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It's parade day! Main Street tradition starts at 9:30 a.m.



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PARADE: The city's annual parade celebrating Independence Day begins on Thursday morning, traversing Main Street with over 60 representatives from local government, organizations and entertainers. For a full parade guide, see pages 5-8 in today's edition of the Daily Press.

New Crossroads construction concentrates on acclaimed arts program

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences has long been a haven for creative talents, and a new project aims to maximize this potential for decades to come.

Construction recently began on the school's new Bezdek Center for the Performing Arts, a 55,000 square foot complex that will serve as the new home for Crossroads' acclaimed arts program. The project, designed by SPF:a, will include a 650-seat main auditorium, a 100-person recital hall, spaces for filmmaking and music, and a new Crossroads School Equity & Justice Institute.

Renderings of the site, anticipated to be completed in early 2026, envision these spaces linked by a courtyard that SPF:a Founder and Design Principal Zoltan Pali called a "major strong point" for the project. Pali stated he wanted to continue the "feel" of the current school site, which sees students go back and forth between department classrooms as if they were in a scaled-down cityscape.

The architectural firm was able to earn design rights on the "highly

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Plaques promoting Montana businesses cause early ire

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SMDP Staff Writer

An initiative to liven Montana Avenue has become popular with local businesses, despite some early pushback from locals concerned with environmental matters.

This past month, the Montana Avenue Merchant Association installed specialized plaques onto the street's ficus trees, placed between 7th and 17th St. to recognize sponsors of a lighting program on the street. Montana was lit up at nighttime in prior years to illuminate businesses, including during the holidays, and Association President David Kianmahd felt that bringing back the lights would help retailers that have been "suffering" in the post-pandemic period.

The LED paneling set up along Montana is planned to go on at sunset through 11 p.m., with the panels using less power than

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OPINION **NOTEWORTHY**

Charles Andrews | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

L.A. Cats in Nashville

NASHVILLE CATS

"Play clean as country water, play wild as mountain dew,

Been playin' since they's babies, get work before they're two

Well, there's thirteen hundred and fifty two guitar pickers in Nashville

And they can pick more notes than the number of ants on a Tennessee ant hill,

Yeah, there's thirteen hundred and fifty two guitar cases in Nashville

And any one that unpacks 'is guitar could play twice as better than I will."

John Sebastian wrote that song for his very popular band The Lovin' Spoonful in 1966, an oddity because it had a country feel to the arrangement, but the Spoonful were a folk-rock band, and Sebastisn played the zither, or autoharp. It nonetheless became a hit. I don't know if Sebastian ever actually visited Nashville, but that song from those long-haired folkies set the rock crowd up to recognize that there was something musically important going on in "Music City."

Never having been to Nashville, I figured it was about time, and went last week. It is impressive, and heart warming to me, for its focus on music, especially live music, and songwriting. The songwriter is king in Nashville. And the pickers? – Sebastian was spot on.

We got to hang out with one of them, one Jason Pitts, formerly of SM. and Samohi, where he was known as JP, and known for his surprise third period asking of his date to the prom, with musical and choral accompaniment. Today that would have gone viral and he might have instantly become one of those millionaire influencers, but he did get flown to New York to be on the Today Show, and it made the news all over the world.

So, many of you here may know or remember him, and be curious what he's up to. He has a home in Nashville and plans to stay another year or two. He moved because he got a year-long contract to assist one of those young millionaire influencers with the music and editing of his Tik Tok pieces, but when

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Courtesy photo

DIANE, JASON, LARRY: Charles Andrews' trip to Nashville was a Noteworthy one.



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Fun Filled 4th of July Weekend

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes the Annual Main St. Parade, "Mr. & Ms. Muscle Beach" Competition, various other July 4th food and activity options, and much more!



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TODAY!: The annual Main St. 4th of July Parade kicks off a packed holiday weekend in Santa Monica..

Annual Main St. 4th of July Parade: The parade kicks off at 9:30am at Pico and Main St., traveling South toward the Venice border. You can watch the parade anywhere along the Main St. route that includes classic cars, community organizations, city leaders, and more. The official parade grandstand will be located in front of the Ocean Park Library at the corner of Ocean Park and Main St. This year's theme celebrates our creative community and vibrant arts and culture landscape. The first 200 kids visiting the SaMo Travel and Tourism Visitor Information Center at 2427 Main Street will get a free goodie bag with an art kit, coloring sheet and Santa Monica treats. https://www.santamonicaparade.com/

Pacific Palisades: July 4th 5K & 10K Run, Parade & Fireworks: Programming includes a full lineup of events, culminating with a fireworks show and music at Palisades High School. https://palisades4th.com

Marina del Rey July 4 Fireworks: Join in the celebration by witnessing a 20-minute spectacle of fireworks lighting up the night sky above the water. The various official vantage points include Marina del Rey, Venice Beach Pier, Playa Vista, and Dockweiler Beach. 9 p.m. https://visitmdr.com/events/july-4-fireworks-marina-del-rey

"Mr. & Ms. Muscle Beach" Competition: For decades competitors have traveled from all over the world to compete at the historic Muscle Beach Competitions. These events are highlighted by a warm friendly local atmosphere while providing quality competition. Free for spectators. Thursday, July 4, 1:00p.m. @ 1800 Ocean Front Walk http://www.musclebeachvenice.com/

Downtown Culver City Independence Celebration July 5 @ 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm This all ages event is free to the public and begins with live music on Town Plaza followed by the first ever aerial drone light show in Culver City to celebrate Independence Day. https://downtownculvercity.com/event/downtown-culver-city-independence-celebration/

The Santa Monica Playhouse Benefit Series presents Ink & Paint - A New Musical: Friday, July 5, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $25 and include a wine-and-nibbles post-show reception with the cast. Inspired by real events, Ink & Paint follows five women artists at Walt Disney Studios in the 1930s and beyond, whose ranks included first- and second-generation immigrants, a single mother and architect, a record-breaking pilot, a concept artist, and Disney's first credited woman animator. They tell the true story of the company's first all-women story unit in a madcap mashup of mid-century American history, the golden age of hand-drawn animation, and the wild, wisecracking women who fought tooth, nail, and paintbrush for their place in it. https://www.santamonicaplayhouse.com/ink-and-paint.html

Soundwaves - The Present Quartet: Soundwaves celebrates LA's diverse history of innovative underground music with FREE performances by world-class artists. Saturday, July 6, 3:30 p.m. @ Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. www.soundwavesnewmusic.com

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Rooftop July 4th Parties: Multiple local bars and restaurants are hosting rooftop

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.4**

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Surf size trends up through the day off overlapping SSW swells. NW windswell winds down so shape will likely straighten out — structured breaks are the best option. Low-incoming tide and clean for the early AM.

FRIDAY
FAIR TO GOOD
SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

Overlapping SSW swells offer decent size for summer exposures. Not much NW windswell in the mix so the average beachbreaks get pretty walled. The points/spots with some structure are the best option for any kind of shape.

