3
Bank of America
Fined for overcharging.

5
Crime Watch
Sweet theft.

11
Surf Report
Plus weather.

WEDNESDAY
07.12.23

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

Volume 22 Issue 202

smdp.com

City still has a way to go to achieve Vision Zero commitment by 2026

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

Local officials have plans to help protect pedestrians on Santa Monica's streets but questions persist over the amount of effort, and money, required to implement those ideas.

During the City Council meeting held on March 21, Councilmembers Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick requested that the City Council direct the City Manager to report back in 60 days on the cost and timeline for the implementation of a pilot program augmenting the city's Vision Zero plan with safety-enhancing signal improvements at select intersections.

Councilmember Phil Brock proposed a friendly amendment to expand the pilot program to look at intersections that are not signaled that could maybe use traffic enhancements. The motion, with amendments, was unanimously approved by voice vote with all members present.



SMDP Photo

PEDESTRIANS: The city is considering changes to intersections to protect people crossing the street.

The plan given to Council this week includes: safety-enhancing signal improvements at select intersections, banning "right on red" at all pedestrian "scramble" diagonal crossings in Downtown Santa Monica; reprogramming traffic signals to operate on "pedestrian recall" (a timing function that causes a walk phase to activate automatically every cycle); the utilization of a "leading pedestrian interval" — or LPI — (which gives pedestrians a few seconds head start when entering an intersection with a corresponding green signal in the same direction of travel) at 10 priority intersections together with more effective utilization of data on frequency of pedestrian use.

The Vision Zero initiative itself was adopted in February 2016 and the aim was to bring the number of fatal and severe injury crashes on our streets down to zero by 2026. As the City's website says, "The City's Vision Zero commitment is part of a global initiative to promote safety and awareness of all users who share our roadways and will continue to be a resource for the community to learn about

SEE **VISION ZERO** PAGE 7

Los Angeles police ask for help solving wine theft

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Los Angeles Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating the suspects in a multi-thousand dollar wine heist.

Lincoln Fine Wines was subjected to a brazen burglary on June 29. The incident, captured by security cameras, showed an unidentified individual wearing a mask, dark hoodie, and red-billed baseball cap meticulously selecting and stealing over 600 bottles of fine wines worth an estimated $700,000.

According to LAPD, the suspect pulled up to the store around 11:40

SEE **WINE** PAGE 6



Courtesy photo

THEFT: The suspect climbed onto the roof of the business.

Microsoft can move ahead with record $69 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard

MATT O'BRIEN
AP Technology Writer

A federal judge has handed Microsoft a major victory by declining to block its looming $69 billion takeover of Santa Monica based video game company Activision Blizzard. Regulators sought to ax the deal saying it will hurt competition.

U.S. District Judge Jacqueline Scott Corley said in a ruling that the Federal Trade Commission, which enforces antitrust laws, has not shown a likelihood it would prevail if it took the case to trial.

"The FTC has not raised serious questions regarding whether the proposed merger is likely to substantially lessen competition in the console, library subscription services, or cloud gaming markets," Corley wrote.

Microsoft appeared to have the upper hand in a 5-day San Francisco court hearing that ended late last month. The proceeding showcased testimony by Microsoft Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella and longtime Activision Blizzard CEO Bobby Kotick, who both pledged to keep Activision's blockbuster game Call of Duty available to people

SEE **MICROSOFT** PAGE 8



Gary Limjap
(310) 586-0339
In today's real estate climate ...
Experience counts!
garylimjap@gmail.com
www.garylimjap.com
COLDWELL BANKER
CalRE # 00927151

Buy Local
SANTA MONICA
buylocalsantamonica.com
Support your community!

BACK OR UNFILED
TAXES?
ALL FORMS • ALL TYPES • ALL STATES
SAMUEL B. MOSES, CPA
(310) 395-9922
100 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1800 • Santa Monica 90401

A grand jury sworn in Tuesday could decide whether Trump is charged over Georgia's 2020 election

KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

A grand jury that was sworn in Tuesday in Atlanta will likely consider whether criminal charges are appropriate for former President Donald Trump or his Republican allies for their efforts to overturn his 2020 election loss in Georgia.

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis has been investigating since shortly after Trump called Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger in early 2021 and suggested the state's top elections official could help him "find 11,780 votes," just enough needed to beat Democrat Joe Biden.

The 2 1/2-year investigation expanded to include an examination of a slate of Republican fake electors, phone calls by Trump and others to Georgia officials in the weeks after the 2020 election and unfounded allegations of widespread election fraud made to state lawmakers.

Willis, a Democrat, is expected to present her case before one of two new grand juries being seated Tuesday. She has previously suggested that any indictments would likely come in August.

Here's how that process would work:

WAIT. WASN'T THERE ALREADY A GRAND JURY IN THIS CASE?

Yes. About a year into her investigation, Willis took the unusual step of asking for a special grand jury. She said at the time that she needed the panel's subpoena power to compel testimony from witnesses who otherwise might not be willing to talk to her team. That special grand jury was seated in May 2022 and was released in January after completing its work.

It was essentially an investigative tool and didn't have the power to indict. Instead, it issued subpoenas and considered testimony from about 75 witnesses, as well as other evidence, before drafting a final report with recommendations for Willis.

While part of that report was made public in February, the judge overseeing the special grand jury said any recommendations on specific charges for specific people would remain secret for the time being. The panel's foreperson said in media interviews later that month that they recommended indicting numerous people, but she declined to name names.

Willis isn't bound by the special grand jury's recommendations.

WHO MIGHT WILLIS BE EYEING FOR POSSIBLE CHARGES?

Willis sent letters last summer warning certain people — including the state's fake electors and former New York mayor and Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani — that they could face charges in the case. Some of the fake electors have since reached immunity deals with Willis' team. While she hasn't said one way or the other whether she would seek charges against Trump, Willis has repeatedly said no one is above the law.

Willis is a fan of Georgia's Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, and there have been hints she'll use it in this case. The RICO Act allows prosecutors to bring charges against multiple people that they believe committed separate crimes while working toward a common goal.

HOW COMMON ARE REGULAR GRAND JURIES?

Very. There are generally two grand juries seated in Fulton County in each two-month term of court. They usually meet every week — one on Mondays and Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays and Fridays. Their work takes place behind closed doors, not open to the public or to news media.

Grand jurors must be U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old and must live in the county where they serve. Each grand jury is made up of 16 to 23 people and up to three alternates — at least 16 must be present for cases for the grand jury to hear any evidence or take any official action.

WHAT HAPPENED DURING GRAND JURY SELECTION?

A total of 96 potential grand jurors showed up at the Fulton County courthouse Tuesday. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney explained what a grand jury does and asked basic questions to the group to make sure everyone was eligible to serve.

McBurney then called on members of the group one by one and asked them to say whether they were "ready to serve" or if they had a hardship that should prevent them from serving. Afterward, McBurney, Willis and members of her team began meeting privately with people who cited a hardship to decide whether they would be excused.

Then McBurney read out 26 names — 23 grand jurors and three alternates — to serve on Grand Jury A, which will meet Mondays and Tuesdays, and 26 names for Grand Jury B, which will meet Thursdays and Fridays. It's unclear which one of those grand juries would hear Willis' election case.

The district attorney and her team then met with the grand jurors behind closed doors before McBurney returned to the room to swear in the grand jurors and give them instructions.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE CASE IS PRESENTED TO THE GRAND JURY?

