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Homeless man holds knife to throat of 16-year-old boy on Santa Monica Pier

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A man confirmed as experiencing homelessness held a knife to the throat of 16-year-old boy on Santa Monica Pier over the July 4 holiday weekend. At approximately 2:35pm on Sunday, July 7, the suspect, Francisco Daniel Espindola, approached the boy, who was fishing with his mother near the west end of Santa Monica Pier.

According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), Espindola grabbed the victim's fishing knife from a nearby bench, approached from the side and held the sharpened side of the blade to the boy's neck and said in Spanish, "Be careful. I can kill you."

The boy immediately lifted his hands and simultaneously the victim's mother moved toward the suspect and laughed in an attempt to de-escalate the situation.

Espindola (DOB: 03-16-1991) kept the knife raised for 5-10 seconds before setting the knife back down and retreating to a nearby bench where he remained, staring at mother and son.

After a minute or so, Espindola, who is currently homeless, then retreated further westbound on the Pier and out of sight. The victim's mother flagged down an SMPD Harbor Guard who radioed for backup and broadcast a description of the suspect.

Officers working the Pier detail quickly located the suspect and were able to take him into custody nearby. Thankfully, neither victim nor mother were injured in the incident.

On Tuesday July 9, the District

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City becomes first in U.S. to establish Bitcoin Office pilot program

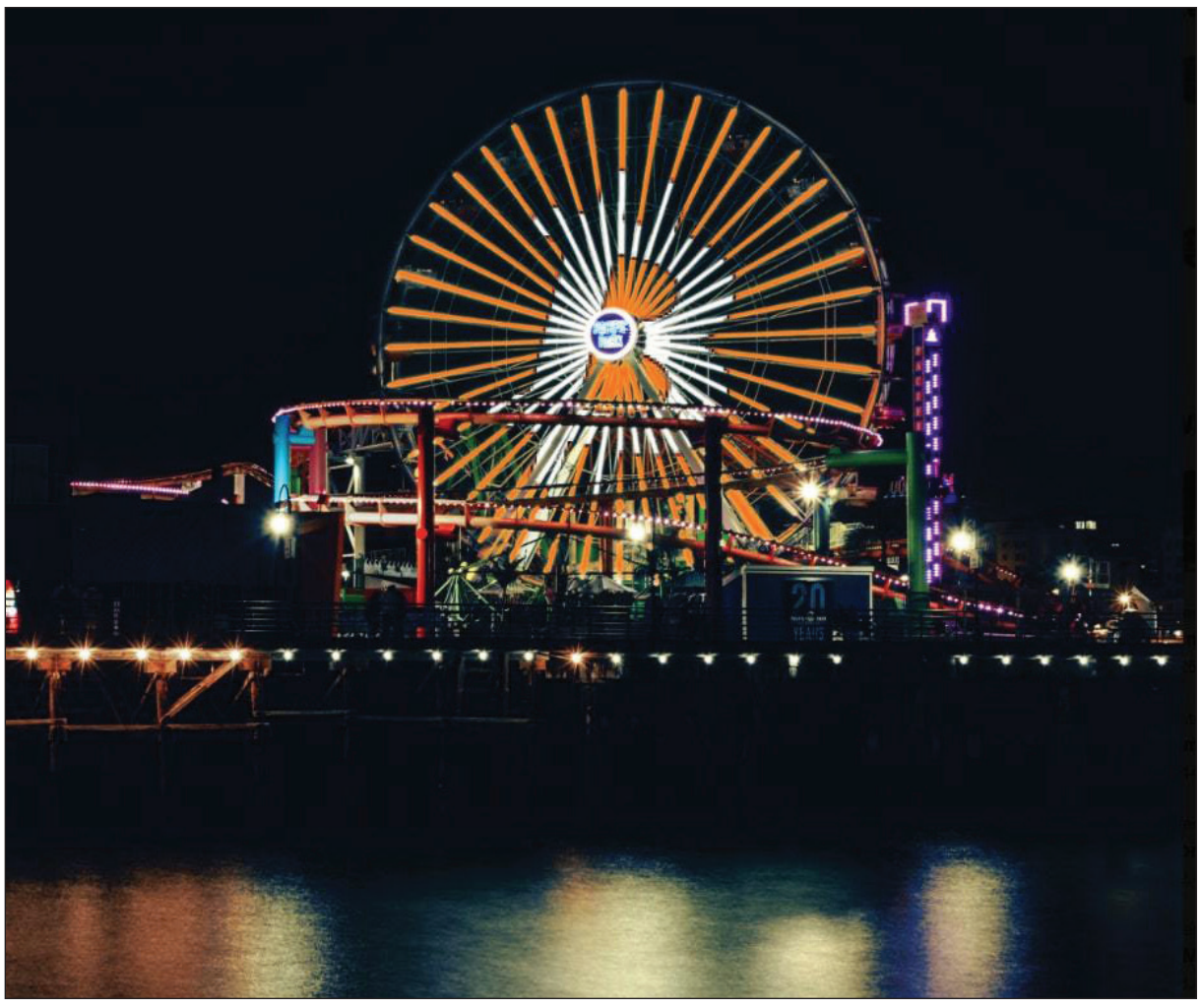


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BITCOIN: Santa Monica City Council approved of a national first, piloting a Bitcoin Office via a partnership with Proof of Workforce Foundation.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica is attempting to live up to its Silicon Beach tagline with a national first in digital currency.

During the July 9 meeting of Santa Monica City Council, the council unanimously approved 7-0 to pilot a Santa Monica Bitcoin Office program at no cost to the city. The item was requested by Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, with a direction to work with The Proof of Workforce Foundation nonprofit on the endeavor. The office is the first of its kind in the United States, with goals ranging from education on the currency to support of Santa Monica's economic recovery.

Introduced in 2009, Bitcoin has become the world's premier cryptocurrency, acting as money not controlled by any one person or entity. The currency is held in digital wallets and can be accessed from a number of online tools, with transactions publicly broadcast via the "blockchain." Now a trillion-dollar industry, Negrete noted that

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Election season formally opens

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica's election season is officially underway with applications for elected office now available from the City Clerk.

Candidates for elected offices, including Council, Rent Control Board, School Board and SMC Board, can only be nominated during the Nomination Period, which runs from the 113th day to the 88th day before the municipal election.

This year, nominations open on Monday, July 15 and are scheduled to run through August 9. That date may be extended through August 14 for a specific office if at least one incumbent in that office declines to run for reelection. Eligible candidates must be US citizens, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, and registered voters in the jurisdiction when Nomination Papers are issued.

The first opportunity to pull papers will be at a Candidate Workshop on July 15 at 10 a.m. in City Hall Council Chamber (Room 250). Individuals who cannot make the meeting can make appointments with city staff to receive their paperwork.

Candidates must establish a Campaign Committee to raise or spend money in support of their election. This requires filing a Statement of Organization (Form 410) with the Secretary of State and setting up an electronic filing account through the City Clerk's Office. Specific contribution limitations apply to City Council or Rent Control Board candidates.

Candidates need at least 100 valid signatures from registered voters in their jurisdiction to qualify for the ballot. A filing fee is

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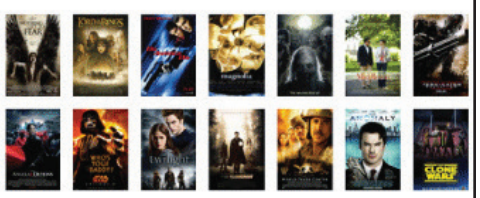


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NEWS: After over a year of delays, Health Nut is finally open at the intersection of Lincoln Blvd and Broadway.

