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Barnes & Noble announce new Santa Monica store

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Book lovers rejoice: Barnes & Noble will reopen a store on the Promenade.

The opening had been rumored and hinted at in recent weeks with cryptic window signs and social media posts but the news became official on Thursday with a large banner outside the location on the 1300 block of the Promenade.

Barnes & Noble previously occupied the large space on the north east corner of the Promenade bordering Wilshire. The two story location served locals and visitors alike for 22 years before closing in January of 2018.

The space has been largely vacant since. A co-working center briefly opened on the second floor but other uses, such as occupancy by a wellness company, never materialized.

With the departure of Barnes & Noble, the city had been left with a smattering of specialty sellers and independent stores including spiritual booksellers, the SMC bookstore and Hi De Ho Comics.

"Barnes and Noble is one of a number of new businesses choosing to establish themselves on the Third Street Promenade," said DTSM CEO Andrew Thomas. "To have Barnes and Noble, a business that is recalled so fondly by our stakeholders, return to the Promenade sends a very strong message: Downtown Santa Monica remains a viable destination, there are deals to be made by our commercial property owners and brokers, and the story about our Downtown is about investment and recovery."

The new location is smaller and is part of a national expansion for

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Arabella Joaquin

COMING SOON: The new location is on the 1300 block of the Promenade.

Opinions on the future of retail are as varied as who you ask

MAGGIE MARKS
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The return of Barnes & Noble to the Promenade has opened a new chapter in Santa Monica's economic story but the post-Covid narrative of the city's business community has been hard to write with big departures from some areas and more recently, a wave of openings.

With local officials looking for ways to revitalize the Promenade, SMDP asked shoppers downtown what they thought of the city's overall retail environment. Shoppers had mixed opinions about the current state of retail and businesses.

Marina Del Rey resident Elon Magana said Santa Monica is regaining its economic vitality

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Arabella Joaquin

SHOPPERS: There's a diversity of opinions about downtown shopping.

L.A.'s new homeless solution clears camps but struggles to house people

MARISA KENDALL
Special to the Daily Press

Tents, makeshift shacks and broken-down RVs crowded both sidewalks under a U.S. Highway 101 overpass in Hollywood seven months ago.

More than two-dozen people lived in the squalid encampment, feet from cars flying past. Neighbors and businesses fumed, saying they and their customers felt unsafe.

On a Wednesday afternoon last month, all traces of the tents – and the people who lived in them – were gone. The sidewalks were spotless, without even a speck of trash.

WHAT HAPPENED?

The site was part of a Los Angeles homeless program called Inside Safe – Mayor Karen Bass' answer to the city's staggering homelessness crisis. Under the new initiative, outreach workers move from encampment to encampment, offering everyone at each targeted camp a hotel room. From there, the goal is to move everyone quickly from the hotel into permanent housing.

There's a lot riding on its success at a local, state and even national level. Bass has all but staked her tenure as mayor on fighting Los Angeles' homelessness crisis. And President Joe Biden's administration picked L.A. as one of six places to focus its homelessness efforts.

Inside Safe already has been a

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

SANTA MONICA
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MONICA CITY HALL

DATE/TIME: Monday, July 17, 2023, 7:00 PM

LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 250

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1242 20th Street/1925 Arizona Avenue- 23ARB-0059: Strategic Art Plan
  Proposed is an on-site art plan for a building addition previously approved by the Board.

- 3016 Main Street - 23ARB-0051: Commercial
  Building design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of a Tier 1, two-story retail and office building with a second-floor mezzanine and roof deck in the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) zone district.

- 129 Hart Avenue - 23ARB-0113: Single Unit Dwelling.
  Building design, colors, and materials for the construction of a second floor and rear addition to an existing single-family residence located within the Low Density Residential (R2) Zoning District and is a potential contributor within a potential South Beach Historic District.

- 234 Pico Blvd - 23ARB-0095: Mixed-Use
  Building design, colors, materials, and landscape plans for the construction of a new 5-story, mixed-use building including 167 market-rate multi-family units and 19 affordable units, and approximately 11,000 square feet of ground floor retail over three levels of subterranean parking. The site is in the Mixed-Use Boulevard Low (MUBL) zone district.

More information is available online at https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board/ (en espanol tambien at (310) 458-2201 ext. 5547#).

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give written public comment shall email comments to planningcomment@santamonica.gov. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Architectural Review Board prior to the meeting and posted online. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

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AROUND TOWN

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Your weekend starts here with Mix Master Mike of Beastie Boys concert, food and drink highlights that include National Ice Cream Day events, and much more!

Mix Master Mike of Beastie Boys: The Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame DJ will be showing off his spinning skills. Friday, July 14, 8 p.m. @ The Venice West (1717 Lincoln Blvd) https://thevenicewest.com/tm-event/mix-master-mike-of-beastie-boys/

Pickle Me Silly!! Whether you like your pickles sweet or sour, this event is sure to be a big Dill. The Learning Garden will have a demonstration on making Full Sour Dills as well as materials on hand for all kids to make a small jar of quick pickles. Saturday, July 15, 9-11 a.m. @ Ishihara Park Learning Garden, 2909 Exposition Blvd. https://santamonica.gov/events/pickle-me-silly

'Charlotte's Web' - The Play: The Morgan-Wixson's Y.E.S. Youth Theatre program is presenting a kid-friendly stage adaptation of E.B. White's beloved barnyard fable. 11a.m. Saturdays & Sundays, July 15 through 30 @ the Morgan-Wixson Theatre, 2627 Pico Blvd. https://www.morgan-wixson.org

West Edge Mural Fest: The new mixed-use development @ Olympic & Bundy is hosting a mural unveiling event with "globally known Muralists including @woes, @dream.weavin, @annacharneyart, and @everydayresearch who created works of art across 4,000 square feet of walls." The event also includes face painting, henna, and live music. Saturday, July 15, 11a.m. - 2p.m. 12101 W Olympic Blvd. https://westedge.artinsession.com/

Heal the Bay "Nothin' But Sand" Beach Cleanup: "Join us on the sand for some beach cleanup fun and learn how you can disrupt human plastic dependency & its harmful impact on the planet through composting practices, recycling, and plastic alternatives." Saturday July 15, 10a.m. - 12p.m. @ Will Rogers State Beach - Tower 7 15800 Pacific Coast Highway (At the end of Temescal Canyon Road) https://healthebay.org/event/nothin-but-sand-beach-cleanup-17/

