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Council descends into playground politics when closed session leaks is discussed again



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COUNCIL: The July 9 meeting of Santa Monica City Council held another discussion of closed session leaks.

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While Tuesday's City Council meeting was something of a slow burner, anyone who managed to make it through to the second half was rewarded with an entertaining showdown that rivaled anything else that was on television that evening.

During the June 11 meeting, a request was made by Councilmembers Gleam Davis, Caroline Torosis and Jesse Zwick to direct the City Attorney to return with a proposal for both an investigation into recent leaks of confidential information disclosed during Closed Sessions and subsequent penalty for anyone caught doing it.

Sloan introduced the item and touched upon some of the issues involved, "The resolution basically makes council members, board commission members and council appointed charter officials bound by the same rules as employees, then a process for reporting and investigating that."

Councilmember Caroline Torosis quickly went on record to say that she was happy with what Sloan had recommended in an almost cognitive preemptive anticipation of what was about to unfold.

Councilmember Christine Parra, who very much led the charge for not conducting any kind of investigation in the earlier June meeting asked about whether or not Sloan had looked into how other cities were handling, to which he replied he had not. Parra then suggested that perhaps this should be undertaken before any decision was made so that the resolution might benefit from further study.

To which Councilmember Gleam Davis responded, "I'm not

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First candidates pull paperwork for elected office

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The first wave of candidates for elected office in November's election pulled application paperwork on Monday, setting the stage for a hectic several months.

Candidates were able to pull papers at Monday's Candidate Workshop in Council Chambers of Santa Monica City Hall, with candidates for City Council, Rent Control Board, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) Board of Education and Santa Monica College Board grabbing papers during the day. Eligible candidates must be United States citizens, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, and registered voters in the jurisdiction when Nomination Papers are issued.

Pulling papers for Santa Monica City Council, with four seats up for grabs for four-year terms, were the following candidates: Whitney

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Court ruling's implications on local, regional level discussed



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HOMELESS: The recent Supreme Court decision regarding sleeping in public spaces sparked discussion in a recent City Council meeting.

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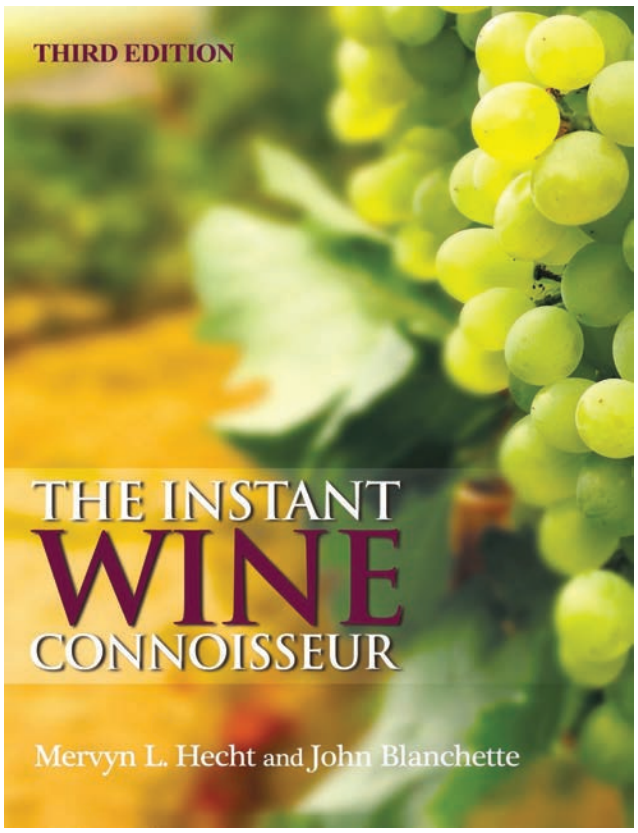
Weeks after a monumental decision on homelessness, Santa Monica City Council held initial discussions on how a U.S. Supreme Court ruling could impact not just the city, but surrounding jurisdictions.

During the July 9 council meeting, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete and Councilmember Oscar de la Torre put a request on the agenda that the City Attorney and City Manager evaluate the recent Grants

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Lifelong resident and journalist Janet McLaughlin announces run for council



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ELECTION: Longtime Santa Monica resident Janet McLaughlin recently announced her intention to run for a seat on City Council.

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Former Los Angeles Times journalist and longtime resident of Santa Monica, Janet McLaughlin, has announced her intention to run for a seat on City Council.

"I've been a lifelong journalist, including helping start the iconic KTLA Morning News and as such I've been the eyes and ears of the city for my entire professional life. I've been able to provide a platform for anyone who wants to speak, for the victims of crime or for anyone who needs to reach out and feel helped," McLaughlin said, adding, "And that's what I will do on Santa Monica City Council. I will be the voice of those who feel they have not been heard."

Growing up in Central California, McLaughlin fell in love with Santa Monica from a young age. "The first time I laid eyes on Santa Monica Beach, at least my earliest memory, was pure joy. The feel of the sand, the warm sun and breeze against my face, the sound of the seagulls and the waves, it was all magic to me. And it felt like home," she says.

McLaughlin says that she had two goals growing up, one was to work for the Los Angeles Times and the other was to move to Santa Monica as soon as was humanly possible. "I accomplished both soon after high school," she said, adding, "Then enrolled at USC where I graduated with a journalism degree." Her reporting has taken her to Turkey to report on the genocide of the Kurds and all over Mexico to report on the drug cartels.

"During that period of my career, when I was younger and taking some very serious risks, dreaming of making Santa Monica my home was what kept me going. It was my North Star, so to speak," she said.

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> - Janet McLaughlin

"Now is my time to make things better in a political role. There are some candidates

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CA lawmaker safety gets new attention after Trump shooting



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SAFETY: A member of the Assembly's security detail on-guard on the chamber's floor at the state Capitol in Sacramento on April 29, 2024.

LYNN LA
Special to the Daily Press

Former President Donald Trump evaded serious injury, or death, by mere centimeters after a bullet struck his upper right ear during a campaign rally Saturday in Pennsylvania. The Republican presidential candidate pumped his fist, his face bloodied, as Secret Service agents hustled him off the stage following the shooting. But one spectator was killed, two were critically injured and the Secret Service killed the suspected shooter, identified by the FBI as a 20-year-old Pennsylvania man.

Saturday's mayhem is the most recent known assassination attempt of a president or presidential candidate since the 1981 shooting of President Ronald Reagan, and renewed conversations about the country's deep partisan divide, gun safety and dangerous political rhetoric — especially violent threats toward officials and candidates.