Georgia law requires an indictment from a grand jury to prosecute someone in most felony cases — things like murder, aggravated assault, robbery and other crimes. When prosecutors present a case, they're trying to convince the grand jurors that there is probable cause that one or more people

SEE TRUMP PAGE 6

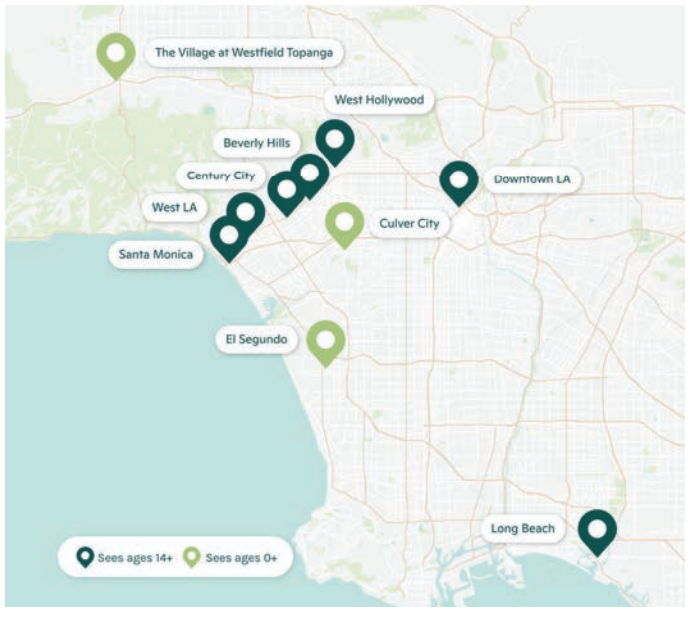
one medical

Avoid the 405 with 10 primary care offices



One Medical makes it easy to get in-person primary care and 24/7 virtual care for your body and mind. Visit us in our comfortable, modern offices or right from your phone — our providers will make you feel seen, heard, and cared for.

- 10 primary care offices in the area
- 24/7 on-demand virtual care via message or video
- Improved appointment lengths with minimal wait
- Request prescription refills via our app
- Simple referral process for specialists



Get $55* off your 1st year of membership with code: **SMDPOM**
Learn more at **onemedical.com/smdp**

*Terms & conditions apply

BofA hit with $250 million in fines and customer refunds for 'double-dipping' fees, fake accounts

KEN SWEET AND MICHELLE CHAPMAN
The Associated Press

Bank of America will reimburse customers more than $100 million and pay $150 million in fines for "double-dipping" on overdraft fees, withholding reward bonuses on credit cards and opening accounts without customer consent.

> Bank of America wrongfully withheld credit card rewards, double-dipped on fees, and opened accounts without consent
>
> - Rohit Chopra CFPB Director

Combined, it is one of the highest financial penalties in years against Bank of America, which has largely spent the last 15 years trying to clean up its reputation and market itself to the public as a bank focused on financial health and not on overdraft fee income and financial trickery.

BofA must refund $100 million to customers, pay $90 million in penalties to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and $60 million to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. "Bank of America wrongfully withheld credit card rewards, double-dipped on fees, and opened accounts without consent," said CFPB Director Rohit Chopra, in a statement. "These practices are illegal and undermine customer trust."

Empowered by a broad mandate from the White House, Chopra and the bureau have focused heavily in the past year on the issue of " junk fees " — fees charged to Americans that are often seen as unnecessary or exploitative by banks, debt collectors, airlines and concert venues. Banks such as BofA, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and others have been a target for the bureau under the Biden administration.

Part of the fines and penalties come because Bank of America had a policy of charging customers $35 after the bank declined a transaction because the customer did not have enough funds in their account, the CFPB said. The agency determined that the bank double-dipped by allowing fees to be repeatedly charged for the same transaction.

The fees often came when customers had routine monthly transactions, like a gym membership. If a customer had too low of a balance to cover the transaction, it would be declined and BofA would charge the customer a $35 fee. The business, who hasn't been paid, often would recharge the customer's account, resulting in another $35 non-sufficient funds fee.

The bank ended this practice last year, but will still have to repay customers who got charged before the policy was changed.

BofA has been cutting down on its reliance on overdraft fee revenue for more than a decade, and cut how much it charges customers for an overdraft to $15 last year. Brian Moynihan, the bank's CEO and chairman, told The Associated Press in 2022 that under these new policies, overdraft fee income was down 90% from 2021. The bank said that it voluntarily reduced overdraft fees and eliminated all non-sufficient fund fees in the first half of last year.

Bank of America also offered people cash rewards and bonus points when signing up for a card, but the CFPB said the bank illegally withheld promised credit card account bonuses.

The CFPB also found that, since at least 2012, Bank of America employees illegally applied for and enrolled consumers in credit card accounts without their knowledge or authorization. It is a similar to, but smaller than, a charge that was made against Wells Fargo, which paid billions in fines after it was determined that the San Francisco bank opened millions of unauthorized bank accounts in order to meet unrealistic sales goals.

In 2014 the CFPB ordered Bank of America to pay $727 million for illegal credit card practices. Last year it was ordered to pay a $10 million civil penalty over unlawful garnishments. Also in 2022, the CFPB and OCC fined Bank of America $225 million and required it to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in redress to consumers for botched disbursement of state unemployment benefits at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

FY23-24 Annual Paving Project
SP2680

Bids will only be accepted through the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL, ProcureNow or https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. They must be received by the specified date and time. Late bids will not be accepted. Please allow sufficient time for uploading of documents. The bid opening will be electronic, all submitted bids will be viewable by the public via ProcureNow immediately after bid close time.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: N/A

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $2,400,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 270 Calendar Days
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,250 Per Calendar Day

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an **Class A** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed proposals for

- **RFP: #366 PREVAILING WAGE & CERTIFIED PAYROLL MONITORING**
- **Submission Deadline Is September 7, 2023, at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the **CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL.** The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is ProcureNow (https://secure.procurenow.com/portal/santa-monica-ca). There is no charge for the RFP package.

Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

PUBLISHER
Ross Furukawa
ross@smdp.com

PARTNER
Todd James
todd@smdp.com

EDITOR IN CHIEF
Matthew Hall
matt@smdp.com

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS
Charles Andrews,
Jack Neworth,
David Pisarra.

CIRCULATION
Guadalupe Navarro
ross@smdp.com

Keith Wyatt
ross@smdp.com

STAFF WRITERS
Scott Snowden
scott.snowden@smdp.com

DIRECTOR OF ADVERTISING
Cindy Moreno
cindy@smdp.com

MARKETING MANAGER
Dina Araniva
dina@smdp.com

PRODUCTION
Esteban Inchaustegui
production@smdp.com

Julio Davalos
julio@smdp.com

Cristina Rios
cristina@smdp.com

AWARD WINNER

AWARD WINNER

Santa Monica Daily Press

1640 5th Street, Suite 218
Santa Monica, CA 90401
OFFICE (310) 458-PRESS (7737)
FAX (310) 576-9913

The Santa Monica Daily Press publishes Monday - Saturday with a circulation of 8,200 on weekdays and 8,000 on the weekend. The Daily Press is adjudicated as a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles and covers news relevant to the City of Santa Monica. The Daily Press is a member of the California Newspaper Publisher's Association, the National Newspaper Association and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce. The paper you're reading this on is composed of 100% post consumer content and the ink used to print these words is soy based. We are proud recipients of multiple honors for outstanding news coverage from the California Newspaper Publishers Association as well as a Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Award.

PUBLISHED BY NEWLON ROUGE, LLC

© 2019 Newlon Rouge, LLC, all rights reserved.

