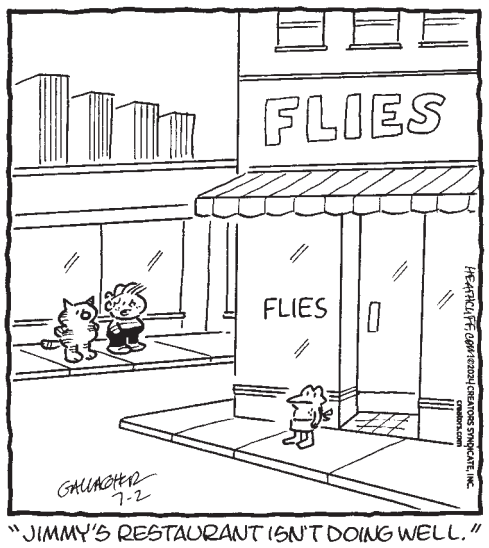
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Nothing that happens today belongs all in one category, which will activate your talent for taking in complexity. Shakespeare writes in "King Lear," "Matter and impertinency mix'd! Reason in madness!"

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In operas, the star-crossed who risk everything for love often wind up in dramatic situations with songs bellowing beautifully to blow up the loss to epic proportion. It's a little like that today, though maybe less melodic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If there's a target, you want to know why it's there, what makes it important and how likely you are to hit it. This information will figure in largely to your decision-making process today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not a "joiner" in nature, and yet when you are asked to join, if the group is interesting enough, investigation feels warranted. You'll find out how the communal agenda matches your independent spirit and proceed accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Heavy energy will lift like a fog. Your attitude will be the sunshine that evaporates it. Since you'll be able to see much better in this fair emotional weather, it's an excellent opportunity to reevaluate recent decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're always improving, and therefore you don't need to concern yourself with improvement. It will happen naturally. The part of you that leans into the person you want to be is already that person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). While some are concerned with the flavor and aesthetic values of the meal, you're more concerned with the nutritional value, and this speaks to your approach to many things totally unrelated to food.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Since you can't experience yourself as an outsider, you won't know how you're coming across, and that's normal. Even if you had a camera on it, you wouldn't get the whole picture, so it's not worth worrying about. Just know that you're enough and take a bold step.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because a person is in a role doesn't mean they actually have the typical knowledge or authority associated with the position. There will be an opportunity to unofficially step in and assume a responsibility and claim what goes along with it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll notice voids — spaces in the conversation, holes in the plan, pauses in the schedule, feelings that have very little charge to them. Don't rush to fill anything. There's beauty, wonder and good fortune in spaciousness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your imagination soars and lands on a bright idea. Maybe it's slightly outside your current means, but this will change. When you execute it, what follows will be a rush of abundance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It may seem as though your experience is commonplace, but it's not at all the case. Share your observations and your stories. Your unique perspective and background will help others process what's happening.

