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Vice President Harris pays a visit to Alfalfa's Santa Monica location to promote small businesses

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Vice President Kamala Harris paid a visit to the popular Alfalfa salad restaurant on Main Street this week as part of a mission to highlight how small businesses have fared under the so-called "Bidenomics" program.

The restaurant has its origins on the Hudson River, in Hoboken, New Jersey. From there the team expanded to another site close by, in downtown Jersey City. Then came the Santa Monica outlet at 2309 Main St and as Andrew Arrospide, co-founder, enthusiastically explains, they're about to open a fourth to be located in the Larchmont neighborhood of Los Angeles.

"We're super thankful that things have been going really well and without the success of the Santa Monica restaurant, we wouldn't have been able to expand further here, on the west coast," Arrospide says.

Officials from the White House reached out to the restaurant on July 4 and of course most of the team were enjoying festivities and were late to respond. But as Arrospide explains, everything was done to make the visit run as smoothly as possible.

"We were blown away that she [Harris] knew all of our names, she knew everything about our story and even everything that's on the menu," says Arrospide, adding, "We were all just really stunned by her overall presence and demeanor ... I was planning on explaining everything to her, but I didn't need to."

White House Small Business Administration head Isabella Casillas Guzman and Rep. Judy Chu (D-Monterey Park) joined Harris as they sought to draw attention



Alfalfa

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ALFALFA: The Vice President came to town this week.

My house or my beach? Why California's housing crisis could open up development along the coast

BEN CHRISTOPHER
Special to the Daily Press

California lawmakers have been busy over the last decade trying to make it easier to build homes across a housing-strapped state. But there's an 840-mile-long exception.

In an undulating band that generally runs 1,000 yards from the shoreline, the 12 members of the California Coastal Commission have the final say over what gets built, where and how.

Voters empowered the commission to protect the state's iconic beaches in 1972, responding to a crisis of despoiled seas and the prospect of the Miami-fication of the



Matthew Hall

BEACH: Santa Monica's beaches could be home to more development under a new proposal in Sacramento.

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Hotel workers back on the job after strike. But union warns more walkouts are possible

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Workers who picketed 19 major Southern California hotels over the long holiday weekend were back on the job this week. But their union warned that more walkouts could come at any time.

No progress was reported in negotiations between employers and Unite Here Local 11, which represents bellhops, front desk agents, room attendants, cooks, servers and dishwashers.

Union members voted last month to strike at 60 hotels in Los Angeles and Orange counties. They are demanding better wages, improved health care benefits, higher pension contributions and less strenuous workloads.

The soaring cost of living in greater Los Angeles is a significant problem for hotel workers, according to the union.

Unite Here Local 11 spokeswoman Maria Hernandez described this week's walkouts as the "first wave" in an ongoing labor action that could soon bring picket lines to 41 other hotels.

"We went on strike to show these companies what we were willing to do to win a fair contract," said Joy Johnson, a housekeeper at the Courtyard Marriott Downtown LA.

Contracts expired last Friday at hotels owned by major chains, including Hilton and Fairmont.

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What is Threads? All your questions about Meta's new Twitter rival, answered

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Threads, a text-based app built by Meta to rival Twitter, is live.

The app, billed as the text version of Meta's photo-sharing platform Instagram, became available Wednesday night to users in more than 100 countries — including the U.S., Britain, Australia, Canada and Japan. Despite some early glitches, 30 million people had signed up before noon on Thursday, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said on Threads.

New arrivals to the platform include celebrities like Oprah, pop star Shakira and chef Gordon Ramsay — as well as corporate accounts from Taco Bell, Netflix, Spotify, the Washington Post and other media outlets.

Threads, which Meta says provides "a new, separate space for real-time updates and public conversations," arrives at a time that many are looking for Twitter alternatives to escape Elon Musk's raucous oversight of the platform since acquiring it last year for $44 billion. But Meta's new app has also raised data privacy concerns, and is notably unavailable in the European Union.

Here's what you need to know about Threads.

HOW CAN I USE THREADS?

Threads is now available for download in Apple and Google Android app stores for people in more than 100 countries.

Threads was built by the Instagram team, so Instagram users can log into Threads through their Instagram account. Your username and verification status will carry over, according to the platform, but you will also have options to customize other areas of your profile — including whether or not you want to follow the same people that you do on Instagram.

Because Threads and Instagram are so closely linked, it's also important to be cautious of account deletion. According to Threads' supplemental privacy policy, you can deactivate your profile at any time, "but your Threads profile can only be deleted by deleting your Instagram account."

CAN I USE THREADS IF I DON'T HAVE AN INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT?

For now, only Instagram users can create Threads accounts. If you want to access Threads, you will have to sign up for Instagram first.

HOW IS THREADS SIMILAR TO TWITTER?

Threads' microblogging experience is very similar to Twitter. Users can repost, reply to or quote a thread, for example, and can see the number of likes and replies that a post has received. "Threads" can run up to 500 characters — compared with Twitter's 280-character threshold — and can include links, photos and videos up to five minutes long.

In early replies on Threads, Zuckerberg said making the app "a friendly place" will be a key to success — adding that was "one reason why Twitter never succeeded as much as I think it should have, and we want to do it differently."

Musk has replied to several snarky takes on the Threads launch. He responded to one tweet suggesting that Meta's app was built largely through the use of the copy and paste function, with a laughing emoji.

HASN'T THIS BEEN DONE BEFORE?

The similarities of Meta's new text-based app suggests that the company is working to directly challenge Twitter. The tumultuous ownership has resulted in a series of unpopular changes that have turned off users and advertisers, some of whom are searching for Twitter alternatives.

Threads is the latest Twitter rival to emerge in this landscape following Bluesky, Mastodon and Spill.

HOW DOES THREADS MODERATE CONTENT?

According to Meta, Threads will use the same safety measures deployed on Instagram — which includes enforcing Instagram's community guidelines and providing tools to control who can mention or reply to users.

Content warnings — on search queries ranging from conspiracy theory groups to misinformation about COVID-19 vaccinations — also appear to be similar to Instagram.

WHAT ARE THE PRIVACY CONCERNS?

Threads could collect a wide range of personal information — including health, financial, contacts, browsing and search history, location data, purchases and "sensitive info," according to its data privacy disclosure on the App Store.

Threads also isn't available in the European Union right now, which has strict data privacy rules.

Meta informed Ireland's Data Privacy Commission, Meta's main privacy regulator for the EU, that it has no plans yet to launch Threads in the 27-nation bloc, commission spokesman Graham Doyle said. The company said it is working on rolling the app out to more countries — but pointed to regulatory uncertainty for its decision to hold off on a European launch.

WHAT'S THE FUTURE FOR THREADS?

Success for Threads is far from guaranteed. Industry watchers note Meta's track record of starting standalone apps that were later shut down. But some analysts see the new app as potentially a significant headache for Musk and Twitter.

"The euphoria around a new service and this initial explosion will probably settle down. But it is apparent that this alternative

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Kingmaker California? US House control could hinge on district battles in famously liberal state

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AP Political Writer

In 2024, control of the U.S. House could hinge on congressional districts in one famously liberal state: California.