So it's no wonder that beefing up personal security has been a priority for some lawmakers. As explained earlier by CalMatters Capitol reporter Sameea Kamal, the Secretary of the Senate and chief administrative officer of the Assembly said that there has been heightened concern about political violence in recent years, and a bill is underway to protect California lawmakers and candidates from rampant threats.

The measure, Assembly Bill 2041, would allow candidates and elected officials to use more campaign funds for personal security for themselves, family members and staff. Democratic Assemblymember Mia Bonta of Oakland is carrying the bill and said she hopes to "see it across the finish line for the safety of candidates across the state." If passed, Bonta's measure could be enacted in time for the November election.

Bonta, in a statement: "(Saturday's) events show that political violence continues to plague our democracy. ... This bill has had bipartisan support because people on both sides of the aisle recognize the safety needs in this charged political climate."

Gov. Gavin Newsom, whose office did not immediately reply to a request for comment, vetoed similar legislation last year, saying that the bill did not clearly define "security expenses." Bonta's newest bill, however, has been amended to specify what's considered a security expense, as well as clarifies disclosure requirements for transparency.

The bill sailed through the Assembly this year and is expected to be up for a floor vote in the Senate shortly after the Legislature returns from summer recess in August, according to Bonta's office. It has received no vote in opposition so far, though three Republican senators voted against last year's bill. During a March hearing in the Assembly's elections committee, Republican Assemblymember Tom Lackey of Palmdale raised concerns about the "broad potential interpretation of security expenses."

California is no stranger to shootings tied to the Oval Office. In 1975, a member of the Manson family cult attempted to shoot President Gerald Ford near the state Capitol in Sacramento while Ford was en

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **67.5**

TUESDAY
FAIR

SURF: 2-3ft+
Thigh to stomach

Slow/inconsistent start. More size showing through the end of the day. Long-period SW swell moves builds all day as NW swell stays minimal. Morning winds look light, tide fair.

WEDNESDAY
FAIR TO GOOD

SURF: 4-5ft
Chest to head

Good size, long period SW/SSW swell peaks for summer exposures. A touch more NW windswell blends in but shape will still favor the summer points. Wind looks light in the earlier AM - just plan around the modest AM high tide.

Weather

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 68.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 61. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.

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2024/07/16	Tue	08:04 AM	2.97	H
2024/07/16	Tue	11:11 AM	2.72	L
2024/07/16	Tue	6:14 PM	5.38	H
2024/07/17	Wed	02:03 AM	0.30	L
2024/07/17	Wed	08:51 AM	3.22	H
2024/07/17	Wed	12:11 PM	2.80	L
2024/07/17	Wed	6:59 PM	5.77	H
2024/07/18	Thu	02:40 AM	-0.23	L
2024/07/18	Thu	09:24 AM	3.44	H
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2024/07/18	Thu	7:42 PM	6.17	H
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2024/07/19	Fri	09:54 AM	3.62	H
2024/07/19	Fri	1:56 PM	2.63	L
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California finally approved indoor heat rules. Why were prison workers excluded?

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California's workplace safety board recently approved an indoor heat protection standard and urged Cal/OSHA to put it into full effect as quickly as possible. Nearly two decades after the state's outdoor workers won heat protections, millions of California's indoor workers will finally also be protected.

Tragically, this victory for workers must be tempered by the callous decision to cut out more than 100,000 workers from its scope. Corrections workers and detainees who labor in California's hundreds of jails and prisons, often enduring brutal and suffocating heat, must continue to wait.

This exemption is cruel, racially biased and wrong.

Of the 97,000 people incarcerated in California, an estimated two-thirds of them are also workers — working within the prison or jail itself, or under contract for public works or prison-sponsored manufacturing. Unlike other workers, after toiling in the heat for hours, they have no recourse to get relief once their job duties are done. Many cells lack air conditioning, and their incredibly low wages means few can afford to purchase a fan or other means to cool themselves.

Reduced to wrapping wet rags around necks and foreheads to ward off headaches and seizures or intentionally flooding toilets to create pools on cell floors, too many risk dangerous and potentially fatal heat illnesses.

More than 38,000 California workers are employed as correctional officers and jailers, and thousands more perform other specialized jobs. Already, correctional officers nationally experience occupational injuries and illnesses at a rate over three times higher than the workforce average, and have the second-highest rate of workplace injuries requiring absences from work.

They also experience disproportionate exposure to hazardous contaminants on the job, and have high rates of serious medical problems, including heart disease, hypertension and other physical health issues. All of these circumstances can exacerbate the effects of extreme heat and increase someone's vulnerability to the dangers of workplace heat.

Exempting California's prisons and jails from an indoor heat standard has racial implications and discriminatory effects. Black, Latino and Indigenous people are overrepresented in the incarcerated population; they also constitute the majority of corrections department employees. Nearly three-quarters of California corrections department workers identify as people of color, and 28% are women. Many live in communities that also experience environmental injustices, disproportionately impacted by the heat island effect and poor air quality.

At least eight of California's state prisons are located in areas that experience extreme heat, according to the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has even acknowledged that five facilities that once experienced fewer than five days above the extreme heat threshold annually will see as many as 24 days by mid-century, and potentially 41 days by 2070. Fordham University researchers have warned that without retrofitting, many carceral facilities will become so unbearable from climate change effects that corrections employment recruitment may suffer.

The state's corrections department also employs thousands of other workers like teachers, librarians and counselors, and carceral workplaces can get excruciatingly hot. In August 2021, when wildfires struck rural Northern California near the Nevada border, power lines went down and the generator at the California Correctional Center failed for almost a month while daytime temperatures rose to the mid-to-high 90s.



Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

PRISON: Guards and inmates in the yard at San Quentin State Prison on March 17, 2023.

The CCC has since closed, but it was not alone in being vulnerable to excessive heat.

Labor standards are most effective when they extend to all workers, regardless of occupation or the nature of the workplace. Protecting people from extreme heat is imperative, and California should not ignore the dire needs of those who work in the state's prisons and jails, both as staff and as detainees.

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Dozens were sickened with salmonella after drinking raw milk from a California farm

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Dozens of salmonella illnesses have been linked to raw milk from a California farm, a far wider outbreak than previously known, according to newly released state records.

As of February, at least 165 people were sickened with salmonella infections tied to products from Raw Farm, of Fresno, California, according to the records. It is the largest reported salmonella outbreak linked to raw milk in the U.S. in the past decade, according to health officials.

