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Health Nut finally opens after year and a half of delays

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Last week saw the selection of midday nibbles and lunchtime snacks on offer around the Downtown/Mid-City merge increase by one worthy addition, the official opening of Health Nut at the Lincoln Blvd and Broadway intersection.

A small-but steadily growing family business, Health Nut began way back in 1988 primarily as a vitamin store and over time developed into a restaurant offering super healthy salads.

"In the back there was a tiny deli with a counter, probably three or four tables at most, selling salads and sandwiches. So my parents purchased the business, my mom took over the kitchen part of it, my dad took over the vitamin part of it," explained Health Nut CEO Steve Choi.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

SALAD DAYS: A myriad of mouthwatering food is available at Health Nut, providing a sensible solution for hungry stomachs in Santa Monica.

Now, some three decades later, Choi has been able to open five outlets, including Woodland Hills, Sherman Oaks, Manhattan Beach, Culver City and now Santa Monica.

According to Choi, fresh ingredients are sourced locally as much as possible and great care is taken to ensure the lettuce remains fresh, even the next day. Moreover, the chicken is cooked with no oil, butter or fat and a myriad of vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options are also available, together with several drool-worthy choices of dressing.

In fact, the dressings are so popular that Choi has started to sell those separately as well. "We launched a national retail campaign

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Three decades of female artistry continues to brighten Main Street

THOMAS LEFFLER
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Bringing in tourists and experienced art collectors alike, Ten Women Gallery is celebrating 30 years of womanhood and creation that has kept Main Street colorful.

The brainchild of 10 Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) parents in 1994, Ten Women remains one of the more unique art experiences in the area, a true co-op endeavor where a group of local female artists share the space at 2719 Main St. There, all take turns working a shift in the gallery and split expenses like rent between them, and in turn, artists are paid 100% of the money from sales in their individual nooks.

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

GALLERY: Wool artist Monica Kwiet's unique contributions to Ten Women Gallery on Main Street has helped make the co-op a driving force for area art.

Temperature rise previews hot summer ahead

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The typical traditions of the July 4 holiday weekend may have been intruded upon by an unwelcome reminder of the season, as beachgoers were burnt by rising temperatures that are expected to continue.

From July 5 through July 7, Santa Monica experienced its first three-day stretch of temperatures 75 degrees Fahrenheit or above in 2024, a result of a gradual warmth that began at the end of June. Max temperatures reached 76 on July 5, 78 on July 6 and 75 on July 7, according to Weather Underground data taken from the Santa Monica Municipal Airport station. The 75-plus climate was reached a week earlier than last year, as it took until July 12, 2023 for summer heat to top that mark.

Now that the 75-degree plateau has been reached, the summer will likely carry on with that temperature as the base. From July 12 to the end of July in 2023, 15 of the 20 days were 75 and above, and August 2023 featured 15 of the 31 days hitting that mark. The remainder of this week will stay in that temperature range, with Wednesday and Thursday both expected to hit 77 degrees in the city.

Though not as sweltering as more inland locations, the heat still carries danger, from painful sunburn to more serious medical matters like heat stroke, when the body loses control of its temperature-fighting abilities and faces life-endangering

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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

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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.

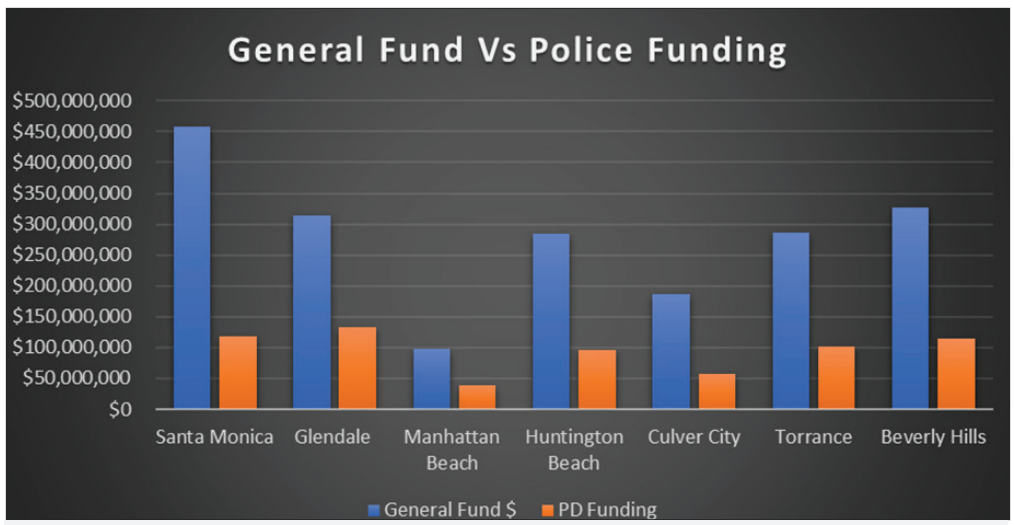
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Santa Monica massively underfunding its police department



Graphic Courtesy Santa Monica Police Officers Association

POLICE: The Santa Monica Police Officers Association decries lack of funding, using neighboring cities as comparison points.

At the June 25th City Council meeting Mayor Brock pleaded with other Council members to increase funding to the Police Department in an effort to stave off a rash of high-profile, violent incidents that have occurred in the City. The request was to have other departments in the City give 4% of non—salary funds to the Police Department to hire more officers. It was thought to be a shift of between $2 million to $3.5 million. After some wrangling and an attempt to have City staff study the proposal and bring it back to Council in December (after the election), it was agreed to calendar it in September.

Let me be clear, this directive sent shockwaves through the City. Santa Monica has always been aspirational with its city governance and giving up 4% for any City Department is no small ask. Every Department within the City is pursuing a noble cause. Even the Police Department was asked to give back. In 2020 the Police Department, in part, was defunded.

Having worked for the Police Department for 23 years it always seems as if we are borrowing from Peter to pay Paul with personnel. For example, the DART Team was formed partly to direct resources to the out-of-control vendor issue on the Pier, and they were very successful at gaining back some sense of normalcy. The sacrifice was those employees had to be pulled from elsewhere in the department. The Police Department no longer has a plainclothes unit, a street interdiction team, a full-time mounted unit or a fully staffed downtown unit, all units the department formerly staffed. It's always seemed like a game of Whack-a-Mole, solve an issue here but one pops up somewhere else. There are just never enough officers to keep the City as safe as everyone wants.

A few years back the City engaged Rand to do a study to get an independent analysis as to how many police officers Santa Monica needed. After some months, and tens of thousands of dollars, the study was mothballed without explanation. Many in the Police Officers Association believed the study may have shown just how understaffed the Police Department truly was.