Command of the narrowly divided chamber will again be in play next year, and leaders in both parties agree on this much: The outcome in a string of contested California districts will be critical in determining the balance of power, after the state played a pivotal role in securing the gavel for Republicans in 2022 and installing Rep. Kevin McCarthy of Bakersfield as speaker.

The decisive fight for the House "will run through California," predicts Rep. Pete Aguilar, the third-ranking Democrat in the chamber, who lives in Redlands, east of Los Angeles. North Carolina Rep. Richard Hudson, who heads the House Republican campaign arm, is bullish about gaining ground, even in a state known as a Democratic monolith.

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> - Claremont McKenna College political scientist Jack Pitney

"I think we can actually pick up seats in California," said Hudson, chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

The 10 competitive House districts belie California's reputation as a liberal protectorate — Democrats hold every statewide office, dominate the Legislature and congressional delegation and outnumber registered Republicans statewide by a staggering 2-1 ratio.

Still, Republicans retain pockets of political clout in the Southern California suburbs and the state's vast rural stretches, including the Central Valley farm belt, sometimes called America's salad bowl for its bountiful agricultural production.

With the chamber divided 222-212, with one vacancy, only a handful of seats separate the two parties.

Though the state's March primary election is months away, the narrative from both parties has taken shape. Democrats are warning about threats to abortion rights, immigration and unchecked gun violence, while Republicans are faulting the party that dominates state politics for high taxes, inflation, vexing crime rates and an out-of-control homeless crisis.

Also on the ballot will be California itself.

A national debate is underway — fanned by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom in California and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis in Florida — in which the state is alternately depicted as an ascendant progressive nation-state or a testament to the ravages of liberal excess.

Recent polling has found that two out of three voters foresee bad economic times over the next year, and its once-booming population that neared 40 million is now in decline.

"A lot will depend on the economy. The problem for Democrats is wages did not keep up with inflation. That may be changing, but if people have less money to spend next year, that will be a big problem up and down the Democratic ticket," said Claremont McKenna College political scientist Jack Pitney.

A string of California House districts has proved volatile in recent elections, spotlighting their importance to both parties as they look to control the chamber. Democrats snatched seven seats from Republicans in 2018, then Republicans seized four from Democrats in 2020.

In the 2022 elections, Republicans gained one seat, from 11 to 12, while Democrats dropped to 40 seats from 42, after California lost a House seat in reapportionment after the 2020 census. Overall, the state dropped to 52 districts from 53.

Aguilar's top targets are five districts that Joe Biden won in 2020 in the presidential contest that are now held by Republicans. "We are going to win back the House," Aguilar told reporters on a recent stop in Los Angeles.

Hudson said the GOP's top target is a closely divided coastal district in the one-time Republican stronghold of Orange County, being vacated by Democratic Rep. Katie Porter, a prolific fundraiser who is running to replace Democratic U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein.

Porter's seat, Hudson said, is "probably our best pickup opportunity in the country." Former legislator Scott Baugh, who narrowly lost to Porter in 2022 after she spent a stunning $28 million to defend the seat, is the leading Republican in the race.

Hudson sees other ripe targets in the Central Valley and the 49th District that straddles Orange and San Diego counties, where Democratic Rep. Mike Levin got a last-minute stopover from President Biden in 2022 to help him hold the seat.

Levin expects another close race. But he thinks Democrats have been focusing on issues of concern to his constituents — including infrastructure projects and protecting reproductive rights. He said Republicans, meanwhile, have been engaged in issues irrelevant to voters, including the recent censure on a party line vote of California Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff for comments he made several years ago about investigations into Donald Trump's ties to Russia.

"This is a competitive political environment," Levin said. "We don't take anything for granted."

The House contests will be shadowed by the presidential campaign, but to what degree it influences the races isn't yet clear.

Aguilar sees former President Trump as an asset for Democratic candidates, should he win the GOP nomination.

"I don't think there could be a more extreme person running on the Republican side than Donald Trump," Aguilar said. "I think that's going to turn off moderate, independent voters, and I think that's going to lead to better Democratic turnout."

Biden remains popular in California given its Democratic tilt, even as his national approval rating sits at a lackluster 41%, according to polling from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. And Democratic turnout typically surges in presidential election years.

Hudson said it's difficult at this point to predict the influence of the presidential race on individual House contests. He noted that the GOP has attracted larger numbers of Latino and working-class voters, who tend to turn out robustly in presidential election years.

"Regardless of what happens at the top of the ticket, I think what you'll see is higher turnout," he said.

In the first major election since the Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, the abortion debate helped Democrats largely fend off an expected Republican wave in the 2022 midterm elections, when the party in power in the White House typically loses seats in Congress.

This time, Biden has sought to energize Democrats by warning that Republicans are seeking a nationwide abortion ban. That threat needs to be reinforced with California voters, Aguilar said, in a state where abortion rights are protected.

Hudson was dubious.

"I think voters are more concerned about ... inflation, the economy, public safety," he said.

Both parties are vowing to invest millions of dollars to sway races and recruit candidates that fit the political complexion of districts. The GOP picked up seats in 2020 with a slate of candidates that was strikingly diverse for a party that remains predominantly white: two South Korean immigrants, both women, and two men who are sons of immigrant parents from Mexico and Portugal.

Those four districts remain targets for Democrats: Reps. Young Kim and Michelle Steel, anchored in Orange County, Rep. Mike Garcia in a district north of Los Angeles and Rep. David Valadao in the Central Valley.

Democrats also want to pick off GOP Rep. John Duarte in the farm belt, who prevailed by fewer than 600 votes in 2022.

Hudson also is eyeing Democratic Rep. Josh Harder in the farm belt as another potential gain — a district Newsom lost in his 2022 reelection.

"We know how to win Central Valley seats," Hudson said.

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United Methodists lose one-fifth of US churches in schism driven by growing defiance of LGBTQ bans

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More than 6,000 United Methodist congregations — a fifth of the U.S. total — have now received permission to leave the denomination amid a schism over theology and the role of LGBTQ people in the nation's second-largest Protestant denomination.

Those figures emerge following the close of regular meetings in June for the denomination's regional bodies, known as annual conferences. The departures began with a trickle in 2019 — when the church created a four-year window of opportunity for U.S. congregations to depart over LGBTQ-related issues — and cascaded to its highest level this year.

Church law forbids the marriage or ordination of "self-avowed, practicing homosexuals," but many conservatives have chosen to leave amid a growing defiance of those bans in many U.S. churches and conferences.

Many of the departing congregations are joining the Global Methodist Church, a denomination created last year by conservatives breaking from the UMC, while others are going independent or joining different denominations.

Some 6,182 congregations have received approval to disaffiliate since 2019, according to an unofficial tally by United Methodist News Service, which has been tracking votes by annual conferences. That figure is 4,172 for this year alone, it reported.

Some annual conferences may approve more departures at special sessions later this year, according to the Rev. Jay Therrell, president of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, a conservative caucus that has advocated for the existing churches. While most UMC congregations are remaining, many of the departing congregations are large, and denominational officials are bracing for significant budget cuts in 2024.

> "I don't think any of us want to see any of our churches leave
> - Bishop Thomas Bickerton, president of the UMC's Council of Bishops

The numbers of exiting churches are higher than conservatives originally estimated, Therrell said.