Sustainable Quality Awards WINNER

OPINIONS EXPRESSED are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the Santa Monica Daily Press staff. Guest editorials from residents are encouraged, as are letters to the editor. Letters to the Editor can be submitted to letters@smdp.com. Receipt of a letter does not guarantee publication and all content is published at the discretion of the paper. All letters and guest editorials are subject to editing for space and content. All submissions must include the author's name, address and phone number for the purposes of verification.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Text of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to Provide Incentives for Certain Housing Projects That Filed an Application Prior to Implementation of the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Introduction and first reading of an ordinance amending the text of the Zoning Ordinance to provide incentives for certain housing projects that filed an application prior to implementation of the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element. More specifically, the following local incentives would allow:

1) A 15% inclusionary requirement for the development of off-site affordable housing units, giving the owners more flexibility to pool off-site affordable housing units into one 100% affordable housing project to satisfy off-site inclusionary requirements for multiple market-rate projects;

2) The grant of State Density Bonus waivers and concessions for the market rate projects as if the off-site units were provided on-site; and

3) An increase in the Downtown Community Plan maximum parking requirement from 0.5 to 1.0 spaces.

The local incentives would apply to new housing projects with applications filed between June 1, 2023 and two years after the effective date of the proposed ordinance located on parcels that meet the following criteria:

1) A preliminary application was filed for a housing development project pursuant to Government Code Section 65941.1 between September 30, and October 13, 2022; and

2) The preliminary application asserted eligibility for processing under the "builder's remedy" provision of the Housing Accountability Act, Government Code Section 65859.5(d).

As explained more fully in the proposed ordinance, the incentives, with the exception of the "parking" incentive, would terminate and be of no further force and effect upon issuance of administrative approvals for 965 "additional units". For purposes of the proposed ordinance, "additional units" means the total amount of units provided by one or more eligible projects, including market rate, affordable, on-site and off-site units, that exceed the collective unit capacity allocated to the properties associated with eligible project subject to the proposed ordinance under the Suitable Sites Inventory for the City's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Housing Element.

COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Council will be asked to consider compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), including whether to adopt a finding that no subsequent environmental review is required pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section15162 based on a determination that the adoption of development incentives as set forth in the proposed ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance was analyzed as part of the 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element Environmental Impact Report (EIR) [SCH No. 2020100575] that was certified by the City Council on October 12, 2021 with an Addendum to the EIR approved by the City Council on October 11, 2022.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 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: Housing Projects Development Incentives Ordinance

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 Roxanne Tanemori at (310) 458-2200 ext 8202, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@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.

Los Angeles Times owners sell San Diego Union-Tribune to publishing powerhouse

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The owner of the Los Angeles Times has sold sister paper The San Diego Union-Tribune to MediaNews Group, which owns hundreds of papers around the country, the paper announced Monday.

The decision comes after the LA Times announced last month that it was cutting 74 jobs — 13% of its newsroom positions — to deal with financial difficulties.

> Our intention now is to focus on the ongoing work of transforming the L.A. Times into a self-sustaining institution
> - Patrick Soon-Shiong

The Union-Tribune, which covers the second-largest city in California, will now be owned by the same chain that owns a slew of Southern California newspapers. The parent company is Alden Global Capital, a New York hedge fund that has been buying up newspapers across the country and faced criticism for slashing budgets and cutting jobs.

The new owner is offering employee buyouts through next Monday and may lay people off, the Union-Tribune reported. Sharon Ryan, executive vice president of California for MediaNews Group, said in an email to employees that cutbacks will be needed to "offset the slowdown in revenues as economic headwinds continue to impact the media industry," the paper reported. Efforts will be made to make cuts away from the newsroom, the email said.

The LA Times and Union-Tribune were purchased in 2018 by billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong and his family for $500 million from Chicago-based Tribune Publishing. The Union-Tribune sale was completed Monday, according to a memo to staff members from the California Times president and chief executive officer, Chris Argentieri.

The price of the sale wasn't disclosed.

"Our intention now is to focus on the ongoing work of transforming the L.A. Times into a self-sustaining institution," Patrick Soon-Shiong said in a statement contained in Argentieri's memo. "Our hometown of Los Angeles and the state of California – really, the West Coast – needs a strong, independent news organization. We believe in the L.A. Times and are committed to its future."

In his memo, Argentieri said the owners "have made a good faith effort to rebuild and support both news organizations."

"We hope that this change now will position both the L.A. Times and San Diego Union-Tribune to succeed," he wrote.

Argentieri didn't indicate the price of the sale and didn't indicate whether there will be any employee cuts at the Union-Tribune, which has 220 employees.

According to its website, Denver-based MediaNews Group owns 68 daily and more than 300 weekly publications throughout the United States, including the Denver Post, Mercury News of San Jose, Orange County Register, St. Paul Pioneer Press and the Boston Herald, with a combined monthly audience of more than 60 million print and online viewers.

The company, through its Southern California News Group, also owns the Los Angeles Daily News, Press-Enterprise of Riverside, Daily Breeze, Press-Telegram, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star-News, Whittier Daily News, San Bernardino Sun, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin and Redlands Daily Facts.

The news industry has been rocked in recent months by layoffs at news organizations including The Washington Post and National Public Radio. The decision for the LA Times to shed its sister paper came days after journalists at two dozen local newspapers across the U.S. walked off the job to demand an end to painful cost-cutting measures at Gannett, the country's biggest newspaper chain.

Gannett said the cuts aimed to address declining revenue amid a downturn in ad sales and customer subscriptions.

The newspaper industry has struggled for years with such challenges as advertising has shifted from print to digital, and readers have abandoned local newspapers for online sources of information and entertainment.

LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

Santa Monica Daily Press editor@smdp.com

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON JUNE 24 AT 2 AM

SMPD officers responded to an audible alarm at a business near the 900 block of Wilshire Blvd. Upon arrival they noticed the front door to the business was open and located a person in the lobby. The suspect, later identified as James Anderson, claimed to have entered the location to escape the cold. Evidence at the scene suggested the Anderson forcefully entered through the front door and while inside consumed a bowl of candy. Anderson was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for burglary.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Unsafe Skittles? Why California should ban toxic chemicals found in popular candy

BRIAN RONHOLM

Food companies shouldn't be allowed to sell products in the U.S. made with toxic chemicals while they sell the same products in other countries without them.

Yet that's exactly what happens with certain candies, baked goods and beverages. Manufacturers ship products with safer ingredients to other countries while the inferior versions containing harmful chemicals and additives are sold every day in America.

A bill by Assemblyman Jesse Gabriel, a Woodland Hills Democrat, would prohibit the use of five toxic chemicals found in candies such as Skittles and Sour Patch Kids. Recent scientific evidence has linked certain food additives to serious health problems, including higher risk of cancer, nervous system damage, hyperactivity and other neurological problems.

The risks posed by these five food chemicals – BVO, potassium bromate, propyl paraben, red dye No. 3 and titanium dioxide – are particularly concerning for children, who often consume these candies at higher rates than adults and whose developing bodies are particularly vulnerable to toxic exposure.

The proposal to ban them, Assembly Bill 418, was approved by the California Assembly in May but is now facing fierce industry opposition in the Senate.

Because of the health risks, these chemicals have been banned or severely restricted in the European Union and other countries. To continue selling their products there, food manufacturers replaced the toxic ingredients with readily available alternatives that are safer and, in some cases, more cost effective. However, they have continued using the banned chemicals in products sold in the U.S.