SMDP STAFF REPORT

LOCALLY-BASED SOFTWARE DEVELOPER AIMS TO CAPITALIZE ON SOCIAL MEDIA-BASED MARKETING:

Local Robert Steele's tech start-up has made waves in the business landscape, an application called Thumzup that encourages registered users to post photographs on major social media outlets through the app about participating advertisers. Posting about places like restaurants and shops gives cash payments to users through PayPal and other digital payment systems. Steele explained that there's a section within the app where the payment awaits approval, which is designed for the advertiser to review the posts as they will only pay for ones that have a clear picture and positive remarks.

COUNCIL APPROVES BUSINESS TAX BALLOT MEASURE ITEM, REJECTS PARKING AND PULLS PAY INCREASE:

Members of Santa Monica City Council gave a mixed bag of results for the proposed ballot measure items in a recent meeting. First up was the business license tax discussion, with Council passing a measure that would update the city's business license tax for the first time since 1990, exempting small businesses and cutting rates for medium-sized businesses like restaurants and retail stores. The second part was in connection to the City's parking facility tax rate and a proposed hike of an additional 8% to privately owned lots and structures, ultimately failing to be placed on November's ballot. The final item was arguably the most contentious on the topic of if council members should be paid more, with Mayor Phil Brock stating that the public would not support any pay increase.

HATE CRIMES DOWN IN STATE, THOUGH LGBTQ AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES REMAIN TARGETED:

On June 28, California Attorney General Rob Bonta released the 2023 Hate Crime in California report, which showed that hate crime events in California decreased by 7.1% from 2022 (2,120 incidents) to 2023 (1,970 incidents). Despite the overall decrease in the state, Bonta noted that the LGBTQ+, Jewish and Muslim communities "continue to be targeted and endangered by hate at alarming rates." Santa Monica's jurisdiction reported 11 hate crime events totaling 15 offenses committed on 15 victims by 13 suspects, while Santa Monica College reported three events, each a lone offense with a lone victim.

DISTRICT CONFIRMS NEW WEBSTER PRINCIPAL, LOOKS AT SUCCESS INDICATORS:

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education approved the appointment of Carina Diana as the new principal of Webster Elementary School at its June 25 meeting, with Diana assuming the role as of July 1. Diana has served in a multitude of roles including Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at Calabasas High School, and she noted that this latest stop is a "heartfelt journey" due to two of her nephews being current Webster students. The board also discussed California School Dashboard Local Indicators, a group of reports that display the performance of the district on a set of state and local measures.

TRANSIT SYSTEM FOCUSES ON BRIGHTER FUTURE WITH BEVY OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This past week, Santa Monica City Council approved of the proposed Brighter Blue five-year service plan for Big Blue Bus (BBB), the result of a comprehensive operational analysis of its system by BBB officials, the first review of the program since 2015. Alterations to several key routes, such as Routes 1, 2, 3, 7 and Rapid 12, would operate every 10 minutes or better on weekdays under the Brighter Blue plan, and every 15 minutes or better on weekends, increasing the percentage of customers with 10-minute or better service on weekdays from 40% to 70%.

SCHOOL BOARD RUNS INTO CONFUSION IN MEASURE R PROCESS, ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER NUMBERS:

A proposed plan not to fill a retirement in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District elementary school music teacher ranks recently put the district's Board of Education at a pause. The board passed its Measure R 2024-25 annual plan, which funds art and music programs in the district, but not without much discussion of what they were actually passing. In the approved document, the Measure R budget calls for 10 elementary music teachers, however the retirement of choral music educator Susan Justin has left one of the positions open, and there was

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Losing it instead of using it: How California missed out on $1 billion to feed kids during the pandemic



Photo by John Gastaldo for CalMatters

FOOD: A young girl sits down to eat free breakfast at Rosa Parks Elementary School in San Diego on June 14, 2024. San Diego Unified School District is partnering with local organizations to offer free meals to families and students during the summer.

DENISE AMOS

It shouldn't be this hard to get money into the hands of parents struggling to feed their children. But in California, where even the simple can get real complicated, hundreds of millions of federal dollars meant for hungry kids have slipped away unspent.

It's wasteful. It's frustrating. It's repeating. Communications lapses and often inadequate and inconsistent outreach by state and local officials has meant some needy families in California don't receive the money earmarked for them.

During the pandemic, the federal government sent billions of dollars to states to help feed children locked out of schools, summer camps and day care centers. Some of that money came on little plastic EBT cards — short for electronic benefit transfers — which act like credit cards and can be used to buy groceries at stores and online.

Though California's Department of Social Services and its local partners, such as school districts and social service agencies, did a decent job getting those EBT cards to more than 8 in 10 children who qualified, other children and families who needed the money missed out. The state sent out nearly $11 billion worth of EBT cards, but only $9.5 billion was spent, state figures show.

The reasons why aren't very good. Some families who qualified missed mailings because their address files were outdated. Other households received EBT cards even though they weren't low-income. And some families mistook the EBT envelopes for junk mail and tossed them.

California had a year to use the money each cycle, and whatever went unused was automatically clawed back into federal coffers. California lost more than $1.1 billion after the first two years, and it could lose up to $470 million more, according to the latest two-year data available. We can't know for sure because some cards haven't expired yet.

That's way too much wasted public assistance money, especially when 1 in 5 Californians is food-insecure and doesn't know where their next meal is coming from.

Let me try to minimize the damage and tell you something state and local officials should be trumpeting but aren't: Families who received pandemic EBT cards late last July, August or later last year still have money on those cards — but only for a few more days until the cards expire.

Meanwhile, California gets another shot at getting food money to needy kids.

This summer the U.S. Department of Agriculture is sending low-income parents $120 per school-age child, again using EBT cards, in the recently launched program called SUN Bucks.

Parents should be getting the money or applying for it now. Since it's only for summer, parents have about three months to access and spend the money, not a full year like the pandemic EBT program.

Jesus Mendoza, the department's western region administrator, said that during the school year, some 30 million kids get free or reduced price meals at school, but over the summer only 3 million get them; the rest don't make it to the designated service sites. SUN Bucks is another way to reach these kids.

But already it's obvious there are outreach challenges.

At a mid-June food distribution event at Rosa Parks Elementary in San Diego, several dozen parents clutched bags of fresh produce and groceries as local officials held a press conference discussing the SUN Bucks program in English and Spanish.

Beatris Lagunas and Berenice Campos, stay-at-home mothers who volunteer at the school their children attend, said privately that SUN Bucks sounds good and it could help them stretch their food budget, but they were unsure how to get the money.

Campos, whose second-grade son is covered by Medi-Cal, asked a volunteer in Spanish if her son qualifies and what she needed to do to sign up. At first she was given

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **65.5**

MONDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft
Thigh to waist

Modest blend of swells on tap for the morning when wind is best. New, long period SW swell starts to creep in through the day - most size later afternoon/evening. Just tiny NW windswell and some leftover SSE swell in the mix.

TUESDAY — ***FAIR***
SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

More long-period SW swell moves in through the day, as NW swell stays minimal. Morning winds look light, tide fair.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

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2024/07/16	Tue	08:04 AM	2.97	H
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several different directions before being told to fill out an alternative income form, which she could get from the school or online.