Legal wrangles have largely been resolved over how much compensation the departing congregations must pay for their property and other financial obligations.

"For the most part, bishops and other annual conference leaders have been very gracious, and I deeply appreciate that,"

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Public Hearing of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Approving to Update Statutory School Facility Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial / Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code §17620 and Government Code §65995

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education ("Board") of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District ("School District') will hold a Public Hearing at its regular meeting to be held on July 20, 2023 to allow for public comment prior to consideration of its report titled "Residential and Commercial / Industrial Development School Fee Justification Study for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District" ("Fee Study"), and consider adopting a resolution of the Board of the School District to update Statutory School Facility Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial / Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code §17620 and Government Code §65995. The Fee Study justifying such updates, which are incorporated herein by this reference is on file at the School District's offices, located at 1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, and are available for public review from July 7, 2023 through July 20, 2023 during normal business hours. The Public Hearing of the School District, to be held July 20, 2023, will begin at 7:00 pm or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Office, Board Room, located at 1717 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401, and via Zoom. The link to provide public comment may be found at the top of the agenda. The agenda may be found at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4047. These matters will be considered at such time as this agenda item is considered by the Board of the School District. Any questions regarding the Fee Study or the Public Hearing should be directed to Melody Canady, Assistant Superintendent, Business & Fiscal Services at (310) 450-8338 ext. 70263.

No more free coffee on your birthday? Companies rein in customer rewards programs — here's why

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AP Business Writer

Reward programs, including birthday freebies and discounts, have long been a way for brands to build loyalty and incentivize spending. But now some companies are becoming a bit more stingy — and customers are taking notice.

Last fall, for example, many balked at Dunkin's decision to stop offering a free drink on their birthday and instead give them triple loyalty points on their purchase. On June 1, Sephora started requiring a $25 minimum purchase for online customers looking to claim a free gift and 250 loyalty points during their birthday month. And Red Robin added a dine-in only and $4.99 minimum purchase requirement for customers to get their free birthday burger.

Changes to birthday rewards or redemption requirements aren't new. Starbucks, which gives its rewards members a free drink or food item for their birthdays, progressively limited the timeframe for redeeming that gift over the years — from 30 days, to one week, to four days and, finally, to just the date of your birthday in 2018.

Some experts say the cost of maintaining loyalty programs, as well as recent impacts of inflation and changes in consumer behavior since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, are among the reasons why companies may be pulling back.

"While we're assessing our own personal expenses, so are businesses," Marshal Cohen, chief industry advisor of Circana and retail expert, told The Associated Press. "Businesses have to look and say, 'Are these programs working? Are they working to full capacity? ... (And) is there another way of doing this that wouldn't cost us as much money?'"

For Sephora customers enrolled in its Beauty Insider birthday rewards, for example, they can still claim their free gift in person with no minimum purchase. But it costs the company money to ship products sold online, noted Leora Lanz, assistant dean of academic affairs and assistant professor of practice at Boston University's School of Hospitality Administration.

Sephora did not immediately respond to The Associated Press' request for comment.

Despite consumer pushback, some chains have argued adjustments to rewards programs simply reflect how customers behave. In a statement to The Associated Press, Starbucks said it "found that the vast majority of members were using their birthday reward on their actual birthday."

Dunkin' argued that its new rewards program would give its customers more flexibility and a larger variety of food and drink options — and in a statement to The Associated Press last week, the company said the new program lets "members celebrate their birthday even longer," pointing to the three-day window within which customers can triple their loyalty points on birthday purchases.

Still, the announcement felt off-putting for many Dunkin' customers, who shared frustrations online. In the months following Dunkin's announcement, dozens of Twitter users have expressed disappointment over learning that the free birthday drink was gone. Some joked that they "no longer run on Dunkin," a dig at the chain's slogan, and others suggested that they might take their future business elsewhere.

Experts say the way companies communicate changes to rewards programs is key.

"What (brands) need to do is not make too many changes so often — because you're going to start rubbing your audience the wrong way and it could backfire — and you should be very thoughtful about it," Lanz said. "They do need to communicate it so that it's not a complete surprise."

Others say that drawing attention to what's "being lost" can also cause backlash — and it's better to provide clear alternatives for consumers to feel rewarded.

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> - Leora Lanz

Red Robin, which said it began the dine-in only and $4.99 minimum purchase requirements to its free birthday burger "to maintain the integrity of the promotion" and give guests "the best possible experience" by celebrating in restaurants — also introduced a half-birthday treat in 2023 "as an added gesture of appreciation."

Consumers are likely to continue to see changes to birthday rewards and customer loyalty programs down the road, Cohen noted.

"The pie is getting smaller for a lot of

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OPINION **LAUGHING MATTERS**

Jack Neworth | Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Neighbors but world's apart



Courtesy Photo

SHOPPING: Two very different options for shopping in Santa Monica.

Not that anybody asked, but when I go grocery shopping I frequent two completely different stores and manage to find value in each. The first is Whole Foods, so pricey Bill Maher dubs it "Whole Paycheck". My second stop is at the 99cent Store which, since the Pandemic could easily be named "The $2.49Cent Store." Both establishments are in the Lincoln/Rose Shopping Center which over time has experienced so much crime in the ineptly configured parking lot I refer to it as "The O.K. Corral Shopping Center."

At Whole Foods men and women are great looking, especially women in their high end stylish yoga gear. On the other hand, many 99Cent customers are apparently comfortable in the sweat pants and t-shirts they slept in. (Ouch!) Even the shopping carts reflect a big divide. The Whole Foods carts are pristine and glide effortlessly along the polished floors.

On the other hand, the 99Cent Store carts often have a front wheel that wobbles making a loud noise and feels like pushing a lawn mower. Frustrated, when I go back to the front to exchange it for a good cart, often there aren't any. Worse, customers, annoyed by the noise, glare at me as if it's my fault. (Maybe I should carry a can of W-D 40 in my pocket?)

The carts at 99 now have a pole that sticks up in the air so high that after you check out, you can't exit the front door. You either have to pull your car up front and load your groceries that way or, on occasion, a security guard might walk you to your car so that the cart doesn't wind up as portable storage for some unfortunate homeless person in the group that tends to gather north of the store. So here's my M-O.

I always go to Whole Foods first, buy chicken and ground beef and whatever else my wallet will allow and go to the checkout station. It's embarrassing to admit, but I can feel a tad inferior in Whole Foods. Oh, I can keep up a conversation but I know I'm faking my tax bracket. Also embarrassing to admit is when I enter the 99cent Store, I can feel a tad superior as I push my non-wobbling Whole Foods cart that doesn't have a ridiculous pole sticking up in the air like a lightning rod. Sometimes I see customers stare as if to say, "Who does he think he is?"

Whereas in Whole Foods I might overhear the happy shoppers talking about their vacation in the Hampton's or how their 401k's are doing, I don't have to worry about that at the 99Cent Store. What I might worry about, because it's happened, is coming face to face with a deranged Travis Bickle type (think Robert DeNiro in "Taxi Driver") whom I nervously expected to menacingly ask, "Are you talkin' to me?"

