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Council approves business tax ballot measure item, rejects parking and pulls pay increase

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Members of council gave us a mixed bag of results for the proposed ballot measure items in the last City Council meeting. First up was the business license tax discussion. Stephanie Manglaras, Assistant City Treasurer gave a presentation along with Finance Department Director Oscar Santiago.

"Santa Monica's business license tax has not been revised since 1990. Passing this measure would update the tax and make it more equitable. For example, it would exempt small businesses and cut rates for medium-sized businesses including restaurants and many retail stores," said Manglaras.

"It would also close loopholes that have allowed some large corporations to avoid paying an appropriate share of the tax. In addition, it would modernize the tax code to account for businesses that did not exist in 1990, such as online businesses," she added.

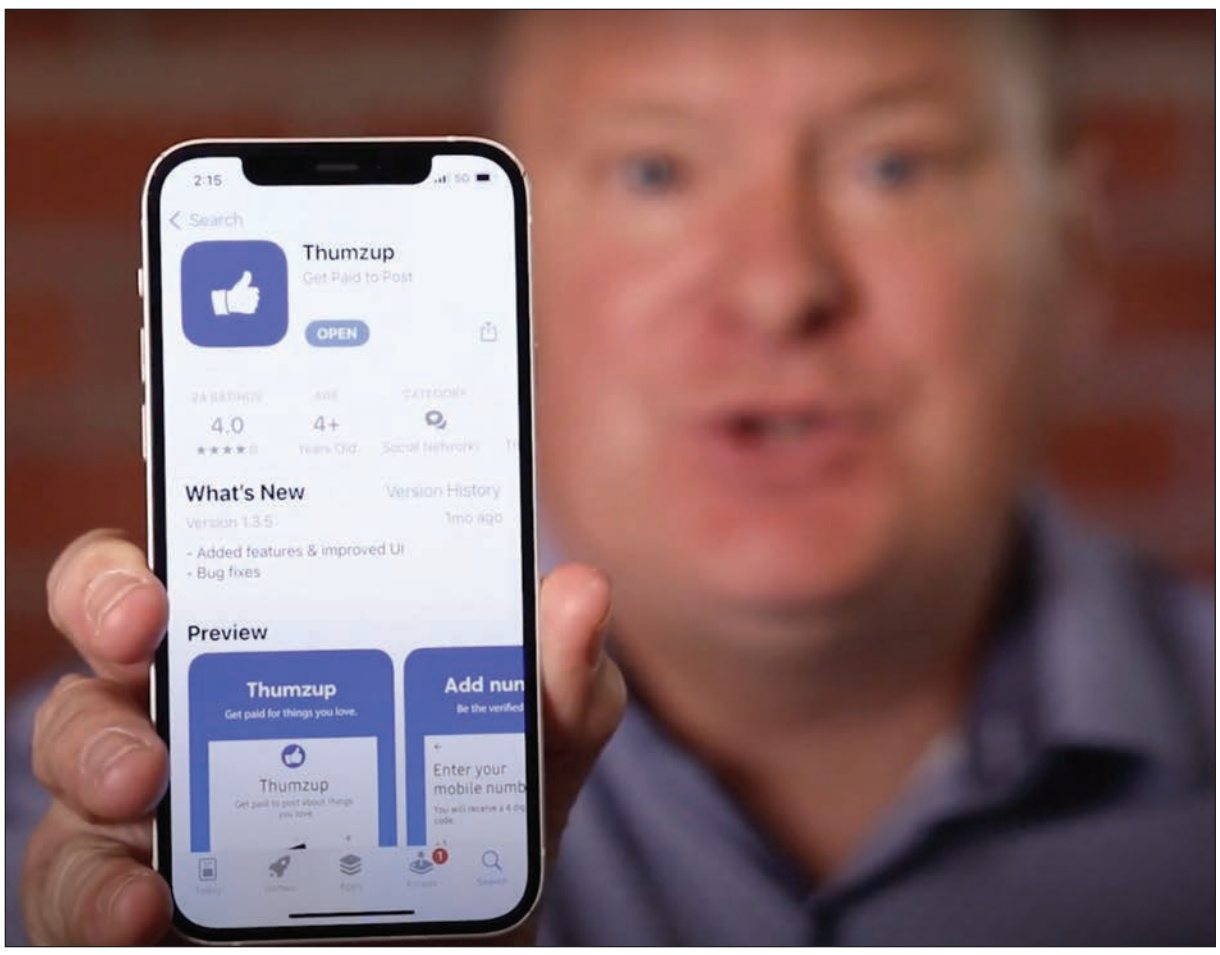
Ultimately, every member of council was in agreement and Vice Mayor Lana Negrete offered her unique perspective as a small business owner stressing that the City needed to continue to help small businesses.

Because the city of Santa Monica is the proponent of this measure, a member of Council has to be on the ballot, designated to make the argument for this case and as Councilmember Gleam Davis pointed out, it cannot be anyone who is running for reelection.

"The people who would be

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Locally-based software developer aims to capitalize on social media-based marketing



Courtesy photo

SOCIAL MEDIA: Robert Steele's Thumzup app gives payment to users who post about participating advertisers.

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While the notion of Silicon Beach never really set the world on fire, at least one locally-based tech start-up seems to be successful in this highly competitive David versus Goliath business landscape.

Called Thumzup, it encourages registered users to post photographs on major social media outlets through the app about participating advertisers, typically restaurants, shops, coffee shops, for which those users will receive payment. Cash payments are made through PayPal and other digital payment systems.

The idea is the brainchild of Robert Steele, who created his first tech company in 1979, when he was just 13 years old. "I was making game controllers for the Apple II," he said. "It was a huge platform, big time. There were thousands of games, but there was no game controller. So as a kid, I

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Hate crimes down in state, though LGBTQ and Jewish communities remain targeted

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Crime continues to be one of the predominant issues in Santa Monica and the Los Angeles area, including the tragedy of hate crime events.

On June 28, California Attorney General Rob Bonta released the 2023 Hate Crime in California report, which showed that hate crime events in California decreased by 7.1% from 2022 (2,120 incidents) to 2023 (1,970 incidents).

California state law defines a hate crime as any crime "against a person, group, or property motivated by the victim's real or perceived protected social group." This is a distinct difference from "hate incidents," which are actions or behaviors that may be protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression, such as name-calling or insults.

Despite the overall decrease in the state, Bonta noted that the LGBTQ+, Jewish and Muslim communities "continue to be targeted and endangered by hate at alarming rates."

"An attack against one of us is an attack against all of us - there is no place for hate in California," Bonta added. "Everyone has a part to play as we continue to fight prejudice and create safer communities in California."

Religious and sexual orientation biases indeed rose between 2022 and 2023, with reported hate crime events involving a religion bias rising 30% over that time, resulting in 394 incidents reported in 2023.

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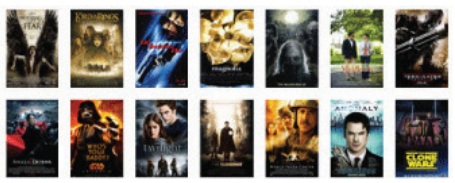


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NEWS: Santa Monica College's Corsair Field was the spot of the annual "Celebrate America" fireworks show on June 29.