So, without having the resources of a large research firm, I did a dive into other cities' general funds and police budgets compared to Santa Monica's. What I found nearly knocked me off my chair! Santa Monica is underfunding its police Department by millions of dollars each year compared to other cities.

Santa Monica is spending 25.70% of its general fund budget on the Police Department. If you compare the police budget to the whole budget (general fund and CIP budget), it's a paltry 15.38%. In comparison, Manhattan Beach and Glendale commit over 40% of their budget to keep their cities safe, Torrance and Huntington Beach spend 35.5% and 34.07% of the budget to keep their city safe, while Culver City commits 30.14% of its general fund. Even other liberal cities like Berkeley, California proposed 32.28% of its 2025 budget to fund its Police Department.

One may argue that it's only a few percentage points, what's the difference between Santa Monica's 25% and Culver City's 30% or Manhattan Beach's 40%? That difference, because it's percentage points of the whole general fund, adds up to literally millions of dollars. Millions of dollars that could have officers responding to your call for service faster, preventing crimes from occurring in the first place, and keeping our visitors

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Forced labor, same-sex marriage and shoplifting are all on the ballot in California this November

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Associated Press

Forced labor, same-sex marriage and shoplifting are among the 10 statewide ballot measures that California voters are set to consider in November.

The California secretary of state assigned proposition numbers to the measures on Wednesday after the Legislature added two more bond proposals to the ballot.

Here's a look at what voters will decide in November:

PROPOSITION 2

This asks voters for permission to borrow $10 billion for public school construction and repairs. Most of the money, $8.5 billion, would go to elementary and secondary schools. The rest, or $1.5 billion, would go to community colleges. No money would be available for the California State University or University of California systems.

PROPOSITION 3

This would remove the ban on same-sex marriage from the California Constitution. Voters added that ban to the constitution in 2008. But the U.S. Supreme Court has prevented California from enforcing the ban since 2013. Still, the language banning same-sex marriage remains in the state constitution. The proposed amendment would remove the ban and replace it with language saying, "The right to marry is a fundamental right."

PROPOSITION 4

This asks voters for permission to borrow $10 billion for various climate programs. The largest chunk of the money, $3.8 billion, would help pay to improve drinking water systems and prepare for droughts and floods. Programs preparing for wildfires would receive $1.5 billion while programs combating sea level rise would get $1.2 billion.

The rest would be divided up among parks and outdoor recreation programs, clean air initiatives and programs preparing for extreme heat, protecting biodiversity and helping make farms and ranches sustainable.

PROPOSITION 5

This would change the state constitution to make it easier for local governments to borrow money, provided they use the funds to build affordable housing or public infrastructure. Local governments, excluding school districts, currently can borrow money only if two-thirds of voters approve.

This would lower that threshold to 55% for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects. Public infrastructure includes water and sewer systems, public transportation, libraries, broadband internet and hospitals.

PROPOSITION 6

This would change the California Constitution to ban forced labor in any form. The constitution currently bans involuntary servitude, or forced labor, except as a punishment for crime. That exemption has become a target of criminal justice advocates concerned about prison labor conditions. It is not uncommon for people who are incarcerated to be put to work earning less than $1 an hour.

PROPOSITION 32

This eventually would increase California's minimum wage to $18 per hour. It is currently $16 per hour for most people and $20 per hour for fast food workers. Health care workers will eventually see their minimum wage reach $25 per hour, according to a law that Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom signed last year.

PROPOSITION 33

This would repeal a state law prohibiting cities and counties from capping rents on single-family homes, condominiums and apartments built after 1995. Supporters say the proposal would help prevent homelessness.

Similar measures failed in 2018 and 2020 amid fierce opposition led by landlord groups and the real-estate industry. Opponents argued the proposal would hurt mom-and-pop landlords and discourage the construction of affordable housing.

State lawmakers in 2019 approved a 10% statewide cap on annual rent increases. The law exempted new construction for 15 years and is set to expire in 2030. Several cities including Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose also have local rent control policies.

PROPOSITION 34

This would permanently allow California's Medicaid program to pay pharmacies directly for prescription drugs. California started doing this in 2019 after Newsom signed an executive order allowing the payments. This measure would make it a law.

The measure also would require some health care providers to spend almost all of the money they get from a federal prescription drug program directly on patient care instead of other things.

This proposition appears to be directed at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. The measure has the backing of the California Apartment Association, which helped pay for an ad criticizing the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. The foundation has said it is being targeted for its support for rent control.

PROPOSITION 35

This would make the state pay doctors more money for treating patients who are covered by Medicaid, the government-funded health insurance program for people with low incomes.

Managed care organizations contract with the state to provide these health benefits. The state taxes these organizations to help pay for the Medicaid program. This measure would require the state to use a portion of that tax money to increase how much Medicaid pays doctors.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **66.4**

WEDNESDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

further and there's some modest to fun S/SSW swell in the water. Drained early AM low tide with light/variable wind. Best tide mid to late-AM but there could be a hint of S wind texture.

THURSDAY
FAIR
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

further as NW windswell sticks around. Drained low tide early AM, mid/late morning tide push looks like the ticket. Winds look to be on the lighter side and conditions OK in the AM.

Weather

Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 77.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

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2024/07/10	Wed	6:57 PM	2.63	L
2024/07/11	Thu	12:39 AM	4.58	H
2024/07/11	Thu	07:40 AM	0.67	L
2024/07/11	Thu	2:41 PM	4.13	H
2024/07/11	Thu	8:03 PM	2.63	L
2024/07/12	Fri	01:25 AM	3.94	H
2024/07/12	Fri	08:08 AM	1.18	L
2024/07/12	Fri	3:21 PM	4.29	H
2024/07/12	Fri	9:35 PM	2.48	L
2024/07/13	Sat	02:30 AM	3.31	H
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Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 51 M

Fantasy 5
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California's 'weak' job market propped up by public money as private sector sheds jobs

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JOBS: Nursing students Ashley Jensen (left) and Courtney Houtz practice injection procedures in the clinical skills lab at University of San Francisco in San Francisco, Calif. on Oct. 9, 2023.

Gains in public-sector and other jobs largely supported by public money have cloaked a dismal California labor market, which has seen a big decline of private-industry jobs since their post-pandemic peak, a new analysis shows.

The state Legislative Analyst's Office looked at employment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics through April, and concluded that private-sector industries in California have lost a total of 340,000 jobs since reaching their peak a couple of years ago.

The tech and finance industries led those losses. Jobs in the information sector — whose major employers include household names such as Google, Apple, Facebook and Disney — have declined 16% since their peak. There were more than 531,000 such jobs in July 2022, but 98,000 of those have gone away. Employment in the financial sector peaked at 500,000 jobs in December 2021, but it has lost 43,000 jobs, or 8%, since then.

Three other industries each saw a 3% drop in jobs since their peaks: business services, manufacturing, and transportation and warehousing. California has a 5.2% unemployment rate, the highest in the nation for the past four months.