L.A – Oaxaca Art Exhibit Opening: The exhibition the work of five artists, all exploring themes of Mexican culture as well as its integration in L.A. lifestyle and heritage. FREE Opening Reception July 15, 5-7p.m. & the exhibition runs until August 26 @ Craig Krull Gallery, 2525 Michigan Avenue, BLD. B-3 https://www.craigkrullgallery.com

An Evening with Author Lisa See: "Renowned author Lisa See speaks on her process and the research behind her new book Lady Tan's Circle of Women, one of this year's Santa Monica Reads selections." Tuesday, Jul 18, 6-7p.m. @ Main Library (601 Santa Monica Blvd.) https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4ctf1vrcxjwhrtfcs9e18fmvxn/202307181800

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Cobi's on Main St Receives Michelin Bib Gourmand Designation: The Southeast Asian eatery joins the ranks of Melisse, Citrin, Pasjoli, and Rustic Canyon on the esteemed Michelin list. 2104 Main St. https://la.eater.com/2023/7/11/23791313/michelin-bib-gourmand-los-angeles-2023

Resy's "Where to Drink Cocktails Right Now" Pours Love on Rustic Canyon, Isla & Coucou: It praises Isla for concocting "a cocktail list that combines classics like a refreshing Spanish gin and tonic with peppercorn, rosemary, and sage with newfangled concoctions like the Seaworthy, a play on a dirty martini whose main ingredient uses oyster shell-washed gin." https://blog.resy.com/2023/06/drink-cocktails-los-angeles

626 Night Market Mini: The downtown SaMo snack around pop-up is back every other weekend this Summer with three dozen rotating local food pop-ups, curated by the 626 Night Market team, merchandise & craft vendors, and a full bar. Saturday, July 15 & Sunday, July 16, 1-10p.m. @ the corner of Arizona and 5th Streets. There will also be a Street Fighter (the video game) Tournament Saturday, July 16, 3-6p.m. More details and FREE tickets here: https://www.626nightmarket.com/mini

Bludso's BBQ: EaterLA highlights that "James Beard Award-Winning Author and Pitmaster Kevin Bludso Smokes Up Santa Monica." 1329 Santa Monica Blvd. https://la.eater.com/2023/7/10/23790074/bludsos-bbq-restaurant-opening-santa-monica-compton-pitmaster-kevin-bludso-eater-inside

Hot Grille Summer Night at Del Frisco's: $45 includes an all-inclusive dining experience featuring hors d'oeuvres from Tomato & Burrata Bruschetta, Cheesesteak Eggroll Bites, Herbed Guacamole Bites to Cucumber Gazpacho Bites. Drinks offered during the party include a Smokey Guava Margarita with Dos Hombres Mezcal and Hampton Water Rosé Sangria. Thursdays July 14, 5 - 6:30 p.m. @ Del Frisco's Grille, 1551 Ocean Ave. https://www.delfriscosgrille.com/event/hot-grille-summer/

National Ice Cream Day @ Sweet Rose Creamery: They are offering a "Sundae Bun-day" special at both the Brentwood Country Mart and Main Street shops with an Ice Cream Sandwich featuring a Milo + Olive sugar-topped brioche bun filled with your

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First over-the-counter birth control pill gets FDA approval

MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

Federal regulators on Thursday approved the nation's first over-the-counter birth control pill in a landmark decision that will soon allow American women and girls to obtain contraceptive medication as easily as they buy aspirin and eyedrops.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared once-a-day Opill to be sold without a prescription, making it the first such medication to be moved out from behind the pharmacy counter. The manufacturer, Ireland-based Perrigo, won't start shipping the pill until early next year, and there will be no age restrictions on sales.

Hormone-based pills have long been the most common form of birth control in the U.S., used by tens of millions of women since the 1960s. Until now, all of them required a prescription.

Medical societies and women's health groups have pushed for wider access for decades, noting that an estimated 45% of the 6 million annual pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended. Teens and girls, women of color and those with low incomes report greater hurdles in getting prescriptions and picking them up.

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> - Kelly Blanchard, president of Ibis Reproductive Health

The challenges can include paying for a doctor's visit, getting time off from work and finding child care.

"This is really a transformation in access to contraceptive care," said Kelly Blanchard, president of Ibis Reproductive Health, a nonprofit group that supported the approval. "Hopefully this will help people overcome those barriers that exist now."

Perrigo says Opill could be an important new option for the estimated 15 million U.S. women who currently use no birth control or less effective methods, such as condoms. They are a fifth of those who are child-bearing age.

But how many women will actually gain access depends on the medication's price, which Perrigo plans to announce later this year. Most older birth control pills cost $15 to $30 for a month's supply without insurance coverage.

Over-the-counter medicines are generally much cheaper than prescriptions, but they typically aren't covered by insurance.

Forcing insurers to cover over-the-counter birth control would require a regulatory change by the federal government, which women's advocates are urging the Biden administration to implement.

The FDA approval gives U.S. women another birth control option amid the legal and political battles over reproductive health, including last year's reversal of Roe v. Wade, which has upended abortion access across the U.S.

That said, Opill's approval is unrelated to the ongoing court battles over the abortion pill mifepristone. And anti-abortion groups have generally emphasized that they do not oppose contraceptives, which are used to prevent pregnancies, not end them.

The studies in Perrigo's FDA application began almost a decade ago, before recent state laws curtailing women's reproductive rights.

But in the last year, the FDA has faced pressure from Democratic politicians, health advocates and medical professionals to ease access to birth control. The American Medical Association and the leading professional society for obstetricians and gynecologists backed Opill's application for over-the-counter status.

Birth control pills are available without a prescription across much of South America, Asia and Africa.

Perrigo submitted years of research to FDA to show that women could understand and follow instructions for using the pill. Thursday's approval came despite some concerns by FDA scientists about the company's results, including whether women with certain underlying medical conditions would understand that they shouldn't take the drug.

The FDA's action only applies to Opill. It's in an older class of contraceptives, sometimes called minipills, that contain a single synthetic hormone and generally carry fewer side effects than more popular combination hormone pills.

But women's health advocates hope the decision paves the way for more over-the-counter birth control options and, eventually, for abortion pills to do the same.

An outside panel of FDA advisers unanimously voted in favor of the switch at a hearing in May where dozens of public speakers called for Opill's approval.

Dyvia Huitron was among those who presented, explaining how she has been unable to get prescription birth control more than three years after becoming sexually active. The 19-year-old University of Alabama student said she still isn't comfortable getting a prescription because the school's health system reports medical exams and medications to parents.