Weather

Thursday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 69.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 67.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 69.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2024/07/05	Fri	04:15 AM	-1.17	L
2024/07/05	Fri	10:53 AM	3.77	H
2024/07/05	Fri	3:08 PM	2.49	L
2024/07/05	Fri	9:26 PM	6.57	H
2024/07/06	Sat	04:54 AM	-1.09	L
2024/07/06	Sat	11:33 AM	3.81	H
2024/07/06	Sat	3:51 PM	2.49	L
2024/07/06	Sat	10:05 PM	6.38	H
2024/07/07	Sun	05:31 AM	-0.89	L
2024/07/07	Sun	12:11 PM	3.84	H
2024/07/07	Sun	4:34 PM	2.50	L
2024/07/07	Sun	10:43 PM	6.08	H
2024/07/08	Mon	06:06 AM	-0.60	L
2024/07/08	Mon	12:48 PM	3.88	H
2024/07/08	Mon	5:18 PM	2.53	L
2024/07/08	Mon	11:21 PM	5.68	H
2024/07/09	Tue	06:40 AM	-0.23	L
2024/07/09	Tue	1:25 PM	3.93	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/1
5 9 32 39 55
Power#: 9
Jackpot: 138 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/2
4 8 19 31 45
Mega#: 11
Jackpot: 162 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 6/29
8 10 12 21 25
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: 49 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/2
1 4 15 16 28

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/2
EVENING: 4 3 7
Draw Date: 7/2
MIDDAY: 9 3 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/2
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:42.88

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fireworks viewing parties, including the Santa Monica Proper Hotel, Huntley Santa Monica Beach, and Sonder @ the Beacon.

Celebrate July 4th at Sirena @ The Georgian: "Join us for an outdoor BBQ featuring all the delicious American classics—sliders, gourmet hot dogs, roasted corn, watermelon salad, and coleslaw. Sip on Boozy Lemonade while enjoying the ocean breeze and tunes from DJ Sloane on the lower terrace." Thursday, July 4, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/sirena-restaurant?date=2024-07-04

Jamaica Bay Inn 4th of July BBQ Party: There will be live music from 5pm – 9pm, a few of the fireworks at 9pm and the menu includes burgers, hot dogs, tajin watermelon, elote, and chips. More details here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-of-july-bbq-party-tickets-923173074517

Abbot Kinney First Friday Food Truck Fest: About two dozen food trucks are expected to line the street for the monthly event. Friday, July 5, starting at 5:00p.m. https://www.abbotkinneyblvd.com/

Looking Ahead Around Town: Dine LA Restaurant Week (7/12-26), Main St. Summer Solstice Festival: (7/13), National Night Out (8/6), Montana Ave. Dog Daze (8/24)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com and let me know if you have any feedback on Around Town: Fun Filled 4th of July Weekend

City of Santa Monica

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the year was up he decided to "retire" for a bit. So Jason got out there and hustled a lot of freelance work, and has been very busy. He is now engaged to a charming and beautiful young woman named Sydney, who works full time for an LA dance studio. They were generous and gracious hosts and we had a great time hanging out with them. The last night we were there three other LA music friends came over and we had BBQ and a songfest. Yup, Nashville Cats, native or not.

I'll tell you more about Nashville in the next NOTEWORTHY column, but I have to mention this. We saw the famous Ryman Auditorium, original home of the Opry, we went to a Grand Ole Opry show, but on the advice of our musician friends we added in a visit to the Musicians Hall of Fame, and it is something you should not miss on any visit to Music City.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

THEATRICUM BOTANICUM – Founded more than half a century ago by blacklisted writer/actor Will Geer, his family has carried on superbly, and his daughter Ellen is directing "The Winter's Tale," one of Willie the Shake's last, with a final scene promising to blow medieval and modern minds alike. TB is known for their Shakespeare and performed "A Midsummer Night's Dream" their first season, and every year since, and this year it is directed by Willow Geer, Will's granddaughter. There is not a more perfect stage for this classic than the woods of Topanga. "Wendy's Peter Pan" by title alone sounds like great fun. Ellen Geer directed this different look at a tale we are all so familiar with. "The Winter's Tale" was one of The Bard's last, in five acts, it is a tragi-comedy with an unrealistic yet interesting plot line."Peter Pan," Sat 7:30 p.m., "Midsummer" Sun 3:30 p.m., "Winter" Sun 7:30 p.m., $15-60.

HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES — You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for more than a decade now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure, just over the border from SM. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

ROLLING STONES – No, they're not as magnificent as when I saw them on their best tour ever, with Mick Taylor in the band and Stevie Wonder opening up, in... 1972, but who is, half a century later? But they are not that far off and that is remarkable. They have so many great songs they can't play them all in a couple of hours. The Glimmer Twins, Mick and Keith, are 80, and I promise that won't detract from their show. Yet, we know they won't be around forever. So... go. Wed, next Sat, Sofi Stadium, Inglewood, $81-1832.

RECOMMENDED:

"WILD THINGS ARE HAPPENING: THE ART OF MAURICE SENDAK" – Now you can see them much bigger than a page in a book. This is the first complete retrospective of his art since his death in 2012, and includes his work in many areas of the arts. Twyla Tharp, Spike Jonze, Tony Kushner. Opera sets! "I love opera beyond anything," he once proclaimed, "and Mozart beyond anything." 6/20-9/1, Skirball Museum, admission price? Parking fee - call for info and hours.