Meanwhile, the health care and social-service industries have gained 240,000 jobs since September 2022, said Chas Alamo, principal fiscal and policy analyst for the Legislative Analyst's Office, on Monday. Alamo said this industry includes private employers such as dentists, child care providers, vocational-rehabilitation centers and more, but is tightly linked to government spending, so his analysis groups these jobs with public-sector jobs, which have grown by 120,000 over the same period. His analysis was based on 12.5 million jobs in the private sector as of April, and a total of 5.5 million jobs about evenly split between the public and publicly supported sectors.

"The jobs picture since late 2022 has been weak," Alamo told CalMatters, adding that state monthly jobs numbers should be "viewed with caution" because early revisions show the state did not actually add jobs last year, despite what monthly jobs reports said. Monthly jobs reports are based on surveys of businesses; revisions by federal agencies are based on states' unemployment insurance data.

California is heavily dependent on revenue from personal income taxes, so the type of jobs that it loses or gains is important.

Brooke Armour, president of the California Center for Jobs and the Economy, said "all job growth is good." But she added that "we're losing high-wage jobs that help fund the (state) budget. We're gaining hospitality and service jobs, which are low-wage jobs. We've hollowed out the middle-class jobs."

The center is the information arm of the California Business Roundtable, an advocacy group that includes top executives of the state's major employers. The group's most recent analysis of employment data echoes Alamo's assessment of the state's job market. Though the center's report mentions the group's recurring complaints about the high costs of doing business in the state, it chalks up tech's significant job losses mostly to the industry's pandemic hiring sprees.

"What we're looking at in tech jobs is a correction," Armour said.

The center's report said tech companies continue to prefer to remain in the tech hubs of Silicon Valley and the Bay Area. That is also important to the state's coffers, which are becoming increasingly dependent on the stock-market performance of the tech industry.

"But while those tech companies are still here, are they growing here or are they growing elsewhere?" Armour asked. "We see a lot of them making investments outside California."

As for whether the state's sizable budget deficit could affect the job growth in public-sector jobs, Alamo of the Legislative Analyst's Office said the public-sector industry also includes jobs supported by the federal government. And he said jobs in the health care and social-services industries are likely to continue to grow "despite state-budget challenges."

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Support for legal abortion has risen since Supreme Court eliminated protections, AP-NORC poll finds

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Associated Press

A solid majority of Americans oppose a federal abortion ban as a rising number support access to abortions for any reason, a new poll finds, highlighting a politically perilous situation for candidates who oppose abortion rights as the November election draws closer.

Around 6 in 10 Americans think their state should generally allow a person to obtain a legal abortion if they don't want to be pregnant for any reason, according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That's an increase from June 2021, a year before the Supreme Court overturned the constitutional right to the procedure, when about half of Americans thought legal abortion should be possible under these circumstances.

Americans are largely opposed to the strict bans that have taken effect in Republican-controlled states since the high court's ruling two years ago. Full bans, with limited exceptions, have gone into effect in 14 GOP-led states, while three other states prohibit abortion after about six weeks of pregnancy, before women often realize they're pregnant.

> There's so many reasons as to why someone may want or need an abortion that it has to be up to that person of what they have to do in that specific circumstance
> - Vincent Wheeler

They are also overwhelmingly against national abortion bans and restrictions. And views toward abortion — which have long been relatively stable — may be getting more permissive.

Vincent Wheeler, a 47-year-old Republican from Los Angeles, said abortion should be available for any reason until viability, the point at which health care providers say it's possible for a fetus to survive outside the uterus.

"There's so many reasons as to why someone may want or need an abortion that it has to be up to that person of what they have to do in that specific circumstance," Wheeler said, acknowledging that some fellow Republicans might disagree.

Likely Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has declined to endorse a nationwide abortion ban, saying the issue should be left up to the states. But even that stance is likely to be unsatisfying to most Americans, who continue to oppose many bans on abortion within their own state, and think Congress should pass a law guaranteeing access to abortions nationwide, according to the poll.

Seven in 10 Americans think abortion should be legal in all or most cases, a slight increase from last year, while about 3 in 10 think abortion should be illegal in all or most cases.

Robert Hood, a 69-year-old from Universal City, Texas, who identifies as an "independent liberal," has believed that abortions should be allowed for any reason since he was an 18-year-old high school senior, because "life is full of gray situations." He recalls reading stories as a teenager about women who died trying to get an abortion before the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision provided a constitutional right to the procedure.

"Pregnancy is complicated," he said. "Women should make the choice with the advice of their doctor and family, but at the end of the day it's her choice and her body and her life."

He said he would support national protections for abortion rights.

Views on abortion have long been nuanced and sometimes contradictory. The new AP-NORC survey shows that even though the country is largely antagonistic to restrictions on abortion, a substantial number of people hold opinions and values that are not internally consistent.