"My parents did not let me go on the pill," Huitron said in a recent interview. "There was just a lot of cultural stigma around being sexually active before you're married."

While she uses other forms of contraception, "I would have much preferred to have birth control and use these additional methods to ensure that I was being as safe as possible."

Huitron spoke on behalf of Advocates for Youth, one of the dozens of groups that have pushed to make prescription contraceptives more accessible.

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The groups helped fund some of the studies submitted for Opill, and they encouraged HRA Pharma, later acquired by Perrigo, to file its application with the FDA.

Advocates were particularly interested in Opill because it raised fewer safety concerns. The pill was first approved in the U.S. five decades ago but hasn't been marketed here since 2005.

"It's been around a long time, and we have a large amount of data supporting that this pill is safe and effective for over-the-counter use," Blanchard said.

Newer birth control pills typically combine two hormones, estrogen and progestin, which can help make periods lighter and more regular. But their use carries a heightened risk of blood clots, and they shouldn't be used by women at risk for heart problems, such as those who smoke and are over 35.

Opill has only progestin, which prevents pregnancy by blocking sperm from reaching the cervix. It must be taken around the same time daily to be most effective.

In its internal review published in May, the FDA noted that some women in Perrigo's study had trouble understanding the drug's labeling information. In particular, the instructions warn that women with a history of breast cancer should not take the pill because it could spur tumor growth.

And women who have unusual vaginal bleeding are instructed to talk to a doctor first, because it could indicate a medical problem.

Common side effects include bleeding, headaches, dizziness, nausea and cramps, according to the FDA. The label also cautions that certain drugs can interfere with Opill's effectiveness, including medications for seizures, HIV and hypertension.

Perrigo executives said the company will spend the rest of the year manufacturing the pill and its packaging so it can be available in stores early next year.

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

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

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with a resurgence of stores opening but said more expensive stores are dominating the Promenade while smaller and independent businesses go under.

"I mean yeah, there are a few businesses popping up. It's changing, it's definitely changing. It looks to me as if they are trying to get some more higher end stores too on the Promenade. And I notice some of the boutique stores are closing their doors. It's still a mixed bag. You can get a lot of variety here, as I said it looks like it's trying to go higher end," said Magana.

Princess Davis, an employee on the promenade from Inglewood said since Covid, the promenade has dwindled and high rents are part of the problem.

"I notice a lot of businesses leaving, I don't really think I notice anything new. A lot of them are leaving more than they are opening up. I work here, so I see how many businesses are leaving on a daily basis. This area is very popular, and as you can see there is a lot of foot traffic, meanwhile there are areas which are more in the residential, not so much. I think it is good. As you can see in this area specifically, there is a lot of retail and a lot of stores. I think the price is what has been causing the struggle for some vendors," said Davis.

Santa Monica resident Keira Yanez also said she thought businesses were struggling with high rents that prompted waves of openings and closings.

"I feel like Main St. completely changed. A lot of the businesses that were originally there closed down and new ones popped up. And they closed down again. Same with here, I work just down the street on Wilshire, so I am on the Promenade all the time. Stuff closes then reopens, then closes again. There is constant cycling of different businesses because I guess the rent is so high here that businesses can't continue. Even big brands, it's crazy," said Yanez.

Resident Iraj Saif said that the reason for the downfall of the Promenade is due to the population of homeless people.

"Prior to the pandemic it was really thrilling, but with the homeless and the government doesn't have a program to house them and take care of them. Unfortunately, things are down. About 30% of businesses have closed. Montana is more vibrant because 3rd St. is exposed to the train which everyone gets off of on 4th St. They are not being taken care of. We have addicts, and also homeless which are all mixed instead of housing them separately and taking care of them. I notice they are going out of business because maybe 3rd St. is not ready socially or economically," said Saif.

Several shoppers familiar with the Santa Monica area said the Montana Ave. shopping area is thriving in comparison to the Downtown shopping scene.

Venice resident Yousef Aman said the Promenade in specific offered little to entice him compared to other shopping areas.

"We love Montana. Montana seems more for locals than tourists, while the Promenade seems more for tourists. It's the middle of summer, it should be packed. If you aren't going for the main usual suspect, Lululemon, Nike, whatever, I would shop outside the main chains. You can find better boutiques in Venice. We would go to Abbot Kinney over Montana even though it's very similar," he said.

There was little consensus on what would make the Promenade in specific more appealing with some shoppers wanting more big brands, some wanting more independent options, some cited more diversity in food options as a draw and others said they wanted different kinds of clothing options.

"All of these brands are fast fashion brands," said Washington resident Caroline Ariz. "I know I am really into thrifting so I've moved away from these types of stores. They are less appealing, especially with the prices. I know this isn't the area for thrift stores or maybe more vintage stores but that would be cool."

Regardless, shoppers felt it was expensive to buy goods in the city.

Danita Barigye, a visitor from Uganda explained her perspective on prices in Santa Monica.

"It is pricey as hell. Right now I just spent $80 on five things. $80 in Uganda can get you like 15 things. It's expensive, but it's also understandable seeing that everything that is expensive has to meet up with other prices like if taxes and rent is high," said Barigye.

BARNES & NOBLE

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the book retailer.

The company said it is experiencing a period of tremendous growth, buoyed by significant expansion of the market for physical books driven by word-of-mouth and social media recommendations. In 2022, Barnes & Noble opened more new bookstores in a single year than it had in the whole decade from 2009 to 2019. The bookseller expects to open over 30 new bookstores in 2023.

The Santa Monica store was just listed as "coming soon" on Thursday but the news was met with joy by local shoppers.

Royce Riddle installed the announcement banner and said people were excited.

"I've been putting this up for a few hours and I think there's been about 40 people that have taken pictures of it," he said. "And there've been at least 20 people that stopped and told us how excited they are to be back, say thank you, people are pumped."

Jesse Brown was indeed excited when she walked past the new location.

"I think it's a wonderful benefit for the Promenade because this promenade hasn't had a bookstore in a while or not that I know of. And it's good for parents, mostly good for children to have a place where they can see book options," she said. "They're so used to buying books on Amazon these days that they actually don't see the different breadth that they can get in books and different contents."

Local student Olivia Coulter said the store would be a boon to her peers.

"I'm so excited that Barnes and Nobles is coming to the promenade with the upcoming school year. It'll be way easier for kids from the Westside to be able to access books," she said.