When shopping I proudly wear my UCLA Alum cap which recently came in handy. Apparently the 99Cent Store register would only accept a $50 bill for a purchase of $10 or more. It still doesn't make sense but with a long line of frustrated customers behind me moaning their bad luck getting in line behind me. I was in a bind. Suddenly a generous woman volunteered, "I went to UCLA, too" as she insisted on paying for my purchase. However, when I told her what year I graduated, she acted like she wondered where my walker was. (I wasn't thrilled but she paid for my groceries and may have prevented a mini riot in line, so I thanked her profusely and firmly shook her hand like Arnold Schwarzenegger.

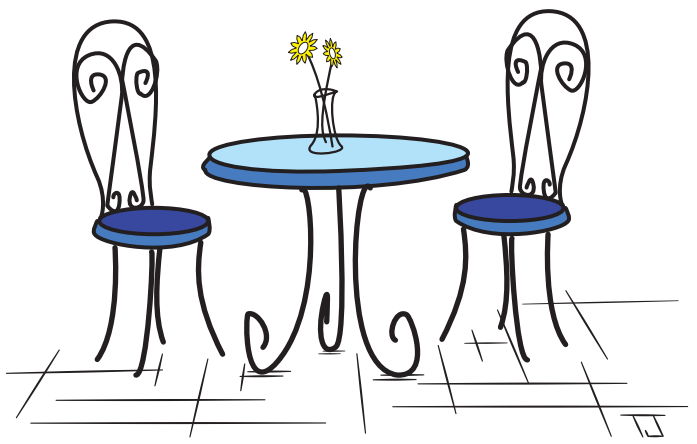
At Whole Foods I've never witnessed shoplifting whereas twice I have at the 99Cent Store. However, in California for items stolen under $950 in value it's a misdemeanor. That means law enforcement probably won't bother to investigate and if they do often prosecutors will let it go. At Whole Foods enough filet mignon might come to $950 but you'd need a truck to shoplift it.

Normally when I get positive emails about my column, if they're so inclined, I encourage the sender to share it. This

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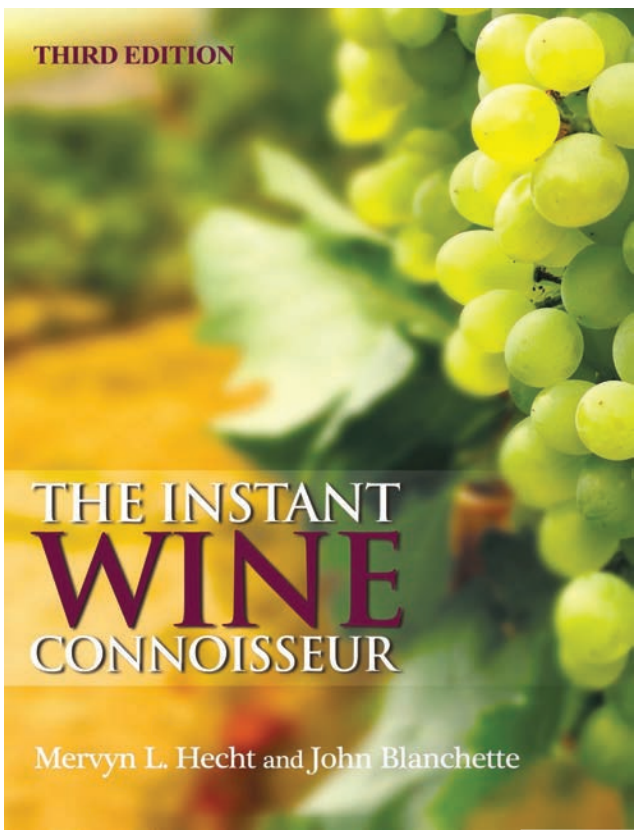
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Bludso's barbecue behemoth opens on Santa Monica Blvd



Scott Snowden

OPEN: Arguably Southern California's most celebrated local pitmaster, Kevin Bludso has expanded his scope of operations and opened a new full-scale restaurant for the first time in a decade. Mayor Pro Tempore Lana Negrete and Councilmember Christine Parra joined Bludso, along with his friends and family, plus a sizable crowd, outside the 1329 Santa Monica Blvd location to celebrate the official opening. The new outlet offers around 80 covers and includes a full bar and occupies the space formerly held by Truxton's bistro, with parking spaces offered behind the building.

LAUGHING MATTERS

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column, however, I prefer you use it to line your birdcage (as an unhappy female reader revealed she did). I replied, "At least it was good for something."

The fact is I worry one day, as I pleasantly push the Whole Foods shopping cart to the 99Cent Store, I might be accosted by a brawny security guard repossessing their cart. This could leave me pushing a 99Cent Store cart with the pole shaking and the front wheel wobbling all of which could drive another Travis Bickle look-alike to go bananas. (By the way bananas at Whole Foods are almost twice as expensive as the 99Cent Store.)

For some laughs, I mean more laughs, please Google "It's Getting Real At The Whole Foods Parking Lot." Jack is at: Jackdailypress@aol.com.

THREADS

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is here to stay and will prove to be a worthy rival given all of Twitter's woes," technology analyst Paolo Pescatore of PP Foresight said, noting that combining Twitter-style features with Instagram's look and feel could drive user engagement.

Threads is in its early days, however, and much depends on user feedback. Pescatore believes the close tie between Instagram and Threads might not resonate with everyone. The rollout of new features will also be key.

"The real test is not if we can build up a lot of hype, but if you all find enough value in the app to keep using it over time," Instagram head Adam Mosseri wrote Thursday in a Threads post. He also acknowledged, as many users have already done, that there are "tons of basics" missing, including hashtags and direct messaging between users. "Full disclosure, it'll take time."

AP Technology Writer Kelvin Chan contributed to this report from London.

REWARDS

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these discretionary items," he said, pointing to persistent high costs of living that consumers are facing and the increased competition among businesses vying for those limited dollars. "You're going to see a lot of (companies) assess their programs to try to figure out how to drive business in a more profitable way."

It's possible this could mean a scaling back of more rewards programs. But there could also be an opposite effect, Julie Ramhold, consumer analyst with DealNews.com, said — noting that some retailers could offer "potentially better birthday rewards to encourage a return to spending on frivolous items."



LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

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VISIT

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to the Community Advantage Program, an Obama-era lending initiative aimed at helping entrepreneurs struggling to secure capital for their businesses.

The Main Street site offers an amazing outdoor dining area at the rear and according to Arrospide, many of the customers eating weren't aware of the Vice President's visit.

"The moment when she actually walked into our back patio space was pretty special and the people having lunch there had no idea she was coming," Arrospide laughs. "Honestly, it was just really funny watching people's reactions, their jaws were literally on the floor. And, she said 'hi' to everyone and was just so charming and gracious."

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Alfalfa

BUSINESS: The visit was part of a push to promote economic policy.

PROTEST

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The strike affects about half of the 32,000 hospitality workers the union represents across Southern California and Arizona.

Last week, a deal was reached with its biggest employer, the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites in downtown Los Angeles, which has more than 600 union workers. Union officials described the tentative agreement, which provides higher pay and increased staffing levels, as a major win for workers.