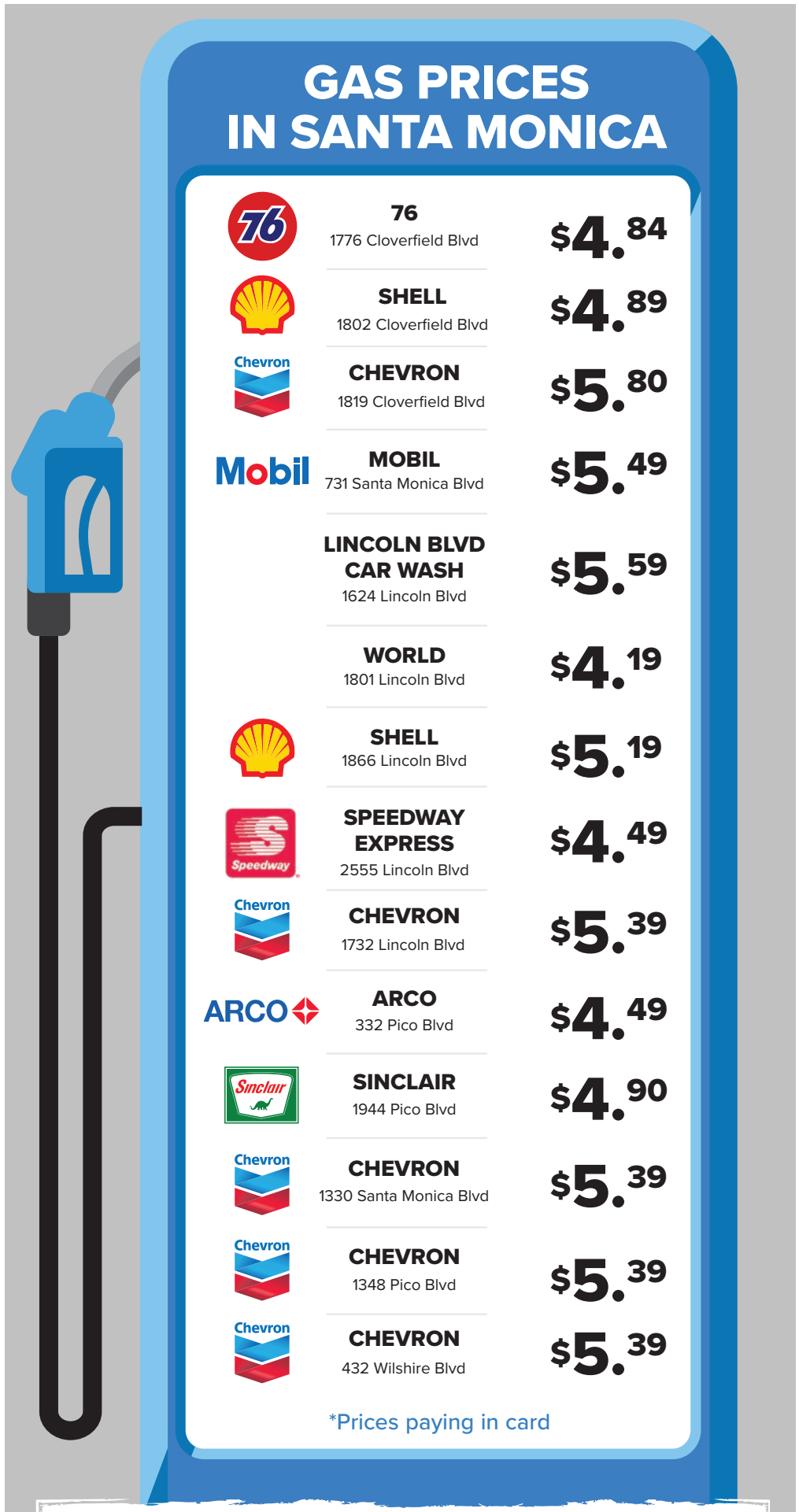
About half of those who say a woman should be able to get an abortion for any reason also say their state should not allow abortion after 24 weeks of pregnancy and about one-quarter say their state should not allow abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy.

But the vast majority of Americans — more than 8 in 10 — continue to say abortion should be legal in extreme circumstances, such as when a patient's life would be endangered by continuing the pregnancy. About 8 in 10 say the same about a pregnancy caused by rape or incest or when a fetal anomaly would prevent the child from surviving outside the womb.

National bans on abortion are broadly unpopular: Around 8 in 10 Americans say Congress should not pass a federal law banning abortion. About three-quarters say there should not be a federal law banning abortion at six weeks, and 6 in 10 oppose a federal law banning abortion at 15 weeks.

Most Republicans — about two-thirds,

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Average gasoline prices in Los Angeles have fallen 1.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging $4.70/g today, according to GasBuddy's survey of 2,135 stations in Los Angeles. Prices in Los Angeles are 14.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago and stand 25.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 3.6 cents in the last week and stands at $3.81 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Los Angeles was priced at $3.87/g yesterday while the most expensive was $5.89/g, a difference of $2.02/g. The lowest price in the state yesterday was $3.49/g while the highest was $6.69/g, a difference of $3.20/g.

The national average price of gasoline is unchanged in the last week, averaging $3.46/g today. The national average is up 3.7 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 5.5 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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GALLERY

FROM PAGE 1

"Any place where you can sell your art and get 100% of what it sells for, that just doesn't exist except in co-ops," said gallery artist Sara Cron, who has been with the cohort for 28 of its 30 years.

> If COVID had happened when we were in our little space, we would not have been able to stay in business, because (we were) so small
>
> - Sara Cron, gallery artist

The SMASH parent group were originally "just looking for a place to show their work," finding a small space on Main on a month-to-month rental. After being at the old Main location for 25 years, artists knew the building was "living on borrowed time," and when closure occurred in 2019, some left the collective while others worked to procure the 2719 Main location.

Moving shops was a blessing in disguise, as the COVID-19 pandemic would have wiped out the longstanding tradition.

"If COVID had happened when we were in our little space, we would not have been able to stay in business, because (we were) so small," Cron explained. "As soon as someone walked in, you weren't six feet (apart) ... we shut down for two months, (thanks to) our landlord who is just a godsend to us, for the first two months we didn't really have to pay anything ... I think one of the reasons why they let us in and are so great is because we're not going anywhere."

The gallery remains standing because of its commitment to strong art from both up-and-coming names in the local scene and the remaining veterans like Cron. When an artist wishes to leave the co-op, another joins the fray via a jury selection process, keeping solid standards for the gallery. One of the reasons an artist may not make the cut is to keep variety alive and well, as the gallery seeks to avoid too much of the same type of piece, such as jewelry.

"(It's) to be respectful of each other's work, so we might say, your work is really great, but we can't invite you right now, if this artist leaves, then we'll give you a call," Cron added.

The variety is apparent as one enters the gallery, seeing everything from pottery and glass works to wall art and a collection of custom postcards. Some of the current highlights include Trace Palmer's "Karma Kulture" hand-blown glass jewels, crafting glass jewelry such as necklaces work by the likes of Sharon Stone and Lisa Kudrow. Also in the gallery is fiber artist Monika Kwiet, who transforms wool and cashmere garments into colorful creations like birds and flowers.

More high-end pieces also exist in Ten Women's sister store at 1128 Montana Avenue, which allows the female collective to cover the entire Santa Monica area. No matter the space in which someone purchases art, the power of womanhood persists in every Ten Women piece, a "supportive" environment Cron has felt lucky to be a part of.

"Women are just really supportive, we're really comfortable with each other ... it's like a sisterhood," Cron said. "Any one of these women I could reach out to at any time, and we give each other advice ... it's just really like a family."

To celebrate 30 years, the gallery will be hosting an anniversary party on July 20 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., giving locals a chance to mix and mingle with the artists. For more information, visit tenwomengallery.com.

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GALLERY: The variety of works at Ten Women Gallery on Main Street has kept the co-op thriving three decades into business.