SMDP STAFF REPORT

SANTA MONICA'S HOMELESS DOWN BY 6% FROM 2023:

The 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count results were announced on June 28 and while the Westside of Los Angeles County, which includes Santa Monica, saw a nearly 20% decrease in the total population of people experiencing homelessness, the count for Santa Monica showed a 6% decrease from the 826 reported in 2023 by the Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to 774 people. Santa Monica's count was broken down into: 479 people physically counted outdoors (including at city beaches), 173 people recorded in shelters (including at the city's shelter SAMOSHEL), 61 counted in cars, vans and RVs, 21 counted in tents and 40 counted in other makeshift shelters.

DIVERSE STAFF, MENTAL WELLNESS KEY PARTS OF DISTRICT LCAP GOALS:

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education is taking the opportunity to retool its Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), formulating amended goals for the three-year cycle beginning in the 2024-25 school year. A major action item within the LCAP goals is the recruitment and selection of "diverse highly qualified staff," including the commitment by district Human Resources to "explore partnerships with local colleges and universities to establish pipelines into the teaching and administrative professions." Another priority, mental health and wellness, will include school sites receiving training in depression and suicide awareness to recognize signs and support students.

FIREWORKS, PIER FESTIVAL BRING SUMMER VIBES TO LOCALS:

On the evening of June 29, Santa Monica College's Corsair Field played host to the city's "Celebrate America" fireworks show, with food trucks aplenty and live music by Westside Crew before the 20-minute show provided by Pyro Spectaculars Entertainment. On both June 29 and June 30, the Santa Monica Pier 360 festival featured a multitude of activities for all ages. Kids were able to test their physical abilities at the Ninja Nation Obstacle Course and an open skate park, while adults took part in volleyball games and aquatic competitions on the beach. Other amenities included live music throughout the weekend, a pop-up exhibit from the Museum of Beach Life and a pop-up roller rink.

COUNCILMEMBERS UNITE OVER MOTION TO CONDEMN CONTROVERSIAL SIGN ON THE PROMENADE:

In a lengthy meeting on June 25, members of Santa Monica City Council voted unanimously 7-0 to prepare a resolution condemning the sign that was first placed on the front of 1335 Third Street by building owner John Alle in December 2022. The sign itself has gone through a number of iterations since it first appeared and currently, it reads, "Santa Methica is not safe. SM City Manager supports free needle & meth pipe distribution program in our parks and public spaces." While conversation on this subject tends to spark an opinion in almost everyone, the Council's discussion about Alle's infamous sign was straightforward and without disagreement.

ROGERS REACHES INTO RECREATION PAST TO REVITALIZE CITY PARKS:

In April, Jenny Rogers was named the City of Santa Monica's new Director of Recreation and Arts, becoming the point person for the city's department behind parks, facilities and art projects. The department is a result of the city breaking the Community and Cultural Services Department into two wings: Health and Human Services and RAD, and Rogers was chosen to lead the latter due to her vast experience in community development in locations like San Francisco. July will be Rogers' busiest month yet, a chance to shine a light on facilities during National Parks and Recreation Month, as well as promote camps, classes and summer events for children on school break.

WITH SMALL REDUCTION IN LOCAL HOME-

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District confirms new Webster principal, looks at success indicators

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The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education looked forward to next year at one of its campus sites, while also taking a rearview glance at success indicators in the district at its June 25 meeting.

At the meeting, the board approved the appointment of Carina Diana as the new principal of Webster Elementary School, with Diana assuming the role as of July 1. Diana's educational administration path has taken her throughout the Los Angeles area, serving in a multitude of roles including Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Calabasas High School and Interim Assistant Principal at Agoura High School. She also served in Las Virgenes USD as both an Instructional Coach and Summer School Principal.

"Webster Elementary is renowned for its dedication to academic excellence and student-centered learning, and we are confident that (she) will continue this tradition of success," SMMUSD Assistant Superintendent Dr. Mark Kelly said of the appointment. "(Diana) brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to educational leadership. Her journey in education includes significant roles that have shaped her into an exemplary instructional leader."

Kelly added that Diana's leadership is characterized by "a creative, technology-forward curriculum approach" as well as "a commitment to inclusive practices," saying the appointment will "undoubtedly enrich" the Webster and SMMUSD communities.

In accepting the role, Diana noted that two of her nephews are current Webster students, making this latest stop in her career a "heartfelt journey."

"I am really honored to be here with you all tonight to celebrate the next chapter in my professional journey," Diana said. "I'm honored to partner with you all to serve the Webster community and to really guide the kiddos."

SMMUSD as a whole was also discussed via a presentation on the California School Dashboard Local Indicators, a group of reports that "display the performance of local educational agencies, schools and student groups" on a set of state and local measures. Five of the eight state priorities were talked about based on a self-reflection rating tool, gauging the implementation of topics like state academic standards and parent engagement.

In her presentation, Dr. Stacy Williamson noted that much of the parent engagement priority was at an "initial implementation" level, meaning there is still work to be done in getting families involved in educational practices. Williamson stated that this coming school year's new Family Engagement Coordinator position in the district will create "full implementation" on engagement matters, alongside re-engaging parents with better surveys and more chances for parents to attend conferences and have conversations with district staff.



Photo Courtesy SMMUSD
APPOINTMENT: Carina Diana was recently appointed as the new principal at Webster Elementary School.

Despite the priority for more engagement, the district still has strengths in the area, including providing restorative justice training for parent groups at the district level and some school sites which "continue to serve as a foundation in order to continuously build trusting and respectful relationships with families."

"This work has helped engage parents in understanding the importance of restorative justice and the importance of rebuilding relationships and a sense of community within the classroom and school community," a staff report on the subject states. "We will continue to offer trainings in the upcoming year to include more parents in the process."

A specific area of parent engagement focus comes in district decisions themselves. A recent parent survey asked if SMMUSD "actively seeks the input of parents before making important decisions," with only 64% of parents responding "strongly agreed" or "agreed." Williamson stated that this will be "an area of focus" for the coming school year.

According to the dashboard, the district still met the parent and family engagement standard, as well as standards in "basics" (teachers, instructional materials and facilities), the implementation of academic standards, the local school climate survey and in "access to a broad course of study."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **68.4**

MONDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder
Playful SSW leftovers and there's some new, long period S swell creeping in. Still not much NW windswell in the mix so shape will favor structured breaks.

TUESDAY — *FAIR*
SURF: 2-3ft+ Thigh to stomach
S swell nudges up further as old SSW swell drops to smaller leftovers. We could see a little more NW energy in the mix for a few more corners compared to the past few days. Modest to locally fun size overall. AM conditions look decent.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 76.
Monday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 66.
Tuesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 77.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 65.

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THE RE-VIEW

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The French



Merv Hecht

CLASSIC: French cuisine is in the spotlight in this edition of “The Re-View”.

The French are different. Not only different from us, but different from each other. Their food makes the point.