The disclosure of the outbreak's size comes as health officials warn the public to avoid unpasteurized milk due to a bird flu virus circulating in U.S. dairy cows. The bird flu, known as Type A H5N1, has been detected in more than 140 U.S. dairy herds, and federal health officials say the virus has been detected in high levels in raw milk.

State and local health officials hadn't updated the public about the full scope of the salmonella outbreak since October, when officials in San Diego reported about a dozen cases. At the time, Raw Farm issued a voluntary recall of milk and heavy cream sold between Oct. 11 and Nov. 6.

Cases continued to mount, however, according to documents obtained by Bill Marler, a Seattle food safety lawyer who shared the records with The Associated Press. Marler said he represents 16 clients allegedly sickened in the outbreak.

Investigators matched samples from sick people to samples from the farm and a retail store, the documents said. More than 60% of the people with confirmed infections who were interviewed reported consuming Raw Farm products. People from four states were infected, though the vast majority — 162 — were from California.

Four of the people with salmonella were also infected with campylobacter and/or dangerous E. coli bacteria, the documents said.

Nearly 40% of illnesses were reported in children younger than 5, officials said. Twenty people were hospitalized. No deaths were reported.

California health officials said Wednesday that they had conducted a "robust" investigation in partnership with local teams and state agriculture officials and notified the public about the outbreak through the October recall notice and social media posts in October, November and December. The outbreak ended May 4, officials said.

It's not clear whether more cases were reported after February.

Mark McAfee, owner of Raw Farm, acknowledged that his products were part of the outbreak. He said that a single cow was infected with salmonella last fall and later removed from the herd. He said he put additional testing protocols in place in response to the outbreak.

Jessie McGee, 35, of San Pedro, California, said she plans to sue Raw Farm because her 6-year-old daughter was hospitalized in October with a confirmed infection tied to the outbreak. McGee said she had read about supposed health benefits of raw milk online and started drinking Raw Farm products and feeding them to her daughter and her 2-year-old twins. All three children and McGee fell ill, she said, but her older daughter's symptoms of high fever and stomach cramps were most severe.

After the ordeal, McGee said she'll no longer drink unpasteurized milk.

"None of the possible benefits you could maybe get from the milk is worth any of that," she said.

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JANET MCLAUGHLIN

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who mention crime as an afterthought, but this has been my life for the last several years. I want to give back to my cherished city, a city which has given me so much," said McLaughlin.

"As JFK famously said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country' and in this case, I will amend 'country' to 'city.' I know there are several challenges we face right now, but the most pressing is crime. If every time you walk out the door to go to the grocery store, or gas station, or bus stop, or just for a walk, and your head is on constant swivel, it is impossible to focus on anything else."

McLaughlin worked for KTLA where she helped format the Morning News segment. She also worked with Hal Fishman on the News at 10. "I wrote a weekly show for them on successful minority entrepreneurs, called 'Making It,'" she says.

She has always lived in the 90405 neighborhood and her three children attended Will Rogers, JAMS, John Muir, St. Monica's and SMC. McLaughlin also started Santa Monicans Against Crime to document and discuss all the crimes we see and experience. "It has also become a place where victims of crime, all random, can reach out and feel helped and listened to," she says.

"If every time you go to the grocery store, or gas station, or bus stop, or just for a walk, it's very hard to focus on anything else. If someone is screaming at you, or threatening you, or chasing you, at that moment nothing else matters. We can't find solutions to other problems, including things like overdevelopment, until we fix this safety crisis," McLaughlin said.

"And that includes the people who live in the streets being harmed by both drugs and violent predators. We have to come together as citizens, and elected officials. I have friends on both sides of the fence, and I genuinely like people on both sides of the fence. Because I listen, and because I truly care," she said.

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Political ads on social media rife with misinformation and scams, new research finds

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The online advertisement to Donald Trump supporters was clear enough: Click here, and receive a free Trump 2024 flag and a commemorative coin. All in exchange for taking a quick survey and providing a credit card number for the $5 shipping and handling.

"You'll get two free gifts just by taking this quick poll in support of Trump," says the ad's narrator.

The ad — which has appeared on Facebook, YouTube and other platforms — didn't mention the $80 charge that would later appear on credit card statements. Those that clicked were scammed.

Political advertisements on social media are one of the best ways for candidates to reach supporters and raise campaign cash. But as a new report from Syracuse University shows, weak regulations governing online ads and haphazard enforcement by tech companies also make ads a prime source for misleading information about elections — and a tantalizingly easy way for con artists to target victims.

"There is very little regulation on the platforms," said Jennifer Stromer-Galley, the professor who led the research for the ElectionGraph Project at Syracuse University's Institute for Democracy, Journalism & Citizenship. "It leaves the American public vulnerable to misinformation, disinformation and propaganda."

> "There is very little regulation on the platforms"
> - Jennifer Stromer-Galley

Stromer's research examined more than 2,200 groups on Facebook or Instagram that ran ads between September and May mentioning one of the presidential candidates. Combined, the ads cost nearly $19 million and were seen more than 1 billion times.

Data connected to the ads (and made public by Meta, Facebook's owner) shows that both right- and left-leaning ads targeted older voters more than younger ones. Right-leaning ads were more likely to target men, progressive ads were more likely to target women.

Overall, conservative-leaning organizations bought more ads than progressive-leaning groups. Immigration was the top issue raised in right-leaning ads while the economy dominated progressive ads.

Many of the ads contained misleading information, or deepfake video and audio of celebrities supposedly crying during a speech by former First Lady Melania Trump. Stromer-Galley noted that falsehoods in ads about urban crime and immigration were especially common.

While most of the groups paying for the ads are legitimate, others seemed more interested in getting a user's personal financial data than boosting any particular candidate. Using a partnership with the data science firm Neo4j, Stromer-Galley found that some of the pages shared common creators, or ran virtually identical ads. When one page disappeared — perhaps removed by Facebook moderators — another would pop up quickly to take its place.

Many of the pages sold Trump-related merchandise such as flags, hats, banners and coins or advertised fictitious investment schemes. The true motive, apparently, was to get a user's credit card information.