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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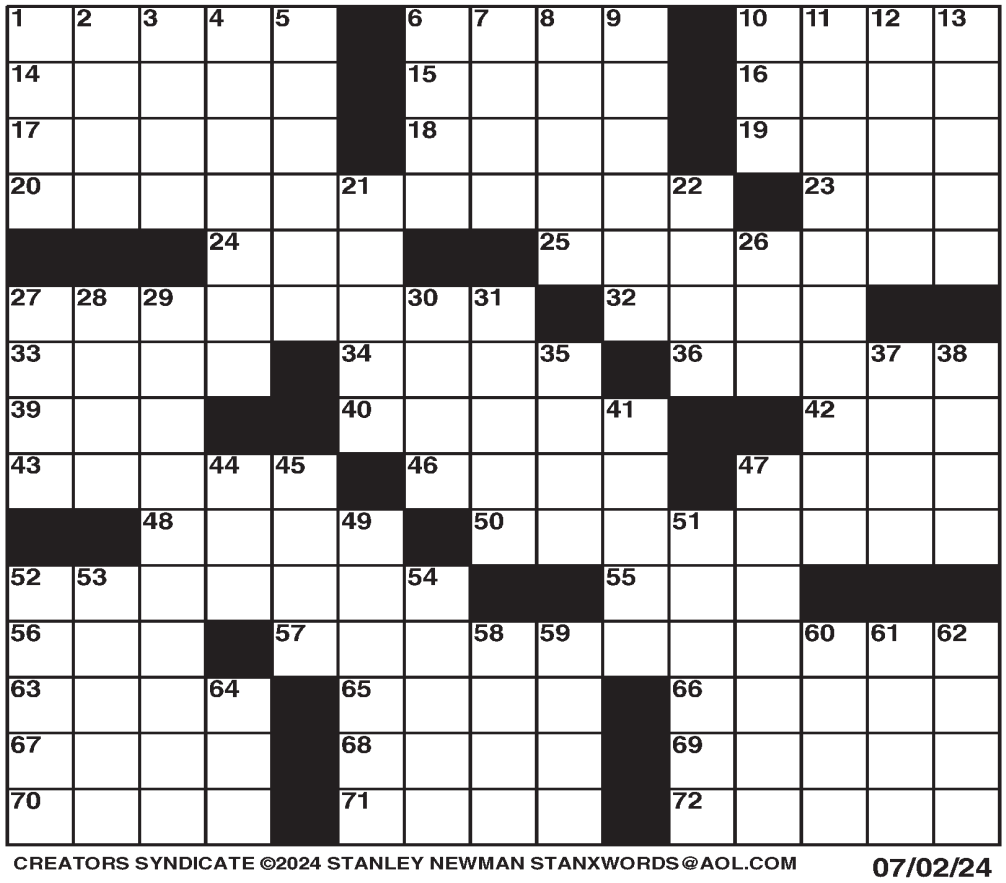
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6 Worry (about)
10 Possesses
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15 Smallest American coin
16 Very funny person
17 Fathers of colts
18 "Not if __ help it!"
19 Jealousy
20 Cola or ginger ale holder (until you pay)
23 Snakelike fish
24 __ and cheese (kid's lunch)
25 Fit to dwell in
27 A force to keep something going
32 Farm storage tower
33 At the center of
34 Washington's bills
36 "__ pray" (minister's invitation)
39 NBC weekend comedy series
40 Person on horseback
42 Recipe's small amt.
43 Nature walks
46 Ceramic floor square
47 __ mater (former school)
48 Newborn cow
50 "Danger has passed" signal
52 Expert speech makers
55 Under the weather
56 Pay-__-view movie
57 Push-button office drink dispenser
63 Pics on biceps
65 Relocate
66 Hindu teacher
67 Fan club favorite
68 Days before holidays
69 Gives off, as light
70 Manhattanites' envelope addr.
71 Dispatched
72 Concise in words spoken

DOWN

1 Rolling stone's supposed lack
2 Cincinnati's state
3 Fat used for frying
4 Had high hopes
5 Overly agreeable guy
6 Bank protection agcy.
7 High in calories, as cake
8 Online message
9 Sport at Wimbledon
10 Rock from a mine
11 Cabernet holder with a cork
12 Work of fiction
13 Fashion sense
21 Member of a cast
22 Villainous
26 British beer
27 Pulverize, as potatoes
28 Prefix meaning "totally"
29 Dairy beverage cardboard holder
30 __ of measure (ounce or mile)
31 "Mass" news sources
35 Auction off, say
37 West Point sch.
38 Practice for a prizefight
41 Artifact of the past
44 Dine or sup
45 Apply the brakes
47 "I can do that for you"
49 Portrait holders
51 Small room for a broom
52 Choose to take part
53 Good to go
54 Kitchen range
58 __ so (nevertheless)
59 Take a timeout
60 Animal's den
61 911 responders: Abbr.
62 Stand up
64 Cagey



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HAWKE'S GRAND OPENING HAPPY HOUR

Get ready to kick off summer in style with the Hawke Media HQ Grand Opening, beginning at 6 p.m. at 2415 Michigan Ave. The company will be unveiling its brand-new headquarters and the event includes food from the Habit Truck and drinks from The Happiest Ours. Free admission. For more information, visit: https://go.hawkemedia.com/hhhawke24.

WEDNESDAY | JULY 3

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

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THURSDAY | JULY 4

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Get ready to unleash your creativity as the 2024 Santa Monica 4th of July Parade celebrates the arts. Join the Ocean Park Association as they showcase the vibrant artistic spirit of the Santa Monica community. Parade kicks off promptly at 9:30 a.m. at Pico and Main Street. The entire parade route and some streets leading to it will be closed to vehicle traffic all morning long from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. Public parking can be found at lots of Neilson to the west.

INDEPENDENCE DAY HOURS AT SWIM CENTER

The Santa Monica Swim Center, 2225 16th St., will be open Independence Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lap swim and recreational swimming. No same-day call-in reservations for lap swim that day. For more information, visit: https://www.santamonicaswimcenter.org/swim-center-special-events.