We are traveling in France, eating in some of the top restaurants in the world. My favorite is the Grand Cascade. This beautiful restaurant was built in 1900 as part of the world fair in Paris, with a waterfall built next to it for a nice walk after lunch. It is situated in the largest park in Paris, the “Bois de Boulogne.” The decor is like being in a castle.

While it looks like something from the 19th century on the one hand, on the other everything looks very new and clean. This time of year seating is only on the outdoor patio. Originally Michelin failed to award any stars to this restaurant, on the theory that no serious restaurant would seat people outside. But eventually they relented and now the restaurant has a star. We’ve eaten here with Parisian friends 3 or 4 times over the years, and not much has changed.

The chef is a minimalist. My first course consisted to a large morel mushroom with a mushroom stuffing, one poached langoustine, and a square piece of cake filled with pieces of langoustine and vegetables. Delicious and not overfilling for a first course.

Next was something almost impossible to find in the US, sweetbreads. I know a lot of people don’t eat organic meat, but I love this dish, and this was one of the best I’ve ever had. Again it was minimalist: One large piece lightly sautéed with a poached vegetable on the side.

As usual in this type of restaurant some sweets on the house were served with coffee.

A few days later we traveled to Lyon France to honor the memory of Chef Paul Bocuse. He built his own temple, a brightly painted house a half hour out of town, and people flock to it from all over the world. Upon making a reservation an email is sent out, so you know to expect a bill of at least $300 a person - if you don’t order too much. The Bocuse group are not minimalists. They serve time tested special dishes with a lot of sides, and a lot of table-side service and dishes “en croute.”

The restaurant was totally filled in each of the 4 rooms we could see, and there is a second floor with a large room that I ate dinner in last year. This time we were there for lunch during the week, and it was still filled, but the tables are spaced well apart. As always, the service was impeccable even though the chef passed away a couple of years ago. I missed his friendly greeting at the front door.

We didn’t order as much as usual. We started with lobster in a citrin sauce, this was a complex dish with citrus foam and chopped vegetables around the edge. Then we shared an order of large white asparagus with hollandaise sauce on the side of the plate. How they find such large, delicious asparagus is a miracle, I never see it in Los Angeles.

Like the last time I was there, I noticed a very popular dish: the chicken from Bress steamed in a white organ about

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00344Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Melissa Deanne Clark for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Melissa Deanne Clark a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Melissa Deanne Clark to Melissa Deanne Stevenson The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 08/09/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 11725 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

HOURS MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00am - 5:00pm
LOCATION 1640 5th Street, Suite 218, Santa Monica, CA 90401

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance Extending Interim Zoning Regulations Adopted by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2781 (CCS) to Remove the Minor Use Permit, Location, and Facility Requirements for Massage Establishments from the City’s Personal Service Use Standards for Specific Uses and Activities

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance extending interim zoning regulations adopted by Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance 2781 (CCS) by the City Council on June 11, 2024, to remove the Minor Use Permit, location, and facility requirements for massage establishments from the City’s Personal Service use standards for specific uses and activities.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024 AT 7:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT:
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov or via mail to City Clerk, 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California 90401. Written public comment submitted before 12:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item number in the subject line of your written comments.

You may also comment in person at the City Council hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment in person.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance for Massage Establishments

VIA EMAIL: councilmtgitems@santamonica.gov
VIA MAIL: 1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION: If you want more information about this project, please contact Tony Kim at (310) 458-2200 ext. 5522 or by e-mail at tony.kim@santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (310) 458-8211 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-2275.

CITY COUNCIL

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eligible to sign the ballot arguments would be people who are not running for reelection, since I gather, some people haven't made their mind up," Davis said.

All members of Council agreed that Negrete should take on this particular responsibility and a motion was made by Councilmember Caroline Torosis and seconded by Negrete. That motion, in essence is a resolution submitting to voters a measure to amend the municipal code to modernize the City's business license tax. This will increase the exemptions for small businesses, raise the corporate administrative headquarters rate to 0.25%, remove auto dealer tax exemptions and restore a processing fee.

In addition, it will authorize City Councilmembers to file written arguments for or against the measure and direct the City Attorney to prepare an impartial analysis of the measure. With the minor amendment that this was phased in over three years, beginning in January 2025, the motion was passed unanimously 7-0.

The second part in this meeting's ballot-based trilogy was in connection with the City's parking facility tax rate and a proposed hike of an additional 8% to privately owned lots and structures. In 1993, a 10% parking facility tax was placed on all parking sold in Santa Monica, to address concerns related to a general fund budget shortfall forecasted for fiscal year 93-94.

Manglaras explained that this tax is currently assessed in all city owned and private parking lots and structures and calculated based on the total parking fee charged by the operator for use of the parking facility with some negligible exclusions.

Many neighboring cities do not have a parking tax including Culver City, West Hollywood and Beverly Hills, consequently, the increase to an 18% parking tax would result in Santa Monica having the highest parking tax in the region.

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre pointed out that perhaps adding another tax hike to the ballot might not be a popular idea. Councilmember Christine Parra made another astute observation, which was while public parking might not be affected, hospital parking would be.

"My mom goes [to UCLA hospital] every week [for chemotherapy] and I was there with her for an hour and a half. And I had to pay $18. And so an 8% increase on that. That's a lot of money," Parra said, adding, "And this should be the last thing they're thinking about, having to pay [more in] parking multiple times a week when they have to go get their therapy."

Negrete supported this by speaking about how, given the proximity of her business to both UCLA Medical Center and Providence Saint John's Health Center, parking spaces around her shop are seldom available, which means her staff struggle.

"We have four parking spots and our landlord has decided to rent out half of those. So our employees have nowhere to park," she said, adding, "You have a limited number of meters, and the rest is permit parking. And we're not allowed as businesses to get passes, you have to be a resident. So we deal with this all the time, we have 47 music instructors that teach lessons at our store, they have nowhere to park."

Concern was also expressed over whether the extra income generated would just "keep filling the black hole of the general fund and never really going anywhere," as Negrete eloquently put it.

Davis made some interesting observations, that signaled her intent to support the proposal.

"I'm not pissed off about the parking tax, I'm pissed off at a cost of $23 to park off the top anyway, I don't think the additional buck 40 is what's going to make the difference," Davis said.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick also expressed his intention to support this, making reference to the additional funds it will generate. "We've been having discussions for the whole month now about how we can afford to pave our streets, fix our sidewalks and augment the public safety in our city, including hiring more officers. And I see $7 million a year as being very helpful in these discussions to help obviate both priorities."

The motion was moved by Zwick and seconded by Davis. The voting fell along council political lines, 4-3, with de la Torre, Negrete, Parra and Mayor Phil Brock voting no, while Councilmember Caroline Torosis joined Zwick and Davis in voting yes. Consequently, it failed and will not be on the ballot in November.

The final item in this bundle was arguably the most contentious, should councilmembers be paid more? Brock said the public would not support any pay increase.

"There's no way I would take anything to the voters right now, for myself, when my city is suffering, and that's the bottom line," he said. "Within our budget of $700 million, should City Council be paid more, absolutely yes … It's hard to tell your City Manager what you want him to do when he's being paid 40 times what you're getting paid a month, or a year. Regardless, we don't need to labor this.