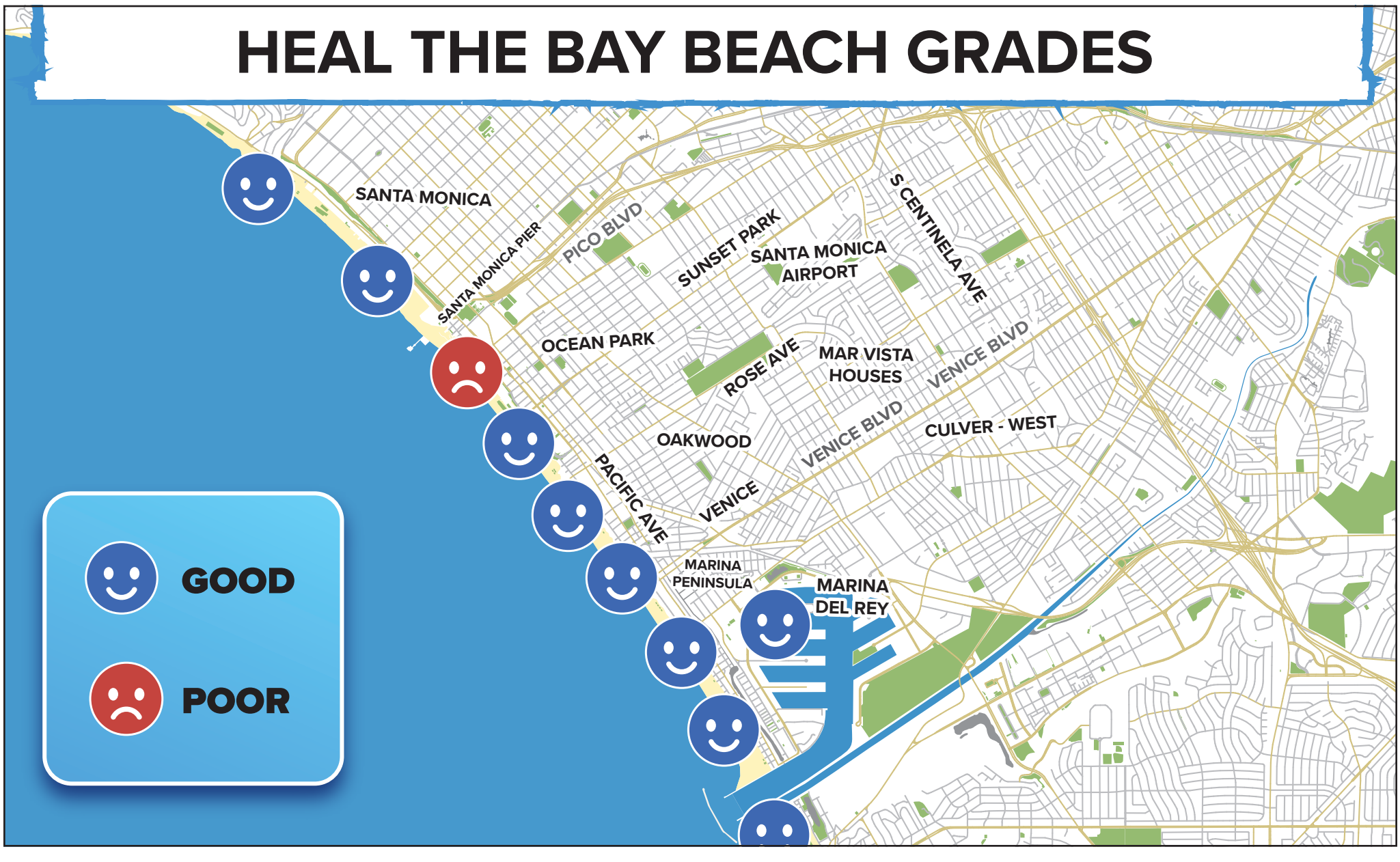
The ads promising a free Trump flag were placed by a group called Liberty Defender Group. Emails sent to several addresses listed for the company were not returned, and a phone number for a company representative could not be found. One website associated with the group has moved on from politics, and is now selling devices which claim to improve home energy efficiency.

Meta removed most of the network's ads and pages earlier this year after researchers noticed their activity, but the ads are still visible on other platforms. The company says it prohibits scams or content that could interfere with the operation of an election and removes ads that violate the rules. In addition, the company urges its users not to click on suspicious links, or to hand over personal information to untrustworthy sources.

"Don't answer messages asking for your password, social security number, or credit card information," the company said.

The Trump campaign, which has no known ties to the network, did not respond to a message seeking comment.

The researchers at Syracuse were only able to study ads on Meta platforms because other companies do not make such information public. As a result, Stromer-Galley said the public is in the dark about the true amount of misinformation and scams spreading on social media.



Judge hears arguments for restitution to families of 34 people killed in 2019 scuba boat fire

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A federal judge heard arguments Thursday over whether a boat captain should pay restitution to the families of 34 people killed in a California scuba dive boat fire in 2019, with prosecutors seeking reimbursement for funeral expenses and more.

Jerry Boylan, the captain of the Conception, was convicted last year of one count of misconduct or neglect of ship officer following a 10-day trial in federal court in downtown Los Angeles. The charge was a pre-Civil War statute colloquially known as seaman's manslaughter that was designed to hold steamboat captains and crew responsible for maritime disasters.

Boylan, who was sentenced to four years in prison and three years of supervised release, was also ordered to pay restitution for what was the deadliest maritime disaster in recent U.S. history.

During a hearing Thursday in Los Angeles federal court, however, his attorney attempted to argue that restitution should not be paid because it had not been established that the loss of life was a direct result of Boylan's actions the night of the fire.

Federal judge George Wu disagreed, saying it was "clearly shown that the defendant did not meet the safety regulation" of having an overnight roving patrol that could have caught the fire, a fact that was already established during Boylan's criminal trial.

Boylan's attorney, Gabriela Rivera, also argued that only specific expenses such as funeral costs should be eligible for restitution and should have documentation such as an invoice. She added that Boylan had no significant assets and would not be able to pay restitution, saying he is living off Social Security payments and has a negative cash flow from his bank account.

"He doesn't have any family," Rivera said. "He has no meaningful job prospects."

Prosecutors disagreed, arguing that Boylan in fact had assets totaling six figures and that paying restitution would mean if he ever came into money in the future, he would have to pay the victims.

Kathi Mcllvain, whose son Charles died aboard the Conception, said it was "heartbreaking" to hear the lawyers argue over line-item costs. She and her husband Clark held each other during the hearing and shook their heads as the attorneys went back and forth.

"To nitpick over $700," said Mcllvain, referring to one amount the defense disputed in their argument. "There's no price you can put on someone's life."

Even if Boylan could not pay restitution now, "at least it should be on the record that he owes that, if he ever does come into money. He shouldn't have killed 34 people. Then he would have been able to make a living," Mcllvain said.

McIlvain found it distressing that Boylan was only sentenced to four years and would likely not serve it until his appeal, which could take years.

"Our son's life was worth a lot more than that," she said.