LA BELLE VIE APÉRO DE LOULOU

The weekly French hipster rendezvous to celebrate "La Belle Vie" at LouLou Santa Monica, 395 Santa Monica Pl #300, begins at 6 p.m. Programming includes live performance by Chloe Perrier & The Heart Jazz Band, DJs, Apero menu, "Plat du Jour," menu a la carte and carefully selected French wines. For more information, contact Claire at asst@splashpragency.com or 323-877-8102.

SUNDOWN SANTA MONICA

Come join Mon Ami, 1541 Ocean Ave. Suite #150, for an evening filled with fun, food and music at Sundown Santa Monica. Begins at 6:05 p.m. with Sarime, an international Italian DJ launching her new mix to kick off the 4th of July weekend. Other performances include Dominican raised artist IRISOUL, Leisan, Miss Javi, Henry Pope and Marques Wyatt. General admission $50, entry with shuttle pick up access and food bar $100. To purchase, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sundown-santa-monica-on-4th-of-july-tickets-927021816207.

FRIDAY | JULY 5

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD TRUCK FEST

Abbot Kinney Boulevard's First Friday Food Truck Fest is a fun and festive night in Venice, beginning at 5 p.m. at 1525 Abbot Kinney Blvd, corner of Palms Blvd. Chances are you will find whatever food you are craving, along with special merchant events.

INK & PAINT

Celebrate 4th of July weekend with a fabulous evening of theatre, a lovely post-show wine-and-nibbles reception with the cast of "Ink & Paint" and support for the Playhouse Benefit Campaign. Inspired by real events, "Ink & Paint" follows five women artists at Walt Disney Studios in the 1930s and beyond, telling the true story of the company's first all-women story unit. Begins at 7:30 p.m. at Santa Monica Playhouse, 1211 4th St. Tickets $25, includes post-show reception with the cast. For more information, visit: https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/ink-and-paint.html.

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM- SUMMER WATER SAFETY

Longfellow the Whale and staff from Santa Monica Swim Center share tips on how to stay safe around the water this summer, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in The Annex at the Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. For families.

SOUNDWAVES NEW MUSIC CONCERT

After eight years and almost one hundred shows, the Soundwaves New Music series at the Santa Monica Public Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., concludes with a concert by the Present Quartet beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium. Series founder and bassist Jeff Schwartz organized the Present Quartet in 2018 with frequent collaborators. Call 310-458-8600 to request special accommodations.

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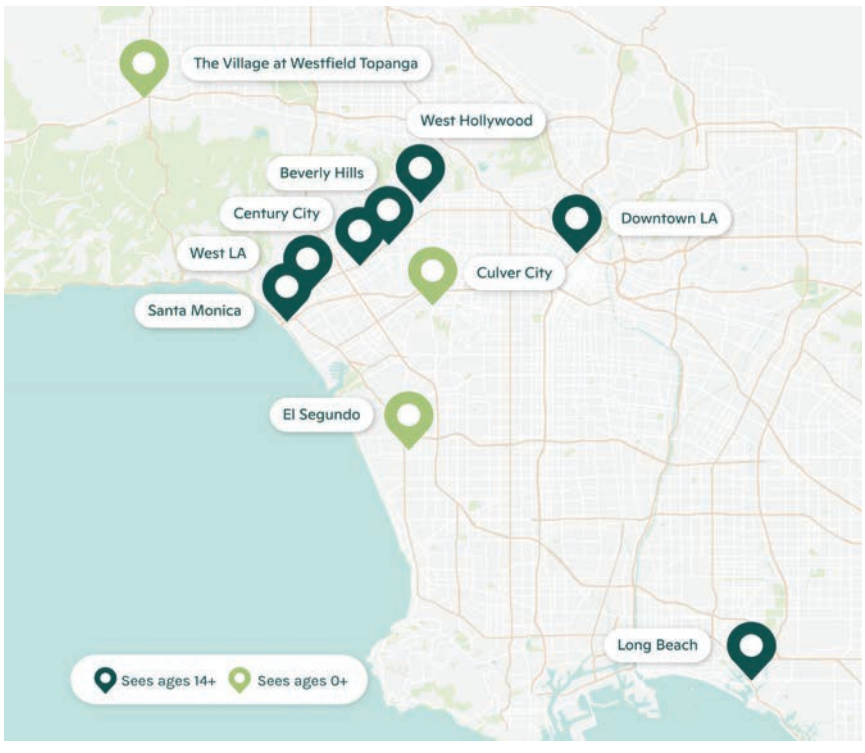
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