TOLEDO DIAMOND — Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great decadent fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. And the band is smokin'! Don't. Miss. Toledo Diamond. Sun 9:30pm, Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): "Wild Things Are Happening: The Art of Maurice Sendak," Skirball, 7/4-9/1; Theatricum Botanicum-"Wendy's Peter Pan," 7/6, 14, 21, 26 -"The Winter's Tale," 7/7, 14, 19, 28 - "A Midsummer Night's Dream," 7/7 - "Tartuffe-Born Again," 7/13, 20, 27; Toledo Diamond, Harvelle's, 7/7, 21, 28; Hot Club of Los Angeles, Cinema Bar, 7/8, 15, 22, 29; Rolling Stones, Sofi Stadium, 7/10, 13; All Gershwin, Hollywood Bowl, 7/11; Peter Erskine Tio + Bob Mintzer, Sam First, 7/12. 13; Slash, Samantha Fish, Warren Haynes Band, Eric Gales, Greek, 7/13 ; Liquid Kitty's Punk Rock BBQ, Harvelle's, 7/14; Big Band Night, Hollywood Bowl, 7/17; Ziggy Marley, Bellwether, 7/20; Drive-By Truckers, Marina del Rey summer concert series, 7/20; Mozart Under the Stars, Zubin Mehta, Pinchas Zuckerman, Hollywood Bowl, 7/23; All-Beethoven, LA Phil, 7/25; X, Regent Theater, 7/25, 26; Michael Franti & Spearhead, Greek, 7/26; Dwight Yoakam, Mavericks, Greek, 7/27; Lake Street Dive, Greek, 7/27; Outlaw Fest: Willie, Bob, Mellancamp. Hollywood Bowl, 7/31; UB40, English Beat, Inner Circle, Greek, 7/31; Schumann & Bruch, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/1; Mavis Staples, Norah Jones, Greek, 8/4; Reggae Night XXII: Damian and Stephen Marley, Hollywood Bowl, 8/4; Hives, Foo Fighters, BMO Stadium, 8/9; Jon Batiste, Greek, 8/10; Wailing Souls, Levitt Pavilion, 8/10; Alanis Morisette, Joan Jett & Blackhearts, Kia Forum, 8/10; Pretenders, Foo Fighters, BMO Stadium, 8/11; Herbie Hancock "Head Hunters" 50th, Hollywood Bowl, 8/14; 10CC, Theatre at Ace Hotel, 8/15; Lila Downs, Marina del Rey summer concert series, 8/17; All-Dvořák with Midori, LA Phil, Hollywood Bowl, 8/20; Gary Clark Jr., Hollywood Bowl, 8/21; Ghostland Observatory, Teragram Ballroom, 8/24; Ash Grove Alumni, McCabe's, 8/25; Dudamel & Yunchan Lim, Hollywood Bowl, 8/29.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 38 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com

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Patriotic tradition continues in festive style

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A nearly two-decade patriotic tradition returns to Main Street this Thursday, also known as Independence Day throughout the United States. To celebrate, the Ocean Park Association's annual 4th of July Parade will begin at 9:30 a.m., featuring a host of floats and live music for the red, white and blue festivities.

> It was pretty small back then, and every year it builds and builds
>
> - Jeff Jarow

Beginning 18 years ago, the Parade is the baby of organizer Jeff Jarow, who has called Santa Monica home for over 40 years. Stifled only by a two-year break during the COVID-19 pandemic, the tradition has "built up momentum ever since" its beginnings as an Ocean Park Association project.

"It was pretty small back then, and every year it builds and builds," Jarow added. "We have good sponsors, it's co-sponsored by the City, so it makes it a nice (partnership). It's the largest, all-inclusive, free event for the city."

Indeed all spectators will take in the event without cost, while those who create floats for the parade enter for a small fee. Beginning with service groups like Rotary Club of Santa Monica and Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, the parade has expanded over the years to include a bevy of organizations. This year's event will have all of the city's neighborhood associations involved alongside groups like Swim With Heart, Climate Action Santa Monica and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Whichever groups participate each year, Jarow stresses that this is "not the venue" for political messaging due to the all-ages approach to holiday fun. The float makers take this message to heart, showing their national pride throughout the morning.

"It's all based on the energy of those entities willing to take on the responsibility," Jarow said. "It's not the end of the world, but you get people to march, you want to make sure they're all dressed up in red, white and blue. You want to make sure it's a festive occasion."

The occasion will also have a local focus through two distinguished guests. This year's Parade Grand Marshal is Judy Abdo, who served as Santa Monica's mayor for three years and as a City Council member from 1988 to 1996. Abdo's community involvements also include working as Director of Child Development Services for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, and as a founder of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corp. (now Santa Monica Pier Corporation).

Also making the trip back to his home for the holiday is "Mr. Santa Monica" himself, Nat Trives. The city's first African-American mayor, Trives will be present after recently receiving a massive commendation. In May, Trives was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who's Who, a publisher of biographical profiles.

Trives received the award for his decades of achievements in the worlds of law enforcement, government and community organizing.

"Though hard work and dedication have brought him far in his career, he credits his success to his desire to positively impact others and his empathy and compassion," Marquis Who's Who stated. "Looking ahead, Mr. Trives aims to leave a legacy for his children and the youth in his community."

The 2024 parade kicks off at Pico Blvd. and Main Street, traveling south on Main Street before turning right onto Marine and ending at Barnard Way. The entire parade route and some adjacent streets will be closed to vehicle traffic from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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File Photos

PARADE: Nearly a two-decade patriotic tradition, the 4th of July Parade is back and better than ever in 2024.



2024 4TH OF JULY PARADE PARTICIPANTS

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1. Santa Monica Girl Scouts

Did somebody say “thin mints?” Girl Scouts of all ages, from Kindergarten through 12th grade, unleash their potential through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience - a series of engaging, challenging, and fun activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects. Pick up a handout or visit girlscoutsla.org for more information on how to join.

2. Ocean Park Association + Jane Fondas

Local neighborhood group and host of the Santa Monica 4th of July Parade.

3. Swim with Heart

Swim with Heart is thankful for the many ways our Santa Monica community supports Swim with Heart programs. We are grateful for the opportunity to know and work with each of you. Witnessing a child gaining confidence in their abilities - both in the water and on land - as they learn to swim; observing our coaches and instructors enthusiasm, as they provide guidance and encouragement leading classes; celebrating a young adult’s entry into the working world, made possible through Swim with Heart connections. We are thankful for the Santa Monica community and most thankful for these moments of achievement! Donations to our non-profit are crucial to helping us help our swimmers achieve their goals. Thank you to all who have provided support!

4. Ismaili CIVIC

Ismaili CIVIC is a global program under which the Shia Ismaili Muslim community across the world has united around its centuries old tradition of serving humanity by rendering voluntary service to improve the quality of life of the communities in which they live, regardless of faith, gender and background.

5. UCLA Santa Monica Medical Center

As the cornerstone of UCLA Health’s Santa Monica campus, the 281-bed, full-service medical center offers unparalleled care, from prenatal and neonatal services to geriatric medicine and everything in between. The facility blends the expertise of an academic medical center with the accessibility of a community hospital, giving patients the best of both worlds.

6. Growing Place

Growing Place is a non-profit child development center with three campuses in Santa Monica. Our mission is to help children develop into confident, compassionate, and creative problem solvers. Our program unifies children, parents, and teachers into a community that learns together.

7. Russ Mullen and the Jazz Associates

Russ Mullen and the Jazz Associates is a local band that plays in the L.A. area mostly and had 2 CDs on the Jazz Week Top Fifty and received nationwide airplay.

8. Saint Monica Preparatory

Welcome Saint Monica Preparatory, a TK-12 school with a nearly 100-year history offering a place for students to grow in body, mind and spirit within a diverse Catholic community. It’s been a banner year for sports at SMPREP, with Mariner Football winning the 2023 CIF Southern Section Division Championships, and Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer all winning their respective league titles! Congratulations to the SMPREP Class of 2024 on their impressive college acceptances, including Berkeley, Dartmouth College, University of Notre Dame, UCLA, USC; as well as multiple HBCUs, top art schools and competitive private schools across the country. Visit saintmonicaprep.org to learn more about SMPREP’s transformative education.