"There's no way in hell I would vote for salary increase for any of us right now. We've got too much work to do in the city," Brock said.

As such Council dismissed the item and moved on. However, while these three potential ballot measure items had the benefit of scrutiny and analysis, Brock had intended to request that the City Attorney and City Manager return to City Council with a proposal to place a parcel tax measure on the November 2024 ballot to generate resources to address public safety and homelessness. But given how late – or rather how early into Wednesday morning – the meeting had already gone, this was pulled.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

SMC

SMC's Drescher Planetarium Presents Three Free, Live Virtual Shows on Fridays in July

Topics: Sci-Fi, Life Beyond Earth, ParkerSolar Probe

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium continues its Friday evening events in July 2024 with free, live virtual shows presented online at smc.edu/planetarium. This month's friendly shows look at the 'sci' in 'sci-fi,' life beyond Earth, and the Parker Solar Probe.

The Friday evening shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by a streamlined virtual digest of the popular Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration. The shows include the chance to chat with the planetarium lecturers and ask questions.

Planetarium lecturers are currently using the Zoom platform to present shows while SMC's new planetarium and observatory are under construction. Free Zoom software is available for download at zoom.com.

The July 2024 shows are:

• Friday, July 12, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Putting the 'Sci' in Sci-Fi" — Planetarium Lecturers Sarah Vincent and Jim Mahon. What happens when basic physics takes a back seat to familiar (even expected) special effects? Answer: sound in space! Drescher Planetarium lecturers present their top sci-fi pet peeves, and discuss what could make these moments more realistic. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, July 19, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Search for Life Beyond Earth" — Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent. The only known life in the universe is right here on Earth, but is this blue marble the only place it exists? Scientists are actively searching for life elsewhere. Tonight's show explores where science is looking for extraterrestrial life and how it might be found. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, July 26, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Mission Close-up: Parker Solar Probe" — Planetarium Lecturer Sarah Vincent. The ParkerSolar Probe — NASA's "mission to touch the Sun" — is the fastest spacecraft ever flown. Tonight's show takes a closer look at the only functioning craft to fly through the Sun's corona. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

More information is available online at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling 310-434-3005. All shows subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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SMC

SMC's Emeritus Acting Troupe Presents Free Summer 2024 Showcase July 13

Santa Monica College's Emeritus Acting Troupe will present its Summer 2024 Showcase, "Conversations: Scenes from Film and Theater." The event is free and will be held online as a live virtual event at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 13. A Zoom link posted at the July 13 event listing at smc.edu/events takes guests directly to the online event.

The performances, which feature students from SMC's Emeritus acting classes, will present silly, serious, and quirky scenes that inspire, entertain, and offer something to think about.

"Prepare to be captivated and thoroughly entertained as 'Conversations: Scenes from Film and Theater' showcases the extraordinary talent and creativity of the Emeritus Acting Troupe," said Guadalupe Salgado, interim Associate Dean of SMC Emeritus. "This is a wonderful opportunity to witness the passion and dedication of our students as they bring their artistic voices to life on a digital stage."

SMC's widely praised Emeritus program, founded by Santa Monica College in 1975 to serve the lifelong learning interests of older adults, offers more than 120 noncredit adult education classes and special programs that serve more than 3,000 students each year.

More information is available at smc.edu/emeritus or by calling 310-434-4306. Event is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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HATE CRIMES

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Of these, anti-Jewish bias events accounted for 289 of these, a sharp increase of 52.9% from 2022. Anti-Islamic bias events increased from 25 in 2022 to 40 in 2023.

Hate crime events motivated by sexual orientation increased by 4.1% over the year, however, the percentage rise is much more poignant when looking at anti-LGBTQ+ bias events. The number of those events increased by 86.4% from 2022, while the amount of anti-transgender bias events rose by 10.2%.

In Los Angeles County, 664 hate crime incidents in 2023 resulted in 748 offenses against 744 victims. In a prosecutorial survey response by Los Angeles County prosecutors, 77 total cases were filed as hate crimes, leading to 16 total convictions.

Santa Monica's jurisdiction reported 11 hate crime events totaling 15 offenses committed on 15 victims by 13 suspects. Santa Monica College reported three events, each a lone offense with a lone victim.

The Santa Monica Police Department has data for the first three quarters of 2023 on its website, listing seven of the purported incidents with 11 victims. Three of the offenses were anti-Black motivated, impacting six victims, while two were anti-LGBTQ offenses affecting three victims, and two were sole-victim, anti-Jewish motivated.

Not counting the City of Los Angeles or incidents involving the LA Sheriff's Department, Santa Monica was tied with Beverly Hills and Glendale for the third-most hate crime events in county jurisdictions, trailing only West Hollywood (13 incidents) and Long Beach (31 incidents).

"Everyone has a part to play as we continue to fight prejudice and create safer communities in California," Bonta added. "I urge everyone to review the data and resources available and recommit to standing united against hate."

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FARMERS MARKET

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Hello Summer

CARLA ROSIN

Hello Summer! It's picnic season! Make sure that the farmers market is a priority stop on the way to the beach or your favorite hike! It's the perfect one stop shop for just about everything you might need. So convenient! And it's local! Look for local freshly picked stone fruits like peaches, nectarines, pluots and plums. Grab some cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and cheeses all from local farmers. To accompany the delicious bounty of the season, you will find freshly pressed fruit juices, fancy coffee and tea drinks, breads, pastries and brunch offerings from our amazing food vendors. Farmers Markets are an incredible community resource. Plus, there's free music and activities too! Who knows, you might even decide to stay for a while.

There's a lot happening this month as we emerge from the solstice kick off and are headed full swing into summer and the 4th of July Holiday. Look for special events, pop ups and watermelons too!

We are excited to announce that both Pico and the Main Street Farmers Markets have some amazing new food vendors joining us this month. Always something new! See you there.