Lagunas, a mother of three who already receives other kinds of public assistance, asked a volunteer in Spanish if she needs to apply for a new EBT card or if the SUN Bucks money would appear on her existing EBT card. A program official told her through a volunteer interpreter that her existing EBT card would suffice and that the SUN Bucks money would automatically load onto it.

Either way, she joked, that money would be gone with one visit to Costco.

"It'll help me buy groceries, because everything right now is very expensive," Lagunas said.

The SUN Bucks money could add up for California, if nearly 4 million of the targeted families spend it. The Food Research & Action Center, a Washington D.C.-based advocacy group, estimated that families using $462 million in SUN Bucks benefits could generate $693 million or more in economic impact for California.

That's a big "if." California has only the summer to get that money into the right hands — and to educate families on how to use it.

Mendoza said school districts and social services agencies have learned from the mistakes of the pandemic EBT program. For instance, this time the EBT mail won't arrive in mail addressed to children but instead to their parents, to help minimize chances it'll be mistaken for junk mail.

And this time the program's enrollment procedures were tightened to "eliminate the families who say 'I didn't apply and I don't need it,'" he told me.

Outreach has also increased, according to officials from California's Department of Social Services. The state is using bus banners, social media, video ads, grocery store signs, text messages, robocalls and email campaigns in addition to websites and helplines devoted to SUN Bucks.

All that won't be enough, though, if the program still relies on outdated home addresses and complex sign-up systems.

Plus there's the shorter deadline: If California's families don't use this money in time, they'll lose it. And we'll miss out on another nearly half a billion dollars, while a fifth of our populace can't afford groceries.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAMECase No. 24SMCP00291Superior Court of California, County of Los AngelesPetition of Mia Elizabeth Johnson and Patrick William Coyne for Change of NameTO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:Petitioner or Attorney: Mia Elizabeth Johnson and Patrick William Coyne a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Louis Patrick Coyne to Jack Lou Coyne The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 08/02/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA – COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 11725 Main St. Santa Monica, CA 90401. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

Wildfire risk rises as Western states dry out amid protracted heat wave

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

Authorities in Western states warned of the rising risk of wildfires amid a protracted heat wave that has dried out the landscape while setting temperature records and putting lives at risk. Forecasters, meanwhile, said Thursday that some relief was due by the weekend.

California's top fire official said Wednesday that so far this year, the state has responded to more than 3,500 wildfires that have scorched nearly 325 square miles (842 square kilometers) — five times the average burned through July 10 in each of the past five years.

"We are not just in a fire season, but we are in a fire year," Joe Tyler, director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said at a news conference. "Our winds and the recent heat wave have exacerbated the issue, consuming thousands of acres. So we need to be extra cautious."

California crews working in scorching temperatures and single-digit humidity were battling numerous wildfires Thursday, including a stubborn 53-square-mile (137-square-kilometer) blaze that prompted evacuation orders for about 200 homes in the mountains of Santa Barbara County northwest of Los Angeles. It was 16% contained.

California's fires began in earnest in early June, following back-to-back wet winters that pulled the state out of drought but spawned abundant grasses that have since dried out. A June blitz of lightning ignited some of the fires, a risk that may return with thunderstorms in the Sierra Nevada this weekend, forecasters said.

Fire crews in Oregon continued Thursday to fight the Larch Creek Fire, which has grown to 16.6 square miles (43 square kilometers) of grassy areas since Tuesday. Lower temperatures and calming winds were helping their efforts, but the local fire danger level remained extreme. One firefighter was treated for heat-related injuries.

Officials in Oregon and Washington state have imposed burn bans and other restrictions to avoid sparks. Campfires, operating chainsaws and target shooting are prohibited in most areas. Central Oregon limits the use of chainsaws and grass mowing to certain hours, followed by a one-hour fire watch.

In Hawaii, Haleakala National Park on Maui was closed as firefighters battled a blaze on the slopes of the mountain. Visitors in more than 150 vehicles that had gone up Wednesday for the famous sunset views were not able to descend until around 4 a.m. Thursday because the narrow roads were blocked by fire crews.

No homes were immediately threatened, but some residents were told to prepare for possible evacuations. The 40 mph (64 kph) wind speeds were a concern for firefighters, Maui Fire Department spokesperson Chris Stankis said. "The winds are a little stronger than our typical trade winds," he said.

The blaze is several miles from an area where 26 structures burned during deadly wind-driven wildfires on Maui last August. "But the residents who lost homes are scared," said Yuki Lei Sugimura, who represents the area on the Maui County Council. "It's like PTSD."

More than 63 million people around the U.S. remained under heat alerts Thursday, a significant reduction from earlier this week.

The National Weather Service said the combination of power outages from Hurricane Beryl and heat indices up to 106 degrees Fahrenheit (41 Celsius) prompted heat advisories across parts of southeast Texas. In Western states, where dozens of locations tied or broke heat records since the weekend, torrid conditions were expected through Friday before some cooling.

Las Vegas on Thursday simmered into a record sixth consecutive day of temperatures at 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46.1 Celsius) or greater. The temperature hit 115 shortly before 1 p.m. at Harry Reid International Airport, and it could get hotter still before the sun goes down. It extends a newly broken record set Wednesday when Las Vegas reached 118 F (47.8 C), toppling the old record of four consecutive days set in July 2005, according to the National Weather Service.

Forecasters called it an unprecedented heat wave, even for desert standards.

Kip Kelly, who works and lives in Las Vegas, keeps his car and the office of the nonprofit theater he founded stocked with umbrellas that he can hand out to people who don't have access to adequate cooling in the summer. The gesture began two summers ago when Kelly saw someone "hugging a wall for a sliver of shade" in downtown, where trees tend to be far and few between. Experts call this the urban heat island effect, where heavily paved areas with sparse vegetation trap more heat than outlying areas.

Meteorologist Morgan Stessman said the Las Vegas area has been under an excessive heat warning on three separate occasions this year, totaling about 12 days of dangerous heat with little relief even after the sun goes down. The city also has broken 18 heat records since June 1, well before the official start of summer, including an all-time high of 120 F (48.8 C) set on Sunday.

In Henderson, Nevada, officers from the Office of Public Response drove around Wednesday offering cold water, bus passes and rides to cooling stations to homeless people and anyone else in need.

In California, officials in the Silicon Valley county of Santa Clara are investigating 19 potential heat-related deaths, including three homeless individuals, the county's Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office said in a statement Thursday.

The Oregon state medical examiner reported Thursday four new potentially heat-related deaths, bringing to 14 the total number of deaths since the heat wave began. Two were from Washington County, including the second woman, and the other two were from Jackson and Linn counties.