The judge said he will have a final decision on restitution amounts at the next hearing July 29.

Boylan is currently out on bond and must report to the Bureau of Prisons by Aug. 8. He was present at Thursday's hearing but did not speak.

Thursday's proceeding came nearly five years after the Sept. 2, 2019, tragedy off the central California coast, which prompted changes to maritime regulations, congressional reform and several ongoing civil lawsuits.

The Conception was anchored off Santa Cruz Island, 25 miles (40 kilometers) south of Santa Barbara, when it caught fire before dawn on the final day of a three-day excursion, sinking less than 100 feet (30 meters) from shore.

Thirty-three passengers and a crew member perished, trapped in a bunkroom below deck. Among the dead were the deckhand, who had landed her dream job; an environmental scientist who did research in Antarctica; a globe-trotting couple; a Singaporean data scientist; and a family of three sisters, their father and his wife.

Boylan was the first to abandon ship and jump overboard. Four crew members who joined him also survived.

Although the exact cause of the blaze remains undetermined, prosecutors blamed Boylan for failing to post the required roving night watch and never properly trained his crew in firefighting. The lack of the roving watch meant the fire was able to spread undetected across the 75-foot (23-meter) boat.

But Boylan's federal public defenders sought to pin blame on boat owner Glen Fritzler, who with his wife owns Truth Aquatics Inc., which operated the Conception and two other scuba dive boats, often around the Channel Islands.

They argued that Fritzler was responsible for failing to train the crew in firefighting and other safety measures, as well as creating a lax seafaring culture they called "the Fritzler way," in which no captain who worked for him posted a roving watch.

The Fritzlers have not spoken publicly about the tragedy since an interview with a local TV station a few days after the fire. Their attorneys have never responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press, including on Thursday.

Three days after the fire, Truth Aquatics filed suit under a pre-Civil War provision of maritime law that allows it to limit its liability to the value of the remains of the boat, which was a total loss. The time-tested legal maneuver has been successfully employed by the owners of the Titanic and other vessels and requires the Fritzlers to show they were not at fault.

That case is pending, as well as others filed by victims' families against the Coast Guard for what they allege was lax enforcement of the roving watch requirement.

COUNCIL

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opposed to finding out what other cities are doing ... but I think rather than delay having our current set of ethical standards apply to the City Council and boards and commissions, we could adopt this tonight, so that we're all covered, and so that members of boards and commissions are covered and then give the city attorney direction to go examine perhaps other language from other communities."

And then Councilmember Oscar de la Torre began. For nine minutes solid he talked about investigations that he claimed Davis had instigated, he accused Davis of "weaponizing this process" and having political motivations for continuing to push this resolution forward. He challenged the fact that a leak to the press in June 2021 caused Montebello City Manager Rene Bobadilla to decline his offer to join Santa Monica City staff, saying instead that it was the significant pay rise he was offered by Montebello City Council, which is of course true, but it's only half the story.

"And I'm thinking, like, because of the heightened, sort of election, season, that I feel that if we approve this, some of the council members, you know, might say, 'Hey, I'm going to launch an investigation against my political opponents, like it's been done, you know, in these past couple of times by Councilwoman Davis," he said.

During his ramble De la Torre asked who would decide which investigations would be investigated first. "I'm looking at here in this resolution, it just seems like we're going to end up with more of the same and maybe even worse, you know, with people launching more investigations and making allegations and I have just I've sat here, you know, with, with, with people doing that, and it just, it just feels it just feels like it's so politically motivated," he said.

The body language of all members of council was as accurate a representation of their thoughts as anything else. Mayor Phil Brock had his head in his hands for some time as did several other members of the Council. Davis however, remained laser focused and regardless of which political group on Council you might prefer, some facts had been distorted.

"First of all, nobody's launched an investigation because twice this council has voted it down," Davis said. "There's been no investigation launched by this council either about the leaks relating to the City Manager in the City Attorney interviews or about the leaks that the City Attorney notified all of us about in an email that there had been leaks out of closed session."

She went on to suggest that if the Council wanted specific details about the leaks they could vote to release the City Attorney from the attorney client privilege and thus legally permitting full disclosure. During her retort, De la Torre interrupted Davis a number of times, "Let me finish. I let you finish even though you lied through your teeth about what happened up here," Davis said. She also referenced a letter that had apparently been circulated to all staff, "He [Bobadilla] sent us a letter saying that one of the reasons he was refusing the job that we offered him was because of the disclosure of information out of closed session."

A moment of silence fell over the dais as everyone pondered the very serious proposal that Davis had very seriously presented, but like scared school children not knowing which way to turn, no one so much as uttered a sound..

The back and forth between De la Torre and Davis continued and made no ground whatsoever. In fact, it was painful to watch and frankly Brock should have stepped in much sooner. The discussion ultimately took a familiar route down political lines. Parra fell back on the fact that she believed the language of the resolution was difficult to understand and Vice Mayor Lana Negrete offered her support.

When Brock did finally speak he did so with the tone of an angry parent. "We did so well in the first part of this night. And then we've just dissolved. And I'm embarrassed, frankly, I think both sides have merit. But this constant going back to 2021 [and] earlier this year, that's not respectful of either side. Yeah, we're a divided Council. But do we have to show it like this? I mean, I'm appalled."

This guaranteed addition to the Best of City Council '24 Collection drew to a close as Davis presented a compromised motion. "We adopt the resolution presented by the City Attorney tonight, with all the references to the City Council taken out. We adopt that tonight so that it applies to boards and commissions, too ... [Then we] bring it back so we can consider it and to the extent we consider something that applies to City Council ... and it will not apply to the City Council until December 10 of 2024."

The motion was seconded by Brock and passed 6-1 with only Torosis voting no.

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Gnatalie is the only green-boned dinosaur found on the planet. She will be on display in LA

JAIMIE DING
Associated Press

The latest dinosaur being mounted at the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles is not only a member of a new species — it's also the only one found on the planet whose bones are green, according to museum officials.

> Dinosaurs are a great vehicle for teaching our visitors about the nature of science, and what better than a green, almost 80-foot-long dinosaur to engage them in the process of scientific discovery and make them reflect on the wonders of the world we live in!
> - Luis M. Chiappe of the museum's Dinosaur Institute

Named "Gnatalie" (pronounced Natalie) for the gnats that swarmed during the excavation, the long-necked, long-tailed herbivorous dinosaur's fossils got its unique coloration, a dark mottled olive green, from the mineral celadonite during the fossilization process.