The new Barnes & Noble is the second book business of the year to open in Santa Monica.

In February, Zibby's Bookshop opened on Montana as the brainchild of "bookfluencer" Zibby Owens who wanted to open "a highly-curated, warm and inviting indie bookstore with intimate, frequent events, all designed to connect books and authors to readers and each other."

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Hollywood actors join screenwriters in historic industry-stopping strike as contract talks collapse

ANDREW DALTON AND LESLIE AMBRIZ
Associated Press

Leaders of a Hollywood's actors union voted Thursday to join screenwriters in the first joint strike in more than six decades, shutting down production across the entertainment industry after talks for a new contract with studios and streaming services broke down.

Duncan Crabtree-Ireland, executive director of the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, said at a news conference that the union leadership voted for the work stoppage hours after their contract expired and talks broke off with the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers representing employers including Disney, Netflix, Amazon and others.

"A strike is an instrument of last resort," he said. Union leaders said at a news conference that they voted unanimously for a strike to begin at midnight. Outside Netflix's Hollywood offices, picketing screenwriters chanted "Pay Your Actors!" immediately after the strike was announced.

It's the first strike for actors from film and television shows since 1980. And it's the first time two major Hollywood unions have been on strike at the same time since 1960, when Ronald Reagan was the actors' guild president.

"Employers make Wall Street and greed their priority and they forget about the essential contributors that make the machine run," former "The Nanny" star and SAG-AFTRA president Fran Drescher said in an impassioned speech that drew applause from union leaders in the room. "It is disgusting. Shame on them. They stand on the wrong side of history."

With a stoppage looming, the premiere of Christopher Nolan's film "Oppenheimer" in London was moved up an hour so that the cast could walk the red carpet before the SAG board's announcement.

The looming strike also cast a shadow over the upcoming 75th Emmy Awards, whose nominations were announced a day earlier.

Disney chief Bob Iger warned Thursday that an actors strike would have a "very damaging effect on the whole industry."

"This is the worst time in the world to add to that disruption," Iger said in an appearance on CNBC. "There's a level of expectation that (SAG-AFTRA and the Writers Guild of America) have that is just not realistic."

A nearly two-week extension of the actors union contract, and negotiations, only heightened the hostility between the two groups. Drescher said the extension made us "feel like we'd been duped, like maybe it was just to let studios promote their summer movies for another 12 days."

Before the talks began June 7, the 65,000 actors who cast ballots voted overwhelmingly for union leaders to send them into a strike, as the Writers Guild of America did when their deal expired more than two months ago.

When the initial deadline approached in late June, more than 1,000 members of the union, including Meryl Streep, Jennifer Lawrence and Bob Odenkirk, added their names to a letter signaling to leaders their willingness to strike.

The stakes in the negotiations included both base and residual pay, which actors say has been undercut by inflation and the streaming ecosystem, benefits, and the threat of unregulated use of artificial intelligence.

"At a moment when streaming and AI and digital was so prevalent, it has disemboweled the industry that we once knew," Drescher said. "When I did 'The Nanny' everybody was part of the gravy train. Now it's a vacuum."

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> - Fran Drescher

The AMPTP said it was disappointed in the breakdown.

"This is the Union's choice, not ours. In doing so, it has dismissed our offer of historic pay and residual increases, substantially higher caps on pension and health contributions, audition protections, shortened series option periods, a groundbreaking AI proposal that protects actors' digital likenesses, and more," the group said in a statement.

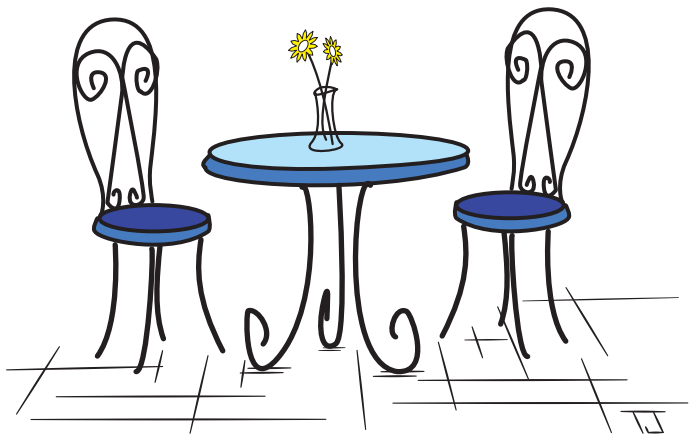
It added that instead of continuing to negotiate, "SAG-AFTRA has put us on a course that will deepen the financial hardship for thousands who depend on the industry for their livelihoods."

SAG-AFTRA represents more than 160,000 screen actors, broadcast journalists, announcers, hosts and stunt performers. The walkout affects only the union's 65,000 actors from television and film productions, who voted overwhelmingly to authorize their leaders to call a strike before talks began on June 7. Broadway actors said in a statement

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Deputy punching baby-holding mother's face was 'completely unacceptable,' LA County sheriff says

Associated Press

For the second time in a week, the Los Angeles County sheriff decried the use of force by deputies in the Antelope Valley after the Sheriff's Department released video on Wednesday of a deputy punching a woman twice in the face as she held her baby.

The edited video from body camera footage shows the July 2022 encounter during a traffic stop in Palmdale, northeast of Los Angeles.

At a news conference, Sheriff Robert Luna said he found the punching "completely unacceptable" and has sent the case to the county district attorney's office, which will decide whether to file criminal charges against the deputy. The FBI also was alerted, Luna said.

Luna said the deputy, whom he didn't name, has been taken off field duty.

Last week, Luna said two deputies had been pulled from field duty after video surfaced of a deputy in neighboring Lancaster violently tackling a woman while she filmed a man being handcuffed, then pepper-spraying her in the face on June 24.

In both cases, Luna said he had only lately learned of the incidents. Although the sheriff said state law bars him from detailing specific discipline against deputies, he has said those involved in improper use of force could face anything from additional training to days off or dismissal.

Luna, a former Long Beach police chief, has vowed to overhaul the nation's largest sheriff's department since taking it over in December after defeating incumbent Alex Villanueva.

During the July 2022 encounter, deputies stopped a car driving without headlights at night, smelled alcohol, and saw three babies who weren't in car seats and were being held in their mother's arms, Luna said.

The male driver was arrested on suspicion of driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence of alcohol and child endangerment. Four women in the car were held on suspicion of child endangerment. During their arrests, a deputy punched one woman twice in the face after she refused to let go of her child, Luna said.