July Calendar

Pico Farmers Market

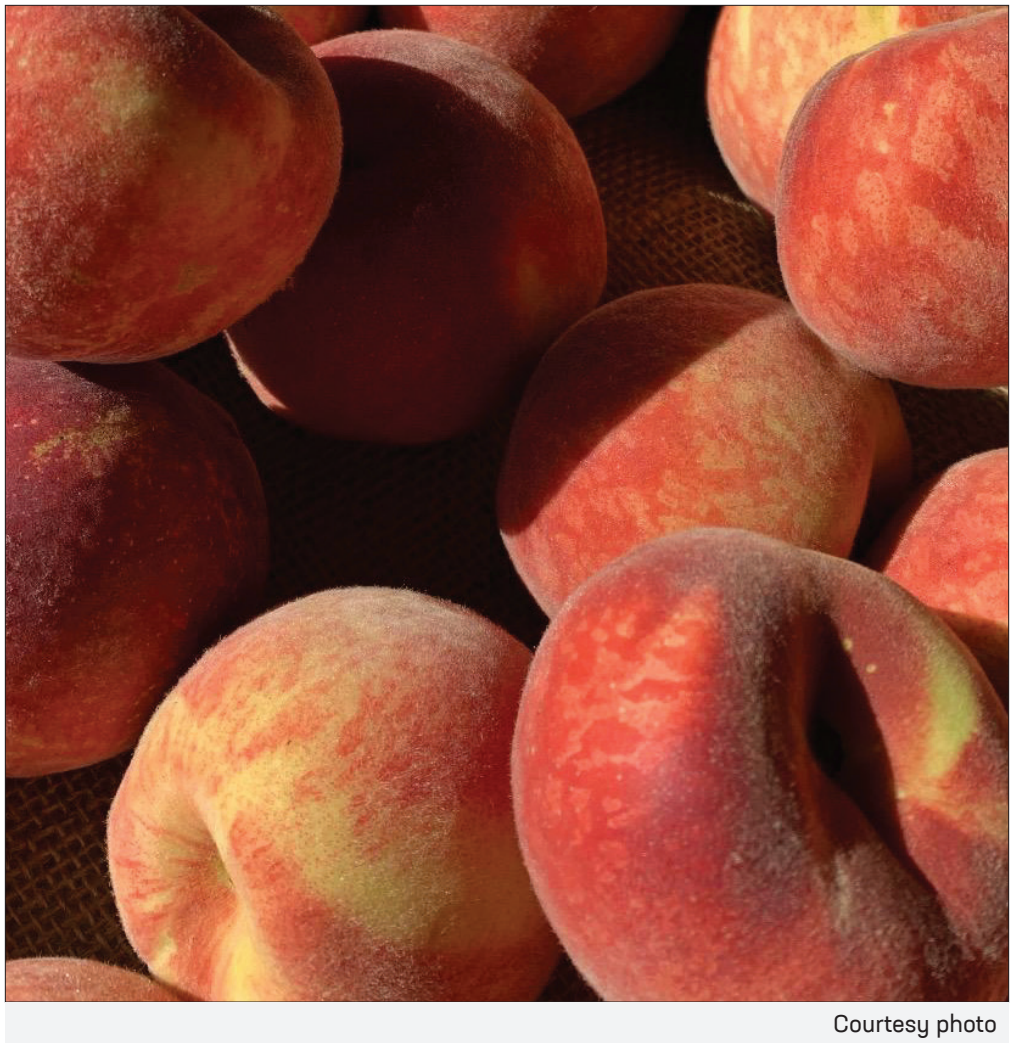
July 13 Music: Teddy Bang Trio
Activity: Hand only CPR, NAMI, City of Santa Monica City Clerk

July 20 Music: East of Lincoln
Activity: UC Master Gardeners

July 27 Music: Teddy Bang Trio
Activity: NAMI, LA County Dept of Mental Health

Main Street Farmers Market

July 14 – GM Jazz Quartet – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
YARI Animal Rescue – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
July 21 – Chloe Resler – 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Cadre Scott – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Shepherdess – Fibershed project tabling and talks
July 28 – The Guest House – 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Laura Jean Music Academy at 11 a.m. and noon
Cabeza de Vaca Folklorico – 11:15 a.m.



Courtesy photo

FRUIT: Picnic season is in full swing, giving locals opportunities to take advantage of farmers market fruits.

NEWS

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LESSNESS, OFFICIALS DECRY SUPREME COURT DECISION:

Local elected officials and homeless service providers are decrying the recent Supreme Court ruling on clearing homeless camps, saying the decision will criminalize individuals for situations beyond their control. The Oregon case decided on June 28 is the most significant to come before the high court in decades on homelessness, ruling 6-3 along ideological lines to strike down a ruling that found outdoor sleeping bans amount to cruel and unusual punishment. The People Concern, who operate the homeless shelter and service center in Downtown Santa Monica, said they are troubled by the ruling and by allowing cities to invoke criminal penalties.

'RESTORATIVE' ALCOHOL, DRUG USE POLICY BROACHED BY SCHOOL BOARD:

During the June 25 meeting of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education, outgoing Director of Student Services Tara Brown presented potential changes to the district's alcohol and drug policy, shifting from "traditional" policies to a more restorative justice-based system with "progressively scaled discipline" for alcohol and drug offenses. At the middle and high school level, the updated policy for first alcohol or drug offenses would replace an automatic three-day suspension with meetings and counseling sessions determined to understand why a student would be using substances. Subsequent offenses, traditionally a five-day suspension, would be replaced by a one-day suspension followed by counselor meetings regarding mental health and drug or alcohol dependency, as well as working on an individualized "action plan."

MAN STABBED IN BEACH BRAWL, FIVE ARRESTS MADE:

A man was stabbed on the afternoon of June 29 near Lifeguard Tower 14 during a beachfront brawl. According to the Santa Monica Police Department, it was reported that one of the people involved in the fish was stabbed, with a drone being first on-scene confirming an active fight. Additional responding officers arrived shortly after and intervened, with officers locating a victim suffering from a non-life-threatening stab wound and an additional victim suffering a possible broken ankle during the altercation. Both victims were transported to local hospitals for treatment. Five male suspects were arrested, with three charged with assault with a deadly weapon, one with battery and one for sexual battery.

DECISION OVER LEGION'S FUTURE DELAYED AS DTSM BOARD MEMBERS DESERT MEETING:

The main item on the agenda for the June 27 meeting of the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board was supposed to be a presentation by security firm Legion after six months of deployment, followed by a vote on how to proceed with the program going forward to 2025. However, an unexpected presentation by Lt. Gerardo Leyva of the Santa Monica Police Department, lasting 48 minutes that was not listed on the agenda, threw confusion into the proceedings. While board discussion on Legion seemed positive, prior to the vote, board members Luke Cain and Leo Pustilnikov both left the meeting. Vice Chair Michele Aronson had also exited the meeting early and board member Lucian Tudor announced that he too had to leave, preventing a quorum for a vote to take place.

PLAQUES PROMOTING MONTANA BUSINESSES CAUSE EARLY IRE:

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. The initiative was given the go-ahead by the City of Santa Monica's Urban Forest team by using screws installed on springs to avoid ripping up the ficus trees. Regardless, multiple citizens took to social media sites like NextDoor to voice their concerns, complaining that the trees were "desecrated" with plaque installation and that some businesses used the plaques to promote their website and social media sites. The Merchant Association's board president, David 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.

NEW CROSSROADS CONSTRUCTION CONCENTRATES ON ACCLAIMED ARTS PROGRAM:

Construction has recently begun on Crossroads School for Arts & Science'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.

SMART BEACHGOERS CALLED ON TO KEEP BEACHES HEALTHY ON HOLIDAYS:

Though the festivities of Independence Day are now in the rearview, Santa Monica's beaches are still littered with remnants of the holiday, and not in a positive way. July 5 is often called the most dirty day of the year on public beaches, with Santa Monica being no different with plastic wrappers and other debris, a combination of sheer tourism amounts and the lackadaisical attitude of those trekking the beaches. To remedy this, Heal the Bay Senior Director of Community Outreach & Connection Meredith McCarthy recommends packing picnics with reusable materials moving forward, including bringing plates and forks from home, as well as keeping as much trash away from beach cans as possible.