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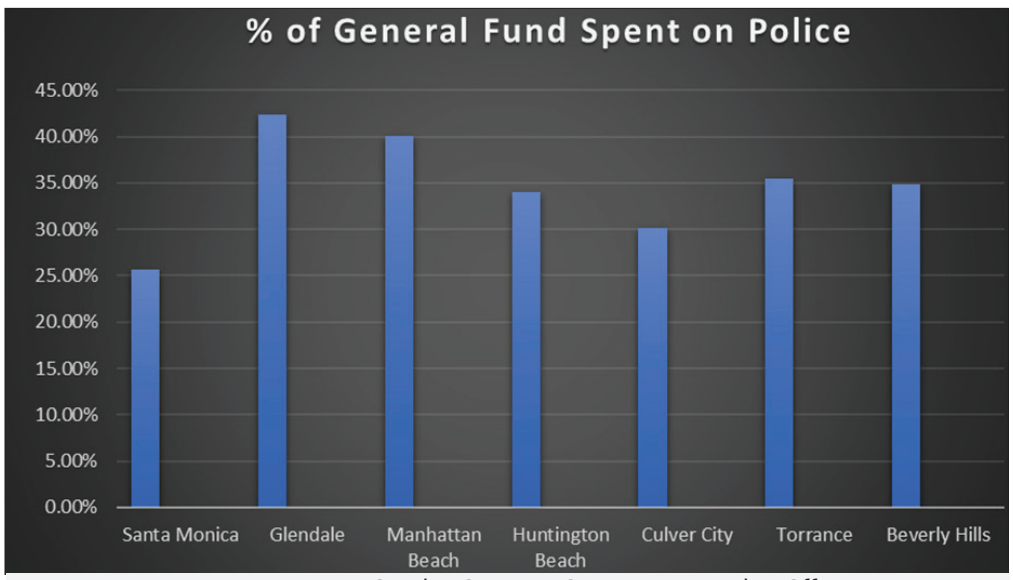
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POLICE

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POLICE: The amount of city general funds spent on police differs in local Los Angeles departments.

feeling safe (and spending money) in our business districts.

The proposed budget for the Santa Monica Police Department is nearly $118 million for 2024-25 which is no small amount of money. But think about it like this, if Santa Monica committed the same amount of its budget to keep its residents, businesses and visitors safe as Glendale or Manhattan Beach, the Santa Monica Police budget would be $194 million as compared to Glendale and $183 million as compared to Manhattan Beach! This represents a whopping $76 million dollar shortfall compared to Glendale! Even if you compared it to the Culver City budget it would represent over a $20 million dollar shortfall.

I was shocked by what the numbers revealed; that we are out of step with nearly every comparable city around- Torrance, Huntington Beach, and even Berkeley, CA have made a commitment to appropriate police funding that we have not. Miami Beach, Florida is one of the few like cities in the country that is comparable to Santa Monica in terms of a high-profile destination, large beach, multiple shopping destinations, number of residents (87,000), and size of the budget. Even they commit more of the budget in actual dollars and as a percentage of the general fund to their Police Department than Santa Monica. They also field nearly 400 officers!

When delving into this I speculated the less money you spend on your police department the higher the crime rate in your city would be and in terms of violent crime that correlation matches nearly perfectly with the 8 cities examined. Glendale spent the most on their police department and had the lowest incidents of violent crimes per 1,000 residents. Santa Monica spent the least and guess what? You're right! They had the most incidents of violent crime. Other than Beverly Hill and Hunting Beach swapping the 4 and 5 positions on spending and violent crimes, there was nearly a perfect correlation between violent crime and the percentage of the budget committed to the police departments. The less you spend on police, the more violent crime you get. Who would have guessed?!

For the Police Officers Association, it's not just about the money, but the reality is that money equals officers and officers offer more of an opportunity to prevent crime before it happens, rather than to just respond to crime. By looking at comparable cities it shows that, without question, cities are safer when they appropriately fund their police department. It is literally, a harm reduction program.

This is no money grab by the Police Officers Association. SMPOA has worked with the City in adding private security on the Pier, in the downtown parking structures, in the Downtown area in general and on the Big Blue Bus. SMPOA members fully backed and assisted in standing up all of the following programs; Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI), the Department of Mental Health clinicians working alongside officers in the field, the Salvation Army Mental Health Teams, the C3 Mental Health and Homeless Outreach Teams, HaMSTER Outreach Teams and the Therapeutic Transport Van.

As of now the Police Chief has been asked to present to City Council what he believes he needs to be successful. In other words, the Chief will now have to fight with other department heads to pick the bones of scraps knowing that any request he makes means less for other departments, effectively pitting him against all other department heads. A pretty unenviable position to be in. The fight over whether it's appropriate to divert $2-$3.5 million to the police shouldn't be the shockwave felt around the City. Even in the best-case comparison that still leaves the police budget between$17 million and $73 million short of what other cities' funding levels are.

Let me be clear, Santa Monica is by no means an unsafe city, but the reality is with a Police Department funded to the same levels as other cities it could be safer. By underfunding the Police Department we are hurting the residents, the visitors, and the businesses. The facts are the facts. How we prioritize and respond to the facts is vitally important and we should not have to position our Chief against other departments to keep this community safe. Getting the funding level of the Police Department right is of utmost importance. The fact Santa Monica has so underfunded its police department and expects the results to be anything different than what we are currently getting is the shockwave that should ripple across this community.

Cody Green, Chairman, Santa Monica Police Officers Association

HEALTH NUT

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for four of our top selling dressing flavors. And we're in every Walmart in the country. We're also in a lot of the regional stores, Target, Bristol Farms, Gelson's, Stater Brothers, Albertsons, and that started around two months ago," he said.

"Salad is salad at the end of the day. Right? Chicken is chicken and lettuce is lettuce but as fresh as it can be, if your dressings aren't up to par, it's not going to taste good," Choi said, adding, "My mom created five fundamental flavors that I think are different enough that you could apply them to almost anything, but they're all so uniquely good. For instance, our spicy Asian dressing, which is quickly becoming our most popular."

Choi (44) himself is born and bred in the Los Angeles area having grown up in the Koreatown district after his parents moved to the US. He went on to study business at Berkeley and UCLA.

The site at 1447 Lincoln Blvd is close to other outlets selling alternative daytime provisions like Jersey Mike's, La Purépecha and Bay Cities Italian Deli and with all of the construction going, Health Nut is poised to be in the right place at the right time, a year or so from now..

However, the store was actually supposed to open in the spring of 2023 and anyone wandering past will have almost certainly seen posters on wooden boarding surrounding the site, which was formerly a Starbucks. That got pushed back to the summer of 2023, then the spring of 2024 and now, finally the summer.

"We had issues related both to the city and the construction process. There are some issues with the architect upfront, but that also had to do a lot with what the city was requiring and us wanting to get through permits in an expedited fashion," Choi said, adding, "So there's a lot of things that I think could have gone better from the very get-go. But a lot of that has to do with trying to navigate the city of Santa Monica. And it's tricky because they're their own jurisdiction.

"We've been told multiple times that, 'I know you've been delayed, so has everyone else, but we have 26 other projects ahead of you. And so you just have to wait.' And because they're short staffed, we're at the whim of their schedule of the inspectors that would get assigned to us," Choi said.

"So if they were a no-show for whatever reason, if they went on vacation for example, there were no backups, there were no alternatives. We just had to wait. And so especially toward the back end of the process when construction was done and we're just waiting for inspection to happen, there were quite a bit of delays just because of that," he added.