Heat was also blamed for a motorcyclist's death last weekend in Death Valley National

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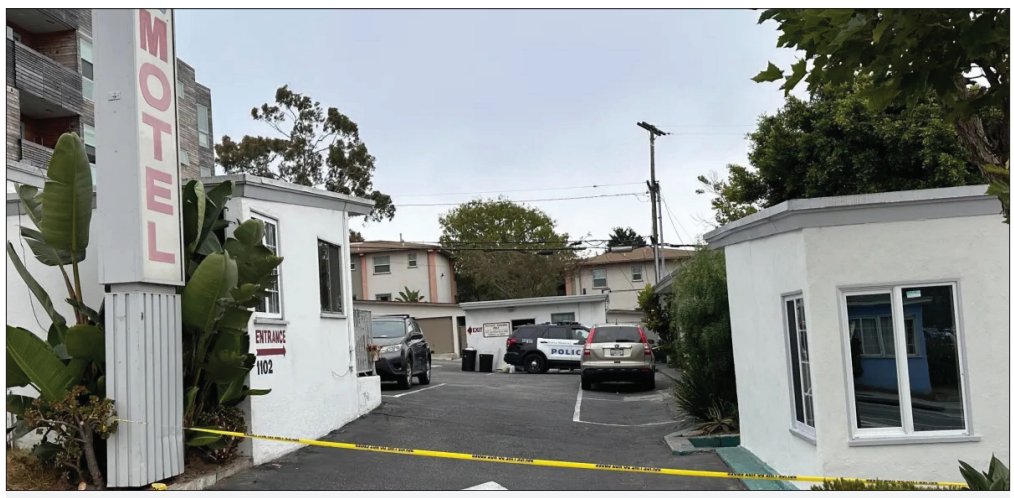
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SMPD Arrests July 4 to July 10

Crime	Arrests
Shoplifting	6
Drunk in Public	4
Parole Violation	3
Possession of Methamphetamines	3
Possession of Methamphetamines for Sale	3
Resisting Arrest	3
Warrant	3
Receiving Stolen Property	2
Under the Influence of a Controlled Substance	2
Animal Abuse	1
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	1
Burglary	1
Carrying A Concealed Dirk Or Dagger	1
Carrying a loaded firearm not registered to possessor	1
Domestic Battery	1
Driving Under the Influence	1
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	1
Illegal Possession of Tear Gas	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Loitering to Commit a Crime	1
Possession of a Firearm by a Felon	1
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Resisting an Executive Officer	1
Vandalism	1
Vandalism to a Vehicle	1
TOTAL	**45**

4-year-old kidnapped from restaurant on Lincoln, found at motel blocks away



Todd James

KIDNAPPING: An abucted 4-year-old was later found in a room at the Holiday Motel & Suites at 1102 Pico Blvd, three blocks away from Panda Express.

SCOTT SNOWDEN
SMDP Staff Writer

A 4-year-old was abducted from the Panda Express restaurant in the 1900 block of Lincoln Boulevard and was later found in a room at the Holiday Motel & Suites at 1102 Pico Boulevard, along with the suspect.

At approximately 12:11pm on Friday afternoon, the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) received a frantic call for help from a grandmother whose granddaughter had been kidnapped from a restaurant in the strip mall at the Pico Blvd and Lincoln Blvd intersection.

According to SMPD, the first officers were on the scene within minutes of the call being dispatched, gathering video images of the probable kidnapper and child to send to additional units who were on their way.

More than 30 sworn officers together with civilian personnel, flooded the area, searching for the subject described as a heavyset white female in her 30s. At 12:37pm, officers from the Downtown Services Unit located the suspect and child in a room at the Holiday Motel. Thankfully, the child was unharmed and the suspect was taken into custody.

In a statement, the SMPD said, "Our heartfelt best wishes go out to the child and her family as they deal with the shock of this ordeal. We will do everything we can to make sure they are helped through this time and to make sure no stone is left unturned in the investigation."

The suspect will be booked into the Santa Monica jail, and additional information will be available when the case is presented to the District Attorney's office.

The Police Department says that this early in the investigation, "We cannot confirm the suspect's criminal history. It appears she has been residing at the Holiday Motel for an extended period of time, but it is too soon to confirm any details other than those shared above," a spokesperson said.

Mayor Phil Brock was soon on the scene and told the Daily Press, "I'm gratified that the Santa Monica Police Department responded forcefully, quickly and were able to rescue this young child. And we're able to accomplish it within 20 minutes," he said, adding, "I don't want this to happen and I can't imagine that grandmother's anguish, but the fact that Santa Monica Police treated this incident so seriously, but found that child and the perpetrator so quickly is amazing."

Anyone with information related to this incident or this individual is encouraged to contact the Watch Commander at Santa Monica Police headquarters at 310-458-8427 (24 hours).

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Large Conference Room:

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 @ 10am
3223 Donald Douglas Loop S.
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PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,818,180
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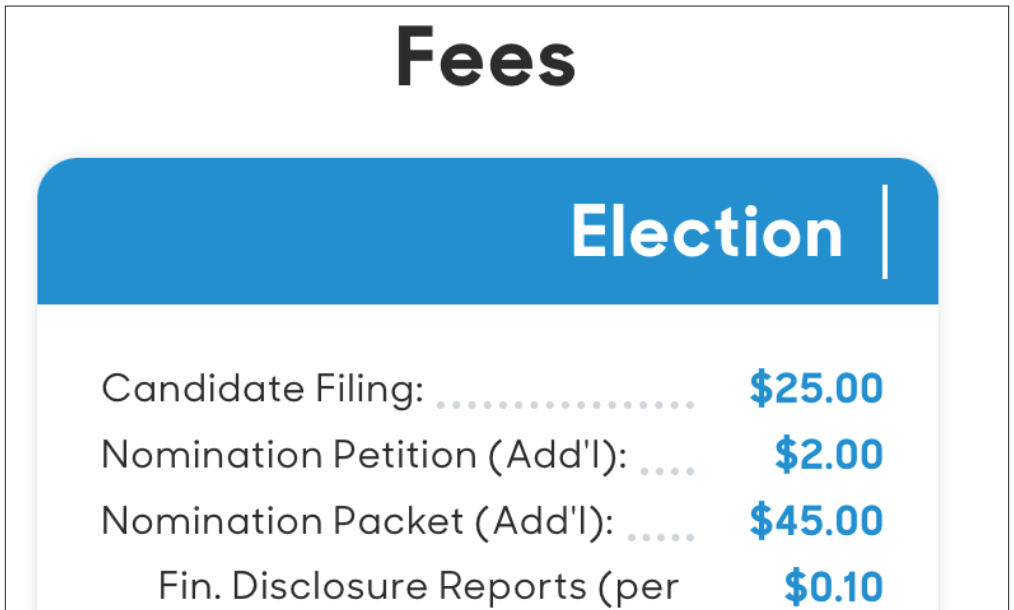
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also required, along with a fee for submitting a Candidate Statement for the Sample Ballot. A surcharge applies to debit/credit card transactions.

After the Nomination Period, elected candidates with Campaign Committees must file semi-annual statements until the Committee is terminated. Specific laws such as the Taxpayer Protection law and Levine Act apply to winning Council or Rent Board candidates. All elected officials must file annual Statements of Economic Interest or Conflict of Interest Statements (Form 700) and complete mandatory ethics training (Ethics AB1234).

Individuals who fail to file during the Nomination Period can still qualify for the election as write-in candidates if they file the required paperwork by October 22.

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Courtesy Graphic

ELECTION: Monday begins the process for candidates to pull papers for elected office, including Council, Rent Control Board, School Board and Santa Monica College Board, four months until the November election.

HEAT

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Park, and the National Park Service is investigating the third death of a Grand Canyon hiker in recent weeks. Arizona authorities are investigating deaths of a 2-year-old and a baby in separate incidents, and in Nebraska, Omaha police say a boy died after being left in an SUV.