SANTA MONICA AUTOMOTIVE ENTREPRENEUR HONORED FOR SECOND YEAR BY ASU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Santa Monica resident Kevin Emamian, owner of The Haus automotive repair center, has been recognized by his alma mater, Arizona State University, for the second straight year for launching and managing a successful and fast-growing business. At an event held at the university's main campus, 135 outstanding alumni were announced as members of the class of 2024 in the annual awards program that recognizes the fastest-growing alumni-owned or -led organizations. The Haus is a certified independent Mini Cooper and BMW repair shop located at 2621 Pico Blvd, and Emamian's slowly-but-surely expanding empire celebrates its 10 year anniversary this year.

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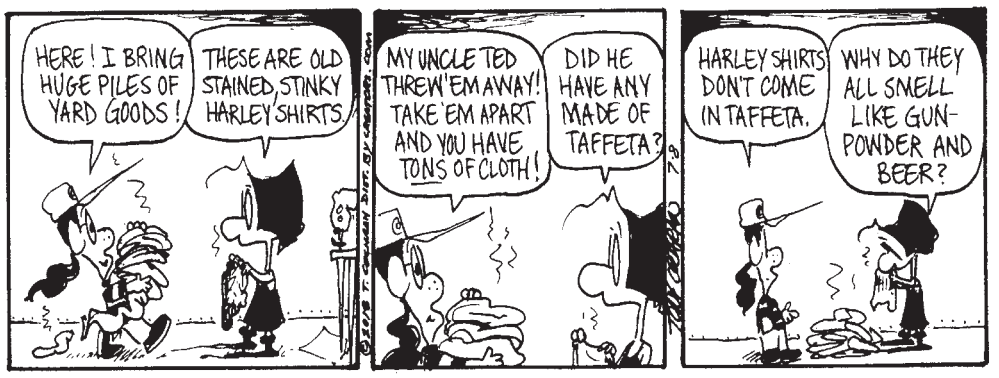
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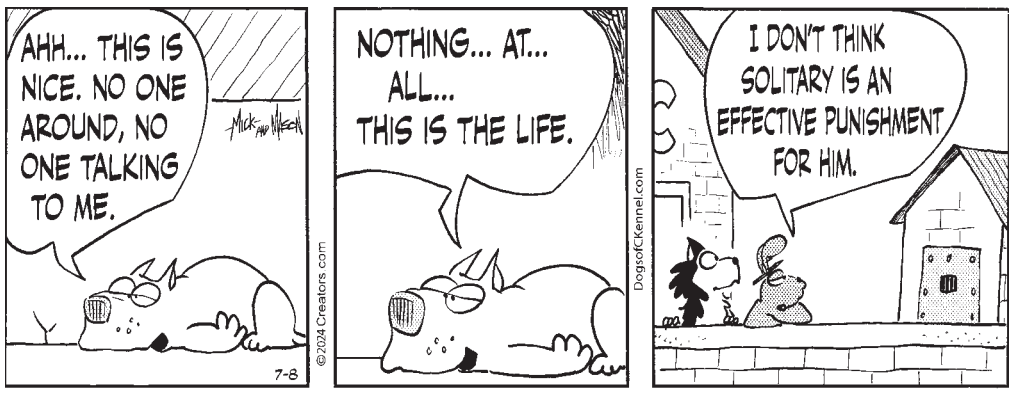
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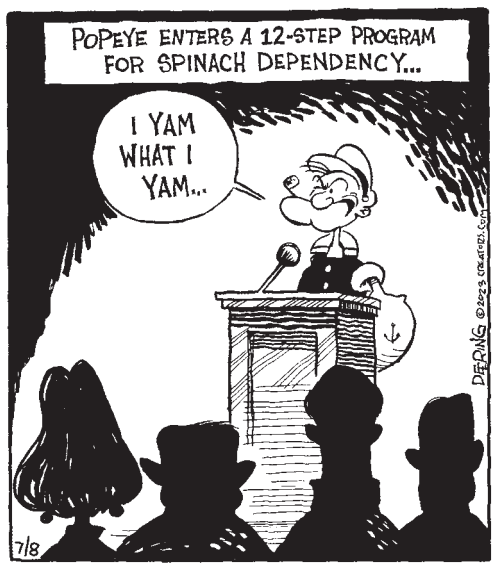
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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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You genuinely love helping people. What you're not expecting is that the assistance you give others ends up teaching and growing your own abilities to the extent that your dreams fall neatly to hand. These gifts will include financial ease, harmony in relationships and better systems of working. More highlights: a portal opens, new and playful friends, and a promise kept. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 50, 14, 15 and 21.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are realities to accept and realities to challenge. You're not sure which is which today, and that's because you can't tell until you poke around a bit and figure out just what you're dealing with and whether it is likely to bend to your influence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It is your sincere desire to make your circle larger, not smaller. This is why you choose not to be self-conscious. Self-aware, sure! But not so focused on yourself that it prevents you from giving your attention generously to those around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is no "normal." There's only "common" or "typical" or "popular." Just because you're not doing things the way others are doesn't mean you're wrong or out of step. It only means you are doing you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's in your nature to handle anything in the vicinity that is within your ability to manage, and because you're so capable, this ethic covers a lot of territory. You'll be seen as a leader and someone everyone enjoys.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Thinking about what you don't want is an energy drain. To think exclusively about what you do want is more work than it seems, but it will be worth it. The work is basically to turn your attention to it again and again and again.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't always think about regulating your personal energy, until emotional turbulence makes it a challenge. Life will keep throwing you different scenarios, which include hidden opportunities and fresh sources of excitement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Learning processes can be mysterious. There is not one way that will work for teacher, learner and all. Maybe it feels like nothing is clicking in, but keep exposing yourself to the material you want to absorb because, when it does click in, then starts the magic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't claim to be right all the time, but it's fine to admit that on matters of your expertise you are rarely wrong. Claim what's yours. Stand in your track record. You have credibility, and when you speak, they'll listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For today's resolution of conflict, at least one person must soften their stance. And when this happens, two or three may follow. So, the question of the day is: Who wants to go first?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Can a person be too charming for their own good? Not you. You know how to turn it down, turn it up and level it to the room. That's a skill few possess, subtle and worthy of praise it seldom gets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The thing about a muse is, they give a remarkable gift just by being themselves. The energy of another will open new possibilities inside you, and an awakening of hidden talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everything feels like a bigger deal than it is. Of course, "is" is relative. "Seems" is relative. Reality itself is relative. This is why your day will be great. You'll dance in relativity and come out of it a little proud for the effort.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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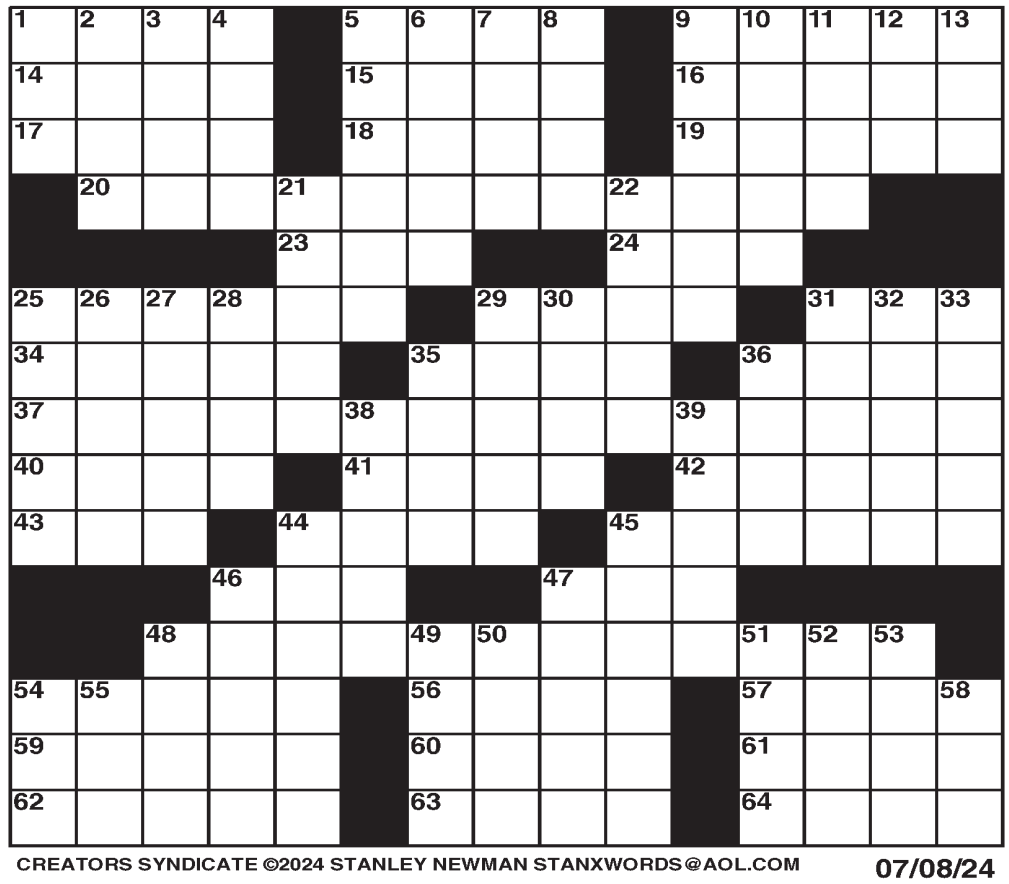
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ACROSS