"We just couldn't wait to open and we're so grateful that we finally were able to," said Choi.

The menu at Health Nut includes salads, sandwiches, soups and more inbetween. It's located on the northeast corner of the Broadway and Lincoln Blvd intersection and is open Mon-Sat 10am to 8pm, but closed on Sundays. Check out the menu at healthnutla.com.

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BALLOT

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PROPOSITION 36

This would make the crime of shoplifting a felony for repeat offenders and increase penalties for some drug charges, including those involving the synthetic opioid fentanyl. It also would give judges the authority to order those with multiple drug charges to get treatment.

Proponents said the initiative is necessary to close loopholes in existing laws that have made it challenging for law enforcement to punish shoplifters and drug dealers.

Opponents, including Democratic state leaders and social justice groups, said the proposal would disproportionately imprison poor people and those with substance use issues rather than target ringleaders who hire large groups of people to steal goods for them to resell online.

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California now has mandatory water conservation in urban areas: How will the new rules affect your supplier

RACHEL BECKER
Special to the Daily Press

Despite California's perpetual struggles with water shortages, state regulators today adopted mandatory conservation measures that are substantially weaker and save less water than they originally planned.

The rules, years in the making, were mandated by a package of laws that tasked state agencies with making "water conservation a California way of life." They force 405 cities and other urban water suppliers serving about 95% of Californians to meet individualized water budgets that decline over time.

The regulations, adopted unanimously by the State Water Resources Control Board today, usher in a new phase of mandatory conservation for California. They set long-term targets for water use that aim to account for myriad regional differences, from climate to ownership of llamas and other livestock.

> Water suppliers will need to develop and implement new programs that require long-term customer behavior change and significant investments
> - Chelsea Haines

The water board's initial proposal — unveiled last year and estimated to cost $13.5 billion at the time — faced an onslaught of criticism from water suppliers and state analysts who called the rules too costly and difficult to achieve. In March, the state water agency revised its proposal to delay enforcement of the conservation targets and extend the timeline for tightening the water budgets based on outdoor residential use.

Individual residents won't be regulated — only suppliers, who must meet their conservation targets or face fines or other penalties. The costs of complying through 2050 are now estimated at $4.7 billion — which is largely expected to be passed onto ratepayers — but water agencies and their customers will also save about $6.2 billion, in large part from buying less water, according to the agency's analysis.

Water board staff estimate that through 2040 the measures will save 1.7 million acre feet — enough to supply almost half the state's population for a year. That's about 73% less than the earlier proposal, which would have saved 6.3 million acre feet through 2040, staff told CalMatters. Through 2050, the savings could reach about 3.9 million acre-feet — more than a year's supply for the state's entire population.

Local water providers told the board that the targets will still be difficult to meet, and warned that the costs could hit low- and fixed-income members of their communities especially hard. They urged the board to provide more technical assistance and funding. Still, many applauded the changes, which they said will soften impacts to customers and communities.

"Water suppliers will need to develop and implement new programs that require long-term customer behavior change and significant investments," Chelsea Haines of the Association of California Water Agencies, which represents more than 450 public agencies, told CalMatters. "It's an unprecedented approach that will require a level of commitment that we've never seen before."

But environmental groups and lawmakers say the weakened rules reduce and delay the water conservation that the drought-plagued state needs.

"Failing to prepare is preparing to fail," said Heather Cooley, director of research at the Pacific Institute, a global water think-tank. "While surface reservoirs are full now, I think there's a tendency to forget about water scarcity and drought."

The authors of the bills that required mandatory conservation rules — former state Sen. Bob Hertzberg and Assemblymember Laura Friedman from Burbank — said in a March opinion piece that the water board's changes "trample on the hard-won work that's been done so far by allowing water utilities until 2035 or later to implement meaningful reductions."

"The State Water Resources Control Board has decided to kick the can of California's water future down the road at a time when we can least afford such inaction," Friedman told CalMatters after the vote, adding that California must invest more in water efficiency or be forced to spend billions on wastewater recycling and desalination.

Water board Chairman Joaquin Esquivel said "this is not a perfect regulation. We can never have a perfect regulation. But it is a significant one and moves us into a direction here into the future that we can all be proud of — and that is nation-leading."

"The arc of conservation in this state has been an incredible one. Californians know that conservation is critical," he said during the meeting. "What this creates is really a floor. And importantly, it's not a policy in isolation."

Although the rules were changed multiple times before they came up for a vote today, the fundamental concept remains the same. Each local agency's water budget is calculated from a combination of standards for indoor and outdoor water use at residences, certain commercial landscapes and losses like leaks. Other factors, such as livestock and recycled water, are also taken into account.

Suppliers must to meet targets through a combination of rebates encouraging thriftier

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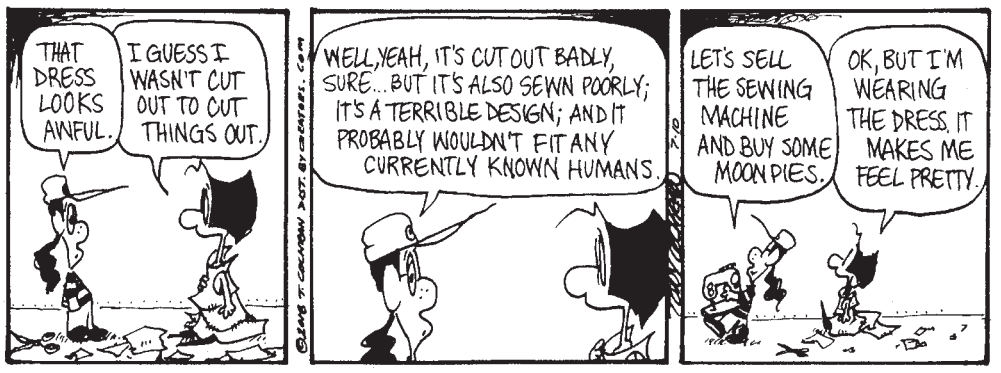


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WATER: An LA Fitness location near the Ballona Wetlands in the Playa Vista neighborhood of Los Angeles on June 4, 2024.