9. VIP Driver

Hugh Milstein is the parade’s VIP chauffeur who has worked for many years escorting community stakeholders at the event.

10. Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier

Located on the world-famous Santa Monica Pier, Pacific Park is the West Coast’s only amusement park located on a pier! Featuring 12 thrilling rides, including the West Coaster and Pacific Wheel, the first solar-powered Ferris wheel. Millions of visitors each year enjoy all the rides, games and fun you’d expect from one of Southern California’s leading entertainment destinations.

11. Santa Monica Travel & Tourism

Under contract to the City of Santa Monica, the purpose of SMTT is to promote Santa Monica as a conference, business and leisure travel destination. As a sales and service organization, SMTT acts as the marketing representative for local businesses and the community as a whole.

12. Aqua Surf School

Yew! Aqua Surf is stoked to be the local surf school of the Ocean Park community! Serving the surfing needs of our community year round or running surf camp programs for kids down at Tower 28 all summer!

13. Made in Bahia

Made in Bahia, Samba Reggae drumming and dancing is a non-profit organization. Slleyk da Bahia is a professional dancer, teacher and artist from Salvador Bahia, the first capital of Brazil and the heart of AfroBrazilian culture. Since 2001, Slleyk has been working as the principal choreographer and dance instructor for Olodum, the first established Samba Reggae band that has recorded with Paul Simon, Michael Jackson and Spike Lee. In Brazil, Slleyk operates his own Cultural Center offering percussion, dance and language classes, as well as regularly leading cultural exchange trips for large groups. Since his arrival in Los Angeles, Slleyk has been diligently working and developing a new exciting project that will launch in the near future.

14. Santa Monica Cub Scouts Pack 67

Santa Monica Cub Scouts Pack 67 is a parent/adult partner volunteer-run, non-denominational, inclusive unit for boys and girls grades K-5th, from schools all over the Santa Monica and Westside areas. This diverse group of kids is forging lasting friendships through scouting activities. We welcome all families to join us for family-oriented, educational and fun adventures, community service and leadership opportunities.

15. Adrianne and the Boys

Adrianne and The Boys is a group of friends that come together to make music and enjoy the goodness of God. Their alternative take on rock music quotes funky grooves, shredding guitar solos, catchy melodies, vulnerable lyrics, and the sweetness of the saxophone.

16. Santa Monica Police Department

Santa Monica Police Department is celebrating 127 years of service to the Santa Monica community.

17. Nat Trives

Former Mayor of Santa Monica.

18. Salvation Army

The Salvation Army has been serving the city of Santa Monica for over 131 years. Providing basic needs, housing, rehabilitation, veterans programs and summer camps to our community while sharing the love of God.

19. Former Mayors

Former Mayors of Santa Monica Denny Zane, Mike Feinstein, Ted Winterer, Pam O’Conner, Tony Vazquez, Kevin McKeown and Ruth Goldway.

20. Gleam Davis

Santa Monica City Councilmember.

21. Judy Abdo

Parade Grand Marshal and Former Mayor of Santa Monica.

22. Santa Monica High School Marching Band

Under the direction of Kevin McKeown, the Santa Monica High School Viking Marching Band is one of the largest and best known ensembles in our community, performing at pep rallies, football games, and community events. They are proud to have earned a 2nd-place finish at the 2023 SCSBOA field show championships.

23. SMMUSD/Santa Monica Education Foundation/Santa Monica-Malibu Council of PTAs/Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association/SEIU:

Local education leaders.

24. Sullivan-Dituri Realty

Sullivan-Dituri is a Family operated real estate business serving Santa Monica and the Westside since 1962, specializing in residential, commercial, residential income property sales and property management. Santa Monica is a great place to live, work and own property. With over forty-five years of real estate experience, we look forward to helping you with your real estate needs in Santa Monica and on the Westside.

25. Santa Monica College Emeritus

The SMC Emeritus Band is part of Santa Monica College’s Emeritus program. A free life long learning program for adults 55+.

26. Santa Monica High School Marching Band

We are a new kids cut and styling experience on Main Street!

27. Senator Ben Allen

California State Senator Ben Allen represents the 24th Senate District, covering the Westside, Hollywood, South Bay and Santa Monica Mountains communities of Los Angeles County.

28. The Lighthouse Church and School

The Lighthouse Church and School Ministry, located at 20th and Wilshire, want to patriotically celebrate the birthday of America.

29. H2O Swim Team

H2O Swim Team is a local business in Santa Monica offering swim lessons for children from beginner to competitive levels. Our mission is to help, support, and educate children both in and out of the water to achieve excellence in life. Our year-round program focuses on stroke efficiency to build future champions in a safe, healthy, and positive environment.

30. Father Knows Best

A longtime band that loves the Beatles, the Stones, Motown and making people dance.

31. Santa Monica Hula Hoop Gal

I grew up in Santa Monica hula hooping the 12 blocks up and down Ocean Park Blvd to and from the beach. I am now 60 years young and still enjoy dancing with my hoops.

32. Dogtown Car Club

Family oriented Car Club from Santa Monica Venice area with roots of growing up in Dogtown. Customs, lowriders, trucks, and vintage classics.

33. Santa Monica Democratic Club

The Santa Monica Democratic Club supports Democratic values in Santa Monica. The Club's monthly meetings generally include guest speakers such as elected officials or panel discussions on pressing topics ranging from reparations to education to mobility, and beyond.

34. Santa Monica Picnic Co

Santa Monica Picnic Co does beach events for groups of 2-100 people. Great for corporate events, family beach days, birthdays, anniversaries and much more!

35. Santa Monica Ballet Folklorico

Santa Monica Ballet Folklorico is the only Ballet Folklorico Dance group in Santa Monica. SMBF is now 20 years old. SMBF was created to keep culture alive in Santa Monica.We have traveled internationally but our biggest love is dancing for our own community - Santa Monica!

36. Daughters of the American Revolution, Santa Monica Chapter

The Santa Monica Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution is a group that loves fellowship, food and fun. They have been parade participants, ever since the parade's inception in 2007! With over 120 members in the chapter, these ladies have a good time when they get together. The Daughters of the American Revolution or DAR is a women's service organization that promotes education, historic preservation and patriotism. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join. Look them up on-line at dar.org.

37. American Red Cross

The American Red Cross' mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. This means they work to provide relief to those affected by disaster, both domestically and internationally, as well as to help prevent future suffering through education and preparedness.

38. Chabad Camp Gan Israel

Chabad of Santa Monica has been providing humanitarian, social and religious services to Jewish and all residents in the Westside for over 50 years. Camp Gan Israel is in its 57th year of providing a wholesome summer experience for Jewish children of all ages and backgrounds.

39. Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica

The Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica is celebrating their 102nd year of giving grants to local nonprofits like Samohi Grad Nite, reDiscover Center, the Boys and Girls Club and PAL, and giving scholarships to student musicians and academic achievers. This year we are donating scoreboards to Los Amigos and to Belmar parks! The Kiwanis Club meets once per month; come join us for lunch and learn more about the amazing things we do in our community.

40. St. John's Providence

Providence Saint John's Health Center has been serving the Santa Monica and Westside Los Angeles County communities since 1942, and since that time has earned a reputation for clinical excellence and award-winning care in a compassionate and tranquil healing environment.

41. The Christopher Hawley Rollers

Longtime locals, the Rollers love rolling down Main Street. Next show is Dogtown Coffee on July 14.

42. Friends of Sunset Park

Friends of Sunset Park is a city-recognized non-profit neighborhood organization working to improve life in our neighborhood and in all of Santa Monica.

43. NOMA

NOMA (North of Montana Association) is one of 7 officially recognized neighborhood organizations in Santa Monica, representing the area from 26th to Ocean and Montana to San Vicente.

44. Northeast Neighbors

Northeast Neighbors is a city recognized neighborhood association with Zoom meetings open to all on the first Monday evening of each month. You can find the Zoom link to our upcoming meetings and recordings of past meetings at www.neneighbors.org.

45. Mid City Neighbors

An organization of friends, families and neighbors with a common goal of keeping locals and neighbors updated about the issues affecting the Mid City neighborhood and Santa Monica.

46. Cardiff Studios

Otherwise Normal has been a 60s-80s cover band since 1999. The members are a doctor, a computer programmer and a classical music radio DJ.

47. Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition

The Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (Wilmont) is a city-recognized, non-profit, volunteer and community organization working to make our neighborhoods and city safer, cleaner and better. Our boundaries are Wilshire to Montana and Ocean to 21st Street. We can be reached and you can join as members via our website at www.wilmont.org. We welcome new members and friends at our monthly meeting on Zoom on the 1st Tuesday of every month. Send us a note of what you are interested in about the Wilmont neighborhood!

48. Climate Action Santa Monica

Climate Action Santa Monica empowers the youth and Santa Monica community to take action to protect our future.

49. Airport2park

A nonprofit organization which was formed to support and promote the creation of a great park on the land that is currently Santa Monica Airport.

50. La Compañía

We are La Compañía, a local music group comprised of many SAMOHI Alumni. We have been playing for over 5 years and celebrate the music of Latin America, particularly of the Caribbean.

51. Ethiopian Community

The Ethiopian Community in Santa Monica is a non-profit organization committed to offering educational, sports, health, and cultural development services, as well as community organizing initiatives.

52. Meals on Wheels West:

Meals on Wheels West is celebrating 50 Years of Delivering More Than a Meal to Santa Monica and the nearby coastal communities. We will deliver more than 215,000 meals to seniors, veterans, people living with disabilities and the formerly unhoused this year. Join us by volunteering.

53. Soul of Cali Creative Arts Haven

Soul of Cali Creative Arts Haven for kids and kids at heart! Soul of Cali is the creative pulse of Marine Park providing year round classes to kids and parents! You can sign up for summer camp today at 1Soulofcali.com "Wherever you stand be the Soul of that Place!"

54. Santa Monica Family YMCA

The Y: We're for youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

55. Santa Monica Daily Press

Santa Monica's daily newspaper since 2001. with a performance by Ocean Park Sound System.

56. The Santa Monica Black Agenda

The Santa Monica Black Agenda was established in 2021 to fight against systemic racism in Santa Monica.

57. Church in Ocean Park Fancy Dress Swim

The Church in Ocean Park is a multi faith community working for social justice. Here you will find Muslim, Jews, Christians, Buddhists all dancing, singing, organizing and working together to help heal trauma and build a more loving world. Located nearby at 2nd and Hill, this is a community hub, your place to make some positive change. The Fancy Dress Swim raises money for bed nets in an effort to stop malaria from destroying families. Follow them to see them jump into the ocean for a good cause!

58. DoodyCalls of Los Angeles

DoodyCalls is a pet waste removal company - we scoop poop! We offer residential pet waste removal. And we also service commercial properties, multifamily communities, neighborhood associations, HOAs, local municipalities and parks to keep the environment safe and clean! Additional services include pet waste station installation and maintenance and sanitizing and deodorizing services. Got goose poop problems, no problem? Horse poop? We do that too! It's our duty to pick up doody!

59. Justiceville

The activism of JHUSA (Justiceville/Homeless, USA) is a non-profit corporation initiated in January 1985 by homeless activist Ted Hayes, becoming the first community of homeless people of its kind in the County of Los Angeles.

60. Hostile Witness

Classic rock band.

61. Santa Monica Coalition

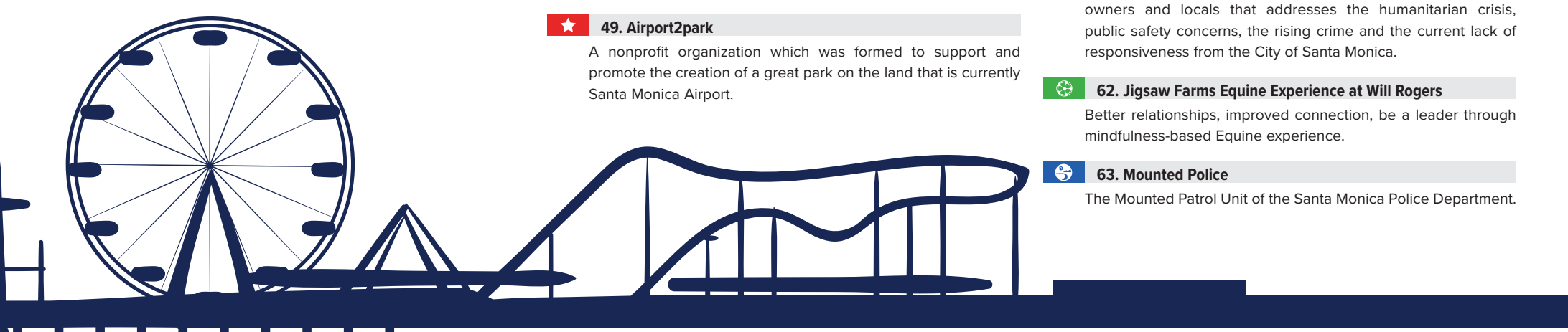
A movement composed of Santa Monica residents, business owners and locals that addresses the humanitarian crisis, public safety concerns, the rising crime and the current lack of responsiveness from the City of Santa Monica.

62. Jigsaw Farms Equine Experience at Will Rogers

Better relationships, improved connection, be a leader through mindfulness-based Equine experience.

63. Mounted Police

The Mounted Patrol Unit of the Santa Monica Police Department.



PLAQUES

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other options and can be made "fun for the holidays" such as using patriotic coloring for Independence Day and green coloring for St. Patrick's Day.