After AB 418 passed the Assembly by an overwhelming 54-12 vote, the food industry began blitzing the capital with an army of lobbyists to try to stop the bill in the Senate, arguing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has reviewed the safety of these ingredients and will take care of it without California needing to act.

However, the FDA is not required to reexamine additives once they are allowed on the market, so the last time some of these chemicals were assessed was almost 50 years ago.

For years, studies have highlighted the health risks posed by the dangerous additives that would be banned under AB 418. Given the FDA's ongoing failure to act, it's critical for states like California to protect consumers from harmful ingredients.

The industry is also pointing to a recent FDA blog post announcing how the agency intends to take a new approach to reviewing chemicals, which would make California's legislation unnecessary. However, the blog post provided few details, no deadlines and made no commitment for new resources. It merely stated that they would like to do more to review chemicals, but would need additional funding and authority from Congress.

The likelihood for that type of action is unclear, and consumers shouldn't have to wait.

Californians deserve to know that the food they purchase is safe to eat. State lawmakers should resist the food industry's misinformation campaign and prohibit companies from selling inferior products containing toxic chemicals in California.

Brian Ronholm is the director of food policy at Consumer Reports. This article was originally published by CalMatters.

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!

Santa Monica Daily Press office (310) 458-7737

FINDING A NEW DENTIST IS TOUGH!!!

(BUT WE MAKE IT EASY!!!)

YOUR CHOICE

If you don't like what we have to say we will give you a copy of your x-rays at no charge

DENTAL CARE WITHOUT JUDGEMENT!

WE OFFER UNIQUE SERVICES

*Nitrous Oxide available
*No interest payment plans
*Emergencies can be seen today
*Our dentists and staff members are easy to talk to

TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$20 EXAM INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

OR

TRY OUR NO OBLIGATION
$99 EXAM AND CLEANING
For New Patients
INCLUDES FULL XRAYS
*Offer to non insured patients

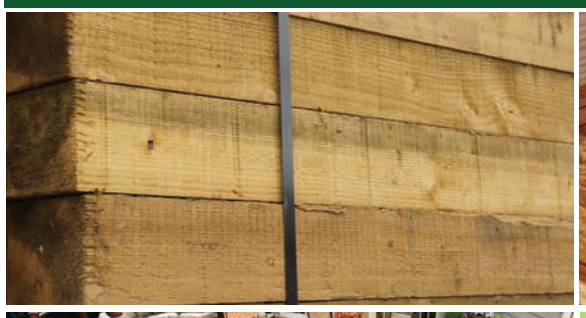
AND OF COURSE WE DO
• Invisalign • Periodontist on Staff • Oral Surgeon on Staff
• Cosmetics and Implants • Zoom bleaching • and more

SANTA MONICA FAMILY DENTISTRY
DR. ALAN RUBENSTEIN
1260 15th ST. SUITE #703
(310) 736-2589



WWW.ALANRUBENSTEINDDS.COM

LUMBER Bourget Bros. features a full service lumber yard, where everything from landscape timber to drywall will enhance the home of your dreams.





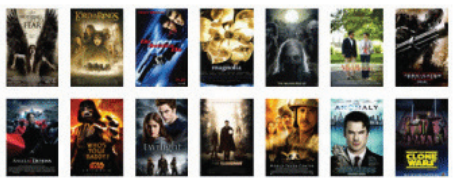
Standard and Custom Windows, Doors and Hardware Available

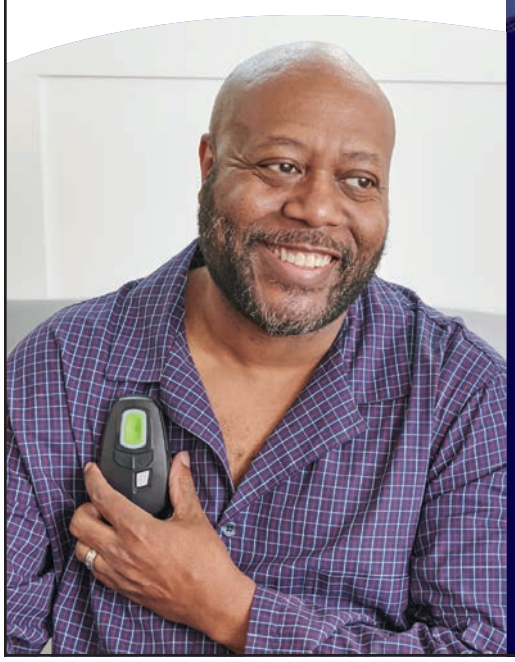



Bourget Bros. Building Materials
1636 - 11th Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404 • (310) 450-6556
bourgetbros.com

City of Santa Monica
WOODLAWN
Cemetery
Mausoleum
Mortuary
FD #2101
Helping families honor, remember, and celebrate life.

• Traditional Burial • Green/Natural Burial • Cremation
• Funeral Planning & Mortuary Services
ALL IN ONE LOCATION
1847 14th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404 ▪ (310) 458-8717 (on-call - 24/7)
woodlawn.cemetery@santamonica.gov ▪ www.woodlawnsm.com

Think Positive |+| for all your printing needs.
positive + existence
PRINTING & DESIGN EXPERTS

We've Moved!
1703 Stewart St., Santa Monica, CA 90404
POSTERS · TRADE SHOW · BROCHURES · MARKETING COLLATERAL
RESTAURANT PRINTING · CALENDARS · BANNERS · STATIONARY · SIGNAGE · VINYL BANNERS

Want to go from restless... to well rested?
Visit InspireSleepEvents.com to register for a free event.


Hear from doctors in your area about Inspire, a sleep apnea treatment that works inside your body.
No mask. No hose. Just sleep.™
Inspire is not for everyone. Talk to your doctor to see if it's right for you, and review important safety information at InspireSleep.com.
Inspire
Sleep Apnea Innovation

WINE

FROM PAGE 1

p.m., where they parked a newer, white, 4D, pickup truck with no license plates on Indiana Avenue west of Lincoln. An unknown suspect climbed on top of a white storage box positioned at the rear of the store.

Store owner Nazmul Haque said a rope allowed the thief to cut a hole through the ceiling into the climate-controlled wine cellar, where they spent most of their time. Despite the presence of numerous cameras and sensors inside the store, the absence of sensors in the cellar allowed the thief to avoid triggering an alarm until hours later when they entered the main store area. The exterior cameras had been manipulated to face a different direction, and some were covered with socks.

The suspect passed numerous items back through the hole in the ceiling to another unknown suspect. Both suspects fled the location at around 3:58 a.m. when the alarm was activated.

To aid in the capture of the culprits, Haque is offering a $10,000 reward for any information leading to their arrest. Additionally, he has shared a list of the stolen items with local auction houses and wine stores to prevent their illicit sale.

The theft prompted Haque to take immediate action to enhance security at his sister store, Haque's Bodega.

However, he remains committed to maintaining the open and impressive display that has become a hallmark of his stores, enabling customers to appreciate the exquisite wines he offers.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Pacific Area's Detective Twycross at (310) 482-6364. During non-business hours, or on weekends, calls should be directed to 1-877-LAPD-24-7 (877-527-3247). Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call the LA Regional Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477) or go directly to www.lacrimestoppers.org. Lastly, tipsters may also download the "P3 Tips" mobile application and select the LA Regional Crime Stoppers as their local program.

editor@smdp.com

TRUMP

FROM PAGE 2

committed crimes and to get the grand jurors to sign off on bringing charges against them.