While fossils are typically brown from silica or black from iron minerals, green is rare because celadonite forms in volcanic or hydrothermal conditions that typically destroy buried bones. The celadonite entered the fossils when volcanic activity around 50 million to 80 million years ago made it hot enough to replace a previous mineral.

The dinosaur lived 150 million years ago in the late Jurassic Era, making it older than Tyrannosaurus rex — which lived 66 million to 68 million years ago.

Researchers discovered the bones in 2007 in the Badlands of Utah.

"Dinosaurs are a great vehicle for teaching our visitors about the nature of science, and what better than a green, almost 80-foot-long dinosaur to engage them in the process of scientific discovery and make them reflect on the wonders of the world we live in!" Luis M. Chiappe of the museum's Dinosaur Institute said in a statement about his team's discovery.

Matt Wedel, anatomist and paleontologist at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona near Los Angeles, said he heard "rumors of a green dinosaur way back when I was in graduate school."

When he glimpsed the bones while they were still being cleaned, he said they were "not like anything else that I've ever seen."

The dinosaur is similar to a sauropod species called Diplodocus, and the discovery will be published in a scientific paper next year. The sauropod, referring to a family of massive herbivores that includes the Brontosaurus and Brachiosaurus, will be the biggest dinosaur at the museum and can be seen this fall in its new welcome center.

John Whitlock, who teaches at Mount Aloysius College, a private Catholic college in Cresson, Pennsylvania, and researches sauropods, said it was exciting to have such a complete skeleton to help fill in the blanks for specimens that are less complete.

"It's tremendously huge, it really adds to our ability to understand both taxonomic diversity ... but also anatomical diversity," Whitlock said.

The dinosaur was named "Gnatalie" last month after the museum asked for a public vote on five choices that included Verdi, a derivative of the Latin word for green; Olive, after the small green fruit symbolizing peace, joy, and strength in many cultures; Esme, short for Esmeralda, which is Spanish for Emerald; and Sage, a green and iconic L.A. plant also grown in the Natural History Museum's Nature Gardens.

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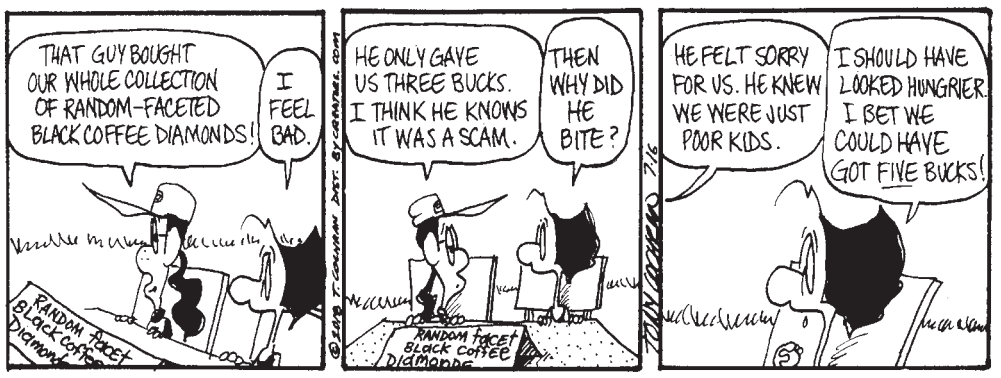
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route to meet then-Gov. Jerry Brown. And in 1968, U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died shortly after being shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles while running for the Democratic presidential nomination.

And on Sunday, Newsom said he has deployed 61 Highway Patrol and police officers to assist local, state and federal law enforcement during the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, which kicks off today. "Public safety transcends party lines," said Newsom in a statement. The plan to send these officers has been in the works since May.