The U.S. heat wave came as the global temperature in June was a record warm for the 13th straight month and marked the 12th straight month that the world was 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warmer than pre-industrial times, the European climate service Copernicus said. Most of this heat, trapped by human-caused climate change, is from long-term warming from greenhouse gases emitted by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas, scientists say.

"Climate change is real," California Gov. Gavin Newsom said at a news conference Wednesday. "Those extremes are here present every day in the great state of California."

Newsom said the state was prepared to fight the conflagrations.

Cal Fire uses 1,100 cameras and artificial intelligence to spot fires.

The agency also has the largest fire suppression aircraft fleet in the world, according to Newsom. This year, the state will add 24 privately owned planes to its force and will begin using seven ex-military planes provided by the federal government. The state has added 3,000 firefighters since 2018 and is committed to hiring an additional 2,400 in the next five years.

In southern New Mexico, heavy rain produced flash flooding on top of wildfire burn scars for the second day in a row Wednesday, forcing an estimated 1,000 residents to flee their homes in Ruidoso, city spokesperson Kerry Gladden said.

She said emergency responders had conducted more than 30 water rescues but there were no immediate reports of deaths or serious injuries. She said most bridges over rivers and streams were closed, as was U.S. Highway 70 — one of the main arteries into town — while crews removed debris.

Associated Press journalists Ken Ritter, Rio Yamat and Ty ONeil in Las Vegas; Jennifer Kelleher in Honolulu; Tran Nguyen in Sacramento, California; Anita Snow in Phoenix; Scott Sonner in Reno, Nevada; John Antczak in Los Angeles; Martha Bellisle in Seattle; and Bruce Shipkowski in Toms River, New Jersey, contributed to this report.

BITCOIN

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she was "excited at the idea" of exploring a "wide range of applications."

"This is not about the asset or the commodity, it is truly about educating," Negrete said. "We have been a leader in so many things ... we are currently battling a lot of negative news (and) a retail climate that's really hard for some of our areas like our Downtown Santa Monica area. We're consistently looking at how can we bring back economic recovery, I think these are some interesting, out of the box ideas we've been discussing."

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>
> - Christine Parra, Councilmember

Along with support of economic partners, Negrete said the "sheer newsworthiness" of the office will bring positive press to the city, along with travelers from across the globe that are intrigued by the currency. The city currently plays host to the annual Pacific Bitcoin Festival, which brings thousands of tourists to Santa Monica each year.

Having an official cryptocurrency partnership, Negrete added, would go a long way into preventing future scams, such as a fraud scheme that targeted Latino investors last year. In March 2023, multiple households contacted city officials claiming they were victimized by a crypto Ponzi scheme ran by agents of CryptoFX, LLC., a business that became the center of federal enforcement action in Texas.

Council comment was mostly positive with a couple of clarifying questions, with Councilmember Christine Parra excited that city stakeholders were intrigued on the educational component of the partnership.

"While I'm still in the beginning stages of trying to really understand how it works ... I'm excited on a personal level to learn more and also be that innovative city, which we are," Parra said.

Councilmember Gleam Davis wanted to know if the City had insurance covering parties that may lose money in the Bitcoin market, stating that the establishment of a Santa Monica Bitcoin Office implies city approval on Bitcoin transactions.

"A lot of people made money in Bitcoin, a lot of people have also lost money in Bitcoin ... I think we run a risk that if we're out there saying this is the Santa Monica Bitcoin Office and it encourages someone to invest in Bitcoin and the investment doesn't work out for them, they'll turn around (and say) the deep pocket is the City of Santa Monica, I will sue the City of Santa Monica for encouraging me to make this risky investment. I'm not saying it'll be good litigation, I'm not saying it's valid ... (but) it doesn't take much to file a complaint in Superior Court."

Negrete stated that she's discussed this topic with other officials, stating that the city is "not telling anybody to invest" in the cryptocurrency, with City Attorney Doug Sloan adding that he would potentially add a disclaimer that the city "does not necessarily encourage investment" in Bitcoin. City Manager David White said that the Bitcoin Office is not a city-run entity, and any work done by Proof of Workforce would be run past city offices.

"If they identify a company that wants to locate in Santa Monica, we would facilitate the connection with the Economic Development team ... it would be those kinds of activities," White added.

Public comment on the matter skewed from full-on support to warnings on Bitcoin investment. Local television producer Terence Michael said that the Bitcoin network is a "wonderful playground" that the "big companies of tomorrow" are going to want to build on, while Bitcoin advocate Terrence Yang stated that financial services like Schwab and Fidelity allow for easy Bitcoin transactions.

"By having a Bitcoin office, you're going to put yourself on the map, leading in innovation ... I think it's very exciting for you guys, and I want to congratulate you ... (for) support (of) business and innovation in the City of Santa Monica," Yang said.

One comment was more skeptical, however, as John Medlin noted how Bitcoin might be a "scam" for interested investors.

"(Negrete) told me we're not going to pay (Proof of Workforce), we're just going to encourage them," Medlin said. "That's like I encouraged my son or daughter, you know, marijuana is not bad for you, it can be healthy. (But it) might be a gateway to another thing. Bitcoin, I hate to tell you boys and girls, it's a scam ... we don't need Bitcoin here."

The Santa Monica Bitcoin Office move follows the path of El Salvador, with the country's Bitcoin Office congratulating the Council on the move. The El Salvador office noted that Negrete had visited them in 2023 to talk about Bitcoin education activities.

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HOMELESS

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Attorney filed one charge of Assault with a Deadly Weapon (245(a)(1) PC). Espindola is currently on probation for robbery.

Speaking to the Daily Press, Lieutenant Erika Aklufi said, "As you will agree, this incident was extremely distressing for both the victim and his mother and we are all very, very glad we were able to get this individual in custody."

"During his interview with detectives, he [Espindola] appeared extremely altered. To think that the victim's mother was able to keep herself together and de-escalate the situation right there in the moment is incredible. Now that this case has been filed with the DA and the prelim approaches, our Youth and Family Services detective (assigned because the victim is under 18) will do everything possible to make sure Espindola is held to account," Aklufi said.

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Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business NameDocument Record # 2019329403Current File No.# 2024132456 State of California, County of Los AngelesThe following person(s) has/have abandoned the use of the fictitious Business name:JMK COURT REPORTING, 848 STH STREET APT 3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403The fictitious business name referred to above was filed on December 26, 2019 in the county of LOS ANGELES.Registered owners: JUDITH M KRUEGER, 848 5TH STREET APT 3, SANTA MONICA, CA 90403This business is conducted by: An INDIVIDUAL /s/ This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on Published: 6/20/2024 SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS: 07/7/2024, 07/14/2024, 07/21/2024, 07/28/2024