1 Apex
5 Smartphone downloads
9 Spaghetti or macaroni
14 British fellow
15 Not bright, as colors
16 Give permission for
17 Car with a meter
18 High school dance
19 Nary a soul
20 Where box office sales are made
23 Roll call "no" vote
24 Clumsy person
25 Share top billing
29 Drawings on arms, for short
31 Fireplace residue
34 House's high storage space
35 Broadcasts on television
36 Female choir voice
37 Where supermarket receipts are given
40 Skirts' edges
41 Nest egg plans: Abbr.
42 Cavalry horse
43 Ambulances' destinations: Abbr.
44 Big family
45 French version of "Peter"
46 Service charge
47 Family reunion group
48 Where passengers line up for a flight
54 Spikes on cowboy boots
56 Highest pair in poker
57 Great pleasures
59 Shrub used as a fence
60 Beef or pork
61 In the __ (nearby)
62 Made less difficult
63 Swirl of water
64 Reddish, as cheeks

DOWN

1 Perform in a play
2 Informal discussion
3 Lengthy skirt
4 Grand tale
5 Come into view
6 Birthday celebration
7 Snow-clearing vehicle
8 "Half" prefix for circle
9 Black-and-white Chinese bears
10 Not at all interested
11 Apply the brakes
12 2,000 pounds
13 Greatly impress
21 Special talent
22 "That's incorrect"
25 Hidden stash
26 Turn the __ cheek
27 Flower stalks
28 Muscle twitches
29 Giant of industry
30 Rainbow shapes
31 Make changes to
32 Guide a vehicle
33 Huge crowd
35 Eerie glow
36 Initial poker stake
38 Ship transporting fuel
39 Putting into service
44 Discontinued
45 Farm enclosure for swine
46 Sign fraudulently
47 Massage, as bread dough
48 Blossoms yet to open
49 University of Notre __
50 Topped with frosting
51 A bit open, as a door
52 Bull, in Spain
53 What blindfolds cover
54 "He said, __ said"
55 Round green veggie
58 Utter out loud



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THUMZUP

FROM PAGE 1

created a business and started manufacturing them," Steele says, adding, "Before Pac-Man was popular in arcades, there was a game called Snack Attack, Space Invaders too was available on the Apple II. That's one of the reasons that computer was so good and of course, why Apple is Apple."

Steele was born in California, but grew up on the East Coast. He says that he's watched as many of his long-time friends have had to wait tables or drive Uber cars while they wait for their creative big break as a musician or an artist for example.

"Tech giants like Facebook and Google make billions of dollars every year selling digital ads, essentially, to everybody's friends ... So the question I asked was 'How can I connect my friends who need to make some extra money with this enormous pool of digital dollars?'" he said.

"That's how we arrived at this model, where Rabano, for example, buys an ad campaign and we get the customers to take a photo of their burger and share it with all their friends on Instagram. In this scenario they make $10 and to do that, we make $3. We think that's the future of digital marketing, but it started with a desire to just put a little extra money in everybody's pocket." Steele said.

"What this is, is the digital word of mouth," Steele says. "We make it really easy for any brand to pay people cash to tell their friends about the business on their personal social media."

By scanning the QR code on a smartphone, users can install the app and when they enable geo-location and agree to a simple set of terms and conditions, including having a minimum of 100 followers, keeping the post live for 14 days and a minimum of one post per month, they're ready to go.

"So when everyone participates in this, this is the best form of advertising. It's better than Facebook ads, it's better than Instagram ads, it's better than Google ads, because if you tell your friends you liked this restaurant, they really care what you think. Steele said.

He explains that there's a section within the app where the payment awaits approval, which is designed for the advertiser to review the posts as they will only pay for ones that have a clear picture and positive remarks. It also lets the advertiser know who their superfans are.

"That's where the tip of the spear in marketing is right now, every brand wants to interact with their superfans. That way, they can send details of promotions and special offers," Steele said. "Imagine a stadium like SoFi or the Crypto Arena and having on the Jumbotron a giant QR code that you can use to tell your friends about season ticket discounts and we get 10,000 people in a stadium to put it on Instagram. That's where we see this going," Steele said.

He describes the company as Uber for advertising and says that in order for it to work, it was necessary to start hyper local. "Our first advertiser was a crystal store and meditation studio at the end of Washington Blvd, so we just started right there, in that neighborhood. The second advertiser was Bellissimo Cafe, just a block away. So, we were literally just walking around that area, knocking on doors," said Steele.

"Last year, we were just focused on Venice and Santa Monica building a buzz, getting users and then this year we've now expanded nationally and we're now in 12 states. I'm your local artisanal software developer," he laughed.