For each case, prosecutors read or explain the potential indictment and then call witnesses or present any other evidence. Any witnesses who testify must swear an oath to tell the truth.

Often in Georgia, the only witnesses the grand jury hears from are law enforcement officers, including investigators for the district attorney's office. They can tell the grand jurors what they've learned in their investigation, including what suspects or witnesses have said and what other evidence they have.

Members of the grand jury are allowed to question witnesses.

In general, a person who is named as a defendant on the potential indictment cannot be called to testify before the grand jury.

HOW DO GRAND JURY DELIBERATIONS WORK?

After the case has been presented, only members of the grand jury can be in the room for deliberations. They discuss the case and vote on whether to return a "true bill" or a "no bill." A "true bill" means the grand jurors have voted to indict because they think there is probable cause to believe that the person accused committed the alleged crimes. A "no bill" means the grand jurors don't believe the person committed the alleged crimes or there isn't enough evidence to indict.

At least 16 grand jurors must participate in the voting, and an indictment requires 12 of them to vote in favor of charges.

The grand juror oath in Georgia requires jurors to "keep the deliberations of the Grand Jury secret unless called upon to give evidence thereof in some court of law of this State."

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER GRAND JURORS VOTE?

If a grand jury votes to bring charges, the indictment must be presented in open court by the grand jury or the sworn grand jury bailiff in a courtroom where a judge and the clerk are present. Then it is filed in the clerk's office and is a public document. Soon after that, those charged will be booked and have their first court appearances.

If the grand jury votes against indicting anyone, prosecutors can present the case again to a different grand jury. But if two grand juries vote not to indict on the same charges, prosecutors generally cannot try again to get an indictment on those charges.

IF TRUMP IS INDICTED, CAN HE STILL RUN FOR PRESIDENT?

Yes. Neither an indictment nor a conviction would prevent Trump from running for or winning the presidency in 2024.

He has already been indicted twice this year in other cases. He faces 34 felony charges in New York state court accusing him of falsifying business records in a hush money scheme over allegations of extramarital sexual encounters. And he faces 37 felony charges in federal court in Florida accusing him of hoarding classified documents and refusing government demands to give them back.

In addition, a Justice Department special counsel is investigating his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election in multiple states, as well as the events leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

GET IT DAILY...

VISION ZERO

FROM PAGE 1

safety related initiatives and infrastructure projects."

Proposed changes coincide with efforts locally and in the region to prepare for both the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the Olympics in 2028.

Staff said the current ideas are all proven to help protect people in crosswalks but they are not a panacea for traffic accidents.

"If you're asking, by deploying these three treatments, at every intersection in the city, will we achieve Vision Zero, I'm going to say no, it's going to take a whole lot more than just making modifications and traffic signals at certain intersections," says Jason Kligier, Mobility Manager for the City of Santa Monica.

For example, one component of the City's adopted plans includes the installation of LPIs at key intersections in the City where collision data indicates a high number of conflicts between vehicle drivers and pedestrians, plus cyclists and scooter riders.

According to the document, staff estimate that the level of effort to implement LPIs for all directions at an intersection is approximately 30 minutes per intersection since the task requires only staff time to adjust the signal timing in the field. However, on corridors where the traffic signals are coordinated, a new signal timing sheet will need to be prepared and may require retiming the entire corridor. In these cases, the cost is approximately $50,000 per corridor and 120 hours of staff time to review and implement.

Kligier stresses that there are a lot of different elements that need to be factored in when considering how to achieve the Vision Zero commitment by 2026.

"There are other legs to the stool, there's education and training and teaching our roadway users ... so that there's a greater level of understanding between drivers and cyclists and pedestrians and wheelchair users and transit users and scooter users," Kligier says.

"And the police department is responsible for the enforcement of the rules of the roads. We, in the Department of Transportation, design them and get community support and then roll them out. But there's also the enforcement and so all of those things work together to realize Vision Zero."

However, not every element of Santa Monica's road renaissance has met with overwhelming support. The new bike lane on 17th Street caused some controversy with opponents claiming it made the road more dangerous and supporters saying it made bike riding safer. While some see the pushback as purely a reluctance to change long-time car culture in favor of bicycle infrastructure, critics say the reality is more complex and that the City failed to address their concerns.

"So, the 17th Street bike lane project is not going to be removed," Kligier says, adding, "But we have heard a lot of constructive feedback from the community about how it could be improved and in the last few months, we have evaluated and implemented a lot of these suggestions."



SMDP Photo

SAFETY: The Vision Zero model calls for an elimination of road accidents and improvements to pedestrian/bike safety measures.

scott.snowden@smdp.com



Santa Monica Daily Press
Classifieds
FOR QUOTES PLEASE CALL 310-573-8074
or email cindy@smdp.com

CLASSIFICATIONS					
Announcements	Pets	Apartments/Condos	Real Estate Loans	Attorney Services	Wealth and Success
Creative	Boats	Rent	Storage Space	Business	Lost and Found
Employment	Jewelry	Houses for Rent	Vehicles for Sale	Opportunities	Personals
For Sale	Wanted	Roommates	Massage	Yard Sales	Psychic
Furniture	Travel	Commercial Lease	Services	Health and Beauty	Obituaries
	Vacation Rentals	Real Estate	Computer Services	Fitness	Tutoring

DBA

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER 2023132042 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/15/23 . The following person(s) is (are) doing business as The Malone Collective 1247 7th St. Suite 202 Santa Monica CA 90401.The full name of the registrant(s) is/are Santa Monica Collective Mind, INC. 1247 7th Street Suite 202 Santa Monica CA 90401 This Business is conducted by: A limited Liability Company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date) 06/2023 Registrant/Corp/ LLC Name /s/: Santa Monica Collective Mind, IncTitle:CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/15/23 NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish, 07/12/23,07/17/22,07/24/22, 07/31/22

CALL TODAY
AND PLACE YOUR
CLASSIFIED
office (310) 458-7737
Santa Monica Daily Press

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



MICROSOFT

FROM PAGE 1

who play it on consoles — particularly Sony's PlayStation — that compete with Microsoft's Xbox.

"Our merger will benefit consumers and workers. It will enable competition rather than allow entrenched market leaders to continue to dominate our rapidly growing industry," Kotick said in a written statement after Tuesday's ruling.

> "Our merger will benefit consumers and workers. It will enable competition rather than allow entrenched market leaders to continue to dominate our rapidly growing industry
> - Bobby Kotick

The FTC had asked Corley to issue an injunction temporarily blocking Microsoft and Activision from closing the deal before the FTC's in-house judge can review it in an August trial.

Both companies suggested that such a delay would effectively force them to abandon the takeover agreement they signed nearly 18 months ago. Microsoft has promised to pay Activision a $3 billion breakup fee if the deal doesn't close by July 18.

The case was an important test for the FTC's heightened scrutiny of the technology industry under Chairperson Lina Khan, who was installed by President Joe Biden in 2021 because of her tough stance on what she sees as monopolistic behavior by tech giants such as Amazon, Google and Facebook parent Meta.

Another judge rebuffed the FTC's attempt earlier this year to stop Meta from taking over the virtual reality fitness company Within Unlimited.

Corley, herself a Biden nominee, expressed skepticism about the FTC's case during the proceedings, particularly about the hypothetical harms caused if Microsoft were to remove Call of Duty from rival platforms or offer a subpar experience on competing consoles.

"It all comes down again to Call of Duty," she said. "We're here because of Call of Duty."

Corley said the merger deserved scrutiny.