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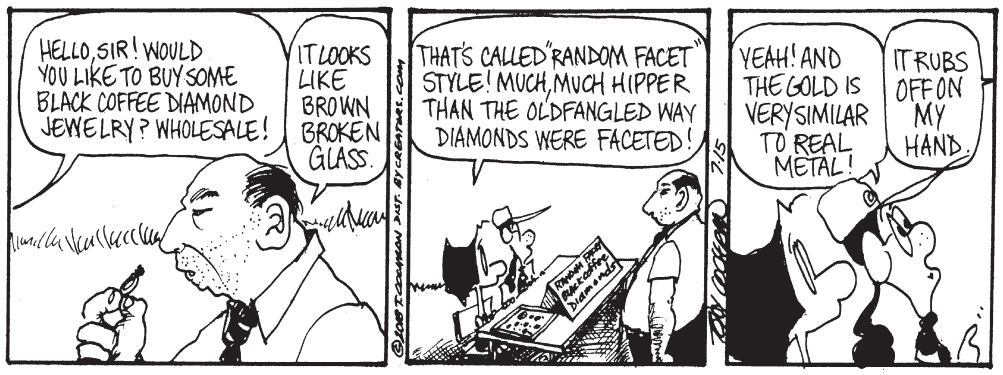
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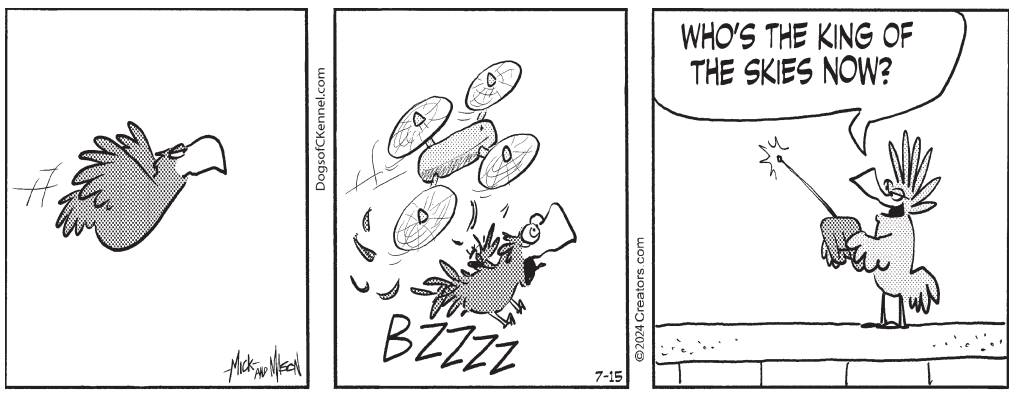
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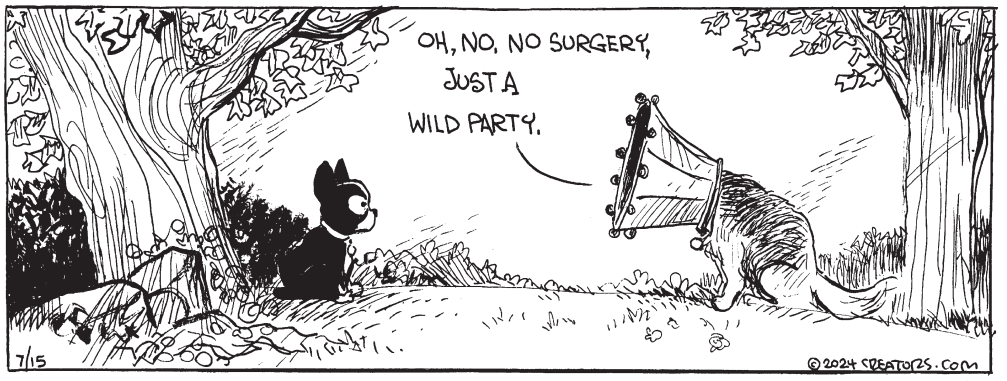
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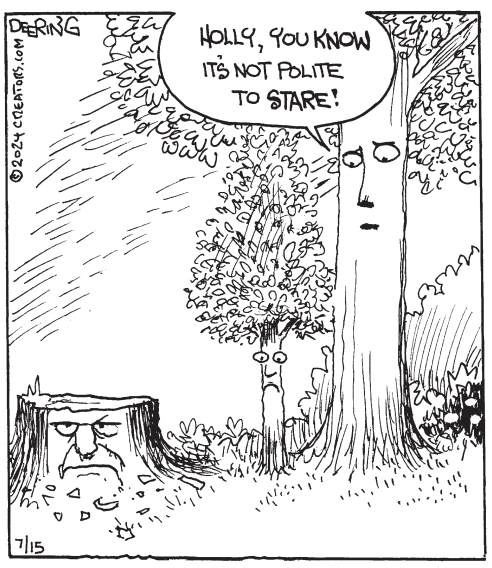
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"YOUR VENTRILOQUISM IS IMPROVING."

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 27 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6272

Football in Australia

A	S	T	D	R	O	O	F	N	I	L	T	I	A	C
F	P	R	E	D	C	A	R	D	I	N	J	U	R	Y
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Aggressive	Futsal	Pass
Arnold	Goalmouth	Penalty
Ball	Goodwin	Pitch
Bend	Gorry	Red card
Caitlin Foord	Header	Referee
Corner	Hooligans	Rhyan Grant
Cups	Injury	Sam Kerr
Delbridge	Kyah Simon	Shot
Dummy	Manager	Steph Catley
FIFA	Oceania	Valeri
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 15)

You're adored. They see you as magnificent and you strive to meet the image. You'll work and play hard this year! Auspicious circumstances are made more so by the feeling they are well earned. More highlights: six instances of perfect timing, a reunion and an incremental program that will have you taking a new professional and personal direction. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 33, 28, 5 and 18.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You think you want something, but you won't really know until you get it. Work toward that anyhow. Even if you're unsatisfied with the reward, you'll be stronger for the effort.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Just as you can't tell what kind of charge is in a battery until you hook it up to something that taps it, you don't know what power is inside you until you tap it. You'll sign up for a challenge just to learn what you can do, which is as good a reason as any.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Today does not indicate what things will be like tomorrow. This is a transitional time, and things may seem like they're all over the place. It's an opportunity for a mind-over-matter approach; you'll find your mind is mighty indeed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Falling in and out of sync is what makes jazz so exciting - also life. You don't know what kind of rhythm you're locked in until you fall out of it, feel the tension of being outside the beat, and make the choice to get back in step.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Defining a goal is akin to setting a limitation, but at least it's a place to start. The key is to remain flexible and willing to move things forward and back to accommodate the circumstance of the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some of the things that are important to you just don't seem to be finding their way into your daily life. It's an indication that it's time for tweaks to the system. It's possible to get key things in each and every day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Which is prettier, the sunrise or the sunset? The official jury is still out on the matter, but for you it's all about the one you catch, made sweeter by the one you catch it with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Expectation puts a weight on things. Since we expect very little from the superfluous, it tends to effervesce. Things you do between projects will bring more joy and interest than the main show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). "Never say never," "out of sight, out of mind" and "promises are made to be broken" are all sayings that speak to the fickleness of human nature. Whoever came up with them must have been unfamiliar with you and your mighty resolve.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once you have the remote in your hand, changing the television channels happens quickly. If you have to look for the remote, it adds time. Your "remote" for mental channel-changing is an action like taking a walk, a nap or cup of tea.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It seems that something you want is being denied, but really, it's just being held like a book in the library, on a shelf somewhere behind the front desk of life, just waiting for you to show up and claim it. Your name is on this one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It happens every time - you set out to teach someone, and no matter how quickly they catch on or how happy they are for the gift of knowledge, you still feel like the one who learned the most from the experience is you.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

C	O	M	B	■	M	A	A	M	■	C	A	V	I	L
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C	A	P	E	D	■	Y	E	N	S	■	R	E	D	S