Talks with other hotels — including the Ritz-Carlton, Four Seasons Regent Beverly Wilshire and Anaheim Hilton, near Disneyland — were at a stalemate. A coalition of more than 40 hotels involved in talks have accused union leaders of canceling meetings and refusing to come back to the table. The hotels have offered wage increases of $2.50 per hour in the first 12 months and $6.25 over four years, the group said.

"We welcome our employees back to work and the end of the work stoppage at those hotels," the coalition said in a statement Wednesday. "If the Union takes employees out at other hotels, those hotels are well prepared to service guests."

The walkout came amid holiday celebrations and a major anime convention in Los Angeles. Temporary employees were hired to cover for the striking workers, and it wasn't immediately clear whether the strike resulted in guests checking out early or lacking services.

CHURCH

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Therrell said. "There have been some small exceptions to that, and those are unfortunate, but we're grateful that cooler and calmer heads have prevailed."

Bishop Thomas Bickerton, president of the UMC's Council of Bishops, said the departures were disappointing.

"I don't think any of us want to see any of our churches leave," he said. "We're called to be the body of Christ, we're called to be unified. There's never been a time when the church has not been without conflict, but there's been a way we've worked through that."

But for those who want "to go and live out their Christian faith in a new expression, we wish God's blessings on them," he said.

The split has been long in the making, mirroring controversies that have led to splits in other mainline Protestant denominations. United Methodist legislative bodies, known as general conferences, have repeatedly reinforced bans on LGBTQ marriage and ordination, on the strength of coalitions of conservatives in U.S. and overseas churches.

But amid increased defiance of those bans in many U.S. churches, many conservatives decided to launch the separate Global Methodist Church, saying they believed the sexuality issues reflected deeper theological differences.

The departures have been particularly large in the South and Midwest, with states such as Texas, Alabama, Kentucky and Ohio each losing hundreds of congregations.

In some areas, United Methodists have designated "lighthouses" or similarly named congregations, with a mission for receiving members who wanted to stay United Methodists but whose churches were leaving. The GMC has begun planting new churches, including in areas where United Methodist congregations have remained in that denomination.

With these departures, progressives are expected to propose changing church law at the next General Conference in 2024 to allow for same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ people.

The United Methodist Church has about 6.5 million members in the United States and at least that many abroad, according to its website. The U.S. membership has been in steady decline, while the overseas membership has grown, particularly in Africa.

Therrell said there will be efforts at the 2024 General Conference to provide overseas churches a legal way to disaffiliate, similar to what U.S. congregations have had.

The GMC says about 3,000 churches so far have affiliated with the new denomination, with more expected.

Bickerton said it's time for United Methodists remaining in the denomination to refocus their work.

"Quite often, when you're pressed, you begin to exhibit creativity," he said. "We're pivoting away from what we were into what our next expression is going to be." Budgets will be smaller, but "this is our opportunity to refashion the church for relevance in the 21st century and really focus on evangelism."

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HOUSING

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California coast.

But five decades later, the state faces a different crisis as millions of Californians struggle to find an affordable place to call home. Now, a growing number of legislators and housing advocates are trying to wrest away some of the commission's power.

Legislation by San Francisco Democratic Sen. Scott Wiener would fast-track apartment development in parts of the state that haven't met their state-set housing goals, exempting them from lengthy public hearings and environmental legal challenges. The coast is no exception, effectively cutting the Coastal Commission out of the process.

Commission members, staff and environmental advocates say the bill may be the most direct assault yet at the agency's voter-backed mandate.

"Once you start exempting classes of development from the Coastal Act there will be no shutting that barn door," said Sarah Christie, a lobbyist for the commission. "You're going to lose some of the best things about California."

And as rising seas threaten to bring down bluffs and flood beachfront neighborhoods, coastal advocates argue that carefully considered development is more important than ever.

Wiener and his allies reject the argument that the commission is the only thing standing in the way of a development free-for-all, since current zoning rules and environmental protection laws would still apply. Ending what has become the regular practice of exempting the coast from California's most aggressive pro-housing development laws is also fair, they argue. California's beachfront happens to be home to some of the state's richest residents.

"The coastal zone is much whiter and wealthier than the rest of the state," Wiener noted at a recent Assembly committee hearing. "The idea we would be applying state housing law inland…while we literally exempt whiter, wealthier coastal communities is offensive to me."

Wiener said he plans to introduce tweaks to the bill before its next hearing on July 10 in an effort to "compromise" with the commission. But the two sides remain far apart.

The tension between the state's aggressive housing goals and its longstanding commitment to coastal preservation is particularly acute in Southern California, where the latest round of state housing goals shifted the bulk of the region's planned growth from inland communities — the traditional, sprawling outlets for pent up housing demand — to coastal ones. That includes cities like Santa Monica, Malibu, Los Angeles, Encinitas and San Diego, all of which fall at least in part, if not entirely, within the coastal zone.

"If you have the Coastal Commission, with their 'less is more' mindset saying, 'no, you can't build here'…how are cities even supposed to attempt to achieve meeting that (housing) goal?" said Elizabeth Hansburg, executive director of People For Housing, a pro-housing advocacy group in Orange County.

Christopher Pederson, who served as chief counsel for the commission before retiring in 2018, said it's possible for the state to build up the coast while maintaining "really strong protections" in undeveloped coastal land and for delicate ecosystems. In fact, he said, if the alternative to building in dense coastal cities is encouraging car-oriented sprawl in the exurbs, the two goals may necessarily go hand in hand.

"From an environmental perspective, from a climate policy perspective, from a housing perspective and from a transportation perspective, I think it makes a lot of sense to encourage more multifamily housing in the coastal zone," said Pederson.

WILL THE COASTAL COMMISSION HOLD THE LINE?

This isn't the first time the Legislature has taken a crack at the Coastal Commission's authority. It's not even the first time this year.

San Diego Assemblymember David Alvarez, a Democrat, introduced a bill in February that would encourage developers to set aside units for lower income residents by allowing them to build higher and denser projects. The bill builds on past "density bonus" policies that have made their way through the Legislature. But unlike its predecessors — and unlike some of the most significant housing bills in recent years, including one that allows the construction of duplexes in areas zoned for single family homes across the state — Alvarez's bill explicitly went out of its way to include the coastal zone.

Then, in April, the bill reached the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and a coastal exception was added back in.

Chair Luz Rivas of Arleta, and other Democrats including Gail Pellerin of Santa Cruz and Dawn Addis of San Luis Obispo, made clear at the hearing that overriding the commission was a no-go.

Alvarez accepted the change rather than see his bill die. But he was visibly frustrated.

"I heard a statement that coastal access is important and that people should have the opportunity to visit the coast," he said, referring to one of the commission's key mandates to keep California beaches open to the public. "People should also have the opportunity to live on the coast, not just visit the coast."

"THE OCEAN IS COMING"

So far Wiener's bill has not met the same fate, though it goes before the same committee later this month. His bill also, arguably, represents a bigger challenge to the commission's authority.

In most of the state's cities and counties, proposed multiplexes and apartment projects are allowed to skirt lengthy public approval processes. Instead they get automatic approval as long as they check the right boxes — among them, offering a certain share of units at below-market rents or prices and abiding by stricter labor standards.

But the Coastal Commission doesn't do box checking.