"It makes Montana Avenue more attractive, which in turn brings in more foot traffic, which brings in more sales, which allows businesses to do better and pay their rent so they can stay on the street," Kianmahd said.

Lighting costs the association roughly $35,000 annually, which would take up a large chunk of the $85,000 budget given each year by the City of Santa Monica. To alleviate these costs, Kianmahd gave local businesses "first crack" at plaques, with half of the 73 trees already purchased thus far. The initiative was given unanimous approval by the association's board, and Kianmahd was also given the go-ahead by the City's Urban Forest team by using screws installed on springs to avoid ripping up the ficus trees. Additionally, the metallic mix of these screws will not lead to any toxicity leaking into trees.

Though the plan was openly bandied about for a while, and was crafted with the most environmentally safe options available, multiple citizens took to social media sites like NextDoor to voice their concerns. Among the complaints were that trees were "desecrated" with plaque installation, and that some businesses used the plaques to promote their website and social media sites. One particular set of plaques, sponsored by Coldwell Banker realtor Kate Bransfield, was targeted due to featuring a QR code promoting her realty efforts.

Kianmahd responded to the complaints by saying "this was all a very transparent program" built to help promote merchants and keep the smaller business charm of the avenue.

"We talked about it in the public meetings, we sent emails about the sponsorships, we emailed about the plaques, everyone knew what was going on, and no one had anything to say until they saw the plaques up," Kianmahd said. "It's not harming the trees at all, the thing that harms the trees are people putting up their (fliers) for their garage sales and leaving the nails and leaving the staples (in) the trees."

Despite the complaints, the Montana association plans on plaques remaining in perpetuity, with an annual renewal process to get new businesses involved. Lamenting the closure of sites like Sweet Lady Jane on the avenue, Kianmahd wants local businesses to stay at the forefront of Montana's scene.

"This is a way to sponsor Montana Avenue, and the plaque is our token of appreciation for the sponsorship (which) allows us to make Montana Avenue busy again," Kianmahd said. "Merchants who have small businesses can get the foot traffic, they need to pay their rent so you don't get big chain stores coming onto the street and kind of ruining the charm."

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PLAQUES: Plaques sponsoring the Montana Avenue lighting initiative caused early complaints amongst residents despite using environmentally-safe materials.

Former Mayor embraces role as parade Grand Marshal

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One local leader has seen her breadth of transformative moments in Santa Monica history, and continues to be celebrated as a strong part of the community's present and future.

This year's Santa Monica Fourth of July Parade will feature former Mayor Judy Abdo as the Grand Marshal, a position she was "really surprised and very pleased" to gain from parade organizer Jeff Jarow. An organizer in Santa Monica and the Ocean Park neighborhood for much of her life, Abdo will be seen either sporting the red, white and blue or rainbow colors highlighting her status in the LGBTQ+ community.

"I think it's really important to have community events that are more or less local that bring us together as a community, and this is one of the best, because people can come there (and) easily be there, walk down Main Street and enjoy seeing local people in a parade," Abdo said of the event.



Photo Courtesy Climate Action Santa Monica

PARADE: Former Santa Monica Mayor Judy Abdo will be serving the community in a different role this Fourth of July as Grand Marshal of the annual Main Street parade.

A Santa Monica City Councilmember from 1988 to 1996, Abdo served as Mayor for three years (1990-91, 1992-94) along with a litany of other roles. In education, she held the role of Director of Child Development Services for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and has been a member of both the Santa Monica Early Education Childcare Task Force Steering Committee and the Committee for Excellent Public Schools Steering Committee.

Her accomplishments have also been tied to environmental matters, one of the issues she's looking at when assessing the upcoming November elections. For 25 years, Abdo represented the city on the Metropolitan Water District Board, and is currently on the Steering Committee of Climate Action Santa Monica.

In her cavalcade of roles, Abdo has seen movements such as the "Save the Pier" campaign of the 1970s, which she noted was her first involvement of "seeing people come together to save something" in the city. In the next decade, she saw the city's rent control movement take off, a statement by locals wanting their neighbors to stay neighbors.

"Before rent control happened, people lived here briefly and then moved on," Abdo said. "Once rent control happened, then people knew that they'd (have) stable housing, and they ended up living here and connecting to their communities … in long-term kinds of ways. You could meet somebody on your block and (know) that you're going to have that same person in your life for a long, long time."

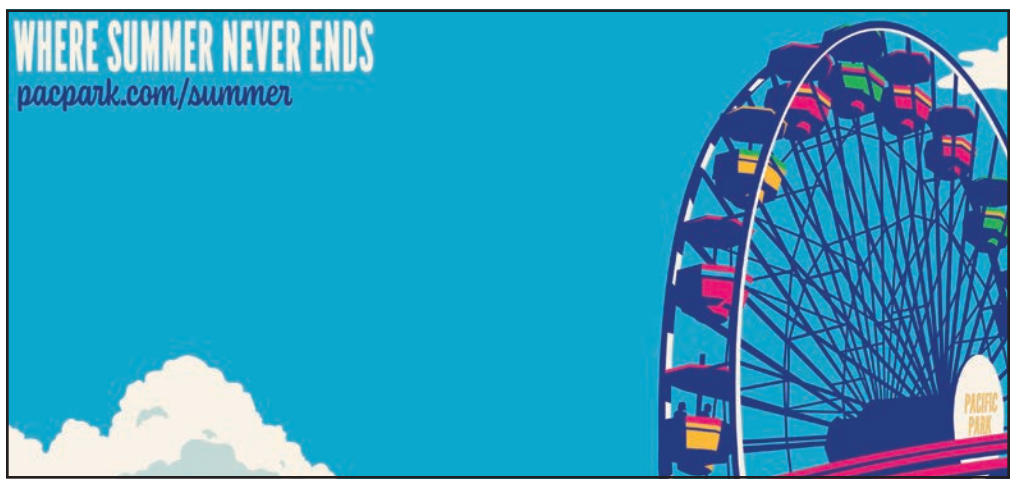
The rent control issue is her main political consideration this year, particularly looking at the potential elimination of the Costa-Hawkins Rental Housing Act via the Justice for Renters Act on the November ballot. Locally, she states it's going to be an "interesting campaign" for City Council positions, one that will uncover the "true differences" between incumbents and challengers.

"I think there's some really good people running and it's going to make a difference in our community to see what they have to share," Abdo added.

One source of inspiration for current candidates may be the work done by "Mr. Santa Monica," Nat Trives, who will join Abdo as a special guest in this year's parade. Trives, the city's first Black mayor, has kept a healthy relationship with his fellow former mayor.

"(He) was on the City Council (when) I very first got here back in the 70s, and I was so impressed that Santa Monica had a Black councilmember and then a Black mayor," Abdo said. "It took me a while to be able to meet him, but he has been a community leader all of his life, and I always like listening to him and his point of view about how things are because he's been just a stalwart of community involvement."