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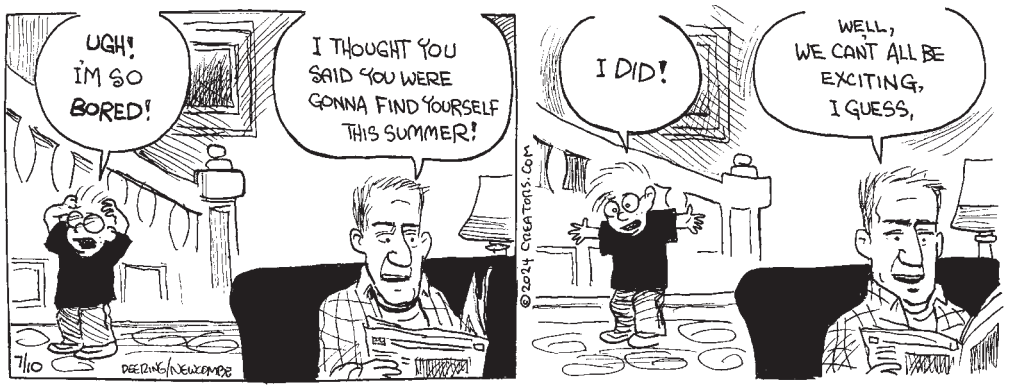
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Bike	Fish and chips	Incense	Snacks
Books	Flute	Jams	Spend
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A year that enriches your life with transformative experiences. A long-running pattern will come to a fitting conclusion. What drops into its place will be vibrant; feelings of greater health and vitality accompany the change. More highlights: an adorable pet, a fascinating study that brings you chances to speak, publish and advance, and laughter-filled gatherings. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 39, 2, 41 and 20.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be even more observant than usual, and this will be key to the new systems and circumstances you'll create going forward. You'll gain an understanding of something you missed before. It's easier to solve problems when you have a fuller context.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your keen instinct will bring you good luck. Sometimes, it will keep you from being impulsive, and other times, it will have you making the move before you're conscious of it, which is the very essence of impulsiveness. Either way, you can trust it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When words and emotions are withheld, they act like logs jammed in a river, causing blockages and turbulence. You'll speak your feelings and it removes obstructions, restoring a peaceful sense of flow to the scene.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The way you operate in the world brings cheer to all. You slip into the sort of mood that is sure to lead to uplifting conversations, playful interactions and extremely satisfying exchanges.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're looking for a respectable game and your sportsmanship is on point. This applies to relationships as well, especially romantic ones. You prefer not to think of love as a game, but you must admit there are more and less effective ways to play it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will collaborate very well with someone with complementary skills, strengths and weaknesses, too. Learning to depend on others will be part of this, or more likely learning who you can depend on and weeding out the flakey ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Self-consciousness is an invisible weight pressing on your mind. But you are not the best one to observe how you appear and act. This is why a camera needs distance from its subject. Greater distance means more of the subject can get into the frame.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because you set your own limits and live within them, your success will be sweet, swift and honorable. Even so, it can take some time to figure out exactly which actions and rhythms are sustainable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your life is not a solitary journey but an adventure you share with countless others, some of whom you'll never meet. Understanding that you belong to something larger and are part of a complex, interconnected web of relationships will be profoundly liberating.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's said that attitude is everything, and it will be proven today when your mindset and approach to a problem will make all the difference in the outcome. What you do for your body and mind will contribute to your attitude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You know that relationships are give-and-take, but you really don't feel like taking. Of course, you'll only be able to give until the supply runs out. So if you want to keep giving, you have to take, too!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Whether you feel proud of the past or you have some less comfortable feeling about it, there's one thing that it is - over. So there's no reason to let your opinion about it color what's going on today, unless you enjoy those colors.

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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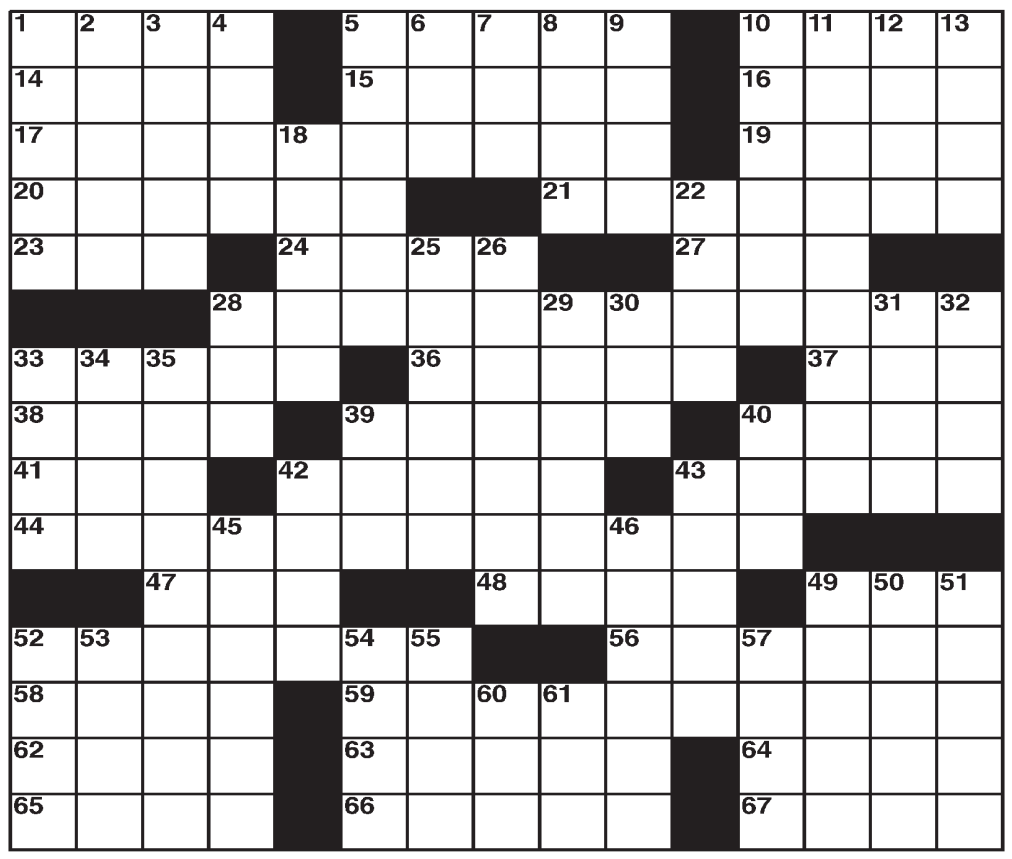
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ACROSS

1 Sloppy condition
5 Holy __ (Last Supper cup)
10 Lasting mark
14 Curved doorway
15 Perform better than
16 Nautical greeting
17 Burger meat
19 Barn-topping device
20 Briefly stated principles
21 Every so often
23 Mural or portrait
24 Bread buy
27 Weed-removing tool
28 Pungent chili ingredient
33 Church steeple
36 Crawled along
37 Right-angle shape
38 Bowler's targets
39 State-run numbers game
40 Sport played on ponies
41 List-shortening abbr.
42 Damascus' nation
43 Multicolored spring flower
44 Canapé topping of organ meat
47 Mermaid's home
48 Grandchild of Eve
49 Public health agcy.
52 Furnished with party food
56 Napoli's nation
58 "It's my turn"
59 Pungent tomato sauce ingredient
62 Weighty book
63 Extremely amazed
64 Long-gone flightless bird
65 __ out a living (scraped by)
66 Dragged from behind
67 Informal "Understand?"