Along much of the coast, the commission has to approve city growth and zoning plans. In neighborhoods especially close to the water, foes of proposed developments can appeal directly to the commission.

And in cities that haven't come up with their own coastal protection plans, which includes about a quarter of coastal cities including Los Angeles, the Coastal Commission enforces the law alone, armed only with the Coastal Act. And the act itself is fairly light on specifics.

That's for good reason, said Christie, the commission lobbyist.

Ensuring that a proposed development is built "far enough away from an eroding bluff that it's not going to fall into the ocean in 20 years, there is no objective standard that can speak to that complexity," she said.

Climate change and rising sea levels add yet another level of complexity and another reason not to rush development, she added.

"The last thing that California should be doing is concentrating more new development in these hazardous flood-prone areas," she said. "It's going to be a managed retreat or an unmanaged retreat because the ocean is coming and nature bats last."

That view is shared by all 12 members of the commission, who are appointed by the governor or the Legislature.

"We take a lot of time and effort in evaluating each and every project that comes before us," said Commissioner Dayna Bochco during a June 7 hearing. "You can't just make a mathematical formula as to what works in any given project on the coast."

The commission voted unanimously to oppose Wiener's bill.

MUST FIT PLANS FOR CALIFORNIA COAST

The bill does include its own set of checks on which projects get the red-carpet treatment and which get closer review.

In order to receive the fast-tracked approval process, the land in question already has to be zoned by local governments for housing. A proposed building has to have pre-existing "urban" development on at least three of its four sides.

According to estimates put together by California YIMBY, a pro-housing development organization that supports the bill, of the nearly 1.5 million acres within the coastal zone, the bill would allow for streamlined development on just 277,160 acres. The vast majority of the land — wetlands, floodplains, beaches and river channels — either are explicitly exempted from the bill or aren't zoned for housing by locals.

"Approximately 85% of the Coastal Zone is already excluded from the bill. The remaining 15% are existing urbanized, developed communities," Wiener said in a written statement. He added that the state "can't afford to continue excluding these areas if we are to meet our climate goals — the lack of housing in coastal zones these exclusions produce already means coastal workers have to drive 10% more on average than their inland counterparts."

Wiener and his allies also reject the idea that proper planning for rising oceans requires detailed, site-by-site analysis. The senator's office pointed to voluntary planning guidelines produced by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission and San Mateo County Flood Control District. The San Mateo County planning document builds on nationwide flood risk mapping from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Though his office has yet to provide details, Wiener said his proposed compromise language to the Coastal Commission includes preserving the current discretionary review process for the most at-risk slivers of the coast and adding specific "objective development standards" around rising sea levels.

Not that anyone can say with certainty how much shore the sea is likely to swallow across the entire coast in the coming decades.

"Everybody admits that it's not a hard science, it's probabilities," said Joseph Smith, a land-use consultant for California Coastal Works who advises developers and governments navigating the Coastal Act. "But if it is absolutely important to get housing into the coastal zone, then yes, you could pick a number."

BUILDING A CALIFORNIA COAST FOR ALL

The commission and its defenders say pro-housing advocates and legislators are picking on the wrong enemy.

For the first decade of its life, the Coastal Commission was empowered to make the construction of affordable housing a condition of its approval of residential projects. In 1981, the Legislature took that power away over the commission's objections.

Revoking that power will "make sure that the ability to live near the coast is reserved for the wealthy," then-Chairman Lenard Grote warned at a legislative hearing at the time.

Susan Jordan, founder of the nonprofit California Coastal Protection Network, is a familiar face at the state's public hearings, where she regularly challenges oceanside projects for violations of the Coastal Act. A recent win: the Poseidon Water desalination project in Huntington Beach, which the Coastal Commission rejected last year.

"The Legislature 'broke' it and now it needs to 'fix' it," Jordan said in a statement.

The commission's supporters regularly stress that it has never rejected a proposed affordable housing project.

But for many developers — including those who build deed-restricted units for lower-income residents — the possibility of years of delay with no certain outcome has created a "chilling effect," said Jeannette Temple, a San Diego land use consultant.

"If you're an affordable housing developer, you're already operating on the margins, so most of the time my clients, and people my clients know, don't even look in the coastal zone," she said. "In my opinion it's just another kind of redlining."

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have beginner's luck today, so take on something you've never tried before. You'll be exceptionally creative, with the fresh take of an innocent, unbound by the rules you don't yet know.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a little psychic, a little scientific and very psychologically astute. While you can't totally know what's going on in another person's mind, your guess will be excellent, and you'll follow through effectively on the prediction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are all kinds of luck, though most require effort to drum up. And while you usually subscribe to a "the harder I work, the luckier I get" approach, today you won't have to. Open your arms to pure, dumb luck.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Confusion will be cleared by a declaration of who you are, where you come from and where you're going. Others can give you hints, but you must own it. Take comfort in this knowledge: You can never really be out of place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a joy to give what's needed to those who appreciate it. It's even a joy to give what's needed to those who, for whatever reason, can't appreciate it. Avoid giving what's not needed, as there's no pleasure in it for anyone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The love that's like a rock happens with proof over time. Until then, don't give love expecting it to keep the same shape through the ages. For a while it will be like bread, made fresh every time you give it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A competition is featured. Decide if you're in it for fun or you're in it to win it. Your strategy will be very different for each intent and, so it follows, will be your experience. Either way is acceptable; this is a matter of preference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some decide "this is who I am, and this is what I do" and they stick with it more or less the whole way. You're up for a less rigid approach and will be open to learning new and improved ways of being you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Tone matters. Are you strict or soft? Are you declaring or persuading with something like charm, humor or novelty? Trying different communication styles could improve your relationships, including your relationship with yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're about to leap over an obstacle. Success will be dependent on approach. You don't want to tire yourself out before you get to the hurdle. Back up just enough to give yourself the momentum of a running start.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you can command yourself, you are a master commander. Forget about the others today, as trying to lead them will have meager results compared to the results you will get when you focus solely on leading yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are those who have a leg up in the game with special talent, intelligence, family endowments and more. Success is not about where a person starts, but how they play the game. Don't measure. Just play.