"That scrutiny has paid off: Microsoft has committed in writing, in public, and in court to keep Call of Duty on PlayStation for 10 years on parity with Xbox," she wrote. "It made an agreement with Nintendo to bring Call of Duty to Switch. And it entered several agreements to for the first time bring Activision's content to several cloud gaming services."

As antitrust investigations and legal challenges mounted in the U.S. and around the world, Microsoft pledged that Call of Duty would appear on Nintendo's Switch console, Nvidia's cloud gaming service and other platforms for at least a decade.

"In many ways you won," Corley told the FTC's lead trial attorney on the case, James Weingarten.

"I don't think we won," Weingarten responded, saying there was no evidence that the "hastily agreed to" contracts would sufficiently protect the market.

Shares of Activision Blizzard Inc. jumped more than 11% Tuesday on the ruling, a high for the year.

A number of other countries and the European Union have approved the Activision Blizzard takeover, but it still faces opposition from the U.K.'s Competition and Markets Authority. The company was set to challenge that decision at tribunal hearing scheduled for later this month but the FTC's ruling appeared to have forced a rethink.

The Competition and Markets Authority and Microsoft said they jointly applied to put the hearing on hold, saying a "stay of litigation" would be in the public interest while they work out a way to resolve their differences so that the deal can go ahead.

"We stand ready to consider any proposals from Microsoft to restructure the transaction in a way that would address the concerns" outlined in the merger decision, the CMA said in a prepared statement.

Microsoft said that its focus now turns back to the U.K. "While we ultimately disagree with the CMA's concerns, we are considering how the transaction might be modified in order to address those concerns in a way that is acceptable to the CMA," President Brad Smith said in a statement.

Canadian regulators are also investigating the transaction and have concluded it is "likely to result" in preventing or lessening competition on gaming consoles, subscription services and cloud-based gaming, according to a letter to Microsoft filed in the U.S. case late last month.

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



Courtesy image

LOGO: Microsoft has cleared a regulatory hurdle to buy a Santa Monica's Activision.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 12)

A year characterized by playfulness and warmth. You'll devote hours of practice to gaining a valuable skill you can apply in many areas of life. You'll also build a dependable crew to do an important job and wind up doing many more. A high-profile performance will net attractive offers. You'll ride a trend to lucrative result. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 15, 6, 13 and 24.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because each individual is unique, the chemistry between people is unpredictable. You never can tell how energy will combine until everyone is in the same room. Throw the theories out the window and go for a real-life experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's no digital bandit that can steal your time today because you're too busy doing something in the real world to let imposing distractions win. All detours will be of your own choosing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's an art to seizing the day. It's all in the grip — strong enough to hang on, but not so strong it constricts the spontaneous flow of movement. You have just the right touch.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Circumstances that seem fixed offer hidden options. Don't accept what's presented. Get creative. Poke around. Be bold. The alternatives are there for those who decide to find them. You always have choices.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Passionate energy is fueling a chase, though it's more strategic than fast. All the thrill will be in the approach. Once the prize is attained, the excitement will be over, so take your time and enjoy the unfolding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You may be drawn to someone older. This has to do with your love of learning and your need to grow in a certain area. A guide with experience will usher you just where you want to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Most things about relationships are about as wonderful (or annoying) as you allow them to be. Seemingly accidental happenings shimmer with a glittery dusting of hope. Love feels destined.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Here comes a challenge. You're in just the mood to accept. You may even raise the stakes to make things more interesting. In the end, this isn't about who wins the game, rather it's about how you play.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have no desire to show people how awesome you are because you would much rather reveal to people how awesome they are. You will shine a light on others and they will bask in your warmth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Spread your attention around today. If you place too much expectation on one person or subject, life falls out of balance. It's not the worst thing to tumble in this way, but it's also not particularly productive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Hug fear while it's real. Listen to its voice — not because it's accurate or true but because it wants to be heard. After it's had its say, the charge will disperse and fear will dissipate like mist.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you knew the rest of the week would bring about the same vibe as today, what would you change? Instead of fantasizing about a different circumstance, you'll actively shift and elevate the current vibe.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

H	I	G	H	C	■	S	A	K	E	■	G	R	I	T
A	M	O	U	R	■	I	R	I	S	■	R	E	N	O
L	A	R	G	E	P	R	I	N	T	■	A	N	N	A
E	Y	E	■	D	R	E	D	G	E	■	N	E	E	D
■	■	■	B	O	O	N	■	■	E	L	D	E	R	S
A	S	S	I	S	T	■	C	O	M	I	C	■	■	■
R	U	N	G	■	E	D	E	N	■	P	A	S	T	A
C	R	A	B	■	M	E	D	I	A	■	N	O	E	S
S	E	G	U	E	■	L	E	T	S	■	Y	A	N	K
■	■	■	S	E	M	I	S	■	S	P	O	R	T	S
S	I	M	I	L	E	■	■	T	E	E	N	■	■	■
A	M	E	N	■	A	D	M	I	R	E	■	S	E	W
G	A	L	E	■	G	I	A	N	T	P	A	N	D	A
A	G	E	S	■	E	R	I	N	■	A	L	I	G	N
S	E	E	S	■	R	E	L	Y	■	T	E	P	E	E

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

5	4	6	3	2	1	9	8	7
9	7	1	6	5	8	2	4	3
8	2	3	4	9	7	6	5	1
4	3	8	5	7	2	1	6	9
6	5	7	9	1	4	8	3	2
2	1	9	8	3	6	5	7	4
1	6	5	2	4	3	7	9	8
7	9	4	1	8	5	3	2	6
3	8	2	7	6	9	4	1	5

		1				7		6
			2		7			3
5	3		6				4	
				5		6		4
	1	5				2	7	
3		6		7				
	2				4		6	9
7			9		6			
8		9				4		

Newsday Crossword

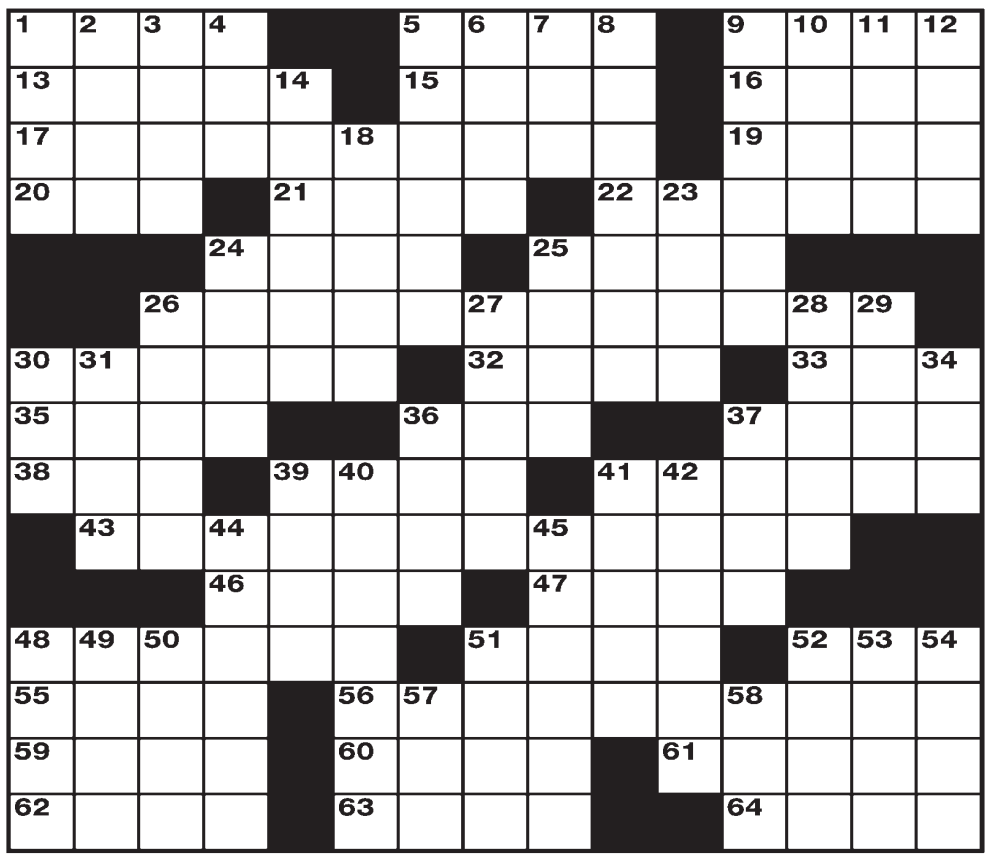
NOT REALLY by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