The video shows one woman's child being forcibly taken from her as she shrieks, then a second woman sitting cross-legged on the ground, holding her 3-week-old child.

Deputies try to convince her to give them the child, and the mother responds, "You'll have to shoot me dead before you take my baby," the video shows. As she resists, a deputy punches her several times in the face, and she is handcuffed.

Luna said he believed the punching was "an isolated incident committed by an individual who will be held accountable." He said most other employees are doing "incredible work on behalf of 10 million residents."

Federal monitors continue to oversee reforms that the department agreed to for the Lancaster and Palmdale stations, which are among the busiest in the county.

In 2015, the Sheriff's Department settled federal allegations that deputies in those stations had engaged in excessive use of force and racially biased policing that included disproportionately stopping or searching Black and Latino people.

AROUND TOWN

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LOOKING AHEAD: Barbie & Oppenheimer movies released (July 21), An evening with Pulitzer Prize winning author Colson Whitehead (July 26), National Night Out with SMPD at City Hall (Aug 1)

If there's something you think is worth highlighting, you can reach out directly to me at sean@smdp.com.

STRIKE

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that they stand "in solidarity" with SAG-AFTRA workers.

The 11,500 members of the Writers Guild of America have been on strike since their own talks collapsed and their contract expired on May 2. The stoppage has showed no signs of a solution, with no negotiations even planned.

That strike brought the immediate shutdown of late-night talk shows and "Saturday Night Live," and several scripted shows, including "Stranger Things" on Netflix," "Hacks" on Max, and "Family Guy" on Fox, which have either had their writers' rooms or their production paused. Many more are sure to follow them now that performers have been pulled too.

Associated Press journalists Sian Watson in London, Krysta Fauria in Los Angeles, and Jake Coyle and Jocelyn Noveck in New York contributed to this story.

Dangerous heat wave baking US Southwest brings triple digit temperatures and fire risk

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

After a historically wet winter and a cloudy spring, California's summer was in full swing Thursday as a heat wave that's been scorching much of the U.S. Southwest brings triple digit temperatures and an increased risk of wildfires.

Blistering conditions will build Friday and throughout the weekend in the central and southern parts of California, where many residents should prepare for the hottest weather of the year, the National Weather Service warned.

Midday highs were mostly expected to be above 100 degrees (37.7 C), and desert areas could reach 120 (48.8 C), forecasters said. Little relief was expected overnight, when temperatures could remain in the 80s (above 26.6 C). An excessive heat watch was in effect through Sunday for interior Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

"Please plan accordingly, this is not the time to be hiking or be outside for long durations," the weather service's LA office said on Twitter. "If you need to work outside, shift hours to the early morning, take frequent breaks and hydrate!"

Employers were reminded to adhere to regulations that require outdoor workers are given water, shade and regular breaks to cool off. The state will be performing spot checks at work sites to make sure the rules are being followed, said Jeff Killip with the Division of Occupational Safety & Health.

> "As we get deeper into the summer and vegetation that grew up during the wet spring dries out, we are seeing an uptick in wildfire activity"
> - Wade Crowfoot Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency

Across the U.S., more than 111 million people were under extreme heat advisories, watches and warnings, mostly in the Southwest, the National Weather Service reported Wednesday.

Forecasters said the long-duration heat wave is extremely dangerous, especially for elderly people, homeless residents and other vulnerable populations. The heat could persist into next week as a high pressure dome moves west from Texas. In Arizona, temperatures have hit 110 degrees (43.3 C) for more than a dozen consecutive days.

Horse racing events were canceled at the California State Fair near the state capital over concerns for animal safety.

Meanwhile, California's wildfire season was ramping up amid the hot, dry conditions with a series of blazes erupting across the state this week, said Secretary Wade Crowfoot of the Natural Resources Agency.

"As we get deeper into the summer and vegetation that grew up during the wet spring dries out, we are seeing an uptick in wildfire activity," Crowfoot said Wednesday during a state media briefing.

Crowfoot said global climate change was "supercharging" heat waves. California has instituted a $400 million extreme heat action plan to protect workers, help vulnerable communities and assist local communities in opening cooling centers.

The plan, announced last year as an update to state recommendations made a decade earlier, has a broad range of near- and long-term goals. Elements include increasing public awareness through targeted communication, statewide public health monitoring to identify heat illness events early on, and developing codes and regulations to protect everything from schools to water supplies from extreme heat.

Officials said the state's power system, which was strained to the point of widespread blackouts in recent years, has been fortified and should be able to withstand the latest heat wave. The California Independent System Operator, which runs the electricity grid, said battery storage capacity reached 5,600 megawatts on July 1 — enough to power more than 3.8 million homes for up to four hours before recharging.

"The batteries being added to the grid are charged during the day, when solar power is abundant, and dispatched primarily in the evening hours when demand is still high and the sun is setting and solar capacity diminishing," Cal ISO said in a statement.



HOMELESS

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godsend for people like Tim and Sandy, who live in a condo about two blocks from the overpass and are relieved to see the now-spotless sidewalks.

"It's absolutely wonderful," said Tim, who declined to provide his last name to protect his privacy. "I just hope it stays that way."

Inside Safe has clear advantages over previous efforts to make a dent in L.A.'s homeless crisis. It removes the sprawling encampments that, as the city's most visible symptom of homelessness, spark never-ending complaints. Advocates say it's much easier to find long-term housing for people in hotel rooms than for people still in tents. Hotel rooms provide a safe place where residents can heal from the trauma of the street, get their documents in order and relearn how to live indoors. And it means their case workers don't have to trek all over the city looking for them.

But while Inside Safe has succeeded in putting a temporary roof over the heads of many of Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents, the program has obvious shortcomings. Now in its seventh month, Inside Safe has moved very few people from hotels into permanent housing – and the city is struggling to produce data on the program's impact. Access to much-needed services, such as mental and physical health care, have been lacking. And renting the hotel rooms is far too expensive for Los Angeles to keep it up indefinitely, leading some activists to worry participants may end up back on the street when the funding runs out.

The 101 overpass at Cahuenga Boulevard, cleared in December, was the first Inside Safe operation. Since then, the city has completed close to two-dozen – moving 1,373 people into hotels as of earlier this month. But only about 77 of those people – less than 6% – have moved from the hotels into permanent housing, frustrating officials as the number of unhoused people in the city continues to skyrocket.