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

7	8	2	4	6	5	3	9	1
9	6	3	7	2	1	5	4	8
5	4	1	8	9	3	6	7	2
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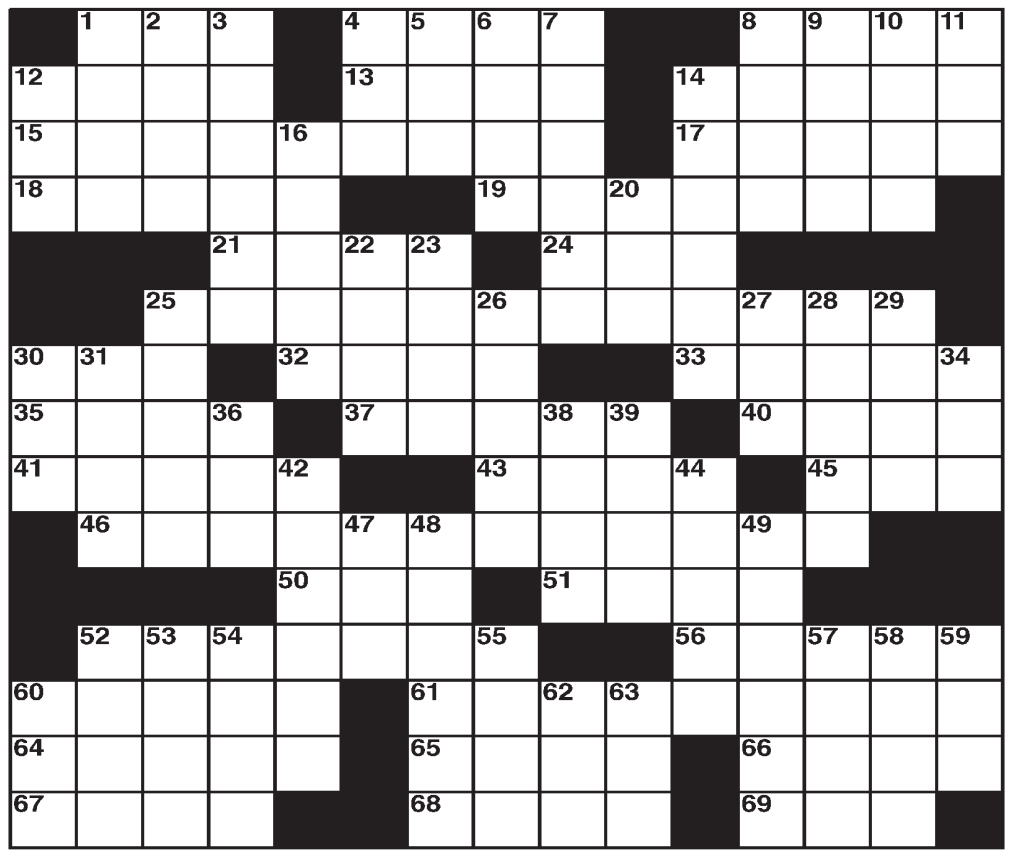
PUSHING IT by Doug Peterson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS

1 Abbreviation on a sunscreen bottle
4 Fruit that becomes a prune
8 Create
12 "Superfruit" berry
13 Civil rights icon Parks
14 Copy-machine powder
15 Grass-cutting machine
17 Playful aquatic mammal
18 Bert's *Sesame Street* pal
19 Porpoise's close relative
21 __ gin fizz cocktail
24 French "yes"
25 Vehicle in a supermarket aisle
30 Group for expert putters: Abbr.
32 Require
33 Seat at a tavern
35 Large vases
37 River-mouth formation
40 "Sound off" TV remote button
41 Ballerinas' skirts
43 Toward sunrise
45 Full collection
46 Stroller for a newborn
50 British knight's title
51 Colonial patriot Revere
52 Get in touch with
56 Grandmothers, affectionately
60 Motion picture
61 Wheeled platform for deliveries
64 An hour past noon: Abbr.
65 Bounce back, as a sound
66 Small whirlpool
67 Ballpoints
68 Part for a performer
69 Fraction of a minute: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Lasting mark
2 Least important chess piece
3 Complete a job
4 Athlete who's paid
5 Deep, as a voice
6 Pre-owned
7 Strand, as on an island
8 Flying insect attracted to light
9 Prefix meaning "against"
10 Sharp, as vision
11 Goof up
12 Pub serving
14 Subjects for discussion
16 Honeydew or cantaloupe
20 Carry with difficulty
22 Newspaper's essay page
23 Fencing sword
25 Mrs. Claus' mister
26 Lazy person
27 All-hours cash device: Abbr.
28 Shake out of slumber
29 Large handled bag
30 __ up with (tolerate)
31 Food, slangily
34 Allow
36 Underwater vessel, for short
38 Waterproof canvas covering
39 India's continent
42 Methodical procedure
44 Tease
47 US espionage group: Abbr.
48 Bow-and-arrow expert
49 Angry looks
52 Shape of a funnel
53 Appliance for baking
54 Tiny bites
55 Crunchy Mexican food
57 Unclothed statue
58 Dual-power, as a radio
59 Where clouds form
60 Floor-cleaning tool
62 League with goalies and pucks: Abbr.
63 Female deer



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NEWS

FROM PAGE 2

a recommendation by district officials to change the amount of positions from 10 to 9.

HEALTH NUT FINALLY OPENS AFTER YEAR AND A HALF OF DELAYS:

July saw the selection of midday nibbles and lunchtime snacks on offer around the Downtown/Mid-City merge increase by one worthy addition, the official opening of Health Nut at the Lincoln Blvd and Broadway intersection. A small-but steadily growing family business, Health Nut began way back in 1988 primarily as a vitamin store and over time developed into a restaurant offering super healthy salads. According to Health Nut CEO Steve Choi, fresh ingredients are sourced locally as much as possible and great care is taken to ensure ingredients like lettuce remain fresh.

THREE DECADES OF FEMALE ARTISTRY CONTINUES TO BRIGHTEN MAIN STREET:

Bringing in tourists and experienced art collectors alike, Ten Women Gallery on Main Street is celebrating 30 years of womanhood and creation that has kept the street colorful. The brainchild of 10 Santa Monica Alternative School House parents in 1994, Ten Women remains one of the more unique art experiences in the area, a true co-op endeavor where a group of local female artists share the space at 2719 Main St. There, all take turns working a shift in the gallery and split expenses like rent between them, and in turn, artists are paid 100% of the money from sales in their individual nooks.

TEMPERATURE RISE PREVIEWS HOT SUMMER AHEAD:

From July 5 through July 5, Santa Monica experienced its first three-day stretch of temperatures 75 degrees Fahrenheit or above in 2024, a result of a gradual warmth that began at the end of June. The 75-plus climate was reached a week earlier than last year, as it took until July 12, 2023 for summer heat to top that mark. Now that the 75-degree plateau has been reached, the summer will likely carry on with that temperature as the base, threatening locals with serious medical matters like heat stroke, when the body loses control of its temperature-fighting abilities.

SMC PROGRAM SINGS, STRUMS TO HONOR MARIACHI TRADITION:

The Santa Monica College Mariachi Ensemble recently finished its second year as a program, performing the music made famous in western Mexico in the 18th and 19th centuries. Holding courses at Santa Monica High School, the class merges Samohi students, SMC students and adults together to pay respects to Latino heritage. In the classic mariachi spirit, all students (ranging from ages 14 to 65) must participate both with their singing vice and their chosen instrument like the high-pitched vihuela guitar and the acoustic bass guitarrón.