Agnes

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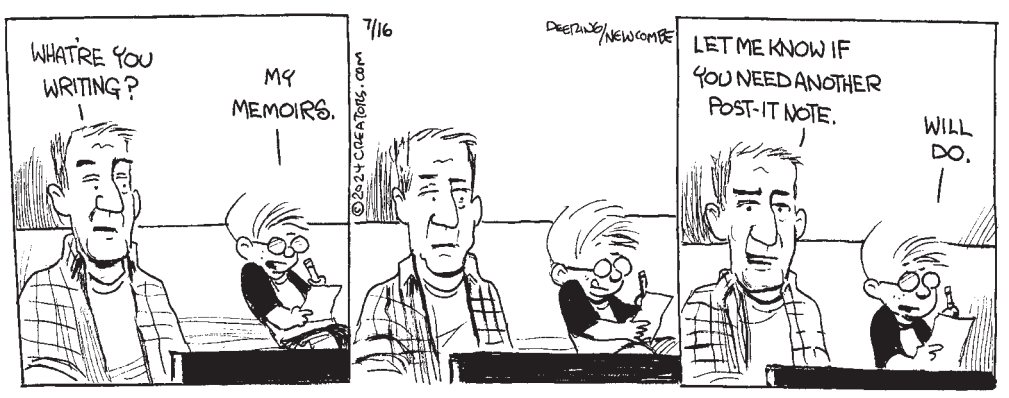
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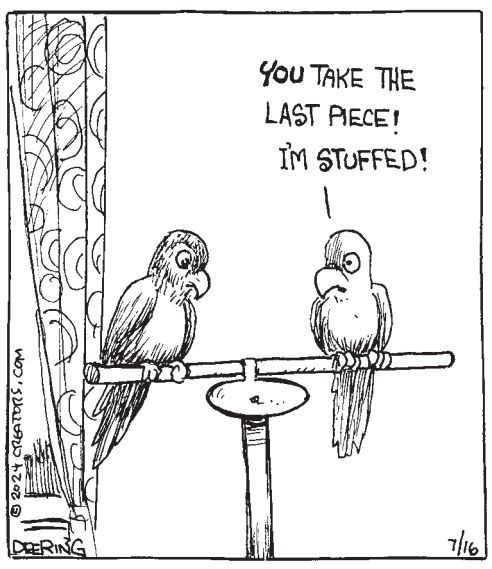
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Your birthday boon is a refreshing breeze blowing through your mind and setting your attitude for maximum enjoyment and minimum stress. A special friendship opens professional realms and one-of-a-kind arrangements. More highlights: A trade and a move, adventurous family happenings, promotion, and a nest egg building toward a long-term goal. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 24, 31, 14 and 9.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have your priorities straight and your life reflects it. Everyone is busy doing something. You make time to bond with the important people in your life - probably in the playful moments between events.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). In the thrust of action, it's easy to forget why you're doing a thing and even easier to keep moving without a thought as to whether there might be a better way to get it done. This highlights the value of outsiders and witnesses. Tap it today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). People often don't know what to ask until they get a taste of what's on the menu. Unsolicited advice is typically a norm. Curiosity can be a rarity. So when you're filled with wonder, count this as a gift.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When traveling to a new place, it helps to know the customs. Places and people are the same in this regard. Each person has a culture, and learning another person will involve you deeply today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your humanity and the kinship of humans will be a strong theme of the day. You'll regard your fellow travelers as partners, whether they happen to be your family, friends, coworkers or strangers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've got the goods, and there's no need to oversell. Your quiet confidence will be met by another's quiet observation. Because of the subtlety in the exchange, you'll both need to have faith in the connection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you could choose how others respond to you, you'd put today's interactions on replay. It's not just about the exchange of kindness and respect; it's also the shared sensibility and the mutual learning.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Things that feel dangerous probably are, or could be. Then again, without risk there is no adventure, no thrill, no prize, no fun, no love. You'll dangle your toes off the high dive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've stumbled into remarkable achievements before, but usually, they occur as a result of some kind of ambition on your part. Today, you're a torpedo aimed at the moon, and when you hit it, they'll name a crater after you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Exploration is a key to a good experience. If you don't know what's out there, you won't be able to tell how you're doing, relatively speaking. It is only possible to surround yourself with the best when you know all your options.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Many boundaries are unseen, and even the ones most intimately acquainted with the territory may not realize they've been crossed until a territorial feeling takes hold. To avoid overstepping, ask where the lines are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Since no one can help what they were born with, you avoid admiring things like talent, beauty and position and instead get behind qualities like perseverance, inner fortitude and dedicated work.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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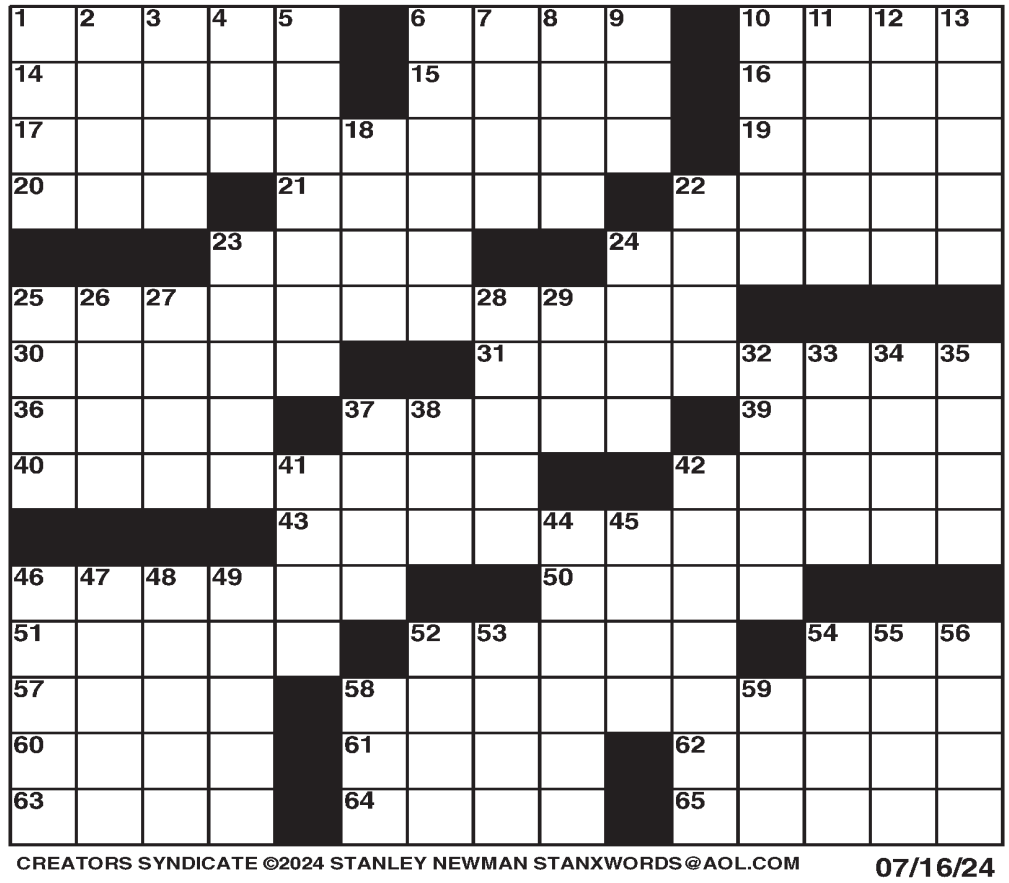
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ACROSS

1 Totaled up
6 Each, informally
10 The Dalai __
14 Overly trusting
15 Use a stopwatch on
16 Dutch cheese
17 Person preparing pages to print
19 __ fish sandwich
20 Shape of a dollar sign
21 Do dusting or vacuuming
22 Bagpipers' garments
23 __ up (admit the truth)
24 Aussie airline
25 Fang, for instance
30 Fully attentive
31 Container for wall coating
36 Flower stalk
37 Bird's tweet
39 Cleveland's state
40 Male riders of steeds
42 Current fashion
43 Man's undergarment
46 Advertising catchphrase
50 Metal-filled rocks
51 Insured patient's expense
52 Unpaid bills
54 __ close for comfort
57 Poems of praise
58 Active seeker of publicity
60 Fairy tale fiend
61 Prayer's last word
62 Possessed
63 Like two __ in a pod
64 A great many (of)
65 Month fractions

DOWN

1 Initial poker bet
2 __ of yore (long ago)
3 Dunks chips into salsa
4 Night before a holiday
5 Downward climb
6 Swear (to)
7 Bread with a pocket
8 Prophetic sign
9 Part of mph
10 Allow to enter
11 All grown up
12 __ ray (kind of fish)
13 Collect in bulk
18 Otherwise
22 Actress Madeline
23 Lawyers' employers
24 Cotton swab brand
25 Redeem, as a check
26 Female choral voice
27 __-do-well (rogue)
28 Express your ideas
29 Rowboat implement
32 Spanish bulls
33 *Moonstruck* Oscar actress
34 "It __ over till it's over"
35 Head-moving assents
37 "Hurry it up!"
38 Witch's spell
41 Internet auctioneer
42 What "must go on"
44 Birds of spring
45 Mexican girl: Abbr.
46 Ice cream utensil
47 Skier's hotel
48 Drama with singers
49 Oxygen and carbon dioxide
52 Store's sample to try out
53 Adam's first home
54 Song to sing
55 Less-than-a-mile race, briefly
56 Numbers posted at racetracks
58 Small kitchen rug
59 Have unpaid bills



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ELECTION

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Bain, Lawrence Doherty Jr., Stephen Garr, Dan Hall, Janet McLaughlin, Manju Raman, Ellis Raskin and Natalya Zernitskaya.