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Sudoku

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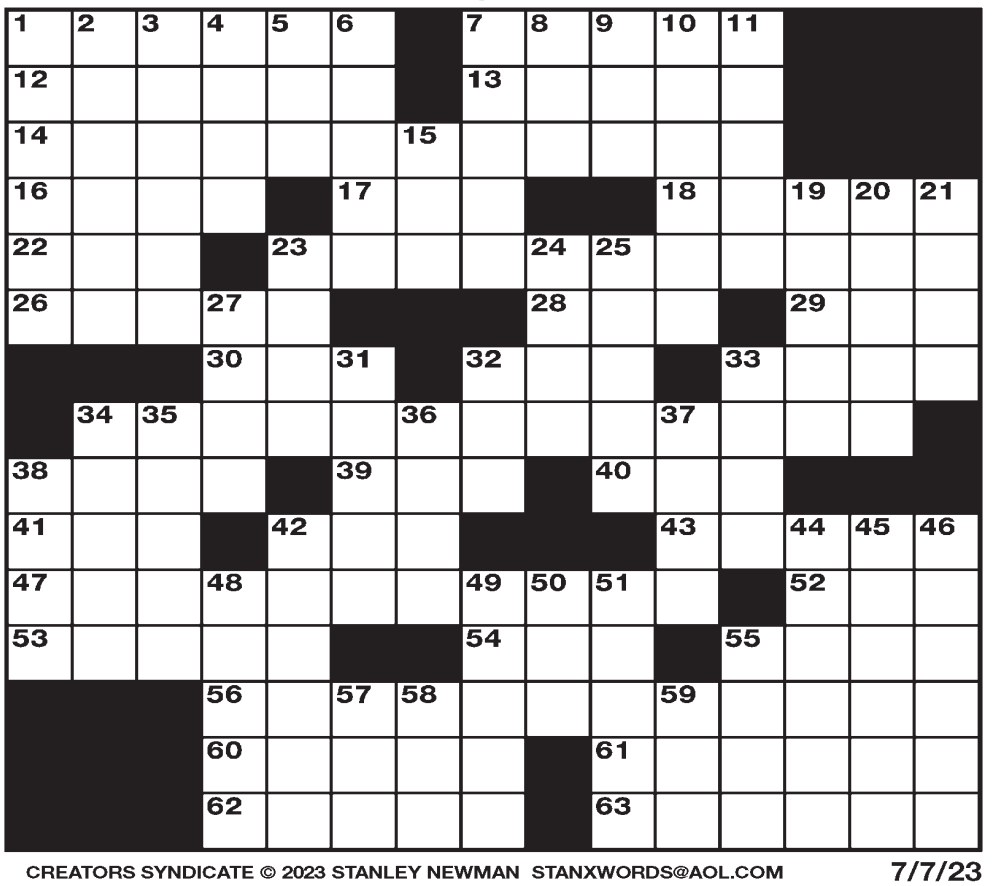
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10 *Mad* mascot
11 Trig data
15 Santa, per the Moore poem
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20 Salinger title character
21 Mine, in part
23 Key with three sharps, for short
24 Funny sketch
25 Certain singer
27 Either of two of Henry's eight
31 Spouse, so to speak
32 Untidy area
33 Envelope abbr.
34 Hidden hoard
35 What describes some pyramids
36 Unremarkable
37 Sushi bar offering
38 Playful growl
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44 Magpie cousin
45 *Downton Abbey* employee
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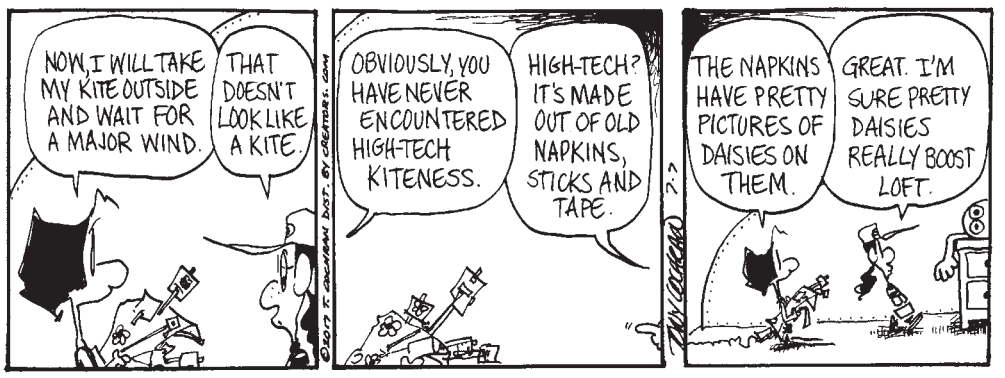


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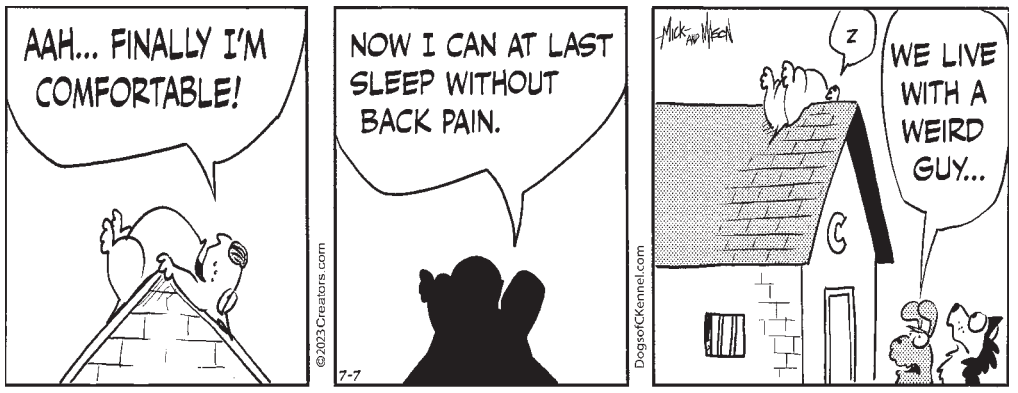
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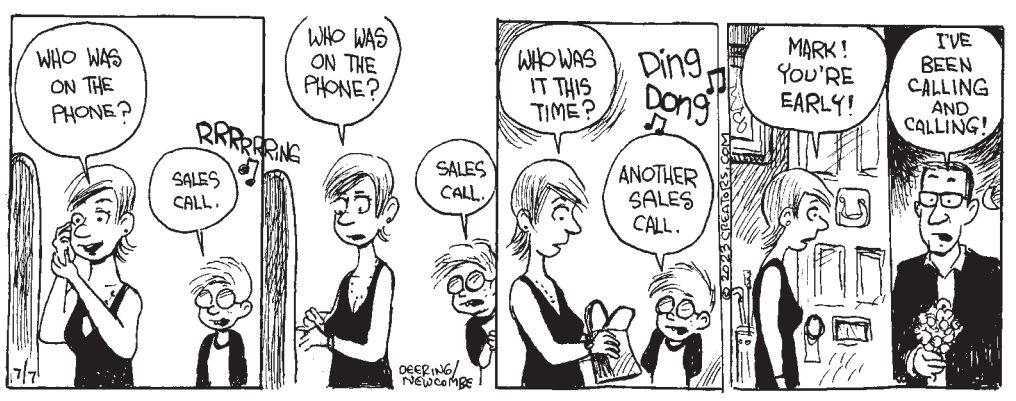
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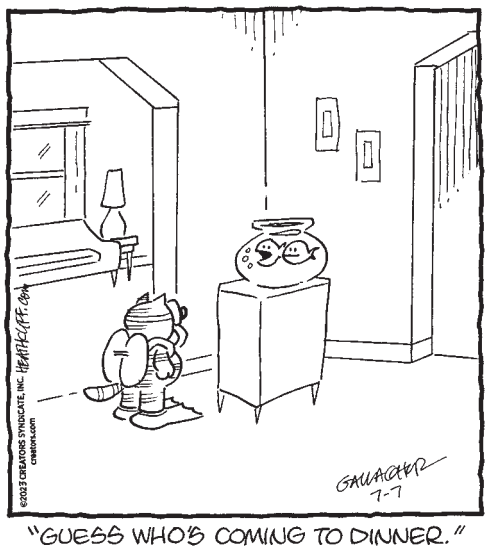
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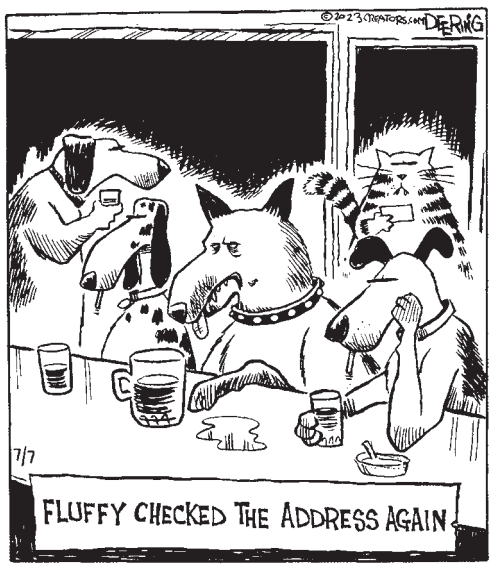
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FRIDAY | JULY 7