Lest we forget that bygone behemoth MySpace was pioneered in Santa Monica and Google, Snapchat and a couple of games developers still have a small presence here, but the Westside never really emerged as a coastal competitor to San Jose. However, Steele insists Los Angeles is a worthwhile second city for tech entrepreneurs.

"I personally prefer Los Angeles, I like the creative vibe," Steele said. "I like the fact that we've got a broader culture here. So sure, the Bay Area is very much a tech center, but Los Angeles has a broader multidisciplinary culture. There's a lot of different industries here and I think it's more interesting from a business standpoint. I like the idea of being a bigger fish in a smaller pond."

Thumzup can be found at thumzupmedia.com as well as on the Apple App Store and Google Play and while the app currently works through Instagram, it will be launching across TikTok and X (Twitter) soon.

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RE-VIEW

FROM PAGE 5

the size of a basketball. The ball is punctured table side and the then boned and served for two. The people next to us had that so we had the pleasure of watching the ceremony.

At the table on the other side of us the couple ordered the fish baked in pie crust, also prepared table-side, and it looked delicious, but that's one dish that we can find in Los Angeles, and I sometimes I make it at home. So I ordered something a bit mundane and dated: Tournedos Rossini. That's a beef filet with a slab of fois gras on top, surrounded by Bordelaise sauce. But this serving was a bit different: instead of a slice of fois gras there was a big piece, and there were two sauces, one dark and one with a cream base, served over the steak. It really was special. But the steak itself, as always in France, is no better, and perhaps not as flavorful as the meat in the US.

On the side was a wonderful small asparagus soufflé. And as always, a series of extraordinary sweets, including a small box of chocolates, was served with coffee. But even knowing about the sweets on the house, Joan couldn't resist picking one of the extra desserts from a cart, and I had a slice of Roquefort cheese.

I washed it all down with a half-bottle of Cote Roti Madiniere 2021 and said a prayer over the wine that I can return here again.

Merv Hecht, like many Harvard Law School graduates, went into the wine business after law. In 1988, he began writing restaurant reviews and books. His latest book "The Instant Wine Connoisseur, 3rd edition" is available on Amazon. He currently works for several companies that source and distribute food and wine products internationally. Please send your comments to: mervynhecht@yahoo.com



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.

TUESDAY | JULY 9

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

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

AUTHOR TALK WITH KATE DICAMILLO

Join Santa Monica College at the SMC Library for a visit with Newbery Medal winning author Kate DiCamillo, who will be sharing the stories behind the creation of her early chapter book series, the original "Mercy Waterson," and the follow up series "Tales from Deckawoo Drive." Begins at 11 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

SPARK LA BRAINSTORM & CONNECT

SPARK is a local meetup initiative by Freelancers Union, hosting monthly events to educate and empower freelancers across the nation. Whether you're a seasoned freelancer or just starting your freelance journey, this event is the perfect opportunity to expand your network, gain valuable insights and have a great time with peers in the freelance community. Begins at 6:30 p.m. at Capital One Cafe, 401 Broadway. Free admission, to RSVP, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spark-la-brainstorm-connect-tickets-902892655237.

WEDNESDAY | JULY 10

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

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

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The goal of the Santa Monica Human Services Commission is to advise City Council on priorities and strategies involving the well-being, equity and needs of vulnerable, low income and at-risk residents including youth and families, seniors and people experiencing homelessness. Begins at 3 p.m. in the SMi Room in the Civic Center Parking Structure. 330 Olympic Dr.

LITERARY LOUNGE

Discover the joy of social reading at the Literary Lounge; a space for bibliophiles to bond over books, with music and literary-inspired mocktails. Bring your own book or choose from a collection of staff favorites. Begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Courtyard of the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

PRODUCTION CONNECT

Production Connect is here for its July in-person event at The Victorian, 2640 Main St., beginning at 7 p.m. This is your chance to connect with like-minded individuals, discover the latest trends, and gain valuable insights to enhance your production skills. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to grow your career and expand your network. Tickets $15, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/production-connect-july-24-registration-928864999217.

LOBBY LOUNGE LIVE- PIANO NIGHT

Guests are invited to immerse themselves in the enchanting ambiance of the Lobby Lounge at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, 101 Wilshire Blvd., as they enjoy handcrafted cocktails, delectable bites and the unparalleled talent of master pianist Jason Pelsey. As a special treat, six lucky attendees will have the opportunity to join Pelsey at the piano for an unforgettable musical experience (first come, first serve). Begins at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY | JULY 11

RENT CONTROL BOARD

The Rent Control Board meets to conduct business associated with the Rent Control Charter Amendment and Regulations. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

FRIDAY | JULY 12

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SPLASH NIGHT

What better way to celebrate than with an evening of family fun at the pool? Bring the whole family and friends and dive into an unforgettable experience at Santa Monica Swim Center, 2225 16th St., beginning at 4 p.m. Pool floats and an inflatable obstacle course provided, as well as delicious treats for all attendees. Fees apply, for more information visit: https://www.santamonicaswimcenter.org/swim-center-special-events.

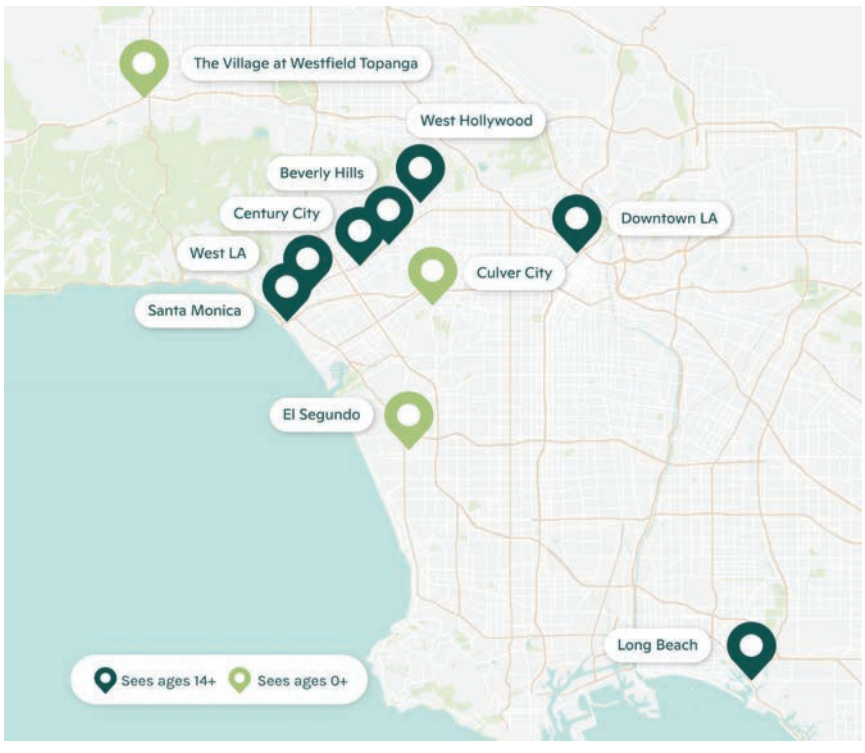
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