COUNCIL VOTING ON BOARD AND COMMISSION SEATS GAVE BOTH UNSURPRISING AND UNEXPECTED RESULTS:

One of the more popcorn moments from the July 9 Santa Monica City Council meeting was the annual appointment voting to the boards and commissions within the City of Santa Monica. One of the most notable was with regards to the three positions available on the Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) board of directors. Members of council wrestled over the nomination and voting process, with votes along political lines eventually appointing Jon Farzam, Berta Negari and Michelle Cardiel. Speaking to the Daily Press, Santa Monica Vice-Mayor Lana Negrete said her nomination for Farzam was based on his reputation as a hotel operator in the downtown area, a position that hasn't been reflected on the DTSM board yet.

MAIN STREET OPENS THE STREETS WITH SUMMER FESTIVAL:

On July 13, Main Street's Summer Soulstice Festival returned for its 20th anniversary after years of dormancy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The free event had music, art and activities of all ages, including performances by Jane Fonda's, female AC/DC tribute band Herway to Hell and Red Hot Chili Peppers tribute Red Hot Tribute. A grant from the City of Santa Monica's Cultural Affairs Department paved the way for a pop-up art gallery at the festival, with over 50 visual artists in tow. The festival wouldn't have been possible without another partnership, this time with Los Angeles County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath's office, which gave the Main Street Business Improvement Association $15,000 to put on Summer Soulstice and September's Day of the Dog festival.

RESIDENTS APPALLED AT COMMUNITY MEETING ON WILSHIRE DEVELOPMENTS:

Residents from the Wilshire/Montana neighborhoods gathered at Saint Anne Church on Colorado Avenue on July 8 to engage with the Hollywood Community Housing Corporation (HCHC) over the development of three new sites, 1217 Euclid, 1211 14th Street and 1146 16th Street. Once built, the projects would serve Individuals and families making anywhere from 30% to 80% of the area median income, as well as people experiencing homelessness. The HCHC strategy in the meeting was to provide a presentation and then rather than a traditional Q&A, five different "stations" had been set up to address different categories of questions, which angered the gathered crowd, calling it an "attempt to divide and conquer."

DESPITE LOWERING RENTS, WESTSIDE LESS DESIRABLE AS APARTMENT OPTION:

According to a new report by RentCafe, Western Los Angeles County, which includes Santa Monica, was deemed the "least competitive" market for apartment rentals out of 12 California metro areas. This was determined by factors like the average apartment vacancy time before being rented out, the amount of prospective renters for a place, as well as lease renewal rate. The Westside is hampered by a low apartment occupancy rate, low amount of prospective renters and low lease renewal rate. This is despite a year of declines in Santa Monica rent prices, as an Apartment List report states that prices from July 2023 to July 2024 fell 4%.

MUSEUM MAKES ROOM FOR SKATEBOARDING'S DOGTOWN ROOTS:

On June 30, the California Heritage Museum launched its exhibit "Dogtown and the Legendary Z-Boys," paying homage to the Westside's founding fathers of modern skateboarding. Running through October 27, the exhibit came about via a partnership with original Z-Boy Nathan Pratt, who served as a guest curator on the project and was able to conjure up buried treasures in the forms of boards, photography and art from a host of collectors and skateboarding pioneers. The Skateboarding Hall of Fame was also a major lender of boards and memorabilia for the exhibit.



MONDAY | JULY 15

FREE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Free summer lunch program for youth under the age of 18 at Virginia Avenue Park's Teen Center Courtyard, 2200 Virginia Ave. Lunch program participants must eat the lunch in the designated lunch space and must be able to eat independently. Lunch will be served from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. while supplies last.

COASTAL CLEANUP DAY SITE CAPTAIN TRAINING

Coastal Cleanup Day is the biggest environmental day of action of the year, inspiring millions of volunteers worldwide to make an impact. Heal the Bay will be hosting Coastal Cleanup Day Site Captain Training, designed to teach you everything you need to know about Coastal Cleanup Day, to ensure you and your crew are well prepared to serve as leaders. Meeting will be held online beginning at 6:30 p.m., to register visit: https://healthebay.org/event/coastal-cleanup-day-site-captain-training/2024-07-15/.

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

The Commission on Sustainability, Environmental Justice and the Environment shall act in an advisory capacity on sustainability, environmental programs and policy issues. The Commission closely monitors the Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan and advises the Council on plan implementation. The Commission on Sustainability, Environment Justice, and the environment is an expert panel made up of seven (7) members selected by the City Council with 4 year terms. Commissioners must have significant expertise in one or more areas of environmental policy and must reside or work in Santa Monica. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the SMi Room of the Civic Center Parking Structure, 333 Civic Center Dr.

VIRGINIA AVE PARK ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The Virginia Avenue Park Advisory Board (VAPAB) serves as an advisory body to the Recreation and Parks Commission and the Director of Housing and Human Services Department. The VAPAB is composed of seven Santa Monica resident board members. The Board represents the social and ethnic diversity of the park's neighborhood and includes but is not limited to representatives of the following segments of the community: park users, park neighbors, park program participants, seniors, families with children, community organizations and older youth. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Thelma Terry Building at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Architectural Review Board established in 1974, acts "to preserve existing areas of natural beauty, cultural importance and assure that buildings, structures, signs or other developments are in good taste, good design, harmonious with surrounding developments, and in general contribute to the preservation of Santa Monica's reputation as a place of beauty, spaciousness and quality." Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

GOV. GRETCHEN WHITMER WITH MATT WALSH

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will be speaking with Matt Walsh on her memoir "True Gretch: What I've Learned About Life, Leadership, and Everything in Between," beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Ann and Jerry Moss Theatre at New Roads School, 3131 Olympic Blvd. General admission $56, includes a copy of the book with a signed book plate. To join the waitlist for tickets, visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gov-gretchen-whitmer-with-matt-walsh-tickets-936475091207.

TUESDAY | JULY 16

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

A special meeting of the Library Board will be held at 6 p.m. at the Main Library Administrative Conference Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica. Current and past agendas and minutes are available on smpl.org. For special disability accomodations, please contact library administration at 310-458-8600.

WEDNESDAY | JULY 17

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Santa Monica residents can meet one on one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles for help with housing issues from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

AUTHOR EVENT WITH JIM HARRIS

The Santa Monica History Museum, 1350 7th St., welcomes author and historian James Harris beginning at 6 p.m., with Harris presently the highly anticipated expanded edition of his celebrated book, "Santa Monica Pier: America's Last Great Pleasure Pier." The book, published by Angel City Press, will be available for purchase. Event is free.

THURSDAY | JULY 18

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: SUMMER WATER SAFETY

Longfellow the Whale and staff from the Santa Monica Swim Center share tips on how to stay safe around the water this summer. Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before the program. For families. Begins at 2:30 p.m. at Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

SUNSET PICNIC

It's Sunset Picnic at Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, as locals pack their favorite picnic dinner (fancy or casual), bring family and friends and take part in fun activities like games, dominoes and checkers. Enjoy a fun, casual beachfront summer evening with a musical duo vibing in the background and S'mores for dessert. No glass or alcohol allowed. Runs from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

The Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Director of Community Services in all matters pertaining to public recreation including playgrounds, music and entertainment. The Commission will consider the budget of the Community and Cultural Services Department and make recommendations to the City Manager and the City Council. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

You're invited to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica Golf Tournament

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