1 Person not quite 20
5 Baby boys, to moms
9 Aspirin tablet
13 Synagogue leader
15 Ballerina's skirt
16 Soprano's solo
17 Modern folklore
19 Prohibited thing
20 Twisty letter
21 The Dalai __
22 Makes a hard copy of
24 Yuletide wise men
25 Low in fat
26 Whodunits' literary category
30 Tater Tots maker
32 Not punctual
33 Purse or satchel
35 Pekoe and Earl Grey
36 Sing with lips closed
37 Tiny skin opening
38 Toy gun ammo
39 Place for a vane
41 Get __ of the action
43 Ancient stories with morals
46 London art gallery
47 Lyft's ridesharing rival
48 Fencers' weapons
51 City of Yemen
52 Sch. with a Harrisburg campus
55 *Citizen* __ (Welles film)
56 Mother Goose stories
59 Ancient Andes native
60 Storybook brute
61 Triangular traffic sign
62 Search for
63 Optimistic
64 Tra __ (song sounds)

DOWN

1 Factual
2 All __ (fully attentive)
3 Recedes, as the tide
4 Pro hoops league: Abbr.
5 Keep from progressing
6 ". . . and pulled __ plum"
7 Unspecific high degree
8 Be mistrustful of
9 Italian grilled sandwich
10 Remove clothes wrinkles
11 Clothes dryer residue
12 Vietnam neighbor
14 Embedded, as tiles
18 Molten rock in a volcano
23 Evaluate
24 3-D medical scans
25 Actor Neeson
26 Discontinue
27 Trivial things
28 Bassoons' cousins
29 Anti-drug cop
30 Local wagering locale: Abbr.
31 Country singer McEntire
34 "Amazing!"
36 Vacuum cleaner tube
37 Where a ship docks
39 Highway or street
40 Decides on
41 Home for monks
42 Abundant supply
44 Run of consecutive wins
45 Hepburn of *My Fair Lady*
48 Glides on snow
49 Decrease gradually
50 Just a single time
51 Ventilates
52 "Not guilty," for example
53 Auction off
54 Beef inspection agcy.
57 Long, long __
58 Feel unwell

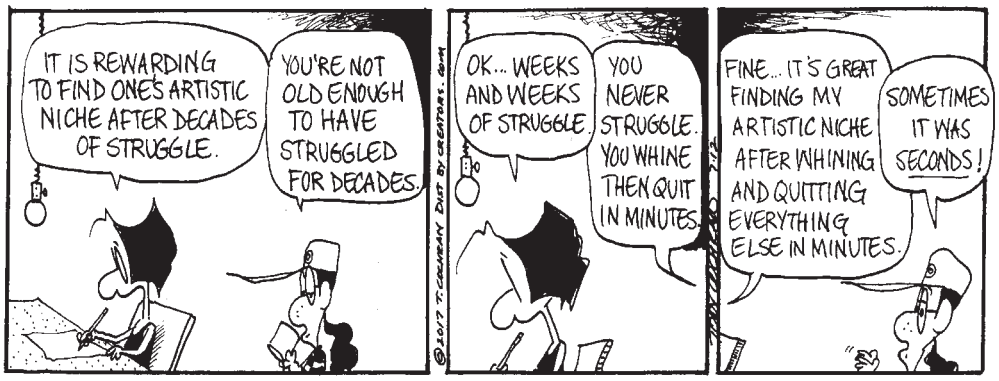


CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2023 STANLEY NEWMAN STANXWORDS@AOL.COM 7/12/23

MORE OF STAN'S CROSSWORDS! Play FREE from Stan's archives of Easy, Hard and Sunday puzzles at: tinyurl.com/stan-newman-crosswords

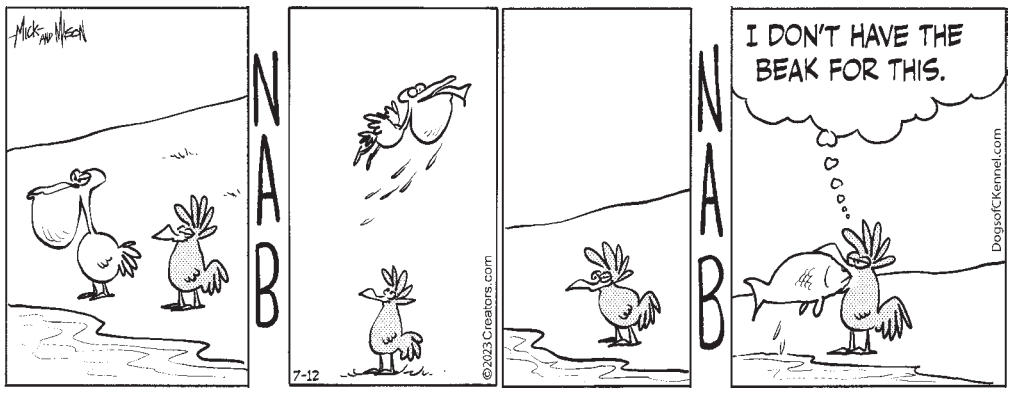
Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN



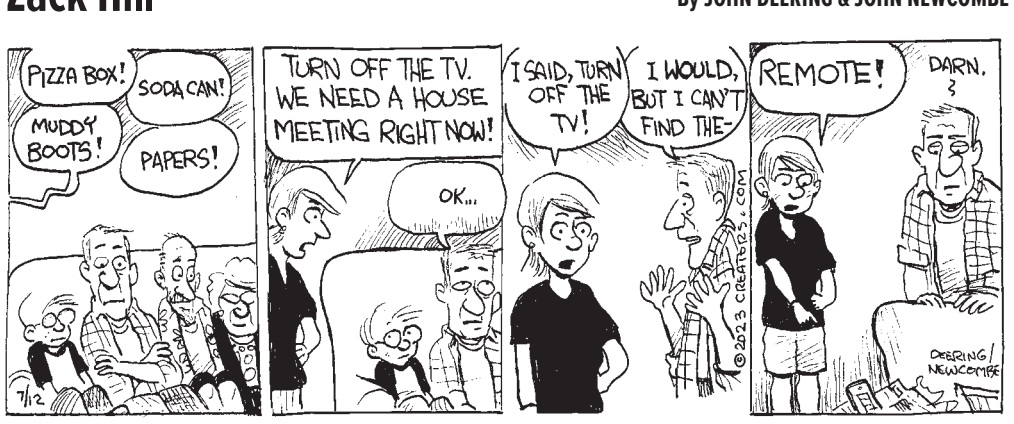
Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART



Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE



Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"IT'S LIKE I'M WALKING ON A CLOUD OF MEAT."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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

© australianwordgames.com.au 5903

Roadtrip from Adelaide

R	L	K	R	A	M	N	E	R	O	C	K	S	C	H
U	E	O	W	A	K	A	P	U	N	D	A	T	I	Y
G	D	I	O	C	E	A	N	D	A	V	O	N	T	R
G	N	O	L	W	G	W	R	N	E	D	R	F	Y	A
E	A	B	D	I	H	I	G	H	R	E	R	A	R	L
D	L	E	L	A	V	E	C	E	D	U	N	A	I	O
I	S	E	R	I	R	A	S	E	S	A	B	R	O	N
V	I	F	N	F	P	E	N	E	G	A	R	U	O	C
E	Y	G	O	Y	R	V	I	S	L	E	E	T	R	R
R	B	N	A	V	A	R	A	C	B	T	S	A	O	C
S	X	P	O	L	N	O	M	L	A	S	W	A	R	O
E	O	I	L	K	I	K	I	I	E	L	T	R	R	V
T	R	E	H	A	R	O	L	F	T	S	G	R	O	E
L	Y	N	D	O	C	H	D	F	U	E	H	U	B	S
S	N	O	R	K	E	L	I	S	B	L	L	B	E	S

Ache
Agile
Avon
Base
Beef
Berri
Burra
Bute
Caravan
Ceduna
City
Cliffs
Coast
Courage
Coves
Crawl
Danger
Diverse
Driving
Eden Valley
Flora
Glacier
High
Kapunda
Ki Ki
Long
Lyndoch
Mild
Oats
Ocean
Olary
Orroroo
Pyap
Rain
Rare
Renmark
Robe
Rocks
Rugged
Roxby Island
Salmon
Sleet
Snorkel
Surf
Tod Reservoir
Wharf
Wine
Wool

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S WORDS PUZZLE.
Rewarding work

Covering the city by the bay since 2001.
To advertise, email cindy@smdp.com or call 310.458.7737
smdp Santa Monica Daily Press

What's Up Westside

out and about in Santa Monica

WEDNESDAY | JULY 12

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

THURSDAY | JULY 13

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

FRIDAY | JULY 14

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

MOVIES IN THE PARK
Join organizers at Virginia Avenue Park (2200 Virginia Ave.) for Movie Night! They will be playing Wakanda Forever. Mats & snacks will be provided for the first 150 guests. Feel free to bring your own snacks, drinks, blankets/chairs if you would like This event is in partnership with Providence Medical Group and free healthcare screenings will be available. Movie starts at 7:30 p.m. Reserve free tickets online at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/movies-in-the-park-tickets-672732369627

SATURDAY | JULY 15

PICKLE ME SILLY!!
Whether you like your pickles sweet or sour, this event is sure to be a big Dill. There will be a demonstration on making Full Sour Dills as well as materials on hand for all little hands to make a small jar of quick pickles. Cool Cucumbers hang out in July. Will you we dare make Pickle Pancakes? You can bet your gherkin that you will. Event can be found on our website at: https://santamonica.gov/events/pickle-me-silly Sponsored by City of Santa Monica Community Garden Program Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd, Santa Monica

CHECK OUT A HUMAN BOOK
Check out a human book for a one-on-one, 30-minute conversation that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. Follow on Twitter @SantaMonicaLibr for updates. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Pico Branch Amphitheater.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB
You too will be exclaiming "Terrific" when you join the "radiant" (yet "humble") cast of Morgan-Wixson Theatre' Y.E.S. Youth Theatre for their summer play CHARLOTTE'S WEB! The Y.E.S. program's young actors bring the beloved characters from this immortal children's classic to life – from Wilbur, the irresistible young pig who desperately wants to avoid the butcher and Templeton, the gluttonous rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed; to Fern, a girl who understands what animals say to each other and Charlotte, who proves to be "a true friend and a good writer." https://www.morgan-wixson.org/charlottesweb

SUNDAY | JULY 16

SHARK FEEDING
Feast on a little knowledge while our swell sharks, horn sharks, and round stingrays chow down. Come and watch the Aquarium staff feed these important keystone species and learn about the part sharks play in marine ecosystems, every Sunday at 1 pm and 3 pm.

MONDAY | JULY 17

SANTA MONICA ARTS COMMISSION
The Arts Commission of the City of Santa Monica exists to ensure a regular and ongoing assessment of arts programs in the City, develop arts programs of innovative form, recognize and encourage the arts as a service of local government and enrich the lives of all citizens by exposure to art in its various forms. Civic Center Parking Structure. 333 Civic Center Dr Santa Monica, CA

TUESDAY | JULY 18

DROP-IN EVENT: HANDS-ONLY CPR
The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is coming once a month to provide drop-in hands-only CPR training. Come anytime between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., it only takes about 10 minutes to complete the training This training is:
- A life-saving skill that will help you feel more confident to respond in an emergency.
- CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths
- Only to be used on teens or adults
- No documents are required from anyone who would like to be trained

For help submitting an event, contact us at
310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **68.0**

WEDNESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	We'll probably see continued small but rideable surf off a mix of southerly swells (SSE/SW). No tropical help so will be one of the smallest days of the week.
THURSDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Small but rideable surf is probable as southerly swell mix continues, gets a light refresh. NW wind-swell could rebound some late.

WEATHER

Wednesday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing.
Wednesday Night: Patchy dense fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
Thursday: Patchy dense fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 79.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/07/12	Wed	01:05 AM	0.53	L
2023/07/12	Wed	07:20 AM	3.19	H
2023/07/12	Wed	11:41 AM	2.25	L
2023/07/12	Wed	6:23 PM	5.84	H
2023/07/13	Thu	02:00 AM	-0.01	L
2023/07/13	Thu	08:35 AM	3.37	H
2023/07/13	Thu	12:35 PM	2.52	L
2023/07/13	Thu	7:08 PM	6.00	H
2023/07/14	Fri	02:45 AM	-0.38	L
2023/07/14	Fri	09:25 AM	3.55	H
2023/07/14	Fri	1:26 PM	2.66	L
2023/07/14	Fri	7:50 PM	6.11	H
2023/07/15	Sat	03:23 AM	-0.58	L
2023/07/15	Sat	10:04 AM	3.67	H
2023/07/15	Sat	2:11 PM	2.69	L
2023/07/15	Sat	8:29 PM	6.17	H
2023/07/16	Sun	03:58 AM	-0.65	L
2023/07/16	Sun	10:38 AM	3.73	H

DAILY LOTTERY

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/10
2 24 34 53 58
Power#: 13
Jackpot: 725 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/7
8 10 17 55 66
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: 500 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 7/8
1 25 44 45 46
Mega#: 20
Jackpot: 75 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/10
3 8 16 21 36

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/10
EVENING: 8 9 5

Draw Date: 7/10
MIDDAY: 8 3 9

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/10
1st: 10 - Solid Gold
2nd: 08 - Gorgeous George
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:42.16

ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!
Santa Monica Daily Press

smdp
Santa Monica Daily Press

City calendar

Check out SMDP's NEW event calendar

A complete list of all the happenings in the **City of Santa Monica** and surrounding areas!

Visit **smdp.com/event** or scan the code

FIND ALL EVENTS INCLUDING

- MUSIC EVENTS
- LIBRARY EVENTS
- HAPPY HOURS
- CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
- AND MORE!