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Agnes

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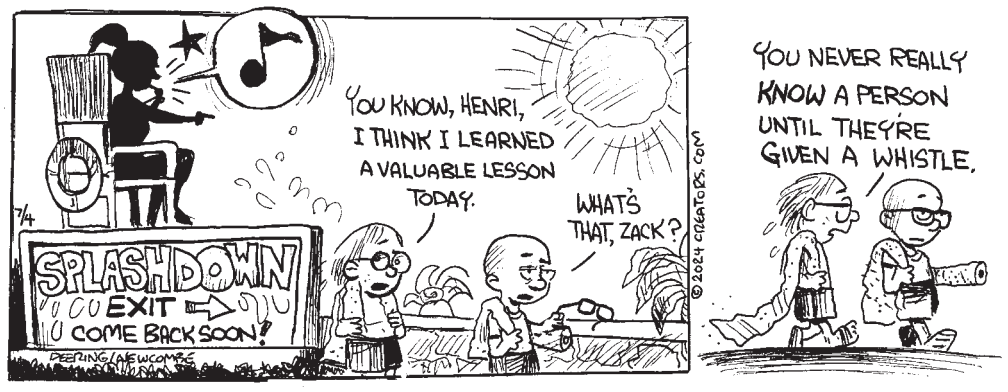
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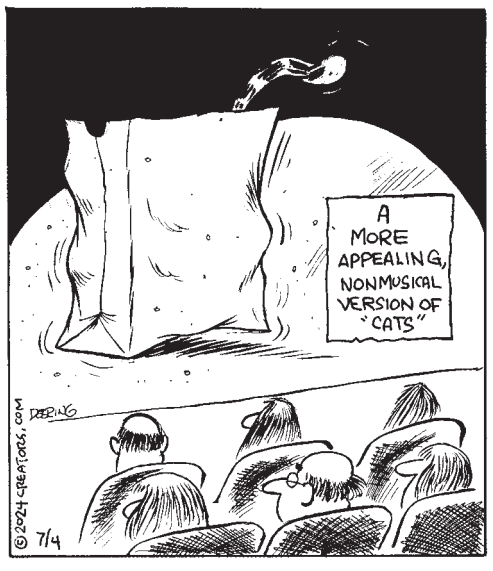
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 21 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 4)

You're focused on others and you'll quest for the thriving of your people, community and world. It's fulfilling and you'll make a difference over and over. In the process you'll stumbled onto happiness more often than not. Other highlights: A proud funding, celebrating dear relationships and three items checked from the bucket list. Virgo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 13, 2, 28 and 15.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you notice what people need before others see it (and maybe even before the needy one does), you'll be in a position to speak to a problem while it's small and easier to remedy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Off-beat invites, pitches and offers will be the best kind to agree to. They are a chance to create a memory. It's better to have a new and different experience than to do something comfortable but ultimately forgettable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Don't drive yourself too hard or you'll only rebel against yourself later. Finding the right-sized challenge will be your gift and your success secret.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your favorite people will be part of the fun. You take care of them, and they take care of you — often at the same time. You're a genius at steering interactions in a positive way and keeping the good vibes flowing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have strong intuition. Write down a prediction; it's a gift to future-you. Tonight offers the chance to fix one small problem that will in turn fix or prevent many others in the days to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is art in the concept, but the concept is not the art until its executed. This is why it behooves you to get into construction mode as soon as possible. If you can't build it today, what small step can you make today with the intent to bring it to life?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's possible to like someone and love them, too. It's also possible to love someone and not like them at all. The mind and heart have their own agenda. It will sync up nicely today, and this is nothing to take for granted. Celebrate!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Nothing about you needs to change, except maybe your location. When you're in the right spot, everything falls in line and makes sense. When you're not in the right spot, keep moving. You're going to find it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to spend a lot of money to get what you want, but you will have to spend some. Choose quick and keep working. Maybe you could save a few bucks by shopping around, but getting on with your life has a greater value.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Every emotion has something to teach you. Anger can motivate, jealousy can teach you your own values, frustration shows you your relationship to time and helps you understand where to set your expectations. Love opens up the world.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you share good news, you find out who your real supporters are. The ones who cannot immediately love and celebrate your success are probably not true supporters, but it doesn't mean they don't belong somewhere in the system.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may research, interview and investigate, all very helpful. But there's only one thing that will show you what is really up, and of course that's doing the thing. You may not feel ready, but you're ready-ish, and that's ready enough.

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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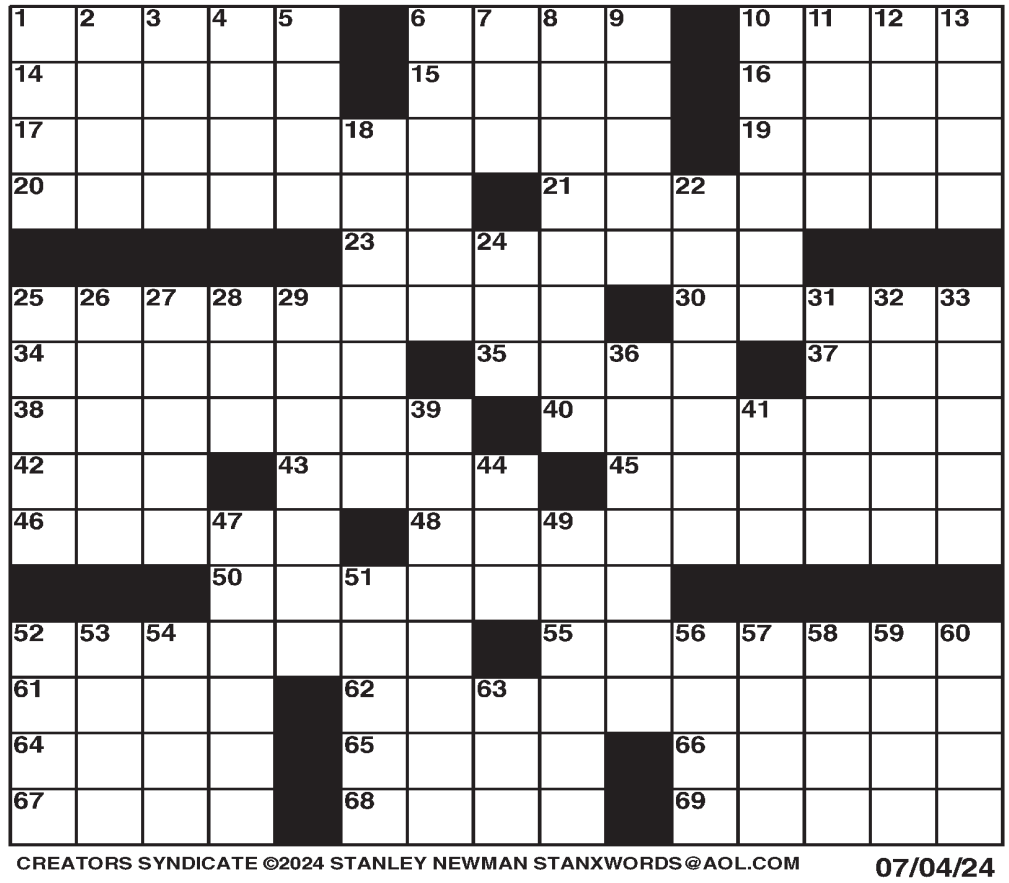
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21 Pujols' '04 postseason prize
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30 "Bar" food
34 "__ sleeping?"
35 Irksome person
37 Notable span
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40 Quashed
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12 Being aired
13 Sound scared
18 Makes an error
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24 Textile mill fuzz
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28 Certain cereal
29 Female meditative exercisers
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41 Smartphone ancestor
44 Talk up a storm
47 Luke's mentor
49 Made over
51 Zodiac symbol
52 Resurface, perhaps
53 Augustan Age poet
54 Forfeit, for instance
56 Homophone of the "fourth of July" theme
57 Quaint quarters
58 Show biz quartet
59 Plum cousin
60 Work on keys
63 Hound with reminders