"We have a real problem if the folks aren't getting housed," Councilman Bob Blumenfield, vice chair of the Housing and Homelessness Committee, said during a recent meeting.

Inside Safe was a major piece of the newly elected Bass' campaign for mayor. And it has the potential to serve as a model for other cities throughout California. She has outsized influence beyond Los Angeles as chair of the U.S. Conference of Mayors' homelessness task force. And, home to more than 46,000 unhoused people per the city's recently released point-in-time count, L.A. is the epicenter of California's homelessness crisis, accounting for about a quarter of the state's homeless population.

"It was not acceptable to me to say, you know what, we're not going to get people off the streets until we have figured out all of the issues," Bass said in a phone interview. "As we have found problems, we are aggressively moving to address them."

Despite concerns about the low number of people housed through the program, the City Council allocated $250 million to continue and expand Inside Safe over the next year. Los Angeles County is also launching a copycat program.

Bass agreed the Inside Safe data is "extremely disappointing."

"Make no mistake — We are not satisfied with the amount of people in housing," she said in an emailed statement.

Bass blames the issue partly on bureaucracy.



Photo by Julie A Hotz for CalMatters

HOMELESS: An encampment, in Los Angeles on June 20, 2023.

People have to jump through a series of hurdles to prove they qualify for subsidized housing, including obtaining the right form of identification. She says she's attempting to streamline the process. The city's lack of affordable housing is another major factor. But 3,200 new units are expected to open this year thanks to Proposition HHH (the $1.2 billion housing bond L.A. voters passed in 2016), according to Va Lecia Adams Kellum, CEO of the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

Pete Wales, 65, is one of the few Inside Safe participants who found permanent housing. But Wales already was working with a nonprofit on getting into housing before he moved into one of the program's hotels in February.

At the time he was interviewed by a reporter late last month, Wales was preparing to move into a subsidized studio apartment in a new building near Echo Park.

"I consider myself lucky," he said.

GAPS IN LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES

For many people who spent years on the street, simply getting a roof over their head is far from enough – they may need additional support including counseling, medical care, job training or help getting a new ID. Access to those services has been lacking in the motels, according to Inside Safe participants, outreach workers and even the mayor herself.

"That is a major concern of mine," said Bass, who says the service providers simply don't have the capacity to meet everyone's needs. She wants to bring in doctors, nurses, dentists and social workers in-training from local universities to help fill the gap.

When Shayne Smith, 53, got into an Inside Safe hotel after seven years on the street, she thought it was a dream.

"It feels really good," she said. "I can take a shower. I can sleep. I have electricity. I have hot water."

Smith, a former interior designer, ended up homeless after a devastating seizure put her in a coma and caused her to lose her income. She had to relearn how to do basic tasks like reading and speaking. During her time on the street, Smith said she was the victim of multiple sexual and physical assaults. One beating knocked the veneers off her teeth, leaving her with what she has today – worn down stumps of teeth with exposed nerves and receding gums that have resulted in abscesses and infections.

She has received two 10-minute counseling sessions and a prescription for Zoloft since arriving at the hotel. But she says she needs ongoing, in-depth mental health treatment and medical care for her teeth, and she's not getting either.

"I'm still not getting treatment and I have massive headaches every day so bad that I feel like I'm going to throw up," she said. "I can't eat. I've lost a lot of weight. I'm in pain. Really bad pain all the time."

Kris Rehl, an organizer with outreach group L.A. Street Care who works with Smith and others at that motel, said Smith isn't the only one whose needs aren't being met. Another guest at the hotel has a hernia so severe that she's forced to use a wheelchair, Rehl said.

"The thing that really just destroys me is I will talk to people every week, like Shayne, who says 'I'm in chronic pain,'" Rehl said. "Or people who are like I have debilitating panic attacks or debilitating depression or PTSD or some sort of urgent medical issue."

Cost is another worry. The city is leasing rooms in about three-dozen motels, paying between $100 and $125 a night, per room. So far, Inside Safe has burned through nearly $40 million, city staff said during a committee meeting earlier this month. To make the program more affordable, the city is trying to buy some of the hotels. The mayor's office said it is close to purchasing one 300-room motel, which would drop the nightly cost of sheltering people in those rooms from $135 down to $50, said Mercedes Márquez, the mayor's chief of housing and homelessness solutions.

L.A. HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT RETURNS

Inside Safe has had mixed success when it comes to its goal of completely eliminating the encampments it targets. The city attempted to close a camp earlier this year at North Spring and Arcadia streets, two blocks from City Hall. On a recent afternoon, about 15 tents still dotted the sidewalks around that intersection.

Bass said that was one of a small number of Inside Safe sites the city wasn't able to completely clear because some people at the encampment declined a hotel room . She suspects heavy drug use in the area is a factor – one woman overdosed during that Inside Safe operation, and a medic had to administer the overdose reversing drug Narcan four times to bring her back.

Skid Row, the infamous center of Los Angeles' homeless community, is another area where any progress Inside Safe made is scarcely visible. The program moved 175 people from encampments in that neighborhood into hotel rooms, but it barely made a dent. The streets remain lined with tents and make-shift camps, where as many as 2,000 people are estimated to live.

But for those living and working near the U.S. 101 overpass that was the site of the city's first Inside Safe operation, the difference is night and day.

"People would tell me all the time that they saw the gym and it had good reviews but they didn't feel comfortable or safe parking their car or being in that neighborhood."

Glenn Burroughs, owner of the sweat equity fitness gym

For more than five years, passersby were forced to walk in the road to get around the encampment taking up the sidewalk, said Glenn Burroughs, who owns a gym called Sweat Equity Fitness down the street. Sometimes, people pitched tents right outside the gym's door and it took months for the city to remove them, he said.

"I know I lost a lot of customers," Burroughs said. "People would tell me all the time that they saw the gym and it had good reviews but they didn't feel comfortable or safe parking their car or being in that neighborhood."

Now, Burroughs is in "complete shock" that the sidewalks have remained so clean after the Inside Safe operation.

"It's been extremely nice," he said.

HOMELESS MAN RETURNS TO STREETS

But it hasn't been a success story for everyone. About a block from the overpass, one small green and silver tent sits alone on the sidewalk. Inside, a 47-year-old man who goes by Selene, was reading an X-Men comic book on a recent afternoon. He had been part of the Inside Safe operation, and moved from the encampment into a hotel in December.

His reprieve from living outdoors lasted only about six months.

After getting into a disagreement with the hotel manager over his malfunctioning keycard, Selene kicked in the door to his room so he could get inside. As a result, he said, he was told to move out.