DOWN

1 Volcanic outflow
2 Mistake
3 F. __ Fitzgerald
4 Close securely
5 Sponsored boy at baptisms
6 __ the wrong way (irritate)
7 Ingested
8 Creative notion
9 Barn's space for hay
10 Rescuer
11 Color-changing lizard
12 Top-notch
13 Sandwich breads
18 "Honest!"
22 The thing over there
25 Diplomatic agreement
26 Nicely productive, as farm soil
28 Miss after matrimony, maybe
29 Keep from leaving
30 Mail hub: Abbr.
31 Adversities
32 Become overdone
33 Design detail
34 Essential part
35 Dressed for Halloween
39 Strong drain cleaner
40 Word on golf scorecards
42 Box for practice
43 Green sauce
45 Took a quick look
46 Rendered invalid
49 Ad business awards
50 Two-element semiconductor
51 Boat to paddle
52 Quote from
53 Run __ (go wild)
54 Revise, as writing
55 T. Rex, for instance
57 Soup can painter Warhol
60 Sound from a crow
61 Lamb's mom



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HEAT

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events such as seizures.

"The body has a mechanism where (it) balances the heat gain with the heat loss," said Dr. Wally Ghurabi, Medical Director of the Emergency Department at UCLA Health Santa Monica. "We have mechanisms like evaporation (from) sweating, doing stuff to keep our temperature within normal limits, but the ones that we really worry about a lot is what we call heat stroke ... because (people's) mind doesn't work (with body) temperature in the 104 to 106 range."

At the UCLA medical center, victims of heat stroke and other heat-related illnesses are put into "cold water immersion," placing the body into cold water tubs and putting beds of ice in places where heat production is "maximal," like under the armpit. Ghurabi added that those under the influence of drugs stand a tougher time, as some drugs (including standard medications) can raise body temperatures, particularly those in the stimulants category. To remedy these illnesses, the doctor recommends wearing light-colored clothing and staying out of the sunlight as much as possible.

One factor that makes Santa Monica's summer situation a little less dire is its status as a beachside locale, bringing more skin-cooling wind into the equation.

"You don't have to sweat as much ... when the wind hits your skin, it cools it down ... we're blessed to be on the beachside, that wind is very helpful in decreasing our temperature (of) our skin, and in turn, will help our core (body) temperature coming to a lower degree," Ghurabi said.

Heat came into the spotlight this past weekend across California, including high temperatures well into the 120s at Death Valley National Park that caused a heat exposure-related death to a visitor, as well as another hospitalization. Palm Springs' version of July 4 fireworks was hitting a toasty 124 degrees, breaking the city's all-time heat record. The northern part of the state was also scorching, with the city of Redding recording a record 119-degree day on July 7.

Another ill effect of the heat is the threat of wildfires, including one just outside Los Angeles County. On July 7, the Vista Fire began in the San Bernardino National Forest, a blaze that has zero containment as of Tuesday afternoon and has burned through 1,295 acres thus far.

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HEAT: Temperatures will continue to stay in the upper 70s throughout the remainder of the summer, prompting messages of safety from local health officials.

WATER

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landscapes and appliances, and rate changes penalizing thirstier water users.

A previous, more stringent version of the rule carried the hefty price tag of around $13.5 billion from lost revenues and the costs of funding rebates, infrastructure improvements and other conservation measures. Benefits from having to buy less water or scrounge for expensive new supplies were tallied around $15.6 billion.

At the time, the state's Legislative Analyst questioned whether the costs were truly worth the benefits. "These doubts are particularly worrisome given we find that suppliers will face notable challenges complying with these requirements," a January report said.

But water board staff told CalMatters that the staggering costs and elevated benefits were in part due to an accounting error. Combined with policy changes and new data, the latest cost estimate is about $4.7 billion, while the benefits will drop to about $6.2 billion.

Water regulators revised the proposal to delay enforcement of the conservation targets by two years, until 2027, and extend the deadline for ramping down outdoor water use by five years, starting in 2035.

The rules also provide alternatives for the water suppliers that must make substantial cuts. Those required to reduce use by more than 20%, and who serve communities with household incomes below the state median, could cut use by only 1% per year and still comply, provided they meet other requirements. Those facing cuts of more than 30% could cut use by only 2% per year.

More than a third of suppliers serving about 42% of the state's population will not need to change their water use to meet the 2035 standards — up from 18% under a previous version, according to state data. And 31% serving about 12.5 million people will be able to continue their current practices through 2040.

Gov. Gavin Newsom has called for Californians in cities and towns to cut water use by about 500,000 acre-feet a year starting by 2030. Under the new rules, Californians are expected to be saving about 235,000 acre-feet of water a year 20 years later, in 2050.

But a water board analysis reported that, combined with current conservation levels and other efforts, the new rules are "estimated to save levels of water consistent with (Newsom's) goal."

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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

NIGHT MARKET AT THE BUNGALOW
A special edition of Night Market at The Bungalow, 101 Wilshire Blvd., runs from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. as Grammy-award winning artist DJ Pee .Wee, also known as Anderson.Paak, will mesmerize the crowd with a DJ set. The event, featuring Paak's brand SelvaRey and AMASS' Summer Water rosé Pizzolato is a ticketed event with all proceeds supporting .Paak House. Olivia, Paak's co-owned vegetarian restaurant, will tantalize taste buds with their Korean-Mexican pizzas and bites. Entrance fee $20.

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.

SATURDAY | JULY 13

COMPOST GIVEAWAY AT CITY YARDS
Join City of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery and Recycling's quarterly compost giveaway at City Yards, 2500 Michigan Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please bring gloves and containers if you're picking up compost - a limited supply of bags are available. This is a self-service event so please be prepared to load your own compost.

BALCONY & CONTAINER GARDEN WORKSHOP
Beth Crosse and Joy Tucker, University of California Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners since 2017, will host a special free presentation on container gardening, beginning at 12 p.m. at Main Street Community Garden, 2318 Main St.

ABORTION

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according to the survey — say a nationwide abortion ban should not happen.

On the campaign trail, Trump has courted anti-abortion voters by highlighting his appointment of three Supreme Court justices who helped overturn Roe. But his strategy on abortion policy has been to defer to the states, an attempt to find a more cautious stance on an issue that has become a major vulnerability for Republicans since the 2022 Dobbs decision.

Despite Trump's statements, Penny Johnson, 73, from Sherman Oaks, California, said she is still afraid Republicans might pursue a national abortion ban if they win the White House and Congress in November.

The poll of 1,088 adults was conducted June 20-24, 2024, using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population.

The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 4.0 percentage points.

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