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CROSSROADS

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desired project" from its experience in local arts, including previous endeavors like the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills and renovations on the historic Pantages Theater. Pali said that he personally was impressed by the school's focus on the performing arts and interest in "educating their student body (on) a very highly advanced level."

"How they see their school, how they see how their student body interacts with the community is what really, truly inspired us," Pali said.

The firm is concentrating on making "simple buildings" that match the industrial nature of the Mid-City neighborhood, while also keeping in mind the specificity of arts configurations. Within the spaces, SPF:a will be turning to variable sound absorption systems, which creates acoustically flexible rooms by changing the sound absorption. This can either make rooms less or more reverberant depending on the need.

"Somebody who might not be involved in (design) might think, okay, you're creating a room with a bunch of seats (and) a stage, right?," Pali said. "But in a facility where you have film, where you have drama, where you have spoken word or you have music, that room or that sort of space needs to be able to acoustically handle all those elements, and they all require different types of acoustics. So one of the challenges of the project was to create, in a cost-effective way, a way to tune the room for the different types of performance."

Another design choice is integrating elements inspired by musical elements, building in shapes such as the body of a violin and the bell of a trumpet. Pali admits that although he's not an artist, there is "artistry" to the design process, and wanted to bring these unique elements into the performing arts center.

"I remember as a young kid never really being very good at any musical instrument … but I was always fascinated with the object, (with) how they were made and the shapes and the forms and things that came out of that … and I tried to bring a little bit of that into this project in a very, very simple way," Pali said.

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CONSTRUCTION: Architectural firm SPF:a is currently underway on construction of the Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences Bezdek Center for the Performing Arts.



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.

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.

SATURDAY | JULY 6

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.

SUNDAY | JULY 7

SANTA MONICA AIRPORT ANTIQUE MARKET

$7. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Monica Airport, 2800-3200 Airport Ave. 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. A destination for decorators, designers, boutique owners, families with their friendly dogs and collectors of all ages. Shop for ancient to antique, Victorian to Mid-Century, from vintage to the eccentric. Our dealers bring; shabby chic, architectural salvage and industrial furniture, paintings from listed European and American artists, original vintage prints, posters and lithographs, estate jewelry, vintage to couture fashion, books, candelabras, outdoor furniture and garden accessories, rugs from around the world, tribal and African art, sculpture and beads, exotic plants and more. Located next to the Museum of Flying. Occurs every 1st and 4th Sunday of every month.

CHESS SUNDAYS

Make your move! Chess players of all ages and levels are invited for weekly casual play on the 1200 Block of Third Street Promenade! Every Sunday from 11am-3pm, play a game with a friend or meet a(check) mate. Some chess sets (including a few giant ones) will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own! Chess Sundays are FREE and open to all, no sign-ups or advance registration required. This event is a partnership between the Santa Monica Chess Club and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

MYSTERY BOOK CLUB

West Los Angeles Regional Library, 11360 Santa Monica Boulevard, 2 - 4 p.m. Meet on the first Sunday of each month to discuss a mystery, thriller, or suspense book picked by the group. For current titles, please contact the West LA Library at westla@lapl.org or 310-575-8323.

ANIMAL FEEDING DEMONSTRATIONS

Swim by and visit the Aquarium every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday to observe local marine animals, and watch live feeding demonstrations by Aquarium staff. Join them for Mealtime at 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday! Heal the Bay Aquarium, 1600 Ocean Front Walk. Admission required. $12.

MONDAY | JULY 8

BOOKMARK MONDAYS

Stop by the Central Courtyard of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., and make a different bookmark each Monday in July while learning how to take care of your books. Begins at 3 p.m.

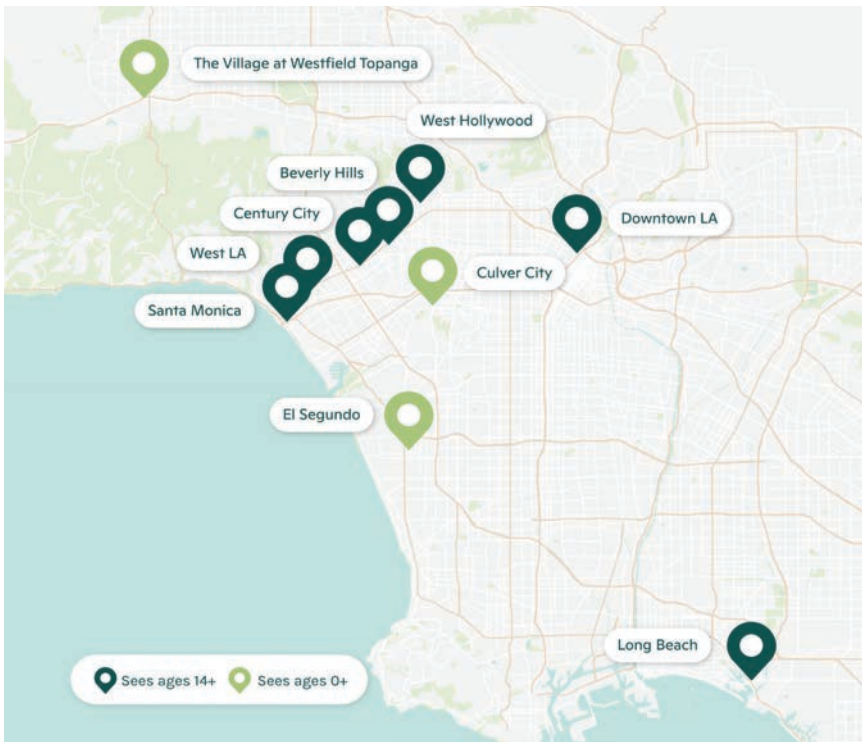
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