Now, he's back on the street. After dropping him from the hotel, outreach workers gave him a tent and drove him back to the overpass, he said. After he pitched his tent, police quickly came and told him he could no longer camp there. So he moved a block down the road.

After living on the street for nearly three decades, Selene has multiple mental health symptoms, including anger issues and anxiety attacks that make his whole body shake. He said he could have used counseling, but never got it while in the hotel. It's possible that could have prevented the outburst that got him kicked out, he said.

The situation makes him feel useless and worthless, like "a waste of space and a waste of time." Still, he insists he deserves a chance. "I'm a good person," he said, a tear running down his cheek.

Despite stories like Selene's, Inside Safe seems like a "really promising model," said Nichole Fiore, who studies homeless encampments and solutions as a principal associate with research firm Abt Associates. People are much more willing to move from encampments into hotels than into traditional shelters, she said, as hotels offer a private space with a locking door and the ability to bring more possessions.

But people have so many needs beyond the simple solution of a temporary hotel room – including mental and physical health care and other services, as well as permanent housing.

"Inside Safe has a hard job," said Lauren Dunton, another associate at Abt. "It's a very hard thing. It's not simple."

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 14)

There's a fire in you and you'll find exhilaration in the act of making, solving and artfully moving through things. The thrill of production will be transcendent. What you make will become testament to your unwavering dedication to the creative spirit. More highlights: Someone will be saved by your kindness. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 7, 17, 15 and 41.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some dreams realize as if by magic, but even those come together when you're already headed in their direction. You'll adopt a "no-waiting" policy and start the process of moving your life toward a vision.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your mind is a time-traveling machine, though such excursions are not always in your best interest. Turn this function off for now and handle the day. If you're stretched into the past or the future, you'll miss the opportunity at hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're willing to feel uneasy and unsure. You're willing to be awkward. You can do this because you know that the prize on the other side is a more exciting life. Discomfort is the herald of opportunity for growth and improvement.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Desire and rejection slide along the same scale. When you want something very intensely, it's a major victory to win it, and a pain source to be denied it. You'll gauge desire and manage risk well today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be a spontaneous volcano of good ideas and love. Some will still jump back, surprised at first, but when they see all the good you can do, they'll gather near.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some meetings only accomplish half of what they set out to do and others accomplish nothing. Make a list of what you can accomplish on your own, then tackle that before you meet with others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You won't get much recognition for your work today, a fact you'll later be so glad about. It gives you a chance to figure things out and do things the way you like without worrying about pleasing anyone else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friendship is an adventure, a discovery and an art. You prepare for your interactions, both logistically and mentally, because they matter. People feel important around you because they are, in fact, important to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you'll take a back seat to the main action, and this will be an ideal position, especially if there are others who share it. Playing second fiddle is mighty fine, but the orchestra sounds better with third and fourth fiddles too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Friendship and love exist in the same relationship. It's a time for putting the friendship first, without a worry about love. Love is soft and malleable and will always find its own shape.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are things you can do that no one around you can, and even those at a distance who are similarly abled still can't do it like you. Therefore, the helping hand you need is at the end of your own arm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). "Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive," said author Sir Walter Scott. Telling the truth at a late stage might untangle things, though the best way to keep it simple is honesty from the start.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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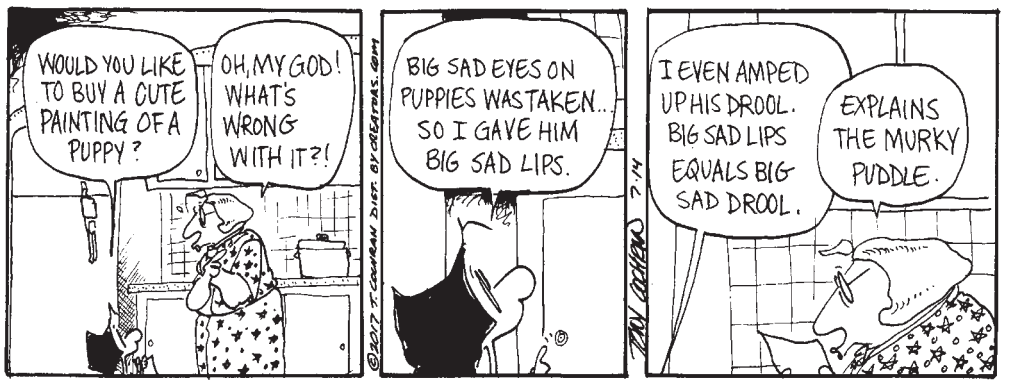
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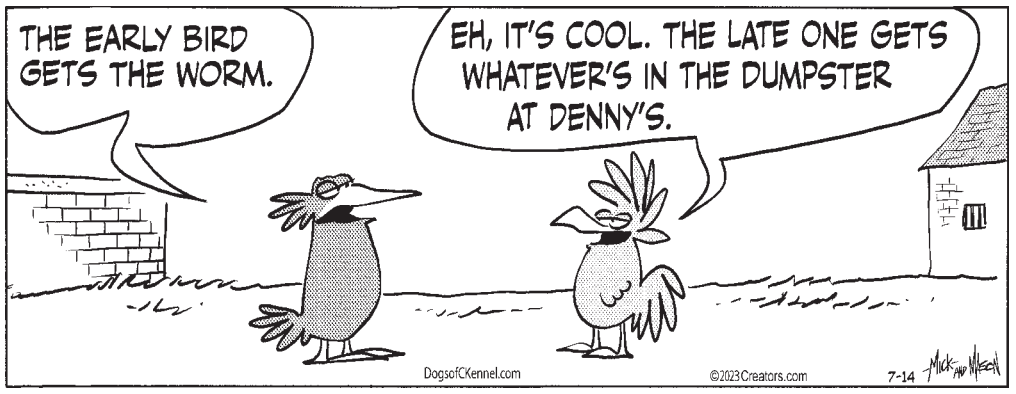
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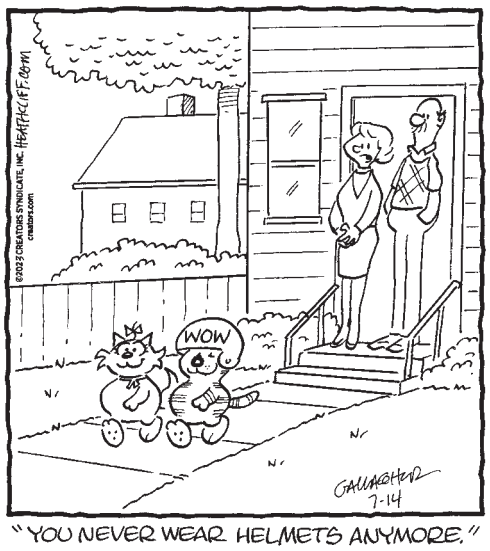
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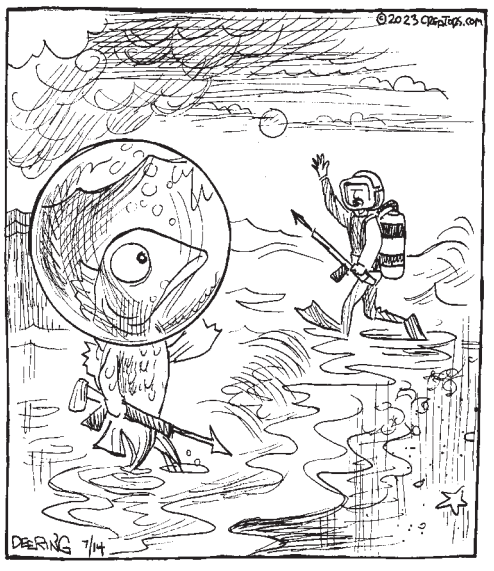
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"YOU NEVER WEAR HELMETS ANYMORE."