OPEN MIC MUSIC

Open mic music every Friday at 7pm to 10pm At Unurban coffeehouse 3301 pico Blvd Santa Monica ca. 90405 Open to all ages no alcohol, open to all. With a professional sound system and lighting system now. Just come in and play. Tickets for sale in the event until there is no more room. You get 2 songs or ten mins.

READ THE ROOM

Comedy Meets Spirituality! Get a REAL tarot card reading by the one and only Jova Illa! Then have Spirit's voice interpreted into hilarity by comedian Jenny Zigrino Want a reading? Drop your name in the Mystical Bucket, and we'll let The Universe choose which souls need biting, witty, advice until the show ends! Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave.

SATURDAY | JULY 8

CITY OF HOPE'S THIRD ANNUAL 'RIDE WITH JOSH' FUNDRAISING BIKE RIDE

Founded by Sterling Simms, vice president of A&R at Columbia Records who also sits on City of Hope's Future Hope Committee, Ride With Josh is an annual cycling event and fundraiser named in honor of his late brother Joshua who lost his battle with diabetes at age 19. City of Hope has joined forces with Sterling, and elite cycling brand Rapha, to elevate this cause and raise funds to support research that may help lead to cures for a chronic condition which affects 1 in 10 Americans. Presented coast to coast and virtually, Ride with Josh encourages cyclists at all levels to join us to get out and ride in support of eliminating diabetes in all its forms. Join riders in Santa Monica for a day of riding for all levels. Take in the breathtaking beach city views and challenging hills as you ride through this coastal city. After a day of riding, enjoy any of the local eateries, relax at the beach or take in the thrills of the Santa Monica Pier. Rapha, Los Angeles 1347 Fourth St. Santa Monica, CA https://ourhope.cityofhope.org/event/ride-withjosh-2023/e479400

COMMUNITY DOG TRAINING CLASSES-FUNDRAISING EVENT

In celebration of National Pet Month, Love At First Sit®, a pet care and dog behavior and training company in Santa Monica, is thrilled to announce their first fundraising event called "Donation Days" through their Community Dog Training Classes, hosted by their charity program, the Love At First Sit® Initiative. Classes are $25 and start Saturday, at 12 PM, at Virginia Ave Park in Santa Monica. The fundraising event will continue on Saturdays through the end of the summer. 100% of the proceeds from the classes are donated to various charities for people and animals, animal shelters, and animal rescues. Class topics explore basic obedience, and are open to beginners!

SUNDAY | JULY 9

LIQUID KITTY'S PUNK ROCK BBQ

Doors open at 12:30 PM. Show starts at 1:00 PM. Free admission, free hot dogs and cheap booze! Everyone out at 6 PM!! 2 drink minimum. FREE ADMISSION and HOT DOGS!! Doors at 12:30 PM, Everyone out at 6 PM!! Five bands on a Sunday afternoon: featuring DONDO IT'S OK! LAWNDALE MONSTERS ON VACATION KITTEN FISHING Harvelle's Santa Monica 1432 4th St, Santa Monica, CA.

MONDAY | JULY 10

INDUSTRY PANEL Q&A FOR TOMORROW'S LADIES OF LATE NIGHT

Catch the Industry Panel for Tomorrow's Ladies of Late Night! Brought to you by The Crow and LOCA (Ladies of Comedy Association) Industry Panel and Q&A moderated by Nicole Blaine (owner of The Crow) with industry guests: Ryan Moran (Comedy Central) Michael Cox (The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon) Michael Bertolina (All Things Comedy) (Speakers subject to change.) This is a "Pay What You Can" event. Bergamot Station Arts Center 2525 Michigan Ave. Santa Monica, CA

TUESDAY | JULY 11

HOW TO SELL YOUR SMALL BUSINESS - VIRTUAL EVENT

Transworld Business Advisors of Beverly Hills presents: How to Sell Your Small Business. Selling your small business is a life-changing transition that requires careful planning and preparation. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/workshop-how-to-sell-your-small-business-tickets-611267757317

WEDNESDAY | JULY 12

TWEEN WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

Join Writopia Lab for a series of writing workshops for tweens led by produced playwrights and published authors. Attendees participate in exercises designed to develop creative writing skills and can receive feedback on their work from both their peers and instructors. For ages 10-15. July 12: Fiction, July 19: Poetry, July 26: Memoir Main Library, Children's Activity Room

THURSDAY | JULY 13

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The Library Board consists of five members appointed by the City Council for a four-year term. The Board meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. at the Main Library, Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. The public is welcome to attend. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **64.2**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder	Another fun day of waves but the earlier part of the morning is going to be drained out for most spots. S swell holds, easing a touch through the end of the day. Light wind early builds from the NW through the PM.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft Waist to chest	Another drained out morning but if you crack it early there will briefly be a decent bit of tide at first light. Southerly swell mix continues. Light wind in the AM and staying manageable for the tide push into midday.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 59.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/07/07	Fri	12:13 AM	6.00	H
2023/07/07	Fri	07:25 AM	-0.72	L
2023/07/07	Fri	2:09 PM	4.46	H
2023/07/07	Fri	7:19 PM	2.25	L
2023/07/08	Sat	01:12 AM	5.21	H
2023/07/08	Sat	08:10 AM	-0.10	L
2023/07/08	Sat	3:01 PM	4.74	H
2023/07/08	Sat	8:45 PM	2.14	L
2023/07/09	Sun	02:22 AM	4.34	H
2023/07/09	Sun	08:58 AM	0.58	L
2023/07/09	Sun	3:53 PM	5.05	H
2023/07/09	Sun	10:27 PM	1.77	L
2023/07/10	Mon	03:53 AM	3.60	H
2023/07/10	Mon	09:49 AM	1.24	L
2023/07/10	Mon	4:45 PM	5.36	H
2023/07/10	Mon	11:55 PM	1.17	L
2023/07/11	Tue	05:38 AM	3.20	H
2023/07/11	Tue	10:44 AM	1.81	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/5
17 24 48 62 68
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 590 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/4
21 33 54 61 67
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 427 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 7/5
11 12 15 32 40
Mega#: 22
Jackpot: 74 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/5
21 33 34 35 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/5
EVENING: 3 4 7
Draw Date: 7/5
MIDDAY: 4 5 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/5
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
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