Though not as hectic as the Council race, the three other elected offices had candidates pull papers as well. Both Kay Ambriz and Phillis Dudick put their hat into the race for the Rent Control Board, with two seats available for four-year terms.

In educational office races, former Rent Control Board Chair Anastasia Foster was the lone name thus far to pull papers for the SMMUSD Board of Education race, with three seats available for four-year terms. For the Santa Monica College Board, Christine Falaguerra pulled papers alongside SMMUSD Board of Education President Jennifer Smith and Board Vice President Jon Kean.

Nominations will continue through August 9, though the date may be extended through August 14 for a specific office if at least one incumbent in that office declines to run for reelection. Those who fail to file during the nomination period can still qualify for the election as write-in candidates, pending filing required paperwork by October 22.

For elected office, candidates must establish a Campaign Committee to raise or spend money in support of their election, required to file a Statement of Organization with the Secretary of State and set up an electronic filing account through the City Clerk's Office (though specific contribution limitations apply to Council or Rent Control Board candidates). Furthermore, candidates need at least 100 valid signatures from registered voters in their jurisdiction to qualify for the ballot, as well as fees for filing and submitting a Candidate Statement for the Sample Ballot.

After the nomination period ends, elected candidates with Campaign Committees must file semi-annual statements until the Committee is terminated, with specific laws such as the Taxpayer Protection law and Levine Act applying to winning Council or Rent Control Board candidates.

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HOMELESS

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Pass Supreme Court decision, providing options to potentially amend the City's Municipal Code that "are consistent with the ruling and the city's commitment to clean and safe." This past month, the Supreme Court ruled that cities in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals (including California) can ban people from sleeping and camping in public places, overturning lower court rulings that deemed punishment for sleeping outside as cruel and unusual under the Eighth Amendment.

De la Torre stated that while the city is "still trying to understand" how the ruling impacts the homelessness issue, he wanted to know what options were available to "provide support for people that are on our streets."

"The goal of this is not to criminalize homelessness, we want to assess our temporary shelters and see how we can move forward in providing more space so that people can sleep indoors," the councilmember said.

He added that the Grants Pass ruling will impact "many cities" within the Los Angeles metro area, concerned that cities with harder enforcement will push unhoused individuals to coastal locations like Santa Monica that have a "long track record" of supporting these individuals.

"We have to look at the fact that our surrounding cities are getting tougher on it, and what does that mean for us if we don't move at the same pace … I think there are solutions and we definitely want to be humane and compassionate, but it gives us an opportunity to just ask our City Attorney to look at what we can do in Santa Monica," Negrete added.

City Attorney Doug Sloan, though not having taken an in-depth look at Grants Pass, did pose that the city could remove an exception in its encampment ban that allows for unhoused to sleep with a blanket outside.

Both councilmembers Caroline Torosis and Gleam Davis highlighted the current Municipal Code banning encampments in public spaces, with Torosis saying the prohibition is "sufficient" and that solving the current crisis cannot be done via criminal enforcement alone.

"I know people are frustrated here, I get that, I hear that every single day, but I don't think we can criminalize our way out of homelessness," Torosis said. "If we really want to solve homelessness, we can't just push someone to another sidewalk because we don't want them in our city."

Davis added that someone recently told her that the Grants Pass ruling means the city can "collect all the homeless people and take them where I don't have to look at them," something she strongly disagreed with, and that the city needs to "manage expectations" after the ruling despite other jurisdictions that may "test the limits" with enforcement.

"It doesn't mean that we can collect people who are homeless off the street, it doesn't mean we can force them into housing if they don't want to go into housing, they are still human beings and they still have civil rights," Davis said.

The council unanimously passed the request for further evaluation of Grants Pass, with Mayor Phil Brock asking for a "clear delineation" of what the term "encampment" applies to.

"Is an encampment just when someone puts up a tent and 3-4 of them gather together, or is an encampment the person who's laying in front of a store on the Promenade?," Brock said. "Or laying in front of a business where you can't get out the door because a person's there? The question when you're getting sometimes disrespectful to the homeless people who need help is because people in Santa Monica are just frustrated. They're frustrated, they're angry … they're wondering why more can't be done. The Supreme Court decision, whether you support it, don't support it, either way I think we need to have the obligation to come back to our residents with a clear understanding of what can be done, what should be done, or if we continue as-is."

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Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members, assisting with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal and Medicare. Appointments can be made by calling 310-458-8688, drop-ins are also welcome.

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WEDNESDAY | JULY 17

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

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

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.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS NEWCOMERS MEETING

Overeaters Anonymous is a Fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. We welcome everyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. There are no dues or fees for members; we are self-supporting through our own contributions, neither soliciting nor accepting outside donations. Begins at 5:45 p.m. at Colorado Center Community Room, 2500 Broadway. For more information, contact Becky at itspossibleLAW@gmail.com.

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

RETAIL/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce members of retail and hospitality businesses are encouraged to join to discuss any issues, policy changes or other proposals that may be effecting your industry currently or in the future. Meeting held via Zoom beginning at 7:30 a.m. To register, visit: https://santamonicachamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/23197.

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.

FRIDAY | JULY 19

FREE PRODUCE MARKET

Come pick up refreshing summer fruits and vegetables at Seeds of Hope Free Produce Market at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Patio Room. Supplies limited to the first 150 families. For questions, call 310-458-8688.

SNOOPY!!! THE MUSICAL

Organized by the Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department, this musical based on the beloved Peanuts comic strip by Charles Schulz sparkles with wit and warmth as it depicts life as seen through the eyes of Schulz's unforgettable characters. The musical sequel to "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," "Snoopy!!!" has music by Larry Grossman and lyrics by Hal Hackady. Begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Theatre Arts Complex Main Stage. Tickets $18-25, to purchase visit: https://www.smc.edu/calendar/tickets.php.

GRILLED CHEESE & BEER NIGHT

Join Andrew's Cheese Shop, 728 Montana Ave., for a family-style dinner featuring a curated menu of decadent open face grilled cheese sandwiches expertly paired with artisanal beers from around the world. Includes a starter salad, four courses of grilled cheeses paired with four specialty beers, and a dessert course of an imperial stout float with french vanilla ice cream. Tickets $81.88, to purchase visit: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/july-19th-grilled-cheese-beer-night-tickets-934650012347.


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