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 18 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Go west

D	L	I	W	B	U	S	S	E	L	T	O	N	A	C
P	A	H	T	A	R	R	A	K	D	U	K	I	N	R
E	A	T	S	C	C	W	K	N	I	L	E	U	L	B
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Acacias
Airport
Arid
Blue
Bottlenose
Boya
Busselton
Cafe
Calm
Caves
Dukin
Eagles
Eats
Festival
Flight
Guide
Gull
Karratha
Link
Malays
Moora
Muja
Music
Nannup
Newman
Old Mill
Pardoo
Peron
Peninsula
Pool
Relic
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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

AN EVENING WITH LISA SEE
Renowned author Lisa See speaks on her process and the research behind her new book Lady Tan's Circle of Women, one of this year's Santa Monica Reads selections. Ms. See will sign books after her talk, and copies will be on sale. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 6 - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | JULY 19

BIZ@SUNSET MIXER
Biz@Sunset Mixer! Meet business professionals while enjoying appetizers and beverages. Please register in advance to attend. Opportunity To Win Raffle Prizes! On the beach at Lifeguard Tower 28. https://members.smchamber.com/events/details/sun-sand-and-success-biz-sunset-mixer-july-2023-19162

THE PICTURE DAY SHOW
The Picture Day Show: stand-up comedy by national touring comics and LA's best up-and-comers! Catch big comics on a small, intimate stage. The Crow. 2525 Michigan Ave., F4 Santa Monica, CA https://jetbook.co/e/the-picture-day-showlwtt

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **67.8**

FRIDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	A little slow through the AM high tide but there should be a few small/clean waves to track down. At this point looks small and holding from Thursday PM. Lightest wind of the day in the AM.
SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Probably the best day of the next 7. Slow but some rideable waves to track down. Lully, occasionally fun SW swell (best west of Dume) primary as S swell eases. There's a little NW windswell blending in.

WEATHER

Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning.
Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 62. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 78. Light south wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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
2023/07/16	Sun	2:49 PM	2.65	L
2023/07/16	Sun	9:04 PM	6.19	H
2023/07/17	Mon	04:31 AM	-0.63	L
2023/07/17	Mon	11:08 AM	3.77	H
2023/07/17	Mon	3:25 PM	2.58	L
2023/07/17	Mon	9:38 PM	6.15	H
2023/07/18	Tue	05:02 AM	-0.54	L
2023/07/18	Tue	11:38 AM	3.80	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 7/12
23 35 45 66 67
Power#: 20
Jackpot: 875 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 7/11
10 17 33 51 64
Mega#: 5
Jackpot: 560 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 7/12
5 9 11 35 43
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 76 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 7/12
1 13 19 32 39

Daily 3
Draw Date: 7/12
EVENING: 4 0 4
Draw Date: 7/12
MIDDAY: 3 4 0

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 7/12
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 09 - Winning Spirit
3rd: 12 - Lucky Charms
Race Time: 1:48.99

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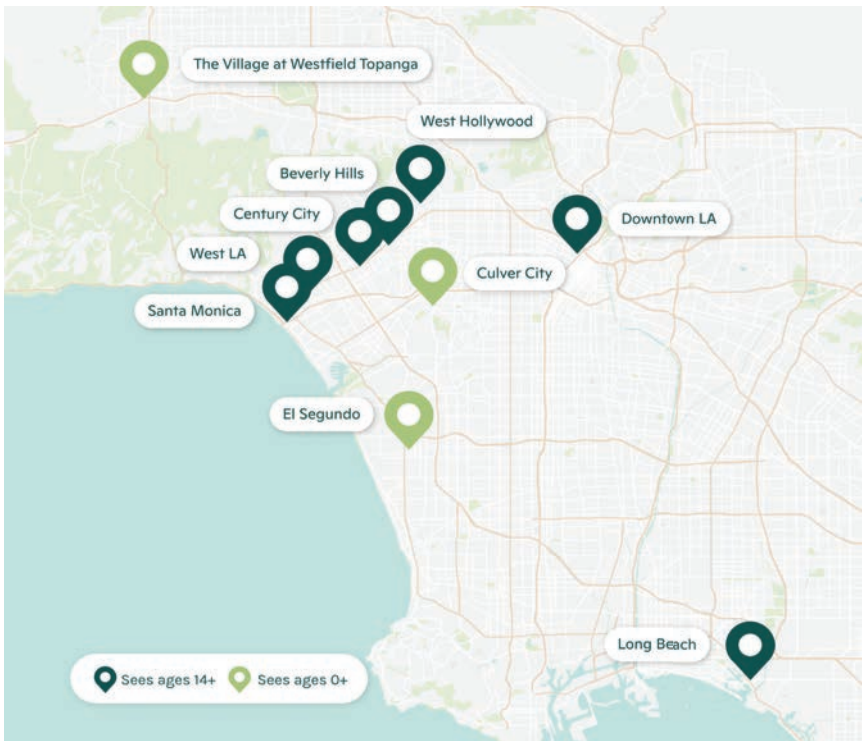
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